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Friday, July 7

■ FARMERS MARKET: 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Parksley Farmers and Artisans Market, 18444 Dunne Ave., Parksley.
■ INDEPENDENCE DAY EVENT: 5 to 9 p.m., Snow Hill Area Chamber of Commerce and Downtown Snow Hill Independence Day event at Sturgis Park. Food vendors, beer wagon, bounce house and DJ. Fireworks at dark.
■ 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.

Saturday, July 8

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■ ICE CREAM SOCIAL: 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., the Eastern Shore Railway Museum will have its inaugural free ice cream social at 18444 Dunne Ave., Parksley. Attendees can play cornhole and other games, listen to DJ Terry Collins, and spend time with The Shore Boyz Railroad Club. Attendees also are invited to visit Parksley merchants for special discounts.
■ LIVE MUSIC: 7 p.m., Can U Dig It at Cape Charles Central Park, part of the Citizens for Central Park's Concerts in the Park series.
■ LIVE MUSIC: 7 p.m., free concert by The Modern Band, Robert Reed Waterfront Park, Chincoteague Island. Bring a chair. Sponsored by the Chincoteague Cultural Alliance.

Monday, July 10

■ YOGA: 8 to 9 a.m., yoga at the Island Community House, 6246 Mumford St., Chincoteague. Info: 757-336-1992, info@islandcommunityhouse.org, 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
■ BINGO: Doors open at 5 p.m., first game at 7 p.m., Onancock Elks Lodge, 22454 Front St., Accomac. Info: 757-787-7750.
■ FREE MOVIE: 8:25 p.m., free movie, "Hachi: A Dog's Tale," at Robert Reed Waterfront Park, Chincoteague Island. Bring a chair or blanket. Sponsored by the Chincote-

ague Cultural Alliance.

Tuesday, July 11

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■ CRAFT GROUP: 1 to 3 p.m., Hooks & Needles craft group at Powelton Presbyterian Church, Wachapreague.
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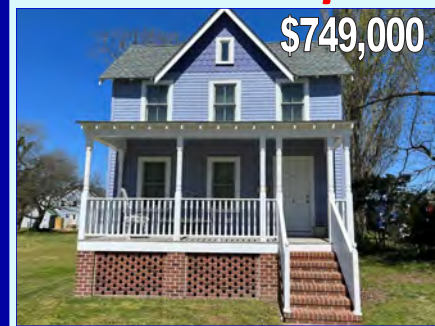


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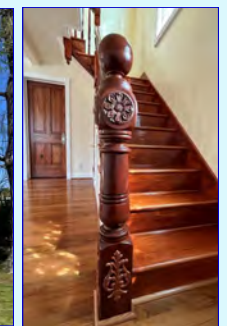
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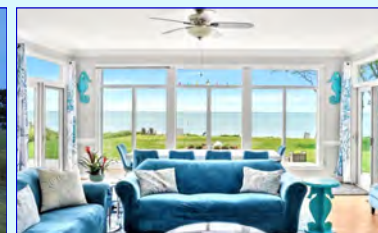
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■ INTERNATIONAL MOVIE: 7 p.m., “The Lost King,” at the Roseland Theatre, 48 Market St., Onancock. \$8 at the door or get season passes at the Book Bin in Onley.

Friday, July 14

■ FARMERS MARKET: 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Parksley Farmers and Artisans Market, 18444 Dunne Ave. Parksley.

Saturday, July 15

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■ LIVE MUSIC: 6:30 p.m., Singer-songwriter Bryan Russo at the Island Coffehouse, 6309 Church St., Chincoteague. Opening act is singer-songwriter Pam Roberts. Admission is \$5 and \$2 for children 12 and younger. Cash bar. Visit

www.chincoteagueca.org

■ LIVE MUSIC: 7 p.m., The Jangling Reinharts at Cape Charles Central Park, part of the Citizens for Central Park’s Concerts in the Park series.

Monday, July 17

■ YOGA: 8 to 9 a.m., yoga at the Island Community House, 6246 Mumford St., Chincoteague. Info: 757-336-1992, info@islandcommunityhouse.org, 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

■ 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, July 18

■ FARMERS MARKET: 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Parksley Farmers and Artisans Market, 18444 Dunne Ave. Parksley.

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

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Thursday, July 20

■ FESTIVAL: 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Chincoteague Island Blueberry Festival at the Chincoteague Center, 6155 Community Drive, Chincoteague. Food, music, fine arts and crafts, indoor and outdoor exhibits.

■ 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.

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■ FARMERS MARKET: noon to 5 p.m., Snow Hill Farmers Market in the municipal parking lot on West Green Street. Fresh local produce, baked goods, locally roasted coffee, and artisanal items.

■ LIVE MUSIC: 7 to 8:30 p.m., “On The Edge,” at Potomoke City Concerts in the Park at Cypress Park, 7 Bridge St. Picnic dinners and lawn chairs are welcome.

Friday, July 21

■ FESTIVAL: 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Chincoteague Island Blueberry Festival at the Chincoteague Center, 6155 Community Drive, Chincoteague. Food, music, fine arts and crafts, indoor and outdoor exhibits.

■ FARMERS MARKET: 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Parksley Farmers and Artisans Market, 18444 Dunne Ave. Parksley.

■ TRIVIA NIGHT: 7 p.m., “Movie Trivia The Hard Way,” by the Chincoteague Island Theatre Company. Held at the Chincoteague Cultural Alliance. 6309 Church St., Chincoteague. Complete the movie as local actors and musicians re-enact famous scenes and songs. Free admission,

donations welcome. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. Visit www.chincoteagueca.org

■ FIREMEN’S CARNIVAL: 7 to 11 p.m., Chincoteague Volunteer Fire Co. carnival with rides, games, and food.

Saturday, July 22

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■ LIVE MUSIC: 7 p.m., free concert by Randy Lee Ashcraft and the Saltwater Cowboys at Robert Reed Waterfront Park, Chincoteague Island. Bring a chair. Sponsored by the Chincoteague Cultural Alliance.

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Monday, July 24

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■ 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

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■ FREE MOVIE: 8:17 p.m. (at dusk), free movie, “Swing Street,” at Robert Reed Waterfront Park, Chincoteague Island. Bring a chair or blanket. Sponsored by the Chincoteague Cultural Alliance.

Tuesday, July 25

■ FARMERS MARKET: 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Parksley Farmers and Artisans Market, 18444 Dunne Ave. Parksley.

■ CRAFT GROUP: 1 to 3 p.m., Hooks & Needles craft group at Powelton Presbyterian Church, Wachapreague.

■ BINGO: Doors open 5:30 p.m., first game 7:30

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Zucchini recipes are great for an Eastern Shore summer

Do you guys have zucchini coming out of your ears yet? I know in a couple of weeks we will, so I thought it would be a great time to share a couple of my favorite ways to use them.

These are both recipes my family looks forward to every summer and I know yours will, too!



Laura Davis

My sweet neighbor Janie shared the recipe for zucchini linguini with me a couple of years before she passed away.

She always loved gardening, and sharing her bounty — including zucchinis. I've tweaked it a bit over the years, and it's open to substitutions, depending on what looks good from your garden that week. Play around!

This pasta couldn't be easier to make. While the pasta is cooking, you do a quick saute and sauce with the veggies — then toss everything together and top with breadcrumbs.

Meals like this are a lifesaver when the weather climbs to 100 degrees, and the idea of slaving over a hot stove makes you want to cry for mercy.

The other one I wanted to share with you all are these zucchini cupcakes.

Everyone knows zucchini bread, which is wonderful — but these cupcakes are next level.

It is moist spice cake studded with shreds of zucchini and topped with a tangy cream cheese frosting.

Take them to your next get-together — everyone will want the recipe!



PHOTO COURTESY LAURA DAVIS

Meals like zucchini linguini are a lifesaver when the temperature rises to 100 degrees.

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.

Zucchini linguini

- 1 pound linguine
- 1/4 cup extra-virgin olive oil, plus more for drizzling
- 3 cloves garlic, peeled
- 1 large red onion, thinly sliced
- 4 zucchini, halved and sliced
- 1 large tomato, diced (about 1.5 cups)
- 20 black olives, halved
- 1 tsp dried oregano
- 1/2 tsp crushed red pepper flakes
- 1/2 cup white wine (I used Vermouth)
- 1/2 cup breadcrumbs
- 1/2 tsp garlic powder
- 1 tbsp olive oil

Heat oven to 425. Toss the breadcrumbs with 1 tsp olive oil and garlic powder. Place on a cookie sheet, and toast in oven until golden brown; about 3 minutes. Remove and set aside.

Fill a 10-quart stockpot with 7 quarts water and bring to a boil over high heat. Add 2 tablespoons coarse

salt. Add pasta, stir until water returns to a boil, and cook pasta, according to package directions, until al dente.

Meanwhile, heat a large skillet over medium-low heat. Add oil and garlic and cook, stirring frequently, until garlic is lightly browned, 3 to 5 minutes. Add onion and zucchini and cook, stirring frequently, until soft, about 5 minutes. Add tomatoes, olives, oregano, and red pepper flakes; season with salt to taste. Add white wine and simmer for about 5 minutes.

Drain pasta, reserving 1/2 cup cooking water. Add pasta to skillet and toss to combine. If pasta seems dry, add reserved cooking water 1 tablespoon at a time, tossing between each addition. Transfer pasta to a large platter, drizzle with olive oil, and sprinkle with bread crumbs; serve immediately.

Ladle into bowls and sprinkle with additional fresh parsley.

Zucchini spice cupcakes

Yields: 24 cupcakes

- 3 cups all purpose flour
- 1 tsp baking soda
- 1/2 tsp baking powder
- 1 tsp table salt
- 2 tsp ground cinnamon
- 1/2 tsp nutmeg
- 1/4 tsp ground cloves
- 1/4 tsp ground allspice
- 1 cup vegetable oil
- 2 large eggs, at room temperature
- 1 Tbsp pure vanilla extract
- 1 tsp grated lemon zest
- 2 cups packed light brown sugar
- 3 cups packed grated zucchini
- 1 cup walnuts, toasted and coarsely chopped

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Line standard muffin tins with paper liners. Whisk together flour, baking soda, baking powder, salt, cinnamon, nutmeg, and cloves. In another bowl, whisk together oil, eggs, vanilla, and zest until well blended; whisk in brown sugar until smooth. Stir in zucchini, then add flour mixture and stir until just combined. Stir in walnuts.

Divide batter evenly among lined cups, filling each three quarters full. Bake, rotating tins halfway through, until a cake tester inserted in centers comes out clean, about 20 minutes. Transfer tins to wire racks to cool completely before removing cupcakes. Cupcakes can be stored overnight at room temperature or frozen up to 2 months, in airtight containers.

To finish, use an offset spatula to spread cupcakes with frosting. Refrigerate up to 3 days in airtight containers; bring to room temperature before serving.

Cream Cheese Frosting

- 1 cup (2 sticks) unsalted butter, room temperature
 - 12 ounces cream cheese, room temperature
 - 1 pound (4 cups) confectioner's sugar, sifted
 - 1/4 teaspoon pure vanilla extract
- With an electric mixer on medium-high speed, beat butter and cream cheese until fluffy, 2 to 3 minutes. Reduce speed to low. Add sugar, 1/2 cup at a time, and then vanilla, and mix until smooth and combined, scraping down sides of bowl as needed.

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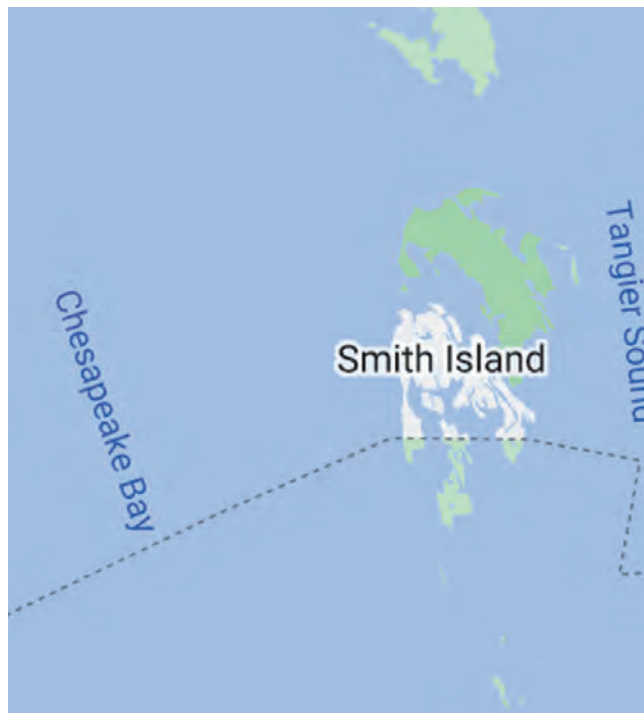


Kirk Mariner

Centuries later children in one Eastern Shore community experienced the same custom. Shortly before the end of the 1700s, the fathers of William Tyler (1789?-1869) and John Tyler (1785?-1855) took their sons to a local boundary stone and “whipped” them there, while for the same purpose the father of Thomas Tyler (1774-1864) chose instead to “duck” his son in the water next to the stone. As was hoped, each of the Tyler boys grew up remembering the location of the boundary, and aware of its importance.

The Tylers lived on Smith Island, and what their fathers wanted them to remember is something that most Eastern Shoremen of today have not bothered to notice: That Smith Island, Maryland, in the Chesapeake Bay is bisected by a state boundary, and that the bottom portion of that island is officially a part of Accomack County, Virginia.

Take a ruler and on a map draw a straight line across the Chesapeake Bay from the southernmost point of Maryland on the western shore to the southernmost point of Maryland on the Eastern Shore. Your line will start at Smith’s Point in Northumberland County, Virginia, where the



FROM GOOGLE MAPS

The southern end of Smith Island is separated by the Virginia-Maryland state line.

Potomac River meets the bay (for the Potomac itself lies wholly in Maryland, right up to the Virginia shore). Your line will end at Watkin’s Point in Somerset County, Maryland, just below Crisfield. And it will run an almost perfect west-to-east across the bay, which seems to be a reasonable boundary between the two states.

But as most maps will show, the Maryland-Virginia boundary does not run west-to-east across the bay. Instead it zig-zags several times, veering northward enough to give to Virginia the bottom portion of Smith Island, which lies well to the north of where the line should seem to be. The

boundary across the island thus preserves a case of dual identity dating back to the 1600s.

Smith Island was settled from both Virginia and Maryland. According to the Maryland tradition, settlers came from St. Mary’s City, the capital of the new Maryland colony in 1657. According to the Virginia records, that colony granted 1,000 acres on “an island in Chesapeake Bay” to Henry Smith in 1667. While it is not certain that Smith’s 1,000 acres were on Smith Island, it seems likely that they were, and that the island took its name from that same Henry Smith of Accomack, Virginia.

In 1703 four more Virginians, including the Rev. Francis Makemie, claimed another 3,800 acres of Smith Island, and by the time Makemie’s daughter sold her last portion of the land in 1778 it was common knowledge on the island that the lower portion was Virginia territory.

The actual boundary line across the island was first run soon after the American Revolution, perhaps in 1780. Job Parks of Smith Island and Thomas King Nelson of Fox Island, veterans of that war, helped to run it just before they left the army; the stones they put in place were probably the ones at which the young Tyler boys were whipped.

When in 1813 (or 1814) a dispute erupted on the island about which parts of the island were in which state, the elderly men of the island settled it by assembling on Hog Neck and declaring that the line ran between the dwelling house and the kitchen located there.

For a number of years Smith Islanders on both sides of the line were untroubled by its existence. John Marshall, who lived on the Virginia side at South Point, voted for Henry A. Wise when he ran for Congress in 1833, in 1835 and again in 1853. Maryland officials in Somerset County created an election district out of “such of Smith’s Island as lies within the body of this county,” and were sat-

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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.

Smith Island

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isfied to observe the old boundary.

In 1855 Wise was running for Governor of Virginia, and John Tyler of Hog Neck voted against him. Peter Evans paid his taxes in Virginia, and when in 1857 he sold land on the island to John W. Marsh he insisted upon recording the deed both at Princess Anne and at Drummond-town (Accomac), just to be sure. Marsh objected to his action — had not the people who lived in the house in question always voted in Maryland? Were not they sending their children to Maryland schools? John Tyler paid his taxes in both states but secured his vessel's license in Virginia and voted there. Islanders knew that those sections known as Horse Hammock, South Point, Shanks Island, and Hog Neck were in Virginia.

But then in mid-century the harvesting of oysters, once used only for local consumption, became a profitable local industry, and since the two states operated under different laws, the location of the boundary suddenly loomed as an issue of great importance. There now arose several different versions of where the boundary lay: As far north as Dunn Point (now known as Tylerton),

as far north as Troy Island (well above the town of Ewell), even as far north as Kedges Straits (the water north of Smith Island had the boundary been this far north, the whole of Smith Island would have been in Virginia). Observed islander Severn Bradshaw, "There was (once) scarcely any talk about the line of the two states on the island; the taxes were small, and the oysters in the bay were not counted of great value, and we oystered in the creeks. But since dredging commenced (in the 1850s) oysters have become valuable, and people began to look more closely to where the line is." Within a few years it had reached the point where "a man can't tell nowadays on this island whether he is in one state or the other."

To address the mounting confusion, both states directed the Corps of Engineers to survey, retrace, and mark the whole of the state boundary across the Chesapeake in 1858, but the result was continuing uncertainty about where the boundary crossed Smith Island. Finally in 1872 commissioners from both states — Henry A. Wise headed Virginia's delegation — met in Crisfield to resolve the dispute.

Scores of locals were interviewed, sites visited, outrageous claims made on both sides, and after two years of stalemate the states submitted the question to Federal arbitration. The issue

was settled in January 1877 with what is known as the Jenkins-Black Award: Virginia lost the Potomac, but got the larger share of Tangier and Pocomoke Sounds; the Pocomoke River was divided evenly between the two states, and Virginia's claim to the southern portion of Smith Island was confirmed.

Four years later the line across the island was surveyed and marked by Col. F. V. Abbott of the Army Corps of Engineers. The settlement, though final, was far from popular on Smith Island and throughout the Chesapeake, and more than one waterman resorted to gunfire in what has become known as the "Oyster Wars."

Ironically, by the time Virginia made good its claim to a portion of Smith Island, the land itself was deemed less valuable than the seafood-rich waters around it. Once substantially populated, by 1877 the Virginia portion of the island supported only three homes, and settlement there eventually disappeared altogether. Today the Virginia section of the island is uninhabited, the memory of its being peopled has all but faded, and the Eastern Shore of Virginia is largely unaware that, in sheer acreage, its largest Chesapeake island may well be not Tangier, but just possibly Smith.



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The ancient tradition of Pony Penning

The modern tradition of Pony Penning on Chincoteague Island dates to 1925, the year the town established a volunteer fire department after two major fires destroyed much of the downtown business district. In two

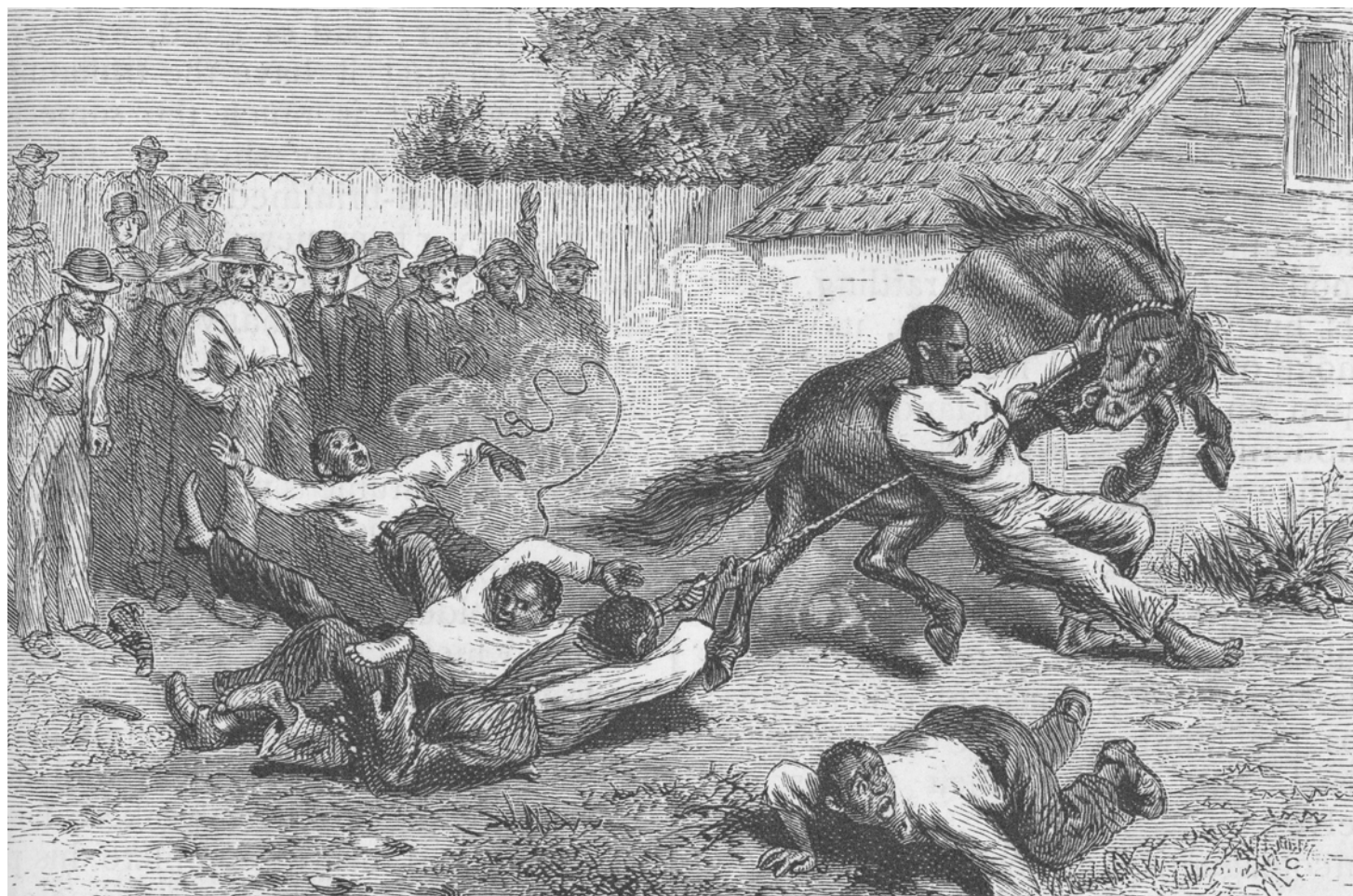


Curtis Badger

more years, there will be a great celebration of the diamond anniversary of Pony Penning, the one-hundredth year that the pony roundup and auction will have raised money to support the fire company.

But Pony Penning has been around much longer than a paltry one hundred years. Let's go out on a limb and make it three centuries, a triple-diamond anniversary, 30 carats worth. Ponies were very likely being rounded up, penned, and sold in 1725. The event wasn't intended to raise money for the community good, it simply was part of the business of pasturing animals on the barrier islands.

At least once a year the animals would be rounded up, counted, inspected, culled, and branded, and some would be sold. Over the years — no one knows when — pony penning became an occasion to have a celebration, a great gathering. And it wasn't



COURTESY PHOTO

This illustration of Pony Penning from the April 1877 issue of *Scribner's Monthly* was drawn by Howard Pyle. The Atlantic Hotel had just opened, along with the Franklin City railroad link, and this article kickstarted Chincoteague's reputation as a tourist destination, and the popularity of Pony Penning on a national scale.

just about ponies. Sheep and other animals were pastured on the islands, and the annual roundups would be an occasion for people to come together and celebrate on several of the barrier

islands.

The first known coverage of Pony Penning in the news media came in 1835, when Thompson Holmes wrote a lengthy story on the tradition for

the journal *Farmers' Register* titled "Some Account of the Wild Horses of the Sea Islands of Virginia and Maryland."

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Curtis J. Badger is a Delmarva native who majored in English at Salisbury University and, with the exception of four years traveling as a U.S. Air Force photojournalist, has enjoyed a career photographing and writing about his native coast. His books include "Salt Tide: Cycles and Currents of Life Along the Coast," "Bellevue Farm: Exploring Virginia's Coastal Countryside," and many others. He lives in Accomack County.

Pony Penning

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Farmers' Register was a periodical dealing with agricultural issues published roughly from 1832 to 1842 by Edmund Ruffin, a pioneering soil scientist. Ruffin was a wealthy landowner in Prince George County, Virginia, a slave owner and ardent secessionist who claimed to have fired the first shot of the Civil War at Ft. Sumter in April 1861.

Thompson Holmes was a native of Northampton County and a doctor. He was born in 1780 and in 1805 married Elizabeth A. Stockley of Accomack and was appointed doctor attending that county's almshouse. He was named a county justice of the peace in 1807 and served as county sheriff from 1828 to 1830.

In 1811 he bought a farm called Pharsalia on Chincoteague Bay near what is now the community of Captain's Cove. He also owned grazing land on the north end of Chincoteague Island, and wrote in his report for Farmers' Register that he could see the dunes of Assateague from his farm at Pharsalia.

Holmes had attended many Pony Pennings on Assateague and owned Chincoteague ponies, which he described as outstanding animals. "For speed, endurance, longevity of life and beauty in form and color, the Chincoteague pony is beyond compare," he wrote.

In his 1835 narrative, Holmes described the roundup as being a thing

of the past, an ancient tradition.

"The horses have been gradually diminishing in number, by neglect, until on one island, they are nearly extinct; and the rustic splendor, the crowds, and wild festivity of the Assateague horse-pennings, scarcely retain a shadow of their ancient glory" he wrote. "The multitudes of both sexes that formerly attended those occasion of festal mirth, were astonishing. The adjoining islands were literally emptied of their simple and frolic-loving inhabitants, and the peninsula itself contributed to swell the crowd, for fifty miles above and below the point of meeting."

The ponies that sold during the roundup were taken by barge to the mainland, and many were used for work or transportation. Holmes said the small ponies of Assateague made good work animals because they could perform equal labor as larger horses, but required less feed. Here he gives a description of the Assateague pony circa 1800:

"They are hardy, rarely affected with the diseases to which the horse is subject, perform a great deal of labor, if proportioned to their strength, require much less grain than common horses, live long, and are, many of them, delightful for the saddle."

Holmes's full account of the early Pony Penning can be accessed via The Countryside Transformed web site, which is hosted by the Eastern Shore Public Library (www.espl.org).

summer. Call 703-282-4405 or email newrootsyouthgarden@gmail.com

Northampton Class of 1978 reunion is set

The Northampton High School class of 1978 will celebrate its 45th year class reunion Sept. 29-30, at the Sunset Beach Resort, Lankford Highway, Cape Charles. Those classmates who are interested in attending or need more information can call 757-710-1433 or email ramonaffisher1960@

New Roots Youth Garden sets free garden camp

The New Roots Youth Garden's free summer garden club is running every Thursday through Aug. 17 from 5 to 6:15 p.m. at the corner of Fig Street and Mason Avenue, Cape Charles, next to Rayfield's Pharmacy.

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About the pronunciation of Machipongo

If you're from here or you've been here long enough, you know that the Eastern Shore is home to many uniquely named places that can be tricky for outsiders to pronounce.

In the April 2023 issue of Shore



Ryan Webb

First, I covered how to say (and not say) Chincoteague. In May's issue, I discussed local and nonlocal pronunciations of Onancock, and Wachapreague was discussed in June's issue. Be sure to check those out if you missed them.

As I've mentioned previously, the topic of pronunciations of local town and place names on the Eastern Shore often yields lively discussions online. To research how locals have heard various Eastern Shore town and place names (mis)pronounced by outsiders, I turned to Facebook. To be exact, I posed the question to the 11.2K members of the group Shoreborn, moderated by Barry Mears and dedicated to celebrating Eastern Shore living, 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. Once you're a member, you can find the threads by searching for #magine on the group page.

I've already discussed Chincoteague (**SHINK**-uh-tig), Onancock (uh-**NAN**-kok), and Wachapreague (**WATCH**-uh-prig). Another town that was frequently mentioned was my hometown — Machipongo.

Natives and even come-heres who have learned the local pronunciation say match-uh-**PUNG**-oh. The stress, or emphasis, is on the third syllable (stressed syllables are indicated by bold, capital letters in this column).

In the first syllable, our friend, the digraph CH, again causes problems for outsiders who may have only encountered this name in writing.

Some commenters reported hearing mash-ee-**PONG**-oh, mack-ee-**PONG**-oh, or mock-ee-**PONG**-oh. But in Machipongo, the CH is pronounced the same way it is in "match." Linguists and anybody familiar with English phonetics knows this sound as the voiceless alveolar affricate.

The name voiceless alveolar affricate refers to the place and manner of articulation of this consonant. The sound is voiceless because the vocal cords do not vibrate.

Alveolar refers to the place in the vocal tract where the sound is produced. The alveolar ridge is the area just behind your top teeth, and that's where the tip of the tongue touches when producing this sound. An affricate is a consonant produced by first stopping the air flow entirely, then directing it with the tongue to the sharp edge of the teeth, causing high-frequency turbulence.

The vowel sound in the first syl-

lable is the same sound (a short "a") that is heard in words like "cat" or "ash." The fancy linguistic term for this vowel is the near open, front, unrounded vowel.

Near open means that the tongue is low in the mouth for this vowel. Front refers to the tongue's positioning in the mouth as being forward, closer to the teeth.

The highest point of the tongue is positioned as far forward in the mouth as possible without contacting any other places of articulation. Unrounded simply means that the lips are not in the shape of an "o" when the sound is produced.

Some nonlocals use the sound heard in words like "mock" or "father." That would be the short "o" or open, front, unrounded vowel to linguists and phoneticians. This is the sound that doctors get you to make when they want to take a look at your throat because your tongue doesn't obstruct their view.

The tongue is slightly lower for this sound than the "ash" vowel used in the pronunciation of Machipongo.

The second syllable is unstressed. The vowel, written as "i," is a schwa. Remember from my last column that schwa is actually the most common vowel sound heard in spoken English. It sounds like "uh." Another example of an "i" with this vowel sound occurs in the word "minimal" (the second "i" is a schwa in spoken English).

Some of the outsider pronunciations reported by Shoreborn commenters erroneously use the long "e," also known as the close, front, unrounded vowel, sound for the second syllable. The descriptor "close" refers

to the tongue being positioned close to the roof of the mouth without creating a complete constriction.

But it's match-uh-**PUNG**-oh, not match-ee-**PUNG**-oh. One commenter reported hearing mock-eye-**PONG**-oh, which uses the long "i" sound, one of several diphthongs in English (a diphthong is a sound formed by the combination of two vowels in a single syllable, in which the sound begins as one vowel and moves toward another).

The third syllable is the last site of confusion for outsiders. It's spelled "pong" but locals say "pung." The vowel sound is slightly different in these examples. "Pong" features the open, front, unrounded vowel I discussed earlier. The local pronunciation, "pung," features the schwa's cousin, the open, mid back, unrounded vowel. It sounds like "uh," but whereas schwa is unstressed, this vowel is stressed.

So remember, it's not mash-ee-**PONG**-oh, mock-eye-**PONG**-oh, mack-ee-**PONG**-oh, mock-ee-**PONG**-oh, or match-ee-**PONG**-oh. It's match-uh-**PUNG**-oh.

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.

The writer works at Shore First and the Eastern Shore Post. He is an Eastern Shore native and a lifelong resident of Machipongo. He has a master's degree in applied linguistics from Old Dominion University and is interested in the everyday language people use on Virginia's Eastern Shore.



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Cape Charles motor lodge celebrates minimalism

BY TED SHOCKLEY

Shore First

Sylvia and Eric Hawkins were living in Virginia Beach years ago when they decided having fewer belongings is better — and that the trappings of life can be a trap themselves.

Or, as Sylvia Hawkins asked rhetorically, “Do you have stuff, or does your stuff have you?”

So they moved out of their 3,000-square-foot home. And Eric Hawkins told the 20 employees at his business that he was moving into a 400-square-foot travel trailer in a campground.

“It was all about having a fuller life with less stuff,” he said.

They wanted to share with others the liberating joy of minimalism. Near Cape Charles, they found the perfect place to do so.

They opened Cape Charles Tiny Livin’, a revitalized old motor court with rooms for rent for vacationers.

Two years ago they bought the old Esso Park Auto Court, which features small lodges and had been closed for decades.

The lodges are smaller than a regular motel room — but that’s the point. It prompts those staying to gather around the campfire, meet new friends, and get out to experience life.

The overnight accommodations themselves, albeit tiny, are showplaces with themed decorations, central air, televisions, and remodeled bathrooms.

They are rooms with a view — the Hawkins’ view that less is more.

And what is ostensibly a story



SHORE FIRST/TED SHOCKLEY

Cape Charles Tiny Livin’ is a restored motor court near Cape Charles.

about a remarkable renovation project also became a tale of how two people who could have anything decided having very little was much better.

‘A better life with less’

He’s from Virginia Beach. She’s from Memphis. They had three chil-

dren, worked hard, built careers, and owned rental properties.

But there was something missing.

“I wanted to prove I could have a better life with less,” said Eric Hawkins.

So they moved into a camper at a Virginia Beach campground, where they lived full time.

It was freeing. They pared their belongings to basic essentials.

They found time for new experiences — there was less to maintain and no more grass to cut.

They lost weight — suddenly, there was no extra space in the refrigerator or pantry, and they developed more ac-

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Cottages

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tive lifestyles.

Their relationship grew closer — “If you live in 400 square feet, you’ve got to work it out,” Eric Hawkins said.

They enjoyed traveling more because there was less at home for which to be responsible.

“When you have all that stuff, you’ve got to be able to get back to it quickly,” Sylvia Hawkins said.

Further, with less room indoors, more time is spent outdoors, out enjoying nature or among people.

Life became less isolating and more spontaneous. Without the responsibilities of home, they went where they wanted.

Said Eric Hawkins, “Our kids would call us and say, ‘Where are you?’”

Eric Hawkins said he understood his minimalistic approach is contrary to society, which links happiness to



Sylvia and Eric Hawkins of Cape Charles Tiny Livin' stand near their cottages.

belongings and prestige to big homes and big lawns.

“It runs counter to everything we’ve been taught,” he said.

Maybe, he thought, he could help others experience being happier with less.

Minimalist getaway

Sometimes they’d daydream about having a village of tiny homes where people could stay for a few days

during a minimalist getaway.

They’d been coming to Cape Charles for decades but decided to wander around and look at other places in Northampton County.

When they came upon the old motor lodge, Eric Hawkins said he stopped in the middle of the road.

“We immediately saw the potential,” he said. It wasn’t for sale and they didn’t know the owner.

But they found out who it was. And their offer to purchase it was

accepted.

Renovating has been a lot of work. Today, eight of the tiny lodges can be rented. More will be available.

A renovated tool shed has hosted a wedding. The Hawkinses live in a small home nearby.

They’ve enjoyed researching the history of the property, which once included a restaurant and fuel station.

Jennifer Hogg, a Northampton native and a faculty member at the University of Virginia whose grandfather owned the motor lodge, has brought Eric Hawkins photos and other items from its heyday.

The Hawkinses are looking forward to another year of hosting guests — and already have seen the impact of their tiny houses on guests.

Eric Hawkins said last year several families met around the campfire.

The next day, Hawkins saw the one-time strangers eating breakfast together in Cape Charles.

“You get to sit on your porch and literally talk to your neighbors,” he said.



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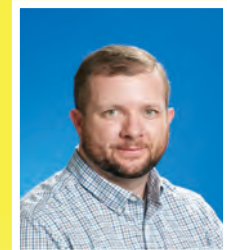
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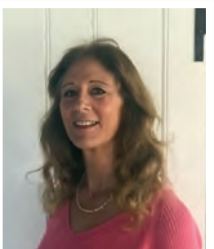
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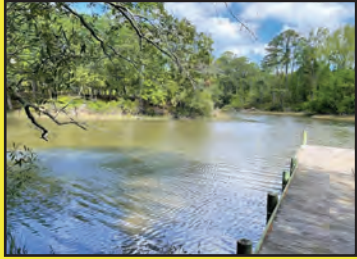


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Carole Read is shown at different stages of her career at Eastern Shore Community College, from which she recently retired.

ESCC's Read lauded in retirement

"My teachers in high school wanted me to teach," says Carole Read, Financial Aid Coordinator at Eastern Shore Community College in Melfa.

"I knew that wasn't what I wanted, and I also didn't want to go into the medical field."

She says when she graduated from Nandua High School in 1987, the only thing that was clear was that there was a general consensus that it would be good for her to get experience off the Eastern Shore.

As the oldest of four siblings, Read heeded that advice and enrolled at Old Dominion University. While embarking on her studies, she also followed the guidance of ODU recruiter, Ron DelDuca, who hired her as a campus tour guide.

This was a role she would hold for four years while finishing her degree in Business Administration

with an emphasis in Human Resource Management.

"I didn't realize it at the time, but the roles I took on with my work study job would lead to a satisfying career in which I could not have foreseen in my wildest dreams," as Read worked at Saturday Open Houses for Student Services, and was even involved in the "Students Recruiting Students" Program at ODU. When she graduated in 1991, she still wasn't exactly clear on her next step.

"My parents were very supportive and told me I didn't have to make a decision right away." She had already gained some experience in the financial world with summer work at Farmers and Merchants Bank. "I added to my resume' with roles at Diane's Farm Market, Eastern Shore Video, and Blue Crab Bay Company when they were still located in

Onancock."

This position at Blue Crab Bay turned out to be very important, as it opened up a dialog with co-worker Betsy Jenkins, who was married to then Dean of Students at ESCC, Richard "Dick" Jenkins. "Betsy admired my work ethic on the job and encouraged me to follow-up on a part-time position at the college when Financial Aid Coordinator Bryan Smith needed assistance."

So in the spring of 1992, Read's journey with ESCC began as she applied and was hired part-time. Due in no small part to the hard work and dedication Betsy Jenkins had observed, Read was soon hired in a full-time position, during a time when openings and opportunities at the college were few and far between.

"Helping people and customer service were traits I learned early on

that proved to be at the heart of my role at ESCC." Read says adapting to changing trends in financial aid and constantly evolving technology was also a huge part of the job.

"I still have the Lotus 123 software and manuals that Bryan Smith got me in the mid-1990s." It serves as a timestamp for the many stages she's witnessed in the financial aid process. She and Registrar Mary Ann Wells worked diligently to implement the college's use of "PeopleSoft" database software that would again elevate the way the office served students.

"I continued to grow and adapt with the current trends, and when Bryan left in 2014, I was blessed with great support from assistant Shelly Mize who helped manage the FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) completions and verification."

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Read

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Read had formed a solid and consistent routine of “taking students by the hand, and helping them get across the line.”

This journey of service to Eastern Shore students has included working with five college presidents, John Fiege, Dick Jenkins, Cheryl Thompson-Stacey, Linda Thomas-Glover, and currently Jim Shaeffer. With all due respect to the presidents, Read has always been quick to clarify that “I do what I do not for you, but for the students.”

As Read stared down retirement at the end of June, she looked back fondly on a career that fulfilled dreams for many. “I’ve always wanted to be fair to everyone and to make sure that the students (and parents) trusted me. It sounds very old school, but without your word, you don’t have anything.” She says she will always feel good about the number of students she has helped.

“I’m leaving with great memories of ESCC.” Read recalls great fun and chuckles from past end-of-year celebrations, softball games, and cookouts. “I loved all of the SGA events and can still hear Robin Rich-Coates singing karaoke to ‘Old Time Rock and Roll’ in my head and picture former Dean of Students Steve Rulon dressing up like a bee or cow.”

The support and guidance from her colleagues will always resonate those years as well. Read says “from the sage advice of Dick Jenkins, who reminded me ‘there’s always two sides to every story’ to

working in the trenches with Faye Wilson and Mary Ann Wells and being supported by and gaining the trust of my mentor Bryan Smith, my years at ESCC have been fulfilling and memorable.”

“Now it’s time for family, friends and fur-babies.” Anyone who knows Read knows that along with her passion for helping students reach their dreams is her passion for her pets. Nala, Remi, Maggie, and Luke are no doubt excited that their best friend is getting ready to have some extra time for them.

Comments about Read’s retirement

“From stranger to co-worker to colleague to friend to sister—Carole Read is the epitome of all of these. Working collaboratively with her has been an absolute joy.” — Cheryll Mills/Student Services Coordinator

“She has diligently stretched Foundation scholarship funds to serve as many eligible students as possible. I will miss her encyclopedic knowledge of the Shore and our scholarship program, as well as her smile, incredible work ethic and patience.” — Patty Kellam, Executive Director of ESCC Foundation

“One of the gifts I was given as the new president of ESCC was to have Carole not only in the role as coordinator of financial but I was just so darn lucky to have her at ESCC. I’ve learned so much from Carole. For Carole, the student always comes first. I will miss her so much, but I do wish her well.” — ESCC President James M. Shaeffer

“Keep it in the middle of the road” is a favorite of

Carole’s...When chaos ensues and we’re all feeling overwhelmed she says this as a voice of calm in the storm. Carole is always working hard to make sure everything is done right.” — Lisa Gibb, ESCC Business Office

“If it was for a student: When there was no way, Carole found a way. When there was no time, Carole made time.” — John Floyd, ESCC Faculty

“Her dedication, her concern and her professionalism made it possible for thousands of students to attend ESCC and either join the workforce or continue education at other institutions.” — Richard “Dick” Jenkins, Former ESCC President.

“Students made a direct path to her office door for guidance and would wait as long as needed to have the opportunity to talk with her about their concerns and needs, in great part, because they saw her passion for them and their success.” — Linda Thomas-Glover, Former ESCC President.

“She is the only employee I ever had to fuss at for not wanting to take vacation leave. She was more concerned about the student(s) who wouldn’t be helped when she was away. I can easily say that Carole has been one of the top financial professionals in the VCCS.” — Bryan Smith-Former Financial Aid Coordinator/ESCC

“For me and many others, Ms. Read was a game-changer. I hadn’t really had anyone champion my cause like that before. Not only did she put the pieces together that facilitated my future accomplishments, but she reaffirmed for me that there are good people out here who help because they truly care.” — Anonymous Former ESCC Student

Christmas in July event comes back to Parksley

BY CAROL VAUGHN
Shore First

Christmas is coming early again this year at Grace United Methodist Church, on Wilson Avenue in Parksley.

For the second consecutive year, the church will host “Christmas in July,” a dazzling three-day event, which this year will be Thursday, July 13, from 1 to 6 p.m.; and Friday, July 14, and Saturday, July 15, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. each day.

The event will transform the church into a winter wonderland — featuring dozens of decorated Christmas trees, including multiple 12-foot Christmas trees in the sanctuary, decorated tables, caroling, antique and craft sales, a bake sale, a quilt raffle, and more.

The inaugural event last year was inspired in part

by the donation to the church of a large collection of Christmas decorations, according to organizer Lisa W. Lewis.

Tickets bought the first day cost \$10, are good for all three days of the event, and include a free gift.

On the second and third day, tickets cost \$5. Children under 12 accompanied by an adult enter for free. All money raised goes to charity.

A tables and trees decorating contest will benefit local organizations, including the SPCA, the Food Bank of the Eastern Shore, the Eastern Shore Railway Museum, the Eastern Shore Literacy Council, Children’s Harbor, the YMCA, the Alzheimer’s Association, FACES (Friends of Animal Control Eastern Shore), and others.

“This is not the time of year when charities get a lot of money,” Lewis said.

Dozens of volunteers are spending hundred of hours working to create a magical Christmas experience at the church, according to Lewis.

The decorator of each tree chooses a charity he or she wishes to receive a donation.

Anyone who would like to help a favorite not-for-profit organization may call the church office at 757-665-4783 to get an application to decorate a tree or tablescape.

Each tree and table will be judged by a committee and the decorators of the top three trees and the top table will be awarded a donation made to their designated charity in their name.

The top prize last year was \$500.

In addition to decorated trees and tables, the event features vendors of collectibles and antiques, including Waterford crystal, Stieff Rose flatware, vintage jewelry and Christmas decorations, designer handbags, vintage prints, and local advertising pieces, as well as assorted crafts, including hand-crafted soaps.

There also will be daily sales of fresh baked goods and of pint containers of fresh, homemade chicken salad. Additionally, tickets will be available each day for a raffle of a handmade, 60-by-60 inch, Christmas quilt, until the time of the drawing on Saturday, July 15, at 11:30 a.m.

Melfa church will triple its size

BY BILL STERLING

Special to Shore First

Adopting the “Field of Dreams” movie approach, “If you build it, they will come,” a small church in Melfa with a membership of 30 has broken ground for a 9,750-square-foot building that will seat 200 parishioners.

The His Way Fellowship Assembly of God church now meets each Sunday at 10:30 a.m. in the bingo building on the old Melfa carnival grounds.

“It has served our purpose very well, but we feel with a larger building more suitable for a church our congregation will grow,” said Pastor John Mazziott, the youth pastor for the past three years.

Mazziott was elected the church’s lead pastor and will assume his duties in August. The ground-breaking for the new building was held in early June.

Mazziott, 25, will be taking over the helm from the Rev. Richard Bradford, who founded the church 10 years ago and will remain as a mentor.

“Our church provides a loving, engaged community, dedicated to doing life together and seeing one another get closer to God,” said Mazziott, a graduate of Northpoint Bible College in Haverhill, Mass., who is pursuing a master’s degree in theology and pastoral ministry.

“We preach the Bible and love one another. If we had a motto, it would be ‘Little drama, lots of love.’”

Raised in Bel Air, Md., Mazziott met his wife, Amaris, at a youth fellowship. They made a connection when they realized they would both be attending the same college.

Amaris Mazziott’s major at Northpoint Bible College was pastoral ministry, and she serves as the children’s minister and worship leader at His Way of Fellowship. They have a 3-year-old son, Joshua, and now make their home in Belle Haven.

Amaris Mazziott said, “I’m passionate about showing kids that God is not some boring big man in the sky. But that He is living and active and that serving and worshipping Him can be fun, exciting, interesting and life-changing. For children’s worship, we let them dance and sing fun kids’ worship songs, and after we do fun sketches to walk them through bible stories and how they apply to us now.”

The church has adult and youth gatherings each Tuesday at 7 p.m.

The Assembly of God is the world’s largest Pente-



BILL STERLING PHOTO

Pastor John Mazziott, with his wife Amaris and their 3-year-old son Joshua, is the pastor elect at His Way Fellowship Assembly of God in Melfa. The church is breaking ground for a building that will triple its capacity.

costal denomination with over 67 million members. Mazziott says at its core of doctrines and fundamental truths it’s not that much different than Protestant denominations like Baptists and Methodists.

“We offer a new life and a freedom in knowing Christ and all God has in store for them. That belief fuels our church’s loving community; we love because He first loved us, and He has a heart for peo-

ple,” said Mazziott.

Mazziott said the church is fortunate to be in a financial position to take on the building project, which will almost triple its seating capacity from the current 70 to about 200.

“The Lord has called us to do this and draw people to our ministry.”

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Friday night parties return to Cape Charles

The Friday night outdoor parties on Strawberry Street in Cape Charles are back.

Friday, June 30 kicked off the season of seven scheduled street parties. Strawberry Street was closed from Mason to Randolph in order to include all of the businesses on the block.

The music was provided by the Stingrays and both adults and children were dancing in the street.

For the first time in a long time, all of the businesses on Strawberry Street are flourishing and have collaborated by forming Strawberry Jam.

This group includes the Lemon Tree Gallery, Edible Picasso, Drizzles, the Curio Cottage, Love & Canna and Local-Ish Art all who hope to produce special events on Strawberry Street during the summer.

Tourists and locals alike strolled through the stores on Friday and enjoyed the evening. The other outdoor party dates are July 7 with Tidewater Bluegrass Revival, July 14 with the Shoal Shakers, July 28 with the Tisburyrs, Aug. 8 with an encore by the Shoal Shakers and Aug. 25 with the Stingrays. The final outdoor parties will be in September.

The rain location is the Lemon Tree Gallery Fridays at Lemon Tree continue inside on most other Fridays.

Music will be filling the Lemon Tree Gallery on Sunday, July 23 at 7 p.m. with a very special performance by Meko, an international award winning performer, composer and recording artist.

He has toured worldwide performing for over 30 years on his electric harps and has sold over half a million recordings to fans all over the world. In 2019 Meko moved to New York City and for the next three years pursued a full-time career in acting and modeling.

The year 2023 marks his return to the concert stage. Meko owns a home in Cape Charles and he has embraced Arts Enter and the theatre. Reservations



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The Friday night outdoor parties on Strawberry Street in Cape Charles are back.

tions for the performance are required by calling 757 331-4327. A reception will follow. Donations to support like programming are very welcome.

Summer will continue with Musical Theatre Summer camp for children and will follow on July 24 with the international festival.

Experimental Film Virginia has a new name to launch the next 10 years. 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 will 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.

The festival has created over 130 short films over the last ten 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 Light Moves 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 Hlfin, Bobbi

Jene Smith, and Josephine Decker.

The festival is designed with the idea that arts and tourism go hand in hand and have 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
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Cape Charles

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atre 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 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 Aug. 4 at the Historic Palace Theatre.

"We are presenting 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 for the annual summer festival.

On Oct. 15, the non-profit Arts Enter will present another Benefit by the Bay. The very first Benefit by the Bay and all of those that followed every year since then, have supported the visual and performing arts in the small town of Cape Charles. Art auctions, talent shows, and programs donated by talented musicians have all helped support the non-profit and enrich the future of the arts.

Since the beginning, in 1997, the non-profit Arts Enter Cape Charles has grown through the unselfish commitment of enthusiastic volunteers and generous donors.

At the start there was no money, no office and no space to actually make or offer art instruction, performances, or exhibitions. However, there was a vision. The journey began and it never stopped. Dreams were transformed into reality. The Historic

Palace Theatre, located in the heart of this coastal Victorian railroad town, was embraced and adopted as the future home for the optimistic and hard-core arts organization. Classes in all disciplines such as dance, drama, music and the visual arts were started and continued through the years inspiring children and adults of all ages to get involved in the exciting life on stage and behind the wings.

In addition, the storefront at 12 Strawberry, The Curio Cottage, is a fundraising extension of Arts Enter Cape Charles. Donated high end home decor and luxury items are sold with the proceeds benefiting arts, education and programming. Jennifer Delaroderie, manages the store and is ready to accept donated items. Currently the phone number is the Lemon Tree Gallery. Hours are Tuesday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. with extended hours on Friday evenings to coincide with the Friday street parties.

The Lemon Tree Gallery is the home of Arts Enter, Films that Move and the Historic Palace Theatre.



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Entertainment

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p.m., Cheriton Volunteer Fire Co., 21334 S. Bayside Road, Cheriton.

■ **FIREMEN'S CARNIVAL:** 7 to 11 p.m., Chincoteague Volunteer Fire Co. carnival with rides, games, and food.

Wednesday, July 26

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

■ **FARMERS, ARTISANS MARKET:** 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., 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 by Tommy B., free admission and parking. Visit www.chincoteagueca.org

■ **FARMERS MARKET:** 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Parksley Farmers and Artisans Market, 18444 Dunne Ave. Parksley.

■ **OVEREATERS ANONYMOUS:** 10:30 a.m. each Wednesday. Problems with overeating, undereating, bulimia, or binge eating? Get meeting info by calling 757-999-6771 or 302-362-5886.

■ **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, 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, www.islandcommunityhouse.org

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

■ **PONY PENNING:** Swim window from 7 a.m. to 1 p.m., annual Chincoteague Volunteer Fire Company pony swim at Chincoteague Veterans Memorial Park.

■ **FIREMEN'S CARNIVAL:** 7 to 11 p.m., Chincoteague Volunteer Fire Co. carnival with rides, games, and food.

Thursday, July 27

■ **PONY AUCTION:** 8 a.m., annual Chincoteague Volunteer Fire Company pony auction at the Carnival Grounds.

■ **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.

■ **SENIOR EXERCISE:** 10 a.m., Community senior exercise program, Powelton Presbyterian Church, Wachapreague.

■ **FARMERS MARKET:** 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Parksley Farmers and Artisans Market, 18444 Dunne Ave. Parksley.

■ **FARMERS MARKET:** noon to 5 p.m., Snow Hill Farmers Market in the municipal parking lot on West Green Street. Fresh local produce, baked goods, locally roasted coffee, and artisanal items.

■ **FIREMEN'S CARNIVAL:** 7 to 11 p.m., Chincoteague Volunteer Fire Co. carnival with rides, games, and food.

Friday, July 28

■ **FARMERS MARKET:** 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Parksley Farmers and Artisans Market, 18444 Dunne Ave. Parksley.

■ **FESTIVAL:** 5 to 8 p.m., Fourth Friday Street Festival, Pocomoke City. Featuring street vendors, food sales, beer and wine. kids activities, live music, and more.

■ **FIREMEN'S CARNIVAL:** 7 to 11 p.m., Chincoteague Volunteer Fire Co. carnival with rides, games, and food.

Saturday, July 29

■ **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., 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

■ **BOATING POKER RUN:** 17th annual Bayside Poker Run, sponsored by the Pungoteague Ruritan Club and the Onancock Rotary Club, and held at the Eastern Shore Yacht & Country Club. Registration forms must be received prior to July 21. Email mrs.anott2014@gmail.com or call 757-710-5739. Registration forms also can be picked up at Onley Town Center, 25020 Shore Parkway, Suite 1E, Onley, VA 23418.

■ **FARMERS MARKET:** 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., Farmers Market at the Oyster Farm, 500 Marina Village Circle, Cape Charles.

■ **FARMERS MARKET:** 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Parksley Farmers and Artisans Market, 18444 Dunne Ave., Parksley.



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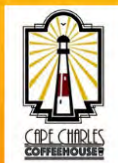


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To vote on bonds in Cape Charles

Street paving program to come before people in election Sept. 4

On petition of Mayor Dize and the town council of Cape Charles, Judge N. B. Wescott has entered an order directing an election to be held in the town of Cape Charles, September 4, for the purpose of ascertaining the wishes of the voters on the question of whether or not a bond issue of \$50,000 shall be authorized for the paving of streets.

If the street committee is successful in its endeavors to induce abutting property owners to participate in the costs of the plan they have formulated, all the principal streets of the city can be paved from the bond issue, which, according to public opinion, will be voted by an overwhelming majority.

A local contractor has made an offer to do the paving for \$2 per square yard, and the paving committee's plans are to pave the streets fourteen feet on each side of the curbing at a cost of \$116 in front of any one lot. The cost of such paving as is contemplated will not exceed \$30,000 per mile.

According to several of the town's most public spirited men, Cape Charles will have within the next twelve months at least two miles of its streets paved.

— *The Ledger-Star*

Farm home burns in Northampton

Blaze breaks out during fireworks in Cape Charles

A fire of unknown origin Thursday night totally destroyed the beautiful farm home of Harry and Wilbur Gibbs, both of whom were married and lived on the Ernest Nottingham property two miles east of Cape Charles. The loss, which is estimated at \$15,000, was only partly covered by insurance.

Only two chairs and one bed were saved from the building, both families losing all their other personal effects. Mrs. Paul Baker, of Newport News, a sister of the Gibbs brothers, who was their guest, lost her entire wardrobe.

All members of the families were at Cape Charles attending the fireworks given under the auspices of the American Legion on the city beach when the fire

started at 9 o'clock.

When the alarm was given, the reflection of the big blaze could be plainly seen in the background. More than three hundred automobiles packed and jammed the county road to the scene.

The traffic congestion became so great that two hours were required to clear it away. About 3,000 people were attending the fireworks and the road was packed with travelers when more than one-half of them started for the fire.

— *The Ledger-Star*

Masons dedicate hospital today

With appropriate ceremonies Broadwater Lodge No. 71, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, assisted by the various lodges of the Shore, today will lay the cornerstone of the \$150,000 Northampton-Accomac Memorial hospital. The building is about 60 per cent complete, with a corps of men progressing rapidly with the work, and the building is estimated to be completed by the first of the year.

The two Eastern Shore counties of Virginia started the much needed project in 1920 as a living memorial to the memory of the boys of Northampton and Accomac counties who served during the great World war and through those who have been foremost in its construction have brought much credit to themselves and the whole peninsula.

The building is a four-story structure 128 by 43 feet, of pressed brick and stone, which is fireproof and will have every modern equipment to make it rank among the most up-to-date hospitals of the state. On the first floor is a section for colored patients, x-ray room and a nurses' training school, including lecture-room, kitchen and dining-room.

On the second floor is located the superintendent's office, reception room, single and double rooms, and on each end two wards which open into spacious sun parlors. The third floor is for private patients only, with large single and double rooms.

On the fourth floor is the children's ward, a maternity ward, a nursery and private rooms for maternity patients, with a large delivery room. The remainder of this floor will be taken up by a laboratory, sterilizing and two modern operating rooms.

When the hospital is opened a noted surgeon and physician will be selected to direct it, with the corps of prominent specialists who have already affiliated themselves with the institution.

— *The Daily News Leader*

10,000 flock to Chincoteague penning

More than 10,000 people at Chincoteague, Accomac County, and the Eastern Shore Friday after-

noon celebrated pony penning on the island. From Salisbury, Md., the Tall Cedars of Lebanon came with their women folks in 500 cars.

Pony racing, boat racing, marathons and baseball filled the day. During the evening band concerts and more eating was the program. The real feature of the day was the offering for sale of the ponies.

Mere babies sold for \$25; yearlings for \$40 and two-year-olds for \$60 to \$75. Many ponies were offered at private sale.

Out of state buyers were from Pennsylvania, New York, Maryland and the Carolinas. It was the greatest day the island has ever had.

— *Newspaper*

Alleged wife deserter gets one year on road

Found guilty of twice deserting his 18-year-old wife in twelve months, S. L. Mathews of Cape Charles, has been sentenced by Judge Upshur in juvenile court to serve one year on the state road or give bond of \$1,000 to assure payment of \$30 a month for her support.

The couple married in Cape Charles in 1922, but soon after the wedding the young husband is alleged to have enlisted in the army without the consent of his wife. After he had been absent for six months, she learned of his whereabouts and obtained his discharge. He is charged with having disappeared again early this year. He was recently found in Philadelphia and brought back to Cape Charles by Officer Eugene Dennis. Mathews is now in the county jail, pending efforts to raise the required bond.

— *The Ledger-Star*

Surveying Onancock river

Operations were commenced last week by the United States Department of Engineers for a survey of Onancock river, following the appeal of many leading men of the county to the board of engineers for a 12-foot channel. Three weeks will be required to make the survey and upon the findings will depend the action of the department.

— *The Baltimore Sun*

Judge Chinn hears road argument in Accomac

Judge Joseph W. Chinn, of Warsaw, sitting at a special session of the Accomac Circuit Court on Thursday, overruled the demurrer in the case of

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the Old Stage road and the others against the State Highway Commission.

The case has almost divided the county into two camps, and the present hearing on the injunction to restrain any further work on the stone road from Tasley to Keller brought a large crowd to the Courthouse.

The injunction had been refused twice by different judges, and although the defendants on the present occasion maintained that a taxpayer could not sue the State in a court of equity, Judge Chinn ruled such action was permissible. The case lasted until late Thursday night and will be heard again by Judge Chinn on its merits as soon as witnesses are ready.

In the meantime the road disputed is being rapidly built.

— *The Daily Star*

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Two young vacationists drown at Cape Charles

Tragedy struck at a vacation party here Saturday when Doris Downes, 19, and Joyce Sprouse, 15, were drowned and Bernice Milburn, 14, narrowly escaped a similar fate while wading along the beach here.

The girls, cousins, came to Cape Charles from Seat Pleasant and Capitol Heights, Md., Friday to visit their uncle, M. O. Milburn.

It is believed that they were confused by a sign on the shore side of the diving board which read "Shallow Water," and waded into the 20 foot water on the offshore side. Both Miss Downes and Miss Sprouse disappeared after stepping into the deep water. Miss Milburn, who was seen by a party of young people in a boat, was urged to hold to a nearby pole and was rescued by Miss Anne Colonna and "Duke" Johnson in the boat. She was resuscitated by the Inhalator Squad of the Cape Charles Fire Department, who failed, however, to revive the other two girls whose bodies were recovered 38 minutes after they disappeared.

Miss Downes is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Myron Downes, of Seat Pleasant, and Miss Sprouse, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Sprouse of Capitol Heights.

This is the first drowning of its kind to occur on

the Cape Charles Beach in at least 10 years.

The bodies were prepared for burial by a local undertaker, and were taken by a Washington mortician to their homes.

— *The Ledger-Star*

Island ponies are penned at Chincoteague

The wild ponies that roam the salt marshes of Assateague Island were rounded up at daylight today preparatory to their swim to this little island for tomorrow's annual pony penning day.

Led by stallions and mares, the stunted little critters, some only several weeks old, will swim the 1,000 yards of water separating the two islands later today. Arriving on Chincoteague, they will be herded into corrals and the carnival grounds of the Chincoteague Volunteer Fire Department where they will be sold tomorrow.

Other ponies living on the lower end of Chincoteague will be rounded up early Thursday and will be penned with those from Assateague. Stallions and broodmares will be returned later to their marshes to perpetuate the breed.

Eba L. Jones, chief of the fire department and chairman of the carnival, estimated that more than 10,000 persons will be here Thursday. He said between 200 and 300 ponies would be swum to Chincoteague, and about 100 of these would be sold. There will be no auction. Sales will be private. And Jones estimated prices would run from \$70 to \$200, depending on size, color and age of the animals.

— *The Ledger Star*

Annual roundup of ponies is completed for carnival opening at Chincoteague

Ecstatic Oh's and Ah's of children mingled with the neighing of ponies on Chincoteague today.

"I want that little brown one, daddy," screeched a 9-year-old boy as he completed his inspection of the 115 ponies standing in corrals at the carnival grounds. "Buy me that black one, momma," begged a tow-haired girl of 10.

"Tomorrow," said the daddies and the mommas. "We cannot buy them today. Tomorrow is pony penning day."

And the daddies and the mommies were not kidding. Tomorrow is pony penning day, the climax of the Chincoteague Volunteer Fire Department's July 17-31 carnival. Some 10,000 persons are expected here for tomorrow's event, Fire Chief Eba L.

Jones estimated.

The ponies were rounded up at daylight on nearby Assateague Island and forced to swim the 1,000-yard strait separating Assateague and Chincoteague. Swimming close to their mothers the weeks-old foals swam the strait and emerged dripping on the narrow beach at Chincoteague's lower tip before the gaze of hundreds of enthralled children and their parents.

— *The Daily News Leader*

W.F. Fitzgerald

The body of Lieutenant Wilbur F. Fitzgerald, USA, was reinterred in Cape Charles Cemetery with full military honors Wednesday.

Lieutenant Fitzgerald, who was killed in action July 7, 1944, was buried in France. His body was brought home this week.

He is survived by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur F. Fitzgerald; a sister, Miss Virginia Fitzgerald; two brothers, Wade and Grayson Fitzgerald, and his maternal grandmother, Mrs. A. Hamilton, all of Cheriton. He also leaves a number of aunts and uncles.

— *Richmond Times-Dispatch*

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College seen for Shore within year

It appears certain now the Eastern Shore Community College will open on its permanent campus in September 1974.

Robert S. Bloxom, chairman of the Eastern Shore Community College Board, confirmed Saturday that construction is expected to begin in July. Total construction time is estimated at 14 months, Bloxom said.

When the two-year institution opens in the 42,843-square-foot building planned on the site of the old Oliver Farm on U.S. 13, the 125-acre campus surrounding it is expected to be landscaped and complete with roads.

Work is underway on tearing down a farm house standing on the site where the new building will be located about 200 yards west of U.S. 13.

Low bid for construction of the college building was submitted by Conrad Bros., Inc., of Chesapeake, Va., at \$1,328,026. That includes equipment in the building and developing the campus.

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The State Board of Community Colleges has accepted and approved the bid and it is in transit through several state and federal agencies aimed toward the office of Gov. Linwood Holton for final approval.

Bloxom said the local college board expects approval to be made in time for a construction date in July. College officials had earlier said opening of the Fall 1974 session would be held up a short while if necessary in order to use the new building for the 1974-75 year.

The school offers a two-year college curriculum plus vocational-technical training.

— *Richmond Times-Dispatch*

3-way race for delegate in Virginia

A three-way race for the Accomack and Northampton County House of Delegates seat is assured with Edward H. Bender, a Cape Charles walterman, announcing he will run as an independent.

George N. McMath, publisher of the Eastern Shore News and a recent convert from the Democratic to the Republican Party, is seeking re-election.

D. Paige Elmore, Accomack County treasurer, is running for the seat as the Democrat.

Bender has been locked in a battle with the Virginia Commission of Marine Resources and the Northampton County Board of Zoning Appeals over his fishing business since early this year.

In announcing for the House seat, he charged many of Virginia's laws are made for the government and not for the people. He said he would seek laws "more favorable to the average citizen."

Bender said he will also seek to reduce the powers of state appointed commissions and call for changes in zoning appeals procedures.

— *The Daily Times*

Search goes on for two escapees from Shore jail

A spokesman for the Northampton County sheriff's department said today that police are at a standstill in their search for two men who escaped from the jail here Saturday.

According to the spokesman, State Police and members of the sheriff's department searched

throughout the weekend for the fugitives.

Police said much of the searching was done from the air with limited ground operations. Although the men were thought to have been headed north, no tracks have been found indicating what direction was taken.

Being sought are James Gardner, 35, of near Keller, and Jesse Dixon, 23, a migrant worker in the Eastville area.

Gardner had been in jail since May on forged check charges, and Dixon for about a week charged with petty larceny.

They escaped from jail early Saturday when an attendant opened their cell to give them a mop and bucket to scrub the floor.

— *The Daily Times*

Johnsongrass growth abundant this year

Of all the weeds plaguing Accomack farmers Johnsongrass is one of the most difficult to control and apparently appears to be the one receiving least attention by farmers and landowners, says John Rogers, Accomack County extension agent. In far too many local fields it can readily be seen. Ample soil moisture during spring and early summer has spurred an abundance of growth. The areas of infestation can be easily spotted.

Within a very few years this noxious grass can render land unfit for profitable crop production

The rapid spread of Johnsongrass over the past several years is evident, he said. Seed is carried by birds, livestock, wind, water, and by machinery, which serves to infest clean fields. The seed may germinate at once or lay dormant for years. Rhizomes — underground stems — are capable of producing new plants and serve to thicken and spread the original infestation, and also create new infestations when carried from field to field on farm implements.

Farmers and landowners are urged to plan a campaign to rid their fields of the weed.

— *The Daily Times*

Three killed at Cape Charles, two die on bridge-tunnel

Three persons died of injuries they received in a three-car crash on State Rt. 184, a short distance east of the Cape Charles town limits Sunday, and two others died in a fiery collision involving a tractor-trailer and five automobiles on the Chesapeake Bay Bridge-Tunnel complex about 4 o'clock yester-

day morning.

The victims of the Eastern Shore crash were Joseph Cuffee, 17, of Chesapeake, driver of one of the cars and Willie Newton, 37, of Cape Charles, and Robert Jones, 26, of Columbus, Ga., passengers in the vehicles.

The names of the pair killed on the bridge tunnel, both crewmen of the Navy submarine Skate, were being withheld last night pending notification of relatives. They were travelling in a car that reportedly carried Wisconsin license plates.

The bridge-tunnel police chief, W. C. Meyer, said the wreck occurred near the second island of the bridge-tunnel, about 5½ miles from the Virginia Beach shore. The collision occurred after one car ran out of fuel on the 17-mile long complex. Two other vehicles stopped behind it in the southbound lane. The dead men were in the rear car.

Meyer said a southbound tractor-trailer loaded with wheat hit the rear car and, at the same time, swerved into the northbound lane and sideswiped a car towing a trailer and then a second northbound car. In the meantime, the car containing the victims was knocked into the other stopped cars.

The bodies of the victims could not be taken from the car until the Chesapeake Beach volunteer fire department extinguished the fire caused by an exploding gasoline tank.

Four other persons were injured in the crash, but the drivers of the tractor-trailer and the car that ran out of gas escaped unhurt.

The accident closed the bridge-tunnel to traffic for about three hours.

The five deaths, plus two others, raised the state's highway toll for the year to 619, or four fewer than were reported in a corresponding period last year.

— *Richmond Times-Dispatch*

Poultry called top farm income

Poultry, mostly broilers, is the number one source of farm income in Accomack County, the U.S. Department of Agriculture said.

Broiler raising has exceeded white potatoes and soybeans as the number one product in the county.

Large poultry processing plants, an increase in grain acreage, and a constantly increasing number of broiler raisings houses points to Accomack County's poultry business boom.

The latest figures from a 1969 farm census show 8,566,992 broilers raised in Accomack County that year. Officials estimate this figure has been exceeded by several million since then.

— *The Daily Times*

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\$3,500 reward is offered in Shore slayings

A \$3,500 reward has been put up for information on two killings, the shooting of a third person and the robbery of the post office-grocery store this past week in the small Eastern Shore town of Wardtown.

The Northampton County Board of Supervisors and the U.S. Postal Service jointly established the reward fund Friday.

At the same time, a spokesman for the Northampton County sheriff's office said no arrests had been made.

Police said Mrs. H. Martin Lewis was killed shortly before 2 p.m. Wednesday and her postmaster-husband wounded seriously in their Wardtown store-post office by a man who then robbed the place.

Lewis, who received a small caliber gunshot wound in the face, was listed in satisfactory condition in a Norfolk hospital.

While they were searching for the suspect, a young black man, police found the body of an 87-year-old Negro, George Beach, who lived nearby.

Police theorize Beach was killed some time Tuesday night and robbed of money and a pistol he usually carried by the same person who attacked and robbed the Lewis store the next day.

The gun taken from Beach is believed to have been the one that was used to kill Mrs. Lewis and wound her husband, police said.

— *The Daily Times*

Two men are charged in Shore murder

A Painter, Va., man has been arrested and charged in connection with the robbery-murder at the H. Martin Lewis Store in Wardtown.

Commonwealth Attorney for Northampton County Robert Oliver said that Sherwood Thomas, 19, of Painter, has been charged with participating in the robbery of the H. Martin Lewis store – Wardtown Post Office, the murder of Mrs. H. Martin Lewis, and the wounding of her husband.

Thomas was arrested at about 6 p.m. Wednesday in the vicinity of his home.

Warrants are also on file in Northampton County charging Marvin Edward McClain, 28, address un-

known, with murder, maiming and robbery, Oliver said. McClain was arrested in Wilmington, Del., Thursday morning. He waived extradition proceedings and has been returned to Northampton County Jail in Eastville.

The robbery and shooting occurred July 18 at about 1:55 p.m. at the Lewis-Wardtown store. A local post office occupied the left portion of the white frame store and postal officials are also reported investigating the robbery.

Mrs. Lewis' body was found lying on the floor just inside the front door. She had been shot in the head, an attendant at the scene said. Mr. Lewis was found still conscious behind the counter in the rear of the store. He had also been shot in the head.

He was hospitalized and later listed in satisfactory condition at Norfolk General Hospital.

The brutally beaten body of a second man, George Beach, 84, of Wardtown was found later the same day, about one mile from the Lewis Store. Oliver said Mr. Beach had been killed the day before the Lewis incident. However, the Commonwealth Attorney refused to confirm or deny newspaper accounts linking the two murders.

Police had been reported investigating the possibility that the gun used in the murder-robbery at the Lewis Store was the same weapon taken from the body of Mr. Beach. Oliver said the investigation into the Beach murder is still continuing.

— *The Daily Times*

Shore spuds hit highest prices ever

Accomack and Northampton County farmers are getting the highest prices in history for the white potatoes they are shipping to northern points.

Within the past week prices have ranged from a high of \$10 per 100 pounds to no lower than \$9 per 100.

Produce dealers reported heavy shipments by truck from the Eastern Shore, mainly from Northampton County where the potatoes mature earlier than they do in Accomack County.

Eastern Shore of Virginia potatoes for several years in the late sixties sold as low as \$1.75 per 100 pounds, damaging many farm operations and putting others out of business.

The prices being offered this week were running \$4 to \$5 higher than the highest prices ever offered for the product in some of the best years.

A predicted truck shortage which could have hampered the flow of potatoes from the Eastern Shore has not developed according to the Virginia Department of Agriculture. All Eastern Shore potatoes are moving by truck now with only one rail

shipment in the entire 1972 season.

Combined with an all-time record high being offered for soybeans, agricultural men feel the Eastern Shore of Virginia farmer will make a great deal of money on these two crops in 1973.

— *The Daily Times*

Legislators feel it is time to let people decide ultimate fate of Sunday blue law

A group of state legislators expressed a consensus Friday that it was time for the Virginia General Assembly to get the controversial Sunday closing law problem "off its back" and let the people decide its ultimate fate.

"If some little place has a bunch of holy rollers who want to close everything down on Sunday, let them do it but let's not drag the whole state into it," said Sen. William F. Fears, D-Accomack.

Fears' comments were echoed to varying degrees by fellow members of the Senate General Laws Committee which met at the State Capitol to begin planning blue law strategy in advance of the 1974 session.

While some took a milder approach to the matter than Fears, there was near unanimity that it had become virtually impossible for the General Assembly to enact a Sunday closing law capable of being uniformly enforced throughout the state.

After more than an hour of generally lambasting the existing law, it was agreed that work should start on drafting a bill to put the issue before the citizens of Virginia in a public referendum in much the same manner as they determined a few years ago the volatile question of liquor by the drink.

— *The Danville Register*

25 years ago July 1998

Cape Charles has been here for years and it's banking on a renaissance

Chincoteague has Pony Penning; Onancock, the Hopkins & Brothers Store; Eastville, its historic records; and Cape Charles, its music festival and chili festival.

Music festival? Chili? In Cape Charles?

The once-bustling railroad town is not usually associated with either chili or rhythm and blues, but

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much is changing in the town at the tip of the Eastern Shore of Virginia.

Headlining the festival Saturday are Clarence Carter, best known for his 1960s song “Slip Away,” and Lonnie Mack, king of the roadhouse blues.

The concert is dedicated to the late bluesman and Eastern Shore native Arthur “Big Boy” Crudup who wrote several songs performed by Elvis Presley, including one of the King’s earliest hits, “It’s All Right, Mama.”

He is buried in Franktown.

The town of Cape Charles bloomed in the 1880s and 90s and faded during the Depression. The town was a beehive of activity as daily passenger trains arrived from New York and handsomely dressed men and women boarded steamships for the 36-mile crossing to Norfolk.

In the 1950s, the steamer Elisha Lee left the Cape Charles harbor for the last time. The opening of the Chesapeake Bay Bridge-Tunnel in 1964 led to a further decline in the town’s economy.

But nothing is forever.

“Cape Charles is about to do a flip-flop economically,” said Chamber of Commerce President Carol Evans.

Recent interest in the vast pool of older homes waiting to be returned to their former glory and some business prospects are fueling a renaissance

of sorts.

Evans and her husband, Bruce, have been in town for about five years and own the Cape Charles House Bed and Breakfast with a room dedicated to Mary Cassatt, whose brother, Alexander Cassatt, was the engineer that laid out the town.

They love the slow pace of the small-town lifestyle and are restoring a second house across the street.

“You expect to see Aunt Bea walk off the porch with freshly baked cookies,” said Evans.

She talked about the coming development by a Richmond-area developer who is planning to build two professional golf courses, an assisted-living community and a planned sustainable technologies industrial park.

The 90-mile drive to Cape Charles from Salisbury, south on Route 13, takes approximately 1½ hours nonstop.

Driving straight through is one option, but why not break up the trip with a few interesting stops?

Several tempting antiques shops dot the highway, such as Worcester House Antiques just over the Virginia line and Gina’s Antiques in Temperanceville.

In the town of Parksley, visit the Eastern Shore Railway Museum. Here you can retrace the north-south route of the old New York, Philadelphia and Norfolk (NYP&N) lines that pumped life into the land.

Today, asphalt is the conduit for the thousands of people a year who no longer rely on the iron rails

to get them south.

— *The Daily Times*

Chincoteague pony auction brings record \$155,800 for island’s fire company

The Chincoteague Volunteer Fire Company Pony Auction yielded a record \$155,800 Thursday morning.

This year, 90 ponies were sold for prices averaging near \$2,000. A black-and-white mare with white around the eyes drew the highest bid.

Jessica Frost of Orlando Hills, Calif., paid a record \$7,000 for the distinctive Chincoteague pony.

Not far off the record price, Joe Justice of Chincoteague purchased a pony for \$6,900.

Last year’s high bid was \$4,300, less than the previous record bid of \$6,000 set in 1996.

In 1932, Chincoteague ponies were auctioned off for prices in the neighborhood of \$25. Prices have steadily increased over the years, especially with the establishment of the Chincoteague Pony Association in 1994.

The \$155,800 sales record is about \$2,000 higher than last year and almost double the 1995 figure.

The number of ponies the fire company allows to be sold varies each year for a variety of reasons.

— *The Daily Times*

Commonwealth Senior Living starts expansion

Commonwealth Senior Living has started construction on an expansion of its Onancock community.

The \$2.4 million project at Commonwealth Senior Living at the Eastern Shore will include eight new memory care apartments, converting spaces into eight new assisted living apartments, and adding spaces for a new living room and lounge.

Construction of the expansion started in late May and is expected to be completed in April 2024.

“Commonwealth Senior Living at the Eastern Shore is the premier choice for independent living, assisted living, and memory care on Virginia’s peninsula,” said Earl Parker, president and chief executive officer at Commonwealth Senior Living. “These new apartment homes will offer a seamless continuum of care to residents and their family members.”

Commonwealth Senior Living at the Eastern

Shore is located at 23610 North St., Onancock, and features independent living apartments, assisted living apartments, and memory care apartments.

Once construction is complete, the community will be able to serve more than 105 residents.

In addition to this expansion project, Commonwealth Senior Living is also evaluating the possibility of adding new independent living cottages to the community based on feedback from Onancock area residents and family members.

Plans are still under consideration and will be announced at a later date.

“We are excited to expand our offerings to Eastern Shore families and share our core values with our new residents and associates. These values outline the key elements and actions that attribute to resident, family, and associate satisfaction, and the success of our communities as well as our organiza-

tion,” said Parker.

Commonwealth Senior Living provides independent living, assisted living, personal care, and memory care to seniors across Connecticut, Maryland, Michigan, Pennsylvania, Tennessee, and Virginia.

Commonwealth Senior Living has become a leader in the senior living industry through its innovative signature programs, such as award-winning Sweet Memories Alzheimer’s and dementia program, Farm to Table dining, and its interactive communication tool, SMILE, among others.

As a Certified Great Place to Work® company for five years in a row, Commonwealth Senior Living continues to pioneer new services to meet its goal of improving the lives of seniors, their families, and each other.

Talking about old age while shopping for antiques

I went antiques shopping the other day, a pastime I really enjoy. Strangely enough, my 12 year-old-grandson, Tyler, also enjoys those adventures, so he went along with me this particular day.

I was having a fine time looking around and had, in fact, found a rather nice hog hook I'd decided to buy. That's about the time I heard Tyler holler from the back of the store.

"Hey, Nanny, you've got to come see this," he said, running to fetch me.

"It's a CD player with no speakers," he said, astonished. "I don't know how the music is coming out."

Turns out the "antique" the young lad had found was a phonograph — you know, the kind with a needle and turntable.

I tried to explain how it worked, but the iPod-generation offspring of my offspring couldn't quite grasp how you could get sound on an album without a computer.

He seemed even more astonished when I told him I still had a "record player" and some albums at home.

"You really are old, aren't you?" he said.

With that, I retraced my steps and picked up an old walking stick I had admired previously, thinking I'd probably need it soon.

"What are you going to do with that stuff?" Tyler inquired of my selections as I was checking out.

I explained very sweetly how I could hang him up with the hog hook, then beat him with the walking stick.

He thought that was really funny.



Candy Farlow

He also thought doing so would make my bad back go out again.

The sad thing is, he's probably right.

He's also not the only grandchild who reminds me of my age.

Baylee, the 5-year-old, keeps tell-

ing me that I'm old, and according to her, could die any day. But this missionary wanna-be assures me that's OK because I'll be going to a better place.

Her dalmatian, Arson, passed away recently and, following his burial, her

mom had a lot of explaining to do to Baylee's more pragmatic 3-year-old sister, Darbee.

Darbee, having been told Arson was now in heaven, wanted to dig up the grave to make sure.

My daughter — with plenty of help from Baylee — explained that only your soul lives on, but that you get a new body in heaven.

Darbee now says she's sure the heavenly Arson has red polka-dots.

The other effect of the loss is that they've now put my dog, Pepper, on a death watch. After all, she's almost 13 and Arson was only 10.

"Pepper's old, Nanny," the missionary told me. "She's going to die soon."

That will be a truly sad day for me, but, Baylee insists, "Pepper will be better off in heaven."

True. I think the old girl's joints hurt even worse than mine, despite my giving her aspirin and glucosamine every day.

Still, I don't think she's ready for her polka-dot coat just yet.

As for me, when that day comes, I just know my new body will be tall and slim.

After all, we are talking about heaven, aren't we?

This piece was published Jan. 25, 2006, 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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