

SURRY COUNTY EMPLOYEE NEWSLETTER

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April 22, 2012 is Earth Day!

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This is the second issue of 2012.

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

June 15th for Jul.-Sept. 2012 issue

Sept. 14th for Oct-Dec 2012 issue

The Board of Supervisors has designated April 2012 as "Surry County Clean-Up Month"

Special refuse collection containers will be placed at the following locations and times for citizens to dispose of appliances, furniture, yard debris, and scrap building materials.

April 14, 2012 (9am-1pm)
Bacon's Castle Grocery
Old L.P. Jackson School Site
Goodson Path Collection Site

April 28, 2012 (9am-1pm)
Claremont Fire Station
Pineview Road Collection Site
Beaverdam Road
Goodson Path Collection Site

April 27, 2012 is County Employee Clean-Up Day

Participants can report to the Community Center at 3:00pm to begin clean-up along Rt. 10 West. Hot dogs and cool drinks will be made available and participants will receive a free County polo shirt! Please contact the Administrative Office at 294-5271 for more information.

Message from the County Administrator



How far will teamwork take you? All the way to success!

Whether it is a large organization with numerous employees or a smaller group of staff, as is the case with Surry County, everyone benefits from the efforts of teamwork.

Teamwork makes sense because it facilitates the interaction of staff which is necessary to deliver services to the public. It also reinforces a value system among employees that says, "We are all in this together and together we can accomplish anything."

This attitude has been exemplified through various County functions and through the efforts of many different departments.

Whenever there is a positive outcome from a team oriented approach in the completion of a specific task, it is not so important that one individual stands out over another. What is important is that collectively, we all get the credit for the successful effort.

It is great to be a part of a team and I am proud to be a player for **Team Surry County!**

Teamwork

OTHER EMPLOYEE NEWS



Sheriff Clayton and his deputies began wearing their new uniforms on March 1, 2012. Uniforms were purchased through federal grant funding.

Congratulations:

To Mrs. Linda B. Ellis on her retirement in March 2012. She will be sorely missed!

To Gwen Brown (Surry DSS) on her retirement effective April 30, 2012. We wish you the very best Gwen!

To Sheriff's deputies Mr. Eric Quarles and Mr. Stanley Jones, IV who have completed their training and officially joined the force on March 19, 2012.

To Ashanti Beatty, daughter of Mrs. Sonia Beatty, for being selected as a debutante by the Delta Sigma Theta Sorority on March 17, 2012.

Condolences:

To Mrs. Harriet Ruffin and Ms. Onike Ruffin who lost family members Jeannie E. Smith who passed on Feb. 7, 2012, and Bishop Otis Smith who passed on Feb. 20, 2012.

Mrs. Sherri Thomas who lost her grandmother, Mrs. Lucy Tynes on March 2, 2012.



TRIVIA CONTEST:

Be the first to answer the following trivia question and win a small prize available in the Administrator's Office.

Name the snack food that has a National holiday named for it on April 26, 2012.

Winner of the previous contest was Tammi Arthur. She correctly answered that J.D. Salinger (Catcher in the Rye) was born on New Year's Day in 1919.

HUMAN RESOURCES NEWS

The Human Resources Department has scheduled the following dates for employees to meet with insurance representatives:

April 4th – **MetLife** – Retirement/Financial Planning
2 sessions at 10am & 11am in the JDR Courtroom

May 9th – **AFLAC** – appointments from 10am-3pm
in County Admin. and Social Services Conference Rooms

May 16th – **Common Health** – health screenings from 10am-3pm
in the Cooperative Extension Office

May 23rd – **Anthem** – 2 sessions 10am & 10:30am
in the JDR Courtroom

June 5th – **Nationwide** – appointments from 11am-4pm
in the County Administrative Conference Room

All appointments should be made in advance by contacting County Administration at 294-5271.

Incentives, gift cards, drawings, etc.

Employee Profiles:

Commissioner of the Revenue



Deborah J. Nee has served as Commissioner of the Revenue since March 2007. She was employed as a Deputy I Commissioner of the Revenue in February of 2000 and was promoted to Deputy II in July 2002. Debbie is currently enrolled in the COR Career Development Program. She enjoys reading, sewing, camping, and walking her dog. She has been married to her husband, Dave for 30 years and has two sons, Andrew and Christopher and one daughter-in-law, Galina.



Elaine J. Galloway has served as Deputy I Commissioner of the Revenue since June of 2003 and was promoted to Deputy II in January 2008. She likes to read, walk her granddog, Sierra, take walks through Williamsburg with her husband, and visit museums. She has been married to her husband, David for 43 years and has one son and three grandchildren. In addition she is an active member of Moore's Swamp Church.



Jonathan F. Judkins has served as Deputy I Commissioner of the Revenue since February 2008 and is enrolled in the COR Career Development Program. He is a graduate of Christopher Newport University. Jonathan is a member of St. Paul's Episcopal Church and is involved in the Surry County Historical Society. He enjoys working in the yard, spending time with family, kayaking and spending time on the James River.

Birthdays & Years of Service

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

April 1	Monique James
April 2	Nancy Ray
April 4	Faye Warren
April 14	Hermione Slade
April 17	Gerald Poindexter
April 27	Pat Bernshausen
May 4	Harriet Ruffin
May 8	Roy Lane
May 9	Onike Ruffin
May 17	Carolyn Dickens
May 26	Frances Bailey
	Terri Hale
June 13	Barbara Newby

Years of Service with Surry County:

Tamara Arthur	3 years
Tyrone W. Franklin	11 years
Elaine Galloway	8 years
Shenee Graham	1 year
Robert Hill	12 years
Roy A. Lane	14 years
Aaron Mizelle	2 years
Clifford Redstone	1 year
LaJune Stone	11 years
Marta Terry	5 years
Fannie Thompson	9 years
Stacey Williams	3 years
Ricky Woodard	1 year

Sheriff's Office Weight Loss Program

Sergeant Michael Bailey organized a weight loss program in the Sheriff's Office which began on January 1st and will conclude on April 1st. Each employee wishing to participate contributed an entry fee. The person who has lost the most weight by April 1st will receive the total of the entry fees.

Participants are:

Aaron Mizelle, Betty Collier, Shenee Graham, Michael Bailey, Vernon Scott, and Nancy Ray. The winner will be identified in the next edition of this newsletter.





May is Business Appreciation Month:

Remember to Buy Locally... It Makes a Difference!

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Visit the County's website at www.surrycountyva.gov

MOTIVATIONAL THOUGHT

Success is how high you bounce when you hit bottom.

General George Patton

Surry County Tourism

Spring is the perfect time to visit some of Surry County's historic sites and participate in the programming offered there.

Some events of interest scheduled for Chippokes Plantation State Park:

- Easter Egg Hunt** - April 8, 2012 - 2-3pm - children ages 2-12 (free) \$4 parking fee
- Garden Tea** - April 21, 2012 - 10-4pm (free) \$4 parking fee
- Kids to Parks Day** - May 19, 2012 - 9-2pm - \$2/person or \$6/family

For more info on these or other programs, call 294-3728.

For programming information at Bacon's Castle, call 357-5976.

For programming information at Smith's Fort Plantation, call 294-3872.

Calendar of Events:



- April 8, 2012 - Easter Sunday
- April 22, 2012 - Earth Day
- April 25, 2012 - Administrative Professionals Day
- May 5, 2012 - Cinco de Mayo
- May 13, 2012 - Mother's Day
- May 28, 2012 - Memorial Day*
- June 9, 2012 - High School Graduation
- June 13, 2012 - Surry Power Station Siren Test
- June 17, 2012 - Father's Day
- June 20, 2012 - Summer Begins



***Government Offices are closed**



Register at www.SurryLeadercast.eventbrite.com

Chick-fil-A Leadercast is a one-day event broadcast LIVE from Atlanta to locations around the world including Surry, Virginia on May 4, 2012. This leadership training event will feature world-class speakers and will be held at New Harvest Church at a cost of \$59 per participant. The County will be sponsoring a Business Appreciation Luncheon during this event from 12-1:30pm. For more information, call 757-880-4784.

THE CHOICES YOU MAKE DEFINE THE LEADER YOU BECOME



Each day we make a choice to change the culture of organizations and families. To influence others by meeting the everyday needs of the community. Is it possible to make choices that will impact ourselves, our teams, and even our cities for the better?

Chick-fil-A® Leadercast® is the can't-miss leadership event on May 4, 2012, broadcast LIVE from Atlanta and simulcasted to more than 125,000 leaders throughout the world.