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#### Shore First

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#### Shore First | Entertainment calendar

#### Friday, August 4

- FARMERS MARKET: 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Parksley Farmers and Artisans Market, 18444 Dunne Ave., Parksley.
- HOT DOG BENEFIT: 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., hot dog cart at No Limits Eastern Shore, 24546 Coastal Blvd., Tasley. No Limits Eastern Shore is a private nonprofit brain injury services provider.
- PIZZA FUNDRAISER: 5 to 8 p.m., drive-through pizza sale at New Church Fire and Rescue Co., 4264 Fire-house St., New Church. Order at front of building and drive around for pickup. Pizzas starting at \$15.
- LIVE MUSIC: 6 to 9 p.m., Kurt South at the Blarney Stone Pub, 10 North St., Onancock.
- LIVE MUSIC: 6 to 9 p.m., Fil Rhythm at the Cape Charles Brewery, 2198 Stone Road, Cape Charles.
- MEETING: 6:30 to 7:30 p.m., Serenity Hour Al-Anon Family Group, Christ United Methodist Church, 6253 Church St., Chincoteague.
- FILM PREMIERE: 8 p.m., "Films that Move," Historic Palace Theatre, 301 Mason Ave., Cape Charles.
- THEATRICAL PERFORMANCE: 8 p.m., "Duck Hunter Shoots Angel," at the North Street Playhouse, 34 Market St., Onancock. Featuring Jim Szablewicz, Cliff Murden, Steven Lamprinos, James Rich, Delaney Petka, Chloe Tatum, Ryan Pidgeon, Thom Nolan, and Joey Via. \$25 for adults and seniors; \$10 for students. Tickets at <a href="www.north-streetplayhouse.org/tickets">www.north-streetplayhouse.org/tickets</a>

#### Saturday, August 5

- FARMERS MARKET: 9 a.m. to noon, The Onancock Market, an open-air farmers and artisans market, 22 Market St., Onancock. Visit <a href="https://www.onancockmarket.com">www.onancockmarket.com</a>
- 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 <a href="https://www.chincoteagueca.org">www.chincoteagueca.org</a>
- 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.
- EVENT: 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., Blessing of the Combines, honoring and celebrating local farmers, in downtown Snow Hill, Md. Parade of combines at 11 a.m. Pony rides, car show, antique tractor show, food, contests and much more. Visit <a href="https://www.blessingofthecombines.org">www.blessingofthecombines.org</a>
- LIVE MUSIC: 5 p.m., 15th annual Dead on the Vine concert at Chatham Vineyards, 9232 Chatham Road, Machipongo. \$65 tickets include dinner and a glass or wine and beer, or \$30 for the concert alone. Visit <a href="www.chatham-vineyards.com">www.chatham-vineyards.com</a>
- FUNDRAISER: 5 p.m., Raise the Roof fundraiser to benefit Shore Christian Academy's Building Fund at the Onancock Elks Lodge. Tickets are \$50 each or \$90 for a

couple. There will be a 6 p.m. dinner and drawings at 7 p.m. There also will be a live auction and raffles. Tickets are available for purchase at A Hair Affair in Belle Haven and Eastern Shore Outfitters in Exmore.

- LIVE MUSIC: 6 to 9 p.m., Fil Rhythm at the Blarney Stone Pub, 10 North St., Onancock.
- LIVE MUSIC: 7 p.m., Mashup and Cozy Condition at Cape Charles Central Park, part of the Citizens for Central Park's Concerts in the Park series.
- THEATRICAL PERFORMANCE: 8 p.m., "Duck Hunter Shoots Angel," at the North Street Playhouse, 34 Market St., Onancock. Featuring Jim Szablewicz, Cliff Murden, Steven Lamprinos, James Rich, Delaney Petka, Chloe Tatum, Ryan Pidgeon, Thom Nolan, and Joey Via. \$25 for adults and seniors; \$10 for students. Tickets at <a href="https://www.north-streetplayhouse.org/tickets">www.north-streetplayhouse.org/tickets</a>

#### **Sunday, August 6**

■ THEATRICAL PERFORMANCE: 2:30 p.m., "Duck Hunter Shoots Angel," at the North Street Playhouse, 34 Market St., Onancock. Featuring Jim Szablewicz, Cliff Murden, Steven Lamprinos, James Rich, Delaney Petka, Chloe Tatum, Ryan Pidgeon, Thom Nolan, and Joey Via. \$25 for adults and seniors; \$10 for students. Tickets at www.northstreetplayhouse.org/tickets

#### Monday, August 7

- 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.
- MOVIE: 8 p.m. (around dusk), Robert Reed Downtown Waterfront Park, Chincoteague. "Ever After: A Cinderella Story" (1988, PG-13). Bring a chair or blanket. Sponsored by the Chincoteague Cultural Alliance. Visit Chincoteague—CA.org

#### **Tuesday, August 8**

- MEETING: 9 to 10 a.m., Chincoteague Al-Anon Family Group, Christ United Methodist Church, 6253 Church St., Chincoteague.
- 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 p.m., Cheriton Volunteer Fire Co., 21334 S. Bayside Road, Cheriton.

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■ NATURE WALK 6 to 7 p.m., bilingual Spanish/English nature walk at Brownsville Preserve, 11332 Brownsville Road, Nassawadox. Free and open to the public regardless of language spoken. For questions, contact Spanish Language Conservation Outreach Intern Anna Ardila-McCarter at a.ardilamccarter@tnc.org or 442-3049.

#### Wednesday, August 9

- YOGA: 8 to 9 a.m., yoga at the Island Community House, 6246 Mumford St., Chincoteague. Info: 757-336-1992, info@islandcommunityhouse.org, <a href="www.islandcommunityhouse.org">www.islandcommunityhouse.org</a>
- 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 <a href="https://www.chincoteagueca.org">www.chincoteagueca.org</a>

- 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? Meets at Rock Church, 27112 Lankford Highway, Onley. 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.
- SPEAKER: 7 p.m., Dr. David Scott talks about Eastville and the courthouse green at Cape Charles Museum's Let's Talk Cape Charles Culture Series. Admission is \$5. Held at the Cape Charles Museum, 814 Randolph Ave., Cape Charles.

#### Thursday, August 10

- 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.

- GARDEN CLUB: 5 to 6:15 p.m., New Roots Youth Garden free summer garden club, corner of Fig Street and Mason Avenue, Cape Charles. The club is for children ages 5 to 13. There is no charge.
- INTERNATIONAL MOVIE: 7 p.m., "The Quiet Girl," at the Roseland Theatre, 48 Market St., Onancock. \$8 at the door or get season passes at the Book Bin in Onley.
- PAGEANT: 7 p.m., Little Miss Pocomoke Fair Pageant, grandstand stage, The Great Pocomoke Fair, 2037 Broad St., Pocomoke City. Visit
- thegreatpocomokefair.org
   PAGEANT: 8 p.m., Junior Miss
  Pocomoke Fair Pageant, grandstand
  stage, The Great Pocomoke Fair, 2037 Broad St., Pocomoke City. Visit
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#### Friday, August 11

- FARMERS MARKET: 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Parksley Farmers and Artisans Market, 18444 Dunne Ave., Parksley.
- FAIR: 5 to 10 p.m., The Great Pocomoke Fair, exhibits, mobile petting farm, games, music, livestock exhibits. Free admission. 2037 Broad St., Pocomoke City. Visit <a href="mailto:thegreat-pocomokefair.org">thegreat-pocomokefair.org</a>
- ART STROLL: 5 to 8 p.m., Second Friday Art Stroll in Onancock, sponsored by the Onancock Business and Civic Association. Music on North Street by Charles Elliott, sponsored by the Blarney Stone Pub.
- MEETING: 6:30 to 7:30 p.m., Serenity Hour Al-Anon Family Group, Christ United Methodist Church, 6253 Church St., Chincoteague.

#### Saturday, August 12

- 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 <a href="https://www.chincote-agueca.org">www.chincote-agueca.org</a>
- 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.
- FAIR: 10 a.m. to 10 p.m., The Great Pocomoke Fair, exhibits, mobile petting farm, games, music, livestock exhibits. Free admission. 2037 Broad St., Pocomoke City. Visit thegreatpocomokefair.org
- FISHING TOURNAMENT: noon to 5 p.m., Onancock Croaker Classic fishing tournament, benefitting the Onancock Volunteer Fire Department. There will be a captain's meeting at any time on Friday, Aug. 11, from 6 to 8 p.m., at Mallards at the Wharf, 2 Market St., Onancock.

On Aug. 12, fishing begins at noon and weigh-in is from 4:30 to 6 p.m. at the Onancock Town Wharf. Tournament entry includes participation in the fishing tournament, a

tournament t-shirt, tournament towel, drink koozie, floating key chain, and free entry to any after-party on the creek. The cost is \$40 per angler. Prizes are awarded the first-, second-, and third-largest croakers. There also is a ladies division, youth division, and the largest non-croaker caught (no sharks or rays). The preferred registration method is by going to the Onancock Volunteer Fire Department Facebook page, clicking on the event, and registering online with EventBrite. In-person registration is Aug. 12 from 10 a.m. to 11:45 a.m., at the town wharf.

■ LIVE MUSIC: 7 p.m., Allen Hudson and The Halfmoons at Cape Charles Central Park, part of the Citizens for Central Park's Concerts in the Park series.

#### **Sunday, August 13**

- FAIR: 10 to 4 p.m., The Great Pocomoke Fair, exhibits, mobile petting farm, games, music, livestock exhibits. Free admission. 2037 Broad St., Pocomoke City. Visit thegreat-pocomokefair.org
- LIVE MUSIC: 6:30 p.m., Robert Reed Downtown Waterfront Park, Chincoteague. Free concert by Liam Purcell and Cane Mill Road, an award-winning Bluegrass band from North Carolina. Bring a chair or blanket. Sponsored by the Chincoteague Cultural Alliance. Visit ChincoteagueCA.org

#### **Monday, August 14**

- YOGA: 8 to 9 a.m., yoga at the Island Community House, 6246 Mumford St., Chincoteague. Info: 757-336-1992, info@islandcommunityhouse.org, <u>www.islandcom-munityhouse.org</u>
- GAME DAY: 1 to 4 p.m., game day at the Island Theatre annex, 4074 Main St., Chincoteague, sponsored by the Chincoteague Island Arts Organzation. 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, August 15

- MEETING: 9 to 10 a.m., Chincoteague Al-Anon Family Group, Christ United Methodist Church, 6253 Church St., Chincoteague.
- 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.

#### **Wednesday, August 16**

- YOGA: 8 to 9 a.m., yoga at the Island Community House, 6246 Mumford St., Chincoteague. Info: 757-336-1992, info@islandcommunityhouse.org, <u>www.islandcom-munityhouse.org</u>
- FARMERS, ARTISANS MARKET: 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., Chincoteague Island Farmers and Artisans Market, Chincoteague

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# Canned tomatoes, dilly beans preserve a taste of summer

Do I have any fellow canners and preservers here on the Eastern Shore of Virginia? I know I'm not alone!

From a young age I remember my mom peeling tomatoes and packing them into hot jars for processing.

Then we used those tomatoes for soups and other dishes all winter long.

One of my very favorite things is when she'd mix in a

Laura Davis

jar of canned tomatoes with a batch of baked macaroni and cheese. It is a simple one-dish meal that will knock your socks off.

So I guess it was only natural that I also began to "put things up," as the old-heads like to call it.

I started several years ago with tomatoes, probably because they are one of the most straightforward and easy canning projects.

I remember thinking the first time I did it that it was such a mess, it was going to take forever, what a pain in my backside, etc.

But the second time I canned,

things went much more smoothly. You just have to find your routine and rhythm in the kitchen, and it gets easier.

I love making different kinds of pickles and being creative with fun flavor combinations for jams. It's easy to get yourself hooked, so here's a fair warning.

I'm including recipes for canned tomatoes as well as pickled dilly beans. If you're new to home preservation, these two recipes are a great place to start.

The high acidity of both the tomatoes and the pickled beans allows for just a hot-water bath to "seal the deal" — but if you find yourself wanting to foray into more preserving you'll probably want to invest in a pressure canner at some point.

But for these, a large pot full of boiling water is just fine. It's such a treat to have a taste of summer sitting in your pantry all winter long.



PHOTO COURTESY LAURA DAVIS

Canned tomatoes ensure summer's bounty can be enjoyed during the winter chill.

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

#### Do-it-yourself canned tomatoes

- ripe red tomatoes (3 lbs. tomatoes per quart)
- bottled lemon juice
- pickling salt, optional
- quart-sized Mason jars

Prep your canning pot by inserting a rack to keep your jars off the bottom of the pot, place pint jars in, and fill it with water. Bring to a boil to sterilize jars while you prepare the rest of your ingredients. Place lids in another pot of simmering water to sterilize.

Peel and core tomatoes. Cut an "X" in the bottom of each tomato, and place them in a bath of boiling water for 30 seconds to 1 minute, until skins begin to blister.

Remove them to a dish filled with ice water and carefully peel the tomatoes and remove the core using a paring knife. If the tomatoes are large, halve or quarter them

Add 2 tbsp lemon juice and 1/2 tsp pickling salt (if desired) to each quart jar.

Pack the tomatoes into jars, pressing gently on tomatoes until the juices fill in the spaces between the tomatoes. Leave 1/2-inch headspace for processing.

Using the handle of a rubber spatula or a butter knife, remove air bubbles by running the handle along the inside of the jar.

Carefully wipe rims down for any moisture and add the canning lid.

Process in boiling water bath for 45 minutes, or at 5 lb pressure for 15 minutes in a weighted gauge pressure canner.

Remove from water and place on a towel-lined counter. Let cool and make sure the lids are sealed before putting in the pantry.

#### Pickled green beans ('Dilly beans')

Yields: 5 pints

- 2 pounds green beans, washed and trimmed
- 5 chili peppers, halved length-wise (I like jalapenos or serranos)
- 5 sprigs fresh dill
- 5 cloves garlic
- 3 tsp dill seed
- 3 tsp whole coriander
- 2 1/2 cups white vinegar
- 2 1/2 cups water
- 1/4 cup pickling salt

Prep your canning pot by inserting a rack to keep your jars off the bottom of the pot, place pint jars in, and fill it with water. Bring to a boil to sterilize jars while you prepare the rest of your ingredients. Place lids in another pot of simmering water to sterilize.

Wash and trim your beans so that they fit in your jar.

Combine vinegar, water and salt

in a medium saucepan and bring to a boil.

While it's heating up, pack your beans into the jars, leaving 1/2 inch headspace (distance between the tops of the beans and the rim of the jar).

To each jar, add 1 sprig of fresh dill, 1 chili pepper, 1/2 tsp dill seed, 1/2 tsp coriander, and 1 clove of garlic.

Pour the boiling brine over the beans, making sure to leave that 1/2 inch headspace. Wipe the rims and apply the lids and rings. Process for 5 minutes in a boiling water bath. Remove from water and place on a towel-lined counter. Let cool and make sure the lids are sealed before putting in pantry. Let the beans hang out for at least two weeks before eating, to thoroughly develop their flavor. Best when served chilled.



PHOTO COURTESY LAURA DAVIS

Pickled green beans, or "dilly beans," are a great way to have a tasty vegetable treat on hand during the cold winter months.

#### Share First | Kirk Mariner

### James C. Weaver, forgotten pioneer of public education

To us it seems only natural that education should be free and open to all, the schools a public responsibility. But it was not always so.

A little more than a century ago the public school system of Virginia was quite new, and the idea behind it far from universally popular.



Kirk Mariner

Until well into the 19th century, Virginians looked upon education as the right and the duty of those able to afford it. and those who could afford it did not look favorably upon the prospect of being taxed to educate the children of those who could not.

No one in the history of our peninsula had a greater impact on the establishment of Accomack County's public school system than James Weaver.

Yet, curiously, his is a name that is all but forgotten on the

Eastern Shore of Virginia today.

James C. Weaver (1822-1900), a native of Portsmouth, first came to the Eastern Shore fresh out of Richmond College to teach school in one of Northampton County's several private academies.

After teaching only a year, he moved to Kentucky and practiced law for three years, then returned to the Shore, where in 1852 he married Sallie P. Sturgis, of Accomack County.

The Weavers settled down in the neighborhood of Crossroads (Onley), where James Weaver was a farmer until the outbreak of the Civil War.

Weaver fought for the Confederacy but returned home convinced that the Southern cause had been a mistake.

Once back in Accomack he resumed teaching and allied himself politically with the progressive wing of the Democratic Party, out of which came the "Read-



IMAGE FROM THE GHOTES VIRTUAL CEMETERY

The gravestone of James C. Weaver, Accomack County's first school superintendent, stands in the Onancock Cemetery.

justers" and later, the Virginia Republicans.

Among the goals of the progressives was a statewide public school system, and in 1870 when the system became a reality Gov. Gilbert C. Walker, a progressive Democrat, tapped Weaver to be the first superintendent of public schools in Accomack County.

To Weaver fell the task of putting into working order "something the people generally did not want and something in which they were very little interested."

He set to work immediately, dividing the county into school board districts and finding trustees for each, and by February 1871, just four months after his commissioning, the public schools were in operation.

By the end of the first year, Accomack County had 32 public schools, by the end of his fifth year, 51 schools (41 White and 10 Black).

At first, all the new public schools were one-room buildings with one teacher responsible for all grade levels.

Gradually, graded schools appeared, beginning in 1878, when Chincoteague divided its 200 students into two grades.

By 1882 there were eight graded schools, by 1885, 18 of them. By 1886 there were 82 public schools in the county, 64 white and 18 black; hardly a community in the county was without its public schoolhouse, and the school board owned 66 frame buildings containing a total of 88 rooms for instruction.

The tireless pioneer behind this work was James Weaver, who for 15 years was virtually synonymous with public education in Accomack County.

He operated out of a small office in the front yard of his house at 68 Kerr Street in Onancock, yet at times it must have seemed as if his office were in "his buggy or saddlebags and in his coat pocket."

In a typical year (1875) he traveled 1,094 miles up and down the county, made 134 visits to the schools, examined 55 teachers, attended 20 school board meetings, and wrote 598 letters.

He organized the "Teachers Institutes" that for many years provided both continuing education and motivation for the teachers in an era when the average salary for public school teachers was \$32 a month for males, \$26 for females. Weaver himself was paid \$580 a year.

Under his leadership, the public school idea was quickly established, and steadily gained the hearts and minds of the citizens of Accomack.

In 1871, at the end of his first year, Weaver reported that "we are encouraged by the large attendance and favorable press of the pupils," though there were "many and noisy opponents."

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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 indispensible volume for natives and visitors alike. Mariner died in 2017. His work appears in Eastern Shore First courtesy of Miona Publications.

#### Weaver

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Only four years later, in 1875, the number of public school students in the county (7,689) was more than 100 times that in the dwindling private schools

Fourteen years later, in 1885, Weaver was able to report that "the opposition to the [public] system has ceased to be made, and so great is the popularity of the schools, that should any candidate for popular [office] openly oppose them, his defeat would be inevitable."

Success did not guarantee a job for Weaver, who held his position by political appointment, for by the 1880s the political climate in Virginia was changing.

In 1881 Weaver's credentials as a progressive "Readjuster" were suspect among some in that party, and the State Senate briefly refused to confirm his reappointment as school superintendent. (The Peninsula Enterprise, no friend of the Readjusters, came to his defense, noting that "we do not think...that any one who knew him doubted his fealty to the cause of readjustment.")

In 1885 the Readiusters lost the governorship, and with the change in party Weaver lost his job. He continued in office officially until July 1, 1886, when the

Democrats replaced him with Dr. John E. Mapp.

After 15 years as superintendent of public schools, Weaver had to scramble to support himself.

Though trained as a lawyer, he was vocal in his opinion that "all lawyers are liars," and refused to

He was a local magistrate (it was he who swore in the first town council and mayor of the newly incorporated Town of Onancock in March 1882), but could not depend upon that alone for his livelihood.

He did "minor jobs of farming" and is in one place listed as a "merchant." In 1887 he purchased a newspaper, the Eastern Virginian of Onancock, but this phase of his career was short lived, for the newspaper was sold the following year.

In 1887 he ran for the state legislature as "floater" delegate for Accomack and Northampton, but was defeated.

At length he was made reasonably secure by appointment to a federal government position, keeper of the Onancock Customs House; he held that position until his death on June 30, 1900.

Quite apart from his own accomplishments as school superintendent, Weaver made a significant contribution to education as the patriarch of a family of teachers, for since him every generation of his descendants has supplied them, and three of them followed him into the field of public school teaching: George N. Weaver (1866-1933), James T. Weaver (1859-1949), and Virginia Lee Weaver Bayly (1868-1924).

A grandson and namesake, James Carlvin Weaver (1907-1970), was the principal at Chincoteague High School until in 1937 he entered the Methodist ministry.

Great-granddaughter Kathryn Weaver Glenn of Saxis taught for 33 years in public schools in Accomack, and Beth Weaver Chadsey, another great-granddaughter, was a professional educator in the Virginia Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church.

Four great-great-granddaughters continued the tradition: Ann Glenn Bonniwell, Katherine Wescott Mattson, Jodie Weaver Greene, and Pamela Glenn Crandal in the public schools of Chesterfield County.

The few who have written about Weaver were not stinting in praise: He was an "honest and uncompromising pioneer [who] did much to pave the way to the magnificent educational opportunities that we enjoy today," a man who "shielded the educational interests of our boys and girls from the shafts of ignominy and stabs of oppression," a "stalwart" who did "missionary work" in the field of public education.

Yet today James C. Weaver is virtually forgotten, the only monument to him is his simple gravestone in Onancock Cemetery.

He deserves better.



#### Shore First | Curtis Badger

# How a friendship led to Quinby's name — and its bridge

Tom LeCato and Upshur Quinby were cousins and fast friends.

Upshur lived at Warwick Plantation, the ancient family compound at the head of Upshur Neck.

Tom lived at Atlantic View Plantation, where his family settled on



Curtis Badger

Bradford Neck at what now is Quinby.

The boys grew up together and enjoyed fishing and hunting in the seaside marshes near their homes, and when they became adults, they went their separate ways.

Upshur went to law school at the University of Virginia and began a successful law practice, and Tom went to New York where he joined his father and brother in a produce brokerage business.

The boys did not see each other often, but the friendship endured over the years as they corresponded often and exchanged news about family and friends.

Tom retired from the produce business around 1896, returned home to Bradford Neck, and he brought with him some of the entrepreneurial spirit that earned him

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SHORE FIRST/TED SHOCKLEY

The Quinby bridge as it is today. The originial Machipongo River Bridge opened for traffic on June 22, 1898. The span was 1,800 feet long, 16 feet wide, and came in at an on-budget cost of \$2,600.

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.

#### Quinby

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success in the city.

His granddaughter, Emma LeCato Eichelberger, wrote a biographical sketch about Tom in 1953, which was published in the Peninsula Enterprise newspaper of Accomac.

"The years (in the city) had not accumulated money for him, but they had developed an inborn love of progress, a desire to see something done, something accomplished that would benefit the ordinary man. He was not long going to work (when he returned home)," she wrote.

Quinby was not a port town in those days. It was a farming area and local people who owned boats kept them tied up on private property at the head of a gut. The nearest store was five miles away.

Mrs. Eichelberger wrote that Tom decided to open a store to serve the local community and to have a post office included with the store.

He filled out the required forms, submitted them to the proper government agency, and the post office was approved, with the stipulation that Tom pick up the mail from the Keller post office three days a week and deliver it to his store to be distributed to the recipients.

Tom agreed, and he was asked to provide a name for the post office.

"Tom LeCato took great pleasure in naming the post office Quinby, for his boyhood friend," wrote Mrs. Eichelberger.

The railroad had opened on the Shore in 1884, providing a great marketing asset for local farmers, but Bradford Neck and Upshur Neck were miles from the nearest station.

Most farmers continued to ship by boat because the nearest rail station was in Keller, some eight miles away.

Tom LeCato realized that a direct line from Quinby to Painter would cut that distance in half, if a bridge could be built to span the Machipongo River.

Predictably, the plan met with opposition — "it can't be done, it will be too expensive" — but Tom believed that if he could convince people that a bridge would increase land values and provide more efficient marketing for farmers, it could be done.

His brother, George W. LeCato, was in the Virginia Senate at the time and got a bill passed allowing a bridge with a draw to be built across the river, and a fundraising campaign was begun.

"Owners of neck land who lived elsewhere, and in some cases were people with money, saw it as a paying investment and took stock of \$25 a share," wrote Mrs. Eichelberger. "Little by little the money came in until the needed amount, between two and three thousand dollars, was in hand."

The bridge builder was Francis Savage Smith, Tom LeCato's brother-in-law, who managed to prove the naysayers wrong.

He built a bridge that would carry traffic for more than 30 years, until the hurricane of 1933 wiped it out.

Machipongo Bridge opened for traffic on June 22, 1898. The span was 1,800 feet long, 16 feet wide, and came in at an on-budget cost of \$2,600.

When the bridge was destroyed in 1933, the state highway department took it over and it re-opened on June 23, 1934.

The bridge transformed the little village that became Quinby. On 20 acres that once were part of Atlantic View Plantation were built homes, stores, a church, and dock facilities.

A channel was cut by the government to provide access for watermen, and sport fishermen discovered the seaside community that separates Upshur Neck and Bradford Neck.

Fisherman's Inn, a restaurant with vacation cabins, was built on the waterfront near the area where the harbor is today.



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#### Shore First | On Language

# Community is spelled Quinby but it is pronounced KWIM-bee

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.

Wachapreague was discussed in June's issue, and Machipongo was featured in July's. Be

sure to check those out if you missed them.

As I've mentioned, 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 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



SHORE FIRST/TED SHOCKLEY

 $The \ southern \ Accomack \ County \ seaside \ town \ of \ Quinby \ is \ sometimes \ pronounced \ KWIM-bee.$ 

for #magine on the group page.

I've already discussed Chincoteague (SHINK-uh-tig), Onancock (uh-NAN-kok), and Wachapreague (WATCH-uh-prig), and Machipongo (match-uh-PUNG-oh). These were the most mentioned towns in both discussions.

Another town that was brought up

several times by different commenters was Quinby.

Some people say **KWIN**-bee. This makes sense based on the spelling. However, some people, myself included, say **KWIM**-bee.

But why do some people use an /m/ sound in place of the /n/?

It turns out they're simply follow-

ing a well-established phonological rule in English.

Phonology is the branch of linguistics that deals with systems of sounds and how they pattern in a given language.

The process responsible for changing that /n/to an /m/is called coarticulation,

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#### Quinby

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which is the articulation of two or more speech sounds together, so that one influences the other.

In order to make the word easier to pronounce, speakers change the place of articulation in anticipation of the next sound.

In Quinby, the /b/ that comes after the /n/ is the reason why some people say **KWIM**-bee.

Both /n/ and /m/ are voiced nasal plosive consonants. Remember, voiced means that the vocal folds vibrate when producing this sound. Nasal means that air exits through the nose for these consonants.

Plosive refers to the manner of articulation. Plosive consonants are sounds produced by blocking the vocal tract with articulators so that all airflow ceases. Then when the articulators are separated, compressed air is released.

The consonants /m/ and /n/ only differ in their place of articulation. The /n/ sound is a voiced alveolar nasal plosive.

If you say "kwin," you'll feel the tip of your tongue make contact with that alveolar ridge

that's located behind your top front teeth. The /m/ sound is a voiced bilabial nasal plosive.

The descriptor bilabial means that the lips have to come together in order to make the sound.

Now say "beach." What's the first articulatory gesture that is made by your mouth? Right, your lips come together.

So /b/ is also a bilabial consonant (it's a voiced bilabial plosive, specifically).

This is why some people say **KWIM**-bee. It's just more efficient to match the nasal consonant's place of articulation (bilabial) with the following consonant.

This rule is also evident in certain English morphemes. A morpheme is the smallest meaningful constituent of a word.

Some words have one morpheme. For example, the word "trust" contains only one morpheme. Other words contain multiple morphemes. If we take our root word, "trust," and add another morpheme, the -ing suffix, we can turn "trust" (a noun) into "trusting" (a verb or adjective).

Some morphemes change depending on the phonetic environment due to the process of coarticulation at work.

As an example, let's look at the negative prefix

in-. We have words like "indecent" or "insane."

But when the root word begins with a /p/ or /b/, we change the in- to im-. That gives us words like "impossible" or "imbalance."

As another example, the prefix en-means "to put into/onto." We can take our root word, "trust," and add the prefix to make "entrust."

But again, if the root word starts with /p/ or /b/ we change the morpheme to "em," which gives us words like "empower" or "embolden."

So there you have it! People who say **KWIM**-bee instead of **KWIN**-bee aren't really making a mistake; they're following a linguistic rule of spoken English.

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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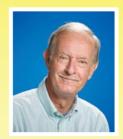
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- FARMERS MARKET: 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Parksley Farmers and Artisans Market, 18444 Dunne Ave., Parksley.
- OVEREATERS ANONYMOUS: 10:30 a.m. each Wednesday. Problems with overeating, undereating, bulimia, or binge eating? Meets at Rock Church, 27112 Lankford Highway, Onley. 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@islandcommunity-house.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.

#### **Thursday, August 17**

- 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.
- GARDEN CAMP: 5 to 6:15 p.m., New Roots Youth Garden free summer garden club, corner of Fig Street and Mason Avenue, Cape Charles. The club is for children ages 5 to 13. There is no charge.
- LIVE MUSIC: 7 to 8:30 p.m., "Praise in the Park," at Pocomoke City Concerts in the Park at Cypress Park, 7 Bridge St. Pic-

nic dinners and lawn chairs are welcome.

#### Friday, August 18

- FARMERS MARKET: 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Parksley Farmers and Artisans Market, 18444 Dunne Ave., Parksley.
- STREET PARTY: 5 to 8 p.m., "Strawberry Jam," Strawberry Street party in Cape Charles. Cash bar, free live music.
- BOOK SALE: 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Friends of the Cape Charles Memorial Library will be continuing monthly summer book sales to benefit the library. At the August sale, the group will be accepting donations of books, copyrighted in the last 10 years only, to be sold at future sales.

#### Saturday, August 19

- 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 <a href="https://www.chincoteagueca.org">www.chincoteagueca.org</a>
- 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.
- EVENT: 4 to 8 p.m., Crab Crackin' at Ker Place, 69 Market St., Onancock, with music by Nature's Child. Steam crabs, barbecue, beer and wine for sale. Admission is \$75. Get tickets at www.shorehistory.com
- LIVE MUSIC: 6:30 p.m., Chincoteague Cultural Alliance, 6309 Church Street. Reagan Kent, Ellie Conser, and Heather Blake perform country, folk, rock, classical and popular music, show tunes, ballads and their original songs. \$5 for adults, \$2 for children 12 and younger. Visit ChincotagueCA.org

#### **Monday, August 21**

■ 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 Organzation. 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.
- MOVIE: 7:45 p.m. (begins at dusk), Robert Reed Downtown Waterfront Park, Chincoteague, free showing of showing of "The Producers" (2005, PG-13). Bring a chair or blanket. Sponsored by the Chincoteague Cultural Alliance. Visit ChincotagueCA.org

#### **Tuesday, August 22**

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

#### Wednesday, August 23

- 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 <a href="https://www.chincoteagueca.org">www.chincoteagueca.org</a>
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- BINGO: Doors open at 6 p.m., first game 7:30 p.m., Painter Volunteer Fire Co., 17116 Wayside Drive, Painter.
- SPEAKER: 7 p.m., M.K. Miles gives a demonstration of the new Miles Files Eastern Shore genealogy site at the Cape Charles Museum's Let's Talk Cape Charles Culture Series. Admission is \$7:50. Held at the Cape Charles Museum, 814 Randolph Ave., Cape Charles.

#### **Thursday, August 24**

- 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.

#### Friday, August 25

- FARMERS MARKET: 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Parksley Farmers and Artisans Market, 18444 Dunne Ave. Parksley.
- HOT DOG BENEFIT: 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., hot dog cart at No Limits Eastern Shore, 24546 Coastal Blvd., Tasley. No Limits Eastern Shore is a private nonprofit brain injury services provider.
- STREET PARTY: 5 to 8 p.m., "Strawberry Jam," Strawberry Street party in Cape Charles. Cash bar, free live music.
- STORYTELLING: 6:30 p.m., at Chincoteague Cultural Alliance, 6309 Church St. This month's theme: "Family Traditions." Share a story or come to listen. Free admission, cash bar. ChincotagueCA.org

#### Saturday, August 26

■ FARMERS MARKET: 9 a.m. to noon, The Onancock Market, an open-air farmers and artisans market, 22 Market St., Onancock. Visit <a href="https://www.onancockmarket.com">www.onancockmarket.com</a> Average savings of \$500\* is just one phone call away.

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# At Small's Smokehouse, authentic barbecue awaits

#### BY TED SHOCKLEY

Shore First

On the Eastern Shore of Virginia, it is hard to find a real, honest-to-goodness, sitinside-and-eat barbecue emporium with an onsite smoker.

Chincoteague has several nice barbecue stands worthy of mention in any conversation about good smoked pork, beef, and chicken, and they have picnic tables for open-air dining.

And Formy's Pit Barbecue in Painter — remember Formy's? — had the requisite smoking pit and dining room in a former daycare center on U.S. Route 13 in Painter.

Formy's sold good stuff — even Charles Kuralt, the CBS News personality with deep roots North Carolina, where proper pork barbecue draws a religious zeal, was a Formy's regular during his occasional commute to New York City.

But Formy's has been closed for years and nobody really filled the vinegary, smoky void. Until now.

Small's Smokehouse opened earlier this year across U.S. Route 13 from the Cape Charles Food Lion.

It's the best of all good things combined — authentic barbecue, a full bar, a comfortable dining room, a spacious upstairs with billiards tables, downstairs banquet space, and fast service.

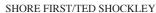
"The whole business was designed around selling fresh food as fast as possible," said Logan Small, who is a partner in the business with his father, John.

The Smalls previously operated a smokehouse and oyster bar in Norfolk near the Ghent area and Old Dominion University.

But the new location on the Eastern Shore combines their great food with a

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Pork barbecue with coleslaw, fries, bread, pickles, and onions at Small's Smokehouse on U.S. Route 13 near Cape Charles. At left, the bar at Small's Smokehouse features a number of beers on tap. "The whole business was designed around selling fresh food as fast as possible," said Logan Small, who is a partner in the business with his father, John.

#### Small's

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versatile facility that can host diners and groups, all at the same time.

"We're just happy that we're finally getting it going," said Small, who said the vision for the Cape Charles location was born before the COVID-19 pandemic.

The process of restoring the building took the Smalls longer than they expected, but it has been worth the wait.

The pork and brisket are smoked all night. Patrons order at the side door and the food is ready promptly. There is also online ordering.

The sides are fresh and appealing — the coleslaw is a scrumptious pairing with the smoky pork. The fries are crunchy and flavorful. There's a choice of sauces — Kansas City, Carolina Vinegar, Texas White, and more.

"The best seller all day long is the

pork," said Small, "and right behind it is the sliced brisket."

The pork, chicken, and brisket can come with a la carte sides or on a sandwich.

Small's Smokehouse recently added seafood to the menu including smoked shrimp salad, smoked salmon cakes, and more.

In the future, Smalls will have nightly specials and expanded seafood offerings.

For a quick meal, a banquet, a Christmas party, or a couple of rounds of billiards and beer, Small's fills a need — fresh food in a modern, comfortable atmosphere.

The Eastern Shore once again has a real, honest-to-goodness, sit-inside-and-eat barbecue emporium with an onsite smoker. It is a necessary amenity.

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#### Shore First | The arts

### Benefit by the Bay helps the arts flourish

On Sunday, Oct. 15, from 4 to 7 p.m., Arts Enter Cape Charles will celebrate 26 years of providing arts to the community at its annual Benefit by the Bay.

An Eastern Shore sunset, classical music, food, and friendship are all part of an evening that celebrates the arts on the Eastern Shore.

"Education in the arts and live performance is what we have been focusing on for over 25 years. Our friends and sponsors are very generous and understand what our non-profit provides to our community," said co-director MaryAnn Roehm.

"We hope to enjoy support again this year. Arts Enter depends solely on the support of private and corporate sponsors, program participants, audiences and grantors such as the Eastern Shore Community Foundation, the Town of Cape Charles and the Virginia Commission for the Arts."

Dr. and Mrs. John Sheppard have again offered their bayfront property for the event. The generosity of patrons contributes to the ability of the organization to stay afloat and retain the ability to provide programs such as the successful musicals, "Music Man," "Mary Poppins," and the comedy "Don't Dress for Dinner" performed during the last season.

Forty children participated in the Musical Theatre Summer Camp and recently performed "Annie, Jr." under the direction of Meghan Cartwright.

Arts Enter is very appreciative of the community support that it receives. Donations are tax deductible and can be arranged by calling the



The Benefit by the Bay helps fund programming at Arts Enter Cape Charles.

gallery. Sponsorship categories and benefits vary.

Music at the event will be provided by Harbor String Quartet, a touring performer made possible with support from the Virginia Commission for the Arts.

The Harbor String Quartet was formed in 1997 by members of the Virginia Symphony as part of an expansion of the individual's musical interests. Members of the group have played for such artists as Josh Groban, Mannheim Steamroller, the Trans-Siberian Orchestra, Idina Menzel and the Turtle Island String Quartet.

Comfortable with performing Bach, Handel, and Mozart, as they are with the music of The Beatles, Bruno Mars to John Williams' Star Wars Saga, the quartet has been honored to represent the Virginia Symphony and Virginia Arts Festival on numerous occasions. The group has performed in the Lemon Tree Gallery several times.

Food will be prepared by the very popular Love & Rosemary owned and operated by Rocco and Lenore DeBellis.

There will be a raffle for a stunning hand crafted Greek necklace by Yianni. A fuller line of Yianni's work is available at the gallery.

An art sale featuring donations from various artists who display their work in the Lemon Tree Gallery will also enhance the event.

Arts Enter became a reality in 1997 as a fine and performing art center that provides music, art, theatre and dance through an expansive program for children, adults and the entire community.

Original plays, camps, contracted performers, music, dance and art lessons and musical theatre are part of a year-round program. "While interests have changed since the pandemic, Arts Enter, the Historic Palace Theatre, The Lemon Tree Gallery and Films that Move (formerly Experimental Film Virginia) are in sync to provide a varied and well-rounded atmosphere that delivers and nourishes our passion for the arts" explained Clelia C. Sheppard. "We are a family" she added.

Arts Enter is very appreciative of the community support that it receives. Donations are tax deductible and can be arranged by calling the Gallery. Sponsorship categories and benefits vary.

For further information call the Lemon Tree Gallery at 757-331-4327.

### Free books available as library prepares move to Parksley

The public is invited to visit the main branch of the Eastern Shore Public Library in Accomac during regular business hours until Aug. 7 and fill bags with gently used books from the carts located at the front of the building.

There is something for everyone, from children and young adult titles to a wide range of adult fiction and non-fiction.

Additional books are being added on a regular basis.

### Noisy equipment can exacerbate hearing loss

Whether you're blowing yard debris

from walkways or driving a tractor through a field, noisy equipment can exacerbate hearing loss.

As outdoor duties intensify, homeowners and farmers alike should take precautions to protect their ears when using loud equipment.

Damage to inner-ear hair cells, called cilia, often is caused by exposure to excessively loud sounds, and cannot be medically corrected. This type of hearing loss usually results from repeated exposure to loud sounds over an extended time, like when using a tractor or riding a mower without ear protection.

Most farmers have some degree of hearing loss, said Bedford County farmer and nurse practitioner Amy Johnson, who also serves as president of the Bedford County Farm Bureau. Hearing loss is related to both the intensity of sounds and length of exposure, she said in a safety webinar. Commonly used equipment like grain dryers and

chainsaws reach unsafe decibels.

Prolonged loud sound exposure may result in a "stopped-up" feeling or ringing in the ears that eventually fades. But that's a bad sign.

"Once the damage is done to those organs that affect hearing, you really can't undo that," Johnson explained.

Tinnitus, or ringing in the ears, may become constant.

"The effects of living with chronic tinnitus can range from annoying to completely debilitating," wrote Jackie DiFrancesco for the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

Every year, about 22 million U.S. workers are exposed to potentially damaging noise—one of the most common occupational injuries.

Hearing loss is usually gradual and may go unnoticed for several years, according to AgriSafe, a collective formed by rural nurses to improve the health and safety of farmers. It affects not only older adults, but also young adults and

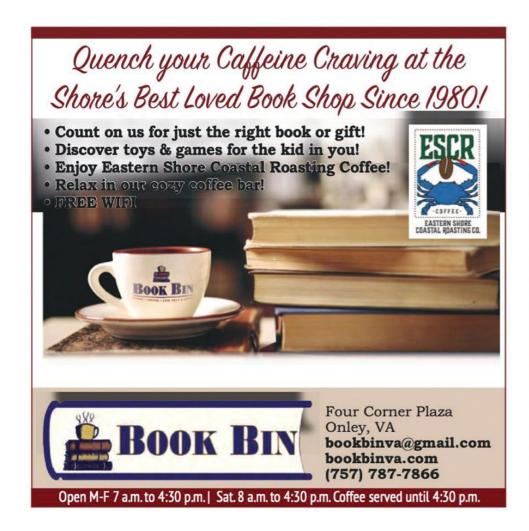
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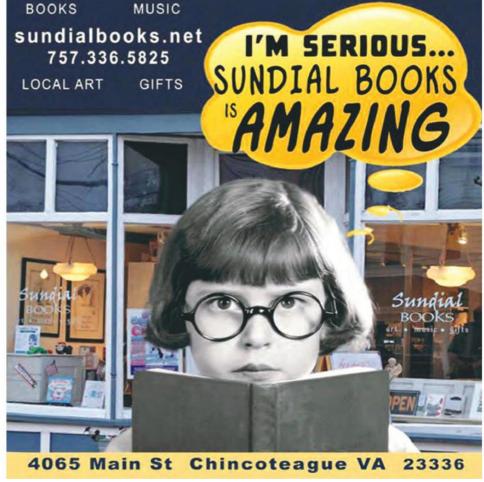
Key indicators of hearing loss include frequently asking people to repeat things; continually turning up the volume on electronics; tinnitus; difficulty with hearing and understanding conversations in busy areas; and noticing that common environmental noises sound distant or quieter.

"Unfortunately, the tones people lose include women's and children's voices, so it's hard to hear your grandchildren or wife talking!" Johnson added.

Fortunately, damage is preventable. Hearing protection devices reduce the force of the sound waves reaching the inner ear. The best HPD is one that fits well and is comfortable enough to wear consistently in high-noise environments.

There are three main types of HPD: formable ear plugs made of soft foam that must be rolled down.





# A young bladesmith has a sharp eye for knives

James Daisey of Onancock is a practitioner of a time-honored tradition. The 21-year-old history major at Roanoke College has a budding business as a bladesmith.

At his business, Frazier Forges, he creates small carving knives, swords, machetes, and other knives.

He also takes railroad spikes — they are a century old — and creates functional knives.

"It's a lot of fun," said Daisey, a 2020 graduate of Holly Grove Christian School.

Daisey can spend as much as six hours on one knife, molding the raw material into a useful tool.

He started the unique endeavor by cold-hammering aluminum shafts into prop swords for high school theatrical performances.

At the age of 17, his parents gave him a forge. Working in the forge allows him to heat the steel before flattening and honing the blade. Afterwards, he strengthens and sharpens the knife.

Then he strengthens and sharpens the knife.

Always handy in the shop, Daisey at 14 years old trained as a decoy carver under famous carver Russell Fish of Chincoteague.

Daisey's most popular product is a Japanese Nakiri knife, which he first tried to make after a friend in culinary school asked him to create one.

Daisey will be among the vendors at the Onancock Market, 22 Market St., on Saturday, Aug. 5, from 9 a.m. to noon.

Reach him at frazierforges@outlook.com.





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James Daisey of Onancock looks at the blade of one of the knives he created at his business, Frazier Forges. At left is a box of knives Daisey made. He sells the knives at events including the Onancock Market. Daisey's most popular product is a Japanese Nakiri knife, which he first tried to make after a friend in culinary school asked him to create one.



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#### Shore First | Institutions

### Time may change things. But not everything.

#### **BY JIM SHAEFFER**

**Eastern Shore Community College** 

At your Eastern Shore Community College, we often pause to appreciate our history of supporting student success and the growth of our institution.

We understand we need to respect where we've been, thus giving us focus and inspiration for where we can go in fulfilling our mission.

Recent milestones like the 2020 opening of our new academic building, our 50th anniversary celebration, the lifting of the "reboot," as well as our continued surge in enrollment and program offerings give us a great sense of gratitude to past and present contributors to the college's success.

Sometimes it takes a gentle nudge to remind us of where we were and how we got here. One such reminder of the past comes from our colleague and friend Bill Fiege, vice president at Brightpoint Community College, who is the son of ESCC's first president, John C. Fiege.

In July 1973, John Fiege stood at the verge of a great turning point in the history of our college.

It was on July 20, 1973, that the community gathered on the future site of the original ESCC academic building in Melfa, where Fiege presented an address that has a timeless message and includes so much relevance today.

Thanks to Bill, we have access to that message and are able to share portions with you.

"But I ask you today not only to think about the new campus, but also to consider some of the basic goals of Eastern Shore Community College.

"I also ask you to go from here and tell your friends and neighbors about your college. Let them know that the quality of teaching in the two-year transfer program is as good as or better than the instruction offered in most four-year colleges in the U.S. Yes, I can support that statement.

"Tell those who will listen that ESCC will help prepare students for jobs through oneyear or two-year occupational-technical programs. We believe that it is important for a person to be able to work with both their minds and their hands.

"For working men and women of all ages, please let it be known that we are ready to assist in manpower training to help people improve the quality of their performance and obtain better jobs.

"Talk to people who have experienced past failures and help them understand that our job is to educate — not turn students away. We offer them opportunities to develop basic skills so that they will be better able to learn."

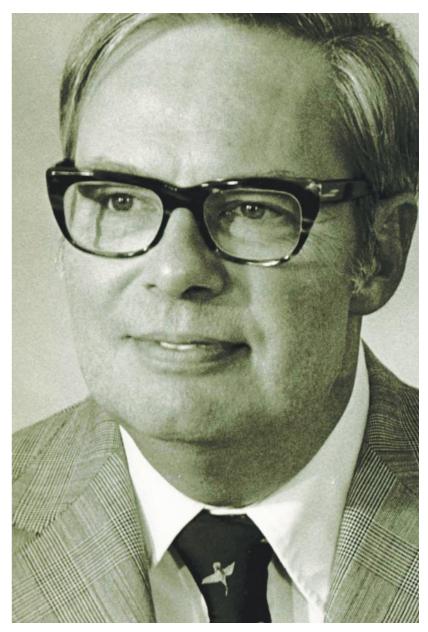
Those are timeless words and intentions that were, and continue to be, realized on our campus in Melfa over 50 years later.

The monumental changes we experience in trends, technology, and life in general, are brought back into perspective when you read Fiege's words and realize the continuity and pertinence they carry today.

Your ESCC was founded on a vision and beliefs that are being realized 50 years later. Fiege was waving a flag for the "YES!" mission of ESCC before it had a name and became a re-energized focus and mission of your Eastern Shore Community College.

What connects the past to our present can be so striking and empowering. The above message solidifies a legacy of commitment from ESCC to the Shore for supporting our learners and making sure we provide everything possible to lead them to success.

The writer is president of Eastern Shore Community College.



SUBMITTED PHOTO

"I also ask you to go from here and tell your friends and neighbors about your college," said John Fiege, Eastern Shore Community College's first president, a half-century ago.

#### Films that Move comes to Cape Charles

Films that Move, a Virginia Commission of the Arts award-winning "Exemplary Program and Pinnacle Event," will hold its 11th annual festival through Aug. 4.

The local film festival and artist residency takes place in Cape Charles, culminating in a film premiere on Aug. 4 featuring 10 new films shot in and around Cape Charles by some of the industry's top talents.

Artists come from Los Angeles, New York, Israel, Italy, France, the Czech Republic, Cuba, Columbia, Germany as well as locally throughout Virginia.

This year Films that Move is launching a new name with an expanded mission to take its "small town big art" experience abroad to Italy and Mexico.

The original Cape Charles version will remain the home base. The twoweek artist residency program focuses on the production of short films where movement is the storytelling language and top dancers bring the films to life with a variety of styles and moods.

The program is open to filmmakers, visual artists, writers, actors, singers, musicians, and dancers with opportunities for local talent as well.

The residency festival focuses on making a name for small towns with robust, up-and-coming art scenes. Past guests have included Oscar-winning actor Chris Cooper, up-and-coming independent filmmaker Josephine Decker, and award-winning Israeli music-video artist, Adi Halfin.

The big-screen premiere of the freshly exported films takes place at the Historic Palace Theatre. Tickets are \$20 and on sale at <a href="https://www.filmsthatmove.us">www.filmsthatmove.us</a> and the Lemon Tree Gallery. Tickets are also available at the door.

#### Rosenwald school lecture is scheduled

Join the Northampton Historic

Preservation Society on Sunday, Sept. 17, at 2 p.m., to learn the history of the Cape Charles Rosenwald Elementary School at the school site.

This interactive lecture will give varied perspectives of life in Cape Charles and Northampton County between the 1930s and 1960s.

Using information from recent research conducted by Hanbury Preservation Consulting, in preparation for nomination to the National Register of Historic Places, and alumni accounts of their experiences, this lecture is sure to be a favorite.

No fees will be charged for this lecture, but it is asked that individuals each consider a \$10 donation to support the Cape Charles Rosenwald School Restoration Initiative.

Bring a lawn chair and dress comfortably.

If the weather appears questionable, check for postponements at <a href="https://northamptonhistoricpreservationso-ciety.com">https://northamptonhistoricpreservationso-ciety.com</a>

#### Book sale is planned at Cape Charles library

On Friday, Aug. 18, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., the Friends of the Cape Charles Memorial Library will hold its monthly summer book sale to benefit the library.

The sales are held on the third Friday of each month from May through September, weather permitting, on the side of the library located at 201 Mason Ave. in Cape Charles.

At the August sale, the group will be accepting donations of books, copyrighted in the last 10 years only, to be sold at future sales.

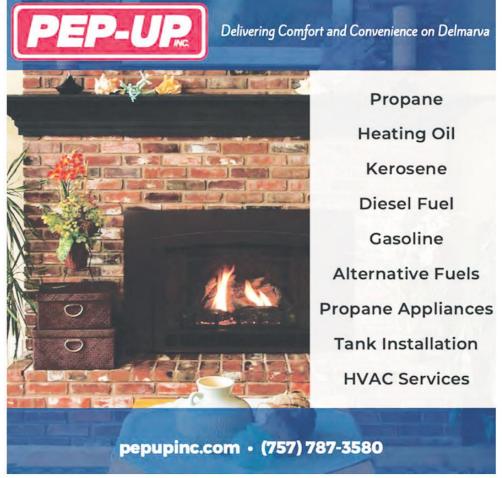
#### Backpack giveaway set

There will be a free back-to-school giveaway on Sept. 2, from 8:30 a.m. to 10:30 p.m., at Arcadia High School.

There will be free school supplies and backpacks.

It is presented by Mentoring our Men. Call 443-493-0049.





#### Shore First | Yesteryears

100 years ago August 1923

Missing man kidnapped, he writes wife in letter

#### William Garey shanghaied, message from Cape Charles declares

William Garey, 43 years old, Lansdowne, was seized by two men in Highlandtown, gagged, robbed and put aboard a sailboat bound for a small island off Cape Charles. This was the explanation of his absence received yesterday by his wife, Mrs. Margaret Garey, in a letter from her husband postmarked Cape Charles, Va.

Garey left for work last Friday. Alarmed when he failed to return, Mrs. Garey asked the police to search for her husband. Sergt. Edward Doherty searched the city four days without result.

Garey wrote a postscript to his wife, asking her to forward him money to return home. Police authorities at Cape Charles last night were asked to aid Garey.

—The Baltimore Sun

#### Logan-Fletcher

The home of Mrs. James H. Fletcher, in Accomac, was the scene of one of the prettiest weddings solemnized on the Eastern Shore in some time, on Tuesday afternoon, August 7, when Miss Hardenia Rodes Fletcher became the bride of Mr. Robert Logan, of Salem. The wedding was an out-door affair, taking place in the opening on the lawn on the South side of the house. Everything combined to make a perfect setting for what is said to have been Eastern Shore's first open air wedding.

Just as the evening shadows were lengthening at the close of the day the wedding party entered the lawn from the front porch of the home, which was decorated with ivy, potted palms and pink altheas, led by little Miss Ellen White, dressed in apricot chiffon, and Master George Walter Mapp, Jr., in white linen, who were ribbon bearers.

As the maid of honor, Miss Frances Fletcher, sister of the bride, entered from the house, she was met at the improvised arch of pink crepe myrtle and white hydrangeas with background of ivy, by the groom and his best man, Mr. Rufus Calvin Bowman, of Salem, who wore tuxedo coats and white flannel trousers, and entered from behind the arch. The

maid of honor was attired in cream lace with apricot satin trimmings and picture hat to correspond and carried a bouquet of sunset roses. Master Sam Bayley Turlington, dressed in white satin, was ring bearer.

The bride attired in white brocaded Japanese crepe and chiffon with white train and side drapes of pearls and veil caught with orange blossoms, and carrying a bouquet of bride's roses and lily of the valley, entered from the veranda with her cousin, Mr. P. L. Conquest, of Richmond, by whom she was given in marriage. The ceremony was impressively performed by Dr. H. H. Myers of Japan, cousin of the bride, and Rev. Thomas S. Forbes, rector of St. James Episcopal Church, Accomac. The wedding music was rendered by Mrs. Robert H. Oldham.

Immediately after the ceremony the bride and groom were congratulated by their many friends, who were guests for the occasion. While the guests were assembling punch was served on the lawn by Miss Susie LeCato, of Belle Haven, and Miss Loomis Logan, sisters of the groom, of Richmond.

Miss Fletcher is the second daughter of Mrs. Jennie Rodes Fletcher, and the late Judge James Henry Fletcher, of Accomac. She is a graduate of Randolph Macon Woman's College, where she was a member of Phi Beta Kappa and Phi Beta Pi fraternities. After graduation she taught at Randolph Macon and last session was the successful principal of Accomac High School.

The bride and groom left by automobile for Cape Charles on their honeymoon. They will reside at Salem, where the groom is engaged in business.

They were the recipients of many useful and handsome gifts.

—The Roanoke Times

#### Local men in fertilizer company

The Assateague Fish Oil and Fertilizer Company, Inc., was recently incorporated in Virginia with William J. Highfield of this city, as president and Edward W. Pyle, formerly of Edward W. Pyle Company, this city, as secretary and treasurer.

The directorate is composed of well known business men of Delaware, Maryland and Virginia. This company acquired the plant and equipment and the fishing steamers formerly owned by the Chincoteague Fish Oil and Guano Company, of Chincoteague, Va.

They are engaged in the manufacture of menhaden fish scrap and fish oil, which is one of the important industries of Virginia, and also in the southern section of Delaware, particularly at Lewes, where two fertilizer plants are operated.

 $-The\ Evening\ Journal$ 

#### Murder charge for death from wound in leg

#### Norfolk police to ask re-arrest of John Bennett at Hacksneck

Norfolk police will ask that John Bennett of Hackensack, Va., be re-arrested on the charge of murder. The charge grows out of the death of Luther T. Hickman in St. Vincent's Hospital Tuesday according to a statement made today by Detective Leon Nowitzky. Bennett is at present under arrest in Accomac county charged with feloniously shooting Hickman on Bennett's Farm on the morning of March 13.

"My father was shot in the leg by John Bennett on the latter's farm in Accomac county March 13 without any cause whatever" asserted T. B. Hickman son of the dead man today. Mr. Hickman together with his sister Mrs. Winifred Mears and her husband arrived in Norfolk to attend the funeral services of their father which were held from the funeral apartments of H. D. Oliver, in Freemason street this afternoon at 2:30 o'clock.

"I asked my father as I was bringing him to the hospital here if he was any way responsible for the shooting," said Mr. Hickman, "I was prompted to do so because of his telling me that he never expected to get out of the hospital, as the suffering would prove more than fifty-two years could endure.

"With tears in his eyes my father asked Bennett why he had shot him and the man who was his brother-in-law did not reply but turned away and left him lying on the ground with a bullet wound in his leg," Mr. Hickman declared.

A graphic story of the events preceding the shooting was told by Mrs. Mears, who asserted that "we intend to push the murder charge against Bennett until the matter has been fully cleared up." Mrs. Mears said that Mrs. Eva Bennett, wife of the man charged with her father's murder, was a sister of the dead man and that her father was at their home making arrangements for the transfer of her grandfather to a sanitorium when the shooting took place.

Mrs. Mears agreed with her brother that Bennett had shot their father in a fit of passion. Both hinted that Bennett had an idea that in some way his wife and Hickman were planning something about which he had been told. What the nature of the trouble was that led to Bennett's quarrel with Hickman had never been revealed they stated.

"I received a letter from my father only last week that he was improving and then came the end,"

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Mrs. Mears stated. She believes that the strain of four months' treatment of the wounded leg was too much for her father's heart.

The father of Mr. Hickman and Mrs. Mears was not unknown in this section. He spent a large part of each summer near Cape Henry on his gasoline launch. He was a frequent visitor at the home of his sister in Hacksneck.

Rev. J. D. Peebles, pastor of Fairmount Park Baptist church, officiated at the funeral services this afternoon. Interment was in Elmwood cemetery.

—The Ledger Star

#### Big profits from potatoes

#### Six million dollars for growers on the Eastern Shore

One hundred dollars for each man, woman and child in Accomac and Northampton counties has been deposited in the banks of these two counties as a result of the potato harvest now almost completed.

There are in the two counties 60,000 people and within the past few weeks there has come rolling into the banks to the credit of the farmers \$6,000,000.

This, of course, is the result of the white potato crop. The sweet potatoes are about due and are now beginning to fatten up the already satisfactory bank account of the Eastern Shore growers. Add to this about 500,000 baskets of onions at \$1 a basket and it will be found that 1923 is to be reckoned among the years of prosperity in this section.

The marketing of the white potatoes has been done principally by the Produce Exchange of the Eastern Shore of Virginia at Onley. This exchange had marketed the potatoes, guaranteeing all collections at 12 1-2 cents a barrel where the price was below \$5 and 20 cents a barrel when the price was above that figure.

About 70 per cent of the produce of the Shore has been marketed by this body and the potatoes with the brand of the exchange, the big red star, have brought uniformly about 25 per cent advance over the unmarked carriers.

The brand mark carries with it assurance that the potatoes have been inspected at the shipping point. For this inspection the exchange has expended \$40,000 this season. Something more than

12,000 cars of 220 to 240 barrels each of potatoes will have been sent out for members of the produce exchange, and for every potato shipped the cash return has been made to the grower.

It is estimated that the cost of production a barrel of potatoes this year has been \$2.25, with the selling price above a \$4.50 average. There have been no potatoes sold at less than \$4. They have run as high as \$7 a barrel, but generally the price has ranged from \$4.50 to \$5.

The indications are splendid for a yield of nearly 1,000,000 barrels of the "sweets," with the promise of satisfactory prices. It is an old saying in the potato belt that when "fruit is poor potatoes are high."—W. McC., in Balto. Sun.

—The Free Lance-Star

#### New Cape Charles dry agent active

Manufacturers of moonshine in Northampton County are finding their practice a rough road to travel since the appointment of Arthur W. Rayfield as prohibition inspector for this territory July 1.

Mr. Rayfield, with the co-operation of Mayor Dize and the city police, has captured seven stills, more than 2,000 gallons of mash, together with considerable equipment, such as sugar, oil stoves, cans, bottles and several gallons of the white "stuff." Eight arrests have been made: seven negroes and one white man, two of whom drew a fine of \$50 and thirty days each, while the other six were released on bond to appear before the county grand jury at its next term.

Mr. Rayfield promises to make Northampton County clean of bootleggers and his activities for the past month prove that he is on the road to carry out his promise.

-Richmond Times-Dispatch

#### 75 years ago August 1948

#### Miss Accomack County

Miss Patsy Warren of Quinby, who will serve as Miss Accomack County at the coronation of the Queen of the National Seafood Festival, which will be held at Hampton September 16 and 17. She will appear at the gala festival ball, "King Neptune's Night," to be held in a mammoth hangar at Langley Field air base on September 17.

-The Virginian-Pilot

#### 50 years ago August 1973

#### Man killed, companion raped while camped on lonely beach

A Pennsylvania man was killed and his girlfriend raped early Thursday while the couple were sleeping on a lonely beach south of Smith's beach.

Northampton County Commonwealth's Atty. Robert C. Oliver identified the slain man as Peter Sebastionelli, 24, a native of Roseto, Pa. Oliver said the man was killed by a blow to the head about 4 a.m.

The girl, 22, also a native of Pennsylvania who lived in Atlantic north of Accomack, suffered minor injuries during the attack and a broken toe when she ran to a nearby residence for help.

A recent graduate of the Eastern Shore Community College at Wallops Island, she was released after treatment at the Northampton-Accomack Memorial Hospital.

The couple, childhood sweethearts since their school days in Pennsylvania, had been camped in the area with several other couples for several days. A friend of the girl said the other couples left Wednesday, and they were spending the night alone on the beach, about three miles south of Smith's Beach.

She told friends that the assailant threatened to kill her during the attack.

One source said Sebastionelli was killed when struck on the skull with a nail protruding from a two by four board used as a weapon by the assailant.

"It appeared the young man tried to struggle, but was killed almost instantly, before he could even get out of his sleeping bag," the source said.

A resident described the site of the attack as being a popular lover's lane area, lonely and isolated, that had been frequented by young people for about three or four years.

Oliver said, "It is the type of place you have to reach by walking a long distance ... or a boat."

—The Roanoke World News

#### Pocomoke child drowns in ditch

A two-year-old Somerset County child was drowned when she fell into a rain-filled ditch about 100 yards from her home.

Dr. N. E. Sartorius Sr., identified the child found by her family Thursday as Linda Worth,

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daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Worth.

State Police said the child had been missing about 35 minutes when her body was found around 2:30 p.m. The family believed she must have slipped into the ditch filled with three and a half feet of water.

Other than her parents she is survived by an older brother and sister.

-The Daily Times

#### Two men held for grand jury on robbery, slaying charge

Two men were held Wednesday for grand jury action in the July 18 slaying of a Wardtown woman, the wounding of her postmaster husband, and the robbery of their combination grocery-post office.

Preliminary hearings for the two suspects were conducted under tight security in Northampton County District Court.

Judge George Willis III, at the request of prosecution and defense lawyers, issued a wide-ranging order sealing the small courtroom. Only witnesses, lawmen, and court officials were permitted inside.

Bound over to the grand jury were Marvin Edward McClain, 28, and Sherwood Thomas, 19, of Painter.

They are charged with murder in the death of Mrs. H. Martin Lewis; maining in the gunshot wounding of her husband, the postmaster; and robbery of the couple's small business.

The Circuit Court grand jury will consider prosecution evidence in the case when it convenes Sept. 10.

The court order was aimed at press coverage of the proceeding. Only one reporter and one newspaper photographer were present. They were banned, along with about 50 or 60 spectators, mostly black.

The defendants are black, the victims white.

The hearings continued all day, and Willis said he couldn't recall lengthier preliminary proceedings in his court.

The suspects later were returned to the Northampton County jail, where they have been confined since their arrests last month. Bond for McClain remains at \$300,000 and for Thomas at \$100,000.

In his order, Willis forbade the taking of photographs on courthouse grounds, barred the press from the courtroom, ordered all media not to report

on events that took place inside the courtroom and directed all those in the hearings not to talk with reporters.

Willis said later he did so to avoid pretrial publicity that might prejudice the outcome of the case or cause it to be moved elsewhere for trial.

About \$200 in postal supplies and money and about \$500 of Lewis' personal funds were taken during the robbery, according to preliminary estimates by postal authorities.

—Danville Register and Bee

#### Woman, 76, takes own life

An elderly woman was killed Friday night when she jumped from the Chincoteague drawbridge.

Police said the victim, Lillian Richards, 76, of Chincoteague, jumped off the bridge at 9:30 p.m., after leaving a suicide note to her nephew.

The Coast Guard dragged the Chincoteague canal and found the woman's body on the canal shore at 10 a.m. Saturday.

—The (Wilmington, Del.,) Morning News

#### 25 years ago August 1998

#### Exhibits slated on Chincoteague

In observance of the second national Hunting and Fishing Day on Saturday, Sept. 22, the Chincoteague National Wildlife Refuge will hold several special events between 1 and 5 p.m. that day.

Tom Reed, a local naturalist, will exhibit the bateau, gun, decoys, light, and other paraphernalia he has used in and around the bays and islands of the Eastern Shore.

Mr. and Mrs. George Bryant will exhibit and demonstrate the American folk art of carving and painting hunting decoys, and Mr. and Mrs. George Baker will offer an exhibit of their wildlife paintings and carvings at the Lighthouse oil shed studio.

 $-Richmond\ Times ext{-}Dispatch$ 

#### Northampton OKs zoning for Perdue chicken plant

Despite a chorus of vocal citizens firmly against such action, the Northampton County supervisors approved a zoning change and special-use permit Wednesday enabling Perdue Inc. to locate a pedigree chicken research facility in an Eastville neighborhood.

Seven citizens spoke out against the move and a handful of letters called for the county to keep Perdue from locating on nearly 129 acres on Cherrydale Road in Eastville, but the supervisors were enticed by the prospect of 16 new jobs and \$250,000 in salaries Perdue officials claim the research facility will create.

The \$1 million research facility will house no more than 28,000 chickens and feature four breeding houses and two rearing houses.

Perdue officials will plant nearly 75 acres of trees – at a density of more than 500 trees per acre – to hide the houses.

Officials also said water use will be light, smell will not be a problem, and what waste is produced won't touch the ground.

That wasn't enough for those who spoke during the public hearing, many of whom questioned changing a residential zone to agricultural when 95 percent of the county already is zoned agricultural.

Other speakers worried about the potential of smell and unsightliness, despite claims from Perdue that neither would exist and reports from supervisors who visited a similar operation in Princess Anne and reported the facility was clean and odor-free.

Those who spoke in favor talked about the benefits of 75 acres of pine trees and the prospect of added jobs.

-The Daily Times

#### Chincoteague woman will cook on television

Alma Madanick of Chincoteague will prepare Chincoteague single-fried oysters for a national audience at noon Saturday when she is featured on "Chesapeake Bay Cooking with John Shields" on Maryland Public Television.

Madanick writes a food column for the Chincoteague Beacon and Beachcomber, and has competed in national cooking contests for beef and seafood. She recently won a trip to San Diego in Simply Seafood magazine's recipe contest.

Saturday's show also features BBQ Oysters, Chesapeake Oyster Stew, and the Chincoteague National Wildlife Refuge. In the coming weeks, the cooking show will also focus on Smith and Tangier islands (Sept. 5) and the National Hard Crab Derby & Fair in Crisfield (Sept. 26).

-The Daily Times

#### Shore First | Candy Farlow

# For a brief moment, again a little girl

It never fails to amaze me how the slightest little thing will trigger a memory.

Take for example my trek on Monday to the convenience store across the street from the office.

I needed to fill my vehicle up with gas, and, while there, I picked up a carton of Diet Pepsi and a half dozen Reese's peanut butter and chocolate pumpkins.

To me, the best part of any major holiday is the fact that the Reese company puts out a version of its famous candy bar in a "shape of the season" — a Christmas tree at Christmas, an Easter egg at Easter — and so on.

They are basically the same as the regular Reese cup, but much thicker.

I'm sure they are also much thicker in calories, so that's why I always wash them down with a Diet Pepsi.

Anyway, as the clerk was filling out my gasoline purchase form, I reached across the counter and plucked a small brown paper bag from the stack by the register.

As I shook it open to receive my trove of Reese pumpkins I was suddenly taken back some 40 odd years.

For that brief moment, I was again a little girl, climbing up on Momma's red metal kitchen stool to reach the wall phone.

From my lofty perch, I would call Daddy, hard at work at the Accomack Candy Company, a small wholesale enterprise he operated amid his tenure at NASA.



**Candy Farlow** 

Pretending to be one of his customers from the many small grocery stores that dotted the Shore in those days, I would place my "order."

For his part, Daddy was never too busy to play my game and come a few minutes after 5 p.m., Daddy would enter the house he had built for his family, clutching a small brown paper bag.

Daddy's foray into the wholesale business didn't last too long. For one thing, he didn't have the heart to come down hard on the small momand-pop operations that would run up bills and be unable to pay.

Then, there was the issue of fictitious customers, like me, who thought there could be nothing better in the world than to have a daddy who operated a candy company for the exclusive pleasure of his children.

For those who may wonder, the fact that Daddy once owned a business called the Accomack Candy Company has nothing whatsoever to do with my name.

I was born a few years prior to his purchase — with no name having been chosen for me. Mom simply thumbed through the Bible and read the one reference to Queen Candace of Ethiopia.

Candace it was – to be quickly shortened to Candy.

I can't think of a name I'd rather have – except maybe Reese.

This piece was published Sept. 12, 2001, 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.

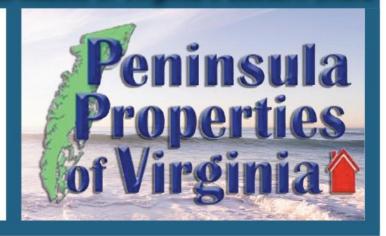
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