

# ShoreFirst

A man wearing a blue Columbia jacket, a blue baseball cap, and khaki pants stands in a wooded area. He is holding a yellow disc golf disc in his right hand and giving a thumbs up with his left hand. To his left is a yellow disc golf basket with the number '2' on it. The background consists of trees and a ground covered in pine needles.

## A local disc golf primer

With several Eastern Shore courses, disc golf provides opportunity for recreation, competition



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# Shore First | Entertainment calendar

## Friday, March 8

■ **ART STROLL:** 4 to 7 p.m., Second Friday Art Stroll sponsored by the Onancock Business and Civic Association. Enjoy an evening of fine art, live music, and dining. Art galleries, gourmet shops, and boutiques feature extended evening hours, guests artists, music, and wine tastings.  
■ **ART RECEPTION:** 5 to 8 p.m., Morphosis Gallery, 33 Market St., will have a reception for artist Jack Richardson.  
■ **LIVE MUSIC:** 6:30 to 8:30 p.m., Alex Holt and Forest Flynn at the Lemon Tree Gallery, 301 Mason Ave., Cape Charles. Free admission and cash bar.

## Saturday, March 9

■ **YOGA:** 10 to 11 a.m., kids yoga at the Eastern Shore of Virginia Regional Library in Parksley.  
■ **BENEFIT MEAL:** 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., Melfa United Methodist Church is having a soup fundraiser. Various soups will be for sale, including vegetable beef, chicken noodle, peas and dumplings, and more. The price is \$10 a pint and \$15 a quart. Desserts will be available to purchase. The church is located at 19444 Main St., Melfa. Walk-ins are welcome or order by telephone: 757-787-3925 or 757-710-8025.  
■ **JOB FAIR:** 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Kiptopeke State Park will be hosting a job fair to recruit seasonal employees for the summer at the Big Water Visitor Center, located just outside the entrance to Kiptopeke State Park. Staff will be on site to discuss job opportunities, accept applications, and hold interviews. Positions available at the park include interpretive ranger, contact ranger, maintenance ranger, waterfront attendant, retail attendant, and housekeeping supervisor. Candidates who want to apply can fill out an application on site or apply directly online at [www.dcr.virginia.gov](http://www.dcr.virginia.gov)  
■ **FUNDRAISER:** 1 to 4 p.m., the Billy Peacock Memorial Fundraiser, to benefit the Samaritan Shelter of Pocomoke City, will be held at Don's Seafood and Chicken House. A portion of the food and beverage sales will be donated to the Samaritan Shelter Help Drive. \$10 raffle tickets will be sold to win the grand prize drawing for a weekend in Cape Charles. Raffle tickets can be purchased at the Samaritan Shelter, Eastern Shore Lanes, Hickman's Plumbing, Heating and AC, and Don's Seafood and Chicken House.  
■ **GUIDED BIRDING TRIP:** 2 p.m., join expert birders Gary Smith and Helen Belencan of the Eastern Shore Bird Club for a guided tour of the Wildlife Loop and Woodland Trail in the Chincoteague National Wildlife Refuge. Meet at Queen's Sound Landing, 37286 Chincoteague Road, Horntown. Birders will caravan from there to the wildlife refuge. An entrance fee or park pass is required to enter Chincoteague National Wildlife Refuge. Other than the entrance fee or park pass, the program is free, and all new birders and the public are invited to attend. Call 803-292-6883.  
■ **VOLUNTEER RALLY:** 2 p.m., Chincoteague Cultural Alliance Volunteer Rally. Come learn about all of the exciting ways you can volunteer for our summer pro-

grams. Light refreshments served. Held at 6309 Church St., Chincoteague.

■ **OPENING RECEPTION:** 4 to 6 p.m., opening of "Celebration of Women Through Art" exhibit, which will run through March 30. Reception with guest speakers and presentation on the life of Lilyan Stratton Corbin is being held at the Corbin Studio & Gallery, 4 East Main St., Crisfield. Visit [CrisfieldArts.org](http://CrisfieldArts.org) for more information.  
■ **THEATRICAL PERFORMANCE:** 7 p.m., "Just Go To The Movies: A Musical Revue," at the Island Theatre, 4074 Main St., Chincoteague, presented by the Lower Shore Performing Arts Company. Tickets are \$20 and can be purchased at [www.chincoteagueislandarts.com](http://www.chincoteagueislandarts.com)  
■ **LIVE MUSIC:** 7 to 9 p.m., Corn Funk Revue at ESO Live! at the ESO Arts Center, 15293 King St., Belle Haven. Tickets are \$20 in advance and \$25 at the door. Visit [www.esoarts.org](http://www.esoarts.org)  
■ **WOMEN'S MONTH:** 7 p.m., there will be a celebration of women called "Purple Reign," in honor of National Women's Month, at the Do-Drop Inn, Weirwood. Tickets are \$25. There will be a live reggae band and door prizes. For more information, call Jane Cabarrus at 804-513-0532.

## Sunday, March 10

■ **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.  
■ **CHURCH DINNER:** 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., Bethel United Methodist Church in Jamesville will have a spaghetti dinner with salad, bread, and dessert. There will be eat-ins and carryout. Donations will be accepted.  
■ **THEATRICAL PERFORMANCE:** 4 p.m., "Just Go To The Movies: A Musical Revue," at the Island Theatre, 4074 Main St., Chincoteague, presented by the Lower Shore Performing Arts Company. Tickets are \$20 and can be purchased at [www.chincoteagueislandarts.com](http://www.chincoteagueislandarts.com)

## Monday, March 11

■ **STORY TIME:** All day, any time story time at the Eastern Shore of Virginia Regional Library in Parksley and the Northampton Free Library in Nassawadox.  
■ **SCAVENGER HUNT:** all day, "Irish' You Luck Scavenger Hunt," using clues to find answers to Irish trivia questions, at the Pocomoke City Branch of the Worcester County Library, 301 Market St., Pocomoke City. Ages 12 to 18.  
■ **KIDS CRAFTS:** 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., kids crafts at the Eastern Shore of Virginia Regional Library in Parksley.  
■ **BINGO:** Doors open at 5 p.m., first game at 7 p.m., Onancock Elks Lodge, 22454 Front St., Accomac. Info: 757-787-7750.  
■ **POETRY WORKSHOP:** 6 to 7:30 p.m. "Rhythms of the Heart" poetry workshop, Monday evenings for four weeks through April 1. \$10 per person, per day, at Corbin Studio

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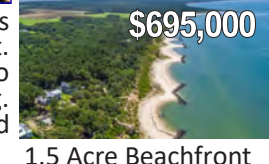
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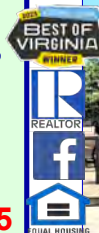
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& Gallery, 4 East Main St, Crisfield. Bring poems to share or just come and enjoy. Visit [CrisfieldArts.org](http://CrisfieldArts.org) for more information.

## Tuesday, March 12

- **TECH HELP:** Tech Help Tuesday all day at the Northampton Free Library in Nassawadox.
- **SCAVENGER HUNT:** all day, “Irish’ You Luck Scavenger Hunt,” using clues to find answers to Irish trivia questions, at the Pocomoke City Branch of the Worcester County Library, 301 Market St., Pocomoke City. Ages 12 to 18.
- **VETERANS BREAKFAST:** 8:30 to 10 a.m., there will be a Veterans Café serving a free breakfast to all veterans and active military at American Legion Post 159, 4023 Main St., Chincoteague.
- **CLAY ’N’ PLAY:** 10:30 to 11:30 p.m., clay and tools for activities for ages up to 5 years old in the Pocomoke Meeting Room at the Pocomoke City Branch of the Worcester County Library, 301 Market St., Pocomoke City. For adults.
- **GAMING, CRAFTS:** 5 to 6:30 p.m., teen gaming and crafts at the Eastern Shore of Virginia Regional Library in Parksley.
- **BINGO:** Doors open 6 p.m., first game 7:30 p.m., Cheriton Volunteer Fire Co., 21334 S. Bayside Road, Cheriton.
- **LECTURE:** 6:30 p.m., Theodore Corbett will give a talk entitled “A Lot Happened on the Virginia Shore during the American Revolution” at the Eastern Shore of Virginia Regional Library and Heritage Center, Parksley.

## Wednesday, March 13

- **STORY TIME:** All day, any time story time at the Eastern Shore of Virginia Regional Library in Parksley and the Northampton Free Library in Nassawadox.
- **SCAVENGER HUNT:** all day, “Irish’ You Luck Scavenger Hunt,” using clues to find answers to Irish trivia questions, at the Pocomoke City Branch of the Worcester County Library, 301 Market St., Pocomoke City. Ages 12 to 18.
- **BINGO:** Doors open at 6 p.m., first game 7:30 p.m., Painter Volunteer Fire Co., 17116 Wayside Drive, Painter.

## Thursday, March 14

- **SCAVENGER HUNT:** all day, “Irish’ You Luck Scavenger Hunt,” using clues to find answers to Irish trivia questions, at the Pocomoke City Branch of the Worcester

County Library, 301 Market St., Pocomoke City. Ages 12 to 18.

- **TECH HELP:** 2 p.m., tech help at the Eastern Shore of Virginia Regional Library in Parksley.
- **DIY FAIRY LANTERNS:** 2 to 3 p.m. create decorative and lighted Mason jars, in the Pocomoke Meeting Room at the Pocomoke City Branch of the Worcester County Library, 301 Market St., Pocomoke City. Register in person at the library.
- **CREATIVE WRITING:** 5 to 6 p.m., teen creative writing at the Eastern Shore of Virginia Regional Library in Parksley.
- **BEDTIME STORY TIME:** 6 to 7 p.m., bedtime story time at the Northampton Free Library in Nassawadox.
- **INTERNATIONAL MOVIE:** 7 p.m., “Other People’s Children,” presented by the Roseland Cinema and Entertainment Center at the Roseland Theatre, Onancock. Tickets are \$8 for single show and \$25 for the season.

## Friday, March 15

- **SCAVENGER HUNT:** all day, “Irish’ You Luck Scavenger Hunt,” using clues to find answers to Irish trivia questions, at the Pocomoke City Branch of the Worcester County Library, 301 Market St., Pocomoke City. Ages 12 to 18.
- **SEARCH FOR THE SHAMROCKS:** 4 to 7 p.m., join Main Street Merchants for Chincoteague’s free, two-day St. Patrick’s Day adventure. Visit businesses around the island during the 14th annual Search for the Shamrocks event for clues to solve a riddle. Cross the finish line by 5 p.m. Saturday to register for great prizes. Visit [www.chincoteaguemerchants.com](http://www.chincoteaguemerchants.com)
- **GENEALOGY RESEARCH:** 6 to 8 p.m., Tyrone Goodwyn and Luke Alexander will hold a free symposium discussing African American genealogical research methods at the Mary N. Smith Cultural Enrichment Center in Accomac. It is sponsored by Shore History. Reflect with Goodwyn as he reviews his personal experience tracing his family lineage from North Carolina to the Eastern Shore of Virginia to Angola in Africa. Visit [www.shorehistory.org](http://www.shorehistory.org)
- **BENEFIT DINNER:** 6 p.m., Market Street Methodist Church, Onancock, will hold a spaghetti dinner on Friday, March 15, at 6 p.m. Donations will be accepted with proceeds going to the Foodbank.
- **LIVE MUSIC:** 6:30 to 8:30 p.m., Tide-water Bluegrass Revival at the Lemon Tree Gallery, 301 Mason Ave., Cape Charles. Free admission and cash bar.

■ **DESIGNER PURSE BINGO:** 7 p.m., designer purse bingo at the Great Pocomoke Fair, 2037 Broad St., Pocomoke. Admission is \$30 and there will be food, a 50/50 raffle, and special games. Proceeds benefit the Great Pocomoke Fair. Bring three canned goods or nonperishable products, or a bag of individually wrapped candy, for a free game card. Food benefits the Samaritan Shelter.

■ **THEATRICAL PERFORMANCE:** 8 p.m., The North Street Playhouse presents “Holy Mother of Bingo,” an interactive evening of murder mystery, including five rounds of bingo and prize baskets, 34 Market St., Onancock.

## Saturday, March 16

- **GENEALOGY RESEARCH:** 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., Tyrone Goodwyn and Luke Alexander will hold a free symposium discussing African American genealogical research methods at the Mary N. Smith Cultural Enrichment Center in Accomac. It is sponsored by Shore History. Join Goodwyn and Alexander in an involved discussion on some of the challenges of researching African American heritage. Through their assistance, learn research methods that extend the scope of African American genealogical research and progress of a family tree. Visit [www.shorehistory.org](http://www.shorehistory.org)
- **FAMILY LIBRARY DAY:** 10 a.m. to noon, decorate a tote bag to carry books, make some crafts, and play some games at the Pocomoke City Branch of the Worcester County Library, 301 Market St., Pocomoke City.
- **JOB FAIR:** 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., Northampton County and Cape Charles job fair for seasonal, year-round, full-time, and part-time positions. Held at the Northampton County YMCA, 22257 Parsons Circle, Cape Charles. Sponsored by Cape Charles Main Street. Employer tables are \$30 each. Email [patsy@capecharlesmainstreet.com](mailto:patsy@capecharlesmainstreet.com)
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- **CLAM CHOWDER DINNER:** noon until sold out, David Long’s famous clam chowder sold at the Cheriton Volunteer Fire Co., Cheriton. It is all-you-can-eat for dine-in and takeouts are available. The cost is \$10

per quart and \$12 for meals, which come with a grilled ham-and-cheese sandwich, corn on the cob, dessert, and a drink.

- **OYSTER ROAST:** 4 to 8 p.m., Oysters for Education at The Shanty, Cape Charles. The oyster roast and barbecue supports the Northampton County Education Foundation. Admission includes dinner, drinks, dessert, music by Clara and Company, and access to the silent auction. Tickets are \$100 per person. For tickets or more information, visit [www.ncedufoundation.com](http://www.ncedufoundation.com)
- **DANCE:** 4 to 7 p.m., Northampton County Parks and Recreation will have a Daddy-Daughter Spring Sneaker Fling at the NCPR Rec Center, 7247 Young St., Machipongo. The cost is \$30 per couple and \$10 for each additional lady. Semi-formal dress is expected and sneakers are required. Call 757-678-0468 for more information.
- **OYSTER ROAST:** 4 to 8 p.m., Shore Little League will hold its eighth annual benefit oyster roast at the Exmore Town Park. There will be music, a cash bar, a silent auction, a raffle, clams and oysters, barbecue, and chowder. Tickets are \$50 in advance and can be purchased at Western Auto in Exmore, the Exmore Diner, Northampton Lumber in Nassawadox, Rayfield’s Pharmacy in Nassawadox, and Oceans East in Capeville. Call 757-414-1433.
- **PARADE:** 3 p.m., “O’Nancock” St. Patrick’s Parade, with dining, music, and shopping all over town. The classic car and tractor exhibition will begin at noon. St. Patrick, his color guard, a pipe and drum corps, floats, and more are part of the parade. The volunteers of the Onancock Business and Civic Association will support this event. Visit [visit www.Onancock.org](http://www.Onancock.org)
- **FUNDRAISER:** 5:30 p.m., Raising the Green for the Heritage Center of the Eastern Shore Regional Library. \$100 tickets include dinner, drinks, entertainment, and live and silent auctions. Tickets are available at The Book Bin, Rayfield’s Pharmacy locations, and libraries in Nassawadox and Parksley.
- **LIVE MUSIC:** 7 p.m., the Country Gentleman Tribute Band will perform at the Historic Cokesbury Church and Cultural Center, 13 Market St., Onancock. Donations are welcomed.
- **LIVE MUSIC:** 7 p.m., Irish Cabaret at the Chincoteague Cultural Alliance Community Center for the Arts, 6309 Church St., Chincoteague, with music, stories, theater, and trivia. \$5 suggested donation at the door. There will be a cash bar with

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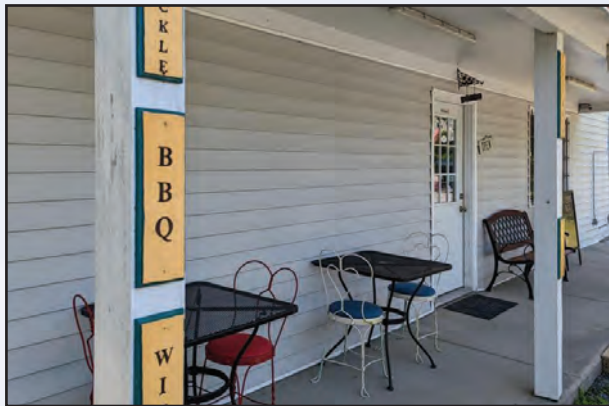


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# Make blood orange yogurt cake while unique citrus is still here

By the time March rolls around, I think it is safe to say we are all ready for spring to make its arrival. There is always one thing that I am sad to see leave with the arrival of warm weather — all the fancy citrus in the stores.

I enjoy Meyer lemons, sweet Cara Caras, plump tangelos, and, of course, blood oranges. With their mottled, orange-and-red skin, along with the deep red colored flesh, they make for a special treat that I can never pass up when I come across them in the produce section.



Laura Davis

Years ago, when I shared this recipe on my blog, I could never find any specialty citrus locally. They were always on my list when I took trips to the grandiose, “across the bay” grocery stores.

However, I’m happy to report we’ve come a long way in the last few years on the Eastern Shore. My local Food Lion in Oak Hall had all of the varieties I mentioned above when I checked last week.

The blood oranges are usually gone by April, so pick up a bag while you still can!

Margaritas are my favorite things to use them for — but baking is a close second.

Yogurt cakes have long been one of my favorites in the kitchen, and for good reason — they’re easy to toss together, using ingredients I typically have on hand.

They’re uber moist and will take on the flavor of whatever fruit you want to throw into them — like blood oranges, for example.

The cake itself is studded with plenty of fresh zest and juice, and then topped with a gorgeous glaze made from some confectioner’s sugar and a bit of additional orange juice. Can you believe that all-natural color? It’s so gorgeous.

I’ve topped with candied orange slices for a garnish that is almost too pretty to eat. Almost.

So, if you’ve seen these funny looking oranges in the store, but weren’t quite sure what to do with them, this easy cake is a great place to start. It’s wonderful for dessert, or a slice with your tea or coffee in the morning. It would be just lovely gracing an Easter table. Welcome, spring!



PHOTO COURTESY LAURA DAVIS

Yogurt cakes are easy-to-make, uber moist treats that will absorb the flavors of whatever fruits they are zested with.

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.



# Blood orange yogurt cake

## For the cake:

- 1 1/2 cups all-purpose flour
- 2 tsp. baking powder
- 1/2 tsp. kosher salt
- 1 cup Greek yogurt
- 1 cup granulated sugar
- 3 eggs
- zest of two blood oranges
- 1/3 cup freshly squeezed blood orange juice
- 1 tsp. vanilla extract
- 1/2 cup vegetable oil

## For the glaze:

- 1 cup confectioners' sugar
- 2-3 tbsp. freshly squeezed blood orange juice

## For the candied orange slices:

- 1 blood orange
- 1/2 cup sugar
- 1/2 cup water

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Grease and flour an 8.5 inch by 4 inch loaf pan and set aside.

In a small bowl combine the flour, baking powder, and salt. Whisk to combine.

In the bowl of a standing mixer fitted with the whisk attachment, combine the yogurt, sugar, eggs, orange zest, orange juice, and vanilla. Whisk to combine.

With the mixer running on low, add the dry ingredients in until just combined. Then pour the vegetable oil into the batter and mix until combined well.

Pour batter into loaf pan and bake in preheated oven for about 50 minutes, or until a toothpick inserted into the center comes out clean.

To make the candied orange slices, wash and dry the orange thoroughly.

Cut the orange in half lengthwise, then use a sharp knife to make very thin slices of orange. Poke out any seeds using a toothpick.

Combine the sugar and water in a medium saucepan over medium-high heat. Heat the mixture until the sugar dissolves.

Add the orange slices to the mixture so that they are in a single layer, reduce the heat to medium-low and let simmer about 20 minutes, turning the slices at least once so both sides are candied. Remove from the heat.

Let air dry on a cooling rack (place some paper towels underneath the rack to catch the syrup drips) until ready to garnish.

When the cake is completely cool, combine the confectioners' sugar and orange juice in a small bowl and whisk to blend until smooth.

Adjust the consistency as needed with additional juice or confectioners' sugar. Drizzle the glaze over the top of the cake and garnish with the candied orange slices. Let stand briefly until the glaze sets. Slice and serve. Cake can be stored in an airtight container for up to 3 days.

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# Did Blackbeard the pirate have Eastern Shore roots?

The Eastern Shore abounds with legends about the pirate Blackbeard.

Said by some to have been a native of Accomack County, or of Franktown, he frequented many of the barrier islands, including Assateague, Rev-els, Hog, and Par-ramore. Rogue Is-land still bears a name dating from his pirate days.



Kirk  
Mariner

“There is little doubt” that his main headquar-ters was Par-ramore Island, at least until his

haunts became too hot for his safety.”

One of his 14 wives, presumably number 11, lived and died on As-sateague, an island to which Blackbeard often repaired when pursued. And somewhere on Assateague, perhaps, lies his buried treasure, for as one recent writer asserts, “There is an excellent chance that he chose Assateague Island as the final resting place for at least a portion of his ill-gotten gain.”

Or so the story goes. In fact, little or none of it is true. And most likely the Eastern Shore’s legends about Black-beard were born of nothing more excit-ing than a mapmaker’s error.

Edward Teach (16??-1718) — alias “Blackbeard,” alias Edward Tash, Tatch, Tack, Tache, or Thatch, depend-ing upon which of his contemporaries



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**There are many stories of Blackbeard the pirate’s association with the Shore.**

was doing the writing and the spelling — was probably born in Bristol, En-gland. According to another tradition, his name was Edward Drummond, a

family name still found on the East-ern Shore, as was the name Teach up through the late 1800s.

Teach is thought to have been active

as a privateer for the British during the War of the Spanish Succession (1703-1713), and after the war to have ended up in Jamaica. By 1716 he had become a pirate in the company of Captain Ben-jamin Hornigold, who placed him in command of a sloop they had captured in combat.

Hornigold and Teach plundered mer-chant shipping up and down the East Coast in 1717, then sailed back to the West Indies where, in December 1717, they captured a Dutch ship which Teach refitted, renamed Queen Anne’s Re-venge, armed with “forty gunes,” and used to set out on his own career as an independent pirate captain.

Blackbeard was, to be sure, a fright-ening figure. Tall, strong, possessed of a booming voice, a ferocious temper, and a sadistic personality, he sported a beard that grew from just below his eyes down to his belly.

Often he would twist parts of it into “small tails” tied with tiny ribbons, and sling some of them up about his ears. Before battle, after donning a sling-hol-ster which carried three pistols ready for firing, he would hang loosely twist-ed hemp cords from the brim of his hat and light them; these slow-burning “matches,” wreathing his face in fire and smoke, gave him the appearance of a “Fury from Hell.”

He could and did best any of his men in endurance contests, double cross his followers at whim, and crippled one of them with a gunshot to the knees just to remind them who was in charge.

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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. This story first appeared in his book, “True Tales of the Eastern Shore.”



# Blackbeard

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Such was the man who, by 1718, had gathered a small flotilla of four ships, armed with over 60 guns and manned by almost 700 men. After plundering in the West Indies, off the coast of Central America, and in the Bahamas, Teach headed north up the East Coast.

In May 1718 he blockaded the harbor of Charleston, South Carolina, and without firing a shot brought to its knees one of the largest and most important cities in English America.

The following month he chose the Outer Banks of North Carolina as a headquarters, then made a big display of accepting an offer of clemency from the king and giving up piracy. Yet by the end of the month he had sailed off to Philadelphia and Bermuda, pirating again.

After making an agreement to share booty with Governor Charles Eden of North Carolina, who was either too frightened to resist, or corrupt, or both, Teach made such a terror of the waters off North Carolina and Virginia that Virginia Governor Alexander Spotswood dispatched a naval force to get rid of him.

Ignoring colonial boundaries, the Virginia force sailed into North Carolina in November 1718, cornered Teach near Ocracoke, and under the leadership of Lt. Robert Maynard, killed him in a furious battle. Many of Blackbeard's crew were returned to Williamsburg as prisoners, tried, and hanged. Blackbeard's head, severed from his body, returned to Virginia hanging from the bowsprit of Maynard's ship.

For all the terror that it inspired, this pirate career lasted only about two years, and there is no record that the Queen Anne's Revenge ever plied the waters off the Eastern Shore of Virginia.

So whence came the Eastern Shore legends? In 1635, when what is today known as Parramore Island began to appear on maps of the region, it was labeled Fets Island, or Fetches Island. Early deeds to the island refer to it as Feaks, or Feches, or some other variation of that name, for spellings varied widely in those days.

For half a century it remained Fetch-

es Island on most maps, but in 1676 an anonymous map published in London labeled it Tetches Island, and it became the first of many more to do so. By 1700 Fetches Island had become Tetches Island on most maps, and no fewer than 11 known maps published between 1676 and 1776 refer to it as Tetches, Teches, or finally Teaches Island.

In 1750 the island was purchased by Thomas Parramore, and shortly thereafter it began appearing on maps as Parramore Island. But for the better part of a century the change of one letter, probably accidental, had made it Teach's Island. Local stories associating it with Edward Teach were rarely wanting in the Eastern Shore's imagination, and the legend grew and expanded.

Despite the dubious legends, there is one place on the Eastern Shore of Virginia that can claim a legitimate historical connection with Blackbeard.

In late summer or early fall of 1717, Hornigold and Teach reached the Virginia Capes in their plundering expedition up the East Coast, and found it necessary to beach their ships to clean their fouled hulls.

For this task they selected an "isolated backwater on the Eastern Shore of Virginia," which scholars believe to be Smith Island, just off Cape Charles. Here they hauled their ships ashore, emptied them, and "careened" them: leaning them first to one side then to the other, they burned the grass, shells, seaweed, and ooze off the bottoms with lighted torches.

This safely done, they were again at sea by the end of September, seizing vessels just off the coast of Cape Charles and, by October, as far north as Delaware Bay.

All of this was before Blackbeard's name had become a terror up and down the coast. Since it was before he seized Queen Anne's Revenge, we do not even know the name of the sloop that he careened at Smith Island.

It was not an exciting moment in the Blackbeard story, hardly the stuff of which legend is made. But to this day the cove at the southern end of Smith Island is known as Blackbeard's Cove, or Blackbeard's Creek.

And despite what other sections of the Shore may claim, this is one place that probably really did see the man they called the "Fury from Hell."



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# Bessie Gunter's cookbook quickly became a classic

Bessie Gunter did for Eastern Shore food what Ralph T. Whitelaw did for Eastern Shore homes.

Bessie Gunter published a "book of receipts" in 1889 titled "Housekeeper's Companion," which quickly became a classic.



Curtis Badger

And like Whitelaw's two-volume "Virginia's Eastern Shore," it is one of the truly collectible Eastern Shore books, bringing significant

sums on those rare occasions when one comes up for sale.

"Housekeeper's Companion," known simply as the Bessie Gunter cookbook, was probably the first cookbook published to raise funds for a worthy cause.

Her cookbook benefitted Drummondtown Baptist Church in Accomac. Bessie was a resident of Accomac and the sister of Judge Ben T. Gunter.

The 1889 edition quickly sold out, and a second expanded edition came out in 1901. Frances Latimer's Hickory House did a reprint in 1998, which also sold out.

The original cookbook has at-



Hog killing was an important winter ritual on the Eastern Shore and in other rural areas. In this photo from 1972, men participate in a hog killing on the Eastern Shore. The process of curing hams, and making sausage and scrapple, lard, and lye soap were all part of rural life.

CURTIS BADGER PHOTO

tained family heirloom status on the Eastern Shore.

My grandmother had a copy that she passed along to my mother, who passed it along to me.

The book has its battle scars; the binding is loose and the covers are plastered with brown paper someone glued down two generations ago.

It has a cracked and smoky pa-

tina, no doubt from spending time close to my grandmother's woodstove in the cellar of her house.

The cookbook has evolved to become a history of foodways on the Eastern Shore.

The recipes, many of which predate the Civil War, demonstrate how closely folks lived with the land in those pre-Walmart times.

Salad dressing didn't come in a

bottle purchased in a store. It was made by boiling eggs and making a paste by crushing the yolks with sugar, mustard, and vinegar. The egg whites were cut into rings and used to garnish the salad.

Hog killing was an important winter ritual in Bessie Gunter's day. Providing food for the family in the post-Civil War era seems like a grisly affair to us, insulated as

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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.



## Cookbook

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we are from the reality that for us to have meat on the table, something has to die.

The process of curing hams, and making sausage and scrapple, lard, and lye soap was all part of rural life, and many of the recipes reflect this.

The process for cooking terrapin begins with a step that would shock us today. "Wash it off and plunge it head first into a pot of boiling water," instructs Miss May Gunter. "This will kill it instantly."

Recipes in the cookbook were contributed by dozens of women (and a few men), most of whom were local. The list of contributors includes many familiar Eastern Shore surnames.

But Bessie Gunter had a few celebrity guests, including the wives of two former presidents.

Mrs. John Tyler, wife of our 10th president, contributed a recipe for roast pig. She describes the process in gruesome detail, and I have difficulty picturing a First Lady of the United States removing the hair from a pig in the manner she describes.

Mrs. Tyler did have Eastern Shore ties, by the way. Her husband's Secretary of State was a Northampton County native, Abel Upshur, who tragically died when a cannon exploded aboard a ship during a trial run. Chances are Mrs. Tyler spent time on the Shore at the Upshur home, Vacluse, in Church Neck.

Another guest was Varina Howell Davis of Beauvoir, Mississippi, who offered a recipe for chicken filé gumbo, which was finished by adding a dozen oysters and their liquid just before removing from the heat.

Mrs. Davis was the wife of Jefferson Davis, former president of the Confederacy.

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# Cruising Onancock — and getting caught

When we were teenagers getting our drivers’ licenses and first cars, we had a ritual of driving from Four Corner Plaza in Onley down to Forks Grill and then to the Onancock Wharf.



Barry Mears

On that loop alone, I probably put 100,000 miles on my old truck.

Like most teenagers, getting into some mischief was never out of the question.

Long before we had earned the right, my friends and I enjoyed a few adult beverages. One of us had the dubious task of getting the hooch every Friday.

One Friday in particular, it was my turn to make the score. I heard that Robert Cobb’s store had the coldest beer around.

I decided to make the purchase myself — some might call it a rite of passage, while others would call me crazy.

They warned me that he was a police officer, and I sat in the parking lot for a half hour working up the courage to go inside.

While practicing my deep voice in the rearview mirror, I noticed I was shaking a bit.

As I entered, I tipped my cap to Mr. Cobb and made my way to the back to the beer cooler, where two frosty six-packs had the names of me and my pals written all over them.

I made my way slowly to the counter. I figured I’d grab a newspaper as all the old guys

did.

As I set the items on the counter, I felt him staring at me.

There was a long pause and I was unable to breathe.

“Busted,” I thought.

Slowly, his hands moved toward the cash register and Mr. Cobb blurted out my total in a gruff voice.

I gathered myself and handed him the money.

When I came outside, my friends were stunned — they greeted me like a hero.

The beer was put on ice and we all went home to prepare for the weekend.

The party would always start in front of the Acme market. Some had beaters while others had hot rods — Chevelles, Camaros, and GTOs.

We’d spend a couple of hours shooting the breeze. Around 10 p.m., we would start the cruise into Onancock.

On my third trip, I saw what no driver ever wants to see, blue lights.

From a fun evening blasting Creedence Clearwater Revival to now facing the police, we knew we were in deep trouble.

I eased to the side of the road, where I couldn’t see much.

My eyes were filled with bright lights and the officer, in an agitated voice, ordered us to exit the vehicle.

It was at that point I realized the man was none other than Robert Cobb, who sold me the beer.

He lectured us about our speed and loud music. They weren’t major crimes but under-aged drinking was a different matter

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“Living Shoreborn,” by Barry Mears

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.”



# Shoreborn

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altogether.

He made us put our cooler on the hood of his patrol car.

He had my license in his hand, staring at it through the beam of his flashlight.

“Son, says here you are 16 years old. Is that right?” He asked.

I could tell by the look on his face that he knew he had us dead to rights.

His next words were, “Do you mind telling me where a young punk like

you got beer?”

Being in enough trouble, I figured I’d better tell the truth.

I said softly, “I brought it from you, sir, earlier this afternoon down at your store.”

I saw a blank expression on his face as he walked slowly back to his car and loaded up the cooler.

He looked over his shoulder and shouted, “You boys get the hell out of Onancock and I don’t want to see you anymore tonight.”

I think the outcome of this situation would be different today.

## Bloxom Fireman’s Music Festival set for June 22

The Bloxom Volunteer Fire Co. will have its Bloxom Fireman’s Music Festival on Saturday, June 22, from 3 to 11 p.m. at the fire hall, 15315 Bayside Drive, Bloxom.

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# Gallery opening, one-act plays, a tribute, and summer camp

The days are longer, the colors are beginning to emerge, and Arts Enter Cape Charles is fully into its spring season on the stage of the Historic Palace Theatre.

The energy in the Lemon Tree Gallery is also palpable as the winter retreats, the construction gets closer to completion, and a new show is ready to be hung on the walls.

On March 15, Fridays at Lemon Tree will feature a new collection of fresh artwork.

Resident artists Clelia Cardano Sheppard and Thelma Peterson will show new work.

Many of the other artists the gallery represents will contribute to the show titled “Vast, Infinite, Continuous.”

With over 100 local and regional artists, the walls remain fresh with inspiring work. There will be a reception with live music by the Tidewater Bluegrass Revival at 6:30 p.m., along with food and a cash bar.

During the first weekend of April, Arts Enter welcomes short plays along with fresh and seasoned directors and actors of all ages. The One Act Plays event has for years been a favorite part of Arts Enter’s tradition.

The idea of seeing a variety of different styles of theater stage productions is a fascinating form of entertainment. Bringing together four or five short stories, consecutively, is quite exciting for the actors, directors, and audience.

This year’s One Act Plays event is scheduled from April 5 to 7 and will open with “A Marriage Proposal,” directed by Renata Sheppard.

Sometimes translated as simply “The Proposal,” this one-act farce by Anton Chekhov, written in 1888-1889 and



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**“A World Without Men” will be performed at the Historic Palace Theatre.**

first performed in 1890, is a fast-paced play of dialogue-based action and situational humor.

A young man, Lomov, comes to propose to his neighbor, Natalya, but they keep fighting over various topics. Through the play, Chekhov exposes the fakeness of the world and tries to show how superficial modern people are. Rather than emotionally bonding in relationships, people instead connect with wealth and money.

One of the next three very short plays is “The Stoplight,” by Raleigh Marcell, directed by high school senior Lucy Watkins, who has been active in the theater since she was very young.

In “The Stoplight,” four young people are driving to Grandma’s for the holidays along a deserted stretch of

highway with an “obeys all the laws” at the wheel.

They come to a stoplight in the middle of nowhere as it changes from green to red. They stop, and wait — and wait. The light doesn’t change back. They know it’s working. Do they run the light or wait even longer? Suddenly citizenship intersects with folly! This gentle comedy is sure to make the audience laugh.

Following is “The Inside Department of the Exterior,” by Philip Hall, directed by Tony Robinson. A man goes to his local zoning office with the simple request of wanting to install a new mailbox. But with all the forms, questions and bureaucratic red tape, this “simple request” is about to get a whole lot more complicated.

Tony and Karla Robinson will complete the first half of the One Act Plays event with a charming, very short musical, “Bittersweet Lullaby.” Two struggling songwriters live in the same apartment, decades apart. In one magical night, their voices connect through time and they begin a collaboration that leaves them forever changed. The book is by Will Locker, with music and lyrics by Dylan Glatthorn. Tony Robinson will star in and direct this production. Karla Robinson, his wife, will direct the music.

After intermission, an all-female cast will present the second part of the evening’s entertainment. “A World Without Men” is a fantastical comedy in one act written by Philip Johnson and directed by Clelia C. Sheppard. Miss Wisper, a reporter on the Daily Wire, goes to sleep in the house of a great lady scientist.

The latter performs an experiment by which the world is suddenly rid of all men. The audience then witnesses the reactions of one male, who is reported to be still living. Needless to say, there is a hilarious ending which will definitely be a humorous conclusion to the One Act Plays. Chesapeake Properties is the presenting sponsor. Performances are April 5 and 6 at 7:30 p.m. and a Sunday matinee on April 7 at 3 p.m.

Additionally, registration has begun for the annual musical theater summer camp. This year’s production is Lion King Jr. and is open to children between the ages of 8-16.

The dates are Monday through Friday, July 8 to 20, with performances on Friday, July 19 and Saturday afternoon, July 20. Campers will learn choral stage presence, diction, projec-

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tion, and are given movement and voice training.

After the two-week camp, the children are prepared to present two performances to the public on the Historic Place Theatre stage. Return director is Megan Cartwright and the assistant director is Morgan Garrett. The program is limited to 30 campers.

Cartwright has performed in Arts Enter musicals, most recently as Mrs. Banks in "Mary Poppins" and as Marian in "Music Man" last spring.

Cartwright has directed and collaborated on many musicals. She is a director, performer, and music teacher and is a graduate of James Madison University. Cartwright holds a master's degree in music education from Boston University.

After teaching for years in public schools, Cartwright now teaches music for Arts Enter and at the Eastern Shore's Own Arts Center. She is also the director of the newly formed Shore

Singers.

Garrett, who worked with Cartwright last summer, has also performed on the Palace stage in "Music Man," "The Happy Journey," "Mary Poppins," and "Noises Off." She is a student at James Madison University pursuing her degree in elementary education.

On April 20, the theater will be filled with the sounds of Dancing Dream, an ABBA Tribute. This tribute act will take you back to the days when Swedish disco group ABBA ruled the music world with their great pop hits and memorable performances.

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# Disc golf on the Eastern Shore: an introduction

BY RYAN WEBB  
Shore First

If you've been to Indiantown Park in Eastville, the Historic Onancock School, or Sawmill Park in Accomac, you might have seen some interesting-looking metal contraptions featuring a central pole supporting a basket, under a grouping of hanging chains suspended from a colored band, and asked yourself, "What is that?"

That would be a disc golf basket, a target for disc golfers. As the name suggests, disc golf is a sport in which flying discs are thrown at such targets. Basically, the basket is to disc golf what the hole on the green is to "ball golf."

To play a disc golf "hole," players throw an initial shot from designated "tee pads." Players travel to their "lies" and throw another shot from where their discs landed.

The process is repeated until the disc rests in the basket and the hole is completed. Players aim to complete each hole in the least amount of throws required, and scoring works the same as it does in "ball golf." For example, on a par 3, a score of 2 is a birdie; a 3 is a par; and a 4 is a bogey.

If you're interested in picking up the game as a hobby, a starter pack of discs usually includes three different types of disc — a driver for long-range throws, a midrange disc, and a putter. Drivers have sharp, beveled edges and are the most aerodynamic. Midrange discs have duller edges than drivers, and putters have the duller edges.

Each disc has four numbers that define its flight characteristics. The



Ramon Santos tees off on Murray hole 12, a 194-foot par-3, during a recent round of disc golf at Indiantown Park in Eastville.

first number corresponds with speed — the ability of the disc to cut through the air. Speeds range from 1 to 14. Drivers feature the highest speeds, which allow them to travel farther into the wind with less physical effort required.

Lower-speed discs like midranges and putters require more power to throw but allow for more finesse.

The second number describes the disc's glide — the ability of the disc to stay aloft during flight. Glide is rated 1 to 7, and discs with higher

glide are best for new players looking to throw far.

The third number refers to turn — the tendency of a disc to bank right (for a right-handed backhand throw, which naturally finishes left) when

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# Disc golf

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the disc is first released.

Turn ranges from -5 to +1. A disc with a +1 rating is most resistant to turning over and going against the natural flight of the disc.

The fourth number is the disc's fade, which corresponds to the disc's tendency to hook left at the end of its flight. Fade is rated 0 to 5, with a 0-rated disc finishing straightest and a 5-rated disc hooking hard at the end of flight. High fade discs are most predictable in strong winds.

I was first introduced to disc golf at Indiantown Park by some friends in the summer of 2011. When I first started playing, I only used one disc — a midrange. Now I carry a bag full of discs for different situations.

As any serious disc golfer will tell you, they are called discs — not Frisbees. Discs are smaller than Frisbees; all Professional Disc Golf Association-approved discs measure 8.3 to

11.8 inches in diameter and weigh no more than 200 grams.

I immediately liked playing disc golf, but I never really took it seriously for the first nine years or so that I played. It was just something fun to do with friends.

However, as time went on and my friends began to pull away from me skillswise, I decided that I needed to step my game up so I could avoid placing last every round.

When the COVID-19 pandemic had everyone quarantining and social distancing, I began venturing to Indiantown more often. I was even playing practice rounds by myself, which I had never done before.

Nine years after picking up my first disc, I was really hooked. I'd watch tutorials and professional players (yes, they exist) on YouTube and try to implement what I saw into my own game, which improved drastically.

I went from shooting +10 or worse to consistently being able to throw near par or even under par on my

good days. Now if I score over par on a calm day, I feel like I had a terrible round.

If you're interested in learning more about disc golf or think you would like to give it a try, check out the ESVA Disc Golf Club on Facebook by searching "ESVA DGC."



The club welcomes players of all skill levels, and its main goal is to grow the sport on the Eastern Shore by introducing new players to disc


golf and teaching them how to play. The club also holds monthly tournaments at courses on the Shore. Disc golf is fun alone, but it's definitely more enjoyable with a group of friends, so join the club and get out on the course today!

Be sure to read next month's continuation of this story, which will highlight the club, its members, and the various courses here on the Shore.

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# Community partnerships help Project Horizons students

Project Horizons provides exciting opportunities for local underserved students in grades 7-12.

Operated through the Eastern Shore Community College Foundation, in partnership with Accomack and Northampton public school systems, the program provides mentoring, enrichment opportunities and a direct pathway to higher education and job opportunities.

Project Horizons Coordinator Miriam Cornwell said, "One of our goals is to expose students to local job opportunities across a variety of fields and connect them with mentors where possible."

On Feb. 13, 28 high school students from both counties toured Riverside Shore Memorial Hospital as part of the Project Horizons/Discovery program.

Students began with a front-row seat at a daily hospital briefing from department heads.

Students toured various departments, including: pharmacy, lab, cardiology, facilities, imaging, dietary, operating room, nursing, and respiratory.

Professionals described their work, as well as educational paths or training needed. RSMH provided students with a delicious lunch and a question-and-answer session with Nick Chuquin, president of the hospital.

In November, Project Horizons middle school students traveled to Hog Island by boat with The Nature Conservancy for a hands-on exploration of local barrier islands, including seine net fishing and specimen collection.

In early February, three high school students shadowed professionals at NASA Wallops Flight Facility in technology and science. An 11th grade Project Horizons student will spend part of his spring break continuing to shadow attorney Rachel Kellam to learn about our legal system, attend court hearings, and meet professionals in the legal field.

Last August, four students visited Eastern Shore Rural Health System's Onley center to learn about day-to-day operations and speak with doctors and providers about training, education, and their experiences in the medical field.

Spring brings even more opportunities for Proj-



COURTESY PHOTO

**On Feb. 13, 28 Project Horizons high school students from both counties toured Riverside Shore Memorial Hospital as part of the Project Horizons/Discovery program.**

ect Horizons students. A grant from Virginia Commission for the Arts introduced students to dance by Latin Ballet of Virginia on March 1 at ESCC.

This project was supported, in part, by the Virginia Commission for the Arts, which receives support from the Virginia General Assembly and the National Endowment for the Arts, a federal agency.

On March 18, students will spend the day at YMCA's Camp Silver Beach honing their leadership and communication skills and facing their fears on the zip line.

The high school cohort will round out the year with a tour of Goldey-Beacom College in Delaware.

This year's busy program will culminate with a family event in June at ESCC for all Project Horizons students to celebrate their accomplishments.

The Project Horizons/Discovery program is administered through Eastern Shore Community College Foundation with funding from a Project Discovery grant, individual donors, and a small endowment.

The local Project Horizons program has received a 100% green rating for program quality from Project Discovery of Virginia. For more information, contact Miriam Cornwell at [mcornwell@es-vccs.edu](mailto:mcornwell@es-vccs.edu) or 757-789-1742.



# Calendar

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beer, 21 wine, and soft drinks.

■ **THEATRICAL PERFORMANCE:** 8 p.m., The North Street Playhouse presents “Holy Mother of Bingo,” an interactive evening of murder mystery, including five rounds of bingo and prize baskets, 34 Market St., Onancock. \$15 admission includes bingo cards. Purchase at <http://northstreet-playhouse.org/tickets>

## Sunday, March 17

■ **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.

■ **CRUISE-IN:** 2 to 5 p.m., the Accomack-Northampton Region of the AACA will have a cruise-in and show at Four Corner Plaza, Onley.

## Monday, March 18

■ **FIBER ARTS:** 11 a.m. to noon, bring fiber arts project (knitting, crochet, or other) for a casual meet-up in the Pocomoke Meeting Room at the Pocomoke City Branch of the Worcester County Library, 301 Market St., Pocomoke City.

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

■ **GARDEN CLUB:** 7 p.m., the Chincoteague Garden Club will be holding its monthly meeting at the Main Street Theater Annex. Milk jug seed starting will be the demonstration project.

## Tuesday, March 19

■ **STORY TIME:** 10:30 to 11:30 a.m., stories, songs, and crafts for ages up to 5 in the Pocomoke Meeting Room at the Pocomoke City Branch of the Worcester County Library, 301 Market St., Pocomoke City.

■ **MIXER:** 4 to 6 p.m., Maryland’s Coast Mixer at the Mar-Va Theater, 103 Market St., Pocomoke City. Sponsored by the Worcester County Office of Tourism and Economic Development, it is a networking opportunity for local businesses and community leaders. Complimentary appetizers will be served.

■ **STEAM DREAMERS:** 4 to 5 p.m., celebrate Women’s History Month by learning about Marie Tharp, the first woman to map

the ocean floor, in the Pocomoke Meeting Room at the Pocomoke City Branch of the Worcester County Library, 301 Market St., Pocomoke City. For ages 6-11.

■ **BINGO:** Doors open 6 p.m., first game 7:30 p.m., Cheriton Volunteer Fire Co., 21334 S. Bayside Road, Cheriton.

## Wednesday, March 20

■ **DISCUSSION:** 5:30 p.m., Friends of Kiptopeke State Park will present “Seaside Shellfish Stories,” with Richard Snyder, professor of marine science with the Virginia Institute of Marine Science and director at the VIMS Eastern Shore laboratory in Wachapreague. It will be held at the Big Water Visitor Center, 4078 Kiptopeke Drive, Cape Charles.

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

## Thursday, March 21

■ **BOOK CLUB:** 1 p.m., meeting of the Accomac Book Club at Naomi Makemie Church in Onancock. This month’s selection is a biography. Attendees are asked to pick a person they would like to know more about. Everyone is welcome.

■ **BINGO:** 6 p.m., Bingo at the Parksley fire hall, sponsored by the Eastern Shore Railway Museum and the Greater Parksley Association. The event will benefit the Nandua Middle School BETA Club. There will be baked goods on sale and a 50-50 drawing. Bring a non-perishable item and get one free card. There will be soups, turkey pot pie, mashed potatoes, greens, nachos, hot dogs, baked goods, and beverages available. No outside food is admitted. The cost is \$1 per game.

■ **OPEN MIC NIGHT:** 7 to 8:30 p.m., open mic night open to local musicians, poets, comics, performing arts, and all-around entertainers at Corbin Gallery & Studio, 4 East Main St., Crisfield. Visit [CrisfieldArts.org](http://CrisfieldArts.org) for more information.

## Friday, March 22

■ **HAM AND CLAM DINNER:** 5 to 7 p.m., Onley United Methodist Church ham and clam dinner (take out 4:30 – 7 p.m.). Cost is \$15 for adults. For reservations call 757-787-2721 by March 20. The church is located at 25642 East Main St., Onley.

■ **TEEN ART:** 6 to 8 p.m., “Teen Bad Art Night,” using random art supplies, in the Pocomoke Meeting Room at the Pocomoke City Branch of the Worcester County Li-

brary, 301 Market St., Pocomoke City. Register in advance at the library. For ages 12 to 18.

■ **LIVE MUSIC:** 6:30 to 8:30 p.m., David Jones at the Lemon Tree Gallery, 301 Mason Ave., Cape Charles. Free admission and cash bar.

■ **THEATRICAL PERFORMANCE:** 7 p.m., “Just Go To The Movies: A Musical Revue,” at the Mar-Va Theater, 103 Market St., Pocomoke City, presented by the Lower Shore Performing Arts Company. Tickets are \$20 for adults and can be purchased at [www.lowershorepac.com](http://www.lowershorepac.com)

## Saturday, March 23

■ **PLOW DAY:** 9 a.m., Peninsula Tractor Organization Plow Day, at the southern corner of Lankford Highway and Courthouse Road, across the highway from OBS-Eastville. The Eastville Volunteer Fire Co. will have food and drinks available at the event and all proceeds from the sale of food will go to the fire company. The event is free and open to the public. For insurance reasons, those participating with equipment must be paid PTO members for 2024. A rain date of Saturday, March 30, at 9 a.m. has been set. For membership, visit [www.peninsulatractor.org](http://www.peninsulatractor.org)

■ **EASTER BUNNY BREAKFAST:** 9 to 10:30 a.m., Easter Bunny Breakfast at the New Church Volunteer Fire and Rescue Co., 4264 Firehouse St., New Church. Breakfast will be two pancakes, a scoop of scrambled eggs, and a choice of bacon or sausage for \$8. Credit and debit cards are accepted.

■ **MARKSMANSHIP:** 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., NOAAWIVA Sportsmen Inc., a CMP-affiliated club, will provide training in competitive rifle. The range entrance is located approximately 300 yards east of the intersection of Route 13 and Chincoteague Road. The training is free for juniors ages 13-17. Cost for adults 18 and over is \$25. Everyone is welcome. Participants should wear long pants and long sleeves, a billed cap, and glasses if they need them to read. No personal firearms are allowed. Eye and ear protection, drinks, and snacks will be provided. Training will be held rain or shine. Contact Brett at 757-710-0294 or Dave at 757-442-3013 with any questions. The Facebook page, “NOAAWIVA Junior Rifle Team,” has timely updates and useful information.

■ **EASTER EGG HUNT:** 11 a.m. to noon, Red Bank Baptist Church’s annual Easter Egg Hunt at 9202 Seaside Road, Marionville. For ages 2 to 12. Free entry for all.

There will be prizes, treats, and an Easter story.

■ **FESTIVAL:** 11 a.m., Downtown Pocomoke Spring Festival. Visit the Easter Bunny from noon to 2 p.m. in the gazebo on the corner of Market and Second streets. Bring Easter baskets to collect goodies in the Easter Egg loop. The Eastern Shore Cruisers will have a car show in the Farmers and Flea Market lot. There will be live entertainment, food sales, a petting zoo, a bounce house, and family activities. There are sidewalk vendor applications at [www.downtownpocomoke.com](http://www.downtownpocomoke.com)

■ **OYSTER ROAST:** 4 to 11 p.m., the second annual Central Accomack Little League Seafood and Music Jamboree at the CALL complex, 10 Hartman Ave., Onancock, featuring The Deloreans band. There will be all-you-can-eat oysters, clams, and shrimp, burgers, and hot dogs, and beverage tickets on sale. Tickets are \$60 for ages 13 and older, and \$20 for ages 12 and younger. Visit the CALL Facebook page for ticket information.

■ **FUNDRAISER:** 4 to 8 p.m., “Eastern Shore Feud” at Nandua High School, Onley. Want to register your business, family, or organization as a team? Call 757-354-1793. The event is hosted by the Onancock Bayside Revitalization.

■ **THEATRICAL PERFORMANCE:** 7 p.m., “Just Go To The Movies; A Musical Revue,” at the Mar-Va Theater, 103 Market St., Pocomoke City, presented by the Lower Shore Performing Arts Company. Tickets are \$20 for adults and can be purchased at [www.lowershorepac.com](http://www.lowershorepac.com)

## Sunday, March 24

■ **PERIOGI SALE:** 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., Epworth United Methodist Church, Exmore will have a perioqi sale — dumplings with riced potatoes, cottage cheese, and onion filling. Pre-order by emailing [huchler@verizon.net](mailto:huchler@verizon.net). Proceeds support scholarships to attend Camp Occohannock.

■ **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.

## Monday, March 25

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



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## Rumored Onancock is to have new bank

Onancock, Va., which boasts of the oldest and one of the strongest banks on the Eastern Shore peninsula is to have another bank at an early date according to a persistent rumor in that town this week. For some time there has been a desire on the part of some of the citizens of the town to start another bank, and it was currently reported that the Accomack Banking Company of Parksley, and Bloxom, was making its arrangements to locate a branch there. One rumor had it that the latter bank had gone so far as to get an option on a site for its banking house.

These rumors were cast aside this week and the talk of a new bank backed by the citizens of that town has been the go. Those talking the new bank have gone so far as to say that more than \$18,000 is subscribed towards its capital stock and that it will be known as the Citizens Bank.

— *The Daily Times*

## Chincoteague Eastern Star holds public installation

A public installation was held by Accomack Chapter, No. 62 O.E.S. at Chincoteague, Va., Tuesday evening of this week. After the installation ceremonies a most interesting program was rendered, consisting of readings, and both vocal and instrumental music.

Those from here who attended were: Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Davis, Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Lankford, Mrs. John Smullin Sr., Mrs. John T. Smullin Jr., Mrs. Edward F. Wilson, Mrs. Benjamin Dryden, Misses Alice R. Young, Alma Blaine, Ruth Lankford, Edna Callahan, and Margaret Wilson.

— *The Worcester Democrat*

## Eight stores burned in big fire at Cape Charles

Fire broke out in Cape Charles, Va., last Wednesday destroying eight stores, and entailing a loss estimated at \$200,000.

The blaze started in at five o'clock in the morning in the second story of the Central Cafe, owned by Charles A. Taylor, and was first seen by a member of a train crew.

Cape Charles has not a very efficient fire fighting apparatus, and had it not been for the timely arrival of two tug boats, a much larger area would have been burned. These succeeded in holding the spread of the flames.

The stores destroyed are: T. G. Fisher, druggist; E. R. Dryden, grocery; J. E. King, naval store; Chas. A. Taylor, Central Cafe; Atlantic & Pacific grocery; William Diverty, grocery, and G. C. Whitmore, furniture store. The offices of J. W. Jones, magistrate and insurance agent, were also destroyed.

— *The Worcester Democrat*

## Accomac moonshine cheap Four bottles sold dry agent for \$1

Liquor is cheap in Accomac County. Inspector A. W. Rayfield, of the Eastern Shore section, today reported to State prohibition headquarters that he had arrested Ned Phillips, of Pungoteague, on a charge of selling four bottles of liquor for 25 cents each. He also reported arresting Roosevelt Wharton, of Accomac, for selling drugs containing alcohol.

— *The Baltimore Sun*

## Wife murdered, arrest husband

The comely twenty-two-year-old wife, of Captain Austin R. Melvin, forty-eight, a mariner, was killed instantly in their island home today when shot through the heart.

Shortly after her body was found by her mother, Mrs. William Lewis, and her four-year-old son, Robert, Captain Melvin surrendered to the police. He confessed, police said, that he killed his wife in a jealous rage.

Deputy Sheriff Charles Holston, uncle of the slain woman, who placed Captain Melvin under arrest, said the middle-aged husband long had been irritated by the fact that his wife, half his age, enjoyed a popularity which was beyond his reach.

Today's trouble, police said, resulted when Mrs. Melvin received a check from the War Department for insurance on her brother who was killed in France. Melvin, it was declared, waxed furious when she refused to give him the check.

The prisoner was taken to the county jail at Accomac to await the grand jury action.

— *The Evening Journal*

## Potato planting near end

With potato planting in Northampton and Accomac counties, which has been in progress for the past two weeks, nearing completion, the growers can now breathe a sigh of relief. If weather conditions this week prove favorable, the crop should all be planted by Saturday.

The acreage will equal that of last year. Northampton County will have a slight increase, while Accomac will plant approximately the same acreage as last year, it is said.

— *The Baltimore Sun*

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## Oyster bed damage claims are approved for hearing

Two Virginians would be able to take to court their claims for oyster bed damage under bills passed by the House and sent to the Senate.

Committee reports on the bills show that both John E. Parker, Hilton Village, and Harry W. Sharpley, Greenbackville, claim damages from sewage.

Parker has contended oyster grounds he leased in the Warwick River, Warwick County, were polluted by sewage from Camp Patrick Henry. He claims \$17,970 property damage.

Sharpley claims \$5,000 sewage damage from the Chincoteague Naval Auxiliary Air Station on oyster grounds in Mosquito Creek.

The bills would give the Court of Claims jurisdiction to hear the cases.

Other bills passed by the House and sent to the Senate would pay \$2,075 to Mrs. Lucille Davidson, Morrison, for injuries received in an accident involving an Army vehicle.

— *Ledger-Star*

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## Yesteryears

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### Virginia Shore leader is dead

MAPPSVILLE — Bradley S. Bloxom, 68, one of the Eastern Shore of Virginia's leading businessmen, died in his home here shortly after 8 a.m. today.

Mr. Bloxom, president of the Hallwood National Bank, became ill about midnight. A blood clot was given as the cause of death. He had returned from a Florida vacation on Sunday.

With his son, Alva B. Bloxom, he owned and operated the Bloxom Auto Supply Co. here. He and his brother, John M. Bloxom, for many years were in the general merchandise business here.

He was vice president of the Accomack-Northampton Electric Cooperative, a past president of the Metompkin Ruritan Club, and a director of the Eastern Shore of Virginia Fire Insurance Co.

Mr. Bloxom once served for a year as the vice moderator of the Accomack Baptist Association. He was the superintendent of the Mappsville Baptist Church Sunday school and one of the leading Baptist laymen on the Eastern Shore of Virginia.

A funeral service will be held in his home Monday at 3 p.m. Burial will be in the Modesttown Cemetery, near Mappsville.

Mr. Bloxom leaves his wife, Mrs. Nancy Miles Bloxom, and two sons, Alva and Robert S. Bloxom, who is 10. His parents were the late John M. and Osha Bloxom.

Other survivors are his brothers and sisters: John M. Bloxom, Mappsville; F. C. Bloxom, Seattle, Wash.; Earl S. Bloxom of Bloxom, Va.; Mrs. Stanley Lewis and Mrs. Harvey Hall of Bloxom, and Mrs. Harris Hearne, Newport News, Va.

— *The Daily Times*

### Cape Charles club seeking contests

The Cape Charles baseball club, managed by C. E. Mosley, is anxious to book games with teams in Tidewater.

The Eastern Shore team plans a schedule of 49 games, and managers seeking contests are requested to write Russell Kellam, Cape Charles, RFD, Va.

— *The Virginian-Pilot*

### Six die in fire at Makemie Park

A boy badly burned in a fire that swept a log house here killing six children was still in a critical condition today.

Thomas Teel, 10, a brother of one of the victims, was in the Northampton-Accomack Memorial Hospital at Nassawadox undergoing treatment for serious burns of the body.

The seven children lived in the five-room log house with 14 other persons.

Police identified the six who perished as:

Rosary Teel, 1 daughter of Delcrese and Janice Teel. Elias Artis, 3, Elijah Artis, 4, and Deborah Artis, 5, children of William and Mary Artis. Douglas MacArthur Teel, 6, son of Andrew and Violet Teel. David Mitchell, 7, son of Rufus and Leavie Mitchell.

The parents were attending a church service conducted by the owner of the log house, William Artis, a Seventh Day Adventist minister, when the fire was discovered about 10 p.m. Friday.

Three other children escaped from the burning house along with three other persons.

The house was located between Makemie Park and Hallwood on the Eastern Shore of Virginia.

— *The Daily Times*

### Converted ferry's propeller arrives

Docking the Little Creek-Cape Charles ferry Northampton promises to be an easier job shortly. The "egg-beater" propeller to help maneuver her bow has arrived at last.

The 328-foot former LST will return to Newport News Shipbuilding and Dry Dock Company yard Thursday, for installation of the new-design "cycloidal" propeller whose six blades will extend vertically from her bow structure. The variable-pitch of the cycloidal blades permit their action to push the bow in any direction — even sideways.

The Northampton, converted for ferry use in Newport News last Fall, has served the Virginia Ferry Corporation in relieving the peak-rush jams pending arrival of her docking propeller. Maneuvering the bulky ship with only her stern screws, however, has proven a difficult and time consuming job.

— *The Virginian-Pilot*

### Rube McCrary speaker at Cape Charles sports club Monday

The initial meeting of the Eastern Shore Sports Club will be held Monday, March 14th at 8 p.m. at the McCarthy Hotel in Cape Charles.

R.N. (Rube) McCrary, director of athletics at William and Mary and head football coach, will be the principal speaker.

Several members of the Norfolk Sports Club, headed by President Paul Felts, will attend.

Moving pictures of William and Mary's 20-0 triumph in the Delta Bowl New Year's Day in Memphis, Tenn., will be shown.

— *The Virginian-Pilot*

### J. P. Wescott, Northampton official, dies

Joseph Pitts Wescott, 81, for nearly 30 years commissioner of the revenue for Northampton County, died Thursday morning following a heart attack. Mr. Westcott was stricken as he was leaving the chair in a barber shop.

Funeral rites will be conducted at the residence in Nassawadox at 11 A.M. Saturday. Interment will be in Franktown Cemetery.

A native of upper Northampton County, Mr. Wescott, was the son of the late H.P. and Rosa Andrews Wescott. His wife, the former Miss Ella Parks, died about five years ago.

Surviving him are four sons, Gordon, Pitts A., H. P. and Thomas Wescott, all of Nassawadox; four daughters, Mrs. Marvin Rogers, Mrs. J. L. Whitehead and Miss Grace Wescott, all of Nassawadox, and Mrs. Dawson Clarke of Pocomoke, Md.; a sister, Mrs. Pat Ritchie, of North Carolina; and a number of grandchildren, nieces and nephews.

— *Richmond Times-Dispatch*

### Shore school closed by fire

Workmen sped repairs today on the fire-damaged Pocomoke City elementary school. Meantime, nearly 200 pupils were on vacation until Monday.

Estimates of damage ranged as high as \$1,500.

Students and teachers fled from the building yesterday when fire broke out on the roof. All were evacuated without injury or incident. The school, more than 70 years old, housed Grades 1-3.

Under the supervision of the principal, Miss Annie Ross, the children were filing out of the Walnut

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## Yesteryears

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St. building when the first fire engine arrived.

Within a half hour firemen had the blaze under control. Two holes were burned in the roof. Water damage to the interior was extensive. The school is a three-story frame structure.

Workers in a lower floor cafeteria discovered the fire. They noticed shingles blowing to the ground from the roof. Going outside, they saw the fire.

Students took refuge from the cold in a new school building under construction nearby.

Firemen said the probable cause of the fire was an overheated chimney.

When the first alarm came in, Fire Chief Fred Henderson notified Snow Hill, Stockton and Princess Anne fire companies to stand by. High winds threatened to increase the intensity of the blaze.

The fire broke out about 10:45 a.m.

— *The Daily Times*

## Pocomoke City group opposes 40-hour bill

The Pocomoke City Business Men's Association is on record opposing state legislation concerning collective bargaining methods and limiting the working week to 40 hours.

In this section where work is seasonal members said they feel that 40 hours would handicap production. The action was taken at a Friday meeting.

The group heard F. C. Thomas, personnel director of Martin-Schwartz, Inc., Salisbury, explain the bill.

Members also voted to close a half day on Wednesdays during May, June, July and August and to change to daylight saving time the last Sunday in April.

— *The Daily Times*

50 years ago  
March 1974

## Three rescued by Coast Guard

A coast guard spokesman here said today guardsmen worked overnight Sunday in attempts to rescue a 36-foot cabin cruiser that ran aground in the Metompkin Bay, 15 miles south of Chincoteague,

about 5 p.m. Sunday.

The spokesman said the owner-operator of the boat, the Clara R, identified as Thomas Brown of Chincoteague, and two unidentified passengers were removed from the boat.

Coast guard efforts to remove the boat, however, have been thwarted by low tides. Those efforts were scheduled to be resumed at the next high tide today at 5 p.m.

The boat reportedly suffered some damage when it went aground and coast guard vessels have been unable to get to the boat to pull it from the land and pump it out.

— *The Daily Times*

## Pocomoke to get more gas, says Mayor Clarke

Pocomoke City Mayor J. Dawson Clarke said this morning that about 30,000 gallons of gasoline is expected to arrive here between now and April 1 to relieve the situation that has developed since last weekend with many of the town's gas pumps running dry.

Mayor Clarke has been in touch with the state energy office during the past two days in an effort that helped the city receive priority attention from the energy office.

The mayor had become concerned that many of the town's residents would not be able to get to and from work because of the impending critical shortage of gas earlier this week.

Although additional gasoline is now beginning to flow into the city, the mayor stressed that cooperation from dealers and customers would be necessary to ease the situation. He said working people in the city must receive priority attention at the gas lines.

One city gas station received 1,000 gallons Wednesday afternoon, according to Mayor Clarke, and a shipment of 7,800 gallons is expected at another today.

The mayor had high praise for representatives of the energy office who he said are "really doing their job." Mayor Clarke said most of the town's gasoline dealers had been contacted by the energy office within a short time after he contacted the office to inform them of the situation in Pocomoke City.

He said when he was back in touch with the energy office, "they knew all the stations, all the dealers names, everything."

The mayor said he was also pleased with having accomplished something himself. "That's where the pleasure comes into this job," he said.

— *The Daily Times*

25 years ago  
March 1999

## Developer ready to create Palmer, Nicklaus golf courses at Cape Charles

Golfers on the lower Eastern Shore will have two new signature golf courses to play soon. Construction on the Arnold Palmer and Jack Nicklaus golf courses will soon be underway, according to Tom Saunders, project manager for Bay Creek at Cape Charles.

Baymark Construction, owned by Virginia Beach Developer Richard Foster, will begin construction later this month or early April on the Palmer golf course and, once completed, will start construction on the Nicklaus course.

"Just as soon as we are finished with that (Palmer) course and comfortable that we have that one up and going, we will start construction on the Jack Nicklaus course," Saunders said.

The two 18-hole golf courses will be the center of a 1,700-acre retirement community planned for the property that surrounds the town on three sides. The clubhouse will sit in the middle of the two courses, dividing each course into two nine-hole courses. Planned so that each nine-hole course begins and ends at the clubhouse, a clover-shaped design, perhaps for luck, is achieved.

A separate golf academy building, which will include a pro shop and serve both courses, is also planned.

In addition to the golf courses, plans are being made for a separate community center featuring a pool, exercise facilities and meeting places and clean-up and renovations will begin at Kings Creek Marina. Plans for the marina include a pool, a restaurant, pump-out facilities and "all the fuel and things marina folks come to expect," Saunders said. The marina has had some demolition work completed and has also removed old barges, boats and junk.

The Virginia Department of Transportation is reviewing plans for a new access road from Route 184 in Bay Creek. Eventually, the access road will connect with the exit of the Cape Charles Sustainable Technologies Park, Saunders said. Work on the road will begin as soon as the transportation department approves the plans.

"In four or five years, we will have all of that big stuff done," Saunders said.

The majority of the 1700-acre area was bought by Baymark, with the remainder under lease, Saunders said. King Creek Marina will not transfer to Baymark until the dredging is completed, as a condition

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of the sale. Dredging is done during a set time in the winter and is regulated by state officials to lessen environmental impact.

Also, 200-300 acres are also expected to be closed “any day now,” Saunders said.

Some people have already expressed an interest to move to Bay Creek and Progressive Realty from Virginia Beach is making and distributing brochures to those who request them. Baymark will not build the Bay Creek homes, but will be in charge of development.

“Once the roads are put in and the utilities are available, curbs and gutters and everything’s paved, then the land will be sold to individuals,” Saunders said. “We hope to find enough quality builders on the Shore and elsewhere to do all the building.”

— *The Daily Times*

## Northampton seeks county administrator

Northampton County Board of Supervisors offered Thomas Melito, a former deputy town supervisor in Babylon, N.Y., the position of county administrator Monday.

He served as head of the Solid Waste Management Program for Babylon, a city of about 205,000 people, for five years.

Melito was noted as a key negotiator for a waste-importation plan which called for nearly 60,000 tons of commercial waste to be imported

so that Babylon could meet a contracted minimum amount of waste with the company in charge of the town’s recycling facility, according to published reports.

The county administrator position has been vacant since Tom Harris left, effective Jan. 31. Harris quit Nov. 18, two months after he received a \$10,000 raise, bringing his annual salary to \$75,000.

Board Chairman Oliver Bennett did not say what salary had been discussed with Melito, but he did say that Melito was the county’s second choice.

Bennett refused to disclose the name of the county’s first-choice candidate or why the county did not offer the position to him.

Of the 43 all-male applicants, the pool was narrowed to 12 by a committee consisting of Harris, County Treasurer E. B. Savage and Supervisor Betsy Mapp.

Seven applicants, all of whom are white males, were questioned in an all-day interview Feb. 19, Bennett said.

Information declaring Northampton an equal opportunity employer was left out of initial advertisements, but was rectified in December when Supervisor Arthur Carter requested future administrator-vacancy advertisements to include the information. Carter said in the December meeting that he hoped the screening committee would select a good representation of qualified women, African-American and “European-American” applicants.

Bennett said that he didn’t know if any of the 43 applicants were African-Americans.

“I can’t tell you if they were,” Bennett said. “It doesn’t say on the application whether they’re Afro-American or not.”

Bennett also said that one applicant was a member of the National Association for the Advance-

ment of Colored People, NAACP.

“But he was white. He had been on the NAACP for years,” Bennett said. “You don’t have any way of knowing.”

The Northampton County Board of Supervisors is composed of three African-American men, two Caucasian women and one Caucasian man.

— *The Daily Times*

## Walter Pond remembered

Walter Alvin Pond III, age 38, husband of Michele Mears Pond, and resident of Parksley, Va. for 5 years, died in Nassawadox, Va. Hospital on Tuesday, March 2, 1999. He was born in Newport News to Walter A. Pond, Jr. and Barbara VanDenburgh Pond of Blacksburg. Mr. Pond worked as a forester for Accomack County and was a member of Holy Trinity Episcopal Church. He was a boy scout leader of Troop 313 in Onancock, participated in the Environthon Program through the public schools and also on a national level. Funeral services will be held at Holy Trinity Episcopal Church, Onancock, Va., on Friday, March 5, 1999 at 2 p.m., Reverend Andrew Zeman officiating. Interment Fairview Lawn Cemetery. He is survived by a daughter, Kyrstin Marie Pond; sisters, Anne Pond Chamberlin of Grand Rapids, Mich. and Elizabeth Pond Rowan of Perrysburg, Ohio; and one brother, William Clayton Pond of Red Wing, Minn. Flowers will be accepted or memorial contributions may be made to Boy Scout Troop 313, Market Street United Methodist Church, c/o Gerald Kilmon, 75 Market Street, Onancock, Va. 23417. Arrangements were made by Williams-Onancock Funeral Home, Onancock.

— *Richmond Times-Dispatch*

## Accomack Circuit Court gets preservation grant

The Library of Virginia announced that the Circuit Court Records Preservation program has awarded Accomack County Circuit Court Clerk Talia Taylor two grants in the amount of \$51,437 for local records preservation.

A portion of the funds will be used to digitize Deed Books 400-470; Index to Deeds 1969-1983, which are stored in her office.

The remaining funds are being used to conserve Orders 1710-1714; Surveyors Book 7, 1873-1884; Wills & C 1757-1761, along with digitizing them so that they can be made available to the public through the clerk’s online records management system.

“We’re very excited,” said Taylor. “These records are the history of our county. We have an obligation to make sure that they are available for future generations.”

Since 1990, the CCRP has awarded over 2,000 grants totaling more than \$35 million. This year, the program awarded \$3.2 million to 99 localities to assist the clerks’ offices with their preservation efforts.

The CCRP is a collaborative program between the Library of Virginia and the Virginia Court Clerks Association.

Funded through a \$3.50 portion of the clerk’s recordation fee, the CCRP provides resources to help preserve and make accessible permanent circuit court records stored in the 120 circuit courts and at the Library of Virginia.

For more information on the Circuit Court Records Preservation Program’s resources and services, visit [www.lva.virginia.gov](http://www.lva.virginia.gov)



# How lucky can one woman be?

How lucky can one woman be?

Last week, my youngest child and his adorable family moved back to the Shore.

Now, all of my children, stepchildren and grandchildren live within a 15-minute drive of my house.

That's the house I moved into four years ago, after having it built with the intention of always having a home large enough for us all to gather in when said youngest child and family visited from afar.

Now, things have really changed.

With all the kids nearby in their own homes, my huge house is really much more than I need ... and much, much more than I care to keep up at this stage of my life.

So, I've been thinking a lot about downsizing.

Much to their credit, my kids have generously offered to make additions to their homes to accommodate me. (They probably cringe at the thought I might accept).

Then I've thought maybe I'd just buy a nice RV to live in and travel from driveway to driveway, spending maybe three months at a time in each kid's yard.

That idea reminded me of a real character I once knew. His name was Sam and he was the black sheep of a very wealthy family from up north. Sam was such an embarrassment to his kinsfolk that he was paid a stipend to stay away from the family's business. So, he chose to live aboard a yacht, which he moored at a marina on Solomon's Island, Md. Fortunately for Sam, that marina also boasted a bar where one could spend the day listening to golden oldies and dining on anything that could be dropped in a deep fryer.

Anyway, Sam would, once a year, announce he was going on vacation, hire one of the locals to captain his yacht, and spend six weeks going from



Candy Farlow

marina to marina until he returned to home port. All in all, he probably never traveled more than 30 miles — nautical or not — on any of his vacations.

I figure I could probably do the same, should I decide to move into a real mobile home.

Another advantage would be that

I'd only be facing personal property taxes and no more real estate levies. That would bring some measure of pleasure, especially as I have found myself more aggravated than ever with our local government and the way it's spending my hard-earned tax dollars.

Having sat through many recent Accomack County supervisors' budget meetings, I am really more disillusioned than ever. Sure, there's the issue of the supervisors giving themselves and their families top-of-the-line health insurance while our teachers can't even afford to put their kids on their plan. And sure, there's the issue of spending thousands of dollars for a tourism commission that does the same thing that three chambers of commerce already do.

And, forgive me, but I will never understand why we taxpayers have to keep paying for study after study of everything on earth, when no recommendations are ever adopted — unless they happen to be for further study.

I mean, if we just had the money that's been spent on EMS and capital improvement consultants alone over the years, we could actually fund our school budget!

Speaking of capital improvement, would someone explain to me how there are buildings in this world that are hundreds of years old, but still put to good use, while, in Accomack County, a 50-year-old structure is deemed unusable. What is it the rest of the world knows that we don't?

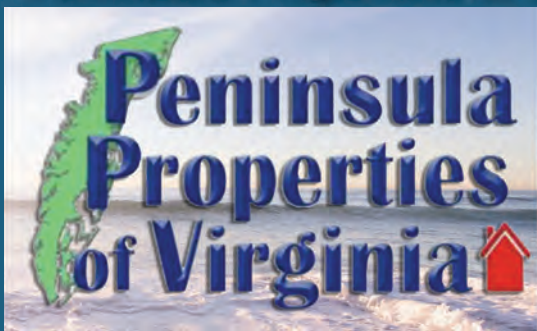
And how can private organizations sustain abandoned county property, while the county can only build new ones?

Anyway, I see I've digressed...probably to the point that I should look for my new residence in another county. But I really don't want to leave the Shore, not with my flock all back home. Which would leave me with only one option, and not being landed gentry, I don't think I can make it in Northampton.

Anybody got about an acre in the woods where I can build a little hideaway?



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