

REGIONAL BRIEFS

CAROLINE

Dental grant to be announced Thursday

DENTON — The Maryland Community Health Resources Commission (CHRC) will join a number of state and local leaders on Thursday, Aug. 12, to announce a dental grant to Chopank Community Health System.

The two-year dental grant will enable Chopank to provide dental services to an estimated 3,500 residents of the Upper Shore. This is the third grant Chopank has received from the Maryland CHRC over the last three years.

Among those expected to attend the Aug. 12 ceremony are Doug Wilson, commissioner, Maryland Community Health Resources Commission; Dr. Harry Goodman, director, Office of Oral Health, Maryland Department of Health & Mental Hygiene; Leland D. Spencer, MD, MPH, Health Officer, Kent County; and state delegates Addie Eckardt, R-37B-Dorchester; Jeanne Haddaway-Riccio, R-37B-Talbot; and Richard Sossi, R-36-Queen Anne's. The ceremony will take place at 11 a.m. at Chopank's new J. Wayne Howard Administrative Building at 301 Randolph Road in Denton.

DORCHESTER

Cambridge man faces drug charges, held on \$100K

CAMBRIDGE — A 27-year-old Cambridge man faces multiple drug charges after his...



Caroline-Dorchester Fair queen, princesses pose

The winners of this year's Caroline-Dorchester County Fair Royal Pageant pose onstage after their coronation...

Rural broadband work con

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CENTREVILLE — In a letter to the Queen Anne's County Commissioners dated July 26, W. Patrick Mitchell, president of the Maryland Broadband Cooperative, assured the commissioners that work was proceeding on Phase 3 of the broadband network backbone, which includes placing fiber optic cable from Route B (Ridgeley to Wye Mills) and Route C (Wye Mills to Elkton).

Mitchell responded to a letter from the commissioners which said that 'We have been very discouraged and frustrated over the last year on the delays of the broadband backbone. We were promised that this line would be completed for the start of the Washington College Fall 2009 semester. We are getting ready for the Fall 2010 semester with no signs of construction.'

Mitchell's response letter said "prior estimates of the project timing were based upon our reasonable expectation of a swift approval and release of project funds."

That swift approval for all funding did not occur; however, the U.S. Department of Commerce's Economic Development Administration did approve funding on May 27, and Phase 3 is now expected to be completed by Feb. 16, 2011.

Mitchell and the Maryland Broadband Cooperative's Executive approval was granted. In his response, Mitchell thought "we were given verbal indications about the project would be fully approved... despite the begin construction as so ble, doing so in advance receipt of formal EIA approval, would have in ring nearly \$2 million which was not provided MDBC budget, and regarded as an unacceptable for the organization. In an e-mail to Mitchell 28, Cecil Kuhse, project manager for Adesta LLC, which is the contracted to complete band backbone, said the "3 Project is 56 percent The e-mail also said that for the project is finished the permitting process is E Kuhse based his Feb. completion date for Phase 3 resuming work starting in e-mail further stated: "When we return to work work will be to finish Pocomoke City to Selbyv conduit and place cable. Th currently 67 percent comp next portion would be where there is very little ready, so crews could work while DPL and Verizon d ready along Hwy 213. Th ground work on Phase 3...