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Friday, May 5

■ **LIVE MUSIC:** 5 p.m., Left to Rust performs at the tiki bar season opener at C-Pier, located at the Oyster Farm at Kings Creek, Cape Charles.

■ **SUB FUNDRAISER:** 5 to 7 p.m., cheesesteak subs \$10, chicken tender meals \$8, benefits the Great Pocomoke Fair. Sold at 2037 Broad St., Pocomoke City, Md. Call 410-422-9195 to place an order and schedule pickup.

■ **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.

■ **LIVE MUSIC:** 6 to 9 p.m., Max Parker at Cape Charles Brewing Co., 2198 Stone Road, Cape Charles.

■ **LIVE MUSIC:** 6 to 9 p.m., Ron & Marc at the Blarney Stone Pub, 10 North St., Onancock.

■ **LIVE MUSIC:** 7 p.m., Jay Allen from "The Voice" television show will perform with special guest Dee Ervin at the Bloxom Volunteer Fire Co. Food and beer will be available for purchase. Tickets start at \$30 and are available at www.bvfc6.com, by calling 757-710-0408, and at Onancock Building Supply in Onancock.

■ **THEATRICAL PERFORMANCE:** 7 p.m., "Aladdin Jr.," a musical at the Mar-Va Theater, 103 Market St., Pocomoke City. Presented by the Theater Academy of Delmarva. Tickets at marvatheater.com

■ **THEATRICAL PERFORMANCE:** 7:30 p.m., "Mary Poppins" presented by Arts Enter Cape Charles at the Historic Palace Theatre, 301 Mason Ave., Cape Charles. Admission for adults is \$30 and students is \$15. Visit www.artsentercapecharles.org

■ **ORCHESTRA CONCERT:** 7:30 p.m., The Orchestra of the Eastern Shore under the direction of Paul Kim will present "20th Century Cycles" at the Nandua High School auditorium. The performance will include "Patterns," "Suite for Strings," "Reclamation," "March from Karella Suite," and "Fratres." Amanda Gates will be the violin soloist. Admission is free but donations are welcomed.

Saturday, May 6

■ **BAZAAR:** 8 a.m. to noon, Spring Bazaar at Andrew Chapel United Methodist Church, 15151 Cashville Road, Onancock. There will be chicken salad, macaroni salad, pies, cakes, breads, clothing, household items, toys, quilting supplies, and handcrafted items.

■ **FARMERS MARKET:** 9 a.m. to noon, The Onancock Market, an open-air farmers and artisans market, 22 Market St., Onancock. Visit www.onancockmarket.com

■ **PLANT SALE:** 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., the Willis Wharf Yard and Plant Sale will be held on Saturday, May 6, at the town boat ramp. There will be flowering plants for sale, a kid craft for Mother's Day, and a multi-home yard sale.

■ **FUNDRAISER:** 9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m., Capeville United Methodist Church annual Bake and Bloom fundraiser will be held at the church, 4410 Capeville Drive. A ticket for a

\$5 lunch of a baked potato and toppings can be purchased by calling Patricia Scott at 757-331-1684. Also for sale will be cookies, cakes, pies, flowers, shrubs, and plants. There will be local crafts and vendors, a silent auction, and more.

■ **SAWMILL EVENT:** 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Peninsula Tractor Organization's inaugural Antique Tractor Day at the Sawmill. Event will include demonstrations, antique tractors, hayrides, and more. Concessions will be available for purchase.

■ **ART AND FOOD FAIR** 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., Spring Art and Food Fair at Franktown United Methodist Church, 7551 Bayside Road, Franktown.

Lunch is available from 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m.

■ **CAR SHOW:** 10 a.m., the Eastern Shore Show and Shine, a family car show, will be held at Ward's Tires in Painter. Food will be sold at the event, which will be held at 33228 Lankford Highway, Painter. Cars, trucks, classics, motorcycles, and other vehicles will be featured. First-, second-, and third-place awards, in addition to a best-in-class award, will be given. The overall best-of-show award will win a trophy and \$1,000 cash.

■ **FESTIVAL:** noon to 4 p.m., Chincoteague Seafood Festival sponsored by the Chincoteague Chamber of Commerce. Held at Tom's Cove Park. Tickets are \$60 and may be purchased at the chamber office at 6733 Maddox Blvd., www.chincoteaguechamber.com, or by phone at 757-336-6161.

■ **THEATRICAL PERFORMANCE:** 2 p.m. and 7 p.m., "Aladdin Jr.," a musical at the Mar-Va Theater, 103 Market St., Pocomoke City. Presented by the Theater Academy of Delmarva. Tickets at marvatheater.com

■ **BINGO:** 6 p.m., This 'N' That bingo at the Great Pocomoke Fairgrounds, 2037 Broad St., Pocomoke City, Md. \$25 admission for regular games. Benefits 2023 Great Pocomoke Fair. Bring four canned goods or nonperishable items for free game cards. Credit cards accepted. For table reservations or information, call 757-410-8012.

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Sunday, May 7

■ **BENEFIT RUN:** 8 a.m. to noon, Run for the Animals, with proceeds benefiting local animal shelters, at the Wachapreague Carnival Grounds. For more info or to register, visit www.RunForTheAnimals.com

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■ LIVE MUSIC: 6 to 8 p.m., Karaoke with Melissa at the Blarney Stone Pub, 10 North St., Onancock.

Monday, May 8

■ 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, May 9

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

Wednesday, May 10

■ BINGO: Doors open at 6 p.m., first game 7:30 p.m., Painter Volunteer Fire Co., 17116 Wayside Drive, Painter.

Friday, May 12

■ FISHING TOURNAMENT: The inaugural Hook ‘n’ Hose Black Drum Fishing Tournament, presented by Cape Charles Volunteer Fire Co., will be held. Prices are \$75 per participant for ages 13 and older and \$40 for ages 12 and younger.

For registration forms, email swilson1582@gmail.com.

■ LIVE MUSIC: 6 to 9 p.m., Paul Brion at Cape Charles Brewing Co., 2198 Stone Road, Cape Charles.

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■ THEATRICAL PERFORMANCE: 8 p.m., “Black Comedy” at North Street Playhouse, 34 Market St., Onancock. Directed by Ginny McMath. Tickets can only be purchased online at northstreetpayhouse.org, or as available, at the door prior to each performance. Check for ticket availability and other information at the box office telephone number, 757-787-2050. The box office will open one hour before each performance.

Saturday, May 13

■ BENEFIT BREAKFAST: 8 a.m. to 1 p.m., Mears Memorial United Methodist Church will have its semiannual Pancake Breakfast at the church, located at 18186 2nd St., Keller. The cost is \$10 per person. The menu includes pancakes, sausage, eggs, coffee, juice, and water. Those interested in delivery orders can contact Chassity Parks at chassityparks@gmail.com. Delivery to businesses is available.

■ YARD SALE: 8 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., spring indoor yard sale at the Woman’s Club of Accomack County, 25405 Richmond Ave., Onley. There will be baked goods, soups, jewelry, clothes, household items, toys, and plants.

■ FARMERS MARKET: 9 a.m. to noon, The Onancock Market, an open-air farmers and artisans market, 22 Market St., Onancock. Visit www.onancockmarket.com

■ FARMERS, ARTISANS MARKET: 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., opening day for the Chincoteague Island Farmers and Artisans Market, Chincoteague Cultural Alliance, 6309 Church St. Fresh local seafood, produce, and a wide array of arts and crafts. Live music, free admission and parking. Visit www.chincoteagueca.org

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■ BENEFIT EVENT: noon to 6 p.m., fundraiser for Melissa Hart, who has cancer. Hearts for Hart Benefit Day will be at the Atlantic Volunteer Fire and Rescue Co., 10071 Atlantic Road, Atlantic. There will be a silent auction, children’s activities, food vendors, and more.

■ MUD BOG: 1 to 4 p.m., Great Pocomoke Fair, 2037 Broad St., Pocomoke City, Md. Admission is \$15 for adults, \$8 for ages 10 and older, and 9 years and younger free.

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Sunday, May 14

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Monday, May 15

■ 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, May 16

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

Wednesday, May 17

■ BINGO: Doors open at 6 p.m., first game 7:30 p.m., Painter Volunteer Fire Co., 17116 Wayside Drive, Painter.

Thursday, May 18

■ LECTURE: 7 p.m., Kellee Blake, retired director of the National Archives Mid Atlantic Region, presents “Broken Reeds: A First Glimpse of Eastern Shore Women in the American Revolution,” at the Cape Charles Museum. Part of the lecture series, “Let’s Talk Cape Charles Culture.” Admission is \$5 or free with new museum membership paid for at lecture.

Friday, May 19

THEATRICAL PERFORMANCE: 8 p.m., “Black Comedy” at North Street Playhouse, 34 Market St., Onancock. Directed by Ginny McMath. Tickets can only be purchased online at northstreetpayhouse.org, or as available, at the door prior to each performance. Check for ticket availability and other information at the box office telephone number, 757-787-2050. The box office will open one hour before each performance.

Saturday, May 20

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■ LIVE MUSIC: 6 p.m., Country music legends Aaron Tippin, Sammy Kershaw, and Collin Raye will perform in Pocomoke City at DockJam, presented by Dockside restaurant and bar. Tickets are \$45 for lawn seating and \$55 for chair seating. It will be held at 2 Riverside Dr. Tickets can be purchased at dockjam.com

■ ISLAND COFFEEHOUSE: 7 p.m., Joni Mitchell tribute concert at the Chincoteague Cultural Alliance, 6309 Church Street. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. Local performers include Greg Shupe, The Patch Brothers, Cal Toner, The H Tones. Logan Ulovic, Peg Snowden Volk, and David Nees. Admission is \$5 for adults and \$2 for children aged 12 and younger. There will be a cash bar. Visit www.chincoteagueca.org

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It's the time of year for Shore strawberries

As the weather warms and the days grow longer, one of the most eagerly anticipated events of the year begins: strawberry season.

This brief window of time, typically lasting from mid-May to late June here on the Eastern Shore, is the time to celebrate the vibrant red gems while we've got them.



Laura Davis

We are fortunate to have a few pick-your-own places here in our neck of the woods, but the berries also can be found in those bright blue cartons at your local farmer's market this time of year.

I've gotten some decent berries from the "big" grocery stores the past month or so, too.

Always look for "grown in USA" on the packaging — they're usually hailing from fields in Florida or

California. The general rule of thumb is this: If they smell good, they'll be good. But nothing can truly beat a locally grown berry.

I will usually pick about 10-20 quarts during the season, making the standard favorites like strawberry shortcake and fresh strawberry pie. And strawberry preserves, of course — I make a Strawberry Chipotle Jam that is killer. It's sweet and smokey, with just a little bit of heat.

I love mixing a couple of spoonfuls into barbecue sauce to give it a fruity little kick.

I'll turn them into a syrup and then use for cocktails or topping desserts.

But my favorite thing to do with strawberries is bake with them.

I made this Strawberry Yogurt Cake for the

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PHOTO COURTESY LAURA DAVIS

Strawberry Yogurt Cake, made with fresh Eastern Shore strawberries, is moist and dense thanks to the use of buttermilk and yogurt. It is studded with juicy, red strawberries.

Laura Davis, of Chincoteague Island, is a food writer and blogger at www.tideandthyme.com. Her recipes have been featured on Huffington Post and 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.

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first time years ago, and it was one of the first “viral” posts on my blog.

It’s an incredibly moist and dense cake thanks to the

use of buttermilk and yogurt and is studded with juicy red strawberries.

A little lemon zest in the cake and juice in the glaze

liven's it up a bit. It is perfect with a cup of tea or as a lighter sweet treat after dinner.

Go show some love to our local farmers, and get while the gettin’ is good for these ripe, red beauties.



PHOTO COURTESY LAURA DAVIS

Strawberry Chipotle Jam is sweet and smokey with just a little bit of heat.

The recipe: Strawberry Yogurt Cake

- 1 cup (2 sticks) butter, softened
- 2 cups sugar
- 3 eggs
- 3 tbsp. lemon juice, divided
- Zest of 1 lemon
- 2 ½ cups all-purpose flour, divided
- ½ tsp. baking soda
- ½ tsp. salt
- 8 oz. plain or vanilla Greek yogurt
- 1/3 cup buttermilk or milk
- 1 tsp vanilla extract
- 1 ½ cups fresh strawberries, diced
- 1 cup powdered sugar

Preheat oven to 325. Grease and flour a 10-inch Bundt pan (10-15 cup pan.) Sift together 2 ¼ cups of flour, baking soda and salt. Mix in the lemon zest and set aside.

With an electric mixer, cream together the butter and sugar until light and fluffy. Beat in the eggs one at a time, then stir in 1 tbsp. lemon juice.

Alternate beating in the flour mixture and the yogurt, mixing just until incorporated. Add the buttermilk and the vanilla, and mix until combined.

Toss the strawberries with the remaining ¼ cup of flour. Gently mix them into the batter.

Pour the batter into the Bundt pan. Bake in the preheated oven for 60 minutes, or until a toothpick inserted into the center of the cake comes out clean.

Allow to cool at least 20 minutes in the pan, then turn out onto a wire rack and cool completely.

Once cooled whisk together the remaining 2 tbsp. of lemon juice and the powdered sugar. Drizzle over the top of the cake.

Strawberry Chipotle Jam

- 6 cups strawberries, washed and halved
- 1 (7 oz) can chipotle chiles in adobo (I used about 3/4 of a can)
- 6 1/2 cups granulated sugar
- 1/4 cup lemon juice
- 1 package powdered pectin

In a food processor or blender, process the chilis and berries in a food processor (pulse), being careful not to over process; you want some pieces of berry. Pour berry mixture, lemon juice, and pectin into a large pot.

Cook over medium-high heat, stirring frequently until mixture comes to a boil. Add sugar, stirring until dissolved. Return to a rolling boil. Boil hard 1 minute, stirring constantly. Remove from heat. Skim foam if necessary. Immediately pour the hot jam into hot jars and put the lids on. Process in a water bath for 10 minutes.

The crossing to Chincoteague Island from 1876-1922

For centuries, until the causeway was opened in 1922, the only way to get to Chincoteague was by boat. But not until 1876, when the railroad touched Chincoteague Bay at Franklin City, was there transportation between the island and the mainland on a regular basis.



Kirk
Mariner

The first boat to ply between Chincoteague and Franklin City for the railroad was the Widgeon, a steamer 50 feet long and 12 feet wide. Joseph S. Pruitt was her captain, and for 35 cents each he could take on 40 passengers. During the last year of her service, in 1893, more than 4,000 passengers bought tickets for the crossing.

In addition to passengers the Widgeon also carried the mail and, no less important, freight, often hundreds

of barrels of oysters a day, worth \$3 per barrel to Chincoteague suppliers. In 1888 an estimated \$200,000 worth of oysters was shipped to Franklin City on the Widgeon.

In 1893 the Widgeon was replaced by two boats, the Little Agnes to carry the mail and the Chincoteague to carry passengers and freight. The Little Agnes was fast – she could make the run in 30 minutes – but the Chincoteague, if somewhat slower, was the largest boat to ever ply Chincoteague Bay. Built in Wilmington, she was twice as large as her predecessor, 100 feet long by 21 feet wide, and during her 16 years of service the islanders came to refer to her as “Old Faithful.”

One day in February 1899, after a break in the ice that had blocked the bay, she carried 1,600 bushels of oysters to Franklin City for the northern markets. During another 10-day freeze in



COURTESY PHOTO

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

1902, the Chincoteague made it through each day, but the smaller Little Agnes did not; the island then had to depend on mail from the direction of Wishart's Point.

The Chincoteague was taken annually to Wilmington for repairs, and in 1902 she returned outfitted not only with “a new coat of paint” but also with “the addition of a Jim Crow saloon,” befitting the growing mood of racial segregation in that era.

Prior to 1902, black and white passengers had not been segregated while crossing to Chincoteague.

One of the Chincoteague's most unusual cargoes was ferried to the mainland in 1907. In July of that year, a fire broke out in Greenbackville, adjacent to Franklin City, and the nearest firefighting apparatus was on Chincoteague. A phone call to the island sent Fire Chief Messick and 40 of his

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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.

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volunteers to the rescue, with engine and 500 feet of hose, aboard the Chincoteague. They arrived in Greenbackville in less than an hour, by which time the fire was practically under control.

The Widgeon and the Chincoteague were only the largest of the boats that ferried passengers back and forth across the bay. Among the many other vessels which at various times ran the route were the steamers Alice (1877) and Lady Ida (1893), the "yachts" Fisher (1885), Franklin City (1902), and Emile (1902), and the little gasoline-powered Gracie (1913).

Nor was the Franklin City-Chincoteague route the only one to the island. One could also catch a ride to Chincoteague from Wishart's Point and from Bloodgoods Wharf, at Corbin Hall near Horntown. For a while in the early years of her run, the railroad's Widgeon touched at all four points – Franklin City, Chincoteague, Bloodgoods Wharf, and Wishart's Point.

The Chincoteague was retired from the route in December 1909, by which time the railroad was concentrating more on freight than on the passenger trade. By early 1910, the railroad's Broadwa-

ter was in service, a 46-foot gasoline-powered tug-boat used exclusively for freight. The franchise to carry the mail to and from Franklin City was now held by Capt. Albert "Allie" Jester (1869-1944), and to passengers he offered "moderate accommodations" in his own vessel. Jester had competition by early 1913, when William Baker and John Brown established a ferry service that offered passengers connections with the Franklin City trains for 25 cents.

In 1914 the Merchants Transportation Company, Inc. of Chincoteague placed the fast, modern Manzanita on the line. Built in New York in 1900, the Manzanita was a gasoline-powered "yacht" just under 60 feet long. With her 60-horsepower engine, she could cover the seven miles between Franklin City and Chincoteague in 25 minutes, "the fastest boat ever on the line between these two points." By now, the dock at Chincoteague, located just north of today's bridge to the island, contained a two-story shelter in which passengers could "rest and get the cool breeze."

Boats might still be shuttling passengers to Chincoteague had it not been for John "Captain Jack" Whealton (1860-1928), who conceived and built the causeway that officially bears his name. Work on the causeway began in March 1920, and its dedication on Nov. 15,

1922, ended Chincoteague's reliance on passenger ferries and railroad freight tugs.

The Manzanita came to rest three years later in Florida; the Broadwater, in 1950 in Norfolk. The old Chincoteague, long since retired, ended her days in Kansas City, Mo., after additional years of service paddling the Mississippi River. Allie Jester lost his franchise to carry the mail and moved to Smithfield. There, for a number of years, he owned and operated the ferry that still carries cars across the James River from Scotland to Jamestown.

In 1877 when artist-writer Howard Pyle crossed over to Chincoteague aboard "the puffing, wheezing little steamboat Alice," the island seemed remote and unhurried. "It is," wrote Pyle, "as though the narrow channel across which [one] is ferried in about an hour separates him from modern civilization [and] its rattling, dusty cars, its hurly-burly of business. ... [The steamboat] lands him upon an enchanted island cut loose from modern progress and left drifting ... in the ocean of time."

Today the steamboats, the railroad, and even Franklin City are gone, and with them has disappeared the day when Chincoteague seemed remote and unhurried.

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Mother's Day: The house he purchased for his mom

George Boggs's father was a tenant farmer in Craddock Neck, working the Drummond farm on the creek where descendants of those early farmers still live today. George was born in 1930 and remembers playing with the children in the farming community. The fact that George is Black



Curtis
Badger

and most of his neighbors White seemed to make little difference.

"We all got along great and have been friends for many years," he says. "I had a pet goat and a little cart, and I would hitch up the goat, pull his tail, and he would take off.

"We were like everyone else. We fished and hunted and Daddy had a big garden. He grew potatoes, watermelon, cantaloupes, tomatoes, most everything. We

had hogs and would have hog killing in the winter. We didn't have much money, but no one did in those days. Nobody went hungry in the neck, though."

The difference between George's family and those of most neighbors was that the others owned the home they lived in and the land they worked.

George's family were tenants, and the property was not their own. "My Momma said all she ever wanted was a place of her own, her own home. I saw to it that she got it."

George went to school in a red, four-room schoolhouse in Craddockville, walking through the woods from his home, a hike of about two miles. George was an athlete, and even now at age 93 is tall and lean and agile. In the summers he traveled to Atlantic City, N.J., and worked at the food shops on the boardwalk, making some cash



George Boggs stands with Gayle Drewer Shaw of Craddock Neck. George and Gayle's dad, Jack Drewer, were friends growing up in the neck. Boggs maintains a close relationship with many people in the neck, including Shaw. The house in the background is the one he bought for his mom, Mattie Sarah Boggs.

to send back home.

After graduation from high school, George enlisted in the U.S. Army and after basic training and weapons school was sent to Korea and as-

signed to a company of riflemen. He saw action in the battle for Pork Chop Hill, one of the bloodiest of the war.

A film, "Pork Chop Hill," made in 1953, documented the battle. It starred Gregory Peck and Rip Torn. George has a collection of awards and medals earned during his enlistment.

George went to vocational school on the G.I. Bill after being discharged, opened a four-chair beauty salon in Philadelphia, married, and became a successful businessman, running the salon and managing properties owned by his father-in-law in Philadelphia.

But George maintained a close relationship with friends and relatives on the Shore, visiting often to see his mother. Eventually, he was able to buy a house for her in Craddockville, had it renovated, and moved her in. At age 78, George's mom finally had a place to call her own.

George becomes emotional when talking about Mattie Sarah Boggs, his mother, and now and then he pauses to wipe away a tear. "Momma raised five kids and taught us a set of values to live by, how to treat people, the importance of being kind and generous. She loved everyone. She dressed us up and took us to church every Sunday. We didn't have a car, but we would start off on Craddockville Road on foot, and someone would always pick us up and give us a ride. Everyone in the neck knew us."

George's mother passed away in 1984, but he still has the bungalow in Craddockville where she lived, and he stays there during frequent visits to the Shore from Philadelphia.

The neat little cottage was a creation of love, a tribute to George's mother, a woman who showed George the path to a successful life. And we could all learn the same lessons from her today.

Have a wonderful heavenly Mothers Day, Mrs. Boggs. You have much to be proud and thankful for.

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Finding the correct pronunciation of Onancock

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.

If you're an Eastern Shore native, you likely heard many of these names before you could even read. You had an advantage over tourists and come-heres, who

probably encountered these names for the first time in print.

As any English speaker could tell you, our spelling system can be rather unreliable when it comes to representing how words are actually spoken.

It's a good bet that we've all mispronounced a place name (or several) when we've found ourselves away from our beloved Eastern Shore.

As I mentioned in the inaugural column on funny mispronunciations of our dear, uniquely named small towns (see the April 2023 edition of Shore First if you missed it), this topic often generates lively discussions online.

To research how locals have heard various Eastern Shore towns (mis)pronounced by outsiders, I turned to Facebook. Specifically, I asked the 11.2K members of the group Shore-born, moderated by Barry Mears and



SHORE FIRST/TED SHOCKLEY

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

dedicated to celebrating Eastern Shore living, for examples of these outsider pronunciations.

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. Once you're a member, you can find the threads by searching for #magine on the group page.

Pronouncing Onancock

My April 2023 column discussed Chincoteague, which locals pronounce

as SHINK-uh-tig or even SHINK-tig. Another popular town that was mentioned often was Onancock.

For from-heres and even come-heres who have learned the local pronunciation, it's uh-NAN-kok or even simply NAN-kok.

The stress, or emphasis, is placed

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on the second syllable, which goes against the normal pattern for three-syllable English words (most are stressed on the first syllable).

So even though Onancock is a borrowed word (once spelled as Oanancock, Auwannaku, or Anancock) that roughly translates as “foggy place” in the Algonquian dialect spoken by Native Americans living on the Eastern Shore, English speakers are defaulting to an English intonation pattern.

In this column, stressed syllables are indicated by bold capital letters.

But what happens when, as the old joke goes, you put the em.PHA.sis on the wrong syl.LAB.le?

Well you get ON-uh-kok. This is the most common mispronunciation mentioned by Shoreborn members. As you can imagine, this pronunciation raises eyebrows. We all know what comes to mind when someone says ON-uh-kok — vibrant rooster plumage.

A film mispronunciation

This pronunciation was featured in the 2022 Net-

flix original film “The Man from Toronto,” starring comedian Kevin Hart and Woody Harrelson.

In the film, Kevin Hart’s character has planned a getaway with his wife to Onancock.

About seven and a half minutes into the movie, Hart’s character presents a brochure featuring the town name to his wife, who reads it as “ON-uh-kok, Virginia.”

About five minutes later in the film, the titular “Man from Toronto,” a hitman played by Harrelson, is given his next assignment over the phone. The “Handler” giving him the assignment also pronounces the town as “ON-uh-kok.”

Unfortunately, the Onancock shown in the film is not the Onancock that we all know and love. It is Onancock only in name. And for some reason the filmmakers decided to use Chesapeake’s 23320 zip code instead of Onancock’s 23417.

The film has received generally unfavorable reviews from critics. Having seen it, I wouldn’t recommend watching past the first 15 minutes. After that, Onancock isn’t mentioned for the rest of the film.

Other mispronunciations

While ON-uh-kok is the most common, there

are several other mispronunciations mentioned by Shoreborn commenters.

Some reported hearing “oh-NAN-kok,” which sounds very hyperarticulate and formal and is likely influenced by that initial “O” in the spelling.

The pronunciation “ah-NON-kok” almost gets it right, but changes the vowel sounds in the first and second syllables.

An extra syllable gets added in “oh-NAH-nah-kok.” The pronunciation “OWN-an-kok” reminds me of Conan (the barbarian as well as the late night comedian).

Finally, there’s “OAK-uh-noke,” which sounds like it could be Pocomoke’s twin brother.

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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One final get-together at Watson's Hardware

BY STEFANIE JACKSON

Shore First

Chip Watson sat in his rocking chair on the sidewalk in front of the old Cape Charles hardware store for the last time on a Friday evening, until a cool, damp spring breeze blustered just enough to coax him and his guests inside the near-empty building.

But the farewell party-goers' spirits weren't dampened as the conversation and cocktails continued to flow.

The commercial building on Mason Avenue, next to the Historic Palace Theatre, served as a hardware store for more than a century – since 1910, well before it was known as Watson's Hardware.

Watson is an Eastern Shore native, from the Cheriton area, and spent his entire youth on the Shore until he graduated from high school and went off to college in North Carolina.

It was so long ago that Watson barely remembers what he studied in college, but he earned a bachelor's degree and started a career as a business machine salesman.

He had been living in North Carolina for a decade when Dr. Louis Belote, a Cape Charles dentist, contacted Watson to tell him the town hardware store was about to go up for sale and it would be a good opportunity for Watson to return to the Shore.

Watson moved back and bought the store in 1970.

Getting back to the Shore was an ordeal. At the time, the Chesapeake Bay Bridge-Tunnel was closed for repairs because it had been struck by a barge, he recalled.

Watson had to drive north from



SHORE FIRST/STEFANIE JACKSON

The Watson's Hardware crew of regular customers and friends are together for one last hurrah before the building's sale closes. Chip Watson, in orange, is seated in the rocking chair, with his wife, Lynn Watson, in yellow, at left.

North Carolina to Washington D.C., then head back south, down the peninsula.

But he reached his destination, and later that year he bought the store. He named it Watson's Hardware and ran it for 52 years until he called it quits and closed the business in 2021.

Over the last two years, the Watson family has sold off the hardware

store's remaining inventory, emptied and cleaned out the entire building, and found a buyer.

They actually found two buyers, as the part of the hardware store that connected to the theater was a second unit into which the store had been expanded. That building sold first.

Watson's wife of 20 years, Lynn, a real estate broker, found the buyer for

the original hardware store building. The buyer is a developer who plans to convert the building into a new, modern location for the Cape Charles Distillery, complete with a rooftop bar.

When Watson was asked what he thought about the intended new use of the building that was a hardware store for more than 100 years of Cape

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Watsons

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Charles history, he simply replied, “any way is fine with me.”

Watson is ready to enjoy his retirement and spend more time driving his two personal vehicles, a Range Rover and a recently acquired Ford Mustang, both in his favorite color, orange.

He said orange is also significant because it’s one of the school colors of the University of Virginia, which both of his sons attended.

The bright shade added pops of color to the farewell party, from the plastic plates on which the refreshments were served to the party-goers’ attire, including Watson’s jacket and boots.

His regular customers and friends remembered how they gathered together at the hardware store every afternoon – except on Sunday, the one day of the week the store was closed – to relax for a while, sit in chairs on the sidewalk, and have a drink or two.

They also recalled the winters when they moved the chairs inside and sat around the wood-burning stove and talked.

Lynn Watson commemorated the last days of the hardware store with a photograph of her husband’s old, empty rocker that was identified by a nameplate reading, “Chip’s Chair.”

Watson’s Hardware served the Cape Charles community for more than 50 years, but it was “just time to retire,” he said.

With the sale of the store about to close, all that’s left for Chip Watson to do is hop out of his chair, into his Mustang, and drive off into the glow of an orange Eastern Shore sunset.



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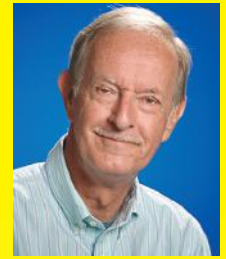
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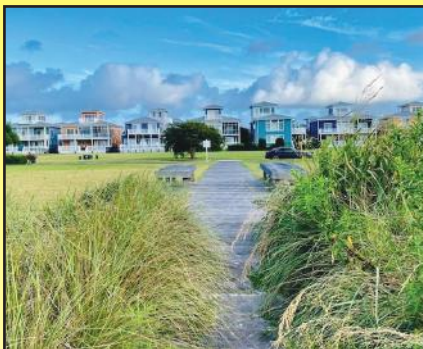
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A 50th anniversary held at an ageless treasure

BY CAROL VAUGHN

Shore First

Drs. Betty and Paul Bibbins Jr. — a retired physician, educator, and clinical documentation improvement specialist married to a retired university dean — could have chosen any place to hold their 50th wedding anniversary celebration.

That wasn't the case when they married in April 1973.

The Bibbinses, who are Black, chose Giddens' Do-Drop-Inn, in Weirwood, as the location for their anniversary party in April, in large part because the establishment is among very few places where they and some of their guests would have been welcomed back in the 1970s.

"We wanted to — symbolically, knowing that the legendary Do-Drop-Inn is working hard to stay here, stay a part of the culture, and stay alive — ... go somewhere, the only place we would have been able to go 50 years ago," said Betty Bibbins.

Additionally, the Do-Drop-Inn is just a fun place to have a party. Something about the place itself and proprietor Jane Giddens Cabarrus, known to many as "Momma Jane," gives everyone who enters a warm feeling, like coming home.

On Saturday night, April 22, the place was decorated to the hilt and rocking to the sounds of Richmond-based The Bridge Band, as the diverse crowd sang along to familiar Motown tunes.

In a fortuitous symmetry, the inn and the Bibbinses both are celebrating over than a half century of relationship — the Do-Drop's with the Eastern Shore community and the Bibbinses with each other.

The Bibbinses married on April 7, 1973, and the Do-Drop-Inn opened in July 1967, destined to become one of the longest lasting continually owned and operated Black



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Paul and Betty Bibbins at their 50th anniversary party, which was held at the Do-Drop-Inn near Nassaswadox.

businesses on Virginia's Eastern Shore.

Spotted across the room

Paul, 76, and Betty, 72, met in college.

Paul's family is old Northampton stock — his sister, historian Frances Bibbins Latimer, traced the family roots in the county to 1699.

The house the couple lives in now, after retiring in 2008, is where Paul was born and raised.

He is a 1965 graduate of Northampton County High School, the child of hardworking parents who did not have the chance to finish school themselves but who taught

their children the value of education.

Paul's father dropped out to go to work after fourth grade, after his own father died, leaving a widow and nine children. Paul's mother went to the 10th grade.

His parents pledged to support their three children financially through their first college degree, Paul said.

Betty grew up in Portsmouth, where she was the first Black student to attend Cradock Junior High School. Her father was a dentist and her mother was a home economist.

They met when Paul spotted Betty across the room at a fraternity party on Saturday, April 4, 1970.

He and some brothers from the Iota

Phi Theta chapter at Virginia State University were visiting the Norfolk State University chapter for an initiation event that originally was supposed to take place at Elizabeth City State University, in North Carolina.

The venue was changed at the last minute.

She was at Norfolk State for just one semester due to family financial issues, on her way to Connecticut College — and she was not happy about being in Norfolk.

"I wanted to get away from home," she said.

She had been accepted to Howard University, but after her father died during her senior year of high school, money was too tight for her to go.

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Bibbins

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“I looked over and I see a young lady standing over beside the wall and she’s standing like this,” Paul said, crossing his arms tightly.

“I didn’t want any connections. I didn’t want anything tying me down,” Betty said. She had only gone to the party to accompany a girlfriend, as a favor. She didn’t like the frat party scene.

Not reading Betty’s body language, Paul asked her to dance — and she said yes. Then he asked her to dance again — and she said yes.

Paul struck her as being different from the other boys there — he wasn’t drunk and he was respectful.

“After the second dance, he was so civilized that when midnight came and my girlfriend wanted to go home, I said, ‘Do you want to go for a ride?’” Betty said.

He said yes.

After Betty dropped off her friend, the two drove back to the party.

They ended up sitting on the back porch, talking until the sun came up.

“It was meant to be,” Betty said.

Retirement to the Shore

After she left for Connecticut, they kept up their relationship, long distance, for three years.

After that, they were married in a celebration at her family home in Portsmouth. The couple has one son, Paul Bibbins III.

Both continued their education after marriage, earning advanced degrees from Eastern Virginia Medical School, among other institutions.

Their careers took them away from the Shore for decades, mainly to Kentucky and Ohio.

Together, their tally of publications, presentations, awards, and honors fills pages on their respective resumes.

After dual standout careers, the couple retired to the Bibbins family home on Cobb Station Road, a few miles south of the Do-Drop-Inn.

In retirement, they continue a busy



Paul and Betty Bibbins at their 50th anniversary party, which was held at the Do-Drop-Inn near Nassawadox.

schedule of community service to the Shore and beyond, including Betty serving as president of the Eastern Shore Rural Health System board of directors, secretary of the Eastern Virginia Medical School board of visitors, and elections officer in Northampton County, among other activities.

Paul has served on the Northampton County School Board, the Chesapeake Bay Bridge and Tunnel Commission, and the Virginia Space Flight Academy board of directors, among other activities.

One of his latest endeavors is serving on the Invisible History of African Americans in Cape Charles, Virginia, advisory board.

Together they helped found the Shore Delivery Corps, which delivered food and supplies to high-risk individuals during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Additionally, both have been involved in developing and supporting the EVMS Health Sciences Academy, designed to help high school students explore healthcare careers.

“The needs are so great everywhere. We feel like we have been blessed and we need to share it,” Betty said.

“When we were away, I always thought about wanting to give back to the Shore, but I never saw myself coming back and I wasn’t sure how I was going to do that if I was not here.

So the opportunity presented itself for us to buy the farm. ... We got back and things started opening up,” Paul said.

A colleague gave him a container of lemonade powder when he retired, urging him to sip lemonade on the porch and enjoy life.

The container still hasn’t been opened.

Storied history

At their anniversary party, table decorations detailed the many places the couple has lived, worked, and vacationed — including London and Hawaii, among others.

“We are so grateful to have them to celebrate their fiftieth anniversary right here at the Giddens’ Do-Drop-Inn,” said Cabarrus, who emceed.

The Do-Drop-Inn was built by Lloyd Henry Giddens, Cabarrus’ father, using materials from a recently demolished house owned by a former employer.

“We didn’t have money. He had this idea that he wanted to own his own business. He was a carpenter with a sixth-grade education, but he could build and read a ruler and do all of the measurements. It was God’s gift, I guess,” Cabarrus said in a 2017 interview.

During the 1960s, its clientele were

mainly Black, but Giddens welcomed everyone who walked through the door.

“One thing he would say in particular was ‘You treat all people the same,’” Cabarrus said.

The Do-Drop-Inn stands today as one of the oldest continually owned and operated Black businesses on the Shore.

At one time, it was open seven days a week — offering soul food, a jukebox, penny candy, and a firm handshake for members of the Shore’s Black community, who were excluded from many venues at the time.

Musicians who played at the juke joint through the years include Arthur “Big Boy” Crudup and local favorite Black Elvis, among many others.

Crudup — a field laborer and blues musician whose songs were covered by Elvis Presley, Elton John, and Rod Stewart — played at the Do-Drop-Inn every weekend for a time, in addition to performances by the Malibus, J. Plunky & Oneness, and Burleigh Strand and the All-Stars, among others.

More recently, the building has hosted performances by Chris English, Melinda & the Benders, Corn Funk Revue, the Down ’n Outs Band, and other local favorites.

The venue also hosts cultural and charitable activities, volunteer groups (for more than 25 years it has hosted students from Boston College who come to the Shore to do volunteer work), and private events.

Major renovations of the interior started in summer 2022.

More than a half-century after it opened, the juke joint that started out as a safe place to gather for the Black community still opens its doors — it’s a place where community members of different races, ages, and walks of life can gather, listen and dance to live music, eat good food, and catch up with their friends.

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Films that Move festival coming to Cape Charles

What does one do on the 11th year of a festival and artist residency with a successful ten-year run?

If you ask Experimental Film Virginia artistic director Renata Sheppard, she would tell you about Films that Move, the new name with an expanded vision for this unique, international festival that takes place every summer on Virginia's Eastern Shore.

Now called Films that Move, the festival has created over 130 short films over the last 10 years, several of which have won accolades at film festivals from New York's Dance on Camera at Lincoln Center to SXSW in Texas to LightMoves in Ireland.

The artist residency has been graced with the presence of Oscar-nominated participants, a nod of the hat from our very own Virginia Commission for the Arts as an "Exemplary and Pinnacle Event" and hosted many filmmakers with revered names in professional circuits including Adi Halfin, Bobbi Jene Smith, and Josephine Decker.

The festival is designed with the idea that arts and tourism go hand in hand and has flourished thanks to continued support from the Northampton County Tourism and Infrastructure Grant, the Virginia Commission for the Arts, the Taiwan Ministry of Culture, the Virginia Film Office, Carahsoft Foundation and many other patrons and sponsors.

In September 2023, Films that Move will be presented at the International Conference of Digital Humanities in Italy.

On July 24, the Historic Palace Theatre will be flooded with talented dancers, directors and cinematographers hailing from New York to Tel Aviv, ready to spend the next 12 days making dance inspired, short films in and around Cape Charles.

If you or your children want to be in a film, stay tuned for announcements and make sure to follow Films that Move on Facebook and Instagram



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Films that Move is coming to Cape Charles in July.

to stay up to date.

Dancers from every genre from ballet to hip hop to contemporary will join an impressive cohort of filmmakers from all around the globe to create 8-10 new films that will be screened on August 4th at the Historic Palace

Theatre.

"We are doing the film premiere on a Friday this year" says Sheppard. "So many events take place on a Saturday and this way, everyone wins in terms of attendance. We are team players when it comes to promoting arts and

culture on the Eastern Shore"

In 2024, the festival will hit the road, expanding to Italy and Mexico in the shoulder seasons. Cape Charles will remain the home base with the annual summer festival.

Bayside Poker Run fundraiser slated for July 29

The 17th annual Bayside Poker Run will be held Saturday, July 29 with its headquarters at the Eastern Shore Yacht & Country Club. Sponsored by the Pungoteague Ruritan Club and the Onancock Rotary Club, this event raised over \$10,000 last year for scholarships for local students and to benefit community non-profit organizations serving the Eastern Shore of Virginia.

This annual Bayside Poker Run is a fun day on the waters of the Chesapeake Bay and adjoining creeks in the clubs' community service areas. Any boat owner may register to participate in the event, which is an opportunity to explore the bay from Onancock Creek to Nandua Creek in a fun and leisurely fashion. It is not a race, but simply boaters choosing their own course and own pace to lo-

cate and visit five pre-chosen locations designated on a nautical chart with notes and guidelines.

Registration for the event is \$150 for the boat and captain, which also includes four crew members. Extra crew beyond four members are \$25 each, and extra poker hand entries are \$75. Entries include the meal at the awards banquet following the event and a chance at many dock prizes donated by local merchants.

Captain's Sponsors are also available for \$250 and includes five crew members plus recognition on signs and in the program. Additional sponsorships of \$150 are also available for business and individuals who wish to support the organizations who will benefit from the proceeds of the event.

Registration forms must be re-

ceived in advance prior to July 21. Entries will be limited to a number of boats the committee feels can be safely handled, so don't delay. For more information or to obtain registration forms, email Courtney Nottingham at mrs.anott2014@gmail.com or call 757-710-5739 or 789-3500. Registration forms can also be picked up at 25020 Shore Parkway Suite 1E, Onley, Va. 23418 (Onley Town Center).

Competition in the event will be in two parts. The "navigational skill" part will be for boaters to plot a course which will enable them to "log in" at six specific locations plus two mystery locations within designated time allowances. These locations will be spread among Onancock, Pungoteague, and Nandua Creeks and will be disclosed to all captains simultaneously at a captains' meeting on the

morning of the event. Points in this competition will also be earned in 'Survivor-type' challenges in various activities.

The "luck" part of the event will involve boaters picking up a playing card at each of the six locations and bringing a poker hand to a final destination at 5 p.m. At this location all boats meet to disclose their hands and have navigation sheets evaluated. The navigation prize will be \$500 and the poker prize will be a Fall Vacation Getaway package of equal value for a grand prize total value of \$1000.

Boaters will also receive "dock" prizes at the awards banquet, and a raffle featuring local artwork with prizes to be announced soon will also be held.

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Shore First | Phi Theta Kappa induction at ESCC



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Phi Theta Kappa inducted new members at an April 27th ceremony on campus. (Back row: Samantha Marshall, Haddon Holloway, McKaila Hastings, Kadence Defrees, Kentrelle Walker (Advisor), Tyler Zodun, ESCC VP Dr. Ray Burton. (Middle) Megan Horner, Izak Pereira, Tonychia Copes, Megan Tiede, Ki'Aria Reid, Dynasia Scarborough, and Christina Duffman (Advisor) (Front row) Officers Paola Mejia-Jiminez, Kaylynne Naploeone, Fidel Guerrero, and Kirstin Estelle.



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Interim ESCC Vice President Ray Burton spoke to the inductees on benefits of PTK membership.



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ESCC President Jim Shaeffer addressed the audience and new PTK inductees.



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Bonnie Nordstrom was the guest speaker and spoke on overcoming challenges and handling diversity.



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Kadence Defrees is pinned during the ceremony.



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Kaylynne Napoleone, vice president, received a special honor from advisors Christina Duffman and Kentrelle Walker.

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May 1923

Plan observation trip for local farmers in potato fields

The first of the annual Eastern Shore of Virginia farmer's tours and institutes, in the form of an educational tour to be held on June 6 and 7, was announced yesterday by County Agent H. S. Lippincott. The trip will be taken through the potato fields and farms of the Eastern Shore and is planned to allow farmers of Tidewater Virginia to see experiments with seed from every section grown under actual local conditions.

The county agent expressed the wish that every farmer of this section avail himself of the opportunity and join the tour which is being conducted by the farm bureaus of Tidewater Virginia in co-operation with the extension division of the Virginia Polytechnic Institute, the United States Department of Agriculture and the Virginia truck experiment station at Norfolk.

The purpose as outlined in the official program is "to demonstrate the value of high grade seed potatoes and to discuss the common production problems of the Eastern Shore growers." It is pointed out that the problems of the Eastern Shore are primarily the problems of the peninsula and this section.

The Virginia truck experimental station, it is said, has been for the past number of years, in conjunction with Blacksburg, been collecting data for farmers and distributing it in bulletin form. The extension division of the Blacksburg institution however, felt this year that farmers had not been keeping in touch with the experiments by reason of the limited time allowed by the demands of farm life. For this reason the extension division planned a number of conveniently located demonstration fields which may be visited in the morning, while the meetings are to be held in the afternoon.

— *The Daily Press*

Military outfit found to be unfit

Adjutant General Sale today ordered the abandonment of the Chincoteague company of coast artillery, Virginia national guard, following the federal inspection report that the command was not up to the war department requirements.

A coast artillery company will be organized at

Christiansburg to fill the vacancy.

The examining board of the Virginia national guard will meet in the adjutant general's office at noon Friday to examine officers recently appointed to the medical corps. A special examining board for the Tidewater section, with headquarters in Norfolk, has been organized. Members of the board are Lieutenant Colonel McChesney H. Jeffries, chairman; Captain H. W. Boice, medical officer, and Captain J. A. Greaves, recorder.

Dr. Herbert R. Drewery, of Norfolk, who served as captain with the medical corps of the Twenty-ninth division in France, has been made major and assigned to the medical corps of the 111th field artillery. Dr. Harry M. White, of Fishermans, who also served with the rank of captain in the Twenty-ninth division, has been appointed major and assigned to the 116th infantry.

The national guard in this state is manifesting considerable interest in the election May 18, of a commander of the 111th field artillery. The organization of the unit is nearly completed and a colonel will be chosen commander. It is held likely that Lieutenant Colonel Jeffries will be selected commander and advanced to the rank of colonel.

— *Daily Press*

Motorists going to Chincoteague

The season has arrived when most Eastern Shoremen, both in Virginia and Maryland spruce up the old car or try the new one on the county roads after the winter snows and spring rains are relics of an unpleasant past and for the want of a diversion from merely visiting relatives, drive over the newly built road from the mainland in Accomack County to Chincoteague Island is the one big attraction for motorists.

The evil fate which prompted Chincoteague's new road that connects the island with the mainland to give away on the day of the island's greatest celebration November 15, resulting in the marooning of hundreds of automobilists loaded with thousands of visitors, including state officials, was a sad embarrassment to its builders and to those who had been foremost in advocating its construction. Since that time admirers of community enterprise and pluck have joined together in the work of reconstruction and making the road buckle-proof against a recurrence and have shown the Eastern Shore and the state that Chincoteague cannot only build, but repair.

Thousands of loads of oyster shells and dirt have been hauled from the island and mainland, filling

in all the low and boggy places during the winter months and now the road is in excellent condition with hundreds of automobiles passing over it in perfect safety. The road is packed down and made permanent for the heavy traffic of seafood for which Chincoteague Island bears a renowned reputation. Last year the island shipped 1,462,722 gallons of shucked oysters and 47,486 barrels of shell oysters and clams, seafood being the chief industry and with the new outlet made permanent giving a direct connection by railroad to the north, east and west, the island will probably become one of the leading business centers of the Eastern Shore.

— *Daily Press*

Parksley leaves baseball field

An exhibition, unsatisfactory in many respects, was brought to an end here this afternoon at the home of the Eastern Shore League champions when Manager Ralph Mattis, of the champions, took his team off the field in the first half of the ninth inning, forfeiting the game to the Pocomoke Salamanders, 9 to 0.

After eight sessions replete with haggling and arguing among players and umpires, but marked by striking patience and good order on the part of the long-suffering opening-day crowd, the miserable affair came to a head when Umpire Hobbs ordered Hawk Fisher, the Spuds' first-sacker from the game when the latter threw his glove at the arbiter after a close decision calling Reed safe on a play at the initial hassock.

Picture Mayor John D. Johnson advancing to the mound and proudly tossing out the first ball to Catcher Price. J. Harry Rew, Parksley's League representative, baring his head to the gathering and in a manner altogether becoming to the advocate and emissary of a conqueror announcing that his town's Chief Executive would play the principal role in the preliminaries.

The Onancock Band blaring encouragement to the champions. Then think of that which was to follow. Those who passed the square on their way home and saw the gray stone soldier erected there in memory of the Confederacy must have thought of Appomattox and imagined how Lee's men felt on that memorable occasion.

— *The Baltimore Sun*

Potatoes to finance building

Members of Northampton Post 56, American Legion, will use an unique plan in financing a com-

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munity house here, to be built as a memorial to soldiers from this section who died in the World War. Farmers of the county will be asked to donate one barrel of potatoes each for the project. Many have expressed willingness to co-operate with the Legion in this manner, officials of the organization declare.

— The Roanoke Times

75 years ago
May 1948

Commissioners serve

Virginia still has four “commissioners of wrecks.” They were appointed in Accomack and Northampton Counties in 1918 to serve for an “indefinite time,” and they’re still serving.

— The Richmond News Leader

‘Packaged trips begun
by C&O

The Chesapeake and Ohio Railway Company announced today the inauguration of “packaged” all-expense trips to Virginia Beach and Cape Charles.

The “Suntan Special” will pick up passengers as far west as Cincinnati for week-end tours starting May 28. Last trip to Virginia Beach is scheduled for June 18.

Departure date for the first “Chessie Fishing Trip” is set for June 4 with return from Cape Charles on June 9.

— The Richmond News Leader

Franchise sought for new
ferry to Cape Charles

Application on a petition for appointment of a board of viewers preparatory to filing a request for a franchise to operate a ferry between Bay Trees, near Seaford, York County, and Cape Charles, will be heard in the Circuit Court of Northampton

County on Wednesday, May 26, it was announced today by the Eastern Shore-Yorktown Ferries, Inc.

At the request of counsel for the ferry company, a hearing on the application for the franchise was continued by Judge Jeff F. Walter until the September term of the court.

Attorneys for the Eastern Shore-Yorktown Ferries, Inc., are J. Brooks Mapp, of Keller, and William McL. Ferguson, of Newport News, while representing the Virginia Ferry Corporation is Benjamin W. Mears, of Eastville.

— The Virginian-Pilot

Chincoteague Naval plane
goes down in ocean

Lt. Cmdr. Roger V. Parlett, Jr., USN, 30, was listed by the Navy as missing today after his fighter plane crashed into the Atlantic Ocean, 30 miles southeast of here, yesterday afternoon.

Surface ships and aircraft searched for more than six hours in the area where Cmdr. Parlett’s plane crashed about 12:55 p.m. The search was

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abandoned at 7 p.m.

Cmdr. Parlett, a survivor of the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor where he was aboard the battleship West Virginia, was on a routine flight out of Chincoteague. The cause of the crash is not known.

He was decorated with the purple heart for wounds suffered in the Japanese bombing. Later in the war he served with a composite aerial combat squadron. For distinguished service he got the air medal. In 1940 he was graduated from the Naval Academy at Annapolis.

A native of Tucson, Ariz., his wife, Kathryn Johnson Parlett, and two young sons, Roger, Jr., and Douglas Conrad, live here. Cmdr. Parlett had been attached to the naval ordnance testing station here about two months.

The Navy gave these details of the crash:

About 12:55 p.m. a Navy plane from Webster Field, a Patuxent Naval Air Station auxiliary field, observed the plane crash. Surface ships nearby rushed to the location. Neither the wreckage nor Cmdr. Parlett could be found. The plane sank almost immediately.

— *The Daily Times*

CAP flyers' reunion held at Parksley

Planes roaring into the airport of this Eastern Shore town today brought memories to the residents of the wartime submarine menace that for many months turned Parksley into a Civil Air Patrol base.

Today, CAP flyers from as far away as Kansas returned here for their first reunion and to be honored by the government for their important wartime service. Air medals will be awarded 23 men who each logged 200 or more hours' flight over open water in search of subs.

Among the 75 flyers attending the three-day reunion was Alfred C. Nowitsky, aeronautical safety engineer of the State Division of Aeronautics.

— *Richmond Times-Dispatch*

Strawberry crop reaches all-time high

Eastern Shore of Virginia farmers in Northampton and Accomack counties have reported this to have been the most prosperous of all years in the marketing of strawberries. The season's gross berry

profits have ranged up to \$20,000 to individual Eastern Shore berry growers, with such returns having reportedly produced a net of \$10,000 to some. Today saw the last of the large pickings in the two Eastern Shore counties.

Potato fields are reported in fine condition on the Eastern Shore with the federal marketing conditions prevailing there as in Norfolk, Princess Anne and Nansemond counties but this year's planting has had a setback in some instances because of diseased plants purportedly brought in from Florida. Cold weather has also retarded the maturity of tomato plants some of which have just now begun to bud and show signs of blooms.

Cabbage are being sent to Philadelphia and New York markets in large quantities from the Eastern Shore. However corn acreage there is not up to its usual height at this season of the year.

Several camps have been set up in both Northampton and Accomack counties for potato digging which will come on in some instances in a week or so.

Wachapreague on the seaside of the 'Shore shows signs of arrival of many pleasure fishermen from other sections of Virginia as well as from Maryland, Delaware and Philadelphia. Rock and trout are reported in large quantities by Wachapreague fishermen.

— *The Portsmouth Star*

50 years ago May 1973

Northampton is seeking an administrator

Northampton County this week advertised for a county administrator at a salary of no less than \$10,000 per year.

At their last meeting, the Northampton County Board of Supervisors voted to employ a county administrator. Neighboring Accomack County has had a county administrator for several years.

According to Northampton County officials the administrator, when employed, would serve as county administrator to the board of supervisors and chief administrative officer of the county.

Specific duties would be as "the board sees fit to delegate," a county notice said.

Applicants being sought should have a bachelor degree with a major in political science, public administration, business administration or a related field, a county spokesman said. An equivalent combination of experience and training would be

acceptable, he added.

Applications for the position must be in the hands of Clerk of Court Clyde E. Gibb in Eastville before June 29.

— *The Daily Times*

Theories vary on craters

Accomack—Scientists studying saucer-like depressions that have been found to dot the Eastern Shore of Virginia are being somewhat close-mouthed about some of the theories on their origin.

Dr. David E. Petrie, a Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University researcher who has counted more than 150 of the craters in Accomack and Northampton counties, said it was first thought the phenomenon was caused by meteorite showers.

However, he added that the most recently favored theory is that tidal eddies may have caused them during the time when the Eastern Shore was underwater.

There are other theories, he acknowledged, some of them "full of mystique and a few far out." He would not elaborate, saying detailed studies were still under way.

A few of the craters have been known since 1917. But recent infrared aerial photographs by the National Aeronautics and Space Administration have shown Accomack and Northampton counties to be dotted with them.

The craters range from a mile to 100 feet in width and are visible from the ground "if you are looking for them," Dr. Petrie said.

NASA photos showed a ridge of craters cutting entirely across the Eastern Shore peninsula in the vicinity of Nelsonia in Accomack County, some 44 feet above sea level. Dr. Petrie said they were numerous enough to constitute a major topographic feature.

Some of the depressions he added, are "still forming now." Again, he would not elaborate, saying further study was needed before full reports are available.

J. H. Scott Jr. of NASA's Wallops Station has joined with Dr. Petrie in what they called an intensive study of the depressions and their origins.

— *Richmond Times-Dispatch*

Blues, drum occupy anglers' interests

Hordes of bluefish within the Chesapeake Bay and record sizes of black drum off the Eastern

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Shore have excited anglers in time for the long Memorial Day holiday weekend.

A lady angler took a record drum in the past week. The rush of bay bluefish was unexpected and their early arrival has caught at least one guideboat skipper unprepared.

Betty D. Hall of Cape Charles has what is believed to be a Virginia record and potential International Game Fish Association world record for black drum. She boated a 111-pounder just off the town of Cape Charles and registered the fish at King's Creek Marina.

Anglers fishing the Cape Charles area have reported unusually good results with fish weighing up to 80 pounds.

— *Richmond Times-Dispatch*

There's a lot to eat at Seafood Festival

Over 3,000 Eastern Shore trenchermen gathered Wednesday afternoon for the fourth annual Seafood Festival at Chincoteague. So popular has this great event become, described as "the greatest feed on the East Coast," that tickets have long been sold out, and the waiting list for next year now stretches from an estimated six to nine months, if tickets even then are available.

Sponsored by the Eastern Shore of Virginia Chamber of Commerce, the Seafood Festival was conceived as a boost to the local seafood industry. There are no speeches or politicking, just booth after booth with its own specialty of local seafood. This year there were no crabs, eel or sea squab.

However, there were 75,000 clams served raw and steamed; 55 gallons of clams for fritters; 125 boxes of soft shell clams for frying; 100 gallons of oysters for fritters; 50 bushels of oysters for the raw bar; 1,000 pounds of drum for frying and 625 pounds of trout; 25,000 french fried sweet potatoes; 6,000 hush puppies, and uncounted amounts of soft drinks and beer.

The raw bars, with the traditional Chincoteague oysters and the ever-popular local clams, drew constant crowds, and visitors found the fried drum and french fried sweet potatoes – a local specialty – appetizing. No gourmet recipes were possible in the pressing crowds, and a small army of volunteer cooks worked over deep fryers from about 11 a.m. to about 5 p.m.

— *The Daily Times*

Onancock market is destroyed in late night fire

The Meatland Supermarket in Onancock was in ruins this morning from a fire discovered at 10:12 p.m. Wednesday.

The five-alarm blaze roared out of control, sending smoke and sparks over much of the town until well past midnight.

The blaze was reported by Victor Dallmann, assistant manager at the market. The store closes at 9 p.m. but firemen said they were told cleaning operations were under way when the fire was discovered, apparently in the ceiling.

Over 75 firemen from Onancock, Onley, Wachapreague, Parksley and Melfa fought the blaze until after 2 a.m. today.

The Meatland is a large concrete block supermarket on the east end of Market St. in Onancock.

The heavy roof of the building caved in just before midnight sending flames leaping into the sky. The blaze was visible for ten miles around the Onancock area by midnight, attracting spectators and causing a traffic jam. Police had to be called in to manage the problem.

Southerly winds carried most of the fire away from nearby buildings, including a service station, a printing shop and a supply house.

Meatland is the largest chain of locally owned markets on the Eastern Shore of Virginia.

— *The Daily Times*

Fishing party member dies on boat

Chincoteague—A member of a fishing party on a party boat died Friday at sea, according to a spokesman from the Coast Guard.

The body of the man was brought into Chincoteague, and Dr. Donald J. Amried pronounced him dead of natural causes. The Coast Guard did not release the identity of the victim, pending notification of relatives. He was not from his area, the spokesman said.

— *The Daily Times*

Virginia man is acquitted in murder case

A jury of six men and six women, after deliberating four hours Thursday, acquitted Richard Webster Wright of Accomac in the Oct. 24 shooting of William C. Guy of Locustville.

Wright, who sat calmly through most of the tri-

al, broke into sobs as the verdict was read at 7 p.m.

Commonwealth Attorney Wescott B. Northam had asked the jury for a verdict of first degree murder.

This was the second trial for Wright. He had been tried on the same charges in March and that trial resulted in a hung jury.

Guy was found in Wright's father's back yard about 7 p.m. Oct. 24 with eight bullet wounds in the chest and back. An FBI firearms expert testified an automatic pistol owned by Wright was the weapon used.

Defense attorneys for Wright were Daniel Hartnett and Richard Young.

Both argued that Wright had been in fear of his life since an argument with Guy at a drive-in restaurant in Onley in August 1972.

According to one witness, Guy pulled out a chrome-colored pistol during the August argument.

Wright testified that Guy had threatened to kill him on one occasion.

Since that time, the defense claimed Wright became increasingly fearful. A Virginia State Trooper and other witnesses testified Wright had expressed or shown fear for his life several weeks before the shooting.

Kenneth Wright, the defendant's brother, testified he noted a distinct change after August. He said his brother at one time crawled across a hallway in their father's home to get from the bedroom to the bathroom. Kenneth Wright and the defendant's father, Vernon, testified Wright was afraid to get in front of windows and began pulling down window shades whenever they were lifted.

The defense claimed Wright was in a workshop in his father's back yard when Guy drove up Oct. 24.

A chrome-plated wrench had been earlier introduced into evidence.

It was stated Guy got out of his car and reached for something, apparently the wrench, then moved toward Wright.

Wright, still fearful, began firing an automatic pistol, the defense said.

Later testimony revealed the wrench was found lying near the body.

Several witnesses described the firing as sounding like "a machine gun" or a "string of fire crackers."

A physician testified Wright was in a state of emotional shock after the shooting. Kenneth Wright said his brother came toward the house, crying and saying, "He tried to kill me. He had a gun."

— *The Daily Times*

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25 years ago
May 1998

Teens charged in bus accident

Allegedly angry he was tossed off a school bus, an Accomack County teen is accused of enlisting two schoolmates to cut the brake line on a county school bus.

Realizing something was wrong as she pulled her bus out of her driveway Tuesday, the bus driver was able to use a hand brake to stop the bus before she pulled onto Fleming Road to begin her morning route. No children were on the bus and the driver, whose identity was withheld, was not injured.

Accomack County Sheriff Robert Crockett said an inspection of the bus revealed the brake line had been cut, prompting police to begin an investigation into the matter.

Police were led to a student who had been suspended from riding the bus last week for disruptive behavior and had allegedly warned some of his friends not to ride the bus Tuesday morning.

Crockett said the boys allegedly went to the bus driver's home and cut the brake line in an attempt to exact revenge.

A 22-year veteran of the Sheriff's Department, Crockett said he had never before seen this type of incident happen involving kids.

"We take this very, very seriously," Crockett

said. "There was the potential for this to be a lot worse."

Police arrested three juveniles Friday in connection with the incident. The juveniles, a 15-year-old and two 14-year-olds, face charges of felony conspiracy to commit maiming, attempt to maim and tampering with a school bus.

All three juveniles are currently in the Norfolk Detention Center pending trial.

— *The Daily Times*

Future of Assateague Island debated

During this winter's storms, ocean waves peeled the veneer of civilization from Assateague Island. Tides surged against the walls of the visitors center. Man-made dunes were leveled.

When the water retreated, 3 feet of shimmering sand covered the road and asphalt parking lots. The naked island had lost 100 feet of beach on the ocean side, but gained land in what formerly were bayside marshes.

Assateague rolled over in the storms, reclaiming its wildness.

"It's almost like a living animal, the way it changes," said Marc Koenings, superintendent of Assateague National Seashore. "We talk about erosion, but it's just the island doing its thing."

Koenings thinks it's time to stop fighting nature. He wants to redesign Assateague's facilities to make them more flexible in case of storms. There's been talk of using all-terrain shuttles to

bus tourists to a beach that would no longer have roads, lots or permanent structures — an untamed barrier island, left to roll with the waves.

But Koenings' vision — or at least the shuttle bus idea — runs smack up against the economic interests of nearby Chincoteague Island, where 1.3 million visitors to Assateague sleep, eat and shop each year. Townspeople fear that his dream park would flop. And without the tourist trade, Chincoteague would die, taking a huge chunk of Accomack County's tax base with it.

"It would be a ghost town," said Tommy Mason, who owns the Waterside Motor Inn.

Any talk of the shuttle raises hackles in Chincoteague.

"It would be extremely detrimental to the business community," said Wanda Thornton, who sits on the county Board of Supervisors and is a member of Chincoteague's Beach Access and Parking Committee.

Since there's nowhere to buy food, drinks or anything else on Assateague, visitors bring coolers, chairs, baby equipment, sunscreen, clothes, towels, umbrellas, cameras, radios, and whatever else they might need to enjoy the beach.

Forcing tourists to haul all that gear on a shuttle bus would be a good way to ensure that they never come back, Thornton said. The resulting economic hardship, she said, would ripple well beyond the town. "Accomack County depends heavily on what happens on Chincoteague," she said.

— *The Daily Times*

Vendors sought for Outreach Fair

Vendors are being sought for the ESAAA/CAA Community Outreach and Health Fair, which is scheduled for May 24.

Reservations must be emailed to Matt Parker at mparker@esaaacaa.org before 5 p.m. on May 12.

All vendors will be provided free lunch with drinks, a 13-foot by 13-foot space, and publicity on the agency Facebook page.

A VIP vendor costs \$25 and includes a tent setup, two tables, and two chairs.

The event will be held from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at 5432 Bayside Road.

Accomack Book Club sets meeting

The Accomack Book Club will be meeting on May 18 at the Naomi Makemie Church in Onancock from 1 to 3 p.m.

The meeting is open to all and there is no cost to attend. This month the group will be discussing books on the subject of food.

Cape Charles Volunteer Fire Co. sets drum tournament

The inaugural Hook 'n' Hose Black Drum Fishing Tournament will be held May 12 to 13 and May 20 to 21.

The event is presented by the Cape

Charles Volunteer Fire Co.

The host marina is the Cape Charles Yacht Center and the weigh-in station is Bailey's Bait & Tackle.

There will be an after-party and awards ceremony to follow at the Cape Charles firehall, where beer will be available for purchase.

Prices are \$75 per participant for ages 13 and older and \$40 for ages 12 and younger.

For registration forms, email swilson1582@gmail.com.

Music legends come to Dockjam

Country music legends Aaron Tippin, Sammy Kershaw, and Collin Raye will perform in Pocomoke City on Saturday, May 20, at 6 p.m., at the Dock-

Jam, presented by Dockside restaurant and bar.

Tippin, Kershaw, and Raye will perform as part of their Roots and Boots Tour. Tickets are \$45 for lawn seating and \$55 for chair seating. VIP seating is sold out.

It will be held at 2 Riverside Dr. Tickets can be purchased at dockjam.com

Food and drinks will be sold by Dockside restaurant and bar.

At Dockjam, ticket holders may bring a single clear plastic or vinyl bag no larger than 13 inches by 15 inches. A folding or collapsible chair no larger than 21 inches tall also is permitted.

Blankets and bug spray also are permitted.

Not permitted are outside alcohol or food items, coolers, pop-up tents or canopies, or water bottles.

Trying not to think the worst about one's spouse

"Guess who called me today?" Hubby asked Friday evening.

"I wouldn't even try," I wisely replied.

"The Baltimore Office of the FBI," he said.

Now I ask you, have you ever felt your stomach sink so rapidly that you're sure you must have swallowed a boulder?

I won't begin to tell you the thoughts that raced through my mind before Hubby put me at ease.

"They've got your cell phone," he said.

OK, so I knew I had lost the darn thing, and to be quite honest, it's been rather nice to have one less device screaming for my attention. But I had been a bit concerned about where it went.

I had retraced my steps from the time I last saw it until I realized it was missing, but to no avail.

I had called the number several times, only to learn that I was unavailable.

And I had tried to leave a message on it just in case some honest person found it and would return it — prior to running up a huge account.

I needn't have worried about that, for our friendly agent in Baltimore only made one call on the phone that someone, he had determined, had put in his car when he stopped at KFC in Onley while passing through the area. (Figure that out!)

Anyway, by making that call — and by virtue of being a G-man — our FBI guy was able to initiate a trace on the



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

owner of the phone.

Reaching Hubby by the more traditional landline, the agent called and asked him to confirm first, if he was

missing a phone, and secondly, what the number was. Satisfied he had fingered the right guy, the agent said he'd be mailing the phone back this

week.

Once again, I found myself feeling ashamed for jumping the gun and thinking badly of Hubby when he first mentioned the call.

After all, I know in my heart that he'd never do anything to warrant an FBI investigation (although there is this federal marshal... well, that's another matter).

Anyway, I'm going to try real hard from now on not to think the worst about my spouse.

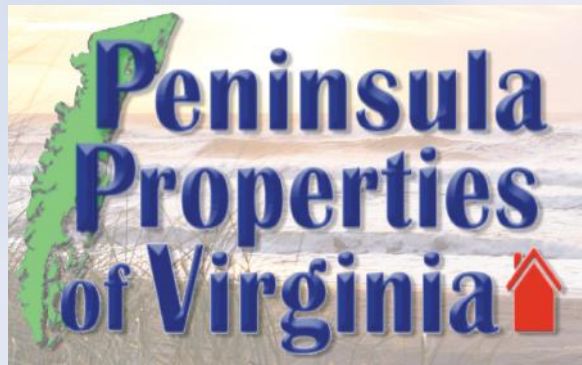
I'll start by not complaining about the four New York strip steaks he grilled for the beagles in appreciation for a successful rabbit season — steaks they wolfed down while I feasted on rabbit.

After all, he had promised the dogs if they did well, he'd give them a special treat. All season long, they performed to his satisfaction, and so he came through with their reward.

Not a bad arrangement. Maybe I can work out something similar.

How about this, Hubby? I'll refrain from jumping to conclusions about your behavior for the next three months, after which time you'll take me out for a steak dinner — to a restaurant — not the kennel where you last served up USDA Choice.

This piece was published Feb. 13, 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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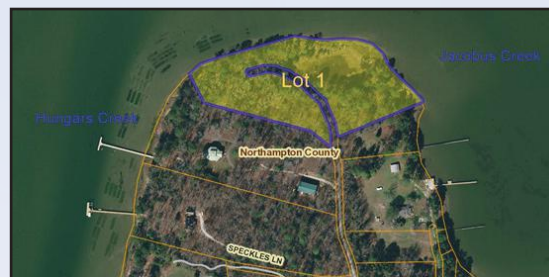


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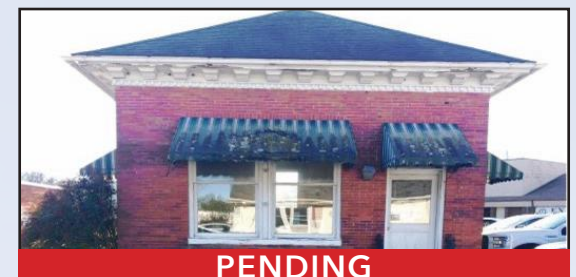
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