

# Eastern Shore Post

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## THE PAPER'S POSITION

### **A commitment to Black history on the Eastern Shore**

During Black History Month, congratulations are in order to those whose time, effort, investment, and research have preserved and promoted the Eastern Shore of Virginia's own deep, rich Black history.

Over the decades, our area's fascinating and inspiring Black history has been increasingly chronicled, discovered, and recognized. However, we all know this critical mission is incomplete. There remain important discoveries to be made — and we eagerly await them.

As we preserve our Black history in Accomack and Northampton counties, we also continue to add to our history and achieve hard-won historic milestones. This year is particularly significant in that, for the first time in Accomack's long history, the chair and vice chair of the elected county board of supervisors are Black. This is a triumph of equality and a source of community pride. We eagerly await the accomplishments of those who follow in these leaders' footsteps.

This year brought the opening of a community center at the former segregated Black school in Cape Charles. Vibrant community centers also exist at former segregated Black high schools in Machipongo and Accomac. The creative reuse of these buildings honors and preserves our history. We look forward to the next example of Black history preservation.

Never before has there been such a depth and breadth of written content available about Black history on the Eastern Shore of Virginia. We eagerly await the publication of more of it.

We are fortunate to live in a time in which Eastern Shore Black history is so thoughtfully and robustly recognized. We thank those who have worked so hard to preserve and promote it.

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