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## Westover Centralized Recreation Facility

By Lory Ebron

As work progressed this past fall, the farm fields in Westover began to start looking more like soccer and field hockey fields. Unfortunately, the cold temperatures and wet weather have shut down the grading operations on the site until spring.



Main entrance to the Centralized Facility



Recreation and Parks staff continue to work on the future plans of the facility.

With Phase II funding recently approved plans are underway to build a concession/bathroom stand, a sign for the front entrance of the facility, walking trails and trail work out stations.

Currently our strategy will be to have work on the fields begin again this spring once we have winter behind us. If all goes as planned, we will have the grading completed and grass seed planted this spring so that we are ready for a fall field hockey and soccer season.



'Soon to be' Soccer and Field Hockey Fields

## 2nd Annual 'Golf for Youth' Tournament

by Gary Hicks

The Somerset County Recreation and Parks Department held its second annual "Golf for Youth" golf tournament on Friday October 17<sup>th</sup> at Great Hope Golf Course and as was the case last year a little bit of rain was not going to dampen the spirits of the participants. For the second year in a row rain was in the forecast but that did not stop the 76 golfers from having a good

time. "It's great to see so many people playing today", said tournament director Paige Hurley, director of Recreation and Parks. "This is a better turnout than last year and it is good to see the support and progress of the tournament."

The nineteen teams were playing for pride, prizes, and the Massey Cup.

The Massey Cup goes to the overall winner of the tournament who works for Somerset County.

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Massey Cup winners from left to right: Matt Briggs, Gary Brown, Charles Massey, Paige Hurley, Brian Briggs

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## Flag Football League by Gary Hicks

Somerset County Recreation and Parks held its Adult Flag Football program this fall. The league was made up of six teams and games were held Sunday mornings at the Princess Anne Civic Center. The six week schedule began on October 5<sup>th</sup> with each team playing the others twice for a 12 game schedule. The season ended with the playoffs on November 16<sup>th</sup>. The top two seeds, Backyard Barns and Oreos,

received byes into the semifinals while the rest of the teams were bracketed by won-loss record. Fourth seeded Ravens defeated Ocean City Animal Hospital in the first game and KC, the number 3 seed, defeated the 6 seed Culbertsons. In semifinal game one number 1 seed Backyard Barns defeated the Ravens, while in game two KC upset the number 2 seed Oreos. In the Championship game KC again pulled off an upset by beating Backyard Barns by a score of 14-0.

The league was a success and Director Paige Hurley was looking to increase the number of teams in the upcoming season.



Front Row left to right: Nick Wroblewski, Kyle Watkinson, Scott Roane  
Back row left to right: David Burkhead, Tyler Watkinson, Brian Crighton, Tom Widmyer

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## Golf for Youth by Gary Hicks

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It is named for former county administrator Mr. Charles Massey.

This year's winner of the Massey Cup went to the team of Paige Hurley, Gary Brown, Matt Briggs and Brian Briggs with a score of 16 under par. Many great prizes were raffled off and Hurley was grateful for the 14 tee sponsors and 27 local businesses that donated prizes. The prizes ranged from gear from all the Somerset County Schools to greens fees at

other local golf courses in the area to local restaurant gift certificates and other donations. "I was happy with the support of local businesses, without their support it is hard to have a successful tournament", Hurley said.

With all the teams and raffles the tournament raised over \$3200.00 Hurley said "I am thankful for all those who helped raise the money. This money is used to help children

with scholarship assistance so we can provide more opportunities to help children participate in recreational activities".



## SPOTLIGHT Program of the Month— Basketball by Gary Hicks

Somerset County Recreation and Parks Youth Basketball season starts in January. The league is open to boys and girls in grades 3-8. Games are held on weeknights at The Somerset County Complex Gym in Princess Anne. This year Recreation and Parks is working in conjunction with The Junior MBA/W MBA in promoting the program. The program will be an official member league. All participants will receive a poster and a 2008-2009 family calendar. We were also able to have a girls' league made up of players in grades 3-8.

There also will be a basketball clinic for boys in girls in grades 1-2. The clinic will be an introduction to the game with an emphasis on fundamental skills and drills that will allow the children to learn the game and have fun.

Last year the program was able to have a league for boys in grades 3-5 and an older league made up of boys from grades 6-8. There has been a lot interest and requests for registration forms and we look forward to another successful season of basketball.



What: Basketball  
 Where: Somerset County Complex  
 When: January 12, 2008  
 Cost: \$25.00 per participant

## Winter Golfing at Great Hope by Donnie Price and Lory Ebron

Wintertime can be the most enjoyable rounds of golf if you take a few minutes to plan ahead.

The cooler temperatures will be a little harder on your body, so you may want to plan on playing fewer rounds than what you may play in the summer. Warming up is very important. You may want to consider developing a practice routine that starts with putting and chipping. When you move over to the driving range, start with the shorter iron and then move up in your club selection. This will give your muscles a chance to warm up a bit.

If wind conditions are present, address the ball with a wider stance. With the air being colder in winter, try selecting more club than you would usually choose, since the ball will not travel as far. You may also want to consider using a ball with less compression to get more distance and feel.

A good rule of thumb is to dress for 10 degrees colder for the course, making sure to cover up your fingers and ears, especially if you will be riding a cart. Except for a few places on the course, Great Hope Golf Course is in the wide open. Consider walking as well to keep the blood flowing. Remember

that on those very chilly days, hot beverages are always available at the Caddy Shack restaurant.

Great Hope Golf Course is open year round, except on Christmas Day when play is still available to those who choose to walk! Remember, with a little preparation, golf can be enjoyable year round.



Great Hope Golf Pro  
 Tim Brittingham

## Zumba Dance & Kickboxing Returns by Gary Hicks



(and one man), upbeat Latin music, a great workout and a lot of fun.

We are going to play the popular television game show Jeopardy. The answer is Zumba! The question is: what involves 13 women

Zumba dance which involves all of the above will be back again in January with a little twist. This session will include a little bit of everything for everybody. We will combine the elements of Zumba with some aerobics and throw in some free weights to put together a body sculpting class. You can work at a pace that is com-

fortable for your level of fitness. There will be a little bit of something for every kind of workout. The answer is FUN. The question is will you be joining us for our next session of fitness workout?



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As a service of the Board of County Commissioners, Somerset County Recreation and Parks is responsible for creating and providing recreation, leisure and community services necessary to promote public well being and quality of life for youth, adults, senior citizens and special needs of Somerset County.

In recognition of our responsibility to the citizens of Somerset County, the employees of the Somerset County Recreation and Parks Department pledge the following:

- To courteously and equitably administer all programs and provide safe, quality facilities and services
- To maintain a professional administration through the application of sound management practices

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## Tee Shots for Turkeys by Lory Ebron

Great Hope Golf Course and Somerset County Recreation and Parks in partnership with Somerset County Social Services held its 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Tee Shots for Turkeys.

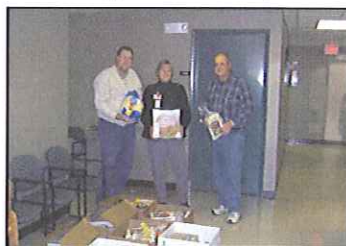
Head Golf Pro Tim Brittingham played 36 holes on November 26, 2008 to raise money for 19 turkey dinners for needy families for Thanksgiving. Last year the event sponsored 15 Thanksgiving dinners.



Donnie Price, Dee Washel, Gary Hicks

Social workers are asked to identify and recommend families that their department is aware of that are struggling to be able to provide a meal for their family.

Donations were received from Somerset Ruritan, Princess Anne Lions Club, Washington High School and the following individuals; Rachel



Gary Hicks, Claudia Nelson, Donnie Price  
at the Social Services Department



Custis, Marylou King, Chris Bozick, Donnie & Judy Price, Karen Fusick and Casual Day (Social Services Department).



Tim Brittingham

