

Builder Bulletin

The Apprentice School

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September 19th
Northrop Grumman
Newport News Day at
Kings Dominion

October 2nd
Homecoming game

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A Moment of Silence...

Last month the Apprentice Program suffered a tragic loss. Charles Short of 043 was electrocuted and passed away at Riverside hospital. It is comforting to know that several NGNN directors as well as contracted social workers arrived to the hospital extremely fast and were there to comfort Mr. Short's wife and 3 year-old child. There is an account set up at the Newport News Shipyard Employees' Credit Union to make donations to Mr. Short's family.

Please make an effort to know and follow correct procedures and safety precautions necessary when doing a job. If you have any health or safety oriented questions, visit the Health and Safety webpage on yardnet (<http://yardnet/divisions/humres/o27/hlthsfty.stm>). Remember, you have the right to a safe job—your job isn't supposed to injure, kill or maim. Unfortunately each year more than 6 million U.S. workers are injured or become sick on the job. 50,000 U.S. workers die from occupational illness and nearly 6,000 are killed on the job. As much as NGNN strives to make this a safe workplace, it must still be thought of as a dangerous place to work and only one person can keep you protected 100% of the time... YOU!

Dipdaddy

A rope ladder containing 60 rungs hangs over the side of the USS Dwight D. Eisenhower. Each rung is one foot from the next one and the bottom rung is resting on the surface of the water. The tide is rising at a rate of 12 inches per hour. How long will it take for the bottom 3 rungs to be submerged?

By: Dipdaddy

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new dryer
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set
Great buy! A must see!
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**DOES A VIRUS HAVE YOUR COMPUTER FEELING (AND
LOOKING) BLUE?**

**IS YOUR COMPUTER RUNNING SLOWER THAN IT USED TO
BE?**

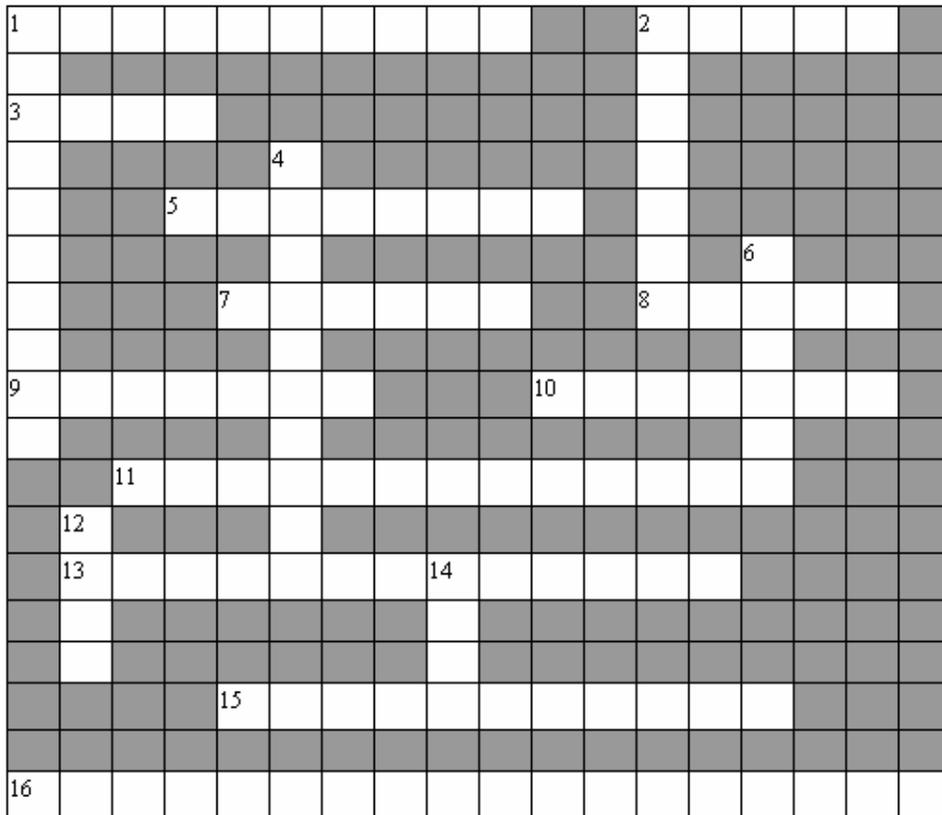
CONSIDER A PC TUNE UP!!

YOUR COMPUTER WILL THANK YOU!!

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Football Crossword

In honor of the start of the football season, this month's crossword is dedicated football. That's right, its chocked full of good 'ole gridiron jargon. See how much you know about football by trying to finish this crossword. Don't forget to come out and support The Apprentice School Builders Football Team this fall.



ACROSS

1. Not the band, but an extra defensive back.
2. Putting pressure on the quarterback and trying to tackle him behind the line of scrimmage.
3. Tackling the quarterback.
5. A catholic fan's favorite football play.
7. Hikes the ball to the quarterback.
8. Part of the touchdown celebration done right before the dance.
9. Sideways or backwards pass from one player to another.
10. Player that catches passes, usually lines up outside the tight end.
11. Its a kind of firetruck, but also a type of play.
13. Catching a pass meant for the other team.
15. The player who calls the plays and throws the ball.
16. Trophy awarded to the winner of the Superbowl.

DOWN

1. Defensive player directly across from the center.
2. Offensive players whose primary job is to run the ball.
4. The teams second line of defense.
6. The guy with one funny shoe, usually the smallest guy on the field.
12. Another term for interception.
14. Kick made by dropping the ball and kicking it as it falls.

Spirit of Norfolk



On July 24, 2004, it was a cloudy and rainy day. Traffic was backed up throughout the peninsula but that didn't stop the party goers who boarded the Spirit of Norfolk. The party started at 8 pm when the boat set sail. The crew members dazzled the audience with a live performance that made you want to get up and sing along. After the excellent entertainment,

the buffet dinner was prepared. It consisted of several types of pastas, meats and vegetables. Dessert was brought to the tables by excellent servers. Once the party goers were full, they were ready to get their boogie on. Although the dance floor was small, that didn't stop them from doing the electric slide to get the party started. The DJ pumped it up from there with more up to date jams.



The atmosphere was electrifying and exciting through the Triple level vessel. The observation deck was full of couples that wanted to enjoy the moon light and each others company. It was a very successful event and if you didn't attend, you should think about it next year.

By: Linda McMillian

Interview with Mr. Casto

Apprentice School Athletic Director

With the first game of the football season approaching, the renovations to the apprentice field are in high gear. After talking to Mr. Casto, the Director of Athletics, I'm convinced that Builder Football fans will be very pleased with the changes. Mr. Casto is very excited about all the new changes. He says, "we have the best playing field in the state of Virginia" and with these changes, our field "will have quality and class." Among the changes are the new bleachers with a high-tech, 3 room press box on the home side. The press box is 42 feet long and will house officials, a camera crew, and coaches from both teams. The bleachers will display our schools maroon and gold colors and will have seat backs for comfort. There will be seating for 1700 fans and also 16 handicap spaces for those in wheelchairs. For those of you who have been to the games in past seasons and had to sit on that bottom row where the bushes lining the sidelines block your view, you don't have to worry about that anymore! The first row of seating will now start above the bushes so everyone in the stands will now be able to enjoy the game. Wider aisles and safety rails have been added to the 950 capacity visitors' bleachers and a covered back will give them a fuller look. Mr. Casto also has a surprise banner that will be displayed across the top. I tried to get the inside scoop, but he's staying tight-lipped about it! The new hexagon shaped concession stand will be able to handle more patrons and allow faster service. A new grill and popcorn machine will be added along with the upgraded deep-fryer. Be sure to come out and support our team's first home game and celebrate the opening of our new field. Remember, the game is September 4th at 1 P.M. So make sure you're there to see how Mr. Casto has turned our field into, as he says, "a reflection of quality".

By: Kareem Solomon



Apprentices help clean, and paint the shed, to get ready for football season



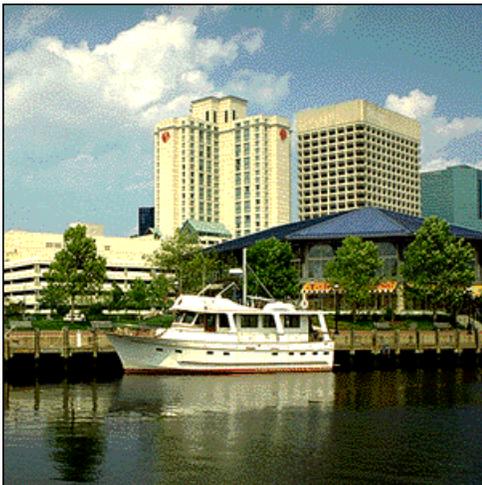
ATTENTION APPRENTICES!!!

The ASSA webpage (http://hometown.aol.com/ht_a/ngnassa/Home.html) would like you to visit. The site is designed to help keep Apprentices informed of upcoming events, make recent Builder Bulletins viewable online, provide details about ASSA executive officers, and offer information on most Apprentice-related material. This month, anyone who visits the site and makes an entry in the message board will be entered in a drawing to win free Apprentice gear. Just post your name and email address and you could win an Apprentice sweatshirt, polo shirt, hat, or other small prizes. The deadline will be September 31, and the drawing will be held shortly thereafter. Winners will be contacted via email. Remember to leave your E-mail address on the message board so we can contact you, See you there: http://hometown.aol.com/ht_a/ngnassa/Home.html.

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ASSA Christmas Party

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The Apprentice School Christmas Dinner Dance

For a great night of music, fun, food, and dancing don't miss the Dinner Dance this year. This is one of the best events of the year. Thousands of dollars in door prizes will be offered. Don't miss the fun!

When: December 4th, 2004

Where: The Marriott at Waterside

September Fun Quiz Answer

It will never rise above any rungs because the ship will rise with the tide!

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WHERE ARE THEY NOW?

As Danny Hunley would say “the Apprenticeship is about Craftsmanship, Leadership and Scholarship.” I would like to present a 2001 Apprentice graduate

by the name of Mark Wilson, who is an excellent representative of craftsmanship, leadership, and scholarship. **Craftsmanship:** In August of 1990, Mark embarked on a career opportunity as an X33 Insulator. This would become his foundation for the future. After seven years of perfecting his skills and abilities Mark enrolled in the Apprenticeship Program. He worked hard and demonstrated a self starter attitude and strived for perfection in all that he accomplished. While on the Truman, he was awarded the Program Managers



Award for Excellence because of his skillful and methodical approach. During his career pursuit Mark met a mentor by the name of Bennie Steele who took time to show him the aspects of being an X33 Insulator. **Leadership:** After graduating in 2001, Mark’s hard work, team work, and professionalism resulted in a Process Foreman in Trades Administration position. He worked on many special projects and implemented Opportunities for Improvement to contribute to the company’s success. Mark’s leadership style is straight forward and by the book as well as fair. He values his workers’ welfare and safety and desires to receive the same 100 % in return that he gives them. Mark strives to promote and inspire future leaders of the company. In 2003, Mark took his leadership and craftsmanship skills to a higher level when he became an X33 General Foreman.

Scholarship: He believes that in order for a person to succeed education is a must. Mark has taken part in several training classes such as: ISO 14001 Internal Auditors Course, NCPA Conference, International Marine & Offshore Conference, Society of Protective Coatings Conference, EPL training and Lean Work Shop just to name a few. He plans on continuing his education endeavors in Business Management.

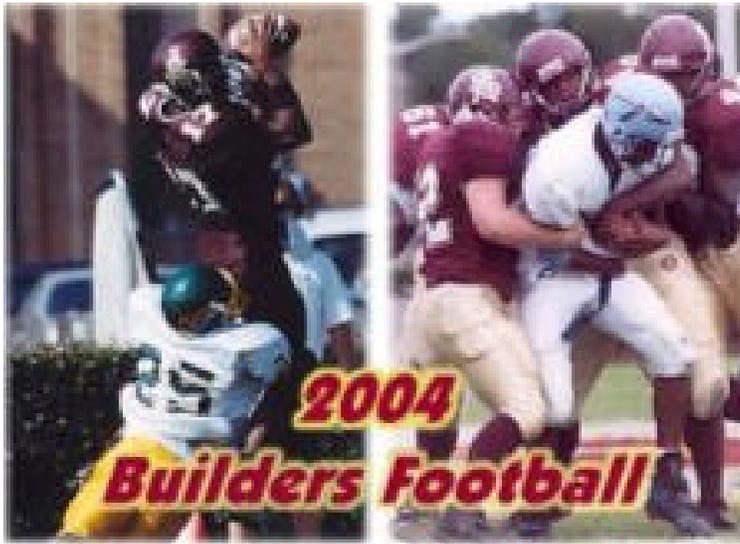
Mark is not all work and no play. He is the proud father of three and does community work with his church when he is not developing future leaders of the company. For all the future leaders of tomorrow Mark has these words for you, “What you learned in your apprenticeship apply it to everything you do everyday. Take advantage of the opportunities that are presented before you and never take them for granted.”

I have an update for those of you that have been following the article. Phillip Pauls (Aug issue) was promoted to X84 Production Control. He makes agendas for the Construction Superintendents. A big thanks goes out to all the Apprentice graduates who shared their time and stories with us. For all the Apprentices out there trying to reach their goals just remember you can’t stop those that have the power of knowledge.

By: Linda McMillian

ACCESS DENIED!!

If you have your computer access password please remember to use it every once in a while. The network requires you to change your password every 90 days. If you do not change your password your access to the network will slip and you will have to get a brand new access. Now why would anyone want to go through all that hassle when you just have to log on to the network and make sure you change your password on a regular basis. Some of you might be saying " I work on the ship and don't have access to a computer at work". If you don't have access to a computer on the job you can log onto a computer at The Apprentice School as long as there is someone to unlock the doors to the computer labs.



2004 Builders Football

Schedule

Home Games

Kean University	1:00 PM September 4
Chowan College	1:00 PM September 25
Salisbury University	1:00 PM October 2
Buffalo State College	1:00 PM October 23
Southern Virginia University	1:00 PM October 30

Football Crossword Answers

Across

1. Nickelback
2. Blitz
3. Sack
5. Hailmary
7. Center
8. Spike
9. Lateral
10. Flanker
11. HookandLadder
13. Interception
15. Quarterback
16. VinceLombardiTrophy

Down

1. Nosetackle
2. Backers
4. Linebacker
6. Kicker
12. Pick