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# Shore First | Entertainment calendar

## Saturday, November 4

■ **CRAFT BAZAAR:** 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., Atlantic Baptist Church in Atlantic is having its inaugural Craft Bazaar at the Atlantic Fire House. There will be local artisans, a Herbie Watson decoy raffle, silent auctions, holiday wreaths, woodwork- ing items, birdhouses, junk journals, quilts, seashell art, a bake sale table and more. Proceeds support youth missions.

■ **YOGA:** 8 a.m., donation-based yoga classes for all levels at the Island Community House, 6246 Mumford St., Chincoteague. Call 757-336-1993.

■ **PLANT SWAP:** 9 to 11 a.m. There will be a house plant swap at Holy Trinity Episcopal Church, 66 Market St., Onancock. Bring a plant or a plant start, and bring a canned good to donate. For more information, email [rjandrejco@gmail.com](mailto:rjandrejco@gmail.com).

■ **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](http://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.chincoteagueuca.org](http://www.chincoteagueuca.org)

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

■ **PRAYER BREAKFAST:** The annual Women's Prayer Breakfast, hosted by Talitha Cumi Ministries, Inc., will be held at Living Word Church of Deliverance, 18154 Lankford Highway, Parksley. Registration is \$15. For inquiries and additional information, call 757-317-0109 or email [tali-thacumi913@gmail.com](mailto:tali-thacumi913@gmail.com)

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

■ **SPAGHETTI DINNER:** 4 to 7 p.m., St. Mary the Virgin Episcopal Church, 18 3rd St., Pocomoke City. All-you-can-eat spaghetti, bread, salad, dessert. \$10 for adults \$24 for ages 3 to 6, free for children younger than 3. Contact the church for tickets at 410-957-1518 or buy them at the dinner.

■ **DINNER THEATER:** 6:30 p.m., Chincoteague Island Theatre Company presents "Mortal Fools: a Ghostly Tale of Redemption" dinner play at the Chincoteague Cultural Alliance, 6309 Church St., Chincoteague. Tickets are \$50 per person and include a three-course meal catered by Better food truck. Get tickets at H&H Pharmacy and at [www.chincoteagueuca.org/theatre](http://www.chincoteagueuca.org/theatre)

■ **LIVE MUSIC:** 7 p.m., Ron Warren, Native American flutist, at the Mar-Va Theater, 103 Market St., Pocomoke City. \$5.

■ **THEATRICAL PERFORMANCE:** 7:30 p.m., "Noises Off" Arts Enter Cape Charles' Historic Palace Theatre. Tickets are \$30 for adults and \$15 for students.

## Sunday, November 5

■ **LIVE MUSIC:** 10:30 a.m., the Baptist Boys will be in concert at Oak Grove United Methodist Church near Melfa. Finger foods will be served afterward.

■ **LIVE MUSIC:** 1 to 4 p.m., open mic and jam session open to local musicians each Sunday at Cape Charles Brewing Company, 2198 Stone Road, Cape Charles. Free admission.

■ **THEATRICAL PERFORMANCE:** 3 p.m., "Noises Off" Arts Enter Cape Charles' Historic Palace Theatre. Tickets are \$30 for adults and \$15 for students.

## Monday, November 6

■ **YOGA:** 8 a.m., donation-based yoga classes for all levels at the Island Community House, 6246 Mumford St., Chincoteague. Call 757-336-1993.

■ **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](http://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, November 7 ELECTION DAY

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

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

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

## Wednesday, November 8

■ **YOGA:** 8 a.m., donation-based yoga classes for all levels at the Island Community House, 6246 Mumford St., Chincoteague. Call 757-336-1993.

■ **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.chincoteagueuca.org](http://www.chincoteagueuca.org)

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

■ **OVEREATERS ANONYMOUS:** 10:30 a.m. each Wednesday. Problems with overeating, undereating, bulimia, or binge eating? Meets at Rock Church, 27112 Lankford Highway, Onley. Get meeting info by calling 757-999-6771 or 302-362-5886.

■ **ACTIVITY:** 1 to 3 p.m., Sit and Stitch program at the Island Community House, 6246 Mumford St., Chincote-

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# You're Invited! To Blue Heron's Festive Friday Art Show

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John has refined bird carving to fine art and has won national & world championship ribbons (recently at the Louisiana Wildlife Guild.) Often focuses on endangered species.

**John Harlow**



Jamie is a talented potter creating unique pieces in both traditional and also contemporary styles. He is well known for his very distinctive Hopi Indian style fired pots!

**Jamie Kirkpatrick**



Jennifer likes to combine floral and ESVA themes to create coastal acrylics. She employs flowers, oyster shells intertwining them with her recollection of the beauty and traditions of the Shore.

**Jennifer Klein**



Melanie loves exploring different mediums including acrylics and pyrography (wood burning art).

**Melanie Widgeon Lewis**



Guy is a sculptor and carver working primarily in Bronze and Wood. Well known for bronze miniatures of ESVA local wildlife.

**Guy Shover**



Bethany's work is inspired by nature and wildlife on the Eastern Shore. Her infatuation with hues and shades of color makes her art bold and vibrant.

**Bethany Simpson**



Katie's favorite medium is acrylic but she loves to have fun creating smaller gift items like hand painted ornaments, earrings and oyster knives.

**Katie Williams**



"Her Helm" is a book of photographic art & stories of women boat captains of the Chesapeake Bay who are leading the way.

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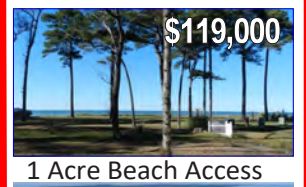
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# FAMILY LITERACY MONTH

## Learning Together

Ideas from National Center for Family Literacy



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### As A Family

Read a book together as a family.

### Tell a Story

Tell a story using shadow puppets.

### Different Shapes

Draw different shapes on a piece of paper and have your child color and cut them out.

### Tree Leaves

Collect a pile of leaves and use them to practice math problems.

### All About Turkeys

Read a new book that has a turkey in it.

### Rhyme Time

Hold up an object and ask your child what word (s) rhyme with it.

### Build A Word Jar

Write down new words and definitions. Put the words in a word jar. At dinner pick a word and use it in a sentence.

### Letter of the Day

Over breakfast work together to choose a letter of the day. During the day look for objects that start with that letter.

### Dinner Geometry

Shapes are everywhere, even on your dinner plate. Name all the shapes you see at the dinner table. See who can find the most.

### Have A Little Rhyme

Recite a nursery rhyme you know by heart. Change around the words to make the song about your family. Have your child sing along.

### Over the Moon

Take time to look at the night sky together. Look at the moon and see how it changes size and color from day to day.

### Interview One Another

Take turns being a detective. Ask each other "who", "what", "where", "when" and "why."

### School Days

Share stories about what your school days were like. Compare your experience with everyone in the family.

### What's Your Gem

What's your birthday? What's your birthstone? Look up your gemstone and see what its special powers are. Which stone is your favorite?

### Imagination Vacation

Imagine today you were going on vacation. Where would go? How long would you stay? What should you pack? What will you do?

### Dinner Guests

Before dinner, pick a "famous" person to learn about. At dinner, take turns asking each other questions to learn more about the person.

### Who's Important to You

Tell a story about an important adult from your childhood. Ask your child to do the same. Share the stories out loud.

### Family Fairytale Fun

Create a family story. One person starts the story with two or three sentences. The next person takes over and adds to the story.

### Flashlight Stories

Pretend there is no electricity and read by flashlight. Take turns reading to experience how different it is. Talk about what it was like.

### Head in the Clouds

As a family take time to stare at the clouds and see if you can find any interesting shapes in the sky.

### Get Cooking

Bring math into the kitchen with the entire family. Practice by measuring out different ingredients. How much? How many will it serve?

### Chalk Stories

Encourage your children to write a story or a poem in chalk on the sidewalk or on the driveway or write about the sidewalk itself.

### Sunday Memories

Share with your children what your Sundays were like as a child. What traditions did your family have. Ask your child to retell the story.

### Bring a Book To Life

Draw pictures of your child's favorite book characters. Cut them out and make puppets. Create a story or scene together.

### Dreamland

Sit with your family and talk about dreams. Which dreams do you remember? What's the funniest? The scariest?

### Tasty Togetherness

Take your tastebuds on an adventure around the world. Try different foods and keep a food journal. Describe how it tasted.

### Around the World

Find a book about a person who lives in a different part of the world. As a family, talk about how their life is different from yours.

### Create Photo Stories

Take photos or draw pictures of your child doing a favorite activity. Write a story together using the pictures as illustrations.

### Family History Fun

Write a story together about an important event in your family's history. Illustrate the story with photos or drawings.

### Listen To Your Children

Ask your child to tell you a favorite story. Write down what your child says and read it back to them. Save the story to read it again.



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# This Thanksgiving, try roasted turkey with hard cider gravy

## Roasted Turkey.

Those two simple words instill so much fear and worry into home cooks all over this country this time of year.

I remember being intimidated — I mean, 20 pounds can be a lot of bird! But you really shouldn't be. Since I started brining my turkey, there hasn't been a dry bird in the house for years.



Laura Davis

Another key component for a good turkey is a nice variety of aromatics stuffed into the cavity.

You can use what you have around — but, I've settled on oranges, onions, and rosemary. They infuse the meat subtly with those wonderful flavors. And the juices

drip down into the roasting pan, infusing the gravy with the flavors as well.

Then there's the cheesecloth thing. It's mainly to keep the breast from browning too much, but it keeps the skin constantly soaked in delicious basting juices, which I don't think hurts, either.

When I first made this recipe years ago I used white wine, but one year all I had on hand was some hard cider so I subbed that. And wow, talk about awesome. I'm including that recipe here as well. Pan gravy is something else you should not be scared of, either.

I hope everyone has a wonderful Thanksgiving. We have so many things to be thankful here on the beautiful Eastern Shore of Virginia.



PHOTO COURTESY LAURA DAVIS

Roasted turkey is a Thanksgiving staple — but it doesn't have to be intimidating.

Laura Davis, of Chincoteague Island, is a food writer and blogger at [www.tideandthyme.com](http://www.tideandthyme.com). Her recipes have been featured on Huffington Post and [www.craftbeer.com](http://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

# Roasted turkey

- 1 (14 to 16 pound) frozen young turkey

### For the brine:

- 1 cup kosher salt
- 1/2 cup light brown sugar
- 1 gallon vegetable stock
- 1 tablespoon black peppercorns
- 1 1/2 teaspoons allspice berries
- 1 1/2 teaspoons chopped candied ginger
- 1 gallon heavily iced water

### For the aromatics:

- 2 oranges, halved
- 1 small onion, quartered
- 4 sprigs rosemary
- Canola oil

### For the basting liquid:

- 2 sticks butter

1 (12 ounce) bottle hard cider

large square of cheesecloth (about 18 inches by 18 inches)

### The process:

■ Two to three days before roasting: Begin thawing the turkey in the refrigerator or in a cooler kept at 38 degrees F.

■ Combine the vegetable stock, salt, brown sugar, peppercorns, allspice berries, and candied ginger in a large stockpot over medium-high heat. Stir occasionally to dissolve solids and bring to a boil. Then remove the brine from the heat, cool to room temperature, and refrigerate.

■ Early on the day or the night before you'd like to eat: Combine the brine, water and ice in the five-gallon bucket. Place the thawed turkey (with innards removed) breast side down in brine. If necessary, weigh down the bird to ensure it is fully immersed, cover, and refrigerate or set in cool area for 8 to 16 hours, turning the bird once half way through brining.

■ Prepare the basting liquid by combining the butter and hard cider in a large saucepan. Heat over medium until the butter has melted. Stir to combine, and set aside.

■ Preheat the oven to 500 degrees F. Remove the bird from brine and rinse inside and out with cold water. Discard the brine. Place the bird on roasting rack inside a half sheet pan and pat dry with paper towels. Add the aromatics to the turkey's cavity. Tuck the wings underneath the bird and coat the skin liberally with canola oil.

■ Roast the turkey on lowest level of the oven at 500 degrees F for 30 minutes until the breast is starting to brown. Remove the roasting pan from the oven. Dip the cheesecloth into your basting liquid, gently squeeze to remove the excess liquid, and carefully spread it over the breast of the turkey in an even layer, covering the breast completely. Return bird to oven.

■ Insert a probe thermometer into thickest part of the thigh and reduce the oven temperature to 350 degrees F. Set the thermometer alarm (if available) to 161 degrees F. A 14- to 16-pound bird should require a total of 2 to 2 1/2 hours of roasting. Baste the turkey (including the cheesecloth) every half hour or so, basting with the pan liquids if you run out of your butter/cider mixture.

■ Let the turkey rest, loosely covered with foil for 15 minutes. Carefully remove the cheesecloth before serving and carving.



PHOTO COURTESY LAURA DAVIS

The key to roast turkey is the brining process.

## THE RECIPE

# Hard cider gravy

- Pan drippings from a roasted turkey or chicken
- 1 cup hard cider or dry white wine
- 2-3 cups chicken broth or water
- 3 Tbsp. cornstarch
- 1 Tbsp. cold water
- kosher salt and black pepper

Strain the drippings into a large measuring cup or bowl. Let stand for five minutes, then skim off and discard the fat. (Alternatively, use a fat separator.)

Place the empty roasting pan over two burners over medium-high heat. Add the cider and cook for one minute, scraping up the bits stuck to the pan. Pour into the skimmed drippings and add enough broth to make a total of four cups.

Add the broth mixture to a large saucepan, and bring to a boil. Combine the cornstarch and cold water to form a slurry, then whisk into the broth. Reduce heat and simmer until thickened, eight to 10 minutes. Season with salt and pepper to taste before serving.



# A Main Street scene shows how island changed

A century-old photograph of most of the Eastern Shore's larger towns — downtown Cape Charles, Onancock, or Parksley — is almost instantly recognizable even today.

Not so Chincoteague, where not only the buildings but even the streets themselves have changed.



Kirk  
Mariner

The postcard photographed on this page looks south down Main Street from just north of Church Street.

The fence in the foreground at the left surrounded an old house on the site of today's Shore Stop.

The "Big Store" on the right stood at 4113 Main St., where Don's Seafood Restaurant stands today.

The large white building looming in the distance just to the left of center is the old Atlantic Hotel, which stood on the

site of today's Island Roxy Theatre.

None of the buildings pictured here are still standing. Most of them disappeared in two devastating fires of the 1920s.

On Sept. 5, 1920, a blaze that began at 4102 Main St. was fanned by a stiff wind and spread quickly to the other buildings on either side.

Chincoteague's fledgling volunteer fire department arrived quickly upon the scene, only to have its one engine fail, and townsfolk could do little more than watch as the eastern side of the street went up in flames.

At the northern end of the devastation stood the burned-out hulk of the brick Marine Bank, on the corner of Main and Church, so new that it had yet to be opened for business.

Everything south of it was leveled — shops, homes, post office, and not one but two hotels — down to the



An old Main Street scene from Chincoteague Island shows how the buildings have changed.

line of trees in the yard of Earl Watson, whose house was spared and still stands opposite the bridge at 4054 Main.

A month after the fire, Louis N. Doughty of Chincoteague was indicted for inciting a teenager to start it. He was tried twice but never convicted.

In rebuilding from the first fire, the town council ordered the eastern side of the street straightened, and most of the buildings there today are of brick — two of them built just in time to be damaged by the second fire.

Another fire broke out on Feb. 24, 1924, during a snowstorm, in a barrel factory behind the Big Store. This time the firemen were better able to contain the fire, thanks in part to a "fire lane" that had been creat-

ed because a house adjacent to the store had recently been removed, but lost in the blaze was the Big Store, the railroad office and dock, and The Marine Bank Building showing damage from the 1920 fire.

The "Other Hotel" (1887) housed the post office and a number of other businesses when it was destroyed by fire in 1920. The fire was so intense that it scorched the new brick Masonic Temple across the street and once again damaged the bank building on the corner, which had been rebuilt after 1920.

The second fire was the impetus behind the reorganization of the island's fire department, and the following year (1925) was the first that the annual Pony Penning occurred under the auspices of the local firemen.

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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.



# Chili Cook-Off to be held in memory of McDowell at Craddockville church

The Craddockville United Methodist Church Men's Club is hosting a Chili Cook-Off on Saturday, Nov. 11 from 5 to 7 p.m in honor of one of its recently departed members.

The cook-off will be held in the fellowship hall of the Craddockville UMC at 33464 Boston Road, Belle Haven.

Richard McDowell, who passed away in August, spent 28 years in the U.S. Air Force and retired in 1983 as a master sergeant. "Mac," as he was known to his brothers in arms, was involved in intelligence training and served in South Vietnam during that conflict.

McDowell also loved to cook and often brought his homemade chili to church for social gatherings.

The Men's Club felt it was fitting

to have a Chili Cook-Off on Veterans Day in memory of McDowell, a long-time member of the club.

There is no charge to enter or attend, but donations are welcomed.

Chili will be offered first in tastings and then as an entree. The judging will be done by tasters through their donation to the chili preparers. Salads, condiments, and other food items will be provided.

Proceeds from the event will go to fund scholarships for three summer campers for a week at Camp Occohanock on the Bay in 2024. One scholarship each will be awarded to an elementary, middle school, and high school student.

The Men's Club is asking applicants for the elementary scholarship to submit a veteran's themed photo, and middle school and high school students are asked to submit a veteran's themed one-page essay. The deadline is Nov. 11 at 5 p.m.

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# The remarkable career of Marguerite Henry

It could be said that the person most responsible for Chincoteague's blossoming success as one of America's favorite tourist towns is a woman named Marguerite Breithaupt, who was born in 1902 in Milwaukee, Wis., and spent most of her childhood



Curtis  
Badger

bedridden because of rheumatic fever. Marguerite was one of five children of Louis and Anna Breithaupt, who ran a printing business in Milwaukee.

Because of her illness, Marguerite was kept at home for five years during her childhood and was home schooled by her family and friends. But what might have been a debilitating challenge

that would leave lifelong consequences instead became a remarkable path to success.

Although Marguerite was bedridden for much of her childhood, Louis and Anna bought her a writing desk and many books to read, and Marguerite discovered that she loved reading and had a talent for writing. At age 11 she sold her first short story to *The Delineator* magazine, and at that tender age her career path was set.

Marguerite Breithaupt not only overcame a serious medical challenge at a young age, she succeeded because of it.

Marguerite eventually recovered from rheumatic fever and enrolled in Milwaukee State Teachers College (now the University of Wisconsin – Milwaukee). She left after



"Misty of Chincoteague" by Marguerite Henry.

two years to marry Sydney Crocker Henry in 1923, and the young couple moved to Chicago, where Marguerite worked as a technical writer and did freelance fiction in her spare time.

Marguerite developed a love for animals as a child, and her interest in nature and wild places played a role in her writing. She wrote her first children's book in 1940, and in 1945 wrote her first book about horses. "Justin Morgan had a Horse" was a story

about the development of the Morgan breed and it won a Newbery Medal in 1946.

Mary Alice Jones, Marguerite's editor at Rand McNally, suggested she visit Chincoteague to see the July Pony Penning celebration in 1945, and that visit created Marguerite's bond with the Chincoteague community and especially with the Beebe family.

"Misty of Chincoteague" was published in 1947. It was a fictional story about a very real family, the Beebes, and her story deals with the adventures of two Beebe children who raise money to buy a wild pony and her filly.

"Misty of Chincoteague" won the Newbery Medal in 1947 and became one of the best selling children's books of all time.

In 1961 the adventures of the Beebe family and the famous Misty hit the big screen, and the movie had its debut at the Island Theatre in Chincoteague.

Marguerite Henry purchased Misty from the Beebe family, and the Chincoteague pony traveled with Henry on book signing tours around the country. Misty returned to the Beebe Ranch in 1957 to have her foals. She died there in 1972 at age 26.

Marguerite Henry overcame tremendous obstacles to have a remarkable career as a writer. After publishing her first story at age eleven, she wrote 59 books, mainly for children, and mainly about animals. She followed her book on Misty with sequels on *Stormy* and *Sea Star*.

Pony Penning has been around for centuries, and the modern version began in 1925 as a fundraiser for the volunteer fire de-

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



# Henry

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partment. Pony Penning was a popular event from the very beginning, but Henry's book spread the word about the wild Chincoteague ponies to a much broader audience.

"Misty of Chincoteague" is still very much in print and being read by children around the world. Three generations have now grown up reading about the adventures of Misty and the wild Chincoteague ponies.

Each year it seems that more and more people come to Chincoteague for Pony Penning week, and a children's book written in 1947 has a lot to do with that.

Henry died on November 26, 1997, following a stroke, but her legacy lives on each July when those Chincoteague ponies enter the water of Assateague Channel and make the swim to Chincoteague.

## KIPTOPEKE ELEMENTARY GOES PINK FOR BREAST CANCER AWARENESS



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On Friday, Oct. 27, Kiptopeke Elementary School created a pink human ribbon to show support for breast cancer awareness. Superintendent Lisa Martin also participated in the "Kipper Goes Pink" effort. The aerial photo was possible thanks to Eastern Shore Signs and Shore Fire Productions.

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Barry Mears

The same is true if you are headed east. You will encounter the sea-side creeks and marshes that lead to the barrier islands and ultimately the Atlantic Ocean.

The sunsets are both breathtaking and inspiring. This utopia does exist. We call it the Eastern Shore. I am blessed to call it home.

I learned from a very young age that being Shoreborn would have its advantages.

Once your toes have been filled with marsh mud, you will always remember the sensation.

That distinct smell will serve as a reminder that you are once again home. Shore living is a slower pace.

Some may say we are 50 years behind the rest of the world. I would say that is a good thing. Our citizens are advocates for faith and family. Most of our small towns have at least one church and some others have two or three.

We are a family here on the Eastern Shore, one of the last remaining



"Living Shoreborn," by Barry Mears

communities where neighbors know one another and will stop what they are doing to help those in need.

As for my family, my father died when I was a small boy. My mother served both roles as she

provided for my older sister and me.

Mom was a nurse by trade. She knew the meaning of hard work. Like many others in her generation, this woman had no quitting spirit.

This was one fearless lady.

I remember many of her sacrifices and the long hours that she worked. Despite her busy schedule, Mom always made time for us kids.

She inspired me to appreciate the outdoors. She would take my sister and me crabbing. Long summer days were spent on an old dock, attempting to lure a large jimmy crab with a chicken neck. Looking back, I realize how much my mother's efforts impacted my entire life. What a blessing it was to be raised by such a wonderful woman.

My first boating experience was with my Uncle Joe.

We would cram five people into an old wooden scow. The outboard motor would arrive at the dock when we did. Uncle Joe kept the 9.9 Seahorse in the trunk of his car.

As a child, I used to think Folly Creek was a hundred miles long. Perhaps the two-hour trip to the Coast Guard station was due to the overcrowded boat and small engine.

During those times, I discovered my love for fishing. My mother would help me tie rigs. She imparted in me the most important virtue in fishing: patience.

Mom was always atop the leader board in the fish count, and this still rings true.

Summer days flew by in a flash under the blue sky and a refreshing coastal wind. We would fish for hours. When the low tide arrived, everyone got out of the boat.

We would use rakes to dig clams on a sand bar to accompany the feast that we had previously harvested.

Even as I clam today, those memories come to mind.

Uncle Joe taught me various methods, including "signing." This was searching for visible indications that a clam was nearby.

The sand would have a keyhole shape, suggesting that the tasty treat was just below the surface.

When the rake touched the clam, it made a distinct sound that signified your efforts would be fruitful.

All of those lessons and encounters helped me when I first ventured to the creek on my own. My first solo journey would take place when I was just 14 years old.

Now, you might be wondering how a 14-year-old boy travels to the creek and back home without a car.

That brings me back to my wonderful mother. Her shift at the nursing home was from 7 a.m. until 3 p.m. She would get up several hours early

to transport me and the boat to the dock.

Later that afternoon, she would pick me up after she finished her eight-hour shift at work. I spent many summer days alone on Folly Creek. I went clamming, walking the beaches, and fishing — a remarkable experience, especially at such a young age.

I wasn't aware of it at the time, but I was developing a deep love and respect for our lovely and peaceful way of life.

I can instantly transport myself back there in my mind whenever I hear a seagull laughing in the distance or come across an old cedar duck blind.

It was such an wonderful childhood for a Shoreborn boy. I wouldn't have wanted it any other way.

The beauty of the Shore is not limited to being on the water. As fall approaches, nature paints our wooden areas into a mosaic of vibrant hues.

Autumn ushers in the harvest season and farmers shift into high gear. Before the weather turns cold, they just remove the crops from the fields.

Jim Evans and the crew at Evans Farms in Greenbush are ready for the task. Wheat is the main winter crop, followed by corn and soybeans during the summer.

Sportsmen begin to divide their time between the fall rockfish season and the start of hunting season. This usually starts with dove, goose, and duck. Large game like whitetail deer follow soon after.

Our wildlife is abundant. The tradition of hunting is as old as the Shore itself.

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Barry Mears is the author of "Living Shoreborn," which was edited by his daughter, Kamryn Mears, and published in 2023. He is also the founder of the popular Shoreborn Facebook page, which delves daily into the history and culture of the Eastern Shore of Virginia. Passages from his popular book, which is sold all over the Eastern Shore, will be printed monthly in Shore First. Mears said the name "Shoreborn" actually came from a family member who during conversations quipped as an affirmation, "as sure as you're born."



# Shore First | ESCC Homecoming event



On Friday, Oct. 6 from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m., Eastern Shore Community College held the Alumni and Homecoming Celebration, drawing a crowd of former students, employees, faculty, and administration. Attendees enjoyed a selection of food trucks and grilling, plus cornhole, music, ESCC Club and classroom demos, and prize giveaways. Alumni signed huge signature boards, and were presented special lapel pins. There were also giveaways, and a special dedication to the late Robin Rich-Coates, above.



Recently retired Financial Aid Director Carole Read, right, reunites with an appreciative alum while former employee Bryan Smith looks on.



Kim and Harold Cherrix (with President Jim Shaeffer) both attended ESCC and both are a part of the Aerospace industry at NASA Wallops.



ESCC's Julius Newsome, Kentrelle Walker, and LaKeisa Brown served up the hot dogs for guests.



# Bakery on Mason, once closed, will be reopened by customers

BY STEFANIE JACKSON  
Shore First

The previous seventh-ranked customers of The Bakery on Mason in Cape Charles, based on sales, are now its owners and operators.

Mary and Steve Ehmann hope to soon reopen the bakery that recently closed after one of its owners, Louise Orlando, developed an autoimmune disorder triggered by gluten, a protein found in certain grains like wheat.

The Ehmanns, who moved from New Jersey and have lived in Cape Charles for about four years, intend to carry on the baking traditions started by Orlando and her husband, Andrew Barbour.

The Bakery on Mason will continue to offer the same baked goods and use the recipes that Orlando and Barbour have tweaked and perfected over the years.

Their devotion to their craft made The Bakery on Mason's menu items special — “not something you would find in a recipe book,” Mary Ehmann said.

The Ehmanns quit their day jobs — Steve was an engineer in Norfolk and Mary taught pre-K at Cape Charles Christian School — to devote themselves full time to running the bakery.

Both have previous food-service experience. The couple first met as employees of a New York restaurant; Mary was a baker and Steve was a kitchen helper.

Mary Ehmann has enjoyed baking since youth; she was one of six children, and because her parents couldn't afford to take the family out to eat often, they did a lot of baking at home, she said.

Mary and Steve Ehmann now are perfecting the art of creating The Bakery (Continued on page 15)



SHORE FIRST/STEFANIE JACKSON

Steve and Mary Ehmann hope to soon reopen the popular Bakery on Mason in Cape Charles after purchasing it.



# Bakery

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on Mason's unique selection of baked goods under the guidance of their predecessors.

The bakery's offerings include a variety of made-from-scratch pastries, baguettes, and a sourdough bread that is made through a three-day process.

The breads also are used to make the sandwiches served at the bakery.

Orlando and Barbour have been working closely with the Ehmanns since August; the sale of the bakery closed Sept. 15.

The Bakery on Mason is not expected to reopen until later this year, but the Ehmanns have successfully completed their first sale – 100 loaves for a local winery that serves the fresh-baked bread with its charcuterie boards.

The Ehmanns are enjoying their mentorship experience. Mary Ehmann said seeing the baked goods turn out right brings "such a joy" and

a "sense of accomplishment."

The couple looks forward to hiring helpers and the bakery's soft opening in November.

Over the next several months, they will prepare for Cape Charles' summer tourist season, when customers start lining up outside at 7:30 a.m. and wait for the bakery to open at 8:30 a.m. for items that often sell out within two hours.

The Ehmanns will continue and expand The Bakery on Mason's partnership with local farms and businesses that supply ingredients such as blueberries, strawberries, tomatoes, and even the sea salt that's sprinkled on top of the chocolate chip cookies.

The couple also hopes to invite school groups to the bakery for field trips.

One thing the Ehmanns won't do is compete with other local bakeries that have their own specialties.

Mary Ehmann said The Bakery on Mason will continue to sell items that are not offered elsewhere and are "unique and different."

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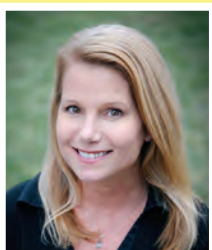
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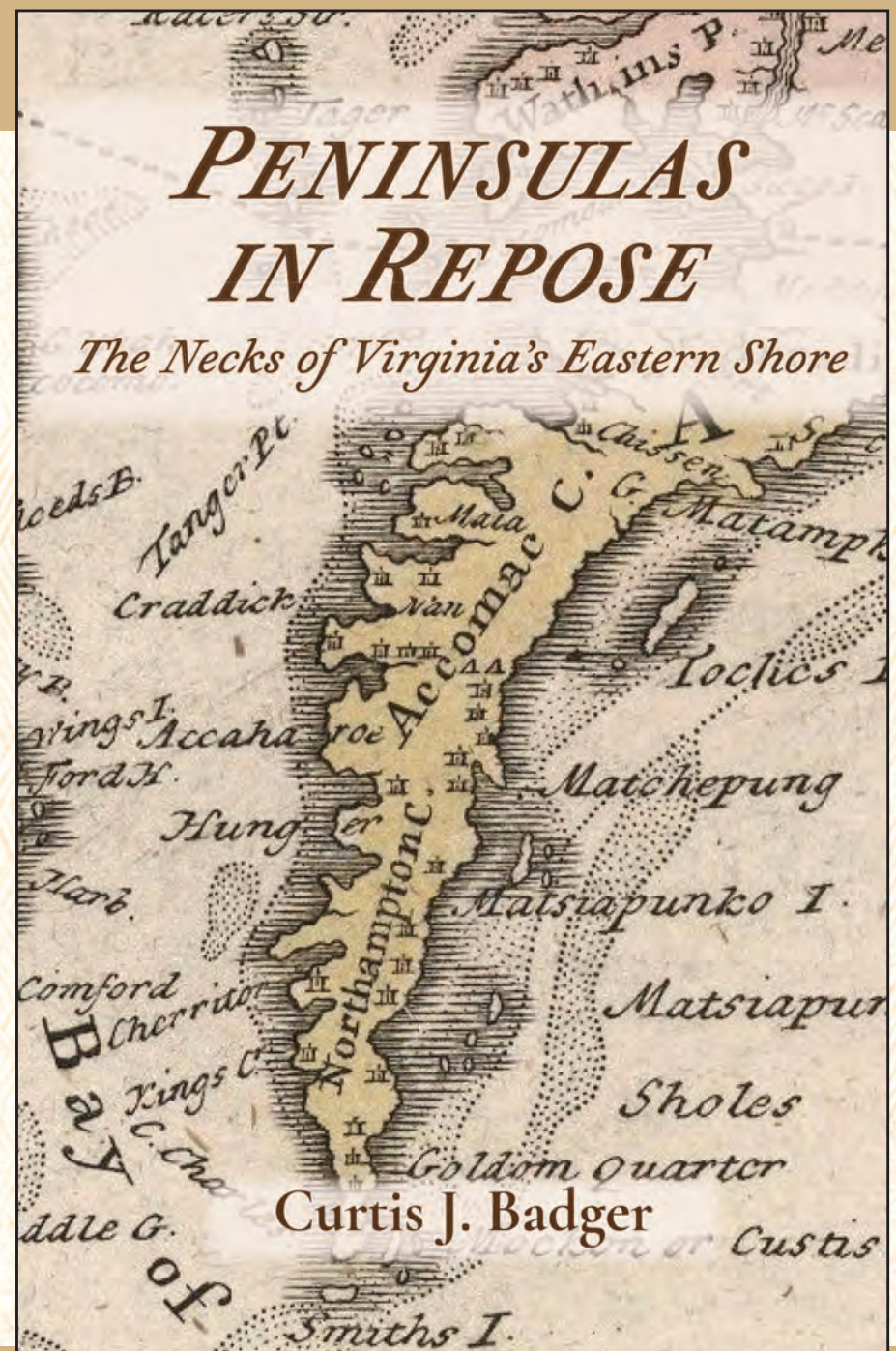
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Prolific Eastern Shore writer Curtis J. Badger has a knack for finding compelling stories in places you might never expect. In his new book, *Peninsulas in Repose*, he takes a fascinating look at the necks of the Eastern Shore, those wooded peninsulas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

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



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# Artisans Guild Studio Tour is back Nov. 24 and 25

Every year on Thanksgiving weekend, the Artisans Guild Eastern Shore of Virginia showcases its member artisans and their unique crafts and talent in a self-drive show and sale event.

This year's event will take place on Friday, Nov. 24, and Saturday, Nov. 25, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

This Holiday Open Studio Tour has been held for almost 20 years and is the flagship event for the Guild.

The tour takes participants off the beaten path via scenic routes to the home studios.

## STUDIO NO. 1

Carole Peirson Fine Art Studio, 3214 Jacobia Lane, Cape Charles

Artists there:

1. Carole Boggemann Peirson, Local scenes and colorful abstract work in oil and cold wax. 757-678-3340 [artworkbycarole.com](http://artworkbycarole.com)

2. Dianne Hottenstein, Hottporcelain Ceramics; Functional, sculptural ceramics; unique surfaces 757-573-7359

## STUDIO NO. 2

Windsor Woodworks, Edwin Farm Drive and Lankford Highway, Cape Charles

Artists there:

3. Kurt and Sally Lewin, Windsor Woodworks; Custom woodworking from fine furniture to cutting boards. 757-331-4848 [windsorwoodworksva.com](http://windsorwoodworksva.com)

4. Buck Doughty, Hog Island Creations; Welded steel sculptures. 757-990-1769

5. Kathy Grook, Sea Glass by Kathy; Unique sea glass and gifts, acrylic paintings 757-752-1135

6. Ray and Julita Wood, Gecko Pottery; One of a kind decorative and functional handmade pottery. 757-331-4204

7. Helene Doughty, Seaside Boheme Studio, Framed art photography of the Eastern Shore of Virginia. 757-999-0780

## STUDIO NO. 3

Noisy Crow Studio/ Shooting Star Studio, 5236 Mockhorn Bay Drive, Cape Charles



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This year's event will take place on Friday, Nov. 24, and Saturday, Nov. 25, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Artists there:

8. Nancy A. Kinzinger, Noisy Crow Studio; Copper, brass, and sterling silver jewelry constructed from recycled metal. 757-641-8069 [noisycrowstudio.com](http://noisycrowstudio.com)

9. Brenda C. Wright, Shooting Star Studio; Art photography, leather cuffs created from upcycled leather belts. 757-641-8861 [ShootingStarGallery.com](http://ShootingStarGallery.com)

10. Marty Burgess, Original fine oil paintings, mixed media, and copper wire sculptures. 757-350-0873

## STUDIO NO. 4

JK Pottery, 4325 Wilsonia Drive, Machipongo

Artists there:

11. Jamie Kirkpatrick, Thrown/hand-carved sculptured vessels, glazed functional ware. 303-681-4713 [www.jkpottery.com](http://www.jkpottery.com)

## STUDIO NO. 5

Chatham Vineyards, 9232 Chatham Road, Machipongo

Artists there:

12. Jonathan and Mills Wehner, Wine and oysters offered, winery tours and tastings daily. 757-678-5588 [chathamvineyards.com](http://chathamvineyards.com)

## STUDIO NO. 6

Elizabeth Rhoades Fine Art, 9444 Quail Walk, Belle Haven

Artists there:

13. Elizabeth Rhoades, Fine art landscape paintings in oil and pastel by renowned national artist. 860-841-3939 [elizabethrhoades.com](http://elizabethrhoades.com)

## STUDIO NO. 7

Milby Barn Studio at Chatham Flower Farm, 31094 Boggs Road, Painter

Artists there:

14. Kate Fitzpatrick, Milby Barn Studio; Oil

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# 2023 Artisans Guild Holiday Tour

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## 4. JK Pottery

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## 5. Chatham Vineyards

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## 6. Elizabeth Rhoades Fine Art

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## 7. Milby Barn Studio at Chatham Flower Farm

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## 8. Maurice Spector Studio

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## 9. Ocean Skye Gallery

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## 10. Lynne Rogers Studio

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## 11. Ann Crain Studio

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## 12. Carrie Jacobson Studio

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## 13. Bay Leigh Studio

23895 Bailey Neck Drive  
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## 14. Morphosis Gallery

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## 15. Marsh Ryon Studio

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## 16. Vesna Zidovec Studio

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painter of local landscapes, barns and farm animals. 508-524-5405, [milbybarnstudio.com](http://milbybarnstudio.com)

15. David Justice, Hand-painted and carved shore birds usind wood and driftwood found on the Eastern Shore of Virginia. 757-894-5638.

## STUDIO NO. 8

Maurice Spector Studio, 27279 Harborton Road, Pungoteague

Artists there:

16. Maurice Spector, Sculptures in wood, stone and bronze; watercolors and pen. 757-442-5595 [moes.esva.net](http://moes.esva.net)

17. David Crane, Handmade stoneware art tile and functional clay work. 757-665-4021 [seafireceramics.com](http://seafireceramics.com)

18. Guy Shover, carver

19. Brenda Sturgis, fresh innovative acrylics. 757-672-6433

## STUDIO NO. 9

The Ocean Skye Gallery, 15355 Pungoteague Road, Pungoteague

Artists there:

20. Anne Winston, working light, color, and life in mixed media. 757-710-3408 [annewinstongallery.com](http://annewinstongallery.com)

21. Jeff Foxworthy, Working in wood (with occasional forays into bamboo and other materials) to create bowls, spoons, caricature carvings, relief carvings and other small treen items; large structures such as archways, benches and tables from hand hewn beams and bamboo. 571-274-3079

## STUDIO NO. 10

Lynne Rogers Studio 4 Center St. Wachapreague

Artists there:

22. Lynne Rogers, Oil paintings, sculptural details, mixed media. 757-710-5335 [lynnerogers5.wixsite.com/lynne-rogers-art](http://lynnerogers5.wixsite.com/lynne-rogers-art)

## STUDIO NO. 11

Ann Crain Studio, 3 Center St., Wachapreague

Artists there:

23. Ann Crain, Mixed media with abstract thoughts, acrylics, oils, found objects, and more. 410-610-2007

## STUDIO NO. 12

Carrie Jacobson Studio, 18 Bayview Ave., Wachapreague

Artists there:

24. Carrie Jacobson, Bright, bold oil paintings made with palette knife. Birds, florals, landscapes, animals, and more. 860-442-0246, [jacobson-arts.com](http://jacobson-arts.com)

## STUDIO NO. 13

Bay Leigh Studio, 23895 Bailey Neck Dr., Onanccok

Artists there:

25. Janis King, Bay Leigh Studios; Figurative sculptures and paintings, plus multi-medium Santas. Demonstrations with clay. 484-999-4897 [janiskingart.com](http://janiskingart.com)

## STUDIO NO. 14

Morphosis Gallery, 33 Market St., Onancock

Artists there:

26. Kynne Kretzer, Morphosis Creative; Sea glass mosaics and décor made with natural and recycled materials. 757-710-8718 [morphosiscreative.com](http://morphosiscreative.com)

27. Bill Kretzer, Morphosis Creative; Handmade electric guitars, basses, and electric upright basses. 504-301-5122 [morphosiscreative.com](http://morphosiscreative.com)

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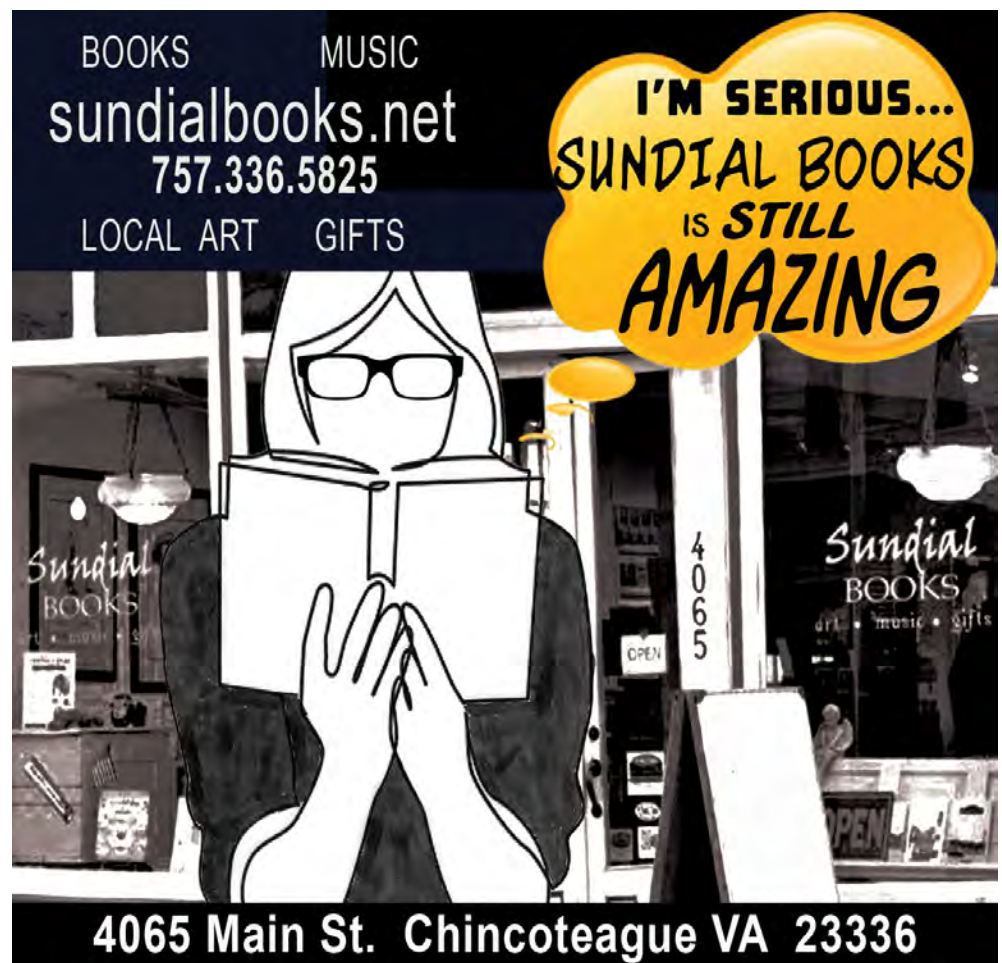


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## STUDIO NO. 15

Marsh Ryon Studio 18092 Leatherbury Drive  
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Artists there:

29. Marsh Ryon, Nature inspired artwork in a variety of mediums. 757-710-4659 [www.marshryon.com](http://www.marshryon.com)

## STUDIO NO. 16

Vesna Zidovec Studio 30 Kerr St. Onancock

Artists there:

30. Vesna Zidovec, Handmade functional and decorative pottery. 757-678-3712 [vesnazidovec.com](http://vesnazidovec.com)

## STUDIO NO. 17

Ker Place 69 Market St. Onancock

Artists there:

31. Diana M. Davis Award winning watercolors depicting the Eastern Shore. 757-442-5359 [dianamdaviswatercolor.blogspot.com](http://dianamdaviswatercolor.blogspot.com)

32. David Farlow, Seaside Decoys; Fourth generation decoy carver in Eastern Shore tradition.

757-442-9097

33. Douglas Greer, Greer Studio, 757-710-1847

34. William Murphy, Impressionistic oils of the truth and beauty of the shore life at this moment, 757-710-3609

35. Alicia Daily, Functional stoneware pottery with artwork of animals. 434-665-9876

## STUDIO NO. 18

Historic Onancock School, 6 College Ave.,

Onancock

Artists there:

36. Karyn Belknap, Ten Good Sheep Yarns and Natural Fibers, in studio 116. Perfect gifts and stocking stuffers and hand dyed yarn 757-243-1400 [TenGoodSheep.com](http://TenGoodSheep.com)

37. Mark Belknap, Bayside Blacksmith and Decoys; in studio 115. Hand forged gifts and traditional decoys/shorebirds. 757-710-0496 [Forestry-andWildlife.com](http://Forestry-andWildlife.com)

38. Billy Crockett, In studio 117. Master carver. 757-710-6669

39. Amy Felske, fiber Sculpture, art dolls, original sewing patterns, doll making kits. 757-331-0776

40. Gertraud Fendler, Wearable Art made with Authentic Sea Glass and Rocket Debris, 757-442-4430

41. and 42. Donna Stuftt, Sarah Jillard, Painted

Stitches. Art quilts: Painted fabric embellished with thread sketching. 443-616-6708 [paintedstitches.com](http://paintedstitches.com)

43. Joel Simpson, Hand-carved utensils and turned bowls — functional art in wood 757-710-1822

44. Dawn Simpson, Optic Fibers Crochet Charming stuffed creatures, wearables, accessories. 757-710-5917

45. Laura McGowan, In studio 114. Original oil paintings inspired by the Eastern Shore. 757-710-7600 [lauramcgowanfineart.com](http://lauramcgowanfineart.com)

46. and 47. John Labodie and Margie Labadie, in studio 105, A carefully rendered fantastic universe of colorful objects and spaces.

48. Fred Leutner, award-winning oil paintings. 757-442-7671

49. Michele Molina, Acrylic paintings, stained glass, wood burnings, mixed media. 626-213-4303 [MichMoArt.com](http://MichMoArt.com)

50. Stevon Sample, Dominion Multimedia LLC Pen and ink, portraits, graphics [dominiongraphics@gmail.com](mailto:dominiongraphics@gmail.com) 757-709-2569

51. Ginny Rutherford, handbuilt functional and decorative pottery inspired by nature. 609-385-3766.

52. Brenda Llewellyn, porcelain and stoneware functional pottery of organic design. 240-478-7647

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

## Thursday, November 9

■ **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 "Other People's Children," at the Roseland Theatre in Onancock. Sponsored by the Roseland Cinema and Entertainment Center.

## Friday, November 10

■ **YOGA:** 8 a.m., donation-based yoga classes for all levels at the Island Community House, 6246 Mumford St., Chincoteague. Call 757-336-1993.

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

■ **BENEFIT DINNER:** Naomi Makemie Presbyterian Church will have a spaghetti dinner at the church, located at 89 Market St., Onancock. Takeout orders are available and donations are accepted. Proceeds benefit No Limits Eastern Shore Brain Injury Services Those in attendance should enter through the Lee Street door. Call 757-787-1131 for more information.

■ **PAINT THE SHORE:** 6 to 8 p.m., The VES Land Trust arts show highlighting conserved land will be held at the Historic Onancock School and is free and open to the public.

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

■ **THEATRICAL PERFORMANCE:** 7:30 p.m., "Noises Off" Arts Enter Cape Charles' Historic Palace Theatre. Tickets are \$30 for adults and \$15 for students.

## Saturday, November 11 VETERANS DAY

■ **YOGA:** 8 a.m., donation-based yoga classes for all levels at the Island Community House, 6246 Mumford St., Chincoteague. Call 757-336-1993.

■ **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](http://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](http://www.chincoteagueca.org)

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

■ **PET PHOTO:** 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., Santa will be at the SP-CA Eastern Shore shelter in Onley to pose for photos with pets. For a \$15 donation, attendees will be able to choose their favorite shot from their pet's photo session and receive a 4-inch by 6-inch print of it in a Christmas card frame. Pets attending the event should be on a leash or in an appropriate carrier. For further information, contact the shelter by phone at 757-787-7385 or by e-mail at [shorespca@gmail.com](mailto:shorespca@gmail.com).

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

■ **VETERANS DINNER:** 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., the American Legion Post 100 of Parksley will be holding a free dinner for veterans at the Parksley farmers market. The menu is hot dogs, hamburgers, baked beans, and dessert. Family members and friends of veterans can dine for a suggested donation of \$10.

■ **THEATRICAL PERFORMANCE:** 3 p.m., "Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs" performed by the Theater Academy of Delmarva at the Mar-Va Theater, Pocomoke City. \$15. Tickets at [marvatheater.com](http://marvatheater.com)

■ **THEATRICAL PERFORMANCE:** 7:30 p.m., "Noises Off" Arts Enter Cape Charles' Historic Palace Theatre. Tickets are \$30 for adults and \$15 for students.

## Sunday, November 12

■ **LIVE MUSIC:** 1 to 4 p.m., open mic and jam session open to local musicians each Sunday at Cape Charles Brewing Company, 2198 Stone Road, Cape Charles. Free admission.

■ **THEATRICAL PERFORMANCE:** 3 p.m., "Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs" performed by the Theater Academy of Delmarva at the Mar-Va Theater, Pocomoke City. \$15. Tickets at [marvatheater.com](http://marvatheater.com)

■ **THEATRICAL PERFORMANCE:** 3 p.m., "Noises Off" Arts Enter Cape Charles' Historic Palace Theatre. Tickets are \$30 for adults and \$15 for students.

■ **OYSTER BASH:** 2 p.m., United Methodist Bishop Sue Hauptert-Johnson will be the guest at an oyster bash at Camp Occohannock on the Bay. RSVP by calling 757-331-6729.

## Monday, November 13

■ **YOGA:** 8 a.m., donation-based yoga classes for all levels at the Island Community House, 6246 Mumford St., Chincoteague. Call 757-336-1993.

■ **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](http://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, November 14

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

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

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

## Wednesday, November 15

■ **YOGA:** 8 a.m., donation-based yoga classes for all levels at the Island Community House, 6246 Mumford St., Chincoteague. Call 757-336-1993.

■ **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.chincoteague-ca.org](http://www.chincoteague-ca.org)

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

■ **OVEREATERS ANONYMOUS:** 10:30 a.m. each Wednesday. Problems with overeating, undereating, bulimia, or binge eating? Meets at Rock Church, 27112 Lankford Highway, Onley. Get meeting info by calling 757-999-6771 or 302-362-5886.

■ **ACTIVITY:** 1 to 3 p.m., Sit and Stitch program at the Island Community House, 6246 Mumford St., Chincoteague. Info: 757-336-1992, [info@islandcommunityhouse.org](mailto:info@islandcommunityhouse.org), [www.islandcommunityhouse.org](http://www.islandcommunityhouse.org)

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100 years ago  
November 1923

## Eastern Shore crops are sold

### Accomack and Northampton counties sustain reputation for productivity

Within the narrow confines of Accomack and Northampton counties were grown this year approximately three million barrels of white potatoes and one million barrels of sweet potatoes, a large acreage of strawberries, cabbage, beans, onions and corn, but the growers have achieved their success by specialization in potato production. After thirty or more years of satisfactory returns they are confirmed potato growers and have set the pace in potato and sweet potato culture. And, what is more they have set the example in marketing methods by developing one of the more extraordinary selling agencies of which there is any record. The Eastern Shore of Virginia Produce Exchange with its headquarters at Onley, Va., will this season handle between three and four million packages with a gross sale of more than \$12,000,000. Through its plan of cooperative marketing, prices have been kept within figures where the growers have realized a profit from their crops.

It does not detract from the great reputation of the neighboring counties of the Eastern Shore of Maryland and Delaware, nor the heavy trucking counties in the Norfolk district, but the two Eastern Shore of Virginia counties have made a record that few counties in the nation can equal and they have led all counties in the United States, it is said, in productivity in the last three years.

Cape Charles is the center of Northampton's activities, and the business center of the two counties. The town which boasts of more than 3,000 population, has developed a well balanced system of public utilities under municipal ownership and is keeping abreast with the times by making further improvements, having recently voted a \$50,000 bond issue for street paving and just completed an entirely new water system. Onancock is the largest town of Accomack County, having approximately 2,000 population. It is the terminus of the steamer lines, linked with the county seat at Accomack and the Pennsylvania Railroad at Tasley with concrete roads and is the business center of Accomack County.

— *The Roanoke Times*

## Sent away by wife, husband declares

### Attorney West takes stand in his suit against Gordy for alienation

John W. West, attorney of Onancock, Accomack County, was the first witness in Federal court today in his suit against Allison W. Gordy for damages of \$25,000 for alleged alienation of his wife's affections. Gordy is the proprietor of a canning factory at Onancock.

West told of several incidents which he claimed caused him to suspect improper relations between his wife and Gordy, although he said he had no reason to believe her guilty of gross misconduct. His contention is that his wife lost her affection for him because of Gordy's attentions, that he frustrated a plan by which she was going to take a trip with Gordy and that as a result of the feeling aroused he was ordered to leave the house on March 6 of this year.

The house is in Mrs. West's name, and West says he left, going to the home of his father, where he has since resided.

James E. Heath, attorney for the defense, in his opening statement to the jury characterized the suit as "one of the most unjust which has ever been brought into court." He declared Gordy has no affection for Mrs. West. He said there appeared every reason to believe that Mrs. West had lost affection for her husband, but that this was the fault of West and his jealousy and not of Gordy.

High spots in the testimony of Mr. West were that the final break between him and his wife came when she declared she would rather live with Gordy a week than to live with him the remainder of his life, and that Gordy and his wife at a conference with him, had confessed to writing letters to each other. He also charged that Gordy admitted he had kissed and caressed Mrs. West and that Gordy then asked him whether Mrs. West had told anything else.

The Wests have three children. According to Mr. West he and his wife had only one serious quarrel before Mr. and Mrs. Gordy moved to Onancock in the spring of 1921. The Wests and the Gordys each visited frequently at the home of the others.

— *The Daily Press*

## Man loses potato contract suit

Frank Bowman Co., of Havana, Cuba, was awarded judgment of \$15,787 by jury in Federal Court today following the reversal of this court

by the United States Circuit Court of Appeals in the case of Bowman against R. U. Lecato, of Accomack. This action closed the case instituted in September 1920.

The case grew out of alleged failure on the part of Lecato to fulfill a contract with the Havana firm to deliver 15 cars of potatoes early in 1920. A jury in the Federal Court returned a verdict for the defendant at the hearing here and an appeal was noted. The Circuit Court of Appeals reversed the lower court and the action today was merely the court formality, the entire proceeding lasting less than half an hour.

— *The Roanoke Times*

75 years ago  
November 1948

## Dr. Susie Ames to speak to Eastville DKG

Dr. Susie Ames, a member of Iota Chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma, will address members of Lambda Chapter Thursday night at 8 o'clock in the auditorium of Northampton High School.

Dr. Ames, who is on sabbatical leave from the history department of Randolph-Macon Woman's College, will speak on "The Rich Heritage The Eastern Shore Has in Its Old Court Records."

— *The Virginian-Pilot*

## Body recovered off Eastern Shore

The Coast Guard yesterday reported the recovery of the body of Archie Beede, thought to be from Machipongo, who drowned in the waters of the bay off Chincoteague Island Friday.

A picket boat and a surf boat from the station there dragged the waters of the bay all day Saturday and part of Sunday before the body was found shortly after noon.

The body was taken to the Walter Clark Funeral Home at Chincoteague.

— *The Virginian-Pilot*

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## Yesteryears

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### Berserk gunman kills eight and wounds five before taking own life

CHESTER, Pa. — A deadly accurate berserk gunman, barricaded in his squalid second-story tenement room, killed eight persons and wounded five others today before taking his own life as police laid siege to his meager fortress.

Assistant District Attorney R. Paul Lessy identified the gunman as Melvin Collins, 38-year-old man from Exmore, Va.

Police were unable to find an explanation for the shooting.

Police Chief Andrew J. Desmond, Jr., pieced together this account from eyewitnesses:

About 8:30 A.M. four men were gathered in front of an alley adjoining the restaurant above which Collins lived. Suddenly Collins opened the window and shouted, "Call the cops."

Collins did not explain why he wanted the police.

A dime fell near a passerby, who picked it up and handed it to Harry Gibbs, one of the group.

Gibbs remarked, "This will get me a cup of coffee."

Suddenly Collins shoved a .22-caliber rifle out the window and fired. Edward Boyer fell dead. The others scattered.

Detective Elery Purnsley, attracted by the gunfire on his way to work, fired at Collins. Moments later the detective was killed.

Fred Casino, 38, started to the detective's aid but was killed as he started to leave his automobile.

The echoing shots attracted curious spectators from the densely populated section.

Two women across the street looked out a second-floor window. A shot struck Louise Moore critically wounding her. Another bullet struck Hattie Nichols, 29.

Police began pumping tear gas shells into Collins room and as fire from the second-story window slackened, police worked their way cautiously up a narrow stairway to the second floor. They shouted to Collins to surrender.

— *Richmond Times-Dispatch*

### Man admits shooting at officers

A 28-year-old man who escaped last July from a Maryland sheriff's car is back in the Dorchester

County jail, State police announced today.

Richard Jones, wanted also by North Carolina and Delaware officials, was picked up last night in the Pocomoke City railroad yard, State police said.

They reported that Jones admitted he was the one who had fired several shots at three Virginia law officers last Friday near Accomac, Va. The officers had been summoned to an Accomac filling station after an attendant had become suspicious when a man asked him to put through a call to President Truman.

Last July, Jones leaped from a car being driven at 30 miles an hour by Dorchester County Sheriff Waldo Robinson. The sheriff was taking Jones to jail in Cambridge to be held for grand jury action on robbery charge.

Police officials said he previously had escaped from the North Carolina State prison, where he had been serving a 20-year term. Before that, police said, Jones escaped twice from a Delaware jail.

— *Richmond Times-Dispatch*

### Onancock weekly to become daily

The Eastern Shore News, a weekly newspaper, published at Onancock and serving 8,000 subscribers in Accomack and Northampton counties will become a daily in January.

John T. Borum, publisher, announced today that the paper, which will be called the Eastern Shore Daily News, has applied for membership in the Associated Press, the world's greatest newspaper service, and service on its Virginia state wire.

The paper will be the first daily on Virginia's Eastern Shore. The two counties on the "shore" are rich agricultural areas with a population of close to 60,000.

— *The Virginian-Pilot*

### Man sought in Shore shooting

County officers reported today they have had no luck tracking down a man who exchanged shots with deputy sheriffs and an alcoholic beverage control inspector near Accomac last Friday.

State Police said the man "answers to the name of Johnson." They announced they would seek warrants charging him with felonious shooting and attempt to kill when he can be found.

Deputies Thomas Stockley and Warner Davis and Inspector Arthur Nicolls of the alcoholic beverage department trailed the man from a filling station at nearby Tasley to the Farmers' Exchange grading shed near here.

The man opened fire when he was commanded to halt and then exchanged several shots with the officers before running toward a railroad track near the shed.

State Police joined in the search.

— *The Daily Times*

### Cape Charles wins title

Cape Charles downed Northampton, 26-7, here today to win the Eastern Shore football title before the largest crowd ever to see a game here.

Billy Shaw raced 65-yards in the first period to pave the way, then Cape Charles added 19 points in the second period. Moore scored for Northampton in the third period.

— *The Virginian-Pilot*

### If you knew Susie as this man knew Susie — she was one terrapin out of 75,000 to him

Once a terrapin gets to know its master it becomes an affectionate creature. It comes when called and can be taught to do tricks, just like a dog.

Such is the experience of Miles Hancock of Chincoteague, on the Eastern Shore of Virginia. He is an expert on the ways of terrapin, for he has been collecting and selling them for 30 years. During that time he has handled more than 75,000 for the gourmets of Baltimore, Washington, Philadelphia and New York.

Mr. Hancock has done well in the terrapin business. He has acquired a fine reputation for rushing the turtles to maitres d'hôtel in time for big banquets. Yet he has one deep regret, and in a way this has tempered his whole attitude toward terrapin.

The regret is for Susie, the most famous terrapin in Chincoteague's annals.

For two years Susie was the prize performer in Mr. Hancock's pen, which is at the end of Mud Hole Road on the shore of Assateague channel. Whenever he walked into the pen she would follow close at his heels. When he stopped she, too, would stop and poised high on her forepaws, crane her neck and cock her head this way and that was she looked appealingly up at him.

In a short time Mr. Hancock had trained Susie to "speak" for her food. Susie seemed to have longer legs than most terrapin, so that when she

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## Yesteryears

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“spoke” she shoved herself over on one side at about a 40-degree angle. She held the pose as Mr. Hancock fed her fillets of fresh fish which he had cut for her. Pretty soon Susie’s fame spread. People used to come to see her perform.

Then one morning came a buyer with a gunny sack folded under his arm. He was in a hurry for a dozen big ones which were to be served at an important dinner that night. Mr. Hancock went with him out to the pen and quickly they gathered the terrapin. But among them the buyer, all unknowing, grabbed Susie as she followed slowly at Mr. Hancock’s heels and tossed her into his sack. He was quite unaware, of course, that Susie was a pet.

Late that evening Mr. Hancock discovered Susie was gone, and he guessed her fate at once. It was too late to do anything. By that time she had surely been tossed into a pot of boiling water.

“We sure do miss Susie,” says Mr. Hancock. “She was about the cutest terrapin I ever saw.”

— *The Baltimore Sun*

50 years ago  
November 1973

### Coast-to-coast trip ends for balloonist

Magazine publisher Malcolm Forbes finished his cross-country balloon trip in Chesapeake Bay Tuesday and declared he had made it to the East Coast.

He was a little short. He and his son Bobby landed their 65-foot-high hot-air balloon in waist-deep water just southeast of Gwynn Island off Virginia’s mainland.

“It’s completed as far as I’m concerned,” said Forbes, publisher of the national financial bimonthly magazine which bears his name.

He left Coos Bay, Ore., Oct. 4 in an attempt to become the first ever to cross the continent in a hot-air balloon.

Forbes said he made the watery landing to keep his craft from sailing through the mouth of the bay between Norfolk, Va., and Cape Charles on Virginia’s Eastern Shore.

“That’s a big gap between Norfolk and Cape Charles and that water is icy cold and it didn’t appeal to me,” Forbes said.

Gwynn Island was the last piece of land he could

set down on before being carried out to sea by prevailing winds, he said.

But as the balloon started down on the island, it almost touched power lines and he had to take it back up again and land in the water, Forbes said.

“To our great and wonderful surprise we found we could walk,” Forbes said. He and his son jumped out of the gondola just before it hit the water.

The two were rescued by a nearby crabber.

— *The Baltimore Sun*

### Work to begin on bridge closed by recent storm

“Work will begin immediately to restore traffic on the Chincoteague-Assateague bridge,” Seashore Superintendent Thomas F. Norris, Jr., announced today.

The 500-foot-long structure has remained closed since noon on Oct. 26 following a road washout on the west approach during tropical storm “Gilda.”

“Repairs may take a week to complete,” the superintendent said. He stressed that foot and bicycle access is currently available and that a free shuttle service will be in operation next weekend.

Once traffic over the span is restored, additional work will be needed to stabilize the west abutment. The project will involve placing approximately 35 cubic yards of filter material and 80 cubic yards of stone or concrete rubble around the abutment area. “Work on this second stage of repairs will begin as soon as possible,” the superintendent said. During this stage, vehicle traffic will be maintained.

— *The Daily Times*

### Virginia man fatally hurt at Eastville

An Eastville man was fatally injured when he was run over by a tractor-trailer on Rt. 13, a half mile south of Eastville, Virginia State Police said today.

The driver of the tractor-trailer, William Henry Broadhurst, 25, of Goldsboro, N.C., was charged with manslaughter and taken to the Northampton County Jail in Eastville, police said.

According to officials, Williard Brickhouse, 56, was driving a farm tractor pulling a liquid fertilizer spreader, north on Rt. 13 when his rig was struck from the rear by the tractor-trailer.

The farm tractor, fertilizer spreader and tractor-trailer went out of control, police said, and into the southbound lane of the highway.

Brickhouse was thrown from the tractor and run

over by the tractor-trailer, authorities reported.

The farm tractor came to rest in the southbound lane, and the tractor-trailer went in a soybean field on the west side of the highway, police said.

Tpr. D. L. Ross said the tractor and fertilizer spreader, owned by Northampton Growers, Inc., was a total loss. He estimated about \$1,500 damage was done to the tractor-trailer owned by Archie D. Rose of Goldsboro, N.C.

The accident occurred at 3:10 p.m. Thursday.

— *The Daily Times*

### Godwin is close winner in Virginia

Mills Godwin, a conservative Republican, has succeeded by a slim margin in becoming the first man to be elected twice as governor of Virginia.

Godwin, the state’s Democratic governor from 1966-70, overcame early leads by his liberal independent opponent, Lt. Gov. Henry Howell, to win Tuesday’s election by barely more than one per cent of the 1-million-plus vote.

On the Eastern Shore of Virginia, Del. George N. McMath, Republican, won his bid for re-election and defeated two other opponents for the House of Delegates for the 46th legislative district. The unofficial totals were: McMath, 6,041; D. Page Elmore, 4,688; and Edward H. Bender, 867.

In Northampton County, Democrat Clyde E. Gibb was elected Clerk of Circuit Court. He ran against Ryan Keith Bull, Democrat Kenneth F. Arnold was re-elected as commissioner of revenue against Francis I. Jones.

In Accomack County voters on Chincoteague Island voted to reject annexation of the entire island community into the town. A special council meeting will be held there tonight.

— *The Daily Times*

### Speaker due on Shore killed in airplane crash

Football Coach Harold Lee (Rock) Royer, who was scheduled to speak at several churches on the Eastern Shore of Virginia, has been killed in an airplane crash.

His body was found Thursday in the wreckage of his single-engine plane in Evergreen, Ala. A hunter found the wreckage of the plane, which had been missing since Tuesday night on a flight to St. Petersburg, Fla.

Royer was scheduled to speak today and Monday in the Onancock Baptist Church and during the next

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two weeks at Parksley Baptist Church, Cape Charles Baptist Church and Exmore Baptist Church.

There was no immediate announcement as to his replacement at these churches.

Royer, 35, was an assistant coach at the Naval Academy until June 1972, when he left to coach the football team at Lynchburg, Va., Baptist College.

— *The Daily Times*

## Open house set on wildlife refuge

The 1973 dates of Waterfowl Week are Nov. 17th through Nov. 25th. Chincoteague National Wildlife Refuge invites everyone to attend the annual “Open House” activities throughout the nine days on the refuge.

Predictably, peak populations of many species of waterfowl will be on the area, resting and feeding before continuing their flight south, or they will be settling in here for the winter months ahead.

Marking the annual fall migration on the Atlantic Flyway started back in 1968 on Chincoteague refuge with a program called “Goose Days” to honor the flocks of Greater Snow Geese which traditionally winter here. The service road is open for driving from 9 a.m. until 5 p.m. each day. The road runs north-south for approximately seven miles, affording a longer and broader view of the flocks. In addition, on both weekends, the Waterfowling Exhibit will be interpreted by refuge personnel, decoy carvers and artists will be working in the Lighthouse Oil Shed, and Wildlife movie will be shown in the refuge auditorium.

— *The Daily Times*

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## Advertisers get free ride

The causeway from Accomack to the island is the only stretch of state-owned land that can be used for advertising and some businesses are getting a free ride, said property owner Lois Hunt. Hunt made her comments at November’s Chincoteague Town Council meeting. Hunt said businesses have been allowed to advertise along the three-mile Chincoteague Causeway since the Virginia General Assembly granted such permission in 1950. She

also learned through a Freedom of Information Act request that there are 1,030 businesses on Chincoteague Island and 60 of them have signs along the causeway. Furthermore, of the 66 permits for signs, 42 belong to Eastern Advertising Company.

— *The Daily Times*

## Town uses bike licenses to foil thieves

Bicycle thieves in Cape Charles may want to start pedaling faster.

Cops in the tiny tourist town on Virginia’s Eastern Shore are marking down serial numbers and keeping an eye out for suspicious-looking bikes in an effort to curb theft.

Since Oct. 1, it’s been mandatory for Cape Charles residents who own bikes to plunk down a buck for a town tag that’s good for the life of the bike.

Failure to comply is a misdemeanor, and the punishment could be up to a \$25 fine and court costs.

The town isn’t trying to make money but to protect its 1,300 or so denizens by deterring thieves, police Chief Ricky Marshall said.

About 50 to 60 bikes are stolen each year, often by kids who dismantle bikes, interchange parts, and disguise the bikes by spray-painting them a different color, Marshall said.

More than 100 bike tags have been sold so far. Police have stopped about 10 scofflaws and given them verbal warnings about the tag requirement by haven’t written any tickets.

“We don’t hold road checks and make sure you have your license,” Marshall said, chuckling. “If we happen to see someone out on a bike, we ask them about it.”

The red and silver decal measures 1 inch by 2 inches. Once stuck to the frame beneath the bike seat, it’s hard to remove in one piece.

When police sell a license, they record the bike’s serial number, color, make and description.

If a cyclist is stopped and doesn’t have a license, police will check the bike’s serial number against the numbers on file to see if the bike is stolen.

While Cape Charles is the only town on the Eastern Shore to require bike licenses, Marshall said police got the idea from other localities in Virginia that do so.

Those localities include Norfolk, Warrenton, Alexandria and Henrico County, according to a search by the Weldon Cooper Center for Public Service at the University of Virginia.

Rick Hubbard, past president of the Cape Charles Chamber of Commerce, said he thinks the license program is a good idea because it makes the town

more bike-friendly.

“It would be nice if it were a perfect world where nobody is going to, quote unquote, ‘borrow’ your bicycle, but that’s not the case,” Hubbard said.

So far, the program seems to be working. There have been no reports of bike thefts since it started, Marshall said.

— *The Daily Times*

## Computer woes bring tax relief

Residents could get an extra six weeks to pay their property taxes, because of a state-wide computer problem.

Treasurer Dana Bundick recently asked Accomack County Supervisors to postpone the Dec. 5 deadline until Jan. 31, 1999 because of delays with the computer company providing the tax-records software.

A public hearing on the issue is scheduled for Wednesday, Nov. 18 at 7:30 in Chincoteague.

Other counties are also having similar problems because new software is needed state-wide to carry out Gov. Gilmore’s “ax-the-tax” initiative, passed in the 1998 General Assembly.

— *The Daily Times*

## Study on services canceled

County officials have canceled a comprehensive study on area fire, emergency rescue and hazardous materials services.

Accomack Supervisors in June asked for proposals, but last week the Fire and Rescue Commission voted against the study. Chairman Donald Sawyer said the study “wasted a lot of time.”

— *The Daily Times*

## Accomack’s first K-9 retires

The Sheriff Department’s first K-9 unit German shepherd, Rex, retired last week because of health problems. Rex’s handler, Deputy Todd Godwin, says the 9-year-old Rex is suffering from hip problems, which are beginning to affect his performance. Police officials said Rex will be replaced by Nitro, a 2-year-old shepherd from the Czech Republic, after he completes 10 weeks of training.

— *The Daily Times*

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### \$12,813 spent on land

County supervisors will spend \$12,813 for two parcels of land adjacent to the former Wattsville landfill. County officials say they bought the land from the Marine Science Consortium after the group complained about trash being dumped on the land.

— *The Daily Times*

### Warrior and child's remains re-interred at Indiantown

Amid the smokey tangle of trees surrounding Indiantown Park, the remains of an American Indian warrior and child were ceremoniously re-

buried this month by the Assateague Tribe.

Along with them were the remains of eight other American Indians, possibly from the Accomac tribe that lived around 200 years ago near Arlington.

For the descendants who arrived here, the Nov. 7 event was a time to bury the past, honor ancestors and participate in American Indian culture.

"This (burial) is about honoring our people and welcoming them home. It's a circle being completed," said Betsy "She Walks by the Water" Saunders of the Assateague Tribe.

With help from the Northampton County Parks and Recreation Director Barry Randall, the Assateague Tribe spent all week preparing the burial site by clearing land and digging a 6-by-6 foot burial pit.

Indiantown was the natural choice, because it is near the original Accomac village and it was the only American Indian reservation on the Eastern Shore of Virginia.

The demise of Eastern Shore Indians is a familiar story.

According to Helen Rountree, a professor at Old Dominion University near Virginia Beach, Accomac chief Esmy Shichans gave some of the tribe's land to the English in the early 1600s. However, by 1640 the American Indians had moved across the Peninsula to the reservation.

The remains buried this month were unearthed in 1987 during a construction project in the Arlington area. Because no legislation governing the reburial of the bones existed until the early 1990s, they ended up at the Historical Resources Department, where they were studied.

The bones were eventually re-

turned to the Assateague Indians, who felt reburial on native grounds was the honorable thing to do.

Since no record documents local burial ceremonies, the Assateague tribe modeled the weekend ceremony on that of the Plains Indians.

The morning of the ceremony, those handling the bones were purified and the bones were prepared and wrapped in their bundle. To the staccato beat of drums, a procession of clan mothers carried the bones to the burial site and prayed.

Once gifts were set into the burial pit, the American Indians sang traditional songs to release spirits and give thanks.

"It's good to see people coming together to see our ancestors reburied," said Ruth Hilliard, a member of the Assateague Tribe. "It's an honor."

— *The Daily Times*

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# A fitting tribute to a mother's memory

I wouldn't begin to try and explain all of what's been going on in my life since I last filled this space.

I'll just say the past few weeks have been the darkest I have ever experienced.

That's largely due to the fact that I lost my Mom two days before Christmas. I can't say any more about that event because, as my business partner Cheryl says from experience, "It's just too big to get your mind around."

I will say this, however. Never before have I realized just how important it is to reach out to folks experiencing an illness or a loss.

Many times I've read, and even typeset, announcements in the classified section where families have expressed their gratitude for "the cards, flowers, food..."

Having now been on the receiving end, I am ashamed to admit I have too rarely been on the giving side.

And, despite the fact that my Mom is no longer here, she is still teaching me lessons about the importance of such things.

My latest lesson from Mom came only a few days after the funeral.

We had exhausted the supply of engraved thank-you cards provided by the funeral home and I began rummaging through Mom's things looking for her stash of stationery items.

I was not disappointed when I located the right shelf in the cabinet, for there were boxes of all types of cards — "sympathy," "get well," "thinking of you," and more.

And there, too, in Mom's handwriting, was a listing of addresses of



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

various hospitals, nursing homes, and individuals.

Seeing that, I began to remember how Mom, before her illness, was

devout in sending cards and letters to folks going through troubled times.

How she used to visit the nurs-

ing home on a regular basis. How she took part in her church's "Caring and Sharing" group, ministering to others during rough times. How her "care packages" helped a homesick granddaughter get through college.

How, through the years, she must have baked thousands of pound cakes for others.

And how, even when she was troubled herself, she could make a joke and bring a smile to another.

Mom had a wonderful sense of humor, which she would use to lighten the mood during many a stressful time.

Now, during this time when we are all so painfully aware of her absence (and I can't imagine that ever changing), I hope we will heed Mom's lesson.

A fitting tribute to her memory would be for each of us who loved her to make an effort to send cards, write notes of encouragement, visit the sick and shut-in, and of course, bake those pound cakes.

Meanwhile, to all who have done so many kind things for my family and me the last few weeks, writing notes and saying "thanks" seem inadequate.

But please know that while our hearts are broken, they are grateful as well.

This piece was published Jan. 16, 2002, in the Eastern Shore Post. Candy Farlow, a founder of the Eastern Shore Post weekly newspaper and a longtime journalist on the Eastern Shore of Virginia, died in 2017. Among other endeavors she worked for a time as a telephone lineman, reporter, columnist, radio DJ, and as community relations director for Shore Memorial Hospital. Her former columns will be printed monthly in Eastern Shore First.





# Summer isn't the only time for vacation rentals.

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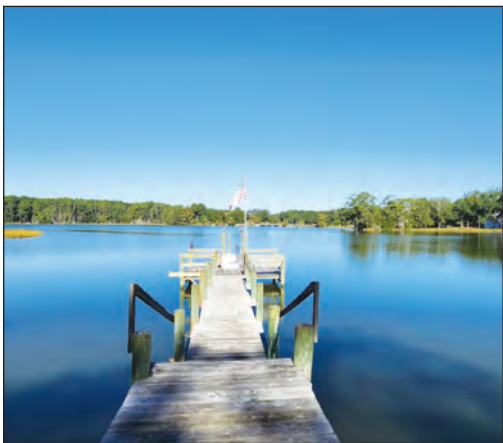
## CLIFTON HOUSE

Clifton House is a five-acre estate with a 4,000-square-foot, four-bedroom, 2.5 bath home that sleeps eight comfortably. Its well-kept grounds are alive with wildlife and expansive water views of the creek and the Chesapeake Bay. This stately residence on Chesconnessex Creek dates in 1835. With more than 1,000 feet of water frontage, there is a dock with deep water that can accommodate a variety of boats. The house, pool, lawn, well-kept grounds, are this an ideal gathering place for large groups.



## CAMP BELLE HAVEN

Camp Belle Haven is a four-bedroom ranch with three full baths, including an en-suite in the back bedroom with one of the kings. There are two rooms with two twins and two with queens. A full is in the hallway near the bedrooms; the other is near the entrance. A canoe and kayaks are available for guests to use after signing a waiver. Bring your boat and keep it under the shelter when not putting in at nearby Morley's Wharf.



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## SOUTHERN BREEZES

Southern Breezes is a three-bedroom, one-and-a-half bath home that sleeps seven and is pet friendly. It is located one block from the beach in the historic town of Cape Charles on the Chesapeake Bay. It has a formal dining room, large kitchen, open front porch, and has a bunkbed in the back bedroom for kids. The pet-friendly home is a short bike ride, golf cart jaunt, or walk to fabulous shops, galleries, and restaurants.



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