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Friday, September 8

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

■ LIBRARY OPENING: 3 to 5 p.m., the Eastern Shore Regional Library, 24313 Bennett St., Parksley, will have its ribbon cutting. There will be guest speakers, food, and games.

■ HIGH SCHOOL VOLLEYBALL: 5 p.m., Nandua High School at Holly Grove Christian School.

■ STREET PARTY: 5 to 8 p.m., "Strawberry Jam," Strawberry Street party in Cape Charles. Cash bar, free live music.

■ ART STROLL: 5 to 8 p.m., Onancock Second Friday Art Stroll. Fine art, live music, dining, and North Street in Historic Downtown closes for outdoor dining and live music. Art galleries, gourmet shops, and boutiques feature extended evening hours, guest artists, music and wine-tastings.

■ HIGH SCHOOL VOLLEYBALL: 5:30 p.m., Chincoteague High School at Worcester Preparatory School.

■ MEETING: 6:30 to 7:30 p.m., Serenity Hour Al-Anon Family Group, Christ United Methodist Church, 6253 Church St., Chincoteague.

■ HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL: 6 p.m., Nandua High School at Snow Hill High School.

■ HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL: 6 p.m., Kent County at Arcadia.

■ HIGH SCHOOL VOLLEYBALL: 6:30 p.m., Broadwater at Hampton Christian High School.

■ HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL: 7 p.m., Surry County High School at Northampton High School.

Saturday, September 9

■ SAXIS EVENT: 7 a.m. to 2 p.m., Saxis Town Wide Yard Sale, Sammy Marshall Memorial Car and Truck Show, Saxis Island Museum Open House. Events all over town.

■ PAPER SHREDDING: 9 a.m. until noon, the town of Accomac will be having a free paper-shredding event at the Accomac Town Office, 23367 Front St., Accomac. The machine will not shred metal three-ring binders. All wire must be removed from notebooks.

■ PARENT UNIVERSITY: 9 a.m. to noon, Parents of students enrolled in Accomack County Public Schools are invited to participate in a Parent University at Metompkin Elementary School in Parksley. Admission is free. The school is located at 24501 Parksley Road. The event presents an opportunity for parents to connect with school leaders and community partners to explore and learn about current trends and topics related to youth. Spanish and Haitian Creole interpretation will be provided. Child care also will be provided. There will be a complimentary lunch, and the Book Mobile will be onsite for children to select two free books to take home. Door prizes also will be given away during the event.

■ 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

■ 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.

■ POKER RUN: 11 a.m., the Chincoteague Police Department will be holding its 19th annual Poker Run. Registration is from 9 to 11 a.m. at Rommel's Harley-Davidson Delmarva at 2410 N. Salisbury Blvd., Salisbury, Md. The last bike out is at 11 a.m. The block party in downtown Chincoteague will include music by the band Front Page News. There will be a 3 p.m. live auction with local decoys, gift certificates, pieces of artwork, and more. Registration is \$35 per person and includes food, a T-shirt, a 2023 pin, the poker hand, and door prizes. People who would like to donate door prizes or have questions should call 757-336-3155.

■ HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL: 2 p.m., Covenant School at Broadwater.

■ ART SHOW: 6 to 9 p.m., the Chincoteague Cultural Alliance presents its 20th Annual Plein Air Art Show and Sale featuring hundreds of works by more than 50 artists at the Chincoteague Center at 6155 Community Drive. Admission and parking are free. There also are free hors d'oeuvres and sweets, plus a cash bar.

■ LIVE MUSIC: 7 p.m., Cat5 band at Cape Charles Central Park. Bring a blanket or lawn chair. Free.

Monday, September 11

■ 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.

■ HIGH SCHOOL VOLLEYBALL: 6 p.m., Chincoteague at Holly Grove Christian School.

■ HIGH SCHOOL VOLLEYBALL: 7 p.m., Salisbury Christian School at Northampton.

Tuesday, September 12

■ 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.

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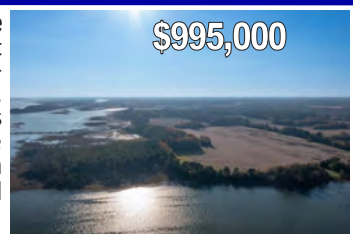
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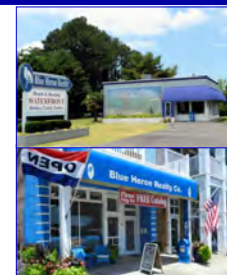
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Photography contest set on Chincoteague

Here is the casting call for all amateur photographers.

Your entry may be the next winner of the Chincoteague National Wildlife Refuge Annual Pass Photo Contest, sponsored again this year by the Chincoteague Chamber of Commerce.

In the past, artists have captured some outstanding images that highlight our amazing scenic landscapes, fascinating wildlife, and natural beauty.

The contest is held this year from Aug. 25 to Sept. 15.

Chamber staff will select the top five entries based on adherence to guidelines and overall essence of the captured image.

Local community leaders will then be asked to pick a winner from these finalists.

The winner will be announced on Sept. 29.

The selected image will be featured on the front of the 2024 Chincoteague National Wildlife Refuge Annual Pass.

Grab cameras, visit the Chincoteague National Wildlife Refuge, and start capturing memories.

For contest rules and entry form, visit chincoteaguechamber.com

Week celebrates the U.S. Constitution

The United States Constitution stands as a testament to the tenacity of Americans throughout history to maintain their liberties and freedoms and to ensure those unalienable rights to every American.

The tradition of celebrating the Constitution was started by the Daughters of the American Revolution. In 1955, DAR petitioned Congress to set aside Sept. 17 to 23 annually to be dedicated for the observance of Constitution Week. The resolution was later adopted by the U.S. Congress and signed into public law on Aug. 2, 1956, by President Dwight D. Eisenhower.

The aims of the celebration are to:
■ Emphasize citizen's responsibilities for protecting and defending the Constitution.

■ Inform people that the Constitution is the basis for America's great heritage and the foundation for our way of life.

■ Encourage the study of the historical events which led to the framing of the Constitution in September 1787.

Bells Across America is an annual celebration of the signing of the U.S. Constitution. Participants gather to ring bells, much as the church bells of Philadelphia rang out when the U.S. Constitution was first signed at 4 p.m. on September 17, 1787.

The Northampton County Chapter is encouraging local churches to ring bells on Sept. 17 for 1 minute at 4 p.m. EDT to herald the beginning of this commemorative week.

For additional information about Constitution Week, email regent@northamptoncountydar.org or visit our website at <https://www.northamptoncountychapterdar.org/>.

Academy for Lifetime Learning sets classes

Summer is winding down, schools are opening, and the Academy for Lifetime Learning is ready with an exciting new fall schedule of courses.

There are no limits for sign-ups for a one-time enrollment fee of \$25. Go to the website www.allesva.org to find out the dates, times and locations of the classes that interest you.

Read and discuss short stories with the Bite Size Book Club. Learn Beginning Knitting or have Fun with Watercolor. Take Control of your Digital Camera or learn about Music and Art from the Baroque.

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Try Mushroom Brie Bisque during Mushroom Month

Did you know that September is National Mushroom Month? I didn't.

It seems as if every day of every month is a different National Food Holiday.

I figured with the slight chill of fall in the air, what is a better way to welcome it than a delicious soup?



Laura Davis

For over the past 20 years we had a great little place here on Chincoteague Island called Sea Star Cafe.

The owners Mercer and Brian were there, every day, churning out wonderful sandwiches and homemade soups.

The business and building are now for sale, and they weren't open this season.

They were missed by many this year, me included — but we wish them well for the next chapter of their lives.

One of my favorite soups they offered was a mushroom-brie bisque.

I'm not a huge fan of mushrooms (love the flavor, hate the texture), so I stayed away from it for years.

One day my friend had ordered it with her lunch, and I stole a bite. I was hooked.

I was also pregnant at the time, so as luck would have it, I developed a craving for this soup.

Sea Star always closed for a few months in the offseason, and I had to come up with a version I could make at home.

This comforting soup is rich, silky, and delicious.

I think the wedge of Brie, as opposed to the small wheel, is better for this application.

It seemed to melt down into the soup better.

I hope everyone is as ready for fall as I am. Enjoy!



PHOTO COURTESY LAURA DAVIS

Mushroom Brie Bisque is a rich, silky, and delicious addition to National Mushroom Month.

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.



Food columnist Laura Davis, center, holds a basket of mushrooms on the set of WBOC-TV's "DelmarvaLife" program with hosts Jimmy Hoppa and Lisa Bryant.

PHOTO COURTESY LAURA DAVIS



THE RECIPE

Mushroom Brie Bisque

- 2 shallots, minced
- 6 portobello mushroom caps, cleaned and chopped
- 8 ounces cremini mushrooms, cleaned and chopped
- 2 tablespoons butter
- 6 cups chicken or vegetable stock
- 2 cups heavy cream (or half and half)
- 8 ounces Brie cheese, rind removed and cubed
- 2 tablespoons corn starch
- 2 tablespoons water to mix with corn starch

Heat butter in a large saucepan over medium high heat.

Add mushrooms and shallots, and sauté until most of the water has cooked out of the mushrooms, about 5 minutes.

Add chicken stock. Simmer for 15 minutes.

Add the heavy cream, as well as the chunks of brie cheese.

Simmer the soup, whisking until the cheese melts down.

Make a "slurry" with the corn starch and water, and whisk into the soup to thicken.

Bring to a soft, rolling boil and remove from the heat.

Season with salt and pepper to taste.

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A variety of mushrooms ready to be included in a batch of Mushroom Brie Bisque.

With Fox Island, hardly more than a story remains

Like most of the other islands in the Chesapeake, Fox Island has been steadily eroding away over the past three centuries.

Once a virtually continuous mass of land four miles long covering almost 500 acres, today Great Fox consists of only 34 acres.



Kirk
Mariner

Yet Fox Island has its history, and like most of the other islands of the Chesapeake has seen the coming and going of many a colorful character.

Captain John Smith sailed past the island when he first explored the Chesapeake in 1608, but not for another 70 years would Eastern Shoremen lay claim to this mixture of high ground and marshland.

Presumably Fox Island, like nearby Watts, Tangier, and Saxis, was initially desirable as naturally “fenced” pasture for

livestock, but unlike the others it was not settled permanently for more than a century.

It has always been known as Fox Island, but no one knows today whether that was for some animal or some human Fox.

In the late 1700s, Sacker Nelson settled on the island, building his house on the high ground at the northern end near where the boundary between Virginia and Maryland cut across the island.

By then Fox Island, long since abandoned, had been taken over by Virginia, and Nelson had to apply to the state for possession of it. When Virginia finally granted him title to the land in 1787, he had already sold it and moved away.

During the American Revolution the British landed on Fox Island and burned Nelson’s house. Sacker Nelson resisted their attempts to force him to pilot their vessels, was thrown down the gangway of a ship,

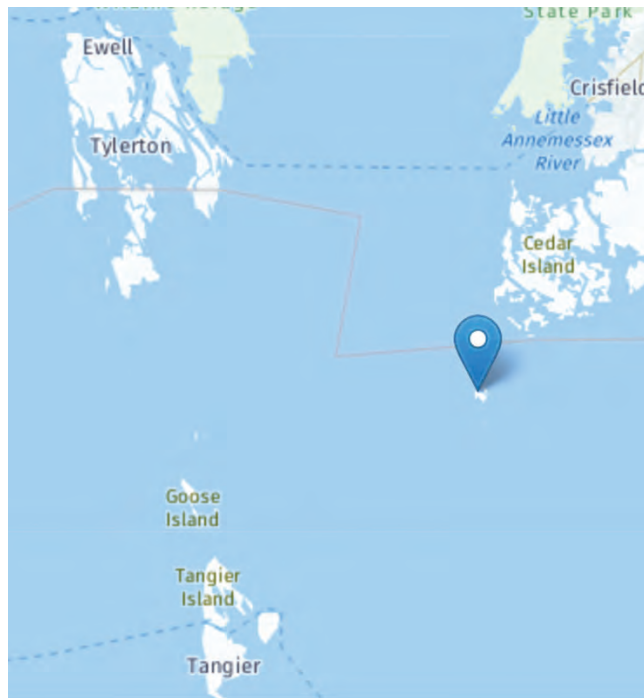


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The pin marks the site of Fox Island, which is just inside the Virginia border.

and was left limping for the rest of his life.

His son Thomas King Nelson (1752-1853) enlisted in the Virginia militia, spent most of the war helping to guard the Pocomoke Sound against further British incursions, and was twice taken prisoner.

At war’s end the Nelsons abandoned Fox Island and settled on the nearby mainland in Somerset County, Maryland. Thomas King Nelson, son of Sacker, lived to the age of 101 and became something of a local “institution.” His great-grandson James Wesley Nelson (1852-1949) became the founder of the Del Monte company, and a multimillionaire.

In 1784, three years before he had official title to

it, Sacker Nelson sold Fox Island to John Mason, and from then until 1830 the Masons were the sole residents of the island. Like the Nelsons before them, the Masons found that war left them exposed and vulnerable.

During the War of 1812, the British occupied Tangier Island and controlled the surrounding waters. Middleton Mason of Fox Island, son of John, was in 1814 briefly detained by the authorities on the Eastern Shore of Virginia until it could be determined that he was not aiding and abetting the enemy. Sixteen years later Middleton Mason sold the island to Thomas and Planner Crockett for \$800, and moved to the mainland near Chesconessex in 1830.

Shortly before his death in 1853, the aged Thomas King Nelson sailed over to the island with his son William. By then Fox Island was noticeably eroding, and “King” Nelson estimated that the well of the house where he had once lived was under water as much as 150 yards offshore.

By 1853 there was said to be only a single tree left on the island; by 1872 so much of the western side of the island had eroded that the stumps of trees could be seen beneath the water offshore. Great Fox and Little Fox were no longer a continuous land mass, and were separated by an ever-widening body of water known as “the Thorofare.”

In 1885 John B. Blizzard of Crisfield purchased the island from Planner Crockett and took up residence with two goals in mind: “to engage largely in the planting of oysters and the soft crab business, and [to] open a first-class summer resort.”

Blizzard attended promptly to the second goal, obtained a liquor license, and for at least two years operated a popular saloon. It is said that he consistently violated local liquor laws by claiming first that his establishment was in Virginia, then in Maryland, as occasion demanded.

In fact, Blizzard’s house stood on “House Island”

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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.

Fox Island

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immediately south of the Maryland boundary in Virginia, though closer to and more easily accessible to the mainland from Somerset than from Accomack County.

After Blizzard's death the island was sold at public auction in 1888 and purchased by Henry L. Crockett for \$300. Four years later Crockett sold it for four times that much to William Ellinger of New York, who also purchased Little Fox Island at about the same time.

Ellinger was more serious than Blizzard had been about using the island for oystering, and soon had in operation an extensive "oyster farm" which he guarded with zeal.

"Never hesitant" to defend his oyster beds with a rifle, Ellinger on one occasion shot a Maryland crabber through the ear, only to have the misfortune of encountering the man later in Crisfield while on his weekly shopping trip to the mainland.

As Ellinger headed back to his boat, a watermelon under each arm, the offended waterman knocked him to the ground and walked away without a backward glance.

The several witnesses to the event did nothing to

help the unpopular Ellinger, who staggered to his launch and sailed for home without pressing charges, and without watermelons.

In 1902 a post office was opened on Fox Island, and Ellinger extended the invitation "to the watermen to avail themselves of the facilities offered."

Whether the post office did much business, and how long it remained opened, is not known.

Ellinger sold the island in 1913. By 1917 it was owned by James C. Tawes, of Crisfield, who used it as a private gaming preserve. He built a hunting lodge, then rebuilt it in the 1920s after it burned.

In 1930 his widow conveyed the island to the Fox Island Rod & Gun Club Inc., a private hunting club, which in 1942 conveyed it to Fox Islands, Inc., another such club. There were now no permanent residents, only caretaker Merrill Parks (1913-1987), who for almost 50 years roamed the island virtually alone.

According to one story, the game warden paid a surprise visit to the island in the early 1970s and found the owners illegally spreading corn to attract wildfowl. The judge "suggested" that in lieu of a fine the owners donate the island to a worthwhile organization, and so in 1975 the island was donated to the Chesapeake Bay Foundation.

Today Fox Island has diminished to the point that no part of it lies within Maryland. House Island, where Nelson and Mason, Blizzard and Ellinger lived

and through which the state boundary ran, has now disappeared, leaving only Clump Island, with Ellinger Cove on its western edge, as the northernmost reach of the Island.

Clump Island is separate from Great Fox itself, which is less than half a mile across at its greatest reach and stabbed by Planner Cove (named for Planner Crockett).

The Chesapeake Bay Foundation uses the old hunting lodge on Great Fox as a center for the study of "the extensive marshlands and submerged aquatic grassbeds [which] host a veritable mecca of biological organisms...lured by the abundant food and the excellent protection," and has attempted here, with some success, to re-introduce the endangered peregrine falcon to the Chesapeake.

Visitors who come to the island for the Foundation's program are housed in the lodge's 10 bedrooms. Among the words they use to describe the Fox Island of today are "desolate, treeless, barren, lonely, secluded, wet, inhospitable, and lifeless."

But "lifeless" does not really apply to Fox Island, for, as the foundation seeks to prove, even a disappearing island has myriad forms of life worthy to be studied and preserved.

As for the human species on Fox Island, their days are largely over. Hardly more than the story remains.



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At long last, a new regional library on the Eastern Shore

In 2009 Barack Obama took office as the first Black president of the United States. The New York Yankees defeated the Philadelphia Phillies to win the World Series, and “Slumdog Millionaire” won an Oscar as best motion picture.



Curtis
Badger

Closer to home, a group of Eastern Shore residents formed a foundation to raise money to build a new regional library to replace the outdated, inadequate facility in Accomac.

Fourteen years and three presidents later, the Yankees are in last place, but the stalwart group of library supporters finally won their version of an Oscar, a spanking-new regional library in Parksley.

The new library, which opened on Aug. 26, is a miracle of sorts, and it represents a profound transformation. When Barack Obama began his first term of office, the building in Parksley was a Fresh Pride grocery store, an aging, moldy brick building soon to be locked and shuttered for good.

It was Parksley’s last grocery
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The new Eastern Shore Regional Library and Heritage Center opened in Parksley on Aug. 26.

SHORE FIRST/CLARA VAUGHN

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.

Library

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store, known widely for its fried chicken.

There is nothing remotely reminiscent of fried chicken now. The only hint from the outside that the building might have been a commercial structure is the row of large windows that grace the front.

From the inside, those windows are shaded and provide soft, welcoming light for the reception hall and a children's reading room. The vaulted ceiling provides a sense of open space, and the bold graphics of the circulation area provide the focal point for the entry to the library.

Staff offices and work space are located behind the circulation area, and the main stacks begin just beyond, with comfortable seating, computer stations, and several group study rooms where small meetings can be held.

In addition to the computer stations, laptops are available at the circulation desk for the use of visitors.

This area absorbs the footprint of what in President Obama's day was the Fresh Pride market. Across the hallway lies the major addition to the library, the long-awaited Eastern Shore of Virginia Heritage Center.

The old library in Accomac had a collection of local books, photographs, manuscripts, and genealogical material in an area called the Eastern Shore Room. The Heritage Center is like the Eastern Shore Room on steroids.

The area is accessed off the entry hall by a corridor that doubles as gallery space which will feature a revolving exhibit of art, photography, maps, and other media dealing with Eastern Shore history and heritage. To the right of the gallery space is the Brooks Miles Barnes Archive Room, more than 1,000 square feet of storage space for Eastern Shore documents, maps, photographs, and

other material.

The items in the room are stored in archivally proper, fireproof conditions. Adjacent to the archive room is the Eastern Shore Room, where materials from the old room in the Accomac library are stored.

The documents and other materials in these spaces are available to researchers and students, and new materials are being scanned and will be stored electronically.

The Heritage Center provides the only facility on Virginia's Eastern Shore where historic documents and other material can be stored in archival conditions and made available to researchers.

Previously, documents created by local historians, researchers, and writers were either lost to the public or went to libraries and museums off the Shore.

Across the gallery hall from the archive room is the Dennis R. Custis Lecture Hall, a meeting room where classes and public presentations will be held. The area includes a catering kitchen where meals can be prepped and served.

This wing also has a special section for teenage readers and maker space where small classes can be held. The Friends of the Library will operate a gift shop in this wing, just off the main entry hall.

The opening of the new regional library and the heritage center is the culmination of many years of effort by many people, said John Edmonds, president of the Foundation Board.

"This has been a journey, and as with any journey, there have been challenges along the way," said Edmonds. "Chief among them was the Covid 19 pandemic, which struck at the height of the project, making labor and materials difficult to obtain. There were unforeseen construction issues such as mold and an inadequate roof structure. But we survived these obstacles, and today the Eastern Shore has one of the finest public libraries of any rural area of the state."

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There's only one real way to pronounce 'Onley'

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

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, Machipongo was featured in July's, and Quinby was



Ryan Webb

the subject of the August edition. 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



SHORE FIRST/TED SHOCKLEY

To natives and come-heres who have been here long enough, Onley's name is pronounced just like the word "only."

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), Wachapreague (**WATCH**-uh-prig), Machipongo (match-uh-**PUNG**-oh), and Quinby (**KWIM**-bee).

Another town that was mentioned several times by commenters was Onley — the Crossroads of the Eastern Shore and longtime home of the Eastern Shore Post.

To natives and come-heres who

have been here long enough, the town's name is pronounced just like the word "only." That is, **OWN**-lee is a two-syllable name with the stress being placed on the first syllable.

The vowel in the first syllable in **OWN**-lee is actually a diphthong (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) /o/ that begins as a close-mid back rounded vowel and glides to the near-close near-back rounded vowel.

Various participants in the online discussion reported hearing outsiders refer to the town as **AHN**-lee. This pronunciation uses an entirely different vowel sound from the one just discussed. Whereas the local pronunciation uses the /o/ diphthong, this erroneous pronunciation uses the open back unrounded vowel, the same one heard in the word "father."

Another interesting outsider pronunciation reported by the group was **WUN**-lee. Maybe the offending party

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Onley

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or parties simply misread the name and thought it was spelled Onley, hence why the first syllable sounds like the number one. In any case, this pronunciation adds the /w/ sound (voiced labial-velar approximant in fancy phonetic terms) to the beginning of the first syllable. The vowel in the first syllable is also changed to the open-mid back unrounded vowel.

A third mispronunciation mentioned by commenters was oh-NEL-ee. This one adds an extra syllable in a process known as epenthesis. In phonology, epenthesis refers to the addition of one or more sounds to a word.

Another example of epenthesis would be the way that former president George W. Bush pronounces the word “nuclear” as “nucular.” I’m not

sure how someone would get oh-NEL-ee out of Onley, unless again they simply misread it as Onley.

The last variation mentioned by the folks from the Shoreborn group was OL-nee. In this case, the offending party has transposed the /l/ and /n/ in a process known as metathesis. Maybe they were confusing our Onley with Olney – an unincorporated area in Montgomery County, Md.

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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Crabby Blues Festival combines local seafood and fellowship

BY STEFANIE JACKSON

Shore First

The biggest fundraiser of the year for Cape Charles Christian School, the Crabby Blues Festival, returns for its 11th year this month.

This year's festival will be held on Saturday, Sept. 16, from 2 to 7 p.m., at Cape Charles Central Park. Admission is free.

"It started out as wanting to just have something that brought the community together," said Holly Hubbard, head of school.

The idea for the Crabby Blues Festival originated with Jenny Potts, who was a teacher at Cape Charles Christian School and whose children attended the school.

The purpose of the festival is to raise money for the school as well as "to get our school's name out in the community and to have a good, positive association with everyone in our community," Hubbard said.

Last year's event raised more than \$19,000. "We hope to exceed that amount this year," she said.

The Crabby Blues Festival typically attracts around 750 to 1,000 people.

Fresh steamed crabs and clams will be available for purchase, "because what would a Crabby Blues Festival be without crabs?" Hubbard said.

Other food vendors will offer fare including seafood, Mexican food, and Italian ice.

Live music will be provided by Heather and Nathan Travis, of Cape Charles, opening for the Virginia Beach band, Later That Night.

Kids can have fun with the bounce

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COURTESY PHOTO

Admission is free at the Cape Charles Crabby Blues Festival, where attendees can buy freshly steamed crabs.

Crabby blues

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houses, a petting zoo, face painting, crafts, and more.

There also will be a silent auction, a “hot” event at the festival, Hubbard said.

This is the second year that admission to the Crabby Blues Festival will be free.

Cape Charles Christian School previously sold tickets to the festival but now follows suit with Citizens for Central Park, the group that hosts free concerts in Central Park every weekend in the summer.

The Crabby Blues Festival is supported largely by sponsors, primarily local businesses.

Hubbard looks forward to the annual festival and hopes “everyone feels welcome and has a good time.”

Financial needs seminar scheduled

Sometimes managing money can be difficult with the balancing of bills and planning for the future. Just as people set goals for their lives, they need to set goals for their money.

Come to the “Financial Needs over Your Lifetime” workshop on Thursday, Sept. 21, at 6 p.m. at Eastern Shore Community College in room 148.

Learn how to define your financial

goals and set priorities, understanding the money checklist for life.

The speaker will be Milton Ames, of Tucson, Ariz., a retired financial planner, retired United States Air Force officer, and an Eastern Shore native.

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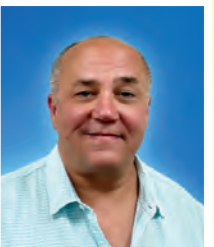
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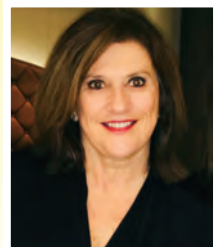
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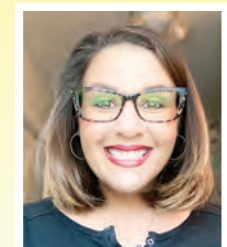
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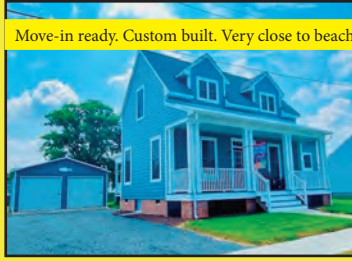
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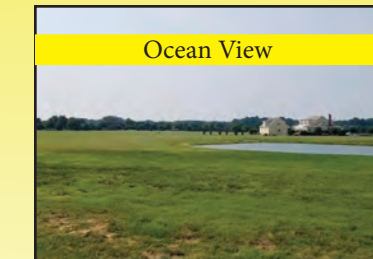


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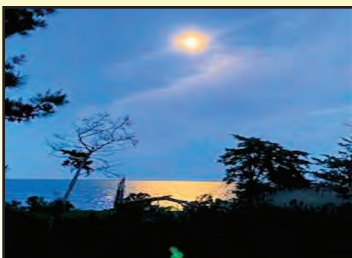


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Students in the Eastern Shore Classical Conversations homeschool group gather for a photo outside of Red Bank Baptist Church, in Marionville. The group meets there weekly during the school year. Directly behind the students is an A&N Electric Cooperative bucket truck. The bucket truck was used for an experiment in which the students crafted different types of egg containers and dropped them from a height of 35 to 50 feet to see which containers protected the eggs.

Homeschool group enjoys 'Classical Conversations'

BY STEFANIE JACKSON
Shore First

Homeschooling doesn't have to mean Mom or Dad is isolated at home with the kids every day or that the kids never get to interact with peers.

Just ask Jordan Dail, a director for the homeschooling group Eastern

Shore Classical Conversations.

Classical Conversations is a Christian homeschooling co-op with locations worldwide and a focus on classical education.

Children as young as age 4 can participate, and the program runs through 12th grade.

Students following the Classical

Conversations curriculum learn core subjects including English, math, history, science, fine arts, and Latin.

Moreover, the curriculum focuses on teaching kids "not what to think, but how to think," said Dail.

Classical Conversations doesn't just impart knowledge but teaches academic skills such as critical think-

ing and debate.

But Classical Conversations is more than just a curriculum. It's a program in which homeschool students living in the same region get to meet once a week during the school year to do group projects and activities.

The activities are led by directors
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Homeschool

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like Dail, who has been homeschooling all three of her sons, the oldest of whom is 15, since they began their formal education.

Eastern Shore Classical Conversations formerly met weekly at Cape Charles Baptist Church, but as the program grew and added students from both Northampton and Accomack counties, its directors realized they needed a more central meeting place.

They found it in a rather unusual way – a cold call to Red Bank Baptist Church, in Marionville.

Dail said Pastor John Robertson and the Red Bank Baptist Church board members were receptive to the idea of sharing their facility with the Christian homeschool group, and after several inter-

views, they allowed Eastern Shore Classical Conversations “to see if we could make it work.”

“And it has,” Dail said. “We’ve really been able to flourish there, and they have been very gracious to us, offering their facility free of charge.”

Eastern Shore Classical Conversations meets every Thursday, when no church services are held. The group just began its third year meeting at the Marionville church.

Dail is grateful to Red Bank Baptist Church for the opportunity to use the facility and “bring some life into their church on a different day of the week, not just on Sunday.”

For more information on Eastern Shore Classical Conversations, call Jordan Dail at 757-754-5362 or visit the Eastern Shore of Virginia Classical Conversations Facebook page.

Cape Charles officials seek to beautify corridor into town

BY STEFANIE JACKSON
Shore First

Cape Charles is looking beyond the town limits to improve its image and attract visitors.

“We feel that when you’re talking about beautification and how Cape Charles looks and feels,” it “carries out all the way to Route 13,” Karen Zamorski, executive director of Cape Charles Main Street, told the town council on Thursday, Aug. 17.

Cape Charles Main Street is a non-profit that works with the Virginia Department of Housing and Community Development and other state and local

agencies to support economic development in Cape Charles and preserve the town’s historic character.

The executive director noted there is little on U.S. Route 13 to entice visitors to turn off the highway and drive into town.

Furthermore, the two-mile drive down Stone Road to Cape Charles provides a view of “some pretty trees” but also “unmowed grass ... things that don’t look so good,” Zamorski said.

Even though Cape Charles Main Street is only responsible for the area within the town limits, its members want to “take the lead” on the new beautification project, she said.

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Along with original plays, camps, contracted performers, music, dance and art lessons, and musical theatre, Arts Enter has continued to provide a year-round program.

A theatre performance class that culminates in a performance of “The Best Christmas Pageant Ever: The Musical JV.” is being organized by talented Emma Philpot who has grown up on the Palace Theatre stage.

The class is designed for ages 8-16 and will be held on Tuesdays from 4:30-6:30 p.m. starting Sept. 19.

Each week students will rehearse for the show, along with learning different aspects about musical theater.

The final performance will be held on Saturday, Dec. 2 at 2 p.m. In all, 25 students will have the opportunity to be part of this hilarious and heartwarming show that is a classic for all ages.

“We are so fortunate to have Emma working with us. She has successfully directed several children’s shows and was very helpful this past summer during ‘Annie Jr.,’ Emma has performed on the stage with us many times over the years, most recently in Mary Poppins and the one act play, ‘The Happy Journey Journey to Trenton and Camden,’” said Executive Director Clelia Sheppard.

Trained dancer Lucy Watkins, also a product of the Arts Enter program, will be teaching Hip Hop to students between the ages of 8-16. Hip Hop is the pinnacle of self-expression.

Classes include warm up, moving across the floor, style explorations (popping, locking, waving, gliding, etc.), and freestyle circles. These

classes are for dancers who like self-expression and physical challenges, Lucy has been a solo dancer in many productions on the Palace Theatre stage and has also performed both on the shore and in Hampton Roads. The class will meet on Mondays from 6-7 p.m.

To foster the love of dance in the younger children, Lucy is beginning a Creative Movement class for 5-6 year olds.

Creative Movement develops coordination and self-expression through simple dance movement and music. This class uses a wide variety of music, props, and balancing techniques. The class will meet on Mondays from 5-6 p.m.

On the Stage, with veteran instructor Amy Watkins, is a continuation of the popular Theatre Club. Stage direction, movement, presentation and finesse make the stage come alive.

The class meets on Monday from 5-6 p.m. and stretches students’ skills while helping them to move in the studio and stage space. It is a great way to gain comfort on the stage and to increase dance and theatre language directed movement skills.

Stretch and Move with Mara Ifju for adults will continue on Tuesdays & Thursdays from 9 a.m. to 10 a.m.

Mara’s popular class is designed to be a drop in class and is held year round. Stretching makes it possible for the body to move more freely, more smoothly, more naturally at any age. In this class the movements are done in sitting, lying, standing and in traveling positions. These movements are designed to improve breathing, to enhance circulation, increase joint mobility, flexibility and muscular strength.

The class on Tuesday is followed by Adult Tap Dance Lessons with Lisa Brasch from 10:15 to 11:15 a.m.

Adult tap class makes for great exercise. Helps tone the body while enjoying music and movement while stimulating the mind with rhythmic sounds. Tapping improves physical

function and well being.

Lisa will add a Beginner tap class for adults on Thursdays from 6-7 and a class for younger beginners from 5-6 on Thursdays.

In addition to private piano lessons with choral director, performer, and music education teacher Megan Cartwright, Jack Holloday will join the Arts Enter team with guitar and general music lessons.

Jack has four years of formal training at Berklee College of Music. He is from the Eastern Shore and has been playing music for 18 years, studying earnestly for nine.

Classes focus on playing guitar in the student’s chosen style. If the student does not have a style in mind then Jack will start from the ground up. Beginning with basic mechanics of the instrument as well as fundamentals such as tuning, playing in time, chords, and more.

After establishing a chosen style the student will learn songs. Basic ear training and theory will be integral to teaching but will not be the central element unless the student decides they want to make it a focus.

Classes start on Monday, Sept. 11 and one hour lessons will be scheduled from 3-8. Classes are appropriate for ages 10 and up.

“Since the pandemic, we have slowly re-energized our education program” continued Sheppard. “We want to make a difference in the lives of children and adults and cultivate an appreciation for the arts.”

Arts Enter also has a full theatre Main Stage performance schedule. 2023-24 includes The Virginia Symphony, A Beach Boys tribute, the Latin Ballet, internal productions of Broadway hits, Noises Off and the Fantasticks, a Gospel Choir and a Rolling Stones tribute.

Except for Guitar, classes will begin the week of Sept. 18. For more information, call Arts Enters’ office at the Lemon Tree Gallery 757 332-4327 and visit www.artsentercapecarles.org

Boys & Girls Club thanks Eastern Shore United Way

The Boys & Girls Clubs of Southeast Virginia thanked the United Way of Virginia's Eastern Shore for supporting the Eastern Shore Club's Power Hour and Triple Play programs through a grant.

For over 10 years, the UWVES has supported the mission "to enable all youth, especially those who need us most, to reach their full potential as productive, caring, responsible citizens."

Boys & Girls Clubs of Southeast Virginia has served the Eastern Shore community since 2003.

Eastern Shore Boys & Girls Club board member Bill Sterling commented on how UWVES's support of Boys & Girls Club programming is changing lives.

"As a board member of the Eastern Shore Boys & Girls Club for the past

15 years, I have seen that joining our club is a life-changing experience for our members. By creating a fun but purposeful club, where the club director and her staff form relationships with our club members, we can make a difference in their lives. That difference is academic success, a healthy lifestyle, and making good life choices. The United Way Virginia's Eastern Shore has always been a strong supporter of our Boys & Girls Club. That support is making a real difference in the lives of our members."

Power Hour and Triple Play are programs designed and passed down through Boys & Girls Clubs of America.

Power Hour aims to make every minute count by providing Club members with 60 minutes of programming that focuses on homework help, tutor-

ing, and high-yield learning activities.

The aim of the program is to help members reach their academic goals and address any concerns they may have. Triple Play is a comprehensive health and wellness initiative that strives to improve the overall health of Club members by increasing their daily physical activity, teaching them good nutrition, and helping them develop healthy relationships.

Eastern Shore Boys & Girls Club Director Kathy Custis, said, "We run Power Hour all through the school year and during the summer, our club members have reading days and a book club, where they read and share about their stories. In addition to this, we are teaching our club members how to write in cursive, since they aren't doing that in schools now. This year, as part of Triple Play, we have had lots

of gym time to play dodgeball and basketball. We also have Zumba, Dance Club, yoga, swim lessons, and even an exercise room! The kids are having a ball! This summer, we went to Saw Mill Park for a fun day of playing in the water. We couldn't have these fun, healthy activities without the continuous support of the United Way," she said.

Sam Norton, president of the United Way of Virginia's Eastern Shore Board of Directors remarked, "This is a great way for our community to impact the youngest among us who will certainly appreciate participating in the Eastern Shore Boys & Girls Club's Triple Play and Power Hour. Most importantly, this would not be possible if not for kind donations made to United Way from across the Shore! The community made this happen."

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ESCC Wood Working Club creates giant guitar for auction

What do biology, giant guitars, and community colleges have in common?

When Eastern Shore Community College Biology instructor Alex Foxworthy established the ESCC Wood Working Club in 2022, there was an immediate buzz on campus from students and staff alike. Afternoon meetings were taking place on the patio outside of the student lounge, where onlookers expressed great interest in carving projects taking shape before their eyes.

ESCC student Fidel Guerrero needed assistance with building a vampire's coffin for a local theater production, and Foxworthy and the club produced the perfect project that enhanced the spooky stage setting for Arts Enter in Cape Charles last October.

The interest was not just internal but was also extending to the community. Local wood-working enthusiasts came out and enjoyed a presentation by acclaimed wood-turner Bob Lentz back in the spring.

So when brainstorming began this summer about how ESCC could represent this new creative and artistic upswell on campus, Marketing Director Bill LeCato and Foxworthy talked about the public events that ESCC would be engaged in this fall, in particular the ESVA ChamberFest.

With live music from marquee acts, the event draws big crowds and wide community involvement. What could be created and displayed at a musical festival and represent this exciting new club at ESCC?

What else? A giant guitar!

LeCato had seen and admired large



Alex Foxworthy and Heather Littlefield of Eastern Shore Community College (left) created a 7-foot guitar sculpture with an Eastern Shore theme to promote the college's Woodcarving Club. The guitar will be up for auction online with details available at es.vccs.edu.

scale and colorful guitars while traveling through the Austin-Bergstrom Airport in Texas in the baggage claim area. The inspiration for Foxworthy was just a "google" pic away from planting a seed that would result in a very creative representation for the club.

Foxworthy describes the build: "The guitar was built using pine wood and a few simple tools - a jigsaw and an angle grinder. The guitar stand is made from mulberry, padouk, and mystery wood (maybe maple?). The base of the stand has two bowties made from padouk, one of which has

the shape of a seagull. The neck of the stand is wrapped in leather that I laced with paracord. Finally, the top of the stand holds an 88 pound (hold strength) magnet that stabilizes the top of the guitar which has a metal washer in a matching location."

The guitar and stand became a family project. Alex's wife, ESCC Adult Education Instructor Heather Littlefield, tackled the artistic embellishments that added the one of kind "Shore" theme. She elaborated, "ESCC has our 'YES!' brand that represents opportunities for us to learn and improve ourselves, and give back to this amazing community. In light of all that makes the Eastern Shore a great place to live, I chose to decorate our guitar with symbols common to the Eastern Shore, from the natural wonders to nurses. To provide an open-ended option of personalization, the neck and bridge pickups are coated in chalkboard paint — so you can draw your YES! — What is Your Eastern Shore?"

Outside of a trip to the ESVA ChamberFest event in Onancock on September 9th, the guitar will be on display at the college in the Landsberger Atrium in the Academic Building and will be available for bids by silent online auction, with proceeds benefitting the ESCC Woodworking Club. The auction info will be available at es.vccs.edu and also on ESCC social media channels.

The guitar will also be featured at ESCC's new Heritage and Homecoming Celebration on Saturday, Sept. 23 from 10 a.m.-3 p.m.

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- BINGO: Doors open 5:30 p.m., first game 7:30 p.m., Cheriton Volunteer Fire Co., 21334 S. Bayside Road, Cheriton.
- MEETING: 9 to 10 a.m., Chincoteague Al-Anon Family Group, Christ United Methodist Church, 6253 Church St., Chincoteague.
- HIGH SCHOOL VOLLEYBALL: 5:30 p.m., Norfolk Christian School at Nandua.
- HIGH SCHOOL VOLLEYBALL: 6:30 p.m., Stonebridge at Broadwater.

Wednesday, September 13

- 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 Ron Cole. Free admission and parking. Visit www.chincoteagueca.org
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- HIGH SCHOOL VOLLEYBALL: 5:30 p.m., Chincoteague at Broadwater Academy.
- 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, September 14

- 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.

- BEDTIME STORYTIME: 6 p.m., the Northampton Free Library, 7745 Seaside Road, Nassawadox, will have Bedtime Storytime. Stuffed animals and pajamas are welcome. Snack provided.
- HISTORICAL LECTURE: 6 p.m., the Eastern Shore Regional Library, 24313 Bennett St., Parksley, will host guest lecturer Dennis Custis, whose talk is entitled "Shore Books."
- HIGH SCHOOL VOLLEYBALL: 4 p.m., Arcadia at Norfolk Collegiate High School.
- HIGH SCHOOL VOLLEYBALL: 6 p.m., Nandua at Greenbrier Christian School.
- HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL: 6 p.m., Snow Hill at Arcadia.
- HIGH SCHOOL VOLLEYBALL: 7 p.m., Lancaster at Northampton.

Friday, September 15

- 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.
- OPEN HOUSE: 2 to 4 p.m., Waste Watchers of the Eastern Shore open house at the Eastern Shore Community College's Workforce Development Center. Event will include a panel discussion with community leaders and strategic planning for combating roadside litter. Refreshments will be served.
- HIGH SCHOOL VOLLEYBALL: 5:15 p.m., Gateway Christian School at Broadwater.
- HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL: 6 p.m., Massanutten Military Academy at Chincoteague.
- MEETING: 6:30 to 7:30 p.m., Serenity Hour Al-Anon Family Group, Christ United Methodist Church, 6253 Church St., Chincoteague.
- HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL: 7 p.m., Windsor at Northampton.

Saturday, September 16

- 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
- CLEAN UP DAY: 9 a.m. to noon, the Chincoteague branch of Taylor Bank is having a community clean-up with prizes, part of a larger effort by the bank to clean up the Delmarva Peninsula. Teams will compete for prizes as they pick up the most solid waste. Contact the Chincoteague Island Taylor Bank location at 757-336-6622 for more information.
- 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
- FARMERS MARKET: 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., Farmers Market at the Oyster Farm, 500 Marina Village Circle, Cape Charles.

- HOMETOWN HEROES STORYTIME: 10 a.m., the Eastern Shore Regional Library, 24313 Bennett St., Parksley, will host firefighter Bill Baird.
- FARMERS MARKET: 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Parksley Farmers and Artisans Market, 18444 Dunne Ave., Parksley.
- HOMETOWN HEROES STORYTIME: 11:30 a.m., the Northampton Free Library, 7745 Seaside Road, Nassawadox, will have Hometown Heroes Storytime featuring Northampton County Sheriff David Doughty.
- MUSIC FESTIVAL: 2-7 p.m., 11th annual Cape Charles Crabby Blues Festival, Central Park, Cape Charles. Benefits Cape Charles Christian School. Fresh crabs, food vendors, a kids area, craft vendors, and a silent auction. Free admission.
- HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL: 4 p.m., Broadwater at Richmond Christian School.
- HOSPITAL BALL: 6 p.m., the 58th annual Riverside Shore Memorial Hospital Ball will be held at the Eastern Shore Yacht and Country Club. The event is the premier fundraising event to support the local hospital. With a casino night theme, the event will include live casino tables, food, dancing, and a silent auction. This year's honorary chairman is Dr. David Jones. Individual tickets are \$150 and sponsorships are available. For more information, email Lisa Parks at lisa.parks@perdue.com. Each year the proceeds from the ball assist in purchasing needed medical equipment for the hospital. The auxiliary also provides scholarships for individuals pursuing a degree in nursing.
- ISLAND COFFEEHOUSE: 6:30 p.m., Chincoteague Cultural Alliance, 6309 Church Street. Briar & Bramble: The Patch Brothers (John Beam and John Tavolaro) sing and play on fiddle, guitar, banjo, mandolin, harmonica, tin whistle, and keyboard. David Nees opens. The cost is \$5 and \$2 for 12 and under.
- LIVE MUSIC: 7 p.m., Janie Meneely and Rob van Sante perform at the Historic Cokesbury Church and Cultural Center, 13 Market St., Onancock.

Sunday, September 17

- LECTURE: 2 p.m., Join the Northampton Historic Preservation Society 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. No fees will be charged for this lecture.

Monday, September 18

- 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
- SCREENING: 4:30 to 6:30 p.m., Riverside Urology Specialists will offer a free and private prostate cancer screening. The screening will be performed by urologist Dr. Jack Lambert and will include a questionnaire, a physical

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examination, and a PSA blood test. The screening will be held at the Riverside Medical Group office building on the Riverside campus in Onancock. The screening is free but requires an appointment. Call 800-520-7006 to schedule an appointment.

■ HIGH SCHOOL VOLLEYBALL: 6 p.m., Worcester Preparatory School at Chincoteague.

■ HIGH SCHOOL VOLLEYBALL: 6 p.m., Nandua at Salisbury Christian School.

■ HIGH SCHOOL VOLLEYBALL: 6:30 p.m., Broadwater at Holly Grove Christian School.

■ HIGH SCHOOL VOLLEYBALL: 7 p.m., Windsor at Northampton.

Tuesday, September 19

■ 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.

■ HIGH SCHOOL GOLF: 2 p.m., Eastern Shore District Varsity Golf Tournament at the Eastern Shore Yacht and Country Club.

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

Wednesday, September 20

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■ HIGH SCHOOL VOLLEYBALL: 5:15 p.m., Broadwater Academy at Nandua.

■ HIGH SCHOOL VOLLEYBALL: 6 p.m., Northampton at West Point.

■ HIGH SCHOOL VOLLEYBALL: 6 p.m., Holly Grove Christian School at Chincoteague.

■ 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.

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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.

■ HIGH SCHOOL VOLLEYBALL: 5:30 p.m., Chincoteague at Delmar High School.

■ HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL: 6 p.m., West Point at Northampton.

■ HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL: 6 p.m., Nandua at Westmoreland.

■ HIGH SCHOOL VOLLEYBALL: 6 p.m., Arcadia at Broadwater.

Friday, September 22

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

■ BENEFIT DINNER: 5 p.m., the Saxix Volunteer Fire and Rescue Company will have a pork barbecue and clam fritter fundraiser dinner while it lasts. It will be held at the Saxix Fire Hall, 8337 Free School Lane, Saxix. The \$15 platters include a choice of barbecue or clam fritter, a roll, baked beans, potato salad, coleslaw, and a beverage. Desserts will be sold.

■ HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL: 6 p.m., Chincoteague at Greenbrier Christian School.

■ MEETING: 6:30 to 7:30 p.m., Serenity Hour Al-Anon Family Group, Christ United Methodist Church, 6253 Church St., Chincoteague.

■ HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL: 7 p.m., Lancaster at Arcadia

Saturday, September 23

■ 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

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ket 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.

■ HOG BASH: noon to 4 p.m., the Onancock Elks Lodge is having its Hog Bash Harley-Davidson and cash giveaway at the lodge on 22454 Front St., Accomac. Tickets are \$50 or four for \$180. Call 757-787-7750 for tickets. There will be music by the Shore Blues Band and drawings every 15 minutes. The menu includes barbecue, clam fritters, burgers, hot dogs, and more. It will be held rain or shine.

■ HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL: 2 p.m., Fuqua School at Broadwater, homecoming.

Monday, September 25

■ 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.

■ HIGH SCHOOL VOLLEYBALL: 6 p.m., Worcester Preparatory School at Nandua.

■ HIGH SCHOOL VOLLEYBALL: 7 p.m., West Point at Northampton.

Tuesday, September 26

■ 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.

■ HIGH SCHOOL VOLLEYBALL: 6:30 p.m., Arcadia at Chincoteague.

■ HIGH SCHOOL VOLLEYBALL: 6:30 p.m., Northampton at Nandua.

■ HIGH SCHOOL VOLLEYBALL: 6:30 p.m., Isle of Wight Academy at Broadwater.

Wednesday, September 27

■ 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.

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Lay Cashville school cornerstone Thursday

The residents of Cashville, about four miles south of Onancock, are planning a big day for next Thursday, when Chesapeake Lodge No. 158, A. F. & A. M., of Onancock, assisted by Central Lodge No. 300, of Onley, Va., will conduct the ceremonies at the corner-stone laying of the new \$40,000 high school building, which is being rushed to completion for the fall school term.

A full day's program has been arranged, consisting of several speeches with music by the Onancock band. Dinner and supper will be served on the grounds. At 3 p.m. Miss Helen Jackson will speak. At night, beginning at 8 o'clock, a great Fiery Cross will be lighted to illuminate the grounds while Dr. J. H. Hawkins, of Baltimore, Md., will deliver an address on Klan principles. Four thousand people are expected to attend, according to Rev. A. P. Williams, chairman of committees.

— *The Ledger Star*

Skeeter released, back to Virginia

Acting on advice received by telephone from the District Attorney of Accomac County, Va., last night Superintendent of Police Black released Vernon Skeeter, of Greenbackville, Va., who was arrested in Wilmington Saturday night on a serious charge made by a young woman in Virginia. The young man was taken back to Virginia on the mid-night train, in the custody of his father, William Skeeter.

— *The Evening Journal*

Virginia farmers now harvesting 'sweets,' lima beans, tomatoes, and corn

The harvesting by the truck farmers of the Eastern Shore of late crops — consisting of sweet potatoes, late lima beans, factory beans, tomatoes and corn — is in full swing from Cape Charles to the Maryland line, and it is said the yield is the best in years.

The sweet potato crop, in spite of a smaller

acreage, will in all probability equal that of former years, or around 1,000,000 barrels. The price for sweets has been fair through the entire season. During the past week 300 carloads went forward that averaged about \$2.75 per barrel f. o. b., and it is estimated about half of the crop has been marketed. The co-operative marketing plan that was put in motion by the Eastern Shore of Virginia Produce Exchange, of Onley, Va., whereby the crop will not be dumped on the market faster than it can be absorbed, has already shown a firmer market, and it is thought an upward trend in prices will be in motion for the remainder of the season.

The late lima-bean crop — which is mostly grown in Accomac County — it is said, has a perfect stand, and a bumper crop is expected. Shipments of lima beans should start next week, and it is said around 100,000 baskets should be marketed before frost.

Factory butter beans have become one of the staple crops of Northampton county within the past three years since the erection of the cannery at Cheriton, Va., one of the largest and most up-to-date in the State. Twenty-five hundred acres have been planted this season, and more than 5,000,000 cans will be packed, according to the manager of the factory.

The growers predict a fair crop from the early planting and a bumper crop from the late planting, which is mostly after the digging of early potatoes, thereby realizing two crops from the same land in one year.

Tomatoes are being hauled to the factories daily, and it is said the best fruit seen in years is coming in. Approximately 2,000,000 cans will be the tomato output for the shore, it is said.

With one-third of the acreage on the two eastern shore Virginia counties planted in corn, the year's yield will be the largest in years. The season has been a real corn year, with sufficient rains and warm weather to make a bumper crop, and one of the largest yields in the history of the eastern shore should be realized from the present crop.

The Eastern Shore of Virginia still boasts of the largest potato-producing territory of any point in the country. However, the truck farmers are getting away somewhat from just the one crop, potatoes, and within the last few years strawberries, lima beans and tomatoes have been on the increase, until now from early spring until late fall the different crops are being harvested that bring money back to the growers throughout the spring, summer and fall.

— *The Daily Star*

Saves woman, then drowns

While bathing this morning eight miles below Cape Charles on the shore bordering Elliott's Creek and Captain Samuel Coston's farm, Sterling Nottingham, owner and manager of the Milford farm, about eight miles from Cape Charles, was drowned.

Mr. Nottingham with his sister, Nannie, and Misses Verna and Nannie Dunne, of Bryn Mawr, Pa.; Mrs. Henrietta Gordon and her daughter, Mary, of Pittsburgh, Pa., who were all house guests at Milford, left home about 10:30 o'clock for the bay shore for an hour's bathing. They had been in the water only a short time, when one of the party suddenly went beyond her depth, and Mr. Nottingham, being the only man in the party, went to her assistance when she called for help. As he reached the frightened girl she seized him around the neck, but Mr. Nottingham persuaded her to break her hold and rest her hand on his body until they could reach shallow water. Just before they reached safety he gave the young woman a strong push which sent her to safety, saying, "take care of yourself." Then Mr. Nottingham suddenly disappeared.

An alarm was sent to Cape Charles and boats were immediately sent from there to the scene for the body, but in vain. About 4 o'clock a searching party patrolling the bay shore in search of the body discovered it along the shore a quarter of a mile from the scene of the drowning about five feet from the water's edge. It is thought that Mr. Nottingham was suddenly attacked with cramps or heart failure, as he was a good swimmer and thoroughly familiar with the seaside and lower Chesapeake Bay.

Mr. Nottingham was known prominently in society circles on the Eastern Shore of Virginia, Norfolk, Richmond, White Sulphur Springs and many other cities. He was about 50 years old and unmarried, and is survived by five sisters and two brothers: Mrs. William Wescott, Mrs. Milton Goffigon, Mrs. J. Mortimer Lynch, Miss Nannie Nottingham. Mr. Irving and Edwin Nottingham, of this county, and Mr. John S. G. Dunne, of Bryn Mawr, Pa.

— *Richmond Times-Dispatch*

Eastern Shore church founder to be honored

The twelve months just ended were the best in the history of the Accomac Baptist Association, according to reports submitted at the annual convention last week at the convention at the Atlantic

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church. A total of \$100,905.93 was contributed by churches in the association for all purposes during the church year. The valuation of property held by churches of the association in Northampton and Accomac counties is approximately \$500,000.

Many of the Baptist leaders of the state attended the association meeting. Moderator John E. Nottingham, of Northampton, presided. Dr. A. B. Dunaway, of Onancock, led the devotional exercises. A motion by Rev. R. F. Staples that all officers be reelected was carried unanimously. The officers are: Moderator John E. Nottingham; vice moderator A. B. Dunaway; clerk, W. F. White; treasurer, H. R. Boggs.

The annual sermon was delivered by Rev. J. T. Edwards, who outlined the growth of the Baptist denomination in America, beginning with the arrival of Roger Williams, who settled in Massachusetts. Elijah Baker started the first Baptist church on the Eastern Shore, where now stands the handsome brick edifice, two miles from Cape Charles, known as the lower Northampton Baptist church. On motion of Dr. Garnett Ryland of the University of Richmond, a committee was appointed to erect a monument to the memory of Mr. Baker, the site to be chosen by the committee.

Dr. R. D. Garland, of Richmond, spoke on the success of the \$75,000,000 campaign. In 1823, Virginia gave \$39.23 to missions, he said. This year the Virginia churches are giving \$1,200,000 for missions.

— *The Ledger Star*

Cape Charles man only one to pass Post Office tests

The Civil Service Commission today certified to the Post Office Department that Frances C. Fitzhugh is eligible for appointment as postmaster at Cape Charles, Virginia. He was the only eligible and it is expected he will be endorsed by State Chairman Joseph Crupper.

Fitzhugh is now acting postmaster at Cape Charles. He was appointed when Charles A. McKinney died, July 13th. Fitzhugh was formerly Assistant Postmaster.

— *Roanoke Times*

Many at Shore schools

Accomac and Northampton county public schools opened the past week with the largest enrollment in the history of the Eastern Shore counties.

In Accomac County housing room had not been completed for the opening day. Keller's new building is not quite completed, and at Parksley arrangements for quarters in business houses is being arranged until the new building can be erected, due to the school building being destroyed by fire last June. An increase of at least 1,000 pupils over any previous year is expected when the entire machinery of the two counties start working smoothly.

Belle Haven, New Church and Greenbackville have been added to the list of accredited high schools.

— *The Roanoke Times*

'Devil's Grip' is keeping Cape Charles doctors busy

While the "Devil's Grip," a brand new disease which has had Cape Charles and Northampton County in its clutches for the last four weeks, is intensely disagreeable, it is gratifying to know it is rarely fatal.

So far the local doctors report numbers of cases which have kept them on the go both night and day, but no fatalities have resulted so far.

— *Ledger Star*

75 years ago September 1948

Accomack Baptist group ends 139th session at Eastville

The 139th session of the Accomack Baptist Association met at Eastville Baptist Church Wednesday with 225 representatives from the 25 member churches in attendance. It was the second time in its history that the association had been entertained at Eastville, the other occasion was 69 years ago.

R. Norman Mason, moderator, presided over the program, which featured addresses by James R. Bryant, executive secretary of the State board of missions and benevolences; Dr. Reuben Alley of

The Religious Herald; Dr. Ralph C. McDanel, of the University of Richmond; the Rev. John M. Tubbs, secretary of Baptist training union work in Virginia; Dr. J. T. Edwards, director of the Virginia Baptist Home For the Aged, and the Rev. L. D. Ussey, of Oak Hill Academy, each presenting the phase of work of which he is representative. The annual sermon was preached by the Rev. Chester A. Wagstaff and the work of Woman's Missionary Union was presented by Mrs. Willard Chandler, associational superintendent of Woman's Missionary Union.

Two new pastors, Dr. W. R. Haynie, of Cheriton, and the Rev. Mr. Moore, of Atlantic, were introduced to the body and announcement was made that all churches but one had pastors or supply pastors.

Officers elected were: moderator, Wrendo M. Godwin; vice-moderator, Dr. W. Carey Henderson; clerk, B. T. Gunter, Jr.; treasurer, Jefferson Vaughan; associational Sunday school superintendent, the Rev. George D. Eubank; assistant Sunday school superintendent, the Rev. John P. Oliver, Jr.; superintendent of Baptist Training Union work, the Rev. O. W. Sawyer; assistant superintendent BTU, the Rev. James M. Fogg.

The invitation to meet with Onancock church the first Wednesday in September, 1949, was accepted and the Rev. Frank Clark, of Hallwood, named to preach the annual sermon, with the Rev. R. W. Grant as alternate.

— *Richmond Times-Dispatch*

Pocomoke cabbie escapes death as bandit's shot misses

A 41-year-old taxi driver here barely escaped death Thursday night when an unidentified man attacked him, stole his gun, robbed him, then stole his cab.

Donald Lang described the assault, theft, and attempted shooting about eight miles west of Pocomoke City as the "most harrowing experience I ever had."

Maryland State Police said last night the bandit is still at large. An alarm has been sent out to eastern states to be on the lookout for him. He was described as "armed and dangerous."

Mr. Lang said he looked to be about five feet eight inches tall, of heavy build, and about 30 years old.

— *The News Journal*

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Cheriton firemen granted state charter

The Cheriton Volunteer Fire Company, Inc. of Northampton County, a nonprofit group, was issued a charter by the State Corporation Commission yesterday. Officers include Clifford A. Nottingham, president; Maurice B. Bull, vice-president; Wilbur F. Fitzgerald, secretary, and G. Lewis Hopkins, treasurer, all of Cheriton.

— *Richmond Times Dispatch*

Dean of editors

They honored Dr. Edward J. Clarke, Maryland's oldest active newspaper editor and publisher, at the Pocomoke City Rotary Club last week.

The occasion was a belated birthday party for the 88-year-old editor and publisher of the Worcester Democrat, and Judge T. Alan Goldsborough journeyed from Washington to make the principal address. Dr. Clarke was actually 88 on September 1.

— *The Star-Democrat*

Mayor says ferry change would hurt Cape Charles

Mayor Raymond M. Grimmer of Cape Charles testified today that the proposed moving of the Eastern Shore terminus of the Virginia Ferry Corporation from Cape Charles to Nottingham Beach would result in hardships to the merchants of Cape Charles.

"It would be a severe blow to the merchants of Cape Charles and would violate the faith of the merchants whose businesses were primarily established on the thought that the ferry corporation would continue operation.

"These businesses are dependent on the continued operation of the ferry," he said.

The mayor took the stand in the Northampton County Circuit Court as a State Highway Department witness. The department is opposing the move since it would require the construction of additional heavy duty roads.

Grimmer added that he believed the contemplated change would be of no convenience to the public,

as the hearing entered its third day.

Late yesterday Highway Commissioner James A. Anderson told the court that the answer to better service would be more ferry boats.

The department's attorney, Robert B. Tunstall, of Norfolk, assured Judge Jeff F. Walter, that the commission came to Eastville "not to impede but to promote the development of Route 13."

— *The Ledger Star*

District governor speaks to Rotarians

District Governor Pat Fatherly, of Exmore, emphasized the need for Rotary Club's playing an active part in the community at a dinner meeting of the local group this week at the Stratford Hotel.

His appearance here was in connection with his official visit to the city. He said he was sorry the club would be unable to win the district award for the third time in a row this year, but that the award had been discontinued.

Guests were George Peterson and Elliott Miller.

— *The Free Lance-Star*

50 years ago September 1973

McClain gets life for murder

Marvin Edward McClain, 28, of Franktown Tuesday was sentenced to life in prison for the July 18 murder of Mrs. Catherine Lewis, wife of the Wardtown postmaster.

McClain also was sentenced to 20 years for wounding the victim's husband, H. Martin Lewis, during a hold-up of the combination store-post office they operated, and 20 years for the robbery of George Beach, an elderly man whose beaten body was found by investigators of the Wardtown incident. The 20-year sentences will run concurrently.

A second defendant in the case, Sherwood Thomas, 19, of Painter, will be sentenced after Northampton County Circuit Court Judge N. Wescott Jacobs receives a background report. No date for sentencing was set.

Thomas, originally charged with the murder of Mrs. Lewis, the maiming of her husband, and the robbery of their business, pleaded guilty to the lesser offense of being an accessory after the fact on each of those counts. Although not originally

charged with grand larceny, Thomas was indicted for that offense by the September grand jury and pleaded guilty to the charge Tuesday after waiving a preliminary hearing.

Through testimony, Commonwealth's Atty. Robert Oliver established that the gun used in killing Mrs. Lewis belonged to Beach, 87, whose battered body was discovered in a honeysuckle-covered ditch July 18.

— *The Daily News Leader*

Police seeking clues in slaying on beach

About the only evidence police had Friday in the brutal slaying of a man and the rape of his girlfriend near Eastville was a piece of wood with several nails in it.

Authorities said an assailant had used the board to beat Peter Sebastianelli, 24, to death Thursday. His childhood sweetheart was raped after the beating.

Sebastianelli, a native of Roseto, Pa., and the girl were sleeping on the deserted beach south of Smith's Beach when the attack occurred.

The 22-year-old girl, who had recently lived near Accomac, returned to her home in Pennsylvania Friday, police said.

She suffered minor injuries during the attack and a broken toe as she ran to a nearby house for help.

She was treated at Northampton-Accomack Memorial Hospital.

The young couple had camped with several other couples in the area and a friend said they had decided to spend the night on the beach.

Police said Sebastianelli, who was in a sleeping bag with the girl, apparently tried to struggle but was beaten to death in a matter of seconds.

The girl told friends that the man then threatened to kill her during the rape.

One resident described the area where the couple had slept as being a popular lover's lane area, lonely and isolated.

— *Richmond Times-Dispatch*

Bridge-tunnel sets records during August

The Chesapeake Bay Bridge-Tunnel set new traffic and revenue records in August when it recorded the "biggest month it has had since it opened," J. Clyde Morris, executive director, told the facility's

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commission meeting Tuesday.

The previous traffic record, 196,862 vehicles, was set in July 1972 and the previous revenue record, \$1.23 million, was set in July of this year.

Traffic usage in August jumped to 203,606 vehicles, an increase of 6.5 per cent over the same period last year, and revenue also jumped by 6.5 per cent to an all-time high of \$1.275 million.

Morris reported, however, that traffic usage for the first nine days of September was down by .3 per cent from the same period last year while revenue was down .6 per cent for the same period.

He attributed the decrease to the fact that part of the Labor Day Holiday fell in August rather than all in September.

"There's no doubt in my mind but what we'll end September showing an increase in traffic and revenue," Morris said. "Therefore these figures (for September) are really meaningless."

Morris told commissioners that if the facility

could maintain every month the level it reached in revenue in August it would have no problem in paying off its bond debt.

— *The Danville Bee*

Condos planned for former ferry site

A \$200 million condominium complex is planned for the former Chesapeake Bay ferry site at Kiptopeke Beach.

The plan was aired Tuesday before the Northampton County Board of zoning appeals by representatives of a New Jersey developer.

The developer, Dominic Grandinetti of Long Beach, has signed a \$1,960,000 contract for the 310-acre site, conditional upon approval of several zoning variances.

The board deferred action on the rezoning matters, including requests for permission to operate a heliport and motel-hotel-restaurant complex, and a request for a variance to allow construction of high-rise buildings.

Grandinetti said he seeks to form a limited part-

nership to finance the development.

The plan calls for 3,900 to 4,280 dwelling units, including single-family homes, multifamily town houses, and high-rise condominiums.

It also features a 56.9-acre golf course, a shopping center, swim and tennis club and medical office. The plan calls for "motel and resort-type" development around an existing pier, a marina, and a heliport at the end of the pier.

The site is owned by J. Howard Smith Corp. of Port Monmouth, N.J. The firm acquired the land in 1953 for \$950,000.

John E. Tankard, Jr., chairman of the board of zoning appeals, told Grandinetti, "It's such a large project, we're overwhelmed."

— *Richmond Times-Dispatch*

Group fights to save old house in Pocomoke

The "vigilantes" are riding this fall in Pocomoke. Aiming their big guns of oratory and political clout at the city council, a citizens' committee has locked

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horns with the politicians and downtown merchants in an effort to save what they say is an important historical building, the Old Coston House across from the post office.

Acting on a request of the Pocomoke Business Men's Association for more land for parking lots in the downtown area, the mayor and council voted in March of this year to buy the vacant Coston house (at times spelled Costen). The downtown merchants were under pressure for business in view of approaching competition from a new shopping center on Rt. 13, and felt that space for convenient parking was needed in their area.

The Coston house was the home of the first mayor of Pocomoke, Dr. Isaac Thomas Coston, elected in 1892. It is described as "Victorian Italiana," and is a substantial, two-story home of good proportion of that period. Not Mt. Vernon by any means, it is, however, one of the very few older homes of any historical interest or architectural interest in the town, which has suffered three devastating fires in its history. Never a really old town, Pocomoke lost almost all of historical interest in the fires, and the Coston house "is just about all we have," a spokesman said.

— *The Daily Times*

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Bridge contractors file \$45 million suit

Contractors building the \$200 million parallel span to the Chesapeake Bay Bridge-Tunnel have filed a lawsuit seeking \$45 million for extra work they say was needed because of a contract dispute.

The suit was filed last month in Northampton County Circuit Court against the Chesapeake Bay Bridge and Tunnel District. The suit claims flaws in contract specifications that resulted in lost time and additional costs.

PCL Civil Contractors Inc., The Hardaway Co. and Interbeton Inc. claim that bridge-tunnel authorities wrongfully rejected concrete pilings they manufactured for the bridge. They also claim that the district's design for the pilings, as well as for the bridge decking, were defective.

— *The Daily Times*

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Rescuers find elderly patient

A 77-year-old Alzheimer's patient was found Thursday after he apparently lost his way in a wooded area near Hopeton.

Accomack County Sheriff's deputies, area fire departments and a Maryland State Police aerial unit began looking for Charles Skeoch shortly before 2 p.m. He was located about 3:35 p.m. in a wooded area.

Skeoch was taken to Shore Memorial Hospital in Nassawadox, where he was listed in stable condition Friday.

— *The Daily Time*

Welfare to work
may hinge on bus service

George Goodrow has lived on the Eastern Shore of Virginia for less than three years, but he knows the back roads and small towns of Northampton and Accomack counties the way a seasoned local might.

That's because Goodrow, the public transit manager for the Accomack-Northampton Transportation District Commission, oversees a public bus service that links sparsely populated settlements on rural, turtlebacked roads to places with more jobs, services, entertainment and shopping.

Next month, the Shore Transit and Rideshare Transit service will celebrate two years of carrying passengers — a long way from when Goodrow started the made-from-scratch service without so much

as a desk from which to order the transit service's first two buses.

Thanks to a series of grants and a helping of hard work, STAR Transit now has seven buses and this week will start its fifth route — a run linking the Eastern Shore residents with Hampton Roads area jobs.

The Chesapeake Bay Connector route will span the Chesapeake Bay Bridge-Tunnel twice daily, providing folks on the southern tip of the Delmarva Peninsula the once-unthinkable chance to hold jobs in Norfolk or Virginia Beach, Va., without having to pay a \$20 round-trip car toll.

— *The Daily Times*

Virginia takes part in Pfiesteria study

Some 70 Virginia residents are participating in a multistate study of the effects of Pfiesteria on humans.

The study, which began last spring and involves researchers from Virginia, Maryland and North Carolina, is expected to last two to five years. In Virginia, it involves people who have been exposed to the state's bayside or seaside waters.

There have been no reported outbreaks of Pfiesteria, a toxic micro-organism blamed for fish kills and several cases of illness in humans in 1997, in the Pocomoke River and nearby Virginia waters this summer. However, there remains concern about the potential for future outbreaks.

Virginia's portion of the multistate study is directed by Dr. Elizabeth Turf of Virginia Commonwealth University, in partnership with the Virginia Department of Health, the University of Virginia, Eastern Virginia Medical School, the Virginia Institute of Marine Science, Old Dominion University, the Department of Environmental Quality and the Virginia Marine Resources Commission.

Researchers from the Survey and Evaluation Research Lab at VCU contact participants by phone every two weeks and ask how they feel, which water they have been exposed to, how long they were exposed and the health of the fish in that area.

— *The Daily Times*

Happiness is the sharing of books and the sharing of birding

When it comes to life's treasures, there are a few that stand out in my mind — among them the children and books. That's why a visit to my abode will find stacks of books with a wide variety of titles. Everything, it seems, from "Go Dog Go" to "The Complete Works of Poe."

I have everything written by Patricia Cornwell as well as Dr. Seuss.

I still have the "Better Homes and Gardens Story Book," which Santa brought me when I was about 5, as well as the Sue Grafton novel I bought last week.

I also have one other new treasure in my library — one I can't wait to share with my grandchildren. It's called "Finding Birds in the Chesapeake Marsh," and it's hot off the press from Tidewater Publishers in Centreville, Md.

Set, as you might expect, in the marshland of the Chesapeake and its tributaries, the book tells the tale of two children as they discover birds common to the area.

And while the main characters of the book, Ethan and Regan, certainly learn a lot from their adventures, I have to admit I did as well — and I know my grandkids will, too.

The best part is we can read about the great blue heron, snowy egret and other birds, then go out and look for them — a great introduction to the world of birding.

That, of course, is about to become an even bigger world as the development of the Virginia Birding



Candy Farlow

and Wildlife Trail begins here on the Shore.

Thus the timing of this book by Zora Aiken is perfect. Perfect too are the delightful illustrations by David

Aiken.

All I need now is a leisurely Sunday afternoon, a couple of the grandkids and our binoculars.

And if you don't think kids will

enjoy this venture, you might want to talk to 10-year-old David Fernandez. This summer David has been helping out at the Chincoteague National Wildlife Refuge and has proven himself an exceptional birder. That's why on Wednesday, Aug. 15, at 8 a.m., David will be leading a walk geared toward young birdwatchers.

According to refuge manager John Shroer, "David has been of great assistance to the refuge and Park Service staff and we are anxious to return the favor by being David's assistants" for the walk. "His knowledge and enthusiasm for the island's birdlife is impressive," Shroer says.

All children here on the Shore have a unique opportunity to develop such knowledge and enthusiasm about birding and other wildlife pursuits.

In another of my favorite books, an anonymous source is quoted as saying, "To show a child what once delighted you, to find the child's delight added to your own — this is happiness."

How very true. And — in the case of David — the reverse can also be said.

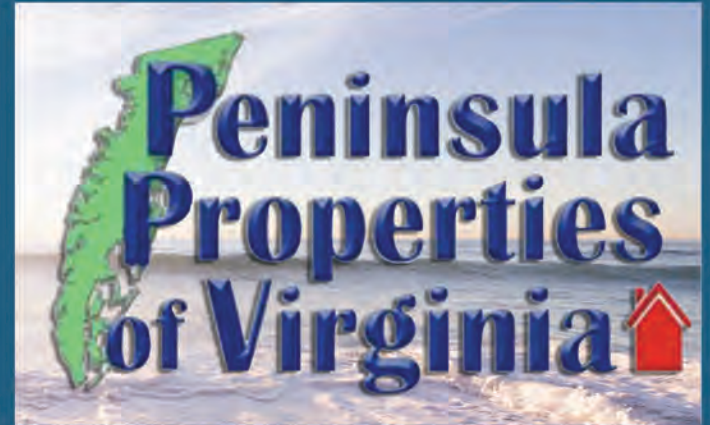
This piece was published Aug. 8, 2001, in the Eastern Shore Post. Candy Farlow, a founder of the Eastern Shore Post weekly newspaper and a longtime journalist on the Eastern Shore of Virginia, died in 2017. Among other endeavors she worked for a time as a telephone lineman, reporter, columnist, radio 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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