Easton ranks Arbor Day with tree planting

By GENEVA SPINDLER

Easton — In April across the country, cities, towns and neighborhoods, people come together to plant trees, clean parks, and host parties in honor of National Arbor Day. On Thursday, April 5, the Town of Easton celebrated the green holiday with a planting of two tree's and a proclamation.

Easton Mayor Robert Willey was on hand in attendance with clones in hand as trees were planted at Waylands Park Food for the event. During the tree planting ceremony, Willey read a proclamation declaring April 4 as Arbor Day in Easton.

The tree planting has historically been scheduled for April 4, but was changed last minute due to weather.

The planting of the tree and proclamation will add the term of Easton in becoming a Tree City USA Community through the Arbor Day Foundation.

Early Easton

Blessing of the fleet

By DENAE SPIERING

— Blue crab season has begun and with this watermen everywhere will take to the water in hopes of landing a profitable yet safe year. To help ensure their safety and health, members of the Tilghman Island Community held a Blessing of the Fleet on Saturday, April 6.

Husband and wife duo the Rev. Rob and the Rev. Linda King-Haddaway presided over the ceremony that began just after 3 p.m. at Dogwood Harbor as a crowd of neighbors, watermen and even fur-

Okego gathered around the Rev. Linda King-Haddaway reads a poem entitled “What is a watermark?”

Benedictine’s Slama is educator of the year

By EUGENIA HOGSTEN

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According to the Founda-
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spending at least $2
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In Loving Memory of
June Smith

In our hearts your memory
lingers, sweetly tender, fond
and true, there is not a day,
Dear Mother, that we do not
think of you.
We will always remember.
Loved, Dine and Daughters

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Where: Easton Family YMCA 201 Peachblossom Rd. Easton, MD 21601

When: Weekly starting April 17th 5:30-7:30pm

How to register: Please contact Paris Quiat at paris.quiat@maryland.gov or 410-770-5870

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