

from the editor | *For Lakeland, another young life taken too soon*

NANCY YOUNG, 222-5559, nancy.young@pilotonline.com



Hattie Brown Garrow worked quietly at her desk much of Thursday. She was writing the story of Tyquan Lewis' memorial that had happened Wednesday night.

And she was sad. Doubly so because in January she had to write another story eerily like it – that one about Michael Lee.

Like Tyquan, Michael was a young man shot and killed after a party went bad. He was also a Lakeland High School student, a

teammate's of Tyquan's on the football team. Tyquan was lost to us in the early hours of Sunday. Looking at the Facebook page dedicated to his memory, seeing his uncommonly sweet smile, I miss him and I didn't even know him.

I feel especially sad for the Lakeland students and staff because they are far too experienced at having to cope with their young friends being taken too soon. In the last two

years, five Lakeland students have died.

Monday was the first day of practice for fall sports, including football. It was a day Tyquan was surely looking forward to – his senior season of football.

"This was his home away from home and he considered all of us to be a part of his family," teammate Dameon White told correspondent Dan Cooley (page 11). "He would want us to just go out and play and practice hard."



open book

HATTIE BROWN GARROW
hattie.brown@pilotonline.com | 222-5552

**EDUCATION BAR
RAISED AT AREA
HIGH SCHOOLS**

AT SUFFOLK'S Nansemond River High School, an old manufacturing lab is being transformed into a classroom and production lab, complete with some of the latest technology. The renovations are in preparation for a new pre-engineering program.

Nineteen students accepted admission into the Project Lead the Way Pathway to Engineering program, which begins in September. The students, all rising freshmen, will start off with an introductory course taught by technology education teacher Dawn Rountree.

Speaking of high school specialty programs, King's Fork will offer its first official International Baccalaureate classes this year.

The school has enrolled

students in "pre-IB" courses for the last two years. Now that the first group has reached 11th grade, the actual IB diploma program – which is for juniors and seniors – can begin.

Program participants will meet a new IB lead teacher when they return to school. Carol Kennedy-Dickens replaces Hilve Firek, who opted to leave the division at the end of the academic year. Kennedy-Dickens is the third person to hold the title in the last two-and-a-half years.

Her job will include IB recruitment and coordinating for what is an intense program. From what I hear, she's had some practice. Phyllis Sharpe, Suffolk's coordinator of high school instructional services, said Kennedy-Dickens comes from the Newport News school division, where she led the IB program.

One last update: 37 rising freshman accepted admission into pre-IB classes for the fall. As of earlier this summer, five students remained on the waiting list.

Thanks but no thanks. That's essentially what Interim Superintendent Deran Whitney told the Suffolk city manager in a recent letter.

A couple weeks ago I wrote about Selena Cuffee-Glenn's suggestion that school officials provide the sites being considered for a new elementary school. Having city staff determine whether the locations fit the comprehensive plan would save the school division time and money, she said.

Engineering firm Kimley-Horn and Associates is conducting the site review at no extra charge, Whitney wrote in his reply. He urged the manager to send him any locations she'd like to see considered during the review process.

In case you don't remember, this new building would replace Robertson and Southwestern elementary schools. The School Board began searching

See **OPEN BOOK**, Page 7

BENEFIT | PREVIEW AND DEBUT

**Enjoy dog days of summer
at Humane Society event**

By Eric Feber
The Virginian-Pilot

How about hanging out at an upscale bistro's patio on a summer Saturday's eve sipping "muttinis" and "catmopolitans" while the family pooch is nearby scarfing down a gourmet doggie delight?

It's not a dog-lover's fantasy, but a reality when the Suffolk Humane Society presents its inaugural Mutt Strut Preview/Fetch Pup Debut early Saturday evening at the Mosaic Cafe in Downtown Suffolk at the Suffolk Center for Cultural Arts.

Between 5 and 9 p.m. the café will donate 13 percent of one's meal bill to benefit the Suffolk Humane Society's programs that strive to find permanent homes for animals from the Suffolk Animal Control shelter, teach responsible pet ownership and offer low-cost spay/neuter procedures for cats and dogs.

And for every newly created custom cocktail – or "cat-tail"? – like the "muttini" or "catmopolitan," the café will



COURTESY OF SUFFOLK HUMANE SOCIETY

A mini Fetch Pup will be auctioned off Saturday at the Inaugural Mutt Strut Preview/Fetch Pup Debut to benefit the Suffolk Humane Society and Fetch A Cure.

donate \$1 to the society. And as it did many months ago, the Mosaic folks will create a new tail-waggin' menu of healthy gourmet dinners to take home to Fido or for him to enjoy Saturday at the restaurant's outdoor patio.

During that time, diners may bring the family dog to the patio so long as Lassie

See **HUMANE**, Page 7

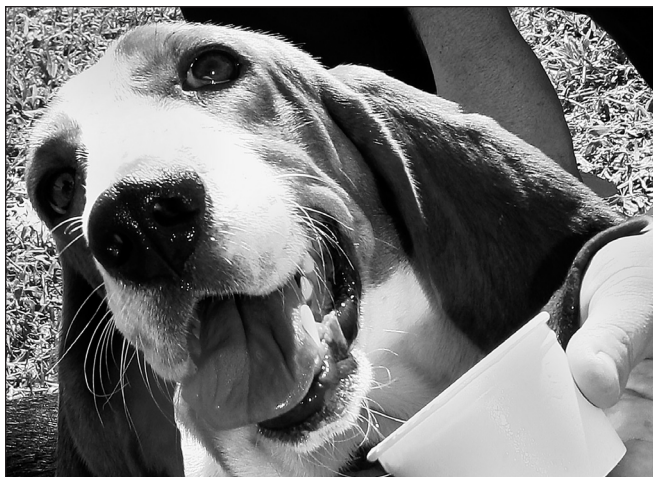
puppy party

What Inaugural Mutt Strut Preview/Fetch Pup Debut to benefit the Suffolk Humane Society and Fetch A Cure

Where Mosaic Cafe, 110 Finney Ave., in the Suffolk Center for Cultural Arts

When 5 to 9 p.m. Saturday

Contacts Call 538-3030, ext. 5, or visit www.suffolkhumane.org



VIRGINIAN-PILOT FILE PHOTO

Saturday's preview party is designed to get the public jazzed for the third annual Mutt Strut, set for Sept. 19 at Sleepy Hole Park. Here, a participant in a previous Mutt Strut takes part in an ice cream eating race.

HUMANE

Continued from Page 3

or King is well-behaved, on a leash and has all the necessary vaccinations.

"People can actually bring their dogs that night," said Kay Hurley, the society's director of community outreach. "I don't think that happens much in Suffolk."

The fun evening was designed to get the public jazzed for the third annual Mutt Strut, set for Sept. 19 at Sleepy Hole Park.

"We want to push and stress the dog walk; we want to sign up walkers," Hurley said. "The Mutt Strut itself is free, but with the dog walk we raise funds for our operations and programs."

Hurley said the preview party will also introduce the Richmond-based nonprofit Fetch A Cure, a group dedicated to promoting awareness, education and funding to treat elderly pets and those with cancer.

"They offer information about symptoms (for cancer) and what to watch out for in senior pets," she said. "And they're trying to increase their funding so they can help people who own these pets. The various treatments are very expensive. They want to expand in Hampton Roads by partnering with us."

Hurley said the group's director will be on hand to discuss its mission, fundraising and work. And being from Richmond, Fetch A Cure will bring along a couple of colorfully decorated Fetch Pups (metallic dogs that dot that city, similar to Norfolk's mermaids) to display. It will also offer an 18-inch metal mini-Fetch Pup to auction off.

The humane society also plans to auction a host of donated gifts, services and items including jewelry and art by acclaimed glass artist and former Suffolk resident Neil Duman.

Eric Feber, 222-5203,
eric.feber@pilotonline.com

OPEN BOOK

Continued from Page 3

for land late last year. City Council and the Planning Commission already turned down one site for failing to comply with the city's comprehensive plan.

Nineteen schools in Western Tidewater once again demonstrated their generosity by donating a

Nineteen schools in Western Tidewater once again demonstrated their generosity by donating a collective 52 boxes of supplies for students in Haiti.

collective 52 boxes of supplies for students in Haiti.

You may remember that I wrote about the project — organized by Suffolk's St. Mary of the Presentation Catholic Church and

Franklin's St. Jude Catholic Church — in June.

As the academic year wound down, schools collected 225 backpacks and totes; "an enormous amount" of crayons, note-

books, pens and other items needed for the classroom; shoes and T-shirts; and first-aid kits, organizers said.

This is the project's third year. Everything collected will be sent to Haitian children in need.

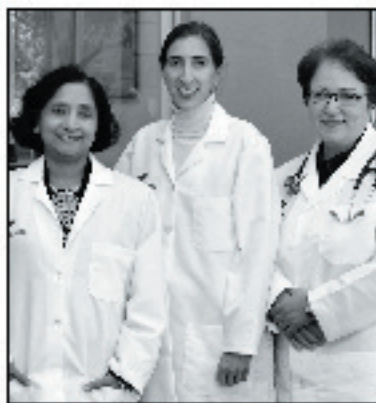
Representatives from the two churches say thank you and want to give a special shout-out to Lowe's for providing large appliance boxes.

Isn't it time for a physician who takes time to listen to you?

If you're looking for a new family physician and a more personal doctor-patient relationship, you're closer than ever to finding one. In fact, the answer may be right around the corner.

As Bon Secours physicians, we believe that listening to our patients results in better care.

That's why this is not just another medical practice. It's a whole new way to practice medicine.



Eagle Harbor Medical Associates

13608 Carrolton Blvd., Suite 11
Carrolton, VA 23014

(757) 238-8751

Chinmayee Delanath Banerji, MD
Kimberly J. Stone, MD
Maryam Roostami, MD



Harbour View Family Practice

5175 Harbour View Blvd., Suite B2
Suffolk, VA 23435

(757) 873-8860

Arvind Kapur, MD
Laura C. Kallogg, MD
Jeannine M. Leadbetter, MD



Nansemond Suffolk Family Practice

2877 Bridge Road
Suffolk, VA 23435

(757) 484-7248

Nidd L. Graves, MD
Bahar A. Basta, MD
Karen Wilson Smith, MD



BON SECOURS VIRGINIA MEDICAL GROUP

bshr.com/primarycare

Accepting new patients

All insurances accepted

Child Development Center • Register Now!

Full Day and Before and After care for children 2-10 years old.



Licensed & Professional Care

For more information

please call 539-3619

Rev. Bernette Boone, Director,
Dr. Mark A. Croston, Pastor

Join us for
Worship every
Sunday at 9 am on
Charter TV Cable
Channel 13

East End Baptist Church

523 E. Washington Street, Suffolk, Virginia 23434

757-539-3324 www.eebconline.com EEBC@eebconline.com