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Cape Charles Summer of Love in Full Swing

Cape Charles begins its Summer of Love celebration today (July 5) with 50 days of special concerts, sales, and other events. Towns across Virginia are planning festivities in honor of the 50th anniversary of the Virginia is for Lovers tourism slogan. This mural, created by artist Emily Smith, is in downtown Cape Charles. This month's Cape Charles section begins on page 14. For details about Cape Charles Summer of Love promotions and activities, go to www.capecharlesvirginiandscape.com/love/

Kiptopeke Beach Advisory Issued - Then Lifted - During Fourth of July Week

By Linda Cicoira

An advisory recommending against swimming at Kiptopeke State Park beach near Cape Charles was issued Monday by the Northampton County Health Department and lifted shortly before the Eastern Shore Post deadline Wednesday.

Water samples collected July 1 showed that bacteria levels in the water exceeded the State Water Quality Standards.

"The coastal waters of Virginia are generally very clean, and we test them

frequently to confirm this," said Environmental Health Manager Jon Richardson. "On the occasions when waters do fail to meet the standards, we need to protect public health by letting residents and visitors know." Signs were posted at the Kiptopeke State Park Beach alerting the public of the advisory.

"Re-testing conducted July 2, 2019 by the Virginia Department of Health showed that bacteria levels in the water once again meet the State Water Quality Standards," according to a

press release issued Wednesday by the health department.

Samples are taken from the beach weekly from May to September.

Enterococci are a group of organisms used to determine the extent of fecal contamination of recreational waters. While they do not cause illness, scientific studies indicate that their presence is closely correlated to the presence of other disease-causing organisms. People swimming or playing in waters with bacteria levels higher than the standard have an

increased risk of developing a gastrointestinal illness.

For additional information about beach advisories, contact the Accomack County Health Department at 757-787-5886. To learn more about the beach water monitoring program in Virginia visit <http://www.vdh.virginia.gov/environmental-epidemiology/beach-monitoring/> For more information about swimming and safety visit the website www.swimhealthyva.com

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Two Eastern Shore Sites Planned for National Civil War Trails Program

By Linda Cicaira

Two narrative signs are being planned for Onancock and Parksley that will help educate local residents and visitors about Civil War activities in the area.

“Just because there were no major battles, the Shore holds a lot of significance in telling the history of the Civil War,” said Cara Burton, director of the Eastern Shore Public Library, who is overseeing the Shore program.

“We are still figuring out exact locations,” she said. “These signs are designed for walk-up reading and include photographs. Interestingly, no one has been able to produce a non-portrait Civil War photograph depicting encampment or other activity on the Shore. If anyone has one, the library would appreciate being able to scan a copy for possible use in this project,” Burton added.

The Onancock sign “will launch the Civil War Trail program on the Eastern Shore of Virginia, which will be of great long term benefit for historic tourism to the town,” Burton wrote in a let-

ter to town officials there. “People from around the world seek out Civil War sites and the marketing the CWT program is an efficient way to tell millions to visit Onancock.”

The project includes directional “bugle” signs on Route 13, that will alert visitors and “encourage them to explore these wonderful towns,” Burton said.

The plan is to put the signs on the grassy corner by the farmer’s market in Onancock and at the ESVA Heritage Center at the new library in Parksley. Civil War Trails Inc. is a nonprofit organization founded in 1994 and offering more than 1,550 sites in Virginia, Maryland, West Virginia, North Carolina, and Tennessee. There are more than 800 partners including state tourism offices, chambers, businesses, and museums. Guide brochures are distributed domestically and internationally. The group contends travelers who visit Civil War sites stay longer and spend more than average travelers.

“Our average overnight guest stays 50% longer than other travelers averaging 2-5 days,” CWT reported. More than

30% spent between \$250 and \$750 during their trip with 20% spending more than \$1,000. “Our average guest spent 25% of their budget on food and beverage and 33% on lodgings. More than 75% of our guests also enjoyed state parks, beach, and camping. More than 30% of our guests also enjoyed fine dining, wineries, and breweries. We promoted Civil War Trails at 23 consumer shows resulting in several thousand leads. We have 84 projects underway including new sites, content updates, and maintenance.

A thesis submitted to Virginia Tech by Matthew Ostergaard Krogh in 2006 (found at <https://vtechworks.lib.vt.edu/bitstream/handle/10919/42581/Final-Thesis.ES%26CivilWar.MKrogh.2006.pdf?sequence=1&isAllowed=y>) states, “the Shore underwent important military duress in the form of raids, skirmishes, and tactical maneuvers. The reason these clashes were important is because they helped shape Union protocol in other campaigns. The campaign for the Shore also stands out as an example of a fairly bloodless fight. This exemplifies the Union’s true capabilities in the first year of the Civil War which were overshadowed by glorious Confederate victories.

“This thesis also argues that the Atlantic and Chesapeake, which virtually surrounded the Shore, played an important role in the way it fought the war. Rather than detract from its significance by isolating it, these waters added to its role. Southern and Northern sympathizers found ways to aid the South and the North via the Chesapeake Bay and the Atlantic Ocean. Lastly, this survey argues that the Shore underwent an almost unprecedented occupation by



Union forces which created a peaceful, yet resentful enclave of Southern territory. The Eastern Shore of Virginia, isolated and alone, found itself far away from military action after 1861 although it bordered the most important region of the war. Yet from 1862 to 1865 the Shore became engulfed with a war of its own.”

The thesis names several books on the subject: “The Virginia Eastern Shore in the War of Secession and in the Reconstruction Period” by James Mears, “Chesapeake Bay in the Civil War,” by Eric Mills, “Revival’s Children: A Religious History of the Eastern Shore” and “True Tales of the Eastern Shore,” by Kirk Mariner, and “Drummondtown: A One Horse Town,” by L. Floyd Nock.

“Nathaniel J. W. LeCato, an officer of the 39th Virginia, wrote a satiric autobiographical novel,” the thesis states. “Tom Burton; or, the Days of ‘61” told his story of the Union invasion of the Shore. Union General John A. Dix also wrote his memoirs, which discussed the invasion as well. Gen. Lockwood’s papers exist in manuscript form in the National Archives.”

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Chincoteague Group Seeks 'Compassionate Solution' for Feral Cats

By Linda Cicaira

An island group is out to prove famous cat lover Ernest Hemingway wrong.

"One cat just leads to another," the Nobel laureate writer once said.

But that's not the case on Chincoteague where 129 feral cats were trapped, spayed, and neutered recently and then returned to the wild. They won't be multiplying thanks to the organization Chincoteague Island Community Cats.

Fifty-three kittens were also taken to rescue groups, Julie Brommer, a spokesperson for the group, told the Chincoteague Town Council and mayor Monday night. Another 19 cats were revaccinated for rabies and distemper. "Our goal is with compassionate solutions for island cats," she said.

"It's no secret that we have a cat exposure on Chincoteague," said Councilwoman Denise Bowden. "I appreciate it, being an animal lover myself. Thank you very much," she added.

Town Manager Jim West reported the construction of a granulated activated charcoal filter system will begin to

remove PFAS from the town's shallow wells. The completion date is Nov. 30. That work "interferes with our plans to work on the high-rise water tower," West said. "We needed the water from the shallow wells as part of our work around for the tank. I also heard from a NASA representative that proposed language to allow the use of NASA appropriations for remedial work and reimbursement to the town has been submitted to Congress," he said.

The Virginia Institute of Marine Science "completed their work on Chincoteague toward piecing together a geologic history of our barrier island and Assateague to better predict the future of island movement around the inlet," West said. He did not report the results.

The town staff has been able to be better focused on delinquent tax collections since it is no longer busy distributing vehicle stickers. He said collections are up for the taxes on meals, transient occupancy, real estate, and personal property. "Business license compliance is also improving."

Eighty-five building permits were issued recently for a total of \$1,289,667 in construction costs. Permit fees totaled \$5,684 and \$400 in fines were received.

If you wonder what the town's public works department does, here are some of the things that happened in June: completed remodeling of the Memorial Park restrooms; continued restroom construction at Curtis Merritt Harbor; completed Main Street storm water inlet repairs; spot painted the LOVE chairs; mowed several residential lawns that were in violation of the town's grass height code; removed litter from Fowling Gut at Ocean Boulevard trail bridge; removed fallen tree from Reynolds' cemetery; trimmed trees on several private roads to facilitate solid waste removal; performed routine equipment, park, and office complex maintenance; conducted facilities and roadside mowing operations; mowed des-

ignated cemeteries; completed regularly scheduled bulk trash collection; conducted routine pavement repair, street sweeping, and traffic control maintenance; continued mosquito control operations; installed radio-read potable/fire protection at USCG Field Sector Chincoteague; replaced a failed water main valve at the intersection of Main Street and Doe Bay Lane; and performed routine water supply, distribution, and repair.

The town's emergency management division is monitoring the weather daily for hurricane season. It was reported that National Weather Service forecasters predict a 70% likelihood of nine to 15 named storms, of which 4 to 8 could become hurricanes, including 2 to 4 major hurricanes of category 3, 4, or 5. The NWS will update the 2019 Atlantic seasonal outlook in early August, just prior to the peak of the hurricane season.

Northampton Hires Help for Comp Plan

By Stefanie Jackson

Northampton supervisors voted on June 25 to hire professional consulting firm the Berkley Group to assist with the update of the county's comprehensive plan.

Supervisor Robert Duer said, "We created – or inherited – this mess," and it's supervisors' job to clean it up. His motion to accept the Berkley Group's proposal passed unanimously.

Northampton will spend nearly \$125,000 on the new update of the comprehensive plan.

According to a document outlining the project's scope of work, the Berkley Group plans to spend more than 900 hours over the next 14 months on the comprehensive plan, at a cost of about \$117,000.

Indirect expenses such as supplies and printing will cost an additional \$7,500.

Virginia code states that county comprehensive plans should be updated every five years. Northampton's current comprehensive plan is dated 2009.

The Northampton planning commission worked on an update for about six years without professional help, and after it presented its final draft to Northampton supervisors late last year, supervisors unanimously voted

to reject the plan.

Spencer Murray, the chairman of the board of supervisors, outlined five fundamental flaws in the plan: an overly negative tone, outdated information, underemphasis of tourism and aquaculture, lack of an affordable housing plan, and lack of adequate public input.

Since December, most of the planning commissioners have quit and have been replaced. Supervisor John Coker pointed out that the new planning commissioners won't be able to get "caught up" on the comprehensive plan on their own.

"This is what we have to do," he said of the costly decision to hire the Berkley Group.

Later, when supervisors were updated on the RAFT (Resilience Adaptation Feasibility Tool) and its strategies for managing coastal flooding, Coker added that the information in the RAFT would be "invaluable" to the planning commission.

Tanya Denckla Cobb, of the University of Virginia, provided the RAFT update. Northampton is making progress toward its coastal resilience goals, but improvement is still needed in key areas like creating incentives for residents who build living shorelines and take other coastal resilience measures, and making plans for emergency preparedness.

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Exmore Ready for Next Challenge: Connecting to Onancock Wastewater Treatment Plant

By Stefanie Jackson

Exmore closed the books on another successful fiscal year, and now the town looks forward to several special events happening later this summer and fall.

Exmore grossed more than \$2.25 million from water and sewer service, trash collection, taxes and fees, and other income in FY 2019. Its expenses totaled less than \$1.85 million, resulting in a net income over expenses of more than \$412,000 for the year.

The town earned more income than expected in almost every category. There were a few unforeseen expenses, including more than \$10,500 to send a new law enforcement officer to the police academy when only \$1,500 was budgeted for police education.

With another profitable fiscal year under his belt, Town Manager Robert Duer is ready to move forward with Exmore's sewer project.

The Hampton Roads Sanitation District is interested in connecting Exmore, Nassawadox, and Melfa to Onancock's wastewater treatment facility, which has capacity to spare. The towns would

pay for the infrastructure and HRSD would take over service and billing.

But there is no guarantee that all four towns and both Northampton and Accomack counties will commit to the project.

Thus far, there have been "a lot of meetings, not a lot of action," Duer said.

HRSD will provide information on its proposal at public meetings held in mid-August, he added.

Exmore also has several community events lined up.

National Night Out with the Exmore Police Department will offer an evening of family fun Tuesday, Aug. 6.

Shakespeare In the Park is Friday, Sept. 20 with the Brown Box Theatre Project presenting "Measure for Measure."

The Eastern Shore Music and Soul Food Festival is Thursday, Sept. 26.

All three events will be in Exmore Town Park.

Exmore will also host the Citizens for a Better Eastern Shore (CBES) 27th annual Between the Waters bike tour Oct. 26.

Marketing Consultant Clarice MacGarvey announced Saturday, Aug. 24,



Photo by Stefanie Jackson

Exmore Police Chief Angelo DiMartino (left) announced July 1 his promotion of Sgt. Adam Zieger (right) to captain. They are pictured with Mayor Douglas Greer.

will be Exmore Day at the Eastern Shore of Virginia Welcome Center, and Exmore business owners are invited to attend and take advantage of the free promotion on the welcome center's busiest day of the year.



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Coast Guard Makes Rescue Near Jamesville

By Stefanie Jackson

The U.S. Coast Guard and Virginia Marine Resources Commission (VMRC) partnered Saturday, June 29, to rescue an ailing 44-year-old man struggling to anchor his vessel in the Chesapeake Bay near Nassawadox Creek in Jamesville.

The man, who was aboard the sailboat Thumper, called the Coast Guard

at about 8 a.m. to alert them of his situation. Watchstanders at Coast Guard Sector Hampton Roads received the call.

A medium-crew response boat from Station Milford Haven in Hudgins, Va., and a Jayhawk helicopter from Air Station Elizabeth City, N.C., were dispatched to the scene. VMRC assisted.

The helicopter crew lowered its rescue swimmer into the water, who re-



Photos by Phyllis Ward

Above: A Coast Guard vessel (right) comes to the rescue of the ailing man aboard a sailboat June 29 near Jamesville.

Left: A Coast Guard helicopter with a rescue swimmer arrives on the scene.



trieved the man and transferred him to the VMRC vessel.

VMRC crew took the man to the Coast Guard vessel, which was used as a platform for the Jayhawk crew to hoist the man up to the helicopter.

The man was taken to Riverside Shore Memorial Hospital in Onancock. Jerry Besecker, operations unit con-

troller with the Sector Hampton Roads command center, said, "The shallowness of the water created a challenging environment for our boat crew, but working with the VMRC enabled us to help this mariner quickly and efficiently.

"Our local partnerships are invaluable for this reason: Through teamwork, we can help more people."

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The Cleavelands Have Their Say

By Stefanie Jackson

Linda Cleaveland wants to set the record straight about the Wellington Neck home she shares with husband John Cleaveland and about the controversy the property generated among neighbors after the couple applied for a special use permit to use the property overlooking Nassawadox Creek as a wedding destination.

At recent meetings of Northampton County supervisors and planning commissioners, neighbors made public comments that included speculation on why the Cleavelands were attempting to permit their property as an event venue while their house was on the market. The Cleavelands have remained largely silent throughout the debate, and are now represented by an attorney.

Many believed the Cleavelands were trying to increase the value of their property to expedite a sale.

But Linda Cleaveland gave a different reason for putting the home on the market.

More than a year ago, the Cleavelands experienced a string of health issues that led them to believe they would no longer be able to maintain their 65-acre, Franktown-area property and they would have to move.

It all started when John Cleaveland developed back pain and an MRI revealed spinal compression and a herniated disc, said Linda Cleaveland, who is a retired registered nurse.

Surgery would have had a 50-50 chance of success to correct the issue, and John Cleaveland would have had to endure a one-year recovery without riding his tractor.

Considering the uncertainty of getting surgery, Cleaveland opted instead to get steroid injections every three months to manage his pain.

Cleaveland sustained another injury when he missed a step while dismounting a large tractor and fell on his right knee, tearing the cartilage.

The most devastating blow came one morning when he was coming downstairs and his wife noticed his speech was slurred. She took that as a warning sign

of a stroke and got him to the hospital.

The episode affected a softball-sized area of his brain, yet John Cleaveland made a full recovery and suffers no cognitive deficits, Linda Cleaveland said.

During the same period, she sustained a shoulder injury that could have affected her ability to cut the grass on the 65-acre property, a three-day job.



Photo courtesy of Linda Cleaveland
The Cleavelands want to use this location behind their home as a site for wedding ceremonies.

“It was all about John,” she said of the decision to stay in the house he designed, both during and after his recovery.

The 65-acre property with a 1/4 mile of waterfront also features an airstrip and a barn that houses John Cleaveland’s tractors and personal aircraft.

He was an attack pilot during the Vietnam War, then he spent more than 30 years piloting international flights for TWA. He was also an electrical engineer.

Linda Cleaveland, originally from Richmond, Va., met John Cleaveland on Match.com, and they married in 2015.

If they had sold their Wellington Neck home, they might have moved to Richmond to live closer to Linda Cleaveland’s grown children.

The Cleavelands put their house up for sale last year, but they didn’t want to sell unless the right buyer was willing to pay their asking price of \$2.5 million, later reduced to \$2.4 million.

If they had also sold the tractors and plane they would have been “set for life,” Linda Cleaveland said.

The Cleavelands withdrew their house from the market the day after the June 12 Northampton planning commission meeting. Northampton supervisors will render a final decision on the Cleavelands’ zoning application at their next meeting July 9.

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- From Robert Johnson
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 Parcel P, Peaceful Pines
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- From Equity Trustees LLC, substitute trustee
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 To Lynn Allison
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Court Postings

By Linda Cicaira

Shooting Death Ruled Homicide

A Belle Haven man, whose body was found inside a vehicle on May 29, died from a gunshot wound to the torso, according to the medical examiner's office.

The death of Alvin Rogers, 40, of Mill Run Lane, was ruled a homicide.

The Accomack County Sheriff's Office received "a report of shots being fired on Boggs Road in Painter at about 9:15 that night. When deputies responded they found Roger's body. No other details have been disclosed.

The investigation is continuing. Anyone with information about the shooting is asked to call 757-787-1131 or 757-824-5666. Tips may also be submitted through Sheriff Todd Godwin's website at www.accomack-countysheriffsoffice.org

Third House Fire Death Ruled Suicide

The injury on a Nelsonia man, who was found with two others in a house trailer fire last February, was self-inflicted.

Wilson L. Escalante-Perez, 24, died from a stab wound to the chest. His death was ruled a suicide, said Alvin Hopson, a spokesperson for the medical examiner's office in Richmond.

The body of the man's 3-year-old niece, Daniella Escalante-Gonzales, identified by her grandfather as Sophia Escalante, and the body of her mother, Oraliz Alejandra Gonzalez-Miranda, 26, were also found in the remains of the fire. Their deaths were ruled homicide. All three were stabbed to death before the fire was set, an official said.

The child died from stab wounds to the chest and abdomen. The woman was stabbed in the chest.

The fire was reported to authorities at 10 a.m., Feb. 1, at Johnson Court, which is right off Lankford Highway. The other three children

who lived at the residence were at school. Other residents of the trailer were the grandfather, Feliciano Ortiz, and his wife, Celestina Perez, mother of Wilson Escalante-Perez, and Yener Perez, the father of the girl. They were not at home when the fire was reported and said they work at Tyson Foods. The residence was destroyed.

Exmore Man Pleads Guilty to Vehicular Manslaughter

An Exmore man pleaded guilty Monday in Northampton Circuit Court to felony involuntary vehicular manslaughter in connection with the death of a 17-year-old boy near Cape Charles.

Calvin Earl Berryhill Jr., 41, who was living at Madame C J Walker Lane in Exmore when the incident occurred on Dec. 24, 2018, also admitted to DUI and three counts of contributing to the delinquency of a minor.

"All this is devastating to me," Berryhill testified. "It's a difficult feeling. Lost my stepson. It's hurtful every day. Thinking about this all the time ... I know I made a bad mistake ... never intentionally. I miss being around her (the boy's mother, Tracy Shavonn Stith) and her family, Shore life."

The crash was reported at 2:45 a.m., at the 23000 block of U.S. Highway 13, south of Parsons Circle. An officer determined a 2003 Saturn VUE, driven by Berryhill, was going north on the highway, ran off the road, overturned, and struck several trees.

Trevonne Avant Stith, 17, of Banks Road in Cape Charles, died at the scene. Three other juvenile passengers, who were not identified, were able to escape from the vehicle and run to a nearby residence for help. Those three were later taken to the Children's Hospital of the King's Daughters, in Norfolk, Va., for injuries that were not life-threatening. Tracy Stith was in the front seat of the vehicle. She was taken by rescue squad to Norfolk Sentara Hospital, in Norfolk, also with injuries that were not life-threatening.

Berryhill said he had to move to Norfolk to find work because he lost his job after missing time while in jail awaiting bail.

Judge W. Revell Lewis accepted the plea agreement between Berryhill and Commonwealth's Attorney Beverly Leatherbury. The prosecutor reduced the aggravated manslaughter charge in exchange for the guilty pleas so witnesses would not have to testify.

At a preliminary hearing, Tracy Stith testified Berryhill was going faster than 100 mph. "She was adamant that this has been such a tragedy for the whole family including the defendant," said Leatherbury. "She had forgiven the defendant. She saw the trial as more pain on top of pain."

"Drinking and driving, it's a painful experience," said Berryhill. "It's hurtful every day. I'll never forget it. There's nothing I can do to change it."

Lewis denied a motion to allow Berryhill to remain free on bond. He remanded the defendant to the Eastern Shore Regional Jail to await sentencing set for Sept. 23. A criminal history, work history, and sentencing guidelines were ordered.

Trevonne Stith died instantly from blunt trauma to the head. The three other youngsters who were in the vehicle that night were between 12 and 16 years old.

Berryhill told police he was going 65 to 75 mph and the roads were wet when the crash occurred. Defense lawyer Paul Watson said the speed is unclear. "Mr. Berryhill admitted he was going too fast. The tire did blow out."

In another case, Larry Wayne "Lil Larry" Edwards Jr., 28, of Bayside Road in Exmore, pleaded guilty to felony burglary and misdemeanor destruction of property that occurred June 24, 2018. Counts of racketeering and conspiracy to racketeer were not prosecuted. Sentencing was set for Sept. 30.

3 Sentenced for Felonies

Three county residents were sentenced last week in Accomack Circuit Court for committing felonies.

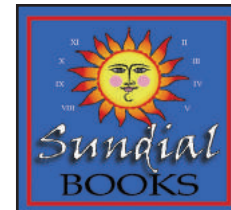
Odai Mustapha, also known as Odai Mustafa, 28, of Lankford Highway in New Church, was sentenced to 12 months in jail for both felony possession with the intent to distribute marijuana and misdemeanor possession with the intent to sell drug paraphernalia. He owned a vape shop on Lank-

ford Highway. The incidents occurred Aug. 17, 2017.

All but three months of Mustapha's terms were suspended. A year of good behavior was ordered. Mustapha could have been sentenced to up to 11 years in prison and fined \$5,000.

Cody Montelle Kellam, 38, of Quail Lane in Painter, was given five years in prison with all but two years suspended for possession of a firearm by a felon. The crime occurred April 13, 2018. Good behavior for five years and supervision for two years was ordered.

Jackee Dorotisha Giddens, 30, of Big Pine Road in Painter, was sentenced to two years in prison with all but 20 days suspended for embezzling from Hardees in Onley on May 12, 2018. Giddens will be allowed to serve her time on weekends. Supervised probation and good behavior were ordered for two years. Giddens was also required to pay \$2,431.60 in restitution by June 30, 2021. She could have been sentenced to up to 20 years in prison and fined \$2,500.



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Mary "Jane" Heppding

Mrs. Mary "Jane" Heppding, 81, beloved wife of Gene Earl Heppding and a resident of Onancock, passed away Monday, June 24, 2019, at her home with her loving family at her side. Born April 12, 1938, in Baltimore, Md., and reared in Point Pleasant, Md., she was a daughter of the late Leland Franklin Helmstetter Sr. and the late Anna Coolahan Helmstetter.



Mrs. Heppding

Mrs. Heppding loved being surrounded by loved ones and looked forward to cooking meals for holidays and family gatherings. She was a member of the Exmore Moose Lodge #683, was an avid bowler and participated in a league for several years, and she enjoyed collecting ceramics. Mr. and Mrs. Heppding adored one another and were inseparable throughout their 64 years of marriage. Though Mr. and Mrs. Heppding didn't have children of their own, they treasured their nieces and nephews, and there was nothing they wouldn't do for them. Mrs. Heppding's memory will forever be cherished, and her life forever celebrated, through the countless memories made with those she loved.

In addition to her husband, she is survived by her sister, Ann Rigdon, of Ormond Beach, Fla.; seven nieces, Terri Callaway, Susan Moore (Thom), Karen Nelson (Kevin), Debbie Pearlman (Adam), Brenda Reynolds (Tom), Michelle Check, and Kristin Zach (Andrew); sister-in-law, Jo Helmstetter; and several great-nieces and great-nephews. Other than her parents, she was predeceased by a sister, Blanche "Sue" Brandick and her husband, Bill; brother, Leland Franklin Helmstetter Jr.; brother-in-law, Jim Rigdon; nephew, Curtis Mattern; and nephew-in-law, Donnie Calloway.

To honor her wishes, funeral services will be private. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made

to Riverside Shore Hospice, P.O. Box 616, Onley, VA 23418.

Memory tributes may be shared with the family at www.williamsfuneralhomes.com

Arrangements were made by the Williams-Onancock Funeral Home.

Jerome Carl Loomis

Mr. Jerome Carl Loomis, 76, husband of Judy Williams Loomis and a resident of Cape Charles, passed away Tuesday, July 2, 2019, surrounded by his loving family. A native of Ludington, Mich., he was the son of the late Russell J. Loomis and the late Beatrice Burke Loomis. He was a U.S. Air Force veteran, having served in Vietnam, and a retired electrician for the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

In addition to his loving wife, he is survived by two children, Steve Loomis and his wife, Teresa, of Cape Charles, and Susan L. Brown and her husband, Dallas, of Centerville, Md.; three sisters, Amarylis L. Kistler and her husband, Dan, Beverly Gavigan, and Delores Smith and her husband, Kenny, all of Ludington; four grandchildren, Tyler Brown, Zachary Brown, Rachel Blades, and Chelsea Selby; and a great-grandson, Jonah Blades. He was predeceased by a son, David Loomis, and a brother, Terrance Loomis.



Mr. Loomis

A graveside service will be conducted Friday, July 5, 2019, at 1 p.m., at Cape Charles Cemetery with the Rev. Linda Lowe officiating. Flowers will be accepted, or memorials may be made to Cape Charles Rescue Service, P.O. Box 3009, Cheriton, VA 23316.

Online condolences may be sent to the family at www.doughtyfuneralhome.com

Arrangements were made by Wilkins-Doughty Funeral Home in Cape Charles.

Robert Hippolit Pfund

Mr. Robert Hippolit Pfund, 86, husband of the late Dolores A. Pfund and a resident of Cape Charles, passed away Tuesday, June 18, 2019, at Heritage Hall Healthcare in Nassawadox. A native of Bronx, N.Y., he was the son of the late William A. Pfund and the late

Marie McCauley Pfund. He worked in corporate real estate for 50 years and was a member of St. Charles Catholic Church.

He is survived by five children, Robert T. Pfund, James J. Pfund and his wife, Julie, William J. Pfund and his wife, Teresa, Mary E. Krafft and her husband, Chris, and Cathryn A. Doughty and her husband, David; and six grandchildren, Krystena Drayer and her husband, Zachary, Audrey Pfund, Jessica Pfund, Emily Pfund, Colin Krafft, and Trevor Krafft.

A funeral Mass will be celebrated Friday, July 12, 2019, at 11 a.m. at St. Charles Catholic Church with Father J. Michael Breslin officiating. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Randy Custis Memorial Fund, P.O. Box 237, Nassawadox, VA 23413.

Online condolences may be sent to the family at www.doughtyfuneralhome.com

Arrangements were made by Wilkins-Doughty Funeral Home in Cape Charles.

Morgan Thomas Ridington Sr.

Mr. Morgan Thomas Ridington Sr., 91, of Melfa, passed away June 4, 2019. He was born in Conshohocken, Pa., the fourth child of Lawrence and Claudia Ridington. He was a graduate of the class of 1946 from Conshohocken High School. In 1949, he was married to Marie Florence Hall, also of Conshohocken.

He followed his three brothers in military service with the U.S. Navy and was honorably discharged in 1952. He began his employment with



Mr. Ridington

the Lee Tire and Rubber Company, after which Mr. Ridington was invited to join a new venture, A-S-H Molded Products, in Malvern, Pa. He spent the balance of his professional career at A-S-H, retiring from the position of company president. Afterward, he retired to the East-

ern Shore of Virginia where he enjoyed golf, boating, and social activities. One of his thrills in retirement was scoring two aces at the Eastern Shore Yacht & Country Club.

Mr. Ridington is survived by his brother, Orrin; his daughter, Lori; and son, Tom and his wife, Meridith. He also leaves four grandchildren and four great-grandchildren. He was predeceased by his wife, Marie, in 2009.

Mr. Ridington's children invite all to join them for a remembrance open house to be held in the parish hall at St. George's Episcopal Church, in Pungoteague, Saturday, July 13, 2019, from 3 p.m. until 5 p.m.

In lieu of flowers, memorial gifts in Mr. Ridington's memory may be made to the Riverside Shore Memorial Hospital (RSMH) Women's Auxiliary, c/o Kristin Webb, P.O. Box 656, Nassawadox, VA 23413.

Memory tributes may be shared with the family at www.williamsfuneralhomes.com

Arrangements were made by the Williams-Onancock Funeral Home.

Beverley Roberts

Mrs. Beverley Ethel Roberts, 80, of Richmond and Onancock, passed away May 19, 2019, with her family by her side. She was born to Norman and Ethel Drake in Providence, R.I. Mrs. Roberts received a Bachelor of Science degree from Furman University and a Master of Business Administration degree from Shenandoah University. She loved the Eastern Shore and cherished her time working for Shore Memorial Hospital. Mrs. Roberts was a dedicated and compassionate nurse for over 50 years. She loved her family deeply and will be remembered as a loving daughter, sister, wife, mother, grandmother, and aunt.



Mrs. Roberts

Mrs. Roberts is survived by her husband, William; her daughters, Elizabeth Olson (Peter) and Jennifer Holmes (Virgil); her grandchildren, Matthew, Hayley, and Abigail Olson; her sister-in-law, Betty Jean Drake; and many nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her mother, father, and brother.

A Celebration of Life will be held Saturday, July 13, 2019, from 3 p.m. until 5 p.m. at The Blarney Stone Pub, 10 North St., Onancock. Memorial donations may be made to the Riverside Shore Memorial Hospital Foundation or to the Eastern Shore Family YMCA.

Frances Powers Roberts

Mrs. Frances Powers Roberts, 88, wife of the late Hurley Carliss Roberts Jr. and a resident of Quinby, passed away Tuesday, June 25, 2019, at Shore Health and Rehabilitation Center in Parksley. A native of Quinby, she was the daughter of the late Rooker W. Powers and the late Louise Caruthers Powers. She was a member of Smith Chapel United Methodist Church where she was the church organist for 67 years and was an organist for Doughty Funeral Home.



Mrs. Roberts

She is survived by two sons, Trent Roberts (Melanie), of Chesapeake, Va., and Carey Dean Roberts (Diana Stiles), of Quinby; two grandchildren, Erin R. Morris (John), of Chesapeake, and John C. Roberts, of Austin, Texas; two great-grandchildren, Jayce and Eden Morris, both of Chesapeake; a nephew, Alan Gladden (Kathe), of Marionville; and a niece, Miriam Gladden Sturgis (Lennie), of Birdsnest. She was predeceased by a sister, Gloria P. Gladden, and a brother-in-law, Robert A. Gladden.

A graveside service will be conducted Saturday, July 6, 2019, at Belle Haven Cemetery with the Rev. Curtis D. Lucy officiating. Memorials may be made to Smith Chapel United Methodist Church, c/o Gwen Blake, 5046 Seaside Road, Exmore, VA 23350.

Online condolences may be sent to the family at www.doughtyfuneralhome.com

Arrangements were made by Doughty Funeral Home in Exmore.

Thomas Hickman Scott

Mr. Thomas Hickman Scott, better known as "Hickie," a resident of Sarasota, Fla., died at home Tuesday, July 2, 2019. He is survived by

his wife, Sally Ann Lankford Scott. Together they celebrated their 66th wedding anniversary on June 12, 2019. He was the son of Thomas S. Scott and Betty Hickman Scott.

He attended Bloxom School and Goldey-Beacom College in Wilmington, Del. His childhood dream was to become a professional baseball player. In 1948, Mr. Scott pitched the championship game to give Bloxom High its first and only baseball championship. In 1949, he was signed by the Boston Braves and the High Point, N.C., farm team of the Braves. He was drafted by the U.S. Army the next two years and was in the Signal Corps in Korea for 15 months during the Korean conflict. He returned to baseball after his service in the U.S. Army, but his career ended abruptly when he suffered a catastrophic injury to his pitching arm during a pitch. His skills as a pitcher are memorialized in the Eastern Shore Baseball Hall of Fame in Salisbury, Md. After baseball, he worked until retirement with NASA, starting during the early days of the U.S. space program at Cape Canaveral, in Florida, and then at Wallops on the Eastern Shore.

Mr. Scott is also survived by his son, Preston Thomas Scott, currently a resident of Sarasota, Fla.; granddaughters, Katie Scott and her husband, Brian Seidenfeld, and Christina Dubner and her husband, Seth Dubner; and great-grandchildren, Ema and Ben Seidenfeld and Wells Dubner, all of Washington, D.C.

Funeral services will be conducted from the graveside at the Parksley Cemetery Saturday, July 6, 2019, at 11 a.m., with Mr. George Fulk officiating.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Tidewell Hospice Ellenton, Philanthropy Department, 5955 Rand Boulevard, Sarasota, FL 34238 (www.tidewellhospice.org).

Memory tributes may be shared with the family at www.williamsfuneralhomes.com

Arrangements were made by the Williams-Parksley Funeral Home.

Albert Louis Tarr

Mr. Albert Louis Tarr, also known as "Joey," passed away peacefully Tuesday, June 25, 2019, surrounded by his loving family. Born April 6, 1934, on Chincoteague Island, he was the son of the late Marvin and

Mary Tarr.

Mr. Tarr joined the U.S. Navy in 1951, and after serving two years, he joined the U.S. Coast Guard, retiring in 1971. Mr. Tarr laid down the path of military life that all three of his sons and two grandsons would follow. Following retirement, he served the Town of Chincoteague as a police officer and, subsequently, the chief of the department.



Mr. Tarr

Afterwards, he was employed with VDOT as a bridgetender serving the needs of the maritime industry on the Chincoteague Channel.

Mr. Tarr was predeceased by his parents; two brothers, Bobby Tarr and Jerry Tarr; brother-in-law, Kenny Johnson; and one son, Johnny Tarr, who was killed in the line of duty during recovery efforts after Hurricane Andrew in 1992.

Mr. Tarr is survived by the love of his life, Alice "Faye" Tarr; his son, Billy Joe Tarr and his wife, Tammy;

his daughter, Leda Scullion and her husband, Joe; and Jerry Tarr and his wife, Patty, all of Chincoteague; nine grandchildren, Dustin Tarr, of Berlin, Md., Chris Tarr, of West Ocean City, Md., Johnny Tarr, U.S. Coast Guard Station Ocean City, Md., Allen Clark Jr and Katie Farrell, both of Atlantic, Jessi Merritt, of Portsmouth, Lindsey Fulmer, of Chincoteague, and Joey Scullion and Sandra Scullion, of Newark, Del.; 13 great-grandchildren; one sister, Peggy Johnson, of Jacksonville, Fla.; three brothers, Ronnie Tarr and his wife, Pat, of New Church, Rudy Tarr and his wife, Sylvia, of Suffolk, Bryan Tarr, of Chincoteague; two nieces, Joann Ross, of Jacksonville, Fla., and Deana Howard, of Chincoteague.

Graveside services were held Friday, June 28, 2019, at John W. Taylor Memorial Cemetery in Temperanceville.

Memorial donations may be made to the Chincoteague Volunteer Fire Company Ambulance Fund, P.O. Box 691, Chincoteague, VA 23336. Arrangements were made by Salyer Funeral Home, Inc., Chincoteague. Condolences may be made online at www.salyerfh.com

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WASHBOARD XT BLENDS PASSION FOR MUSIC AND FASCINATION WITH HISTORY

Story and Photo by Stefanie Jackson

Newman Baker, an international musician and the man behind the Washboard XT project, recently visited the Eastern Shore to research his ancestry and share his talent for playing the washboard.

Baker has traveled the world, playing in bands as a drummer, but he never played the washboard until age 69 when he was asked at the last minute to fill in for a member of another band.

"I sat down, put the spent shotgun shells on my fingers ... placed on my lap the washboard ... and started moving my hands," Baker said.

"It wasn't me making this good music, the ancestors were showing how to play."

One of those ancestors was the Rev. T. Nelson Baker, of Eastville, who lived from 1860 to 1941.

The elder Baker and his mother were slaves on a plantation in Seaview until he was 5 years old. He worked on farms in Eastville until age 21, then he went back to school.

He eventually attended Yale University, and he was the first African

American in the nation to receive a doctorate degree in philosophy.

Newman Baker's family on his father's side lived on the Eastern Shore since the 1750s.

During his trip to the Shore from June 25 to June 29, Baker planned to visit historic Eastville, the Samuel Outlaw Blacksmith Museum, and the Eastern Shore Public Library, home of the Frances Bibbins Latimer special collection.

On June 26, Baker stopped by Occohannock Elementary School to visit the Boys & Girls Club and play the washboard for its young members.

Baker plays the washboard in a style different from zydeco musicians in New Orleans. They hold the washboard upright and play it with spoons or with thimbles on their fingers.

Baker lays the washboard on his lap and wears shotgun shells on his fingers – 12-gauge fit him best, he says.

He recalled again the first time he played the washboard and didn't know what to do, so he played it like the instrument he knew best – the drum.

"All of a sudden, I saw my hands do-

ing things that I don't know how they knew how to do," he said.

It was that feeling of his ancestors working through him, showing him how to play the washboard, that inspired him to learn more about his grandfather.

Baker also enjoyed seeing "people smiling and happy because they liked the sound of the washboard."

Now Baker has his own project, Washboard XT, that allows him to share both his fascination with history and passion for music.

Right: Newman Baker is ready to play the washboard for the Boys & Girls Club at Occohannock Elementary School.



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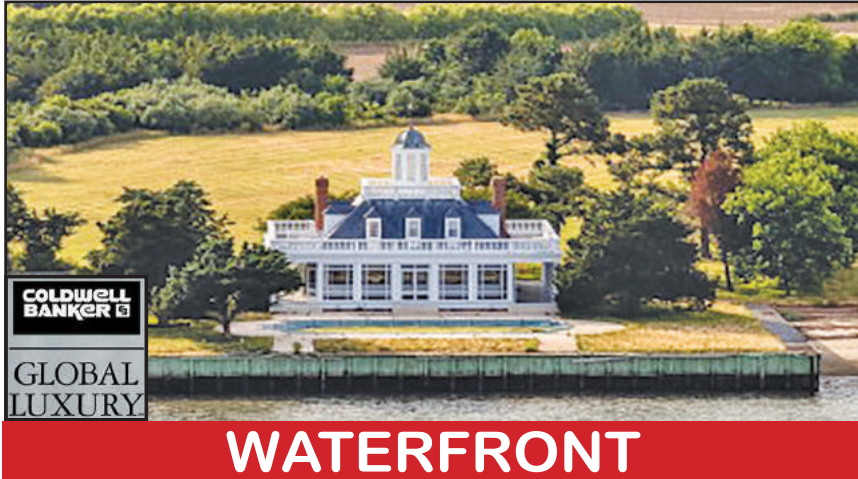
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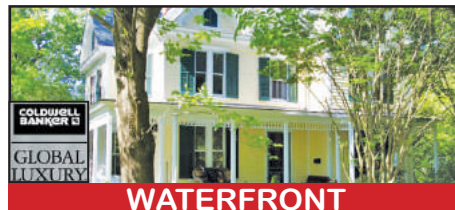


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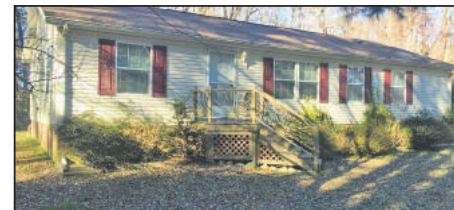


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As Concepts Emerge From Real to Reel,

Experimental Film Virginia throws a street party before the premiere of short films made during the two-week artists residency that draws talent from around the world.

By Stefanie Jackson

One of Cape Charles' biggest annual arts and cultural events, Experimental Film Virginia, drew to a vibrant and dramatic close Saturday, June 29, with the seventh annual Reel & Raw, a film premiere event.

Every summer, artists from around the world, from L.A. to Taipei, come and spend a two-week residency in Cape Charles, acting, dancing, choreographing, directing, producing, and editing up to 15 short experimental films.

Eddie Steeples, who played Darnell Turner on the TV show "My Name Is Earl," visited Cape Charles during the two-week residency and had just enough time for a brief on-camera interview before leaving for a job on the

set with Nicolas Cage. The interview was shown at the beginning of Saturday evening's program.

In past years, the Reel & Raw film premiere has been held outdoors, but this year it was hosted in the Historic Palace Theatre on Mason Avenue.

The lower end of Strawberry Street was blocked off to make way for both the cash bar that sold beer, wine, and food, and the stage where the band iDox performed, joined by special guest Sheila Sheppard on the fiddle.

Arm bands gave guests easy access between the concert venue and the Palace, using the theater's side entrance on Strawberry Street.

The bright lights shining and the energetic tunes playing right outside



Photo by Stefanie Jackson

Clelia Sheppard, right, owner of Lemon Tree Gallery on Mason Avenue, chats with a friend before heading inside for the film screening.

the theater door electrified the event with a loud and lively, happening vibe.

The theater doors closed at 8 p.m. and event organizer and host Renata Sheppard glided in wearing a long, flowing evening gown glimmering with gold accents, and she introduced the filmmakers that made the evening possible.

This year's film collection featured a healthy dose of humor, including "Subconscious," by Pei-Hsuan Li, a figurative duel that becomes a literal dance between a man with a mysteriously multiplying collection of water bottles and a woman with a single wine glass – which she clutches during the entire dance.

"Stage Moms," by Lachlan McClel-

lan, is a mockumentary about stage mothers "Nancy" and "Cathy," played by two men, and their personal war over whose kid will get top billing in the play, resulting in a set of playbills being reprinted and then getting set on fire outside the theater.

"Battle of the Hosts," by Timo Gomez, depicts Renata Sheppard and Hugh Copeland at an Experimental Film Virginia premiere in a bitter rivalry for the title of host, ending with Copeland tied to a chair in a backroom.

In "Big Fish, Small Pond," by Renata Sheppard and Alex Forge, a couple is about to perform at a party, but the woman is so nervous that she falls into the swimming pool and turns into

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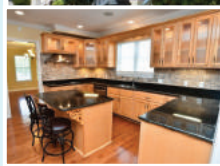
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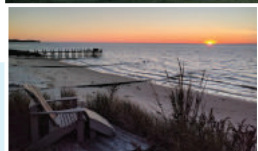
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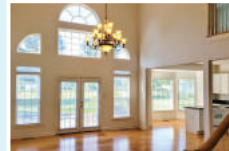
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a mermaid. Once she's back out of the pool, with her tail flopping on the concrete, she's applauded.

One of the films leaves the impression of fine art in the form of a pop music video. "The Exploding Moon and Crying Sun," by Eran Sabo, features a thumping bass and lyrics including, "the mirror shows you how to lie." A mother figure and child interact while black figures dance around them.

"Bellezza Spiaggia," Italian for "Beach Beauty," is a film by Mark Atkinson that appears to blur the line between mocking and imitating classic grace and beauty. A man and woman, dressed all in white, are in the water at the beach. He lovingly and playfully holds her and spins her around and around before finally leaving her and happily but inexplicably wading out to sea.

"And Still She Gives," by Roberta Ferrara, follows a band of adventurers as they run and dance through a broken down, abandoned building, and instills fear as they gather to

watch a nearby cloud of smoke billow. The film ends with a quote by Henry David Thoreau: "What is the use of a house if you haven't got a tolerable planet to put it on?"

"Applause," by Maxximillian Dae, is about a man trying to overcome his performance anxiety and asking a friend how to know when you're dreaming – while he's dreaming. He listens to his friend's advice and earns the applause he seeks.

The films make good use of the variety of backdrops Cape Charles has to offer, from natural to industrial and historical to modern.

The Cape Charles railroad tracks appear in "Take Me There," by Chantal Cherry, a piece that shows lovers caressing while others are dancing along the tracks.

"Plight," by Danzel Thompson-Stout, starts with a man running down the railroad tracks – a glimpse of one individual's coming of age as he begins by telling himself, "run, black boy, run," and ends with "run, black man, run."

Massive concrete pylons set the stage for the weighty notions behind

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Photo by Stefanie Jackson

Strawberry Street is crowded with Experimental Film Virginia guests enjoying the food and drinks before the film premiere.

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Nadia Petkovic's "Me and I." Two females with long and dark braided hair, one wearing black, one wearing red and white, dance along the thin line between love and hate, like one soul split in two.

"Encounter," by Wei Chang, one of many works filmed on Cape Charles Beach, shows another couple as they twist, contort, and finally intertwine.

Denise Damon Wade's "Not Yet ..." takes a different direction, reminding the audience in plain words that there is "not yet" a cure for Alzheimer's, Parkinson's, or Lou Gehrig's disease, but it also uses imagery and choreography to send the message that those living with these diseases have "not yet" given up, either.

Viewers were also treated to Jim Baugh's "The Milky Way Galaxy, Our Home," a four-minute film that was not made in Cape Charles during the two-week residency and is not experimental.

Instead, it uses thousands of photos taken at some of the Eastern Shore's



Photo by Stefanie Jackson

Cape Charles' new Loveworks mural makes its debut June 29 on Strawberry Street at the Experimental Film Virginia film premiere.

best dark sky sites to showcase the beauty and wonder of the Milky Way in four time-lapse segments. The im-

ages were taken at Magothy Bay, Cape Charles, Wachapreague, and Red Bank.

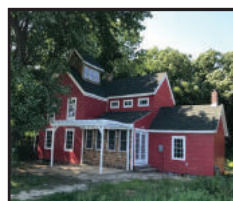
Following the film screening, guests were invited back to Strawberry Street for more music by iDox.



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 Cape Charles restaurant scene continues to expand. Cheriton's The Local just opened a second location in Cape Charles (235 Mason Ave.) specializing in sushi. Above, chef Emilio Molino prepares a dish. Hook U Up Gourmet (left), relocated from Mason Ave. to the Harvey Building at the Cape Charles Yacht Center. The new location, Hook @ Harvey, served its first dinners Tuesday night. The Northampton Hotel has added dinner hours Thursday through Saturday, The Shanty added The Chart Room, an expanded bar area, Memorial Day weekend, and the Ambrogia Caffé & Enoteca opened in May.



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Venue Brings New Kind of Weekend Escape

By **Connie Morrison**

When it comes to trends, the Eastern Shore usually lags behind other regions in that “we are too laid back to jump on your trendy bandwagon” kind of way. So it is no surprise that a couple of years after escape rooms took off in the rest of the country, one is making its way to Cape Charles.

Escape rooms are a form of entertainment where participants pay to be shut in a room with clues they must solve within a given time — usually an hour — to be released. Of course, guests are still released after the hour is up, even if they don’t work out the riddles, but without bragging rights. And they are free to leave at any time.

“We just wanted to bring something different to the Shore for families to do,” said Maria Stevens, who co-owns the Clue Co. with husband, Donnie.

The Clue Co. Escape Room is renovating the space at 12 Strawberry St., formerly occupied by Cape Charles Distillery, which has moved to Mason

Avenue in the newly opened phase two of Strawberry Street Station.

A delay in the distillery’s move pushed back The Clue Co.’s construction schedule, but Stevens praised the distillery owner for allowing them access to parts of the building to begin the work on the two escape rooms. She hopes to open the first week in August.

The escape rooms each have a theme. Spellbound is set in a haunted Hog Island cabin. “We have some heritage over there and thought we’d incorporate that into one of the rooms,” Stevens said.

For the Inheritance room, participants have to solve the room to receive the uncle’s inheritance.

The Stevens plan to keep the business open through the winter months and possibly partner with local restaurants for date nights.

Stevens said her family enjoys escape rooms on vacation. “We hope we can bring something fun for the Shore to do.”

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- ★ July 5, 8 p.m. - **David Parmley & Cardinal Tradition Bluegrass Show** - Historic Palace Theatre, 305 Mason Ave., Cape Charles - 757-331-4327 - \$15/adults, \$10/students - tickets available at the door
- ★ July 6, 12-4 p.m. - **African -American Heritage Festival** - Cape Charles Central Park Pavilion, 217 Peach St., Cape Charles - \$15/adults, \$7.50/ages 12-18, free/under 12 years old
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Governor Northam Announces Record \$73 Million in Funding for Improved Agricultural Best Management Practices Cost-Share Program

Submitted Articles

Gov. Ralph Northam announced this week the availability of \$73 million to protect water and soil health through the Virginia Agricultural Best Management Practices Cost-Share Program, which represents the largest-ever investment of state funding to assist farmers implementing conservation practices. The program has been updated to provide greater flexibility and reduce barriers to farmer participation.

“This historic investment is exactly the type of commitment we need to ensure more producers can participate in the Commonwealth’s cost-share program to implement conservation practices and continue improving water quality in Virginia,” said Gov. Northam. “Whether growing crops, raising cattle, or producing poultry, agricultural best management practices are important tools that can benefit Virginia farms while also helping keep pollution out of our streams and the Chesapeake Bay.”

The cost-share program is a partnership between the Virginia Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR) and Virginia’s 47 soil and water conservation districts. Individuals, partnerships, trusts, and other businesses operating farms in Virginia may qualify for cost-share assistance. The program year runs July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020.

Producers may visit their local district office for information and to apply. Applications are first-come, first-served.

“Priority practices, such as fencing to keep cattle out of streams, animal-waste storage and transport, and riparian buffers, have clear benefits for water quality and the farmer’s bottom line,” said Secretary of Natural Resources Matthew J. Strickler. “Implementation of these practices is necessary for Virginia to achieve the Chesapeake Bay restoration goals laid out in the upcoming Phase III Water-

shed Implementation Plan.”

For fiscal year 2020, participant caps have been raised to \$100,000. This coupled with a renewed state Agricultural Best Management Practices Loan Program from the Virginia Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) can make the installation of practices more achievable for many farmers. The loan program will offer zero-interest loans starting July 1 and may now authorize up to 100 percent of loan assistance in the form of principal forgiveness for projects that provide a high water quality benefit.

“Simply put, now is the time to apply for state cost-share funds,” said Secretary of Agriculture and Forestry Bettina Ring. “I encourage producers who have never participated before to visit their local soil and water conservation district and learn what is different this year. We have worked hard to ensure that they will find a more flexible, streamlined program tailored to their needs.”

“Greater financial incentives and increased options make this a very exciting year for the Commonwealth’s agricultural best management practices cost-share program,” said DCR Director Clyde E. Cristman. “We thank the producers who have been a part of this program in the past and hope to attract more participants.”

Virginia’s soil and water conservation districts have administered the Virginia Agricultural Best Management Practices Cost-Share Program since its inception in 1984. As of July 1, 2019, districts will also receive a record \$9.4 million to provide the technical assistance farmers need to implement the program’s practices.

“Conservation districts serve as the front line, the boots on the ground, when it comes to implementing agricultural best management practices,” said Kendall Tyree, executive director of the Virginia Association of Soil and Water Conservation Districts. “Having



the adequate resources to accomplish that task is critical to their success.”

Many program requirements and practice specifications have been modified this year to make participation easier and to get more conservation on the ground. Additionally, more types of practices are available for funding.

“Farm Bureau has long supported adequate, stable, and reliable funding for cost-share practices, and for flexibility in implementing conservation practices based on site-specific variations,” said Wayne Pryor, president of the Virginia Farm Bureau. “We thank the Governor and General Assembly for their commitment to implementing voluntary conservation measures by providing adequate cost-share funding and technical assistance to districts.”

Other leaders from the Virginia agricultural community voiced their support for the new program year.

“Water quality is important to cattle producers in Virginia. Voluntary cost-share participation has been very beneficial to producers and landowners of the Commonwealth and will continue to be so in the future,” according to Tracy Fitzsimmons, executive director, Virginia Cattlemen’s Association.

“The Virginia Agribusiness Council thanks the Northam Administration and the General Assembly for prioritizing funding for voluntary agricultural best management practices and technical assistance. The cost-share program continues to serve as a critical resource for producers as we work to achieve the Commonwealth’s water quality goals,” said Kyle Shreve, Executive Director, Virginia Agribusiness Council.

“The poultry industry is grateful for the Governor’s budget proposal, adopted by the General Assembly, to help incentivize poultry litter transport out of the Chesapeake Bay watershed and to counties within the watershed that are low in soil phosphorus,” said Hober Bauhan, President, Virginia Poultry Federation.

FY20 BMP Cost Share

The Eastern Shore Soil and Water Conservation District will start taking sign-ups for FY20 BMP Cost-Share starting July 15 through Aug. 16 for the first round of ranking. Practices must be signed up prior to planting and a current nutrient management plan is required to receive cost-share for any BMP.

Sign-up for cost-share to fund nutrient management plans will also be taken during this period. Please have current FSA Farm, Tract, field numbers, and acreages available for the sign-up process.

The district is hosting a Cost-Share Rally on Wednesday, July 17, at 11:30 a.m., at the Painter AREC to discuss new BMP practices, changes to existing BMP practices and available funding. Lunch will be provided.

2019 Virginia Small Grains Yield Contest is Now Accepting Entries

Does your crop have what it takes to be a statewide yield contest winner? Do want to win a year’s worth of bragging rights and a cash prize? Enter the 2019 Virginia Small Grains Yield Contest today!

Entry forms for VGPA’s 2019 Barley, Hard Wheat & Wheat Yield Contests are now available. Yield contests, such as this, are important to highlight and communicate the accomplishments of Virginia agriculture to industry partners and the general public. With the help of Virginia Cooperative Extension and various seed companies, the Virginia Grain Producers Association is able to both reward and promote the achievements of Virginia’s most productive grain producers.

Entry forms must be postmarked by July 12 to be considered for judging. Contact your local extension agency for more information.

Awards and cash will be presented to first, second, third, and fourth place winners in the wheat and hard wheat categories, and first, second, and third in the barley category. More than one entry can be submitted from a farm operation as long as the entries are materially different in production practices and entered by different people. The prize money is provided by the seed companies. Entries must be postmarked no later than July 12, 2019.

Top Seniors Recognized by Accomack Supervisors

By Linda Cicoira

Accomack supervisors approved a resolution Wednesday of continued success in achieving future career goals to the valedictorians of the county's four public high schools. Pictured at left are Carter Harmon from Nandua High and Irwin Larreinaga-Castro from Arcadia High. Schyler Ann Parks from Tangier Combined School and Samantha Nicholson from Chincoteague High were unable to attend the board meeting.

Harmon was cited for being an active member of the Onley Skimmer Swim Team, a volunteer at the Eastern Shore's Own Art Center, a participant of the model General Assembly, a member of the BETA Club, and the class treasurer. He had a 4.39 grade-point average and plans to attend UVA to study human biology with a goal of a medical career.

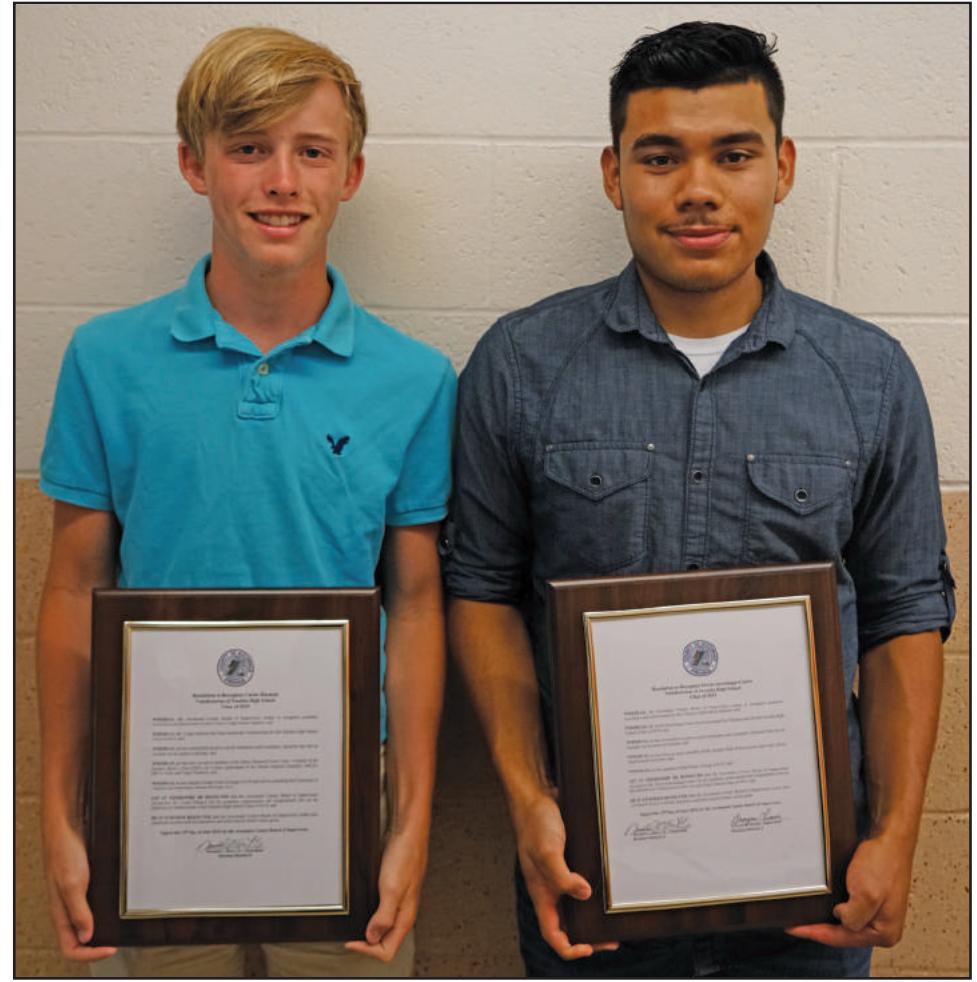
Parks was vice-president and treasurer of the Hi-Y Club, which sponsors Relay For Life luminaria services, Wounded Warriors projects, Christmas bazaars, and island cleanups. She had a 4.1 grade-point average and will attend John Tyler

Community College to study nursing.

Larreina-Castro was an active member of the Arcadia soccer team and various church-based activities. He had a 4.25 grade-point average.

Samantha Nicholson was senior director of the drama club and band; president of Hi-Y; vice-president of Senior BETA; captain of Scholastic Bowl; leader of the Thin-Sat Program, Accomack County Talented & Gifted Program, and the Science, Technology, Education, and Math program. She volunteered at the Chincoteague carnival and the Union Baptist Church Eastern Egg Hunt and was selected as an intern for the NASA Wallops Code 569 Robotics Alliance Project Intern. She is a University of Virginia Clark Scholar, a Virginia Space Coast Scholar, a Virginia Aerospace Science and Technology Scholar, Radford's Summer Bridge Academy, and Virginia Tech's BLAST program. Her grade-point average is 4.25. She will be attend the University of Virginia to complete a double major in mechanical engineering and astrophysics.

Photo by Linda Cicoira
Carter Harmon (left) and Irwin Larreinaga-Castro hold their resolutions after being recognized by the Accomack County Board of Supervisors.



Waterside Village in cooperation with USDA Rural Development and the Virginia Housing Development Authority will host a **Home Ownership Event** to explain these two programs and qualify renters that are interested in owning their own homes. Light refreshments will be served.

Anyone interested in owning their own home with zero out of pocket expenses and low interest is encouraged to attend. Learn how the programs work from representatives of the two programs, tour the beautiful properties available, look at house plans, meet the builders, and meet others that have built in Waterside Village. If interested, get pre-qualified while you are there.



Home Ownership Event

Wednesday, July 17th

3:30 to 6:30

Join us to learn how you can own your own home and stop wasting your money on rent. No money down and low interest!

Waterside Village is located on the corner of County Line Rd. and Seaside Rd. in Painter, VA. Look for the tent and gazebos in the recreational area by the pond fountain. Visit our website at www.newwaterside.com or call us at 757-678-7631.

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Lady Vikings Named to All-Metro and All-State Teams

By Krystle Bono

Four members of the Broadwater Vikings varsity softball team were selected to the All-Metro Conference for the 2019 season. Dylan Caison and Greta Bunce were both first team All-Metro picks, and Mary Blake Leland and Hannah Davis were chosen to the All-Metro second team.

Caison also earned a spot on the All-State second team.



Dylan Caison - First Team
All-Metro Conference,
Second Team All-State



Greta Bunce -
First Team
All-Metro Conference



Mary Blake Leland -
Second Team
All-Metro Conference



Hannah Davis -
Second Team
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Central Accomack Senior Boys Capture District 8 Championship



By Krystle Bono

Another District 8 championship banner was brought home to Central Accomack last week, as the senior league baseball team finished their tournament bracket last Thursday at Azalea Little League with a victory over Fleet Park, 15-2, to claim the District 8 title.

Zykeese Davis and Tyler Greene led the offense, with Davis contributing two hits to the team's total of nine with one RBI, and Greene putting up one hit and batting in four. The boys jumped on the board to take the lead early on, rallying 12 runs in the first inning.

Greene earned the win on the bump, lasting all five innings with five strikeouts and allowing just two runs on three hits.

The boys will hit the road to Sterling, Va., to compete in the State tournament beginning July 5 at District 16, Lower Loudoun Little League.

Last weekend, the major and junior boys' teams began their tourna-

The senior league Central Accomack baseball team claimed their championship title last week over Fleet Park at Azalea Little League.

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All-Star Majors and Juniors Baseball Clubs Battle for Top Title

Story and Photos by Krystle Bono

Last weekend, the major and junior boys teams began their tournament runs, with the major Central Accomack boys hosting, and the juniors traveling to Plaza.

The Central Accomack junior team faced Aragona/Pembroke Saturday afternoon and fell 15-0.

The boys found redemption over Plaza, downing them to a 24-10 count Monday evening.

Back in the running for the District title, the boys were rematched with Aragona/Pembroke Tuesday afternoon. Central Accomack was again unable to score on Aragona/Pembroke, and fell 16-0 to settle in second place, with their opponent claiming the District 8 title.

The major boys tournament began Saturday morning, with Shore Little League up against Fleet Park. The Central and North Accomack teams had byes for the first round.

Shore fell 16-0 to Fleet Park, bumping them to the losers bracket. North Accomack was then matched up with Fleet Park Sunday afternoon, and were also upped by their opponent, falling 11-1.

North Accomack's lone hit and run were from Nathan Hamilton. He also took the loss on the rubber, striking out four with five hits, three runs, and one walk over three innings.

Central Accomack faced Aragona/Pembroke Sunday afternoon and were edged out, 17-2, to send them to a matchup against Shore Monday evening, which ended with Central coming out on top, 13-5.

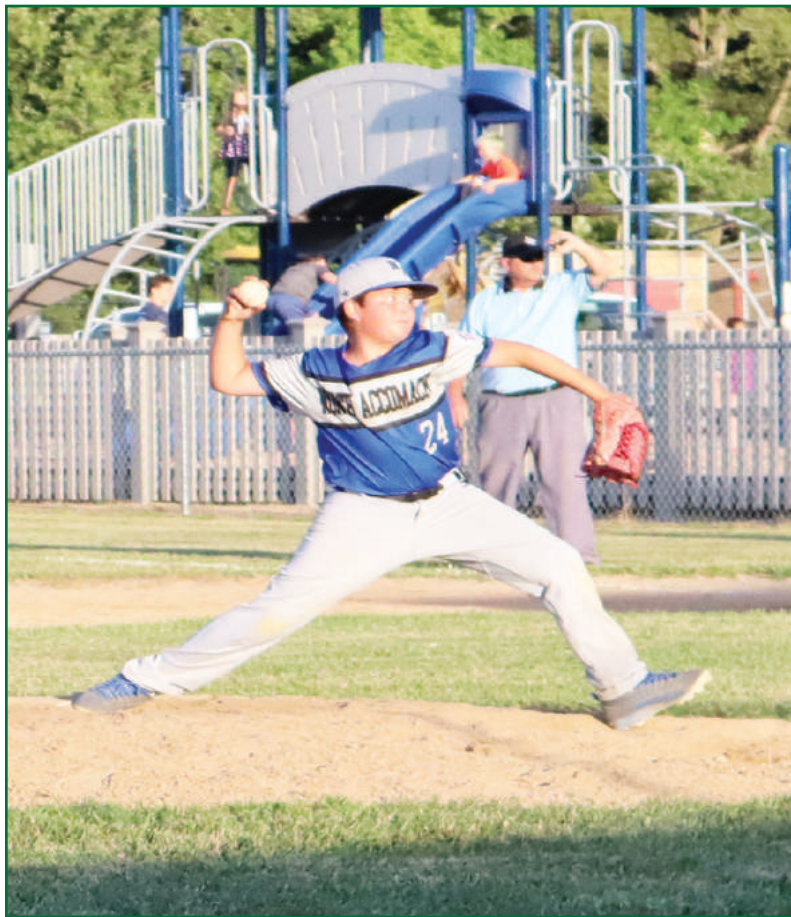
North Accomack was also back in action Monday and the boys unleashed 11 runs to shutdown Plaza and take the win.

Three pitchers combined in the

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The Central Accomack boys prepare for their third inning at-bat during Monday's game in Onancock against Shore Little League.



Izid Tountas throws a pitch for North Accomack during Monday's game against Plaza.



Shore's Chase Custis unleashes one to Central Accomack's Makai Dorn.



Photo by Baylee Justis

North Accomack's Izid Tountas slides into home as Central Accomack's Dalton Barnes tags him out during Tuesday's matchup. The North Accomack boys would conquer and move on to the next round of play.



Photo by Baylee Justis

Austin Wert bats for Central Accomack.

~ Majors Baseball ~(Continued From Page 27)

no-hitter, with Tony Martin earning the win over one and one-third inning. He struck out four with one walk. Zach Giddins and Izid Tountas relieved; Giddins tossed 1.2 innings with five strikeouts, and Tountas pitched one innings and retired two.

Kent Reed, Tountas, and Giddins helped lead the offense, each tallying two hits. Hamilton and Martin batted in two each and notched a hit.

The Central and North Accomack boys met in Onancock Tuesday to see who would move on and who would be knocked out of the running for the District 8 championship.

Despite putting up a five-hit game to North Accomack's four, CALL's run would end at the hands of their rivals, falling 7-2.

Waylon Watson, Drew Linton, Ma-

son Jones, and Giddins combined to lead North Accomack with one hit each. Linton batted in two, and Giddins and Watson recorded one RBI apiece.

Giddins earned the win on the rubber, striking out eight and allowing two runs on five hits with three walks over six innings.

Central Accomack's five hits came from Aiden McIntyre, Austin Wert, Makai Dorn, Barnes, and Jacob Hall. Hall batted in two.

Kaden Adamos shouldered the loss, lasting just under four innings with four strikeouts and allowed five runs on four hits with two walks.

As of early press time this week due to the observation of Independence Day, the North Accomack boys were slated to play Aragona/Pembroke Wednesday at 6 p.m.



Photo by Baylee Justis

Waylon Watson runs home for North Accomack. The boys defeated Central Accomack Tuesday night, 7-2.



Submitted Photo

ESY&CC Summer Junior Camp

Approximately 45 youth enjoyed Summer Junior Camp at the Eastern Shore Yacht and Country Club June 24-28, receiving instruction in golf, tennis, and swimming. Mike Varricchio led the tennis sessions and Alan Moore served as golf instructor. Pro shop manager James Jones coordinated the activities. Another camp is set for July 22-26. The cost is \$125 for members and \$150 for non members. Call 787-1525 or email esycc@verizon.net for more information.



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Crockett Original Painting Featured Prize for Bayside Poker Drawing

The Pungoteague Ruritan Club will sponsor its 13th annual small boat “poker run” on Saturday, July 27. This annual Bayside Poker Run will be a fun day on the waters of the Chesapeake Bay and adjoining creeks in the club’s community service area. Any boat owner may register to participate in the event, which is an opportunity to explore the bay from Onancock Creek to Nandua Creek in a fun and leisurely finish. It is not a race, but simply boaters choosing their own course and own pace to locate and visit five pre-chosen locations designated on a nautical chart

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with notes and guidelines.

An annual raffle that helps to raise additional funds for the club’s handicapped access ramp project fund and its scholarship program features a Willie Crockett original painting with additional prizes of a Kenny Marshall carving and Buck Doughty miniature sculpture. Tickets are available from any Ruritan Club members, and you do not have to be present to win.

Registration for the event is \$90 and captains may include as many crew members aboard as Coast Guard regulations allow. Registration forms must be received in advance and will be limited to the first 30 boats. Registration forms are available from any Pungoteague Ruritan member or by

calling Paul Custis at 442-2931. Registration forms are also available at Sandpiper Marine, Exmore Western Auto, East Coast Fiberglass in Melfa, Davis Wharf Marine, K&E Marine, Deep Creek Marina, Island House Restaurant, Seaworthy Marine, HW Drummond, Mallard’s at the Wharf, and Eastern Shore Outfitters.

Competition in the event will be in two parts. The “navigational skill” part will be for boaters to plot a course which will enable them to “log in” at five specific locations within designated time allowances. These locations will be spread among Onancock, Pungoteague, and Nandua Creeks and will be disclosed to all captains simultaneously at a captains meeting

on the morning of the event. Points in this competition will also be earned in “Survivor-type” challenges in various activities. The “luck” part of the event will involve boaters picking up a playing card at each of the five locations and bringing a poker hand to a final destination at 5 p.m. At this location all boats meet to disclose their hands and have navigation sheets evaluated. The navigation prize will be \$500 and the poker prize will be a Fall Vacation Getaway package of equal value for a grand prize total value of \$1000. Additional “dock prize” drawings will be held for fishing gear, boating accessories, and other marine items.

Complimentary hot dogs and hamburgers will be enjoyed during the awards ceremony at the creekside site of the Eastern Shore Yacht & Country Club.

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Fishing from the Shore

By Bill Hall



Look for some explosive fishing over the Fourth of July weekend as the off-shore action continues to heat up. Gaffer dolphin, yellowfin and bigeye tuna, and blue and white marlin action are available to vessels trolling the canyon waters, while tilefishing is still productive for deep droppers with proven GPS numbers. Cobia catch numbers have started to take their midsummer slump as the fish remain in the area but are not as aggressively feeding. The Spanish mackerel fishing continues to improve with fish being caught in the bay as far north as Onancock and in the ocean up to Assateague Island.

Lower Shore – Jeb Brady, at Bailey's Bait & Tackle, reported that cobia fishing had declined over the last week as anglers reported an influx in the number of sharks. Keeper-sized fish were landed out of Cape Charles. Jeb said that the Spanish mackerel fishing is still improving for those anglers who have mastered the method of high-speed trolling with spoons. Flounder fishing also improved in the areas around the "ditch" and along the Chesapeake Bay Bridge-Tunnel. "Nice-sized" triggerfish are being caught on some of the inshore wrecks; the shop weighed in one trigger the weekend in excess of four pounds.

Mark Snook, of Chris' Bait & Tackle, reported that there were still plenty of cobia near the bridge-tunnel and up off Cape Charles, with "decent" numbers of sea mullet (whiting) and croaker coming from off of Oyster and out of Kiptopeke. A few small black drum remain in the channel out of Oyster. The Kiptopeke State Park pier was producing croaker, sea mullet, bluefish, and ribbonfish. The Plantation Light structure and the fourth island of the bridge-tunnel have a nice population of spadefish added Snook.

Chincoteague – Peter Vasiliou, at Captain Steve's Bait & Tackle, re-

ports that flounder fishing has remained productive with some keeper flatfish being taken in the vicinity of the town pier. The inshore wrecks are producing good numbers of spadefish and triggerfish, while keeper flounder are hanging near the submerged structures on Blackfish Banks. Black sea bass fishing has been good on the offshore wrecks. Catches of dolphin (mahi) have come from the Parking Lot, east to the canyons. The Assateague surf as well as the back bay are holding a variety of sharks, including dusky, sandbars, blacktips, and Atlantic sharpnose.

Donna Rae Roeske, at the Captain Bob's Marina, reports that plenty of flounder are being caught but finding fish in excess of the 16.5-inch minimum size limit has been a real challenge. She said that it appears that the bigger fish are in the process of moving to deeper, cooler waters. Roeske said the Spanish mackerel have arrived outside the inlet, with a few even making the journey to the inside waters. Catches were made by anglers trolling spoons as well as jigging with smelt and finger mullet. The kingfish (whiting) run is still strong, especially in the area between buoys 14 and 11, where a few croaker and spot are also showing up in the catches. Coastal sharks are abundant from inside the inlet out to Turner's Lump, while Blackfish Banks is producing flounder, triggers, sea bass, and spadefish. Larger black sea bass are being pulled from the wreck on the Parking Lot and over the Marine Electric. Yellowfin tuna action is starting to shift from trolling with ballyhoo to chunking with butterfish from east of the Parking Lot out to the canyons, where gaffer dolphin are also being included in the catch.

Wachapreague – Captain Lindsay Paul, at Trident Tackle, reports

that flounder fishing has picked up, with almost everybody catching a few keepers. The nearshore wrecks are starting to produce keeper flounder as well. Yellowfin and bigeye tuna, as well as a few marlin have been caught in the canyons. The vessel Bite Me landed several false albacore and dolphin (mahi) while trolling over the Hills and the Lumpy Bottom. Deep droppers were finding bluelined tilefish. The Eastern Shore Marlin Club's Annual Billfish Release Tournament is scheduled for July 25-29. For registration information, call 757-710-0129.

Upper Shore – Captain Matt Abell, at the Sea Hawk Sports Center, reported that flounder fishing both on the inside and around the rail cars has been "very good." Dolphin (mahi) fishing has been productive from the inshore lumps to the canyons. Tuna fishing in the canyons was described as "hit or miss," with some boats limiting out while other boats returning to port empty-handed. Abell said that the cobia bite in the lower Chesapeake Bay has fallen off considerably over the last week. He attributed the decline to an

increase in spawning activity but noted that sight fishing was out-producing bait and chum fishing. Spanish mackerel were increasing their northern range in the bay, with the best action occurring from the mouth of Pungoteague Creek south. Speckled trout catches were still being made in the shallows of the upper Pocomoke Sound and lower Tangier Sound.

Bill Hall was the first Eastern Shore resident to achieve Virginia Salt Water Master Angler Status. He has been named Virginia Saltwater Angler of the Year and Virginia Saltwater Release Angler of the Year. Bill is an I.G.F.A. International Committee Representative and a longtime member of the Virginia Saltwater Fishing Tournament Committee. He is the Virginia Recreation Fishing representative on the ASMFC Striped Bass Management Panel and is a past recipient of the CCA-VA Virginia Outdoor Writer Conservation Leadership Award.



Photo by Captain Dennis Cuzzo
Danny Wallace boated this 30-pound dolphin (mahi) on a recent trip aboard the Get Crackin' 3 out of Greedbackville.

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Farmer Offers Reward for Information About Vandals

By Linda Cicoira

Acres of corn and soybeans were damaged recently by vandals who took joyrides through fields in the Painter and Parksley areas destroying thousands of dollars of crops, according to reports from farmers and police. A field near Onancock was damaged in the spring but had not yet been planted.

Aerial views show circular motions likely made by a vehicle but that resemble spacecraft landings.

Farmers think the culprits are teenagers and want them to come forward and make amends to avoid prosecution. The Accomack County Sheriff's Office is investigating.

"Probably the worst amount of corn damage I've ever seen," said Sands Gayle, who planted his crop across from the former Godwin's Produce on Lankford Highway near Parksley.

"I've gotten umpteen phone calls

about my facebook post," Gayle said, referencing his plea for leads. He said he was offering a reward and described the location as off Dennis Drive behind what was formerly known as the bait and tackle and is now "...a Mexican store. This is adjacent to the old Godwin's produce." Gayle said if the vandal is found and prosecuted he would "gladly hand over some nice crisp bills."

"As farmers, we all work hard and rely on Mother Nature." Gayle said he is putting information out about the vandals to make people aware. He said he's had this happen before.

Someone replied to Gayle, "This happened in my family's field a week or so ago as well! The car caught fire and they bailed. Hope you catch them!"

Tatum Sumners Ford, of Belle Haven, posted, "Happens to us too — via four wheelers — one time I found the girl's cell phone. Reached out to her



Submitted photo

Aerial photo of damage to a cornfield near Parksley.

dad and said I'd give it back but she had to come (and) apologize. A year later, and I still have that phone."

Gayle said the tire tracks on his field were too wide to be a four-wheeler. The damage to his corn was about \$1,000.

Near Painter, there was about \$4,000 in damage to nearly eight acres of soybeans, according to Todd Wesells of the ACSO.

"The problem is when students get out of school," said Gayle. "Some of them choose a different path. Some aren't brought up on a farm. They think it isn't that big a deal. But it is."

Gayle said he is putting information out about the vandals to make people aware. "If you see someone cutting a donut in a field, it's definitely not a farmer."

"I was a kid once, I did a lot of crazy things," said Gayle. But he never ruined someone's crops. "He could be a good person," the farmer said of the vandal. "It could be he just hasn't figured out his personality yet."



Aerial photo of damage to a soybean field near Painter.

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County of Accomack, Virginia Proposed Amendment to Fiscal Year 2018/2019 and 2019/2020 Budgets

A brief synopsis of the proposed amendments to the County of Accomack's budgets for Fiscal Year 2018/2019 and 2019/2020 was ordered published by the Accomack County Board of Supervisors at a meeting held on June 19, 2019. A summary of the budget amendments is listed below. The amendments are published for informational and fiscal planning purposes only. A meeting and public hearing on these proposed amendments to the budget will be held on July 17, 2019, in the Board Chambers in Accomack at 6:30 P.M. Citizens have the right to submit oral or written statements on the proposed budget amendments. Any citizen having questions or needing special assistance for the disabled may contact the County Administrator's Office by calling 787-5700 or 824-5444.

FY18/19: Budget Amendment: To Appropriate Federal and State Grant Awards and Other Initiatives School Fund

Source of Funds:	Use of Fund:	
Federal Grants	Title I, Part A, Improving Basic Programs	\$2,108,380
State Grants	Title I, Part C, Education of Migratory Children	\$250,777
Miscellaneous	Title II, Part A, Teacher Quality	\$247,929
Total	Title III, Part A, Limited English Proficient	\$79,534
	Title IV, Student Support/Academic Achievement	\$148,995
	Title V, Rural & Low-Income School Program	\$99,891
	Special Education Flow Through	\$1,033,202
	Special Education Pre-School	\$42,160
	STEM Early Learning Through the Arts Project	\$60,000
	E-Rate	\$210,953
	K-3 Initiative	\$752,978
	SOL Web Base	\$605,394
	SOL Algebra Readiness	\$166,135
	Food Services	\$2,528,180
	Other	\$48,050
	Total	\$8,382,558

FY19/20: Budget Amendment: To Appropriate Bond Issuance, State Grant Awards and Other Initiatives General Fund

Source of Funds:	Use of Funds:	
Issuance of Debt	Library Construction	\$5,100,000
State Grants	Total Capital Improvements	\$5,100,000
Miscellaneous		
Total		\$5,100,000

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Follow These Tips To Safeguard Your Money and Keep Your Accounts Safe

By David Martin

No, a Nigerian diplomat is not going to pay you tens of thousands of dollars to help deposit his funds.

No, Microsoft or Apple is not going to call or email you to help with computer or phone problems.

No, the IRS is not going to call you to demand tax payment under threat of arrest unless you send money via a Walmart or Target gift card.

No, you did not win a foreign lottery.

No, Medicare is not going to call you about problems with your account and all you need to do is provide some information.

No, A&N did not call you and threaten immediate cutoff of your electrical service unless you send payment via a gift card or other specified payment.

A&N Electric Cooperative recently reported that telephone scammers have been calling A&N customers to say the customers need to pay their bills before service is cut off. The customer is given an 800-number to call and, sure

enough, the phone is answered with A&N's own recorded greeting, which the scammers copied for this fraudulent use. Further, this bogus 800 number shows up on caller ID as A&N's real number. If you look up A&N's legitimate number and don't use the number given to you by some unknown caller, you'll get the correct information. A&N says it might call a customer for some issues but not "to demand payment by a specific method or threaten an immediate disconnection of service if payment is not received."

Last week's article was about the toll that telephone and email scams take and why older people are uniquely vulnerable. This story outlines four strategies to keep the criminals out of your bank accounts and identity.

First, here are a few more top ten scams as reported by the Federal Trade Commission:

- Family members in trouble. Your grandson calls from Italy, his passport was stolen, he needs \$500 right now.

Hang up. Don't talk to him. Call his home and find out where he is. Chances are he's up in his room listening to music and you were being scammed.

- Your bank calls to warn you of fraud. All the caller needs is some information: your passwords, your account numbers, and—wait—immediately hang up and call your bank on a legitimate number and find out if there's a problem.

- A charity, including those supposedly representing police or firefighters and those following a natural disaster, calls and asks you to do the right thing. Don't contribute this way. Instead, use a source like Charity Navigator (www.charitynavigator.org/) or GuideStar (www.guidestar.org/) to identify legitimate charities worthy of your contributions.

Four Strategies to Safeguard Your Money and Identity

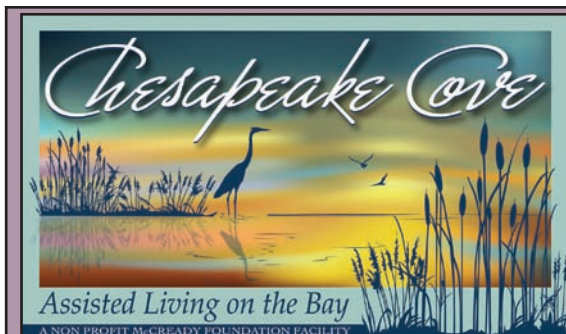
1. Don't answer the phone or open the email — unless you know with an absolute certainty the identity of

the caller or sender. Watch out for the following:

- One-ring calls are used by scammers who count on people being curious about who called. When those people call the number, the scam game is on.
- Your own phone number shows up as calling you. You think this is worth checking out. No, it is not. It's another trick to get you to call the scammers.
- A local number or a number close to a friend's or family member's number shows up. Don't answer it.
- If you get an email and you're not sure it's legitimate, don't open. Instead, independently contact the person or company who supposedly sent the email.

2. Don't talk to the unknown caller and don't reply to the unknown email.

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ty measure and are now in unsafe territory. Don't make things worse by engaging with the potential crook.

If you pick up the phone and say, "Hello," you are now on the scammers list of people who answer their phones and are therefore ripe targets. If the caller asks, "Is this Mary Smith," and you answer, "Yes," that acknowledgment can be used fraudulently to sign you up for unwanted products.

Scammers and robocallers love people who answer their phones but they love people who actually speak even more. Don't do it. Wait for the caller to identify himself or herself and then engage only if you know the person.

3. Don't give out any information.

Violating the first two safety measures has put you in even more dangerous territory—don't make things worse by providing information. None. Not your name. Not your birthday. Not nothing. Again, unless you know with a certainty who you're talking or emailing with, don't give out any information.

4. Confirm the legitimate phone number or email address before you respond.

Let's say you are absolutely convinced, in spite of the advice given here, that an unsolicited call or email is legitimate. Do not use the telephone number or email or website that is given to you in the call or email. Instead, go to the internet or your own phone records and find the legitimate email or phone number or website and use that.

It's unfortunate that phones and computers have become pathways to fraud. (Debt collection calls are in a separate category and require a separate discussion.) If you are an older person, you grew up in a time when the telephone was benign. People called with news, good or bad. People called to chat. Forget all of that. You now must consider your telephone as potentially toxic—as the means by which bad people will rob you. Emails can be even more dangerous. Yes, it's sad that we have to stop being unsuspecting and start being suspicious of every call and email we receive, but that's the reality we live in and if you don't pay attention to protecting yourself, you're going to get robbed.



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School Receives \$2,500 for Overdue Lunch Bills
Chincoteague High School Cafeteria Worker Kristin Sterling, Guidance Counselor Michelle Conklin, and Administrative Secretary Carol Hall hold the poster announcing the school's receipt of a \$2,500 donation from the Bayer Fund through America's Farmers Grow Communities to pay for overdue lunch bills of needy students. The school was nominated by Accomack farmer Cheryl Revell to receive the donation. The purpose of Grow Communities is "to partner with farmers to make a positive impact in farm communities across the country by supporting local nonprofit organizations," according to a press release. Grow Communities has donated more than \$33 million since 2010.



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It's Not Just Another Summer of Love

The Eastern Shore Tourism Commission, the Town of Cape Charles, and the Chincoteague Chamber of Commerce were joined by guests from the Chesapeake Bay Bridge-Tunnel, Tom's Cove Aquafarm, Island Creamery, the Town of Exmore, NASA, the Chincoteague Bay Field Station, Christmas By The Sea, Blue Crab Bay, and Royal Farms last weekend to celebrate five decades of the Virginia is for Lovers slogan.

It's 50 years of Groovy, Man



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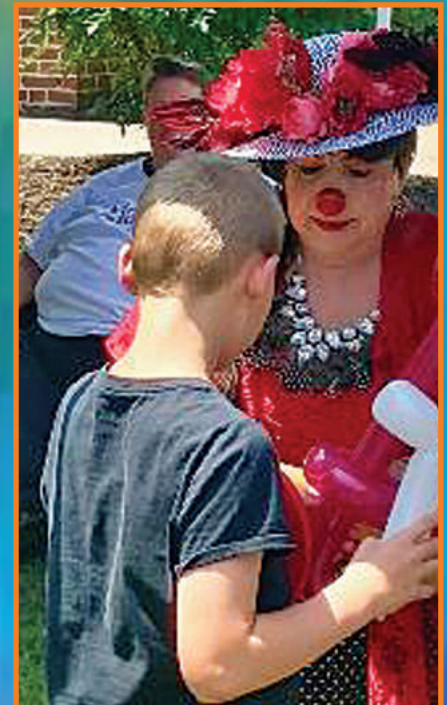
At top, event sign for Virginia is for Lovers Anniversary.

At center, Neptune and his mermaid pose.

At right top, NASA's booth.

At left, aqua farm worker serves seafood.

At right, a clown makes pirate-themed balloon figures.



EYREVILLE KEEPS PRODUCING HISTORY



By Linda Cicoira

Fragments of a chafing dish from the early 1600s and a portion of a large dripping pan from later in that century were among the items found during digs at Eyreville.

Archeologists believe it is the oldest colonial site to be excavated on the Delmarva Peninsula.

Northampton has the oldest continuous court records in the country, which has helped those involved in the undertakings “understand the site as it evolved over time,” archeologist Michael Clem of Eastern Region Preservation Office said in a recent update published on the Virginia Department of Historic

Resources website www.dhr.virginia.gov

The records say “John Howe received a patent for the property in 1637,” Clem wrote. “The documents indicate that Howe already occupied the property at the time. We also know that he was living on the Eastern Shore by 1623 and represented Northampton County in the House of Burgesses at Jamestown. Therefore, it is evident that sometime between 1623 and 1637 he built a house at the site,” Clem added.

The “remains of one, and possibly two, post-in-ground structures related to the first years of the site” were discovered. “We have also uncovered two larger brick structures that likely represent the houses built by (Colonel William) Kendall,” Clem said.

Two other owners occupied the property before the end of the

17th century. The third one was owned by Kendall, a wealthy trader, who served as the Speaker of the House of Burgesses. Clem said documents indicate Kendall built a new house at the site in 1682. He also may have built a house shortly after his purchase of the property in 1657. Kendall’s descendants held the property until 1799 when it was sold to the Eyre family, which built a new house that still stands on the property.

A ground-penetrating radar unit was used last spring to identify an old well on the site.

“Several other hints at structures and other features have been observed in our excavations, and in the future, we hope to be able to better understand the 17th-century landscape at Eyreville,” Clem said.

Artifacts include Richmond Farthings



dating to the 1620s and 1630s, Jetons (tokens or coin-like discs) from the late 1500s to early 1600s, tobacco pipes from the early 17th century, and English and German ceramics from the same eras.

A Dutch casting counter, made in Nuremberg between 1580 and 1620



and used by merchants of the time, was found when a felled maple tree was removed from the site. There were Dutch pipes with carved patterns, a cream-colored brick believed to be Dutch, British and Irish coins, pieces of pottery and red bricks.

Archeologists are concerned important historical sites like this will be destroyed as sea levels rise and more and more erosion occurs. The farm is along Cherrystone Inlet, a tributary of the Chesapeake Bay. One can look out across the water and see two sand bars. It is likely that the farthest one once held a pier. Of course, that would have been before so many feet of land had eroded away.

The 200-year-old maple tree was on a 400-year-old homesite that is about a half mile from the place where, more than a decade ago, scientists studied the Chesapeake Bay Impact Crater that was formed by a large meteor about 35.5 million years ago.



Above at left, an aerial view of the Eyreville site.

Above at right, the remains of a chafing dish circa 1600s.

To the far left, a bulkhead cellar that was discovered by archeologists.

At left, part of a 1600s dripping pan.

At center, an unusual stone-tiled cellar floor in a house probably built by Kendall.

Photos courtesy of the Virginia Department of Historic Resources.

RED, WHITE, AND BLUEBERRY COBBLER

COOKING WITH CONNIE

It's another edition of Cooking with Connie, where I make all the mistakes, so you don't have to.

I love an easy summer dessert, and what's easier than cobbler? Blueberry cobblers are winners because blueberries are so simple: nothing to peel; just wash the berries and throw them in the pan (or your mouth).

When I started looking for a recipe to try, I found so many variations on the topping: crumbly texture, drop-biscuits, square sheets of dough, and cake-like batter. My favorite has a thick cake batter.

The first recipe I tried was from www.tastesbetterfromscratch.com I found the cobbler-to-blueberry ratio was very low. In fairness, I did use an extra cup of blueberries and added a cup of raspberries. But if you want a lot of cake, I would use one-and-a-half to two times the amount of batter. This would be a great cobbler to serve over ice cream. It was tasty, but not exactly what I was looking for. I share the recipe exactly as I made it (slightly modified from the original) for anyone who likes more berries, less cobbler, and in honor of July Fourth weekend.



Ingredients:

Prepare the berries:

- 5 cups blueberries (fresh or frozen)
- 1 cup red raspberries
- 1/2 cup granulated sugar
- 1 teaspoon lemon zest

For the batter:

- 6 tablespoons butter
- 1 cup all-purpose flour
- 1 cup granulated sugar
- 2 teaspoons baking powder
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 3/4 cup half-and-half
- 2 teaspoons of vanilla extract

Instructions:

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Slice butter into pieces and add to a 9x13-inch baking dish (I used a 11.5-inch deep skillet, which has slightly less area). Place the pan in the oven while it preheats, to allow the butter to melt. Once the butter has melted, remove the pan from the oven. Add blueberries, sugar, and zest to a bowl and stir to combine. In a separate bowl mix together the batter ingredients: flour, sugar, baking powder, and salt. Stir in the half-and-half and vanilla until just combined. Pour blueberries over melted butter in pan. Drizzle batter over the top. Bake at 350 degrees for about 35-40 minutes, or until lightly golden on top and batter tests done with a toothpick.

This recipe was adapted from www.tastesbetterfromscratch.com

Photos by Connie Morrison

Since the red, white, and blueberry cobbler didn't quite hit the spot, I decided to make another. (So much for easy.) I went over to my brother's house, picked some more blueberries, and rather than using the same recipe but twice the batter, I went searching for a new recipe.

COBBLED TOGETHER BLUEBERRY COBBLER



I found one for peaches at <https://leitesculinaria.com/100342/recipes-peach-cobbler.html> and adapted it for blueberries. I omitted the crunchy sugar crust, but if you are interested in the method, the website explains how to sprinkle the sugar on top, add hot water to melt the sugar, then bake for a crunchy sugar coating. Bonus: the peach cobbler recipe is made with the skins on. Peach cobbler just got a whole lot quicker. But for now, the adapted blueberry cobbler recipe follows, exactly as I made it.

Ingredients:

- 5 cups of blueberries (about a quart of fresh blueberries)
- Zest and juice of 1 lemon
- 1 4-oz. stick of butter, softened, plus 3 tablespoons butter
- 2 cups granulated sugar for the batter, plus an additional 1/2 cup for the blueberries
- 1 1/2 cups all-purpose flour
- 2 teaspoons baking powder
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 3/4 cup half-and-half
- 2 teaspoons vanilla

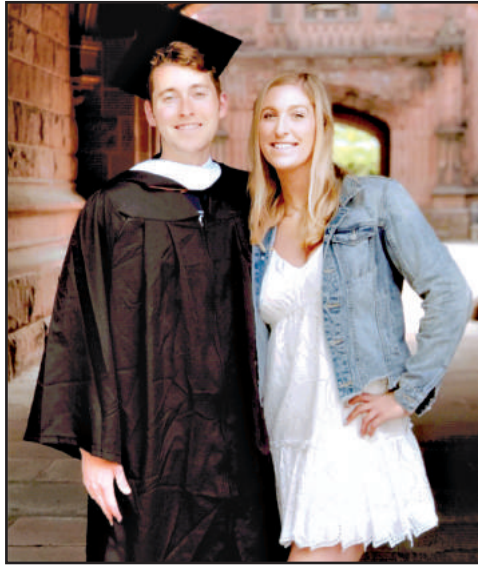
Instructions:

Clean the fresh blueberries, removing stems, if any. Place in a large mixing bowl. In a 350-degree oven, melt the 3 tablespoons of butter in a 9x13-inch baking pan (I used a 11.5-inch deep skillet) and remove from oven when butter is melted. Zest the lemon over the blueberries and then squeeze the lemon and add the juice to the blueberries. Add 1/2 cup of sugar and stir again until the blueberries are coated in sugar, lemon juice, and lemon zest. Set aside. Beat the stick of butter and 2 cups of sugar until the mixture appears sandy. (There is too much sugar for it to get creamy.) Add the flour, baking powder, and salt and beat again for about 30 seconds, until all the flour is incorporated and the mixture is crumbly. Slowly add the half-and-half and vanilla. Beat until light and fluffy, about two minutes with an electric mixer. The batter will be a little too thick to pour, so drop it over the blueberries, then use a spatula to smooth it over the fruit. You don't want it more than about 1/2-inch thick. Bake for 60 to 70 minutes, until the top is golden brown. Let the cobbler sit in the baking dish on a wire rack for at least half an hour. Serve plain or with a dollop of ice cream or whipped cream, or pour heavy cream over the top.

This recipe was adapted from <https://leitesculinaria.com/100342/recipes-peach-cobbler.html>

Photos by Connie Morrison

This is a cobbler I could eat for dessert or breakfast (or in between.), although still a little sweet for my taste. Next time, I'll drop the sugar with the berries to 1/4 cup and it should be just right. Plain cream poured over it would offset that sweetness nicely. Now, I have a confession: I got in a hurry and read the recipe wrong. The first 1 1/2 cups of sugar is for the batter and the extra 1/2 cup of sugar is supposed to be for the crunchy sugar topping I mentioned before, but I put 2 cups in the batter. But a little oven miracle happened and a crunchy sugar topping formed all by itself. The batter must have known it was too sweet and expelled the extra sugar on its own. Self-correcting batter: a girl can dream.



Poulson Graduates from Princeton

Richard Hugh Hundley Poulson, the great-grandson of the late Charles Hundley Poulson of Nelsonia, graduated from Princeton on June 4, with highest honors, Phi Beta Kappa, summa cum laude. He will go to law school in the fall. His parents are Mr. and Mrs. Richard J.M. Poulson, of Alexandria, Va. He is pictured above on his graduation day with his sister, Anna Blair Masters Poulson.



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Little Pungo Ruritan Club Scholarships

The Little Pungo Ruritan Club awarded three high school seniors a \$1,000 check each to further their education. Pictured above from left are Mark Wallace, club president, Bill Thornes, accepting for son Conor Thornes, Carter Harmon, recipient, Autumn Pendergrast, recipient, Betty Harmon, and Cathy Giorgilli.



ESCC Among CTE Programs Recognized

The Virginia Department of Education (VDOE) and the Virginia Community College System (VCCS) honored 15 exemplary career and technical education (CTE) programs and partnerships recently. The VCCS Post-secondary CTE State Awards were presented in three categories, including the Program Award - Internship Program for Electronics Technology; Electricity; Heating, Ventilation, and Air Conditioning; and Welding, nominated by Eastern Shore Community College. Pictured above from left are Secretary of Education Atif Qarni, Lori Dwyer (VCCS), Debbie Daniels (ESCC), Teresa Guy (ESCC), and Superintendent of Public Instruction James Lane.

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Posted at Sea Level



By Linda Cicaira

We have Christmas in July sales, so why not have Independence Day events in October?

It's too hot outside now to set off fireworks or be next to the flames of a barbecue grill. It's too hot outside to be outside. Did you ever think that maybe those lovers of warm weather are practicing for their eternal destination? Why else would patio fire pits be sold in July?

One can be patriotic and not like the Fourth of July. They are not halves of a pair of shoes. There is a reason that July is considered the lazy hazy crazy days of summer. People aren't meant to baste. Parades in the middle of the day should be banned. Humidity should be outcast so I can live my life without frizzy hair.

Thomas Jefferson wrote in his weather journal that he woke up to a delightful 68 degrees on July 4, 1776. I didn't make that up. I read it in the

American Museum of Natural History post. It was pleasant outside when this tradition started but enough is enough.

Perhaps all this climate change information will get the powers at be to make Oct. 4th the new Independence Day. Yippee! I think Ferris wheels might become fun if I wasn't already panicked from heat stroke. It would be healthier not to sit on a ride where someone else had just been sweating profusely.

Could some Hollywood executive please consider putting some new TV shows on in the summer? I've got the rerun blues. Let's have a movie marathon. Seventies films only. Here are a few: "The Exorcist," "A Clockwork Orange," "The Godfather," "Dirty Harry," "Rocky," "Carrie," "The Deer Hunter," "American Graffiti," "Animal House," "Blazing Saddles," or "Grease" would do. Yippee! And let's eat some ice cream with the shows. I like vanilla with Ovaltine sprinkled on top.

We could celebrate 1989 movies from the first year my former video store opened. That's when "Born on the Fourth of July," "Field of Dreams," "Dead Poets

Society," "When Harry Met Sally," "Pet Sematary," "Black Rain," "Driving Miss Daisy," and "Steel Magnolias" were released on video. Another Yippee!

How about erecting a tent in the living room? Move your mattress in there and sleep. Better yet, stand in front of the refrigerator with the door open. Have an indoor picnic. Just spread a tablecloth on the floor.

It's the perfect time to play board games. I am the Chinese checkers master in my family. I won the title about 25 years ago and I am undefeated. There are special rules that go with becoming the master. One must win the best two of three games against a master to take the title. The master who is being challenged gets to designate ahead of time if the series of games will be considered a championship or just for practice.

Card games are great fun, too. poker, fish, rummy, and crazy eights are my favorites. I love playing Words with Friends online and could do it all day.

By the time you read this column, you will be enjoying the 243rd July Fourth

weekend celebration. So, of course, there needs to be trivia of the times in this message.

It was a leap year in 1776. Patrick Henry became governor of Virginia. Mozart's Serenade No. 7 was first performed. The first U.S. fraternity, Phi Beta Kappa, formed at William & Mary and Rhode Island established wage and price controls to curb inflation. The wage was 70 cents a day for carpenters and 42 cents for tailors.

www.247wallst.com states 20 gallons of orange peel cordial cost three pounds in Richmond in 1776. A checkboard with pieces was two shillings and sixpence. A double-barreled gun was three pounds. A pound of coffee was 13 cents.

In 2012, wholesale fireworks sales totaled \$482.6 million and sales by retailers totaled \$368.6 million. In 2016, the United States imported \$5.4 million worth of American flags. Two years ago, it was estimated by the National Retail Foundation that Americans spent \$7.1 billion on food for cookouts and picnics to celebrate the Fourth of July.

Have a great holiday and be safe.

Post Op-Ed Page

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