

SURRY COUNTY EMPLOYEE NEWSLETTER

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NOVEMBER 2011 GENERAL ELECTION RESULTS

Senator L. Louise Lucas (18th District)
Delegate Rick L. Morris (64th District)
Delegate Roslyn C. Tyler (75th District)
Mr. Gerald G. Poindexter - Commonwealth's Attorney
Mr. Alvin W. Clayton, Sr. - Sheriff
Mrs. Deborah J. Nee - Commissioner of the Revenue
Mrs. Mary H. Shaw - Treasurer
Mrs. Judy S. Lyttle - Board of Supervisors (Bacon's Castle District)
Mr. Kenneth R. Holmes - Board of Supervisors (Carsley District)
Mr. Giron R. Wooden, Sr. - Board of Supervisors (Claremont District)
Mr. Ernest L. Blount - Board of Supervisors (Dendron District)
Mr. John M Seward - Board of Supervisors (Surry District)
Mrs. Elsie M. Dennis - School Board (Bacon's Castle District)
Mrs. Marion H. Wilkins - School Board (Carsley District)
Mrs. Laura P. Ruffin - School Board (Claremont District)
Mrs. Audrey L. Byrd - School Board (Dendron District)
Mr. Harold L. Jones, Jr. - School Board (Surry District)

Message from the County Administrator

Good Foundations for the Future:

Have you ever heard the phrase, "A home is only as good as the foundation it is built upon"? The key word in this statement is *foundation*. In order for the house to stand the test of time, its foundation would have to be solid and well constructed. The same concept can be applied to many areas of one's professional and personal life.

As it applies to Surry County, this same ideology is the focus as we work to develop our County infrastructure to meet the needs of the future. The County is currently involved in two infrastructure initiatives that will prove to be the foundation for a brighter future: **Broadband Implementation** and **Sanitation Authority Outreach Strategy** (see article on page 4). Access to high speed internet and improved water and wastewater availability will enhance the County's ability to support future economic development opportunities and improve the overall quality of life for the citizens of Surry County.

I am encouraged by what these initiatives will mean for the County and I look forward to what the future will bring to us through their implementation.

Wishing you all a happy and prosperous New Year!



This is the first 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:

March 15th for April-June 2012 issue

June 15th for Jul.-Sept. 2012 issue

OTHER EMPLOYEE NEWS



Deputies Michael Bailey and Dearyl Anderson received a promotion to the rank of Sergeant in March of 2011.

Pictured above: Sergeant Anderson and Sergeant Bailey

Congratulations to Mrs. Judy Lyttle, newly elected Chair of the Surry County Board of Supervisors and the first woman in the history of the Board to hold that position!

Welcome to New Staff:

Ms. Terri Hale, Director of Finance and Information Technology.

Congratulations:

Miss Shawniece Diggs graduated in December 2011 from Riverside School of Nursing (and passed her Board Exam in January) and will begin her new career as an RN with Riverside Regional Medical Center's Cardiac Care Unit. We wish her the very best in her new career!

Mr. Hermione Slade continues to maintain a 4.0 grade point average at Paul D. Camp Community College. Mr. Slade received certification by the State Board of Refrigeration Examiners on Dec. 15, 2011.

Mrs. Tammi Arthur adopted her two "bouncing baby boys" over the Christmas holiday: Nicholas (age 22) and Kendall (age 19).

Mrs. Deborah Hatcher will become the Clerk of Hopewell Combined District Court effective January 10, 2012. We wish her well.

Condolences:

To Mrs. Donna McBride whose nephew passed away in November 2011.

To Ms. Juanita Parker whose mother, Mrs. Martha MacMiller, passed on November 16, 2011.

To Mrs. Lucille Epps and Mrs. Mary Lynne Hayes whose sister-in-law and aunt, Mrs. Joyce James, passed away in December 2011.

To Mrs. Monique Barnes whose mother, Mrs. Ann Garling, passed on December 19, 2011.

To Ervin Jones whose uncle, James Jones, Jr., passed away in December 2011.

TRIVIA CONTEST:

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

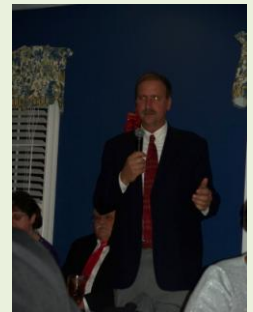
Name the American author born on New Year's Day in 1919. His first and most famous novel was published in 1951.

Winners of the previous contest were Glynis Epps and Sherri Thomas.

Both came up with Alabama (1836) as the first state to recognize Christmas as an official holiday.



2011 Employee Christmas Social



SURRY COUNTY CHRISTMAS EVENTS



2011 Christmas Parade

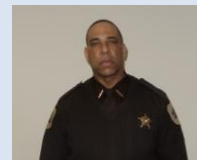


Employee Profiles:



SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

Alvin W. Clayton, Sr. has worked in law enforcement with Surry County for 30 years. He became Sheriff in May of 2010 after the retirement of Sheriff Harold Brown. He was recently re-elected as Sheriff in November 2011 to serve a four year term. Alvin has been married to Elva Elliott Clayton for 28 years; has two children, Alvin Jr. and Tiffany; and one grandchild, Alvin W. Clayton, III, known as Tre.



The Sheriff's Office is currently fully staffed with 21 employees: 13 deputies, 7 dispatchers and an administrative assistant. In March 2011 the department created a civil division headed by Sgt. Thomas, a patrol division headed by Sgt. Bailey, and an investigative division headed by Sgt. Anderson. There are two deputies scheduled to graduate from the Basic Academy in March of 2012. Since Sheriff Clayton took office in May 2010, the department has participated in training for deputies and dispatchers, obtained grants for bullet proof vests and other equipment as well as new uniforms. Sheriff Clayton says that the department "will continue to effectively, efficiently and professionally enforce the laws of the Commonwealth" and will continue to keep Surry County and its citizens safe.

Michael Bailey has been a law enforcement officer for 24 years; 18 of them in Surry County. He graduated from Surry County High School in 1983 and from Paul D. Camp Community College in 2008. He is married to Nicole Herbin-Bailey. Sergeant Bailey is in charge of the Patrol Division.

Dearyl E. Anderson, Sr. joined the Surry County Sheriff's Office in January of 2003. Sergeant Anderson is in charge of Criminal Investigation.

William Thomas joined the Surry County Sheriff's Office in July of 1991. Sergeant Thomas is currently in charge of the Civil Division.

Ms. Sharon Scott has been employed by the Surry County Sheriff's office for 30 years as Administrative Assistant to the Sheriff.

Birthdays & Years of Service

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

January 3	Pamela Flowers
January 4	Virginia Gary
January 7	Benita Veiga
January 12	Mary Shaw
	Rhonda Mack
January 13	Lucille Epps
January 15	Robin Eley
January 19	Vernitia Cooke
January 19	Shelia Hunt
January 21	Karen Holloway
February 2	Gloria Holloman
February 2	Dearyl Anderson
February 15	Ervin Jones
	Robert Hill
February 18	Vita Caine
February 24	Carol Serviss
February 25	Joan Brown
March 2	Tracy Terry
March 4	LaJeune Stone
March 15	Alvin Clayton
	Michael Bailey
March 16	Judith Robinson
March 22	Robert Mason
March 22	Sherri Thomas
March 30	Roderick Barbee
March 31	Gwendolyn Brown

Years of Service with Surry County:

Dearyl Anderson	9 years
Angela Blount	13 years
Vita C. Huggins	6 years
Gail P. Clayton	12 years
Elizabeth Collier	13 years
Linda Ellis	33 years
Glynis Epps	10 years
Ervin A. Jones	29 years
Jonathan F. Judkins	4 years
Deborah Nee	12 years
Sandra Pierce	10 years
Gerald Poindexter	41 years
Nancy Ray	26 years
Onike N. Ruffin	10 years
Sharon Scott	30 years
Vernon Scott	6 years
Tracey Terry	1 year
Faye Warren	12 years
Devida Wheeler	4years

Employee Profiles Cont'd.

Sheriff's Department Deputies are:

- Benny Back
- Roderick Barbee
- Robert A. Hill
- Stanley Jones
- Roy A. Lane
- Nicole Price
- Eric Quarles
- Vernon T. Scott
- Donnell Stewart
- Shelle Switzer

Sheriff's Department Dispatchers are:

- Elizabeth Collier
- Shenee Graham
- James A. Joyner
- Aaron Mizelle
- Nancy Ray
- Carol Serviss
- Marta Terry
- Devida Wheeler



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THOUGHT**

Be at War with your Vices, at Peace with your Neighbors, and let every New Year find you a better Man.

Ben Franklin

Surry Sanitation Authority Outreach Activity

On Tuesday, November 15, 2011 the Surry County Board of Supervisors met with representatives from the Claremont, Dendron and Surry Town Councils to begin discussing the feasibility of developing a County-wide Sanitation Authority.

Mr. Earl Sutherland, Vice President of Patton, Harris, Rust and Associates gave a brief overview of the 2008 Surry County Master Water and Sewer Plan and a summary of the available resources within the County. Following Mr. Sutherland's presentation, consultants from the VCU Performance Management Group facilitated discussion among the elected officials focused on determining their top questions and concerns as well as what they could identify as the major advantages of the establishment of a Sanitation Authority.

The meeting was very productive and a second such meeting is scheduled to take place in the General District Courtroom on Thursday, January 26, 2012.

Calendar of Events:

- January 1, 2012 - New Year's Day
- January 2, 2012 - New Year Holiday*
- January 13, 2012 - Lee/Jackson Day*
- January 16, 2012 - Martin Luther King Jr. Day*
- February 2, 2012 - Groundhog Day
- February 14, 2012 Valentine's Day
- February 20, 2012 - President's Day*
- March 11, 2012 - Daylight Saving Time Begins
- March 17, 2012 - St. Patrick's Day
- March 20, 2012 - Spring Begins

**Government Offices are closed*

HUMAN RESOURCES NEWS

- Reminder to receive your free flu shot at participating pharmacies.
- CommonHealth Health Screenings (Cholesterol - Blood Pressure - Blood Sugar) will be scheduled soon.
- Employee Assistance Program (EAP) – The EAP provided to health plan members offers up to 4 visits at no cost to you or members of your household for counseling in such areas as mental health, substance abuse, work & family issues and financial or legal matters.
- Contact Mrs. Ruffin immediately if you need to make changes to your Employee Withholding Allowance Certificate (W-4 / VA-4 forms).
- Remember to use "My VRS" to find out about your personal retirement or life insurance accounts. If you are thinking about retirement, please plan to attend one of the retirement work sessions that can be accessed through "My VRS".
- MetLife representatives coming in March – details to follow.