eater planned at the community center

Page 3

ey Banner

. 1 • 12 pages • P.O. Box 126, Elkton, VA 22827

Buyer has a vision for his property

Kite acreage would join other land Chopra owns in Elkton

By Caleb M. Soptelean csoptelean@dnronline.com

ELKTON – The sale of 189 acres of town-owned land for \$2.5 million to former and current Elkton resident Pham Chopra hasn't closed yet, but he has purchased a number of other Elkton-area properties over the years, including the 312-acre Elkwood subdivision in July.

Elkwood, which is located ed east of U.S. 340 off Persimmon Street, was recorded in Rockingham County in 1975 but never developed. It

holds a

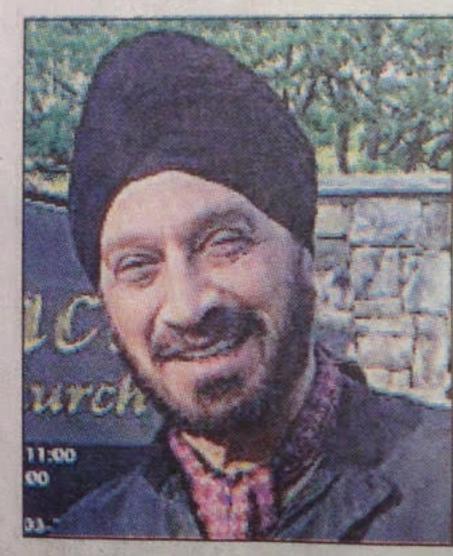
Elkton

Sept. 11

riday. -

has the potential for 374 single family lots, according to a 2013 realty listing. Chopra purchased the land from Threedens LC of Harrison-burg for \$740,000, according to Rockingham County records.

Chopra, 72, has plans to bring into fruition a vision that began in 1988 with Akal Institute, a non-profit formed to help rehabilitate alcohol and drug addicts. After operating a substance abuse rehabilitation center in Keezletown for two years in the early 1990s, Chopra said he was forced to shut it down for fi-



Pham Chopra

nancial reasons.

From 1991 to 2007, Chopra said he and his wife,

SEE BUYER, PAGE 5

Hay makes a return trip to Uganda

Massanutten resident taught in the African country two decades ago

By Caleb M. Soptelean csoptelean@dnronline.com

1993, he said. The student,