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Habitat for Humanity

Northrop Grumman Newport News along with the United Steelworkers of America (Local 8888) are working together to recruit volunteers to work on their third house for the Peninsula Habitat for Humanity. The project is called "Labor Management House 3", and after some initial delays due to building permits the construction started on Saturday, January 8th. Construction will continue on the weekends of January and February if weather permits. The Apprentice School took part in the last Habitat for Humanity House. This year The Apprentice School hopes to have a strong showing of support with a larger turnout of apprentices. The public relations committee of the ASSA is organizing specific days for apprentices to come out and pitch in some time during February. If you have any experience in the construction field it would be helpful but it is definitely not required. It is also recommended that you bring hand tools for your own use if you have any. If you are interested in coming out and helping build a house for someone less fortunate than yourself contact Ralph Stalter at (757) 342-8077. He will be more than helpful in giving dates and times and making sure you are updated so you can come out and make a difference.

Graduation

The Class of 2004 graduated on January 21, 2005. It was a cold evening but that didn't deter the hundreds of family and friends who came out to support their graduates. Heritage High School hosted the event and it was a packed house. Before the ceremony started, the graduates were lined up in the cafeteria trying on their cap and gowns while waiting in line to get their pictures taken. Many ASSA delegates helped inside packing certificates into envelopes and escorting VIP's to their waiting room. Some weathered the cold evening air to direct traffic in the parking lots. I saw one of the delegates out there with only a sweater on! He was really dedicated that night! As soon as 8 o'clock struck, the graduates walked into the auditorium to take their seats. There were many award winners in both Athletics and Academics this year. "This is the most award winners I believe I've ever seen", said Mr. Maxey, an Apprentice School Instructor who was back stage. The panel of honorary quests included Mike Petters, President of Northrop Grumman Newport News, Rebecca A. Stewart, Vice President of our Submarine Program, and 1962 Alumni Robert R. Hardison, Director of Quality and Technical Services. This was a very rewarding experience for the graduates as well as a motivating experience for me! On behalf of The Builder Bulletin Staff, I would like to send a **BIG CONGRATULATIONS** to the Class of 2004!

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Saint Valentine

I graduated high school with a class of 35 students, 24 of them I had gone to school with since kindergarten. Every year on February 14th, my classmates and I would make a Valentine's box and give out Valentine's cards to each other. We didn't really know why though, all we cared about was the candy. Being married, I wonder why celebrate Valentine's Day? Yeah, great there was some guy named Saint Valentine, but what was so special about him. Well I did a Google search and it led me to the History Channel website, a great site, where I found the truth about a Saint named Valentine.

During Third Century Rome, Emperor Claudius II was ruling most of Europe. He had problems keeping enough good soldiers to protect his empire. Claudius had a revelation. He realized that if a young man didn't have a wife or family, then the soldier would be more willing to be gone long and fight without having to worry about his family. Claudius then outlawed the marriage of young men. A kind of rebellious Saint, named Valentine who didn't really like Claudius thought that the new law outlawing marriage was unjust. So, Saint Valentine went ahead and married the young people in secret. Emperor Claudius found out about the secret dealings of Saint Valentine and he was furious. Claudius ordered Valentine to be put to death for his crimes against the Empire. While imprisoned, Valentine fell in love with the jailor's daughter. She visited him and exchanged messages with him while he was waiting to be put to death. The last letter that the jailor's daughter received was signed From Your Valentine.

That is what Valentine's Day is really about, showing love even in the face of death. Today we probably won't be put in that situation, but remember that some people don't get a second chance to tell their loved one's that they mean the world to them. So don't take a chance go ahead and buy a dozen roses and a box of chocolates, because in the end you will leave all your worldly possessions behind and all that will be left of you is the love that you gave to people.



By: *Adam Williams*

SPORTS

Builder Pride

Since the beginning The Apprentice School has taken pride in its sports program. From the 1919 football team that went undefeated and the outstanding 1937 basketball team that won the state tournament, The Apprentice School has demonstrated that they are contenders at team sports on a collegiate-level. The “head, heart, and hand” is The Apprentice School motto and it is incorporated into a strict training program that produces great athletes as well as shipbuilders. There are numerous coaches and athletes associated with The Apprentice School that are dedicated to building its sports program and living up to its great name. Although it is a great challenge to work full time, complete five semesters of classes, and participate in sports there are many apprentices that have accomplished it. So I would like to take this time to acknowledge all athletes past, present and future for all your hard work and dedication to The Apprentice School-it is greatly appreciated.

By: *Vanessa Byrd*

Sports Recap

Currently, we have basketball and wrestling as our winter sports. To update you on Builder athletics we have the men’s basketball team, currently 3-11. Head coach Bill Tose has seniors Charles Holiday and Curtis Pender leading the team offensively this season. Holiday has 286 points so far for this season. Pender follows him with 235 points. Defensively, Nathan Robinson leads the team with 132 rebounds.

On the women’s side, currently 3-10, head coach Judi Overbey has seniors Tiffany Johnson and Amy Patterson leading the team this season. Tiffany Johnson leads the team with 28 steals so far for the season. Amy Patterson and Whitney Lassiter lead the team in scoring. Patterson has 96 points so far for the season and Lassiter has 111 points. Although they are having tough seasons this year the teams need you to come out and show your support. The men have their last game of the season on February 22nd against Southern Virginia at 6:00 p.m. And the women have their last game of the season on February 14th against Meredith College at 5:00 p.m.

Apprentice Wrestling freshmen, Jon Glavin and Cecil Lee, finished fourth at 133 and 285 pounds respectively. The team finished sixth in the Virginia Division I State Tournament held at the University of Virginia. At the Builder Invitational, The Apprentice School came in second place with a total team score. Brad and Jon Glavin both took first place for their respective weight classes, as did Reuben Russell. Builders Wrestlers, Josh Flint and Eric Lybarger took second place. The last tournament of the season takes place on March 11-12, as the Builders wrestle at the NCWA Nationals.

By: *Vanessa Byrd*

Editor's Pick

Where are they now?

Being apprentices, sometimes we forget that there were others before us and that they still work throughout the shipyard on various projects or in different buildings. We encounter different apprentice graduates everyday, but often don't have time to hear their story. Take time now to hear the tale of one such apprentice graduate.

It is 6:45 on Monday morning. You're dragging yourself out of your car to make it to Mr. Brown's wonderful physics class. You walk on cruise control through the gate towards the apprentice school. You come through the front door alongside Ms. Vereen and just barely utter a g'morning. As you walk down the hallway you notice a door on the left past the men's bathroom, but before the conference room. There is a lady sitting at her desk just inside that door. Do you know who she is, or where she came from? You will.

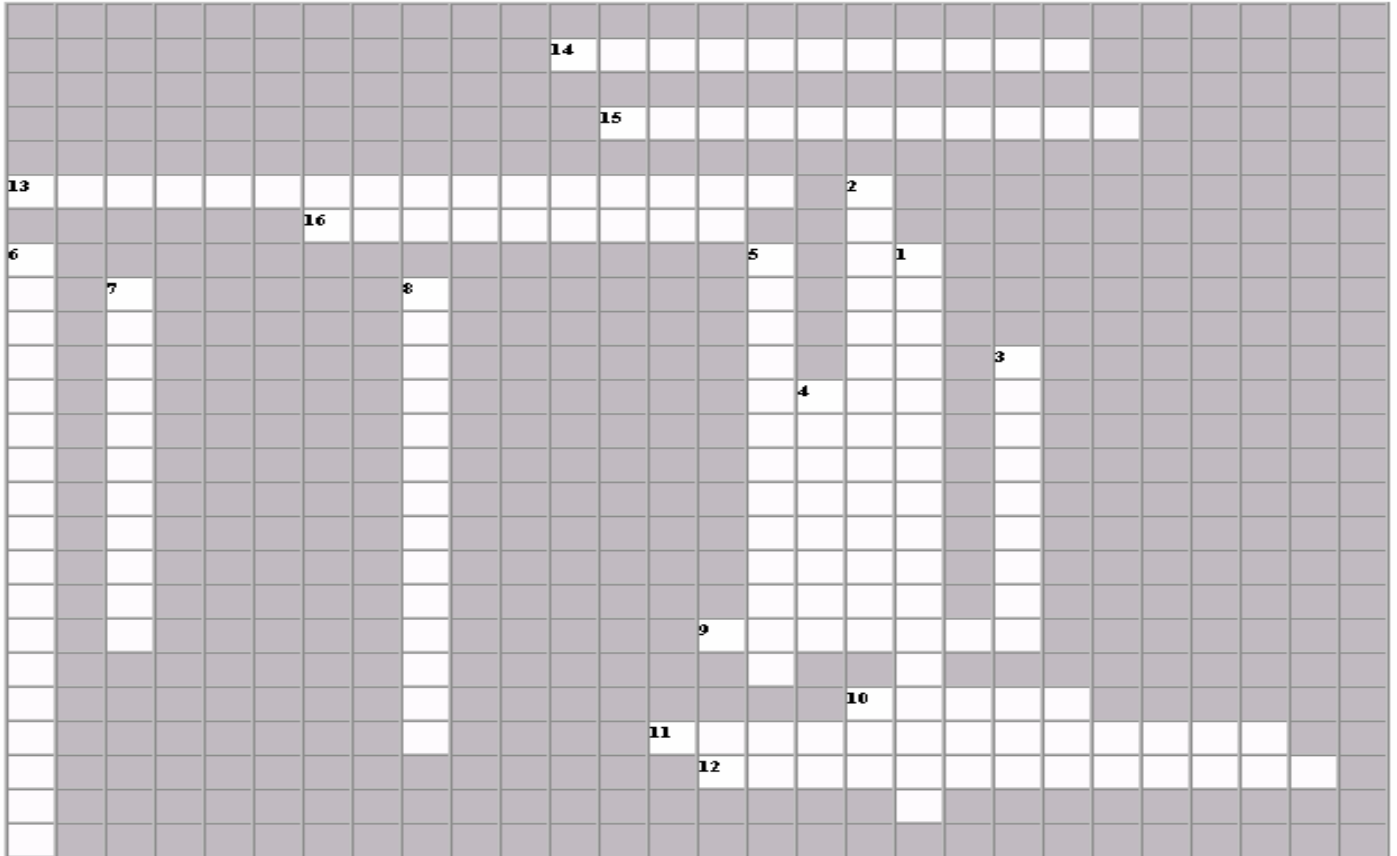
Judy Tyler works in Human Resources in The Apprentice School. She was an X-42 apprentice and graduated in 2001. She worked for such Apprentice Instructors as Ron Tyler, Richard Couteret, and Wayne Lucas among others. Ms. Tyler worked in the copper shop, new construction on the Reagan, and overhaul on the Nimitz. Upon graduation she went into M-30, planning. While she was a planner, she earned a Bachelors degree in Business Administration from St. Leo University. With this degree and a diploma from The Apprentice School she landed her current job in Human Resources. She is currently working on her Masters at Averett University.

Upon reflection of her apprenticeship Ms. Tyler said that the job she was most proud of was her work on the Reagan. Working for Ron Tyler in the RAR on the Reagan was also her most enjoyable experience on the waterfront. When asked what advice she would give to current apprentices, Judy said "make it more than just a day to day job." Get involved in The Apprentice School by playing sports or joining the ASSA so that you can "have a voice during your apprenticeship." And to the new apprentices, she says "be careful about your reputation, it goes with you wherever you go." Stay focused, apply yourself, and set goals for yourself above the average goals that average apprentices set.

Now you know who she is, so next time you pass by her desk, step in and say 'hey' or when you're having some trouble with your apprenticeship, ask her advice. She's been there. She's done that.

By: Cameron Vaught

ACTIVITIES



Across

- George Washington Carver was an agricultural chemist that invented 300 uses for _____.
- February is National _____ History Month.
- Co-Founder of the NAACP.
- The first black man to enroll at the University of Alabama.
- The first black Supreme Court Justice.
- The first black Secretary of State.
- The first black U.S. Senator.
- The amendment that gave blacks the right to vote.

Down

- Famous abolitionist speaker who was a former slave.
- The first black man to play major league baseball.
- This woman stood up for her rights and didn't move to the back of the bus.
- The first state to have a black governor.
- The first black governor of a state.
- One of the founders of the civil rights movement.
- Floats like a butterfly, stings like a bee.
- Invented the dry cleaning process and was the first black man to hold a patent.

ACTIVITIES

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Boney's Math Quiz

An apprentice goes to the bookstore to purchase some pencils. To purchase one pencil, an apprentice must pay a **minimum** of 4 coins. Two pencils could be purchased with a **minimum** of 6 coins. Three pencils would require a **minimum** of 2 coins. How much does one pencil cost?

Coins include a penny (\$.01), a nickel (\$.05), a dime (\$.10), a quarter (\$.25), a half-dollar (\$.50), and a dollar-coin (\$1.00).

Be the first to turn in the answer to this quiz and win a prize from the ASSA! Turn your answers in to Debi Cross in the admissions office. Also look for more quizzes in our upcoming editions for the chance to win more cool prizes, like Apprentice School Apparel, or free food at Builder home games!

In our attempt to make your Builder Bulletin an even better reading experience, feel free to email me your ideas or suggestions @ kareem.solomon@ngc.com or write it down in the space provided and leave your thoughts with Debi Cross in the admissions office. Your comments are greatly appreciated.

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