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## December 5, 6, 7 | Onancock Eastern Shore Madrigal Singers

**CHRISTMAS PROGRAM:** Friday and Saturday at 7:30 p.m., Sunday at 2:30 p.m., North Street Playhouse, Onancock. The Eastern Shore Madrigal Singers will present their holiday program "Gettin' in the Mood." Admission is \$25 for adults and \$10 for students age 22 and under.



## December 11 | Onley Riverside Shore Festival of Lights

**HOLIDAY LIGHTS:** On Dec. 11 at 5:30 p.m., Riverside Shore Memorial Hospital, Onley, will have its Festival of Lights come to life, lighting up the hospital for the holidays, at the main entrance.



## Friday, Dec. 5

■ **TREE LIGHTING:** 6 p.m., Ker Place, Onancock. Mrs. Claus will throw the switch and light up the decorated Christmas trees on the Ker Place Lawn during the Lights on the Lawn Grand Illumination.

## Saturday, Dec. 6

■ **HOLIDAY SALE:** 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., the Woman's Club of Accomack County, 25405 Richmond Ave., Onley. The club is hosting its 22nd annual Greens, Gifts, and Goodies Sale. The sale will feature holiday wreaths and swags, baked goods, soups, and ready-made foods. Local vendors will also be selling items.

■ **HOLIDAY PARTY:** 10 a.m. to noon, Mary N. Smith Cultural Enrichment Center, 24577 Mary N. Smith Road, Accomac. The Mary N. Smith Alumni Association is hosting its third annual Holiday Party. The event is for kids 12 and under. There will be photos with Santa, treats, music, and more. To register visit <https://tinyurl.com/4tvt9a7t>

■ **CHRISTMAS PARADE:** 6 p.m., Main Street, Chincoteague. Chincoteague's Old-Fashioned Christmas Parade will kick off for the 45th time. This year's theme is "A Saltwater Christmas." It will honor the 100-year legacy of the Saltwater Cowboys. The Chincoteague Police Department will also be collecting new, unwrapped toys for its annual toy drive. The parade will be followed by visits with Santa at American Legion Post 159.

## Wednesday, Dec. 10

■ **HOLIDAY EVENT:** 3 to 7 p.m., Brownsville Preserve, 11369 Brownsville Road, Nassawadox. At the Nature Conservancy's annual Holiday Open House visitors can tour the historic Brownsville home, meet conservancy staff and volunteers, and enjoy treats around the firepit.

## Saturday, Dec. 13

■ **HOLIDAY BREAKFAST:** 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., The North Street Playhouse, 34 Market St., Onancock. The playhouse is hosting Breakfast with the Elves. There will be games, face painting, and more.

■ **ARTISANS MARKET:** 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., Historic Onancock School, 6 College Ave., Onancock. The school is hosting a Holiday Artisans Market.

■ **SANTA VISIT:** 11 a.m., Onancock Wharf, Onancock. Santa will arrive by boat to greet children at the harbor. Santa will be escorted in by a group of reindeer in kayaks. Kayakers who would like to help escort Santa can email [janddfreeman@aol.com](mailto:janddfreeman@aol.com)

■ **HOME TOUR:** From 1 to 5 p.m., the Onancock Christmas Homes Tour will offer a glimpse inside seven beautifully decorated homes. To purchase tickets visit [www.onancock.org/christmas](http://www.onancock.org/christmas)

■ **MUSIC FESTIVAL:** 2 to 4 p.m., Cokesbury Cultural Center, Onancock. The center is hosting a free holiday music festival.

■ **HOLIDAY EVENT:** 4 to 7 p.m., Museum of Chincoteague Island, 7125 Maddox Blvd., Chincoteague. The museum's Christmas Tree Village will fill its Legacy Pavilion with decorated Christmas trees.

■ **CHRISTMAS PARADE:** From 6 to 9 p.m. Exmore will host its annual Christmas Parade on Main Street.

## Friday, Dec. 19

■ **HOLIDAY MOVIE:** 5:30 to 8 p.m., Adams United Methodist Church Dining Hall, 23532 Lee Mont Road, Parksley. The church is screening "Home Alone." Christmas pajamas and extra blankets are encouraged. There will be popcorn, hot chocolate, hot dogs, hamburgers, and more treats. The cost is \$3 for children and \$5 for adults.

## Saturday, Dec. 20

■ **SANTA BREAKFAST:** 8 to 11 a.m., Atlantic Volunteer Fire Company, 10071 Atlantic Road, Atlantic. The fire company is hosting a community breakfast with Santa.

### December 12, 13, 14 | Onley ESO School of Dance's "The Nutcracker Swings"

**BALLET:** Friday and Saturday at 7 p.m., Sunday at 2 p.m., Nandua High School, 26350 Lankford Highway, Onley. The ESO School of Dance presents "The Nutcracker Swings." To purchase tickets visit <https://tinyurl.com/pe8ty9jb>



### December 19, 20 | Onancock "Elf Jr. the Musical" at North Street Playhouse

**PLAY:** Dec. 19 at 7 p.m. and Dec. 20 at 2:30 p.m. and 7 p.m., the North Street Playhouse, Onancock, presents "Elf Jr. the Musical." Tickets are \$15. To purchase tickets visit [www.northstreetplayhouse.org](http://www.northstreetplayhouse.org)



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### December 16 | Pungoteague Holiday hymn sing

**HYMN SING:** 7 p.m., St. George's Church, Pungoteague. The church is hosting a Community Hymn Fest. All are invited to sing seasonal music. Refreshments will be served in the parish house afterwards.



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Monica Shubert and Eugene Lodrini ride a horse-drawn carriage on Chincoteague Island.

## Take a ride on a horse-drawn carriage for the holidays

**BY JANET BERNOSKY**  
Shore First

Hearing the ring-ting-tingle of bells on Chincoteague Island this holiday season?

Chances are the source is a horse-drawn carriage taking riders on a

pleasant island tour, complete with lighthouse views.

The rides are being offered on Thursdays through Sundays, from 11 a.m. until 6 p.m., until New Year's Eve. Rides begin at the Chincoteague Pony Centre, located at 6417 Carriage Drive, off Chicken

City Road.

Special rides with Santa Claus are available to book for Dec. 20 and 21, with an added option for photographs, said Monica Shubert, equine and facility operations director at the Centre.

Carriage duties are shared by

brothers Lewis and Clark, a pair of 15-year old Haflingers who came to the Centre recently from a Wisconsin farm.

"They are just the absolute best boys," said Shubert, who is also one of the carriage drivers along with Eugene Lodrini, known as "Farmer Eugene."

"They are so gentle and learned the route very quickly," she noted.

Each ride lasts about 30 minutes, turning left out of the Pony Centre and then crossing over the intersection with East Side Road and Church Street.

After turning left on Wayne Road, passengers are greeted by the Assateague Island lighthouse in the distance.

"The lighthouse appears much larger at first but actually gets smaller the closer we get," said Shubert. "It's an optical illusion."

The carriage then turns left off Wayne Road and onto East Side Road before heading back to the Pony Centre.

Passengers can reserve the entire carriage for themselves or book individual seats for \$30 per person, with the understanding this type of ride will be shared with others to fill the carriage.

Accompanying each ride is a local historian, sharing stories and fun facts with passengers.

Shubert said that Haflingers were the perfect choice for the carriage rides.

This strong, intelligent breed originated in Austria's Tyrolean mountains and was first brought to the United States in 1958.

Haflingers are classified as small horses but are often mistaken for ponies because of their height, typically standing between 13.2 to 15 hands.

Stocky and well-muscled, Haflingers have been bred specifically to pull up to two to three times their weight, which can range from 800 to 1,300 pounds.

Only one horse pulls the carriage at a time, with breaks in between each

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Chincoteague rides feature a historian's narration

## Rides

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ride.

“Their care and safety are of the utmost importance to us,” said Shubert.

The rides will resume mid-March through Mother’s Day weekend in May, then again in October 2026.

Shubert said carriage rides are also available for special events such as weddings or engagements, including in the elegant, antique Queen’s Coach.

To make a reservation, or for questions, call the Pony Centre at 757-336-7383.

Online bookings are also available at <https://booking.cojilio.com/theponycentre/online>



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SHORE FIRST/TED SHOCKLEY

Caps with Eastern Shore town and community names are ready for wearers at Country Way Mercantile in Exmore.

## At Country Way Mercantile, spirit of the Eastern Shore

BY TED SHOCKLEY  
Shore First

Eastern Shore people have pride in their homeland. And residents of Eastern Shore also have pride in the towns, communities, and necks where they live.

So when Kim McClaren, owner of Country Way Mercantile in Exmore, designed a line of caps embossed with local place names, they quickly became popular.

“Everyone is super proud of their towns,” said McClaren, who taught in Northampton County before finishing

her education career as a teacher in the city of Chesapeake.

In August 2023, she began operation of her Main Street store, which once was a business owned by her parents, Barry and Margaret Marsh.

The Mercantile, as it is known, offers a wide range of unique gifts

— homewares, jewelry, gifts, apparel, and much more. It also carries wine from Chatham Vineyards near Machipongo.

The Mercantile carries a large selection of new and used books about the Eastern Shore. McClaren said she is always looking to add to her stock of used Eastern Shore books.

The Mercantile also has expanded its line of Eastern Shore name merchandise.

Oval stickers with place names — from Hallwood to Hacksneck, and from Birdsnest to Bloxom — are available. So are insulated can coolers and coasters.

There also is a line of necklaces with pendants that look like miniature street signs.

McClaren’s merchandise is also an informal gauge of community pride. The winner, it seems, is Quinby.

“It doesn’t matter what I see that has Quinby on it,” she said. “It’s the first to sell and it’s the largest number of sales.”

The leader in sales of insulated can coolers is Silver Beach, she said.

With its hardwood floors and antique showcases, the Mercantile carries the vibe of days past.

The store is decorated by the contents it has for sale. And McClaren works to keep prices affordable for everyone.

“I try to keep things that are nice but don’t break your pocketbook,” she said.

McClaren grew up on the Eastern Shore before finishing high school in Hampton Roads. She and her husband, John, have three children and two grandchildren.

Exmore is dear to her. As a child, she remembers coming into the town with her grandfather, ordering a “big pancake” at Lloyd’s Drug Store, which featured dining. She would stop at Peebles and the Ben Franklin store.

“I would love to see all that again,” she said of Exmore. “There’s so much potential here.”

With her shop, she sees Exmore’s business advantages. “Exmore is a perfect location because it is mid-

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# Mercantile

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As a teacher, she had considered having her own business and now that dream has come true. She said one of the most enjoyable aspects of her work is selecting a product or designing a logo that catches on with customers.

One example is her line of short- and long-sleeve shirts with back lettering stating, "Eastern Shore," and underneath, "We're not in a hurry."

In brainstorming the idea, she said she wrote a long list of items, chores, and philosophies that Eastern Shore folks are not in a hurry to do or embrace.

Then, instead of putting them all on the shirt, she just left it open — the line, "We're not in a hurry," stands on its own.

■ In December, Country Way Mercantile is open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Saturday, and noon to 5 p.m. on Sunday.



SHORE FIRST/TED SHOCKLEY  
Kim McClaren holds one of her "We're not in a hurry" shirts at Country Way Mercantile in Exmore.

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# Leave rum balls out for Santa this Christmas

Stay on the nice list this holiday season — these sweet treats are St. Nick's favorite

I have it on good authority that while Santa enjoys all cookies left for him on Christmas Eve, rum balls are his definite favorite.

They are one of my favorites, too. They're super easy to throw together — using only melted

chocolate, crushed vanilla wafers, and rum.

Make sure you use the good stuff, too — brown rum is best. I used Cruzan, but spiced rum is my favorite. This is the perfect time to call in the Captain.



Laura Davis

They require a little planning, as the dough sits overnight before forming into balls. And honestly, the longer they sit, the better they get. Grab a few cute tins from the dollar store, line with wax paper, and give as gifts.

I will definitely be leaving a few of these babies out for the big man on Christmas Eve alongside a couple of freshly shucked oysters, as Santa is a fan of oysters, too, you know. I think it's what's kept me on the nice list all these years. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year, Eastern Shore!

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PHOTO COURTESY LAURA DAVIS

Rum balls, made from melted chocolate, crushed vanilla wafers, and rum, are easy to throw together.

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.

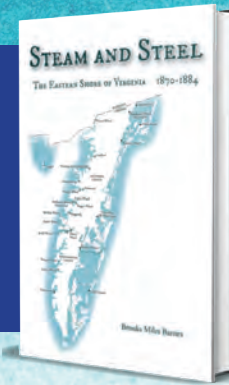
# Rum Balls

## What you'll need

- 1 box vanilla wafers, crushed in a food processor
- 6 oz. semi-sweet chocolate
- 1/2 cup firmly packed light brown sugar
- 1/4 light corn syrup
- 2/3 cup rum
- pinch of salt
- 2 cups pecans lightly toasted
- 1/2 cup confectioner's sugar (for rolling)

## What you'll do

- Melt the chocolate in a double boiler over barely simmering water.
- In a large bowl, combine brown sugar, corn syrup, bourbon, and salt.
- Add melted chocolate, crushed vanilla wafers, and half the pecans. Mix to combine.
- Spread the remaining pecans in a shallow container or plate for rolling. Do the same for the confectioner's sugar.
- Shape dough into 1-inch balls and roll into nuts or sugar.
- Refrigerate for 24 hours to blend flavors before serving. They will keep in the refrigerator for two weeks, or they can be frozen.



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# The Graf Zeppelin makes its American debut

Shore folks were the first people in America to enjoy a view of the German dirigible in flight

When commercial air passengers crossed the Atlantic Ocean for the first time, they traveled not by airplane but by dirigible. And the first place those first passengers saw when they reached the United States was

Virginia's Eastern Shore.

On the morning of Thursday, Oct. 11, 1928, the giant Graf Zeppelin left Friedrichshafen, Germany, turned south toward the Mediterranean Sea, and sailed out over the Atlantic bound for New York.

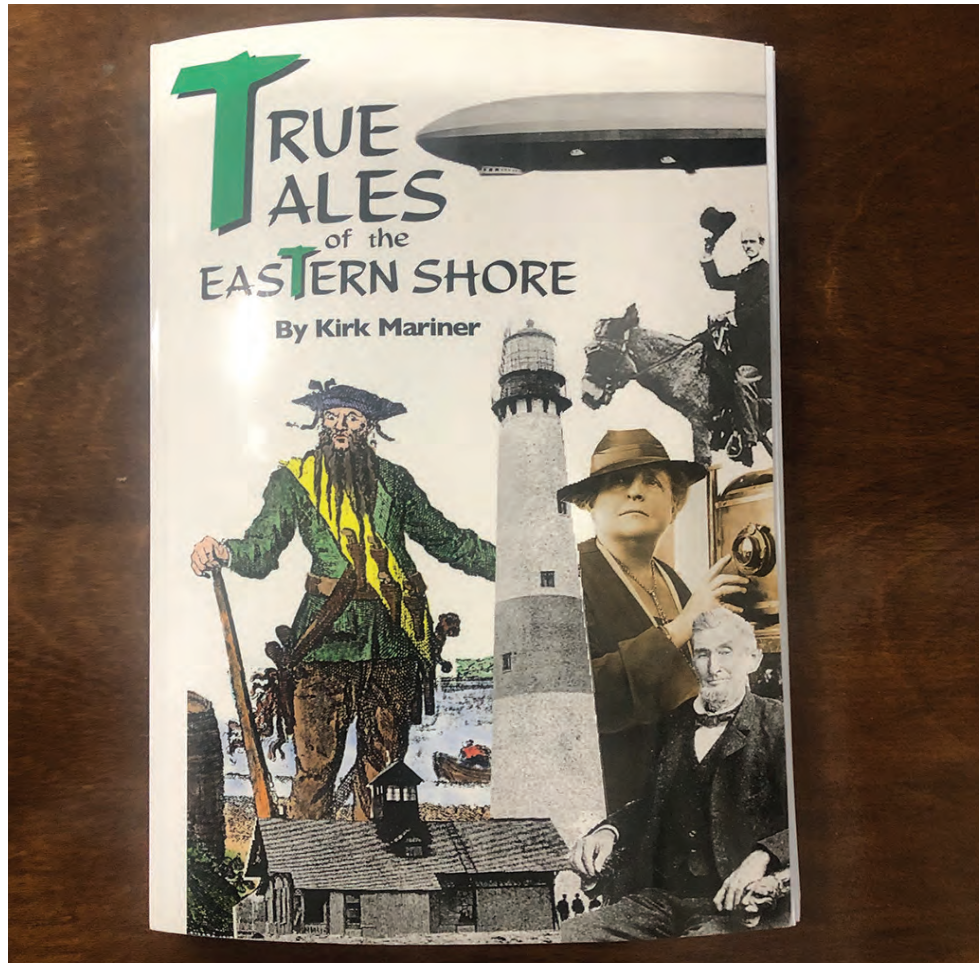


Kirk Mariner

The Graf Zeppelin — “Graf” is German for “Count” — was named for Count Ferdinand Adolf August Heinrich von Zeppelin (1838-1917), inventor and pioneer of the rigid, lighter-than-air airship. It was 776 feet long, 100 feet in diameter, and capable of carrying a cargo of over 33,000 pounds at a cruising speed of between 59 and 68 miles per hour.

For its first trans-Atlantic flight, it carried high-value freight, 66,000 pieces of mail, and 20 passengers who expected to reach New York in a little more than three days.

The world watched with interest and excitement. Newspapers carried daily reports of the zeppelin's progress, ships wired the mainland when



SHORE FIRST/TED SHOCKLEY

This excerpt is from Kirk Mariner's “True Tales of the Eastern Shore.”

they sighted it, and the U.S. Navy radio stations as far south as Florida attempted to track its location. By Sunday, thousands of people hoping to see it had gathered outside of New York at the Naval Air Station in Lakehurst, N.J., where it was to dock. On Monday, by which time it was a day behind schedule, half the front page of the

Virginian-Pilot was devoted to the latest news about the Graf Zeppelin.

While Americans waited on tip-toe, the airship's passengers enjoyed luxurious accommodations in their gondola beneath the giant balloon. The views were magnificent, the noise of flight minimal. There were private staterooms and elegant public

rooms fitted with large windows set at angles so that they could watch the world pass below them from their easy chairs. The dining room rivaled that of an ocean liner, with monogrammed china and silverware, attentive service, a good wine list, and cuisine by a first-class chef.

Yet, even the passengers began to grow weary as the ship's progress across the ocean turned out to be slower than expected. Dr. Hugh Eckner, the ship's commander, avoided the more adverse winds of the direct northern route and steered a longer, more southerly route over Madeira and Bermuda. Even there, adverse winds slowed the vessel down to about 35 miles per hour at times. By Saturday morning, the Graf Zeppelin was still 1,800 miles out to sea. The Sunday newspapers placed her closer to Bermuda than America.

The Monday newspapers, less clear about her location because of an intervening break in communication, speculated that the food supply in the gondola was diminishing, that “plainer foodstuffs were probably exhausted,” and that passengers were facing the prospect of subsisting on champagne and caviar.

By then, one person in the crowd of would-be witnesses at Lakehurst had dropped dead, victim of “heart shock incident to excitement.” Thousands of others, after giving up on seeing the ship, abandoned their vigil, packed into their cars to head for home, and promptly created a massive traffic

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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 first appeared in his book, “Once Upon an Island: The History of Chincoteague.”

# Mariner

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jam that left thousands sleeping in their cars overnight.

When at last came “the flash that America has been awaiting,” it was at 9:30 a.m. on the morning of Monday, Oct. 15, and the news read: “Graf Zeppelin sighted off Cape Charles.” The vessel finally made landfall in America at 10:15 a.m. on the Eastern Shore of Virginia, about six miles north of the cape, then immediately turned north-northwest. The long-awaited first report of its arrival went out from the U.S. Coast Guard station on Hog Island.

The first people in America to enjoy a full-fledged view of the Graf Zeppelin were residents of Virginia’s Eastern Shore. “The Graf Zeppelin, of Germany, passed west of this place Monday morning,” wrote the Hog Island correspondent to the Eastern Shore News.

“The German Graf Zeppelin passed

over here about 10:30 a.m.,” came another report from Oyster.

Marionville’s correspondent was more enthusiastic, “It was a thrilling experience to get a fairly good view of the giant zeppelin as it flew over the peninsula on Monday morning...”

In Cape Charles, Eastville, Exmore, Wachapreague, and Onancock people watched as the giant ship passed quietly up the peninsula.

Leaving Virginia, the zeppelin passed Crisfield at 11:18 a.m., then “sailed lazily out of sight.” An hour later, it paid a courtesy call on the nation’s capital, where President Calvin Coolidge left his desk and stepped outside to see it.

After overshooting its destination to make a brief circling flight over New York City, the Graf Zeppelin docked safely at Lakehurst at 5:38 p.m. on Monday, eight hours after making landfall on the Eastern Shore. It had been in the air for 111 hours and 44 minutes; the trip that was to have taken three days had consumed four and a half.



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# Barnes' 'Steam and Steel' manifests 'passion for place'

New book fills a niche in Shore history that had previously gone unaddressed

Okay, all you fans of Eastern Shore history. Time to start rearranging that bookshelf. Tell Mr. Whitelaw to make some room. Tell

Mrs. Turman that company is coming.

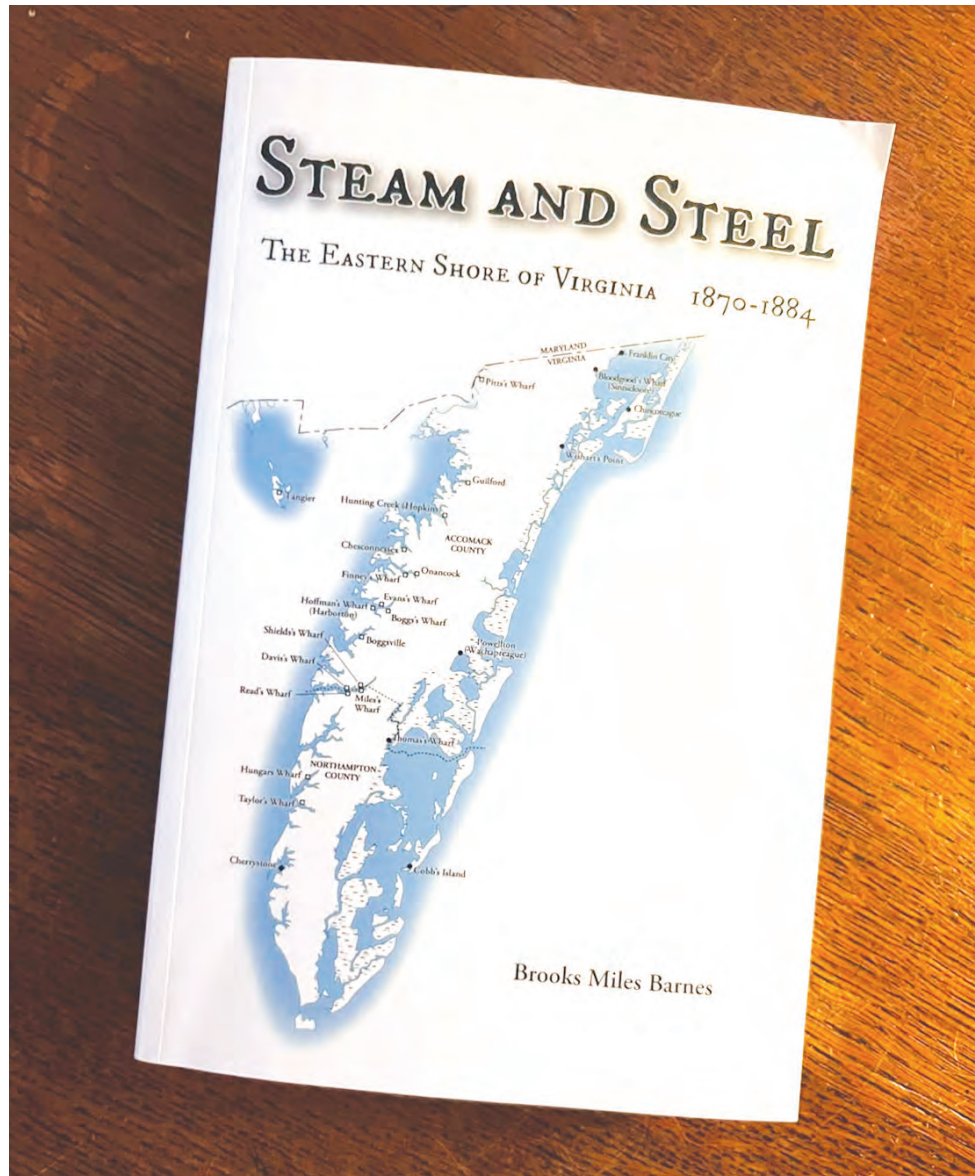
Many of us have known for some time that Brooks Miles Barnes was working on a book, and in early November it made its debut.

"Steam and Steel — The Eastern Shore of Virginia 1870-1884," was published by Salt Water Media, of Berlin, Md., and is now available online and in local book stores.

"Steam and Steel" begins with the upheaval wrought by the Civil War, and it traces the profound social and economic alterations that came about on the Eastern Shore as the steamboat era blended into the dawning of the railroad era.

"Steam and Steel" is an important book. It fills a niche that previously had not been addressed.

Susie May Ames published "Studies of the Virginia Eastern Shore in the Seventeenth Century" in 1940, and it remains today an important source for those interested in the early days of



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settlement.

Ralph T. Whitelaw's famous two-volume set, "Virginia's Eastern Shore," came out in 1951 and is still the go-to source for anyone seeking information on land transfers, historic homes, notable people, and other matters of Eastern Shoreiana.

Nora Miller Turman's "The Eastern Shore of Virginia 1603-1964" compresses 350 years of history into 300 pages, and what it lacks in depth it makes up for in breadth. So if you want to know the highlights of what was happening in public schools in 1930, that would be the place to look.

But what we had been lacking was a comprehensive examination of perhaps the most transformative period the Eastern Shore has ever seen.

This period began when the Civil War ended and we experienced something akin to hitting the restart button.

The war ended in 1865, and the steamship era began soon after.

The railroad era began in 1884 and merged into the steam era to create an extended period of population growth, a booming economy, opportunities for travel, and a transformation from isolationism to a broader worldview.

Brooks Miles Barnes is the perfect person to lead us on this journey.

His roots run deep on the Eastern

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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.

# 'Steam and Steel'

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Shore, touching both counties. He attended local schools and then the University of Virginia, where he earned a Ph.D. in history.

For many years he served as librarian in charge of the local history collection of the Eastern Shore Public Library.

Miles worked with the University of Virginia to create "The

Countryside Transformed," a vast digital database that covers the railroad era from roughly 1870 to 1935.

Miles is one of those rare historians who also is an excellent, engaging writer.

Miles is a scholar, but he disguises it well. When a good researcher is also a good writer and he happens to be writing about his home, something special happens.

I call it a passion for place.

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# Celebrating the season with Arts Enter

December in Cape Charles sparkles with creativity and community spirit.

As the town shimmers with lights and people gather for favorite traditions, Arts Enter Cape Charles, a non-profit dedicated to the fine and performing arts since 1997, invites residents and visitors to experience the wonder of the holidays at the Historic Palace Theatre, Lemon Tree Gallery, and Curio Cottage.

These Arts Enter spaces offer a festive mix of performances, art, music, and holiday shopping.

With the town already aglow from the first Festive Friday, the holiday joy continues at the Historic Palace Theatre on Saturday, Dec. 6, at 7:30 p.m. with Merry Movement, Arts Enter's festive dance showcase.

Featuring adult and school-age dancers, along with several returning alumni, the program highlights the talent within the Arts Enter Dance School and is led by teachers and choreographers Amy Watkins and Lisa Brasch. Tickets are \$10.

On Sunday, Dec. 7, at 4 p.m., Season of Light brings the Shore Singers back to the Palace Theatre for a free community concert that shines with harmony and heart.

Guided by director Megan Cartwright, the event has become a beloved hallmark of the Cape Charles holiday season. Audiences can expect beautiful choral arrangements and the tradition of a holiday sing-along. The chorus, made up of both amateurs and professionals, continues to welcome new members throughout the year.

The celebrations continue on Sunday, Dec. 14, at 3 p.m. with "A Not So Silent Night" at Lemon Tree Gallery.

Mama's Black Sheep, joined by musicians Regina Sayles and Colleen Clark, brings an afternoon of soulful, spirited holiday music to the gallery's intimate setting.

The performance includes original



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**The Historic Palace Theatre will host a number of shows this holiday season.**

songs from their holiday album, "Not So Silent Night," the inspiration for their 2025 East Coast Tour, where Lemon Tree proudly serves as the penultimate of eight stops.

Guests will enjoy complimentary refreshments and a cash bar. The show is dedicated to the late Christine Havrilla. Tickets are \$25 for adults and \$15 for students.

As the grand finale to Arts Enter's holiday programming, the Virginia Symphony Orchestra returns to the Palace with its dazzling Holiday Brass concert on Saturday, Dec. 20 at 7:30 p.m.

Sponsored by Blue Heron Realty and the Virginia Commission for the Arts, the concert remains one of the most anticipated highlights of the holiday calendar. Tickets are \$40 for adults and \$15 for students.

## Festive Fridays

Each Festive Friday, Lemon Tree Gallery features a local artist and live musicians:

■ Dec. 5: Watercolorist Thelma

J. Peterson, nationally exhibited and widely collected, known for her portrayals of Eastern Shore landscapes including her acclaimed Thelma and Misty II series.

Music by The Raucous Brothers, an Eastern Shore band blending reggae, funk, blues, zydeco, and rock with dynamic guitar work by Paul Brion.

■ Dec. 12: Knitwear artist Katie O'Shea of Coastal Knitting Co., whose journey from Alaska to Assateague inspires her natural-fiber, cozy pieces.

Music by The Stingrays, a lively group known for classic rock, oldies, and dance favorites.

■ Dec. 19: Oil painter Clelia Cardano Sheppard, Arts Enter founder and an Italian-born plein air artist whose expressive, award-winning work appears in collections internationally.

Music by Melinda & the Speakeasies, a nostalgic ensemble blending jazz, western swing, blues, and Americana with a vintage twist.

## Holiday films

Holiday Films at the Palace Theatre

begin at 8 p.m., have free admission, and are presented in partnership with Cape Charles Main Street:

■ Dec. 5: "Home Alone," sponsored by Chessie's Toy Store

■ Dec. 12: National Lampoon's "Christmas Vacation," sponsored by K-Coast

■ Dec. 19: "The Muppet Christmas Carol," sponsored by Simpson Builders

## Curio Cottage

Adding to the festive atmosphere, Curio Cottage, Arts Enter's fundraising shop at 12 Strawberry St., will host extended Festive Friday hours from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Visitors can explore vintage treasures, jewelry, housewares, seasonal décor, and one-of-a-kind finds — perfect for holiday gifting while supporting Arts Enter's mission.

The shop is also open Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. For tickets, visit [artcentercapecharles.org/events](http://artcentercapecharles.org/events) or call or visit Lemon Tree at 757-331-4327.



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The ESCC-FC, at left, and at right, from left, ESCC President Daryl Minus, Coach Chase Baxa, and former ESCC President Jim Shaeffer.

## ESCC soccer team is recruiting students

Eastern Shore Community College announces that its new soccer club, ESCC Football Club, is making significant strides toward becoming a full-fledged collegiate soccer program after a successful fall run in an adult league in Westover, Md.

Launched in spring 2024 when ESCC-FC began recruiting students, the club team has evolved into a competitive outlet for students to continue their soccer careers.

The team competed in the Somerset County Parks and Rec Adult League, facing off against other community college clubs and similarly

skilled teams.

The team made it all the way to the playoffs in November but was eliminated in the first round.

The team's home field is Randy Custis Memorial Park, in partnership with Shore Soccer League, where new lighting installation is underway to support evening matches and future tournaments.

As ESCC approaches the 2026 spring semester, opportunities will continue for more students to participate, with practices and competitions being planned.

Leading the program is Coach

Chase Baxa, a Northampton High School teacher and championship-winning coach.

Baxa played at Geneva College and led Northampton High School boys soccer team to state titles in 2023 and 2025.

He was named Virginia Coach of the Year for Class 1 in 2023, 2024, and 2025, and currently serves as academy director at Rush Academy Peninsula, formerly Shore FC.

"I believe in a few short years ESCC-FC will be able to compete with other community college programs in the National Junior College Athletic Association (NJCAA)," said Baxa.

"The talent and passion for soccer on the Eastern Shore is incredible, and I'm honored to help showcase it as well as provide pathways for our athletes to pursue higher education and job training in our Shore community."

ESCC-FC represents a growing commitment to student recruitment and engagement at Eastern Shore Community College, and the future looks bright for this dynamic new program.

For more information please contact Coach Baxa at [cbaxa@es.vccs.edu](mailto:cbaxa@es.vccs.edu).

100 years ago  
December 1925

## Chamber of Commerce to adopt plan

The second meeting of the citizens of Northampton and Accomack counties for the purpose of organizing a chamber of commerce on the Eastern Shore of Virginia will be held in the courthouse at Eastville on Tuesday at 10:30 a.m., when definite plans of operation will be worked out.

The first meeting, held under the auspices of the Eastern Shore of Virginia Bankers' Association in Onley on Dec. 3, passed resolutions calling for the meeting of 60 citizens of the Shore, 30 from each county, for the purpose of drafting organization plans for the chamber of commerce.

More enthusiasm has been shown among men of all walks of life over this organization than any movement undertaken on the Shore during the last decade, as it is generally recognized that a chamber of commerce is the only means whereby the Shore can be boosted and advertised.

— *Ledger-Star*

## Bit dynamite in candy

William Mason, of Cape Charles, was brought to the Dixie Hospital at Hampton Saturday with half his face blown off by a dynamite cap that had been embedded in a stick of candy he had attempted to bite down upon.

After getting his Christmas candy and other gifts, Mason went to his home, went to bed, and then decided to partake of the stick of candy on Christmas Eve.

Picking up what innocently enough looked like candy, Mason said he bit down upon it. He heard a sharp explosion and became unconscious.

When members of his family rushed to the room, they found Mason in his bed, which had been spattered with blood by the accident.

— *The News and Advance*

## Bandits take man's clothes

An armed posse of Chincoteague Islanders, headed by Chief of Police George Clear, today are searching for three masked highwaymen,

who last night held up and attempted to rob Jesse Campbell, a furniture salesman for the T.J. Truitt, Inc., Salisbury, Md., on the Chincoteague bridge three miles from the town.

Campbell was ordered to discard his clothing following an unsuccessful search for money, and clad only in his underwear, he was commanded by the bandits to walk on to Chincoteague.

Exhausted and suffering from exposure to a driving rain, Campbell reached Chincoteague and the bridge an hour later.

The highwaymen, whom Campbell asserts were masked, stepped out into the road with a flashlight and motioned him to stop. He stepped on the accelerator, he said, but the motor stalled. Suspecting robbery, he slid his money, between \$200 and \$300, beneath the seat of his car. The highwaymen secured less than \$4. The money and car were found at the scene of the holdup.

— *The Baltimore Sun*

75 years ago  
December 1950

## Jet pilot who bailed out found

Lt. Cmdr. R.E. Warner, U.S. Navy, who bailed out of his jet fighter plane near Crisfield, Md., Thursday night, was found this morning on the beach near Crisfield, uninjured, the Navy announced.

A search for the pilot, who is attached to the Bureau of Aeronautics in Washington, began immediately after another pilot reported seeing Warner jump from his jet craft.

The Navy and the U.S. Coast Guard had 15 planes in the search, nine of them from Norfolk; two blimps from the Weeksville, N.C., Air Station; four crash boats; three helicopters; and three Coast Guard cutters.

The downed pilot was found about 8 a.m. today when he was sighted by a patrol plane from Patrol Squadron 661, Norfolk Naval Air Station, piloted by Lt. F.W. Forman, U.S. Navy. A Norfolk Air Station helicopter picked him up and took him to the dispensary at the Chincoteague Auxiliary Air Station, where it was found he was in good shape.

The search had continued throughout the night and was greatly intensified early this morning.

— *The Bee*

## Mackerel flood Eastern Shore

Mackerel by the thousands have invaded the coast of the Eastern Shore.

Fishermen say all they have to do is drop their nets and immediately haul them in loaded. Reports of lavish catches have come in from the three main fishing centers on the seaside — Willis Wharf, Wachapreague, and Chincoteague.

One Wachapreague firm has handled 219,000 pounds of mackerel in less than a week. From Chincoteague, out fishing off Wachapreague, a man named Fish could not bring in all the contents of his nets. After loading 13,500 pounds in his own boat, he called on two other boats to bring in the remaining 8,500 pounds.

A Chincoteague firm handled more than 140,000 pounds of mackerel in one day.

— *The Virginian-Pilot*

50 years ago  
December 1975

## Chincoteague probes mosquito control plan

A meeting to decide when and how to reorganize the mosquito control program on Chincoteague Island was held Monday night by the mayor and town council.

The island has been without mosquito control for the last five years. Prior to 1970, Chincoteague had its own Mosquito Control Administration to which Wallops Island paid \$14,000 a year for mosquito spraying on the mainland facility. The NASA contract was canceled, and the mosquito program discontinued because of lack of funds.

According to Mayor Wheatley Watson, "Chincoteague must take action at the present time" on the ever-present mosquito problem for the health of the island natives and visitors. He said he feels the citizens have become educated to the dangers of the mosquito and prefer to control the insect population now, rather than be faced with a serious epidemic at some future time.

The meeting to reorganize the control program was spurred by a recent disclosure that a case of serious illness in an island young person had been diagnosed as encephalitis. Species of the disease carriers are known to be among the 11 species of mosquitoes found in the area. Encephalitis can be

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fatal to elderly persons.

As the mayor, council members, and guests discussed the island insect menace, “a big mosquito obligingly came to our December meeting,” said Mayor Watson. The bug buzzed around the town official’s head, but the mayor was saved when the vice-mayor quickly swatted the invader.

In an effort to control but not eradicate the insect, the mayor and council will begin a study of program cost, which will be done by R.E. Dorer, insect and rodent control officer for Virginia. Time is of the essence in the control program, which must begin with ditch drainage on the island. This undertaking would be a winter project. Dorer will present his cost study results to the council at its Jan. 1 meeting.

— *The Daily Times*

## Conservancy bought isles by outsmarting sellers

The Nature Conservancy has used trickery and hard bargaining tactics in an effort to preserve a chain of islands off Virginia’s Eastern Shore in their natural state.

The Washington Post said Thursday that a recent donation of one of the barrier islands off Virginia’s coast to the conservancy was made by a firm that was secretly owned by the conservation group.

Offshore Islands, Inc., which donated the 2,000-acre Metompkin Island to the conservation group, appeared to be a land speculation firm. But the Post said it was secretly owned and controlled by the conservancy for the three years of its existence.

“We created it just as a front so they (the Conservancy) could proceed with buying the islands,” said M. Lee Payne, a Norfolk banker whom the conservancy said conceived the idea for the company. “Some of those islands wouldn’t have been sold if the owners had known they were going to the Nature Conservancy.”

Metompkin is the 13th island of the chain of 19 acquired by the conservancy in the last six years. It gives the organization nearly total control of 60 miles of Virginia coastline, creating one of the nation’s best preserves of primitive marsh and dune islands.

Four of the remaining six islands are owned by the state and federal governments, and three

of them are refuges or parkland. The other two remain substantially in private hands.

The conservancy has challenged plans for developing the island chain by mobilizing other environmental groups, who prepared studies showing ecological damage that would occur if the plans were carried out.

The conservancy has been successful not only in buying the islands, but also in keeping the price tag down.

“We’ve bought the entire 33,000 acres at an average cost of under \$200 an acre,” said Patrick F. Noonan, director of the Arlington-based conservation group and a land appraiser. “This is land that might have sold for \$1,000 to \$4,000 an acre.” Noonan said the conservancy was able to acquire three islands of the chain for \$1.25 million and that “set a low standard of value we could point to in later negotiations with other owners, and we were on our way.”

— *Martinsville Bulletin*

## Arson suspected in at least one fire

Arson is suspected in at least one of the spate of fires that have plagued Accomack County in the last few weeks.

According to the county fire marshal, Donald R. Matthews, the dwelling fire in Horntown on Dec. 10 could be the work of an arsonist.

The fire, which caused serious damage to the three-story frame house there, is believed to have been set. It has been determined that at least twice fires were set up to burn the first floor. Incendiary papers and pieces of furniture were found, as well as an explosive of the Molotov cocktail type, he said.

Three fire companies responded to the call. New Church, Atlantic, and Greenbackville volunteer companies brought the blaze into control, confining smoke and water damage. The flames were controlled in the two downstairs rooms. The dwelling, which belongs to Thomas Webb, of Chincoteague, was unoccupied.

— *The Daily Times*

## Barge carrying crane capsizes

A 70-ton crane is lying under almost 40 feet of water in the Chesapeake Bay.

The \$150,000 crane was to be used in efforts to halt massive erosion around Tangier Island’s airport.

A spokesman for the W.F. Magann Corp.,

which owns the crane, said the barge carrying the crane capsized and sank about 20 miles south of the island early Saturday.

Magann speculated that the bow of the barge, which was being leased from a construction company now involved in construction of the Washington, D.C., subway system, abruptly took on water despite calm seas and lack of wind. “The barge must have flipped over,” he said.

Divers will soon begin salvage operations, said Magann. “We love our cranes very much,” he said. “They’re kind of like people to us. We’ve got to save it if we can.”

Magann said, “We can tell where the crane is by the oil slick.” The barge itself later broke free from the sunken crane and floated upside down 40 miles to the Chesapeake Bay Bridge-Tunnel before it was captured, he said.

Magann said insurance will cover the \$100,000 dollars or so it will cost to raise the crane.

The crane was to have been used in unloading tons of rock along the western shore of the island. The island’s landing strip has been nearly breached by erosion from the bay, and the rock would have protected the strip.

State officials said the island’s western shore has been eroding at the rate of about 25 feet a year. About 800 fishermen and their families live on the shore.

Magann said a replacement crane has been dispatched to the island, and about 600 tons of rock will be dumped alongside the runway each day over the next month.

— *The Daily Advance*

25 years ago  
December 2000

## Offshore drill: building more reefs

Say the words “artificial reef” and the non-angler may doze off and start snoring.

Too bad. The building of artificial reefs is proving to be a successful method that scientists use to help fish numbers recover in the Chesapeake Bay and in the Atlantic Ocean off the Virginia coast. Other coastal states, particularly Florida, which has established a niche tourism industry around artificial reef fishing, also are scrambling to build as many reefs, or sanctuaries, for marine life as time and money

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allow.

Clean, man-made material that's dumped to specifications on the bay or ocean bottom attracts everything from microscopic marine life to clams to small bait fish looking for a place to hide. This veritable dinner table attracts larger predator fish, which in turn, pulls in anglers like a magnet.

These saltwater reefs aren't your little tire-and-Christmas-tree "fish attractors" built in freshwater lakes around Virginia. The saltwater reefs range in size from 72 acres (Hampton Roads) to 5,808 acres (off Wachapreague).

The year 2000 has been a good one, says Mike Meier, director of VMRC's artificial program. "This has been one of the most productive years for artificial reef building in the history of the VMRC," he explained. "The activity has sometimes been frantic."

Two new reefs are being constructed, additional material has been added to two others, and two future reefs are in the planning stages.

Recreational fishing groups started building reefs on their own in the 1950s. The state took over in 1971. But in the past few years, efforts have picked up speed because of an influx of money from saltwater fishing licenses.

The state's newest reefs — at the Cabbage Patch off Cape Charles and another northwest of Nassawadox Creek, both of the Eastern Shore — are being built with concrete "T" beams laid in quads on the bay bottom.

"Next year promises to be even busier than the year 2000," says Meier.

— *Richmond Times-Dispatch*

## Shore produces gourmet treat sweet potatoes

Growing up, John Hickman loved Thanksgiving dinner with green sweet potatoes smothered in grandmother's turkey gravy.

The potatoes hadn't gone bad. They were Haymans, which turn pale green when cooked and are a holiday tradition on the Eastern Shore.

Haymans have been grown almost exclusively on the peninsula between the Chesapeake Bay and the Atlantic Ocean, mostly for local consumption because cultivating them is labor

intensive.

Hickman, his lone employee, and a group of Eastern Shore farmers are working to put the gourmet vegetable on dinner tables elsewhere.

"My hope for it is that the Hayman potato becomes the Vidalia onion of the Eastern Shore," said Hickman, general manager of Eastern Shore Enterprises in Melfa, halfway up the Shore.

The company sells Haymans under the brand name Eastern Shore Select to 280-plus grocery stores along the East Coast, from North Carolina to Massachusetts. Potatoes too small to be marketable are sliced into potato chips, available in 70 gourmet stores in Virginia and Maryland and pockets in the Midwest, and online or by mail order.

Fresh Fields Markets were among Hickman's original customers for the potatoes four years ago. At first the potatoes were a hard sell, but the natural food stores enticed customers with free samples, said Craig Bishop, Fresh Fields' produce coordinator.

Now, the 20 Fresh Fields stores in Virginia, Maryland, the District of Columbia, New Jersey, and Pennsylvania can barely keep Haymans in stock.

"When we don't have them, people get rather violent," Bishop said, lamenting that fresh Haymans are only available a couple months a year, starting right before Thanksgiving.

Haymans fit in the palm of your hand. Their skin is similar to that of a white potato, and the raw flesh is a creamy white. When cooked, they have a slightly nutty flavor.

Hickman estimated 90 percent of Haymans are grown on the Shore, where they thrive in the loamy soil and warm climate. Some are grown in eastern North Carolina and in backyard gardens elsewhere. The total crop is less than 1% of the 25 million bushels of sweet potatoes harvested annually, according to Eastern Shore Enterprises.

Legend has it that a seafaring captain with the surname Hayman brought the potato from the Caribbean to the Eastern Shore in the 19th century.

Hayman sprouts are planted in May and June. Farmers harvest the potatoes in late fall, digging by hand because the vegetables bruise easily. The yield is about half that of orange sweet potatoes.

Before they're ready to eat, Haymans must be stored at about 80 degrees for three weeks to cure, converting their starch into sugar.

With all that work, Haymans retail for between \$1 and \$1.50 a pound, compared with 79

cents to 99 cents a pound for the orange flesh variety.

The company contracts with farmers to grow and harvest the potatoes and hires truck drivers to deliver the crop to stores.

The private company's main investor is the Nature Conservancy, an environmental group that owns and protects most of the Shore's barrier islands. The group wanted to help keep agriculture profitable for farmers and prevent overdevelopment. The company wanted to find a crop unique to the Eastern Shore and hit upon the Haymans.

Hickman declined to disclose sales figures or exact acres being harvested but said business is growing. This year, Hickman contracted with 10 farmers who each grew from 2 to 20 acres of Haymans.

— *The Baltimore Sun*

## Feathers ruffled in Chincoteague

Feathers are being ruffled in Chincoteague over tame ducks that wander around town, stinking up and damaging property and causing fender-benders.

Complaints by residents have forced officials on the resort island of 3,500 near the Virginia-Maryland border to try and find a solution.

But one idea mentioned to the Town Council — rounding up and killing the 200 or so birds — has some duck lovers crying foul.

That would ruin the down-home feeling of the town that is "kind of like a Norman Rockwell painting," said resident Judy Kurtz, who enjoys feeding the ducks.

Town Manager Jim West said the council is not even close to deciding the ducks' fate. A representative from the U.S. Department of Agriculture, which would handle such a roundup, can't come to talk to the council until at least next month.

The ducks belong to third- or fourth-generation flocks that have come to rely on food hand-outs from residents and vacationers.

"They're not wildlife. They're yard ducks. Some complainers have called them rats with wings," said West.

Wildlife biologist Stephanie Boyles, of People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals, said a more humane solution would be to designate a public feeding area for the ducks, away from roads. That would eliminate the problem of ducks tramping all over lawns, she said.

— *The Baltimore Sun*

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KIRK MARINER (1943-2017)

# Christmas — and the salt of the earth

BY CURTIS BADGER

Shore First

Christmas memories are all about the senses. Long after the gifts have been opened, after the tree comes down and the ornaments stored away, what lingers in memory are the scents and flavors of the holiday. The Christmas scent for me has always been cedar, pungent and sweet all at once, filling the house from the time we go to the woods and cut the tree, until the day comes when we drag it brittle and dry out to the yard.

The flavor of Christmas is that of salted fish, filets of croaker or spot, tucked away in folds of salt in the old stone crock. They were caught back in late September, scaled and rinsed and layered in salt, then covered with a tea towel and an old dinner plate. We take them out the evening before we cook them, soak them in water to remove the salt, and in the morning boil them gently and serve them with a dot of sweet butter.

This is a tradition of the coast, where salt has long been the staff of life. Salt saved the lives of those who came before us, settlers who set off in ships to discover a new world. Were it not for salt, and the fish of the sea, they would not have survived, and our world today would not be as we know it. Salt was the original refrigeration. It is how we preserved food, how we avoided starvation and survived.

The first barrier island settled by English explorers was chosen because of its potential for salt making and its proximity to fish and wild game. Captain Samuel Argall explored Smith Island and reported to the acting governor of Virginia, Sir Thomas Dale, that this low-lying barrier beach could be used to distill salt from sea water.

Argall's famous boast of "a great store of fish" meant little unless this great store could be preserved in brine for a reasonable length of time to sustain the colony. So, a camp was established on Smith Island, sea water was heated and evaporated in great vats, and the salty residue was ground and processed and used to preserve fish and other meats.

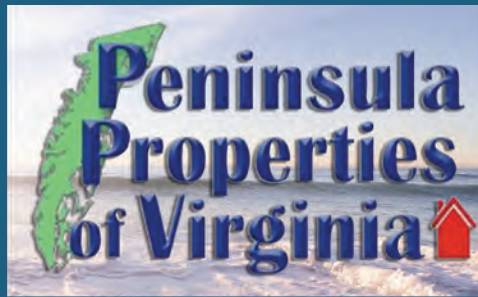
Years later, on nearby Mockhorn Island, an inner island with little high land, evaporation ponds were built to extract salt from seawater in what might have been America's first solar-powered industry. According to Ralph T. Whitelaw's "Virginia's Eastern Shore," John Custis, the great-grandfather of Martha Custis Washington, entered into a contract with Peter Reverdy on April 4, 1668, to make salt on the island, which was owned by Custis. Reverdy was apparently an expert at the salt-making process, and a lengthy contract gave him instructions to build 312 clay-lined evaporation ponds for extracting salt from seawater.

Whitelaw doesn't report on the fate of this business venture, but the lengthy contract, the involvement of a salt-making professional, and the very scope of the project are evidence of how precious salt was in the lives of the people who settled along the coast.

Salt was so important to the lives of the early settlers that prices were regulated by officials of the colony, and saltmakers found guilty of price gouging could be fined or imprisoned.

Christmas might seem to be an odd time to be thinking of salt, but for people on the Eastern Shore, salt and fish are a fitting flavor combination of the season. They gave us life, and that is something to celebrate during this special season.





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