Exmore Approves Grant Offer That Would Complete Sewer Project Funding

By Stefanie Jackson

Exmore received an offer from the U.S. Department of Agriculture Rural Development on Dec. 16 for a $6.3 million grant and $3.2 million loan that, if combined with other grant and loan offers the town has received, would fully fund its approximately $15.5 million sewer project.

The Exmore Town Council unanimously approved a resolution Monday night on the USDA funding to approve the offer — essentially reserving the funds for Exmore if it decides to accept them in the near future.

Following the unanimous vote, Councilman G.W. Adkins thanked Town Manager Robert Duer for his work on the project. “I want to thank you for you and your staff, this handling all this money, and getting these grants, and your diligence in doing that,” he said.

Exmore also has received an offer from the Virginia Department of Environmental Quality for a $1.8 million grant and $4.2 million loan that would fill in the sewer project’s funding gap. Duer’s work on the sewer project is not yet complete, however, as Exmore's loan offers total $7.4 million and the town cannot afford to borrow more than $5 million.

But the USDA offer puts Exmore “a lot closer” to its funding goal, Duer said.

The town has $2 million in cash it can contribute to the cost of the sewer project, but Duer is optimistic that Exmore may acquire additional grant funding and save at least some of its cash.

If Exmore accepts the USDA funding, the town will be subject to several requirements, including:

- The Town Council must pass an ordinance requiring all Exmore homes and other properties to connect to the sewer system.
- The Town Council must pass an ordinance establishing a maintenance agreement for all users.
- The Town Council must pass an ordinance establishing sewer rates.
- The town budget must show that the sewer system is profitable and sustainable.
- The sewer system must be audited annually.
- Easements must be obtained for the more than 800 properties that connect to the sewer system.
- The town must spend borrowed money before grant funding.
- The town must obtain short-term financing to cover the cost of the sewer system until the USDA funding is received.
- The town must set aside at least $101,000, the equivalent of one year of payments on the debt.
- The town must hire a qualified inspector to monitor daily activities during construction.

Another challenge also remains: Exmore does not have adequate staff on hand to help manage the sewer project, Duer said. Neither he nor Town Clerk Ethel Parks has time to take on another challenge.

Charles Baines kickboxing during the WAKO Senior World Championships in Lido di Jesolo, Italy, on Oct. 19. Photo courtesy of Charles Baines.

After Battling COVID-19 and Strokes, Kickboxer Charles Baines Takes His Fight Back to the Ring

By Carol Vaughn

Baines is back.

As a champion kickboxer and an Accomack County Sheriff’s deputy, Charles Baines, 49, is used to facing challenges.

Baines works at the Accomack County Jail and doing crisis inter-
~ Baines ~
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Remarkably, Baines, a member of the World Association of Kickboxing Organizations’ Team USA, was back in competition in October at the WAKO World Senior Kickboxing Championship in Italy.

He was one of 42 team members entered in the events.

“After the (medical) clearance, I had about five weeks to get ready,” Baines said.

He had to undergo a series of medical tests to determine it was safe for him to participate.

While he did not win his bout in tatem-ami kickboxing, as he had hoped to, he had a respectable showing.

“I'm just having a blast. I'm living my life,” Baines said, adding, “Part of it is, never say die, never quit. At the end of the day, I've got a lot of kids watching what I do, especially my son.”

“Part of being a father is to prepare your kid for when you are not here. … I want to have him have stuff that can carry him when he gets in a crisis. … I'm going to tell him a lot of stuff, but at the end of the day, he'll remember, when my dad was in this situation, what he did was, he got up.”

The drive to succeed in the ring carries over into other areas of life, according to Baines.

“It keeps you focused,” he said.

Sooner or later, all of us are going to experience adversity of some sort.

“So what are you doing? How do you handle it?” Baines said.

For Baines, his recovery and ongoing training are as much mental and spiritual as physical.

“It all starts in the mind,” he said.

Pointing to his head, Baines said, “This is the computer. Whatever you put in it, when crisis comes, that's what's going to come out.”

Baines wants to be a good role model.

“You have to chase that dream. It's yours and God put it in you — then you go after it,” is his message.

Baines is now the elder statesman of Team USA and sees part of his role as being an encouragement to the other team members, as well as to other people he encounters, as others have encouraged him in the past.

His goal now “is to be the standard” for his team.

When someone on the team is hurt or down, he sometimes points to his own experience, saying, “I had a stroke, but I'm still going; so get up, let's go.”

Baines, always looking ahead, is training now for an upcoming competition.

“I keep pushing. I keep pushing so the kids will push. … You've got an audience right now who is watching you — how you act and how you react. So then, when you go talk to those kids, it's like, ‘Okay, I hear what you say.' Your biggest ministry is not what you say, it's what you do.”

One of the questions people ask is what is the difference between Charles before the stroke and Charles after the stroke.

Baines' answer is, “I don't hold back. I don't hold back, because you don't know when your time is coming and that's going to be it. … This is what I want and I'm going all out. … Every day, I'm going to push forward. Every day you get up, there is some type of fight … so why not get up saying, 'Okay, I'm going to take it on.'”

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Northampton Middle/High School Modernization Cost Now Estimated at $54 M

By Stefanie Jackson

The Northampton middle and high school modernization project’s estimated total cost now exceeds $54 million, county supervisors learned at their Dec. 14 meeting.

Superintendent Eddie Lawrence said, “Inflation hit the building costs very hard, and that continues to be a concern for everybody … and we continue going over the plans each and every week.”

The project’s design phase has surpassed the 75% completion mark and is now heading toward 95% completion; the cost estimate for the 95% design completion stage will be available in January 2022.

When the design phase reached 45% completion in July, the project’s estimated cost was about $46 million. Since then, that estimate has increased about $8 million, or 17%.

It’s possible that prices could come down before the project goes out to bid, Lawrence said.

It’s also possible that the project could go out to bid and Northampton could be hit with “another surprise,” said Dixon Leatherbury, chairman of the board of supervisors.

Northampton schools Chief Financial Officer Brook Thomas noted there is a list of items that could be struck from the project if expenses climb too high.

“But through the whole process, we are paying very close attention to putting things in the school that are necessary and not luxuries … things that really we’re going to get payback over time or are necessary for the future instructional environment for the students of the county,” Thomas said.

One necessity recently identified is a new floor for the Northampton High School gym. Low levels of mercury were detected in the gym floor; the mercury was produced in the poured flooring by a catalyst that gives the floor a rubberized texture.

The new gym floor, which contributed to the increased cost of the construction project, will be installed during the first phase of construction.

Supervisor David Fauber asked if money could be saved by replacing the high school’s outdated HVAC system with similar equipment instead of a geothermal system that costs more up front.

Thomas noted that doing a “like for like” replacement of the HVAC system would mean overhauling construction plans and delaying the project.

“I get that … you would have to redo the drawings, but you might save $5 million going in,” Fauber said.

Thomas said the upfront savings were only about $3 million, and the geothermal system would save much more money over time in reduced operating costs.

“It’s pay me now, pay me later … pay me a lot later, actually. The long-term costs are tens of millions,” Supervisor John Coker said.

Lawrence agreed. “If we’ve learned anything from our elementary schools … it’s not only pay a light cost later, it’s pay more cost later.”

(Kiptopeke and Occohannock elementary schools were built at the same time; their HVAC systems began failing at the same time and are now being replaced with efficient but expensive geothermal systems in back-to-back years.)

Supervisor Oliver Bennett asked for clarification on the additional 1% sales tax that Northampton citizens approved by referendum in November 2020 and took effect July 1.

Finance Director John Chandler said the additional sales tax will remain in effect until the money borrowed for the school improvement projects is repaid or no more than 20 years.

The committee of county and school officials overseeing the high school project has “worked tirelessly to try to keep this project on track” in spite of its increasing budget, Lawrence said.

The original plan was for the construction phase to last three years, but it was discovered that it would be cheaper if construction was completed over a two-year period and portable classrooms were leased for maintaining continuity of instruction.

According to the current timeline, the contract for the project will be awarded by June 2022, and construction will be completed over the following two-year period.
By Carol Vaughn

Parksley Mayor Frank Russell said he will contact ANEC about repairing nonfunctioning streetlights in town, after a resident during the public comment period at the Dec. 6 meeting said a light at the corner of Staunton Avenue and Mary Street has been out since before he purchased his house two years ago.

Russell said Parksley police report streetlight outages to ANEC on a regular basis and Town Clerk Lauren Lewis asked residents to contact the town office with the location of any streetlights they observe needing attention.

Ellen Johnson, of the Eastern Shore Railway Museum, thanked everyone who volunteered for the Thanksgiving dinner offered free and those who helped with the town’s Christmas event.

“Our town has had three very successful events recently. We had the Thanksgiving dinner, where we served 260 people; and we had our Halloween event, where the downtown was full; and we just had our Christmas event, where it was very successful,” Russell said, thanking the volunteers, including a number of current and former council members.

Russell welcomed incoming council members Carol Matthews and Janice Welch.

Russell presented former council member Mark Layne with a plaque honoring Layne as a community builder.

Russell said residents will be receiving two letters in the mail: one is about new scheduling and acceptable items for limb removal. The town recently purchased a chipper, which “does not pick up small items,” he said.

Smaller yard debris can be put in plastic trash bags to be picked up or may be burned in accordance with burn regulations.

A second letter will notify residents that certain required paperwork was not filed a year ago by the previous administration, according to Russell.

“It’s about your water. There is nothing you need to do. The water is fine — it says that right in the letter — but they just didn’t file the paperwork,” he said.

The letter was written by the Virginia Department of Health, according to Lewis.

The council voted to add inoperable maritime vehicles to the town’s inoperable motor vehicle ordinance, which was discussed at a recent work session.

The council also voted to repeal the existing trash ordinance.

“The existing trash ordinance was written when we were picking up trash ourselves and the old way of picking up brush,” said Councilman Dan Matthews, adding, “All of that has changed.”

A new ordinance will be written to replace the outdated one, he said. Matthews made the motion to repeal the ordinance, which Councilman Henry Nicholson seconded.

Councilman Ricky Taylor made a motion to relinquish the county aid-to-locality money, $15,000, to the Parksley Volunteer Fire Company this year, as was done in the past.

More recently, the town used that aid, with the fire company’s agreement, to repair fire hydrants.

The council voted unanimously to approve the motion.

Councilwoman Carol Matthews said an online survey has gotten good response from residents and will remain open until the end of December for additional comments.

Matthews said she will have feedback from the Parksley Downtown Community Survey at the next council meeting.

The survey is available on the Town of Parksley Facebook page, https://www.facebook.com/townofparksleyva/ or at https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/5TY983W?fbclid=IwAR3qIc8RjVOOr6PnRX7VwC9Jp6SoMwfujwzbzRdbKMY2NIVRJ1I-CPMOaDE
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### Palma Gervasi Is One of Shore’s Newest — and Oldest — Residents

**Story and Photos by Carol Vaughn**

A New York City native is one of the Eastern Shore’s newest residents, at age 101.

Palma Gervasi, who will be 102 in August, recently moved to Commonwealth Senior Living at the Eastern Shore, in Onancock.

Gervasi, a vivacious centenarian who still drives a car, came to live on the Eastern Shore after her younger daughter, Diana, with whom she had been living in Pawling, N.Y., purchased a house on Chincoteague, with plans to retire there.

Gervasi was born in August 1920. She was born and raised in the Bronx, into an Italian family.

“It was all country. They used to come up from downtown in the Chevy or the carriage to go to the country. We were the country,” she said, adding, “It was beautiful.”

Growing up in the Bronx was “terrific — you could walk any time of night or day without even thinking of anything happening as a kid. My mother never had to worry,” according to Gervasi, who had three siblings.

Gervasi remained living in the same area after she married and raised her two daughters, Palma Ann and Diana, there.

Her children attended the same school she had gone to for part of their schooling.

Gervasi’s mother immigrated to the United States from Italy with her parents at age 8.

Her father, Michael Briglio, a well-known flautist, was born in this country, on Mulberry Street in New York City’s Little Italy.

“He was quite famous in his time,” including playing under Italian conductor Arturo Toscanini, Gervasi said.

Later, he arranged the musicians for popular Broadway shows.

Gervasi enjoyed seeing the shows, especially musical comedies.

Her favorite music is the big band music popular in the 1940s and 1950s.

“The bands were phenomenal. ... My husband loved to dance,” she said.

Her father at one point also had a farm in New Jersey.

“He loved to plant. ... That was his hobby,” she said.

Her mother’s father also was a musician, a trumpeter, who was in charge of the military bands at West Point at one time.

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**Palma Gervasi sits in her living room at Community Senior Living in Onancock.**

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Among Gervasi’s outstanding memories are big Sunday dinners, when “everybody gathered, usually at my home” but sometimes at her husband’s family’s home.

The food on the table typically was Italian, especially for the holidays.

“That kept the family together,” she said.

Her own birthday dinner choice every year was gnocchi and a special chocolate cake recipe.

Her daughter, who Gervasi said is a gourmet cook, is continuing some of the family food traditions, including welcoming company frequently and baking a variety of cookies for Christmas.

“In my neighborhood, there were three Italian families … and down the hill were Jewish, German, and my mother, God bless her, she had to go swap recipes. So her Jewish friend, they used to come in the kitchen and they used to make all the Jewish goodies,” she said.

There also were two Black families in the neighborhood.

Gervasi recalled that everyone got along well.

“It was everybody — and no one ever thought different of anyone. Today it’s such an issue,” she said, adding, “I lived in a nice time.”

Gervasi married in 1943 and accompanied her husband, who was in the military, to posts in Washington state and Kansas before he shipped overseas to Europe during World War II.

The two grew up near each other and enjoyed parish-sponsored activities, such as dances and the like.

“I knew him ever since I was 13. He was the next-door kid,” she said.

They were married 59 years before he died.

After raising her daughters, Gervasi went to college in her fifties, at the same time as her daughters.

She then worked evaluating the credentials of foreign students for the City University of New York.

Gervasi is keenly aware she is part of what is called “the greatest generation.”

“I saw a lot coming up — a lot of different inventions: the telephone, TV, going up to the moon, just in one generation,” Gervasi said.

While moving south meant Gervasi has left behind some relatives, she has a grandson in Washington, D.C., and a granddaughter living in Chincoteague.

Now, after a lifetime during which she has witnessed everything from the Roaring Twenties, the Great Depression, and World War II to the moon landing, the invention of computers and the internet, and more, Gervasi is settling in to her new home, just in time for the holidays.

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Accomack Pre-School Program Could Pay Big Dividends for Students, Community

By Stefanie Jackson

The Accomack school board at its early December meeting heard a teacher’s firsthand account of the Virginia Preschool Initiative (VPI) and how the program for at-risk 4-year-olds is implemented in Accomack’s pre-K classrooms.

“If you come into a VPI classroom, the question you’re going to hear again and again is, ‘How do we know?’ It’s a question that keeps us accountable; it keeps the students accountable for their work,” said Jennifer Lee, a pre-K teacher at Pungoteague Elementary School.

VPI distributes state funding to schools and community-based organizations to provide quality preschool education to 4-year-olds who are at risk and are not served by the federally funded Head Start preschool program.

A quality pre-K program has “effective teacher-child interactions,” meaning the teacher is having positive and responsive conversations with the students, Lee said.

To keep the teachers accountable and determine if effective communication is occurring between them and their students, PES uses a classroom observation tool called CLASS: the Classroom Assessment Scoring System.

Teachers can use a CLASS “cheat sheet” to help them implement teaching behaviors that support children’s cognitive development and language acquisition, or an administrator can observe the classroom to identify the presence or absence of the desired teaching behaviors.

The feedback received through the CLASS program is used to plan professional development, Lee said.

“A lot of times, when we think about school, the kids are very passive and the adult’s up there, working hard, and the students are very quietly sitting at their desks. We do not want that in a preschool classroom,” she said.

The goal is the teacher working with the student to “elicit language,” Lee said.

Since the COVID-19 pandemic, learning in the pre-K classroom looks a little different. Before the pandemic, pre-K students would sit in a circle on the floor on a colorful rug. Now the students sit in desks spaced 3 feet apart, but the learning materials they use are the same.

“We provide a rich … variety of materials, but the students choose what they’re going to be using that day. That gives them choice and agency and it also really gets them involved … to take the lead on their learning,” Lee said.

Provided an example of teaching language through teacher-student interaction. A video of Lee in the classroom showed her speaking with a student who chose to play with blocks.

The student explained that he wanted to build a tower “to there,” pointing upward. Lee restated his idea, using vocabulary words such as “floor” and “ceiling,” teaching the student more complex language.

She used this teaching method, repetition and extension, again when the student said he was “putting more on there,” and she asked him, “are you taking some away or are you adding it?”

The student was taught the concept of addition, preparing him for more advanced mathematics.

“It’s OK to use big words around small kids. Exposing them to those big words means that later, when we want to hold them accountable for that knowledge, they’ve heard that word before … they have something they can attach it to,” Lee said.

Children can learn a variety of concepts through self-directed play. Lee noted that when the student discovered he could not build a tower of blocks in a single stack from floor to ceiling, he tried different building methods the next day.

“He made himself a base. He learned about physics and engineering. He learned about max capacity – ‘There’s only so much load this can take before it topples over, but what if I build it differently?’” Lee said.

She cited the Perry Preschool Project as evidence that high-quality education has a positive impact on preschool children.

The project was named for Perry Elementary School in Michigan, about 35 miles from Detroit, where the study began in 1962 to determine if a high-quality preschool program helped improve the cognitive skills of disadvantaged African American children.

The research was conducted under the guidance of psychologist David Weikart, with the cooperation of Perry Elementary School Principal Charles Eugene Beatty.

According to www.highscope.org by age 5, 67% of the children in the preschool program had an IQ of 90 or higher, compared to only 28% of children in the control group.

The study ended in 1967, but researchers continued to follow up with its 123 participants through their adulthood, through age 40.

The Perry project found that students who had attended a high-quality preschool program were less likely to experience teen pregnancy, and they committed fewer crimes.

The same students were more likely to have graduated from high school, hold down a job, earn higher wages, and own a home and car.

The cost of the Perry Preschool Project was more than $15,000 but saved the community about $2,700 in welfare payments and more than $171,000 in crime-related costs.

The program’s total return for every dollar invested was $12.90.

“By age 40, those kids were less of a burden on the system, and they were contributing,” Lee said, “because when you enjoy your education and you have better learning outcomes, it tends to lead to better employment, higher earnings – which means greater tax revenue for the county – and it also means they’re less likely to be incarcerated or to need welfare or other assistance that costs the county.”

She said, “We build a strong foundation, the kids put their learning on top of that foundation, and then they become future citizens prepared to use those big words, earn that big money, and give back to their community.”
the responsibility of the “huge project” alone.

Duer said there are two qualified candidates to replace Parks, who is planning to retire, and he asked the Town Council for its consent to hire both applicants so Exmore has additional staff to help the town manager and clerk while the sewer project is ongoing.

Both of the new hires will be trained by Parks and one will become the town clerk; no Town Council member objected to Duer’s request.

Exmore has planned a “tremendous project,” with about 80,000 feet of pipe to be installed, Duer said. The town’s entire wastewater collection system will be replaced and expanded.

The sewer project will take about 15 to 18 months to complete, and then Exmore will be relieved of a Virginia Department of Health consent order that currently limits the town to 350 sewer customers. With every home and business in town connected, Exmore will serve at least 900 sewer customers.

The town’s existing wastewater treatment plant will be decommissioned, as it will no longer be needed. Exmore’s wastewater will be transported by a Hampton Roads Sanitation District force main to Onancock’s treatment plant, which has excess capacity.

Exmore is preparing to spend about $15 million in 15 months, more than the town has spent during Duer’s eight years as town manager.

He and the Town Council admitted that the sewer project is costly but agreed, “It’s got to be done.” “This is a major thing for the town of Exmore. It’s our future,” Adkins said.

The family of William Allen, Sr. & Mary Ellen Allen, formally of Onley, Virginia, would like to express our deepest appreciation for everyone’s sympathy as we mourned their loss. The shared memories from all of you at the visitation and funeral, along with the many phone calls, flowers, cards, and church contributions meant a great deal to us all.

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To everyone who reached out to us during our time of mourning, we are grateful for your continued love and support during our time of need. William Allen, Sr. & Mary Ellen Allen will be missed dearly by all who knew them.

### Man Arrested in Nassawadox, Charged With Wife’s Murder

**Staff Report**

An Amissville, Va., man was arrested Friday in Nassawadox on a charge of murdering his wife, according to a press release from the Warrenton Police Department.

Kenneth Olenslager, 27, is currently incarcerated in the Eastern Shore Regional Jail, pending extradition, according to a release from the Warrenton Police Department.

Olenslager was charged with murder and distribution of a controlled substance after his wife, Lydia McGarry, 25, of Amissville, was found dead at a Red Roof Inn in Warrenton on July 31.

An autopsy determined McGarry died of an overdose of fentanyl.

The couple had been married since August 2019, according to an article in the Fauquier Times.

Warrenton detectives, in coordination with the Blue Ridge Narcotics and Gang Task Force and the Fauquier County Commonwealth Attorney’s Office, investigated and identified the source of the fentanyl and the person involved in supplying it to McGarry, according to the release.

Olenslager was taken into custody by the Northampton County Sheriff’s Office.

There have been 14 overdoses in Warrenton in 2021, according to the release.

McGarry’s death was the first homicide of the year for the town.
Northampton Opens Discussions on Affordable Housing

By Stefanie Jackson

The Northampton planning commission, at the direction of the board of supervisors, has opened a discussion on affordable housing and promoting it through changes to the county zoning ordinance.

Dixon Leatherbury, chairman of the board of supervisors, had suggested the assignment after reading an article called “Best Counties to Retire to in Virginia” by David Broad, published by Stacker.

Northampton was listed as the 18th best county in Virginia for retirement. The article stated that in Northampton, which has a population of 11,885, 65% of residents own their homes and the median home value is $176,800.

The author graded the “top places to live” in Northampton: a B- for affordability, $95,000 for a typical home and the median home value is $47,227.

But what particularly struck Leatherbury was how much of a renter’s household income was spent on housing. About 35% of Northampton residents rent their homes, and the average monthly rent is $733, but the median household income is $47,227.

Of the 25 counties listed in the article, Northampton County was tied with Westmoreland County for having the highest rent as a percentage of income, according to a Nov. 24 letter from County Administrator Charles Kolakowski.

Northampton planning commissioners and staff met Dec. 15 and engaged in a general discussion of affordable housing, noting the board of supervisors is expected to schedule a collaboration with them, such as a joint meeting, in early 2022.

During the discussion, Planner Kelley Lewis Parks called mobile homes a “really good option” and Commission Sarah Morgan stated the planning commission should “strongly consider” providing incentives for building more manufactured homes.

Chairman Glen Anders shared a letter from concerned citizen and Exmore business owner Ken Dufty, who had sent the planning commission a copy of Virginia Code 15.2-2305, which authorizes counties, cities, and towns to amend their zoning ordinances to provide affordable housing programs.

“That program shall address housing needs, promote a full range of housing choices, and encourage the construction and continued existence of moderately priced housing by providing for optional increases in density in order to reduce land costs for such moderately priced housing,” the code states.

Dufty also sent an email to Northampton County Deputy Administrator Janice Williams on Dec. 14, which included a copy of the code as an attachment.

He wrote, “this attachment is provided to reinforce that any density changes considered in the development of an affordable housing incentive program must have as its core consideration the densities established by the prevailing comprehensive plan ...”

For example, Northampton’s comprehensive plan promotes development in and around towns, and it sets housing densities in town edges from “5 dwelling units per acre to 2 dwelling units per acre with density decreasing as distance from town center increases.”

But Commissioner Janet Sturgis said Northampton must designate areas with housing densities of about 20 or 25 dwelling units per acre to meet the county’s housing needs.

She clarified, “that’s not a high-rise, that’s a three-story (apartment) building that looks a lot like the Hampton Inn” in Exmore.

Higher housing densities will be required “if we need 450 low-income and working (housing) units,” Sturgis asserted.

A certain number of units on the first floor of the apartment building would be reserved for disabled and elderly residents; other units would be used for low-income and workforce housing.

“That’s how these things usually go,” Sturgis said.

But she was concerned that establishing urban development areas may conflict with the comprehensive plan.

Virginia Code 15.2-2223.1 defines an urban development area as an area designated by a locality for higher density development based in part on its proximity to transportation and public water and sewer service.

Assistant Commonwealth’s Attorney Jack Thornton assured the planning commissioners that “if there is conflict, the ordinance always trumps everything.”
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Shore Woman Makes and Gives Away More Than 70 Blankets

Martha Lewis, of Cheriton, makes blankets all year, then gathers up her children and grandchildren to help give them away. Daughter Shirley Phillips says it is a “yearly ritual,” adding, “She makes blankets all year long to be able to bless someone during the Christmas holiday.”

Pictured above, from left, are (front row) Nevaeh Reid, Yakima Ames, and Marquie Christian, and (back row) event organizer Martha Lewis, Shirley Phillips, Alia Christian, Conrad Moore, and Nazaria Burgess. Submitted photo.
Accomack County Circuit Court

Jarrell Edward Corbin, 33, of New Church, was sentenced to a total of 15 years in prison for the March 2019 armed robbery of the Accomack Shore Stop, the February 2020 armed robbery of the Oak Hall Dollar General store, and the March 2020 robbery of Corner Mart. He was also convicted of possession of ammunition by a convicted felon.

In August, Corbin pleaded guilty to three counts of robbery and three counts of use of a firearm, along with the possession of ammunition by a convicted felon. Corbin pleaded guilty earlier this year in a plea agreement with the commonwealth. Judge R. Revell Lewis III sentenced Corbin to 16 years on each count of robbery with all but two years suspended on each. He sentenced him to three years on each count of possession of a firearm by a convicted felon and three years for possession of ammunition by a felon with all that time suspended. He is required to pay $1,510 in restitution to Dollar General. He will be on supervised probation for five years and on good behavior for life. If he violates any of these conditions, he faces serving some or all of the suspended time.

Ricky Lee Howard Jr., 39, of Chincoteague, failed to comply with the requirements of the first offender program and will spend six months in jail for possession of illegal drugs.

“He has a significant heroin addiction,” said Commonwealth’s Attorney Morgan.

Defense attorney Watson said Howard wished to go to a treatment program in northern Virginia to get help with his addiction.

Howard was arrested a year ago after a Virginia state trooper responding to a three-vehicle accident on Marsh Island noticed track marks on his arms indicating drug use. He admitted he had been using drugs prior to the accident. Heroin and fentanyl residue were found on broken needles in his pocket.

Before sentencing Howard, Judge Lewis spoke of a telephone call made by Howard to his mother from a jail telephone and played in the courtroom during a bail hearing in October. “You were trying to manipulate her so you could get out as soon as possible,” he said.

He sentenced Howard to three years for violating his probation while in the first offender program and suspended all but one month. He is required to be on supervised probation for three years and good behavior for five years. For possession of heroin, Judge Lewis sentenced him to three years, with all but five months suspended. For possession of drug paraphernalia, he sentenced him to six months and suspended all that time. He told Howard he is to go directly to a treatment program from jail after serving his time. “If you don’t complete this, you will have several years to serve,” he warned.

Corey Wayne Marshall, 43, of Bloxom, violated the terms of his probation by using cocaine. He is employed and has been making monthly restitution payments after being convicted of embezzlement and grand larceny earlier this year, said defense attorney Tucker Watson.

“This defendant failed spectacularly at probation,” said Commonwealth’s Attorney Spencer Morgan. He said Marshall told police he bought the illegal drug because he would be working as a confidential informant for the Eastern Shore Drug Task Force. That was not true, Morgan said.

Judge Lewis noted that he pleaded guilty to two counts of embezzlement and two counts of grand larceny in a plea agreement. “There were more charges than that,” he said. “You were only out three months before testing positive.” He noted that Marshall owes slightly less than $16,000 in restitution.

Judge Lewis ordered Marshall to be on probation for five years and 10 years of good behavior. He is to use no illegal drugs, marijuana, or alcohol as a special condition of his probation. “If you come back again, there is a lot of time hanging over you,” he told Marshall.

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Information Deemed Reliable but Not Guaranteed Licensed in VA
By Carol Vaughn

Onancock officials held a public hearing on an application to rezone 7 Hartman Avenue for multifamily residential use.

The current owners, the Eastern Shore Coalition Against Domestic Violence, use the property for multifamily use, but as a group home, it was not required to be rezoned.

“They are putting the property up for sale. It is a multifamily property,” said Town Manager Matt Spuck.

The town received no comments from adjacent property owners who were notified of the application.

The planning commission recommended the property be rezoned.

No one from the public commented at the hearing.

The Town Council approved the rezoning.

The council discussed amending the town’s procurement policy to bring it in line with federal requirements for using federal funds.

Spuck presented the council members an extensive checklist of items that must be complied with for purchases using federal funds, such as the money coming to town as result of the American Rescue Plan Act, among others.

The council approved the amendment with the provision that the town’s procurement policy must always be adhered to and in addition to that, any federally funded project must adhere to the federal requirements.

Onancock Main Street representatives thanked outgoing town employee Lisa Fiege for her assistance to the organization.

Peaches Dodge, ESCADV board president, also thanked Fiege for her assistance.

Dodge also told council members they “can always call me” with any questions about ESDADV’s project to renovate the former G.F. Horne property, which will significantly expand the organization’s operations.

“We are aiming at the end of April to open the shelter,” she said, adding, “... We are delighted to be able to stay in Onancock.”

The town gave $100,000 from the ARPA funds to the project.

Spuck reported the town is still waiting for the USDA to release from repayment a grant related to the town's wastewater treatment facility, in order to be able to turn over the facility to the Hampton Roads Sanitation District.

“We, being HRSD and Onancock management, have agreed that if we don’t get that response by 12/31, that we will reach out to our congressional and senatorial representatives to find out if there is something that we can inquire a little bit more assertively,” Spuck said, adding, “... We need to get this done.”

Mayor Fletcher Fosque said the Christmas parade had more people watching it than had been there in a long time.

He also complimented the town decorations.

“I got a lot of positive comments about that,” he said, adding, “I think the Christmas decorations really did bring people into town.”

Fosque said Councilman Bob Bloxom’s resignation as of Dec. 31 means someone needs to be appointed to the planning commission and the waterfront commission. Bloxom also served as vice mayor.

The council in November appointed Cindy Holdren to fill Bloxom’s seat until Dec. 31, 2022.

Spuck said the town has received quotes from two companies for the cost of security cameras and the matter will be discussed more in a future council meeting.

The water tower painting project is progressing, according to Spuck.

The workers will return from their holiday break Jan. 3.

The tank’s interior by Jan. 4 will have cured for the required 20 days and the tank then will be sanitized and filled with water.

Once the water is tested, as required, “then we will be able to turn the water tower on, be able to take our pressure release valves off, and we will go back to normal,” Spuck said.

Spuck said his proposed budget for next year will include money for preventative maintenance of the water tower.

## Duck Dip Set for Jan. 22

Submitted Article

Camp Occohannock, a camp and outdoor ministry of the United Methodist Church located in Belle Haven, will host its annual fundraiser, the Polar Duck Dip, Jan. 22, 2022.

The Duck Dip will bring in a minimum of $20,000 to help offset current budget demands. Funds raised will help the camp successfully operate through 2022 and enable quality programming for children and youth.

Organizers are asking volunteers to take the plunge on Jan. 22, 2022. A prize is being offered for the most original costume.

The dipper who raises the most money for the camp will receive a quart of ice cream each month for one year from Island Creamery on Chincoteague.

Those unable to take the dip can help sponsor a dipper or make a donation. A silent auction will be held during the event and is open to all. Auction items include shorebird carvings by David Bundick and Marty Bull, and a bronze Turner sculpture of an eagle in flight.

All items can be viewed on the camp’s webpage (www.ootbay.org) which will be updated until Jan. 22.

This event will be filled with faith, fun, and good food, and will adhere to COVID-19 restrictions.

Questions can be directed to Joel Coleman, camp director, 9403 Camp Lane, Belle Haven, VA 23306, or call 757-442-7836.
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Obituaries

Nancy Bonniwell

Mrs. Nancy Bonniwell, 88, wife of the late Edwin Marshall and the late Thomas Sidney Bonniwell Sr., and a resident of Onancock, formerly of Exmore, passed away Saturday, Dec. 18, 2021, at her residence. A native of Willis Wharf, she was the daughter of the late Milford Thomas Smith Sr. and the late Nannie Ennis Smith. She was a retired teacher’s aide for Northampton County Public Schools and member of Epworth United Methodist Church.

She is survived by two children, Thomas Sidney Bonniwell Jr. and his wife, Dawn, of Belle Haven, and Elizabeth Holland Bonniwell, of Columbia, S.C.; two grandchildren, Raven Bonniwell and her husband, Kiernan McGowan, of Washington, D.C., and Thomas Cain Bonniwell, of Hope, New Zealand; and one great-granddaughter, Elwood “Oakie” Taylor. She was predeceased by her brother, Milford T. Smith Jr.

A graveside service was conducted Wednesday, Dec. 22, 2021, at 3 p.m., at Belle Haven Cemetery with the Rev. Mikang Kim and the Rev Tammy Estep officiating.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Epworth United Methodist Church, P.O. Box 488, Exmore, VA 23350, or Community Fire Company, P.O. Box 706, Exmore, VA 23350.

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

Arrangements were made by Doughty Funeral Home in Exmore.

Barbara Ann Grimes


Born in Accomac, Barbara was the beloved daughter of Mary F. Blake-Turner and Charles Holly. During her early years of her career, she secured a position as WESR’s radio announcer. Barbara was one of Virginia Landings’ top real estate agents. In addition to selling real estate, she employed her marketing skills to sell life insurance. Her last employment was in child care. She was not just a daycare provider – she took pride in being an educator.

Barbara moved to Richmond in 2006, where she continued to provide child care and her new neighbors described her as a “beacon of light” in the community.

Funeral services were held Saturday, Dec. 18, 2021, at the Rock Church of the Eastern Shore, Onley, with Minister Marc Lee officiating. Interment was in the Fairview Lawn Cemetery, Onancock.

She is survived by her daughter, Col. Tonya Rogers; her sons, Loyal T. Grimes III and Leshawn Grimes; her sister, Sylvia Milburn; brother, Kevin Blake; her cousin/sister, Patricia Blake; her aunt, Catherine Krouser; seven grandchildren; two nephews; one niece; and a host of stepsons, stepdaughters, nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends.

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

Frances Pastuhov

Family and friends grieve the death of their dear friend, Frances Pastuhov, who passed Tuesday, Dec. 14, 2021, at age 82. She was predeceased by her soulmate, Vladimir “Vov” Pastuhov.

Frances leaves behind her mother and his spouse, Frank and Kitty Hall; nephews, Jake, John, and Brian Hall; and Christopher Kappler; and niece, Kimberly Kappler Simmons. She is also survived by her lifetime friend from St. Simons Island, Ga., Mary Summer, and her daughters, Sarah and Susan.

A memorial service will be announced at a later date.

Should friends desire, contributions in Frances’ memory may be made to a local charity of choice.

Memory tributes may be shared at www.williamsfuneralhomes.com

Arrangements are by the Williams-Onancock Funeral Home.

Marlene Joan Savage

Mrs. Marlene Joan Savage, 88, of Chincoteague, passed away Dec. 16, 2021, at her residence.

She was born on Chincoteague Island on July 16, 1933, a daughter to the late Harry and Margaret (Maginnis) Taylor.

She was a member of Union Baptist Church, Daughters of Ruth Sunday School Class, and Order of Eastern Star Acconack Chapter # 62.

Marlene is survived by her loving daughter, Belinda Sue Savage, of Chincoteague Island; grandson, Randy Savage, and his wife, Amanda, of Chincoteague Island; great-grandson, Zander Savage, of Chincoteague Island; and several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husband, David Louis Savage Sr.; son, David “Petie” Savage Jr.; brother, Elwood “Oakie” Taylor; and three sisters, Lillie Bush, Regina Jr.; brother, James Spratley; five grandchildren; one great-grandchild; and host of nieces, nephews, other relatives, and friends.

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

Anne Starr Thomas

Mrs. Anne Michelle Starr Thomas, 60, passed away at her residence Thursday, Dec. 16, 2021, in Marionville.

Anne received her bachelor’s degree from the University of Maryland Eastern Shore and was a special education teacher. She was a member of Red Bank Baptist Church in Marionville.

She is survived by her husband, Joseph Michael Thomas; her mother, Jane Starr, of Onancock; one brother, Todd Starr, of North Bend, Ore.; one sister, Kim Starr, of Cape Charles; one grandson, James Miller; one niece, Katie Wendell; and one stepdaughter, Anna Thomas Ferrioli, of Philadelphia. She was predeceased by two daughters, Maggan Seams and Ashley Miller; a husband, Paul Maher; her father, George Herbert Meekers Starr.

A graveside service was held Tuesday, Dec. 21, 2021, at 2 p.m., at Fairview Lawn Cemetery in Onancock, with the Rev. John M. Robertson officiating.

Flowers will be accepted or donations may be made to the Union Baptist Church, 6365 Church St., Chincoteague Island, VA 23336.

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

Condolences may be made online at www.salyerfh.com

Rudolph J. Spratley

Mr. Rudolph J. Spratley, of Smithfield, Va., formerly of the Shore, was called from labor to reward on Tuesday, Dec. 7, 2021, at Riverside Healthy Living Community in Smithfield.

Born in Eastville, Rudolph was the son of the late Charles B. and Etta P. Spratley. He was affectionately known as “Rudy” by his family and friends.

He joined the workforce following high school. Rudolph was a USDA inspector for several years until his retirement.

Private funeral services were held Saturday, Dec. 18, 2021, at the chapel of Cooper & Humbles Funeral Co., Accomac, with Bobby White officiating. Interment was in the Union Baptist Church Cemetery, Eastville.

Rudy leaves to cherish his loving memory: daughter, Valda Matthews; brother, James Spratley; five grandchildren; one great-grandchild; and host of nieces, nephews, other relatives, and friends.

Arrangements are by the Cooper & Humbles Funeral Co., Accomac.
Northampton Sheriff and Capeville Church Join Forces and Make Merry

**Story and Photos by Jim Ritch**

A lighted drive through Christmas inflatables, plus hay and carriage rides, highlighted a Community Christmas celebration on the lawn of the Northampton County Sheriff’s Office Saturday evening.

The first-time event attracted throngs of children to be photographed with Santa and frolic in bounce houses.

Co-sponsoring the event was the First Baptist Church Capeville.

Above left: Fresh from a hayride are, from left, Maria Quinn Green, 2, riding in the arms of her father, Timmy Quinn; William Quinn; and Nora Quinn. The family resides in Cheriton. Above right: Shantell Campbell, of Cheriton, center, surrounds herself with her children during a hayride. From left are Aariena Taylor, 13; Campbell; Cherish Upshur, 9; and Kahleya Upshur, 8.

Above: Holden Killmon, son of Joshua Killmon and Kaitlyn Bennett, of Belle Haven, meets Santa and Mrs. Claus.

Left: Angie Pfeiffer, of Franktown, second from left, supervises the carriage ride. From left are Anna Pfeiffer, of Franktown; Pfeiffer; Shiloh, a miniature horse; and riders Spencer Pavlik; his sister, Melody Pavlik; and mother, Leigh Ann Pavlik, of Cheriton.

Making s’mores over a blazing fire pit are, from left in front row, Emily Kellam, of Franktown; Lauryn Taylor, of Eastville; Erica Quintana, of Cheriton; and Annette Kellam, of Franktown. Standing are Sheriff David Doughty, making a cameo appearance and receiving a hug from his wife, Cathy; Darlene Burton, of Cape Charles; and Dispatcher Terri Tatem, of Cheriton.

Left: Prepping and serving hot dogs are, from left, Sgt. Carlos Moyano, jail nurse Cathy Ulrich, Sgt. Elroy Rasmussen, and Capt. Roger Kennedy. Right: The Northampton Middle School Golden Bull Cheerleaders show their passion for performing. Making hearts from left in front row are Keasia Doughty, of Exmore; Caliyah Wesley, of Exmore, and Darivette Vazquez, of Eastville; and Shelby Blankenship, of Eastville, and Arianna Ames, of Eastville. Making a heart at center are Isaiah Harmon, of Exmore, and Nevaeh Altman, of Nassawadox. In back row are Asja Upshur, of Bayview; Tailah Sebastian, of Exmore; Zykeria Tazewell, of Bayview; and Kniyah Taylor, of Sunnyside. The team, which volunteered performances and impromptu Christmas carols as community service, won second place in Eastern Shore cheer competition this fall and recently took first place for performance at the Exmore Christmas Parade.
All Roads Lead to the Eastern Shore

Bronze sculptors hundreds of miles apart practice the art of an ancient craft

By Martha Wessells Steger

Special to the Eastern Shore Post

Whenever I arrive at an out-of-state destination and discover an Eastern Shore connection, I conclude that all roads must lead to my native Eastern Shore. I experienced another occurrence of this geographical phenomenon while visiting Seagrove, N.C., on assignment in early June. Ed Walker, founder-owner of the Carolina Bronze Sculpture Garden and Foundry, not only knew of the Eastern Shore’s renowned bronze sculptor, Dr. William H. Turner, but owned a piece of his work.

Not having been a follower of the art of bronze-making — which dates back at least 5,000 years — I was hooked by the connection between these two bronze artisans several hundred miles apart. Besides being a sculptor, Walker is the owner of what has arguably become the number-one arts foundry on the East Coast, with 20-plus full-time employees and 15,000 square feet of space, including room for other metallic sculptors to work. The foundry is a good source for sculptures of all kinds — fabricated, cast, carved, abstract or realistic, ranging in sizes from tabletop to monumental.

Walker enjoys giving free tours as time allows — and I luckily found myself there at the end of his workday. He indulged my interest for an hour-plus tour — not including my walk around the sculpture garden, a certified plant habitat, open to the public free on the foundry’s grounds. With more than 60 bronze sculptures complementing the native plants and trees chosen to attract wildlife, the walking trail, complete with benches and picnic area, loops around a 1.25-acre pond. (Spoiler alert for travelers to this part of North Carolina: The Asheboro area comprises the North Carolina Pottery Trail, a compelling collection of potteries within a 5-mile radius of Seagrove; maps are available at https://discoverseagrove.com/)

Unlike Turner — who, with his son, David, produces wildlife sculptures at their studio and gallery in Onley — Walker’s commissions are abstract as well as figurative, such as the 6-foot bronze Minuteman at Virginia’s National Guard Headquarters in Richmond. He has been commissioned to create a 7-foot statue of the first Black mayor of Lynchburg, Va. — M. Thornton Jr. to be completed by summer 2023.

Gallery prices in a just-opened, second location (Carolina Bronze East Studios — CB East — 365 Fernandez Loop, Suite 205, Seagrove, NC 27341) range from $15,000 to $20,000 (open by appointment at present). Commissioned works usually cost hundreds of thousands of dollars.

Pieces of work for sale in the Turner gallery in Onley range from $95 to $180,000 — with commissioned works usually costing a good deal more — a long way from the “$1-a-dozen” mural William Turner says he remembers catching and selling as a boy growing up on the marshes of Occohannock Creek and the Chesapeake Bay.

Although Turner Sculpture on Route 13 — which has eight employees including the father-son team — doesn’t have a sculpture garden, the expansive facility — a renovated former restaurant building — includes a foundry, gallery, mold room, metal shops, and wood shop, along with storage. Visitors taking a self-guided tour of the gallery see wildlife sculptures ranging from loggerhead turtles and flying geese to a black bear and an African lioness with her cub — which shelf-, wall- and floor-space display.

In 1998 Bill Turner wrote a memoir, “East of the Chesapeake,” about authentic Eastern Shore characters, as well as places and events that helped mold him into the person he became. Turner has a bent for storytelling; Bob Hutchinson at the Norfolk Virginian Pilot pondered, “Are all the stories true? Are they all fiction? Are they a mixture of the two? Does it really matter?”

Turner is well represented in Robin R. Salmon’s book, “Brookgreen Gardens.” The garden comprises 9,100 acres just south of Murrells Inlet, S.C. His artist’s proof of the Great Blue Heron standing on a tree branch with the artist’s usual attention to detail — two lily pads floating at the base of the branch, one supporting a small frog with throat-sac inflated — was Turner’s gift to the gardens after he cast a limited edition of 25 for sale.

Another superb example of Turner’s attention to detail was his completion, in sterling silver, of a bonefish with each scale on the plaster model hand-engraved to ensure clarity in the finished work after it had been cast with no detail in plaster. He presented the sculpture to President George Bush at the White House in 1989.

“Brookgreen Gardens” biography of Turner explains that the Northampton County native, born in 1935, carved duck decoys and wooden likenesses of the animals he observed; he was building boats and assisting his father in a cabinet-making business by the age of 14.

Turner said in an interview his personal interest in taxidermy was heightened when noted taxidermist and sculptor Robert Henry Rockwell came to live nearby after retiring in 1942 as curator of the American Museum of Natural History, in New York City. Informal study with Rockwell increased Turner’s knowledge of animal anatomy and sparked the desire to make a record of the vanishing American wildlife in sculpture rather than in taxidermy.

He completed a degree in anthropology at the University of Virginia in 1957 but pursued a degree in dentistry from the Medical College of Virginia (1969) to enable him to return to the Eastern Shore and work while pursuing his love of sculpture. He benefited from his relationship with Rockwell until his mentor’s death in 1973.

His initial figures were porcelain ones sold to galleries and major retailers such as Abercrombie & Fitch, Neiman-Marcus, and Cartier. For four years he designed limited-edition wildlife figures for the waterfowl conservation organization, Ducks Unlimited;
word also spread about his art through his personal interest in the Nature Conservancy.

By his fifth year of working in porcelain, he made a big decision. “I became disenchanted with the limitations of the porcelain medium,” Turner said, “and I realized I could make much more money doing bronze work.” His first bronze sculpture commission came in 1979 when, after a nationwide search, Anne Morrow Lindbergh asked him to create a memorial to her husband, aviator Charles Lindbergh; the life-size bald eagle cast in bronze is at the Lindbergh Museum in Little Falls, Minn. He also designed a medallion featuring the Lindbergh Eagle, presented to recipients of the Charles A. Lindbergh Foundation Award.

In addition to many works in private collections, William Turner — and later collaboratively with son David — has an impressive number of works in public spaces, ranging from the Chicago Botanic Garden to the Collier County Conservancy in Naples, Fla., and the campus of the University of Virginia. The father-son team created, in 1984, School of Lookdown Fish, a species native to the Chesapeake Bay, for the Virginia Marine Science Museum at Virginia Beach, where it was placed in the museum’s reception area.

“Nothing in sculpting wildlife substitutes for hours of observation of living creatures,” Turner said. “Anyone working from photographs limits his perception to what the camera saw – which is one-dimensional.” Although he recommends studying skins or wildlife mounts over images, he sees many young sculptors copying mistakes made by taxidermists.

An active painter as well as sculptor, he supports environmental causes, and continues to devote time to wildlife observation. He, like Ed Walker, cautioned that “fired” isn’t the appropriate word for bronze sculptures, which do spend time in a kiln but for the “lost wax” process: That is the method of metal-casting in which molten metal is poured into a mold created by a wax model; once the mold is made, the wax is melted and poured away.
Brayden Justice moves the ball into the paint. Photo by Adolphus Ames.

Lady Yellow Jackets Defeated by Surry County

*This article has been corrected from its original version. The original incorrectly identified Jerniya Chandler and Aliyah Williams as Na'Pria Brown and Amyah Williams in the caption and article. By Adolphus Ames*


The Yellow Jackets kept the game within reach in the first quarter. They were down 4-0 and then Aliyah Williams made a free throw to place the Yellow Jackets on the scoreboard, shrinking the Cougars’ lead three points. At the end of the quarter, the Yellow Jackets trailed the Cougars 10-3.

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

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

Brayden Justice throws an inbound pass to Aliyah Williams during the first half. Photo by Adolphus Ames.

Vikings Offense Dominates Worcester Prep

By Adolphus Ames

The Broadwater Vikings varsity boys basketball team hosted its second home game last week. The Vikings faced Worcester Prep School Thursday, Dec. 16. The Vikings won 86-53.

The Vikings’ fast paced offense dominated the first quarter and made Worcester look unorganized and off balance. The Vikings placed Worcester in a 20-5 hole early on, before closing out the quarter with a 34-19 lead. By halftime, the Vikings were on top 60-31. In second half, they outscored Worcester 26-6 to seal the victory.

Brayden Justice led the offense with 25 points, nine rebounds, and one assist. Brayden Washington had 17 points, five rebounds, four assists, and three steals. Levin Smith had 15 points, 12 rebounds, two assists, and three steals. Willie Holden had 14 points, four rebounds, seven assists, and three steals. Malik Battle had 11 points, four rebounds, three assists, and two steals. Alex Mendrinos had two points and two rebounds. Aidan Brown had two points.

The Vikings’ next game is Tuesday, Jan. 4, 2022. They will face Gateway Christian Academy at 6:30 p.m.
Viking Girls Fall to Worcester Prep

By Adolphus Ames

The Viking girls varsity basketball team hosted its second home game of the season last week. They faced Worcester Prep School Thursday, Dec. 16. They lost 46-30.

The Vikings fell behind 17-6 in the first quarter. 25-14. In the second quarter, the Vikings offense showed signs of life, scoring 8 points to shorten Worcester’s lead to 25-14. In the second half, the Vikings gained a little momentum and fought hard to get back in the game, but Worcester outscored the Vikings 21-15 to seal its victory.

Leah Smith led the Vikings’ offense with 9 points, two rebounds, and one assist. Taylor Leland had 8 points and one rebound. Suzanna Long had 6 points and three rebounds. Molly Brown had 3 points, six rebounds, and two steals. Hayley Nalls had 2 points and two rebounds. Lydia Wehner had 2 points. Johannah Ashworth had two rebounds. Leah Smith had two rebounds and one assist.

The Viking girls’ next home game is Tuesday, Jan. 4. They will face Gateway Christian Academy at 5 p.m.

Warriors Defeat Norfolk Christian in a Close Game

By Adolphus Ames

The Nandua Warriors varsity boys basketball team traveled to Norfolk, Va., Thursday, Dec. 16, to face the Norfolk Christian Ambassadors. The Warriors were determined to bounce back from the 84-53 loss they suffered against Veritas Collegiate Academy three days earlier. The Warriors defeated the Ambassadors 50-45.

NyZir Dix led the offense with 21 points, five rebounds, one assist, four steals, and two blocks. Jeremiah Riley had 10 points, three rebounds, two assists, and one steal. Kajoure Pettit had 7 points, three rebounds, and two steals. Brandon Giddens had 4 points, four rebounds, and three blocks. Caleb Chrisman had 2 points, one rebound, and one steal. Diesel Frisch had 2 points, one rebound, and one assist. Malik Dorn had 3 points. Zy’Kese Davis had 1 point, one rebound, and one steal.

The Warriors played again on Monday, Dec. 20. They traveled to Maryland to face Pocomoke High School. The final score was close, but the Warriors came up short 79-71. Their next home game is Thursday, Jan. 6, against Broadwater Academy at 7 p.m.

Youth Basketball League Sign-Ups Have Begun

Submitted Story

The Accomack County Parks and Recreation Department is now taking sign-ups for its Youth Basketball League. Age brackets are 5-8, 9-12, and 13-15. Forms are at the Parks and Recreation Office and will be at the schools after the holiday break.

For further information, contact the Parks and Recreation Office at 787-3900 or 710-1947.

Youth Basketball Coaches and Officials Meeting to be Held

Submitted Story

The Accomack County Parks and Recreation Office will be having a youth basketball coaches and officials meeting at the Parks and Recreation Office on Wednesday, Dec. 29, at 6:30 p.m. Paperwork for coaching and officiating will be completed and guidelines for the league will be discussed. First gym practices will be Saturday, Jan. 8.

For further information, contact the Parks and Recreation Office at 787-3900 or 710-1947.

Lady Warriors Pick Up First Win of the Season

By Whitney Metz

The Nandua Lady Warriors took on Pocomoke High School at home on Monday night. Both teams had a slow start offensively and after the first half Nandua led by only 17-18. The two teams exchanged the lead multiple times within the second half, but the game became intense as they went into the fourth quarter.

Pocomoke was up 31-28 going into the final quarter of the game, after utilizing a full-court press to challenge the Lady Warriors’ offense. Nandua continued to fight back responding each time Pocomoke scored. Late in the fourth Pocomoke’s point guard hit a 3-pointer that put Pocomoke in the lead 38-36. Nandua quickly responded drawing two fouls that sent Brittany Dennis and Kallie Williams to the free-throw line within seconds of each other. Each of these players made one of their two foul shots tying the game 38-38.

Pocomoke attempted to inbound the ball, but they were unsuccessful as Reagan Justice jumped the pass and stole the ball. She quickly shuffled it to Williams, who nailed a jumper giving Nandua the lead once again. Pocomoke tried to answer, powering down the court, but a missed shot and an offensive rebound by Dennis gave Nandua the ball with 1:38 left in the game. Dennis got the ball out to Justice who was immediately fouled and sent to the line.

After making one of her two foul shots, Nandua was up 38-41. Pocomoke continued to fight but after another turnover, Pocomoke was forced to foul Bo Braxton to stop the clock for a final chance to win as the time was running out. Braxton went to the line with confidence and extended Nandua’s lead to 42-39.

Nandua’s players, coaches, and fans celebrated as the buzzer sounded, recording their first win of the season at home. Kallie Williams was the leading scorer for the Lady Warriors with 12 points. She was followed by Reghan Hintz with 9 points and Brittany Dennis with 8 points. The Nandua girls basketball team will play again Jan. 6 at home against Broadwater Academy.
Eastern Shore Resident Shares Songs ‘Of Salt and Sand’ in New CD

By Bill Sterling
Special to the Eastern Shore Post
Submitted Photos

Thelma Peterson shares her personal memories as well as her love of the history and nature of the Eastern Shore of Virginia in her new CD, “Of Salt and Sand.”

From “It Ain’t No Fun Painting the Bottom of a Boat,” to “Shoreland Pines,” Peterson has written, recorded, and performed 18 songs that celebrate the rich heritage and people of the Eastern Shore.

And though she devoted countless hours to the project, from designing the CD cover and then sticking labels on by hand, to mixing and mastering each of the songs in her home studio, the proceeds go to two organizations close to her heart — the Barrier Islands Center (BIC) and Chesapeake Conservancy.

The CD can be purchased for $15 at the BIC in Machipongo and the Lemon Tree Gallery in Cape Charles, or you can stream the music for free under Projects at her website, www.thelmapeterson.com, with a request for consideration of a donation to the BIC and/or Chesapeake Conservancy with the links provided for each organization.

Or, for animal lovers, as Peterson lives with two rescue dogs in her bayside home on Jacobus Creek, the CD is also for sale at the SPCA in Onley, and sales there will go to that organization.

A well-known painter, best known for her series of former Coast Guard stations on the barrier islands, and a musician who often performs throughout Delmarva with her daughter Erika, Peterson said producing this CD started as a project spurred by inactivity during the pandemic and finished as her personal therapy as she and two siblings spent three months by the bedside of her dad’s fleet of homemade boats between tidal changes.

“There is a common thread to what I paint and sing about,” recently noted Peterson, who was the first board chairman and driving force behind the founding of the Barrier Islands Center. “I am sharing the stories of my life.”

But, here on Delmarva, she finds listeners who relate to her songs and art. “The first time I sang “It Ain’t No Fun Painting the Bottom of a Boat” was at the Chesapeake Bay Music Festival in Annapolis sponsored by the Smithsonian Institute. Only seven or so artists and bands were invited to perform, and when I finished, a waterman approached me almost in tears and said, ‘You just wrote a song about what I do for a living.’”

Other themes of songs on the CD include childhood memories of the Chesapeake Bay, working watermen, sailing on the bay, the barrier islands, and the storm of 1933.

Peterson explained one poignant song, “I Am at War,” is about the battles of nature against man, but was born from a ceremony she attended honoring her father among those who were in the first wave of infantrymen who stormed Omaha Beach at Normandy on D-Day.

“I had just returned from that ceremony and turned on the television to see images of wildlife being coated by the oil spilled in the Gulf. Feeling the emotions from both events, I wrote the song very quickly.”

“I Am at War” later finished second among the popular vote in a national contest sponsored by USA Today for songs centered on the Gulf oil spill and earned the judges’ vote as the best song about the event.

Though she first came to the Shore as a young adult, Peterson found she has deep roots on the Eastern Shore. Her first known ancestor on her father’s side landed on Old Plantation Creek in Northampton County in 1635, and she can trace her mother’s family to Chincoteague and Assateague in the 1700s.

Although Erika is often on stage with her when Peterson performs, this CD is all Thelma as her daughter’s three young children and her position as a high school Spanish teacher made it impossible for Erika to participate.

Peterson did pitch in to home-school her 10-year-old and 7-year-old grandchildren when schools were closed during the pandemic.

Peterson added that the CD would not have been possible without her son Charles’ technical support. “He’s my go-to person when I need advice on production issues.”

The Rev. Doug Tanner, who is also a musician and has befriended many Eastern Shore musical artists, had this to say about Peterson’s “Of Salt and Sand”:

“I’ve followed folk-style songs of life on the coast and especially the Chesapeake Bay for over 50 years. A talented musician with a modicum of creativity can come up with a catchy tune, but the best lyrics always flow from writers who really know what they’re writing about.

“No one can write songs about the Bay, the Shore, and the Barrier Islands like Thelma does without having lived the life in her lines. Those who’ve scraped and painted bottoms of wooden boats between tides, hung and mended cotton-twine gill nets, or rowed home with a sibling after setting them, are hard to find in 2021; writers with musical gifts comparable to Thelma’s are rare indeed.

“A mutual friend who called Thelma ‘the Emmy Lou Harris of the Eastern Shore’ hit the nail on the head. In this new album of original songs about the Bay, the Shore, and the Barrier Islands, its own ‘Emmy Lou’ has given the Shore a trove of musical treasure to celebrate and to share.”
For 62nd Year, Bank of Cheer Delivers Boxes of Food and Kindness

Story and Photos by Bill Sterling
Special to the Eastern Shore Post

The Bank of Cheer, with the help of many volunteers, delivered boxes of food to needy residents of the Eastern Shore of Virginia last week for the 62nd year.

Laura Trala, who has coordinated the program for two decades now, annually says it takes a lot of work and a lot of help from the community to pull it off.

Trala said, "I’m always amazed at the level of kindness and compassion the Shore community shows in supporting the Bank of Cheer. Thanks to generous donations, both of time and money, the Bank of Cheer was able to serve 200 local families with over 10,000 pounds of food."

The Accomack County Parks and Recreation Department plays a major role in packing the food and also assists in the delivery along with church groups, civic club members, sheriff and police officers, teachers, students, and other volunteers.

“I’m proud to live on the Eastern Shore, especially at a time such as this, when countless individuals come together to give of their time and resources to help those less fortunate,” said Trala.

The boxes are filled with canned foods, flour, and other staples, and the recipients also received a ham and bacon. All labor, transportation expenses, and the boxes provided by Dublin Farms for many years now are donated.

The Foodbank of the Eastern Shore provides the base of operations for delivery day and assistance transporting food. Recipients are selected by community leaders, who confer with ministers, organizations, and employees of social services departments to determine the families who most need help.

Donations are still being accepted by mail. Send to Bank of Cheer, c/o Laura Trala, P.O. Box 646, Onley, VA 23418.

Christmas Parade Lights Up Exmore Downtown

Exmore’s Christmas parade brought holiday cheer to eager viewers who lined Main Street in downtown. Above left, Santa checks in with a child in a lighted wagon. Above right, truck from Seamless Gutters, fully decorated with Christmas lights, pulls an equally festive trailer full of parade participants. Photos courtesy of the Town of Exmore.
The Cape Charles Volunteer Fire Company held its 15th annual Tool Mania fundraiser Dec. 11. The event included active and generous bidding that appeared to push revenues over $20,000, said Chief Jay Bell. The emotional effect of such strong community support can’t be put into words, Bell said, adding, “It’s overwhelming.”

Above left: Hayley Payne, of Onancock, left, and Marie Brady, of Cape Charles, sell silent auction tickets. Above middle: Christine Wengler, of Cape Charles, shows off her auction win, a bottle of nonalcoholic wine in a decorative holder. Above right: Cooks for the evening assemble at the smoker. From left are Matt Pruitt, Bill Powell, Masen Bell, Chief Jay Bell, KP Phillips, and former chief Steve Wilson. All hail from Cape Charles except Wilson, who resides in Machipongo.

Above, from left: Turnout gear hangs along the walls of the auction hall; firefighter and paramedic Carrie Sandlin, of Cape Charles, left, watches the auction with Amanda Windsor, of Onancock; deputy chief Jeb Brady, of Cape Charles, left, and Trish Bell, of Cape Charles, center, display auction items, while auctioneer Boyd Allison, right, works the room; Hope and Lt. Steven Wilson, of Cape Charles, flank Toni Long, of Willis Wharf, while tending to a beer truck and beverages; Accomack sheriff’s deputy Kelsie Cobb, right, enjoys the auction with victim’s advocate Fatina Muslimani.

Left: Hollye Carpenter, Northampton’s EMS director and chief and coordinator of emergency management, right, smiles as she watches the live auction. Right: Brinley Green tries her hand as auctioneer under the guidance of Boyd Allison, a longtime volunteer auctioneer who drives from Richmond to work the event.

Photos by Jim Ritch
The idea for this story came out of our internet tubes many years ago and while we lost the original, we believe we can supply the words for our own version.

In the early years of the 20th century, four young seamstresses worked in the same shop. Three of these women were attractive, vivacious, and intent upon getting married, as was the custom among young women back in the day. They attended parties, gossiped about available bachelors, flirted, and giggled and were quite taken with their own superficial beauty. The fourth young seamstress was quiet, not social, and was, as one of the other three put it, “unforgivably plain.” It was true, she was no beauty. Except for her heart, which was pure. While the other three partied, she used her free time to work in soup kitchens and make clothes for the poor. She didn’t gossip or talk — as the others did ceaselessly — about her prospects for marriage.

Until the day at the shop when she quietly announced she was engaged. The other three seamstresses, two of whom were mean-spirited to their cores while the third was unpleasant but not tragically corrupt, were astonished by their colleague’s wedding announcement. And didn’t believe it. When the plain seamstress mentioned she was having dinner with her fiancé, one of the mean ones was assigned to follow her and get a look at this man who would marry Plain Jane while the three of them, all ravishing beauties, had been so unsuccessful at marriage proposals. “He must be hideous to look at,” one of the mean ones said. “Impoverished, in rags, without prospects!” declared another. “Their dinner will be a sausage eaten on the street,” concluded the third.

But the next day, the seamstress who had followed the plain young woman to dinner with the unknown fiancé brought back even more stupefying news. The man at dinner was handsome! He dressed elegantly! They ate at one of the city’s finest restaurants!

The three attractive seamstresses pretended to be happy for their colleague, congratulating her on getting married, but in truth they were eaten with envy. Why her and not any of them?

The plain seamstress went to the owner of the shop and asked if she could have cloth scraps, from which she would make her own wedding dress. Because she was such a good worker and had such a pure heart, the owner readily agreed. The young woman began putting aside scraps of unused material.

The three mean seamstresses stayed after work to examine the pile of material the betrothed woman was collecting for her wedding dress. Their eyes got big. They laughed. The scraps of material were of different sizes and different colors, which was bizarre enough. But here’s the real kicker: All the scraps had one thing in common — they were corduroy.

(Story’s conclusion in next week’s Random Facts column.)
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**Weekly SUDOKU**
by Linda Thistle

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**Community Notes**

**Polar Duck Dip**
The 14th Annual Polar Duck Dip, “Freezing For a Reason,” will be Saturday, Jan. 22, 2022, at noon, at Camp Oceohannock On the Bay in Silver Beach. Doors open at 11 a.m. Costumes are welcome.

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

**Horseshoe Drop and Polar Plunge**
Ring in the New Year Friday, Dec. 31, at midnight, with the Pony Island Horseshoe Drop and Costume Promenade in Robert Reed Downtown Waterfront Park on Chincoteague Island.

Welcome 2022 the Chincoteague way with a dip in the Atlantic Ocean Saturday, Jan. 1, at 1:22 p.m., at the Polar Pony Plunge on Assateague Island National Seashore.

**Christmas Eve Service**
The traditional Candlelight Service will be Friday, Dec. 24, at 7 p.m., at Pungoteague Community Church.

**Christmas Eve Service**
Christmas Eve service will be Friday, Dec. 24, at 7 p.m., at Emmanuel Episcopal Church, 601 Tazewell Avenue, Cape Charles.

**Christmas Eve Service**
A joint Christmas Eve service will be Friday, Dec. 24, at 7 p.m., at Painter-Garrison UMC, and at 11 p.m., at Smith Chapel UMC in Quinby.

**Carol Sing and Eucharist**
Join the Rev. Phil Bjornberg for a Christmas Carol Sing Friday, Dec. 24, at 7 p.m., at St. George Episcopal Church in Pungoteague.

There will be Christmas Morning Eucharist Saturday, Dec. 25, at 10 a.m.

Join the Rev. Phil Bjornberg for a Christmas Carols and Eucharist Friday, Dec. 24, at 7 p.m., at St. George Episcopal Church in Pungoteague.

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

**Library Winter Storytime and Craft Program**
As part of its winter celebrations, Eastern Shore Public Library and Northampton Free library will have a storytime and craft event. This event will feature winter-themed books and a fun craft where children will make snowflake ornaments. The program will be Monday, Dec. 27, at 10 a.m., at Eastern Shore Public Library in Accomac. It is free and open to the public for ages 3 to 6 and no registration is required. Children do not need to have a library card to attend.

For questions or more information, email Tiffany Flores, youth services librarian, at youthservices@espl.org or call 757-787-3400.

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

**Pocomoke City Library Events**
Story Time, “Space,” will be Tuesday, Dec. 28, at 10:30 a.m., at the Pocomoke City Library. Join for stories, songs, and rhymes all about space. This is for ages 2 to 5.

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

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

**Free COVID-19 At-Home Test Kits**
The Virginia Department of Health announced it will distribute COVID-19 rapid antigen at-home test kits at no cost at the Eastern Shore Public Library. The pilot program will run through Friday, Dec. 31. Individuals can pick up a virtually guided Abbott BinaxNow COVID-19 Antigen Card Home Test from the library, use it in the privacy of their home, and receive digital test results in 15 minutes.

To request a free test kit, call 757-787-3400 to pick up at the library in Accomac or 757-414-0010 to pick up from the library in Nas- sawadox. VDH recommends that tests be used within two weeks to avoid expiration.

For more information, go to https://www.vdh.virginia.gov/coronavirus/protect-yourself/covid-19-testing/stacc/

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

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

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

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

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

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

**Al-Anon Meeting**
The Al-Anon meeting will take place every Wednesday, at 7 p.m., at Franktown United Methodist Church, 7551 Bayside Road.
The Northampton High School December students of the month are pictured above from left: Virginia Brown, Ortavia Rogers, Vashti Holmes, Desmand Tyreese Wessells, Hannah Locklear, James Applegate, and Lucy Lusk; not pictured: Pedro Mateo-Sanchez.

The Northampton High School December teacher of the month is Marina Bell, pictured at right. Bell is a 21-year teaching veteran. She is the special education department head.

Bike Giveaway a Great Success

The Accomack County Parks and Recreation Department, in coordination with the Saxis and Parksley fire stations, donated over 40 new bikes for children on Saturday, Dec. 18, at the Saw Mill Park in Acomac. Safety helmets were donated by the Accomack County Extension Office and reading materials and books were donated by the Accomack County Library. Other organizations that donated bicycles include Mary Nottingham Smith Alumni, Cooper & Humbles, Onancock Building Supply, Ashley Pettit, Burton’s Chapel, and A.M.W. Bonding; WESR and Giddens Do-Drop Inn also helped.

Winners of Golf Cart Announced

Jim and Gloria Ritch, of Cape Charles, are the winners of the Eastern Shore of Virginia Habitat for Humanity golf cart raffle. They were excited to have their ticket drawn and have very generously given the golf cart back to Habitat for Humanity for more fundraising efforts to continue to help those in need in the Eastern Shore community.

Habitat will use the proceeds to assist in building house number 52.

The Eastern Shore Post will be closed 12/29, 12/30, and 12/31. We will be checking voicemails and emails so that we can still bring you the Eastern Shore Post on Dec. 31.

Watson Honored for 70 Years as Mason

William H. “Bill” Watson, of Atlantic, was presented his Masonic Service certificate and pin celebrating 70 years of Masonic service as a member of Temperanceville Masonic Lodge in November. Pictured above from left are Harry Godwin, master of the lodge, Bill Watson, and Jeffery Watson, lodge treasurer and Bill’s son.
December 8, 1933 to December 27, 2020
In Loving Memory of Elizabeth Holiday Ames
Mama, your many acts of love are forever held in our hearts and captured in our minds. You were such a kind and gentle soul, but strong as steel and very bold. Your love for each of us made every day brighter. We miss hearing your laughter. We know how much you sacrificed for us every day of your life. You left a big hole in our lives, but we carry on each day, knowing you’re still watching over us. Mama, you were a wonderful role model for all of us. We miss you, but we smile knowing you are in heaven.

Love,

EARLY DEADLINE ALERT:
Classified and Legal Ads for the Dec. 31 edition are due no later than MONDAY, DEC. 27, BY 11 A.M. This is a hard deadline. Ads will not be accepted past 11 a.m. that day.
Send your ads to:
angie@easternshorepost.com

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TO ALL OF OUR BABIES:
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- Tutor

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. 2101 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.

Accomack County Social Services - Local (765-01) Family Services Specialist I/II (Accomack) Child Protective Services Position # L0010
Hiring Range - $36,993 (May be higher depending on qualifications and budgetary considerations.)

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

EQUAL OPPORTUNITY EMPLOYER

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

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

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

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

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

Accomack County is committed to a diverse and inclusive workforce.

The Nature Conservancy is soliciting applications for a short-term Shorebird/Waterbird Field Technician to assist with management activities for nesting birds on the islands of the Volgenau Virginia Coast Reserve. This position will last 18-20 weeks beginning in April 2022. Responsibilities include monitoring beach nesting birds, posting and patrolling bird colonies, and visitor education. Basic qualifications include coursework in wildlife biology or related field, bird monitoring experience, and boat operation/trailering experience. To see complete details for this position and to apply, go to www.nature.org/careers, click Current Job Opportunities, search jobs by the position title and/or location, then click Apply Now to submit an online application by 11:59 p.m. on January 16, 2022. The Nature Conservancy is an Equal Opportunity Employer

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

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

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

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Wishing everyone a Merry Christmas and may the new year bring health, happiness, peace, and prosperity for us all.

Connie Morrison, Editor
Help Wanted

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

- Developmental Disabilities Aide ($11.25/hour - $2.50/hour-night & weekend differential)
- Part-Time Driver
- Part-time Health Information Technician
- Licensed Practical Nurse
- Peer Recovery Specialist
- Clinician
- Coordinator of Mental Health/Substance Abuse Outpatient Services
- Coordinator of Substance Abuse Outpatient Services
- Office Services Specialist

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

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Misc. - For Sale

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**'14 HONDA ACCORD LX** - 4-door, 4-cyl., auto, A/C, full pwr., backup camera, exc. cond., 1 owner, warranty, $10,500. 757-351-5611.

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**Antique Show Car For Sale** - 1984 Model 944 Porsche. In great condition. Low mileage, only 80K miles. All original except stereo system. If interested, call 665-6565.


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NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING
THE ACCOMACK COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION WILL HOLD PUBLIC HEARINGS ON WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 12, 2022, AT 7:30 p.m. AT METOMPSEK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL CAFETERIUM, 24501 PARKSLEY ROAD, PARKSLEY, VIRGINIA TO AFFORD INTERESTED PERSONS THE OPPORTUNITY TO BE HEARD OR TO PRESENT WRITTEN COMMENTS CONCERNING THE FOLLOWING:

A. REZ-000218-2021: CCG Note LLC – Tax Map # 5-A-1
A public hearing on a request from CCG Note LLC to conditionally rezone 24.41 acres of land from Residential to Village Development. The property is located at 37332 State Line Road, Greenbackville, VA, and is currently zoned Residential. The conditional rezoning application is being sought to construct a 142 townhome and commercial mixed use development.

B. CUSE-000219-2021: CCG Note LLC – Tax Map # 5-A-1
A public hearing on a request from CCG Note LLC for a Conditional Use Permit pursuant to Accomack County Code Section 106-534(12) for construction of a 142 Townhome and Commercial Mixed Use Development on parcel number 5-A-1 located at 37332 State Line Road, Greenbackville, VA.

A public hearing request to rezone 11.6 acres of land from General Business and Agricultural to Industrial. The property is located at Tax Map # 27-A-103A located across from 32533 Chincoteague Road, Wattsburg, VA. The application seeks rezoning to construct a utility scale battery storage facility.

A public hearing request for a Conditional Use Permit pursuant to Accomack County Code Section 106-128(1) for the construction and operation of a utility scale battery storage facility utilizing a site of more than ten acres located at Tax Map # 27-A-103A located across from 32533 Chincoteague Road, Wattsburg, VA.

Public hearing related materials are available for review at the Accomack County Planning Department, 23296 Courthouse Avenue – Room 105 – Accomac, Virginia and on the County’s website at http://www.boarddocs.com/va/Courthouse Avenue – Room 105 – Accomac, Virginia and at the Accomack County Planning Department, 23296 Courthouse Avenue – Room 105 – Accomac, Virginia and on the County’s website at http://www.boarddocs.com/va/Courthouse Avenue – Room 105 – Accomac, Virginia and at the Accomack County Planning Department, 23296 Courthouse Avenue – Room 105 – Accomac, Virginia and on the County’s website at http://www.boarddocs.com/va/Courthouse Avenue – Room 105 – Accomac, Virginia and at the Accomack County Planning Department, 23296 Courthouse Avenue – Room 105 – Accomac, Virginia and on the County’s website at http://www.boarddocs.com/va/Courthouse Avenue – Room 105 – Accomac, Virginia.

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

PUBLIC AUCTION NOTICE
This serves as a notice that on December 31, 2021, at 9:00 a.m., at the premises of KT Cars LLC, 15525 County Line Road, P.O. Box 292, Belle Haven, VA 23306, the undersigned will sell at a Public Auction for cash, reserving into itself the right to bid on following vehicles:

1999 Chevrolet Corvette; 2D Coupe; Black; VIN: 1G1YY2189K5125511
2006 Toyota Sienna Van; Beige; VIN: 5TDAZ23C16S454619

Vehicles must be paid for and moved from the premises by 4:00 p.m. on the day of the auction.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
MUNICIPAL CORPORATION OF CAPE CHARLES
FISCAL YEAR 2021/2022 PROPOSED BUDGET AMENDMENT
Following is a summary of amended estimated receipts and expenditures of the Municipal Corporation of Cape Charles for the Fiscal Year 2021-2022. The Town Council will hold a Public Hearing on January 6, 2022, at 6:30 p.m., at the Cape Charles Civic Center, 500 Tazewell Avenue, to receive verbal and written comments on all proposed disbursements. Written comments can be submitted prior to the hearing via email to clerk@capecharles.org or placed in the external drop box at Town Hall. The proposed Fiscal Year 2021/2022 budget amendment will be discussed and brought to a vote during the special meeting immediately following the public hearing. Budget amendment details may be viewed on the Town’s website, www.capecharles.org, under Agendas and Minutes / Town Council.

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William “Smitty” Dize, Mayor
NOTICE OF OYSTER PLANTING GROUND APPLICATION

James M. West, (2021072) has applied for approximately 11 acres of oyster planting ground in Chincoteague Bay situated in Accomack City/County. The application is located at Lat/Long: N37-57.7290 / W75-20.4956

To view a map of the application, use this web link to search the application by number (2021072): 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

NOTICE OF OYSTER PLANTING GROUND APPLICATION

William C. Parr, (2021071) has applied for approximately 24 acres of oyster planting ground in Mockhorn Bay situated in Northampton City/County. The application is located at Lat/Long: N37-14.6803 / W75-55.7080

To view a map of the application, use this web link to search the application by number (2021071): https://webapps.mrc.virginia.gov/public/oystergrounds/search_applications.php or contact the VMRC Engineering/Surveying Department at 757-247-2230.

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NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING

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

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

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

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

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

- Newly Created Lot 1: 1.2.18 acre variance from 106-55(a) which states the minimum lots area shall be 5 acres.
- 2.150 feet variance from 106-57 which states The minimum frontage for permitted uses shall be 150 feet at the setback line.
- 3.4.23 feet variance from 106-58(a) which states The minimum side yard for accessory structures shall be five feet or more.

Newly Created Lot 2:
- 1.1.76 acres variance from 106-55(a) which states the minimum lots area shall be 5 acres.
- 2.150 feet variance from 106-57 which states The minimum frontage for permitted uses shall be 150 feet at the setback line.

Remainder of Parcel 28-A-4:
- 1. On the Western side, a variance of 4 feet from 106-58(a) which states The minimum side yard for accessory structures shall be five feet or more.
- 2. On the Eastern side, a variance of 2.76 feet from 106-58(a) which states The minimum side yard for accessory structures shall be five feet or more.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Northampton County Zoning Appeals will meet on Tuesday, January 4, 2022 at 10:00 a.m. in the Board Chambers located at 16404 Courthouse Road in Eastville, VA. The Board of Zoning Appeals will meet for the purpose of conducting regular business.

Variances 2021-03: Solitude ES, LLC has applied for a variance. They are requesting a 83.72 foot variance from the required 100-foot front setback, for a total front setback of 16.8 feet, and a 2.66 foot variance from the required 25-foot left side setback, for a total left side setback of 22.14 feet. The variance request is to construct an enclosed porch area on the left (south) side of the existing building. The property is located at 22512 Lankford Highway, Cape Charles, VA 23310, and zoned TE-CG (Town Edge – Commercial General), and contains approximately 68 acres. The property is further described as Tax Map 91A-1-4.

Anyone interested in the above matter should attend the public meeting in order to make their comments known. Additionally, comments may also be written and sent to the Planning, Permitting and Enforcement Department. The files may be viewed in the Northampton County Planning, Permitting and Enforcement Department in Eastville, VA. Handicapped Assistance Available: Please telephone (757) 678-0440 at least 48 hours in advance.
**ACCOMACK COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS SPECIAL MEETING**
Saturday, January 8, 2022, at 10:00 a.m.
Chincoteague Volunteer Fire House
5052 Deep Hole Road
Chincoteague, VA 23336

The Accomack County Board of Supervisors hold a Special Meeting on Saturday, January 8, 2022, at 10:00 a.m. at the Chincoteague Volunteer Firehouse. This Special Meeting is being held for the Board to begin its work on its Strategic Plan. There is no Public Comment during this meeting, but the meeting is open to the Public.

Any citizen having questions or needing special assistance for the disabled may contact the County Administrator’s Office by contacting Jessica Hargis at 787-5700 / 824-5444 or by email: administration@co.accomack.va.us

County’s electronic Board Agenda at:
https://go.boarddocs.com/va/coa/board.nsf/Public

Meeting Audio will be posted no later than January 10, 2022:
https://wwwco.accomack.va.us/how-do-i/listen-to-meeting-audio

**FAMILY COURT FOR THE STATE OF DELAWARE NOTICE OF FAMILY COURT ACTION**

TO: Thomas Phillips, Respondent, Petitioner Alan Fulmer has filed a Guardianship petition (Petition # 21-24255) against you in the Family Court of the State of Delaware for Sussex County on October 19, 2021. If you do not file and answer with the Family Court within 20 days after publication of this notice, exclusive of the date of publication, this action will be heard in Family Court without further notice.

If you are the parent and wish to be represented by an attorney in this matter, but cannot afford one, you may be entitled to have the court appoint an attorney to represent you for free. For more information, contact the clerk at Family Court by telephone at (302) 255-0300.

**ACCOMACK COUNTY CIVIL COURT ORDER OF PUBLICATION**

IN RE: Cooper Brookston Thomas-Outlaw
Civil No. CL 21-336-00

ORDER OF PUBLICATION
The object of this notice is to obtain a name change for the minor child born of the parties.
It is ORDERED that ERIC WAYNE OUTLAW appear and protect his interest on or before Friday, February 18, 2022, which date is no sooner than fifty days after entry of this order of publication. And it is further; ORDERED that this Order of Publication be published once a week for four (4) successive weeks in Eastern Shore Post, a newspaper having general circulation in this City.

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

**ACCOMACK COUNTY CIVIL COURT ORDER OF PUBLICATION**

IN RE: Jaxon Reed Thomas-Outlaw
Civil No. CL 21-334-00

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**EZ STORAGE, LLC – AUCTIONS (Online Only)**

31608 Hudson St., New Church, VA 23415
25394 Mason Rd., Bloxom, VA 23308

We will be auctioning off abandoned and unauthorized units for both of our storage facilities listed above. Units being auctioned are: #43, #45, #48, #60, B38, C33, C35, E10, E17, & E18. Bidding begins online on December 27, 2021 @ 3PM. If you have property in these units, please call Jennifer at 757-894-4091 or 757-665-5294.

**ACCOMACK COUNTY CIVIL COURT ORDER OF PUBLICATION**

RE: ESTATE OF JOYCE BROWN MILLINER, deceased
Court File No. 202000087

SHOW CAUSE ORDER AGAINST DISTRIBUTION
It is Ordered that the creditors of, and all other persons interested in, the above estate show cause, if any they can, on the 6th day of January, 2022, at 9:30 a.m., before this Court, at its Courthouse, Accomack County Circuit Court Building, 23312 Courthouse Avenue, Accomac, Virginia 23318 against the payment and delivery of the estate to the distributees without requiring refunding bonds.

It appearing to the Court that reports of the accounts of Howard C. Wessells, II, Executor of the above estate and of the debts and demands against the estate have been filed in the Clerk’s office and that six months have elapsed since the qualification, and upon motion of the personal representative, it is further Ordered that the caption, style, and first paragraph of the Order be published once a week for two successive weeks in the Eastern Shore Post, a newspaper of general circulation in Accomack County, Virginia.

ENTER: December 15, 2021
W. Revel Lewis III, Judge

I ask for this:
HOWARD C. WESSELS II
Virginia State Bar No. 31171
23318 Courthouse Ave., P.O. Box 30
Accomac, VA 23301
Telephone: (757)787-1077  Fax: (757)787-9294

**VIRTUAL FARMERS MARKET**

Virtual Farmers, Crafters:
Argggh Matey: Sailor says, “Stop by and get some fresh eggs and local honey at Eastern Shore Pets.”
Four Corner Plaza, Onley. 787-1462

Put your ad in the Virtual Farmers Market for ONLY $11/ WEEK!

Call Angie Huether Crutchley at 757-789-7678.

$390,000
Call or text Charlie 757-620-7733
Pungo9rcn@gmail.com
Merry Christmas and Happy New Year from all of us at the Eastern Shore Post

All display ads are due by Friday, Dec. 24, at 5 p.m.; all classified/legal ads are due by Monday, Dec. 27, at 11 a.m., for the Friday, Dec. 31 edition.

Send classified and legal ads to angie@easternshorepost.com
Send display ads to ads@easternshorepost.com

757-789-7678
Compliments to ANEC

Yes, as an Accomack-Northampton Electric Co-Op customer, I was also very frustrated when the entire Shore lost power a few weeks ago. Thankfully, that is just a memory now.

But I also want to give my compliments to ANEC. I requested a replacement outside light and was told it would be done within a week. Well, it was done the very next day! And the monthly cost of the light actually decreased by a few dollars.

That was some great customer service.

Thanks, ANEC.

Marsha Pruitt, Cheriton

Bells Are Ringing

Dear Editor:

The Northampton County Salvation Army Unit is ringing bells in December at Food Lion in Exmore and Cape Charles. Please support the efforts of the Northampton County Salvation Army Unit as it raises funds to support community needs during the Christmas season and the rest of the year.

This year, the community sponsored 272 children, with ages ranging from birth to 12 years. Local community members “adopted” these children, purchasing clothing and age-appropriate toys. In addition, the local Salvation Army Chapter, the Tidewater Salvation Army Unit, and Toys for Tots provided toys.

A donation to the Kettle Fund will be used throughout the year to provide financial assistance to families in a time of need in Northampton County.

Those wishing to send a check should send it to the following address:

Northampton County Salvation Army
Attn: Ed Stetar, Treasurer
P.O. Box 1274
Exmore, VA 23350

Or visit our webpage at www.salvationarmyeasternshoreva.org

Richard Sterrett, Chairman,
Ed Stetar, Treasurer

Captains Cove Deserves Consideration

Dear Editor:

Captains Cove is the fastest growing area in Accomack County. The Cove is second in size to Chincoteague, and homeowners pay about $1.5 million a year to the county in taxes.

The county board of supervisors is about to vote on putting a rental complex in Captains Cove. This could have a serious effect on property values in the Cove — 1,100 homeowners and about 3,000 citizens.

The people of Captains Cove have always done the right thing and it is time for the county to do the same for them.

John Ward, Captains Cove

Pictured are bell ringers (from left): Angela Smith, Charlene Gray, and Stephanie Gray. Submitted Photo.
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