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# Shore First | Entertainment calendar

## Friday, April 7

■ **DECOY SHOW:** Noon to 5 p.m., Easter Decoy and Art Festival, Chincoteague Combined School, 4586 Main St., Chincoteague. Sponsored by the Chincoteague Chamber of Commerce. \$5 admission.

■ **PIZZA FUNDRAISER:** 5 to 8 p.m., drive-through pizza sale at New Church Fire and Rescue Co., 4264 Firehouse St., New Church. Order at front of building and drive around for pickup. Pizzas starting at \$15.

■ **EGG HUNT:** 7:30 p.m., Glow in the dark Easter egg hunt presented by Cheriton Baptist Church, held at the home of Donnie and Marie Brady, 2412 Old Cape Charles Road, Cape Charles.

## Saturday, April 8

■ **DECOY SHOW:** 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Easter Decoy and Art Festival, Chincoteague Combined School, 4586 Main St., Chincoteague. Sponsored by the Chincoteague Chamber of Commerce. \$5 admission.

■ **GOLF TOURNEY:** 10 a.m., The Eastern Shore Yacht & Country Club will hold its Easter Scrambled Eggs Golf Tournament. The format is an ABCD captain's draft four-person scramble and is open to members and non-members with a \$25 entry fee plus green fees. For more information or to register, call 757-786-4519 or email [contact@esycc.com](mailto:contact@esycc.com).

■ **EGG HUNT:** 10 a.m., sponsored by the Market Street United Methodist Church and held at 10 Ashton St., Onancock. A hot dog lunch will follow. There is a rain date of Monday, April 10. Guests are invited and everyone is asked to bring a lawn chair. Call 757-787-1842 with questions.

■ **EGG HUNT:** 11 a.m., Easter egg hunt at Red Bank Baptist Church, 9202 Seaside Road. Marionville, for ages 1-12.

■ **EGG HUNT:** 11 a.m., Easter egg hunt at Drummond-town Baptist Church, Accomac. Children must be accompanied by an adult.

■ **EGG HUNT:** 11 a.m., Easter egg hunt at the Union Baptist Church, Chincoteague, for ages 1 year old through fifth grade. It will be held on the grounds of the Union Baptist activities building, 6365 Church St., Chincoteague.

■ **EASTER EVENT:** Noon to 1 p.m., lunch with the Easter Bunny and Easter egg hunt, New Church Volunteer Fire and Rescue Co., 4264 Firehouse Street, New Church. Lunch on sale from noon to 1 p.m. Age 1-3 years old egg hunt at 1:15 p.m., age 4-7 years old egg hunt at 1:20 p.m., and age 7-11 years old egg hunt at 1:25 p.m. Photos with the Easter bunny will be on sale.

■ **EGG HUNT:** 1 p.m., Bloxom town Easter egg hunt in the town square. There also will be prizes and face painting.

■ **EGG HUNT:** 1 p.m., Melfa United Methodist Church at the Melfa Community Park. Will be held indoors at the church in case of inclement weather. Ages 1-13 are welcome.

■ **MAGIC SHOW:** 1:30 p.m., Peter Samelson Magic Show to benefit Beebe Ranch preservation, Chincoteague Cultural Alliance, 6309 Church St. \$30. Call 757-336-6117 for tickets.

■ **LIVE MUSIC:** 7 p.m., Eric Luchansky at the ESO Arts Center, 15293 King St., Belle Haven. Tickets are \$20 at the door.

■ **COMEDY SHOW:** 8 to 9 p.m., the Rev. Robert Garriss, comedian, at the The Blarney Stone Pub, Onancock. Call 757-302-0300.

## Sunday, April 9

■ **SUNRISE SERVICE:** 6 a.m., at Sun Outdoors Chesapeake Bay (formerly Tall Pines Campground), 8107 Tall Pines Lane, Temperanceville. It is hosted by Hall's Chapel and is open to the public.

■ **SUNRISE SERVICE:** 6 a.m., Drummontown Baptist Church and Zion Baptist Church will be holding a sunrise service at Parks Landing in Accomac.

■ **SUNRISE SERVICE:** 6:30 a.m., Easter sunrise service at Oyster boat ramp, sponsored by the Capeville, Cheriton, and Trinity United Methodist churches.

■ **SUNRISE SERVICE:** 6:30 a.m., Easter sunrise service at Harborton boat ramp, sponsored by Evergreen United Methodist Church, 13673 Hackneck Road. Breakfast follows the sunrise service at the church.

## Monday, April 10

■ **YOGA:** 8 to 9 a.m., yoga at the Island Community House, 6246 Mumford St., Chincoteague. Info: 757-336-1992, [info@islandcommunityhouse.org](mailto:info@islandcommunityhouse.org), [www.islandcommunityhouse.org](http://www.islandcommunityhouse.org)

■ **GAME DAY:** 1 to 4 p.m., game day at the Island Theatre annex, 4074 Main St., Chincoteague, sponsored by the Chincoteague Island Arts Organization. Info: 757-702-2170, [www.chincoteagueislandarts.com](http://www.chincoteagueislandarts.com)

■ **SENIOR BINGO:** 1 p.m., Chincoteague Cultural Alliance. 6309 Church St., \$5 per card to play.

■ **BINGO:** Doors open at 5 p.m., first game at 7 p.m., Onancock Elks Lodge, 22454 Front St., Accomac. Info: 757-787-7750.

■ **SPEAKER:** 7 p.m., Josh Barfield gives tips and techniques on surf fishing at the Eastern Shore Anglers Club at the Sage Diner, Onley.

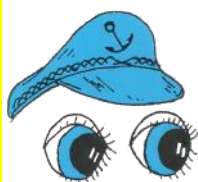
## Tuesday, April 11

■ **BINGO:** Doors open 5:30 p.m., first game 7:30 p.m., Cheriton Volunteer Fire Co., 21334 S. Bayside Road, Cheriton.

■ **SERIES:** 6 p.m., screening of the Nature Conservancy's film "Tides of Change" at the Tuesday Night Lecture Series sponsored by the Museum of Chincoteague Island, 7125 Maddox Boulevard. \$7 admission or free with museum membership.

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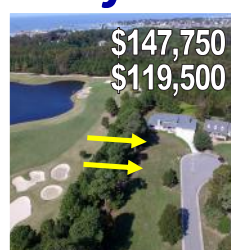


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## Wednesday, April 12

- **YOGA:** 8 to 9 a.m., yoga at the Island Community House, 6246 Mumford St., Chincoteague. Info: 757-336-1992, [info@islandcommunityhouse.org](mailto:info@islandcommunityhouse.org), [www.islandcommunityhouse.org](http://www.islandcommunityhouse.org)
- **LUNCHEON:** 11:30 a.m., Pocomoke Area Chamber of Commerce will hold its general membership luncheon at the Delmarva Discovery Museum, 2 Market St., Pocomoke City. Following the 11:30 a.m. meet-and-greet, there will be a noon lunch. The 2022 Awards Presentation also will be held. The cost for lunch is \$12 per person collected when guests arrive. RSVP at [pocomokechamber@gmail.com](mailto:pocomokechamber@gmail.com) or call 410-957-1919.
- **ACTIVITY:** 1 to 3 p.m., Sit and Stitch program at the Island Community House, 6246 Mumford St., Chincoteague. Info: 757-336-1992, [info@islandcommunityhouse.org](mailto:info@islandcommunityhouse.org), [www.islandcommunityhouse.org](http://www.islandcommunityhouse.org)
- **ACTIVITY:** 6 to 8 p.m., chess club at the Island Community House, 6246 Mumford St., Chincoteague. Info: 757-336-1992, [info@islandcommunityhouse.org](mailto:info@islandcommunityhouse.org), [www.islandcommunityhouse.org](http://www.islandcommunityhouse.org)
- **BINGO:** Doors open at 6 p.m., first game 7:30 p.m., Painter Volunteer Fire Co., 17116 Wayside Drive, Painter.

## Thursday, April 13

- **CHILDREN'S EVENT:** 10 a.m., "Tales 4 Tots" at the Chincoteague Island Library, 4077 Main St., Chincoteague. Stories, crafts, snacks, and stretching for children up to age 5. Free and open to all. Children must be accompanied by adult.
- **INTERNATIONAL FILM:** 7 p.m., Onancock International Films will present "Living." The film will be shown at the Roseland Theatre, 48 Market St., Onancock. Tickets are \$8 at the door.

## Friday, April 14

- **COMEDY SHOW:** 7 to 7:30 p.m., and 8 to 8:30 p.m., the Rev. Robert Garriss, comedian, at the Exmore Moose Lodge, Belle Haven. Call 757-919-0337

## Saturday, April 15

- **FAMILY SAFETY DAY:** 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., AAA of Tidewater will hold its Family Safety Day at Four Corner Plaza in Onley. In attendance will be the State Police, Accomack County Sheriff's Office, Accomack County Department of Public Safety, the Onancock Volunteer Fire Department, the Virginia Department of Transportation, and many other entities.
- **FUNDRAISER:** 5 p.m., Museum of Chincoteague Island dinner fundraiser for the potential purchase of the Beebe Ranch. It will be held at the Chincoteague Volunteer Fire Co. and feature music by Boyz of Summer. a three-course meal by AJ's on the Creek, beer and wine by Black Narrows Brewery, and a live auction by Chester Jackson. Tickets are \$50 and can be purchased by calling the museum at 757-336-6117.

or at the museum, 7125 Maddox Blvd.

- **ART SHOW:** 5-7 p.m., Art-Sea fundraiser party at the Museum of Chincoteague Island. Entry is free and food and drinks will be available for purchase. Bid on the 5-inch by 5-inch canvas paintings to benefit the museum from April 1 to 15.
- **LIVE MUSIC:** 7 p.m., benefit concert featuring Modern Band at the Island Theater, presented by the Chincoteague High School After-Prom Committee. \$5.
- **LIVE MUSIC:** 7 p.m., The Mollyhawks at the Chincoteague Cultural Alliance's Island Coffeehouse, 6309 Church St. Opening act is Ed Baca. Cost is \$5 for adults, \$2 for children 12 and younger. Cash bar available.
- **LIVE MUSIC:** 7 p.m., "Hymn to the Chesapeake" musical play adapted from the book of the same name, at the Historic Cokesbury Church and Cultural Center, 13 Market St., Onancock.

## Monday, April 17

- **YOGA:** 8 to 9 a.m., yoga at the Island Community House, 6246 Mumford St., Chincoteague. Info: 757-336-1992, [info@islandcommunityhouse.org](mailto:info@islandcommunityhouse.org), [www.islandcommunityhouse.org](http://www.islandcommunityhouse.org)
- **GAME DAY:** 1 to 4 p.m., game day at the Island Theatre annex, 4074 Main St., Chincoteague, sponsored by the Chincoteague Island Arts Organization. Info: 757-702-2170, [www.chincoteagueislandarts.com](http://www.chincoteagueislandarts.com)
- **SENIOR BINGO:** 1 p.m., Chincoteague Cultural Alliance. 6309 Church St., \$5 per card to play.
- **BINGO:** Doors open at 5 p.m., first game at 7 p.m., Onancock Elks Lodge, 22454 Front St., Accomac. Info: 757-787-7750.

## Tuesday, April 18

- **BINGO:** Doors open 5:30 p.m., first game 7:30 p.m., Cheriton Volunteer Fire Co., 21334 S. Bayside Road, Cheriton.

## Wednesday, April 19

- **YOGA:** 8 to 9 a.m., yoga at the Island Community House, 6246 Mumford St., Chincoteague. Info: 757-336-1992, [info@islandcommunityhouse.org](mailto:info@islandcommunityhouse.org), [www.islandcommunityhouse.org](http://www.islandcommunityhouse.org)
- **ACTIVITY:** 1 to 3 p.m., Sit and Stitch program at the Island Community House, 6246 Mumford St., Chincoteague. Info: 757-336-1992, [info@islandcommunityhouse.org](mailto:info@islandcommunityhouse.org), [www.islandcommunityhouse.org](http://www.islandcommunityhouse.org)
- **LECTURE:** 5 p.m., Andy Dunton will speak about decoy carving history and have a demonstration at the Cape Charles Museum for its lecture series, "Let's Talk Cape Charles Culture." Admission is \$5 or free with new museum membership paid for at lecture.
- **ACTIVITY:** 6 to 8 p.m., chess club at the Island Community House, 6246 Mumford St., Chincoteague. Info: 757-336-1992, [info@islandcommunityhouse.org](mailto:info@islandcommunityhouse.org), [www.islandcommunityhouse.org](http://www.islandcommunityhouse.org)
- **BINGO:** Doors open at 6 p.m., first game 7:30 p.m., Painter Volunteer Fire Co., 17116 Wayside Drive, Painter.

## Thursday, April 20

- **CHILDREN'S EVENT:** 10 a.m., "Tales 4 Tots" at the Chincoteague Island Library, 4077 Main St., Chincoteague. Stories, crafts, snacks, and stretching for children up to age 5. Free and open to all. Children must be accompanied by adult.
- **BOOK CLUB:** 1 to 3 p.m., Accomac Book Club at Naomi Makemie Presbyterian Church, 89 Market St., Onancock.

## Friday, April 21

- **THEATRICAL PERFORMANCE:** 7 p.m., "Gilligan's Island the Musical," live at the Island Theatre, Chincoteague. Presented by the Lower Shore Performing Arts Co. \$22 for adults, \$18 for military and seniors 65 and older, \$12 for students 11 and older, and free for children 10 and younger. Order tickets at [chincoteagueislandarts.com](http://chincoteagueislandarts.com)
- **THEATRICAL PERFORMANCE:** 8 p.m., "The Mountaintop," starring Aja Ruffin and Calvin Washington Jr., at The North Street Playhouse, 34 Market St., Onancock. Tickets are \$25 for adults and seniors, and \$10 for students. Get tickets at [northstreetplayhouse.com](http://northstreetplayhouse.com)

## Saturday, April 22

- **PLANT SALE:** 8 a.m. to noon, Woman's Club of Accomack County plant sale at the Carrie Watson Clubhouse, 25405 Richmond Ave., Onley.
- **GARDEN TOUR:** 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., Historic Garden Week on the Eastern Shore tour, sponsored by the Garden Club of Eastern Shore. Tour gardens and homes at five stops. Tickets are \$40 per person in sold only advance at [vagarden-week.org](http://vagarden-week.org)
- **DELEGATE BALL:** 6 p.m. to midnight, Delegate Rob Bloxom's Ball, Chincoteague Center, Chincoteague. Dinner by Don's Seafood, live music by Strictly Buzziness. Cash bar with proceeds benefiting the Chincoteague Volunteer Fire Co. Tickets \$75 each. Call 757-824-3456 for ticket information and questions.
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## Sunday, April 23

- **THEATRICAL PERFORMANCE:** 2:30 p.m., "The Mountaintop," starring Aja Ruffin and Calvin Washington Jr., at The North Street Playhouse, 34 Market St., Onancock. Tickets are \$25 for adults and seniors, and \$10 for students. Get tickets at [northstreetplayhouse.com](http://northstreetplayhouse.com)

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# Cheers to a lot of local asparagus this April

One of the many things I look forward to with the arrival of warmer days is the bounty of fresh produce.

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Laura Davis

For the moment, I can't get enough of the gorgeous stalks of asparagus hitting the stores.

Or, if you're really lucky, you may have a secret spot with a "wild" patch you've come across in your travels.

They tend to love back-roads ditches, so keep your eyes peeled for them shooting up.

I love them about the width of a pencil if I can get them that way —

they're guaranteed to be tender.

Thicker stalks are ideal for putting on the grill (another thing I look forward to doing more of in the months ahead).

Just toss with a little olive oil and salt and pepper, and grill over high heat for about five to ten minutes — depending on thickness.

A little squirt of fresh lemon and a sprinkle of good Parmesan cheese is also great if you're feeling fancy, but it certainly is not mandatory.

The other evening I had a gorgeous bundle and a blank space on our menu plan, so I decided to have a "wing it" dinner — you know, one of those "clean out the fridge" kind of nights.

This is what ensued, and it turned out to be superbly delicious. It's a quick one, too — which

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PHOTO COURTESY LAURA DAVIS

This pasta dish is a great way to use asparagus, one of the Eastern Shore's popular early spring vegetables.

Laura Davis, of Chincoteague Island, is a food writer and blogger at [www.tideandthyme.com](http://www.tideandthyme.com). Her recipes have been featured on Huffington Post and [www.craftbeer.com](http://www.craftbeer.com), among other publications.

She is a frequent guest on WBOC-TV's DelmarvaLife show, where she showcases her culinary talents for viewers. Her work appears monthly in Shore First.



# Davis

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is always a plus (hello, baseball season). It entailed crisping up the bacon in the pan, then a quick cook of the asparagus in some of the rendered bacon fat, and finally all tossed with some pasta and cream sauce.

I'm including my favorite recipe for homemade Alfredo sauce below as well. There's no shame in store-bought, but it takes just a few minutes to whip up and takes this dish up to the next level.

It was a hit with the whole family and a great way to get picky eaters to try something new. The healthiest? Surely not. Still, it was probably better for us than the pizza or Chinese take-out we would

have called in otherwise. Lighten the meal up a bit by serving a big fresh green salad on the side if you'd like.

I am looking forward to sharing some of my favorite recipes showcasing some of what's in season here on the Shore in the next few months — so stay tuned.

Until then, cheers to a lot of asparagus this April!



Thicker asparagus stalks are great for grilling.

PHOTO COURTESY LAURA DAVIS

## The recipe: Bacon and asparagus pasta

- 8 slices thick-cut bacon, chopped
- 1 lb. fresh asparagus, trimmed and cut into 1-inch pieces
- 2 cloves garlic, minced
- 1 lb. pasta (I used gemelli)
- 2 cups Alfredo sauce
- kosher salt
- black pepper

Cook pasta according to package directions. Reserve 1/2 cup of pasta water before draining. Return the pasta to the pan that you cooked it in, and set aside.

Heat a large frying pan over medium heat. Cook the bacon until browned and crispy, about 5 minutes. Remove and place on paper towel lined plate to drain. Remove all but 2 tbsp of grease from the pan, and return to the stove.

Add the chopped asparagus to the pan, stirring occasionally. Cook until tender, about 7 minutes. Add the garlic, and cook for 1 minute more. Turn off heat.

Add asparagus to the pot with the pasta, and add in the bacon and Alfredo sauce. Toss to combine. If sauce is too thick, add a bit of the pasta water to thin it out. Season to taste with salt and pepper before serving.

### Homemade Alfredo sauce

- 8 tablespoons (1 stick) butter
- 2 cups heavy cream
- 3 tsp corn starch
- 2 tbsp cold water
- 1 cup Parmesan cheese, shredded
- kosher salt
- ground white pepper

Melt the butter in a large saucepan over medium-high heat. Slowly whisk in the heavy cream. Cook, over medium heat until simmering. Combine the corn-starch and cold water, whisk into the cream mixture.

Cook, whisking constantly, until sauce thickens. Take off heat, and whisk in the Parmesan cheese. Season to taste with salt and white pepper.



# Long trip to New Church prevented Civil War battle

There is today no Civil War battlefield on the Eastern Shore of Virginia for the simple reason that during that war no battle was fought here. Among those we have to thank for that happy fact are those Northerners who shaped the Union “invasion” of the Shore in 1861, and perhaps, in his own way,

John A. Brittingham (1823-1898) of New Church.



Kirk  
Mariner

A potential clash of Union and Confederate troops took shape in November 1861 when Union troops began to gather under Gen. Henry H. Lockwood just across the river from Newtown, Md. (now Pocomoke City). Their objective: to march down the Eastern Shore of Virginia, dispersing any pro-southern troops and securing the peninsula’s allegiance to the Union.

The local Virginia troops that came up the Shore to meet them were few in number — between 1,500 and 2,000 — and they were poorly equipped, not regular troops. Under the command of Col. Charles Smith of Northampton, the Virginians built a breastwork across what is now Route 13 about a mile below New Church, and settled down in hopes of repelling the impending invasion.

In addition to the main camp below New Church, an advance force of cavalry was sent ahead above the town to the Maryland line. There in early November they established pickets at the bridge over Pitts Creek just north of the boundary, and made camp in the front yard of the nearest farm. That farm was the home of John Brittingham; his big farmhouse, which dated from the early 1800s, stood until a few years ago just west of today’s Route 13, back in the field in sight of the state line.



SHORE FIRST/TED SHOCKLEY

**New Church was the town almost involved in a possible Civil War skirmish on the Eastern Shore.**

For more than two weeks the Brittinghams endured an army camped in the front yard, and officers sleeping on the floor downstairs at night. Though they were as sympathetic to the south as the next family, it was a stressful and dangerous situation. Like most people of the Virginia Shore, they assumed that the assembling troops were coming as conquerors intent on setting the slaves free. Even worse for Brittingham was

the thought of what might happen to his family should they find themselves in the middle of a battle. And so in hopes of being able to evacuate his family to safety he made arrangements with Samuel C. Jones, his brother-in-law in Newtown, to inform him the moment the Yankees crossed the river.

On Friday, November 15, 1861, the Yankees made their first move, a surprise tactic that Smith and his southern troops had not anticipated. Under the white flag of truce, Lockwood sent into Virginia a man named Dickinson to distribute copies of a proclamation. The proclamation was signed by General John A. Dix, commander of the Union forces in Maryland, and its contents were meant to reassure Virginians. The Union troops came not to invade but only to assert the control of the United States government. There would be no battle unless the “rebels” initiated it. Virginia laws, institutions, customs, and homes would not be violated. Some slaves would not be set free, or allowed to come into the Union army camp. The Union troops, who were “a force too strong to be successfully opposed,” would come “as friends, and with the earnest hope that they may not, by your own acts, be forced to become your enemies.” Dix and Lockwood hoped that with such assurances the people of the Eastern Shore of Virginia would not take up arms against the United States, and that the peninsula could be returned from secession to the Union without bloodshed.

That same night well after dark came Samuel Jones to the farm with the long-awaited word of Yankee movements. He knocked on the front door, and though he and Brittingham whispered as they conferred, his message was overheard by some of the officers asleep in the parlor. The Union troops were crossing the river and preparing to march, and there were almost 5,000 of them — more than twice

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The Rev. Kirk Mariner was an Eastern Shore author, historian, and United Methodist minister whose book, “Off 13: The Eastern Shore of Virginia Guidebook,” is an indispensable volume for natives and visitors alike.

Mariner died in 2017. His work appears in Eastern Shore First courtesy of Miona Publications.



# Davis

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as many as the southerners ready to meet them. The word of the size of the Union forces spread quickly among the “sleeping” officers, and by daybreak the cavalry had broken camp and headed south, taking the news with them to the main camp.

On Saturday, November 16, 1861, the first of the Union troops passed into Virginia, a small advance party under Capt. John H. Knight. They crossed the creek, now unguarded, and came to the farm where Brittingham and his family, fearing retaliation, had attempted without success to erase the signs that southern troops had camped in their front yard.

Knight, not fooled by their hasty efforts, questioned Brittingham, insisted that he escort his troops to New Church, and set out down the peninsula behind the farmer and his spirited horse.

They had no sooner started down the road toward New Church when they were stopped by fallen trees which the Virginians had deliberately laid across the road to slow their advance. “We then took a road through the woods,” Knight later reported to his superiors. “Gallop along,” through the countryside behind Brittingham they again “struck the main road and...came to New

Church”— but not before they had covered some 10 miles.

Did the Union officer realize he had been duped by the seemingly accommodating Brittingham? The road from the Maryland line to New Church was then not Route 13 as we know it, but today’s Route 710, which heads eastward from Brittingham’s farm and then turns a sharp right angle south toward New Church. It was slightly more than two miles from the line into New Church. But Brittingham, the immediate danger to his family now past, somehow managed to add an extra eight miles to their route, leading them across woods and fields, delaying their advance down the Shore as long as possible in order to give the local troops extra time to get away to safety.

When he pulled up in New Church, Brittingham handed his horse to a local boy, instructed him to conduct the soldiers down the road toward Drummondtown (Accomac), and winked, hoping the boy also would lead them astray. The boy rode off with the Union cavalry behind him, and Brittingham thought for sure he had sacrificed his best and favorite horse to the southern cause. He had not; within a few days the horse was returned to him.

By then Knight’s troops had enjoyed a “triumphant and uninterrupted march” down the coun-

ty. The southern troops had simply disappeared. Many of them, trusting the proclamation, gave up soldiering and returned to their homes. Some of them, seeing the approach of the advance Union troops, “took to the woods, and others threw away their arms.” Many of the officers and some of the enlisted men managed to cross the Chesapeake Bay and join confederate forces on the mainland. Less than a week after Lockwood’s troops entered the Shore, the Federal War Department reported that about 1,800 “secessionists” had laid down their arms and that the Eastern Shore of Virginia was, without a shot being fired, firmly in the hands of the United States.

The Union “invasion” of the Shore is a study in restraint and evenhandedness, and owes much of its success to men like Dix and Lockwood, who were willing not to provoke a battle where one was not necessary. Among those on the Shore who recognized that indebtedness was Ellen Brittingham Nock, youngest child in the Brittingham household, who to her dying day defended Lockwood as a gentleman and a friend of the Eastern Shore of Virginia.

But her father, also, by somehow finding an extra eight miles distance between Maryland and New Church, had played his own small part in seeing that bloodshed was avoided.



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# The Secretary of State, a son of the Shore, who died on the Potomac

They called it The Peacemaker. It was a 12-inch cannon that weighed 27,000 pounds, and in 1844 it was the most powerful weapon on Earth.

The cannon was capable of such destruction its makers believed it would never see the violence of war, but instead be a great deterrent.



Curtis  
Badger

No nation would ever be so foolhardy as to challenge a country with such a formidable weapon in its arsenal.

A new steam frigate named the U.S.S. Princeton had just been launched, and she was armed with a pair of cannons, one for the starboard side and one for the port. On February 28, 1844, the Princeton and her pair of Peacemakers would be introduced to the American public.

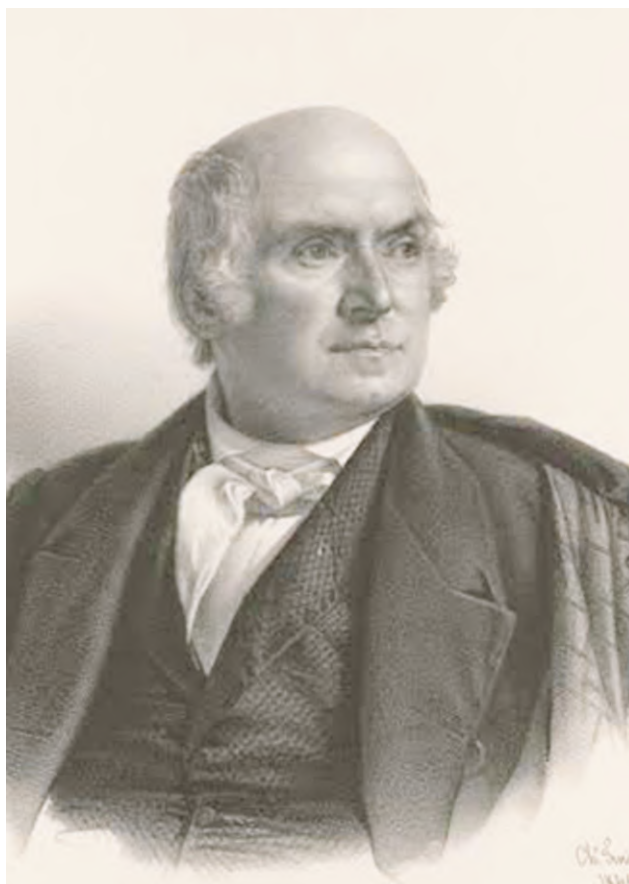
The frigate was launched on the Potomac with pomp and ceremony. Bands played as 400 invited guests boarded the Princeton to witness a history-making event, the first firing of the great cannons from a steamship.

On board were President John Tyler, Secretary of War William Wilkins, and former First Lady, 75-year-old Dolley Madison. Tens of thousands lined the banks of the Potomac to watch.

Also among the dignitaries was a native of the Shore, Abel Parker Upshur, a son of Littleton and Ann Upshur of Vacluse in Church Neck.

Upshur was America's Secretary of State, the first Eastern Shoreman to serve in a presidential cabinet position.

Upshur was, in the words of Ralph Whitelaw, "...one of the Shore's most distinguished sons and held many important local, state, and national offices, all with great credit to himself."



Abel Parker Upshur, U.S. Secretary of State, was a native of Northampton County.

Upshur was born at Vacluse on June 17, 1790. He studied law, was admitted to the bar in 1810, and practiced law in Richmond for several years. In 1824 he returned home to Northampton and was elected to the General Assembly.

In 1826 he was appointed a judge of the Circuit Court in Williamsburg. While living in Williamsburg, Abel purchased Bassett Hall and lived there while attending to court business.

It is said that Vice President Tyler was visiting with Abel in 1841 when word came of the death of President Harrison.

After President Tyler was inaugurated, he asked Abel to come to Washington to serve as Secretary of the Navy. Abel held that position for two years, and then received a cabinet appointment when he succeeded Daniel Webster as Secretary of State.

In the weeks preceding the Princeton's launch, Abel Upshur's days had been filled with negotiations for the annexation of Texas. Legislation looked promising, and while annexation was backed by most Americans, it was opposed by the Mexican government, which considered Texas a province in revolt.

Should Mexico consider forcing the issue, the presence of the Princeton in the Gulf of Mexico might bring second thoughts.

But on an unseasonably warm day in late February, the Princeton and her Peacemakers would become the focus of what newspapers of the day called the worse peacetime tragedy in history.

The cannons were fired two times with impressive success, but news accounts say officials decided to fire a third round as the Princeton neared Mount Vernon, as a salute to the nation's first president.

This time, the cannon failed, and the explosion sent flames and shrapnel ripping through the cabin of the frigate. Secretary Upshur was killed instantly, as was Navy Secretary Thomas Gilmer and wealthy New York banker David Gardiner, among others. The president was below decks at the time of the explosion and escaped death by a few seconds.

Abel Upshur, who had grown up one of nine children of Littleton and Ann Upshur, was buried with honors in Oak Hill Cemetery in Washington, one of the few Upshurs not to have been buried at the ancestral home Warwick, in Upshur Neck, or at the family cemetery at Vacluse, where most of Abel's brothers and sisters were laid to rest.

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## So how do you pronounce Chincoteague?

Whether you're an Eastern Shore from-here who has spent your entire life on the scenic 70-mile peninsula, a come-here who has made the Shore your home, or a tourist just passing through during the busy summer months, you've likely encountered some odd-looking place names on the map.



Ryan Webb

If you're an Eastern Shore local residing in a place that takes its name from an Algonquian word, such as Chincoteague, Onancock, Wachapreague, or Machipongo, I'd wager you've had to correct at least one person who has mispronounced the name of your hometown.

Maybe it was a family member or friend from another state. Maybe you were on the phone with customer service after your internet was down for a day or

two, and the rep was attempting to verify your address.

Whatever the case may be, hopefully you smiled and gently offered the offending party a more locally acceptable pronunciation of the place you call home.

But what makes these names so difficult for outsiders to sound out?

If you're reading this article, you know just how unreliable English orthography (the way we spell words) can be in representing how words are actually spoken.

### Various pronunciations

English has plenty of words that leave both native speakers and English-language-learners scratching their heads.

Some examples that readily come to mind are "knight," with its silent k, g, and h.

Also, there is the combination of letters "ough," which can be pronounced at least eight different ways in American English.

And don't forget "bologna," which looks like it should be pronounced buh-LAHG-nuh instead of buh-LO-nee.

It's not a stretch, then, to see how outsiders who may have only encountered the Shore's unique place



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**What makes some of the Eastern Shore's place names, like Chincoteague, so difficult to sound out?**

names in their written forms might struggle with local pronunciations.

The pronunciation and mispronunciation of Eastern Shore place names is a topic that often generates lively discussions online.

To research how locals have heard various Eastern Shore towns pronounced and mispronounced, I turned to Facebook.

As a member of the public group, Shoreborn, moderated by Barry Mears and dedicated to celebrating Eastern Shore living, I asked the 11,200 members for examples of these mispronunciations.

The group did not disappoint. The first discussion, which was originally posted on April 5, 2022,

yielded 89 comments, while the second discussion, posted on March 18, 2023, generated 120 comments.

If you're interested in reading the discussions, become a member of Shoreborn. After you're a member, you can find the threads by searching for #magine on the group page.

### Chincoteague

One town name frequently mentioned by commenters was Chincoteague. There are a few different local pronunciations.

I, as a Northampton County mainlander, say

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# Language

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SHINK-uh-teeg.

But many island residents pronounce it as SHINK-uh-tig or even SHINK-tig.

You can hear the local pronunciation by scanning the QR code in the box. It will take you to a YouTube video entitled “How to Pronounce Chincoteague,” which features both local and nonlocal pronunciations.

The easiest way to tell if someone is a “from-here” (or even a “come-here” who has learned the local pronunciation) is by the way that initial dipgraph is pronounced.

A digraph is a combination of letters that represent one phoneme, or speech sound.

“CH” is usually pronounced as it is heard in words like “cherry” or “rich.” The fancy linguistic name for this sound is voiceless postalveolar affricate.

It can also be pronounced like a /k/, as heard in words like “chorus” or “tech.”

Neither one is used in Chincoteague. Instead, local pronunciations of Chincoteague use the “CH” sound that is heard in “chef,” so it sounds more like

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the digraph “SH.”

Interestingly, no mentioned mispronunciations on the Shoreborn Facebook page used the /k/ variant of “CH.” That is, nobody had heard an outsider say something like KINK-oh-teeg.

Instead, all reported outsider pronunciations used the “CH” that is heard in words like “chair” or “lunch.”

## Outsider pronunciations

Some outsider pronunciations that aren’t quite right include CHINK-oh-teeg and CHINK-uh-teek.

These mispronunciations, while noticeably different from local pronunciations, aren’t too egregious.

However, other nonlocals got more creative with how they said Chincoteague.

Apparently, it’s not just the “CH” that throws people off; the rest of the name can also be tricky.

The highlights of the discussion of Chincoteague mispronunciations include CHIN-got-away or CHIN-cot-away, CHIN-con-uh-tick, and my personal favorite, CHIN-cod-uh-kway.

Thanks again to everyone from Shoreborn who participated in these online discussions.

Be sure to pick up next month’s Shore First for the next part in this series on local pronunciations and funny nonlocal (mis)pronunciations of our beloved ESVA place names.

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College Enrollment Navigator LaKeisa Brown worked with all of the schools organizing the tours, and made sure students were engaged and getting the most from the experience.



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High school career coach Jenae Sayers learned from students what they were most interested in and what kind of direction they saw themselves pursuing.



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Groups touring ESCC campus learned about the benefit of small classes, free and low-cost programs, guaranteed transfer agreements, and also fast program completion.



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ESCC Nursing instructor Bonnie Nordstrom gave visiting students a walk-through of the lab and described the many career paths that are available at ESCC in the Allied Health fields.



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ESCC Interim Vice President Raymond Burton described his background in STEM, and how so many new and exciting opportunities are emerging with ESCC's partners in the aerospace field.



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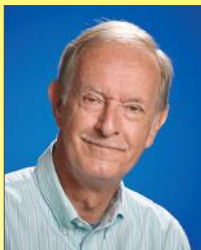
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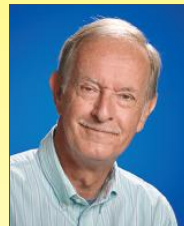
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"Virginia is especially beautiful in April, and visitors — whether from Virginia or other parts of the country — love to explore the wonderful variety of homes and gardens opened especially for Historic Garden Week," said Debbie Lewis, president of the Garden Club of Virginia, which presents Historic Garden Week.

The 2023 event will encompass tours organized and hosted by the GCV's 48 member clubs. Special properties open this spring will include Bunny Mellon's Little Oak Springs in Upperville, John Kluge's Morven in Charlottesville, and dozens of GCV restoration sites, including the Executive Mansion and GCV's headquarters in Richmond, the Kent-Valentine House.

"Historic Garden Week has been held annually since 1929 except for a period during World War II and in 2020 during the pandemic," explained Fran Carden, the current chair of Historic Garden Week.

"Our members take pride in sharing warm hospitality and beautiful flower arrangements through this popular springtime tradition."

The GCV orchestrates access to more than 100 private homes and gardens and dozens of partner sites each year, organized as 29 distinct tours taking place over eight consecutive days in communities across Virginia.

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Before the end of the century, Littleton's son and grandson had, in their turn, inherited his masterwork, adding an eastern wing and laying out a grand rear garden.

Happily for historians, the three early owners were succeeded by stewards who declined to gild their classic legacy with the passing fancies of later eras.

Today, Eyre Hall visitors are delighted to find that the refined but soft-spoken style of its creators remains wonderfully in place. The past also lives in the garden, where venerable crepe myrtles tower above parterres enclosed by ancient boxwood and set off by colorful mixed borders. On the west, the recently stabilized remaining walls of an early orangery add a hint of romance to the garden scene.

Beyond the house and garden, broad stretches of open fields and long views over Cherrystone Creek complete the placid panorama awaiting visitors to this perennial centerpiece of the Eastern Shore tour.





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## Andua, Hacksneck

### Andua

30741 Back Creek Road, Hacksneck  
Drs. John Herre and Sarah Clarkson, owners.

Positioned with sweeping views of Nandua Creek, Andua was constructed in phases beginning in 1730, and was completed by 1820.

The home is thought to have been named after a Native American Queen who once lived on the property. The oldest part of this traditional Eastern Shore-style home was originally a tenant house, the two end sections later connected by wooden pegs.

The current owners raised the foundation by four feet in 2000 and discovered original wood construction. The interior features many pieces of furniture designed and handcrafted by the owner, including a large cherry dining room table.

The “map room” adds another historical element as a small study wallpapered with vintage nautical charts, one dating to 1876.

Andua’s surrounding acres are protected under conservation easement with the Virginia Eastern Shore Land Trust. Outlined by river birch trees, the formal garden began as a family project in 1994. The homeowners and their children laid each paver and planted every plant.

Since that time, the family has worked together to fill in the squares one-by-one. Bordered by oyster shell paths, the functional and well-designed kitchen garden features vegetables, herbs and cutting flowers.

Allium, lilies, tulips and dwarf sunflowers brighten the kitchen garden end of Andua’s exterior. Open for the first time.



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## The Minton House, Onancock

### The Minton House

18306 Hermitage Road, Onancock  
Nell W. Minton, owner.

Situated on Onancock Creek, The Minton House is a Federal-style brick and wood-sided home. Built in 2005, an addition was completed in 2014.

Secluded by land, this home is located conveniently near the Onancock Wharf via water.

Notable interior features include a hand-painted botanical mural in the front hall, detailed woodwork on fireplaces and mantels, and raised paneling in the hall and den.

Visitors to the home will enjoy the main floor master suite and gracefully appointed bedrooms with special furnishings such as a handmade needle-point rug.

On the main level, highlights include a 19th-century American chest in the living room, assorted porcelain, and a vast and diverse fine art collection. Bold use of interior color provides a striking backdrop for the art.

Function meets personalization through a series of his-and-hers parlors and studies, each reflecting the homeowner’s varied personal interests.

From the back porch, visitors will experience a flurry of maritime activity. Fishing boats, pleasure cruisers, sailboats and kayaks on Onancock Creek provide ever-changing scenery.

Beautiful waterside gardens, from formal to less structured, add to the grandeur of this property. Open for the first time.





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## Ker Place, Onancock

### Ker Place

69 Market St., Onancock

View tablescapes at Ker Place, the jewel of downtown Onancock and a restoration project of the Garden Club of Virginia.

This Federal period house was built from 1799 to 1803 for prosperous merchant farmer John Shepherd Ker and his family.

Ker Place is described by the Virginia Historic Landmarks Commission as “the finest and most elaborate Federal mansion on Virginia’s Eastern Shore” and “one of the Shore’s major architectural landmarks.”

The elegant home has been restored to its original appearance as noted in the 1806 John Ker inventory with rich colors, detailed plaster work, and finely crafted woodwork throughout.

Period antique furnishings create an authentic ambience of plantation life in the early 19th century on the Eastern Shore.

Today, Ker Place serves as a museum and archives for the entire Eastern Shore of Virginia, a local cultural center with year-round educational and social programming, and as headquarters for Shore History (Eastern Shore of Virginia Historical Society).

On the grounds, magnolia trees border the front entrance and crepe myrtles line the walkway behind the house. A teaching garden brimming with native plants, flowers and herbs is skillfully maintained by the local Master Gardeners. Ker Place GCV restoration projects include landscape design (1981) and gate and fence designed in the Federal period style, completed in 2010.



GARDEN TOUR PHOTO COURTESY DIANE GINSBERG

## Wharton Place, Hallwood

### Wharton Place

13485 Wharton Drive, Hallwood  
John Graham, owner.

Long regarded as among the Eastern Shore’s finest homes, Wharton Place is a two-story, five-bay brick home, built in the early 19th century by alleged privateer, John Wharton.

This ornamented neoclassical box is visually cubic with its four corners oriented to the compass cardinal points and faces out to the ocean, rather than the adjacent Assawoman Creek.

Perhaps a reflection of John Wharton’s maritime experience, the floor plan makes effective use of daylight given the presumed purpose of each room.

Wharton Place is divided longitudinally into formal and informal halves. Four Robert Wellford mantels are located on the first- and second-floor formal half. The garden path provides a strong axis anchoring the home in the landscape.

From formal brick to meandering shell paths, terraced hillsides, and a series of gardens from different eras, the grounds are intended to be explored by foot.

Subtle design cues include shell paths arranged to replicate the dogwood motif of the front and rear entry fanlights. A memorial garden blooms with lilies of the valley, columbines, peonies and irises, and the fragrances from the thoughtfully positioned border of lilac, quince and mock orange sweep across the property with the predominant western breezes. The 100 acres surrounding the home are protected from future development by a conservation easement donated to the Virginia Eastern Shore Land Trust. Wharton Place is listed on the National Register of Historic Places and is a Virginia Historic Landmark.



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## Dig turns up artifacts from Chincoteague's Camp Fletcher

BY CAROL VAUGHN  
Shore First

An archaeological dig last month at the site of a World War II military camp on Chincoteague Island drew dozens of volunteers and turned up evidence of soldiers' life at the camp.

Michael Clem, eastern regional archaeologist with the Virginia Department of Historic Resources, headed up the dig, conducted at the site of Camp Fletcher, at the intersection of Church Street and Ridge Road.

"There has been a lot of interest from neighbors (who) have stopped by to say, 'Hey. How's it going? I remember when I was a little boy we used to come over here,'" said Clem.

Shovel test pits were dug every 25 feet to start; then three-foot-square pits were dug in several spots and the soil sifted for artifacts.

An old photograph shows the camp, with barracks

and other facilities.

Items found at the barracks site include wiring, insulators, and other electrical items, as well as fragments of dishware.

"We're finding some stuff from that era," Clem said.

Still, he said, "The greatest part of it is that none of these folks have done archaeology before. They're having a great time; everybody is really enjoying it."

One volunteer Thursday was Jess Flory, who manages Saigon Village restaurant on Main Street.

Clem ran into Flory when he went to pick up dinner from the restaurant and saw her tip jar, which mentioned she is raising funds to continue college — she is studying archaeology. So Clem invited Flory to join the dig.

Paul and Sandy Hayes, of Massachusetts, who own a home on Chincoteague, also were volunteering Thursday, as was Jayne Jenkins, of Bishopville, Md., while Marcus Lemasters, of Chincoteague, did

detailed drawings to document each pit.

"A lot of people think it's all about the artifacts, but it's not. It's the information that comes with the artifacts — that's more important. You have a piece of metal and that's all it is; it's a piece of metal. But where you find it is important because it tells you the activity that's going on; it tells you how old it is and gives you a lot more information," said Lemasters, who retired as GIS manager for Frederick County, Va., and volunteered at digs in the Shenandoah Valley for 26 years.

The Chincoteague dig came days after the opening of an exhibit about Camp Fletcher and World War II at the Museum of Chincoteague Island.

"This is very exciting. We've had on average 15 people every day, not the same people. We've had a couple of students from Salisbury University who are studying archaeology," said Cindy Faith, the museum director.

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# Dig

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The camp was named for Charles Herbert Fletcher, who was called Herbie.

Fletcher grew up on Chincoteague and joined the Coast Guard after graduating from high school.

He was the first person from Accomack County killed in action in World War II, after his ship, the Alexander Hamilton, was sent to Europe and subsequently was attacked by German subs.

The Camp Fletcher exhibit may be viewed at the museum, at 7125 Maddox Blvd.

The museum's spring hours are Friday and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Admission is \$7 for adults. Admission is free for children 12 and under, active military members and their families, and museum members. Call 757-336-6177. The museum website is [chincoteaguemuseum.com](http://chincoteaguemuseum.com)



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An archaeological dig at the site of the former Camp Fletcher on Chincoteague Island turned up artifacts.

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## Mary Poppins comes to Cape Charles, with cast of 50

For centuries parenting has been a challenging but joyful part of people's lives. The simple joys and difficult phases of nurturing little ones is more or less a universal language.

How many times have we looked up to the sky and wished for someone to descend upon us to resolve a crisis, intervene in a squabble, fix a disaster in the kitchen, or bring back the harmony to rekindle the love of family? Now more than ever those prayers keep floating in our universe asking for help.

This is what Mary Poppins is all about and is distinctly appearing (no pun intended) more and more like an angel going about her duties. In this masterpiece classic story,

P.L. Travers published the first of a series of children books in 1934. The author creates the character of a sensible, rather strict English nanny who has magical powers to straighten out troubled families. The work uses mythological allusion and biting social critique to explore the fraught relationship

between children and adults.

The Banks children, Jane and Michael, played by Penelope Hanson and Liam Magee live with their parents, Winifred and George Banks, played by Megan Cartwright and Garney Johnson. They live on Cherry Tree Lane in London.

After many disastrous adventures with exasperated nannies, the Banks family is in search of yet another one. Mary Poppins arrives with the East wind and appears mysteriously at the Cherry Tree Lane home. Seemingly stern and very self-confident, she unveils an amazing new world to the two mystified and naughty children.

She takes them on unusual adventures while teaching them about love, compassion, acceptance and obedience. While expecting orderly behavior there is still ample room for excitement and exploration. The fascinating, charming Bert, a chimney sweep /artist and Mary Poppins' lifelong friend, joins the cast of talented leads played by Maryanne

Kiley. Bert is also the thread of the story, poetically narrating the story often from the roof tops of London.

Children and adults are enthralled by Poppins' playful warping of reality and anarchic dismissal of unnecessary rules. Travers claimed however, that she did not write this novel for children alone, but the absurdity of it is that adults loved! It is perhaps a reflection of how British middle-class parents brought up their children. In 1964 Disney transformed the novel into the celebrated musical featuring the unparalleled Julie Andrews.

Arts Enter has taken on the challenge of presenting Mary Poppins on the stage of the Historic Palace Theatre in Cape Charles. With a cast of over 50, the show promises to be quite impressive. After several auditions the principal leads were selected from local and far away talent. Rebecca Weinstein, a native of Norfolk, Virginia is playing the part of

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Mary Poppins will be performed in Cape Charles in May.

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## Mary Poppins

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Mary Poppins. Rebecca was chosen over several very strong candidates, for her heavenly, effortless voice, beauty and candor, as well as her subtle acting ability.

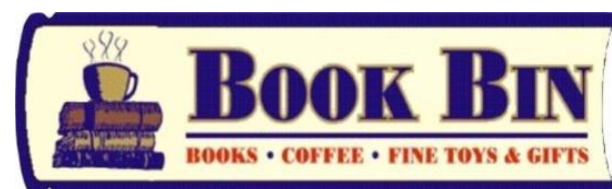
The leading roles include Lisa Lowery from North Carolina as Bird woman, Marilyn Kellam as the nasty threatening Mrs. Andrews, Nichanna Gholson-Dennis as Mrs. Corry, Lucy Watkins as Neleus, Anna Cartwright as Valentine, Susan Kovaks as Mrs. Lark, Mark Mc Nair as Admiral Boom, Morgan Garret as Mrs. Brill, Thomas Thornton from Virginia Beach as Robertson Aye, Sherri De Marino as parkkeeper, Michael Flanagan as the policeman, Emma Philpot as Katie Nana, Chris Cartwright as

Bank Chairman, Timothy Hunt as Van Hustler and Adam Hanson as Northbrook. Directed by Clelia Cardano Sheppard with Music Director Megan Cartwright and Choreographers, Renata Sheppard, Amy Watkins, Lucy Watkins and Lisa Brasch.

Scenic design is provided by Chris Cartwright and costumes by Clelia C. Sheppard and Mary Ranken. The Show opens May 5 at 7:30 p.m. and continues May 6, 7, 12, 13, 14. Evening shows begin at 7:30 and Sunday matinees are at 3 pm. Tickets are \$30 adults, \$15 for students, and can be purchased at [www.artsenter-capecharles.org](http://www.artsenter-capecharles.org) or at the Lemon Tree Gallery. Mary Poppins is presented through special arrangements with MTI.

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## Accomac book club sets meeting

The next meeting of the Accomac Book Club will be April 20 from 1 to 3 p.m. at the Naomi Makemie Presbyterian Church, 89 Market St., Onancock.

This month members will each be selecting a book of their choice from the "Go-odreads Most Reread Book" list.

New members are welcome. There is no membership fee.

## Shore Boyz Railroad Club at Easter event

Bloxom will be hosting an Easter egg hunt and Shore Boyz Railroad Club mobile model train display trailer on Saturday, April 8, from 1 to 3 p.m.

The hunt is open to children ages 12 and younger. Face painting is available.

There is no admission fee.

For more information, see the Bloxom Facebook page or email townofbloxom@verizon.net.

## Plant sale is set

The Woman's Club of Accomack County will hold its plant sale on the lawn at the Carrie Watson Clubhouse, 25405 Richmond Ave. in Onley on Saturday, April 22, from 8 a.m. to noon.

Proceeds from the sales of plants will benefit and support the Woman's Club scholarships.



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# Shore First | Yesteryears

100 years ago  
April 1923

## First cabbage shipment

The first shipment of cabbage from the Eastern Shore of Virginia has just been consigned by Clinton Scott, of Sea View, who marketed two crates of prunes through the Produce Exchanged here.

The cabbages are said to be as pretty as those usually seen in mid-season and brought \$5 a crate f.o.b. Cape Charles. It will be several weeks before the Eastern Shore cabbage season gets well under way.  
— *The Roanoke Times*

## Chincoteague road now in good condition

The new road which spans the Chincoteague Bay is now in excellent condition and more and more cars are passing over to and from the Island every day.

Sundays are especially big days when cars visit the island from nearly all surrounding states. Chincoteague is only a distance of about twenty miles from here, or just a pleasant hour's ride for Pocomoke people.

— *The Worcester Democrat*

## Cocaine found on man at Cape Charles

Charged with robbing a passenger on a Pennsylvania Railway train of \$112.50, a man who gave his name as Edward Thomas Fuller, 235 Nicholas Street, Norfolk, was arrested today at Cape Charles.

He was with other passengers boarding the boat for Norfolk when apprehended by Sergeant Brooks of the police force. He attempted to throw a package overboard, the officer said, but was prevented from doing so.

The package was dropped and broke, revealing that \$1,500 worth of cocaine was being carried in a bottle. About three-fourths of the contents were lost.

— *The Roanoke Times*

## Third fire on Eastern Shore

Fire of unknown origin last night destroyed the Edward Holland storage warehouse at Eastville, Northampton County, together with 2,000 bar-

rels, three automobile trucks and two wagons. The loss is estimated at \$20,000. It is partly covered by insurance.

This was the third large fire in Northampton County in ten days, all of unknown origin, and county officers have begun an investigation to see if there is any connection between the three. The total loss for the ten days is about \$100,000.

The home of William Upshur at Cheriton was the first to burn. This was followed by the destruction of the Kellam store and post office at Weirwood Sunday, and then the fire last night.

Several men were seen leaving the Holland warehouse shortly before the fire broke out at 10 o'clock giving rise to the belief that a crap game had been in progress. Several barrels of oil in the building exploded about the time the fire was discovered. No fire-fighting apparatus was available and had it not been for the direction of the wind another large warehouse nearby would have been destroyed.

One of the trucks as well as 2,000 barrels belonging to and were being held in storage for the Farmers' Manufacturing Company, of Norfolk.

— *The Roanoke Times*

## Early potatoes hurt

Considerable damage to fruit and early vegetables was done during the 48 hours when the mercury dropped to 22 at 7 A.M., the lowest on record for this territory in April.

Early potatoes in lower Northampton County were at the top of the ground, ready to break through, and with the ground frozen to a depth of more than an inch, the damage will be heavy, according to a number of farmers in this section.

Fruit trees were in full bloom and it is feared they have been hard hit. The Pennsylvania Railroad barges have been arriving here from Norfolk for two days with front end caked with ice.

— *The Roanoke Times*

## Begin link in Virginia roads

What the people of Onancock have looked and fought for in years past is now a reality. Work has started on the Onancock and Tasley stone road, and will be completely in July, according to W. W. Smith, of the construction company in charge of building the road.

The initial work of grading will commence at Onancock Wharf and this has been sub-contracted for by a Parksley firm. As far as possible, local labor and material will be utilized, and with the equipment on the ground and material being unloaded currently at the railroad station, Mr. Smith esti-

mates the new road will be ready for use by July 4.

The road will be 18 feet wide, with an average sub-grade of six inches.

— *The Covington Virginian*

## Chick has four legs

Frank Smith, a colored farmer of Fair View, near Cape Charles, has a week-old barred Plymouth Rock chick with four perfectly formed legs. The chick is hardy and perfectly proportioned otherwise. It uses the additional legs only when standing still, carrying them straight out behind when moving.

— *The Virginian-Pilot*

## Masonic Hall ready

The new Masonic hall in Cape Charles, the handsomest on the Eastern Shore, is completed and will be used for all Masonic meetings after May 1, it was announced today. It has a large banquet hall, a complete kitchen and a number of other rooms in addition to a spacious meeting hall.

— *The Virginian-Pilot*

75 years ago  
April 1948

## Accomack couple win appeal in adoption

An appeal was granted Monday by the Virginia Supreme Court of Appeals to A. M. Morris, Jr., and Hope Tyson Morris in their litigation with the Children's Home Society of Virginia over the adoption of a three-year-old girl.

The appeal was from a verdict of the Accomack County Circuit Court which refused to allow the petitioners to adopt the child.

Records of the case said the infant was placed in the Morris home by the society in May 1946. About a year later, the couple started adoption proceedings. Subsequently Mr. and Mrs. Morris separated, and the Children's Home Society, which previously had approved the proposed adoption, reversed its stand and opposed the Morris petition.

— *The Virginian-Pilot*

## Eastern Shore attorney dies

H. Ames Drummond, 48-year-old attorney, died in a Nassawadox hospital today a few hours after he was stricken with a heart attack.

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## Yesteryears

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Drummond, former Commonwealth's attorney of Accomack County, suffered a heart attack Sunday morning. He was stricken again at 5:30 a.m. today and was removed to Memorial Hospital, Nassawadox, where he died shortly after being admitted.

After receiving his law degree at the University of Maryland, Drummond qualified for practice here April 3, 1922. He was a son of the late J. R. L. Drummond of Nandua, Accomack County.

Drummond was a past master of Central Lodge No. 300, A. F. & A. M., at Onley, past president of the Onancock Rotary Club, and superintendent of the Drummondtown Methodist Church Sunday school.

He is survived by his widow by a second marriage, Mrs. Margaret Drummond. Also surviving are two children by a previous marriage, Miss Peggy Drummond and H. Ames Drummond, Jr., two sisters and three brothers.

— *Daily Press*

## \$20,000 judgement for Cape Charles resident upheld

The Supreme Court of Appeals of Virginia, in an opinion handed down Monday, affirmed a judgment of the Circuit Court of Northampton County in favor of Katherine Lee Nottingham vs. Cape Charles Flying Service, Inc., in the amount of \$20,000.

The suit grew out of injuries suffered by Miss Katherine Lee Nottingham, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. F. Aubrey Nottingham, of Cape Charles, when she was seriously injured by the propeller of an airplane of the Cape Charles Flying Service, Inc., at Cape Charles on February 22, 1946.

The suit was tried in the Circuit Court of Northampton County before Judge Jeff F. Walter and a jury, and the jury awarded a verdict on May 14, 1947, of \$20,000, which verdict Judge Walter sustained, and which the Supreme Court has now affirmed against the Cape Charles Flying Service, Inc.

This is the first case of this character involving injuries to a person in an airplane accident which has been decided by the Supreme Court of Appeals of Virginia.

The attorneys for Miss Nottingham in the suit were Benjamin W. Mears and L. H. Mears, of Eastville, and Charles M. Lankford, Jr., of Exmore, and the defendant was represented by Tazewell Taylor, Tazewell Taylor, Jr., and I. W. Jacobs, of Norfolk, and W. A. Dickinson and William F. Ayres, of Cape

Charles.

— *The Virginian-Pilot*

## Electric off 13 minutes to seven hours

Thousands of Delmarva Peninsula residents got out the old kerosene lamps and candles for periods ranging from 13 minutes to seven hours last night and early today.

The blackout was general from Dover to Cape Charles, a spokesman for the Eastern Shore Public Service Co. said.

The first breakdown came at 5:51 p.m. when a wire in the transmission line between Seaford and Bridgeville burned because of mechanical failure.

All service north and northeast of Salisbury as far as Dover went out because at the time the company was replacing at the Laurel substation a piece of automatic switching equipment which was connected on a transmission line. The company spokesman said that because of these repairs and the position of Laurel switches the break went further south than Laurel.

The Laurel-Vienna and Vienna-Delmar transmission lines became automatically disconnected, throwing the load of areas served by those circuits onto the Vienna-Salisbury line.

A wire in the Vienna-Salisbury transmission became overheated from the heavy load and broke, causing darkness as far south as Cape Charles, the spokesman said.

— *The Daily Times*

## Cape Charles loses Ferry Company to move slip south to Kiptopeke

Businessmen in Delmarva Peninsula towns and cities located on Route 13 could foresee today an increase in transient trade once ferry service between the Eastern and Western Shores of Virginia is speeded up.

By abandoning its terminal at Cape Charles in favor of a new one—to cost at least \$1,000,000—at Kiptopeake, 10 miles southeast of Cape Charles, the Virginia Ferry Corp. intends to knock a half hour off its Chesapeake Bay crossing time and increase the number of trips.

Operating between Kiptopeake and Little Creek, Va., the ferry company hopes to trim the crossing time from its current Cape Charles-Little Creek run of an hour and 45 minutes to an hour and 15

minutes.

The schedule of 14 trips each way from the Eastern and Western Shore terminals will be increased to 19 once the Kiptopeake site is ready. Completion is scheduled for the spring of 1949.

With the increased trips and shorter traveling time, Delmarva businessmen envisioned attraction of more East Coast tourists to Route 13 and consequently more business in towns and cities on the highway.

Cape Charles businessmen are viewing with great alarm the proposed change in terminals. Virginia Ferry Corp. is the second largest taxpayer in Cape Charles. And Cape Charles gets vast revenue from ferry travelers who arrive between scheduled sailing times. The town would be bypassed.

Another fear is plaguing Cape Charles businessmen. They expect the Pennsylvania Railroad, the highest taxpayer, eventually will move its southern terminal of the Delmarva Division to Kiptopeake.

— *The Daily Times*

## Man without license is fined \$5

Leon Dashields, a Westover Hills man, was fined \$5 and costs in Peoples Court yesterday for driving without a license.

Four persons forfeiting collateral were: Saul Glick, Onancock, Va., \$1.75, failing to dim his lights for oncoming traffic; Donald Crockett, 112 West Vine St., \$1.75, exceeding 30 miles an hour; Clyde Hunt, Parsonsburg, \$5.75, passing another vehicle on a curve, and Drexel Bradley, Salisbury, \$5.75, exceeding 25 miles an hour.

— *The Daily Times*

## Growers name 8 of Accomac to potato unit

Growers of Irish potatoes in Accomack County and dealers met in the court house here tonight and nominated four growers and four dealers for membership on the Southeastern States Potato Marketing Agreement Administrative Committee.

From those nominated, the Secretary of Agriculture will select one grower-member and one alternate, and one dealer-member and an alternate.

Nominated were: Growers—C. W. Nelson and Herbert Barnes, both of Accomac; C. I. Waterfield, of Pungoteague, and Perry W. Bloxom, of Parksley. Dealers—C. R. Waters, E. E. Covington and President Richardson, of Onley, and Dorsey L. Mears, of Keller.

Named to the district advisory committee were:

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Atlantic district, W. Foster Fletcher, grower, and Rosser J. Justice, dealer, both of Horsey; Metompkin district, L. L. Bloxom, dealer, and R. Finney Mason, grower, both of Bloxom; Lee district, George W. McNair, dealer, of Onley, and Wash Lilliston, grower, of Accomac; Pungoteague district, R. U. LeCato, dealer, of Painter, and Dorsey L. Mears, grower, of Keller.

The meeting was presided over by Perry W. Bloxom. A Clinton Cook, of the potato division, United States Department of Agriculture, explained the proposed marketing agreement which will be voted on next Tuesday.

Polls will be held at the office of Fred S. Chesser, Temperanceville; office of county agent, Accomac, and office of Dorsey L. Mears, Keller.

Dr. Edwin W. Cake, Jr., executive secretary of the State Association of Potato and Vegetable Growers, and Dr. S. T. McLean, plant breeder at the Virginia Truck Experiment Station, Norfolk, attended the meeting.

— *The Virginian-Pilot*

50 years ago  
April 1973

### Father and daughter to show carvings

Bill Hilliard and his daughter Mary Lou Powell, will have a working show, carving and painting ornamental wildfowl, on April 14-15 at the Wildlife Art Show's "Weekend Of The Islands" on Assateague Island opposite Chincoteague.

Mr. Hilliard lives on Chincoteague Road, Wallops Island, Va., and has been carving ornamental wildfowl for many years. Mrs. Powell lives in Pocomoke City and has been painting landscapes for more than 10 years and the ornamentals for the past six years.

Their life-like models are created by using mounted wildfowl for models for authenticity.

— *The Daily Times*

### Retriever to be part of show

Due to the interest shown in the retriever demonstrations, "Georgia" will be held over for the Wildlife Art Show to be held at Chincoteague Na-

tional Wildlife Refuge on April 14 and 15 between the hours of 10 a.m. and 5 p.m.

The dog, a three-year-old black Labrador retriever, starred in the recent decoy carving contest.

"Georgia" is owned and trained by Lou Reineri of Chincoteague. Under his training, she has become one of the better gunning dogs in the area.

She thrilled her audience while making retrieves of various distances combined with doubles, triples, and a blind retrieve. The latter is a retrieve when the dog did not see the bird drop and must be directed to the bird by following the hand signals of her trainer. Meanwhile, the museum announced the 5th annual carving contest will be held here March 16-17 in 1974

— *The Daily Times*

### Retriever to be part of show

Club Established For Model Ponies

Chincoteague—It was announced by Paul B. Merritt, president of Pony Penning Enterprises, Inc., that a new Chincoteague Pony Club has been established for model ponies.

This will enable Pony Penning Enterprises to register all model ponies sold and designated by them as Official Pony Penning Model Ponies.

The club will issue a membership card to the owner of the model pony. It is fashioned on the same basis in which thoroughbred horses are registered.

— *The Daily Times*

### Eastern Shore area will be state park

A spokesman for the Virginia Division of State Parks said Tuesday that a former Air Force radio communications base near here on the Eastern Shore, which was transferred to the state by the Interior Department, will be used as a state park.

The spokesman said that the state had requested that it be given the property—293 acres valued at \$640,000—but had not received confirmation of the land transfer. An Associated Press story Monday said the land was assigned to Virginia under direction of the White House by authority of the federal legacy of parks program.

Some Northampton County officials said they were perturbed by the news that the county was not receiving the land grant instead. One county supervisor, T. Hume Dixon, said Tuesday that he felt the

land which is in his district, unsuitable for a park.

Dixon said the nearest open water, Magothy Bay, is more than a mile away across marshland and he estimated that two-thirds of the 293 acres is marsh.

The property lies on the ocean side of Northampton County just north of Cape Charles Air Force Station. It contains several buildings put there by the Air Force when the facility was part of the Air Defense Command Coastal Interception Radio Station.

Recently, the Navy made plans to establish a radio communication center, but later dropped those plans.

— *Richmond Times-Dispatch*

### Atlantic group to put on play on Virginia's Eastern Shore

The Fowkes Tavern Players, a community theater group from Atlantic, Va., will present three one-act plays here and in Onancock.

Shows are scheduled May 3-4-5 at 8:30 p.m. in Central High School at Painter and on May 6 at Hopkins Store in Onancock. The latter performance will be a benefit for the Virginia Museum.

The group's playhouse is located at the Eastern Shore Community College at Wallops Island. The Players are dedicated to provide live theatrical performances of classics that are significant to life today, as well as the more contemporary plays.

Tickets may be purchased at the door or at the administration office of the Eastern Shore Community College; the Dream Restaurant, Watts-ville; Earl's Grill and the Atlantic Pharmacy, Oak Hall; the Bi-County Pharmacies, at Gargatha and at Onancock, and Island Property Enterprises, Chincoteague.

— *The Daily Times*

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### Accomack jury funds man guilty of murder

Jarrett D. Holden, one of two young Accomack County men accused of murdering Atlantic businessman Lawrence B. Davis in a botched robbery, was convicted Friday of capital murder.

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## Yesteryears

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A jury recommended life in prison without parole. Holden will be sentenced June 11.

The Accomack County Circuit Court jury deliberated a little more than five hours Thursday and announced its verdict Friday morning against Holden, 19, who also was convicted of attempted robbery and use of a firearm in the commission of a felony.

When the verdict was announced, several members of Davis' family began weeping. Davis' widow, Dixie, and her sister hugged each other, sobbing.

Holden displayed no emotion on hearing the verdict.

The penalty phase of the trial began immediately after Holden's conviction, and the jury deliberated about an hour before its recommendation of life in prison.

Capital murder is punishable by death or life in prison without parole.

Holden and his accomplice, Shawn D. Chandler, 21, had been charged with capital murder in the shooting death of Davis, who was gunned down in his van after working at his business, Eastern Shore Countertops, the night of Nov. 25, 1996.

Holden was a juvenile when Davis was murdered.

To escape a possible death sentence, Chandler pleaded guilty on Nov. 25 to capital murder, attempted robbery and use of a firearm in a felony, and agreed to testify against Holden.

Before Holden's conviction was announced Friday, Chandler was sentenced to life in prison without parole for capital murder, 10 years for attempted robbery and three years for use of a firearm during a felony.

On hearing the sentence, some relatives of Chandler rushed out of the courtroom in tears.

Chandler described in chilling terms Wednesday how he and Holden waited in the back of Davis' white van the night of the murder and shot him five times in the head and back when he tried to get out of the vehicle to escape the would-be robbers.

According to Chandler, he and Holden were walking along Nocks Landing Road when they saw Davis drive up to his place of business, which is about a quarter-mile from his home.

Chandler said he told Holden, "I know that man...he has lots of money, we should rob him."

The two men, each armed with a .25-caliber semi-automatic pistol, went to the back of Eastern Shore Countertops, waited about an hour for Davis to come out, then got in the rear of the van where they waited another 20 minutes before Davis emerged, Chandler told the court.

When Davis got into the van and tried to start the engine, I said, "Give me your money," Chandler related. He said when Davis tried to get out of the vehicle, Holden shot him three times and Chandler fired twice.

Chandler said Holden clambered over into the front seat of the van, took Davis' wallet and they ran into a field behind Eastern Shore Countertops.

The first witness in the trial was Dixie Davis, who said the night of the murder she fell asleep downstairs and did not realize her husband had not returned home until she went upstairs and he was not in bed. Davis said she went to Eastern Shore Countertops where she discovered her husband's body in the van. "I said, 'Honey,' and he didn't respond. I sort of lost it."

She said she went home in a state of shock and called her sister who went back to the scene with her, accompanied by her sister's husband.

They then called 911, and police and rescue personnel rushed to the scene.

In his closing arguments to the jury, Agar said Chandler's testimony and the other evidence was enough to convict Holden of capital murder. He called it a "horrible" crime, saying, "The last thing that Lawrence Davis heard was, 'Give us your money.'"

— *The Daily Times*

## Award winner

Dana Townsend, of Nassawadox, recently earned an Employee of the Year award and a Certificate of Appreciation for his work at the Island House Restaurant in Wachapreague. This year Townsend is celebrating his 20th year of employment at the Island House.





# A fitting tribute to a mother's memory

I wouldn't begin to try and explain all of what's been going on in my life since I last filled this space.

I'll just say the past few weeks have been the darkest I have ever experienced.

That's largely due to the fact that I lost my Mom two days before Christmas. I can't say any more about that event because, as my business partner Cheryl says from experience, "It's just too big to get your mind around."

I will say this, however. Never before have I realized just how important it is to reach out to folks experiencing an illness or a loss.

Many times I've read, and even typeset, announcements in the classified section where families have expressed their gratitude for "the cards, flowers, food..."

Having now been on the receiving end, I am ashamed to admit I have too rarely been on the giving side.

And, despite the fact that my Mom is no longer here, she is still teaching me lessons about the importance of such things.

My latest lesson from Mom came only a few days after the funeral.

We had exhausted the supply of engraved thank-you cards provided by the funeral home and I began rummaging through Mom's things looking for her stash of stationery items.

I was not disappointed when I located the right shelf in the cabinet, for there were boxes of all types of cards — "sympathy," "get well," "thinking of you," and more.

And there, too, in Mom's handwriting, was a listing of addresses of



**Candy Farlow: "Despite the fact that my Mom is no longer here, she is still teaching me lessons."**

various hospitals, nursing homes, and individuals.

Seeing that, I began to remember how Mom, before her illness, was

devout in sending cards and letters to folks going through troubled times.

How she used to visit the nurs-

ing home on a regular basis. How she took part in her church's "Caring and Sharing" group, ministering to others during rough times. How her "care packages" helped a homesick granddaughter get through college.

How, through the years, she must have baked thousands of pound cakes for others.

And how, even when she was troubled herself, she could make a joke and bring a smile to another.

Mom had a wonderful sense of humor, which she would use to lighten the mood during many a stressful time.

Now, during this time when we are all so painfully aware of her absence (and I can't imagine that ever changing), I hope we will heed Mom's lesson.

A fitting tribute to her memory would be for each of us who loved her to make an effort to send cards, write notes of encouragement, visit the sick and shut-in, and of course, bake those pound cakes.

Meanwhile, to all who have done so many kind things for my family and me the last few weeks, writing notes and saying "thanks" seem inadequate.

But please know that while our hearts are broken, they are grateful as well.

This piece was published Jan. 16, 2002, in the Eastern Shore Post. Candy Farlow, a founder of the Eastern Shore Post weekly newspaper and a longtime journalist on the Eastern Shore of Virginia, died in 2017. Among other endeavors she worked for a time as a telephone lineman, reporter, columnist, radio DJ, and as community relations director for Shore Memorial Hospital. Her former columns will be printed monthly in Eastern Shore First.



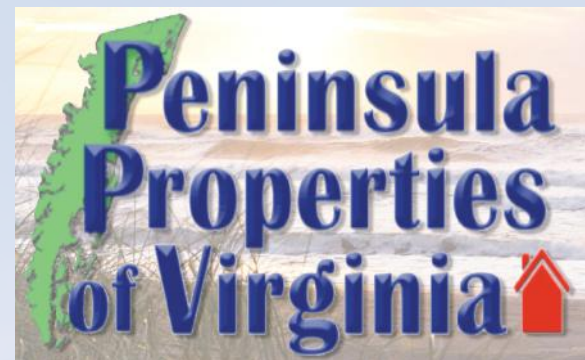
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