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## Outdoor season is here. The question is—are you ready to enjoy your property?

For most homeowners on the Eastern Shore, spring starts with good intentions: a greener lawn, fewer weeds and a yard that actually feels comfortable to spend time in.

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# Land as witness to Eastern Shore history

Whether you're a "from here," a "been here," or a "come here," you know there is something special about this land between two waters.

For generations, the Eastern Shore has been known for its beauty, abundance, and sense of peace. This spring at the Historic Palace Theatre in Cape Charles, "Piece of Eden (1618-1776): A Historical Musical Drama" tells the story of this land and the Indigenous, African, and European peoples whose lives and choices shaped it.

Some names are remembered in history books, while others were never recorded, but the land remembers all.

Written by local historian Jean Collins, and adapted for the stage by Sheila Cardano, with origi-



COURTESY PHOTO

Pictured from left are **Keith Fox, Director Clelia Cardano Sheppard, and Gail Fox.** Keith and Gail Fox have served as Native American cultural advisors to "Piece of Eden" since 2007.

nal music by Gwen Skeens, this Arts Enter original production is directed by Clelia Cardano Sheppard, with music direction by Me-

gan Cartwright, and features a cast of more than 50 community and regional performers. "Piece of Eden" premiered in 2007, returned in 2012, and now reprises in 2026 with a newly revised edition that more fully weaves together three intersecting cultures.

Among the Native leaders is Debedeavon, known to English settlers as the "Laughing King," who guided the Accawmacke people through early contact, and whose descendants' voices are still heard. The play also follows figures who moved between worlds, including Thomas Savage, a young English interpreter who lived among Native communities. The story of Africans on the Shore appears through Anthony and Mary Johnson, who established one of the earliest doc-

umented free Black families and landholdings in colonial America. Partly due to the Shore's geographic isolation, relationships between peoples were often more fluid before laws hardened along racial lines in the later 1600s.

As the story reaches 1776, the characters and their descendants stand at the threshold of a new nation, reflecting the many peoples whose dreams and losses shaped the Shore long before the birth of the United States. The land endures as a witness, holding the memory of all who came before.

Performances run April 24 to 26 and May 1 to 3 at the Historic Palace Theatre in Cape Charles.

For tickets, visit [artsentercapecharles.org/pieceofeden](https://artsentercapecharles.org/pieceofeden) or call 757-331-4327.

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## April 3 to 4 | Chincoteague Easter Decoy Festival

**DECOY FESTIVAL:** Noon to 5 p.m., on Friday, April 3, and 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., on Saturday, April 4, Chincoteague Combined School, 4586 Main St., Chincoteague. The Easter Decoy and Art Festival will showcase the work of local decoy carvers as well as artists of all kinds. Carvers will be working live on site. Admission is \$5, cash only. Children under age 12 are free.



## April 11 | Onancock Free concert with Good Shot Judy

**FREE CONCERT:** 7 p.m., Good Shot Judy will perform at the Cokesbury Cultural Center's Free Concert Series at 13 Market St., Onancock. Donations are welcomed. Sponsored by the United Way of Virginia's Eastern Shore and the Virginia Commission for the Arts.



## April 9 to 12 | Onancock Eastern Shore Madrigal Singers

**CONCERT:** The Eastern Shore Madrigal Singers present "Back Roads Harmony: 50 Years of Song, 1976 to 2026," at the North Street Playhouse in Onancock on April 9 at 7 p.m., April 10 at 7 p.m., April 11 at 7 p.m., and April 12 at 2:30 p.m. Tickets are \$25 for adults and \$10 for students age 12 and younger. Tickets are available at [www.northstreetplayhouse.org](http://www.northstreetplayhouse.org)



## Saturday, April 4

■ **MUD HOP:** Gates open 8 a.m., Easter egg hunt 11 a.m., racing starts at noon, 316 Dirt Drag, 20305 Greenbush Road, Greenbush. The Bunny Hop is a mud hop for the whole family. The Easter Bunny will be a special guest. Admission is \$20. Kids age 10 and under are free.

■ **EASTER EGG HUNT:** 8 a.m. to noon, Bethel Baptist Church, 14050 Bethel Church Road, Bloxom. The church is hosting an Easter egg hunt and yard sale. The Easter egg hunt will be at 11 a.m. Proceeds from the yard sale will benefit Accomack-Northampton Pregnancy Center.

■ **EASTER EGG HUNT:** 9 a.m., Cheriton Town Park, Cheriton. The town is hosting an Easter egg hunt.

■ **EASTER BREAKFAST:** 9 to 11 a.m., American Legion Post 56, 21210 N. Bayside Road, Cheriton. The post is hosting a free pancake breakfast in conjunction with the Town of Cheriton's Easter egg hunt. The Easter Bunny will even be on hand for breakfast.

■ **EASTER EGG HUNT:** 10 a.m., Eastern Shore Railway Museum, Parksley. The museum is hosting an Easter egg hunt for children age 10 and under. A continental breakfast will be served before the egg hunt. Breakfast begins at 9:30 and will be served in the museum's dining car. Tickets for the breakfast are \$5. To purchase tickets visit the museum Wednesday through Saturday between noon and 4 p.m.

■ **EASTER EGG HUNT:** 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Randy Custis Memorial Park, Nassawadox. The Northampton County Sheriff's Office is hosting an Easter egg hunt. The hunt will begin at 11 a.m. There will also be games, bounce houses, food and drinks, pictures with the Easter Bunny, and prizes.

■ **EASTER EGG HUNT:** 11 a.m., George N. McMath Park, Onley. The Town of Onley is hosting an Easter egg hunt. There will be visits with the Easter Bunny, bounce houses, and prizes.

## Thursday, April 16

■ **SPELLING BEE:** 5 p.m., Eastern Shore Community College, Melfa. The Eastern Shore Literacy Council is hosting its annual Bee for Literacy. Six teams made up of members of local businesses will compete to see which team has the best spellers. The evening begins with a social hour and silent auction, followed by dinner and the spelling bee. Tickets can be purchased at <https://tinyurl.com/2uc4d8wn>

■ **DANCE LESSONS:** 6 to 7:30 p.m., Holy Trinity Episcopal Church, Onancock. Ballroom and More on the Shore is hosting dance lessons. The cost is \$5 per person. Those of all skill levels are welcome.

## Saturday, April 18

■ **DODGEBALL TOURNAMENT:** 9 a.m., Bloxom Town Square, Bloxom. The Bloxom Volunteer Fire Company is hosting a dodgeball tournament. Those interested in putting together a team can call or text Manuel Salazar III at 757-710-5243. Spectators are welcome. There will also be entertainment, 50/50 raffles, food for purchase, a touch-a-truck exhibit, and awards.

■ **OYSTER ROAST:** From 4 to 7:30 p.m., the Virginia Eastern Shore Land Trust is hosting its annual oyster roast. It will be held on a property near Onancock with a land trust conservation easement. To purchase tickets visit <https://tinyurl.com/429zuedb>

## Saturday, April 25

■ **LOVE RUN:** 9 a.m., Love Sign, Cape Charles. The annual Love Run will kick off in Cape Charles with 5K, 10K, and 1-mile routes. Each route will have a color zone where runners can be sprayed by environmentally safe colors. There will be a post-run party with music, kids activities, and snacks. Age to register visit <https://tinyurl.com/4xvurcny>

■ **APPRECIATION DAY:** 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., A&N Electric Cooperative, Tasley. ANEC is hosting its annual Arbor Day and Member Appreciation event. There will be seedling and shrub giveaways and demonstrations.

## April 18 | Pocomoke City ATV/MX Drag Bash

**ATV/MX DRAG BASH:** Gates open at 11 a.m., racing begins at 1 p.m., Great Pocomoke Fairgrounds, 2037 Broad St., Pocomoke City. An ATV/MX Drag Bash is coming to the fairgrounds. The cost is \$20 for riders and \$10 for spectators. There will be food and drinks available for purchase. For more information contact Tyler McCready at 443-365-9109.

## April 17 to 19, 24 to 26 | Pocomoke City “The Lion King Jr.” at the Mar-Va Theater

**THEATRICAL PERFORMANCE:** The Theater Academy of Delmarva will present “The Lion King Jr.” at the Mar-Va Theater in Pocomoke City. Visit [www.marvatheater.com](http://www.marvatheater.com) for tickets.

## April 24 to 26, May 1 to 3 | Cape Charles “Piece of Eden,” historical musical

**THEATRICAL PERFORMANCE:** Presented in commemoration of America’s 250th anniversary, “Piece of Eden” tells the story of the people of the Eastern Shore — their struggles, hopes, and search for freedom. It is an Arts Enter Cape Charles original production. Visit [www.artsentercapecharles.org](http://www.artsentercapecharles.org) for tickets.



# Shore First | Historic Garden Tour

## Six Eastern Shore sites on Garden Week tour

Garden Club of Virginia's annual event on the Eastern Shore is April 25

Much more than a fundraiser, Historic Garden Week is a cherished springtime tradition for both Garden Club of Virginia members, who come together to create it, and those who attend the statewide event.

The week offers a unique opportunity during the nation's 250th anniversary to visit many properties linked to early Virginians who helped shape American history. From Washington to Jefferson, to the Indigenous peoples who first inhabited these lands and the enslaved Africans who contributed to the construction of many of the sites open for touring, Virginia is an ideal place to learn about the country's beginnings.

Proceeds are used to preserve and restore historic public gardens in Virginia.

Almost 130 private homes and gardens will be part of 29 distinct tours taking place April 18 to 25, showcasing communities both big and small across the commonwealth.

On the Eastern Shore's tour, the properties include Sugar Run in Eastville, Roselawn in Franktown, the garden at Wendemere in Franktown, the Rancho Contento Garden Railroad in Nassawadox, Ingleside near Exmore, and Eyre Hall near Cheriton.

It is hosted by the Garden Club of the Eastern Shore.

### When you go

■ **WHAT:** Historic Garden Week tour on the Eastern Shore, hosted by the Garden Club of the Eastern Shore

■ **WHEN:** Saturday, April 25, from 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. It will be held rain or shine.

■ **TICKETS:** Tickets are \$40 in advance and \$50 on the day of the tour. The cost for children age 5 to 17 is \$15. Participants must check in at the tour headquarters at Franktown United Methodist Church to receive a tour wristband. Buy tickets by visiting [www.vagardenweek.org](http://www.vagardenweek.org)

Every year, the properties that are opened and the tours offered are different, making each year a unique touring experience.

Since 1920, the Garden Club of Virginia's mission has been focused on conservation, restoration, and the love of gardening.

This annual event funds a historic landscape research fellowship program that is building a comprehensive library of Virginia's important gardens and landscapes.

"Not only is HGW an opportunity to

enjoy the beauty of Virginia's homes and gardens, but it's also a significant economic driver to the state's economy," said Virginia Gillock, Historic Garden Week's chair.

Showcased properties range from farmhouses to urban townhomes, and from intimate courtyard gardens to backyard meadows filled with native plants and wildflowers. Each tour offers a captivating selection of private homes and gardens, many of which are open to the public for the first time during Historic Garden Week, along with access to numerous state and national historic landmarks.

Prices are \$40 in advance or \$50 on the day of the tour. A child's ticket (ages 5-17) is available for \$15, a new option this year.

Some Historic Garden Week tours are walking tours, while others require participants to drive from property to property. If shuttle transportation is needed, it is included in the tour ticket price.

Stunning floral arrangements, created by talented members of the Garden Club of Virginia, feature seasonal flowers and plants native to Virginia, adding another element of inspiration and beauty to the showcased sites.

Visit [VAGardenWeek.org](http://VAGardenWeek.org) for a complete schedule and descriptions of each of the 29 upcoming tours.

# Shore First | Garden Tour



## SUGAR RUN

16374 Courthouse Road, Eastville

Situated next to the historic court green in the Northampton County seat, Eastville (1680), Sugar Run was built sometime in the 18th century and has been remodeled by the present owners. Historically, the home served as the first Masonic Lodge on the Eastern Shore of Virginia (1780) and as a hospital during the Civil War.

The cottage onsite may have been owned by one of the first freed slaves in Northampton County. Original features in the home include floors, some shiplap in the main living space, and the fireplace.

The owners salvaged and repurposed these original features throughout the house. As an interior designer, the owner loved the farmhouse look of the home and saw great potential to carve out multiple interior spaces. Working with an architect, the owners opened the first floor to be one large living space, reconfigured the interior stairway, and designed bathroom and kitchen spaces.

When the property was purchased in 2019, only the large magnolia tree and crepe myrtles along the driveway existed. The owners have added garden beds planted with historically accurate shrubs and flowers, along with some of their favorite perennials.

*Jeanette and Jeff Coulter, owners.*

## ROSELAWN

5426 Bayford Road, Franktown

A drive through the picturesque village of Bayford and past its tiny harbor brings visitors to an attractive lane that threads through a stand of pines underplanted with rhododendrons and azaleas before opening to the house's circular forecourt.

Built in 1981 from old bricks, the main section of this Georgian-style house is copied from a previous residence of the family on Roselawn Road in Richmond. The addition of the clapboard wing is an adaptation of the Richmond house for more informal living. The house features distinctive architectural details: the split pediment over the front entrance was made by a local craftsman; windows are built into the chimney walls; there are deep windowsills, heavy chair rails, wide moldings, and colonial casings. The center hall has a well-proportioned staircase with wainscoting. The handcrafted living and dining room mantels are copies of 18th-century mantels.

Furnishings throughout the house include Hepplewhite, Chippendale, and other Federal-period pieces. Last opened in 2001, changes include a kitchen remodel, a corner kitchen garden, and new beds of flowers and vegetables.

*Susan and Jeff Price, owners.*



# Shore First | Garden Tour



## WINDEMERE (garden only) 7332 Bayside Road, Franktown,

Windemere, a classic and stately gambrel-roofed home, has stood on its site in charming Franktown for a century and replaced a previous home from the 1880s that burned in 1920.

Stands of boxwoods as old as the home highlight the gardens, which have been expanded in the last five years by the present owners. Moss-covered pathways allow visitors to meander through the older boxwood gardens and add to the aura of this “secret garden.” Standouts in the gardens are iris, hydrangea, and peonies surrounded by Virginia bluebells and more.

A lovely side porch was enclosed when the home was remodeled in 1960 and allows for gardens to be enjoyed indoors. Gardens in the backyard are framed by outbuildings, including a former smokehouse and the overgrown foundations of a small horse barn.

The windmill was built at the turn of the 20th century to provide water to the house. A peony garden is planted beneath and expanded every year with different varieties, along with daisies. The stand of pines framing the property’s rear boundary was planted by a previous resident as a Boy Scout project to serve as a windbreak.  
*Whitney and Fran Ryan, owners.*

## RANCHO CONTENTO (garden only) 10162 Rogers Drive, Nassawadox

This garden surrounds a Federal-style brick home built in 1925 and features a landscaped outdoor model train set in a miniature version of Nassawadox.

The town gained local prominence as a hub of trade and commerce due to the steam-powered sawmill that once operated there. Nassawadox is named for the Nussawatok Indians, whose name can be translated as “land between two waters.”

This year the Stiths celebrate 50 years in this stately home, and for the last 20 years Dr. Drury Stith has been constructing a garden-scale railroad in the backyard. This is a model train system that uses a small track (1.75 inches wide) often used in outdoor layouts and called garden railways. The models are large, durable and weather-resistant for outdoor use. The Stith railroad now features over 700 feet of track, with four main loops and two trolley loops. Models of nearby Franktown buildings, including historic downtown structures like the bank, Franktown Town Hall, and the lumber company are part of the display.

In addition, the indoor pool area leads to a wonderful Orchid House. The gardens boast mature plantings, old trees, massive crepe myrtles, and nine varieties of boxwood to explore.

*Patsy and Drury Stith, owners.*



# Shore First | Garden Tour



## INGLESIDE

2199 Morley's Wharf, Exmore

Overlooking Occohannock Creek and Morley's Wharf, Ingleside (1786) is approached by an oyster shell road and a narrow bridge built over an inlet of Occohannock Creek. The property includes more than a mile of waterfront and nearly the same 300 acres in the original patent to John Baldwin in 1648.

The brick home was built in the Federal period, laid in Flemish bond and situated on high ground with outstanding water views. The home is embellished with several notable Federal-period elements: a high porch entrance, a center hall plan with symmetrical double door entrances on the ends, paneled walls, and splendid wainscoting in the parlor and library where elaborately carved mantels anchor chimney breast walls. Other original, Federal-period details include heart pine flooring, plaster work, and exterior wood lintels over windows with a simple cornice.

A garden of peonies and spring bulbs, planted by the owner's grandmother, enhances the entrance yard. Two additions in 1957 and 1960 maintain the period and style of the original construction. A Young family burial plot is located in the northwest corner of the yard (1800-1855). Three generations of Walker family members have been raised in the home.

*Ellen Walker, owner.*

## EYRE HALL

3215 Eyre Hall Drive, Cheriton

Honored as a National Historic Landmark, this acclaimed ancestral property offers a rare picture of colonial plantation life. The key to Eyre Hall's remarkable preservation lies in its descent through eight generations of the same family. The gambrel-roofed manor was completed in 1758 by Littleton Eyre, who lavished his home with expansive spaces, superlative woodwork, and handsome furnishings.

Before the end of the century, Littleton's son and grandson had, in their turn, inherited his masterwork, adding an eastern wing and laying out a grand rear garden. Happily for historians, the three early owners were succeeded by stewards who declined to gild their classic legacy with the passing fancies of later eras.

Today, Eyre Hall visitors are delighted to find that the refined style of its creators remains wonderfully in place. The past also lives in the garden, where venerable crepe myrtles tower above parterres enclosed by ancient boxwood and set off by colorful mixed borders. On the west, the remaining walls of an early orangery add a hint of romance to the garden scene. Beyond the house and garden, broad stretches of open fields and long views over Cherrystone Creek complete the placid panorama awaiting visitors to this perennial centerpiece of the Eastern Shore tour.

*S. Eyre Baldwin and Grace Baldwin, owners.*



# ESCC students create a new campus resource

ESCC Clothing Closet created by members of the Alpha Phi Chi chapter of Phi Theta Kappa

A student-driven effort at Eastern Shore Community College is transforming a simple idea into a meaningful resource for the campus community.

The ESCC Clothing Closet, created by members of the Alpha Phi Chi chapter of Phi Theta Kappa, was developed as part of the organization's "College Project."

What began as a student-led initiative has quickly grown into a collaborative effort aimed at addressing a real and often overlooked need among students.

The inspiration for the clothing closet came after a "Dress for Success" campus fashion show and a partnership with Virginia Career Works.

Through these experiences, students recognized that many of their peers lacked access to appropriate professional attire for interviews, internships, and job opportunities.

Understanding how important appearance can be in building confidence and making strong first impressions, the group set out to create a solution that would directly benefit ESCC students.

The closet's primary purpose is to provide free clothing, particularly professional wear, to help students feel prepared and self-assured as they pursue their academic and career goals.

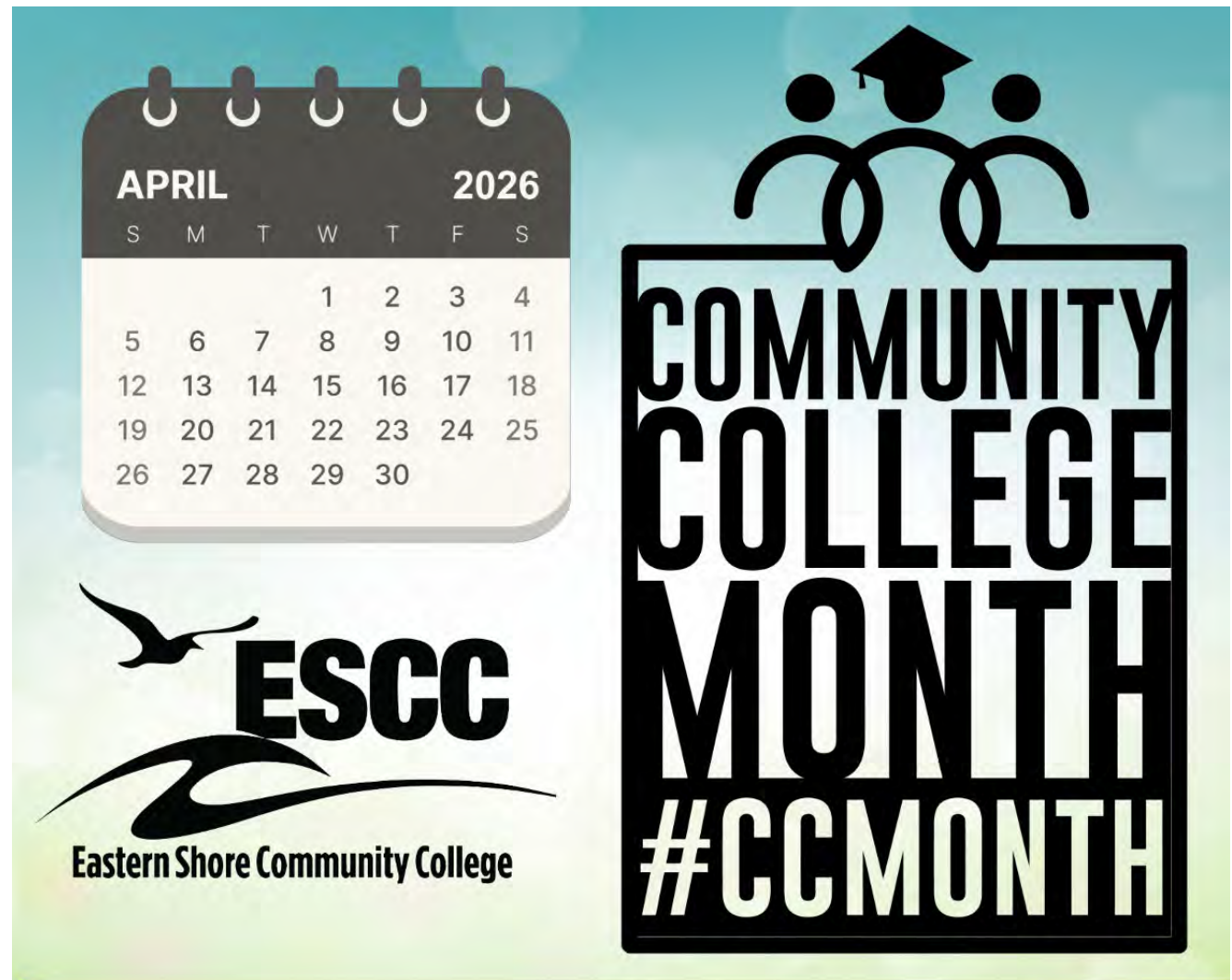
Located in the student lounge, the closet will initially be available exclusively to ESCC students. There are plans for an upcoming "Pop-Up" Clothing Closet Event this month to help students prepare for the ESCC Career Fair on campus April 22, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Workforce Development Center.

This initiative would not have been possible without strong support and collaboration across the college and community.

ESCC leadership, including President Daryl Minus, along with faculty, Career Services, and student clubs, played a key role in bringing the project to life.

In addition, generous donations from community members filled the closet with a wide variety of clothing, exceeding expectations and ensuring that students will have access to diverse options.

One awesome donation came from the family of



former ESCC president, the late Richard Jenkins, who provided a variety of his professional business attire for the closet.

Looking ahead, students are exploring ways to sustain and grow the project, including the possibility of running a café to help fund and maintain the closet.

The success of the initiative has already earned the Phi Theta Kappa chapter a five-star rating, highlighting its impact and effectiveness.

For those involved, the project represents more than just a campus resource — it reflects teamwork,

dedication, and a shared desire to leave a lasting, positive mark on ESCC before graduating.

The clothing closet stands as a testament to what students can accomplish when they come together with a clear purpose.

As community colleges are highlighted during the month of April, ESCC is excited to share this as one of many success stories.

You are encouraged to keep an eye on social media this month as more positive outcomes will be shared. Find ESCC on Facebook and Instagram.

## Chincoteague Seafood Festival is May 2

The highly anticipated 56th Annual Chincoteague Seafood Festival is set to take place on Saturday, May 2, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Tom's Cove Park, 8128 Beebe Road.

This spring seafood tradition, hosted by the Chincoteague Chamber of Commerce, promises a day filled with delicious local seafood, live entertainment, and festive fun on the beautiful shores of Chincoteague Island celebrating the island's rich seafood heritage.

The festival offers fresh, local seafood in favorite Eastern Shore dishes prepared by famous festival cooks, volunteers, and professionals.

Gates open at 10 a.m. for setup with appetizers available at 11 a.m., including clam chowder, salad bar, crab cheddar jalapeno poppers, grilled chicken, compliments of Tyson Foods, sweet potato fries, Boardwalk fries, hushpuppies, and cornbread.

At noon, indulge in little neck

clams, a long-time festival staple, along with raw oysters and clams, clam fritters, single fried oysters, fried fish, clam strips, and steamed shrimp.

Non-alcoholic beverages are included in the ticket price, with beer and desserts available for cash purchase.

Sit back and enjoy or dance the afternoon away to live music performed by Island Boy. Commemorative glass beer mugs will be available as a keepsake of the memorable day along with T-shirts, hats, and souvenir food trays. Purchase plenty of Extravaganza of Prizes Raffle tickets for your chance to win tickets, T-shirts, and trays for next year's festival, lodging, gift certificates for meals, shopping and boat cruises, and so much more! The drawing takes place at the band stage at 4 p.m.

The festival is a fantastic opportunity to sample world-class seafood while also supporting local businesses. In between enjoying festival fare, be sure to stop by the sponsor, hospitality, and Arts & Crafts Corral vendor booths to learn about local busi-

nesses, enter drawings, grab fun swag, or purchase incredible handcrafted items.

After indulging in the delicious flavors of the Chincoteague Seafood Festival, stay the weekend to unwind, explore, and immerse yourself in the island's natural beauty and coastal charm. It is sure to make for a memorable and rejuvenating getaway. With pristine beaches, scenic trails, and famous Chincoteague Ponies on the Chincoteague National Wildlife Refuge, the islands provide a relaxing and

picturesque escape. Browse unique shops and art galleries, explore aboard a boat or kayak tour, and enjoy authentic local cuisine for breakfast, lunch, or dinner at one of the fine dining venues, quirky food trucks, or off-beat seafood shacks.

The Chincoteague Seafood Festival is a popular event and tickets are going fast. Tickets are \$65 each (children under 5 are free) and may be purchased at the chamber office at 6733 Maddox Blvd., online at [ChincoteagueChamber.com](http://ChincoteagueChamber.com) or by phone at 757-336-6161.

# 9<sup>th</sup> OPEN FARM DAY

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# Shore First | The Monthly Shore Taco Truck Tour



SHORE FIRST/SARAH BARBAN

Taqueria La Hacienda's quesadillas are packed with meaty fillings and plenty of melty cheese.



SHORE FIRST/SARAH BARBAN

The gorditas at Taqueria La Hacienda are filled to the brim.



SHORE FIRST/SARAH BARBAN

Taqueria La Hacienda is at the corner of Lankford Highway and Merry Cat Lane in Belle Haven.

## Taqueria La Hacienda: flavorful, fresh

At Taqueria La Hacienda in Belle Haven, the key is doing simple things well. The menu isn't huge, but the food is flavorful, fresh, and hearty.



Sarah Barban

"We try to make the food as authentic as we can," said Samantha Cuevas, who manages the truck. "Our menu is pretty small and we try to make stuff fresh. I think that's what makes us unique."

The blue truck has been

set up next to El Crucero Market at the corner of Lankford Highway and Merry Cat Lane in Belle Haven since 2020, although the name Taqueria La Hacienda has been around longer.

Carolina Cuevas opened the original taco truck at Tru Blu in Exmore in 2010. She hails from Guanajuato, Mexico, where she learned to cook the recipes that are served on the truck today, Samantha said.

I sampled the carnitas, al pastor, and barbacoa tacos at Taqueria La Hacienda. As I've said before, I'm a big al pastor fan and La Hacienda didn't disappoint.

The pork was well seasoned and flavorful, the balance of pineapple was right, and there was a little kick of heat.

The taco came topped with cilantro and onions and I added a little salsa verde. Altogether it was a very satisfying taco.

I will say that I tried a bit of the hot salsa and it is genuinely very hot. It literally brought tears to my eyes.

For me, the star was the barbacoa taco. The braised shredded beef was rich, with a deep meaty flavor that had a nice hint of dried chilies.

The beef was juicy and tender without being greasy or messy. The texture was spot on.

It came topped with cilantro and onions and I enjoyed the salsa verde a lot on the barbacoa. It really rounds out all the flavors into a harmonious dish.

The carnitas taco was stuffed with a very generous portion of tender,

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SHORE FIRST/SARAH BARBAN

Among the tacos available at Taqueria La Hacienda are carnitas, al pastor, and barbacoa.

The Eastern Shore of Virginia is home to a number of taco trucks producing delicious fare that you might not have tried. Sarah Barban of the Eastern Shore Post and Shore First staff is going to find them and report back monthly on what she ate. She expects to see readers more frequently at our local bonanza of taco trucks.

# Taco truck

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shredded pork and topped with pico. The added tomato helped to cut the richness of the pork. Their green salsa adds a nice kick of freshness as well.

I also got a chance to try the carnitas in a quesadilla. As seems to be the case with all of Taqueria La Hacienda's dishes, the quesadilla was generous on fillings. I got a picture-perfect cheese stretch when I pulled the quesadilla apart.

I make a point of not just trying tacos when I visit a truck. There are so many vessels for delectable meats and toppings and each one brings something to the table.

Burritos and quesadillas are usually an option, but there are also dishes like huaraches, oblongs of

masa cornmeal that are griddled before topping, crispy fried corn tostadas, and gorditas, crispy pockets of golden masa packed with fillings.

I got a chicken gordita at Taqueria La Hacienda. The shell was wonderfully crispy on the outside and packed a punch of sweet corn flavor. It was also absolutely stuffed to the last bite.

It was topped with cabbage and cheese and the chicken was perfectly juicy and flavorful. I will definitely be ordering this again.

I also have to confess that after grabbing my order my drive home seemed to drag on forever. The tacos I'd ordered smelled so good that I couldn't wait to get home and eat them. I contemplated pulling over to enjoy them in a parking lot while watching the traffic go by, but I resisted.

As the weather warms and the

days get longer, however, eating tacos outdoors is a pretty great pastime.

I'm sure it won't be long before I grab a gordita from Taqueria La Hacienda and find a spot with a view of the water to enjoy it.

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# Shrimp enchiladas might become your new go-to

If you're in the mood for something light and different, give this quick and easy dish a try

Our family loves Mexican food. It's always fairly cheap, quick, delicious, and filling. While we love the classics like chicken enchiladas or beef tacos in a crispy fried shell, sometimes you just want something a little lighter and different. Enter these shrimp enchiladas.



Laura Davis

Now, I'm always a fan of anything shrimp because we can get them so fresh for a great price. But to then cover them in cheese sauce and wrap them in a tortilla? Sign me up!

This has become my new favorite meal. We've already had it twice in

two weeks, and that's not like us. It comes together so quickly with minimal effort. The most painstaking part was peeling and deveining the shrimp.

I used Pepper Jack cheese, and I liked the hint of spice that it lent to the dish. I'll admit, I was a little bit hesitant to not have sauce on the top of the enchiladas, but believe me, you won't miss it! The filling is so gooey and delicious, I think that sauce on the top would just be overkill.

If you have a few blanks on your menu next week, fill one of them in with these delicious enchiladas. I bet they'll become a new favorite for you, too!

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This dish features sautéed shrimp covered in cheese and wrapped in flour tortillas.

PHOTO COURTESY LAURA DAVIS

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.

# Shrimp Enchiladas

## What you'll need

- 3 tbsp. butter, divided
- 1 lb. medium-size shrimp, peeled and deveined
- 1 red bell pepper, diced
- 3/4 cup onion, diced
- 1/4 tsp. oregano
- 1/4 tsp. salt
- Dash garlic powder
- Dash cayenne pepper
- 2 tsp. all-purpose flour
- 6 tbsp. heavy cream or half-and-half
- 1/4 cup sour cream
- 8 oz. shredded cheese (such as Monterey Jack, Pepper Jack, etc.), divided
- 1 cup tomatoes, seeded and diced
- 8-10 (8-inch) flour tortillas
- Cooking spray

## What you'll do

- In a large sauté pan, melt 1 tablespoon of the butter over medium-high heat.
- Add the shrimp to the pan in an even layer and let cook without moving, about 1 minute.
- Flip the shrimp over and continue to cook until just pink and opaque, another minute.
- Remove to a plate with a slotted spoon and set aside.
- When the shrimp is cool enough to handle, roughly chop into bite sized pieces.
- Melt the remaining butter in the pan.
- Add the diced bell pepper and onion and cook until just tender, about 5-7 minutes.
- Add the oregano, salt, garlic powder, cayenne, and flour to the pan; stir well and cook briefly until fragrant, about 30-60 seconds.
- Lower the heat to medium-low and add the heavy cream to the pan, stirring to scrape any browned bits from the bottom of the pan.
- Cook just until slightly thickened, 1-2 minutes.
- Remove the pan from the heat.
- Stir in the sour cream, half of the shredded cheese, and the tomatoes.
- Return the shrimp to the pan and mix everything together until the sauce is well blended and the cheese is melted.
- Preheat the oven to 350 F.

- Grease a 9 x 13-inch baking dish.
- Scoop 1/3 cup of the filling and sauce mixture down the center of a tortilla.
- Sprinkle lightly with some of the reserved cheese.
- Roll the tortilla tightly around the filling and place seam side-down in the prepared baking dish.
- Repeat with the remaining filling, tortillas, and cheese.
- Spray the tops of the finished assembled tortillas lightly with cooking spray.
- Bake uncovered for about 30-35 minutes until lightly browned.
- Let cool at least 5-10 minutes before serving.



The graphic features a beach scene with a seagull flying over waves. In the foreground, a wooden chalkboard sits on the sand with the words 'Summer Classes' written in colorful chalk. A yellow banner at the bottom of the image reads 'REGISTER NOW FOR SUMMER & FALL!'.

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# Eastville: History lives just off the highway

Eastville's Courthouse Complex at the Hornes is home to the oldest continuous court records in the United States

Most people who travel up and down the Eastern Shore of Virginia spend about 14 seconds in Eastville. That's approximately how long it takes to zip through the part of town that is crossed by U.S. Route 13.



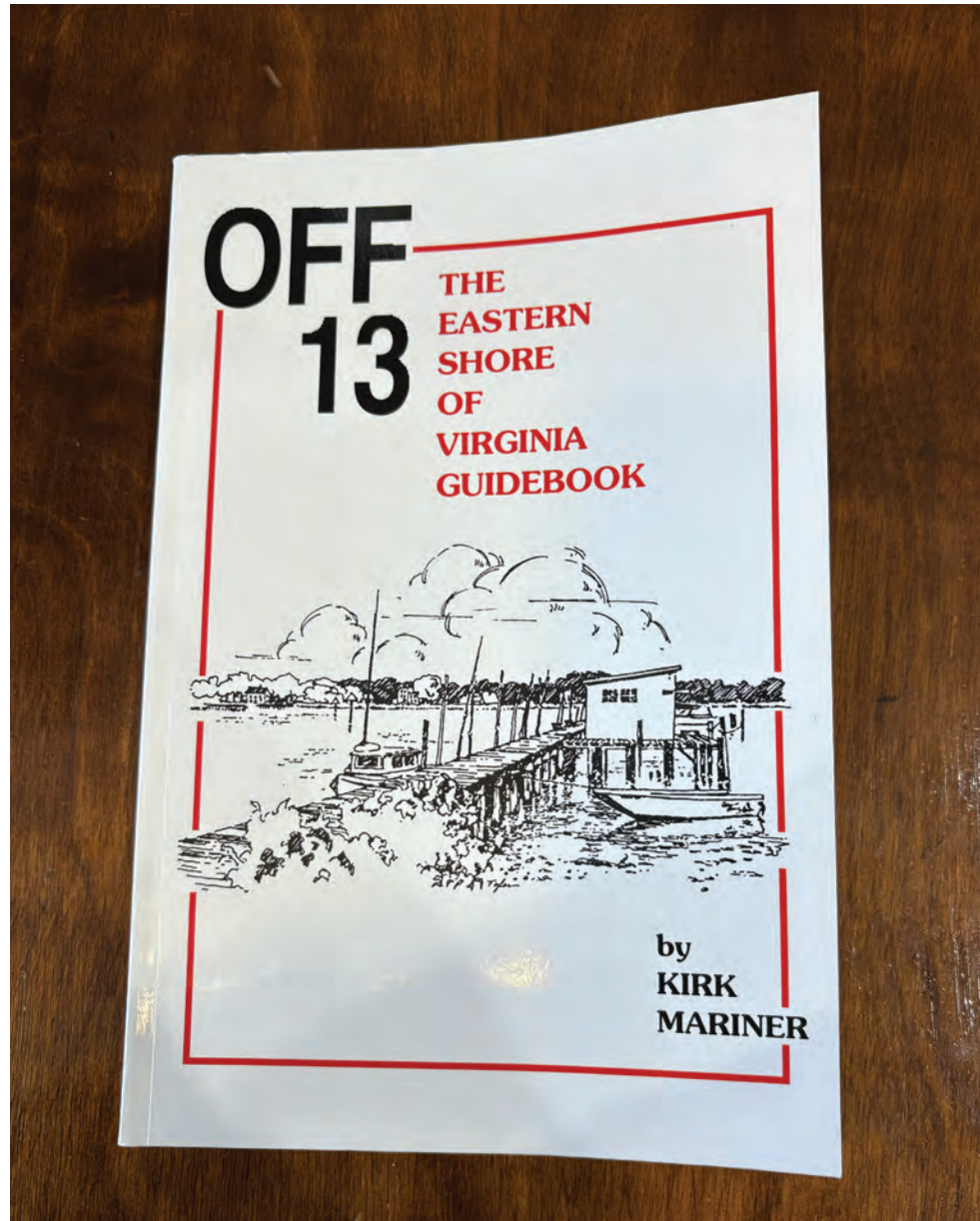
Kirk Mariner

Little do they know, apparently, that just off the highway lies a charming and lovely and historic little county seat. It is half a mile from Route 13 to the courthouse in Eastville, and the town is well worth turning

aside to see.

Eastville was nothing more than a single home, the "place called the Hornes where Henry Matthews now liveth," when it entered the pages of American history. In 1677 the residents of the upper end of Northampton County, distressed that the court convened so far down the peninsula, requested a more convenient central location for the court and suggested Matthews' home. Later that year the court convened at "the Hornes," and the place gradually evolved into the permanent county seat.

What is now the old Courthouse Green began to take shape around 1715, and from the very first it



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This excerpt is from Kirk Mariner's "Off 13: The Eastern Shore of Virginia Guidebook."

was the center of the little village that grew up around it. But growth was slow because county government was the only industry at the Hornes.

In 1773 John Tazewell, who owned land adjacent to the courthouse, divided it into building lots and began selling them. Much of the present shape of the town dates from Tazewell's plan. On Aug. 3, 1776, the Declaration of Independence was read publicly from the steps of the courthouse, having taken five weeks to travel from Philadelphia to the village. At that time, Eastville was known as Peachburg. The town didn't become Eastville until about 1800.

In the early 1800s, Eastville began to grow more steadily, and by 1835 it had a population of about 217 inhabitants who were "not to be surpassed for their morality and hospitality to strangers." The village was the southern terminus of the main stage line down the Shore. Overland passengers traveling to all points north had only one stage a day, and it left from the Green promptly at 6:30 every morning, scheduled to arrive in Horntown in Accomack County, 55 miles away, 12 hours later.

Among the trades practiced in Eastville in the 1830s were coachmaker, harnessmaker, shoemaker, tailor, house and sign painter, hatter, cabinetmaker, and blacksmith, plus attorneys and physicians. In

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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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addition to church, school, and county buildings, the town could boast four stores, two taverns, 21 homes, and three “castor oil manufactories.”

In 1884 the railroad passed about a mile east of the courthouse, and the little village experienced a final spurt in growth. Eastville Station, at the railroad tracks, became a busy shipping point, and by the turn of the century, what had been the country road linking the courthouse and station was lined on both sides by handsome new houses that stretched out the entire mile.

Eastville was, however, quickly eclipsed in size and commercial importance by other new towns that sprang up along the railroad, principally Cape Charles and Exmore, and it settled into its routine as the

sleepy little county seat.

Today U.S. Route 13 bisects the town of Eastville, and most cars rush through with hardly a second glance. But sleepy, historic Eastville should not be missed by those who appreciate times past.

Eastville is home to one of the greatest treasures on the Eastern Shore — the oldest continuous court records in the United States.

The records are housed in the Courthouse Complex at the Hornes. They have escaped fire, vermin, and neglect, and they date back to 1632 without a break. They are all still accessible to the public and can be handled and examined simply by inquiring at the Clerk’s Office.

The oldest record book was restored in the 1900s. Its first page is now so badly mutilated that the date on it is no longer legible, but students of the records attested to its date back in 1855, when the records were already over two centuries old!

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# Life-saving Station chiefs doubled as wildlife wardens

In 1900 the American Ornithologist Union began hiring men to protect birds nesting on barrier islands

In the late 1870s Life-saving Stations were built on most of the barrier islands of the Eastern Shore. The intent was to have a crew of guardsmen



Curtis Badger

ready and able to come to the aid of stricken ships at a moment's notice. Over the years, the men of the Life-saving Stations, from Assateague south to Smith Island, saved many lives and salvaged cargo valued at tens of thousands of

dollars.

But saving lives and salvaging cargo was not all the Life-saving Service did. Crews usually were made up of eight to 10 men during the busy winter season, but when summer came most of the crew would be put on furlough to go back to their jobs of harvesting seafood. The chiefs of the station were on duty year-round.

In 1900 the American Ornithologists Union (AOU) began hiring wardens to protect birds nesting on islands up and down the coast. The populations of many bird species were being decimated by plume hunters, who killed birds such as egrets, herons, and many others to supply feathers to the hat industry.

The population of other birds was suffering because their eggs were be-



COURTESY PHOTO

**Pictured is a detail from the Life-saving Station on Hog Island circa 1888. Depicting a black skimmer, which is common along the island, the detail shows the relationship between the Life-saving Service and wildlife. Black skimmers skim along the shallows with their lower mandible submerged to catch fish.**

ing taken, and many were killed illegally either for food or sport.

The AOU in 1900 established the John E. Thayer Fund, and they began hiring the chiefs of the stations to keep records of nesting birds on their

islands and to monitor illegal activity. The station chiefs were not ornithologists, but most of them had spent their adult lives on the barrier islands and were very knowledgeable of the habits and habitats of nesting birds.

In 1902 the AOU published an article in its journal, *The Auk*, on Eastern Shore station chiefs who doubled as summertime wildlife wardens. It seems that the wardens were as good at protecting wildlife as they were mariners.

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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.

# Badger

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According to the article, J.R. Andrews, of the Cobbs Island Life-Saving Station, protected about six miles of beach and marsh and also two large marsh islands of about 800 acres in area. The birds in his district were carefully watched over, and he estimated that the increase was as follows: Black-headed Gulls, about 4,000; Black Skimmers, about 4,000; Forsters Terns, about 600; Gull-billed Terns, about 300; Oyster-catchers, about 4; Willets, 4; Wilson's Plover, 2; Marsh Hens, about 2,000.

Before laws were passed to protect birds, it was a common spring activity on the Eastern Shore to gather the eggs of nesting birds. The eggs of gulls, terns, and marsh hens were especially sought after. An eggging season was established, allowing local residents to collect eggs for a few weeks, and then the season was closed.

Andrews estimated that in 1901 about 1,000 gull eggs, 300 tern eggs, and 1,000 marsh hen eggs were taken before the season closed. After that date none were taken.

"I did not have as much trouble this year as last year," he wrote. "I think the Black-headed Gulls, Skimmers, Common Terns, and Gull-billed Terns have doubled in number since last year when the law went into effect.

"I caught three men very neatly. I was in my lookout and saw a boat coming, and as I was satisfied I knew what they were after, I went up the beach and hid in the grass where I thought they would land. As soon as they landed I rose up with my gun right in front of them and asked them what they were after. At first they said nothing, but I soon made them own up that they had come for young birds. They promised if I would let them off they would never come again. I have not seen a man on the beach since. A great many boatmen like to eat the young Skimmers."



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## Liquor landed from nearby fleet

That ships off the coast have been unloading liquor for two days within the vicinity of Cape Charles is the gist of information received today by prohibition enforcement agents working out of Norfolk.

This information is said by William Morissette, of the state force, to have been verified today by H.J. Eshem, chief of the Pennsylvania Railroad detective force, at Cape Charles, who was in this city today seeking a conference with U.S. Marshal Clarence G. Smithers. Whether or not Chief Eshem came to Norfolk relative to this matter could not be learned, his mission not having been stated when he was told that the marshal is in Richmond.

Information in the hands of the local agents, however, is that six ships have been at anchor off Cape Charles for some days. Small boats have been plying between the shore and one or more of the ships for two days, according to the information, and a quantity of liquor landed.

— *Ledger-Star*

## Exmore school bids to open May 10

Bids for the new \$50,000 high school building for upper Northampton County to replace the one destroyed by fire last year will be opened in the office of John T. Wilkins III, county school board chairman, at Eastville on Monday, May 10, and if satisfactory, the contract will be let immediately, according to D.W. Peters, superintendent of schools for Northampton County.

The new school building, which will be of brick, will be built on what is known as the state plan, with front and back buildings alike, connected in the center with an auditorium, forming the letter "H." It will contain 13 rooms. The auditorium will seat 450 persons. The school building will be modern in every respect and will cost approximately \$50,000, \$35,000 of which was raised by the sale of bonds, and the additional \$15,000 by donations of patrons in the district. The building will be completed for the fall opening of school next September.

— *Ledger-Star*

## Channel bass expected off Wachapreague

Reports that reach us from Wachapreague indicate that it won't be long now until Baltimore and other sportsmen will be matching their skill against one of the gamiest scrappers of ocean fish.

The first channel bass, the advance guard of the schools of this excellent sporting and food fish that make their way northward in the spring, have already been taken in the nets off the Virginia resort. With warmer weather at hand, the bass are expected daily to make their appearance in numbers off Wachapreague, Chincoteague, and other famous spots where these battlers may be caught.

The channel bass come and go almost as regular as clockwork, and so well-timed by instinct are their cruises north in the spring and south in the fall, that old fishermen along the coast know just about when to expect them and can just about sense when they will wend their way onward.

These old fishermen say they're just about due at Wachapreague now, so it wouldn't be a bad idea for all you bass fishermen to get out your rods, look well at your lines, and be prepared to start.

— *The Baltimore Sun*

## Sunken hulk pirate ship is salvaged

A curiously ornate and engraved ax, salvaged by oystermen from the sunken hulk of a 17th-century pirate ship off Tangier Island, Chesapeake Bay, has been pronounced by executives of Peabody Institute in Baltimore to be a remarkable specimen of medieval pole ax.

The sunken pirate hulk was a tradition among the colonists as early as 300 years ago. The generally accepted version was that the vessel had been chased into the bay by a British frigate in 1610, where it was sent to the bottom perhaps after a hand-to-hand fight. The muddy ooze of the Chesapeake held it firmly, and not until a recent lashing storm stirred the depths was it ever more than a dim outline, as vague as the tradition itself.

The storm, however, revealed the upper decks of the craft to the Tangier Islanders, who put out in rowboats and explored the submerged cabin with oyster tongs. Several copper dishes and the medieval ax came up. The dishes were sold to a New York dealer in antiques, but the

ax went to a resident of Crisfield, Md., for \$10. Peabody executives assert it is priceless, being in an excellent state of preservation.

The Peabody examiners said it was a weapon never used by the British but wielded extensively by warriors of Latin nations. A slender stiletto is embedded in the handle, and the ax blade itself bears in the form of a shield what is believed to be the hallmark of its maker. It will be sent to New York for examination by experts in an attempt to determine the time and place of its fabrication.

— *The Daily Times*

75 years ago  
April 1951

## Fishing ban appears sure

About 100 square miles of water extending between Cape Henry and Cape Charles, all across the mouth of the Chesapeake Bay, is to be closed to commercial and sports fishermen, and anchoring will be forbidden in the near future.

The U.S. Navy plans to enlarge the area of restricted waters around the bay entrance as a national defense measure.

At a meeting of Fifth Naval District and Norfolk District Corps of Engineers officers today at the Norfolk Naval Base, the Navy declined to hold any meeting at which protests could be submitted and argued, since the restricted area will contain classified, top secret installations, apparently.

Commercial and sports fishermen and other civilian interests have flooded the Army Engineers with protest against establishment of this new and greatly enlarged restricted area since the Navy announced recently its plans for this establishment.

At the meeting today, Rear Adm. R.O. Davis, USN, district commandant, said that the Eastern Defense Command was ordering establishment of similar restricted areas up and down the East Coast as a defense measure.

Navy officials told the engineers, led by Col. William Powers, CE, USA, district engineer, that the area requested cannot be lessened. Col. Powers is forwarding the Navy's request for the area and his own suggestions to Washington, where in the next week or so final announcement of establishment of the area will be made.

— *Ledger-Star*

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## Yesteryears

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### \$8,500 asked of Uncle Sam for poisoning

The difficulty of counting sheep on Wallops Island figured in an \$8,500 damage suit filed yesterday in United States District Court.

The plaintiffs, Elton Bowden and Loretta Amanda Bowden, of Chincoteague, for many years prior to 1947 managed a club on Wallops Island in the Atlantic Ocean off the Eastern Shore of Virginia. Both the club and the island were owned by the Wallops Island Club, Inc.

When late in 1946 or early 1947 the government acquired the island, now being used as an experimental station by the U.S. Navy and the National Advisory Committee on Aeronautics, the club conveyed a herd of 200 sheep on the island to the Bowdens. The plaintiffs obtained permission from officials at the Naval Air Station, Chincoteague, to leave the sheep on the island until they could be removed.

In the spring of 1948, Elton Bowden and four men went to the island to remove the sheep via a landing launch. However, the sheep had increased to about 500, and it was decided that more men would be required to remove them. In their suit, the plaintiffs claimed that they told officials of their unsuccessful attempt to remove the sheep and that permission was not revoked to leave the sheep on the island pending their removal. They charged further that without notice, a deadly poison was applied on the island with the direct result that the sheep, purebred and of the Southdown breed, were killed.

Demanding judgment of \$8,500 with interest and costs, the plaintiffs pointed out that at the time the sheep were poisoned, lambs were marketing at \$20 a head and sheep at \$15 a head on an "as is where is" basis.

—*The Virginian-Pilot*

### Letters of admonition addressed to Navy officers

Letters of admonition have been addressed to two officers of the U.S. Navy oiler Nespelen, which fired a shell that wounded an Eastern Shore farmer on Jan. 16.

Rear Admiral J.E. Maher, commander of the

Service Force, Atlantic Fleet, addressed the letters to Lieutenant William F. Harris, the skipper, and Lieutenant James D. Gillis, the navigator.

A letter of admonition is the second most severe letter issued by the Navy.

A Court of Inquiry that investigated the shelling of a farm near Eastville found Harris negligent in failing to make certain that the shells fired from the vessel would not hit ashore and in failing to require that the ship's position be fixed at intervals necessary to comply with maximum safety. Gillis was charged with having failed to fix the ship's position during the firing practice.

One of the shells landed in a dirt road, and fragments struck 42-year-old Charles J. Curry, a farmer who was riding in a panel truck.

—*The Daily Review*

### Railroad to cut service

The Pennsylvania Railroad yesterday was given authority to drop the passenger car on one of its shortline Eastern Shore runs, which it said was taking in only \$2 a day.

The State Corporation Commission told the railroad it could discontinue passenger service on northbound train No. 452 and southbound No. 453. The passenger trains run through Northampton and Accomack counties, between Cape Charles and Pocomoke City, Md.

At a hearing yesterday, the railroad's request to drop the service was unopposed.

—*The Daily Times*

50 years ago  
April 1976

### Brown and Root given OK for Cape Charles facility

By a 2-1 vote, the Northampton County Board of Supervisors has reversed a decision of last September and has paved the way for one of the world's largest construction firms, Brown and Root, to locate at Cape Charles.

A zoning amendment, to become effective July 1, was approved by the board Thursday night, but it's not expected Brown and Root will file its application to begin construction before that date.

The action by the new board, which has a pro-

Brown and Root majority as contrasted with the board that acted last fall, capped almost two years of controversy over whether to allow the large industry to locate in this sparsely settled rural county on the Eastern Shore.

Opponents of Brown and Root said they might go to court to block the industry.

Brown and Root, which fabricates offshore oil platforms, pipelines, and storage tanks, purchased 2,000 acres of farmland in January 1974 for \$5 million.

The issue became controversial by the time the company filed its zoning application in October of the same year.

Explaining why he voted against the amendment Thursday night, former Board Chairman Harold Wescoat said it amounted to people problems and water problems.

"By people problems, I mean the adverse impacts that are caused by a large influx of people into our community in a relatively short period of time," said Wescoat, who added:

"These include the overcrowding of our schools, inadequate housing, dangerous traffic conditions on our highways, overwhelmed health facilities, insufficient solid waste disposal, and others, all of which will lead to increased taxes of our present citizens."

Wescoat added he had "grave concerns about our fresh water resources. With thousands of additional people in the area, this problem will magnify many times.

"At the moment, Northampton County is being considered by the State Water Control Board as a possible critical ground water area. To create a district for heavy industry prior to hearings on this vital question seems irresponsible."

Board Chairman J.T. Holland summed up the views of those in favor of the industry by saying that "out of this controversy and concern, many good, positive things have happened to the county ..."

"Our people have studied their local government and learned the responsibility of its officials and have thrown apathy away. I hope that apathy never returns, for when the people sleep, the tyrants awake.

"There is no question in my mind that Brown and Root will be a very positive benefit to the people of our county. Any problems that may develop can and will be solved."

The huge industry anticipates a workforce of about 2,000, mostly local people in this economically

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depressed county. It will ask that 980 of its 2,000 acres be rezoned for construction of the fabrication facility.

In a preliminary plan filed with the county, the company indicated it will have a drydock 2,000 feet long, 700 feet wide, and 40 to 50 feet deep. If built according to preliminary plans, it will be the largest drydock in the world.

The company has estimated that by the end of 10 years it will have \$40 million in buildings and materials on the Cape Charles site.

— *The Free Lance-Star*

### Chincoteague plans dog law

According to reports, Chincoteague has got one doggone problem! It seems that the island's canine population is running amok in packs, disturbing the landscape and the citizenry.

The town recently put a stop to the dogs' shenanigans when a dog ordinance was passed that makes the animal's owner responsible for keeping his pet under control at all times. Everybody complied with the law, except the dogs! They took off for the outskirts of the island, beyond the town law and limits. The packs are reported as cavorting about carelessly, causing much trouble.

To get the situation under control, a dog ordinance covering the entire island is proposed, one which has a leash law attached. The proposal is up for public hearing before the Accomack County Board of Supervisors at its regular meeting on April 21.

— *The Daily Times*

### Divers work in bay to recover plane

U.S. Navy divers and wreckage crews began work Thursday to salvage the remains of an A6 Intruder that plunged into the Chesapeake Bay Wednesday.

The Navy said no signs had been found of the pilot, 33-year-old Lt. James F. Walker, of Virginia Beach, or the navigator, 25-year-old Lt. (j.g.) Paul Bruun, of Wheaton, Ill. The two were presumed dead.

The U.S. Coast Guard and helicopters from Oceana and Patuxent naval air stations scoured the crash site about three miles west of Tangier Island on Wednesday, searching for the two men

in the belief they may have bailed out before the plane went down.

The Navy said the plane was on a routine training flight, dropping simulated bombs over a target near Tangier Island shortly before it crashed.

A Navy spokesman said the cause of the crash could not be determined until the wreckage is recovered.

He said there was no mayday call from the pilot or any other sign of trouble before the crash.

— *Richmond Times-Dispatch*

### Jogging underway in Virginia

The armory in Onancock is now open from 6 a.m. to 7:30 a.m. each Monday through Friday so town residents can meet for a program of exercise and jogging.

Called "Run For Your Life," the exercise program is sponsored by the town of Onancock and the Accomack County Parks and Recreation Commission.

An open invitation has been extended to everyone to join the jogging group. Exercises are paced individually with jogging outside in good weather and inside the armory if the weather is bad.

— *The Daily Times*

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### Island native sings praises of a long and glorious life

At 93, Moose Reed is Chincoteague's troubadour.

His voice and mandolin playing are just smooth enough to capture an audience. Nevermind the words run together and the power of the voice waxes and wanes, when Moose Reed sings, the music comes straight from the heart.

While he sounds like an old-time country hymn singer with not a lick of vocal talent, he has an endearing down-home style that teases the listener's ear, especially with his rendition of the well-known hit of his youth, "Oh Chincoteague."

Lloyd "Moose" Reed is a living legend known across the island for his church entertainment and fishing career. He's also Chincoteague's second oldest native resident. Fellow high

school classmate Robert Mears, who lives just down the road a piece, is only six months older.

Reed knows a recording contract will never happen and a gig at Carnegie Hall isn't in the cards. He's just a man in pursuit of a little happiness doing what he likes to do. In the process, he's become an Eastern Shore gem, a diamond in Chincoteague's sea of colorful personalities.

With his foot keeping time, his rough fingers pluck and strum mandolin strings as he sings songs unknown to a younger audience. He knows the words of every verse. For most that's a feat in itself, but to know the lyrics to dozens of tunes at 93 has made him a marvel, a poster child for seniors. He prefers country, but not "this modern stuff."

He plays by ear on a mandolin-style instrument he taught himself to play. At Christ United Methodist Church he performs solo at Sunday night services. Reed is a member of Union Baptist Church.

"I let them tell me what they want to hear, and I sing it, except for those new songs," he said. Reed sings in a wedding every now and then and once recited one of his poems at a funeral.

"Born and raised in Deep Creek, might say, saltwater come right here within 20 yards of the house," Reed said. There he went to "pay school," a private institution where parents paid monthly for their children to attend school. Since Reed's father owned the building, he attended free.

Reed is the last survivor of 18 brothers and sisters.

While he comes across as your typical old-time Eastern Shore waterman working alone aboard a small boat clamming, hand-tonging, raking, and shooting an occasional illegal duck or two, he spent years fishing the ocean depths with his crew for a living.

Good years, lean years, all hard.

All memories now.

It's been a long time since 1907, and now he's more tired than retired, he said, but there's always chores to do, a dollar to be made. Last year he sold his 43-foot workboat and now relies on a 13-foot boat to clam.

"If I feel as good as I do now in a month or so, I'll go clamming this summer," he said. "Right now I don't have a pain in the world, neither ache or pain. Yeah, I'll be clamming. Gotta do something to pass time."

— *The Daily Times*



**M#6 Entrepreneurs Endeavor:** to supplement their portfolio or begin a new business with 130 Market St., located in the central town of Onancock. 1,168 sq', reception room, conference room, and 2 small offices. A storage shed and carport convey, along with an additional parking lot. **\$275,000**



**E#3 The Waterman's Hideaway** is a 5-star Airbnb success story on a lovely island in the middle of the Chesapeake Bay. 2-story coastal-inspired home that accommodates 8 guests. It has 3 bedrooms, 1 bath, and approximately 1000 sq'. Convenient to the town center, beach, restaurants, and county docks. Turn-key operation, Seller with reliable income. **\$195,000**



**P#6 Captain and first mate alert,** Schooner Bay deep water alongside the dock. . Open concept, kitchen, dining, and sitting room, with a 1st floor bedroom ensuite bath, 2.1/2 baths, and 2 spacious bedrooms on 2nd floor., 100' of waterfrontage. 2- car garage and massive workshop. **\$528,000**



**S#26 County Central Bungalow,** all spruced up with 2 new bathrooms, gleaming floors, 2 bedrooms, and one ensuite. New windows and new electric heat, too. The enclosed front porch spans the front elevation of the in a quiet neighborhood. **\$168,000.**



**D#9 Premier waterfront home site,** designed for seamless living on land and sea. Tie up alongside the bulkhead that easily and accommodate 3 vessels with deep drafts. New electric service has been installed for use at home & dock. The county boat ramp is around the bend. **\$125,000**



**D#8 Bayside Village Doll House:** On a street lined with homes beaming with pride, 1 block is the town dock that welcomes fishermen and newly arrived navigators. 1 more block is the county boat ramp, and a dock where slips are available to rent. 1,692 sq' on 3 levels, dining, sitting, breakfast, utility rooms. 3 bedrooms, a full bath comprise the 2nd & 3rd floor, Roof, electric, windows, plumbing, all recent improvements. 4-car carport. In the walk-about town of Harborton. **\$345,000**



**K#4 Watermen's Cottage:** Perched above the flood elevations with views of Chesapeake Bay tributaries, is this circa 1950 home. For well over 100 years, 1 1/2 acres. A deck encompasses the home with hot tub. Dining room, fully equipped kitchen, sitting room, full bath, 2 spacious bedrooms, and a full attic. **\$225,000**



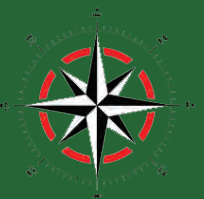
**B#15 Country Seaside Estate:** Artist studio, 4 bedrooms, 3 bathrooms, sitting room, dining room, fully equipped kitchen, along with a double car garage with workshop area and a shed too that completes this home. Top that off with lovely gardens, 3.14 acres of level grounds, and a hop, skip, and jump to the county boat ramp on Gargatha Creek. built in 2007 with 2066 sq' with new heat pumps and a well-maintained home and grounds. **\$398,000**



**H#2 Cottage of Hopeful Future:** 100 years of care and aid of FEMA raising the home, in the nick of time, resulted in another sturdy home with years to come on Tangier Island. Eat-in kitchen, enclosed porch, 3 bedrooms and 1 bath. **\$142,000**



**K#3 Sweet little bungalow** located approximately one mile from the Quinby Marina ! Perfect location for anyone to come and enjoy all that the Eastern Shore of Virginia has to offer. Eat-in kitchen, living room, 2 Bedrooms, 1 full bath and best of all... a screened-in front porch. Sit back and enjoy a lazy day telling your best fishing stories to friends and neighbors. 12 x 12 shed/added on to another 12x12 shed with a lean to. **\$165,000**



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