Lewis Looks to General Assembly

By Bill Sterling

The Northampton Board of Supervisors had a light agenda Tuesday night in Eastville, where attendance never numbered more than 10, including officials and reporters.

State Del. Lynwood Lewis presented an overview of the upcoming General Assembly session in Richmond and also heard what the board feels to be key issues.

Lewis said “tweaking the budget” would be a primary task for the General Assembly. He added that Gov. Bob McDonnell has said he wants to add $500 million a year to transportation needs but has not divulged where the funds would come from.

Lewis said he believes there would be opposition if the general fund that includes money for education were used to build roads. Noting that transportation issues are not just an urban problem, Lewis told the board, “Rural areas have transportation needs, too.”

Lewis was asked by the supervisors if it is possible for localities to grant “tax holidays” now provided by the state to enable taxpayers to be forgiven interest and late fees to encourage the back payment of taxes.

Chairman Oliver Bennett had asked County Treasurer Cindy Bradford earlier in the meeting if there are ways to work with those who can’t pay taxes as a result of illness or unemployment. “I am not talking about people who blantly don’t pay their taxes,” Bennett said, “but I don’t want people to have their houses threatened if they have lost their job after 20 or 30 years of working.”

Supervisor Larry Trala said he has been approached by many people.

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Tax Scofflaws Identified

By Linda Cicoira

More than $640,000 worth of delinquent Northampton real-estate and personal-property tax bills recorded in lists dating back to 2006 were updated recently on the county treasurer’s website.

The tallies do not include penalties or interest and show only the top 40 debtors for each year. To visit the site, go to www.co.northampton.va.us/gov/treasurer.html.

Approximately $272,000 worth of real-estate bills are from tax year 2011. The top 10 debtors for that year owe a total of more than $165,000. The highest debt, $34,035, is for Bay Creek Marina and Resort, LLC.

Batista J. Madonia Sr. and his wife Evelyn M. Madonia, tomato growers, have two properties for which a total of $31,151 in back 2011 taxes is owed.

Also on the top 10 list of delinquent tax bills for 2011 are Bay Creek, LLC, with $18,271.61 in arrears; Baymark Construction Corp., $17,395; CPD at Nottingham Estates, LLC, $17,076 (and topping the 2010 list with the same amount in unpaid real-estate taxes); Oscar H. Smith Jr., 15,303 (and $4,608 in 2010); Bay Harbour Reality, Inc., $11,437; Shooting Point, LLC, $10,614; and Shore Hospitality, LLC, $10,605.

The top 40 delinquent real-estate bills from 2010 total around $116,000. Bayview Citizens for Social Justice, Inc. is on that list and tops tallies in 2009, 2008 and 2007 for a total of about $24,500.

Also listed in the top debtors for 2010 are The Sandi Corp., owing...

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Santa Claus Is Coming to Towns

Photo by Linda Cicoira

Above, Santa hitches a ride on an Exmore firetruck during the Exmore Christmas Parade last Saturday. And he’ll be making return appearances on the Shore this weekend. Tomorrow, Santa will visit Eastern Shore Library in Accomac from 10 a.m. to noon, and distribute books and candy to children. He then will fly into Accomack County Airport, where he will visit with children from 1 to 3 p.m. The following day, Sunday, Santa will be escorted by Melfa Volunteer Fire and Rescue Company to Vance’s in Melfa at 1 p.m., Kool Ford in Keller at 2 p.m. and Pungoteague Store at 3 p.m.
Property Acquired for Hospital Relocation

By Linda Cicoira

Progress on the new hospital in Onley continued with the recent acquisition of land earlier this month.

Shore Health Systems, Inc. and Riverside Shore Memorial Hospital purchased nearly 56 acres adjacent to the town and behind Four Corner Plaza, according to papers filed in Accomack Circuit Court last week. William Schab sold the property for $1,050,000.

The site of the new 78-bed hospital and a medical office building will allow easy access to the hospital’s Emergency Department. Hospital officials said the importance of green spaces for natural drainage throughout the campus was a priority in the design. A minimum of 60 percent of the landscape will be native plants. Stormwater will be directed to the back of the property into two ponds designed to manage significant drainage.

“We believe that local healthcare is the best option both for patients and the vitality of the community,” said hospital Administrator Joseph Zager. “This new facility will help us deliver our mission of caring for others as we would care for those we love. … Making healthcare accessible and convenient for as many of our patients, friends and neighbors as possible is essential to this mission.”

Refuge Manager To Address Session

Atlantic District Supervisor Ron Wolff will hold his monthly constituents’ meeting at Wolff’s Sandwich Shoppe in Atlantic Monday, Dec. 17, at 7 p.m.

The speaker will be Chincoteague Wildlife Refuge Manager Lou Hinds.

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Navy Will Demonstrate Touch-&-Gos at Wallops

In response to a request from the Acomack County Board of Supervisors, the Navy will conduct a Field Carrier Landing Practice (FCLP) demonstration using E-2 Hawkeye and C-2 Greyhound aircraft at NASA’s Wallops Flight Facility (WFF) during the week of Dec. 17-21.

The demonstration will begin sometime between 3 and 4 p.m., and conclude about three hours later. The Navy will determine the specific date to conduct the flight demonstration based on operational and training requirements, aircraft availability, and weather conditions.

In September, the Navy released a Draft Environmental Assessment (EA) to evaluate the potential effects that could result from the Navy’s proposal to conduct regular, scheduled E-2 and C-2 FCLP operations at either Emporia-Greensville Regional Airport or WFF. Under the proposal, these aircraft would conduct up to 20,000 FCLP passes annually at the selected field. These twin-engine, turboprop aircraft are considerably quieter than jet aircraft, according to the Navy.

The Navy expects to complete the EA in January and announce a decision shortly thereafter.

SBA Offers Disaster Loans to Shore

In response to a request from Gov. Bob McDonnell, the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) has made low-interest disaster loans available to individuals, renters and businesses on Virginia’s Eastern Shore to help them recover from Hurricane Sandy.

The governor asked for a federal SBA disaster declaration following the denial by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) of his request for the Individual Assistance Program. “Unfortunately, the damage we had in Virginia was not of the severity or widespread enough for us to qualify for Individual Assistance,” said McDonnell. “Although we considered an appeal of the FEMA decision, it is very unlikely it would be successful, and waiting for another decision would only delay assistance that can be provided through disaster recovery loans.”

SBA loans are available to individuals, renters and businesses in Accomack and Northampton counties. An SBA office will be located at the Eastern Shore Fire Training Center, 28598 Beacon Rd. in Melfa, and open through Thursday, Dec. 20, except for Sunday, Dec. 16. Office hours are 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. daily.

SBA customer service representatives will be on hand at the center to answer questions about the disaster loan program, explain the process and help individuals complete their applications.

Loans up to $200,000 are available to homeowners to repair or replace damaged or destroyed real estate. Both homeowners and renters are eligible for loans up to $40,000 to repair or replace damaged or destroyed personal property. Businesses and nonprofit organizations of any size may borrow up to $2 million to repair or replace damaged or destroyed real estate, machinery and equipment, inventory and other business assets.

“We appreciate the SBA low-interest disaster recovery loan program very much, yet there is a need for additional assistance to help people rebuild,” said the governor.
**Seasonal Survey Solicits Shore Sensitivities**

*By Linda Cicoira*

Accomack and Northampton residents prefer Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer to Frosty the Snowman. They would rather stay home with family than go to Disney World for Christmas. The majority is dreaming of a snowy holiday. And nearly everybody has given a great gift at one point or another.

Those details and more were disclosed this week in an email survey conducted by the Eastern Shore Post.

Melody Howard of Chincoteague remembered fondly the best present she ever bestowed. “I really had a hard time getting pregnant and I gave my Mom and Dad a … card on Christmas morning with a note saying I was having a baby!”

“I would rather have Rudolph as a friend” than Frosty, Howard wrote. “He is dependable in a crisis” and her favorite reindeer. She plans on spending $500 for Christmas. “That’s not what I would rather stay home with family than go to Disney World than stay home ‘since presents this year. Howard would rather stay home with family than go to Disney World for Christmas. ‘Finding my daughter’s doll that was lost on a trip and being able to have Santa return it’ was a perfect gift, wrote Campbell. “I will always be grateful to the woman who responded to my ad and returned the doll. … We wouldn’t have had the real magic of Christmas if it hadn’t been for that wonderful stranger … God bless that lovely lady.”

Campbell remembered the way her daughter “inspected her doll in disbelief, checking for every mark and blemish that was on her well-loved baby.” Then she was sure and the magic of Christmas filled the room.”

This year, Campbell said, she is cutting back on spending. “That’s not what counts. It’s the love and thoughtfulness that goes into the gift,” she said. “I will bake for many of my friends and neighbors and enjoy the visits that go along with the deliveries.”

“Home with the family or anywhere with the family” is where she’ll be for Christmas.

“Being able to give to others each year is always the best for me,” Kim Caison of Cheriton said. “I don’t have one ‘best’ present that I have given. They all come from the heart.”

Rudolph was her pick and favorite reindeer. “He will get me around in the dark/fog with his nose so bright and he doesn’t melt when it gets warm.” Caison said she would spend “more than last year, that’s for sure” for gifts. She would rather be home than go to Disney World for the holiday. Yes, she is dreaming of a white Christmas. “That is the only day I do like snow.”

Pamela Upshur of Cheriton chose Frosty over Rudolph “because he is always jolly! It goes a long way!” She won’t be spending a lot for Christmas this year. Asked about home vs. Disney World for Christmas, she replied, “I would just hope to be home with my family, good cheer, good spirits and lots of food and laughs. No gifts needed!”

She chose Blixen as her favorite reindeer. “I just like the name.”

The only reason she’s dreaming of a “White Christmas” is “to hear the record-who Martin, Doris Day or Mariah Carey.”

Shirley Christian of Melfa guessed the best present she ever gave was “the one that made someone the happiest. I would hope that it wasn’t only one gift and that it wasn’t only once.”

How much will she spend for those presents this year? “TOOOOO much!!!!” Christian said. She couldn’t pick between Frosty and Rudolph. “If you chose Frosty, Rudolph would be offended and his nose would stop lighting, and if you chose Rudolph, Frosty would just up and melt away!”

Christian wouldn’t go to Disney World for the holiday. “I like a quiet time to reflect on the reason for the season.” She also likes “all” the reindeer. And what about a white Christmas? DEFINITELY NOT!!!!!!!!!! I had 59 of them when I lived in the Poconos … and quite frankly I am enjoying the
Picking between Frosty and Rudolph was too tough for her. “Frosty is happy and a winter-themed Rudolph is the lead reindeer for Santa,” she debated. “Rudolph is more serious as he has a very important job to do. Frosty runs around bringing winter delights as a prelude to Santa’s arrival.”

Kalinock said she would spend $2,000 on presents this year and would rather be home surrounded by family than anywhere else. “Gifts are not necessary. Disney would be awesome if the entire family was there.”

Donner is Kalinock’s favorite reindeer “as he is the least talked about, but toughs it out as well. He is probably the backbone of the sleigh team.” She only dreams of a white Christmas if the sun then comes out “and it (the snow) goes away fast.”

A vacation was the best gift given by Shirley Fauber of Greenbackville. She picked Rudolph over Frosty and as her favorite reindeer. Fauber will spend $500 on presents this year and wants to stay home for the holiday. She also said, “No” to snow.

Her hand in marriage is the best present Carla Savage-Wells of Onley ever gave. She chose Rudolph over Frosty because he would be a better friend. “My daughter would love to have him as a pet and he’d be a built-in excuse for my barren yard.”

“I think at least one Christmas for every American should include time in a Disney park, the White House or New York City,” she added. Savage-Wells said Vixen is her favorite reindeer “of course.”

The best present Lenore Hart Poyer of Franktown ever gave was “a check to my sister to help her leave a really bad marriage. She chose Rudolph as a friend because he won’t melt and plans to spend $600 on gifts.” Poyer prefers home over Disney World. “I don’t have to stand in line at home to get food or entertainment.” Vixen is her favorite reindeer “because she’s apparently the only girl.”

Poyer doesn’t want snow for Christmas. “It’s pretty for a day, but after that … I’m a native Floridian and I like to be warm, even in December.”

Anna Stubbs of Chincoteague gave her dad a red bicycle one year for Christmas. He wanted it “as a boy but … his grandparents … couldn’t afford one.” So she bought it for him after she was grown and married and hid it in his bedroom. Her dad always put away a gift so she did the same. “I told him that I thought I heard something in the bedroom … he went to check.” He cried over that bicycle.

She picked Rudolph over Frosty, hoping he might provide warmth. “The snowman would be cold and melt in summer. Rudolph could take heat or cold and his nose so bright could lead you home in the fog or dark.” Obviously, she doesn’t dream of a snowy Christmas.

Stubbs would like going to a warmer location for the holidays. “Christmas is sad for me; my Dad died a few days before Christmas and he loved it so. It has never been the same for me.”

Patrick Belote of Onancock picked Frosty who “actually sacrificed his life when he melted for poor little Karen.” Belote’s favorite reindeer is Rudolph. “The others seem cool but don’t get much publicity.”

He will spend about $250 for presents and “ALWAYS!!!” dreams of a white Christmas.

“I’m 48 years old, don’t have children, and have never been to Disney World yet,” Belote said. “If I could spend it (Christmas) with family every year, that would be ideal, but logistically that doesn’t always happen. For one Christmas anyway, I would love to spend it with my wife in Disney World.”

“I believe the only place to be for Christmas is home,” wrote Donna Mason of Chincoteague. “Family, giving, cookies, good food and friends are what make the holidays special for me.” Dancer is her choice of reindeer “because he dances.”

“Used to have white Christmases when I was young and it was great fun,” she added. “Now if we get one, I’d like it to be gone within a couple of days.”

Jeanne Whaley of Accomac said the best gift was “the Christmas I took my kids to the Paterson, N.J., food kitchen where we and other volunteers served over 100 meals to neighborhood folks and then gave them a tin of homemade cookies to take with them. My kids might answer that it was the year they got an in-ground pool. But I am not sure of their answer.”

She chose Frosty because she likes his theme song. Her gift money will go this year to buy goats for an African family. “They are gifts from my family too. The grandchildren are getting a little older, but still love the magic of Santa so they will get personal gifts too.”

“I love to be home for Christmas and that is wherever my family is,” she added. Whaley’s favorite is “Oliver, the other Reindeer.” I love snowflakes on Christmas Eve, but that’s enough.”

J.W. Jeffries of Chincoteague is dreaming of “a peaceful and productive relationship between the president and Congress.” The best present he gives is an annual donation to Chincoteague Food Bank. His love of animals made him choose Rudolph over Frosty. He spends about $2,500 on presents.

Nadean Moore of Mappsville chose Frosty because of his “positive attitude” and “making the best of a bad situation.” She said buying presents is not as much fun if you keep track of the cost. Moore liked the idea of going to Disney World for Christmas. “This year” it “sounds great. Of course,” she still wants snow for the holiday.

Karen Simpson of Quinby puts a lot of thought, time and love into her gifts. “I like to think most of them have been in the ‘best present’ category … especially in the days when I crafted or sewed most of my presents, like fleece-lined shirts, shera-lined denim vests, vinyl raincoats, original painted drinking glasses and etched glassware.” For many years I dressed vinyl-headed cloth dolls for the Salvation Army in elaborate outfits for Christmas. Not only was this very emotionally fulfilling, it was barrels of fun to design, create and sew different outfits every year.

I’ll admit a white Christmas is awfully pretty,” said Simpson. “It’d be nice, as long as it was gone by the evening or next morning.”

Melanie Orrell of Chincoteague said the best gift she ever gave was a sheep and a pig through the Heifer organization. Orrell chose Rudolph over Frosty. “I like animals and he won’t melt.” She’ll spend about $400 for gifts this year. Orrell would rather be home for Christmas than go to Florida. She doesn’t like cold weather, so a white Christmas is out.

“I like to be creative,” said Kathy Cullen Henley of Painter. “I want to give things my family and friends need, but also things they would not buy for themselves. I always try to give some type of “toy” even to the adults. A smile is the best gift on Christmas!”
Police and Court Postings

By Linda Cicoira

Accomack Grand Jury

Four “quiet” indictments handed down by an Accomack Grand Jury last week were made public Monday.

Della Louise Broughton, no age or address available, was indicted on two counts of distributing cocaine on Oct. 3. She is being held without bond.

Jamar (Muscle) Antwyn Smith, 32, of Kinsey Drive in Parksley was indicted on two counts of distributing cocaine. One charge allegedly occurred on Nov. 7, 2011, and the other two days later. He is being held without bond.

Rosa Lee Johnson, 42, of Mappsville was indicted on two counts of distributing cocaine on Oct. 1, 2010, and Oct 30, 2011. He was arrested on Dec. 10. Tull is free on $10,000 unsecured bond. Sgt. Anthony Bright of Accomack County Sheriff’s Office testified.

Accomack Sheriff’s Office

A Bloxom man is being held in Accomack County Jail without bail in connection with a stabbing that allegedly occurred last week, according to records filed in Accomack General District Court.

Darren Tyler West, 38, of Nelsonia Road was charged with aggravated malicious wounding. According to the court file, the victim was John Charles Miller Jr., wounded in “the face, head and other” location. “Victim was severely injured,” the file continued.

The crime allegedly occurred on Dec. 5. West was arrested the next day. “Mr. West states self defense,” according to the record. Investigator C.A. McPherson of Accomack County Sheriff’s Office investigated.

Accomack Sheriff Todd Godwin said that at around midnight, it was reported to his office that the victim was at the Nelsonia Corner Mart. An investigation found that the 27-year-old was “traveling with another subject when an altercation ensued between the two and the victim was stabbed multiple times.”

Godwin said the man was taken by Parksley Rescue to Penninsula Regional Medical Center (PMRC) in Salisbury, Md., where he was treated and is listed in critical but stable condition.

Accomack Circuit Court

In a plea agreement, Kimberly Dawn Kenney, 37, of 7th Street in Pocomoke, Md., pleaded guilty in Accomack Circuit Court to aggravated sexual battery.

Assistant Commonwealth’s Attorney Matthew C. Brenner agreed to reduce the charge from rape “as a principal in the second degree while being present at the crime’s commission.”

According to court records, the victim was a girl younger than 15. The incident occurred in May 2010. Brenner did not recommend a sentence. Judge W.R. Lewis III accepted the agreement and remanded Kenney to jail. A presentence report was ordered. Sentencing was set for April 1, 2013.

Samamtha Tenica Jarvis, 35, of Big Pine Road in Painter was sentenced to three years in prison for grand larceny of property belonging to Crystal Simpson on April 10, 2011. All but time served was suspended. Jarvis also was convicted of misdemeanor contempt of court. She was sentence to time served for that offense.

Bryan Shay Lang Sr., 30, of Shay Lane in New Church pleaded guilty to three counts of taking indecent liberties and a count of having carnal knowledge. The crimes involved a 15-year-old girl and occurred in March. Lang was remanded to jail. Sentencing was deferred until April 1, 2013. A presentence report was ordered.

Joseph Taylor Young, 21, of Robert Drive in Bloxom was sentenced for stealing property from Accomack-Northampton Electric Cooperative between July 1 and Aug 30, 2011, to five years in prison, with all but a month suspended.

Accomack District Court

A New York man was charged last week with forgery, passing bad checks and two counts of obtaining money by false pretenses, according to Accomack General District Court records.

Charles Edward Sims IV, 21, of the Bronx is being held without bail. The crimes allegedly occurred on Dec. 3. Investigator Pat Coulter of Accomack County Sheriff’s Office (ACSO) is handling the case.

Torey Jamell Duffy, 29, of Michelle Circle in Melfa was charged with burglary and grand larceny in connection with an incident that allegedly occurred on Nov. 5. Duffy was arrested on Dec. 3 and is being held without bond.

Kevin Eugene Taylor, 36, of 4th Street in Pocomoke, Md., was convicted of a misdemeanor charge of obstructing a witness Monday. He was initially charged with a felony count of b ribboning a witness. The incident occurred between Oct. 20 and 25 in connection with an arson case, according to court records. State Police Special Agent Glenn Neal investigated.

Bond was set at $20,000 Monday for Tyheem Equon Sample, 23, of Accomack Manor in Parksley, who was charged with possession of crack with intent to distribute it on Nov. 26. He was arrested Nov. 28.

Devin L. Strand, 20, of Harborton Road in Harborton was charged with identify theft and intent to defraud in connection with $1,200 he allegedly withdrew from another person’s bank account on Sept. 7, 2012. Investigator C.A. McPherson of ACSO is handling the case. Bond was set at $5,000. Strand was arrested on Nov. 28.

Brenna Benzarti, 29, of Tarr Lane of Chincoteague was charged with possessing a Schedule I or II controlled substance on Nov. 30 and Dec. 3. Bail was set at $10,000. Deputy Bobby Taylor investigated.

Northampton District Court

Richard Michael Kos of Cape Charles was found guilty of misdemeanor assault and battery last week in Northampton General District Court. He initially was charged with assaulting a police officer, which is a felony. The offense occurred on Nov. 12. He was sentenced to 12 months in jail, with nine months suspended, and given three years’ probation. Kos also was fined $100.

A felony charge of destruction of property also was reduced to a misdemeanor. Kos was sentenced to a year in jail, with nine months suspended, for that charge, plus another $100 fine.

Northampton Sheriff’s Office

According to Northampton County Sheriff David L. Doughty Jr., Korey Dantaye Taylor, 33, of Eastville was arrested Nov. 20 on a charge of rape. Taylor has been released on bond.

Coley Leon Thomas Jr., 43, of Birds-nest was arrested Nov. 14 on a charge of felony malicious wounding. He is being held in Eastern Shore Regional Jail without bond.
Schools Prepare for Budget

By Ron West

The Northampton County School Board conducted a public input session Wednesday regarding the FY 2013-14 school budget.

Bill Sterling, representing the Boys and Girls Club, urged the board to reduce or eliminate the $8,000 yearly fee the organization pays to use Occohannock Elementary School after classes, as well as help with transportation for the students. Sterling noted that the Boys and Girls Club provides thousands of meals to the students annually. Additionally, he stressed the value of having adults who can provide a support structure for students who might be potential dropouts. “The Boys and Girls Club can provide the students with better choices,” said Sterling. “We serve as a partner to the school system.”

Former educator and administrator Diane Davis urged the board to hire an additional full-time secretary at the high school. Davis, who currently volunteers at the school, said the workload is often more than the present staff can handle. She also asked the board to consider changing the guidance office secretary position from 10 months to 12 months.

Bill Taylor, speaking for the bus drivers, again pressed the board to include the drivers in the Virginia Retirement System (VRS) program. “It’s not right for them to not have a retirement option available,” Taylor said. “It’s a crime. You’re not treating them right. The drivers not only need it, they deserve it.”

Stephanie Hadden again addressed the need to fill a gifted education vacancy at the elementary level. Superintendent Dr. Walter Clemmons responded that the school system is continuing to seek a viable candidate for the position.

Clemmons and Board Chairman Dr. Richard Drury addressed the issue of staffing and explained that while several openings are listed on the school system’s website, most are for additional positions rather than replacements for classroom teachers. Clemmons noted that there is an ongoing need for bus drivers, substitute teachers, and substitute cafeteria workers. The system is also currently seeking a replacement for the director of Special Programs who left earlier in the term.

Drury and Clemmons said staff is compiling projected needs for FY 2014 and will hold at least one more citizen input session prior to providing the budget to the Board of Supervisors in March.

Dan Dills of Dills Architects presented three design concepts for the School Board to consider as replacement options for the aging high school in Eastville. The building, which is approaching 60 years of age, has seen several additions and renovations since the 1970s including emergency repairs to the cafeteria as well as the replacement of the rear wall of the earliest portion of the building. The options offered include a new structure at the south end of the current building, as well as entirely new buildings.

All of the options offered feature a multi-story structure as well as changes to the current athletic fieldhouse.

Prices for the three options ranged from $29.8 million to $34.6 million and all included the addition of separate spaces for middle-school students. For the past several years, since the closure of the middle school in Machipongo, there has been an effort to provide separate facilities for students in Grades 6 through 8.

Patty Kaiser of Eastern Virginia Medical School spoke on the issue of student obesity and noted that the schools are being provided with tools and training to monitor the body mass index of students. She added that 48 percent of the students met the benchmark for being considered obese.

Another Abandoned Structure Burns

By Linda Cicora

Investigators were probing the site of an abandoned three-story house at press time Thursday. The structure on Tacktown Road near Accomac burned Wednesday night, according to Sgt. Michelle Anaya of State Police.

It has not been determined if the fire was an arson. “The fire is still being investigated … and will be treated as all others until ruled out,” Anaya said.

There have been around 30 arsons in the last month. The latest blaze was reported at around 9:15. Firefighters from Tasley, Onley, Onancock, Parksley, Bloxom and Melfa responded.
Planners Review Eastville’s Comprehensive Plan

By Ron West

The Northampton County Planning Commission began a review of the Town of Eastville’s Comprehensive Plan last week.

The County Planning Commission serves the planning role for the Town of Eastville at the town’s request.

A recent review of the 2010 census of the town discovered that there were 148 fewer residents than had been announced. The error came as a result of inmates at the regional jail being counted as town residents.

Commissioner Mary Miller reported on the businesses within the town limits as a portion of the town’s economic portion of the plan. Commissioner Roberta Kellam raised concerns over the recreational opportunities available within walking distance of the residents’ homes. Kellam emphasized the need for new subdivisions to be developed with walkability in mind. She stressed that having bike and walking paths would allow residents to have an alternative to motorized vehicles. One suggestion was to seek a crosswalk at the Lankford Highway traffic signal to aid walkers when crossing the highway to either walk to the downtown area or out to Indiantown Park area.

Miller stated that some residents of the town had asked that the driveway behind the old jail be reopened to oneway traffic. Once the renovated County Administration building was reopened, that street was closed and blocked off to vehicle traffic.

Prior to concluding the session, the commissioners re-elected Martina Coker and Mike Ward to serve another term as chairwoman and vice chairman for the Planning Commission.

Del. Lewis Sets Town Hall Meetings

State Del. Lynwood W. Lewis Jr. will be holding his annual pre-session town hall meetings Dec. 18.

Citizens of the Eastern Shore are invited to give their opinions and concerns and also learn what is coming up in the 2013 General Assembly session.

On that evening, there will be a town hall meeting at Saint Charles Parish Hall in Cape Charles from 5:30 to 6:30, and in the Great Hall at Eastern Shore Community College from 7:30 to 8:30pm.

If constituents are not able to make the meetings, they are welcome to contact Lewis at 787-1094 or dellewis@house.virginia.gov with comments and concerns.

Cape Charles Yacht Club Home of New Yacht Club

By Ron West

A new yacht club has been formed in Cape Charles as a way to unite the vast number of recreational and wannabe boaters.

Unlike many traditional yacht clubs, Cape Charles Yacht Club does not require a member to own a vessel. Some charter members own 40-foot motor or sailing vessels, others have small outboards, some even have kayaks, and yes, a few are boatless. But all share a love of the sea and the seafaring history of the town.

Commodore Dave Stewart, a lifelong sailor, was selected to serve as the leader of the new organization. Stewart recently addressed the group at Cape Charles Hotel and spoke of the goals of encouraging and supporting boating in the Cape Charles area as well as promoting boating safety, and when possible, supporting local businesses.

For additional information regarding the Cape Charles Yacht Club email Stewart at captDave46@yahoo.com
Shaquille Rogers at Enterprise Ceremony

Navy Petty Officer 3rd Class Shaquille L. Rogers, son of Sherman L. Rogers of Jamesville and Chekettha Y. Fair of Marietta, Ga., along with nearly 12,000 past and current crewmembers, family and friends, attended the inactivation of aircraft carrier USS Enterprise (CVN 65).

The world’s first nuclear powered aircraft carrier, Enterprise recently completed its 25th and final deployment and returned to its homeport of Naval Station Norfolk for the inactivation ceremony, the last official public event for the ship.

Local Family Dollar Store Recognized

Dottie Burford-Turner and her staff at Family Dollar in Oak Hall recently were named fifth-place winner in the national competition of over 10,000 Family Dollar Stores.

The Family Dollar store was named the “Best Looking Store” in the district, then in the region, before its most recent recognition.

Kellam Construction Home Receives Environmental Award

L.J. Kellam Construction, LLC has been awarded the Platinum Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) Certification by the U.S. Green Building Council. The Platinum rating is the highest LEED rating a project can achieve.

The project is a 3,500-square-foot residence on Holly Dale Drive in Cape Charles. The site is a 15-acre parcel on Old Plantation Creek.

“The location provided an opportunity to design and build a home that enhances the natural surroundings and captures the expansive views,” said Luke Kellam, president of L.J. Kellam Construction. “We made every effort to preserve the tranquil setting with a minimal footprint on the property.”

The home was designed by architect Janet Harrison of Annapolis, Md., to work with the local climate. A geothermal heat pump was installed to take advantage of the stable temperature of groundwater that is used to heat and cool the house. In the summer, it uses water in the 50s instead of air in the 80s to cool the house, and the excess heat is reused to heat water for showers. Radiant floors allow the thermostat to be set at a lower temperature. The pergola surrounding the house has blades to capitalize on winter sun, while preventing the summer sun’s higher rays from penetrating the structure.

More than 80 percent of the lighting is energy efficient, fluorescent, LED or Energy Star-certified and an array of photovoltaic panels produces solar energy.

“To the extent possible, we used local products in our construction materials,” said Kellam. All lumber scraps were recycled into mulch at Maplewood Gardens in Nassawadox.

The site was previously developed, so the new house was built on top of the old footprint to minimize disturbance of the land. The existing driveway was reused. The majority of the site remains in its natural state. Where the site was disturbed during construction, it was replanted with native grasses that need no watering. There are a few planting beds close to the house, which are irrigated with a low water drip system supplied by rainwater. All rainwater is collected in a cistern, which reduces water use as well as runoff to the Chesapeake Bay.

“We are very proud of this house and the Platinum LEED certification,” adds Kellam. “A lot of people assume that green building is prohibitively expensive. What we learned is that through careful planning and a very knowledgeable project team, it can be accomplished without pushing budgets beyond reach. Also, some of the energy-efficient systems qualify for tax credits.”
Obituaries

Sanford Matriarch Passes Away

Mrs. Phoebe Grace Hall Marshall, 94, of Sanford died Thursday, Nov. 29, 2012, with her family by her side.

Grace, as she was known, was the youngest child born in Jenkins Bridge to the late Henry C. and Elamira McCready Hall. Mrs. Marshall was a devout Christian and a member of Sanford United Methodist Church for 82 years. She served as a Sunday School and United Methodist Church for 82 years. She was well-known for her family Sunday dinners, and making delicious yeast rolls and fried chicken. Her favorite hobby was cooking. Whenever anyone was sick or grieving, she would quickly prepare a meal to help brighten that person's day. When anyone came to visit her, her greeting was, “C’mom in and let me fix you a cup of coffee.” She will be remembered for making beautiful quilts, where each stitch was filled with love for the recipient.

Mrs. Marshall was preceded in death by her husband, James T. Marshall; brothers, Henry and Bradford Hall; and sisters, Nellie Hall, Florence Spence and Mary Trader. Survivors include her daughter, Dorothy M. Justice (and husband, Spencer) of Oak Hall; granddaughter, Dr. Penny J. Makuchal (and husband, Denny) of Stockton, Md.; great-granddaughters, Miranda Marie and Abby Grace Makuchal, also of Stockton; and numerous nieces, nephews and friends.

A funeral service was held Sunday, Dec. 2, at Sanford United Methodist Church.

Memorial contributions may be made to Sanford United Methodist Church, c/o Michael Walker, 8152 Flag Pond Rd., Sanford, VA, 23426. To offer condolences, visit www.hollowayfh.com

Arrangements were made by Holloway Funeral Home, Pocomoke City, Md.

Former Lewis Crab House Owner Dies

Mr. H.B. Lewis, 81, of Saxis passed away after a long battle with lung cancer Sunday, Dec. 2, 2012, at his home. Born in Saxis, he was the son of the late Mayo and Maggie Martin Lewis. Mr. Lewis served in the U.S. Army in Japan. He was a long-time member of the VFW and a 56-year member of the Elks. Mr. Lewis was a retired waterman, owning Lewis Crab House along with his brother Eddie, and in later years, Raymond Martin.

Mr. Lewis is survived by his wife, Dorothy Lewis; two sons, Cris Lewis of Onancock and his daughter Maretta, from Palmyra, Pa.; aunt, Dolcie Godwin of Lee County, Va.; one sister, Teresa Martin of Gainesville, Va.; one brother, Tommy Watson.

A memorial service was conducted Tuesday, Dec. 11, at Curtis Merritt Memorial Harbor on Chincoteague by Rev. John Kullop.

Memorial donations may be made to the SPCA of the Eastern Shore, P.O. Box 164, Onley, VA 23418.

Arrangements were made by Fox & Holston Funeral Home, Chincoteague.

Retired Head of Wallops Logistics Dies

Mr. Robert Fletcher “Bobby” Lilliston, 83, of Onancock passed away Tuesday, Dec. 4, 2012, at Riverside Shore Memorial Hospital in Nassawadox.

Born in Parksley, he was the son of the late James Thomas Lilliston and Sulie Shreaves Lilliston. Mr. Lilliston retired from NASA GSFC/Wallops Flight Facility in 1984, with nearly 35 years of government service. At the time of his retirement, he was head of the Wallops Logistics Branch, responsible for total logistics support.

Mr. Lilliston was a very active member of Onancock Baptist Church, where he served as a longtime deacon, and a member of Central Lodge 300, AF&AM for over 60 years. He greatly enjoyed spending time with his “buddies” at Hardee’s, Bojangles’, and the “Liar’s Bench” at Onancock Wharf. He was always smiling and would share a pleasant greeting.

Mr. Lilliston was preceded by his wife, Doris Poulson Lilliston. Survivors include his daughter, Lesa L. Rivera, Mont; special cousin, Wilson Martin of Jacksonville, Texas; and many other cousins, nieces and friends. He predeceased by his brother Eddie, from Saxis; and a sister, Maretta, from Palmyer, Pa.

Services were conducted Saturday, Dec. 8, at Thornton Funeral Home in Parksley by Rev. Elizabeth Freund. Interment was at John W. Taylor Cemetery in Temperanceville.

Memorial contributions may be made to Hospice and Palliative Care of the Eastern Shore, 165 Market St., Suite 3, Onancock, VA 23417; or Riverside Shore Memorial Cancer Center, P.O. Box 802, Nassawadox, VA 23413.
ven; sister, Peggy Lilliston East of Pocomoke, Md.; grandchildren to whom he lovingly provided childcare in their early years, Darcie Duer (and husband, Avery Skees) of Virginia Beach, Va., and Amanda Duer (and fiancé, Jacob Payton) of Onancock; great-grandchild, Aurora Payton; and niece, Scarlet Hillman (and husband, Michael) of Pocomoke.

Funeral services were conducted Saturday, Dec. 8, from Onancock Baptist Church by Pastor Sean McKenzie. Interment was in Mount Holly Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to Onancock Baptist Church, P.O. Box 36, Onancock, VA 23341. Memory tributes may be shared with the family at www.williamsfuneralhomes.com

Arrangements were made by Williams-Onancock Funeral Home.

Cape Charles Resident Passes Away

Janet Williams Belote, 49, of Cape Charles died Thursday, Dec. 6, 2012, in Nassawadox.

Born in Nassawadox and reared in Eastville, she was the daughter of the late Bruce Eugene Williams and Ora “Trixie” Moore Williams. She was a member of Eastville Baptist Church.

She is survived by her son, Derek Williams of Cheriton; and sisters, Janice Williams of Eastville and Terry Bowling of Onley.

Graveside services were conducted Saturday, Dec. 8, at Cape Charles Cemetery by Rev. Clarence Bowen.

Memorial donations may be made to Cape Charles Rescue Service, P.O. Box 3009, Cheriton, VA 23316.

Arrangements were made by Fox and James Funeral Home, Eastville.

Retired Northampton Teacher Dies

Mrs. Helen Gardner Bell, 91, of Onancock passed away Thursday, Dec. 6, 2012, at the Hermitage on the Eastern Shore in Onancock.

A native of Clover, S.C., she was the daughter of the late William and Rachel Love Gardner. She taught at Northampton Public Schools until her retirement and was a member of Red Bank Baptist Church where she taught Sunday school for many years. Mrs. Bell enjoyed flower arranging and sewing.

She was predeceased by her husband, Frank Wise Bell. Survivors include her sons, Frank W. Bell Jr. of Virginia Beach, Va., and William A. Bell (and wife, Alice) of Lancaster, Va.; grandchildren, Hilary Rivers (and husband, Jason) of Eugene, Ore., Gina Bell of Philadelphia, Pa., Capt. Donald John Bell, U.S. Army (and wife, Sandra) of Bonaire, Ga., Frank W. Bell III of Philadelphia, and William C. Bell of Charleston, W.Va.; and great-grandchildren, Santino Bell and Russell and Timothy Rivers.

Funeral services were held Tuesday, Dec. 11, at Red Bank Baptist Church, with Rev. Dr. John M. Robertson officiating. Interment was at Red Bank Baptist Church Cemetery.

Memorial donations may be made to Red Bank Baptist Church, c/o Michael Zodun, P. O. Box 564, Belle Haven, VA 23306. Online condolences may be offered at www.doughtyfuneralhome.com

Arrangements were made by Doughty Funeral Home, Exmore.

R&G Shirt Factory Retiree Passes Away

Mrs. Evelyn Nicholson Taylor, 80, of Parksley, formerly of Guilford, passed away Thursday, Dec. 6, 2012, at her residence.

Born in Franktown, she was the daughter of the late Joshua Lee and Sadie Davis Nicholson. Mrs. Taylor was a former employee of R&G Shirt Factory and a member of Guilford United Methodist Church and the Eastern Star.

Mrs. Taylor was predeceased by her husband, Elwood Dewey Taylor Sr.; a sister, Mabel Linton (and husband, Ervin); and four brothers, Joshua, Francis D., George D. and Henry Nicholson. Survivors include her children, Dianna Turner, Deborah Midgett (and husband, Ken) and Elwood Taylor Jr. (and wife, Mary Anne), all of Parksley; grandchildren, Ken Midgett Jr., Richie Turner, Joshua Taylor and Becky Chew; great-grandchildren, Aaleah Midgett, Conway Turner, Drake Turner, David Chew III and Jessie West; sisters-in-law, Norma Lee, Peggy and Ruby Nicholson; and many nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were conducted from Williams-Parksley Funeral Home Sunday, Dec. 9, by Rev. Veronica Barrell and Pastor Freddie Ward. Interment was in Parksley Cemetery.

Memorial donations may be made to Hospice of the Eastern Shore, 165 Market St., Suite 3, Onancock, VA 23341. Memory tributes may be shared at www.williamsfuneralhomes.com

Retired Schooner Bay Carpenter Dies


Born in Morristown, N.J., and reared in Madison, he was the son of the late John J. Laden Sr. and Mary Connor Laden. He was a union carpenter in Local 620 of Madison for 45 years. Mr. Laden served in the U.S. Navy in the Korean War; was a member of Holy Name of Jesus Church in Pocomoke, Md., BPOE 1465 in Madison, American Legion 43 in Florham Park, and Eastern Shore Yacht and Country Club in Melfa; was a past president of the Democratic Party of Florham Park; and was an avid New York Giants fan and season ticket holder. He loved fishing, boating, and the beach, but most of all spending time with his grandchildren.

Mr. Laden is survived by his wife of 56 years, Barbara A. Laden; children, Michael J. Laden of Hackettstown, N.J., Susan A. McLaughlin (and husband, James) of Hopatcong, N.J., Eileen P. Kall (and husband, Kenneth) of Little Egg Harbor, N.J., Patricia E. Pruden (and husband, Eric) of Morris-town, and John J. Laden III (and wife, Gail) of Landing, N.J.; sister, Muriel D. Harris of Basking Ridge, N.J.; and grandchildren, Shaun, Brian and Kyle Laden, Erin and Brendan McLaughlin, Kaitlin, Kenneth and Connor Kall, Christopher and Phillip Pruden, and Jarrad and Gabriella Laden.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be conducted from St. Vincent Martyr Parish, 26 Green Village Rd., Madison, Tuesday, Dec. 18, at 10 a.m. Interment will follow at St. Vincent Martyr Cemetery. There will be a visitation at Burroughs, Kohr and Dangler Funeral Home, 106 Main Street, Madison, on Monday, Dec. 17, from 2 to 4 p.m. and 7 to 9 p.m.

Memorial donations in John’s memory may be made to a children’s charity of your choice. Memory tributes may be shared with the family at www.williamsfuneralhomes.com or www.doughtyfuneralhomes.com

Local arrangements were made by Williams-Onancock Funeral Home.
~ Supervisors ~

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...people worried about paying their taxes, “Looking into this situation would be very appropriate,” said Trala.

Bradford said she handles situations “case by case” and is sympathetic to residents who have had hardships, working with them any way she can.

Bradford also reported that tax collections had gone extremely well by the Dec. 5 deadline with over 70 percent of the taxes collected and more payments coming in daily.

Other priorities cited by the supervisors for Lewis to consider in the upcoming legislative session include eliminating the local contribution to the state, which has resulted in Northampton paying the state over $1 million since the inception of “Local Contribution/Aid to the Commonwealth” in 2010; support of full restoration of state funding for the Standards of Quality and for the Compensation Board; funding for constitutional officers; and opposition to legislation to eliminate or reduce local tax revenues, including business taxes such as the machinery and tools tax.

The board also heard from Lynne Lochen of the Virginia Tourism Commission, who will be retiring on Dec. 21. Lochen said tourism increased in Northampton 5.2 percent last year after a 11.2 percent increase the previous year, a two-year increase well above the state average. She said tourism accounted for $1.25 million in taxes for Northampton last year and she encouraged the supervisors “to think regionally” because tourists “know no boundaries nor should they.”

In other business, the supervisors adopted the Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy as prepared by the Acomack-Northampton Planning District Commission (A-NPDC).

Asked by Supervisor Larry Lemond if this document would be used or “gather dust on a shelf,” County Administrator Katie Nunez said it is incumbent upon the A-NPDC Economic Development Committee to make this “an active document and assure it moves forward.”

Supervisor Randall, who is a member of the committee, said the strategy identifies two major projects — Wallops Research Park and the dredging of the harbor at Bayshore Concrete.
Property Transactions

• From John Brandoff
To Ronald and Joy Marino
Half of Lot 29 and all of Lots 30 and 31, Mt. Prospect
For $212,000
• From Oliver Carpenter & Claudia Harmon
To John Marsh and Arlene Bush
Lot 2, Block J, Riverside Park, Chincoteague
For $100,000
• From Secretary of HUD
To Tompouce, LLC
Property in Metompkin Magisterial District
For $29,757
• From SLM Mortgage Corp.
To William Tatum
15330 Sally Ann Ln., Pungoteague
For $82,500
• From William Jones and Sherrel Blain-Jones
To Raymond and Anita Tate
Lot near Shields Bridge
For $439,000
• From Mark and Kathryn McGee
To Nikolaos and Christina Tountas
Lot 3D, Piney Island, Chincoteague
For $355,000
• From Bay Bank FSB and Bay National Bank
To Lester, Christina & Christopher Keller
Lot 48, Section 11, Captain’s Cove
For $10,000
• From Special Commissioner James Elliott, C. and Hannah Sheppard, Emma Griffin and Flossie Davis
To Eugene Justice
Lot near Hallwood
For $300
• From Maureen Pettine
To Martha Everett
Chincoteague parcel
For $124,355
• From Francis Bresch
To Susan Sisk
Lot 1, Lighthouse Estates Townhouses, Chincoteague
For $150,000
• From Eileen Kirkwood
To Scott and Annette Williamson
Tasley parcel
For $156,900
• From Clinton Davis
To Lisa and Thomas Hurley
Property near Kiptopeke
For $239,000
• From Dana Van Dyke
To Timothy and Kimberly Nugent
Property near Kiptopeke
For $29,900
• From John Love
To Charles Williams Sr.
Property near Birdsnest
For $4,500
• From Cheryl and Wayne Downing
To Anthony Storey and Anne Stratton
Property in Cape Charles
For $182,000
• From Cheryl and Wayne Downing
To Ann Stratton
Property in Cape Charles
For $60,000
• From Margaret Elliott, and Floyd, John, and John Robbins Jr.
To David Scott
Property in Savage’s Neck
For $50,000
• From Vera Leak
To Mark and Valerie Dunkle
Lot 10, Johnson’s Cove near Jamesville
For $450,000
• From Low Bottom, LLC and Soggy Bottom, LLC
To Penny and Warren Birdsong
Property near Townsend
For $150,000
• From Lynn Abbott, Kim Creasy and Margaret Wilkerson
To Phillip and Laurel Wilkerson
Miona parcel
For $180,000
• From Special Commissioner James Elliott and Absaroka Properties, Inc.
To Winston Custis
New Church parcel
For $12,100
• From Special Commissioner James Elliott and Lydia Boggs
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Craddockville lot
For $17,600
• From Shirley Stramacchia
To John and Maria Thomas
Lot 239, Unit 2, Trails End
For $9,000
• From Special Commissioner James Elliott and Linda Chandler
To SMH II, LLC, BTM Acacom, LLC & Charles M. Mansbach Acacom, LLC
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• From Larry Fluhart
To Lloyd and Kathryn Miller
Keller parcel
For $43,000
• From Michael & Marjorie Carpenter
To Gregory and Beth Temple
Market St. parcel, Onancock
For $289,000
• From Taylor and Hunter Scott
To Mary Pawin
Hopeton parcel
For $18,000
• From Jane Chisholm
To Aydelotte L&P, LLC
72 acres near Silva and 30 acres at Sign Post
For $250,000
• From Susan Wiler
To You Mi Voss
Chincoteague parcel
For $70,000
• From Matthew and Ileta Reed
To Lawrence and Kimberly Chwirut
Lot 21B, Sunnywood Manor Subdivision, Chincoteague
For $455,000
• From Samuel Merritt
To Matthew and Ileta Reed
Lots 8B and 9B, Sunnywood Manor Subdivision, Chincoteague
For $200,000
• From Deutsche Bank National Trust Co., HSI Asset Securitization Corp. Trust and American Home Mortgage Servicing, Inc.
To Donald Brickhouse
Melfa parcel
For $155,000
• From Martha Burns & Linda Hartstock
To Thomas and Susan Lynch
Lot 1031, Section 1, Captain’s Cove
For $75,000
• From John Conza
To Patrick Lopez
3 Lee District tracts
For $80,000
• From Secretary of Veterans Affairs
To Tracey Saucedo
Assawoman parcel
For $37,000

Marriage Licenses Issued
• Jean Markens Saincast, 29, and Wesley Cid, 35, both of Parksley
• Wayne David Uberti, 44, and Lisa Anne Jones, 50, both of Cape Charles
• Michael David Loper, 51, and Debra Lynn Clark, 52, both of Bridgeton, N.J.
• Andy Ormond Mason, 33, of Memphis, Tenn., and Alex Amanda Addia Dickson, 31, of Cape Charles

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Here is a mind-boggling number I came across on a Virginia High School League website on all-time records by Virginia athletes.

Ricky Bailey, who played at Central High School from 1980 to 1982, holds the season interception record with 23 and the career record with 47 in only three seasons of play.

Think about it. There are wide receivers who don’t catch 23 passes in a season or 47 in a career. And those are the guys who the quarterback wants to catch the ball. But Bailey caught 23 passes in one season NOT intended for him.

Twenty-three interceptions in a season and 47 for a career are incredible numbers, and as far as I can determine, they are the only VHSL all-time marks held by an Eastern Shore athlete.

What’s not in the record book is that he returned 10 of those 23 interceptions for a touchdown and amassed 39 total touchdowns on offense, defense and special teams in that 1982 season. He could do it all. Those who saw him play say he was one of the best punters ever to play on the Shore.

Rickey Bailey — at six feet and 185 pounds — was a special athlete who appeared in “Faces in the Crowd” in Sports Illustrated and was listed in that magazine among high-school career leaders among names like Herschel Walker and Billy Sims. In fact, his season and career marks still rank him third and fourth, respectively, nationally all-time for interceptions.

At the time he played, Bailey also was featured on Norfolk TV news stations, and in the Washington Post and other major newspapers along the East Coast.

Bailey played after I covered sports on the Shore in the 1970s. I did not attend many games when I moved out of sports into news because seven years of stalking the sidelines leaves one a bit wasted. But I heard so much about Bailey I went to a game as a paying customer to see him play. As they say, he was worth the price of admission.

Dazzling runs, an option lateral that was pitched as if he had eyes in the back of his head, bullet passes that knifed throughout a stiff wind and jarring tackles from his defensive safety position convinced me Bailey was worthy of his press clippings.

He was recruited by major colleges across the country, including Georgia, Tennessee, Auburn and other SEC powerhouse, as well as Michigan, Michigan State and Illinois of the Big 10. Houston wanted to develop its offense around his talents as a quarterback.

But Bailey signed with Virginia Tech because he wanted to stay closer to home. He left the team during the first week of practice in his freshman year to attend the funeral of a close family member. When he returned a week later, he was the last man on the depth chart among running backs.

Toward the end of the season, he had worked his way to second string and earned a start in the team’s final game against the University of Virginia.

On that memorable day in Charlottesville, Bailey scored three touchdowns and was all but assured the starting spot the next season for the Hokies. In limited carries — 41 — he averaged 5.5 yards a carry that season for a Virginia Tech team that went 9-2 under Coach Bill Dooley.

But with a stable full of backs returning at Tech and the desire to play on both offense and defense, Bailey transferred to Norfolk State the following year. However, before school even started, a trainer at Virginia Tech put him in touch with the general manager of the Calgary Stampeders of the Canadian Football League.

Bailey signed a one-year contract for $70,000 to play in the CFL. Although he scored a touchdown in preseason, he saw limited time and tore his Achilles heel late in the season, hurting his chances to be re-signed.

The following year he attended NFL camps for the Redskins and Eagles when the regular players were out on strike, but he found both teams were overrun with prospective players and did not catch on with either team.

There were some offers from the USFL and other CFL teams, but Bailey decided to come home.

Thirty years later, Bailey lives in Exmore and has enjoyed a good life, surrounded by two daughters and two grandchildren and serving as an assistant basketball coach for Nandua High School last year.

I caught up with him earlier this week and asked him about that stellar 1982 season.

“I just remember I had a knack for finding the ball,” said Bailey. “Even when the team’s best receiver was on the other side of the field, as a safety I could put myself between the quarterback and the receiver.’’

Bailey said that in college he played with backs who might have been faster in timed sprints — Bailey was clocked at 4.6 in the 40 — but he felt he had better “football” speed.

“Those guys would run right into the tackler. I always had the ability to see the field, use my blockers and make people miss,” said Bailey.

He said he was inspired by his older brother, Louis Bailey, who starred at Mary Nottingham Smith in the late 1960s to 1970 and then had a stellar career at North Carolina A&T.

“Louis played quarterback and I always looked up to him,’’ said Bailey. “I was very young when he played high school, but I remember watching him play and wanting to emulate him.”

Does he regret leaving college where he might have been a big-time star?

“Sometimes I think I probably should have stayed in college,’’ said Bailey. “But $70,000 was a lot of money then and it helped my family. So at the time it was the right decision for me.”

One thing is clear. The Virginia marks he set for interceptions in a season and career will likely stand for all time.

Ricky Bailey in his days as a Central High School football star.
ACPR Youth Basketball League

The Accomack County Parks and Recreation Department is accepting registration for youth basketball. Youth ages 5 to 16 are eligible to participate.

The department also is looking for young ladies ages 9-12 and 13-16 who are interested in joining ACPR girls’ basketball teams.

The last date to register for ACPR Youth Basketball is tomorrow, Dec. 15. Games will begin in mid-January. Applications are available at the Parks and Recreation office which is open Monday through Friday, from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

The Parks and Recreation Department also is looking for volunteer coaches.

For more information, contact the ACPR office at 787-3900 or 824-0314.

Nandua Football Meeting Dec. 20

Nandua football coaches are holding a parent and player interest/informational meeting Thursday, Dec. 20, in the school cafeteria at 7 p.m. The meeting is mandatory for all players. Coaches will be discussing off-season activities and player responsibilities.

Chincoteague Youth Basketball Sign-ups

The Chincoteague High School Athletic Boosters are holding sign-ups for the upcoming Youth Basketball League season. Anyone ages 5-15 may sign up at the Hampton Inn between 9 a.m. and 9 p.m. through Dec. 21.

The cost is $30 for the first child and $10 for each sibling.

Deer Donations Sought by Group

The Eastern Shore Chapter of Hunters for the Hungry is in its 16th season of helping hunters donate deer to local needy individuals.

The processors this year are Brent Powell in Wachapreague (787-7107) and Matt Killmon of Bucktrails (787-1351) in Onancock. There are refrigerated collection trailers at the Foodbank in Tasley and B&B Market on Lankford Highway in Machipongo. All deer must be properly registered and field dressed.

For any questions or to help, contact Worth Saunders, at 757-710-0049 or aes3ptocs@yahoo.com. The mailing address is P.O. Box 1702, Parksley, VA 23421.

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Photo and story by Bill Sterling

Nandua lost a Saturday afternoon game against Northumberland 43-40 when a last-second shot did not fall for the Warriors.

After Nandua took an 8-4 lead after the first quarter when both teams struggled to score, Northumberland tied the score at 18 at half, and then the lead went back and forth until the Indians held on at the end.

“We are a very young team and our players did not show the confidence and poise they had in our first game, but I told them after the game this would be a learning experience,” said second-year head coach Cedric Cooper. “It wasn’t a district loss, so hopefully, we can gain something from the game and move on.”

Nandua missed a layup with less than a minute to play that would have given the Warriors the lead, then had to foul. The Indians converted the free throws, then Nandua had a look with a 3-pointer with 1.2 seconds that would have tied the game.

Trayvon Snead led nine Nandua scorers with 9 points, while Darius Holden added 8 points, and Tre’Darius Kellam added 6.

Issac Taylor pulled down 13 rebounds, including five on the offensive end.

“Isaac controlled the boards and prevented buckets in the paint,” said Coach Cooper.

Arcadia Falls to Indian River

Last Thursday night, Arcadia fell to Indian River of Delaware 80-61 at Oak Hall.

The Firebirds were led by Devin Wilson with 16 points, Tyron Copes with 11, Tyler Warner with 8 and Kyle Fields with 8.

Firebird coach Alvin Justice said his squad played hard but was outmatched by Indian River. Arcadia, with three losses, is still seeking its first win.

A game scheduled for last Friday between Arcadia and Mathews was canceled.

Warriors Top Ponies in Shore District Hoop Clash

Nandua walloped Chincoteague 57-22 Tuesday night at the Warrior gym.

Tre’ Darius led 10 Warriors who scored with 10 points. Michael Wang had 8 and Tyreim Blake and Issac Taylor had 6 each.

Bryant Savage led the Ponines with 9 points while James Gooldrup had 6.

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Freshman Gardner Fosque, playing because Coach Jay Savage was without two varsity starters, led the Ponies in both contests, with 18 points in the opener and 27 in the second game. He was 11 of 16 from the foul line in the two contests and hit a 3-pointer in both games.

Savage had 9 points in the opener, and Larry Harper scored 10 in the Holly Grove contest. The Ponies were tied after three quarters with Holly Grove following a one-point half-time lead, but were nipped in the end.

“That was a hard game to lose,” said Coach Savage. “We had two starters out and brought up Gardner, who had 27 for us.”

Chincoteague plays at Broadwater tonight in a 6:30 start, has a home game against Salisbury Christian on Monday at 6:30 p.m. and travels to Northampton next Thursday.

Nandua is on the road next week with away games versus Arcadia Tuesday, Norfolk Collegiate Wednesday and Norfolk Collegiate again Friday.

Broadwater Drops Squeaker to Greenbrier

Broadwater fell to Greenbrier 49-48 last Thursday when the Gators took the lead with just over a minute remaining and held on for the win at Greenbrier.

Michael Riopel led the Vikings with 20 points. Brendon Burrows added 16.

On Tuesday, the Vikings fell to Williamsburg Christian Academy 88-58.

The Broadwater girls were dealt a 95-12 loss by Williamsburg Christian Academy.

Broadwater girls (5 p.m) and boys (6:30 p.m.) host Chincoteague tonight.
Northampton ran its girls' basketball record to 4-0 Tuesday night at the Jacket gym with a convincing 55-11 win over Arcadia after holding a 37-2 halftime lead.

Whitney Metz led the Lady Jackets with 17 points, while Jabria Brown had 10 points and five rebounds. Deju Smith added 8 points and pulled down five rebounds.

Both Kesi Harmon and Jateria Harmon had seven rebounds to lead the Jackets in that department.

Metz and Smith had three steals each.

Sarah Jones and Lili Tuialuluu had four points each to lead Arcadia.

Northampton hosts Southampton on Monday while the Arcadia girls travel to Nandua on Tuesday.

The Nandua girls defeated Chincoteague 50-18 Tuesday night at the Pony gym.

Nandua was led by Derrica Toppin with 16 points, Khadijah Robinson 10 points, Jennifer Spicer and Ciara Bopaley 6 points each, and La’Kadra Riggin, Jakoriah Wise and Autumn Ferguson with 4 points each.

For Chincoteague, Kristin Fox 6 had points, Chelsea Pitts 5 points, Madison Jennings, Alyson Hickman, Aspen Bowden 2 points each and Melissa Derrickson 1 point.

Turnovers for Chincoteague and a fast-break Nandua offense that led to easy baskets were the key factors in the game, according to Chincoteague coach Kelly Fox.

"Kim (Giddens, Nandua basketball coach) does a great job with the girls. They came out confident and worked hard," said Fox, who said he was pleased with the effort of his young Pony squad.

The Nandua girls' basketball team lost to Northumberland 45-16 Saturday at the Warrior gym.

The Lady Warriors struggled to score and trailed 23-7 at halftime.

Wise led Nandua with 8 points.

Northampton stopped Arcadia 58-50 Tuesday night at the Firebird gym in a boys' contest. The Jackets led 26-22 at halftime before holding on for the win.

Rovonte Rogers led the Jackets with 17 points, while Jab Onley had a double-double with 12 points and 14 rebounds.

“We are stressing that we need to focus on the defensive end and stop making so many unforced errors,” said head coach Wayne Bell, who took over the varsity team this year after coaching the junior varsity for six years. “We played well tonight, but I would still call it a work in progress.”

Arcadia coach Alvin Justice, a 10-year veteran with the Firebirds' program, said last week that inexperience is hurting his squad, but he expects to see improvement as the season progresses.

Northampton travels to Southampton on Monday while Arcadia hosts Nandua on Tuesday.
Northampton Makes Strong Showing in Elite Wrestling Tourney

The Northampton High School wrestling team competed Friday and Saturday against 29 teams from Delaware, West Virginia, Maryland, Washington, D.C., and Virginia in the War on the Shore wrestling tournament in Salisbury, Md. After all was said and done, the Jacket wrestlers finished in 9th place, a vast improvement over last year’s finish of 29th place out of 32 schools.

“This was a huge step for our program,” said Coach Will Leland of Northampton. “This tournament attracts the best wrestling programs from the Mid-Atlantic states.”

Four wrestlers finished on the medal stand: 2nd - Casey Paglia; 3rd - Charlie Demarino; 4th - Ryan Bono; and 6th Laquan Hairston. Malik McCaskill, Raul Gildo, and Austin Brady finished in a very respectable 12th place, one win from placing.

Paglia, a two-time defending state champion who has made a verbal commitment to wrestle at Division I American University in Washington, D.C., lost his finals to a wrestler who finished 5th at Prep School Nationals last year in the final seconds. “It was 0-0 with 10 seconds left when Casey got caught in a headlock while scrambling on the mat and was pinned,” said Coach Leland.

Great Bridge, the perennial Group AAA powerhouse from Norfolk, won the meet with 178 points. Finishing 2nd through 9th were: 2 - Archbishop Spalding 175.50; 3 - Wheeling Park 153.50; 4 - Glenelg 141.00; 5 - Mount St. Joseph 137.00; 6 - DeMatha 112.00; 7 - Musselman 105.00; 8 - Archbishop Curley 94.50; 9 - Northampton 86.00, finishing ahead of 20 other teams.

Northampton junior varsity wrestlers who placed in the JV tournament were Mitchell Pidgeon, 3rd, and Steven Wilson, also placing 3rd.

Both JV and varsity wrestlers will be competing this Friday and Saturday at the Parkside tournament in Salisbury.

Nandua Fares Well at Tri-Meet; 5 Place at Titans Duals

Nandua wrestlers scored a 60-18 win over King and Queen Central and dropped a highly contested 45-36 match to Middlesex at Middlesex Dec. 6.

Diego Jimenez, wrestling at the 195-pound weight class, scored his first two varsity victories of his career with pins over both of his opponents. Brian Wade (170) and Maurice Tolliver (152) also scored pins for Nandua.

Other victories for Nandua over Middlesex included Paul Young (106) winning by pin and Ira Merritt (120) with a major decision, winning 15-3.

Other victories for Nandua over King and Queen Central included Josh Medina (220), who won by pinning his opponent.

Nandua placed five wrestlers at the Titan Duals on Saturday at Lake Taylor. Jake Smith (285) placed first with a 5-0 record. Josh Medina (220) placed second with a 4-1 record while Maurice Tolliver (152), Brian Wade (170), and Diego Jimenez (195) all took third with 3-2 records.

Northampton’s Charlie Demarino (in blue), who finished third in the War on the Shore tourney, which included 32 schools and some of the top wrestling programs in the Mid-Atlantic States, is shown here in action earlier this season.

Brian Wade of Nandua (foreground), who scored two pins in a meet last week at Middlesex, is shown in action earlier this year.
Rockfish Keeping Lower Bay Anglers Busy

Stripers Also Caught Off Tangier Light

Chris of Chris’ Bait and Tackle in Capeville reports good-sized rock are being caught in the lower Chesapeake Bay, with anglers doing best off Cape Charles.

Chris also reports the recent rockfish tournament provided over $400 for the Northampton County Toy Closet in addition to lots of toys for the program. She thanks everyone for all the support. “I am so happy to be able to make some kids happy for the holidays,” said Chris, who runs Chris’ Bait and Tackle with her husband, Mark Snook.

Matt Abel at Sea Hawk Sports Center in Pocomoke, Md., reports the rock are finally here. Good numbers of fish are off Tangier Light and in the lower Pocomoke Sound. There also are good numbers of fish just off Cape Charles.

“We had two charters this week and did well both days,” said Abel. “We trolled our fish up on a variety of baits, but the white tandem seemed to do the best.”

“On Tuesday we trolled Cape Charles and picked up six nice fish in short order, but while we trolled we witnessed a pretty good eel bite going on as well,” said Abel.

Abel also said tog action has been pretty good on the inshore wrecks. Andy Hill and crew had a great day with togs up to 12 pounds, said Abel.

Aldonte Ashlock caught a 55 pound rockfish this week with Lou Silva fishing near Plantation Light. Big rock are running best near Cape Charles, according to Chris of Chris’ Bait and Tackle near Capeville.

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Last Week's Answers

Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ★

★ Moderate ★★ Challenging ★★★ HOO BOY!
**FRIDAY DEC. 14**

- 10 a.m. - Duplicate Bridge - Sage Restaurant, Onley - 442-2474
- 11 a.m.-1 p.m. - Chicken & Dumplings - Living Waters Church of God, Pocomoke - $10 - 410-957-3389
- noon-5 p.m. - Toy Drop-Off - Bloxom Fire Dept. - or leave a new unwrapped toy on your front porch (Bloxom) for pick-up at noon on Dec. 16
- 12:30 p.m. - Science & Philosophy Seminar: Oil Exploration & Life In The Oil Patch - ESCC, lecture hall, Melfa
- 5 p.m. - Bicycle Application Deadline - Accomack County Parks & Recreation Office, Accomac - 787-3900
- 6 p.m. - Celebrate Recovery Group mtg. - Family Life Center, Onancock - Meal/$6 or $10/family
- 7:30 p.m. - AA mtg. - Town Hall, Exmore
- 7 p.m. - Charles Dickens’ “A Christmas Carol” Performance (Dec. 14 & 15) - Mar-Va Theater, Pocomoke - 410-957-4230
- 7 p.m. - Life Teach Series - Rachel/Leah Covenant Ministries Center - 787-2486
- 7:30 p.m. - Bingo (doors open at 6:30 p.m.) - Exmore Moose Lodge, Belhaven
- 7:30 p.m. - Texas Hold ’em Tournament - Parksley VFC

**SATURDAY DEC. 15**

- 9 a.m. - Zumba Class - Chincoteague YMCA - $5 - 336-3535
- 10 a.m.-noon - Santa at Library - E.S. Public Library, Accomac - candy cane & book for each child
- 1-3 p.m. - Santa Flies In - Accomack County Airport, Melfa - $5 includes snack, activity, and photo with Santa
- 5 p.m. - First Lady’s Day - Living Word Church of Deliverance, Parksley
- 7:30 p.m. - Bingo - Eastville Vol. Fire Co.

**POST TIMES DEC. 14 - 20**

**SUNDAY DEC. 16**

- Melfa Vol. Fire & Rescue
- Escorts Santa - 1 p.m.–Melfa (in front of Vance’s), 2 p.m.–Keller (by Kool Ford), 3 p.m.–Pungoteague (at the store)
- 2 p.m. - Christmas Fellowship Prgm. - St. John’s Baptist Church, Onancock
- 2 p.m. - Bingo - VFW Post 2296, Tasley
- 2 p.m. - Charles Dickens’ “A Christmas Carol” Performance - Mar-Va Theater, Pocomoke - 410-957-4230
- 6 p.m. - Hymn Sing - Travis Chapel UMC, Oyster

**MONDAY DEC. 17**

- 10 a.m. - TOPS mtg. - Market Street UMC, Onancock - 787-3635
- 5-6 p.m. - Al-Anon mtg. - Market St. UMC, Onancock
- 6 p.m. - Bingo - Elks Lodge, Tasley
- 6:30 p.m. - Northampton Branch NAACP mtg. - Bethel Baptist Church, 7638 Bayside Rd., Franktown
- 6:30 p.m. - Cub Scout Pack 300 mtg. - Grace UMC, Parksley
- 7 p.m. - SPOTS mtg. - Sage Diner, Onley
- 7 p.m. - AA mtg. - Christ Episcopal Church, 16304 Courthouse Rd., Eastville
- 7:30 p.m. - Accomack County Taxpayers’ Assn. mtg. - Accomack Cty. Admin. Bldg.

**TUESDAY DEC. 18**

- 9 a.m. - Al-Anon mtg. - St. Andrew’s Catholic Church, 6288 Church St., Chincoteague
- 9:30 a.m. - Mom’s In Prayer Int’l mtg. - Cape Charles Baptist Church, 501 Randolph Ave.
- 10 a.m. - Bingo - Accomack Sr. Village, Onancock - 787-3900
- noon - Church Women United mtg. - Naomi Makemie Presbyterian Church, Onancock
- 1-2:30 p.m. - Hospice Grief Support Prgm. - 509 Randolph Ave., Cape Charles - 787-3310
- 4:15 p.m. - TOPS weigh-in (prgm. @ 5) - Belle Haven Presbyterian Church
- 6 p.m. - Rachel Leah Ministries - 787-2486
- 6 p.m. - Bingo - Pocomoke Elks, next to YMCA
- 6:30 p.m. - AA mtg. - Trinity UMC, 109 Plum St., Cape Charles
- 6:30-8:30 p.m. - GED Class - Classroom A-51, ESCC, Melfa
- 7 p.m. - Northampton County Democratic Committee mtg. - American Legion Post 400, Eastville
- 7 p.m. - NA mtg. - Jerusalem Baptist, Temperanceville
- 7:30 p.m. - Bingo - smoke free - Cheriton VFC
- 7:30 p.m. - Al-Anon mtg. - Atlantic UMC - 824-5386

**WEDNESDAY DEC. 19**

- 7:45 a.m. - Kiwanis Club of Accomack mtg. - Sage Diner, Onley
- 10 a.m.-noon - Accomack AARP mtg. - Sage Diner, Onley
- 10:30 a.m.-noon - Hospice Grief Support Prgm. - Swain Memorial School Bldg., Tangier Island - 787-3310
- 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. - Debedeavon Toastmasters’ mtg. - NASA/Wallops Base - Call Terry at 824-1133 for base access.
- 2 p.m. - Children’s Story Hour - E.S. Public Library, Accomac
- 2 p.m. - E.S. Brain Injury Survivors Exercise & Support Group mtg. - No Limits, Belle Haven - 442-9334
- 4 p.m. - Arts & Crafts Time - Cape Charles Library
- 6:30 p.m. - E.S. Fraternal Order of Police Lodge #62 - Yellow Duck, Exmore - 442-5916
- 6:30 p.m. - “The Nativity” Musical Directed By Heather Travis - Cape Charles Baptist Church - 331-2110
- 7 p.m. - Man to Man Prostate Cancer Support Group - Rivershore Shore Cancer Center, Nassawadox
- 7 p.m. - AA & Al-Anon mtgs. - RSMH, Nassawadox
- 7:30 p.m. - Bingo - Painter Vol. Fire Co.

**THURSDAY DEC. 20**

- 10:30 a.m. - Story Time - Cape Charles Memorial Library
- 6 p.m. - TOPS mtg. - Zion Baptist Church, Social Hall, Parksley - 787-2903
- 6:30 p.m. - Christmas Caroling - Town of Bloxom
- 6:30 p.m. - AA mtg. - Trinity UMC, 109 Plum St., Cape Charles
- 6:30 p.m. - Kiwanis' Club of Chincoteague mtg. - St. Andrews Catholic Church, Pocomoke
- 7 p.m. - NA mtg. - Painter Garrisons UMC

**GIVING BACK GALA PLANNED FOR JANUARY**

A formal event recognizing everyday heroes will take place on Saturday, Jan. 26, 2013 at the Exmore Moose Lodge in Belle Haven from 6 p.m. to midnight. Money raised will go to a recreation hall for Arcadia Nursing Home and Quail Run Assisted Living.

Tickets are $60 each or 2 for $100. Call Lindsay Fuller at 757-999-4273 to purchase tickets or for more information on heroes.

**THE NUTCRACKER PERFORMANCE SCHEDULED**

The ESO Arts Center School of Dance, led by Director Dana Floyd Sutter, will perform “The Nutcracker” on December 14-16, Friday and Saturday at 7 p.m. and Sunday at 2 p.m., at Nandua High School in Onley.

Adult tickets are $3 off in advance only ($12 for adults and $5 for students.) Tickets can be purchased at the ESO office, The Book Bin, CD Marsh Jewelers, Smiling Dolphin, and Rayfield’s Pharmacy in Cape Charles. For more information call 442-3226.
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If you are a mission driven person looking to make a difference, email dhr@esrh.org before Noon on December 21, 2012.

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though I spend up to 18 hours some days on a laptop computer and pride myself on being able to heal just about any ailment it can acquire, I find that I am nonetheless out of the technology loop — or is it an ominous noose?

I have never tweeted, save the inadvertent lip which occasionally interrupts my more typical stutter. I have no Facebook page since I can't imagine why anyone would care what I'm having for dinner.

And while I do have a cell phone, it is not smart. In fact, it is one of the last remaining dumb phones; it actually flips open. I suppose that would make my archaic land line practically learning disabled.

I value my Nook above any of my other conveniences, but I can’t for the life of me figure out why I also might need an electronic tablet. With my history of corneal transplants and laser surgery, my only experience has been with EYE pads, nowhere near their electronic namesake that Apple would have me purchase. And by the way, my ticked-off birds can kill those snarky pigs quite satisfactorily on my Nook.

I know I sound old when I carry on like this. I don’t mean to. But I do find it more and more necessary to clarify whether I’m referring to THE ’60s or MY 60s. And yet I’m not yet (too) addled; I’ve not deteriorated completely. My only medications are the same ones I’ve been taking for more than 20 years now, since way back when I might have been young. Come to think of it, wouldn’t you assume that all my betas would have been sufficiently blocked by now?

And never in my wildest, youthful, psychedelic dreams did I imagine I would be listening to anything labeled “Sirius” radio. Back then I would have thought serious radio would carry only NPR — OK, and maybe a few Republicans.

This new world even has new crimes. My identity actually has been stolen twice. They should have just asked. I would have been happy to GIVE them my identity. I’ve never enjoyed it much.

New DVRs are a miracle whose impact would seem to permeate unrelated facets of our lives. For example, who hasn’t almost reached over to hit the rewind button during a personal conversation because they missed a word or two?

And then there are CDs and CDs — one I shouldn’t withdraw, one I should eject.

Actually, I’m quite progressive. More specifically, I try to be progressively realistic, meaning that I am well aware that the days probably are numbered for paper checks, land lines, typewriters, banks, bound books and their libraries, cash, and even newspapers.

I fear the very lifestyle of us Baby Boomers is frightfully endangered.

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**On to an Elected School Board**

Dear Editor:

We would like to thank everyone who contributed to our quest to have the School Board elected as opposed to appointed. We were astonished that almost 80 percent of Northampton citizens voted for this change.

The question we face is, “What happens now?” The answer is not clear-cut as the Code of Virginia has some contradictions in the changeover from an appointed board to an elected one. It is basically in the hands of our commonwealth’s attorney and judge.

Everyone is aware of the great majority who voted for the change, and the General Assembly seems to be in favor of a rapid changeover. Therefore, it is reasonable to hope that in a few short years, we will be represented by members of our own choosing. When I receive information as to the path to an elected school board, I will spread the word. Until it is known, I ask everyone to encourage members of the community who would make good candidates to consider running.

Randall Parks, Friends of NCPS, Eastville

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**United Way Helps Our Community**

Dear Editor:

When our community works with United Way of Virginia’s Eastern Shore, it shows we are committed to a cause that benefits those who live and work right here.

Winston Churchill said it best: “You make a living by what you get, you make a life by what you give!” As we are blessed to celebrate Christmas and the birth of Christ, let’s remember that one of the greatest gifts we can give is to be a positive difference maker in the lives of those less fortunate.

“The Shore Needs You Now” is our campaign motto for 2012. Many have answered that call by kicking off our annual campaign with great success. The chapter extends its gratitude.

As we near $200,000, we are approaching 80 percent of our goal and Jane P. Batten has provided us with the additional motivation of a dollar-for-dollar cash match for every dollar we raise over $225,000, up to $250,000. With this match, we will be able to exceed our initial goal of $250,000 by $25,000.

We want to complete this abbreviated campaign period with all pledges received by Dec. 31.

You can give online at www.esunitedway.org or pledge by emailing fbowers@esunitedway.org or calling 787-5622.

Jeff Holland, Chairman

United Way of Virginia’s Eastern Shore 2012 Campaign

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**Accomack RV Tax Unreasonable**

Dear Editor:

I am writing about my own tax situation because I am sure it applies to many other county residents. Accomack County is billing me over $2,600 per year in personal-property tax on my 25-foot mini-motor home. This more than $200-per-month tax is significant more than I pay in real-estate taxes on my 1,800-square-foot home and the associated land!

I did appeal this assessment to the commissioner of the revenue in May, supplying the dealer invoice for the motor home. I did so to confirm the actual price paid and to show that this was not an “arm’s length” purchase. Several months later, I was informed that actual purchase price is not used in this county; only the NADA Blue Book value is considered.

I would agree that the NADA Blue Book is a good valuation tool. However, I believe a dealer invoice should be used when available. I paid only about two-thirds of the Blue Book value and I’m being taxed at an assessed value much higher. The Code of Virginia states that recreational vehicles shall be valued by “means of a recognized pricing guide OR a percentage of original cost.” So the option to use the dealer invoice to determine value is available, but Accomack chooses not to use it.

I’ve learned that I have no higher avenue of appeal since the state tax commissioner previously determined “local mobile property taxes” will not be reviewed and those assessments “shall be deemed prima facie correct.”

My only reasonable option is to garage my motor home out of state, which I have done. I have to wonder how many other Accomack residents choose not to base their vehicles, boats, RVs, and airplanes here. Perhaps if the personal-property tax rates were more reasonable, this would not be the case and the county would actually realize a greater revenue stream.

Maria J. Paccioretti, Atlantic

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**Correction**

A Letter to the Editor in the Nov. 30th edition of the Eastern Shore Post noted that Walmart had collected pet food for the Eastern Shore SPCA. The donation actually was made to the Accomack County Animal Control Facility.
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  - Buick Regal CXL
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  - Red Hot Crew Cab 4x4 LTZ!
  - Chevy Silverado 1500
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  - LT - Z71! Crew Cab 6.0L 4x4!
  - Chevy Silverado 2500
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