

# A hog-wild time



The Isle of Wight County Museum hosted two sessions during last week's Isle of Wight County Parks and Recreation's Spring Break camp. One session was held at the Windsor Town Center, another at Carrollton's Nike Park. Each session highlighted the history of pork in America and in Isle of Wight County. Participants learned the process behind meat preservation, ham, salt pork and this area's history with hogs. Campers made their own pig craft (top left), sampled a ham spread recipe from the 1950s and learned about the phrase "everything but the squeal." Putting the finishing touches on their crafts are Ethan Cutler, above, and Johanna Freeman, left. See more photos on Page 11 (Submitted photos).





## *Dressed to a T*

Two dresses belonging to Everard Moore Todd, great-grandson of Mallory Todd, founder of the first ham curing and packing business in Smithfield, have found a new home at the Isle of Wight County Museum, courtesy of The Valentine museum in Richmond. The dresses were delivered last week by Nichol Gabor, right, the Nathalie L. Klaus Curator of Costume & Textiles at The Valentine, a museum dedicated to Richmond's history. She is shown with Rachel Popp, curator of the Isle of Wight County Museum. Everard Moore Todd lived from 1855 to 1859. "We are pretty excited about these items," said Jennifer England, museum director. "They are not slated for permanent display anytime soon as they need some conservation, but we do plan to show them off at a lecture in November." The Nov. 21 "lunch and learn" will commemorate the museum's 46th anniversary.





## National Night Out moves in

Rain on Oct. 4 turned Smithfield's National Night Out festivities into a night in, with activities moving to Main Street Baptist Church. Smithfield's Police Department has participated in the nationwide community building campaign since 2002. The event is intended to promote positive interactions between residents and law enforcement. It's traditionally held on the first Tuesday in August. Smithfield, however, began holding the event on the first Tuesday in October in 2021 when temperatures are cooler. Above, Emergency Medical Technician Robin Jones shows Ariasiah Hendricks and Jewel Giles of Smithfield the inside of an Isle of Wight County Rescue Squad ambulance.