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Shore First | Entertainment calendar from Oct. 2 to 8

Oct. 2 | Cape Charles Quizzo with Johnny Goodtimes

■ **TRIVIA:** 7:30 p.m., Quizzo with Johnny Goodtimes at El Soul, 225 Mason Ave., Cape Charles. Get a team together and test your knowledge with Philadelphia's king of Quizzo.



Oct. 3 | Machipongo Eastern Shore Agricultural Fair

■ **AGRICULTURAL FAIR:** 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Northampton County Parks and Recreation Department, 7247 Young St., Machipongo. The Eastern Shore of Virginia Agricultural Fair will feature exhibits, competitions, hands-on activities, live-stock displays, vendors, a performance by the Chincoteague Pony Drill Team, tractor displays, food vendors, games, live music, and family-friendly activities.



Oct. 8 | Onancock Ballroom dance lessons

■ **DANCE LESSONS:** 6 to 7:30 p.m., Holy Trinity Episcopal Church, 66 Market St., Onancock. Ballroom and More on the Eastern Shore will meet for a dance lesson. All skill levels are welcome and a partner is not required. The cost is \$5.



Friday, Oct. 2

■ **LIVE MUSIC:** 5 to 8 p.m., Vaux Hall Farm, 16165 Vaux Hall Lane, Melfa. The Fil Rhythm Band performs live.

Saturday, Oct. 3

■ **FESTIVAL:** 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Accawmacke Elementary School, 26230 Drummondtown Road, Accomac. The school is hosting Otter Fest. There will be games, food, bounce houses, a book mobile onsite, a silent auction, pony rides, basketball games, a petting zoo, face painting, a touch-a-truck display, and at 11 a.m. there will be a sheriff's department K9 demonstration.

Sunday, Oct. 4

■ **OPEN HOUSE:** Noon to 4 p.m., Wachapreague Volunteer Fire Company, 1 High St., Wachapreague. The fire company is hosting a community fire prevention day and open house. There will be information from community organizations, first aid education, AED demonstrations, free lunch, giveaways, a touch-a-truck event, mock 911 calls, and a visit from Sparky the dog.

Tuesday, Oct. 6

■ **TEEN CARD CLUB:** 3 to 5 p.m., Chincoteague Island Library, Chincoteague. Children in sixth through 12th grades can join the Next Wave Trading Club, facilitated by retired teacher Jon Adams. Children can bring their own cards or borrow starter decks from the library. Students can play Pokemon, Yu-Gi-Oh!, Magic: The Gathering, Flesh and Blood, Disney Lorcana, or any other trading card game.

Wednesday, Oct. 7

■ **OPEN MIC:** Sign-ups at 5:30 p.m., show 6 to 9 p.m., The Great Machipongo Clam Shack, Nassawadox. Musicians, poets, and stand-up comedians can share their talents.

Shore First | Entertainment calendar from Oct. 9 to 15

Friday, Oct. 9

■ **MOBILE MUSEUM:** 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Market Street Methodist Church, Onancock. The VA250 Mobile Museum will visit Ker Place in nearby church parking lot. The theme of the museum is “Out of Many, One.”

■ **STREET FAIR:** From 5 to 8 p.m. Onancock will host its monthly Second Friday street fair. Shops and galleries will feature extended hours, restaurants will have live music and specials, and there will be live music on North Street.

Saturday, Oct. 10

■ **FESTIVAL:** Gates open at 2 p.m., music from 2:30 to 7:30 p.m., ESO Arts Center, 15293 King St., Belle Haven. ESO Fest will feature live music by Boy Wells and the Originals and Grateful Jed, food, drinks, and vendors. Tickets are \$17 in advance and \$20 at the door.

■ **OYSTER ROAST:** 4 to 7:30 p.m., Exmore Town Park, 3398 Main St., Exmore. The Exmore Rotary Club is hosting its annual Soule Arnold Oyster Roast and Clam Steam. The menu includes all-you-can-eat oysters, clams, clam chowder, and pulled pork.

There will be a cash bar. Tickets are \$76.54 and can be purchased at <https://tinyurl.com/yhxx8w6z>

■ **CONCERT:** 7 p.m., Cokesbury Cultural Center, 13 Market St., Onancock. Tim and Judy Olbrych will perform with cellist Ryan Lowe. The program is called “A Pilgrim’s Delight: Songs Sacred and Savage.” The concert will feature 17th Century music for baroque guitar, soprano, and cello. This concert is free.

Wednesday, Oct. 14

■ **CHILDRENS PROGRAM:** 11 a.m., Cape Charles Memorial Library, 201 Mason Ave., Cape Charles. The library is hosting its monthly S.T.E.A.M. program. Children from ages 6 to 10 can gather to learn why the leaves change color in the fall and explore the patterns from leaf rubbings.

Oct. 10, Cape Charles Cape Charles Fall Festival

■ **FALL FESTIVAL:** The annual Shriners Parade will be held at 10 a.m. on Mason Avenue in Cape Charles, followed by a fall festival at Strawberry Street and Mason Avenue. At the festival there will be craft vendors, face painting, a balloon artist, pumpkin painting, food trucks, live music by the Stingrays from noon to 2 p.m., a white boot auction at noon, 1, and 2 p.m., and live music by Chase Davidson from 2 to 4 p.m. To enter a decorated golf cart, car, or bike for the parade visit <https://tinyurl.com/4a6eksvy>



Oct. 10, Chincoteague Chincoteague Oyster Festival

■ **FESTIVAL:** 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Tom’s Cove Park, Chincoteague. The annual Chincoteague Oyster Festival returns with all-you-can-eat seafood, live music by Island Boy, raffles, and more. Tickets are \$65 per person. Children under age 5 are free. To purchase tickets visit <https://tinyurl.com/2p9vyf9x>



Oct. 11 | Cape Charles Oktoberfest event

■ **OKTOBERFEST:** 1 to 5 p.m., St. Charles Borromeo Catholic Church, 545 Randolph Ave., Cape Charles. The church is hosting its annual Oktoberfest. This family-friendly celebration will feature music, authentic food, beer and wine, children’s activities, a raffle, and a silent auction. Tickets can be purchased at the gate or online at <https://tinyurl.com/StCharlesOktoberfest2026>



Shore First | Entertainment calendar from Oct. 16 to 22

Oct. 17 | Exmore Exmore Town Park Car Show

■ **CAR SHOW:** Registration opens at 8:30 a.m., show runs from 10:30 a.m. to 3 p.m., Exmore Town Park, 3398 Main St., Exmore. The 10th annual Exmore Town Park Auto Show will feature everything from classic cars to hot rods and trucks. There will also be food vendors on site, live music by Bluzhammer, and Djs spinning tunes.



Oct. 17 | Saxis Saxis town oyster roast

■ **OYSTER ROAST:** 3 to 6 p.m., Saxis Town Pavilion, Saxis. The town is hosting its annual oyster roast. The menu includes all-you-can-eat shrimp, oysters, and barbecue. Tickets are \$55 in advance or \$60 at the door for those who want to eat oysters. Tickets for just barbecue are \$30 in advance or \$35 at the door. To purchase tickets online visit www.saxisislandmuseum.com or call Mayor Denise Drewer at 757-710-4747.



Oct. 20 | Parksley Yarn club meets

■ **YARN CLUB:** 5:30 to 7:30 p.m., Eastern Shore of Virginia Regional Library, Parksley. Crafters can bring their knitting or crochet projects and chat with other fiber artists while working.



Friday, Oct. 16

■ **TRUNK OR TREAT:** 5:30 to 7:30 p.m., Boys and Girls Club of the Eastern Shore of Virginia, 24577 Mary N. Smith Road, Accomac. The club is hosting a trunk or treat. There will be decorated trucks with candy, games, activities, and vendors.

Saturday, Oct. 17

■ **MIGRATORY BIRD DAY:** 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Kiptopeke State Park, Cape Charles. On World Migratory Bird Day, Kiptopeke State Park is hosting a day of activities, workshops, children's activities, guided hikes, and tours. To register visit <https://tinyurl.com/2s4hek7c>. There will also be a celebration in honor of the 50th annual Hawk Watch. To register visit <https://tinyurl.com/ynt88sdb>.

■ **OPEN HOUSE:** 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., UVA Coastal Research Center, Oyster. The center is hosting an open house celebrating the organization's 20th anniversary. There will be a touch tank, boat rides, research demonstrations, art, meet-and-greets with scientists, exhibits, snacks, and music.

■ **FESTIVAL:** 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., Robert Reed Downtown Waterfront Park, Chincoteague. The Fall into the Arts Festival will bring live music, vendors, artists, and family fun to downtown Chincoteague.

Sunday, Oct. 18

■ **PANCAKE SUPPER:** 4 to 7 p.m., Emmanuel Episcopal Church, 26405 Horsey Road, Oak Hall. The church is hosting a pancake supper, bazaar, and bake sale. The cost is \$12 for adults, \$6 for children ages 6 to 12, and free for children under age 6. The menu includes all-you-can-eat pancakes, sausage, eggs, apples, and drinks. Carry out is available after 5 p.m. Call 757-824-5043 for tickets.

■ **PLAY:** 4 p.m., Historic Palace Theatre, Cape Charles. The theater is hosting a reading of "Waterwoman," a play written by Lenore Hart and David Poyer. To purchase tickets visit <https://tinyurl.com/2bxunhu2>.

Shore First | Entertainment calendar from Oct. 23 to 30

Saturday, Oct. 24

■ **DINNER:** 4 to 8 p.m., Chatham Vineyards, 9232 Chatham Road, Machipongo. The vineyard is hosting A South You Never Ate, a dinner curated by 10 Eastern Shore chefs alongside local producers and historians. The dinner is meant to celebrate the foodways of the Eastern Shore of Virginia. Tickets include a progressive dinner of at least 20 small plates, oysters on the half shell, an open bar, and a signature cocktail. Tickets are \$175. To purchase visit <https://tinyurl.com/vz3rhutr>

■ **MURDER MYSTERY DINNER:** Doors open at 5 p.m., dinner served at 6 p.m., Chincoteague Fire Company, 5052 Deep Hole Road, Chincoteague. The Museum of Chincoteague Island is hosting an interactive pirate-themed murder mystery dinner. The cost is \$65 per person or \$500 for a table of eight. Tickets include an oyster bar, a Caribbean-inspired buffet dinner, a cash bar, a silent auction, and the murder mystery. For tickets visit <https://tinyurl.com/58j89wbz>

Sunday, Oct. 25

■ **BIKE RIDE:** Meet up at 6:40 p.m., ride starts at 7 p.m., Cape Charles Love Sign, Cape Charles. A leisurely 5-mile bike ride is planned in Cape Charles on the Hunter's Moon. Costumes and decorated bikes are encouraged. All ages are welcome.

Monday, Oct. 26

■ **WRITERS EVENT:** 6 p.m., the Listening Room at Morphosis, 33 Market St., Onancock. During Meet the Writers local authors will share their work. Speakers include Jojo Chaddic, Rose Wachowski, Denise Lynn, Helen Putre, and Steve Borgess. Tickets are \$7. Call 757-710-8718 to reserve a seat.

Friday, Oct. 30

■ **STORY SWAP:** Doors open at 6:30 p.m., storytelling starts at 7 p.m., Chincoteague Cultural Alliance, 6309 Church St., Chincoteague. The alliance is host-

Oct. 24 | Regional Bicycle tour

■ **BIKE TOUR:** From 7 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. the Between the Waters Bike Tour will offer cyclists four routes to choose from to explore the Eastern Shore of Virginia. To register visit <https://tinyurl.com/3x698h74>

Oct. 30 | Accomac Haunted House

■ **HAUNTED HOUSE:** 5:30 to 7:30 p.m., Mary N. Smith Cultural Enrichment Center, 24577 Mary N. Smith Road, Accomac. Haunted Hallways will bring thrills and chills, as well as music, treats, and activities to the center, courtesy of the Boys and Girls Club of the Eastern Shore of Virginia. The cost is \$3 for Boys and Girls Club members, \$6 for children who are not members, and \$10 for adults. Costumes are encouraged.

Oct. 30 | Chincoteague Benefit masquerade ball

■ **GALA:** 6:30 to 10:30 p.m., Chincoteague Community Center, Chincoteague. The Eastern Shore Coalition Against Domestic Violence is hosting a Halloween masquerade ball. There will be a magician, a DJ, food and drinks, games, and a costume contest. To purchase tickets visit <https://tinyurl.com/38ztc5sw>

Shore First | Pursuits

A trip to the top of the lighthouse

Assateague's storied beacon provides sweeping views of the island's coast

BY TED SHOCKLEY

Shore First

There is a romanticism to old lighthouses. They conjure images of far-flung places and dark nights on the water when the only way to get oriented was to see the revolving beacon.

The Eastern Shore of Virginia has hosted plenty of lighthouses — real, authentic, honest-to-goodness lighthouses and spiffy facsimiles thereof — on the seaside and the bayside.

Some are long gone, surviving only in photos. A couple remain. The candystriped Assateague Lighthouse, famous for its red and white rings, is the only one open for touring.

Fall is a suggested time to go. There is no elevator and no concession stand selling cold drinks at the top. A summer walk up the 175 steps can be a workout.

Cooler autumn weather, however, is a nice accompaniment to the 142-foot climb. The rewards are the unique architecture of the lighthouse interior, sweeping views from the top, and a true trip back in time.

Other lighthouses and replicas

The Eastern Shore's other authentic beacon is the Cape Charles Lighthouse, the tallest in Virginia and the second-tallest in the United States.

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THE ASSATEAGUE LIGHTHOUSE TOWERS OVER CHINCOTEAGUE AND ASSATEAGUE ISLANDS. SHORE FIRST/TED SHOCKLEY

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Lighthouse

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It stands on Smith Island and is easily seen from the Chesapeake Bay Bridge-Tunnel but has not been in service for more than a dozen years. The Coast Guard abandoned the light in 2019.

There are two faux lighthouses in Cape Charles, a nod to the town's position on the Chesapeake Bay.

The best-known is the Cape Charles water tower, which was built in the early 1990s and patterned after the Smith Island Light.

There is also a replica of the Old Plantation Flats lighthouse within the Bay Creek golf and resort community.

Trekking to the top

It only costs \$10 for a one-day vehicle pass to the Chincoteague National Wildlife Refuge, on which the Assateague Island Lighthouse stands.

The lighthouse is open on Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. There is a nearby parking lot and a short path to the beacon.

Construction on the light began in 1860. It was delayed by the Civil War but completed in 1867. It replaced a smaller lighthouse at the site.

A steel spiral staircase winds its way to the top inside a tube of brick walls with periodic windows.

The walk around the top of the light offers captivating views of both the Atlantic Ocean side of the island and the Chincoteague side.

Assateague light's distinctive candy-stripe markings and light pattern — two quick bursts every five seconds — make it easily recognizable to boat captains. Its red-and-white stripes make it distinctive from other markings of popular lights on the coast of North Carolina.

The lighthouse is on the National Register of Historic Places and is one of the Eastern Shore's iconic images.



Above, the catwalk at the top of the Assateague Lighthouse provides sweeping coastal views. At right, a plaque on the lighthouse marks the dates of construction.

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THE BRICK AND MORTAR OF THE ASSATEAGUE LIGHTHOUSE ARE PAINTED RED AND WHITE. SHORE FIRST/TED SHOCKLEY



Above, a spiral staircase winds its way to the top of the Assateague Lighthouse. At right, the lighthouse towers over the nearby matching building.

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THE STONE AND MORTAR BASE OF THE ASSATEAGUE LIGHTHOUSE. SHORE FIRST/TED SHOCKLEY

Taqueria la Bienvenida is an Onley favorite

Taqueria la Bienvenida is a familiar location to many in the Onley area. It sits in the shade of a crepe myrtle tree in a front yard where West Main Street, Onley, becomes Market Street, Onancock — just before the entrance to Riverside Shore Memorial Hospital.



Sarah Barban

With a spot on a bustling thoroughfare, the bright green truck always seems to be busy, and it's easy to see why with affordable prices, large portions, and a variety of options.

When I stopped by

recently, I ordered more food than seems reasonable, but I wanted to try as much as I could. Still, I hardly made a dent in the menu.

I started with three tacos, as I always do. I ordered the al pastor, the chorizo, and the barbacoa.

Taqueria la Bienvenida double wraps its tacos in homemade corn tortillas that are beautifully leopard spotted with extra griddled flavor.

The al pastor taco was filled with a generous portion of tender chunks of pork with a slightly sweet and spiced flavor.

The chunks of pineapple were also generous and almost tasted caramelized, which added a nice depth.

The cilantro on top added a pop of freshness. It was so flavorful and perfectly seasoned, which I found to be the case with everything I tried.

The truck's creamy green sauce is



SHORE FIRST/SARAH BARBAN

Taqueria la Bienvenida serves a variety of tacos, including chorizo, al pastor, and barbacoa.

citrusy and has a warm heat, not too much but just enough to add a little kick.

It plays well off the rich proteins with which Taqueria la Bienvenida fills its tacos, tortas, huaraches, burritos, gorditas, quesadillas, and sopes.

My chorizo taco likewise packed a punch of complex layered flavors. The chorizo had a great chile-forward seasoning without being overly spicy.

I really enjoyed the addition of grilled onions with the sausage. The mild heat and acid from the green sauce woke up all the deep seasonings.

The barbacoa taco comes topped with onions and cilantro and is filled with incredibly tender, juicy shredded beef.

The barbacoa was rich and meaty without being greasy or overly indulgent. The onions and cilantro brought a nice balance, along with the green sauce.

I also decided to try a gordita, a crispy corn tortilla that is split open like a pita and stuffed with a protein, lettuce, tomatoes, cotija cheese, and crema.

I wanted to give the chicken at Taqueria la Bienvenida a try, and I wasn't disappointed.

Like all the other proteins I had, it was perfectly seasoned. The chicken wasn't dry at all, but rather tender and finely shredded. It felt like it had been slow simmered and imbued with a savory, flavorful broth. The tomatoes and lettuce brought a nice crunch and a lightness, while the crema and cheese added zing. I think this might be the perfect lunch from Taqueria la Bienvenida — satisfying, fresh and handheld.

It is hard for me to pick a favorite protein from Taqueria la Bienvenida. They're all so well seasoned and satisfying, but if I was hard pressed

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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.

Tacos

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I think I'd choose the carnitas. I was blown away by how good it was. At times carnitas can be bland, but these were flavor-packed.

I tried the carnitas in a burrito. With the tender rice, creamy refried beans, and a healthy dose of cheese it was a real treat. The burrito is served

with a side salad of lettuce and cucumbers, so I didn't mind indulging.

My piece of advice: Before the weather turns cold, stop by Taqueria la Bienvenida, grab a spot at one of the picnic tables, and bask in the joy of eating delicious tacos outdoors in the sunshine.

Taqueria la Bienvenida is located at 20525 Market St., Onancock. It is open Monday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.



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These sliders are one of the easiest things to put together. They're also one of the most delicious — two things that usually don't go hand in hand.

I first made them for my oldest's birthday party years ago.



Laura Davis

Everyone gobbled them up and raved about them, and I've been making them regularly since.

Sometimes I make home-made dinner rolls, and sometimes I pick up a

package of King's Hawaiian rolls at the store and call it a night.

Then it's just a matter of assembling the deli ham and cheese on the buns and enrobing them in a delicious mustard-brown sugar sauce.

Bake in the oven for a few minutes to melt the cheese, and voila!

I usually pair with a simple side like potato salad or sweet potato fries for an easy meal.

For lunch, dinner, or even as a munchie for game day, these sliders are always a winner that is sure to please everyone!



PHOTO COURTESY LAURA DAVIS

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Sliders like these are quick and easy to prepare, and they are perfect for lunch, dinner, or even as a gameday treat. They pair well with simple sides such as potato salad or sweet potato fries.

Laura Davis, of Chincoteague Island, is a food writer and blogger at www.tideandthyme.com. Her recipes have been featured on Huffington Post and www.craftbeer.com, among other publications.

She is a frequent guest on WBOC-TV's DelmarvaLife show, where she showcases her culinary talents for viewers. Her work appears monthly in Shore First.

Hot Ham & Cheese Sliders

What you'll need

- 12 dinner rolls
- 18 slices deli ham
- 6 slices Swiss cheese

For the sauce

- 5 Tbsp butter
- 1 Tbsp onion, finely minced
- 1 Tbsp spicy brown mustard
- 3 tsp brown sugar
- 1/2 tsp Worcestershire sauce
- 1/4 tsp kosher salt
- poppy seeds

What you'll do

- Slice dinner rolls in half.

- Pile 1 1/2 pieces of ham onto the bottom of each bun, along with 1/2 piece of Swiss cheese and then top with the other half of the bun.
- Place in 2-quart baking dish.
- Repeat with remaining rolls.
- To prepare the sauce, heat the butter, brown sugar, mustard, Worcestershire, onion, and salt in a small sauce pan, whisking until smooth and melted.
- Drizzle glaze over sandwiches and sprinkle with poppy seeds.
- Cover pan with foil and bake at 350 for 10-15 minutes, until the cheese has melted.
- Serve warm.

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Wachapreague: An enduring and endearing seaside town

Though the downtown is much diminished, the town is still popular among fishermen

Wachapreague enjoys a reputation disproportionate to its off-the-beaten-path location and its small size. Once the haunt of wealthy Yankee sportsmen, governors, film stars, and even a former president, it is today a quiet

place. Yet the fish are still biting at Wachapreague, and a surprising number of visitors still seek out the pleasant little village for vacation and relaxation.

The water at Wachapreague is Wachapreague Channel, and it winds through the wetlands out



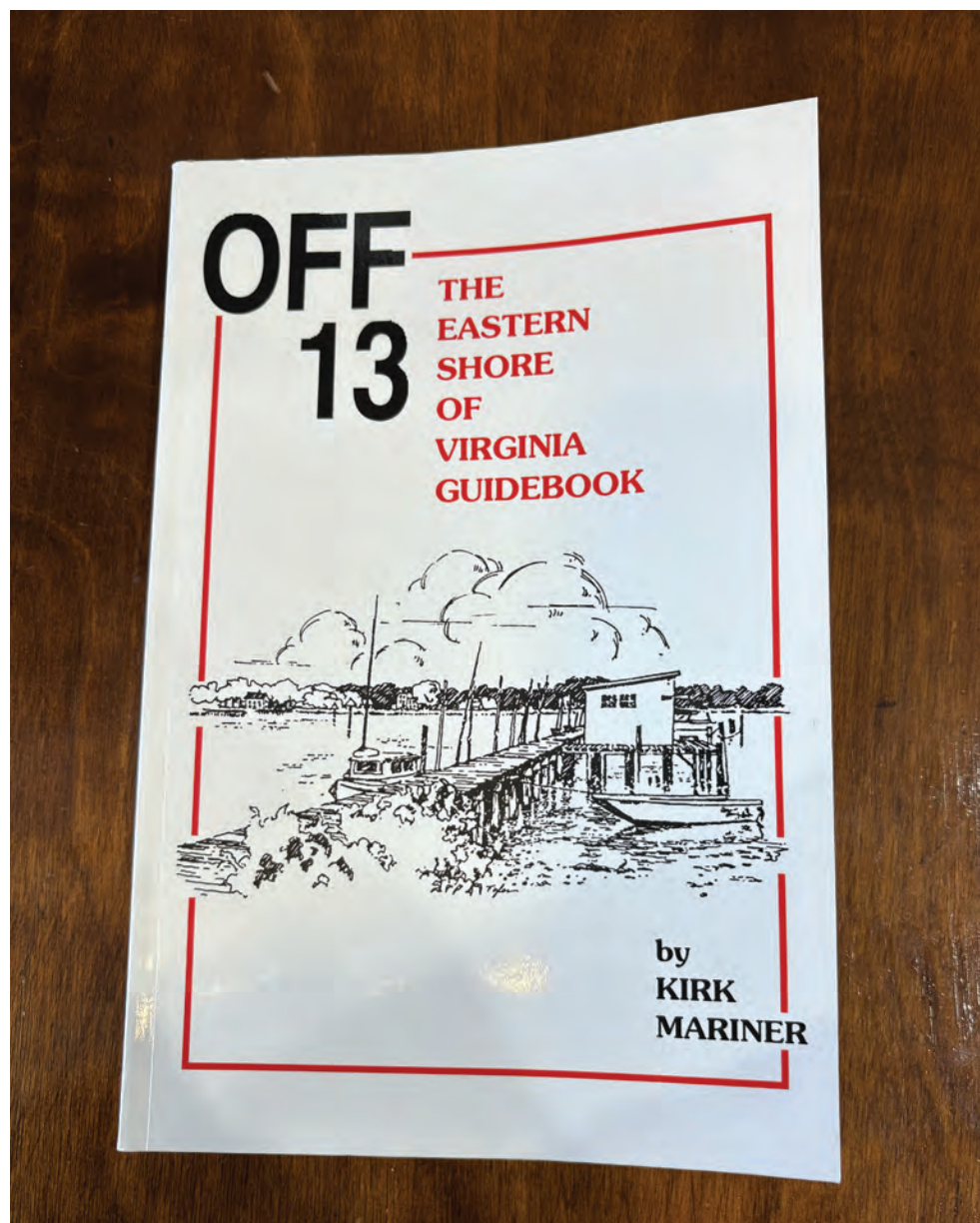
Kirk Mariner

to the Atlantic between Parramore and Cedar islands, the easiest natural access to high ground from the ocean between Cape Charles and Chincoteague.

The first to recognize the site's assets were the Machipongo Indians, whose stone arrowheads and axe handles have been unearthed in the soil there.

Wachapreague's first mention in the pages of history dates from 1656, when the Indian "emperor" Wachiwampe encouraged his people to live there, but English settlers laid permanent claim to the site a scant seven years later.

For two centuries, Wachapreague was just another Eastern Shore farm or "plantation" that backed up to its own landing on the water.



SHORE FIRST/TED SHOCKLEY

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

It was garrisoned during the American Revolution, the War of 1812, and the Civil War, but the only enemy to venture up the channel was a British gunboat that local marksmen turned back during the War of 1812.

In the early 1800s, as the little village of Locust Mount arose just west of the site around a cluster of small stores, Wachapreague was still little more than a single farmhouse and its surrounding fields.

In 1872, the owner of the property sold 39 acres south of the house to the Powell brothers — George, John, and Henry — who promptly built a wharf and began to ship local produce, especially potatoes, to northern markets. Powellton blossomed quickly into a prosperous and busy village, eclipsing Locust Mount, then doubled in size when, in imitation of the Powells, Thomas Floyd purchased the adjacent 25 acres for development in 1882.

When the community applied for a post office, there was already a Powellton in Brunswick County, so the new post office and the town took the name Wachapreague in 1884. In that same year, the steamboat Tuckahoe began plying between Wachapreague and New York City.

John Powell was the first to recognize Wachapreague's potential as a vacation spot, and he built a small hotel across the street from the store that he and his brothers owned at the wharf.

In 1902, A.H. Gordon Mears took a big gamble and erected a much larger four-story, 30-room hotel costing

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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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\$30,000. Local skeptics predicted its swift demise, but Mears advertised his Hotel Wachapreague in northern newspapers and national sporting magazines. He more than proved the detractors wrong. Hotel Wachapreague soon won a wide renown, and for many years it was a popular destination for visitors from the north, who would come down by train to nearby Keller, where Mears had carriages waiting to conduct them straight to his hotel. His business and the town flourished.

In 1902, Wachapreague was incorporated, and its population and activity were steadily increasing.

Mears built a department store on Main Street. It had an immense freight elevator that was as big an attraction among the locals as his hotel was among the sportsmen.

By 1929, Wachapreague had 12 stores, five fishing companies, four oyster shucking plants, a restaurant, an ice cream parlor, a bank, a movie theater, a

pool hall, an ice plant, a service station, a dairy farm, and of course a renowned hotel where the dining was first-class and the clientele up-scale. Within the town limits lived 585 people, and the population of the entire neighborhood was about 800.

Depression, storm, and fire hit the town hard in the 1930s, and over the next three decades, its once-busy downtown declined almost to the point of disappearing. Movies, department stores, and famous visitors were already a thing of the past when the Hotel Wachapreague burned in 1978, seemingly spelling the end.

Yet Wachapreague has retained its popularity among fishermen and still continues as a vacation destination. Though the town's downtown is much diminished, its residential sections remain largely unaltered. The handsome old homes of an earlier era are now increasingly admired, restored, and purchased as seasonal or vacation homes. Not a big place nor the commercially active place that it once was, Wachapreague is nonetheless both enduring and endearing to the visitors who are still drawn to it.



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Whitelaw: An unlikely author of Shore history

In early 1951, Ralph T. Whitelaw's "Virginia's Eastern Shore" hit the bookstores.

The handsome two-volume set was bound in black cloth and decorated with gilding.

It was an exhaustive chronicle of land transfers, patents, and descriptions of the homes of people who populated the Shore during the first two

centuries of English settlement.

The set included 1,511 pages and weighed in at 9 pounds. It sold for a princely (for 1951) \$17.50.

Today a mint set of the 1951 Whitelaw history would hover near the \$1,000 range; even a less desirable 1968 printing in "fair" condition was offered recently for \$450.

Whitelaw's history is probably the best-known book written about the Eastern Shore, and it is certainly the most collectible.

Finding an original black cloth edition in mint condition would be considered winning the book collector's lottery.

Whitelaw's obsessive effort to document land ownership in the two counties was heroic, but the publication of his book was muted



PHOTO COURTESY EASTERN SHORE OF VIRGINIA HERITAGE CENTER
Ralph T. Whitelaw's "Virginia's Eastern Shore," the definitive history of land ownership on the Eastern Shore, is perhaps the best-known book written about the Shore. Pictured is Whitelaw in an undated photo.

Ralph T. Whitelaw, a St. Louis native, moved to the Shore at 46 and spent 15 years drafting his book, "Virginia's Eastern Shore"

by a tragedy few are aware of.

Whitelaw dedicated 15 years of his life to the project, but when his two-volume set hit the bookstores in early 1951, Whitelaw did not get to see it.

He had died a few months before the book came out.

He never held a copy in his hands, never read a favorable review, and never received a compliment from a grateful reader.

Ralph Whitelaw was an unlikely person to write the definitive history of land ownership on the Eastern Shore.

Born in St. Louis, Mo., in September 1880, he was a member of a prominent family that operated a chemical business for generations.

Whitelaw attended Amherst College, received a degree in chemical engineering, and went to work in the family business.

In 1917, at age 37, he became president of the company.

Whitelaw served overseas during World War I and then returned to St. Louis and married Paula Oertel.

He settled into the business and social world of St. Louis and was described in a centennial history of the state of Missouri as "very active in support of all movements for the advancement and welfare of the city."

Surprisingly, Whitelaw and his wife took an early retirement in 1926, when Ralph was just 46.

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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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The couple traveled the country for several months, looking for a pleasant region to begin a life of retirement.

They discovered the Eastern Shore and soon began a new chapter in their lives.

Ralph had an interest in history and architecture, and the Whitelaws discovered an old home for sale near the village of Quinby. The home was called Warwick and had been in the Upshur family for generations.

The couple moved to Accomac, began working part-time restoring Warwick, and started a real estate business called simply Whitelaw and Whitelaw.

The real estate business introduced Ralph to some of the architectural wonders hidden down back roads and wooded necks.

He began photographing and documenting these properties and

researching early land patents and transactions.

The Whitelaws moved into Warwick around 1928 but got to spend only a few years there.

Paula died in 1933, and after her passing Whitelaw seemed to lose interest in maintaining the historic home.

He moved to Accomac and built a cottage across Route 13 from the old Whispering Pines motor lodge, where he spent the remainder of his life working on his history of Northampton and Accomack counties.

Whitelaw died on Sunday, March 26, 1950, at Northampton-Accomack Memorial Hospital.

A memorial service was conducted the following day by the Rev. Edwin T. Williams at St. James Episcopal Church in Accomac.

In accordance with his wishes, his remains were cremated and his ashes placed next to those of Paula at Ferncliff Cemetery in Ardsley, N.Y.

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ESCC event brings together past, present

Friday, Oct. 9, is the annual Eastern Shore Community College Block Party homecoming event. While celebrating student success past and present, the event brings together former students and employees with current students and employees.

The public is also invited and encouraged to attend at the ESCC academic building on campus in Melfa from 5:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

A variety of local food trucks will be featured to appeal to all tastes and appetites and staged immediately in front of the academic building for easy access, along with picnic tables.

DJ Terry Collins will be spinning hits from throughout ESCC’s 50-plus years, and there will be a number of free giveaways and prizes.

Alumni will have a chance to win one of 50 exclusive “ESCC YES!” hoodies created specifically for the event.

One lucky winner will even receive a pair of tickets to the annual ESCC Foundation Oyster Roast on the final Friday of January 2027.

Several ESCC clubs will be set up in the academic atrium, along with an alumni digital portal where former

students can register their current information and share success stories since graduation.

This event offers great networking opportunities in addition to the nostalgic fun of reuniting with former classmates, faculty, and staff.

As an added attraction, ESCC soccer coach Chase Baxa has organized an ESCC-FC soccer scrimmage as the team continues the early stages of building the program at the college.

As the first in a schedule of games being finalized this fall, the scrimmage will give attendees a chance to enjoy some fun soccer on campus and check out the new uniforms.

Although the food trucks will charge for food, the event itself is free and open to the public. Everyone is encouraged to attend, regardless of whether they attended ESCC. Tours of the academic building will be offered, along with opportunities to learn about upcoming programs, events, and other activities at the college, where the ESCC fall semester will enter its second eight-week session on Oct. 19.

For more information, call 757-789-1797 and watch for updates on ESCC social media.



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ESCC alumni signatures adorn a wall poster from a previous installment of the homecoming event at the college.



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Arts Enter Spotlight Series features music, local theater

Cape Charles venue launches 30th anniversary season with three Spotlight events and Mainstage opening production

Arts Enter Cape Charles launches its 2026-2027 30th anniversary season this fall with three Spotlight Series events and the opening production of its Mainstage theater season at the Historic Palace Theatre.

The Spotlight Series shines a light on exceptional talent at the Historic Palace Theatre and begins Sunday, Oct. 4, at 4 p.m., with saxophonist Vladyslav Dovhan.

The Boston-based Ukrainian performer will lead the audience through Ukrainian, French, Spanish, and American musical traditions.

Sponsored by Baker Tilly, the concert benefits Ukraine. Tickets for all

Spotlight Series events are \$25 for adults and \$15 for students.

On Sunday, Oct. 18, at 4 p.m., Arts Enter presents a reading of "Waterwoman," a play by David Poyer and Lenore Hart, adapted from Hart's prize-winning novel.

Set in the early 1900s on the seashore of Virginia's Eastern Shore, the story follows Annie Revels as she takes up her father's life on the water and struggles to support her family after his death.

Directed by Clelia Cardano Sheppard, the reading is sponsored by Rayfield's Pharmacy.

The Spotlight Series continues on

Sunday, Nov. 1, at 4 p.m. with "Songs of the Harvest" by the Doorway Singers, featuring traditional Appalachian music, from gentle mountain melodies to lively tunes celebrating America's musical roots. The concert is sponsored by Delmarva Veteran Builders.

Arts Enter's Mainstage season opens Nov. 20 to 22 with Noël Coward's comedy "Present Laughter," directed by Clelia Cardano Sheppard. The fast-paced comedy follows charming, hedonistic stage idol Garry Essendine as romantic entanglements throw his carefully managed life into chaos. Performances are Friday and

Saturday at 7:30 p.m. and Sunday at 3 p.m. Tankard Nurseries and an anonymous donor have made this production possible.

Fall classes are also underway, with dance, music, theater, and community chorus opportunities for youth and adults. Student scholarships are available.

Fridays at Lemon Tree Gallery continues each Friday from 6 to 8 p.m. with free live music. The Candlelight Concert Series offers a ticketed Saturday evening experience in the gallery. Lemon Tree's fall exhibit, "Autumn is a Second Spring," presents works by over 100 artists.

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100 years ago
October 1926

Parksley school prey of flames

Fire, which is thought to have started by defective wiring, completely destroyed the Parksley High School building and equipment at 11:30 last night.

The building was the most handsome of the Shore and was only completed last spring at a cost of \$87,000. It was up to date in every respect and was being occupied this school term for the first time. The building was covered by \$55,000 insurance. A patrons' meeting was held in the auditorium last evening and the building was locked at 10:30 p.m.

The fire was discovered breaking through the roof at 11:15 p.m. and, without any firefighting equipment whatsoever, the whole building was soon in a mass of flames.

The Chincoteague Volunteer Fire Company was called and made the trip from the island town in 40 minutes, but it was too late to be of any assistance.

In June 1923, the old Parksley school building was destroyed by fire of unknown origin, making a total fire loss to school buildings in the little town within the last three years.

— *Richmond Times-Dispatch*

Mule kicks boy, fractures skull

Merle Bennett, 3-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Bennett, of Cape Charles, suffered a fractured skull Friday when he was kicked by a mule. A small portion of the bone in the front of the skull was shoved over an inch into the head by the impact, it was said.

The child was rushed to the Dixie Hospital, where Dr. Harry D. Howe performed an operation on Saturday, and hopes of recovery were held out for the infant yesterday. Dr. Howe said the boy rallied from the operation and became conscious yesterday, and if no complications set in, he held hopes for the boy's recovery.

— *The Virginian-Pilot*

Poultry raising comes to Virginia Shore

A new industry for Accomack and Northampton counties that has gained in proportions during the last two years to make itself rec-

ognized is the poultry business, which is now being regarded as one of the most paying businesses of the two counties.

Though novices, many plants have been erected, with some having a capacity for 30,000 chickens, and many more are contemplating establishing chicken farms to take the place of potato and truck farming.

— *The News and Advance*

75 years ago
October 1951

Seasickness hurts Academy in Cape Charles game

George Kolar, head football coach of Norfolk Academy, doesn't mind crossing the Chesapeake Bay to play football at Cape Charles, but from now on he prefers to fly. Friday, Kolar and his Bulldog team took the ferry boat over, and three of the key players developed seasickness.

Quarterback Johnny Nichols, center Eddie Donnelly, and backup quarterback Charles Lastinger were the victims.

Not one to dwell on alibis, Kolar does not mind pointing to this as one good reason why the Bulldogs lost to the underdog Cape Charles, 13-12.

"We were easily two or three touchdowns better," Kolar said, "but that seasickness hurt us awful."

"Nevertheless, I was very much pleased with the defensive play of Joe Dunn, our safety. He doesn't weigh but 110 pounds, but he can tackle with the best of them."

— *Ledger-Star*

Navy poisoning of sheep claimed

Elton Bowden said he took a look at the black grass and dead sheep on Wallops Island. "I seen enough, and it made me sick, and I left," he told U.S. District Judge Robert N. Wilkin here today.

Bowden and his wife, Loretta Amanda Bowden, are suing the government for \$8,500. They claim the Navy poisoned 500 of their pure-bred Southdown sheep.

The Chincoteague couple told the court they managed a club on the island prior to 1947. The club and the island were owned by Wallops Island Club, Inc.

In early 1947, according to their complaint, the U.S. condemned the island, and the club sold the 200 sheep on the island to the couple. They got permission from the Navy, which used the island for guided missile experiments, to leave the sheep there until arrangements could be made to remove them.

In 1948, Bowden related today, he, three horsemen, and three other men went to the island to round up the sheep, but they were unable to pen them. They found they had multiplied and were wild.

Bowden said he went back to the island in 1950 and told the Marine guard he wanted his sheep. "You have no sheep," he said the Marine told him.

Bowden said he looked around, saw the dead sheep, and he left. He claims the Navy spread poison around the island knowing that it would be fatal to the stock. He says he got no notice the Navy was planning to spread the poison.

A number of other witnesses are to testify today.

— *Ledger-Star*

Duped woman fails to pick two tricksters

Mrs. Maggie Jernigan, of Holland Road, recently duped of \$400 by a confidence trick, failed to identify two women being held at Accomac on the Eastern Shore as the pair who swindled her Oct. 12.

The Nansemond County woman was taken to Accomac by Deputy Sheriff Harry Underwood but couldn't positively identify the women being held there on another charge as the two who swindled her.

The pair are still under suspicion, however, Sheriff J. Frank Culpepper's office declared.

Jernigan had reported to police that two women had come to her home seeking church donations. Finding that she suffered from rheumatism, they offered to "charm" her money so as to effect a cure.

Jernigan gave them \$400 to wrap up and was returned a similarly wrapped package. She discovered, however, that the package, which she had placed on her person for a time, was a fake and contained nothing but paper.

— *Ledger-Star*

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50 years ago

October 1976

Reflectors glued to Virginia highway

High-intensity reflectors now mark the two-laned highway from Main Street on Chincoteague to the village of Wattsville.

The amber and white reflectors, installed by the Accomack County Highway Department, are spaced along the island entrance route as a safety precaution. The 3-inch square moulded plastic reflectors are permanently glued to the road; yellow or amber are placed along the dividing line of the highway, and the white reflectors are situated on the outside edges of Route 175.

Highway Maintenance Supervisor P.M. Daffin said that the reflector installation is the first on the Eastern Shore and one of three in Virginia.

Harry Yeaman, highway engineer for the Accomack County Highway Department, requested that the reflectors be placed on the Chincoteague road. He cited the heavy fogs prevalent in the area, which can cause dangerous driving conditions. The island causeway, opened for the first time in the 1930s, is laid over nearly five miles of water. The reflectors provide an extra safety measure, especially at night when their lighted markers are visible in fog, rain, or darkness.

— *The Daily Times*

No trace of plane found

No trace has been found of a plane or its four passengers believed to have crashed in the Chesapeake Bay, despite an extensive search involving the U.S. Army, Navy, and Coast Guard, officials said today.

“We’re looking for anything,” said Greg Kelley, assistant controller for the Coast Guard’s rescue center in Portsmouth. “We haven’t found anything yet. We don’t have any new leads. We’ve had Army, Navy, and Coast Guard helicopters searching.”

The Coast Guard said the commercial plane lost communications with Patrick Henry Airport during rain and overcast weather Wednesday night.

The pilot and copilot of the plane, which is owned by the Winchester-based Skyline Aviation Co., were identified as Bruce Fournery and David D’Arca. Their ages and hometowns were not immediately revealed.

The identities of the two passengers were withheld until relatives were notified, a spokesman with the Federal Aviation Administration said.

“The airport lost radar and communication with the plane,” said Coast Guard spokesman Alan Foust. “Something happened to it, and we’re trying to find out what.”

A Coast Guard cutter and two utility boats have combed the York and Poquoson rivers for the craft, while state and local police, firefighters, and rescue workers have searched surrounding grounds.

Kelley said the father of one of the persons aboard the plane is an executive with Texas Instruments, Inc., and that the electronics firm has sent aircraft with infrared scanners to search tonight if necessary.

He did not identify the man, but he said the scanners are “heat sensing instruments that work well at night.”

“We’re covering approximately a 20-mile radius, and we’ll be expanding that area to a 30-mile radius with helicopters,” he said. “We’re going up and down the bay, up as far as Tangier Island. We’re also covering the land area.”

A spokesman for Skyline said, “We will not release any information until the aircraft is found.”

James Raybey, assistant chief of the Norfolk air traffic control tower, said the plane was in contact with the tower as a matter of routine before it suddenly was lost.

“Something happened, and nobody really knows what,” he said. “It’s unexplainable.”

— *Suffolk News-Herald*

Plant placed under odor control order

The men on the “sniff patrol” crew can now relax their vigilance against offensive odors at the Perdue, Inc., chicken processing plant in Accomac.

Under a consent agreement signed this week between Perdue, Inc., and the State Air Pollution Control Board, the plant’s byproduct operation will come under regulations of the SAPCB in an effort to reduce and eliminate noxious odors.

Last May, complaints were filed by the

plant’s neighbors to the county board of supervisors and to the state control board, citing that the air carried offensive odors up to three miles around the plant.

Correction has begun by Perdue at the Accomac facility on the odor-control order, which has a six-month deadline. The poultry byproduct processing seems to be the root of the foul offense. In this operation, chicken blood, feathers, heads, and legs are cooked into a protein animal meal.

The state’s odor control order calls for installation of a system modifying runoff from the byproducts operation. Hoods and ducts are to be installed, which will collect odiferous vapors and vent them to a scrubber.

The company has agreed to take up paving around the plant that has been contaminated with the waste and replace it with new fill. Corrective work will be done in stages, and each operation will be completed within a month and certified with the State Air Pollution Control Board.

Perdue has already expended over \$200,000 this year for an odor control device to comply with the state air pollution laws.

Officials of Perdue, Inc., have been working for over a year to find a solution to the problem.

— *The Daily Times*

Wachapreague: A favorite Virginia stop for the outdoorsman

Wachapreague, the unpretentious but ancient little town on the Eastern Shore, has long been one of my favorite Virginia stops.

It has a main street lined with well-weathered clapboard dwellings, a real estate office, a couple of antique shops — and very little more.

Except for the Wachapreague Inn, open during the busy summer season but closed much of the year, there are no restaurants. Fishermen, rail hunters, and waterfowlers eat in the cozy marina. The inn does serve evening meals during the autumn fishing and rail hunting season — seafood dinners that are worth waiting for.

The Wachapreague Hotel, which houses the inn, is the only place to stay, but it is a comfortable old hotel built around the turn of the century and long popular and well-known up

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and down the coast.

During the long saltwater season, the hotel and a dozen or so charter boat skippers cooperate in catering to anglers from all over the eastern United States. Even the visitor who does not fish will be awakened at dawn as the engines of the sleek fishing boats spring to life and warm up for the long runs to hot offshore fishing spots.

Rail hunters have to await the high tide to get back into the broad marshes for the popular marsh hens, as they are called locally. It may come at noon. But if the tide permits, the angler-hunter can combine hunting and fishing, as the best hunting lasts only two or three hours near high tide.

Come December, eager duck hunters will fill the big clapboard hotel and arise long before dawn for blinds in the marshes. The hotel can arrange for guides and direct the prospective waterfowler to a reliable one. Good ones are in demand, however, and are quickly booked. They are also expensive, but the roomy blinds can accommodate up to four hunters who can split the cost of the guide.

— *The News Leader*

25 years ago
October 2001

Killer's lifestyle built on debt

Just off U.S. 13, the historic equestrian estate Oak Grove spreads over more than 100 acres of prime Eastern Shore property, much of it laced with wooded riding trails.

Its spacious centerpiece is a vacant, white-frame manor house with shiny hardwood floors that was built in the 1800s.

No one has lived here since its former owner, Stephano Colosi Jr., was arrested, charged, and taken into custody in November for his role in the death of his estranged wife, 29-year-old Robyn L. Rogers.

Colosi was convicted in August and sentenced to life in prison. And now, the sprawling estate — the place Colosi bought for the woman he eventually paid others to hurt — is for sale.

Price tag: \$775,000.

The house and its 111 acres, which went into

foreclosure and were bought at auction this summer for \$495,000, are symbolic of Colosi's rapid fall.

Less than two years ago, Colosi appeared to be a successful entrepreneur with a fishing yacht and a Corvette.

It now appears that much of Colosi's elegant life was a facade built on borrowed money.

That may mean attorneys representing Roger's young son will not refile a wrongful death lawsuit. The \$10 million suit, directed at Colosi's assets, was withdrawn last year when it began to conflict with the criminal proceedings against him.

Robert E. Brown, the attorney who is representing Rogers' estate, said that he thinks Colosi was "living from hand to mouth," despite his expensive toys.

Rogers' son, now 7, lives with his biological father in south Hampton Roads.

In summer 2000, Colosi apparently realized that his high-flying life was coming to an end.

Rogers was attacked on July 20, 2000, while working at a rental office in Virginia Beach. She died three weeks later from internal injuries suffered when she inhaled lye that was thrown into her face by a man hired by her estranged husband.

After the attack but before Rogers died, Colosi put his estate and its 141-acre lot on the market for \$925,000.

It didn't sell, said Bill Parr, an Eastern Shore real estate broker.

Colosi had better luck with his concrete equipment.

Ted Barkley, a regional manager for Ritchie Bros. auction house, helped arrange a sale for Colosi's concrete operations.

At a Sept. 18, 2000, auction in Maryland, Colosi sold pickup trucks, concrete mixers, wheel loaders, back loaders, truck tractors, trailers, and assorted concrete equipment from his two Norfolk businesses, Barkley said.

It raised less than \$1 million, Barkley said. The proceeds, he said, went to pay off his debts.

"I think he is flat broke," Barkley said. "He had a list of quite a few debtors."

A records check backs up that opinion.

Colosi was deep in debt when his wife died in August 2000, largely because Colosi had borrowed heavily to purchase the Eastern Shore property where he lived briefly with Rogers.

One portion of the 34.1 acres was owner-financed.

According to court records, Colosi borrowed \$112,000 of the land's \$140,000 purchase price

from the owner.

The Oak Grove portion of about 111 acres — which included the house, pool, and outbuildings — cost Colosi \$675,000, according to court records.

Most of that money apparently came from a \$400,000 loan from Farmers & Merchants Bank - Eastern Shore. Another portion, \$128,000, Colosi financed with a loan from the couple who sold him the property. It appears that the remainder, \$147,000, was Colosi's own money.

Both portions were foreclosed on this year. The 34.1-acre portion was auctioned for \$495,000.

Colosi also lost his business property in a similar way.

The 2.2 acres on Westminster Avenue in Norfolk where Atlantic Concrete and American Concrete were located went into foreclosure earlier this year when M.P. Beys, the man who had sold the property to Colosi for \$259,000, quit receiving payments on the property.

Colosi sold his concrete plant on the Eastern Shore to T&W Block, Inc., an Eastern Shore company.

Colosi's yacht, the Marlin Darlin', was sold for \$178,000 soon after his arrest, according to a Florida yacht broker who asked not to be identified. Colosi, the broker said, owed \$176,000 on the mortgage and netted only about \$2,000 from the sale.

In addition to his debt, Colosi also was unable to pay his taxes.

He had outstanding IRS obligations dating to 1996 that totaled almost \$65,000.

According to court records, an IRS lien against his Eastern Shore property was released last month after the debt was satisfied following the sale of his properties.

There was also a judgment against Atlantic Concrete of almost \$90,000 ordered in September 2000.

Despite Colosi's seemingly precarious financial situation at the time of his arrest, some people say the complete financial picture remains unknown.

Bert Turner, an Eastern Shore attorney who was a trustee in the foreclosure of part of Colosi's estate, said he saw many high-end furnishings and appliances in the house when he first toured the property.

"All that stuff seemed to disappear about the time we did the foreclosure sale," Turner said.

— *Daily Press*

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B#17: Cape Cod of 1,633 sq' with the essentials for family life. Convenient to the town center of Onancock, with no town taxes. Built in 1988 with a covered front porch that spans the width of the home and a back deck with a fenced backyard. The 1st floor has a dining room, spacious kitchen, sitting room, and master bedroom and 1 1/2 baths. 2nd floor, one bath and 2 more bedrooms. Located in an established neighborhood. **\$275,000**

M#15 Country Haven in Hacksneck is a small, unincorporated waterfront community deep historical ties dating back to early colonial land patents. The county records date this home in 1960, yet it appears to be much older. The new features are oil furnace, 4 zoned, a water heater, well, and updated electric. There are 4 bedrooms, 1 1/2 bath, formal dining room, eat-in kitchen, utility room, open porch, and winter porch. It has a 3-sectioned shed for garden, workshop, and canning. Situated near Nandua and Occohannock creeks, the rural neighborhood remains closely tied to the water, agriculture, and a quiet, tight-knit residential lifestyle. **\$298,000**

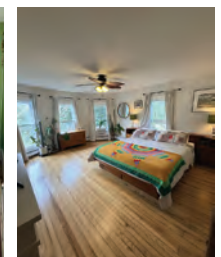
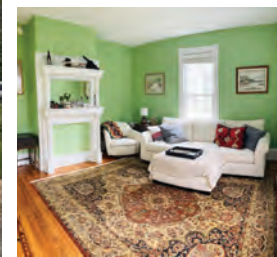


M#16 Country Haven #2, in Hacksneck; called #2 for Country Haven #1 is next door, for the same owners selling the home next door, 12216. Have extended family, or just want to pick your neighbor; possible here. Located in a small, unincorporated waterfront community on the Eastern Shore, with deep historical ties dating back to early colonial land patents. The home has not been lived in since 1989, yet no musty smells or dust. The home's heat is on all winter, and the grounds are maintained. 1348 sq', with 1st floor, eat-in kitchen, dining room, sitting room, foyer, full bath, and utility room. 2 bedrooms on the 2nd floor with a landing between and access to the attic. Nandua Creek County boat ramp is a few blocks away. The electric has been updated, and the metal roof is new. A lot of painting is needed. The rural neighborhood remains closely tied to the water and its agriculture. **\$178,000**



S#24: Village of Bloxom conveys this multi-generational property. Set well apart on two acres are two homes, each with a garage, outbuilding and car-ports. The main home, estimated was constructed in the late 50s, has been renovated while maintaining its charm, there are 3 bedrooms, 2 full baths, eat-in kitchen, an enclosed porch and a sitting room. Also has a renovated She-Shed. **\$295,000**

The 2nd home is a double-wide mobile, with front porch and enclosed porch, all new interior, 3 bedrooms, both with master's ensuite and additional baths. Location is convenient to life's necessities. Both homes have new roofs and hot water on demand. Extended families being close by yet with private spaces for all. **\$195,000**



H#9: Historical Home of Secret Gardens. Built in 1907 on Courthouse road in the incorporated town of Accomac, the county seat, since 1609., with the oldest house dating 1786. Busy by day with the commerce and regulations of the county, then evening brings dog walking, chatting with neighbors, just as peaceful as can be. Meticulously maintained is this 1674 sq' home and grounds. 1st floor comprises a screen-in porch and front open porch, country-style eat-in kitchen, pantry, dining/sitting room combo, full bath, foyer, and bedroom. 2nd floor has a landing between 3 bedrooms; there is also a full attic on the 3rd floor. So, animal-friendly with a posh cat house and play are. The front elevation is at best 75' from the road, 25 mile speed limit. Astonishing are the back grounds; you'll walk past ample parking spots, garden sheds, then come the secret gardens, all about vegetables and perennials, mature trees, gently sloping lawn to the headwater tributary of Folly Creek, not navigable. A gathering spot with a fire pit, shaded by impressive trees, is ever so private. **\$298,000**



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