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Friday, October 6

■ 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.

■ COLLEGE EVENT: 5 to 8 p.m., Eastern Shore Community College will have its homecoming and alumni celebration in the academic building. All ESCC alumni, current students, and former faculty, staff, and administration are invited.

■ SUB SALE: 5 to 7 p.m., Cheesesteak sub meal \$10; chicken tender meal \$8, at the Great Pocomoke Fair Grounds, 2037 Broad St., Pocomoke City. Call 410-422-9195 to place an order and schedule pickup.

■ PIZZA FUNDRAISER: 5 to 8 p.m., drive-through pizza fundraiser at New Church Fire and Rescue, New Church. Pepperoni, sausage, or bacon 16-inch pizzas for \$14, or combination pizzas for \$15.

■ PARTY IN THE PARK: 5 to 8 p.m., The Accomack County Sheriff's Office will hold a Party in the Park at the Sawmill Park. 24387 Joynes Neck Road, Accomac. There will be music, snow cones, games, hot dogs, chips, drinks, and more. Accomack County Sheriff's Office staff will be on hand to talk about employment opportunities with the sheriff's office. The event is sponsored in part by Accomack County Commonwealth's Attorney Spencer Morgan.

■ HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL: 6 p.m., Covenant 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., Northampton at King and Queen.

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

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

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

Saturday, October 7

■ TOWN YARD SALE: 8 a.m. to noon, Wachapreague town-wide yard sale. Those interested can sign up at the Wachapreague Post Office or Town Hall on or before Oct. 4 to be included in the yard sale map. They can also sign up by email at town@wachapreague.org and put "yard sale" in the subject line. Include a name, address, and contact information. Only the address will be made public for the event.

■ BIRD WALK: 8 a.m., Roberta Kellam will be guiding a birding walk through the Eastern Shore National Wildlife Refuge. The field trip is free and open to the public. Recommended are a hat, boots, bug spray, long sleeves, and pants. Some areas may be buggy with overgrown shrubs and grass.

Autumn migration down the Atlantic Flyway combined with a variety of habitats at this narrow tip of the Delmarva Peninsula provides views of multiple bird species including terns, shorebirds, raptors, and migrating songbirds.

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

■ AGRICULTURAL FAIR: 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., the Eastern Shore Agricultural Fair will take place at the former Northampton Middle School in Machipongo. There will be exhibits, games, and demonstrations.

■ POCOMOKE FALL FESTIVAL: 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Downtown Pocomoke Annual Fall Festival. There will be trick-or-treating at local businesses, a kids' costume contest, live entertainment, a petting farm, sidewalk vendors, and more. It is sponsored by the city of Pocomoke and the Downtown Pocomoke Association.

■ HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL: 2 p.m., Kenston Forest at Broadwater.

■ LIVE MUSIC: 3 to 8 p.m., the inaugural Clamtown Jam Willis Wharf Music Festival will be held at the Willis Wharf Boat Ramp.

The event will feature local artists Dee Ervin, Thelma and Erika Peterson, and the Down 'N' Outs with Brian Irminger. There will be live music, raffles, food trucks and more. The event is free and open to all.

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■ LIVE MUSIC: 6 to 10:30 p.m., Dock Jam featuring the Grammy-nominated group and Country Music Association award winner "Lonestar," at Dockside restaurant, 2 Riverside Dr., Pocomoke City, Visit dockjam.com for more information.

Sunday, October 8

■ OKTOBERFEST: Noon to 5 p.m., St. Charles Catholic Church Oktoberfest Fundraiser, Nectarine Street, Cape Charles. There will be live music, unlimited food, a beer truck, more than 15 artisans, a silent auction, and raffle items. There also will be kids games. Visit www.eventbrite.com for tickets.

■ BLESSING OF THE PETS: 3 p.m., outside the Parish House of St. James' Church in Accomac. There will be in-

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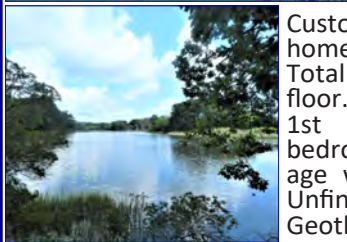
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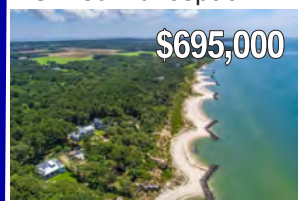


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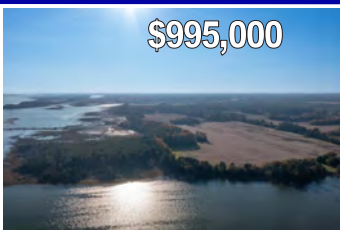
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Autumn is the time for homemade caramel corn

One of my favorite things about the Chincoteague Volunteer Fireman's Carnival in the summertime is its homemade caramel corn.

Sure, you can get great caramel corn on the boardwalk in Ocean City, but the sight of a giant copper kettle full of popcorn, butter

and brown sugar being continuously stirred is one to behold.

For me, that scent wafting through the air means summertime on Chincoteague.

But then fall arrives, and the carnival is over for another year, leaving me without a giant tub full of caramel corn to munch on.

So I decided to start taking matters

into my own hands a couple years ago and started making my own.

A few basic ingredients and about an hour — and you have a giant batch of caramel corn that stays good for a couple weeks, or also makes excellent gifts when bagged up and tied with a pretty ribbon.

Peanuts are of course optional, but we love the nutty crunch that it adds.

Looking forward to playing around with some different ingredients to change the flavor up a bit...maybe some Old Bay for some spice, or a little cinnamon and nutmeg for an autumnal spin!

With Halloween coming up, it's the perfect excuse to try making this classic for yourself at home — you won't regret it.



Laura Davis



PHOTO COURTESY LAURA DAVIS

Homemade caramel corn provides the carnival flavor all year.

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.

THE RECIPE

Homemade caramel corn

- 1 cup popcorn kernels, un-popped
- 1 cup (2 sticks) unsalted butter
- 1/2 cup light corn syrup
- 2 cups packed light brown sugar
- 1 tsp. kosher salt
- 1/2 tsp. baking soda
- 1 tsp. vanilla extract

Preheat the oven to 250° F. Line two baking sheets with a silicone baking mat or parchment paper, set aside.

Pop popcorn using your preferred method, I use an air-popper and have to do two batches.

Place the popped popcorn onto the baking sheets.

Meanwhile, to make the caramel, melt the butter in a medium saucepan set over medium heat. Once the butter is melted, mix in the corn syrup, brown sugar and salt. Increase the heat to medium-high and bring the mixture to a boil, stirring frequently.

Once the mixture reaches a boil, let the mixture continue to boil for 5 more minutes without stirring. Remove the mixture from the heat, stir in the baking soda and vanilla extract. The mixture will bubble up and become frothy. Evenly drizzle the caramel sauce over the popcorn on

the baking sheets, and use a silicone spatula to gently toss and coat thoroughly. It's okay if there are some clumps of caramel throughout, it will melt and become better spread out while baking.

Bake for 40-50 minutes, removing from the oven to toss/stir every 10 minutes. After 40 minutes, test a cooled piece of popcorn. If it is not completely crispy (i.e. still slightly mushy when you bite it), bake for 10 minutes more.

Remove the baking sheets to a wire rack and allow popcorn to cool completely before breaking apart for serving or packaging. Can be stored in an airtight container for up to 2 weeks.

Estate planning workshop available

Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority Inc., Pi Epsilon Omega Chapter presents an estate planning worship on Thursday, Oct. 12, at 7 p.m. It will be held on Zoom.

Attorney Jobyna Terry will be the presenter. For more information or to register, call Marie Billie at 757-894-8280.

St. James Church plans indoor yard sale

St. James Episcopal Church, 23395 Drummond-town Road, Accomac, is having an indoor yard sale on Saturday, Oct. 21, from 8 a.m. to noon in the parish house, located behind the church.

Baked goods, frozen soup, housewares, a set of china and much more will be for sale.

Scott to speak at Cape Charles Museum

Dr. David Scott of the Northampton Historic Preservation Society will give a presentation "Old Houses of Northampton County," from 7 to 8 p.m. on Wednesday, Oct. 25, inside the Cape Charles Museum.

Admission is \$5 or free with new or renewed membership paid for at the door.

Cape Charles Historical Society sets Oyster Roast

Cape Charles Historical Society and Museum Annual Oyster Roast will be held Saturday, Nov. 25.

Food will be served from 4:30 to 7:30 p.m.

There will be a live auction which includes a couple of decoys donated by Tommy O'Connor.

The menu includes roasted oysters, raw oysters, fried chicken, and clam chowder. Accompaniments include potato salad, bean salad, desserts, tea, and soda.

Beer and wine will be available separately by purchasing a \$20 wristband.

Cape Charles Baptist group plans Oct. 14 yard sale

The Jesus and Women Ministry group at Cape Charles Baptist Church will have a fundraising yard sale on Oct. 14 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. on the church grounds, 501 Randolph Ave., Cape Charles.

The funds collected will be used to support a new Good News Club in Northampton County. Good News Clubs is a ministry of Child Evangelism Fellowship where children, with their parents' permis-

sion, can learn about the gospel of Jesus Christ.

The yard sale will feature a variety of items such as used furniture (small items), kitchenware, tools, outdoor equipment, sports equipment, books and more. Call 804-677-6068 with questions.

Accomack Sheriff's Office plans Party in the Park

The Accomack County Sheriff's Office will hold a Party in the Park on Friday, Oct. 6, from 5 to 8 p.m., at the Sawmill Park. 24387 Joynes Neck Road, Accomac.

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Cheriton Baptist collecting pet items

Cheriton Baptist Church will be having a pet food and pet supplies drive through the month of October, with drop-off locations at the Cape Charles Public Library, Cape Vapes, Cape Charles Animal Hospital, Cheriton DMV, Bayside Health and Rehabilitation Center, and Cheriton Baptist Church.

The ghost of Marino — the lady in black

Marino stood, until a few years ago, just south of Lee Mont. It was visible back in the field to the left as you headed south out of town toward Drummond's Mill, a small story-and-a-half farmhouse built about 1796, known to some as Peach Brandy Farm. It had



Kirk
Mariner

brick ends, dormer windows, and a small front stoop.

Marino also had a ghost.

In or about 1880, Marino was the home of George Parker Parks (1845-1911), who rented and farmed the property to support his family. In addition to his wife Elizabeth Grinnalds Parks (1845-1915), the family at that time

consisted of five children: Henry, Marcelline, Otho, Elizabeth and Ella Grace. The two youngest children, Oscar and Everette, had not yet joined the family.

During those days George Parks worked hard around the farm and his children played hard around the old farmhouse, until dinner time would find the entire family seated around the table together. There, occasionally, the children's conversation would turn to the "lady in black." And though at first the parents paid her no mind, eventually they began to notice how often this lady in black recurred in the chatter of the children.

Finally one evening the parents inquired about her: "Who is this lady in black?"

"The woman who comes to visit us," came

the answer.

"Oh?"

"Yes, she comes up the lane from the main road every day."

"Really? When?"

"In the afternoon. About four o'clock."

"Then why haven't we seen her?"

"Because when she gets to the top of the steps of the front porch, she disappears."

No amount of parental reasoning could shake the children from their story: There really was a lady in black, who really did come up the lane every day. And no amount of arguing or scoffing could persuade them that they must be imagining things: She really did disappear when she got to the top of the steps. This, insisted every child, really was true — they had all seen her.

The lady in black remained a fixture of conversation around the dinner table for many meals, the children apparently not at all perturbed by her strange behavior, the parents utterly convinced that it was childish nonsense. But finally George Parks grew tired of hearing about it, so one day he took off from work early, and lay in wait, hiding, determined to prove when she did not appear that the alleged visitor did not exist.

But about four o'clock he saw her. Just as the children had said: A lady in black coming up the lane from the main road, quiet and slow. He watched as she reached the edge of the yard, and watched her head straight for the front porch, and then, as he watched, she reached the top of the stairs, and vanished — just as she was about to enter the house.

It was enough to convince George Parks. That night he packed up his wife and children and moved them out of Marino into a house in Lee Mont.

Who, supposedly, was the lady in black? If the explanation of a ghost requires a graveyard, then Marino has one. A dozen people lie buried in a small burial plot on the farm and one of them, a gender and chronology could qualify as the lady in black.

Levin D. Lewis (1818-1886) purchased the farm in 1857 and lies buried there next to his wife Mary Ann (1831-1908) and three children, all of whom died in the 1860s before reaching the age of nine. Near them is the grave of Annie F. Willett Melson (1798-1872), Mary Ann's mother and Levin Lewis' mother-in-law, grandmother of the three children. Was the lady in black the grandmother returning to visit the three little boys whom she loved?

Without any such attempt to identify her, the Parks family kept alive the story of the ghost of Marino. The seven Parks children — Henry F. Parks (1868-1931), Marcelline Parks Melson (1870-1958), Elizabeth Parks Custis (1873-1955), Otho T. Parks (1875-1951), Ella Grace Parks Wescott (1877-1943), Oscar Parks (1881-1969), and Everette P. Parks (1888-1947) — passed the story on to the next generation, the five oldest of them insisting that they were eyewitnesses to the ghost's existence. Ella Wescott's daughter, Marguerite Whitehead lives today in Nassawadox, and is still recounting the story told to her by her mother and attested to by aunts and uncles.

Does the lady in black still come up the lane at four o'clock in the afternoon? If so, these days she has to perform her vanishing act before reaching the top of the porch stairs, for Marino burned to the ground on June 26, 1982, the victim of an arsonist. Today, only the graves remain for sure — and the story.

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

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

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The Eastern Shore's version of Name that Town

The Eastern Shore has more than its share of peculiar place names, and a lot of them have evolved over the years. Many places are named for the people who once lived there, and as the residents changed, the name changed also. For example, the



Curtis
Badger

community we know today as Daugherty was once called Bull Run because Eli Bull operated a tavern there. Harborton was once known as Hoffman's Wharf, and Wachapreague was once Powellton, and before that Teackle's Landing, so named because of the resident planter and mariner.

Some of our place names are ancient, reflecting the Native American presence on the peninsula — Chincoteague, Assateague, Onancock, Chesconnessex, and Assawoman, for example.

Not surprisingly, many of the names of communities along the railroad were named for railroad executives.

Painter, Keller, Tasley, and Bloxom were railroad men. Parksley, a railroad town, was named in honor of Benjamin Parks, who once farmed the land where the station sits today. Cape Charles took the name of the northern cape marking the entrance of the Chesapeake Bay, but for many years the town was referred to as Cape Charles City, probably reflecting the ambitions of the founders as much as a need to distinguish it

from the nautical reference.

Melfa, another railroad town, near what was once Fair Oaks, is said to have been named for a river in Italy, honoring the many Italian workers who helped build the railroad.

Belle Haven is a wonderful name for a community, conjuring up visions of peace and beauty, but the source of the name had a more practical origin. Belle Haven is on what in pre-railroad/Rt. 13 days was the major north-south stagecoach route.

According to an article on Accomack County in the 1929 University of Virginia Record Extension Series, the community was named for a Mr. Bell, who in the 18th the century settled in the area and opened a business baking bread and cakes. Mr. Bell operated a large outdoor oven, and people in the neighborhood would bring their wares to him for baking. The community became known as Bell's Oven.

Townsend, near the tip of the peninsula, was named for a farmer from Delaware who settled in the area in the late 1800s. Before Samuel Townsend migrated south from the First State, the community was known as Parsons ville, named for Julius Parsons, who opened a store there around 1870. A few years later Francis Whitehead opened a store and secured postal service for the community, which he named Whiteheadville.

Old maps often come up with a few surprises. On one from the early 1800s, the community of Craddockville is identified as Turkey Pens. The name has in recent years been revived by the Turkey Pen Pickers, a musical group that performs on an irregular basis at Bill Aeschliman's Chair Place in

downtown Craddockville.

Many towns and communities off the beaten path today were regularly visited in the pre-railroad days.

A 1720 map lists Guilford, Muddy Creek, Chesconnessex, Metompinkin, Locustville, Machipongo, Occohannock, Cheriton (Cherystone), and King's Creek. Other early communities were Hadlock, Franktown, Bridgetown, Johnsontown, and Shadyside, which on some maps is referred to as Poor House, at the head of Wilsonia Neck, now home of the Barrier Islands Center, formerly the county almshouse.

The wharves of the Eastern Shore often changed names as the owners changed. Morley's Wharf, near Wardtown in Northampton County, was once called Read's Wharf. Read's Wharf was not simply a point of embarkation, but a destination all its own. George H. Read, a northerner, bought a 200-acre farm on the south shore of Occohannock Creek after the Civil War and built vacation houses, a fishing pier, a store, bar, and post office, and began entertaining guests, many of whom came for hunting and fishing.

So, when the steamers from Baltimore arrived, it was not uncommon for passengers to linger for a few days.

Read's resort lasted only a few years. The large store on the property was burned in 1890 by burglars trying to destroy evidence of their crime. George Read died in 1892 and his widow, Betty, put the property up for sale. The property was taken over by the Eastern Shore Steamboat Company, and later became the property of the Morley family.

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Eastern Shore place names with challenging pronunciations

Take a glance at a map and you'll see 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 and Machipongo was featured in July's. Quinby was the subject of the August edition, and Onley was discussed in September's.

Be sure to check those out if you missed them.

As I've mentioned previously, the topic of pronunciations of local town and place names on the Eastern Shore often yields lively discussions online. To research how locals have heard various Eastern Shore town and place names (mis)pronounced by outsiders, I turned to Facebook. To be exact, I posed the question to the 11.2K members of the group Shoreborn, moderated by Barry Mears and dedicated to celebrating Eastern Shore living, for examples of these mispronunciations.

The group did not disappoint. The first discussion, which was originally posted on April 5, 2022, yielded 89 comments, while the second discussion, posted on March 18, 2023, generated 120 comments. If you're interested in reading the discussions, become a member of Shoreborn. Once you're a member, you can find the threads by searching for #magine on the group page.

I've already discussed Chincote-

ague (SHINK-uh-tig), Onancock (uh-NAN-kok), Wachapreague (WATCH-uh-prig), Machipongo (match-uh-PUNG-oh), Quinby (KWIM-bee), and Onley (OWN-lee).

Several other towns were mentioned that didn't include examples of mispronunciations. These were Assawoman, Assateague, Pungoteague, Kiptopeke, and Chesconessex.

According to some commenters, the first three letters of Assawoman and Assateague were too intimidating for some outsiders to even

attempt a pronunciation of these towns.

The first syllable in each town sounds like another word for a donkey. The first syllable is stressed, so it's ASS-uh-wah-min or ASS-uh-woman (with the last two syllables pronounced like the word "woman") and ASS-uh-tig.

I've heard Pungoteague pronounced two ways: PUNG-uh-tig (with first syllable stress) or pung-uh-TIG (with third syllable stress). It's never pun-GO-tig, unless you're

not from here or not in the know.

Kiptopeke is KIP-tuh-peek, and Chesconessex is CHESS-uh-ness-ix (the middle "c" isn't pronounced). Both names are stressed on the first syllable.

The last three places I'm going to discuss in this series are Cheriton, Tasley, and Miona. I know there are many other towns and places that could have been discussed, and maybe they will be sometime in the future.

Cheriton is CHAIR-uh-din, with the stress on the first syllable. A lot of outsiders call this small town between Cape Charles and Eastville SHAIR-uh-din. They're using the "CH" sound heard in words like Chincoteague or "chef." Many locals reported hearing "Sheraton," just like the international hotel chain owned by Marriott International.

Tasley is "TAZ-lee." The stress is again on the first syllable. Several commenters mentioned hearing "TAZE-lee" from Hampton Roads-based reporters. Locals use the short "a" sound heard in words like "apple" or "cat," not the long "a" sound heard in "base" or "ape."

And last but not least, Miona, an unincorporated community southwest of New Church, is MY-own-uh. I'll confess that I always thought it was "ME-own-uh" until about a year or so ago when I interviewed local farmer Bruce Holland for Shore Conversations at the Historic Onancock School. I'll just blame my ignorance on being a Northampton County "down-the-roader."

Thanks again to everyone from Shoreborn who participated in these online discussions. And thanks to everyone who has read this column over the past several months. I hope you all have enjoyed it, and maybe you've even learned a thing or two about linguistics or how to pronounce our beloved Eastern Shore place names. 'Til next time!



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Assawoman United Methodist Church is in Assawoman, another Eastern Shore place name with a challenging pronunciation.

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Beach Market is an oasis of fine food and fresh meals

BY TED SHOCKLEY

Shore First

Beach Market in Cape Charles is more than just a market. All of the fresh meat and seafood sold there also can be prepared on site — for a dine-in experience or for takeout.

All of the beer and wine sold on premises also can be enjoyed with a lunch or dinner on site, or purchased and carried home.

The newly constructed market, which opened in 2022, has an urbane vibe, with the fine food products available in an upscale market.

That's the niche Greg and Gina Butler, formerly of Pocomoke City, wanted to fill with the market.

"We offer products in our store that are not readily available in our area," said Gina Butler.

"When we first moved to Cape Charles, I found that I was traveling to Virginia Beach at least twice a week to get really fresh seafood, fresh herbs, produce, and prime meats. That was really where the idea of the store originated."

While the market carries quick-dinner, grab-and-go options like rotisserie chicken, lasagna, meatloaf, several fresh soups, and desserts, it also offers daily specials like fried shrimp and fried oyster baskets, and a full menu of options.

Meals can be as fancy or as unfussy as the customer wants. Because of the on-and-off beer-and-wine license, a beer or a glass of wine can be enjoyed at one of the tables available inside or outside.

If a customer wants a dozen steamed oysters and a cold beer, it can be prepared. If a customer wants a tomahawk steak and a class of wine, that's no



SHORE FIRST/TED SHOCKLEY

A fried oyster basket with shoestring fries and cole slaw at Beach Market.

problem, either.

A fascinating aspect to Beach Market is that any of the fresh foods can be prepared — if a customer doesn't see a particular steak on the dinner menu, they can pick one out of the

case and it will be prepared to the diner's specifications.

"If you would like to try halibut or say, stuffed flounder, but have not cooked it before, we will do it for you, and be happy to send you home with a

recipe," said Gina Butler.

"We have prepared the tomahawks for a customer who was reluctant to try them at home for the first time."

Beach Market has expanded its
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Beach Market

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hours and its menu. It is open Tuesday and Wednesday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Thursday through Sunday from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.

With the holidays coming, Beach Market can take orders for everything from turkeys to tenderloin, bone-in rib roasts, hams, and all types of seafood. Pre-ordering is recommended.

“We can prepare the entire meal or just send you home with all you need,” said Gina Butler.

But it is still autumn, and Beach Market is a charming getaway with a uncommon selection of foods, beer and wine. It’s perfect for a quick take-out lunch or dinner for the beach, or a dine-in experience while watching customers mingle.

“We are so thankful for our patrons,” Gina Butler said. “They have watched us grow over the last year and have been super supportive.”



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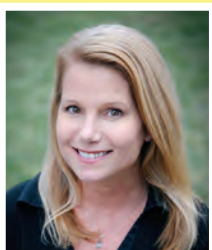
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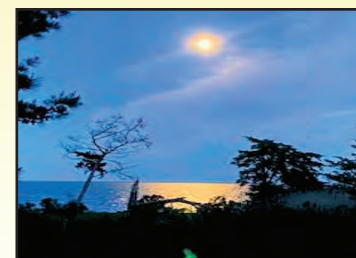
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Anglers Club meets Oct. 9

The Eastern Shore Anglers Club will be holding its monthly meeting at the Sage restaurant in Onley on Monday evening Oct. 9. at 7 p.m. All anglers and the public are welcome to attend.

Special Olympics Big Feet Meet set

Accomack County Public Schools is hosting a Special Olympics Big Feet meet on Friday, Oct. 13. It is for grade six through post-graduate. It is sponsored by Accomack County Public Schools and Special Olympics.

St. James Church plans indoor yard sale

St. James Episcopal Church, 23395 Drummondtown Road, Accomac, is having an indoor yard sale on Saturday, Oct. 21 from 8 a.m. to noon in the Parish House behind the church.

There will be homemade frozen soup, baked goods, a set of china, housewares, and much more.

Ham and clam dinner is planned

Onley United Methodist Church will have a ham and clam dinner on Friday, Oct. 20, from 5 to 7 p.m.

The cost is \$12 for adults and youth age 15 and older. It is dine-in or take-out. The menu is clam fritters, ham, potato salad, cole slaw, devilled egg, roll, beverage and dessert. Reservations are encouraged. Call 757-787-2721.

ESO Arts Center presents Shel Silverstein

ESO Arts Center in Belle Haven presents "Swing Project: An Evening of Shel Silverstein," on Saturday, Oct. 14, at 15293 King St. Tickets are \$20 in advance and \$25 at the door.

CHINCOTEAGUE



PHOTO COURTESY DAN DAVIS

A pink flamingo, blown off course during Tropical Storm Idalia, looks out of place in the waters off Chincoteague Island on Wednesday, Oct. 4.

Pink flamingos arrive on island

BY CLARA VAUGHN
Eastern Shore Post

Tropical Storm Idalia brought more than wind and heavy rain to the Eastern Shore: It also brought flamingos.

Since the storm made landfall in Florida's Big Bend region Aug. 30, scores of the blush birds have been blown off course, making their way across the eastern United States.

Last week at least two had arrived on Chincoteague Island.

It's "very unusual to see a flamingo in Chincoteague," said Capt. Dan Davis, of Captain Dan's Around the Island Tours.

"I have lived here my whole life

and never seen one," he said.

That changed during his sightseeing tour Wednesday, Oct. 4, when guests on the boat spotted one of the bright pink birds near the Maryland state line, he said.

A group of volunteer surveyors first spotted a flamingo at Chincoteague National Wildlife Refuge on Monday, Oct. 2.

Around the same time, other birders reported seeing a flamingo closer to Curtis Merritt harbor — indicating at least two of the birds were on the island.

Visitors have reported seeing flamingos at other spots nearby, including Assateague National Seashore's Over Sand Vehicle area at the south end of the beach and

near Wallops Island.

Bird watchers have clocked the bright birds in other unusual states including Tennessee, Ohio, Pennsylvania, and as far north as Wisconsin, according to an Oct. 2 report by NPR's Julia Cooper.

Experts believe the flamingos came from Mexico's Yucatan Peninsula, she reported.

"While this is likely just a one-off occurrence in our area, I wonder if some flamingos might find territory outside their normal range that will support them," Davis said.

"Forty years ago it wasn't common to see ibis in our area, and now they are a regular sighting in the summer," he said.

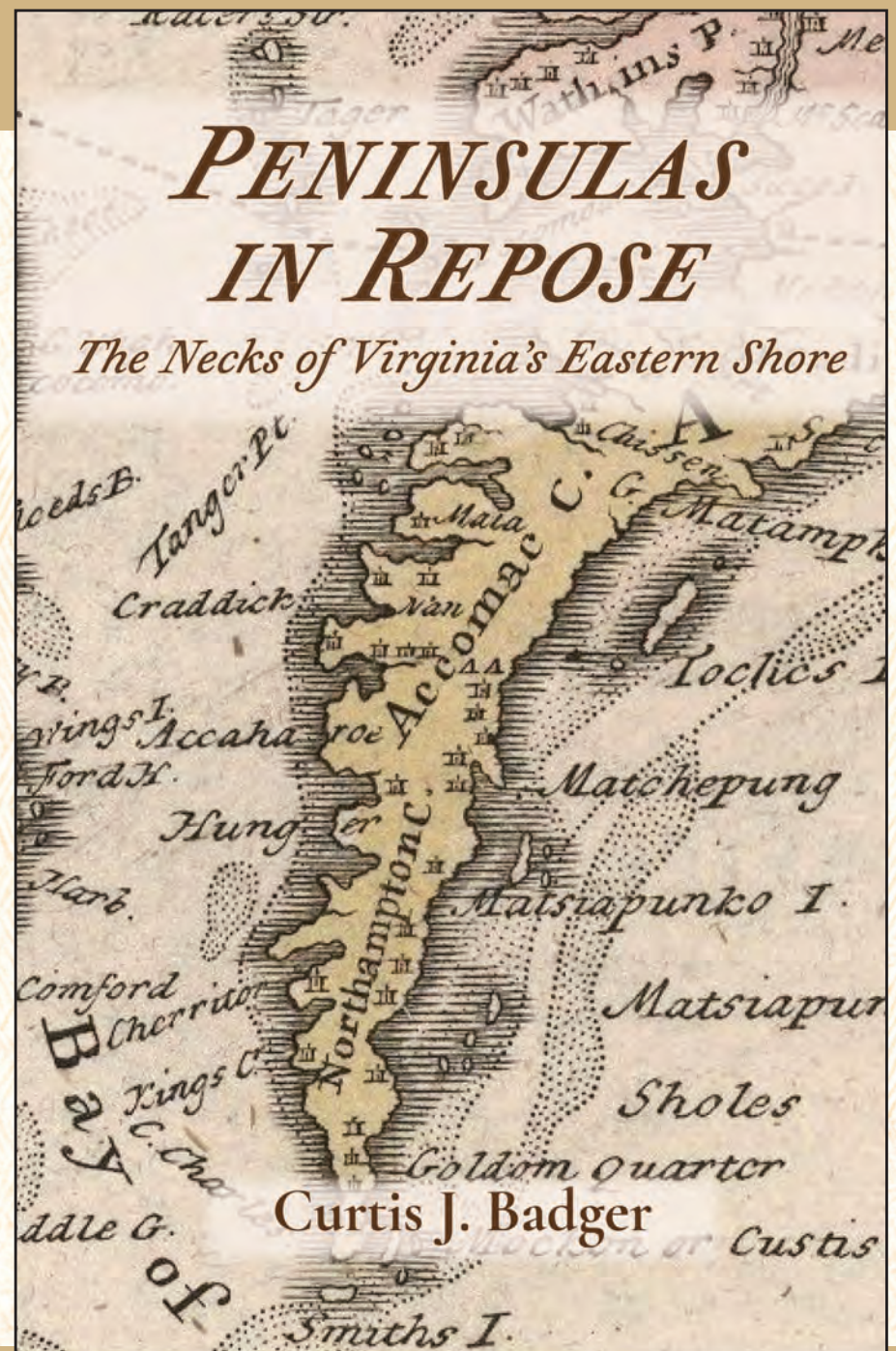
A New Book on the Necks of the Eastern Shore

From Eastern Shore Author
Curtis J. Badger

Prolific Eastern Shore writer Curtis J. Badger has a knack for finding compelling stories in places you might never expect. In his new book, *Peninsulas in Repose*, he takes a fascinating look at the necks of the Eastern Shore, those wooded peninsulas on seaside and bayside waterways where the English first settled.

Badger finds a treasure trove of stories in our necks of the woods: high drama in Gargathy Neck, night time raids in Joynes Neck, the mysterious creature of Craddock Neck, and the blockade runners of Hacks Neck. And he explores the contributions that families such as the Upshurs, Parramores, and Wises have made to the Eastern Shore and the nation. These are the families that populated our necks of the woods generations ago, and whose descendants are still among us.

In *Peninsulas in Repose*, Badger captures life on the Eastern Shore as it was prior to the coming of the railroad in 1884 and U.S. Route 13 in the 1920s. Badger takes the reader back to a time when people lived on narrow peninsulas on bayside and seaside creeks. These were America's first residential communities, areas of fertile land adjacent to deep water, making travel and commerce easy.



Peninsulas in Repose can be purchased direct from the publisher, Salt Water Media of Berlin, Maryland. For online purchases visit www.saltwatermedia.com or phone 443-513-4422. Price is \$24.99 plus shipping and tax, if applicable.

Arts Enter theatre season opens with 'Noises Off'

The smash hit production of Michael Frayn's hilarious off-the-wall comedy "Noises Off" will be presented by Arts Enter at the Historic Palace Theatre from Nov. 3 to 12.

Frayn's joyfully out-of-control British farce features under-rehearsed and overworked cast and crew with a pen-chant for drama more personal than professional. They are readying themselves for the world premiere of a new play with the auspicious title, "Noth-ing On." As the production progress-es, the bumbling cast brings down the house — literally.

Frayn was inspired with the idea for "Noises Off" in 1970, when he was watching a performance from the wings of the farce, "The Two of Us," which he had written for Lynn Redgrave and Richard Briers.

Frayn said, "It was funnier from behind than from in front and I thought that one day I must write a farce from behind."

An early one act version, "Exits," was written and performed 1977 at a fundraising matinee.

At the request of his associate, Michael Codron, Frayn expanded this into what would become "Noises Off," whose title comes from the theatrical phrase for "sound heard in the wings."

The play premiered in London at the Lyric Theatre Hammersmith in 1982 with universally ecstatic reviews from audiences and critics.

It subsequently received the prestigious Oliver award for Best Play and many other significant awards and recognitions.

Called one of the funniest plays ever written, "Noises Off" is a comedy



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about putting on a comedy.

A rollicking backstage farce about a second-rate theatrical troupe, the play combines slapstick, a British sex comedy, a non-stop hilarity from a manic menagerie of itinerant actors rehears-

ing a flop called "Nothing On."

Doors slamming, on-and-off stage intrigue, with an errant herring all figure in the plot of this uproarious and classically-comic play. Given its widespread popularity among audi-

ences and critics in many different countries, "Noises Off" has managed to strike a universal chord with its story about actors struggling to put on a perfect show.

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Arts enter

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"I think it's connected the fear we all have inside ourselves that we might be unable to go on with a performance ... We all feel we might break down and sometimes we do. So, when we see it happening to those idiots on the stage in a farce, it's a release of the tension," explained Frayn.

In the first act of "Noises Off," opening night is just hours away, and the hapless cast of "Nothing On" struggles to complete a dress rehearsal of their ill-fated play.

In the second act, the audience is transported backstage as the set revolves and reveals a cast on the verge of disaster, as love affairs and betrayals send the production into chaos. The final act re-

turns to the company for their final performance. With lines being forgotten, love triangles unraveling and sardines flying everywhere, it is complete pandemonium.

Arts Enter is proud to be presenting this challenging production as a seasons' opener directed by Clelia Cardano Sheppard. Returning to the stage are several of our favorite actors: Renata Sheppard, Melinda Blanchard, Susan Kovacs, Lenore De Bellis, Edilen Obamos, Garney Johnson, Tony Robinson, Thomas Thornton, Richard Williams, and Ryan Kearns. The set design and execution was masterfully created by Peter Helk with interior decor and set by Richard Williams. Lights and sound by Noah Young.

"Noises Off" is an adult play. Show times are Fri-day and Saturday evenings at 7:30 p.m. and 3 p.m. for the Sunday matinees.

Tickets are \$30 for adults and \$15 for students

and are available at the Lemon Tree Gallery, at the door or at www.artsentercapecarles.org

For more information, call Arts Enter at Lemon Tree at 757 331-4327.

Presenting Sponsor for this production of "Noises Off" is Khadija Cuzina's Divine Cooking which features Mediterranean food for mind, body, and soul. Khadija is an elite private chef and is also currently finishing her memoir. Visit www.khadijacu-sina.com

Other upcoming events include the annual Arts Enter fundraiser, Benefit by the Bay, which will feature food by Love + Rosemary, music by the Harbor String Quartet, an art sale, and a beautiful Eastern Shore sunset at the home of Dr. and Mrs. John Sheppard. Tickets are \$50 and available at the Lemon Tree Gallery and through Arts Enter.

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Remembering Billy Greer, former ESCC interim president

The Eastern Shore community is saddened that former interim president at Eastern Shore Community College, William Thomas Greer Jr. passed away on Aug. 30, 2023.

A native of Georgia, “Billy” graduated from Valdosta State University and was drawn to the ministry. He studied at Emory University’s Candler School of Theology and earned an M.Div. degree from Drew University.

He went on to earn a Doctor of Sacred Theology degree at Emory University and a Ph.D. in higher education administration at Georgia State University.

Greer continued his studies at the Harvard University Institute for Educational Management.

After serving as a Methodist pastor for 12 years, Greer transitioned to higher education as college president, first at Andrew College for seven years and then Brevard College for seven years.

In 1992 Greer assumed the presidency of Virginia Wesleyan College. Under his 23 years at the helm, Virginia Wesleyan notably increased its enrollment, athletics, physical facilities, and endowment. One of his proudest achievements at Wesleyan was the establishment of the Center for the Study of Religious Freedom.

He was often heard to say, “We must stop killing each other over religious beliefs.” The Greer Environmental Sciences Center was given in honor of his retirement, fulfilling his dream and placing Wesleyan in a unique position among liberal arts colleges.

Following his retirement from Vir-



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ginia Wesleyan, Greer and his wife enjoyed spending time at their home in Craddockville. In 2016 Dr. Greer joined the ESCC Foundation Board of Directors, where he was a key contributor and fundraiser for ESCC’s capital campaign and also served as guest speaker at ESCC’s 2016 Commencement.

Upon the departure of outgoing ESCC President Linda Thomas Glover, Greer served as interim president for 18 months until ESCC’s current

president, Jim Shaeffer, came on board on July 1, 2019.

Shaeffer notes, “I think I speak for so many of us at the college and in the community, that Dr. Greer not only served as ESCC’s Interim President and former ESCC Foundation Board member, but he truly loved serving and supporting the Shore’s diverse population. He was a friend to so many and will be greatly missed.”

A celebration of life for Dr. William T. “Billy” Greer Jr. will be held

on the Virginia Wesleyan University campus on Saturday, Oct. 14 at 11 a.m. in the Susan S. Goode Fine and Performing Arts Center.

The service is open for family and friends with a reception to follow. The Greer family has directed memorial gifts to ESCC Foundation, 29316 Lankford Highway, Melfa, VA 23410, earmarked for the Dr. William Thomas Greer Jr. Scholarship Fund for Deserving Students.



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dividual blessings, treats for people and pets, and the Eastern Shore SPCA will be at the event.

Monday, October 9

- **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., Salisbury Christian at Nandua.
- **HIGH SCHOOL VOLLEYBALL:** 7 p.m., Surry County at Northampton.

Tuesday, October 10

- **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.
- **FREE DINNER:** 5 to 7 p.m., Capeville United Methodist Church will have a free community spaghetti dinner on Tuesday, Oct. 10, from 5 to 7 p.m. The church is located at 4410 Capeville Drive, Capeville.

Wednesday, October 11

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- **FARMERS MARKET:** 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Parksley Farmers and Artisans Market, 18444 Dunne Ave., Parksley.
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- **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, October 12

- **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.
- **INTERNATIONAL FILM:** 7 p.m., Onancock International Films presents "Chevalier" at the Roseland Theatre in Onancock. Sponsored by the Roseland Cinema and Entertainment Center.
- **ESTATE PLANNING:** 7 p.m., Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority Inc., Pi Epsilon Omega Chapter presents an estate planning worship on Thursday, Oct. 12, at 7 p.m. It will be held on Zoom. Attorney Jobyna Terry will be the presenter. For more information or to register, call Marie Billie at 757-894-8280.

Friday, October 13

- **FARMERS MARKET:** 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Parksley Farmers and Artisans Market, 18444 Dunne Ave., Parksley.
- **MEETING:** 6:30 to 7:30 p.m., Serenity Hour Al-Anon Family Group, Christ United Methodist Church, 6253 Church St., Chincoteague.

Saturday, October 14

- **FALL SALE:** 8 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., the Woman's Club of Accomack County will be having its fall yard sale on Saturday, at 25405 Richmond Ave., Onley. It will be held rain or shine. There will be toys, jewelry, seasonal clothing, household items, gardening items, soups, and baked goods.
- **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
- **FALL BAZAAR:** 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., Christ Church, Eastville, will hold its annual Fall Bazaar. Baked goods, jams/jellies, crafts, and local farm vegetables will be for sale in

the church Parish House located behind the church. A lunch of your choice of four 1/2 cup portions with a drink will be available for \$4. Choices will be taco soup, sausage tortellini soup, chicken tetrazzini, and chicken sweet potato corn chowder, which will also be available for sale at the food table to take home.

- **YARD SALE:** 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., the Jesus and Women Ministry group at Cape Charles Baptist Church will have a fundraising yard sale on the church grounds, 501 Randolph Ave., Cape Charles. The funds collected will be used to support a new Good News Club in Northampton County. Good News Clubs is a ministry of Child Evangelism Fellowship where children, with their parents' permission, can learn about the gospel of Jesus Christ. The yard sale will feature a variety of items such as used furniture (small items), kitchenware, tools, outdoor equipment, sports equipment, books and more. Call 804-677-6068 with questions.
- **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
- **COLONIAL DAMES:** 11 a.m., The Eastern Shore Chapter of the Colonial Dames of the 17th Century will meet at Painter-Garrison Methodist Church. Dr. David Scott will be the speaker. If anyone would like to join the Colonial Dames, Teresa Smith is the Eastern Shore Chapter Registrar and will assist in completing membership applications. Email her at tsmith6228@comcast.net
- **MUD BOG:** 12:30 p.m., Old Fashioned Mud Hop at 20305 Greenbush Road, Greenbush. Admission is \$20 and children 10 and younger are free.
- **MUD BOG:** 1 to 4 p.m., Great Pocomoke Fair Mud Bog, 2037 Broad St., Pocomoke City. Visit t.hegreatpocomoke-fair.org
- **BENEFIT DINNER:** 6 to 11 p.m., Shrimp Feast Shrimpalooza to benefit the Delmarva Discovery Museum, Pocomoke City. Event features a cash bar, live music by Front Page News, a silent auction, and a 50-50 raffle. Event will be held at the Pocomoke Elks Lodge, 1944 Worcester Highway, Pocomoke City. Tickets are \$50 each and can be purchased by calling 410-957-9933.

Sunday, October 15

- **LECTURE ON THE LAWN:** 2 p.m., The Northampton Historic Preservation Society will present a Lecture on the Lawn at the site of the Arlington House. The lecture will cover the excavation of the site and the history of the Custis family who lived there. The guest speaker is Nicholas M. Luccketti, principal archaeologist for the James River Institute for Archaeology Inc.

Monday, October 16

- **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

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Chincoteague Island Arts Organization. Info: 757-702-2170, www.chincoteagueislandarts.com

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

Tuesday, October 17

■ 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.

■ FREE DINNER: 6:30 p.m., Cheriton Baptist Church will have a free community chili dinner. The event is open to everyone.

Wednesday, October 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

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Thursday, October 19

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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.

■ FUNDRAISER: 5 p.m., the Eastern Shore Literacy Council's Spell-Rite "Bee for Literacy" will be held at the Eastern Shore Community College Great Hall.

There will be a social hour, silent auction, buffet dinner, and a spelling bee competition with six local teams.

Tickets are available to purchase at www.shoreliteracy.org with proceeds benefitting the Dolly Parton Imagination Library.

Friday, October 20

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

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

Saturday, October 21

■ YARD SALE: 8 a.m. to noon, St. James Episcopal Church, 23395 Drummondtown Road, Accomac, is having an indoor yard sale in the parish house, located behind the church. Baked goods, frozen soup, housewares, a set of china and much more will be for sale.

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■ CAR SHOW: 10:30 a.m. to 3 p.m., there will be an auto show on Saturday, Oct. 21, at the Exmore Town Park, 3398 Main St., Exmore. Registration is from 8:30 to 10 a.m.

■ OYSTER ROAST: 5 p.m. to midnight, oyster roast to benefit Special Olympics at Scott Farms, 4301 Townsend Drive. Tickets are \$55 in advance or \$65 at the door and available at Ocean East Townsend and Rayfields Pharmacy locations in Nassawadox and Cape Charles. \$20 beer and liquor wristbands will be available. There will be live music, a silent auction, and more.

Monday, October 23

■ YOGA: 8 to 9 a.m., yoga at the Island Community House, 6246 Mumford St., Chincoteague. Info: 757-336-1992, info@islandcommunityhouse.org, [\[munityhouse.org\]\(http://munityhouse.org\)](http://www.islandcom-</p></div><div data-bbox=)

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

Tuesday, October 24

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■ PRESENTATION: 7 to 8 p.m., Dr. David Scott of the Northampton Historic Preservation Society will give a presentation "Old Houses of Northampton County," inside the Cape Charles Museum. Admission is \$5 or free with new or renewed membership paid for at the door.

Thursday, October 26

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100 years ago
October 1923

Cape Charles banks have \$40,000 in Christmas fund

Close to \$40,000 will be paid out by the two banks of Cape Charles in Christmas savings checks this year, according to figures obtained from the banks today.

More than 900 Christmas savings accounts are held by the two banks. The money which was accumulated in these accounts since the first of the year will be paid out during the first week of December and the total amount of Christmas savings this year will exceed that of any year since the plan was first organized.

The Farmers' and Merchants' Trust Bank with \$22,500 in 600 accounts heads the list, while the Cape Charles Bank is a close second with \$15,500 in 300 accounts.

— *The Daily Times*

Flower carnival planned

What has drawn thousands of people each year to the courthouse town, will on October 31, November 1 and 2, break all records of attendance and entertainment, according to the Jefferson Davis Chapter, U.D.C., who are in charge of the annual chrysanthemum carnival and flower show to be held in the Rural Hill tea rooms here.

For the last quarter of century the United Daughters of the Confederacy of Accomac have held an annual flower show where delicious things to eat are served, while the guests enjoy an afternoon and evening of speech, music and song in the midst of floral exhibits from the two Eastern Shore of Virginia counties of which they pride themselves of having the best.

— *The Roanoke Times*

Charter granted

The Eastern Shore Kola Nut Company, Inc., of Eastville, was granted a charter today authorizing it to manufacture and deal in soft drinks, with capital ranging from \$1,000 to \$25,000. The incorporators are W. Otis Smith, president; Howard H. Adams, secretary, and J. T. Edmonds, all of Eastville.

— *The Roanoke Times*

Wins contest for best Maury essay

Miss Katherine Wise, of Capeville high school, won first prize for the best essay on Matthew Fontaine Maury, "Pathfinder of the Seas," the prize being delivered by Mrs. Howard Hall, historian of Ye Olde Arlington Chapter, U.D.C. of Cheriton.

The prize was offered by the General Society, United Daughters of the Confederacy, and was open to all pupils of accredited high schools in the 100 counties of this commonwealth and brings much honor to Miss Wise and the Capeville school.

— *The Daily Star*

Raiders foiled when booze in stove sets fire to residence

Fire thwarted the efforts of prohibition officers who attempted to raid a house near Eastville yesterday. The suspected moonshiners and dry agents joined in putting out the blaze. They saved the building but the fire destroyed the last drop of liquor, and, there being no evidence, no arrests were made.

The officers claim that the suspected moonshiners saw them approaching and threw liquor into a stove causing an explosion which set fire to the building. Six men attempted to escape from the rear of the building through a corn field but were halted by the officers. All joined in putting out the fire. Search warrants which the officers carried were then served, but the officers learned nothing except that if there had been any "evidence" it had gone up in smoke.

Federal Prohibition Officers Burgess and Griffith, County Prohibition Officer Arthur Rayfield and Policemen Eugene and Landis Dennis took part in the raid.

— *Ledger Star*

Farmers in favor of road bond issue

The bond issue for hard-surface roads which will be the big issue of the November election, should be carried by a working majority in the two Eastern Shore of Virginia counties, Accomac and Northampton.

At a recent meeting of farmers with their representatives, J. Harry Rew, of Accomac County, they went on record as unanimously in favor of the bond

issue. They stated that they wanted better roads to go hand and hand with other progress of the State and regarded the "Pay-as-You-Go" plan indefinite, and without enough action for road building now being advocated.

— *Daily Press*

Glass and Trinkle to speak on Shore

With "rally day" for all civic and social organizations and clubs of Northampton County, and Senator Glass or Governor Trinkle the principal speaker, one of the largest gatherings of its kind ever witnessed in the county is expected at Eastville, the county seat, during the day, according to T. V. Downing, chairman of the county council for Northampton county.

A full day's program is being arranged by the committees with half day holiday in all public schools of the county. The principal address of the day will be delivered at 11 a.m., after which luncheon will be served on the grounds. Immediately after luncheon, Mrs. Fereba Croxton, the county public health nurse, will have exhibits in the interest of better health movement in the schools. Several representatives of the state health department will be present who will address the school children on different phases of health in the schools.

Noted educators and experts from the state department of public instruction will speak to the school children and teachers. E. E. Worrell, a member of the state board of examiners, has pledged his support in the "rally day" program. The farmers' bureau will hold an afternoon session in the interest of agriculture with prominent speakers from the state department to address them.

The "rally day" will have for its object the promotion of a better community spirit and the movement is receiving the support of all public-spirited men and women throughout the county. Mrs. Fred Buchanan, chairman of the community leagues and public Health Nursing Association, has pledged the full support of all social clubs and community leagues in making the day a recreation and good cheer of speech, feast and song.

— *The Roanoke Times*

Onancock-Tasley highway is open

The new concrete highway between Onancock and

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Tasley was thrown open to the public Saturday, thus giving Onancock people for the first time an outlet to the nearest railroad station, a distance of approximately two and one-half miles, hard surface road. Previously this road was almost impassable during the winter months due to the heavy traffic.

The other piece of concrete highway, now under construction, that stretches from Tasley to Keller, paralleled with the railroad tracks is nearing completion. It is expected to be thrown open to the public by Nov. 15, or before cold weather. When this stretch is completed, Accomac county will have approximately twenty-five miles of hard surface highway, from Keller and Onancock, through Tasley and Accomac Courthouse.

— *The Roanoke Times*

One thousand cases of tomatoes take swim

By the underpinning giving away under the storage house of the Hubbard Canning Plant at Onancock wharf, more than one thousand cases of canned tomatoes were dumped into the water below. Most of the lot were salvaged. It is believed that when the river was dredged during early summer that the pilings supporting the warehouses were weakened.

— *The Danville Bee*


Honors new head of Virginia U.D.C.

The climax of festivities which has been going on for the past week in which Mrs. Edwin Goffigon, the newly-elected president of the Virginia Branch, United Daughters of the Confederacy, has been the guest of honor, will be a reception in her honor, held in the club rooms of the Northampton County Club, Cape Charles, Friday afternoon by the Henry


A. Wise Chapter, U.D.C., who have invited the Jefferson Davis Chapter of Accomac Courthouse, the Robert T. Lee Chapter of Belle Haven, and Ye Olde Arlington Chapter of Eastville to meet the president. More than 100 guests are expected to be present from the two counties.

Cape Charles, Northampton County and the whole Eastern Shore of Virginia is exceedingly proud of the honor conferred on Mrs. Goffigon, she being the founder and organizer of the Henry A. Wise Chapter of Cape Charles in 1913, and through her leadership the chapter has grown to be one of the strongest of the state. She is a native daughter and one of Northampton's most popular women, who for the past ten years has been actively prominent in woman's clubs and civic organizations of the Eastern Shore. Mrs. Goffigon is the niece of General Edgar D. Taylor, of Richmond, Va., and is related to the Wise and Custis families on the Eastern Shore, being the sixth great-granddaughter of John Custis, of Arlington.

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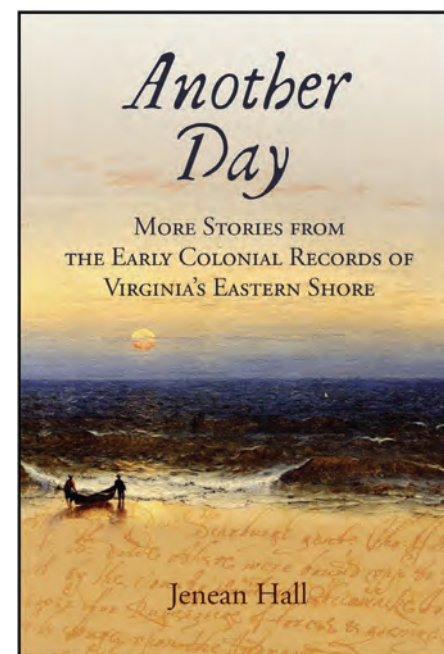
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October 1948

U.S. attorney to reverse unusual role in case here

A suit filed in U.S. District Court today will call for Judge Albert V. Bryan to rule on a reckless driving case and the United States attorney, normally a prosecutor in criminal actions, to act as defense counsel.

The case, first of its kind to be brought in the local court as a result of a new statute which became effective on September 1, grew out of a traffic accident involving a Navy truck in Accomack County last August.

Removed from the Circuit Court of Accomack County by the U.S. attorney, the case involved a reckless driving conviction of the Navy enlisted man in the trial justice court of the Eastern Shore county.

Defendant in the action, Cecil C. Beasley, attached to the Norfolk Naval Air Station, was charged with reckless driving resulting in a traffic accident. He allegedly was operating a truck towing an electric power plant when a piece of the power plant struck a Greyhound bus. He was fined \$50 in the trial justice court for reckless driving and appealed to the Circuit Court.

The removal was made under the new statute which provides that a government employee may have either a criminal or civil action, resulting from his employment, removed to the Federal Court for trial. As it turns out, the U.S. attorney and the Commonwealth's attorney of Accomack County will be on opposite sides of the fence when the case comes to trial.

Another removal case has been docketed in District Court in which the plaintiff is asking a judgment growing out of a judgment in a State court.

Alexander Hawkins, plaintiff in the suit is asking judgment of \$6,512 against Pennsylvania Threshermen and Farmer's Mutual Casualty, Insurance Company. He contends that he was a passenger on a bus owned and operated by W. H. Garnes which was involved in an accident. In Newport News Corporation Court he was awarded \$6,500 for injuries.

Hawkins contends that the insurance company held a policy on Garnes' bus and should pay the

judgment. The case was removed from Newport News Circuit Court on the motion of the insurance company.

— *Ledger-Star*

Sixth district of clubs will meet at Cape Charles

The Sixth District of the Virginia Federation of Woman's Clubs will hold its Fall District meeting Oct. 12 at 10:30 A.M. at Cape Charles, in the Methodist Church. The Woman's Club of Eastern Shore and the Junior Woman's Club of Accomack County will serve as hostesses.

The theme of the meeting will be "Walk Abreast With Your Days," and the guest speaker for this occasion will be Rev. Roland W. Wagner, pastor of the Central Baptist Church of Norfolk. Mrs. Charles W. Glenn of Farmville, Junior Vice President of the Virginia Federation will also speak to the joint assembly on "Juniors Face the Future."

Luncheon will be served the Juniors in the Presbyterian Church at 12:30 P.M. The deadline for making reservation is Oct. 6.

— *Daily Press*

Lawyer sees 'new town' if ferry moved

Whether to grant franchise to the Virginia Ferry Corporation for removal of its northern terminal from Cape Charles to Nottingham Beach today was taken under advisement by Judge Jeff F. Walter of Northampton County Circuit Court.

Before the case was submitted to the court for decision, Attorney Robert B. Tunstall, of Norfolk, speculated that the proposal "contemplates the development of a new town."

Tunstall, attorney for the State Highway Commission, which is opposing the switch in terminals, asked Judge Jeff F. Walter of Northampton County Circuit Court to deny the franchise.

The attorney looked with suspicion on 317 acres of land acquired by the ferry corporation at Nottingham Beach, six miles south of Cape Charles and site of the proposed terminal.

The water carrier contends the move contemplates a saving in running time, relief of present traffic congestion and better service to the public. Tunstall had other thoughts on the subject.

"I think those 317 acres are waiting to be filled with the remains of Cape Charles after its business has been destroyed for it," he said.

He never had heard of "a more planned, I would

almost say calculated, destruction of a community than is proposed here," Tunstall declared.

Mayor Raymond Grimmer and a number of Cape Charles business men have predicted that the move will mean the virtual ruin of Cape Charles — a position attacked by Attorneys Benjamin W. and Littleton Mears, of Eastville, representing the ferry corporation.

Both sides finished their cases and final arguments late in the day and the case went to Judge Walter for determination. He deferred decision, however, pending receipt of transcribed testimony taken during the proceedings.

The jurist asked the court reporter for a copy of the transcript (a document that may run 60 pages or more), explaining that he wanted to read it before ruling on the matter.

— *The Virginian-Pilot*

50 years ago
October 1973

Bridge-tunnel sets record

The Chesapeake Bay Bridge-Tunnel had its best September ever, Lucius J. Kellam, chairman of the bridge and tunnel commission, told the monthly meeting of the commission Tuesday.

The September figure was \$866,664 in toll revenue.

That follows record-breaking months in July and August which were the best for any months in the history of the facility. The July total was \$1,231,054 and the other figure was \$1,275,320.

The best previous September was in 1971 with the figure of \$805,177.

An exact comparison with September 1972 was not possible because the bridge-tunnel was out of service for the rest of the month as a result of the barge accident on September 21.

In the first 20 days revenue was \$615,424. A projection which combines that figure with the last days of September 1971 shows a combination total of \$822,440.

— *Richmond Times-Dispatch*

Exmore native assumes duties

Hubert C. Doughty today assumed the office of county executive director of the Agricultural Stabi-

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lization and Conservation Service at 701 D St., replacing Harry L. Fleming, who left ASCS to operate a farm at Rural Retreat.

Mr. Doughty, 23, is a native of Exmore and the son of Mr. and Mrs. Melvin B. Doughty. He completed the county operations training program in January and has been working on special assignment around the state since that time.

He spent four weeks of the six-month intensive training period in the Staunton office.

Mr. Doughty is a graduate of Northampton High School and Madison College.

Assisting him in the office, which serves Augusta County farmers, are Miss Nancy Berry and Mrs. Patricia Shickel.

— The Daily News Leader

Station dispute results in fine of \$10

A Pocomoke City man was fined \$10 and costs in District Court here for disorderly conduct resulting

from a dispute in the Pocomoke City Police Station.

Neil Fiorello, 26, entered a plea of not guilty and acted as his own attorney.

Testimony revealed Fiorello, his wife, and a friend went to the Pocomoke City police station to inquire about a friend who had been arrested.

According to witnesses, a heated discussion resulted when Fiorello felt he did not receive satisfactory answers.

Fiorello was found guilty of the charge by Somerset County District Court Judge Lloyd Simpkins, presiding over the Monday session of Worcester County District Court.

In another Pocomoke City case, 51-year-old George Dickerson was found not guilty of assault on Clarence Cropper, 18, also of Pocomoke City.

Cropper had accused Dickerson of striking him with a lead pipe, fracturing his thumb.

According to Dickerson he was asking Cropper about some items that had been taken from his home when the youth swung at him with a board and then reached for a knife. Dickerson testified he then struck the youth with an aluminum vacuum cleaner pipe.

Judge Simpkins said testimony did not conclu-

sively prove Dickerson’s guilt.

— The Daily Times

Supervisor deplors lack of local control

Paul B. Merritt, Island District supervisor, says there’s no local input into the state building code.

He made the comment in a statement refuting Accomack County Board of Supervisors Chairman Harry Tull’s statement in the Eastern Shore News Sept. 20.

“According to Mr. Tull’s statement you would get the impression that the Statewide Building Code was under local control. While I have a great deal of respect for Mr. Tull I must point out to you that this is not true.

“There is absolutely no local input in the Uniform Statewide Building Code. It is what is known as the BOCA Basic Building Code. I do not even know what the provisions of this code require and I seriously doubt that Mr. Tull knows either. I know of no regulations in this that the Accomack County

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Board has established. All have been established by the State and imposed upon the Accomack County Board.

“However, the Accomack County Board did establish fees ranging from \$15 to \$300 which you, the citizens, must pay. I voted against this as this is only a tax increase in disguise to pay for the administration of this Statewide Building Code. Two other members of the board voted against this also. If this is what Mr. Tull considers local control, I feel we could well do without this kind of control.

“This is the same kind of stunt that the State of Virginia has been playing on you for the past 10 years, voting obnoxious legislation and then requiring you to pay for it. I think it is time for your board to stand up and tell Richmond that we are no longer going to be rubber stamps for their takeover of our citizens’ rights. I do not intend to sit on the local board and vote restrictions on the citizens of this county that I know they will disapprove of, just because Richmond said we must do so. We may not be able to stop it but we sure don’t have to approve it.

“When you have poured your next foundation for a building, you will find out how much this code interferes with your building. If you don’t like it then come to the Accomack County Board and let them tell you how much control they have.”

— *The Daily Times*

Grant Plaza to open in Pocomoke on Monday

The Grant Plaza shopping center opens here Monday. The opening also brings on the Pocomoke City scene a new Safeway food store and the Pocomoke Pharmacy.

Three or four other stores are planned in the center on Route 13, south of Pocomoke City.

Opening activities will be kicked off at 9 a.m. Monday with a ribbon-cutting. Mayor

J. Dawson Clarke, members of city council, and Sen. Mary L. Nock and Del. Russell Hickman have been invited.

David Zeigler is the manager of the new Grant City. He said the store will have 53,000 square feet of shopping area and almost two miles of counter space. Up to 100 employees will be hired.

Mr. Zeigler came here from Cherry Hill, N.J., where he was a Grant’s manager.

Safeway Stores’ unit here is the company’s second largest on the Eastern Shore. The manager is Fisher Paulk, from Eastover, Md., a Washington suburb.

Owners of the new pharmacy are Richard Martin and Gordon Harrison who purchased the business five and a half years ago. It will be a Rexall Franchise and formal opening ceremonies are scheduled for Oct. 18.

— *The Daily Times*

25 years ago October 1998

25 held in drug sweep

In what is being called one of the largest drug investigations ever on the Eastern Shore, 25 suspects have been arrested in the last week and police are looking for 13 more.

No injuries were reported during the raids, which have taken place at night when suspects are home. Some suspects have managed to run, said Accomack County Sheriff Robert Crockett, but they haven’t gotten far.

Members of the Eastern Shore Drug Task Force, uniformed sheriff’s deputies and SWAT team members split into groups to simultaneously raid area drug dens.

The arrests are the result of a six-month investigation by the Eastern Shore Drug Task Force into drug trafficking that resulted in 61 grand jury indictments last week.

Warrants have been issued for 38 suspects on charges ranging from possession of marijuana to distribution of cocaine.

Police have yet to determine the total amount of drugs, money and guns taken off the street as a result of the arrests.

Crockett said further arrests will follow. The indictments and initial arrests were only announced to the public Friday in an effort to avoid tipping off the suspects.

— *The Daily Times*

Accomack schools will be smoke-free

After parent Robin Taylor told the Accomack County School Board Tuesday, Oct. 20 that ending smoking on school grounds would lower parental involvement at school functions, the board voted 8-2 to do just that, enacting the Safe and Drug Free Schools and Communities Act.

Starting at the beginning of 1999, there will be no smoking, chewing or any other use of tobacco products on school property, even in cars.

Board member Eveline Conquest said she had mixed emotions about the policy.

“I feel smokers will feel discriminated against, but I also feel we must do what is best for our students,” she said.

Conquest added children do what they see adults do, and if teachers and staff members do not set a good example for the students, then the school board can’t contend its schools are safe and drug-free.

“You can’t legislate morals,” said board member Fred Tolbert. “It’s not going to change people who are smoking.”

By having such a policy, Accomack County Schools will receive a renewal of a grant providing for the salary of a prevention specialist and the monies for the after-school program.

The amount of the grant will be increased to \$138,000.

Board members were not specific on how the policy would be enforced, but agreed people violating the policy would be asked to extinguish the cigarette or discard any other tobacco products in use.

— *The Daily Times*

Doing your holiday shopping on the Shore

O.K. — here we are again — on the brink, of yet another holiday shopping season. Most folks think they have to hit the stores first thing Friday.

I won't be one of them.

Contrary to what my husband might tell you, I am not a compulsive shopper. What I am is a very discriminating consumer. (He just can't tell the difference from the Visa bill.)

Anyway, I have already made a big dent in my shopping list — and I am very proud to tell you I've done it without leaving the Shore.

I've always been one to try and make my purchases locally but now, being a small business person here — or more correctly a person involved in a small business — I am even more acutely aware of the importance of supporting our own economy first.

Besides being the right thing to do, it's also a heck of a lot easier.

Take for example my daughter's upcoming wedding. We maybe could have saved a few dollars shopping for the gown at some of the large bridal shops across the bay, but I dare say any savings we may have realized would have been more than offset by the cost of travel and such (like having to eat out while there).

Anyway, the dress was available right here on the Shore, and we don't have to make any long-distance trips for fittings and so on.

That's a good thing, because time is of the essence these days. The millennium is quickly running out and there's still a lot to get done.

One thing I don't have to worry about doing is shopping for my husband's Christmas present — or even



Candy Farlow

wrapping it.

You see, a few months ago I heard him talking about a particular rifle he wanted — one of the few models not already in our arsenal. A couple of weeks later, I went to Jaxon's Hardware to check it out for myself.

After haggling with Warren Phillips for a while (part of the fun of

shopping there), we came to an agreement and I put the rifle on layaway.

Dumb me, I should have used an assumed name, for it wasn't too much later that hubby stopped in Jaxon's to restock on ammo (no small purchase around our place).

While he was there, he decided to look at the coveted rifle again. Naturally,

he saw my name on the tag.

Not wanting to spoil the "surprise" for both of us, he didn't mention to me that he knew I was purchasing the rifle.

However, someone else did.

So, having a little extra spending cash in my pocket just as regular deer season was coming in, I went ahead and got the rifle and presented it to him in time for opening day.

"Merry Christmas," I said. "Don't expect anything else."

"I won't," he lied.

He needn't.

I'm broke.

But I can tell you this.

If I did have money to spend, I'd spend it here where it would flow back into our local economy, supporting jobs and feeding families.

Since I don't have any more ready cash, it's nice to know my credit is good.

(Just kidding, Honey. I know we still have that wedding to pay for.)

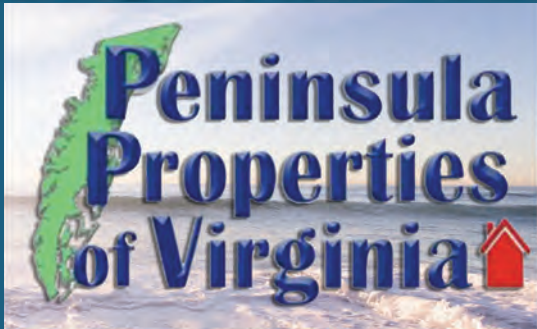
Besides, now that my husband has his nice, expensive Christmas present in hand, I know he'll be shopping for something special for me — and I know that he, too, will do his shopping here at home.

After all, Christmas Eve is no time to be traveling.

This piece was published more than two decades ago 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.

WHO SAID SALES WERE SLOW

You didn't hear that coming out of Schuyler Hurlbut's mouth, that's for "Shore." Schuy was involved as either the listing agent or selling agent in seven properties, resulting in six sold and one pending, in the months of August and September.



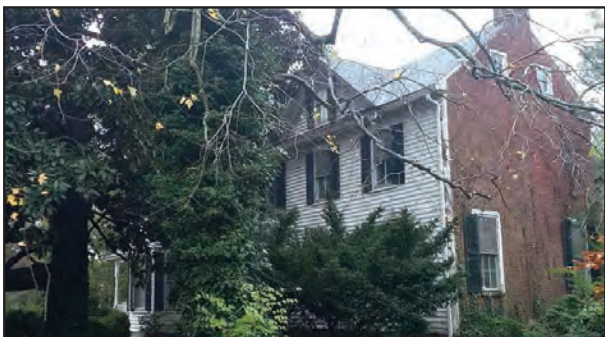
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