



# BUILDER Highlights

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Hey! This is your new source for Hot Sheet news!



### Langley Speedway

Saturdays ALL SUMMER

5pm – 9pm

Hampton

VOLUNTEERS

WANTED!

Contact

Aleisha Jackson

757-637-5001 (p.2)



### Father's Day Fishing Trip

June 20 -

\$70/ea.

@ Cape

Hatteras

Bring a cooler, food and drinks; bait and rods provided



Cheer Team looking for members!

Contact Coach

Jordan-Dillard

(757)371-4127



Thursdays by the Lake

@ Mariner's Museum

ALL SUMMER

5pm – 10:30pm

Getting volunteer

hours!

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### Apprentice Beach Party

July 25, 5pm-9pm

@ Paradise Ocean Club

\$10 - adults (age 14+)

\$5 - children (age 4-13)

RSVP Tierra Jones

757-567-2440

### Spirit of Norfolk

scheduled for August 22, Mardi Gras theme!

Stay tuned for details...



Intramural Softball starting now – Contact Tierra Jones

Go to

[apprenticestudents.com](http://apprenticestudents.com)

for more info

## Langley Speedways

By Seth Benton, X33-I

Come out and support our local NASCAR drivers & fans in our Langley Speedway event. Tickets are \$15 for admission, & \$45 to visit the pit row, where the racers are. If you volunteer you get to visit both for free. Races are held every Saturday starting June 6 through September 26. Volunteering consists of selling 50/50 raffle tickets to the crowd from five until ten o'clock pm. Hearing protection is provided, as it will be loud.

One lucky ticket holder will win 50% of what is sold from the raffle and the other half is donated to various charities like American Cancer Society, The Big Brother Big Sister Foundation, and The Apprentice School Student Association. Food is sold by vendors that take VISA but cash is preferred. Be sure to try the Redneck Fries! Contact Aleisha Jackson at (757) 637-5001 for further details.

## Earth Day Clean-up

By Daniel Huber, X11

Newport News Shipbuilding (NNS) uses the acronym "S.O. A.R." to describe the company's environmental management policy. It stands for Stop Pollution, Obey Rules, Always Improve, and Reduce Waste. April 22 was Earth Day, when NNS employees, ten of whom were apprentices, gathered at the cul-de-sac on 26th street. It was a nice warm day to clean Christopher Newport Park behind River Park Tower. Many people showed up to pick up trash and help lay mulch around the trees.

There was a lot of trash that was picked up at the park and at the beach. The park is looking great with fresh mulch around the trees, and has a nice lively look to it. They finished up work at around five p.m., and then sat down to relax and look at the sunset while sitting on the bench.

## Thursdays this Summer

By Seth Benton, X33-I

Join me and a few hundred locals to kick off this summer's concert series: Thursdays by the Lake, with The Deloreans! This a FREE event every Thursday night starting June 4, going through August 27, from 6-10 p.m. at The Mariners' Museum.

Bring something to sit on and a few bucks to enjoy delicious catering by Smoke barbeque and other various vendors. The Mariners' Museum does not allow outside alcohol, as it will be sold during the concert. For volunteering opportunities, call Devante Watson, (757) 921-6465.

## Apprentice Highlight

By Daniel Huber, X11

Kevin "Triple B" Byrum is a ship-fitter apprentice currently working on the CVN 72. He has been working at Newport News Shipbuilding for five years and has been an apprentice for three-and-a-half years. He completes his time at the end of May 2015. Triple B has learned a lot and come a long way as an apprentice. His career choice also influenced his personal life in a positive manner. "Ship fitting has added to my skill set and has given me more confidence to take on larger tasks." He added that the leadership

skills he developed helped him become a better parent at home.

When he is not at work, Triple B likes to do is spend time with his two sons. They play, go fishing, go hunting, and his favorite: going camping. He also likes to ride his motorcycle. "My advice for apprentices and pretty much every-one is to be humble. Don't think we are better than our co-workers. Don't have the attitude of many that we are apprentices and we are only going to be with our tools for a short time. Learn from everyone around you. Everyone has value, take the good things you see and learn what to do. Appreciate the opportunity in front of you and take the full advantage of all apprentice school has to offer. Keep your mind on the future but keep your heart on the task at hand. Good luck and make your Alumni Proud."

## Unrecognized Craftsmen

By Seth Benton, X33-I

Many of us were trained by fellow apprentices, make-up foreman, and craft instructors, but sometimes we are trained by non-apprentices. Tyler "Toolbelt" Segelken is a welder. He is known for always having the right tool on the job, hence his nickname. He keeps most of his most handy tools in his pockets. "My job is very versatile, where I need an array of tools to get the job done right."

Toolbelt is a great example for how we should always approach our jobs. We want to have the necessary tools for the job, no matter what obstacles we run into.

## You're Out...or Not?

By Samantha Sawyer, E06

Recently, the ASSA took a trip to Baltimore, Maryland to see the Orioles play the Red Sox at Camden Yards. The game was great, but it was after the game that things really got interesting. At the top of the ninth inning, it started raining and people began to leave. However, they did not get far. The Mayor of Baltimore, Stephanie Rawlings-Blake, ordered Camden Yards to be put on lockdown. No one was allowed in or out of the stadium due to the rioters outside. It was very cold and people were not happy about the situation.

Meanwhile, to add to the excitement, the Red Sox made a comeback and went into a tenth inning looking to come out on top. The Orioles fought back and won 5-4. About forty-five minutes after the game, the mayor lifted the lockdown and people piled out of the facility.

As someone who attended this event, I almost felt like I was in an action movie. There were helicopters shining spotlights on everyone walking around the stadium. Every cop in the city had been called to duty that night and they were clearly on their toes. Luckily, I did not see any rioters or traces of them. Overall, though, it was a good game.

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*Baseball player Brock Harris doing the team-style run during the NNS 5K.*



## Runnin' It

By Erwin "Mo" Morales, A572

"No!" replied basketball player Jessica Neighbors molder apprentice when asked if she was ready to run. On May 2, 2015 around 8:30 a.m., NNS employees, friends, and family gathered in the shade of the VASCIC building for the 8th annual NNS 5K honoring employee fitness month.

Senior Healthwaves Program Coordinator, Brady Goggins, explained the importance of fitness, "You are more able to do your job. You have more energy to spend with your family. Someone that works out has a better perspective. They can relieve stress and are more alert on the job."

Along the 3.1 mile course, volunteers from the Apprentice School Student Association handed out water and high-fives. Near the end, baseball player and pipefitter apprentice Brock Harris caught a leg cramp. Luckily, teammates gave him a ride until he was close enough to hobble across the finish line.

"I have a lot of runners who don't stretch," said ASSA volunteer and massage therapist, Charmaine Smith, a non-destructive testing

apprentice. "I love putting them on my table because then they feel it. They cry when I hit something they don't stretch."

Catching up with Jessica Neighbors, she expressed how she felt after the run, "I feel great. I can't wait 'til next year."

By 10:19 a.m. winners were announced and Apprentice Alumnus Ray Bagley, vice president of trades operations, was recognized for increasing trades participation from seven percent to fourteen percent—an increase of about 100 people. One thousand, two hundred and eighty registered this year, but Goggins aims for 1,400 in 2016.

With about 20 ASSA volunteers and approximately 75 participating members from various Apprentice School athletic and extracurricular teams (football, men's basketball, women's basketball, baseball, cheerleading, and drumline), Goggins offered this invitation, "Let's try to get as many apprentices out there as we can next year!"