Accomack Gets Tax Hike

By Linda Cicoira

Accomack supervisors raised the real-estate tax rate by a nickel in most districts Tuesday just in time for tax bills to be processed.

The hike came in a 6-3 vote and took the rate per $100 valuation to 58 cents in Atlantic, Metompkin, Lee and Pungoteague districts and 49 cents on Chincoteague.

Supervisors Donald Hart, Laura Belle Gordy and Wanda Thornton voted against the action, which also included approval of the $52 million FY2014-15 budget.

Chairman Jack Gray, Vice Chairwoman Reneta Major and Supervisors Grayson Chesser, Kay Lewis, Ron Wolff and Robert Crockett voted in favor.

Thornton later said her Chincoteague constituents “can’t afford more taxes. The reassessment was higher (on the island) because property values went down less” there, she added.

Hart, who is also director of Emergency Management, was successful in getting the others to agree to try to include half ($36,500) of the 9-1-1 Commission request in the budget.

Lewis wanted $5,000 added to the Eastern Shore Coalition Against Domestic Violence’s allowance so that additional grants could be obtained to help the agency provide services.

“I see it as a big safety issue,” said Lewis. Northampton decided not to fund the cause. “Northampton just wants to look at it as another non-profit,” she said.

Wolff agreed. “We looked at that as a donation until Crockett” informed the board about the law-enforcement side of the issue, he said.

But money has to be found to fund those causes, so the items will not be included until the staff reports back.

Northampton paid half of what was requested for 9-1-1, Hart said. “Departments will have extra money left over. That’s what I’ve been hearing.” He said vacancies haven’t been filled for years.

“There’s the money right there … some

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Two Die in Separate Saturday Temperanceville Collisions

By Linda Cicoira

Two fatal crashes occurred in Temperanceville last Saturday, according to reports from State Police Sgt. Michelle Anaya.

In the first incident, a Maryland man was thrown from his motorcycle on Saturday. Corlas Dorel Dennis, 52, of the 6700 block of Basket Switch Road in Newark was going south on Lankford Highway on a 1999 Suzuki Intruder at about 2:50 p.m. when a 2003 Chevrolet Suburban entered his path from Saxis Road.

Because of the severity of his injuries, Nightingale Regional Air Ambulance Service flew him to Peninsula Regional Medical Center (PRMC) in Salisbury, Md., where he died.

The driver of the Suburban, Freddie Ray Fair Sr., 81, of the 1500 block of Old Virginia Road in Pocomoke City, Md., was charged with failure to yield the right-of-way. Anaya did not release Fair’s condition. She said speed and alcohol were not factors in the accident.

Trooper L.W. Milyko investigated.

Then at 7:46 p.m., police were called to a crash on Saxis Road west of Wessells Farm Road in Temperanceville. Ronnie Lenwood Washington, 46, of the 8200 block of Stumptown Road in Temperanceville was driving a 1999 Ford Mustang east on Route 695 when he lost control of the vehicle and went into the westbound lane, striking a 2003 Lexus.

The driver of the Lexus, Melissa Koresha Johnson, 40, of the 25400 block of Saxis Road, also in Temperanceville, was taken to Riverside Shore Memorial Hospital in Nassawadox, where she was treated for injuries that were not life-threatening.

Her passenger, Lenwood Bowen, 81, also of Saxis Road, was taken to PMRC due to prior medical conditions, said Anaya. On Sunday, Bowen “suffered from the injuries sustained in the accident.”

Washington was treated for injuries that were not life-threatening. He was charged with DUI.

Anaya said the three people in the second accident are related.
Northampton Prepares Budget To Present to Citizens

By Ron West

The Northampton County Board of Supervisors waded through a number of last-minute additions and deletions to the draft FY2015 budget Tuesday.

Speaking for the Coalition Against Domestic Violence, Harry Rush made a plea for funding, noting that 43 of the state’s emergency shelters receive funding from a local government. Rush noted that the agency has applied for a $15,000 grant to help offset expenses.

Chairman Larry LeMond said that though he supports the idea of helping the group, he does not want to change the county policy of not providing direct funding for non-profit groups, except fire and rescue departments.

Supervisor Larry Trala responded that he cannot understand how the board could include $15,000 in the proposed FY2015 budget for the Tall Ship initiative, but no money for the Coalition Against Domestic Violence.

Following additional discussion, the board agreed to up the stipends for each active fire and rescue member from $100 to $125. County Administrator Katie Nunez said approximately 60 volunteers are expected to qualify for the stipends.

In a related area, the supervisors approved a pilot program to provide two Emergency Medical Services (EMS) personnel to staff an ambulance at Northampton Volunteer Fire and Rescue in Nassawadox, the only one of three volunteer squads in the county that does not as yet have paid EMS. Representatives of the Nassawadox unit requested paid staff earlier this year to help with daytime response. Staff will be placed at the Nassawadox site from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. daily from May 25 to Aug. 30, after which the program will be evaluated to determine if it was effective.

Supervisor Oliver Bennett urged the board to find funding to assist elderly residents on limited incomes. Bennett led a discussion on the possibility of a 1-cent tax-rate increase, which could bring in just under $200,000 annually. Bennett’s colleagues did not support the suggestion.

Ultimately, the board voted to move forward with a May 13 public hearing on the proposed $42.2 million budget. It would not require a tax increase.

In other business, the board discussed the Comprehensive Plan review that the Planning Commission has been working on for almost three years. The supervisors and county staff have developed a Zoning Ordinance proposal that has been a point of contention for the planners, who wanted to develop it themselves, but not until they finish with the Comprehensive Plan. The supervisors provided the planners with a draft of the Zoning Ordinance and gave them 100 days to review it and offer a recommendation back to the board. Issues surrounding the two documents has divided county residents into two camps. Many residents have been seeking to loosen restrictions on property owners that were created by the last Zoning Ordinance, while others support the restrictions as a way to protect natural resources.

Citizen David Kabler urged the board to allow the Planning Commission more time to complete its work on the Comprehensive Plan and then produce its own version of the Zoning Ordinance. Bob Myers echoed those sentiments.

Exmore resident Ken Dufty spoke of the need for the board to listen to citizens who do not want to loosen the restrictions of the Zoning Ordinance.

The board reviewed its five-year strategic plan that covers goals for the school system, economic development, infrastructure, and health care. One of the goals calls for a review of the Zoning Ordinance for consistency with the updated Comprehensive Plan. It also calls for renewed efforts to develop opportunities for commercial and industrial growth where suitable.

Nunez provided information on the request to renew the joint Enterprise Zone with Accomack County, which has been in effect since 2004 and is designed to create jobs. The board agreed to hold a public hearing on the issue on May 13.

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Accomack Grand Jury

Jaquan (Buck) Cortez Portier, 22, of Fleming Road in Oak Hall and Tyvon (Teddy) Lyncurtis Smith, 21, of Diamond Springs Boulevard near Parksley were indicted by an Accomack Grand Jury Monday on counts of firing their guns at a Rolling Acres house and causing the occupants to take cover as a bullet went through the living-room sofa and into the kitchen on Nov. 18, 2013.

Portier also was indicted on a count of possessing a firearm after being convicted of a felony. Smith also was indicted on a charge of possessing a gun after being convicted of a crime of felonious magnitude while he was a juvenile. Both men are being held without bond.

No one was injured, according to reports. Smith’s former girlfriend testified at a recent preliminary hearing that she was riding in the back seat of a car between Smith and Portier when the two men “started shooting.”

Smith’s lawyer, Patrick Robbins, contends the defendants “fired up in the air.”

Francisco Janel-Pol, no age available, of Bloxom Circle in Mappsville was indicted on a count of attempted rape of a woman on Jan. 11. At a preliminary hearing, the alleged victim said Janel-Pol came up behind her while she was cooking and attempted to rape her while her 2-year-old child clutched her pants leg.

The woman further complained that Janel-Pol told her, “even if he spends 10 years in jail when he gets out … he’s going to kill me.”

Keith Aaron Grinage, 40, of Lankford Highway in Parksley was indicted on counts of maliciously shooting Lamont Johnson and using a firearm in that crime, which allegedly occurred last Christmas.

Chris Allen Fritz, 53, of Landmark Court in Chambersburg, Pa., was indicted on a count of bigamy. Fritz is accused of already being married when he exchanged wedding vows July 21, 2012, with Candi Sue Rahn, 54. The two applied for a marriage license four days before being married in a civil ceremony on Assateague Island. Fritz and Rahn told a deputy court clerk that it would be a second marriage for each of them, according to the files. Leslie R. Fleming Jr. of Main Street on Chincoteague was listed as the marriage celebrant. Fritz is free on $2,000 secured bond.

Arkeeven Montwel Richardson, 25, of Spady Lane in Onancock was indicted on a charge of possessing four plastic bags of marijuana weighing nearly eight ounces, with the intent to distribute it, on Sept. 27, 2013.

Kristian Rebekka Palmer, 26, of Chincoteague Road in Wattsville was indicted on a count of eluding police on March 22, 2014.

Maurice Antonio Smith, 31, of Parks Street in Parksley, a felon, was indicted on a count of possessing ammunition on Nov. 8, 2012.

Leeshawn Lamar Davis, 25, of Daughtery Road in Accomac was indicted on a count of stealing more than $200 belonging to Ocean Way in Tasley on Aug. 31, 2013.

Antonio M. Palmer, 38, of Seaside Road in Painter was indicted on a count of destroying more than $1,000 worth of property belonging to Ann Abraham on Aug. 27, 2013.

Taylor R. Lampion, 19, of Wishes Point Road in Atlantic was indicted on counts of burglary at M. Carver’s house and grand larceny of Carver’s property between Jan. 5 and 30.

Abidan Ordonez-Cruz, 21, of Walllops Island Road in Assawoman was charged with forging a public record on Sept. 28, 2013. He is accused of giving his brother’s identification to an officer after being pulled over.

Patrick Wescott, 41, of Silver Thorne Road in New Church was indicted on felony counts of credit-card larceny and a third offense of assault and battery of a household member on Dec. 22, 2013. Wescott is being held without bond.

Northampton District Court

Two county residents are accused of felonies, according to records filed in Northampton General District Court.

Valerie C. Elliott, no age available, of Madison Avenue in Cape Charles was charged with two counts of felony destruction of property that allegedly occurred April 2, 2014. The offenses were filed with the court on April 7.

Bobby Terrell Manuel, no age available, of Brickhouse Road in Exmore was charged with two counts of throwing an object at an occupied dwelling. The incidents allegedly occurred April 4.

Accomack District Court

Shavon Alex Drummond, 30, of Nocks Landing Road in Atlantic is charged with the malicious wounding of his uncle, Roger Milbourne, on April 2, according to records filed in Accomack General District Court. Drummond also was charged with reckless driving and felony eluding.

Milbourne told authorities “that his nephew struck him in the head/face with a stick/shovel handle. Mr. Milbourne advised his tooth was knocked out and another (was) loose,” Deputy D.T. Gladding of Accomack County Sheriff’s Office (ACSO) wrote in the file. “Mr. Drummond was observing leaving the scene and refused to stop. Vehicle (was) found at suspect’s residence.” Drummond is being held without bond.

Dietrich Davis, 41, of Fleming Road in Horntown was charged with two counts of threatening to burn Roger Lankford’s trailer and misdemeanor assault and battery. The crimes allegedly occurred on March 14 and 19.

Lankford wrote in a statement to police that a dispute between the neighbors began because Davis was playing loud music and trespassing. The fight turned physical after Davis allegedly threatened to knock over and burn down Lankford’s home. Davis was arrested on April 2 and repeated his threat to burn down the home, the record continues. He is being held without bail.

Shawn Alexander Drummond, 34, of Nocks Landing Road in Atlantic was charged with failing to register as a sex offender on Oct. 16, 2013, and Jan. 14, 2014. He was arrested April 2. Drummond is being held without bail.

Robert Wayne Wooleyhand, 52, of Maddox Boulevard on Chincoteague was charged with three counts of object sexual penetration of a 35-year-old woman. The incidents allegedly occurred on March 17 and 18. Wooleyhand was arrested on April 2 and is being held without bond.

Governor To Visit Shore Tuesday

Virginia Gov. Terry McAuliffe will be the keynote speaker at the first annual “State of the Shore” breakfast Tuesday morning, April 15, in the Workforce Development Center at Eastern Shore Community College (ESCC) in Melfa. McAuliffe has been asked to share his views, aspirations and concerns about the commonwealth, rural Virginia and the Shore.

The “State of the Shore” breakfast is a joint effort of the Northampton County, Eastern Shore of Virginia and Chincoteague chambers of commerce, in partnership with ESCC.

The doors will open at 7:45 a.m. At 8 a.m., light breakfast refreshments will be served in the atrium with the governor available to meet attendees.

The formal program will begin at 9 a.m. in the Great Hall. Other speakers include Sen. Lynwood Lewis, Del. Robert Bloxom, Accomack County Board of Supervisors Chairman Jack Gray and Northampton County Board of Supervisors Chairwoman Harryman. Mayors of all Shore towns have been asked to provide brief written reports that will be distributed to the attendees.

There is a $20 registration fee, to be made payable to the Eastern Shore Community College Foundation. Cash, checks, and credit cards will be accepted. Advance registration is required. Contact Laura Posque at 789-7979 or lposque@es.vccs.edu for more information or to register.
Judge Grants One Motion for Accused Arsonist, Defers Another

Story and photo by Linda Cicoira

Judge Glen Tyler, Commonwealth’s Attorney Gary Agar and defense lawyer Allan Zaleski all agreed Thursday in Accomack Circuit Court that arsonist Tonya Susan Bundick should be permitted to groom herself just before she is tried for the additional 62 counts of arson.

Zaleski complained his 41-year-old client was “deprived of toiletries” and “could not wash or set her hair” just prior to her trial for arson and conspiracy held in Virginia Beach Circuit Court earlier this year. Bundick changed her pleas to guilty in those cases before the evidence went to the jury. She has not yet been sentenced and is being held without bond.

Tyler said he would have taken a “short recess” for Bundick to prepare herself but was told there was a security issue. “She should be permitted to do what ladies do,” the judge said, adding, “Certainly we’re not going to bring a hairdresser in … for the highlights she’s had in her hair … previously.” Tyler granted the motion and noted if Bundick pleads not guilty again, her cases would be moved back to Virginia Beach.

Tyler did not rule on Bundick’s request to have 62 separate proceedings. To help him make that determination, he asked for transcripts of testimony and statements made by co-defendant and fiancé Charles Robert Smith III, 39, regarding the spree of fires set between November 2012 and March 2013.

Zaleski argued for separate trials. Agar said the prosecution should make the decision.

There is “just Mr. Smith’s word” on the other charges, Zaleski argued. “Virginia is very strong for separate trials for separate incidents.” Smith said the alleged offenses were committed randomly and without planning, the lawyer continued. Zaleski said of the 66 indictments, 44 charges were on different dates and 18 were in different towns. He argued the defendants were alleged to have set five fires, Bundick is accused of lighting 11 and Smith lit 45. As far as motive, Zaleski noted that Smith said sometimes it was a thrill, while other times it was anger or a grudge and that sometimes the value was high and sometimes there was none.

Agar did not want a summary of charges that was used in Smith’s trial to be included in the motion argument because the report had been “narrowed with just a few small elements to satisfy a guilty plea.” Tyler allowed it for this motion only.

The prosecutor argued the cases are connected as they occurred in Accomack County at night and the crimes were committed to maintain the relationship between Bundick and Smith. Agar indicated it would be unlikely that he would offer only one trial since scheduling would be difficult for all the witnesses.

Agar said there were 87 fires with 68 charges made against Smith because those were the crimes that Smith admitted. In answer to Tyler, Agar said he wondered if there were any copycat fires because Smith was unable to remember all of them.

Arsonist Tonya Susan Bundick enters the courtroom Thursday morning. She is pictured with (from left) Cpl. Gary Callaway, Sgt. Don Amadeo and Deputy Harry Thornton of Accomack County Sheriff’s Office.
Howard May Be Leaving Council, But He’ll Never Give Up Faith in Chincoteague

By Linda Cicoira

Terry Howard’s faith in God has helped him serve Chincoteague for about four decades.

“If we try to adhere to the Lord’s will, there’s no way we can lose,” he told fellow members of Town Council Monday night. He noted that Chincoteague and Tangier islanders voted against the state lottery many years ago. “Centered around church and the Bible; that’s the way our lives have been.”

That’s the most important thing for being in line for the happiest town,” he added, referring to a magazine’s designation that so far has Chincoteague in the top 10 in the nation. “If it goes to the nation that so far has Chincoteague in the top 10, I think we have a shot.”

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“I found out not only were they not exaggerated, they were being conservative,” said Howard. He and his wife were living in a small place known as “The Jock” that they rented on Ridge Road about a block from the Assateague and Chincoteague channels. His parents resided 300 yards away on higher ground.

The morning before the storm came through, Howard said, he looked out at the neighboring yard and saw standing water that he thought was the result of rain the previous night, although he didn’t remember hearing it fall.

He cooked and ate breakfast. “I looked out again. Water was 100 feet or so closer. There were no storm warnings but people who worked on the water knew something was wrong,” he added, mentioning that at the time he was employed by Burton’s Seafood.

“We left there in a helicopter,” he remembered. Wearing rubber boots that came up to his groin with water splashed about the tops, Howard put his young son on his shoulders and he and his wife managed to walk to his parents’ house. Another quarter-mile away, they caught the ride off the island.

The young family was taken to Woppopy Island. “We stayed there about a week or so,” Howard recalled. “The people were good to us,” he said naming the Red Cross, the Salvation Army and the schoolteachers who lived on the mainland. “We didn’t have much but what we did have, it was just a mess.”

Howard remembers he and his wife had lifted their sofa up on chairs to keep it dry. “It didn’t get too wet,” he added. “Mud was everywhere. We took a garden hose and washed the place down and let everything dry out.” That task included the inside walls and floors. He thought he would never get the soaked cotton mattress out of the house.

“When you get up and the Atlantic Ocean is in your yard, that’s a challenge,” he said. “You just roll up your sleeves and you pick yourself up off the floor and get back in the fight. Boats were in the streets … eventually we overcame … it wasn’t too long after that real estate values just took off,” he said.
Chincoteague Updates Flood Insurance Program

By Linda Cicoira

Chincoteague Town Council unanimously approved ordinance revisions Monday in keeping with the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP). “Chincoteague has diligently worked to correct identified deficiencies in our floodplain ordinance,” said Planning Director Bill Neville. “The revisions ... are the minimum ... for compliance with and continued participation” in the NFIP.

The changes include administering only the three flood hazard districts shown on the current flood insurance rate maps for the island, penalizing those who violate requirements, adding 25 new or revised term definitions, defining duties and responsibilities of the administrator and updating both general and specific building standards, according to a list Neville provided.

“Generally, the proposed changes are no more restrictive than the existing ... ordinance, effective since Sept. 21, 2006,” said Neville. “In several cases they will improve the town’s ability to administer FEMA (Federal Emergency Management Agency) standards.”

According to the ordinance, “A floodplain or flood-prone area — means any land area susceptible to a one percent or greater chance of being inundated by (or) flooded in any given year.” “Violation” is defined as “the failure of a structure or other development to be fully compliant with the community’s floodplain management regulations, as applicable.”

The administrator is the zoning official, whose decisions can be appealed to the town’s Board of Zoning Appeals. Officials reported that new maps made by FEMA will take about 1,000 residences out of the floodplain. Maps will be available for public inspection at an open house being held by Accomack County from 5 to 8 p.m. May 13 at Metompkin Elementary School.

Council also proclaimed April 12-18 as Cemetery Cleanup Week calling upon citizens to volunteer to organize and assist in the cleanup of island cemeteries. A volunteer crew will meet from 9 a.m. to noon April 12 at Holly Ridge Cemetery on North Main Street for cleanup.
NORTHAMPTON SHERIFF’S OFFICE TAKING BACK UNWANTED PRESCRIPTION DRUGS ON APRIL 26, 2014 AT 5211 THE HORNES EASTVILLE, VA

Eastville - On April 26, 2014 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., the Northampton Sheriff’s Office and the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) will give the public another opportunity to prevent pill abuse and theft by ridding their homes of potentially dangerous, expired, unused, and unwanted prescription drugs. Bring your medications for disposal to Northampton Sheriff’s Office at 5211 The Hornes. The service is free and anonymous, no questions asked.

Last October, Americans turned in 377,080 pounds - 188.5 tons - of prescription drugs at over 5,300 sites operated by the DEA and nearly 4,000 state and local law enforcement partners. In its three previous Take Back events, DEA and its partners took in almost a million pounds - nearly 500 tons - of pills.

This initiative addresses a vital public safety and public health issue. Medicines that languish in home cabinets are highly susceptible to diversion, misuse, and abuse. Rates of prescription drug abuse in the U.S. are alarmingly high, as are the number of accidental poisonings and overdoses due to these drugs. Studies show that a majority of abused prescriptions are obtained from family and friends, including from the home medicine cabinet. In addition, Americans are now advised that their usual methods for disposing of unused medicines - flushing them down the toilet or throwing them in the trash - both pose potential safety and health hazards.

Four days after the first event, Congress passed the Secure and Responsible Drug Disposal Act of 2010, which amends the Controlled Substances Act to allow an “ultimate user” of controlled substance medications to dispose of them by delivering them to entities authorized by the Attorney General to accept them. The Act also allows the Attorney General to authorize long term care facilities to dispose of their residents’ controlled substances in certain instances. DEA is drafting regulations to implement the Act, a process that can take as long as 24 months. Until new regulations are in place, local law enforcement agencies like Northampton Sheriff’s Office and the DEA will continue to hold prescription drug take-back events every few months.

Exmore Town Building Needs Repair; Some Residents Oppose Ordinance Change

By Ron West

Exmore Town Manager Robert Duer told Town Council Monday that the Exmore Municipal Building needs about $100,000 worth of repairs to its roof and siding appear.

Council agreed to seek a firm estimate of the final costs prior to contracting for the work.

Duer added that nine months into the fiscal year, the town is on track to stay well within its FY 2014 budget.

Duer also announced that a business in town, New Ravenna, has been selected to represent Virginia in the advertising campaign of Ford Motor Company and AOL entitled “This built America.” Film crews are expected to arrive in Exmore in June to film the segment, which will be posted online.

Police Chief Angelo DiMartino reported that income from traffic fines remains steady. He added that several traffic stops have resulted in additional arrests for a variety of offenses, including drug and weapons charges. In a related area, council discussed the possibility of increasing the force by one officer.

Council agreed to contract with the Accomack-Northampton Planning District Commission (ANPDC) for help reviewing the town’s Comprehensive Plan, which must be done every five years.

Public Utilities Director Taylor Dukes reported that the town pumped 5.2 million gallons of water in March. He estimated that by the end of the year, 60.8 million gallons will have been withdrawn, about 1 million or 2 million gallons over the town’s permit. Efforts are underway to increase the permitted withdrawal by 15 million gallons annually. Councilman Charles Ward noted that if all goes according to plan, the new wells in town will be on line by next March.

During the public information session, county resident Dave Kabler urged council to contact the Board of Supervisors regarding its procedures in developing proposed changes to the Zoning Ordinance. Kabler wants the Planning Commission, rather than county staff, to produce the document. Kabler opposes the county’s efforts to increase commercial development near Lankford Highway, thereby reducing its rural appearance.

Shorekeeper Jay Ford also expressed dissatisfaction with the proposed Zoning Ordinance, arguing that it does not match the existing Comprehensive Plan, which dates to 2009 and has been under revision by the Planning Commission for nearly three years. It is projected to be completed before the end of this year.

Dave Scanlan also addressed the zoning issue, urging that the removal of the area known as “Town Edge” be reversed. He cited problems that might result from commercial development near the existing town boundary.

Council voted to submit a letter to the county regarding its opposition to portions of the proposed ordinance.
Middle-school students at Cape Charles Christian School (CCCS) were named Division Two champions in the Tidewater Region 6 Odyssey of the Mind Tournament held March 29 at Tabb High School in Yorktown, Va.

CCCS teacher Holly Hubbard coached the four students on the project they selected, which was called “Driver’s Test.” The overall project was to create a vehicle that moved forward using one propulsion system and backward using another one. The team had to write a skit that included a driver’s test and accomplished three separate tasks along the way.

Students must do all of the work as a team, planning and executing the solution for the problem they select. The role of the coach is to guide students, not do it for them.

“Our students put an Eastern Shore spin on the problem by making their driver’s test a boat-driving test and including channel markers as their directional signals,” explained Hubbard. “They also mention Cobb Island and include a lesson about the harmful effects of mylar balloons on the sea turtle population.”

The team now will compete at the state level on April 26 in Rocky Mount.

“Our kids have collaborated to solve a very complicated problem,” said Hubbard. “Odyssey of the Mind is an amazing experience for our students where they are forced to think and problem solve in a hands-on project. They are developing skills they will take with them and use in real-life experiences.”

Follow the student’s adventure on the CCCS Facebook page at Cape Charles Christian School.

Pictured (from left) are members of the winning Cape Charles Christian School Odyssey of the Mind team Wynn Neville, Lauren Silvey, Anderson Kratzer, and Alexa Cobb.
Mrs. Esther May Benn, 78, a resident of Onancock for the past 18 years, passed away Tuesday, April 1, 2014, at the residence of her son, Stephen, in White Hall, Md., surrounded by her children.

Born in Seneca Falls, N.Y., she was a daughter of the late Floyd Horace Reynolds and Bertha Agnes Rowland Reynolds. Mrs. Benn graduated from Mynderse Academy in Seneca Falls; attended nursing school in Buffalo, N.Y.; and retired as secretary for an insurance company. She was an active member of St. James Episcopal Church in Accomac, enjoyed her bridge and Bertha Agnes Rowland Reynolds. Mrs. Benn graduated from Mynderse Academy in Seneca Falls; attended nursing school in Buffalo, N.Y.; and retired as secretary for an insurance company. She was an active member of St. James Episcopal Church in Accomac, enjoyed her bridge all activities she greatly cherished.

Funeral services were conducted from St. James Episcopal Church Saturday, April 5, by Rev. Cameron Randles. Interment was in Fairview Lawn Cemetery in Onancock.

Memorial tributes may be shared at www.williamsfuneralhomes.com

Arrangements by the Williams-Onancock Funeral Home.

Machipongo Farmer Dies

Mr. Douglas Leigh “Buddy” Outten, 66, of Wilsonia Neck, Machipongo, died Wednesday, April 2, 2014, at Riverside Shore Memorial Hospital in Nassawadox.

Born at Northampton-Accomack Memorial Hospital, he was the son of the late Lloyd Augustus Outten and Jane Rogers Guy Outten. Mr. Outten was a farmer and a member of Johnson’s Methodist Church, Capeville Masonic Lodge 107 AF&AM, and Johnson’s Men’s Club.

Mr. Outten is survived by his wife, Sara Onley Outten; children, John Lloyd Outten (and wife, Tracy); Joseph Outten and Jenny Outten Leggett (and husband, William); sisters, Jeanne Outten Hall (and husband, Leslie Charles, “Buddy”) and Peggy Outten Ricks (and husband, Lee); sister-in-law, Mary Moon Outten; nephews, John Tyler Onley; and father-in-law, John Ardis Onley Jr.

A graveside service was held at Johnson’s Church Cemetery in Johnsonstown Saturday, April 5, with Rev. Clarence Bowen officiating.

Memorial contributions may be made to Johnson’s Church Cemetery Fund, c/o Kenneth Webb,13527 Deerfield Trail, Machipongo, VA 23405. Condolences may be sent to the family at foxandjamesfh.com

Eastville Contractor Dies

Mr. Philip John Briggs, 55, of Eastville died Thursday, April 3, 2014, in Nassawadox.

Born in Nassawadox, he was the son of the late Raymond John and Irene Hoeffner Briggs and attended Virginia Tech. He was a self-employed general contractor and a member of St. Charles Catholic Church.

Survivors include his sister, Mary Beth Briggs of Eastville; and several aunts, uncles and cousins.

A Christian Wake Service was held Tuesday, April 8, at St. Charles Catholic Church. A Funeral Mass was held Wednesday, April 9, with Rev. Michael Breslin officiating. Interment was in Cape Charles Cemetery.

Memorial donations may be made to St. Charles Catholic Church, 545 Randolph Ave., Cape Charles, VA 23310. Condolences may be sent to the family at foxandjamesfh.com

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

Atlantic Man Dies

Mr. Preston Winemiller Sr., 79, of Atlantic passed away at Riverside Shore Memorial Hospital in Nassawadox Thursday, April 3, 2014.

Born in Shrewsbury, Pa., he was the son of the late Ralph J. and Frances Miller Winemiller. He was a heavy equipment operator for many years.

Mr. Winemiller is survived by his wife, Mary B. Winemiller; daughter, Sharon Dobson of Reisterstown, Md.; four step-children; sister, Delores List of Shrewsbury; brothers, Richard Winemiller of Shrewsbury and Harold Winemiller of Lake Placid, Fla.; two grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by a son, Preston Winemiller Jr.; and a brother, Wilbur Winemiller.

A memorial service will be held at Fox & Holston Funeral Home, Chincoteague, Saturday, April 12, at 2 p.m., with Pastor Richard Inman officiating.

Memorial donations may be made to Hospice of the Eastern Shore, 165 Market St., Suite 3, Onancock, VA 23417. Condolences may be offered at www.foxfuneralhomes.com
Retired Trooper Dies

Retired Master Trooper Reavis Howard Griffin, 75, of Withams died Friday, April 5, 2014, after a long, valiant battle with cancer, surrounded by his loving family at his residence.

Born to Clyde Floyd Griffin and Lucity (Dickens) Griffin of Cedar Rock, N.C., he was a veteran of the U.S. Marine Corps, serving honorably from 1957 to 1960. Master Trooper Griffin served with distinction for the Virginia State Police from January 1961 to April 1991. He also worked with the Accomack Sheriff’s Department for 12 years.

He was predeceased by his sister, Joyce Seifert and her husband, Don Seifert. Besides his surviving brother, Gene C. Griffin (and wife, Betty) of Williamsburg, Va., he leaves behind his beloved wife of 53 years, Betty (Butler) Griffin; children, Janet (Griffin) McKeeon, (and husband, Timothy), Kevin H. Griffin (and wife, Cindy) and Carol (Griffin) Rice (and husband, Chris); grandchildren, C.J. Rice Jr. (and his fiancée, Brittany Ayers), Sean McKeon, Kelly Rice, Alexis McKeon, Josh Griffin, Janna Landon, and Jimmy Landon (and wife, Valerie); great-grandchildren, Gracie Hope Rice and Brett Lee Evans; and several nieces and nephews.

Graveside services were conducted at Mount Holly Cemetery Wednesday, April 9, by Rev. Vinnie Losciale and Pastor Paul Nolz.

Memorial donations may be made to Rock Church of the Eastern Shore, 165 Market St., Suite 3, Onancock, VA 23417. Online condolences may be sent to the family at www.officialhuneralhome.com.

Grover L. Lafferty Jr. of Bloxom.

Funeral services were conducted Sunday, April 6, at Doughty Funeral Home in Exmore, with Rev. Bobby Parks officiating. Interment was in Belle Haven Cemetery.

Memorial donations may be made to First Baptist Church, P.O. Box 237, New Church, VA 23415; or Hospice of the Eastern Shore, 165 Market St., Suite 3, Onancock, VA 23417. Online condolences may be sent to the family at www.doughtyfuneralhome.com.

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DEATH BY ACCIDENT?

Arrangements were made by Thornton Funeral Home in Parksley.

Onancock Woman Dies

Mrs. Margaret Taylor Morgan, 91, of Onancock passed away Sunday, April 6, 2014, at Riverside Shore Memorial Hospital in Nassawadox.

Born in Florence, S.C., she was a daughter of the late Henry Kent Taylor and Pearl Richter Taylor. Her greatest passions were her family and her church. She was a very loving wife, mother, and grandmother, and a very active and dedicated member of Rock Church of the Eastern Shore.

Mrs. Morgan was predeceased by her husband, Charles Eugene “Charlie” Morgan Sr.; a dear son and grandson, Richard P. “Dickie” Morgan and Kent M. Morgan; a sister; and five brothers. She is survived by her children, Iris Crockett (and husband, Willie) of Onancock, Donna Tapman (and husband, Lee) of Belle Haven, Charles E. Morgan Jr. (and wife, Sherry) of Onancock, and Joseph C. Morgan (and wife, Peggy) of Melfa; 18 grandchildren; 27 great-grandchildren; four great-great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

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Arrangements were made by Williams-Onancock Funeral Home.

Acomac Resident Dies

Mr. Lawrence Walter Carman, 73, of Acomac, formerly of Vestal, N.Y., passed away at his residence Monday, April 7, 2014.

Born in Endicott, N.Y., he was the son of the late Walter and Laura Stephens Carman. Mr. Carman retired as a deputy superintendent with the Town of Vestal Highway Department. He was a member of Baptist Bible Church in Acomac and greatly enjoyed fishing.

Survivors include his wife, Geraldine Carman; children, Wanda Carey (and husband, William), Luann Carman, Rosalie Stack (and husband, Mike), Rusty Carman (and wife, Susan), Richard Carman, Joshua Carman, and Grace Staiger (and husband, Gary); 13 grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be conducted from Baptist Bible Church today, April 11, at 2 p.m., by Pastor Robert Fletcher. There will be a visitation at the church one hour prior to the service.

Memorial donations may be made to the National Kidney Foundation, 1622 East Parham Rd., Richmond, VA 23228-2328 (www.kidney.org); or the American Lung Association for Asthma, 9702 Gayton Rd. #110, Richmond, VA 23238 (www.lung.org). Memory tributes may be shared with the family at www.williamsfuneralhomes.com.

Arrangements were made by Williams-Onancock Funeral Home.

Cheriton Man Dies

Mr. Arthur Lee Cottrell, 88, of Cheriton passed away Monday, April 7, 2014, at the Heritage Hall Nursing Home in Nassawadox.

He was the husband of Pastor Marian Cottrell.

Funeral services will be conducted Saturday, April 12, at 1 p.m. at Gospel Temple Church in Cheriton by Elder Paul Arrington. There will be a visitation from 6-8 tonight at Gray’s Funeral Home in Cape Charles. Interment will be in Cape Charles Community Cemetery.

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Deceased. Arrangements were made by Thornton Funeral Home in Parksley.
Property Transactions

• From MF Olde Mill, LLC
  To Michael and Krista Larosa
  Wattsville parcel
  For $29,900

• From Stephen Newbold
  To Larry and Michelle Cooper
  Lot 60, Unit 4, Trails End
  For $7,000

• From George Mooney
  To Ales and Olga Gregor
  Lot 1060, Section 1, Captain’s Cove
  For $500

• From Island Property Enterprises, Inc.
  To Robert Tye
  Chincoteague parcel
  For $40,000

• From Mendisadd, Inc.
  To H. Allen III and Cindy Floyd
  Belle Haven parcel
  For $20,000

• From Urban Financial of America, LLC
  To Darryl and Stephanie Ramsburg
  Painter parcel
  For $28,000

• From Billie Jeffrey
  To Bruce and Peggy Gordy
  Tangier parcel
  For $400

• From Delwyn Speth
  To Christopher Miller
  Onancock parcel
  For $155,000

• From Ray and Barbara Martin
  To Eugene and Norma Roe
  Lot 296, Unit 2, Trails End
  For $29,687

• From Edward Tull and Weston and Wade Beach
  To Stavros Katsetos
  Chincoteague parcel
  For $50,000

• From Floyd Brasure
  To Gary and Joy Schussler
  Chincoteague parcel
  For $150,000

• From Norma Moorman
  To Stephen Martin
  Chincoteague parcel
  For $58,000

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• From Norma Moorman
  To Richard Burkett
  Greenbackville parcel
  For $3,000

• From Thomas Glowacki
  To Stephen Martin
  Chincoteague parcel
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• From E. Phillip and David Hickman
  To James Sr., Jr., and Artis Townsend
  Atlantic District parcel
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Marriage Licenses Issued

• Raymond Edgar Brewer III, 54, and Sherrie Lynn Meighan, 54, both of Bellmawr, N.J.
• Joshua Ellis Drummond, 22, and Brandi Noelle Jones, 27, both of Exmore

Property near Cape Charles
For $400,000
• From J.B. Properties NC, LLC
  To Kenneth Pusey
  43 acres near Dalbys
  For $207,550

• From Kenneth Heath Jr. and Sr.
  To Kristy Turlington
  Property near Townsend
  For $45,000

• From John Bucklin
  To James Haynes Jr.
  Property on Webb’s Island
  For $82,500

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department heads have left positions vacant for years to obtain more operational funds,” he accused.

Hart asked Finance Director Mike Mason to report back regarding how long the jobs have been open.

That means if each job is worth $40,000, there could be about $240,000 a year in money that the officials were unable to identify.

“I don’t know of any department heads spending the money,” Mason said in the hallway after the session. During the meeting, he told supervisors there are open positions in his department and in the offices of the assessor, building and zoning, and treasurer.

“We shouldn’t make snap decisions,” said Crockett. He wanted to review the positions and available money in the next fiscal year. “I don’t think it’s good something with money that has not been identified.”

Crockett said the positions should be reviewed “to see what could be eliminated.”

If staff can find it (money for 9-1-1 and the coalition), we’ll do it,” he added. “I have a hard time approving something with money that has not been identified.”

Also, the supervisors agreed unanimously to include about $55,000 more in spending over the proposal that was taken to public hearing the previous week. Referred to as a “compromise” in the retiree health care benefit, it combines two other options. The plan benefits workers age 50 or older with 15 years of service and pays $1.50 per year of service plus $2.50 per year of service for employees who were hired before July 1, 2013. Current retirees and workers who retire on or before Jan. 1, 2017, could choose between the old plan and the new.

The old plan is for workers age 65 or older with 15 years of service and pays $304 a month or 50 percent of employee health premiums. It costs a total of $415,000 a year compared to the new one at around $68,000, with costs diminishing as benefits are phased out.

Mason said the concept was worked out Monday night and he was able to talk to “a handful of employees who were satisfied” with the revision.

Mary Parker, director of Accomack Social Services who spoke against the changes, was not among those workers. She opposed the 2017 deadline.

Half the proposed tax hike is earmarked to fund Emergency Medical Services, including new positions and the EMS response deployment model also known as SPRINT. That increase has no impact on Chincoteague, where a separate service is offered.

The majority of the budget — more than 41 percent — goes for county schools. About $217,000 over last year is included in the plan. Interim Superintendent Dr. Rhonda Hall said the additional money could help defray a $650,000 one-time salary bonus for school employees that was proposed for all other county departments.

**State Reps. Will Be Guest Speakers**

Atlantic Supervisor Ron Wolfe will hold his monthly constituents’ meeting Monday, April 14, at 7 p.m. at Captain’s Cove Marina Club in Greenbackville. New state Sen. Lynwood Lewis and new Del. Robert Bloxom will be the speakers.
For the past few years, Virginia has observed Distracted Driving Awareness Month in April. During this 30-day period, safety advocates across the commonwealth have initiated educational campaigns on the dangers of distracted driving with the goal of saving lives on Virginia roadways.

“Distracted driving continues to be a serious problem on our roads,” said Georjeane Blumling, vice president of Public Affairs for AAA Tidewater Virginia. “With the number of motorists whose focus is on something other than their driving, it is apparent that people are ignoring the dangers of distracted driving.”

According to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA), in the U.S. in 2012, 3,328 people were killed in crashes caused by a distracted driver. An estimated 421,000 people were injured in crashes involving a distracted driver.

Did you know an average text takes nearly five seconds, which means your eyes are off the road for the entire length of a football field? Just talking on your cell phone is distracting. According to the NHTSA, cell phone users are 18 percent slower to take action when seeing brake lights.

“Although driving seems like second nature, it’s still a skill that requires constant, complex coordination between your mind and body. Unfortunately, a moment’s lapse in attention can have tragic consequences,” stated Blumling.

“We need to be accountable for our own actions to make Virginia’s roads safer. That’s why AAA is committed to educating drivers on the full range of distractions that can lead to crashes, from adjusting the radio or attending to children, to eating and drinking or using a mobile phone. All distractions place the driver, passengers and others on the road at risk.”

Distracted driving isn’t limited to your cell phone. Set your GPS before you drive away, not while you’re driving. Eat in a restaurant, not in the car; and remember that kids in the back seat also can be a distraction. Avoid turning around to tend to children as much as possible. Finally, remind friends and family of the dangers of being distracted while driving.

Top Ten Tips to Minimize Your Distracted Driving:

1. Change your ways and recognize the activities that distract you, such as eating, conversing on the phone, or changing a CD. Once you recognize these distractions, you can work to eliminate them.
2. Make a plan. Know your route in advance and make sure that you have a good understanding of your directions. Check weather and road conditions. If you are transporting children, make sure that they are all properly buckled up and that you have items to keep them occupied, such as books on CD or soft toys.
3. Manage your time so that you do not have to multi-task or drive aggressively on the road.
4. Don’t let your drive time become your down time. Understand that driving is not a time to catch up on phone calls, grooming, or dining.
5. Scan the roadway to make sure that you are aware of others on the road at all times. Be prepared for the unpredictability of others.
6. Concentrate on your driving. Make sure that you are not upset or tired when getting on the road. This is not the time to have a serious or emotional conversation with your passengers.
7. Pull over if you need to do something that will take your eyes and/or mind off the road. Make sure that you find a safe place to pull over first.
8. Reduce the use! Use technology sensibly.
9. Take a refresher class! Everyone can pick up bad habits through the years. A driver improvement class can raise your awareness and help you assess your driving behaviors.
10. Buckle up, every trip, every time. Making sure that everyone is properly buckled up is the best defense against distracted drivers.
**FRIDAY APRIL 11**

- **10 a.m. - Duplicate Bridge** - Sage Diner, Onley - 442-2474
- **6 p.m. - Celebrate Recovery Group mtg.** - Family Life Center, Onancock - Meal: $6/single or $10/family
- **7 p.m. - Life Teach Series** - Rachel/Leah Covenant Ministries Center - 787-2486
- **7 p.m. - Gone But Not Forgotten: The Ferries of Kiptopeke and Cape Charles** - Historic Onancock School
- **7:30 p.m. - AA mtg.** - Downings Methodist Church, Oak Hall
- **7:30 p.m. - Texas Hold’em Tournament** - Parksley VFC
- **7:30 p.m. - Bingo (doors open at 6:30 p.m.)** - Exmore Moose Lodge, Belle Haven

**SATURDAY APRIL 12**

- **9 a.m. - Zumba Class** - Chincoteague YMCA - $5 - 336-3535
- **11 a.m.-4 p.m. - Spring Festival** - Downtown Pocomoke
  - **noon & 7:30 p.m. - AA mtg.** - Holy Trinity Episcopal Church, Onancock
  - **5 p.m. - Banquet** - Friendship UMC, Wattsville - praise dance starts at 6:30 p.m.
  - **6 p.m. - New Hope Charge Fundraiser Dinner** - Harborton UMC
  - **7:30 p.m. - Bingo** - Eastville Vol. Fire Co.

**MONDAY APRIL 14**

- **10 a.m. - TOPS mtg.** - Market Street UMC, Onancock - 787-3635
- **5-6 p.m. - Al-Anon mtg.** - Market St. UMC, Onancock
- **5:15 p.m. - Friends of Northampton Memorial Library mtg.** - library, Cape Charles
- **6 p.m. - Bingo** - Elks Lodge, Tasley
- **6:30 p.m. - Cub Scout Pack 300 mtg.** - Grace UMC, Parksley
- **7 p.m. - Multiple Sclerosis Support Group** - Hampton Inn & Suites, 4129 Lankford Hwy, Exmore - 442-7722
- **7 p.m. - AA mtg.** - Keller Town Hall
- **7 p.m. - Northampton Cty. Parks & Recreation Dept. Line-Dancing Class** - Indiantown Park, Eastville - 678-0468
- **7-8 p.m. - Teen Youth Summit Sponsored by Alpha Kappa Alapha** - Nandua High School, Onley
- **7-9 p.m. - MOPS mtg.** - Cape Charles Baptist Educational Bldg. - 678-7671

**WEDNESDAY APRIL 16**

- **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. - Alzheimer’s Caregiving Group** - Grace UMC, 18484 Wilson Ave., Parksley - 787-2592
- **11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. - Debedeavon Toastmasters’ mtg.** - NASA/Wallops Base - Call Owen Hooks at 924-1941 for base access.
- **noon - AA mtg.** - Methodist Church, Onancock
- **2 p.m. - Children’s Story Hour** - E.S. Public Library, Accomac
- **4 p.m. - Arts & Crafts Time** - Cape Charles Memorial Library
- **5:30-6:30 p.m. - Free Meals for the Hungry** - Epworth UMC, Exmore - 442-6391
- **6:30 p.m. - E.S. Fraternal Order of Police Lodge #62 mtg.** - Market St. Grill, Onancock
- **7 p.m. - Man to Man Prostate Cancer Support Group mtg.** - Riverside Shore Cancer Center, Nassawadox
- **7 p.m. - AA & Al-Anon mtgs.** - RSMH, Nassawadox
- **7:30 p.m. - Bingo** - Painter VFC

**SUNDAY APRIL 13**

- **2:30 p.m. - Royal Arch Masons & Heroines of Jericho Service** - New Mt. Calvary Baptist Church, Chincoteague
- **2:30 p.m. - Bingo** - Vietnam Veterans’ Bldg., Main St., Onley
- **3:30 p.m. - Pastoral Birthday Celebration** - Tabernacle Baptist Church, Horntown
- **4 p.m. - Palm Sunday w/Michael G. Regan** - Hungars Episcopal Church, Machipongo
- **4 p.m. - Pastoral Anniversary** - Living Word of Deliverance, Parksley
- **7:30 p.m. - AA mtg.** - Grace UMC, Parksley

**TUESDAY APRIL 15**

- **9 a.m. - Al-Anon mtg.** - St. Andrew’s Catholic Church, Chincoteague
- **10 a.m. - Bingo** - Accomack Sr. Village, Onancock - 787-3900
- **noon - Church Women United mtg.** - Hermitage, F Lounge, Onancock
- **5:30 p.m. - TOPS mtg.** - Belle Haven Presbyterian Church - 442-9776
- **6 p.m. - Rachel Leah Ministries** - 787-2486
- **6 p.m. - Bingo** - Pocomoke Elks, next to YMCA
- **6:30-8:30 p.m. - GED Class** - ESCC, Melfa
- **7 p.m. - CBES mtg.** - Nandua High School, Onley
- **7 p.m. - Northampton Cty. Democratic Committee mtg.** - American Legion Post 400, Eastville
- **7 p.m. - Narcotics Anon. mtg.** - Jerusalem Baptist Church, Temperanceville
- **7:30 p.m. - Al-Anon mtg.** - Atlantic UMC - 824-5386
- **7:30 p.m. - Bingo** - smoke free - Cheriton VFC
- **7:30 p.m. - AA mtg.** - Holy Trinity Episcopal Church, Onancock

**THURSDAY APRIL 17**

- **9:30-11:30 a.m. - Community Fellowship** - Grace UMC, Lee Mont Hall, Parksley
- **10:30 a.m. - Children’s Story Hour** - library, Accomac
- **2 p.m. - Children’s Story Hour** - library, Nassawadox
- **4 p.m. - Chess Club** - Cape Charles Memorial Library - all ages & levels welcome
- **6 p.m. - TOPS VA-550 mtg.** - Zion Baptist Church, Parksley - 787-2903
- **6:30 p.m. - Kiwanis Club of Chincoteague mtg.** - St. Andrew’s Catholic Church
- **6:30 p.m. - AA mtg.** - Trinity Methodist Church, 109 Plum St., Cape Charles
- **6:30 - 8:30 p.m. - GED Class** - ESCC, Classroom A-51, Melfa
- **7 p.m. - ABCs of Finance** - Calvary Bible bldg., 22344 Front St., Accomac
- **7 p.m. - NA mtg.** - Painter Garrison UMC

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**Gospel Comedy Show on Mother’s Day Weekend**

Bethel Baptist Church in Franktown will host a gospel comedy show on Friday, May 9 at 7 p.m. at the former Northampton Middle School in Machipongo.

The featured comedian is Antoine Scott from Richmond. For more information and to reserve your seat, call 757-350-0796, 678-7229 or 787-5268. There will also be door prizes.

**ESVA Habitat for Humanity Gala Planned for June**

On June 21, at Sycamore Bend on Finney’s Creek, there will be a gala celebration for the ESVA Habitat for Humanity, beginning at 6 p.m. There will be a buffet dinner with wine and dessert. Following dinner there will be an auction of art and local services.

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thing changed. Nate was out looking for a temporary job to tide him over until school began. This was a Friday, and on Monday a stoplight would go up at Four Corner Plaza. But that would be too late for Nate. His van was struck broadside, and Nate was thrown onto the highway.

He remained in a coma for two months, hovering between life and death those first few weeks. It wasn’t until two days before Christmas that Nate returned home. The doctor’s chilling prognosis made it difficult for the Wilson family to be merry.

The eldest of five boys, Nate had always been looked up to by his brothers. His helpless condition had a profound effect on the boys’ daily life. The family, particularly Nate’s mother, devoted their life to caring for Nate and nurturing any progress at all in his condition. At first, Nate could not even acknowledge the presence of his family.

Eventually, small steps by Nate seemed like miracles to the family. His mother told me, “I cried the first day he reached and picked up a straw.”

Although he could not verbalize his thoughts, Nate began to respond to TV shows, enjoying M*A*S*H, which his family thought reminded him of his Army days.

In the summer, Nate enjoyed being lifted into the backyard swimming pool. The brothers devised a harness to get Nate around, but he had no equilibrium to stand on his own. Jeb, next to the youngest of the Wilson brothers, could make Nate laugh with Groucho Marx imitations.

I was a bit overwhelmed the day of the interview at the home, seeing Nate in his condition. A few of his closest friends still visited, but the world had left Nate behind as his former classmates had families and jobs. Nate, still looking much like the high-

school senior who had been voted by his classmates as Best Looking, was trapped in a body that would not respond. The only sounds he could make were gurgling noises.

Nate’s mother mentioned to me that Nate liked to write poetry while in high school, but rarely shared it with others. He kept the poems in a spiral notebook.

I asked if I could see it. I flipped through the notebook and read verses that described his feelings and his ambitions.

Then I came across the words that stay in my wallet today. Looking at him that day, I sensed this poem was hauntingly prophetic and would be Nate’s message — if he could speak.

I am alone.
One soul admiring life’s wonders
From a detached view.
The warmth of the sun sinks in
And steams off all my selfish feelings.
Leaving a hollow shell ready to receive reality.
Reality settles into my mind like a coastal fog,
For reality is what I make it.

I wrote a column on Nate, ending it with those words. The column won a first-place award in the Virginia Press Association that year and a second place in the National Newspaper Association contest. I never took much credit for those awards. I always felt Nate’s powerful message, written when he was only 17, won the awards.

Nate lived another 20 years until the age of 46 in 1996, as happy as he could possibly be, with every need provided for by his family, but he was never able to talk or walk on his own again. His devoted mother passed away a year before Nate. His father had died in 1983.

There’s no telling what Nate would have accomplished had it not been for that accident.

But his reality changed overnight, leaving him “a hollow shell ready to receive reality.” Still a scrapper like he was on the football field, Nate improved far beyond what the doctors predicted, showing joy and laughter and inspiring his family with his progress, no matter how slight.

I ask you, “Are you making the most of your reality?”
**Sports Shorts**

### Bay-to-Bay Run/Walk
Set on Chincoteague

The Chincoteague Island Family YMCA has announced its third annual Bay-to-Bay 10K Run and 5K Run/Walk to be held Saturday, April 19.

*Check-in will start at 6:30 a.m. at Robert Reed Park and the race will start at 8 a.m.*

The registration fee is $25 for early registration and $35 for registration after April 12. Active military personnel qualify for a $5 discount. Children under the age of 14 can participate for free.

This year’s participants in the 5K portion can either run or walk the course.

First-, second- and third-place awards will be given to male and female runners in 10-year age groupings in both the 5K and 10K races.

Free child care will be available on site for participating parents.

Following the race, there will be a kids’ Easter egg hunt and family games in the park.

To register, call the YMCA at 336-6626, stop by the Y at 6395 Maddox Blvd. or visit www.ymcachesapeake.org

### Arcadia, Booster Club
To Hold Three Events

Arcadia High School will host an Indoor Yard Sale and Car Wash Saturday, April 26. Also, the Athletic Booster Club will sponsor its first annual Chili Cook-Off.

The yard sale will be held from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m.; set-up begins at 7 a.m. Tables for the yard sale are $10. The money raised from the yard sale will go toward various activities at Arcadia High School.

The Chili Cook-Off will be held from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. There is a $25 fee to enter your best chili. Cast a vote of your favorite chili for $5. The money raised for the Chili Cook-Off will go toward the Virginia High School League clubs at Arcadia.

The car wash will be held from 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m in front of the high school. Donations will be accepted. The money raised from the car wash will go toward the DECA Club.

### Anglers Club to Meet

The Eastern Shore of Virginia Anglers Club (www.esanglersclub.org) will hold its monthly meeting on April 14 in the conference room of the Sage Restaurant in Onley. The meeting begins at 7:30 p.m. and will feature a presentation by Capt. Matt Abell of Seahawk Sports Center in Pocomoke.

One of the most accomplished anglers in the area, Abell will talk about spring and summer fishing for flounder in the seaside bays and inlets, and share the knowledge that he’s gained from a lifetime of local fishing, as well as from taking friends, family, and customers on charter trips. His website is www.seahawksports.com.

The public is invited and new or prospective members are welcome.

### Chamber Golf Tourney
Announced for May 2

The Eastern Shore of Virginia Chamber of Commerce announces its first annual golf tournament to be held Friday, May 2, replacing the annual Shore Fest tournament which will not be held this year by the hospital.

The tournament will tee off at 1 p.m. at Eastern Shore Yacht and Country Club after an 11 a.m. registration and lunch, which begins at 11:30 a.m.

The entry fee is $100 per golfer, which includes, greens fees, cart, lunch, on-course beverages and the awards reception. The field will be limited to 32 teams.

To enter, send name and address with handicap to Eastern Shore of Virginia Chamber of Commerce, P.O. Box 460, Melfa, VA 23410.

For more information, call 787-2460 or email info@esvachamber.org

### YMCA Soccer for Youth

The Eastern Shore Family YMCA will host a youth soccer league this spring. There will be age groups competing by grade level in K-2nd, 3rd-4th and 5th-6th. Children must be at least 5 years old to register.

YMCA Soccer is designed to teach the basic skills of soccer to children who have never played the game and improve the skills of those who have.

Games will be held at the YMCA on Friday evenings starting April 11. The member rate is $45 and the non-member rate is $60. Register online or at the Y in Onley.

### Cornhole Tourney

There will be a cornhole tournament at The Shanty in Cape Charles on Saturday, April 12, at 2 p.m., with proceeds benefiting Montessori House of Franktown. Entry fee is $40 per team. Cash prizes will be awarded to the top three teams.

To register, contact Chris Stodghill at 757-695-0098

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**Boating Safety Graduates**

Graduates of the boating safety class taught by U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary, Flotilla 12-06 Chincoteague at Captain’s Cove Marina Club in Greenbackville from Jan. 30 throughout March 24 are (from left): front row - Karen Ciancio, Victoria Belefit, Faye Jones, Lisa Wilkerson, Lisa Lee and Debra Haroldsson; second row - Wayne Bass, Parker Marshall, William Weiskopf, Jack Ciancio, Scott Belfit, Anthony Micieli, Robert Haroldsson and Alfred Fordon; third row - Frank Fox, William Jones, John Velasco, Robert Schwartz and Gregory Johnson. Several students were absent from the picture.
By Bill Sterling

Nandua won two games last Friday and Saturday in a round-robin baseball tournament in Lancaster, beating Mathews 3-1 on Friday and then getting two home runs from Hunter Taylor on Saturday to beat King William 8-0.

Senior Curtis Ormsby pitched a strong game Friday, scattering nine hits and walking only one in giving up a run in the first inning and blanking the Blue Devils the remainder of the game.

On Saturday Ryan Haynie shut out King Williams while the Warriors’ bats came alive, led by Taylor’s homers in the third and sixth innings, giving him four RBIs.

Ormsby was 3 for 4 with an RBI; Bjorlo had two hits, including a double; and Hunter Hickman had a double and scored three runs. Guy and Blake also had doubles while Haynie had a two-run single.

Haynie struck out nine, allowed two hits and walked only one batter.

“We pitched very well this weekend and played good defense,” said Nandua coach Luke Brankley, whose Warriors moved to 3-2 for the season and begin district play Tuesday at Chincoteague.

Arcadia Whitewashed by Windsor

Arcadia was blanked 15-0 by conference foe Windsor last Friday on the road.

The Firebirds trailed by only four runs after three innings, but an 11-run fourth inning by Windsor proved too much for Arcadia to overcome.

Jaquan Wharton had two hits for the Firebirds, with Todd McAvene accounting for the only other Arcadia hit.

Six Firebird errors helped Windsor, with only seven of the 15 runs earned.

Viking Baseballers Win Three Games

Broadwater topped Alliance Christian 9-5 last Thursday in a come-from-behind win that saw the Vikings score five times in the third inning to overcome a 4-1 deficit and then add three more in the fourth inning.

Ben Holland, who came on in relief in the third inning, earned the win by allowing five hits and one run in 4.2 innings while striking out eight.

Eighth grader Andrew Hart led the Viking offense with two singles, three RBIs and two runs scored. Ben Farlow also had three RBIs with a hit and a sacrifice. Jarrett Bell was 2 for 3 with a double. Holland scored two runs.

Broadwater swept a double header from Hampton Christian Friday by 14-0 and 3-2 scores.

In the opener, Broadwater struck for four runs in the first inning and scored in every inning in the five-inning contest.

Ben Farlow earned the shutout by allowing only one hit and striking out six in four innings of work. Justin Shaffner pitched the final inning, striking out two.

Shaffner also had a good day at the plate, going 2 for 4 with four stolen bases and scoring two runs. Michael Ripoel was 3 for 4 with two RBIs and scored three runs. Ben Farlow was also 2 for 4 with three RBIs. Holland scored three runs.

In the nightcap, Broadwater broke a 2-2 tie in the sixth inning with a walk-off run scored by Holland when Farlow hit a deep shot to left center that bounced off the glove, allowing the winning run to score with one out. Even if Farlow’s drive had been caught, Holland would have scored easily on a sacrifice.

Both Broadwater and Hampton Christian scored once each in the first and second inning to knot the score at 2-2. From there, both Shaffner and the HC pitcher, Decker, hurled goose eggs until the deciding run in the sixth. Shaffner did not allow an earned run as the Vikings committed four errors. He also escaped a bases-loaded jam in the top of the sixth inning by striking out the final two batters, his only strikeouts of the game.

Broadwater only managed three hits with Holland, Farlow and Cortland Bunce getting one each. Holland and Farlow each had an RBI.

“It was a nail-biter,” said Broadwater assistant coach Mark Shaffner. “Decker was tough on the mound for them.”

Webb Earns Save in Tampa Debut

In his debut last Thursday for the Tampa Bay Yankees, Tyler Webb, a 2009 graduate of Northampton High School, pitched a solid two innings in relief, allowing no hits and striking out two to earn a save.

Webb was drafted in the 10th round by the New York Yankees after an outstanding career at the University of South Carolina, where the 6'6" left-hander had 17 saves his senior season and a career 2.34 ERA in a school-record 110 appearances. He helped the Gamecocks win the 2010 and 2011 College World Series Championships. USC also reached the finals in 2012.

Tampa Bay is a Class A Advanced farm team for the Yankees that plays in the Florida State League.

Webb, 23, is the son of Kirk and Kristen Webb of Nassawadox.
Nandua Softballers Earn Two Walk-Off Wins

Story and photos by Bill Sterling

Freshman Kimberly Wert slugged a two-out, two-run homer that easily cleared the fence in centerfield in the bottom of the seventh for a walk-off 7-5 win by the Nandua softballers over Northumberland last Thursday.

Northumberland knocked Nandua out of the playoffs last year at Onley, and the two teams always battle when meeting on the softball field.

Nandua escaped the first inning by giving up only one run, although Northumberland left the bases loaded. The Lady Warriors then scored three of their own in the bottom of the first with the help of a single by Michaela Wescott and a double by Amanda Ferguson. Nandua struck for two more in the second on an Amanda Baylis double and a Northumberland error.

The second was a run in the top of the second inning, staked by giving up only one run, although Northumberland left the bases loaded. The Lady Warriors then scored three of their own in the bottom of the first with the help of a single by Michaela Wescott and a double by Amanda Ferguson. Nandua struck for two more in the second on an Amanda Baylis double and a Northumberland error.

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The Lady Warriors scored six runs in the first three innings against Essex as an RBI double by Autumn Ferguson and a two-run single by Davis in the first, and a two-run double by Kimberly Wert in the second inning staked Nandua to an early lead.

D’errica Toppin knotted seven strikeouts on the mound, allowing three hits and three walks and no earned runs over seven innings. Toppin also had three hits and a pair of RBIs at the plate. Amanda Baylis and Caroline Harvie each had two hits, with Harvie scoring two runs. Taylor Lilliston and Sarah Puchalski also had hits for the Lady Warriors.

Against St. Margaret’s, Nandua could muster only five hits, but lead-off hitter Harvie had two hits and scored a run, while Toppin and Ferguson each had a double.

In the seventh, with the score tied 3-3, Toppin reached on an error with two outs, then scored on a Ferguson double for the win.

Emily Justis pitched 5.1 innings, allowing four runs and one earned run, striking out two and walking three. Toppin pitched the final 1.2 innings, earning the win.

Lilliston had two stolen bases for Nandua.

The win upped the Nandua record to 6-1. The Lady Warriors start district play on Tuesday at Chincoteague.

Nandua Wins Pair in Softball Tourney

The Nandua softballers won two games in a round-robin tournament Saturday, blasting Essex 9-1 behind four hits and two RBIs from Chandler Davis, and then edging St. Margaret’s 3-3, Toppin reaching on an error with two outs, then scoring on a Ferguson double for the win.

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Northumberland also scored a single run in the top of the second inning, and the scored remained 5-2 until the top of the sixth inning when Northumberland scored three runs to tie the game at 5-5 with the help of three Nandua errors.

D’errica Toppin pitched the first five innings for Nandua, allowing five hits and two earned runs while striking out five, before being relieved by Emily Justis in the sixth. Justis was hurt by the three Nandua errors, but gave up only one hit in two innings and got the win.

Wescott, who was on third in the seventh when Wert clubbed the game-winner, was 2 for 4. Baylis, Ferguson and Taylor Lilliston each had doubles. Ferguson and Wert both had two RBIs.

For Northumberland, Connie Sai- lip had a pair of doubles and M.K. Hall had three singles to account for five of the team’s six hits.

Nandua coach Lynn Williams, whose team ran its record to 4-1, said, “I was very happy with the way we fought back after they tied it in the sixth. We were able to stop their momentum and get ours back.”

Broadwater Wins Easily in Softball

The Broadwater softball team won two games last week, easily defeating Alliance Christian 17-0 on Thursday and then beating Bishop Sullivan 11-0 on Friday.

Kaitlin Hill was the winning pitcher against Alliance, with Laura Merritt blanking Bishop Sullivan as the Lady Viking offense was clicking in both games.

Games with Atlantic Shores on Monday and Isle of Wight on Tuesday were postponed due to bad weather.

Broadwater raised its record to 3-2 with the wins.

Nandua’s Caroline Harvie rounds third to score against Northumber-land.

Kimberly Wert connects in a game against Northumberland. Later, she struck a two-run, two-out home run for a 7-5 Nandua walk-off win.
The Broadwater boys’ track team placed second among 14 schools in the Christopher Newport Captain’s Classic last weekend, finishing only 3 points behind perennial powerhouse Maggie Walker Governor’s School.

Wesley Shrievess won both the long jump (20-05.5) and the triple jump (41-03) in addition to placing third in the 100-meter dash (11.79).

Preston Richardson tied the meet record in the shot put (56-01) and set a new meet record in the discus (62-06). The Broadwater girls had their best showing in a large invitational, finishing sixth among 11 schools.

The 400-meter relay team of Lauren McClaskill, Julie Xiong, Savana Davis and Hazel Tankard took fourth with a time of 59.52.

Mccasill finished fourth in the 300-meter hurdles (957.91) and fifth in the 100-meter hurdles (22.96).

Tankard finished ninth in the long jump (13-04) and sixth in the triple jump (29-06).

Davis finished fifth in the shot put (24-10.75) and ninth in the discus (62-06).

All playoff matchups are best-of-three series. Starting April 13 at 1 p.m., the Seaside Conference Regular Season champion Blues will face the Coyotes. The Sabres and the Red Wings will begin their face-off starting at 1:30 p.m. that same day. The winners of those series will face each other in the Seaside Conference Finals on Sunday, May 5. The Bayside Conference playoffs will kick off Sunday, April 27, at 1 p.m., when the regular-season conference champion Bruins face the Hurricanes for a best-of-three series. In the other Bayside Conference bout, the Capitals will face the Blackhawks starting at 1:30 p.m. The winners will move on to the Bayside Conference Finals on May 5.

The ESSHL Championship will start at 1:30 p.m. Sunday, May 18. The winner will be awarded the ESSHL Championship Trophy, the Parksley Cup, awarded to each ESSHL Championship Team since the league’s inception in 1996.

Fans are invited to come out to the Parksley Town Park for all the ESSHL playoff action.

Visit website esshl.org for the latest league news, schedules and stats.

**Game Results from April 6**

**Sabres 3 - Red Wings 1**
Zach Mills and Nate Metzger scored in the win for the Sabres.

**Blues 13 - Coyotes 3**
Chris Perry and Bryan Applegate earned hat tricks in the win for the Blues.

**Capitals 4 - Red Wings 3**
Pat Luckenbach and Zach Underwood scored two goals each in the win for the Capitals.

**Blues 3 - Sabres 0**
Mark Stapleton earned the shutout in goal for the Blues. Tim Edwards and Brandon Reiter scored the Blues’ goals for the win.

**Bruins 3 - Hurricanes 2**
Donnie Williams, Scott Millikin and Roger Haeusser all scored in the win for the Bruins.

**Blackhawks 7 - Hurricanes 2**
Jason Johnson earned the hat trick in the win, with Michael Pryor and Chris Pascal also scoring for the Blackhawks.

**Bruins 4 - Capitals 1**
Donnie Williams, TR Hoyt and Scott Millikin all scored in the win for the Bruins.

**Blackhawks 7 - Hurricanes 5**
Jason Johnson earned his second hat trick of the day, while Michael Pryor and Chris Pascal added goals for the Blackhawks.

The Bruins lead the Bayside Conference with a 26-2-1 record, followed by the Capitals 18-12-0, Blackhawks 10-16-3, and the Hurricanes 1-28-1.

The Blues lead the Seaside Conference with a 22-16-1 record, followed by the Sabres 22-7-1, Red Wings 13-15-1 and Coyotes 4-25-0.
Northampton Girls’ Soccer Shuts Out Franklin 8-0

Story and photos by Bill Sterling

The Northampton girls’ varsity soccer team defeated Franklin Thursday 8-0. The Lady Jackets took a 4-0 halftime lead, with Madisen Lewis scoring 30 seconds into the game. Two minutes later, Taylor Webb scored off a pass from Kennedy Webb. At the 35-minute mark, Caroline Hiler dribbled in from long range and scored. Taylor Webb scored the final goal of the half after a direct kick by Hiler bounced off the keeper.

Taylor Webb scored the first goal in the second half and her third of the game before Lewis scored her second goal off a crossed ball from Taylor Webb. Erica Head scored the third goal of the half off a pass from Hiler. Kelsie Paglia scored the last goal in the game.

“They were an inexperienced team; however, they did play aggressively and their goal keeper had a very aggressive style that blocked or saved the majority of our long-range shots and shots in the air,” said Jacket coach Tabi Webb. “In the second half, we concentrated on making better passes, keeping the ball on the ground and adjusting our play to the aggressive nature of the goalie by moving the ball across the goal.”

On Wednesday, the Lady Jackets improved to 4-0 with a 3-2 win over Essex. Taylor Webb scored a first-half goal to tie the score at 1-1. In the second half, Hiler scored from close range and then added a goal on a long-range, direct kick, called by Coach Webb “one of the best goals I’ve seen and the nicest goal this season.”

Northampton Tops Ponies 5-0

On Wednesday, Northampton defeated a scrappy Chincoteague soccer squad 5-0 on the island. Sammy Pineda gave the Jackets a 2-0 halftime lead with two goals; then in the second half Jesus Maldonado scored a pair of goals and Juinor Guildo added one.

Due to weather postponements, it was the first game of the season for Chincoteague. Pony coach Charlie Heath was pleased, however, with the play of his young team. “I thought we played well, especially in the first half,” he said. “I wish we could have sustained it better in the second half, but Northampton is a really strong team and we are playing freshmen in key positions.”

Northampton dropped a 1-0 decision to Essex in soccer Friday evening in Eastville.

Nandua Over Arcadia 5-0

Nandua blanked Arcadia 5-0 at Oak Hall Wednesday.

Elmis Mayorga and David Wright had two goals each, with Neri Marquez adding one. The Warriors were up 3-0 at halftime. Caleb Clark got the shutout in goal for the Warriors.

Nandua takes on conference foe King William today on the road.

Arcadia’s Josh Sanns (left) advances the ball upfield as Nandua’s Ernesto Rangel defends in action Wednesday. Nandua won 5-0.

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Thursday
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Last Week’s Answers

Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

Place a number in the empty boxes in such a way that each row across, each column down and each small 9-box square contains all of the numbers from one to nine.

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ★

Moderate  Challenging  HOO BOY!

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The object of this suit is to:
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It is ORDERED that MICHAEL BRUCE HILL appear
at the above-named court and protect his interests on or
before MAY 29, 2014.
March 31, 2014
Caretta S. Duncan, Deputy Clerk

RESOLUTION 20130327
CHANGING DAY OF THE APRIL 2014 CAPE
CHARLES TOWN COUNCIL PUBLIC HEARING
AND REGULAR MEETING
WHEREAS, the Cape Charles Town Council Regular
Meetings are currently held on the third Thursdays of
each month and agenda packets usually are sent out the
Friday of the week prior to the meeting; and
WHEREAS, the April Town Council Public Hearing
and Regular Meeting is currently scheduled for April 17,
2014, which falls on Holy Week; and
WHEREAS, several of the Council members have in-
formed staff of personal conflicts for April 17; and
WHEREAS, in order to ensure a quorum for the April
meeting, a date change is necessary; so
THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Town
Council of the Town of Cape Charles, Virginia, that the
April Town Council Public Hearing and Regular Meeting
will be held on April 24, 2014, beginning at 6:00 PM, at
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Adopted by the Town Council of Cape Charles on March
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Even now, 28 years after I extinguished my last cigarette, there are times when I am very tempted to light up. I realize the dirty habit causes cancer, but something inside me whispers, “Linda, cigarettes will give you inner peace and keep your hunger at bay.” I’m bringing this up because recently the evil temptation was pretty overwhelming. I think it is my obligation to warn my fellow tobacco-kickers. The notice concerns that new television series everybody is talking about.

I was at a friend’s house and we decided to watch the first couple of episodes of the HBO show, “True Detective.” That handsome Matthew McConaughey is one of the stars. Yippee! I was looking forward to the screening. That was until the show started and I realized he was chain-smoking with an intensity that caused me to have to look away. And it happened again and again and again.

I didn’t just want Matthew, I wanted a cigarette and not necessarily in that order. (Notice we are on a first-name basis.) That hunk, who recently won the best actor Oscar for his performance in the film “Dallas Buyers Club,” was able to lose something like 40 pounds for the role. I have a feeling I know how.

He smoked more than he ate. They must have started filming the show right after the movie was finished. He was definitely keeping up the tradition for TV. There is no way he was acting. He inhaled.

Still, I’ve read that despite muting the taste buds, smoking brings cravings for food high in saturated fat and cholesterol. Which challenges the whole diet thing.

Anyway, Matthew, please read the tips I have gathered just for you. It could keep you in the business longer. According to www.health.com, smokers are three to six times more likely to go prematurely gray than nonsmokers and you’ll be less likely to burn down your house or get psoriasis if you quit.

Your wounds will heal better and you will crash your car less often. And since the brain is a common site for lung cancer to spread, your chances for that illness also will drop. And while we’re on the brain, a 2007 Dutch study of 7,000 people concluded that current smoking increases the risk of dementia. Past smoking doesn’t.

Quit smoking for 20 minutes, Matthew, about a third of an episode of that HBO show, and your heart rate could return to normal levels, www.healthline.com states. Statistics also say your blood pressure will drop if you would stop.

“In just 12 hours after quitting smoking, the carbon monoxide in your body decreases to lower levels and your blood oxygen levels increase to normal,” the website continues. “But, believe it or not, just one full day after quitting smoking, your risk for heart attack will already have begun to drop.”

We all know it is worth it.

Five years after quitting, the risk of contracting mouth, throat, esophageal and bladder cancers is half of what it is for smokers. The risk of stroke also will drop. Two weeks after smoking that last butt, circulation and lung function improve. And you won’t need as much caffeine. And you can make more movies since smokers take an average of 11 more sick days a year than nonsmokers.

And here is the biggie: You’ll have less chance of being labeled a wild, troubled and tragic genius. Hmm. I’m not sure if you’re consider that a plus. But, you’ll be nagged less and you’d rid yourself of that nagging cough. More Yippees!

And Matthew, you’ll have a better chance at getting a date with me if you quit … uh, silence is also golden … oh, you’re already taken? OK. And you have three kids? OK.

But I still want you to quit smoking. You’ve got four more reasons to do it. Sure, accidents happen. So why don’t people have heart and admit it? In too much of a hurry, I guess. God forbid that a child run out into the road. I guess people would stop. Then again, two little girls, 2 and 5, loved that cat, and many adults were very fond of her, too.

Given the focus of the GOP in Virginia at present, and the recently elected delegate, upon depriving less-well-off citizens in the county of affordable healthcare for purely political reasons, one can only wonder what the reason behind THIS sudden interest might be. I, for one, am dubious, and would urge extreme caution to all voters before approving such a measure.

Thomas J. Littleton, via email

The Library’s Return on Investment

Dear Editor:

The week of April 13 is National Library Week. We invite you to visit one of the libraries near you, in Chincoteague, Accomac, Nassawadox, or Cape Charles. The staff and the Friends’ groups work hard to provide useful services to the community and access to a wide range of media.

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Cat Didn’t Deserve To Be Left

Dear Editor:

Well, it happened again. Somebody hit an innocent cat in Sanford, but the worst part is, of course, the person didn’t stop.

I wonder why people do that. Maybe because they’re afraid of a vet bill or because they figure it was any old cat. But it wasn’t just a cat. She had a name: Muscle. She wasn’t just a stray. She had recently been fixed and stayed inside mostly.

Jill Thornes, Sanford

Beware if Electing School Board

Dear Editor:

I read with interest the recent Post article regarding the Accomack County GOP petition effort to make School Board positions elected. As a longtime resident of a state (Pennsylvania) which elects such offices, I saw the ill effects of politicizing school boards: Efforts to put non-scientific thought into science classes, cuts in art and music programs with little regard to their benefits for young people and a general tendency to make decisions based on political ideology, instead of the benefits of a well-educated public, often by board members who sent their own children to private schools.

Given the focus of the GOP in Virginia at present, and the recently elected delegate, upon depriving less-well-off citizens in the county of affordable healthcare for purely political reasons, one can only wonder what the reason behind THIS sudden interest might be. I, for one, am dubious, and would urge extreme caution to all voters before approving such a measure.

Thomas J. Littleton, via email

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