



Happy 4th of July!

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This is the third issue of 2013.

As always, if you wish to submit news or corrections, please provide information to Harriet Ruffin on the dates noted below by 12 noon:

Sept. 13th for October-December 2013 issue

Dec. 13th for January-March 2013 issue

SURRY COUNTY EMPLOYEE NEWSLETTER

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Project Updates:

Construction of the **Mantura Road Convenience Center** is progressing, although wet weather conditions have delayed the project. Stone has been installed for the parking areas and concrete entrances are in place. The attendant's building, fencing and landscaping should be complete by the end of July 2013.

Work has begun on the new "**Surry West Business Park**" sign on Route 10 West. The foundation is in place and masonry work has begun.

The **Broadband project** is progressing with the pending selection of a service provider. The Virginia Department of Housing and Community Development will be conducting an interim audit in July/August 2013. The Conditional Use Permit for the construction of a tower on County property near the Animal Shelter was approved by the Planning Commission on June 24, 2013. Staff continues to coordinate efforts with Mid-Atlantic Broadband Cooperative and Buggs Island Telephone Cooperative to bring service to the County in the fall of 2013. Access to broadband service will enable the School System to realize a significant savings in the upcoming fiscal year.

Message from the County Administrator



To the employees of Surry County:

In the past you may have heard or read my comments regarding the need for employees to provide effective customer service to the public and the importance of teamwork within the workplace. These are two areas that we will continue to make progress in to enable Surry County to become a high-performance organization. In the coming months, all employees will be provided an opportunity for training that will enhance their skills and knowledge in these two areas.

Planned workshops will focus on the following:

- The importance of satisfying and exceeding customer expectations
- Respect for diverse perspectives and experiences
- Emphasis on teamwork, trust, collaboration, mutual respect and cooperation
- Flexibility and adaption to change
- Being committed to the highest level of quality

In addition, Mr. Jim McClellan, CSP, Risk Control Manager, VACo Insurance, will conduct a defensive driving class for all employees on August 8, 2013.

I hope you find this training beneficial and that it provides you with the necessary tools to enable you to make significant contributions in service delivery.

OTHER EMPLOYEE NEWS

Congratulations:

The Surry County annual financial report for FY 11-12 has qualified for a **Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting**. The Certificate of Achievement is the highest form of recognition in governmental accounting and financial reporting. An award plaque will be sent to Ms. Terri Hale, Director of Finance and Information Technology.

Amani Franklin was invited to participate in the MEAC Basketball Tournament in Norfolk, VA as a court attendant.

Congratulations to Mrs. Wanda Pittman on the birth of her granddaughter, Hailey, born on April 29, 2013.

Mr. Harrygan Kelly received his CDL certification in April 2013.

Harrygan Kelly, Jr., son of Mr. Harrygan Kelly, scored a 600 on his math SOL test without missing a single question!

Condolences:

Mr. Shirley Johnson, brother of Lucille Epps and uncle of Mary Lynne Hayes passed in April 2013.

Mr. Howard P. Eley, Sr. father of Robin Eley (Commonwealth Attorney's Office) passed away on June 4, 2013.

Mrs. Emily M. Manson, mother-in-law of Glen Slade (Cooperative Extension) passed away in June 2013. Services were held on June 13, 2013.

Mrs. Fannie Blizzard, mother of Linda Ellis (Planning, retired) and Sharon Blizzard (School Board Office) passed in June 2013. Services were held on June 24, 2013.

GUESS WHO

Be the first to identify the employee in the picture below and win a small prize available in the Administrator's Office.



Winner of the previous contest was Gail Clayton. She correctly identified the employee in the photo as Natasha Byrd-Berkley.

Birthdays & Years of Service

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Tamara Arthur	July 8
Natasha Byrd-Berkley	July 31
Elizabeth Collier	July 31
Tyrone W. Franklin	Sept 5
Elaine Galloway	Sept 28
Harrygan Kelly	Sept 16
Sheryl P. Newby	Sept 10
Michael Rawlings	July 5
Vernon Scott	Sept 20
William Thomas	Aug 4
Ricky Woodard	Aug 28
Thelma Brown	Sept 28
Mary Butler	Aug 19
Linda Johnson	July 4
Lorraine Nichols	Aug 16
Janice Pierce	Sept 9

Years of Service with Surry County:

Frances Bailey	19 Years
William Berryman	2 Years
Natasha Byrd-Berkley	8 Years
Carolyn S. Dickens	12 Years
Lucille Epps	33 Years
Mary Lynn Hayes	5 Years
Karen Holloway	5 Years
James Joyner	22 Years
Harrygan Kelly	6 Years
Rhonda R. Mack	8 Years
Willis Rudy Mason	5 Years
Barbara Newby	32 Years
Harriet S. Ruffin	35 Years
Hermione A. Slade, Jr.	7 Years
William Thomas	22 Years

Employee Profiles:

Building Department



Mrs. Wanda Pittman is the Administrative Assistant for the Building Department and has been employed with Surry County since June of 2007. Wanda was born and raised in Surry County and graduated from Surry County High School in 1985. She and her husband Kenny were blessed with three children Brandon, Britney and Brianne whom are all grown now. They were blessed with their first grandchild, Hailey, on April 29, 2013. Wanda loves spending time with her family, granddaughter, the outdoors and their farm and that's where you

Mr. Stacey T. Williams has lived in Surry County for most of his life. He is a product of the Surry County Public School System. Stacey has been married to his wife, Octavia, for 24 years; and they have two daughters, Ashley and Alexis.

Stacey enjoys spending time with his family. His passion for building and architectural drawing began in high school when he was enrolled in Coach Bear's (the late Larry Jones) shop classes. Stacey has worked in the field of building in some capacity for the past 30 years. He enjoys his current position as Building Official. His position is both exciting and challenging, and it affords him the opportunity to stay current on the latest building trends while striving to protect and serve the citizens in Surry County.

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will find her spending her spare time. Wanda is a member of Moore Swamp Baptist Church in Elberon, Entertainment Chairperson for the Pork, Peanut and Pine Festival as well as a member of the Surry Vol. Rescue Squad.



Crustless Broccoli and Cheese Quiche

Ingredients

- Butter, for ramekins
- Coarse salt
- 1 package (10 ounces) frozen broccoli florets
- 6 large eggs
- 1/2 cup half-and-half
- Ground pepper
- 1/8 teaspoon ground nutmeg
- 3/4 cup shredded cheddar cheese (3 ounces)

Directions

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Butter four 8-ounce ramekins (or a 9-inch pie dish); set aside. Bring a medium pot of salted water to a boil. Add broccoli; cook 1 minute. Drain well; transfer to a cutting board, and blot dry with paper towels. Chop coarsely. In a large bowl, whisk together eggs, half-and-half, 1/2 teaspoon salt, 1/4 teaspoon pepper, and nutmeg. Stir in broccoli and cheese. Place ramekins on a rimmed baking sheet. Ladle broccoli mixture into ramekins, dividing evenly. Bake until golden brown, 35 to 40 minutes. Serve with crusty bread and a mixed-green salad, if desired.

Congratulations to our Graduates!

Ashanti Jasmine Beatty (Daughter of Sonia Beatty) will be attending ODU in the fall.

Daniel E. Bernshausen (Son of Pat Bernshausen) is currently working at The *WAYPOINT* Seafood & Grill in Williamsburg.

Alicia Liani Graves (Daughter of Pam Flowers) will be attending The Art Institute in Virginia Beach this fall.

Xavier Tynes (Son of Sherry Thomas) plans to attend Old Dominion University.

Alexis Williams (Daughter of Stacey Williams) graduated from George Mason University.

Mr. Franklin's niece, Courtney Franklin graduated from Johnson & Wales University in Charlotte, NC.



Gov. Bob McDonnell recognizes Mother Ernestine Slade for her contributions to Foster Parenting on May 17, 2013.



As part of a program held in Richmond to celebrate May as Foster Care Month, Governor McDonnell recognized Mother Ernestine Slade for the many

years in which she and her late husband, Clifton S. Slade, served as foster parents to more than 60 children, after raising four children of their own. Mrs. Slade was named National Foster Parent of the Year by the National Foster Parent Association in 1998. Mother Slade is 85 years young!



HURRICANE PREPAREDNESS

The 2013 hurricane season is upon us. After a very busy 2012 hurricane season, the expectation for 2013 is a forecast of 18 named storms and nine hurricanes. Remember, the concern is not for the number of storms that form; what really matters is the path they take. You are encouraged to visit <http://www.ready.gov/hurricanes> to learn more about hurricanes and how you, and your family, can prepare for an approaching storm.

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Calendar of Events:



- July 5th - Entertainment & Fireworks (P&R)
- July 4th - Independence Day*
- July 20-21st - 38th Annual Pork, Peanut & Pine Festival
- August 24-25th - African American Family Reunion
- September 2nd - Labor Day *
- September 3rd - Return to School
- September 11th - Surry Power Station Siren Test
- September 21-22nd - 7th Annual Nottoway Tribal PowWow
- September 22nd - First day of Fall

**Government Offices are closed*

Human Resources News

Remember to access **myVRS** for any VRS for news and information about your personal account. Questions regarding access may be directed to the HR Department in the County Administrator's Office.

Coming August 8th - Defensive Driving Class. This class will be mandatory for all County employees. Two sessions will be offered in the General District Courtroom. More information will be forthcoming.

Free Annual Medical Wellness Check Ups - Why wait to practice wellness? Check out your free wellness and preventative care benefits as a TLC member. An annual physical, related lab tests and preventative screenings are provided at no cost to enrolled members and their covered family members. For more information, visit the Plan Summary of Benefits or contact the HR Department.



Mr. Hermione Slade and Mrs. LeJeune Stone were the lucky winners of the gift card drawing following the AFLAC meetings.

**MOTIVATIONAL
THOUGHT**

It is never too late
to be what you
might have been.

-George Eliot

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www.surrycountyva.gov