Student With COVID-19 Does Not Derail Plan To Bring More Students Back to Classroom in Northampton

By Stefanie Jackson

One Northampton student testing positive for COVID-19 was enough to slow down but not stop the school division from proceeding with plans to allow more students to begin attending class in person four days a week.

Superintendent Eddie Lawrence was notified Monday, Oct. 5, by the local health department that an Occonhannock Elementary School student had tested positive for COVID-19.

Parents were notified by letters and automated phone calls, staff and students who were exposed were sent home for 14 days, and one classroom was closed for deep cleaning. The rest of the school stayed open.

Lawrence noted that more information about the COVID-19-positive student could not be shared due to privacy laws.

He added that no exposed students or staff had exhibited symptoms of COVID-19.

“I think that this is an opportunity to really emphasize to parents how critical it is for the schools to have accurate phone numbers in order to (Continued on Page 4)

Northam Was Potential Target of Alleged Michigan Kidnap Plotters

By Carol Vaughn

Gov. Ralph Northam gave a press briefing Tuesday, after health officials cleared him to end an 18-day isolation period — and after news broke that Northam was discussed as a potential target by members of paramilitary groups charged with conspiring to kidnap Michigan Gov. Gretchen Whitmer.

Six men were charged in federal court with conspiring to kidnap the Michigan governor.

Members of anti-government paramilitary groups implicated in the alleged plot against Whitmer also during a June meeting discussed abducting Northam, an FBI agent testified during a hearing Tuesday in a Grand Rapids, Mich., federal court, according to the Associated Press.

FBI agent Richard Trask testified that the roughly 15 people at the June 15 meeting in Dublin, Ohio, were unhappy with the governors’ responses to (Continued on Page 5)

Vandalism of a sea captain’s grave on Chincoteague over the weekend included anti-Biden, pro-Trump slogans along with an expletive.

Chincoteague Police Chief R.K. Fisher said the police department received two reports of vandalism in the form of spray painting over the weekend.

In addition to the graffiti at Capt. Chandler’s gravesite, which was found by a police officer on patrol, a second instance of vandalism was reported on South Main Street, Fisher said.

“I have heard from several people that other political signs have been vandalized or stolen in the past few weeks but most have not been reported to us to my knowledge,” he said in an email.

The police department is investigating the cases reported to them and are working to identify several individuals who may be suspects, according to Fisher.

Capt. Joshua Chandler’s grave is well known to Chincoteague residents and is a stop on local history tours of the island. There is a tradition that it is lucky to leave a penny there.

According to a history given on the Facebook page of Chincoteague Step Through Time Tours, Chandler was born in Delaware and had several other jobs before he went to sea.

In about 1872, Chandler and his (Continued on Page 2)

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family moved to Chincoteague.
Joshua’s eldest son, William James, worked for the U.S. Life Saving Service on Assateague.
Capt. Joshua Chandler by then owned his own boat and worked as a watermen, along with two younger sons.
On Oct. 21, 1877, Chandler and his sons took the boat out. A storm arose and lightning struck Chandler and the mast, killing him instantly.

Chincoteague council member Denise Bowden made this statement Monday about the vandalism, which she asked be printed in its entirety:
“As a citizen and town council member what has taken place on Chincoteague Island with the vandalism has sickened me. It has no business here. Hate has no business here. We all can and should acknowledge that people have different political views; that doesn’t mean you sink so low as to destroy property and intimidate.
“Try educating yourself on the why and why nots of different political beliefs. To hide under the cover of darkness to try and get your point across makes you a coward, it doesn’t make you a big man or woman. It makes you look petty and childish.
“I’m a painter by trade; I’ve got plenty of work for you to do if you have that much desire to spray paint up the town. Stop the hate and educate.
“It’s all about being able to have different viewpoints without resulting to violence or property damage.
“I don’t know what it’s going to take for this country to open their eyes and see that we are all one. I don’t like everything the right does, I don’t like everything the left does but I respect each other enough to try and understand.
“That’s where the problem is, there is no respect anymore. These days some people don’t even respect themselves, let alone others.
“Hate is taught. Racism is taught. Bottom line. And no government on any level can regulate someone’s heart. It starts in the home and it has to stop in the home.”
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reach the parents,” said school board member Jo Ann Molera. “Even in normal times, it’s important,” Lawrence said, noting that on rare occasions, a student will become seriously injured or ill at school, and a school administrator or staff member will need to accompany the child in the ambulance to the hospital because the parent was unreachable.

Molera suggested possibly setting up a notification system that could send a text message to parents who miss a robocall and do not have working voicemail.

Lawrence said he would look into it but pointed out that in addition to robocalls, notifications are also sent to parents via Facebook and Twitter, and “at some point, they’re going to have to help us and monitor something. ... We do all that we can do.”

Responding immediately to a situation like a student testing positive for COVID-19 is “more labor-intensive than what people realize,” especially in the afternoon, Lawrence said.

The school must determine with whom the student had contact, phone calls must be made, and letters must be written, copied, and distributed, all while meals are being given to students for the next day, parents are arriving to pick up their children, and others are calling the office to find out what’s going on.

It’s “organized chaos,” said Maxine Rasmussen, the school board chair.

“Responding to a situation where a student tests positive for COVID-19 is ‘more labor-intensive than what people realize,” especially in the afternoon, Lawrence said.

He plans to allow first graders to begin attending school four days a week also – one week after the kindergarten.

Due to low numbers of local COVID-19 cases, Lawrence believes “now is the time” to bring kids back to school.

Associate Superintendent Christine Hill will submit changes to Northampton’s back-to-school plan to the Virginia Department of Education.

New procedures will include conducting additional COVID-19 screenings for students who come to school with temperatures over 99.6 degrees; students with temperatures over 100.4 degrees will still be sent home.

Lawrence said he wants to ensure that “we keep our schools as safe as we can.”

The school board unanimously approved his recommendations.

Lawrence wants to offer a four-day week to second and third graders next, and he’s concerned about career and technical education students, “who need a lot of hands-on time” to develop the skills they need to enter the work force.
~ Northam Briefing ~
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the COVID-19 pandemic.

Northam at Tuesday’s briefing said he would not comment in detail about the alleged threat because it is connected to an ongoing criminal investigation being conducted by the FBI.

“The first lady and I are safe, thanks to the measures taken by the Executive Protection Unit, which is staffed by an extensively trained team of Virginia State Police personnel and the Virginia division of Capitol Police,” Northam said.

“All threats are taken seriously and thoroughly investigated by those law enforcement agencies,” he said, adding, “Fortunately, in regards to today’s developments, there is no imminent danger to me or my family and I am continuing in my work for the commonwealth as I would any other day.”

Virginia Attorney General Mark Herring responded Tuesday to the threats against Northam uncovered by the FBI, saying, “Words have consequences. When we have a president who regularly spews hate and openly incites violence, people can be put in serious danger. From day one, President Trump has used his platform as Commander-in-Chief to vilify his opponents and to urge his supporters to go after anyone who may disagree with them, and that includes both state and national leaders. This kind of harmful rhetoric further divides our country and it needs to stop now before more Americans are hurt.”

Northam later in the briefing answered a question about a White House statement that condemned the alleged plot but also blamed Whitmer for making allegations about the president encouraging violence.

Northam said last spring, two days after the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention offered guidelines to combat the spread of COVID-19, including social distancing, wearing face coverings, and hand-washing. Trump in a tweet “said to liberate Virginia.”

“So that’s an example of mixed messages coming out of Washington, which we have been seeing since the beginning of this pandemic. But words have meaning to people. ... When language is used, such as to liberate Virginia, people find meaning in those words and thus these things happen — and that’s regrettable,” Northam said.

Northam urged Virginians to continue taking precautions to prevent the spread of COVID-19, including hand-washing, social distancing, and wearing a face covering.

“When that test comes back positive it is frightening,” he said.

Northam and his wife were tested for the virus after an executive mansion staff member who works closely with them developed symptoms and tested positive for the virus.

After Northam and first lady Pam Northam tested positive, contact tracing by the health department resulted in 65 staff members who had had close contact with them being told to quarantine for two weeks, but none of the 65 has tested positive and all have completed their isolation.

Northam attributed the good results to consistent mask wearing.

“Masks are scientifically proven to reduce the spread of this disease,” he said.

Virginia’s test positivity rate is currently below 5%, “but now is not the time to get complacent,” Northam said, citing cooler temperatures and the upcoming time change as factors that will limit outdoor gatherings, which are safer.

He noted more than 30 states now have increasing case numbers.

Northam also spoke about several uses designated for federal CARES Act funds in Virginia, including $220 million set aside for K-12 schools; $30 million to fast track local broadband projects; and $12 million to expand rent and mortgage relief.

An announcement will be made soon about $50 million that will go toward hazard pay for home health workers, a vaccination program, and childcare providers, he said.

Northam said he does not have the ability to extend the deadline for voter registration, which is set in state code.

A Verizon internet broadband line was inadvertently cut by workers Tuesday, which was the last day to register to vote in the Nov. 3 election. The cut affected the department of elections for hours.

Northam said he would support a court order to extend the deadline.

Attorney General Mark Herring’s office announced Wednesday morning that Judge John A. Gibney Jr. in the Eastern District of Virginia had approved an agreement extending the deadline for voter registration by two days, through Thursday, Oct. 15, at 11:59 p.m., because of the registration system outage.
Aqua Virginia Offers To Buy Cape Charles Water and Sewer Plants

By Stefanie Jackson

Cape Charles has received an unsolicited offer from private company Aqua Virginia to purchase the town’s water and sewer plants and relieve Cape Charles of $5.6 million in utility debt.

Aqua Virginia is part of the larger Aqua America, which provides water and sewer service to about three million people in eight states. Aqua Virginia serves around 80,000 of those people in 37 counties.

Aqua Virginia has been present on the Eastern Shore since at least 2015, when it acquired the water and sewer systems at Captains Cove, in Accomack County.

The Cape Charles sewer plant has been in operation for about eight years and was built for approximately $19 million. The Virginia Department of Environmental Quality covered the cost by providing the town two grants totaling about $14 million. The Virginia serves around 80,000 of those people in eight states. Aqua Virginia to purchase the town’s water and sewer plants and relieve Cape Charles of $5.6 million.

Two proposals is that Aqua would acquire and operate Cape Charles' existing sewer plant, but it would build and operate a brand-new facility in Exmore to replace the town’s aging, outdated sewer plant.

Exmore would maintain responsibility for its sewage collection system, which currently serves 350 customers. Town officials want to expand the collection system to serve all of Exmore, about 900 customers.

A recent PER (preliminary engineering report) recommended that Exmore build and operate the new sewer plant, but Aqua’s offer is still on the table.

Cape Charles’ sewer plant is relatively new and doesn’t need to be replaced, but it does need improvements mentioned in Aqua’s proposal.

Aqua said it can provide cost-effective solutions to Cape Charles’ water and sewer issues, including a critical need for more water withdrawal capacity and a replacement cycle for the town’s water main. The addition of new wells would benefit sewer treatment operations, the proposal stated.

Aqua also would address the issue of rainwater flowing into the sewer collection system, replace wastewater treatment membranes that filter out contaminants, and decrease backwash water waste to conserve water.

Aqua will reduce Cape Charles’ water and sewer rates over the next 10 years through prudent capital investments and cost-saving measures in operations.

“Aqua will focus on providing the best quality of service to its customers and on supporting the sustainable growth of Cape Charles,” the proposal stated.

Aqua’s proposals to Cape Charles and Exmore were submitted in compliance with the Virginia Public-Private Education Facilities and Infrastructure Act, or PPEA.

Both towns are also considering working with the public Hampton Roads Sanitation District.

HRSD was granted a petition Oct. 2 by Judge Revell Lewis III in the Northampton circuit court to add the county to the district, giving Northampton and its towns the opportunity – but not the obligation – to negotiate agreements for HRSD to own and operate their sewer systems.

(Lewis also granted HRSD a similar petition for Accomack County following a public hearing in its circuit court.)

Hozey released a public notice Friday, Oct. 9, regarding Aqua’s proposal and will accept competing proposals until Monday, Nov. 30, 4:30 p.m.
Northampton Supervisors Hold Hearing on Confederate Monument

By Stefanie Jackson

A public hearing on Eastville’s Confederate monument drew participation from citizens who agreed that something should be done about the war memorial, but they didn’t agree on what should be done.

Northampton supervisors held the public hearing during their Oct. 13 meeting.

Speakers appeared divided on whether the image of a Confederate soldier towering over the courthouse green should be removed or balanced by another monument built to represent an African American Union soldier.

Dr. Arthur Carter, of Nassawadox, who requested the public hearing, suggested the Union monument at the Aug. 10 supervisors meeting.

Charles Bell, a former supervisor and educator, originated the idea 25 years ago, Carter said.

The new monument would be built using private funding.

Granville Hogg, another former supervisor, agreed the Confederate monument shouldn’t be moved.

“It would be nothing but a tragedy to remove and try to just block out some portion of history. Do we not learn by our mistakes?” he asked.

Carl Bundick said monuments also should be built to honor everyday citizens who spoke against slavery.

His third-great-grandfather, David Nottingham Bull, lived in Red Bank in the Civil War era. Bull was tried, convicted, and imprisoned after becoming drunk at the Birdsnest tavern and proclaiming, “White men should not own Black men.”

Bundick would like to see a monument honoring “people who had a mindset to look beyond what was happening in the world and make a sound statement for the good of the county.”

Mike Ash, president of the Northampton Historic Preservation Society, voiced his personal support for Carter’s suggestion.

If the money can’t be raised through private donations to add a Union monument on Eastville’s courthouse green, then the Confederate monument should be moved, “preserved and saved for, perhaps, a meaningful and respectful exhibition at a later date,” Ash said.

Matthew Bernart, of Jamesville, did not recommend a specific course of action but pointed out that Eastville’s Confederate monument bears the Latin motto of the Confederacy, “Deo Vindice,” meaning, “God will vindicate us.”

That motto has become a “rallying cry” for Neo-Confederates and white supremacists, he said.

The Andrew W. Mellon Foundation is giving away $250 million in grants to fund new monuments and contextualize or relocate existing monuments, he noted.

William Murphy, Bill Payne, and Paul Strong, all of Cape Charles, wrote that an ad hoc committee should be formed to discuss the issue, assisted by an independent facilitator, and recommend a course of action to supervisors.

Willie Randall, another former Northampton supervisor, wrote a letter in favor of moving the monument to a museum.

“The Civil War was fought to ensure that slavery would remain a part of the south. These slaves were my (ancestors), and they did not have a say so in how they would live their lives,” he wrote.

“We do not need to be reminded of this racist symbol every time we go to a place of government business,” Randall said.

It’s time to remove the “traitorous symbol” and “start to heal our wounds of the past,” he concluded.

Oliver Bennett, chairman of the board of supervisors, relayed past experiences with racism that older Northampton citizens have had.

They were spit on by White students on a passing school bus. They couldn’t eat in a restaurant and had to get their food through a small window in the back. Black veterans were called the N-word by their commanding officers.

Bennett also experienced racism, but his elders “endured more than I ever will,” he said.

“How can I tell them I made a compromise?” he asked.

Northampton supervisors will continue discussion of the Confederate monument in November.
By Carol Vaughn

Parksley has distributed half of the federal CARES Act money allotted the town by Accomack County in the first round of funding.

A second round of funding is expected, likely in the same amount, around $71,000, according to the council discussion.

Businesses were chosen at random to receive $3,100 each in distribution of the first half of the money, officials said.

Mayor Frank Russell said the town is reimbursed after grants are distributed to businesses and it takes about two weeks to get the reimbursement.

“So that is why we can only pay half of the people the CARES money, and it was done completely randomly,” he said.

Russell said the remaining grants from the first round should be given out in the coming week or so if the town receives reimbursement from the county for the first distribution.

All businesses in town with exception of chain stores, a total of 23, will receive grants.

The method of deciding which businesses would receive grants in the first distribution was voted on during a special meeting, according to council member Ricky Taylor.

The entire allotment from the county is being divided up among town businesses, he said.

The council voted 4-1 to approve an employee policy manual, which goes into effect Nov. 1. Council member Dan Matthews voted nay, saying he had not had time to review the manual after council members received it only that night at the meeting.

Russell said the town park is open, but the playground equipment there “is in pretty rough shape.”

Council member Ricky Taylor said improving the playground is in the works as an Eagle Scout project but has been delayed due to the coronavirus pandemic and related Boy Scout regulations.

“Only (the scout’s) family can help him now because of the COVID,” Taylor said.

A woman in the audience asked about the whereabouts of several vintage metal animals that were taken down to be painted, saying they are valuable.

Russell said they are in the town’s possession.

Russell said he recently walked the whole park and said, “There’s a lot of work that needs to be done there.” He said he will contact a town employee “and try to work out a systematic plan.”

Russell also will get an updated estimate to pave the worst sections of the town parking lot. An estimate several months ago was that it will cost $7,000 to pave the area, he said.

Henry T. Nicholson Jr., a Parksley resident who is also a candidate for town council in the Nov. 3 special election, asked the council and mayor to have accountant John Bowden “run the numbers” on how much the town spent on trash collection in the last year.

“It’s time for us to get out of the trash business,” he said during a public comment period.

Mayor Frank Russell said the town’s 20-some-year-old trash truck is currently in Salisbury, Md., with a preliminary estimate of $5,000 for repairs.

Russell said Davis Disposal has provided an estimate to do trash collection in the town, and noted Parksley, along with Wachapreague and Exmore, is among the last Eastern Shore towns doing its own trash removal.

Russell said of Nicholson’s request, “I think it’s a good idea,” but added that “very likely it will not be as cheap to hire someone else to do it.”

Also on the ballot to fill Russell’s unexpired term on the town council are Carol E. Matthews, Michael D. Shreves, and Alexis Komaridis.

The special election was needed after Russell was elected mayor in May.

Matthews gave an update on the downtown revitalization project for which the town received a state grant.

The state approved plans for a band shell and improvements to two alleyways more quickly than expected, Matthews said.

Around half of the facade improvement designs for town businesses also were submitted for approval.

The next steps include lining up contractors for the project.

“Everything is going faster than anybody anticipated,” Matthews said.
Northampton Comp Plan Envisions Thriving, Resilient County in 2040

By Stefanie Jackson

Northampton is getting a new comprehensive plan with a refreshed outlook on the county’s future and a new name: “Your Northampton 2040.”

The title refers to the comprehensive plan’s purpose to describe “the community’s vision for where it wants to be in the next 20 years.”

The Northampton planning commission has been working on the plan under the guidance of the Berkley Group consulting firm and public input collected between September 2019 and January 2020.

Together, they have written a new vision statement: “Northampton County will create a thriving, resilient future that provides for social equity and opportunity for all residents; cultivates stewardship and protection of the natural environment; and builds on its regional heritage while leveraging a twenty-first century economy.”

The vision will be fulfilled by following the comprehensive plan that was informed by official Northampton County documents such as its zoning ordinance, groundwater plan, and coastal resiliency scorecard; the Eastern Shore’s transportation plan, pedestrian study, hazard mitigation plan, and dredging needs assessment; and Virginia’s working waterfront master plan.

Topics covered by the comprehensive plan include Northampton’s cultural heritage, environment, land use and community character, housing and neighborhoods, community facilities, mobility, and economy.

A new future land use map highlights nine pattern areas that fall under four categories: rural settlements (hamlets, villages, and waterfront settlements), towns, development (town edge, commercial, and industrial businesses), and conservation (conservation areas and rural areas).

The updated comprehensive plan aims to clearly define each area and explain its purpose.

For example, town edges are defined as unincorporated areas adjacent to incorporated towns and “natural future-expansion areas” for the towns, which could potentially be served by extended water and sewer infrastructure and community facilities.

The purpose of town edges is to provide space to develop “livable communities” that offer a variety of housing opportunities, transportation options, and amenities. They should be mixed-use communities that are compact and walkable, with plenty of open space, the plan states.

Town edges and other areas are categorized by housing density. For example, rural areas, used primarily for agriculture and forests, allow one unit per 20 acres, but hamlets allow two units per acre, and villages allow up to four units per acre.

Charts are used to explain simply Northampton’s planning objectives for each area, such as encouraging new development in towns, town edges, and commercial and industrial areas, but not hamlets, villages, or waterfront communities.

Other planning goals listed include directing housing opportunities to towns and town edges; improving pedestrian safety in towns, town edges, and commercial and industrial areas; and focusing climate change resiliency efforts on conservation and rural areas, waterfront communities, and towns.

Topics the comprehensive plan addresses include protecting natural resources, including farm lands and working waterfronts; promoting growth and development in and around towns while safeguarding water quality and combating sea-level rise; promoting tourism, including rental vacation properties, while providing affordable housing for working families; and attracting young workers while supporting an aging population.

“Northampton County stands at a crossroads in its nearly 400-year history,” the comprehensive plan states.

As the county plans for the future, it needs “increased and diversified economic activity and opportunity, expanded infrastructure to support businesses and affordable housing, improved schools, additional workforce training and jobs, new tax revenue sources, and

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Eastern Shore Rural Health Chooses New Administrator From Michigan

By Carol Vaughn

Eastern Shore Rural Health System, Inc., will have a new chief executive officer in January.

The ESRH board of directors in a press release announced Matthew Clay was hired for the position.

CEO Nancy Stern is retiring Jan. 1, after nearly 37 years working at the health care organization. Stern has been chief executive officer since 2000.

Clay was chosen after a four-month selection process, according to Jeffrey B. Holland, president of the board of directors.

Clay “brings an exceptional combination of experience, talent, energy, and vision to our health system,” Holland said, adding that Clay’s “portfolio of skills and resourcefulness will be a catalyst for continued success and positive momentum for the Eastern Shore Rural Health System as stimulated by the 20 years of leadership with Nancy Stern.”

Eastern Shore Rural Health System includes six medical centers and five dental locations and is the primary care provider for many Shore residents.

Clay is currently executive director of health services at Pokagon Health Services, in Dowagiac, Mich., according to the release.

Pokagon Health Services is a primary health care provider for the Native American population in Michigan and Indiana.

In his current job, Clay oversees operations for three accredited ambulatory health care clinics. The provider is currently breaking ground on a fourth clinic.

The clinics offer medical care, dental care, behavioral health care, transportation services, pharmacy services, community outreach, wellness programs, optical care, and food services.

Clay manages a $17 million budget and oversees more than 100 staff members in his current position.

He is active on boards and committees at the federal, state, and local levels and has led special projects as needed — including construction, process improvement, and modernization efforts.

“It is an absolute pleasure to be joining you as your new CEO,” Clay said, adding, “I am delighted to have made it through a rigorous and thorough process. More than anything, I am excited to have this opportunity to be part of the ESRHS team. It is a privilege to join such an extraordinary organization, with such a dedicated board, executive team, and staff that cares so deeply about our mission ... serving the people of Eastern Shore.”

The CEO succession planning committee members were Dr. Betty Bibbins, Luther Byrd, Dr. Art Fournier, Garnett Kellam, and Keith Colonna.
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Minnie Duncan
Mrs. Minnie Lee Bagwell Duncan, 98, wife of the late William A. Duncan Jr. and a resident of Onancock, passed away Tuesday, Oct. 13, 2020, at her residence. A native of Cheriton, she was the daughter of the late Thomas Bagwell and the late Gladys Hanby Bagwell. She was a retired bank manager for Crestar Bank and a member of Market Street United Methodist Church.

She is survived by her son, W. Thomas Duncan, of Boca Raton, Fla.; two grandchildren, Elizabeth D. Betty and her husband, Scott, of Pothill Ranch, Calif., and William M. Duncan; and five great-granddaughters, Lila, Tess, Jana, Betty, and Emily Duncan.

A graveside service will be conducted Saturday, Oct. 17, 2020, at 2 p.m., at Cape Charles Cemetery with Pastor Virginia Greer officiating. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Market Street United Methodist Church, 75 Market St., Onancock, VA 23417.

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

William Earl Hopkins
Mr. William Earl “Billy” Hopkins, 50, of Greenbush, passed away Friday, Oct. 9, 2020, at his home. Born March 31, 1970, in Nassawadox, he was the son of the late Nannie Virginia Colona Hopkins and Aubrey C. Tipton.

Known as a jack-of-all-trades, Billy was a self-employed carpenter, painter, and lawn mower repairman. He loved animals, especially his cats; enjoyed fishing and hunting; and looked forward to riding his Harley every chance he got. Billy was happiest when spending time with family and friends, all of whom will miss him dearly.

Billy is survived by his brother, Paul Daniel “Danny” Hopkins, of Greenbush; aunt, Jeanie Ball; uncles, Robert Colona Sr. and Roland Colona, and their families, all of Parksley; cousin and caregiver, April Moore (Michael), of Parksley; and several nieces and nephews. In addition to his parents, he was predeceased by his brother, Glen Hopkins, and sister, Wanda Sue “Wendi” Taylor.

Funeral services were conducted from the chapel of the Williams-Parksley Funeral Home Thursday, Oct. 15, 2020, with Pastor Sam Welch officiating. Private burial was in the Parksley Cemetery.

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

Memory tributes may be shared with the family at www.williamsfuneralhomes.com. Arrangements are by the Williams-Parksley Funeral Home.

Ernestine Holston Lotz
Mrs. Ernestine Holston Lotz, 91, passed away at her residence on Chincoteague, Oct. 7, 2020. Born Jan. 16, 1929, she was the daughter of the late Lillie Lunn Pointer and the late Ernest Pointer. After the age of 11, because of her mother’s extended illness, Mrs. Lotz lived with her aunt and uncle, the late Minnie Lunn Watson and the late Will Watson, and thus she acquired an additional set of parents. Mrs. Lotz was especially proud of her lineage as a descendent of the legendary James Alone, who came to be known as James Lunn. James was washed ashore on Assateague after a shipwreck when he was about 7 years old and could speak no English.

Mrs. Lotz graduated from Chincoteague High School and attended business college in Ohio. In 1949, she married John E. Holston, and they were together for 48 years until his death in 1997. A few years later, she married John P. Lotz, who passed away in 2012.

A lifelong member of Union Baptist Church, Mrs. Lotz was also a longtime member of the Daughters of Ruth Sunday School Class. In addition, she was a member of the Chincoteague Chapter Number 62, Order of the Eastern Star.

Mrs. Lotz was always very supportive of her son, Ernest Dale Holston, and served as a receptionist at Fox and Holston Funeral Home during the years of his association there.

Survivors include her son, Ernest Dale Holston (Denise), and stepdaughter, Jackie Nuzzo; grandchildren, Michelle H. Conklin (Mark) and Christopher Dale Holston (Brittany); great-grandchildren, Madison Holston, Abigail Holston, Aubrey Crockett, Forrest Holston, and Willow Holston; step-grandchildren, Tracey Carper, Tricia Chittum, Roy Wayne Pike Jr., Gillman Sawyer, Jr., Bonnie Umphlett, Jason Sawyer, Christopher Sawyer, and Justin Sawyer; step-great-grandchildren, Kendall, Angel, Thomas, Mattie, Austin, Brianna, C.J., Arabelle, Hunter, Brodie, Hayden Jeremiah, Mathias, and Esme. She is also survived by a special nephew, Allen Pointer, and his wife Donna.

In addition to her parents and her husbands, Mrs. Lotz was predeceased by her brother, Robert J. Pointer, and his wife, Irene, and great-grandson, Warren Denes.
A funeral service was held in Union Baptist Church on Sunday, Oct. 11, with Dr. Kevin Ely and the Rev. Kevin Wilson officiating. Interment followed in the John W. Taylor Cemetery, Temperanceville.

Hallie Mae Munford

Mrs. Hallie Mae Munford, 76, wife of the late Fred W. Munford Sr. and a resident of Belle Haven, passed away Wednesday, Oct. 7, 2020, at her residence. A native of Louisville, Ky., she was the daughter of the late Harry L. Hope Jr. and the late Alma Marie Tipton Hope. She was a retired registered nurse at Shore Memorial Hospital, serving in the psychiatric ward for over 15 years, and a loving and dedicated wife, mother, and grandmother.

She is survived by four grandchildren, Fred W. Munford III, of Belle Haven, Stacey Munford, of Keller, Megan Capehart, of Mechanicsville, Va., and Thomas James Bonniwell, of Belle Haven. She was predeceased by her son, Fred W. Munford Jr.

Funeral services will be conducted Saturday, Oct. 17, 2020, at 11 a.m., at Pungoteague Community Church with the Rev. Bobby Carroll Huether officiating. Interment will be private in Johnson’s United Methodist Cemetery. Flowers will be accepted or memorials may be made to Food Bank of the Eastern Shore, P.O. Box 518, Onley, VA 23418.

Dorothy Whitley

Mrs. Dorothy Whitley, 85, wife of Perry Odell Whitley Jr. and a resident of Exmore, passed away Sunday, Oct. 11, 2020, at her residence. A native of Cashville, she was the daughter of the late Joseph Talmadge Scott and the late Nina Blanche Harrison Scott. She was a member of Epworth United Methodist Church.

In addition to her loving husband, she is survived by four sons, Glen Scott Tittermary and his wife, Vicky, of Richmond, Kerry Tittermary and his fiancee, Kimberley Cordle, of Willis Wharf, Brian Tittermary, of Belle Haven, and Greg Whitley and his wife, Erica, of Crisfield, Md.; three sisters, Sylvia Griggs, of Windsor, Va., Rosalie Lewis, of Cashville, and Mary Paul Harmon and her husband, Butch, of Melfa; 13 grandchildren; 14 great-grandchildren; one great-great-grandson; and numerous nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by her first husband, Robert Vernon Tittermary; two sisters, Gloria Davis and Norma Harris; and a grandson, Robert James Tittermary.

A graveside service was conducted Wednesday, Oct. 14, 2020, at Belle Haven Cemetery with the Rev. Mikang Kim officiating.

Memorials may be made to Epworth Methodist Church, P.O. Box 488, Exmore, VA 23350, Riverside Shore Hospice, P.O. Box 615, Onley, VA 23418, or Community Fire Company, P.O. Box 706, Exmore, VA 23350.

The family would like to express their appreciation to Christine Lemieux for her wonderful help and care that she provided to Doris. Online condolences may be sent to the family at www.doughtyfuneralhome.com. Arrangements were made by Doughty Funeral Home in Exmore.
Accomack County Grand Jury Indictments

By Carol Vaughn
A grand jury meeting in Accomac on Monday, Oct. 5, returned indictments against a New Church man charged in connection with robberies at three Accomack County stores.

Jarell Edward Corbin, 32, of New Church, was indicted on charges of robbery, use of a firearm in the commission of a robbery, and possession of ammunition by a convicted felon in connection with incidents on March 23, 2019, at a Shore Stop in Accomac; Feb. 7, 2020, at a Dollar General in Oak Hall; and March 26, 2020, at a Corner Mart in Oak Hall.

Heather Renee Corbin, 32, of New Church, also was indicted on charges of robbery in connection with the incidents. In two incidents, Heather Corbin was charged with robbing individuals of cash and cigarettes; in the Feb. 7 incident, she was charged with robbing an individual of cash.

The grand jury also indicted:
- Keith Dale Lilliston, 51, of Onancock, malicious maiming, property destruction in an Aug. 9 incident
- Demarco Montell Moore, 38, of Newport News, malicious bodily injury, assault and battery of a family or household member in a Nov. 4, 2019, incident
- Joseph Kelly Ryan Roach, no age given, of Parksley, possession of Percocet, possession of diazepam, possession of marijuana in an April 18 incident
- Gary Lee Tyler, 51, of Onancock, robbery, larceny from the person, disorderly conduct in a June 9 incident
- Austin Lee White, no age given, of Elizabeth City, N.C., possession of fentanyl, possession of heroin in a March 25 incident
- Aubrey Jamari Grimes, 26, of Norfolk, assault and battery a police officer in connection with an April 8 incident involving a Virginia State Police trooper
- Donald Darnell Peed Jr., 25, of Painter, assault and battery a police officer in connection with a May 2 incident involving Sgt. G. Bennett of the Onley Police Department
- Joel Nathaniel Miller, 30, of Cashville, possession of a firearm by a convicted felon in connection with a July 16 incident
- James Eugene Dolan, 26, of Parksley, strangulation of another in connection with a May 28 incident
- Antwine Maurice Savage, 36, of Wilmington, Del., possession of phenycyclidine in connection with an April 17 incident
- James Kirk Taylor, 42, of Greenbackville, felony shoplifting in connection with a Jan. 1 incident at Walmart in Onley
- Daniel Brian Cornelius, 35, of Wallops Island, strangulation of another in connection with a June 20 incident
- Cheyanne Rene Simpson, 22, of Exmore, malicious maiming in connection with an Aug. 1 incident
- David Tyler Nalls, 28, of Belle Haven, possession of a firearm by a convicted felon in connection with a July 31 incident
- Walter Leon Ayres III, 29, of Parksley, possession with intent to distribute oxycodone
- KiDarius Monte Smith, 20, of Melfa, possession of a firearm by a convicted felon in connection with a March 18 incident
- Lance Carl Jester, 36, of Hallwood, attempted malicious wounding in connection with a June 3 incident
- Jack Wesley Guemple, 24, of Parksley, two counts assault and battery a police officer in connection with a May 17 incident involving two Accomack County Sheriff’s Office officers
- Myron Hazzle Edwards II, 33, of Parksley, possession of cocaine in connection with a Feb. 10 incident
- Anahin Maldonado Sanchez, 34, of Greenbush, burglary in connection with an incident on or between July 4 and 5
- Pierce Scanlan, 39, of Exmore, convicted felon carrying a concealed weapon in connection with a July 31 incident

Accomack County Circuit Court

Torreon Vitiona Washington, 38, of Birdsnest, was sentenced to 16 years in prison for the armed robbery of the Parksley Dollar General store in January 2019. He went into the store early on a Sunday morning, brandishing a firearm and demanding money. There were two store employees there at the time, said Commonwealth’s Attorney Spencer Morgan.

Washington was convicted in July after pleading not guilty at a bench trial. “The robber left the store without incident,” said defense attorney Carl Bundick. “There was not violence on any victim.”

After noting that Washington had “a long history of criminal conduct” and had been incarcerated on eight previous occasions, substitute Judge Glen A. Tyler sentenced Washington to three years for use of a firearm in the commission of a felony, five years for larceny, and 16 years for robbery.

“The sentences are to run concurrently,” he said, for a total time of 16 years. He ordered him to be on supervised probation for three years after his release and to pay restitution of $800. Bundick told the court his client wished to appeal the case.

Antwine Maurice Savage, 36, of Melfa, pleaded guilty to possession of a firearm by a felon and possession of a concealed weapon by a felon. Townsend was stopped by police in Keller in April 2019 after he was observed driving erratically on U.S. Route 13. When he was asked to step out of the car, Townsend told the deputy there was a firearm in the car. A .45 caliber pistol was found under the front passenger seat. He said the gun belonged to his wife. Testimony was that the car also belonged to his wife. Defense attorney Garrett Dunham asked that Townsend be permitted to remain on bond. Judge Lewis granted that request and set sentencing for Feb. 25, 2021.

Keiron Lamar Thomas, 30, of Exmore, who a year ago opted to participate in the first offender program, still owes court costs and has not completed his community service hours, said Assistant Commonwealth’s Attorney William Fox. “A felony conviction is a big deal that will cause problems for the rest of your life,” said Judge Lewis. He gave Thomas until Feb. 25, 2021, to pay court costs and finish his community service. “If not, you will be convicted of a felony and spend 30 days in jail,” he warned.

Larry William Austin, 21, of Wattsville, was sentenced to two years in jail. Austin pleaded guilty and was convicted of the unlawful wounding of his sister in Oct. 2017.
but never served a sentence for the crime. “The fight was over who left the door open,” said Assistant Commonwealth’s Attorney Fox. He said the two fought and Austin broke his sister’s nose.

Defense attorney Brandon Matthews told the court his client began getting in trouble as a juvenile and had an “extremely tough family life.” He said Austin’s parents died when he was young. He was subsequently adopted, and his adopted parents died as well. On the witness stand, Austin said his adopted parents died when he was a teenager. He said he planned to complete his GED and attend community college and promised never to be back in court again.

“You behaved in a very violent manner with your sister,” said Judge Lewis. “Your malicious wounding charge was reduced to unlawful wounding in a plea agreement,” he said. He sentenced Austin to three years with two years suspended. He ordered Austin to be on indefinite supervised probation when released and to be on good behavior for five years.

By Del. Rob Bloxom

As the special session enters its eighth week, the House of Delegates is still waiting for a budget from the Senate. We will vote against the budget bill in order to send the budgets of the House and Senate to a conference committee.

I can only assume that the two legislative bodies are already meeting as well as negotiating a final budget. There will be some spending in the budget that will be necessary to fund policies that I opposed. However, this will not prevent me from voting for the money needed to implement the policy. I am pleased to report that there is funding in the budget that should benefit everyone.

School funding is one area in which I hope we take the House’s version. In the House budget, we provided the same funding as the previous year. This is quite important, being schools receive state funding on a per pupil basis. Currently, it would be nearly impossible to take a true daily attendance when schools are either virtual or on a hybrid schedule. We added funding to higher education so that tuition would remain the same as the previous year. The House budget also had bonuses for state employees, not raises. I would consider this a step in the right direction, considering the uncertainty of revenues amid the COVID-19 pandemic.

In closing, the final picture should be clearer next week. I will try to give a complete wrap-up of the budget and the legislation at that time. 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.

Notice of Housing Programs

Applications are now being accepted for State and Federally funded housing repair programs. The Eastern Shore of Virginia Indoor Plumbing Rehabilitation-FLEX Program helps low-income families repair or replace houses that also need new sewer systems.

For more information, or to apply, please contact the Eastern Shore of Virginia Housing Alliance.

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Win $1,000 Grand Prize for Law Office Grand Opening

Lawyer Donates 10,000 Masks to Riverside Shore Memorial Hospital

Lawrence Land, an Eastern Shore injury lawyer who recently opened a brand new office on Market Street across from Riverside Shore Memorial Hospital, donated 10,000 masks to the hospital. Land has been helping the Eastern Shore Community for over 40 years. He contacted the hospital to find out what the most pressing needs were for the hospital. He was told that the hospital needed masks. He donated 10,000 masks because of the wonderful treatment the hospital has given to his injured clients over the years.

His Grand Opening for the new office is scheduled for October 22, 2020. The ribbon cutting ceremony will take place at noon on Thursday, October 22, at 20477 Market St., Onancock, compliments of Eastern Shore Chamber of Commerce. There will be a raffle with a $1,000 Grand Prize. He will also be giving away a beach bag full of wonderful cool items which can be used every day. Drive your car through the horseshoe driveway to receive your raffle ticket and goodie bag without getting out of your car. You do not need to be present to win. Face masks required. Everyone on the Eastern Shore is invited.

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## Property Transactions

### Northampton County
- **Lot D, Saltworks Estates, Occohannock Neck**
  - From Ralph and Mary Butler
  - To Alfred Jacocks Jr.
  - For $17,500
- **Lot 26, Bay Creek, Cape Charles**
  - From Edward and Lian Knecht and An and Nguyet Trieu
  - To Todd and Liliana Bricken
  - For $120,000
- **Lot 26, Waterson’s Point, Phase 1, Section 1, Tower Hill**
  - From Thomas Bonadeo and Melissa Moore
  - To Stephanie and Edward Barham III
  - For $450,000
- **Lot 127, Bay Creek, Cape Charles**
  - From Eastern Shore Holdings LLC
  - To Alexander and Melissa Alter
  - For $470,000
- **Parcel at Cheapside**
  - From John S. Waller Family Limited Partnership
  - To Paul and Amanda Beckwith
  - For $130,000
- **Lot 90, Cape Charles**
  - From Elizabeth Davis
  - To Darren and Susan Robertson
  - For $459,000
- **Lot 88 Phase 1 Olde Mill Pointe, Horntown**
  - From Ocean Land Trust LTD
  - To Karla and Darryl Oney
  - For $14,500
- **Trails End Lot 601 Unit 1 Sheet 1, Horntown**
  - From Patrick and Robert A. McLaughlin
  - To Brent M. Boyer and Justina Mason-Boyer
  - For $52,000
- **Horntown Trails End Lot 621 Unit 1 Sheet 1**
  - From John P. Kool and Sharon K. Kool
  - To Robert W. Wood
  - For $23,000
- **Horntown Trails End Lot 153 Unit 3 Sheet 6**
  - From John P. Kool and Sharon K. Kool
  - To Stephanie L. and Joseph J. D. Mason
  - For $200,000
- **Lot 88 Phase 1 Olde Mill Pointe, Horntown**
  - From Ocean Land Trust LTD
  - To Feyer Investment LLC and Casaundra J. Saagman
  - For $381,500

### Accomack County
- **Lot 7, Wilson Acres, Cheriton**
  - From Betty H. Fitchett, by Kenneth W. Fitchett, her attorney in fact
  - To Kathleen and Paul Kaiser
  - For $270,000
- **Lot 50, Sherwood Gate, Cape Charles**
  - From Brian and Jennifer Hoke
  - To Phillip Davis
  - For $12,500
- **Lot 44, Sherwood Gate, Cape Charles**
  - From Edward and Lian Knecht and An and Nguyet Trieu
  - To Todd and Liliana Bricken
  - For $120,000
- **Lot 42, Waterson’s Point, Phase 1, Tower Hill**
  - From Joanne Warren
  - To Harsh, Sonal, and Roderick Wetsel
  - For $437,000

## Additional Transactions
- **Lot 211, Vaucluse Shores**
  - From Barbara Dahan
  - To Cheryl A. Burris
  - For $437,000
- **Lot 10, Cape Charles**
  - From Thomas Bonadeo
  - To Stephanie and Edward Barham III
  - For $450,000
- **Lot 90, Cape Charles**
  - From Thomas Allen Clark Sr.; Dorothy Drewington Clark; known as Dorothy Drewington Clark; Franklin Clark; Wilmer Raymond Horntown
  - To APIF-Virginia LLC
  - For $23,000
- **Lot 127, Bay Creek, Cape Charles**
  - From Eastern Shore Holdings LLC
  - To Alexander and Melissa Alter
  - For $470,000
- **Horntown Trails End Lot 621 Unit 1 Sheet 1**
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  - From Ocean Land Trust LTD
  - To Feyer Investment LLC and Casaundra J. Saagman
  - For $381,500
Property Transactions cont.

3135 Harbor Lane, Painter
For $410,000
•From Charlene A. Smith
To Gary Edward McMurray
28036 Harborton Road, Harborton
For $78,000
•From Suzanne Harriss and John Bruce Gilbert
To Andrea N. and Brian K. Misener
8.03 acres, 25500 Drummondtown Road, Accomac
For $255,000
•From Mary L. and James A. Jardine
To Sharon W. and Robert Montanye
4381 Salt Marsh Lane, Chincoteague
For $619,000
•From Rebecca Lock and John David Johnson
To Barbara S. and Michael W. Beans
25443 Parks Road, Parksley
For $139,500
•From Holly Joseph, trustee
To Jennifer Denise and Vernon Lee Farnsworth Jr.
6376 Waters Edge Drive, Chincoteague
For $335,000
•From Sylvia and William K. Larson
To Lena R. Lieux-Brechbiel and Kirk Michael Brechbiel
6163 Marsh Island Drive, Chincoteague
For $245,000
•From Benjamin Franklin Askew Jr.
To Hamper LLC
127 Market St., Onancock
For $70,000
•From Martha C. Lopez-Nagle and Thomas F. Nagle
To Janet E. and Joseph P. White
3274 Scimitar Way, Greenbackville
For $375,000
•From Marsha Jett Eccleston and Robert Covey Eccleston, trustees
To Dawn K. and Steven E. Wagner
Captains Cove Lot 462 Section 2, Greenbackville
For $6,250
•From Betty S. and Ronald L. Beall
To Susan K. and Terence W. Healy
Captains Cove Lot 1278 Section 3, Greenbackville
For $325,000
•From Deborah Ghezzi
To Barbara E. and Edwin Bryce Lee
19 Kerr St., Onancock
For $225,800
•From Ocean Land Trust LTD
To Fiona C. and Randy S. Tripp
Lot 24 Phase 2 Olde Mill Pointe, Horntown
For $35,000
•From Susan G. and Frank J. Manganiello
To Taria H. Nicole and Angel Luis Mencia
6490 Coach’s Lane, Unit 11, Chincoteague
For $177,500
•From Robert M. Brockner, trustee
To Beverly Carneal Sutton
5 Richardson Ave., Wachapreague
For $130,000
•From Vickie S. Thorne
To Briarpatch Rentals LLC
25418 Virginia Ave., Onley
For $15,000
•From Robert Walker Mears
To Boxwood Gardens LLC
22420 Lee Mont Road, Parksley
For $51,500
•From Racing Moon LLC
To Suzanne M. and Chester J. Szczepanski
7106 Silver Sails Landing, Chincoteague
For $305,900
•From Bridgebury LLC
To Raven Rapsody LLC
4160 Main St., Chincoteague
For $765,000
•From Mary Ruth Buckle and Stewart Augustus Searle III, co-trustees, and Mary B. Searle
To Stewart H. Buckle III, trustee
5 parcels, 24206 Locust Grove Road, Onancock
For $625,000
•From Michael Bruce Mueller
To Stacy and Jennings B. Coburn Jr.
Lot 317 Section 2 Captains Cove, Greenbackville
For $8,000
•From Tamalji J. and Richard M. Molloy
To Gemcraft Homes CC LLC
Lot 1782 Section 3 Captains Cove, Greenbackville
For $1
•From Rosalind M. and Alfred O. Michaelangelo, trustees
To Gemcraft Homes CC LLC
Lot 958 Section 1 Captains Cove, Greenbackville
For $41,000
•From Rosemary E. Ross
To Katherine M. and Jared B. Legg
Trails End Lot 92 Unit 3 Sheet 10, Horntown
For $14,000
•From Carole M. and Charles P. Ferrand Sr.
To David Gavrilienkowski and Darlyn H. Settle
Lot 2317 Section 4 Captains Cove, Greenbackville
For $500
•From Kathleen A. and Curtis P. Shuey
To Mayra and Luigi A. Robayo
Lot 1364 Section 3 Captains Cove, Greenbackville
For $68,000
•From Alois F. Schiesel Jr.
To Kathryn P. and Michelle Mardis
7290 Bunting Road, Chincoteague
For $145,000
•From Donald V. Kopczynski and David M. Kopczynski
To Leah Rose Hall
28078 Harborton Road, Harborton
For $250,000
•From Tammy V. and Eugene A. Mason
To Michele A. Cadena
12308 Hacksneck Road, Hacksneck
For $72,500
•From Anita E. and Charles H. Campbell
To Brian D. Rineholt
Trails End Lot 243 Unit 2 Sheet 2, Horntown
For $12,000
•From Denise Watson Johnson
To Chelsey L. and Jonathan W. McQuiston
15315 Fooks Lane, Painter
For $172,900
•From Joseph Rosetti
To Dwayne C. McFerren
Lot 919 Section 1 Captains Cove, Greenbackville
For $52,000
•From Leslie A. and William C. Fisher
To Patricia and Michael McMahon
2244 Mayflower Drive, Greenbackville
For $175,000
•From Leslie A. and William C. Fisher
To Patricia and Michael McManus
21 North St., Onancock
For $269,000
•From Barry Outten
To Thomas Melissen
2244 Mayflower Drive, Greenbackville
For $175,000
•From William Moore of Virginia LLC
To J & A Builders LLC
Lot 383 Section 2 Captains Cove, Greenbackville
For $50,000
•From Nicole A. and Jeffrey T. Parker
To Whitney C. Johnson and Rafael LaTorre
17171 Assawoman Drive near Gargatha
For $350,000
•From Matthew Logan
To Traveling Construction LLC and East Coast General Contracting and Home Improvement LLC
2276 Spinnaker St., Greenbackville
For $40,000
•From Deanna L. and Scott A. Armstrong
To Angela L. and Theodore E. Myers
Trails End Lot 182 Unit 2 Sheet 2, Horntown
For $6,500
•From Emmett Daniel Barnes, Dennis Martin Barnes, Mary Frances Barnes Rodriguez, and Nancy Barnes Armstrong
To E. Phillip Hickman Jr. and David L. Hickman
Tract on Sand St., Temperanceville
For $75,000
•From Jeffrey A. Demoss
To Kathleen S. Russell and Gerald L. Summers
31055 Harbor Lane, Painter
For $359,000
•From Karen K. and W. Stephen Campbell
To Sandra J. and Russell J. Schroeder
Lot 1386 Section 3 Captains Cove, Greenbackville
For $55,000
•From Maria M. and Jorge Deanda
To Isaac Applegate
30146 Saxis Road, Temperanceville
For $121,500
•From Teresa M. and Lee A. Belfore
To Charme Jane Birch
6404 Teal Lane, Chincoteague
For $199,500
•From Tara Van Pelt Corson
To Joanna D. and Michael J. Reilly
3290 Captains Corridor, Greenbackville
For $190,000
•From Patricia and Robert Fisher
To Deborah Davis and Gerald Austin Wharton Sr.
Lot 31, Woodfield Subdivision, Gargatha Landing Road near Parksley
For $22,500
•From Klein Properties II LLC
To Byrdhouse LLC
3 parcels, 28452 Martin Ave., Melfa
For $162,500
Osprey-Eyed Reader Contest: Oh, So Shiny!

Last Week’s Contest: Let Them Find Cake!
More than two dozen readers were sufficiently osprey-eyed to find the 10 cakes hidden in last week’s paper, with a few readers not making it as runners-up because they claimed cakes where no cakes existed. The cakes were on pages 16, 19, 29, 31, 32, 34, 36, 43, and 45 (two). Anne Gibbs, of Virginia Beach, was randomly selected as the winner of her choice of a Smith Island Cake from Becca’s Smith Island Cakes. A word about that random selection: each week we assign each contestant a number and then we use a website that generates a random number from however many contestants we have. All the other contestants become runners-up.

This Week’s Contest: Let’s Go Find Some Shells!
This week you are looking for 10 seashells. But we have come to know and love our osprey-eyed readers, and we know they will find seashells all over the place, so we want to emphasize that we are asking you to find 10 of this exact seashell somewhere in the pages of this week’s newspaper:

The osprey-eyed reader who is randomly selected from those who find the 10 shells will win a $25 gift card from Shore Creations. See the sponsor box on this page.

Now for the rules. Remember all entries must include your first and last name and your hometown.
• Tell us where you found the 10 seashells (page number and location on the page). Send this information to david@easternshorepost.com.
• You can start sending your entries now. Entries must have your first and last name and your town. Include a photograph if you choose to submit one and tell us a little something about the picture.
• Entries will be accepted until noon on Monday, Oct. 19. Entries arriving after noon on Monday the 19th will not be entered in the contest.
• Anyone submitting a photograph must have taken the picture or have permission to use it.
• Multiple entries, corrected entries, and entries with explanations will not be counted.

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 red cardinal, a fall carnival, or if it’s even possible, a subatomic particle. Just no feet.

Runners-Up

Runner-up Pam Wilkins, of Capeville, shows her youngest grandchild, Ally, and Pam’s dog, Ranger, watching for birds.

That’s runner-up, Cotina Strand, of Melfa, in the background and her daughter, Keshiana Johnson, in the foreground.

First time osprey-eyed contestant and runner-up, Stephanie Redden, of Millsboro, Del. This photo was taken on a fishing trip with friends while on the White Bite out of Wachapreague catching

Gina Taylor’s daughter, Landrie, who will be 2 next month, is at the park by the ballfield in Onancock and seems to be asking, “What’s up, runner-up?”

This week’s cat picture is the Grey Fox, a photo from runner-up Debbie Fox, of Machipongo. Note that’s two Fox’s but no actual foxes.

Kimberly Rice, of Bloxom, has her two strolling nephews, Jordan and De’Vante, stand in for her runner-up status.

Amanda Mariner, of Pocomoke City, Md., has her runner-up place taken by her two boys, Christian and Gabriel, and the turtle they’re wrangling.

Runners-Up Not Pictured:

Laura Dabroski, Bloxom
Patricia Willey, Quinby
Jennifer Shaffer, Temperanceville
Silvia Mays, Belle Haven
Camesha Handy, Parksley
Kaye N. Gaskins, Wachapreague
Amy Eckard, Temperanceville
Leslie James, Birdsnest
Cindi Bowen, Wachapreague

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Random Facts About ... the Man Who Saved Your Life

By David Martin

When we opened our internet tubes for cleaning this week, a single name popped out: Vasily Arkhipov.

In October 1962, the United States and the Soviet Union began a confrontation that brought the world the closest it has ever been to all-out nuclear war: the Cuban missile crisis. The Russians know it as the Caribbean crisis.

The U.S. had discovered that the Soviet Union, under Nikita Khrushchev, had shipped ballistic missiles with nuclear warheads to Cuba. The Soviets had 40,000 troops and 160 nuclear warheads on the island, 90 miles from Florida. John Kennedy, the U.S. president, was receiving advice from hawks that the missiles and their launching sites should be bombed. But he had to weigh what the Soviets' retaliation to that bombing might be and then what American response would have to be to the Soviet retaliation — a tit for tat that could lead to war.

Around Cuba, meanwhile, Soviet surface ships and submarines were being confronted by the U.S. Navy. One of those Soviet submarines, the B-59, was in bad shape. It was rigged for traveling in Arctic waters, not the Caribbean. Its air conditioning wasn't working; carbon dioxide was building and temperatures were climbing above 100; crew members were passing out; with American ships on the surface, the B-59 couldn't come up to recharge its batteries and use its antenna; without radio signals, the sub's leadership had no idea how the Caribbean crisis above them was unfolding. And then one or more American ships began dropping explosives into the water, rocking the B-59.

What the U.S. Navy didn't know was that the B-59 was armed with a nuclear weapon.

The captain of the B-59, not being in radio contact with Moscow and concluding that the war between the Soviet Union and the United States probably had already begun, decided to do his duty. He ordered that a tactical, nuclear torpedo be readied for firing. Protocol required the second-in-command to approve a nuclear strike before the captain launched it. The captain got the second-in-command's approval. The captain told his men: “We're gonna blast them now! We will die, but we will sink them all — we will not become the shame of the fleet.”

Vasily Arkhipov was a member of the submarine flotilla's command staff and just happened to be traveling on the B-59. With temperatures and missiles reaching explosive levels, Arkhipov somehow remained cool and talked the captain and the second-in-command down, convincing them to not ready the nuclear torpedo for firing, to stand down, and, eventually, to surface. The B-59 came up next to a U.S. Navy destroyer. No one shot, sank, or killed anyone.

Arkhipov died in 1998 at the age of 72 from kidney cancer, which he probably contracted from the effects of radiation while serving, a year before the Cuban missile crisis, aboard a Soviet nuclear submarine with a nuclear reactor that was in danger of melting down until crew members heroically rigged a repair at the cost of exposing themselves to dangerous doses of radiation.

The Cuban missile crisis was resolved when the Soviets withdrew their missiles and the U.S. pledged never to invade Cuba or support an invasion of Cuba. Later, the U.S. also removed missiles from Turkey as part of the deal.

If the B-59 had launched that nuclear weapon and vaporized Navy ships, the U.S. probably would have retaliated in kind. The chances are terrifyingly good that a nuclear holocaust would have ensued. Your odds of surviving it, had you been on the East Coast back in 1962, or of ever being born if your birthday is after 1962 — those odds would be slim if not for this Russian guy you've probably never heard of: Arkhipov.

His first name Vasily is sometimes spelled Vasili. You can spell it t-h-a-n-k-y-o-u.
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It might not have rained 40 days and 40 nights last weekend, but it sure seemed like it with measurable precipitation starting on Friday and lasting into Monday. Fortunately, no ark construction was needed, as blue skies and productive fishing returned by midweek.

Upper Shore – Captain Matt Abell, at Sea Hawk Sports Center, reported that his charters have recently been concentrating on targeting striped bass, puppy drum, and speckled trout in the shallows between Tangier Island and Smith Island. His clients have been landing rockfish to 26 inches, trout to 22 inches, and puppy drum to just under the legal size limit. Best action has been occurring during the last of the flood tide and again during the running outgoing tide. Customer Danielle White landed an impressive pompano weighing three pounds while fishing near Crisfield, Md., on the Annemessex River. On the seaside, Captain Abell said that flounder were available on the offshore wrecks when anglers are able to safely get out to them. He said that a handful of red drum have been taken off the beach. He added that perch are still available in the southern Maryland rivers, but there is currently little to no effort in targeting them.

Chincoteague – Donna Rae Roeske, from Captain Bob’s Marina, reported that a variety of gamefish was still available in the waters surrounding the island. She said that keeper-sized flounder have been hitting large live minnows and squid or Berkley Gulp combinations. Puppy drum have been hitting an assortment of soft swim baits. Small stripers have been hitting cut bait and peeler or bloodworm-scented squid. She added that there have been reports of sheepshead from around Queen Sound Bridge, between Memorial Park and Tom’s Cove, and in Assateague Channel. Roeske added that there were still a few sharks lingering outside the inlet. She did not have any reports from the offshore waters.

Jimmy Vasiloiu, at Captain Steve’s Bait & Tackle, reported that there were puppy drum and speckled trout in the back bay, where the puppies can sometimes be seen pushing schools of baitfish. Vasiloiu said flounder were hitting in the harbor. Red drum from 36 to 48 inches have been caught in the surf, along with snapper, blues (up to 18 inches), spot, kingfish (whiting), and croaker. He added that the shop has fresh spot and mullet baits.

Wachapreague – Captain Lindsay Paul, of Trident Tackle, reported that inshore anglers were finding a mixture of flounder, a few puppy drum, and speckled trout. The inshore wrecks have been producing flounder and black sea bass. Blue-lined tile fish were being caught by anglers deep-dropping offshore in 50 fathoms.

Lower Shore – Jeb Brady, at Bailey’s Bait & Tackle, reported that speckled trout fishing has remained good over the week. Brady said that trout were hitting both live and artificial baits along the shoreline from the pound nets off Kiptopeke up to Hungars Creek, as well as out of Oyster on the seaside. Puppy drum were caught in the same areas as the trout, but a lot of the puppies have been under the minimal slot size limit. Tautog have been caught around Plantation Light and along the Chesapeake Bay Bridge-Tunnel, where black sea bass and sheepshead have also been landed. The shop weighed in a sheepshead weighing 10 pounds. Nice-sized flounder have been caught in the deeper water out of Cape Charles by anglers jigging with Berkley Gulp tipped with cut bait. Schoolie-sized striped bass are starting to show up in the creek mouths.

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.
Story by Brennan Waldorf

The Lady Vikings picked up their first home win of the season last Thursday, Oct. 8. They took on Atlantic Shore Christian in an empty gym, beating the Seahawks in three straight sets (25-10, 25-11, 25-22). The Vikings will be playing a 12-game modified season where spectators won’t be allowed in attendance but can watch the games live via online streaming.

Broadwater finished last year’s season with a 9-9 record and retired four seniors that included All-Metro middle blocker Virginia Ross. With that departure came a lack of height in the front row but head coach Benji Rew is confident that if his players can stay consistent in the offense, they will be able to score. Broadwater will be led by senior captains Sammi Yeung and Hannah Davis, but a strong core of underclassmen who have been playing together since middle school will allow for an interchangeable line up. “They all can hit and play multiple positions. Passing needs to be consistent, though,” Rew remarked.

The lack of consistency can partially be blamed on the shortened season. The Vikings will be allowed to play only those schools within their conference and had little time to prepare for the season. This year’s team had only nine days of practice, compared to four weeks in a normal season, before it took the court on Oct. 2 against Denbigh Baptist Christian. The Vikings beat the Minuteman in four sets (25-18, 15-25, 25-21, 25-14) before dropping three straight sets to Metro Conference powerhouse, StoneBridge.

The Vikings currently sit at 2-1 after the dismantlement of the Seahawks, who saw a barrage of serves from several different Vikings hit the Seahawks’ open court. The Vikings were led by libero Hannah Davis, who primarily played middle blocker, with five blocks, five kills, and one ace. Standout junior Emily Nordwall added four kills along with four aces, while sophomore Chloe Hall did most of her damage behind the line, recording a team high nine aces. Co-captain Sammi Yeung also contributed five aces, two kills, and one block.

The Vikings will take their home court Oct. 15 to face an 0-2 Hampton Christian Academy at 4:30 p.m.
Story by Matthew Yoder

A local travel softball team and a pair of teams bolstered by Shore talent placed well in their respective divisions at a tournament this past weekend in Salisbury. The Eastern Shore Thunder, a 14 and under team of girls from the Shore, ran through their division without dropping a game, en route to a 3-0 championship game victory against the Delaware Express. Ramsey Revelle delivered six strong shutout innings, allowing only five hits and no walks, while fanning 11 batters. Reagan Justice, Adrianna Holloway, Sara Godwin, Kacey Ford, and Marley Katsetos all contributed a hit in the championship game. The Thunder finished 6-0 in their division.

In the 18 and under division, the East Coast Titans continued an impressive run of tournament play, going 5-0, while outscoring their opponents 40-1. The lone run against them came in their 6-1 championship game victory against the K & K Raptors. Emma Jackson, Hannah Parks, Alex McComb, and Olivia Tullous provided strong two-way efforts on the field and at the plate for the Titans.

Chincoteague sophomore Allie Bell helped her Delmarva Freedom place second in the 15 and under division. The teams will again be in play Halloween weekend in Salisbury for the USSSA Halloween Havoc tournament, an event blending the spirit of the season with competitive action. The fields will be decorated for Halloween. Teams, as well as umpires, will be costumed.

Allie Bell, back left, catches for the Delmarva Freedom. Her team finished as runner-up in the 15-under division this past weekend. Photo courtesy of Sylvia Bell.
Northampton County Parks and Recreation Continues Annual Flag Football League

Story and Photos by Brennan Waldorf

Despite the uptick in COVID-19 cases on both college and professional levels, the Northampton County Parks and Recreation decided to continue its youth football league. The league is part of the NFL flag league that plays on a modified 70-yard field and has three divisions. There’s a peewee league for ages 5-8, a minor league for ages 9-12, and senior league for ages 13-16. Registration for the league is $40 per player, which includes the league’s jerseys and flags. Games are played on Saturdays at the former Northampton middle school where spectators are asked to remain in their cars.

Players from the peewee division get set to hike the ball with some help from coaches.

This Cowboy player leads his Cowboys onto the field for their matchup against the Eagles in the peewee division.
The Broadwater Vikings cross-country teams traveled to Newport News last Friday, Oct. 9, to participate in the first meet of the season. Similar to the Viking volleyball team, the cross-country team can participate against only those teams within the Metro Conference. Denbigh Christian Academy hosted four teams that included Hampton Christian, StoneBridge, Atlantic Shores Christian, and Broadwater Academy. All spectators and runners not participating in the event were required to wear face masks as the meet had a staggered start.

In the boys division, Broadwater finished first overall, putting five runners in the top ten. Broadwater was led by sophomore Carson Savage who placed third overall with a time of 22:52. Ture Gustafson was next for the Vikings, placing fourth with a time of 23:13. Will Petka finished fifth with a time of 23:20, and Braden Carlsen followed in sixth with a time of 23:46. Freshman Logan Hickman wasn’t far behind, finishing eighth with a time of 24 minutes flat, rounding out the top 10 for the team. The boys division was won by Tate Frost of StoneBridge with a time of 19:05. The Vikings’ efforts landed them in first place with a total of 18 points followed by StoneBridge, which recorded 22 points.

In the girls division, the Vikings nearly mirrored the boys with four top 10 finishers. The Vikings were led by Lindsey Smith who finished third overall with a time of 24:38. She was followed by All-Metro runner Mahika Patel who finished fourth with a time of 25:05. Eighth-grader Meredith Hill was next in for the Vikings, finishing in sixth with a time of 25:55. Emma Philpott rounded out the top 10 for Broadwater with a time of 27:30, finishing seventh overall. The girls division was won by StoneBridge’s Hope Frost with a time of 19:30. The Vikings took the top team award with 20 points, narrowly edging out StoneBridge, which recorded 21 points.

Broadwater will next see action Oct. 17, when the Vikings will host their own meet, set to start at 10:30 a.m. in Exmore.
Little League Board Meets To Celebrate Successes, Discuss Challenges

**Story and Photo by Matthew Yoder**

Board members for the Central Accomack Little League held their monthly meeting Monday night to elect officers and discuss current and future issues. CALL officers voted unanimously to keep their organization intact, with only subtle changes. Billy Justice will remain as president, with Greg Ford as vice president. Amy Ford will return as treasurer, and she started the meeting outlining the success of the recent Sundog Tournament. Cut this year to only one day, and limited to local teams, the tournament still managed to generate $3,700 for the league, money that helps to fund projects throughout the year to keep the facilities thriving. Ford said she thought the tournament went well. “I thought everybody enjoyed themselves. It didn’t feel rushed. Great job, Billy,” Ford said, referring to CALL President Justice.

The next challenge CALL faces is the annual fundraiser, typically held in late winter. The board discussed moving the event outside and at the ballfields, away from the fundraiser’s traditional location at the social hall in Parksley. Questions still remain as to how many people can convene indoors, and the board seemed focused on starting the discussion early to debate the positives and negatives in their options.

Vice President Ford was one of many planting the seed for the 2021 event. “A lot of this depends on what you can do at any place, but Parksley has been good to us,” said Ford.

Bobbie Jo Wert, who serves as director of softball for the league, voiced Ford’s pleasure for how the event has been administered in the past. “I’d hate to walk away from Parksley,” Wert said.

It’s unclear if the auction will be able to proceed as it always has indoors, but the league appears intent on making it happen by any means possible, with urgency coming from the top. “I’d like to have the fundraiser again,” said Justice.

In other business, Treasurer Ford presented the board with notification that the league had received $735 in memorial donations from the family of Onancock native, Milton “Byrd” Godwin, who died during the summer. It was said that Godwin always appreciated being part of “the team” and was a sports enthusiast. The board spoke at length on how best to honor Godwin, with either a memorial brick or fencepost. The board sent a letter of thanks to the family. “We truly appreciate him thinking of us,” said Ford.

Appreciation was also expressed for the United Way, which offered $677 in donations after fees, and for the town of Onancock, which gave $260 for the new signs that went up honoring last year’s boys and girls championship teams.

In regard to those teams, a date was determined for closing ceremonies for fall ball, which will honor the achievements of last year’s boys and girls. The champions will receive bats and jackets on October 29 at 5:30, with games following. Vice President Ford hopes for a good turnout to honor the achievements. “I think it does a lot for the younger kids to see the older kids get jackets,” said Ford.

Ford believes it’s only fitting that games follow the event. “I like having some games after your ceremony.”

The CALL meeting addressed issues regarding upgrading the playground, lighting, concessions, and hitting cages on the ground. The volunteer crew will meet again November 23 to keep the discussion rolling.

**CALL board**

Billy Justice, president  
Greg Ford, vice president  
Amy Ford, treasurer  
Sara Reedy, secretary  
Bert Adamos, information officer  
Jeremy Wert, director of baseball  
Bobbie Jo Wert, director of softball  
Billy Murphy, building manager  
Robert Barns, player agent  
Hannah Annis, safety officer  
Keith Justis, chief umpire
Bayside Poker Run Successful In Friendly Seas

The 2020 Bayside Poker Run held on Sunday, Sept. 27, was a great success on a beautiful day with light winds and fair seas. The annual event featured small boats cruising the Chesapeake Bay in a navigational competition that included Onancock, Pungoteague, and Nandua creeks. This year’s event was sponsored by the Onancock Rotary Club with the assistance of the Pungoteague Ruritan Club, which had held the event the previous 13 years.

Following the Blessing of the Fleet and a captains’ meeting, boaters spent a day on the bay locating six checkpoints and a mystery location. Boaters gathered to attend the awards celebration at the Eastern Shore Yacht & Country Club on Pungoteague Creek at the end of the day with each crew assigned to a specific table to accommodate social distancing. Thanks to a generous donation from Perdue Foods, the boaters were served with a chicken dinner in containers following COVID-19 protocols.

This year’s small boat competition once again included the “Chesapeake Challenge” in the navigational component of the event. This challenge required the crew of each boat to compete in a physical activity at each checkpoint. When the final points appeared, the Morgan’s Climate Master boat with Shane Morgan captained by Guy Pruitt topped the leaderboard, with 169 points, followed by Sam Sellard and his crew on the Mean Jean. The “Chesapeake Challenge” prize was $500.

The Full Throttle captained by Ryan Rouelle had the best poker hand with a full house, winning a weekend trip. His crew included George Turner, Thomas Scott, Ashlyn Phillips, Chase Sturgis, and Ryan and Jeana Horner.

The generosity of sponsors will help the Onancock Rotary Club and Pungoteague Ruritan Club contribute to community service outreach activities and also to award college scholarships to local students.

Safe Boating Tips from Flotilla 12-02 of the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary

Getting wet in cold water (anything cooler that 70°F) is no fun and there is something you must commit to memory. That is the number sequence 1 – 10 – 1. Mark it down; memorize it. When first entering cold water, you will gasp reflexively. It can’t be helped. If wearing a life jacket, you will gasp air; if not, you are breathing water. It will take one minute to control your breathing (the first 1); then you will have 10 minutes of useful activity like getting out of the water, reaching additional flotation, getting back on the boat. After that you will become too weak to do anything and you will not regain your strength. If wearing a life jacket you will now have one hour of consciousness but again, only if you are wearing a life jacket. So remember 1-10-1 and your life jacket — they can save your life. If you are boating and come upon someone in cold water, do not lift them into your boat: it will cause heart failure. Instead, stretch them out parallel to the boat then roll them over the side so they are always horizontal — even if you need to use lines to help you keep them horizontal. Next week we’ll cover some protective gear.

· New local aids notices: On the southern shore Little Creek Harbor Front Range light is extinguished; NOAA Lighted Buoy YS is off station.
· These boating safety minutes are a Public Service of Flotilla 12-02 (Painter) of the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary. If you want to learn more about our topics, become a better boater or help your Coast Guard, check out USCGAUX.org, call Russell Vreeland at 757-442-7029.

Remember a life jacket is your on-water seat belt – click it before you leave the dock.

Annual Rifle Match on Eastern Shore

Rifle competition is the oldest organized sport in America. The tradition continues with the John C. Garand and other Military Rifle Clinic and Match on Saturday Nov. 14, 2020. Clinic, 9 a.m.; match, noon to about 3 p.m. This fun, competitive event will take place at NOAAWIVA Sportsmen Inc. at 30516 Chincoteague Road, Oak Hall. From Route 13 at T’s Corner, turn east toward Chincoteague. After 200 yds., turn right into woods. Parking free. Any citizen 14 or older may attend. Fees: adults, $16 for clinic and/or match; juniors under 18, $10.

First, second, and third place awards by rifle category. Pins of the same design as the medals awarded at the National John C. Garand Match. A Certificate of Competition will be awarded.

Each shooter must wear eye and ear protection and wear masks. A waiver must be signed before the match starts. Rifles will be inspected for safety before the shooting. Clinic starts promptly at 9 a.m. Contents: safety, rifle operation, match procedures. Unless you’ve taken NOAAWIVA rifle training or equivalent, you MUST take clinic before competing.

The Course A will be fired at 100 yards. Stage 1: Slow fire prone: 5 sighting shots with coaching in a time limit of 5 minutes. Stage 2: Slow fire prone: 10 record shots in a time limit of 10 minutes. Stage 3: Rapid fire prone: 10 record shots in a time limit of 70 (80 for bolt action rifles) Stage 4: Standing: 10 record shots in a time limit of 10 minutes.

Eligible rifles: As-issued U. S. Rifle cal. .30 M1903/M1903A3 (“Springfield” Class); Rifle cal. .30 M1 (“Garand”); as-issued bolt-action rifle of any armed force of any country (“Vintage Bolt-Action”). Competitors may also fire modern semiauto centerfire rifles such as M4s, AR-15s, SKSs or AKs, but will not receive pins. Garlands and ARs will be available to rent to Club members and .223, 30-06, and .308 ammunition will be available. Persons firing other calibers must provide their own.

There'll be a lunch break after the clinic and before the match begins. Water and cold drinks available.

Call 757-442-3013 or contact nhp@poyer.com for questions.
Virginia Crop Production Forecasts

From the USDA National Agricultural Statistics Service

Data as of Oct. 1, 2020

Corn production in Virginia was forecast at 55.8 million bushels, up 2% from the previous crop. Yield was estimated at 136.0 bushels per acre, down 8.0 bushels from the 2019 level. Acres for harvest as grain were estimated at 410,000 acres, up 30,000 acres from 2019. The U.S. corn production was forecast at 14.7 billion bushels, up 8% from 2019. Based on conditions as of Oct. 1, yields are expected to average 178.4 bushels per acre, up 10.9 bushels from 2019. Area harvested for grain is forecast at 82.3 million acres, down 1% from September but up 10% from 2019.

Virginia cotton production is projected to be 160,000 bales, down 34% from last year. Cotton yields are forecast to average 972 pounds per acre, down 172 pounds per acre from the previous year. Producers expect to harvest 79,000 acres, down 23,000 acres from 2019. U.S. cotton production was forecast at 17.0 million bales, down 14% from 2019. Yields are forecast to average 909 pounds per acre, up 86 pounds per acre from last year. Harvested acreage is estimated at 9.01 million acres, down 22% from the previous year.

Soybean production for Virginia is forecast at 23.0 million bushels, increased 21% from 2019. Yield was estimated at 41.0 bushels per acre, up 7.0 bushels from a year ago. U.S. soybean production was forecast at 4.27 billion bushels, up 20% from last year. Based on Oct. 1 conditions, yields are expected to average 51.9 bushels per acre, up 4.5 bushels from last year. Area for harvest is forecast at 82.3 million acres, down 1% from September but up 10% from 2019.

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Local Business and Employment Notice

Indoor Plumbing Rehabilitation-FLEX Program

The Eastern Shore of Virginia Housing Alliance is preparing to implement a housing improvement program within Accomack and Northampton Counties, the Indoor Plumbing Rehabilitation-Flex Program, which will use federal HOME funds. This program will result in procurement opportunities from contractors licensed in building remodeling, demolition, and well and septic installation. Also, jobs in the following trades may become available: masons, carpenters, roofers, plumbers, electricians, drywallers, and laborers.

In carrying out this program, the above agencies, its contractors, and subcontractors will, to the greatest extent feasible, utilize qualified businesses and persons residing within Accomack and Northampton Counties for procurement, employment and training positions. All projects will be competitively bid, and all job openings will be listed with the Virginia Employment Commission’s local office, 25036 Lankford Highway, Onley, VA. All the above-referenced procurements will be made on a competitive basis. Information received from persons seeking jobs or businesses providing services will be provided to all general contractors as part of the procurement process. The written request should include your name, address, telephone number, and product or service you propose to provide.

Any firm or individual located within the two counties may request to participate in the procurement opportunities associated with the programs by contacting Bobbie Jo Wert at the Eastern Shore of Virginia Housing Alliance, P.O. Box 387, 23372 Front Street, Accomac, VA 23310, by phone at 757-787-2800 ext. 126, by email at bwert@anpdb.org, or by Virginia Relay at 711.
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Comments Sought for Conowingo Watershed Plan

Submitted Article
Every day, approximately 25 billion gallons of freshwater flow from the Susquehanna River into the Chesapeake Bay, passing through the Conowingo Dam along its way. In fact, the Susquehanna alone provides 50% of the bay’s freshwater supply. A reservoir located behind the Conowingo Dam has trapped an average of 3.5 million pounds of phosphorus and 4 billion pounds of sediment every year since the dam opened in 1928. This is approximately a third of the phosphorus and half of the sediment that flows into the Chesapeake Bay annually.

When the bay total maximum daily load, known as a TMDL, was put into place in 2010, it assumed that the reservoir would continue trapping nutrients and sediment as it always had.

In 2015, a U.S. Geological Survey report estimated that the reservoir behind the dam had reached 92% of its capacity to trap nutrients and sediment. A different report by the Lower Susquehanna River Watershed Assessment team confirmed that since the reservoir is essentially full, it is trapping smaller amounts of incoming sediment and sending more and more of it, along with the nutrients that attach to it, over the dam and downstream into the Chesapeake Bay.

While sediment is detrimental enough in reducing water clarity and dissolved oxygen in the bay, it also can carry chemical contaminants such as pesticides and polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs) in addition to nutrients. All these factors harm water quality and the living resources in the bay.

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WIPs are detailed strategies that outline actions to be taken to reduce nitrogen, phosphorus, and sediment pollutants flowing into the Chesapeake Bay. Each watershed jurisdiction has developed its own WIP detailing how it plans to meet its pollutant reduction targets under the Chesapeake Bay TMDL.

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Cape Charles’ Illicit Golf Cart Racers Will Soon Hit a Bump in the Road

A public-private goodwill effort will ensure golf cart drivers can safely access Stone Road businesses

Story and Photo by Jim Ritch

Cape Charles’ least likely race track — a short, narrow, undeveloped, bumpy, dirt path hung over with high weeds and intended for golf carts — will soon receive its own speed bump.

It’s one two approaches — the other being signage — proposed to make the golf path a safe alternative for reaching establishments on Stone Road where speed limits climb above 25 mph, the upper limit under which golf carts can operate on Virginia public roads.

The unusual plan reflects a private-public partnership that makes the path possible and depends on the goodwill of all participants.

That goodwill was endangered recently when two carts raced into the rear of the Cape Charles Museum and Welcome Center, one cart trying to pass the other.

One of the carts nearly hit a parked car and scared a museum volunteer.

The public “seems to be abusing that privilege and racing through that path,” said John Hozey, town manager.

Without the path, which runs along a railroad siding in roughly a straight line from the rear of the museum to the Cape Charles Brewery, the public would be tempted to drive golf carts illegally on Stone Road.

Many have, despite the speed of surrounding cars.

At the museum, the speed limit rises to 35 mph from 25 mph as cars exit Cape Charles and accelerate eastward toward Route 13.

At the brewery, the speed limit rises again to 55 mph from 35 mph.

State law permits golf carts only in areas with speed limits of 25 mph or less.

Development of the path began more than a year ago, when the town’s public works department removed heavy growth along the existing path and beyond, nearly to Rayfield’s Pharmacy on Fig Street, said Hozey.

Later, Chris and Mark Marshall, owners of the Cape Charles Brewery, cut vegetation that had regrown.

They also put up signs along their parking lot and at the museum.

However, the signs lack the visual punch of official signage from the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) and sometimes fail to catch cart drivers’ attention, said John Griffith, president of the Cape Charles Historical Society, which operates the museum.

The town is aware of the requests to improve signage.

“Putting signs up in a VDOT right of way requires approval. So you have to be careful,” said Hozey.

However, the addition of gravel and other improvements to the path are already planned.

“Before the next season, the town will find a way to put some gravel down and improve it,” he said.

There is no set schedule for installation of the speed bump.

The number of businesses helped by the cart path may increase in the coming year.

Construction is underway for a beach gear store that backs up to the path, he said.

Rachel Diamond, manager of the Cape Charles Brewery, stands near the cart path that will soon receive a speed bump.
Parade in Support of President Trump Draws Enthusiastic Supporters

Story and Photos by Carol Vaughn
Scores of decorated vehicles paraded down Route 13 last Saturday in an event held to show support for the election of Donald J. Trump to a second term as president.

Organized by Mapp Cullen and sponsored by the Accomack County Republican Unit, the parade included tractors, pickup trucks, antique vehicles, motorcycles, and a horse in a trailer pulled behind a truck, among other modes of transportation.

Before heading out from the staging area — a packing shed in Tasley — participants listened to speakers and a song, Bryan Lewis’ “I Think My Dog’s a Democrat,” performed by Dan Davis.

Jarome Bell of Virginia Beach, former Republican candidate for Congress who was defeated in the primary by Scott Taylor, was among the speakers.

“Nowadays, it kind of seems like if you show support for the president, it’s a bad thing. It really irritates me that people are that unpatriotic. It’s nice to see that there are other people that think the way that I do,” said Curt Lewis, of Gargatha.

Lewis — who was there with his wife, Sarah, and children Zoe, 6, and Addie Mae, 17 months — drove a pickup truck decorated with signs and two large flags in the parade.

Bell in his speech urged support for Chuck Smith, who has announced he is a Republican candidate for Virginia attorney general in the 2021 election.
Lauren Newmeyer (above) leads her horse, Road Scholar.

From left to right are Mapp Cullen, of Onancock, accompanied by Jarome Bell, Patricia Bell, Frances Lampman, John Denton, and Wayne Bell. Cullen organized the Saturday, Oct. 10 parade from Tasley to Exmore, to support the re-election of President Trump. A parade participant reported 222 vehicles were part of the celebration. Photos by Stefanie Jackson.

Above are George and Christy Applegate, of Onancock, and dog, Joey.

At left are Mark and Cara Mason and dog, Minnie.

Parade participants include Rich and Kim Ruge, their son, Kevin Ruge, and dog, Denim, all of Onancock; and Kevin Newmeyer, of New Jersey.
Community Notes

Clam Fritter/Pork Fundraiser on Saxis

Saxis Vol. Fire Co. will be serving clam fritter or pulled pork dinners Friday, Oct. 16, from 6 to 8 p.m., at the firehouse. The money raised will go to Bradley Taylor, a local waterman injured on the job who will be out of work for at least three months. Dinners are $10 each and include either clam fritters or pulled pork, coleslaw, and baked beans. To call ahead for orders or for more information, call 757-854-1545 or 757-894-5751.

Fish Migration Talk

There will be a talk given on fish migration by Richard Snyder, Ph.D., of the Virginia Institute of Marine Science (VIMS) Monday, Oct. 26, at 5:30 p.m., at pavilion #2 at Kiptopeke State Park. This is an outdoor event. Social distancing will be observed and unless attendants are six feet from a nonhousehold member a mask will be required. Attendees are asked to bring their own chairs.

This event is sponsored by Friends of Kiptopeke State Park. All are welcome. Contact Tim Russell at 804-513-5162 with any questions.

Oyster Fritters on Chincoteague

Chincoteague Vol. Fire Co. is hosting a drive-thru fritter night Friday, Oct. 30, from 4 to 7 p.m., at 5052 Deep Hole Road. Oyster fritters and chips are $10.

NMS/NHS Project

There will be a public meeting on the Northampton Middle School/Northampton High School Project Tuesday, Oct. 20, from 7 to 8:30 p.m., at the NHS auditorium. There will also be a virtual/live stream option. To join, go to Google Meet: https://meet.google.com/whv-iztw-vcq with Stacia at 757-787-3400.

Virginia State Parks Offer Free Geo-Referenced Maps

A new navigational resource for all Virginia State Parks is now available for free through Avenza Maps.

Avenza is a mobile application that utilizes the internal GPS unit of a mobile phone to geo-reference the device’s location on a downloadable PDF map. As a user travels through the park, their location, indicated as a blue dot, moves in real time on the map.

Mobile devices’ built-in GPS units work even when wireless service is not available. As long as a user’s device maintains battery power, they’ll be able to see their position on the map.

Other facets of park operations, like trail maintenance and visitor safety, will also benefit from the adoption of the software. Trail users can drop a pin if they encounter downed trees or trail obstacles, and provide exact latitude and longitude coordinates in the event of an on-trail emergency.

Hiking is reported as the number one healthy activity, according to Virginia State Parks’ 2019 Your Comments Count survey, nearly 60% of respondents said they hiked during their visit.

The software is intuitive and user-friendly; brief tutorial videos on how to use the application and maps are available through Avenza.

Once the mobile application is installed, users can browse Virginia State Parks Trail Maps and download PDF maps of their favorite parks, or they can visit the Avenza store and search for “Virginia State Parks.”

It’s recommended users download the maps at home before visiting the park, but maps can be downloaded anywhere mobile data is available.

Three tiers of the application are available to both Apple and Android users. A free account allows users to download and store an unlimited number of maps from the Avenza store (including all Virginia State Parks maps), while plus and pro accounts incur annual fees, allow unlimited storage of other uploaded maps, and offer more advanced navigational tools.

For more information, visit www.virginiastateparks.gov/park-trail-maps

E.S. Cruisers Car Club

3rd Annual Axing Out Cancer

Car, Tractor, Trunk and Corvette Show

To Benefit Riverside Cancer Center

October 24, 2020 - Rain Date: November 1, 2020

To be held just north of Onley, Va., at Sandpiper Marine on Rt. 13. Approximately 60 miles south of Salisbury, Md., and 60 miles north of Chesapeake Bay Bridge.

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Fee is $15 per vehicle and Club members $10
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New class this year: Kids’ Battery Operated Cars

For more information call 757-710-5185

Volunteers Needed for Wellness Connections

Riverside Shore Memorial Hospital is linking Shore residents with local, expert health tips and advice that can improve the quality of life for our entire Shore community via the Wellness Connections program. Wellness Connectors are volunteers who will share wellness information within their circle of influence in whatever format works: meetings, shared emails, organizational newsletters, faith-organization bulletins, etc.; participate in Riverside-led health education and activities and encourage their circle of influence to participate as well; encourage informal activities to promote a healthy lifestyle: walking club, sharing healthy recipes, etc. (the activities can be tailored to suit the preferences of each group); and advise Riverside on topics of interest.

For more information, contact Riverside’s Community Relations Director at 757-302-2140 or email sally.schreiber@rivhs.com.
DAR Day of Service Participants

During the month of October, Daughters of the American Revolution members across the country participate in the National DAR Day of Service. On Saturday, Oct. 10, members of the ESVA Chapter NSDAR met at Scott Hall Cemetery in Onancock to help clean up the burial site of two Revolutionary War patriots, Commodore Zedekiah Whaley and Col. George Corbin. The members, along with their guests, raked, mowed, planted mums, and cleaned the headstones of the two patriots and other headstones in the cemetery. Fitz Godwin, a member of the Eastern Shore of Virginia Historical Society, gave an informal talk on the cemetery and those buried there. American flags were placed at the graves to honor the two patriots for their service in the fight for our country's independence. The chapter also presented Godwin with a check to help in the refurbishing project of the iron fence that surrounds the cemetery. Anyone else interested in contributing to this project can contact Godwin or the ESVA Historical Society.

Design A Mask 4Kids Contest Winners

The Accomack Parks and Recreation Design A Mask 4Kids winner has been announced. The winning design has been sent to the printers and the masks should be back by the end of October. The judges submitted the following:

Winner: King Fosque, 7, Kegotank Elementary
Runner-Up: James Ross, 6, Chincoteague Elementary
Runner-Up: Johmeir Strand, 6, Pungoteague Elementary
Honorable Mention: Jewel Giddens, 6, Pungoteague Elementary

Marriages Licenses Issued

• Kendal Page Scott, 26, and Jordan Anthony Bruno, 26, both of Great Mills, Md.

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To Accomack County Residents:

Have you heard? There is a Virginia COVID-19 Energy Assistance Program! This program is for people who do not qualify for the traditional programs (Fuel, Crisis, and Cooling). Applications are accepted through November 20, 2020, but are NOT accepted at Accomack DSS. Please visit dss.virginia.gov/benefit/ea or call 1-833-829-2767. Income guidelines:

- A household’s monthly gross income must be less than the maximum allowed for the number of people in the home:

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On Sept. 8, 2020, we began 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 business hours. After hours you may call the Sheriff’s department, or the State Hotline: (800) 552-7096. Call or email your worker or call the main number: 757-787-1530, if you have any questions.

Please continue to 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 ask screening questions, even in emergency cases, before a face to face will be granted.

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 applications 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.

Happy Birthday Colton,
Our Little Angel in Heaven
10-19-14–10-26-19

If tears and memories could build a stairway to Heaven, I would walk right up there and bring you home again. We love and miss you so much.

Love,
Dad, PopPop, & BooBoo

Accomack County Department of Social Services’ Toy Closet

By appointment only!

Applications will be available October 26, 2020, at Accomack County DSS, 22554 Center Parkway, Accomac, VA (outside by the front entrance)

Return applications no later than November 16, 2020, in the blue drop off box located in front of the building.

There will be no walk-ins this year!
Applicants must be receiving benefits from the agency.

Wishing the Best Mom That Ever Was
A Happy 65th Birthday
Debbie Rouse
10/17/1955

On 10-18-14, at 1:15 p.m., our lives changed forever when we met the most beautiful baby girl ever!! Kaelyn Ann, it’s so hard to believe that you would be 6 already!! We know you’re up there smiling down on us keeping us safe. We hope you enjoy your big day!! Happy birthday, Pumpkin. We love and miss you so much, beautiful!!

Love Always,
Mommy, Daddy, and Karter
Accomack County Sheriff’s Office is accepting applications for the following position: Full-Time Correctional Officer. Applications may be obtained from the Accomack County Sheriff’s Office or online at accomackcountysheriffsoffice.org. Applications must be returned to this office by Monday, November 2, 2020, at 4:00 pm. Accomack County Sheriff’s Office is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

Office Coordinator
Northampton County is accepting applications for a full-time Office Coordinator in the Planning, Permitting and Enforcement Department.

The essential function of the position is to assist the Director of Planning, Permitting and Enforcement with the timely execution of legally mandated duties. The position is responsible for coordinating administrative support for the enforcement of County Codes relevant to the Department and issuing permits. This includes preparing agendas, public notices required by law and production of minutes for groups including but not limited to Planning Commission, Board of Zoning Appeals, Wetlands Board, and the Agricultural Forestal Committee.

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

Pay scale for this position is $30,691 to $49,627.

Please refer to Northampton County’s website for further job descriptions, requirements and county’s application form: https://www.co.northampton.va.us/government/jobs_opportunities/job_openings. Please submit completed County application form with cover letter to Human Resources, P.O. Box 66, Eastville, VA 23447 by November 6, 2020. Northampton County is an EOE.

Health Educator (BCCEDP Coordinator)

The Eastern Shore Health District has an opening for a Health Educator/BCCEDP Coordinator to support the Breast and Cervical Cancer Early Detection Program (BCCEDP). For detailed job information or to apply visit: http://jobs.virginia.gov/. Virginia Department of Health (VDH) accepts only online applications; apply by October 20, 2020. EEO.
Help Wanted (Cont’d)

Virginia Department of Social Services
Family Services Supervisor
(Northampton County – Eastern Shore)
Position Number: L00002
Hiring Range: $37,993.00 may be higher based upon qualifications
Location: Eastville, VA 23347
Application Deadline: October 23, 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

Commonwealth Senior Living
We are currently hiring for the following positions:
• Part-Time & Full-Time Cook - 15 hours a week
Please apply online at: https://www.commonwealthsl.com/careers/ or call 757-787-4343.

Northampton County Public Schools Vacancies – Immediate Openings 2020-2021
• Art Teacher-Elementary
• Behavioral Support Aide
• Bus Monitor
• Bus Drivers (paid CDL training will be provided)
• Cafeteria Workers
• Custodians
• Family & Consumer Science Teacher
• Guidance Counselor-Secondary
• Hybrid Position: Custodian/Bus Driver
• Math & Reading Tutors
• Part-Time Secondary School Secretary
• School Psychologist
• Secondary Mathematics Teacher
• Special Education Teacher
• Substitutes-Teachers, Custodians, Cafeteria Workers, Nurses, etc.
• Technology Lab Assistant
• Xtreme Reading Teacher

For job descriptions, qualifications, salaries, and to apply go to www.ncpsk12.com

Inquiries may be directed to:
Melinda Phillips - Director of Administrative Services
(757) 678-5151 ext. 2013 or mphillips@ncpsk12.com

Northampton County Public Schools does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, disability, or age in its programs and activities.

Eastern Shore Dentistry is looking for a front desk clerk as well as a dental assistant. This position does not require experience the right candidates will be offered on the job training. The positions will be part time and may become full time.
Please email resumes to easternshoredentistry@gmail.com or call 757-665-7729 to set up a time to bring in the resume and cover letter.
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POSITION VACANCY
The County of Northampton is accepting part time employment applications for:

Maintenance Worker I

The Public Works Department is looking to fill a part time Maintenance Worker I position. The essential function of this position is to maintain the county grounds, including lawn mowing and litter control, and perform minor maintenance and repair work to county facilities. Starting pay rate for this position is $11.69/hr with average year-round hours of up to 25 hrs/week. Requires valid Virginia driver’s license.

Job descriptions and applications are available online at www.co.northampton.va.us or at Northampton County Human Resources, 16404 Courthouse Road, P.O. Box 66, Eastville, Virginia 23347 (phone: 757/678-0440 x 551). Accepting applications until October 30, 2020.

JOB SUMMARY
Maintains County grounds, buildings and equipment. The position is responsible for assigned tasks. The position works under general supervision according to some procedures; decides how and when to complete tasks.

ESSENTIAL JOB FUNCTIONS:
Maintains grounds and/or parks, including mowing/trimming/edging, weeding, planting trees, shrubs, and plants, removing trees, watering flower baskets and planters, mulching, and picking up trash and debris.
Maintains equipment of responsibility; assists with maintenance of inventory of supplies.
Operates a variety of powered and hand operated machinery and equipment to facilitate maintenance of County grounds.
Installs, replaces, and straightens street signs.
Performs basic building maintenance work, such as painting, scraping and cleaning.
Performs general unskilled labor work. Assists Maintenance I & III as needed.
Performs other duties as assigned.

If you value People, Diversity, and Inclusion, we’d like to hear from you!

Eastern Shore Community College Has the Following Staff Positions Available:
(currently or forthcoming)
Student Services Assistant (full-time)
College Success Coaches (full-time)
One Door Program Lead (full-time)
Buildings and Grounds (part-time)
Security (part-time)
Registrar (full-time)
Library Specialist (full-time)
Library Specialist (part-time)
Workforce Receptionist (part-time)

Part-time Instructor Positions:
Drafting/Computer Aided Drafting
Mathematics
Physics, Medical Assistant
Biology
Chemistry
Electrical Technology
Information Technology
Mechanical Engineering
Industrial Technology
NCCER Core Curriculum
NCCER Electrical

For more information on each of these vacancies please visit our website at www.es.vccs.edu for additional information. ESCC is an EEO/AA and E-verify employer.

Northampton County Parks & Recreation Assistant Director
Northampton County is accepting applications for a full-time Assistant Director in the Parks & Recreation Department.

Job Duties: Plan, develop, organize and direct under the direction of the Parks and Recreation Director. Responsible for assisting in supervising staff, managing recreational activities and events, managing equipment and Parks facilities, and documenting and reporting on programs and events to the Director. Makes sure that programs follow organizational policies set in place by the Director.

Minimum Requirements: Requires Associate’s degree in recreation administration, public administration, business management, or a closely related field; Requires continuous, close attention for accurate results and frequent exposure to unusual pressure; Requires five (5) years of related experience.

Salary Range: $28,954 to $46,818

Please see Northampton County’s website (https://www.co.northampton.va.us/government/jobs_opportunities/job_openings) for detailed job description and application form. Submit with letters of references to Human Resources, P.O. Box 66, Eastville, VA 23347 by November 20, 2020. Northampton County is an EOE.
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- Vehicles - Motorcycles & ATVs & Scooters
- 2010 ULTRA CLASSIC FULL DRESSER - $8,500. 757-787-2190.
- 2008 HONDA SILVER-WING SCOOTER 600cc - Tour pack, adj. back rest, garage kept, tall windshield, like new, current maint., 43k mi. $3,000. 757-710-4835.
- ’04 Harley Fat Boy Ape-hangers, Triple Exhaust, 6,773 mi. $9,500. Call 757-709-9112 or 709-4963.

- Estate & Multi-Family Yard Sale
- ESTATE TAG SALE - 33 KERR STREET Oct. 17, 8:00 AM-2:00 PM. Tables, chairs, dresser, beds, old prints, cut glass and some junk! Rain date the 24th.
- YARD SALE 3141 NOCKS LANDING RD EASTERN SHORE Antiques, furniture, household, glassware & yard items. Oct. 16 1:00-5:00pm, Oct. 17 7:00am-4:00pm Rain date Oct 23 & 24.
LEGAL NOTICE REGARDING DANGEROUS STRUCTURES
PURSUANT TO COUNTY CODE SECTION 94.03, Northampton County has determined that the following structures endanger the public health and safety or other residents of the locality and that said structures must be removed, repaired of secured within thirty days of this publication.

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If the owner(s) of the above referenced parcels fail to remove, repair or secure the structure within 30 days of this publication, the County will remove the structure and the cost of the removal shall be chargeable to the owner(s) of the structure and shall be collected as taxes are collected. Inquires may be directed to Tom Rippon at twrippon@co.northampton.va.us or 757-678-0440 Ext. 526.

Pursuant to Section 6 of the Accomack County Wetlands Zoning Ordinance, you are hereby notified of a Public Hearing that will be held in the Accomack County Administration Building Board Chambers, Room #104, 23292 Courthouse Avenue, Accomac, Virginia at 10 a.m., Thursday, October 29, 2020, on the wetlands application of:

Deborah Lalar – VMRC# 2020-1183

This application is for the following described project:

The portion of the project, which is in the Wetlands Board's jurisdiction, is the proposed protection of a living shoreline for erosion protection, located in Onancock, VA 23417, tax map# 84-11-B.

Inlet View Holdings, LLC – VMRC# 2020-1628

This application is for the following described project:

The portion of the project, which is in the Wetlands Board's jurisdiction, is the proposed construction of a living shoreline for erosion protection, located on Chincoteague Island, Va 23336, tax map#(s) 45-A-2, 45-A-3, and 45-A-9.

Scott Harvard – VMRC# 2020-1703

This application is for the following described project:

The portion of the project, which is in the Wetlands Board's jurisdiction, is the proposed installation of 220 linear feet of rip rap revetment, located in Onancock, VA 23417, tax map# 92-7-2.

All interested parties will be afforded the opportunity to be heard or to present written statements. Applications are on file and may be examined in the Office of Environmental Programs in Accomack, Virginia. Handicapped assistance is available. Please call (757) 787-5728.

PUBLIC NOTICE
The Northampton County Planning Commission will meet on Wednesday, November 4, 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 applications to forward recommendations to the Board of Supervisors.

Minor SUP 2020-07: Mark Marshall is applying for a minor special use permit to construct an accessory dwelling on his property located on Nottingham Ridge Lane. The property is zoned as A/RB (Agriculture/Rural Business) and is further described as Tax Map 104-06-3A.

SubdT A 2020-01: The Northampton County Board of Supervisors has applied to make amendments to the Northampton County Subdivision Ordinance. These amendments include adding references and requirements from Virginia State Code Section 15.2-2241 to Northampton County Subdivision Ordinance Sections 156.008, 156.022, 156.023, and 156.082. The amendment also includes adding references and requirements from VA Code Section 15.2-2241.1 to Subdivision Ordinance Section 156.121 and creating Subdivision Ordinance Sections 156.124, 156.125, and 156.126 as authorized by VA Code Section 15.2-2242. Finally, the amendment also includes creating Subdivision Ordinance Section 156.127 as authorized by VA State Code Sections 15.2-2251, 15.2-2252, and 15.2-2253.

The Northampton County Subdivision Ordinance section titles are as follows:
1. 156.008 Flood Control, Floodplain, and Subdivision Suitability
2. 156.022 Fees
3. 156.023 Enforcement and Penalties
4. 156.082 Easements for Cable Television and Public Service Corporations
5. 156.121 Surety in lieu of Completion of On-site Improvements
6. 156.124 Exception to Strict Adherence
7. 156.125 Reasonable Provisions for the Voluntary Funding of Off-site Road Improvements and Reimbursements of Advances by the Governing Body
8. 156.126 Disclosure and Remediation of Contamination and Other Adverse Environmental Conditions of the Property Prior to Approval of Subdivision and Development Plans
9. 156.127 Preparation and Filing of Subdivision Ordinances; Amendments Thereto

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, November 10, 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.

ATTORNEYS:
Legal ads are now searchable on the statewide database!!

CAPE CHARLES DISTILLERY, LLC, Trading as Cape Charles Distillery, 7428 Lankford Hwy., Nassawadox, Northampton County, Virginia 23413

The above establishment is applying to the VIRGINIA ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTROL (ABC) AUTHORITY for a Distillery license to sell or manufacture alcoholic beverages.

William F. Duncan, Jr., Sole Member

NOTE: Objections to the issuance of this license must be submitted to ABC no later than 30 days from the publishing date of the first of two required newspaper legal notices. Objections should be registered at www.abc.virginia.gov or 800-552-3200.

Minority & Female-owned Business
Indoor Plumbing Rehabilitation-FLEX Program
The Eastern Shore of Virginia Housing Alliance is preparing to implement a housing improvement program within Accomack and Northampton Counties, the Indoor Plumbing Rehabilitation-FLEX Program, which will use federal HOME Funds. This program will result in procurement opportunities from contractors licensed in building, remodeling, demolition, and well and septic installation, as well as businesses that provide building materials such as paint, floor coverings, roofing, siding, windows, doors, and cabinets.

In carrying out this program, the above agency is soliciting the participation of minority and female-owned businesses, contractors, and suppliers. Businesses may be included on appropriate bid and procurement lists by submitting a written request within ten days of this notice. All procurements will be made on a competitive basis. Requests should include the name, product, or service provided, and how the firm qualifies as a minority or female-owned business, and forwarded to Bobbie Joy Wert at the Eastern Shore of Virginia Housing Alliance, P.O. Box 387, 23372 Front Street, Accomac, VA 23301, by email at bwert@as-ndc.org, by phone at 757-787-2800 Ext: 126, by fax at 757-787-7221, or by Virginia Relay @ 711.

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VIRGINIA: IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE COUNTY OF NORTHAMPTON

THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF NORTHAMPTON COUNTY, VIRGINIA

Plaintiff

CIVIL CASE NO. CL19000075

vs.

TORREAN VITONIA WASHINGTON, et als., etc.

Defendants

ORDER OF PUBLICATION

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


And an affidavit having been filed that due diligence has been used to ascertain the names and location of all of the heirs, devisees and successors in title of Barbara Louise Hill Victory, Evelyn Lee Hill Watts, and Vivian Elise Hill; that Richard Hill is a non-resident of Virginia, whose last known post office address is 820 Theriot Avenue #14D, Bronx, NY 10473; that Kenneth Lee Hill is a non-resident of Virginia, whose last known post office address is 1251 Webster Avenue, Apartment C2, Bronx, NY 10436; that Wilson H. Tolbert is a non-resident of Virginia, whose last known post office address is 201 Eastern Parkway, Newark, NJ 07106; that due diligence has been used to ascertain the locations of David Nathaniel Watts, Isaiah Woodard, Barry Jackson, Delores Harvin, and Hyronda Strickland, whose last known post office addresses are unknown; 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 Barbara Louise Hill Victory, Evelyn Lee Hill Watts, and Vivian Elise Hill.

It is ORDERED that this Order be published once a week for two successive weeks in the Eastern Shore Post.

ENTER: This 9th day of October, 2020

Traci L. Johnson, 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

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VIRGINIA: IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE COUNTY OF NORTHAMPTON

THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF NORTHAMPTON COUNTY, VIRGINIA

Plaintiff

CIVIL CASE NO. CL20000149-00

vs.

VIVI ULYSSES AVGEROS

Defendant

ORDER OF PUBLICATION

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

All that parcel of land in Northampton County, Virginia, designated as Tax Map No. 0009B-02-5BLK-0000006, standing in the name of Vivi Ulysses Avgeros, pursuant to Section 58.1-3965 et seq. of the Code of Virginia.

And an affidavit having been filed that due diligence has been used to ascertain the location of Vivi Ulysses Avgeros, whose last known post office address is 7937 Trumpetvine Lane, Mechanicsville, VA 23111.

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 Friday, November 13, 2020, at 9:30 a.m. in the Clerk's Office of the Circuit Court for the County of Northampton, Virginia, and do what may be necessary to protect their interests in this suit.

ENTER: This 9th day of October, 2020

Traci L. Johnson, 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

PUBLIC HEARING

TOWN COUNCIL

TOWN OF ONANCOCK, VA

OCTOBER 26, 2020

The Town Council for the Town of Onancock, VA, will conduct a public hearing on Monday, October 26, 2020 at 7:00 p.m., to consider the following Town Code:

Town Code Section 2-29: Remote Participation

Allows Town Council members to remotely participate in Council meetings on a limited basis

Town Code Section 12-1: Declaration of a State of Emergency

Allows the Town to independently declare and manage a state of emergency

This does not supersede the County in any way

Authorization to sell real property identified as tax map ID 85A-2-A-158. This property is located on the east side of Justis Street, immediately south of numbers 5 and 7.

Copies of current Town Code are available at the Town Hall or via email upon request to Mr. Matthew Spuck at Matt.Spuck@Onancock.com.

To stream the Public Hearing live please visit www.onancock.com and select the YouTube icon at the bottom of the homepage. This is a non-interactive, view-only streaming of the regularly scheduled Town Council of the Town of Onancock.

Questions or comments can be submitted to Matt Spuck at the above referenced email address prior to the meeting to be read on the record.

Public Notice

The Northampton County Board of Zoning Appeals will meet on Tuesday, November 10, 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 2020-06: Douglas and Deborah Hoopes have applied for a variance of 18 feet from the 50 feet right side setback for a total side yard setback of 32 feet. The property is located at Lot J Cobb's Station Road and Zoned as ES/R-A1 (Existing Subdivision/Agriculture-1) and contains approximately 21,270 square feet of land. The property is further described as Tax map 77-16-6.

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.
Sailor says, “Stop by and get some fresh eggs and local honey at Eastern Shore Pets.”
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EASTERN SHORE SEAFOOD now has Fresh Chesapeake Bay crabmeat available daily. Message or call at 757-710-4274.

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PUBLIC NOTICE: PPEA UNSOLICITED PROPOSAL

General Notice:
On October 9, 2020, the Town of Cape Charles accepted for consideration an unsolicited conceptual proposal from AQUA Virginia, Inc. to acquire and operate the Town’s water and wastewater assets. This proposal was offered in compliance with the Virginia Public-Private Education Facilities and Infrastructure Act (PPEA) and locally adopted PPEA guidelines.

The Town of Cape Charles will begin evaluation of this proposal to determine if it is in the best interest of the Town to advance the concept to the detailed phase of the PPEA. The Town also encourages additional unsolicited proposals to acquire and operate these assets. All such competing proposals must conform to the PPEA, the Town’s PPEA Guidelines, and be received in the office of the Town Manager no later than 4:30 p.m. on November 30, 2020.

The Town reserves the right to negotiate an interim and/or comprehensive agreement with this or another proposer responding to this notice, as outlined in the Town’s PPEA Guidelines (available for viewing at www.capeccharles.org, on the Treasurer’s page). Should this concept be advanced, a full public process will follow.

John Hozey
Town Manager

NOTICE OF OYSTER PLANTING GROUND APPLICATION

Barry Frishman, (2020022) has applied for approximately 25 acres of oyster planting ground in Chincoteague Channel situated in Accomack City/County. The application is located at Lat/Long: N37-54.6360 / W75-24.3784

To view a map of the application, use this web link to search the application by number (2020022): https://webapps.mrc.virginia.gov/public/oystergrounds/search_applications.php or contact the VMRC Engineering/Surveying Department at 757-247-2230.

Send written comments or concerns to:
Marine Resources Commission, Engineering/Surveying Department, 380 Fenwick Road, Fort Monroe, VA 23651-1064

PUBLIC NOTICE:
The Cheriton Town Council will hold a public hearing on October 28, 2020, at 7 p.m., to consider the adoption of an Ordinance Entitled “AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND AN ORDINANCE ENTITLED, AN ORDINANCE CREATING THE JOINT INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY OF NORTHAMPTON COUNTY AND TOWNS.”
The meeting will be held in council chambers located at 21314 South Bayside Road, Cheriton, Virginia. Anyone interested should be in attendance. Email correspondence or concerns may be sent to townofcheriton@aol.com by 5 p.m., on Tuesday, October 27th.

TRUSTEE’S SALE
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Pursuant to the terms of a deed of trust dated July 24, 1998, in the original principal amount of $54,945.00, recorded in the Clerk’s Office of the Circuit Court of Accomack County, Virginia, in Deed Book 772, Page 570, the property briefly described below will be offered for sale at public auction:

Lots 23 & 24, situated on the corner of Caroline and Church Streets, as shown on a plat recorded in the aforesaid Clerk’s Office in Plat Book 3, Page 64, and as more particularly described in the referenced deed of trust.

The sale will take place on OCTOBER 29, 2020, AT 9:30 A.M., at the front of the building housing the Circuit Court of Accomack County, located at 23312 Courthouse Avenue, Accomac, VA.

The property and the improvements thereon will be sold “AS IS” and without representation or warranties of any kind. The sale is subject to all liens, encumbrances, conditions, easements and restrictions, if any, superior to the mentioned deed of trust and lawfully affecting the property.

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Hunters and Anglers Know It’s About Protecting the Resource

By Matt Strickler

Fall is an amazing time to be outdoors in the Commonwealth of Virginia, particularly for those of us who hunt or fish. Many of us will be out in the woods or on the water as much as possible, but we cannot afford to forget about how important the 2020 election is to the things we love to do.

While it is true that we call our pursuits hunting and fishing, not catching and killing, hunters and anglers can all agree that doing either is a lot less enjoyable when the chances for encounters with our targets are slim. We have become pretty good at improving our odds with new techniques and technology, but if the game and fish simply aren’t around, even the best prepared and equipped among us getting skunked.

The guns, gear, boats, and bows that make what we do more fun – and support more than a million jobs while generating tens of billions of dollars in economic activity – don’t matter if we don’t protect the resource. Without early success, beginners are less likely to stick with it, meaning they won’t make these purchases, and won’t help generate the tax revenue that funds fish and wildlife conservation.

That’s why it is so important to be proactive about protecting and restoring fish and wildlife populations and their habitat. If we aren’t vigilant, we could lose everything. Hunters and anglers know what’s at stake, and they value, whether consciously or unconsciously, conservation laws and policies that protect the resource.

We support the Clean Water Act because it stems the loss of wetlands used by waterfowl, and the degradation of trout streams. We support the National Environmental Policy Act because it prevents our favorite spots from being clearcut, paved, or polluted without public input. We support the Endangered Species Act because we know that nongame species and the habitat they need to survive also benefit game species. And we support the Migratory Bird Treaty Act because it prevents the excesses and neglect that drove bird populations to the brink of extinction a century ago.

Unfortunately, the things we care about as outdoor lovers have been on the chopping block in Washington over the past four years. The Trump administration has actively and intentionally undermined each of these bedrock conservation laws, proposed to eliminate or nearly eliminate funding for restoration of the Chesapeake Bay, the Great Lakes, and the Everglades, and moved to expand oil and gas drilling in our national forests and off our coasts.

All of this is bad news for hunters and anglers. When combined with a refusal to address climate change, the greatest threat to fish and wildlife in our country and around the world, it is clear that our resources and the people who depend on them can’t take four more years of empty promises, divisive rhetoric, and bad public policy.

Our natural heritage and sporting traditions are on the line and on the ballot this fall, and we need a different vision to protect them: one based on American values like conservation, stewardship, and respect for science. Joe Biden shares these values, and understands that restoring and maintaining the landscapes and waterways that give our country and our commonwealth their beauty and bounty will increase opportunities for hunting, fishing, and all outdoor recreation. Hunters and anglers know this, too, and we know the time to stand up for what we value is now.

The author is a lifelong Virginian and an avid angler who lives in Northampton County.

Sales Tax Referendum Is a Chance To Show Youth They Matter

By William P. O’Hare

A few years ago, I wrote a report for the yearly KIDS COUNT on the Eastern Shore Forum in which I compared the well-being of children in Northampton County to the well-being of children in other counties and independent cities in Virginia. The comparison was based on an index including things like the child poverty rate, the infant mortality rate, high school graduation rates, and test scores.

When the index for Northampton County was compared to a similar index for all the other counties in Virginia, Northampton was near the bottom of the ranking. Of the 133 counties and independent cities in Virginia, Northampton County ranked 125.

I raise this study now, because there is an issue on the ballot in November that can help us address this situation.

The item on the ballot would increase county sales tax by 1% for all items except food, medicine, automobiles, and farm equipment. This will generate about $1.4 million dollars a year that would help us pay off the money borrowed to renovate and expand the high school and middle school. The money raised by this tax will be dedicated solely for school construction and renovation in the county. The tax will expire after 20 years. The idea has bipartisan support. State Sen. Lynwood Lewis and state Del. Rob Bloxom both support this effort.

This ballot issue has an important substantive side, but it also has an important symbolic side. From a pragmatic perspective, one of the most important things about this way of paying for the school renovation is that an estimated 45% of the taxes paid will come from people visiting or traveling through Northampton County rather than the taxpayers who live here. The alternative way to pay for the construction is to increase our property taxes by approximately 7.4 cents per $100 of assessed value.

But this ballot is also symbolic. A yes vote indicates support for the children and youth in Northampton County. It says we care about our children and we strive to improve their lives and the trajectory into adulthood. A yes vote indicates we want to make sure children in Northampton County have a chance for a 21st century education. It sounds trite, but children are the future. The future of Northampton County depends a lot on how today’s children turn into good workers, responsible family members, and engaged citizens.

William P. O’Hare, Ph.D., is president of O’Hare Data and Demographic Services LLC and a resident of Cape Charles.
Post Office Mail

Scott Taylor Has Forgotten Navy Ethics

Dear Editor:

Scott Taylor’s campaign staff attempted to rig the election in 2017 by getting folks to sign forms so that Shaun Brown would be included in the election. He hoped that this would take votes away from Congresswoman Elaine Luria. Scott says that he knew about the effort; however, he did not know about the illegal forgeries made by his campaign staff. The prosecutor traced the activity to discussions in Scott Taylor’s office in Washington.

So far there have been three indictments of his staff members, two convictions, and one trial to be held in the future. The prosecutor has said that he expects at least one more indictment. In spite of what Scott Taylor has said, that he has been cleared by the prosecutor, he and the rest of the campaign staff remain under investigation. These are the words of the prosecutor.

Recently Scott Taylor threatened to sue Congresswoman Elaine Luria for uttering false accusations against him. This is beyond bizarre. If merely reporting the public information received by the entire community is libel or slander, then Scott Taylor should provide us with the legal opinion supporting his charges. We all know that if you are willing to pay the fee, you can get a lawyer somewhere to support your charges.

What we do know is Scott Taylor has forgotten the ethical principles that the Navy requires from their folks. You are responsible for the behavior of the folks that you lead in war and peace. You are responsible for knowing what your folks are doing and not doing. Organizations, companies, churches, platoons, ships, etc. tend to take on the personality and characteristics of the people who lead them. It appears that this is what happened to his campaign staff.

If I were the parent of one of these young folks who were led into criminal activity, I would want Scott Taylor to pay a price. Scott Taylor’s behavior is beyond disgusting.

He should not be our congressman.

Michael H. Lewis, Onancock

Voting Reminder Doesn’t Suggest Second Chance to Vote

Dear Editor:

The Democratic Party of Virginia has sent out reminders to voters who have requested an absentee ballot, but may not have sent it in yet. We’re all busy and may have forgotten to exercise our constitutional right to vote. This is a courteous reminder. Of course, there’s no intent to suggest anyone can vote twice, as we know that’s not possible because the system would kick back duplicates. I don’t believe the mailer even suggested second voting.

I’m glad the Registrar is doing her job in explaining to voters that the mailer is only a reminder and if they have submitted their absentee ballot already, they don’t need to do a thing. If the voter hasn’t mailed it yet, the voter may bring it to the Registrar’s Office, turn it in and vote with a regular ballot. Or they may mail the ballot and be thankful for the reminder. If the mail-in ballot is lost, the voter can still vote in-person at the Registrar’s Office through Saturday, October 31st, or go to the polls November 3rd and vote a provisional ballot.

Isn’t Virginia marvelous for supporting our voter rights in so many ways?

Margaret Hampton, Onancock

Affordable Housing Includes Utility Costs

Dear Editor:

I was glad to see the article, “Eastern Shore Gets New Perspective on Affordable Housing,” in the Oct. 9 issue. I’ve been lobbying for years to encourage Habitat for Humanity and other local organizations to make energy efficiency a priority in the houses they build. As the article rightly points out, low-income owners and renters are those who can least afford high energy bills, and by incorporating efficiency into the building up front, the overall monthly costs are actually lower. And it doesn’t have to be big-ticket items – just switching from 4-inch to 6-inch walls, adding extra insulation in the attic and floor, and using Energy Star appliances can make a big difference.

Making housing affordable isn’t just about the cost when you hand the keys over – it’s the total cost that matters.

Sue Mastyl, Harborton

Firing the President

Dear Editor:

To Mr. Trump — You have been an “apprentice” to us (U.S.) for almost four years, and guess what? YOU’RE FIRED!

Sandra Beerends, Franktown

How Does Registrar Ensure There’s No Double Voting?

Dear Editor:

In the procedure described for allowing a person to vote early after that person has requested and received an absentee ballot, there appears to be no procedure for verifying that the person is not voting both ways — by absentee ballot and in person. Yes, the person has to sign that they lost or did not receive the absentee ballot before they can early vote; but does the Electoral Board have a way to know that the mailed absentee ballot is not also being voted? There may be a procedure, but it is not explained in the article.

Charles T. Spangler, Painter

NEXT FRIDAY, OCT. 23, is the last edition for election endorsements. However, candidates for office or their campaigns may submit a letter to the editor for the Oct. 30 edition. Candidates are given the last word so they can respond to anything that arises in previously submitted letters.

Letters to the Editor may be sent by fax, email (editor@easternshorepost.com), or U.S. mail using the addresses below. All letters must include the writer’s name, phone number or email address, and town of residence for verification. Letters that have not been submitted to, posted to, or published by any other media and that address articles published in the Post have the best chance of publication. So that more readers have an opportunity to have their letters printed, keep letters to fewer than 350 words. The Eastern Shore Post retains the right to edit any letter. We reserve the right to reject letters that exceed 350 words, are vulgar, or otherwise unfit for print.