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We have a nice variety of stories for you, and for the themed portion we have added their word beside their name in the black bar at the top of the page. Our hope was that the folks we interviewed would be reflective and thoughtful with their comments. I think you will be pleased.

Here is a favorite quote I have about lessons learned from Shannon L. Alder: *"Forget what hurt you in the past, but never forget what it taught you. However, if it taught you to hold onto grudges, seek revenge, not forgive or show compassion, to categorize people as good or bad, to distrust and be guarded with your feelings then you didn't learn a thing. God doesn't bring you lessons to close your heart. He brings you lessons to open it, by developing compassion, learning to listen, seeking to understand instead of speculating, practicing empathy and developing conflict resolution through communication. If he brought you perfect people, how would you ever learn to spiritually evolve?"*

This quote seems to capture a way of looking at life that is positive and hopeful. So much of life is how we approach it. American surfer, Laird Hamilton, is quoted as saying: *"Make sure your worst enemy doesn't live between your own two ears."* True.

Read on. I hope you enjoy the stories in this month's What We've Learned. NDN

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# Saving Dogs' Lives

By Linda Landreth Phelps

Instead of a joyride and lunch at another airport, when Nick O'Connell fires up his plane's engine, it's often for rescue work. His typical passengers are dogs that may have been moments away from death, dogs like fearful, abused Sam, and Maggie with the adorable underbite, and friendly mutt Enzo, who have found their forever home with Nick.

Nick has always loved animals of every description. "I grew up in Williamsburg's Skipwith Farms area," Nick recalls. "Pandora, our border collie, was always exhausted from

trying to keep track of the five of us kids as we wandered the neighborhood. Our house backed up to the woods and somebody, including my mother's Siamese cats, was always dragging some critter home. At one time or another, we had everything from fish and lizards to birds and hamsters."

That early exposure cemented his affection for animals, especially dogs. His other great love is flying his Piper Cherokee 180, bought in 2008.

"I put about 125 hours on it a year," says

Nick, "and most of it is rescue work."

His relationship with the sky first began at Larry Waltrip's new Williamsburg airport in 1972. "I moved out to Colorado and took some lessons in a Cessna 150, which is a whole different ball game in the mountains. I'd take a lesson and run out of money, and then come back if I had more cash."

Nick was living in Annapolis by 1989, when the flying bug bit him hard. He drove to a little town on the Eastern Shore with a mown grass field and windsock and negotiated



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clients for making it another great year together! We have been busy settling into our new studio and developing Thomas Lane Kitchens and Baths - a division of Jackson Thomas Interiors - more to come on that in the new year. For now, check your mailboxes for times and dates of our upcoming holiday bazaar and we will look forward to seeing you!

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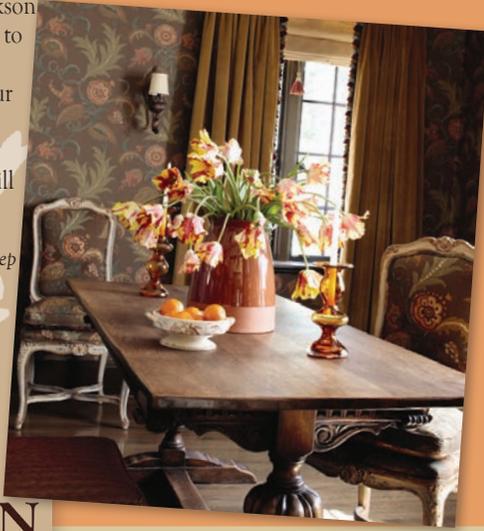
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"I'd lost my log book, so I was starting over. I wrote him a check for \$2,500 and he agreed to make me a private pilot." After 42 hours of instruction, Nick passed his check ride and has now been flying for 25 years.

"One day I was reading an aviation magazine when I came across an article about a new organization, Pilots N Paws. I liked the idea and joined, and the very next week volunteered to fly two chow puppies that had been abandoned in an Atlanta landfill." Nick met the first leg's pilot in Greensboro, North Carolina, picked up the pups and flew them on to Chesterfield, Virginia, where fosters waited. "The foster couple took one look at them and said they were adopting them both. What a great way to start!"

Nick went on to be elected president of Pilots N Paws for three years, and then was vice president for two more. During his tenure, he met some famous dog lovers, including Christie Brinkley. "She's beautiful, of course, but a good sport, too. We were sharing a stage at a fundraiser in the Hamptons where Christie was holding a puppy and the little guy got sick all over her lap. She just laughed, cleaned up her white dress as well as she could, stood up and gave a great speech!"

Nick is currently working with another organization, Animal Rescue Flights, or ARE, whose procedures include safeguards for both pilots and animals that Nick appreciates. "I think it's crucial for all dogs to be vet checked for communicable disease before being transported, otherwise you're putting your own pets at risk, plus every other dog you transport, and all subsequent animals they contact." Nick says, "The current health certificate for that dog should be his boarding pass to get on the plane."

This is truly a labor of love for pilots, and a big commitment in every way. Most of them fly smaller aircraft, but even so, rescue work is expensive. A typical trip of 200 nautical miles uses 40 gallons of fuel at \$5.00 per gallon. Added to that are maintenance costs and pilot time. Nick says, "The IRS did change its rules, and we're now allowed to deduct a portion of our fuel as a charitable donation." Commercial flights are still the only economical way of transporting your own dog, but for animals destined to be euthanized, pilots like Nick will swoop in like flying caped crusaders, without stopping to count the cost.

Nick does, however, believe in getting as much bang for the proverbial buck as possible in his four-seater Cherokee. "I recently flew in 17 dogs for Heritage Humane Society. I'd rather carry as many kennels as I can safely load. I hate to leave dogs behind."

After Nick began making rescue flights, he'd visit many of the shelters from which the dogs were being pulled. "Some of them were terrible, just awful," he remembers. "There were dogs sleeping on piles of feces, covered in flies. I was able to get one pitiful dog that had mange with infected bites into medical treatment, but it was three months before he was well enough to fly." The dog looked ancient, but was only two years old. Simon, as he was later named, found a loving home with a couple who had other dogs and now looks and acts like the youngster



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he is. "Those are the ones that get to me," Nick says. "That's when I can say I'm doing something good here."

At least one of the dogs that Nick rescued has found a new home whose address is Easy Street. Nick likes to tell the story of meeting a doctor who had just flown his jet over from Sweden. "He fell in love with one of the dogs I was transporting right there on the runway and wound up adopting him. Turns out the guy owns a pharmaceutical company. From what I hear, that dog's new home is on 30 acres, has its own baseball diamond, and he has his own nanny."

The usual flow of rescued pets travels one way: north. Shelters in the deep south are usually overrun with dogs, particularly after natural disasters such as Hurricane Katrina. Added to the number of strays created by the actual event, its long-term economic fallout means that struggling people abandon pets to the street or high-kill shelters when they can no longer afford their care.

Nick's dog, Maggie, was found wandering a highway in Georgia, covered in dirt, fleas and hair mats. "The first night they had her, they must have pulled off fifty ticks," Nick says. She stayed there for three weeks while being treated before being ground transported to New Jersey. Nick saw Maggie's picture, smitten rescue workers were calling her "Wookie", and said, "That's it. I've got to have this dog." He then flew up to New Jersey to adopt her. Maggie needed a sibling, so a month later, Enzo and foster dog, Sam, joined the pack. Enzo's foster mom loved him and wanted to keep him, but her husband had drawn a firm line at twelve dogs, so Nick took him gladly.

"Sammy was an hour away from being put to sleep because he was so scared," Nick says. "It took a week for him to start coming around after I got him home. He finally came out of his funk and started to play with these two. Soon he'll be ready to adopt."

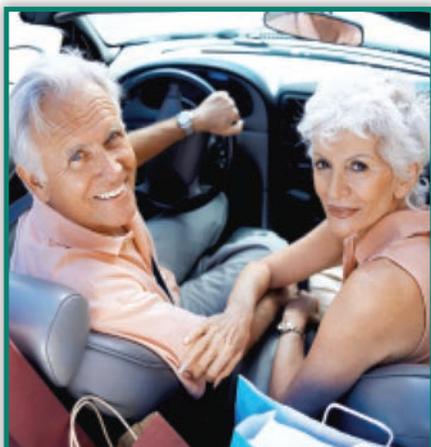
Sam, a smooth-coated collie mix, had three strikes against him: he was born in the South,

he's solid black, and he was timid. That should have been a lethal trifecta. Sam lucked out, as did some pit bull puppies that Nick saved not too long ago.

"Somebody had switched out chocolate lab mixes for black pits and flew them up north, since they're not impossible to place there," Nick remembers. "The rescue didn't want the puppies since they were not as advertised. I knew if I left them there, they'd be euthanized, and if I sent them back, same thing. I wound up taking them to a local shelter in nearby Shenandoah who swore they would place the pups and not put them down."

Nick feels the key to stemming the flood of unwanted animals is education. "It's affordable to spay and neuter pets these days at low-cost clinics available almost everywhere, but there seems to be a cultural resistance to altering dogs that first has to be overcome." Most stories don't end as well as Maggie's, Enzo's, or Sam's. Even a caped crusader can't always save the day. NDN

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# AN INDEPENDENT LIFE

By Alison Johnson

Brenda Uekert's constant goal is to live without regrets. One word is, and always has been, essential to that effort: independence.

Beginning with her childhood on a dairy farm in Wisconsin, where she quickly learned to milk a whole herd of cows and drive a tractor to bale hay, Brenda has never shied away from a challenge or followed the crowd.

At 12, she became one of the first girls in her state to play Little League baseball under Title IX legislation. In her 20s, she left graduate school in upstate New York and walked to a Ryder store, rented a van, loaded up her motorcycle and belongings and drove to the place she really wanted to be, sunny California, without a job or housing.

At 40, Brenda decided to fulfill her dream of becoming a mother, even if her Mr. Won-

derful has never materialized. She researched international adoption, found a country that didn't pre-match kids to parents, Ukraine, and chose a 7-year-old orphan girl with a look of strength in her eyes.

Brenda, now 51, has renovated her own bathrooms, painted panoramic murals on her walls and converted a loft above her garage

into a wood crafting studio. In her job at the National Center for State Courts in Williamsburg, she co-created a center focused on complex aging issues that increasingly affect court cases, including elder abuse and adult guardianship.

"Ultimately, to me independence means freedom," Brenda explains. "But independence



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also requires one to be a risk-taker. Independence allows a person to carve out her own path in life. I've had difficult times and made decisions that didn't work out, but those times make the ride seem all that more magical. If I were to pass away tomorrow, heaven forbid, I would be happy with how I lived."

The seeds of Brenda's confidence and determination sprouted on that 40-cow family farm in Marathon, Wisconsin, a town of about 1,500 people. The third of five siblings, she was raised with parents and grandparents who valued hard work and self-reliance.

"Children were assets," she recalls. "We complained about 6 a.m. wakeup calls to milk cows on the weekend, but we knew that our work contributed to the business of farming. We also learned to work when opportunity arose. We made hay when the sun shone, and we worked many 14-hour days on the field to get crops in before the rains struck."

Brenda's parents weren't afraid to challenge the status quo in their small community, where their tomboy daughter regularly joined her older brother's football games. When she wanted to play basketball in middle school, they let her go out for the boys' team because there were no teams for girls. The principal told her she couldn't play, but the experience stuck with her.

"It made me feel like I could make independent decisions, even at a young age," she says. "It also could be why I tend to support the underdog." As for the science teacher who made too many jokes about dumb girls? Other students sat silently, but Brenda told him, from across the room, to shut up.

In the local Little League program, Brenda was the only girl on her team and faced some boys who refused to swing the bat if she was pitching. "So I either struck them out or walked them," she says. "They weren't going to stop me from playing."

Brenda was the first person in her family to go directly to a four-year college after high school. At the University of Wisconsin at Eau Claire, her plan to focus on psychology soon butted heads with her independent streak. "It felt too much about fitting people into boxes," she says. "In my view, sometimes there's something wrong with society, not the person, that changing the system would be what is fair. I always looked at the world differently. I often felt like a misfit."

Changing her major to sociology, or the study of human societies, she earned undergraduate, master and doctorate degrees, the latter two from Syracuse University. Her doctorate was delayed by what she terms her "reckless independence" stage, highlighted by that 1989 road trip to California. Once in Berkeley, she rented a shared apartment, rode her motorcycle to a library to work on her dissertation and, after about six months, landed a job as a research analyst for the state's university system.

After that job was downsized in 1994, Brenda's winding road included launching what would be a failed mail order business in Arizona, taking adjunct faculty positions in Wisconsin, working as a crime analyst with the Family Violence and Youth Services Section of the Atlanta Police Department and landing at a research organization called the Institute for Law and Justice in Alexandria, Virginia.

Independence often was a necessity if Brenda couldn't afford to hire anyone for basic tasks. She didn't have a car until her early 30s, and even then, she could still fit all of her worldly possessions into her Honda hatchback. By the time she moved to Williamsburg in 2001, she had graduated to what she terms "strategic independence": if she can do a

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job herself, either using common sense or direction from online videos, she does. If a task is too strenuous or complicated, she brings in help.

On her 2004 adoption journey, for example, Brenda hired a local facilitator and interpreter team in Ukraine but traveled to Eastern Europe alone and completed paperwork on her daughter, Irina, without an American agency involved. She later published a guidebook on international adoption.

"I thought, 'Why would I want someone else to pick my child for me? How would they know who my kid should be?'" she remembers. "What drew me to Irina was she had this expression like, 'I'm not damaged. I've got this.' There also was such kindness in her face. That was my child."

Irina, now an 18-year-old senior at Warhill High School, arrived home to a giant bedroom mural of a stone castle, Ukrainian flags flying, which her mother had completed on nights and weekends. The two eat at a unique kitchen table that Brenda painted with desert, forest, country and beach scenes.

After a leak sprung in their upstairs bathroom, Brenda hired a water restoration team

to remove the flooring, baseboards, toilets and vanity but she put in plywood, vinyl flooring, molding and a new toilet and vanity. To create a studio for her new woodturning hobby, carving with a lathe machine, she ripped out carpeting, installed flooring and an air filtration system and, with Irina's help, hauled the heavy lathe into place. She is learning to make candle holders and bowls and eventually would like to create vases and urns.

Brenda's career also has continued to take unconventional turns. As Principal Court Research Consultant for the National Center for State Courts, a nonprofit that promotes fair legal decisions and improved time and money management in courts, Brenda saw a major gap in knowledge about elder exploitation or neglect as potential factors in criminal and civil cases. A motion to evict an elderly resident of public housing, for instance, might involve a grandchild who is living there and stealing money.

"If there isn't awareness and prosecution as needed, that older victim can be victimized twice: by the perpetrator and the justice system," Brenda notes.

After struggling for several years to secure

grants, Brenda became the co-founder and director of NCSC's Center for Elders and the Courts, which offers educational toolkits and a free online course, "Justice Response to Elder Abuse." She also serves on the advisory board of the National Center on Elder Abuse.

Yet while work is busy, Brenda has refused to put her passions on hold. She recently became a certified Virginia Master Naturalist and does volunteer work to monitor wildlife in local parks. She has taken a group trip to Peru and convinced her more cautious daughter to go on a white-water rafting adventure. This spring, she plans to return to Ukraine with Irina, who has discovered she has four biological siblings and communicated with two brothers on Facebook.

"A lot of people wait until retirement to do these things, but I have known some who passed away in their 50s and 60s and never made it to retirement," Brenda Uekert says. Her own health challenges, including back surgery for sciatica and chronic pain from Crohn's disease, have upped her eagerness to seize the day: "I don't want to wait. I will take advantages of my good health and opportunities while I can." No regrets. NDN

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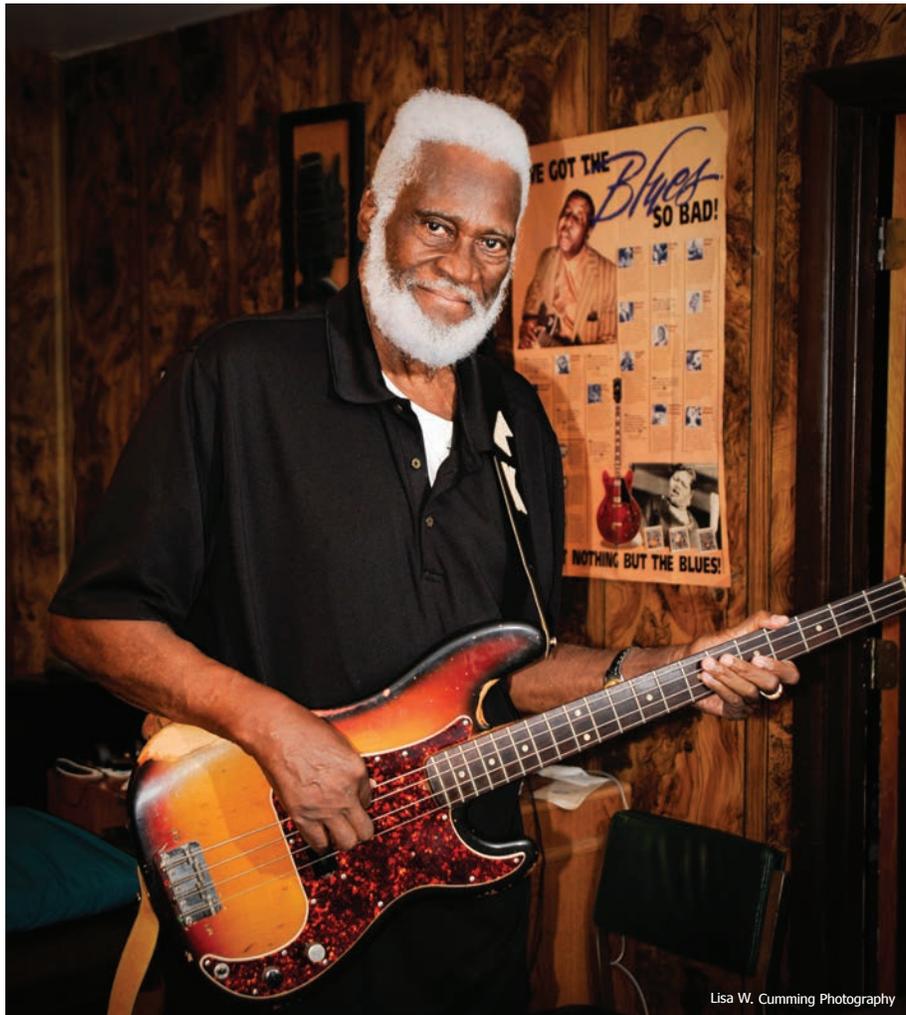
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By Narielle Living

Bill Kelly has gotten through his life with harmony; harmony of family, friends, and music. A husband, father, grandfather, Army veteran, sportsman and musician, he has travelled the world and come back to Williamsburg to call this place home.

Bill, who grew up in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, entered the Army in 1953 at the age of sixteen. "I was pretty decent in sports like football, baseball and basketball. A colonel here was in charge of sports, Colonel Hoskins, and it seemed like every time I went overseas he

would bring me back to Fort Eustis. The last time I came from Germany I was stationed at Maryland. I worked at NSA, and they gave me my orders to go to Vietnam. I'd never heard of Vietnam before."

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to Fort Eustis to join his unit. From there, young servicemen were shipped over to Vietnam. The year was 1965.

"I spent a year in Vietnam and that was it," he says. "I didn't intend on staying that long, but after I left Vietnam I said 'What can you give me tougher than this?' I came back to Fort Eustis, and after about a year I knew they were getting ready to send me overseas again." At that point, Bill decided he wanted to go where he could play music, and he also knew that Vietnam was not that kind of place. "I put in to go to Panama and got it, and that's where I spent most of my time, right there."

Bill loved Panama, and his wife and children joined him while he was stationed there. "They liked Panama pretty good," he says. Bill thinks it is one of the best places in the world. "I love Panama. The people are great, the place is great...that's why I stayed there so long."

During his time in the Army, Bill witnessed many harsh and difficult things. However, his outlook on life remains balanced, and he is still able to see both sides of a situation.

"There is so much stuff going on," he says. "Every day you look in the paper and people are getting shot, getting hurt, but you can't lump everybody in the same batch, you know what I'm saying? I've seen the good and the bad."

In 1968, after he had retired from the Army, Bill and his wife decided to buy a home in Williamsburg. "I didn't think I was going to stay here, but we were living in a mobile home, in a little section they call the Grove," he says. "The payments on this house were only \$113 dollars a month. We always thought that we would join my wife's sister in California when my career was over, but we came here and liked it. Williamsburg was slow. At one time a speeding ticket was front page news, so we decided we'd stay here."

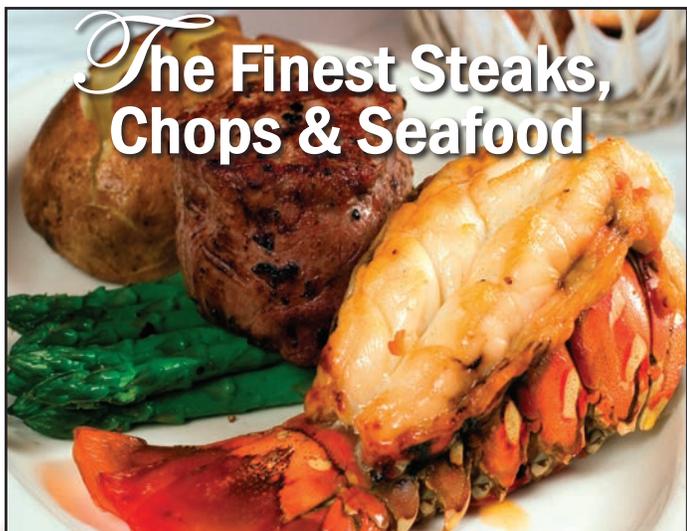
After retirement from the Army, Bill first worked at a gas station before starting his own business. "I started a grocery store on wheels. I had a truck similar to a UPS truck and I sold everything on there. On the side of the truck was a big sign that said Chuck Wagons. You

name it, I sold it." Bill was able to do a better business than the local convenience store because he had frozen meats available, and he had a government contract to accept WIC payments. "The truck deliveries gave the mothers the opportunity to not have to run to the store." Later, Bill hurt his shoulder while working and eventually sold his business.

He is glad that he and his family settled here. "Williamsburg is a beautiful place, and no matter what happens that might be negative, it's still a nice place."

Today, Bill plays bass guitar in a band that he originally started in 1960 called The Blues Empacts. "The reason we spell it with an E is because when you're in the Army you're an enlisted man, and my whole band consists of enlisted men, so, Blues Empacts. I started operating a band in Germany, because if we played a little music we could get out of some detail jobs for the military. We did that and found we could make a couple dollars playing, so that's what I've been doing."

One of the things he has learned is how to



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embrace technology to assist him with band practice. “We’ve gotten so we rehearse on the computer,” he says. “I would find a song and sing it out to everybody and say ‘see what you could do with this,’ and a couple of days later I’ve got it back from them.” Using this method means that all the band members could be more efficient with their time.

Bill has always loved listening to blues musicians, but he wasn’t always old enough to get into the clubs. “I started a little place where I would sell boiled crawfish, roasted peanuts, and in doing that I had a chance to get into the clubs. It wasn’t a money making thing, because peanuts were selling about a nickel a bag, but I just wanted to listen to these blues people. The highlight of my listening I heard BB King, and one night I heard a guy named Guitar Slim and he had a blind kid playing piano with him. It turned out to be Ray Charles.”

Of course, since he was too young to be in the clubs Bill would occasionally get kicked out. “But I came right back in,” he says, grinning.

Bill’s list of favorite blues players includes all of the well-known names, such as Jimmy Reed, Bobby Blue Bland, Freddy King, T-Bone Walker, Johnny Lee Hooker, BB King, and Muddy Waters. Today, The Blues Empacts perform music written by many of these legends.

Bill and his wife have been married for almost 60 years. He met her when he was around 15 years old and living in a little town in Louisiana called Zachary. “Their school came up and had a cook out, trying to raise money. The bus brought them up, and we just started talking from there. I was living in Zachary at the time. Right after I met her I went into the Army and we stayed in contact.”

He and his wife have a secret to their long-lasting, successful marriage. Bill smiles. “Yes, we just knock it out every time we have a discussion. They travelled with me, we stayed together in Panama, three years in Germany.” Bill had four children and two grandchildren, and family has remained an important part of his life. The one thing he has tried to teach his children and grandchildren is perseverance.

“Like I told my grandson, he’s twelve, he’s interested in basketball. I told him don’t give up on whatever he wants to do. He has to keep his mind on basketball if that’s what he wants to do. A lot of people tell you that you can’t do something, but it’s not true, is it?”

Bill says that while stationed in Alaska he began to play the guitar in earnest. He was there for 12 months, and all of the servicemen were only allowed to leave once a month to go into town. “I didn’t think I was ever going to play, it was just something to do at the time,” he says. “They had something they called the service club, it was a place where you go in the room and get an instrument. I never did think I was going to stick with it. Another guy showed up, he played piano, and we started doing these things together, but still I didn’t really think I would do it professionally.”

He did continue with the guitar, and all these years later, Bill – known around town as Williamsburg Bluesman – is still touring and performing, staying in harmony while playing the blues. NDN



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# Interpreting History

By Rachel Sapin



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It's hard to imagine that Williamsburg, a city that includes the nation's best living history museum, could leave much room for historical interpretation. But not far from Williamsburg, just a few miles north of Jamestown Island, a vista emerges of open fields and forests that is much more than meets the eye.

Take a closer look, and the site known as Historic Green Spring, about 300 acres now a part of Colonial National Historical Park, will

reveal its wealth of Virginia history, including a vast plantation, a grand 17th century governor's mansion, an extensive experimental agricultural farm, a Revolutionary War battlefield and a stage where slaves were freed long before the Civil War.

"Interpretation means looking at something and seeing what's behind it," says Merry Feyock Guernsey, who re-interprets this little known gem.

Merry is a member of the non-profit organization Friends of the National Park for Green Spring, whose mission is to research, preserve and present Historic Green Spring and its history for public education and enjoyment.

The Friends is a park partner for Colonial National Historical Park, which includes Jamestown and Yorktown, as well as the Colonial Parkway and Historic Green Spring. That mission is not always easy, she says, as Green

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"To truly address this multifactorial disease process, we need to treat the patient on many levels with various treatments," Dr. Schultz says. "Dry eye does not

discriminate; it affects even the young (less than 60 years old), and the process itself can begin early in life. Identifying this disease process early, before a patient reaches the third and fourth stages, is ideal.

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These are exciting times in terms of developing technology. There have been many advances in custom LASIK, laser-assisted cataract surgery and even "wave front" designed digital spectacle lenses and it is wonderful to be able to offer these technologies to our patients and achieve their best possible vision. However the fact is, if a patient has dry eyes or a poor quality tear film, none of this matters. None of these technologies LASIK, implants or spectacle lenses will deliver as advertised if the ocular surface is not a healthy one.

To enjoy the benefits of such technologies a healthy tear film is essential; without it you are setting yourself up for disappointment," says Schultz.

"My career has been specialized in eye diseases by design. I have a passion for solving issues for my patients and making a proper di-

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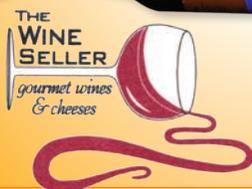
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“That’s what we have to work with as far as the site is concerned,” she explains with a laugh. “The cool thing is if you take a look beyond what you can see there today, you come up with a rich history spanning several centuries.”

She reinterprets the history that long surrendered itself to wilderness generations ago thanks to a literal traveling trunk that she takes to area schools. The Friends of Green Spring’s Traveling Trunk involves local sixth-graders in their own history, while integrated into Virginia’s sixth-grade social studies Standards of Learning.

She actually starts the presentation by opening a PowerPoint presentation to Google maps. “It shows where the school is in relation to the Historic Green Spring site. I also show them a picture of what the site looks like, the sign in the field and some woods, probably a herd of deer,” she says. “When I show them that, they say their school bus goes by there, or they know about Freedom Park because there’s a zip line there.”

Then comes the literal trunk. “It’s a moveable window into the 17th century,” she explains, filled with handmade 17th-century clothing that students can try on, as well as objects pertinent to 17th century plantation life and to the grand house that 17th century governor Sir William Berkeley built.

Merry says the clothing helps the students better understand the class system that existed in Virginia at that time. “There were two main social classes of free men,” she explains, “the gentry at the top of the heap and the freemen – the middling sort – who were everybody other than the slaves and the indentured servants.”

An integral part of the presentation is Lady Frances, Sir William Berkeley’s wife, who is convincingly brought to life by professional character interpreter Susan Zickel, who portrays a variety of historical Virginia women, including Martha Washington, as well as Lady Frances.

“She goes into the classroom with me, richly attired and in character as the governor’s wife and talks to the kids about manners, clothing, her impressive house and things you need to know to be a part of this society,” Merry explains.

The final part of the presentation includes objects arranged in categories on nearby tables, for the students to explore. The objects chosen are interesting to them because they can pick them up, smell them and figure out what they are. The long-haired wig for the gentleman is particularly popular.

“A favorite mystery object is a plumb bob,” she explains. “A plumb bob is a lead weight that was attached to a long string to see if the building construction was vertical.”

Merry even brings in live silkworms to provide students with one “agricultural experiment” Governor William Berkeley gave a chance.

“He tried growing silkworms to make silk because it’s very expensive, and he was trying to establish a silk trade,” Merry explains. “At one point in time, Berkeley sent a lot of silk to the king. There is some conjecture that Virginia silk was used in Charles the Second’s coronation robe, which I found interesting. Berkeley wasn’t the only one to plant silk. But it’s hugely labor and mulberry tree intensive, just not practical. Berkeley tried many other experimental crops such as rice and indigo, but tobacco remained Virginia’s major cash crop.”

Merry describes the kind of teaching she does with these students as

painless learning. “The PowerPoint presentation is an invitation for the students’ observations on what they are seeing, with a lot of room for questions,” she says. It includes the newest depiction of Berkeley’s house, a 3D animation. Created by Merry’s husband, Roger, an architect, it shows the evolution of the house from 1645 to 1796. “Then we compare it to a typical house that you and I might be living in: about the size of a one-car garage. Lady Frances is also a Presence with a capitol ‘P’ and she’s very good at engaging the students, and getting them to think about how different everything is today.”

And for Merry, teaching others about Berkeley has given her a deeper understanding of a man who lived almost four centuries ago.

“I think of him as being like Thomas Jefferson 100 years earlier,” she says. “He was a serious agricultural experimenter, and very interested in architecture. He probably conceived a lot of the innovative architecture in the house he designed and had built.”

Her academic background has been rooted in languages. She taught German language, culture, history and business German classes at the College of William and Mary for more than 25 years. It wasn’t long after she moved to Williamsburg in the 1970s that she caught the history bug from living next to Colonial Williamsburg.

Merry soon found herself employed as a tour guide at Colonial Williamsburg and then a supervisor of dance before eventually returning to the academic world. “I researched, choreographed, taught and performed 18th and 17th century dances,” she says. “I wore two hats. Actually one was a white wig, and one was a German hat of some kind.”

For Merry, the re-interpretation of history has always been intriguing, in part because she looks at the past as a foreign country, with its own language, culture and traditions to discover. “We’re explorers in that foreign country and delving into it. We’re trying to figure out what the significance of this was, what the significance of that was. We begin with: ‘What do we know? How do we know it? What does it mean? Who were the people who made things happen? What were the obstacles they ran into? How did they interact with each other?’”

She learned early on through working at Colonial Williamsburg that perusing original documents is essential to understanding how people lived hundreds of years ago. “It’s fun to really look at things from two or three centuries ago, and say, ‘What may have they really meant by that? We don’t know; we weren’t there. There was no good video,” she says.

The endeavor itself is like trying to solve a huge jigsaw puzzle, Merry explains. Every clue matters and there is always something changing the narrative. “The clues are hidden in the ground, they’re hidden in the artifacts, they’re hidden in documents, in portraits, buildings, music, dance, decorative arts, they’re hidden everywhere,” she says. “The hard part is not only figuring out what something was, but how it fit into the greater whole.”

It’s this constant search for new clues, new ways to interpret this foreign country we know as the past that keeps Merry Guernsey on her toes. “I like to add to my knowledge all the time,” she says. “With new information, you start looking at what you think you know in a different way. If you go back and read some publications that have been written, primary or secondary sources, you say, ‘Aha.’ Or you might go back and look at something, and the latest research shows a completely different direction. ‘Oops.’ And another clue finds a place in the puzzle...for the time being...or not.” NDN

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For Bertram and Gladys Aaron, volunteering isn't something that they fit in around the edges of their lives. It's the stuff of life itself.

And it's no wonder, because a duty to give back to the community seems to be in their very genes. Gladys grew up in Norfolk, where, she says her father would bring members of the armed forces to their home for Sabbath and holiday dinners.

"My dad volunteered for everything. He was very active with United Way and Meals on Wheels, and he would visit people in hospitals. It rubbed off!"

Bert grew up in Newport News, where his father founded the popular women's fashion shop, La Vogue. His parents were also very active in community affairs, and Bert's mother, a piano teacher, made sure that music was a big

part of his upbringing. Bert played clarinet in high school and played while pursuing a degree in electrical engineering at Virginia Polytechnic Institute (now Virginia Tech). Years later, he joined the Norfolk Khedive Temple Shrine Band.

Both Gladys and Bert built vibrant careers. With her first husband, Gladys operated the only tavern in Norfolk that served foreign

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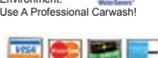
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beers on tap along with terrific food. It was a favorite gathering place for Virginia Symphony musicians. After she was widowed, she became a very successful real estate agent even while raising three young boys on her own.

“I was in real estate for 22 years. I worked all the time, but I met such fascinating people.”

Through the years, Gladys also continued modeling, something she had started doing as a willowy teenager. She still occasionally models to this day.

Bert graduated from college as World War II was raging, and he soon found himself in the Southwest Pacific Theatre, installing power generators for General Douglas MacArthur’s headquarters and then serving as OIC of the Signal Corps motor vehicles. At one point, he defied an order to send used vehicles to the Luzon Invasion, sending good vehicles instead.

He could have been court-martialed, but instead, as Bert explains with gusto and a twinkle in his eye, “I became the oldest Second Lieutenant on Leyte... When the Chief Signal Officer asked why, he promoted me on the spot.”

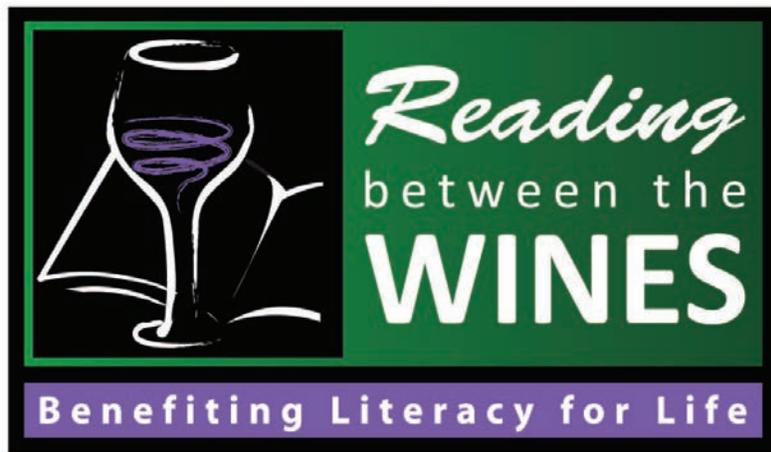
Bert says the incident taught him an important life lesson: “Who you know opens the doors, but what you know keeps you there.”

After the war, Bert says, laughing, he “became a NACA (National Advisory Committee for Aeronautics) nut”— an aeronautical research scientist with the agency that would become NASA. He went on to organize and direct critical national defense systems for the Army and established his own very successful engineering firms in Los Angeles and New



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York. Like Gladys, he volunteered with professional and community organizations even at the busiest periods of his life.

Bert and Gladys met in 1994, set up by a mutual friend who had a hunch the two would hit it off. Both had been widowed. Gladys was hesitant about the blind date, but her friend insisted, "This man is special," and she went.

The pair met for lunch, and two and a half hours flew by in what seemed like a few minutes. "As soon as I met him I knew he was the one," Gladys recalls. More dates soon followed, and the two married in 1998, eventually settling in Kingsmill.

It wasn't music that initially brought Gladys and Bert together, but music became a shared passion and the focus of much of their volunteer work. Gladys's work on behalf of the arts dates back to 1981, when she helped run the Virginia Symphony League boutique every Saturday night there was a concert. This was also when she was a busy working mom.

"I'd always loved classical music and it was wonderful to get dressed up and see and hear very famous people at Chrysler Hall." As a

member of the League board, she helped spearhead critical fundraising events.

Bert, too, was a loyal Virginia Symphony patron. The Symphony was performing in Williamsburg, but he knew that turnout needed to be much more robust. When the Symphony's departure from Williamsburg looked likely, Bert and a small group of friends formed what is now the Virginia Symphony Society of Greater Williamsburg (VSSGW). One of those friends was Gladys, whom Bert had begun dating after he was widowed for a second time in 1994.

"I put in 10- and 12-hour days over the next few years," Bert explains. "I was widowed and retired, so it was a great project. I met a lot of people. It was very interesting." Virginia Symphony concerts in Williamsburg were soon drawing bigger audiences. The Aarons laugh as they recall the orchestra's first performance at St. Bede, one of the area's larger venues. "When we saw police cars out there directing traffic, we knew we'd done it, because when you need traffic control, you know things are good," Bert says with a chuckle.

Today, as Bert begins his 14th year as a member of the Symphony board, the VSSGW boasts more than 300 members, and the Symphony's presence in Williamsburg is assured.

But the Virginia Symphony is by no means the only organization to benefit from the Aarons' care and generosity. Bert explains that after he lost his second wife to breast cancer, he became very active with the Virginia Breast Cancer Foundation, which asked him to put on a symposium on cancer diagnosis. With his good friends Dr. Les Dubnick and Dr. Mil Maloney, he organized "State-of-the-Art Cancer Diagnosis for the Primary Care Practitioner," and calls it "the best medical symposium that's ever been in this town."

Bert has also chaired the Williamsburg Area Arts Commission and has been a member of the Kiwanis Club of Williamsburg for many years. In 2004 he conceived and helped bring off a very successful Kiwanis Club Polo Cup.

"I found out that the Roanoke Symphony had put on a polo cup and I said to the club, 'We have to do a polo cup.' They thought I was crazy." Undeterred, Bert began poking

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around and found out there was a polo field at Shirley Plantation, contacted the Busch polo team, and brought in the first lead sponsor, Tysinger Motors. Gladys also played a key role, overseeing the boutique and talking a number of very desirable vendors into exhibiting.

"It was so labor-intensive, but we had such a good time. It was fun!" Bert says. His energy is infectious and it's easy to imagine how, in his hands, the polo cup was destined for success.

"He's a very unusual man," Gladys says quietly, eyes twinkling. Considering that her husband has received the Kiwanis Club's coveted Korczowski-Fuller Award, the Cultural Alliance of Greater Hampton Roads' Alli Award, and commendations from U.S. Secretary of Defense Robert Gates, the Virginia General Assembly, and dozens of other groups, it would seem that Gladys's assessment is widely shared.

Now long retired, the Aarons keep in close touch with their children and grandchildren, who live in the Northeast, Michigan and California. They still love to travel. In 2008 they took a 35-day cruise from Civitavecchia, Italy to Singapore — a trip that featured more than

one unforeseen adventure, including on one occasion being chased by pirates toting Kalashnikov rifles and on another being asked to pay \$500 for a steak and \$60 for a baked potato at a restaurant in Dubai. "That was not for us!" Bert recalls as he and Gladys laugh.

In at least one way, the couple's volunteer work has followed them on their travels. When the Aarons were in Singapore, Bert says, "The president of the Singapore Kiwanis Club met us at the hotel, and he and his wife entertained us for three days solid. They took us places we never would have seen."

What keeps them giving back to their community at an age when many people are glad to put their feet up? The Aarons have ready answers. "It brings us pleasure, and it brings other people pleasure," Gladys says. "It's very enlightening. It broadens your horizons."

"When you retire you can sit around or you can go out and have fun," Bert quickly adds. "You get a lot of satisfaction. It's like doing a good job in your actual job. If you say you'll do it someday, someday never comes. Make it a priority." **NDN**

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# ASK FOR WHAT YOU WANT

By Lillian Stevens

By its very definition, encouragement means to give someone support, confidence or hope. It can come from a variety of places including family, friends and colleagues. Encouragement, however, can also come from within.

Andrea Sardone, Colonial Williamsburg's new Director of Marketing, says that her parents encouraged her from a very young age to reach for her dreams. It's been a journey with some interesting twists and turns. "I credit my parents with who I am," she says.

In order to be successful at whatever you undertake, Andrea believes that you must know what your strengths are and you must know how to apply those strengths to ask for what you want. This advice rings true in the corporate world, museums, higher education, relationships – just about everywhere.

"If you know you can do something, if you know that you can add value, then don't let opportunities go because you were afraid to speak up," Andrea says.

In her role at the Colonial Williamsburg Foundation, Andrea heads the team charged with marketing CW in its entirety. That includes the Historic Area, of course, but also the hospitality side as well as a head-spinning number of new events and endeavors that are well underway. Prior to that, she served as Chief Marketing Officer for William and Mary's Mason School of Business. There she encouraged colleagues to venture out of their comfort



zones.

"We established a marketing function, and we created a culture where we understood the value of a customer. That was easy to do in a business school, but I'm also proud that we recruited thousands of students and met our strategic goals."

There was also the actual naming of the school, an online MBA program, and the "Revolutionaries Welcome" campaign, the latter of which might have sounded risky to some, but not to Andrea. "I love how it rolls off of the tongue now." The revolutionaries she's referring to are young, forward-thinking individuals



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who see that all things are possible with clarity of vision and the will to lead. Not unlike the revolutionaries she celebrates at Colonial Williamsburg.

“Yes, we are one of the world’s largest living history museums. And you could also say that the United States Constitution and the Declaration of Independence are sort of our brand documents. The idea of America was literally born right here. These ideas in those documents that we sometimes take for granted, like the right to pursue whatever makes us happy, come to us as gifts from the people who came here centuries ago. So my job is to market CW in a way that people really understand that and can relate to it in contemporary terms.”

For her part, Andrea takes nothing for granted. She has built her career and shaped her life on the dreams and ideals made possible by revolutionaries in her own family – the grandparents and parents who encouraged her to be her very best.

“My grandparents, both sets of them, were Italian immigrants. They came to Ellis Island on a boat. They had no money, and they spoke no English.”

They did, however, have strong beliefs, which

they passed down. They believed, for instance, in education. Andrea’s father was an engineer who attended night school to earn his MBA. Her mother was a stay at home mother who raised five children, all of whom hold graduate degrees.

Andrea holds an undergraduate and graduate degree from the University of Kentucky. Unfortunately, her father did not live long enough to see her graduate.

“He died when I was a senior in high school. Now that I’m grown, there are often times I wish I could just talk with him.”

Andrea’s mother died earlier this year, in April. “That’s been really tough,” she says. “But I’ve spent a lot of time reflecting on who she was and the strength that sustained her.”

After college, Andrea’s first job was with a small Associated Press newspaper, the Advocate-Messenger in Danville, Kentucky, where she was an editor and columnist. From there, she headed to graduate school and then went on to Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania where she worked as an operations manager for Electronic Information Network in Allegheny County overseeing the country’s first large installation of the Internet in the county’s 62 libraries, including the

Carnegie Libraries. Then, she landed a position at Chatham University as an academic computing manager where she was charged with networking all of the residence halls.

“I also went through a dot com phase,” she says. “At the time, Pittsburgh was this little haven of dot coms because there is a startup up culture there with Carnegie Mellon and the University of Pittsburgh. So the pattern became ‘trade up for money’ before being laid off.”

Was that a scary time?

“It was fun!” Andrea says. “And why not? I had no debt and everything I owned fit into my car. Plus, I thrive on a fast pace. That’s actually when I was first exposed to marketing because with startups you do everything. So I learned a lot over those years. But then I had enough of layoffs and really wanted a more stable environment.”

Her short-term plan was to clean up her basement and figure out what the next chapter would hold. Three days later, however, Andrea was offered a position as Director of Marketing Publications at the University of Pittsburgh’s Katz Graduate School of Business where she spent two years before coming to William and Mary.



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She remembers flying down for her interview and thinking that Virginia reminded her very much of Danville, Kentucky where she grew up. "I'm such a small town girl. I just felt at home here."

After checking into her hotel, Andrea took a walk through William and Mary's campus and thought she had wandered on to a movie set. "I kept thinking that this place looked too beautiful to be real."

She was smitten. The next day, she interviewed for the marketing position and was taken on a tour of campus, including a visit to the Tennis Center adjacent to the School of Law.

"So, I went into the Tennis Center and they told me that college employees have free membership there," she says. "Sold!"

Andrea moved to Williamsburg in October, 2005 and started her new job at William and Mary. Six months later, she was promoted to Director of Marketing and then to Chief Marketing Officer. She stayed for ten years.

"I had no plans to leave," she says, "none at all." Until the opportunity to work with a colleague came along.

William and Mary alumnus Michael Holtzman had taken the helm as Colonial Wil-

liamsburg's Vice President for Strategic Communications. Highly visible on the international PR and marketing stage, Mike Holtzman and Andrea were already well acquainted, having worked together on programs for the business school.

After learning the ambitious agenda that Michael and new President Mitchell B. Reiss had charted for CW, Andrea knew this was one opportunity that she needed to pursue.

"There is a message I'd like to put out there, especially for women. If you want something badly, then you really do need to work on your behalf to get it. You can't rely on other people to read your mind and get you there. You can't be afraid of rejection. Learn from it."

Being willing to put herself out there comes in part from that encouragement and support she received growing up in small-town Kentucky. Becoming a leader in her field, though, is something that has been cultivated in more recent years.

"I have become much better at managing people and for that I give a lot of credit to the time spent at William and Mary and to mentors like Kate Slevin (William and Mary's former Vice Provost for Academic Affairs).

"I had wonderful people at William and Mary who really did care about my career development. I learned so much about building consensus and teamwork."

Thinking back to the story of her own grandparents, what their lives must have been like and how much courage it took for them to make the trip to a foreign country at such young ages, Andrea reminisces about visiting New York City when she and her sister were staying in a beautiful high-rise hotel adjacent to New York Harbor.

"We had this beautiful view of the Statue of Liberty," she says. "We both thought 'isn't it amazing?' because our grandparents had seen the Statue of Liberty from a very different vantage point. So there we were, their granddaughters, on the 35th floor of a luxury hotel in New York City. It was all because they had the courage to take the trip—to go for it."

Today, Andrea Sardone's family is scattered across the country. In a few weeks, they will converge on Williamsburg to celebrate Thanksgiving. "It's going to be especially fun to show my nieces the animals and introduce them to the wonder of this place. I'm very excited about that." NDN

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# enjoying photography

By Cathy Welch

Williamsburg resident Craig Hill's passion for photography began in college. After a career detour, he is pursuing action-packed images that tell a story. Born and raised in Indiana, Craig earned his Bachelor in Animal Science from Purdue University. He went on to earn his Master of Science in Computer Applications and Management Information Systems Degree from American University.

He married Cathy in 1967 after they graduated from Purdue. Their two grown children, Jonathan and Jennifer, share his interest in photography. He has one grandson, Steven, who attends Christopher Newport University.

Craig was a photojournalist for Purdue and a nearby newspaper. He volunteered as a photographer for the school's yearbook, worked at a photo store and shot wed-



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ding photos in addition to his photographic work at the Indianapolis Motor Speedway. "This is how I got into action stuff," he says.

"I did football and basketball games. It was a challenge."

He wanted to go to veterinary school or work for Kodak, but the draft hanging over male college students' heads stopped him. He signed up for Army officer training school to keep from being drafted and spent 20 years in communications and information management.

Photography became a hobby during his military career. He did a lot of traveling for work, but only had a low-quality camera.

"I've had all these wonderful opportunities, and I'd love to go back," he says. "I have been out west a lot, but I was working and not always carrying a camera."

Craig worked for NATO in Belgium and was stationed in Germany. He also served in Vietnam. He and Cathy lived in Alaska for a few years, as well.

After retiring from the military in 1989, he

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spent 19 years in Washington, D.C., working for a government contractor in communications and information technology. His last ten years were devoted to high-security credentialing.

“You don’t retire in place,” he says. “I woke up the morning after retirement and everybody around me was going to work. I felt like I had finished a job, so I was going to the next job: retirement.”

His family moved to Williamsburg in 2008. He knew no one here, but his wife did and loved the area. His family found Williamsburg to be full of friendly people without agendas. “They are very accepting of outsiders. It’s a destination location where people will come to see you, because of the historic triangle and Busch Gardens. Now after we’ve been here seven years, enough people have come,” he jokes.

After moving to Williamsburg, Craig switched from film to digital photography and began pursuing photography again. “There are a couple of people here who are very keen on getting better,” he says. “One is a gentleman named Norm Rictor. Norm, Carla LaFiandra and Joe Heyman are excellent instructors at The Christopher Wren Association from whom I’ve learned a great deal.”

He met another inspiration, wildlife photographer Ken Conger, when he joined The Colonial Nature Photography Club (CNPC). He traveled with Ken locally on several photo trips. “In his book, *Wildlife’s Greatest Connection: A Mother and Her Young*, every one of his pictures tells a story,” Craig says. “He is the standard to reach for in wildlife photography.”

Another of his inspirations is photojournalist, Larry Burrows, who was in Vietnam with *Life Magazine*.

Craig’s earlier photography was focused on personal travel and documenting his family. “Now I’m primarily interested in action and challenge; especially things like raptors, eagles, osprey and hawks.”

With Facebook®, he finds out where things are happening from the Virginia Photography group, the Hampton Roads Photography group and a Florida Photography group among others. “Some will post that shad are running at the Lion’s Bridge or something is happening in Richmond or Yorktown,” he says.

“With the proliferation of photos on social media it seems to be about quantity, not quality,” he says of his pet peeve with social media sharing. “It is rewarding to get a single great image of an osprey, eagle or even a butterfly that tells a story. You don’t have to show every picture you take.”

Now with the advent of cell phones, everybody has a camera. “You don’t have to tie up a lot of money in equipment,” he says. “For \$1000 you can get a heck of a good camera with a basic lens.” Craig works with a Nikon. He is now president of CNPC, a member of the Williamsburg Photo Guild and a Williamsburg bird guild. He plays golf which he feels he is equally as good in as photography. “It keeps me busy,” he says. “There’s no time in retirement.”

Craig enjoys the challenge of nature photography. “Your subjects are not predictable,” he explains. “I started with college football and basketball games, then on to race cars and air shows. Today, raptors, butterflies and mammals provide action and a challenge.”

“With digital cameras it doesn’t cost a nickel to practice,” he explains.



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He’s a big proponent of treating animals properly. “I have never wanted to hunt animals with a weapon,” he says. “I do enjoy hunting with my camera.”

Craig believes every image should tell a story. He uses a photo of a baby Sandhill crane (or colt) in Florida to demonstrate. The bird’s mother is feeding him. “This is not a bird on a stick,” he explains of photographs of perched birds. “When I first got here I was taking pictures of eagles. I realized I was just taking pictures of eagles on a stick.” Craig goes to Florida at least three times a year to photograph nesting and breeding tri-color herons.

“I went out to Abilene, Texas recently. I was so disappointed I couldn’t find a rattlesnake. How stupid is that?”

“This one is a male bringing a stick to a female,” he explains the story behind a shot of an egret. “He brings one in. Sometimes she puts it in the nest and sometimes she chucks it.”

A recreational pilot and a commercial flight instructor, he credits the flight experience with growing his awareness of his surroundings. “I’ve developed a strong situational awareness which lets me see things others miss,” he says.

Craig primarily goes to Florida’s East Coast. He visits St. Augustine Alligator Farm and a bird rookery nearby. He also travels to Merritt Island in the spring for a huge migration of great white pelicans and alligators.

“It’s okay to stand close to an alligator if its mouth is full,” he jokes. “Besides, you only have to outrun one other person.”

He visits the Viera Wetlands across from Merritt Island and other water reclamation areas where Cattle egrets nest in May. He’s made many friends in Florida who keep him up on what is going on and invite him to stay with them. “I love going down there,” he says. “These people have all this wildlife in their backyard and they take it for granted.”

“No more than an hour’s drive in any direction from Williamsburg provides so many opportunities for photography,” he says of his own backyard. “Rivers, an ocean and wildlife refuges, are abundant with wildlife. In this area there’s tons of stuff in your backyard. My best butterfly picture ever was taken in my backyard.”

He also sees hummingbird there.

“These guys are the biggest challenge I’ve ever had,” he explains. “I still don’t have a really good picture that I like.”

In addition to his photography, Craig plays golf and works out regularly. Though he does not sell his images, the Williamsburg Photo Guild does a display in the Williamsburg Library he participates in.

“I’ve been asked to do pictures in other places and I hesitate to do it,” he explains. “I don’t want the pressure of having to produce pictures. I just want to enjoy it.”

“People like seeing pictures whether it’s historic, documentaries or selfies,” Craig Hill says of photography’s importance to the community. “For me it is fairly relaxing to spend time watching and photographing animals. I love Busch Gardens and go with Norm all the time to photograph flowers and stuff like that. It’s different every day.” NDN

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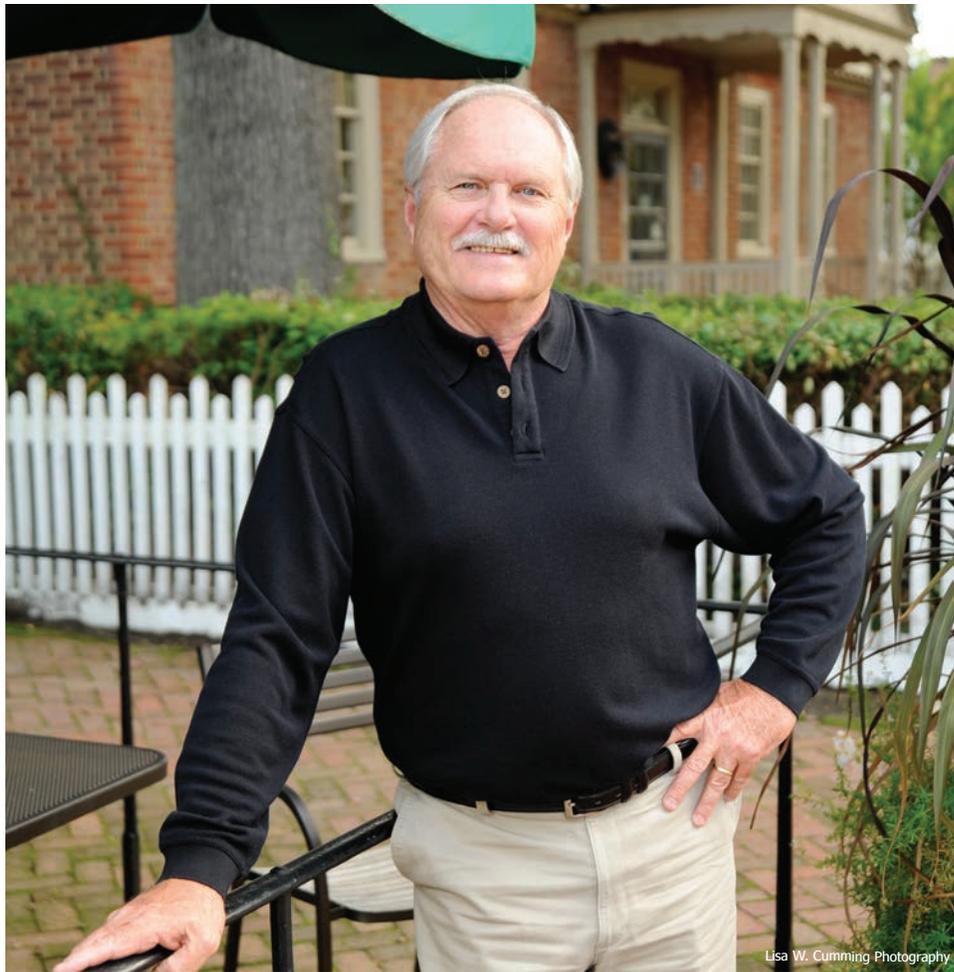
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By Wynne Bowman

Ron Robertson, classic car enthusiast, retired fire firefighter and energetic grandfather of nine, has been a pillar of the Williamsburg community for more than fifty years.

“It is hard to explain,” Ron says. “It feels like my roots are here.” His parents moved to Williamsburg before he was born, and he has lived here ever since. “We love to travel,” he states, referring to his “other half,” wife Debby. “But

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we really love Williamsburg. I love this town and I am so thankful to live here.”

You can find the couple riding their Harley or walking down Duke of Gloucester Street, where Ron is always connected to his childhood memories of Williamsburg. “The nice thing about Williamsburg is that you can sit on a bench in Merchants Square and a friend from your past or your childhood will walk by. It is just amazing.”

Ron spent his free time in Colonial Williamsburg when he was younger, as well, meeting with his friends after school at their local “hang-out spot” off D.O.G. Street. In warm weather, they would go to Rich’s local drive-in off Richmond Road, or to The Stockade Auditorium to watch movies. This drive-in theatre, which has since been replaced by stoplights and restaurants, now serves as an intersection for Richmond Road and Ironbound Road. In the winter months, Ron and his friends would spend time sledding down the hills of the Golden Horseshoe Golf Course adjacent to Francis Street.

“The restored area hasn’t changed much

since I was young,” explains Ron. “What has changed is the amount of people and families who have moved here to settle into retirement. And since I was little, they have built Busch Gardens, Water Country and the Anheuser Busch Brewery. With big changes like that, everything else changes.”

One thing Ron believes has remained a constant in his hometown is its people. “Williamsburg is filled with great people,” he says, “and for the most part, that has remained true for the whole time I have lived here.” Debby agrees. Even though she moved around when she was young, due to her father’s position in the military, Williamsburg is the place that immediately felt like home to her.

Ron has many stories to tell of his time here, from his first memories attending Walsingham Academy to the events that fueled his calling to fight fires, including the 1971 Drug Fair fire on Monticello Avenue which presented Ron with the biggest inferno of his career.

He always knew he wanted to be a firefighter. During high school, Rob attended James Blair High School, which was next to

the Williamsburg Fire Station #2 at the time. “Whenever I would hear those sirens in class, my heart would start racing. I would always want to go with them. I even had a teacher that would sometimes let me leave class to help the firefighters. When I was a junior in high school, I was hired by the city part-time for the department. I wasn’t allowed to provide much Emergency Medical Service, but I would clean and help everyone out when I could.”

Good timing fell into Ron’s hands. After graduating high school in 1964, two firefighting positions opened up for the City of Williamsburg. Ron was hired immediately to begin training and, subsequently, his career.

Ron began his career before the technology that protects firefighters today. When he started in the fire service, there were only canister air filtered masks provided for the firefighters. The self-contained breathing apparatus came later in his career.

In his 40 years of service, Ron worked for both the City of Williamsburg and James City County. Reminiscing on what it’s like to approach a large fire, he says, “First, you think

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about the life inside. Then, you think about the property. The next thought is exposure. Yes, we want to extinguish the fire as quickly as possible, but we are always concerned with exposure. What else has been affected? And who?"

"It's scary knowing your husband is running into a burning building that everyone else is running away from, but being a firefighter's wife is pride." explains Debby, who has stood by Ron's side since the day they met.

From the age of six, Ron knew he wanted to save lives. "My favorite childhood memory was riding in the fire truck when my dad was the fire chief," he explains. As the second fire chief of Williamsburg, Ron's father was one of several relatives that served in the fire service. "It's in the family. It's in the blood. We all serve the community one way or the other." As a third generation firefighter, Ron's son – one of four children – fulfills this statement, following his own father's footsteps as Assistant Fire Chief at Camp Peary Fire Department.

When Ron retired in 2004, he and Debby decided to stay in Williamsburg because of their friends, their growing family and their

love of the town. "I have enjoyed every minute of retirement. Fishing with my grandkids, watching my grandsons play baseball – it has all been great." When they're not traveling with their grandsons' baseball teams, Ron and Debby are checking off locations from their list of places to see.

Debby explains, "We want to see everything there is to see in the United States, and Alaska is next."

Ron continues her thought: "We love to go camping when we follow the boys' baseball teams, and when we are on our own, we have a motorcycle that we like to ride."

Happily, Debby adds that in their travels, the Robertson's enjoy long drives or weekend get-aways. "No matter where we go, we have to visit a fire station."

Proving Debby's statement, Ron says, "I love seeing all the stations. My favorite trip to a fire station was in California. As soon as Debby and I landed, we rented a convertible and drove with the top down on the coastal highway up to San Francisco."

Their travels have helped them gain a deeper

appreciation of Williamsburg. By meeting people on the other side of the country whose eyes light up when they hear that Ron and Debby are from Williamsburg, the former fire captain continues to be reminded of how special this town is to him. He tells the story of a recent trip.

"A couple approached me when I was in Colorado. I had mentioned during dinner that I was from Williamsburg, and the man at the table next to me walked over a few minutes later. As he asked me to repeat the fact that I am from Williamsburg, he couldn't believe it. That's not all. The same man then continued to say that he and his wife were to be visiting Williamsburg in a couple of weeks and that he would like to meet Debby and me for dinner. Two weeks later, we had dinner with that couple at The Trellis in Merchant Square."

Ron Robertson explains that "hometown" means family, friends, community and memories. "With a lifetime of stories in tow, Ron and Debby's time in Williamsburg has only given energy to their love for each other and for their beloved hometown. NDN

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# GOING FOR HER DREAM

By Nicole Puskar



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On the eastern shore of the Northern Neck is the small rural town of Kinsale, Virginia. Amy Thomas and her siblings were raised there. She recalls that during her childhood, dental visits were infrequent and periodontal care was not emphasized. In fact, unless there was pain, Amy's family did not regularly go

to the dentist at all. It wasn't until years later, after taking a job as a school bus driver which provided access to dental insurance, that Amy began taking advantage of routine dental exams. During these appointments, she discovered an unlikely love that would eventually lead her to a successful and rewarding career

as a dental hygienist.

Amy and her husband have three daughters, with whom Amy stayed home with until their youngest reached school age. To remain on the girls' schedule and to see them throughout the day, Amy took a job as a school bus driver for James City County and volunteered

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in her daughters' classrooms. Amy recalls this time as being a gratifying and effective way to help support her family. Amy's involvement with the schools allowed her to develop a positive rapport with the teachers, administrators and other parents. She fondly recalls memories of children calling her Miss Amy, waving and giving her hugs whenever she came to the school.

"I really was hands on. Once my youngest one got in at Matthew Whaley, I would come there for lunch. It was really nice to actually be there with my daughters, to be able to drive the bus, park the bus and come spend time with the girls."

Aside from the family-friendly schedule and proximity to her daughters, another fringe benefit realized during these years was lasting friendships. "I actually got to know other moms. My daughter has a best friend, and I am still friends with her mother to this day."

In 2009, when her youngest daughter was entering third grade, Amy decided it was time for a career change. By this time, Amy

regularly visited a local dental practice, where she befriended a dental hygienist who shared with Amy her passion for her job. Intrigued, Amy searched the paper for local job openings and applied to a position with the Morrison Dental Group as a dental assistant. She interviewed with the practice and received an offer for the position several days later.

Amy didn't have any prior dental education or experience. Additionally, the Morrison Education Center was not founded until 2012. So, Amy learned the ropes on the job, working primarily with dental hygienists. In 2011, a dental hygienist encouraged Amy to apply to the Dental Hygiene program at Thomas Nelson Community College (TNCC). Amy applied and was accepted. She was ecstatic. "I remember coming up to Dr. Morrison. I said, 'I need to talk to you for a moment.' And I took him back to the back room and I said, 'I got into Hygiene School!' We were all so excited."

The dental hygiene program was five full-time semesters and required two years to complete. During this time, Amy maintained a part-time schedule with her work at the den-

tal office. Amy had already developed great professional relationships with her colleagues, but she also credits her ability to maintain a part-time schedule while completing school for solidifying her career.

"I am very fortunate and very blessed to have gotten here at this office," Amy says, "Before I even graduated from Thomas Nelson, Dr. Morrison asked me to come back here as a hygienist. So when I graduated, and before I took my boards and everything, I knew I had a job here as a hygienist. So I didn't have to do any job searching or anything like that. I was able to come back home."

At the center of Amy's professional fulfillment and success is a sincere heart for people. Amy is one of those rare individuals who can befriend just about anyone within minutes. According to her colleagues, her laughter precedes her throughout the office. Her warm spirit and positive attitude have melted even the stoniest of patients. She emphasizes that it's about care, not just cleaning.

In addition to ensuring their comfort, Amy educates her patients on the importance of

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routine dental hygiene appointments. The consequences of ignoring dental health can be costly. Poor dental health has been linked to numerous health issues, including diabetes, stroke and high blood pressure, Amy shares. Consequently, she emphasizes preventative care before problems arise. However, despite Amy's best efforts, she still sees her fair share of patients who are experiencing infections and disease and are understandably unhappy upon their arrival. Rather than taking it personally, Amy prays her way through these difficult appointments and tries to exhibit empathy for her patients.

Many patients walk in with a certain level of anxiety and trepidation. "I let them know I'm a patient also. I get in the chair, and I have anxiety, too. I let them know a lot of times I have to go to my happy place," Amy says. "They know that I relate to them."

Amy's honesty and vulnerability shorten the seemingly great divide between those in scrubs and those in the chair and minimize the tendency to see those in uniform as wholly other, rather than real people with authentic

stories not unlike our own. Her resiliency allows her to maintain the perspective that bad experiences with individual patients need not equate to bad days.

Amy is adamant about not taking any negativity home with her at the end of the day, where it may impact her family, who play a large role in providing support and encouragement to reinforce Amy's positive resolve. Paradoxically, the same people she leans on after difficult days at work are the ones who provide the most motivation for prohibiting work-related stress from spilling over at home in the first place. Amy certainly loves what she does, but she also recognizes the importance of setting boundaries and keeping things in perspective both for her and her family's sakes.

Anchoring Amy's positivity is a natural proclivity toward optimism and a deeply held faith. "I am optimistic, but I'm also spiritual," Amy says. "I pray every morning before I come to work. I thank God every day when I leave here. I pray that I take good care of my patients. I pray that I have God's Holy Spirit to make the right decisions for my patients.

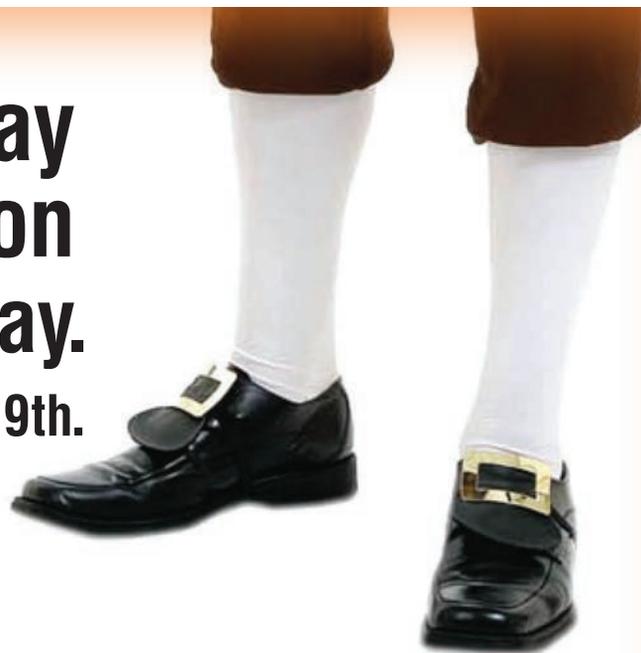
I pray that I get along well with my coworkers, that I keep a smile on my face and take the best care of my patients as possible to have them leave with a smile on their face."

She feels her work is a calling. "I truly love what I do. I look forward to coming to work in the morning. I love the people that I work with. We get the work done, but we also work well together. We can laugh together. We can talk to each other about certain things; we get advice from each other. I really do love what I do." Amy raves about her coworkers, whom she refers to as family and the practice as their "dental home." She brags about her coworkers' kindness, generosity and mutual desire to step up as cheerleaders for one another in times of need. Amy's motto for happiness at work: "The more I smile, the more I laugh, the better I feel overall."

Her life experiences have taught her wonderfully simple, yet profound truths. "It's all about being positive, being that optimistic person, being that spiritual person, being that strong person, being that family person. That's what I'm really all about," Amy says. NDN

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# THE JOY LADY

By Erin Fryer



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Jodie Dolci has built a successful career and business using her unique ability to see the world through other's perspectives. Lovingly referred to as "The Joy Lady," Jodie is a postpartum doula who has dedicated her professional life to serving families as they adjust

to life with a newborn.

As owner and creative play strategist for Source of Joy Industries in Williamsburg, Jodie's talent for nurturing and educating expectant and new moms has evolved into a booming business with a plethora of clients.

The word "doula" is an Ancient Greek term meaning "woman's servant" and has evolved through time as a way to support women in the delivery room. Postpartum doulas came about when it was determined that not all women were finished in the delivery room

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“For me, a doula is someone that comes alongside a woman and makes sure their clients feel totally confident as a mother,” Jodie explains. “I am there for those times when they don’t feel totally confident and am there as a resource to talk to them, nurture them, educate them and travel alongside them.”

Jodie says she approaches her job by trying to be aware of other’s perspectives.

“Parenting is a relationship, not a job,” she says. “You have to discover the other person and look at their perspective. If the baby is crying, we need to think about what’s going on for them. Is something too tight? Or maybe if we had an earlier start to the day, they wouldn’t be so cranky.”

Jodie says her clients come to her at various points in their journeys as mothers. They may enlist her services when they are three weeks into motherhood and they are thinking it isn’t exactly what they thought it was going to be, or sometimes they will call her out of the blue when the baby won’t stop crying and they are completely overwhelmed.

On a day-to-day basis, Jodie says it is very difficult for her to have any set agenda. She says she focuses on goals with each client that serve as their “anchors for motherhood,” but some days maybe the mother will feel like she is drowning in dishes and the baby is crying and she just wants to take a shower. That’s where Jodie comes in to show them how to balance those situations.

For Jodie, she says she is mainly focused on the mom and making sure she feels supported in whatever she needs, whether it’s housework or just having someone to talk to and confide in.

Jodie first got started as a postpartum doula as a result of her close friend’s traumatic birth experience. “She had a scary experience the first time around and ended up needing a C-section, and she really wanted a doula for her second baby and couldn’t afford one,” Jodie says. “So I filled that role for her and did whatever she needed. It struck me that they should have someone who does this professionally for the postpartum period, and my friend informed me that they do!”

Jodie immediately started doing some research and fell in love with everything about postpartum doulas. A pre-school teacher at the time, Jodie was always around children and knew that she would have a knack for the role.

Jodie, who became a mother to her first daughter at 21 years old, says she remembers wishing there was this magic fairy who would come do her dishes or make the family dinner when she was exhausted from taking care of her kids.

In 2010, Jodie decided to leave her job at the pre-school to start her own business aimed at helping parents combat stress. “Women juggle so many pressures and I want them to be able to know that they can

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enjoy parenthood," she says.

That same year, Jodie decided to return to school to finish her sociology degree at the College of William and Mary, graduating in 2013. The daughter of two entrepreneurs, Jodie was no stranger to the feast and famine cycles that can come with starting your own business.

"Starting my own business was like handing me a big lump of Play-Doh and saying 'make it what you want,'" Jodie recalls.

Jodie's Marine Corps husband was deployed when she gave birth to their second daughter. This contributed to a series of significant changes in her life between leaving her job, starting a business, being a mother to two daughters while her husband was overseas, and returning to work just two and a half weeks after the birth of her second child.

"I felt an overwhelming need to be surrounded by people who loved me and who knew who I was," Jodie says. "I learned through my training that that was actually postpartum depression. I was depressed for years and didn't even know it."

Jodie, who describes herself as a "high functioning depressed person," says she would get through her day-to-day duties during the week but on the weekends would not even want to get out of bed. "It was hard for me to even move," she says. "I began taking an antidepressant and remember feeling the fog lift. I remember thinking, 'is this what a normal person's brain functions like?'"

"Through her training Jodie learned that 85 percent of women experience being emotional, weepy and having mood swings after giving birth. 1 in 5 women experience postpartum depression, which can impact sleep and the ability to function normally, altering a woman's entire personality.

"So often people don't talk about it, and it's something they are afraid to say," Jodie says. "My job is to journey alongside a mother and let her feel those feelings."

Through her company, Jodie has built a clientele that has allowed her to take on other postpartum doulas as subcontractors to provide the services needed to the community. "I was juggling so many clients, I needed more hands on deck," she says. "They are fantastic."

As for the future, Jodie hopes to one day have a physical location for her business, since she is currently working out of her home, though most of the time is spent in the client's homes.

Another dream Jodie has for the future of her business is to have something similar to the Book Mobile where she could visit low-income neighborhoods where they don't have access to developmentally appropriate materials. "I want to bring crafts and stories into these neighborhoods and help the women there feel empowered as mothers."

While Jodie has big dreams for the future of her business, it's safe to say she will keep living up to her name as "The Joy Lady" by spreading her joy for helping families throughout Williamsburg. NDN

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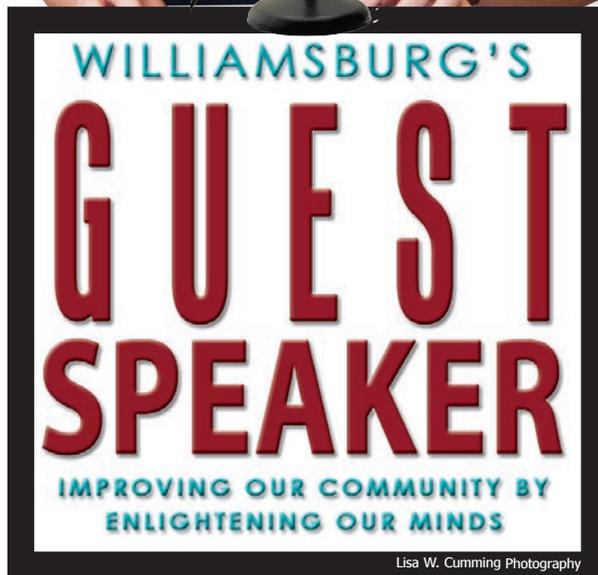
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# JULIE CULLIFER



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Following graduation from the College of William and Mary, Julie Cullifer pursued a career in public policy in Washington D.C. She and her husband lived abroad for several years and returned to settle in Williamsburg to raise a family.

They discovered that their young son had Autism.

“This experience taught me that life has a way of molding and reshaping our aspirations often in inconceivable ways.” Julie founded One Child Center for Autism (One Child) in 2013, but says she felt inadequate to the task and responsibility of building a non-profit organization.

“However, I’ve discovered that my various professional and life experi-

ences have not only provided me with a unique view of what helping and supporting children and families affected by Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) can and should be, but also prepared me for my responsibilities as Executive Director of One Child.”

### When did you first become involved with One Child Center for Autism?

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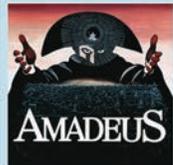
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health insurance through my husband's employer, none of the recommended therapies were covered. As I sought alternative ways to get services for my son, I encountered long wait lists and many therapists that would not accept clients that had to privately pay. I often met and spoke with other families like mine and noticed our discussions often turned to the hardships we were experiencing - the struggle to find and keep services, navigate the educational system and utilize our health insurance coverage.

### What is the mission and purpose of the group?

One Child is founded on three core principles: (1) Children with ASD require an individualized collaborative approach to therapy services; (2) a Child with Autism should not be denied access to therapy due to a lack of insurance coverage or financial resources; (3) Supporting parents and siblings of children with Autism improves and strengthens the entire family unit.

One Child was founded to help Autism Families, but we also recognize that children with other disabilities can benefit from our services and we are committed to helping all children.

While acknowledging the difficulties children and families affected by Autism encounter is important, I also believe we should celebrate the wonderful attributes and achievements of our children with Autism just as we would for any of our other children. Children with Autism are neither broken nor burdens; they are like all children that laugh, play and feel deeply. As parents, it is important to remember that our children have strengths and weaknesses like everyone else in our families and it is our responsibility to empower and equip them for their futures. One Child works to help families achieve this reality.

### What types of services does the group do to support the mission?

One Child is best known for our Skill Builder social skills groups that focus on improving pragmatic language and practicing successful navigation of social interactions. We also provide individual speech-language therapy sessions for families that do not have insurance coverage. One Child provides these services at a reduced rate to families and is able to offer scholarships to families in need, thanks to donations to the One Child Scholarship Fund.

One Child also offers two programs focused on providing support to the families. The first is KIDS' Night, a respite program for families which occurs every other month. KIDS' Night provides a night of qualified childcare for children with special needs and their siblings in a fun environment. One Child also organizes A Night Out with Friends, a social event for women that meets every other month and provides an opportunity for women to connect with and support each other.

### What have been parents' reactions?

Parents have been overwhelmingly excited and grateful to One Child and our staff. These are families that have struggled to help their child and are relieved to find a local organization that provides services and support to the entire family.

### What can readers do to help you?

First, I very much want to ensure that families in need of services and support know that One Child exists. Please spread the word about One Child to your family and friends and connect with us on our website at [www.OneChildCenterforAutism.org](http://www.OneChildCenterforAutism.org) and Facebook page.

Second, despite offering our services at a reduced cost, many families still struggle financially and cannot afford our services. Contributions to the One Child Scholarship Fund make therapy accessible to families in need. My goal is to grow our Scholarship Fund to provide at least three more children therapy for the Fall Semester.

### What are some personal experiences you have had that renew your commitment to One Child?

I've been blessed to witness moments in which a parent is filled with a renewed joy, a sense of belonging and hope. Moments when a parent takes the time to excitedly tell me what a difference being in a social skills group has made for their son this school year, or a parent sharing that KIDS' Night was the first time they have left their child in 10 years, or through the pictures and videos from our social skills groups that show the kids laughing and developing true friendships. All of these moments motivate me to continue to serve these families and this community.

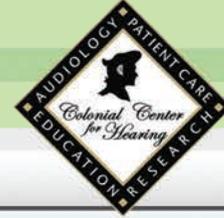
We are told that no child is alike, and in fact, there is a common saying within the Autism community - "Once you've met One Child with Autism, you've met One Child with Autism" (Stephen Shore). This saying reflects the reality that there is not a map for navigating the world of Autism Spectrum Disorder and each family must make difficult choices about how they equip their children to navigate a world that is very unfamiliar to them. One Child exists to support each family on their individual journey and positively impact families.

### How has your work with One Child affected your personal life and outlook?

When I founded One Child out of a practical need for my son, I knew that my reality was not uncommon but I could never have imagined how great the need was in the Williamsburg community. Likewise, I've been humbled by the generosity of local businesses, individuals, therapists, special education professionals and volunteers that have supported One Child and helped me transform a vision into an organization.

Ultimately, this experience has taught me that we are each stronger, that I am stronger, with people in our lives that acknowledge and support our family's unique journey. That in helping other families and working to create a positive and supportive community, my son and his peers will ultimately benefit. To that end, One Child strives to create a space that not only provides support for our children with Autism but also a place which considers the well-being of the parents and siblings. My hope for One Child is that it will serve as an oasis, a space where our children are celebrated for their unique talents and gifts and families feel a sense of acceptance. 

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By Greg Lilly, Editor



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James City County (JCC) County Administrator Bryan J. Hill says JCC has five top issues. Bryan is the County Administrator. "It's been an interesting year," he says of his first year in James City County. "I was asked when I came in to develop a plan of what the county needs to address. My first 30 days, I spent listening and talking to the staff and groups around the county. I tried to meet as many as I could. The team came up with five issues: water, storm water, county appearance, economic development and education."

Bryan was born in London, England. "My mom was a nurse, originally from Dominica in the West Indies. She went to England because Dominica was a colony of Great Britain. Great Britain needed nurses, so mom moved and I showed up about three years later," he explains. In 1972, he and his mother made the move from London to New York City. "My mother decided she did not like England anymore and did not like my dad anymore," he says with a sly laugh.

Once his mother recertified her nursing cre-

dentials, they moved to New Jersey and settled in Montclair. Bryan considers Montclair his hometown because that's where he spent the majority of his teen years. "It's a great town," he says, "with great schools, racial diversity in the people and beautiful tree-lined streets."

He played basketball and graduated from Alfred University in upstate New York. "I wasn't sure what I wanted to do. I graduated with a public administration degree and with minors in Public Policy, Public Law, Political Science and Business. I had no idea, so I covered every-

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thing that interested me.”

After graduation, he worked as a production manager for a technology company building computers. “I didn’t like the hours and decided I wanted to work for the county government in New Jersey. I worked for the eighth largest Welfare department in the United States, which was in Newark, New Jersey. That was in 1990.”

He married his wife, Kenita, in 1992. “We decided whoever made the most money would stay put and the other would move. She was in Washington, D.C. and made about 100 dollars a year more than me. I wanted her to move to New Jersey because with my job and with my basketball coaching, my sum of incomes would be more. She held me to the deal of comparing income from just our primary job.”

He found a job as a pricing analyst for a defense contractor in the D.C. area. He did all the budgets for the projects, building models to make the budgeting process more streamlined. He left to earn his Master’s Degree in Public Administration from University of Southern California. After graduation, he had several job offers and considered a position in Detroit. But once he and Kenita visited, they knew Detroit was not where they wanted to raise their family.

Instead of Detroit, he accepted a job as Director of Finance for the University of Maryland’s Office of Information and Technology and later moved to the position of Director of Administration for the Department of Aerospace Engineering. From there, he moved to the University of South Carolina’s Beaufort campus as the Vice Chancellor of Finance and Operations. After four years, he became a budget analyst at Beaufort County and then moved up to the Deputy County Administrator.

From Beaufort, he came to James City County. Within the first 90 days as our County Administrator, Bryan and his team identified the five priorities: water, storm water, county appearance, economic development and education.

“We have a water issue,” he says. “In 2008, Newport News and James City County made an agreement for water usage. We’re above our capacity limit. We’re working on a model to see if we can pull water from the James or the York or the Chickahominy Rivers. That is the major thing. If we don’t get water to the capacity we need, we won’t have economic development or be able to spur growth.” He explains that to keep the vitality of James City County, the

county needs a strong source for water. “You see what is going on in Southern California,” he stresses. “We are a ground water sourced community. We need to source from surface waters, i.e the York, James and Chickahominy. That’s the number one priority. That’s not a one year fix, that’s a 12 to 100 year fix.”

Bryan is leading the way for strategically planning five, ten, fifteen and twenty years out. He doesn’t want the county to be in a reactive mode to its issues, but to anticipate and have options ready for what the future brings.

Storm water runoff, he says is another issue. “We have a lot of impaired tributaries. We need to make our water pristine. I want the fishing harvest. I want people coming here to use our waterways. I want to make sure our waterways stay clean.”

Storm water runoff and the county’s appearance are connected to our economic development efforts. “We want to bring people here.” When a potential business looks to the county they should see a place they want to relocate to, bring their families to and a place they’d be proud to entertain customers.

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199,” he says. “Notice how we’ve cut the grass and there’s not as much trash. That was a no-brainer for me. Living in New Jersey, I hated trash along the roads. In Montclair, we didn’t have trash along the roads. Now in Newark, there was plenty of trash. The property values in Montclair were so much higher than surrounding neighborhoods because we took care of what we had. That’s what I want here. I want visitors to look around and say, ‘James City County – that’s a nice place to live.’”

He’s of the mindset of taking pride in our neighborhoods and roadways. “It’s the mindset where we’re mowing the sides of the roadways once a month instead of once a quarter and picking up trash once a month, instead of never.”

His budgeting experiences always have Bryan thinking about how to take care of the county financially. “In the grand scheme of everything, my goal is to drop our debt portfolio from 226 million to 75 million in eight years,” he states. “We built the law enforcement center, two fire stations and three new schools with no tax increase in the past twenty years. How do we maintain what we have, pay off our debt, and then have the ability to deal with our wa-

ter needs in 2025? This is what I had when I walked in the door last year.”

A 65 percent increase in population in less than 20 years, he explains, puts a strain on infrastructure and projects need to be completed to maintain the quality of life. “Our Strategic Plan coupled with our Comp Plan will show where we’re going. Right now, there is no Strategic Plan. This county has never had one. We’re working on it now.”

The big achievement for the county was the AAA bond rating from all three major national rating agencies. “Finance is my background. The first week I was here, I talked with our CFO John McDonald about getting Triple A bonded by the three agencies. They call it the ‘Triple-Triple.’ I think it wasn’t because of our population number being too low to qualify for AAA rating from all three agencies, but as I told John, it was because of our cash reserves. We looked at our portfolio.”

He explains that of the 3,155 counties in the United States, only 44 have Triple-Triple. “We are the only one under 100 thousand population. We are in ‘rare air.’ I give that to the Board of Supervisors for putting a strategic plan of initiatives to move us forward. We were recog-

nized for planning for our future. Our future happens in 2025 with our water issue.”

Bryan’s plan is focused on our future needs. “I call it clearing the deck,” he says. “If I can get rid of all our debt and I have a portfolio of growth of one percent a year, I’ll have the capacity to deal with whatever issue we have, whether a 124 million dollar water issue or a 50 million dollar water issue. I’ll have capacity with no tax increase. That’s sound financial management as we continue going forward.”

Bryan, Kenita and their three children have settled into life in the Williamsburg area. “The favorite part of my day is going to the Rec Center and playing basketball,” he says. He’s volunteering some time at Jamestown High School to help with their basketball team. “On the other hand, my most difficult time was doing the eulogy at John McDonald’s funeral,” he adds of the passing of the county’s CFO last November.

Moving James City County forward is a task Bryan Hill takes with confidence and energy. “With sound financial management, we as a community retain our assessed values, extend our quality of living and make it a more attractive place to live. That’s the plan.” NDN

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a certain level of  
**Frenzy**

By Greg Lilly, Editor

Coach Geoff McCulloch has big plans for Warhill's boys' basketball team. "Last year, three seniors graduated and two starting players transferred out. All good players," he says. "In essence, I like that we're starting from scratch with our team leaders. We're going to

have kids who are eager to learn and take that leadership role." Tryouts for the team start in November and by the end of the month, the first games of the season will let Geoff see his guys working as a team.

"The biggest thing now is getting my men-

tal for the team, heavy defense, an aggressive style. I like a certain level of frenzy."

Born outside of Chicago and then growing up in Gloucester, Massachusetts, just north of Boston, Geoff found frenzy that no doubt made him stronger. "I didn't make my high

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school basketball team my senior year. I got cut," he says. "I went to Tilton prep school in New Hampshire and did well there, averaging about 20 points a game. I still didn't get any looks. I decided that I would walk-on at University of North Carolina – Asheville. My dad had moved down here, so I went to Asheville and walked on their basketball team."

He says he left high school standing at five foot, ten inches. At graduation from Tilton, he had grown to six foot, three inches. "I grew an additional two more inches after that. So, after my senior year at high school, I grew seven inches. I was a late bloomer."

He says his senior year in high school, not making the basketball team, was a motivator for him. "I was going to prove that they shouldn't have cut me. You know, that's what kids do. Just like when my coach at Tilton, the prep school, told me I was potentially a Division III player, but would never be a Division I player. That was a big motivator to me to make a DI team. I like when there are doubters and I can prove them wrong."

He spent a year at UNC-Asheville. "The reality was I had played one year of competitive basketball at Tilton, and the speed of the game is so much faster. The athletes were a lot different, the speed was a lot different. DI basketball was a job, basically. I wasn't a scholarship kid, but a walk-on, and it consumed all of my time. I was ill-prepared for it. My grades slipped and it wasn't the right fit. I could play basketball there, but the rest went out the window."

He left Asheville and enrolled at Greensboro College in Greensboro, North Carolina. "It's a D3 school. I ended up playing there for three years. I was a captain and MVP my senior year. I met my wife, Kara, there. Kara was from Pulaski, Virginia."

So after graduation, he and Kara ended up moving to Pulaski, and Geoff started coaching basketball. First, as the junior varsity coach then as the assistant for the varsity team and then as the head varsity coach.

"I learned a lot. We decided we would explore other places. I had a friend who had coached for a number of years and lived in

New Kent County and taught at West Point." West Point had lost their head boys' basketball coach and Geoff landed the job and Kara found a job in Richmond.

"I was at West Point for three years. During that time, we bought a house in Williamsburg, and I was commuting everyday from Williamsburg to West Point. My kids were involved in recreational sports, soccer and basketball, that travelled around here. My daughter was going to go to Warhill; my son was going to Norge then to Toano. In an effort to simplify things, we decided I would try to get a job in James City County, closer to home."

Kara found a job in James City County as well, and last year Geoff coached at Jamestown High School. "I enjoyed Jamestown – good people. My basketball kids, I loved them. They played really hard, and they're going to be a good team this year. But, this job opened where my daughter Taylor goes to school and my son, Cade, will come through here. For teaching and coaching, this is my last stop." He likes the idea of being near his daughter and to

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be able to coach his son when he starts at Warhill.

“The move from Jamestown to Warhill didn’t have anything to do with the sports programs or basketball, it was purely a move that’s family-related. Each move I’ve made in my career has been family-related and an attempt to simplify our life. As a coach, it’s very difficult on family. Travelling to games, holding practices and open gyms, things like that take time away from the family.”

In his transition from player to coach, Geoff realized the skill set needed was different. “One thing you realize quickly is there’s a big difference between coaching and playing. The biggest benefit for me becoming a coach is becoming a teacher at the same time. To be a good coach, you have to be a good teacher and deal with different types of learning. It’s important to break things down into parts, use repetition and then build from the parts back to the whole – in everything.”

The perspective he has in the classroom translate onto the basketball court: having expectations and having a system. “In basketball,

it’s about having expectations and procedures as a team. When you have those, you will be successful in the classroom or on the basketball court. It took me a while to figure that out and to find the correlation. To be successful, you have to lay the groundwork and have everyone pulling in the same direction before you can even get into offense and defense.”

The mentality of an aggressive, heavy defense with Geoff’s “certain level of frenzy” will make his team one to watch. He acknowledges that skill is a part of the team’s success, but the mental game is just as important.

“Their head can take them to the next level or keep them from progressing to the next level. I’m a big fan of kids who play hard and work hard on the floor – run themselves to the point of exhaustion then take a break and go back out just as hard. That’s the mentality I want the kids to have. I like kids who can do something on both sides of the court, not just score, but defend. That’s what I build, a team that takes pride in our defense, relishes getting stops.”

After the players leave his team at the end of the season, he hopes they take certain life lessons with them. “First, if it’s something that you want, never go half speed at it. Throw your entire self into it, max effort at obtaining it. Nothing should stand in your way. Anything less than max effort is a set up for excuses. Secondly, I really harp on adversity. Basketball can have a lot of bad things happen during the game, during the season. I talk about character and how to deal with adversity and how to react to it. Do you let it occupy your mind or do you move past it and on to the next play? Life will have obstacles. How you respond to those goes a long way in determining how happy you are in your life. Those are two life lessons that I really focus on. In the aggressive defense style that I play, bad things happen. You have to move on.”

Coach Geoff McCulloch says he’s excited about the challenge of his new school, team and season.

“I like these kids, and I’m looking forward to getting into the season.” NDN

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# Comedy Bootcamp

By Greg Lilly, Editor

Laughter is good medicine, and the College of William and Mary's Center for Veterans Engagement uses stand-up comedy to help veterans and active military express themselves. William and Mary senior, Ryan Goss, helps organize the Comedy Bootcamp.

"The Comedy Bootcamp was started by a

student, Sam Pressler," Ryan says. "The model was to create expressive arts programs free of charge for veterans and active duty service members in the Greater Hampton Roads area. It began with a writing seminar. The Veterans Writing Project was an organization that Sam brought to William and Mary. That expanded

to music where music students and vets do one-on-one music lessons."

Sam and Ryan decided they would create a comedy portion of the program. "Last year we started creating Comedy Bootcamp. Teaching people to be funny is hard." Deciding how to structure the classes led them to find expert

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advice. “We connected to Ed Kappes, the owner of the Comedy Club of Williamsburg. Ed is a Navy vet.” Ed enlisted the help of professional comics, one from D.C. and one from Virginia Beach. The professionals worked with the William and Mary students to create the curriculum and pilot the program.

“Last spring, we launched Comedy Bootcamp. It’s an eight week stand-up comedy course for eight to ten veterans or active service members in the area,” Ryan explains. “It’s taught by professional comedians. The one currently going on is taught by Tim Loulies. Over the course of eight weeks, the participants will not only build a community over this shared interest in comedy, but hopefully find a way to share their story in a comedic means and in so doing, derive whatever personal benefits they are looking for.”

Ryan points out that the program doesn’t intend to provide therapy. “We’re not trained medical professionals or clinicians, but there is something inherently therapeutic about laughter. Sharing your story is beneficial par-

ticularly if it’s dark or pain-inducing story, which a lot of these combat vets have. To be able to share that with an audience in a humorous way and get them to laugh with you is really powerful.”

Ryan has found the power that comedy can provide. He is involved in an improv group on campus and has tried stand-up comedy. “I’m an amateur stand-up comic, at best,” he says.

Originally from Simsbury, Connecticut, Ryan says he knew he wanted to go to college outside of New England. “I had just been there too long, and I wanted a change. I wanted to stay on the east coast and wanted a school with character. William and Mary was that. It was the perfect size and a well-respected school. I could find my own niche. The fact that I felt the university celebrates differences in people and acknowledges peoples’ quirks and intellect, made it the right fit.”

Looking for a creative outlet, the self-described class clown had friends who suggested he give improv a try. “I tried out for a group on campus called I.T. (Improvational

Theatre). It’s the oldest student performance group at William and Mary. It really changed my life. For me, improv, playing games with people while creating something unique and new each time, was something cool. Public speaking is a big fear for a lot of people, which I understand. But getting up on stage without any real plan magnifies that fear. To be able to conquer that is really powerful. I spent the last three years in the group getting my comedy footing.”

A bucket list item for Ryan was stand-up comedy. “I decided to step away from the group, write some material and get up on stage. I participated in a William and Mary student stand-up tournament called Comedy Brew that AMP (Alma Mater Production) does. I finished as a finalist. That was a rush. I had my friends come out and support me so I wouldn’t bomb no matter what I did. I had a deal with them to laugh at whatever I said!”

Through that stand-up comedy tournament, Ryan found other opportunities on campus from his fellow students who asked

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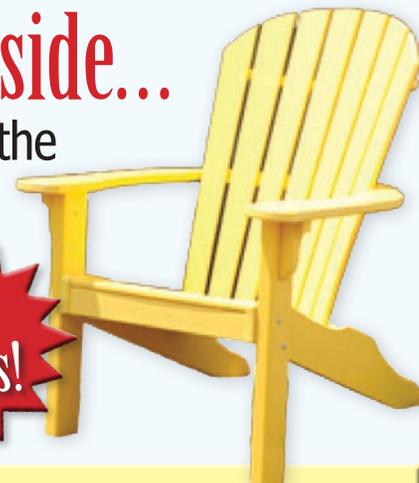
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him to perform at different events. “There was an event in spring of 2013 sponsored by the Center for Veterans Engagement at William and Mary to showcase some of the veteran authors. It was a variety show with veteran performers who wrote pieces, prose and poetry along with student performers. I did comedy. Afterwards, the student creator of this project asked me to help with a comedy wing of that program. I thought it would be fun.”

Comedy as a creative outlet had always had a positive impact on Ryan, and he wanted to show others how it could be a positive for them as well. “To share that, particularly with the veteran population for whom we owe so much, I was ready to sign up.”

This fall’s Comedy Bootcamp has a team of service members and veterans learning the basics of stand-up comedy. After the eight weeks end, the class graduates with a show for friends, family and the public. “We encourage community members to come out and support the veterans,” Ryan says.

“The graduation show is where our veterans showcase their five-minute stand-up set that

they’ve been working on for the eight weeks. It’s the result of a lot of hard work. It’s a cool evening because we have friends and family in the audience along with people supporting the veterans’ community and others who just want a funny comedy show.”

The graduation show is when Ryan gets to see the results of his efforts. “That’s when it all comes together. I get to know the people through the bootcamp and want to see them succeed. That first laugh, having done comedy myself, that first laugh really sucks them in. You can see them get into it. I’ve really enjoyed the opportunity to be involved in this.”

With his own improv and stand-up comedy experience, along with listening to the professional comedians instructing the vets, Ryan says a key to telling a funny story is to extract an element of the story that is relatable to everyone, and amplify that element. “It’s better to hone in on something that everyone in the audience can go, ‘Oh, yeah. I’ve experienced that.’ They laugh because it’s a personal connection. Find the ingredients of common truth and magnify it in a funny way.”

With his own graduation coming in the spring, Ryan will be D.C. bound. “I’m very fortunate that the place I interned over the summer wants me back after graduation. I know what my next step will be, which is a real gift to have during my senior year.” He intends to travel internationally next summer and start his new career in August.

He’s studying public policy. “I’m interested in public sector government issues, but I’m focused on engaging those problems from a private sector lens. I’m working for a consulting firm that is hired by government agencies.”

Having interned in D.C. this past summer, Ryan Goss is ready to experience the urban environment. “I want to be a young person in a city.” With his energy, drive to achieve and class-clown personality, he’ll make his mark in Washington, D.C. NDN

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# BETTER HEARING

By Greg Lilly, Editor

“Hearing loss doesn’t just affect the person with the loss, but also affects the people closest to them,” says Dr. Bethany Tucker, an audiologist at Colonial Center for Hearing. She explains that many times, a person with hearing loss will withdraw from family and friends, and not participate in family activities or social events.

Hearing loss can be a gradual process. The person experiencing it may not detect it, but those around him do. “Family and friends will notice excuses about not hearing, like: the TV sound is bad; you’re mumbling; I can’t understand women, teenagers, men, children, ministers, etc.; people talk too fast and the words blur together,” Bethany describes. “These are red flags for us when we talk with patients.”

She explains that one of the biggest signs of hearing impairment is found in background noises. “For example, in noisy restaurants, people have a problem hearing their dinner companions.” The background blends with the near sounds, and it all muddles together.

“Sometimes it is sensitivity to sounds,” she adds. “Or a lot of times a person can hear talking, but not distinguish the words. He may lose the punch line of a joke while everyone else is laughing or he gives an odd response because a question is misunderstood.”

Bethany’s interest for hearing and speech came from



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her own early experiences in elementary school. She was born in the Philippines, and was adopted and grew up in Chesterfield County, just south of Richmond. “We have a big blended family. I’m the youngest, the baby of five kids. We all went to the same high school. It’s a small town feeling. My dad’s father was the pharmacist in town. My dad worked for Virginia Power. My mom was an instructional assistant at the elementary school. Virginia is home to me.”

In elementary school, Bethany and her brother needed speech therapy and attended speech class. The speech teacher was a close friend to Bethany’s mother. “When I was older, she (the speech teacher) told me I should look into speech as a career. She had gone to James Madison University and loved it. JMU has a great program.”

Bethany entered JMU as a mass communications major. “The more I thought about mass communications, marketing and broadcasting, I realized the subject area seemed too intense and competitive. That’s not really my style. I like working with people and talking with people, so I wanted something in the communications field. In addition to that, I like helping people. I knew a major in speech was a fit for

me.”

In the introduction class in her major, Bethany heard the professors discuss both speech pathology and audiology. “I thought I’d major in speech pathology, but then I found speech was abstract and subjective. I had a hard time grasping it. I didn’t really know anything about audiology. The more I learned, the more interested I became in it.”

Audiology deals with the science of hearing and balance, along with helping patients enjoy healthy and effective hearing throughout all stages of the patients’ lives. “I was amazed by the workings of the ear and the importance of hearing in every aspect of life. I like how it combines science and relationships with people. It’s important to be able to listen and communicate with your family and friends. I really liked that aspect of dealing with communications, relationships and science.”

Audiology incorporates the technical science of speech and hearing. She says some of her fellow classmates were deterred from the coursework because of its heavy emphasis on science and math. “Although, I really liked that part of it,” she says.

After earning her Doctorate Degree in Audiology, Bethany and her husband, Tyson,

moved to Florida. “I worked in Florida in a private practice. I enjoyed it. I knew I wanted to work with patients, preferably geriatric and adult patients. I love children, although it’s different when it comes to the testing and compliance. I did that at VCU during internships.”

Both Bethany and Tyson are from the central Virginia area, but decided that the Florida job was an opportunity for Bethany to work with an older population. “I traveled to different retirement communities to treat patients, and I ran hearing clinics. I did a lot of patient education, talking and meeting people. It was challenging and exciting. I grew so much in that job.”

About two years ago, Bethany joined Dr. Jude Liptak at Colonial Center for Hearing. “Tyson and I wanted to end up in the Williamsburg area,” she says. “Our families are around Richmond. Tyson actually proposed to me at Jamestown. We were excited to come back and settle here. We’re big history fans.”

She conducts a comprehensive hearing evaluation to get the full picture of her patient’s hearing. “There are different pitches and different ranges that we look at to see the scope of hearing issues. I really look for the softest volume that a person can hear and the softest

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speech a person can understand. That determines a comfortable volume that the person understands speech. It's hearing sounds and understanding speech. They are related and different."

A common issue that she treats is tinnitus, commonly referred to as a ringing in the ears. "Researchers are studying congenital tinnitus, and that means that children have it and don't know what it is." Affected children have always heard a ringing and think it's normal to have sound within their ears. "Other areas of the brain are affected, not just the auditory cortex. Other regions of the brain are being stimulated when tinnitus is present."

She explains it's the sensory cells of the inner ear that cause the ringing. "They're like little hairs. They search for stimulation. When you have hearing loss, they aren't getting the stimulation they want and crave. So they twitch and look for stimulation. That twitching and movement creates the ringing. But other things can exacerbate it: certain medications, too many to list, stimulate those sensory cells; sodium can cause it; stress is a big one. I get it when I'm stressed; alcohol and nicotine can bring it about. Many environmental factors

can cause tinnitus. It doesn't mean that anything is wrong with you. It's just a hearing issue that happens for many people."

Sometimes, the ringing can be so loud that it prevents a person from falling asleep. "Don't focus on it, let it fall into the background," Bethany advises. "If you have a hard time, create some ambient noise. Have a fan running or a white noise machine or something pleasant to mask it."

She explains that there is only one FDA approved device for treatment. "It's designed to stimulate those sensory cells with fractal tones – like little wind chime sounds. It is based on the patient's ears and hearing, so the device has to be set properly for an individual's ears, preferences and needs. It's impressive in its results. It's a treatment. There's no cure, but a treatment for tinnitus." She evaluates and fits this device for her patients.

"We just closed on our house here," she says. "We want to get settled and find a church family to join. We see children in our future, but not immediately. We have a few friends in the area and are looking forward to making more."

Now that she isn't commuting back and forth from her father-in-law's home in the

Richmond area, Bethany says she'll have more time to pursue leisure activities. She wants to get back into running and to spend more time cooking.

"We have a German shepherd and our new house is close to the York River State Park, so we like to take him there for walks." Her office has a book club that she's part of. That's fun. I love to read."

She helps York County schools with some of their students who need support with their hearing. "I'd like to be a reference point for students and parents on hearing. I like education and had considered being a teacher for a while. I like to give my patients a lot of information on their hearing and healthcare and their options and what to expect."

Hearing loss is nothing to be ashamed of, she explains. "It's more obvious to others when you don't do anything than when you use a hearing device."

Dr. Bethany Tucker is excited to settle into the Williamsburg area and help her neighbors hear their best. "I want to help people so their quality of life is at its upmost, and they aren't missing out on this wonderful life around them." **NDN**

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# Furniture Redesigner

By Greg Lilly, Editor



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Furniture restorer and redesigner, Jared Ward, says he looks for “good bones” in the furniture. “First and foremost, the structure of it,” he describes. “Is it wood? What kind of wood? What’s the overall style? Mid-century? Seventies’ Mod? IKEA build-it-yourself? If it’s in decent shape, I look at it and think about what we can do with it.”

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The easy banter between the two women goes from sweet and touching to funny and teasing. Barbara says, "I call her my sunshine. She

lights up my life 100 percent."

Inez beams at Barbara and tells her, "And you light up mine! I tell you that every time."

Of her volunteer work with WFIA, Inez says, "It's like going out with a friend, not like... 'doing something' for Faith in Action. I really enjoy what I do. It's not like a chore, and I think all the volunteers feel that way."

The two friends shop together twice a month at Walmart. They go to Barbara's appointments and to the library. They even enjoy a celebratory lunch each year as their birthdays are only one day apart.

Barbara's gratitude is obvious as she talks about the support she receives from WFIA. She describes what Inez does as a "labor of love" and adds, "It has to be for these volunteers."



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Jared and his wife, Kari Velandria, have always been imaginative and creative when looking at furniture. "I can think of five different things to do with a piece of furniture when I see something Kari brings in. Once I start working on it, I narrow down to a final idea."

When a customer comes into their ReVibe store with a piece of furniture, complaining it's old and tired and they want to get rid of it, Jared and Kari's minds start going. "We like to give different options for repurposing a piece," Jared says. "Low, medium and high price ranges of things that can be done. From a simple refinish and taking out scratches to cutting it up and making something completely different."

His creativity and skill came from his family. In Patrick County, Virginia, Jared spent a lot of time with his grandparents. "My mom was in the military," he says. "My grandpa was always fixing things. My dad is a carpenter and builds houses. He taught me a lot. My mom's husband, my step-dad, is also a carpenter and can fix just about anything. If it was broken, he could figure out how to fix it."

The family attitude was to fix anything that broke, not just throw it away and buy something else. They didn't see items, especially furniture, as disposable. "I've always been around that mentality. My step-dad and I would always do projects around my mom's house. I learned a lot. I've been around tools and repair all my life. I was always fascinated by how things work and how to take them apart and back together."

When Jared met Kari, he saw that she painted furniture as a hobby. "She'd go to a few trade shows to find things she liked. The first repair I made for her was a rocking chair that had a slat broken. She kept bringing me more furniture to repair. I ended up loving doing that. We stuck with it. The way Kari designs things, people love them. We had a lot of success by doing things for our own house." Their friends saw what Jared repaired and how Kari designed and encouraged them to do more.

Their lease on their Williamsburg home was coming up for renewal a few years ago, and they had friends in Charlottesville who persuaded them to take a look around their town. "We're musicians and would play gigs in Charlottesville," he says. "We decided to move to Charlottesville for the opportunities in the arts community and in music. It's saturated with the arts."

One morning, they headed to a coffee shop in Charlottesville and found it was much more. "It was a coffee shop and a music venue and art store. It was really cool." The owner talked with Jared and Kari about their furniture restoration and redesign. They started showing their furniture in a corner of the store.

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artists. "Our part kept growing," he says. "Then we had our little one – a six month old now. All the family here wanted to see the baby."

With a six year old and a six month old, and both working, Kari and Jared could use the help and support of their family in Williamsburg. They decided it was time to move back. "We started looking around to continue our business. They found a building to rent on York Street." This summer, they created ReVibe, a retail store that sells local art, consigned and redesigned furniture, handmade personal and household items, as well as offering the services of furniture repair, repaint, reupholster and refinish.

Not every piece of furniture is a candidate for Jared to refinish or repurpose. "Things that are popular just as they are," he describes, "like mid-century pieces, which are really popular now, we wouldn't want to change those. Some things hold a lot of value and shouldn't be changed, unless they are in really bad shape. When the value is already gone because of its condition, you can repurpose it."

"Usually if I repurpose an item, it is a cheaper wood, like pine or particle board or something not that great to begin with." He wouldn't want to reconfigure anything in good condition made of mahogany, cherry or oak. "Those woods are used for quality pieces. It's an appreciation of someone else's craftsmanship. If it is already beautiful, I personally don't want to mess with it."

Just like Jared and Kari, the store has a young, fashionable, hip style. "We get people from all ages – 19 to 70s," he says of the clientele. "Painted furniture is hugely popular around the country. It's new and eclectic. Usually when people think of a consignment store, they think of it as someone else's stuff or stuff from grandma's house. Our style is not having a style. We want a little bit over everything – good quality and things you won't see other places. I guess the one word for the store is eclectic."

The store and furniture restoration shop is a reflection of the owners, who pick things that appeal to them. "Kari is the heart and soul of this place. Nothing comes in without her approval. She finds the deals and the vendors. She has the vision. I do the construction and repair. She knows what people will want. She has the eye for it."

For Jared, a perfect day is spent in his workshop creating. "I've been making shelving – one of my favorite things to do lately." He created a shelving unit from repurposed hardwood flooring. "I like to think of other ways to make shelves than as a box of rectangles."

Design is a creative outlet for Jared, and he and Kari encourage it in others. They highlight local artists' work in the shop. "With the consignment, we have local artists and handmade items. We're not the only ones doing stuff. We have a lot of talented people in the area who do a lot of really great work. We're part of the art community and want to support those talented people."

Jared Ward uses his creativity and design skills to refinish, redesign or repurpose things that others would discard. His recreations become sought-after pieces for clients wanting one-of-a-kind furniture for their homes. NDN

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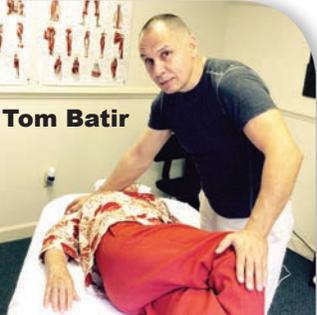
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## Hey Neighbor!

### DON GIOVANNI

October 30 - November 1, 2015

Opera in Williamsburg presents Don Giovanni by Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart. Live fully-staged opera with world class singers and chamber accompaniment, performed in the original Italian with English supertitles. Mozart's Don Giovanni is one of the most celebrated masterpieces of world opera repertoire. The legendary hero is a promiscuous, immoral and irresistible nobleman, who conquers his way among the fair sex until he meets with heavenly vengeance. Opera in Williamsburg's cast and creative team do justice to the work. Tickets at the Kimball and at [operainwilliamsburg.org](http://operainwilliamsburg.org): general seating \$45, discount \$40 (military, teachers, college faculty and staff, police, firefighters); students \$15. Performed at the Kimball Theatre.

## Hey Neighbor!

### AMERICA'S FIRST ENGLISH THANKSGIVING

November 1, 2015

Come back in history as the Virginia Thanksgiving Festival recreates America's First English Thanksgiving. Nowhere can you find a more exciting, educational and enjoyable way to add to your holiday traditions than a beautiful fall day on the James River at Berkeley Plantation on Historic Route 5. The festival is a wonderful family event from noon – 4 pm. It begins with a parade, including horse drawn carriages and fife and drum performers. First person re-enactors, musicians and magicians stroll the plantation

grounds. The Chickahominy Tribal Dancers perform, as well as choral groups including the Chester Community Chorus, led by Joshua Wortham. Parents and children participate in Colonial period games, storytelling and activities. There will be a silent auction. Vendors showcase their food, arts, crafts and jewelry. Traditional Thanksgiving fare will be available for purchase, including our famous Thanksgiving in a Glass, from Garnish, a local Richmond catering company. The program ends with a re-enactment of the First Thanksgiving and a Friendship Dance led by the Chickahominy Tribal Dancers, where all are invited to participate. There is no admittance fee to the grounds, other than a parking donation of \$10. Bus parking is \$20. House tours are available at retail and group rates from 9 am – 4:30 pm. For further information, call Berkeley Plantation at (888) 466-6018 or (804) 829-6018 or visit our website at [www.virginiathanksgivingfestival.com](http://www.virginiathanksgivingfestival.com).

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### MASTERWORKS CONCERT SERIES: DANIEL STIPE AND MICHAEL STEVEN LIANOS, ORGANISTS

November 4, 2015

This free concert will feature large-scale organ and piano works. Time: 1 pm at Saint Bede Catholic Church, 3686 Ironbound Road. For more information, call (757) 229-3631 or visit [www.bede.org/concerts](http://www.bede.org/concerts).

## Hey Neighbor!

### AMADEUS

November 5-21, 2015

Directed by Catherine Hagner and written by Peter Shaffer, Amadeus runs at Williamsburg Players. This provocative work weaves a confrontation between mediocrity and genius into a tale of breathtaking dramatic power. In the court of the Austrian Emperor Josef, Antonio Salieri is the established composer. Enter the greatest musical genius of all time: Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart. Salieri has given himself to God so that he might realize his sole ambition to be a great composer. Mozart is a foul-mouthed, graceless oaf who has that which is beyond Salieri's envious grasp: Genius. Adults \$20, Students (with id) & Children \$12. For more info and tickets visit [www.williamsburgplayers.org](http://www.williamsburgplayers.org) or call the box office at (757) 229-0431.

## Hey Neighbor!

### LIVE WELL EXPO, FREE!

November 6, 2015

From 8:30 am - noon at the James City County Recreation Center. Explore a variety of health and leisure services for adults, ages 55+ during this annual event! Pamper your mind, body and spirit while taking advantage of free preventive health screenings including vision, hearing, cholesterol and blood pressure. Learn more about senior services available in the community, get your vaccinations and gather information on nutrition, home health care, pet therapy, social and recreational services and more! Info: [jamescitycountyva.gov/recreation](http://jamescitycountyva.gov/recreation) or (757) 259-5353.

## Hey Neighbor!

### USMC ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

November 7, 2015

The Williamsburg Area Marines (WAM) will observe the 240th Anniversary of the founding of the United States Marine Corps at Legacy Hall in New Town from 6:30 - 9 pm. Color Guard, Speaker Captain (Ret) Jason Haag with his K9 for Warriors dog Axel, Traditional Readings and Cake Cutting. Heavy hot and cold Hors d'oeuvres, Cash Bar (Wine, Beer & Soda). \$25 per person. All Marines and friends of the USMC are invited to attend. For information call (757) 879-5153.

## Hey Neighbor!

### BIENNIAL BAZAAR

November 7, 2015

The United Methodist Women of Williamsburg United Methodist Church, 500 Jamestown Rd., will hold its biennial Bazaar from 8 am – 2 pm. Funds raised will benefit both local and global mission efforts. A silent auction along with a bake sale, Christmas decor and gift baskets, dishes, china, crystal, pictures, artwork, jewelry, purses, scarves, books, DVDs, puzzles, small furniture, candles, homemade jams and salsa, Rada cutlery, tools, toys, bicycles, sports and outdoor equipment, and not-so-new items will be available for your shopping pleasure. A package holding room will keep your paid purchases while you continue shopping, enjoy our famous lunch by a Williamsburg chef, or snack on hot beverages and sweets in the Library Café. A lacemaking demonstration will take place throughout the day. For more information, call Bonnie Knizatko (757) 253-0992.

## Hey Neighbor!

### 6TH ANNUAL QUEENS LAKE COMMUNITY ARTS AND CRAFTS SHOW

November 7, 2015

From 9 am – 3 pm at the Queens Lake Clubhouse, 234 East Queens Drive, in Williamsburg. The show features artisans from Queens Lake and the local community. Items for sale include needlecrafts, handmade jewelry, prints, ceramics, herbal items, baby items, books from a local author and more! Concessions for morning coffee and lunch. Free admission and free parking.

## Hey Neighbor!

### 4TH ANNUAL COWBOYS UNCORKED

November 8, 2015

From 5 – 8 pm, this annual fundraiser is held at the Williamsburg Winery (5800 Wessex Hundred, Williamsburg), hosted by and benefiting Dream Catchers at the Cori Sikich Therapeutic Riding Center. Wessex Hall at the Winery is transformed into a western town – complete with a DJ, country line dancing lessons, western whiskey bar, jail house, gunslinger quick draw contest, western games and more! The “celebrity arrestees” participating in the event are “bailed” out of the western jailhouse with donations to Dream Catchers. It is rodeo themed with cowboy fare (bar-b-que, chili, beer, wine, whiskey and sarsaparilla). Wear your boots & jeans and leave the heels & wingtips at home! For information, call (757) 566-1775 or visit [www.dreamcatchers.org](http://www.dreamcatchers.org).

## Hey Neighbor!

### THE SALVATION ARMY'S WOMEN'S AUXILIARY 9TH ANNUAL TEDDY BEAR TEA

November 10, 2015

At Lewis Hall ( Bruton Parish Church) Time: 3:30 -5 pm. Come enjoy sweets, savories & tea amid hundreds of Teddy Bears dressed in finery to be given to local Angel Tree children at Christmas. Bears are available for purchase as well as a Silent Auction items. The cost is \$ 20 for adults, \$ 10 for children. If interested, contact SAWA. [va@hotmail.com](mailto:va@hotmail.com) or call 565-2129. All proceeds benefit the Salvation Army.

## Hey Neighbor!

### EMPOWERING THE CAREGIVER EXPO

November 10, 2015

The Colonial Heritage Community Foundation is hosting an “Empowering the Caregiver” Expo and is inviting family caregivers from the greater Williamsburg area to attend at no charge. The event will take place at the Colonial Heritage ballroom, located at 6500 Arthur Hills Drive, in Williamsburg, from 1-4 pm and will feature interactive programs, positive stress relieving activities, educational opportunities, guest speakers, and informative exhibits. The Expo will help provide respite service assistance so you can attend. Registration is required by contacting the Expo Co-Chairs: Richard Boyden ([Rboyden1@cox.net](mailto:Rboyden1@cox.net) or 757- 345-6974) or Angela Cingale ([Arcingale@cox.net](mailto:Arcingale@cox.net)).

## Hey Neighbor!

### ANNUAL VETERAN'S DAY PROGRAM

November 11, 2015

From 9 – 10 am, the students of Providence Classical School will present a patriotic program honoring those who have served. Local veterans are encouraged to attend the program featuring a keynote address by a PCS family member in service, and student performances in music, song and verse honoring all of the service branches. Reception with refreshments follows. No fee. Veritas Hall, Providence Classical School Campus (Bldg. 5000), Easter Circle, Williamsburg (Greensprings Center Park, off Greensprings Plantation Drive, adj. to Jamestown HS.) More info: call (757) 565-2900 x305, [www.PCSvirginia.org](http://www.PCSvirginia.org).

## Hey Neighbor!

### RELAY FOR LIFE OF WILLIAMSBURG KICKOFF

November 11, 2015

JCC Recreation Center at 5301 Longhill Road. Meeting begins at 6 pm, doors open at 5:30 pm. Main event will be May 6, 2016, at Jamestown High School.

## Hey Neighbor!

### HOLIDAY GAMES CARD PARTY

November 12, 2015

The Woman's Club of Williamsburg-GFWC invites everyone to their Holiday Games card party, from 11:30 am – 4 pm at the Kingspoint Clubhouse, 119 Northpoint Drive, in Williamsburg. Play bridge, mah jongg, Mexican train, Shanghai rummy and more.

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## Hey Neighbor!

### AGO ORGAN SERIES:

#### STEVEN WOODDELL, ORGANIST

November 13, 2015

The Tidewater Chapter of the American Guild of Organists will present a free concert with organist Steven Wooddell. The concert will include music by Bach, Widor, Dupré, Duruflé, and Locklair. Also on the program will be a set of Variations on "Adoro te Devote" composed by Mr. Wooddell. Time 7 pm at Saint Bede Catholic Church, 3686 Ironbound Road. For more information, call (757) 229-3631 or visit www.bedeva.org/concerts.

## Hey Neighbor!

### VIRGINIA GERMAN SHEPHERD

#### RESCUE ADOPTION EVENT

November 14, 2015

From 11 am - 2pm at Petco, 4600 Casey Blvd, Williamsburg. Meet the beautiful German Shepherds awaiting adoption. Join the hardworking volunteers that make this possible. Learn about this wonderful, intelligent breed and the rescue process. Volunteers and foster homes are always needed. Donations are accepted and tax deductible. For more information: www.vgsr.org.

## Hey Neighbor!

### DESTINATIONS 2015 AUCTION

November 14, 2015

A travel, leisure and entertainment auction to benefit Providence Classical School will be held at the Colonial Heritage Ballroom at 6 pm. Dare To Dream of the perfect vacation or a one

of a kind Christmas gift! Will you and three friends enjoy a week under the Tuscan sun at a private Italian villa? Perhaps you are dreaming of a family beach vacation or a romantic weekend getaway. Tickets are \$ 50 per person or \$45 per person if purchased before Oct 16th. To make your reservations please visit [www.pcsvirginia.org](http://www.pcsvirginia.org) or call the school at (575) 565 - 2900. Make your reservations today and Dare To Dream with us at DESTINATIONS 2015.

## Hey Neighbor!

### WILLIAMSBURG CHORAL

#### GUILD FALL CONCERT: "THE SPIRIT OF PROPHECY"

November 15, 2015

The Guild's 40th season opener is a performance of Mendelssohn's magnificent oratorio Elijah, which won the highest number of votes in your "Raves for Faves" survey last year. Elijah's powerful story, found in the Old Testament, lends itself to stirring choruses and vocal fireworks. Artistic Director/Conductor Jay BeVille directs the 90-voice chorus and a 31-piece chamber orchestra. Costumed vocal soloists include baritone Christopher Mooney, soprano Anna Feucht, mezzo-soprano Abigail Stinnett and tenor Garry Sloan. At Warhill High School Auditorium, 4615 Opportunity Way, Williamsburg. Pre-concert lecture at 3pm; music at 4 pm. Tickets: \$25/\$10 for students. Buy a subscription and save! Information: (757) 220-1808 or [www.williamsburgchoralguild.org](http://www.williamsburgchoralguild.org).

## Hey Neighbor!

### NATIVE AMERICAN MUSIC

November 18, 2015

The Williamsburg Music Club proudly presents Kathleen Joyce-Grendahl, nationally known performer and researcher of Native American Music for flute and indigenous instruments of our original Americans. Beginning at 11 a.m. in Bruton Parish Church Hall, 222 Duke of Gloucester Street. For more information, contact (757) 229-4429 or [www.williamsburgmusicclub.org](http://www.williamsburgmusicclub.org).

## Hey Neighbor!

### ICEBURG SKATE RINK OPENS

November 20, 2015

James city county Parks and Recreation opens the skate rink at Mid County Park (next to Kidsburg). The rink is open weekends through Jan. 31. Fridays, 5-9 pm and Saturday and

Sundays noon-9 pm. Grab the whole family and join us at the coolest place in town. The Iceburg Skate Rink is the peninsula's only synthetic ice rink. Synthetic ice rinks are composed of plastic panels that fit together to create a surface perfect for ice skating. Skating on synthetic ice is similar to skating on real ice, but no ice or water is required. Skaters are issued real ice skates or you can bring your own. Daily admission fees apply; season passes available. Special Winter Break hours, themed nights plus party packages available. For details, call (757) 259-5360.

## Hey Neighbor!

### 9TH ANNUAL HOLIDAY ARTS

#### & CRAFTS BAZAAR: QUEENS

#### LAKE MIDDLE SCHOOL PTA

November 21, 2015

Please join us 10 am - 4 pm for the Holiday Arts & Crafts Bazaar hosted by the Queens Lake Middle School PTA, located at 124 West Queens Drive, Williamsburg. We will have over 60 exhibitors offering handmade crafts and unique holiday gifts for all ages! There will be food, music, raffle prizes, animals, a Kid's Hall full of activities, Santa's Workshop, and so much more! For more information, please visit our Facebook Page at [www.facebook.com/QLMSHolidaybazaar](http://www.facebook.com/QLMSHolidaybazaar). You can also visit the QLMS website at [www.queenslakemiddle.my-pta.org](http://www.queenslakemiddle.my-pta.org)

## Hey Neighbor!

### GROWING HERBACEOUS PEONIES

November 21, 2015

At Freedom Park Interpretive Center, 10am, open to the public, a \$5 donation is appreciated to help the garden grow. This presentation is part of the Learn and Grow Educational Series sponsored by the Williamsburg Botanical Garden. This program will offer tips and sound cultural practices for successfully growing herbaceous peonies in suburban gardens. Speaker Mike Lockatell, the owner of Roots and Blooms LLC, will recommend the best early and mid-season single Japanese double varieties for peonies for Virginia. For more information contact Mike at [www.rootsandblooms.us](http://www.rootsandblooms.us) or call (804) 330-2916.

## Hey Neighbor!

### COLONIAL WILLIAMSBURG EM-

#### PLOYEES ARTS & CRAFTS SHOW

November 21 - 22, 2015

Colonial Williamsburg Foundation employees, volunteers and retirees will once again combine their time and talents for their annual Fall Arts and Crafts Show from 10 am - 5 pm each day. This year the show and sale will be at the Historic Triangle Community Services Building, located at 312 Waller Mill Road. Admission and parking are free and open to the public. Each crafter uses his or her spare time and talents to create unique handmade gifts. Several media are represented during the show and sale, from jewelry and textiles to woodcrafts and photography. Fabulous jams and handmade textiles are only a portion of the treasures available for personal enjoyment or as a special gift for that certain someone.

## Hey Neighbor!

### "SPIRITUAL DISCOVERY:

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November 22, 2015

Interested in knowing more about your God-given spiritual identity and how that can help change the world? Join us at 2 pm in the Williamsburg Public Library Theatre at 515 Scotland Street, to hear Tom McElroy, an international speaker and Christian Science Practitioner from Jamaica Plain, Massachusetts. This event is co-sponsored by First Church of Christ, Scientist, Williamsburg and the Christian Science Student Organization at William and Mary. For more information, call (757) 229-3805 or drop by the Christian Science Reading Room at 626 Jamestown Rd. (across the street from Muscarelle Museum of Art).

## Hey Neighbor!

### THANKSGIVING SERVICES

November 26, 2015

Celebrate! Be grateful! At 11 am, gather with us in the presence of the our common Father-Mother God, the Almighty God, for our annual Thanksgiving service at First Church of Christ, Scientist, Williamsburg, 620 Jamestown Rd. Short readings and testimonies of healing and gratitude are given by attendees. We'd love you to be part of it this year. For more information, call (757) 229-3805 or drop by the Christian Science Reading Room at 626 Jamestown Rd. (across the street from the Muscarelle Museum of Art).

## Hey Neighbor!

### ANNUAL BREAKFAST WITH SANTA

December 12, 2015

The Junior Woman's Club of Williamsburg will host its 7th Annual Breakfast with Santa at Waypoint Grill. Seating times are from 7:30-10:30 am. Select your seating time and purchase tickets at williamsburgjuniors.org. Tickets are \$20 for Ages 13 & over, \$10 for Ages 3-12, and Free for Ages 2 & Under. Ticket price includes a breakfast buffet, hot chocolate bar, raffles, entertainment, children's crafts, and a photo with Santa. Proceeds benefit local non-profit organizations.

## Hey Neighbor!

### 5TH ANNUAL FEEDING THE HOMELESS EVENT BY THE BUFFALO BOYZ

December 12, 2015

We ask for winter clothing and food such as canned goods. Boxed or bagged items. We need socks, hats, scarves, underclothes, coats, sweaters, shirts, pants- all sizes. We need children's clothes too. Shoes, blankets, boots, mittens and gloves and other items people need in winter. Lotions, soap, tissues, etc. All items can be dropped off at 103 Luther Drive in Carver Gardens (Williamsburg). Bins will be on the porch. We would like to thank each person who gives us these items to distribute to our homeless. Call (757) 903-2523 for details. BUFFALO BOYS, P.O.Box 1552, Williamsburg, Va. 23185

## Hey Neighbor!

### VIRGINIA REGIONAL BALLET PRESENTS "THE NUTCRACKER"

December 12 - 13, 2015

At 2 pm and 7:30 pm on December 12 and at 2 pm on December 13 at Phi Beta Kappa Memorial Hall at the College of William & Mary. This holiday classical, directed by Heidi Robitshek, has been a Williamsburg tradition for over 35 years. Guest Artists from the Boston Ballet will dance the roles of the Sugar Plum Fairy and her dashing Cavalier and dance alongside VRB Academy's most promising students. Reserved Seating. Box Office: (757) 221-2674 or www.danceVRB.com

## Hey Neighbor!

### CHRISTMAS DREAMS

December 12 - 13, 2015

It's Christmas in Williamsburg and

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## Hey Neighbor!

### STEVE TURNER AND HIS BRASS ENSEMBLE

December 16, 2015

The Williamsburg Music Club proudly presents returning guest performer Steve Turner, this time with his brass ensemble performing fun, seasonal, toe-tapping enjoyment. Take time from your busy December schedule to truly enjoy music of the season."Coffee & Conversation" at 10 am with the program beginning at 11 am in Bruton Parish Church Hall, 222 Duke of Gloucester Street. For more information, contact 757-229-4429 or www.williamsburgmusicclub.org.

## Hey Neighbor!

### SEEKING VOLUNTEER TAX PREPARERS

Ongoing

Williamsburg AARP Tax-Aide is looking for volunteers to assist seniors and low/moderate-income taxpayers in completing their 2015 Federal and Virginia tax returns. IRS certification training is provided during classes in early January. Basic knowledge of tax return preparation, as well as the ability to do returns on a computer, are needed. The service is offered at the Williamsburg and James City County Libraries in 2016 from February 1 to April 15. We also need facilitators for each session to register and do an initial screening of our clients. Please email District Coordinator George Richmond at grichmond4@live.com if you are interested in becoming a Tax-Aide volunteer.

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### **Hey Neighbor!** **COLONIAL HERITAGE INVESTMENT CLUB**

#### Ongoing

Meets at Colonial Heritage Clubhouse, 6500 Arthur Hills Drive, Williamsburg. Open to anyone with an interest in investing, from beginners to seasoned traders, including people who work with an investment advisor. Meetings held on third Thursday of each month from 9:30 - 11:30 am. A wide range of investment topics are covered through presentations, discussions, and question-answer sessions, all with a common goal of helping people learn more about the markets, investment alternatives, and managing their portfolios. The club does not invest money, buy securities, or permit sales presentations. Guests admitted free.

### **Hey Neighbor!** **JAMES CITY COMMUNITY CHURCH**

#### Ongoing

"A Door of Hope" James City Community Church is located at 4550 Old News Rd., Williamsburg. Services: 9 am (Nursery provided) and 10:30 am (Nursery and Children Classes). Visit our website at [www.jccchurch.com](http://www.jccchurch.com). Come join us and make yourself at home, and feel free to participate as much or as little as you feel comfortable. No matter where you are on your spiritual journey, we're glad you're here.

### **Hey Neighbor!** **MASTER NATURALIST TRAINING REGISTRATION**

#### Ongoing

The Historic Rivers Chapter of Virginia Master Naturalists is accepting applications for its annual six-month Basic Training session. The session ends March 9, 2016. The group meets

about twice a month on Tuesday evenings and participates in six weekend classes/field trips over the six-month period. People who are curious about nature, enjoy the outdoors, and want to be part of natural resource management and conservation in Virginia are perfect candidates. The application for Basic Training can be downloaded from the Historic Rivers Chapter website: [www.historicrivers.org/](http://www.historicrivers.org/) or contact the Basic Training Committee at [sedevan52@cox.net](mailto:sedevan52@cox.net) Additional information about the statewide program is at: [www.virginiamasternaturalist.org/](http://www.virginiamasternaturalist.org/)

### **Hey Neighbor!** **MULTI-FUNDED NON-PROFIT AGENCY SEEKING TO FILL DIRECTOR OF FINANCE POSITION**

#### Ongoing

Applicant must have financial experience working in a non-profit multi-grant environment and meet the following requirements: (1) Supervise financial and human resources staff. (2) Strong experience in developing and managing budgets annually. (3) Proficiency in the use of QuickBooks (QB) for Non-Profit Organizations. (4) Ability to explain how transactions would be distributed among different grants. (5) Proficient use of Microsoft Word and Excel to produce financial reports utilizing downloads from QB. (6) Ability to work with spread sheets. (7) Ability to communicate effectively financial matters with staff, board members, grantors and others. Prior experience working with Federal, State and local grantor agencies is a plus. Experienced with grant audits. Requirements – BS degree and/or MBA in accounting/business with at least 5 years working in a multi-funded non-profit financial office. EOE. Send resume to – Attn: Human Resource Department Williamsburg-James City County, Community Action Agency, 312 Waller Mill Road, Suite 405, Williamsburg, VA 23185. (757) 229-9332. Salary Range – \$55,000 to \$60,000.

### **Hey Neighbor!** **VOICES OF CHANGE TOASTMASTERS CLUB**

#### Ongoing

Develop your leadership and public speaking skills in a safe, friendly environment with the Voices of Change Toastmasters Club of Williamsburg.

Visitors are welcome; this is an open club. We meet every Friday at 12:05-1:05 pm in the second floor conference room at EVB (formerly Virginia Company Bank), 1430 High Street, Williamsburg. For more information, visit [www.voicesofchange.toastmastersclubs.org](http://www.voicesofchange.toastmastersclubs.org) or [www.facebook.com/VoicesofChangeWilliamsburg](http://www.facebook.com/VoicesofChangeWilliamsburg).

### **Hey Neighbor!** **BIBLE STUDY AND WORSHIP**

#### Ongoing

Informal, interactive Bible study and Holy Communion worship each Wednesday evening, 6:30 pm, at St. Stephen Lutheran Church, 612 Jamestown Road, right across from the campus of the College of William and Mary.

### **Hey Neighbor!** **WILLIAMSBURG FARMERS MARKET**

#### Ongoing Saturday mornings

Enjoy the heart of Williamsburg in Merchants Square while shopping in this producer-only market for produce, fruit, fish, artisan cheeses, meats, pasta, cut flowers, and handmade soaps. The market includes live music, chef demonstrations and exhibits along with local shops and restaurants. The market now accepts SNAP/EBT, credit cards and W&M Express.

### **Hey Neighbor!** **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: FAITH IN ACTION**

#### Ongoing

Faith In Action relies on volunteers to transport care receivers to doctor's appointments, the grocery store, bank, pharmacy, etc. Right now, the demand for transportation is increasing. Faith in Action offers a flexible schedule for its volunteers. "Our organization was built on the idea of people helping people," Smith said. "If you have a few hours to dedicate to someone who may just need an arm to lean on to get to a doctor's appointment, then we have a spot for you. "If you are interested in volunteering, call the Williamsburg Faith In Action offices at (757) 258-5890.

### **Hey Neighbor!** **VIRGINIA AERONAUTICAL HISTORICAL SOCIETY (VAHS)**

#### Ongoing

Every third Wednesday of the month, the Williamsburg chapter of the parent VAHS headquartered at the Richmond

Airport Aviation Museum meets with aviation related speakers, programs and field trips. Everyone with an interest in aviation is encouraged to attend meetings in the second floor conference room of the Williamsburg-Jamestown Airport terminal building. Come for the camaraderie and learning experience, which comes with expanding your interest in aviation – past, present and future. Point of contact: (757) 258-0376

### **Hey Neighbor!** **HISTORICAL SOCIETY MEETINGS**

#### Ongoing

The Tidewater Virginia Historical Society, TVHS, offers unique tours, lectures, social events and behind-the-scenes adventures. TVHS opens doors to "off-the-beaten-path" and "not-open-to-the-public" historic sites. Lectures by experts in their field provide information prior to tours to complete the experience. A recent archeological dig took place at New Quarter Park. A video dedicated to the dig, "Joys of Discovery" is currently running on the Cox community channel 46 at 3 pm daily. An Infomercial is running several times a day. Another dig that will be open to the public will be held in August. To learn more contact us at (757) 28-5587 or visit us on the web: [tv-hs.org](http://tv-hs.org) or [info@tv-hs.com](mailto:info@tv-hs.com).

### **Hey Neighbor!** **BUS DRIVER POSITION AVAILABLE**

#### Ongoing

Williamsburg-James City County Community Action Agency (WJCC-CAA), Head Start bus driver position available: Approx. 5hrs/day for 160 days per year. Requirements: CDL, P&S endorsement, HS/GED diploma, and able to pass VDOT physical, and have satisfactory DMV driving record. All applicants please email: [headstart@wjccactionagency.org](mailto:headstart@wjccactionagency.org), or come to 312 Waller Mill Road, Suite 400 in Williamsburg, or call (757)229-6417. EOE.

### **Hey Neighbor!** **NEIGHBORHOOD BASKETBALL LEAGUE (NBL) SIGN-UP**

#### Ongoing

Registration for the Neighborhood Basketball League for boys and girls has begun. Cost is \$15 for Williamsburg and James City County residents and \$22 for non-residents. Parent's

signature is required if the student is under 18 years of age. The ages are 10 to 18 years old. Bring proof of age. If you need more information, call Linda or Yvonne at (757) 229-9332. Sponsored by Williamsburg-James City County Community Action Agency.

### **Hey Neighbor!** **VOICES OF WILLIAMSBURG**

Ongoing  
Do you want to end your fear of public speaking? Develop communication and leadership skills? Join Toastmasters in a caring and supportive environment. On *Marvelous Mondays*: Get a Powerful start to your week! Time: 7 am at the James City Community Center, Longhill Road. On *Wonderful Wednesdays*: meet, mat, and speak time at 7 pm (4th Wednesday of each month). Location: Anna's Brick Oven, 2021 Richmond Road. Contact John Steinbach at (757) 897-6819 or <http://voicesofw.toastmastersclubs.org>

### **Hey Neighbor!** **HEAD START OPEN ENROLLMENT**

Ongoing  
Head Start is a Preschool Program for Children ages 3 to 5 serving income eligible families, including children with special needs. To apply, call (757) 229-6417 or visit us at 312 Waller Mill Road, Ste. 400, Williamsburg. For information contact Williamsburg James City County Community Action Agency.

### **Hey Neighbor!** **BRUTON PARISH SHOP CALLS FOR VOLUNTEERS**

Ongoing  
We are the Bruton Parish shop located in the Parish House of Bruton Parish Church on Duke of Gloucester St. We have been here since 1995 and are a 501©3 store. We give all of our net proceeds to the Outreach and Mission ministries of the church. Our sales people are volunteers comprised of parishioners of Bruton Parish and other churches in the area. It is not a necessity to be a church member but just a believer in our mission. All ages are welcome from teenagers to mature adults. Much of the money raised by the shop is used in Williamsburg and the surrounding areas. We need more men and women to staff our shop. We are open 7 days a week 7 hours a day except Sunday, when we are open for

4 hours in the afternoon. Call Carol Weaver (757) 220-1489.

### **Hey Neighbor!** **ST. MARTINS EPISCOPAL CHURCH**

Ongoing  
1333 Jamestown Rd. Williamsburg, (757) 229-1111. 10 am Sunday school; 8 am, 9:15 am, 11 am worship on Sunday, Noon Healing, worship on Wednesday; 5 pm Taize Service on Saturday. Visit [www.stmartinswmbg.org](http://www.stmartinswmbg.org).

### **Hey Neighbor!** **BIBLE STUDY**

Ongoing  
If your church or Bible study group leaves you wondering about Biblical questions such as what really happened in the Garden, where did Cain get his wife, what is the mark of the Beast, or any other lingering questions, perhaps you should join us for our weekly Bible study at the Norge library. Every Monday from 6 - 9 pm. Contact (757) 253-0172 or cell (757) 604-6649.

### **Hey Neighbor!** **CALL FOR MUSICIANS**

Ongoing  
Do you play a musical instrument? Have you always wanted to be a part of a theatre's live orchestra? The Williamsburg Players, a 58 years-old, all volunteer, 501-C3 IRS non-profit community theatre, is looking for musicians to help bring the joy of musical theater to the area. Especially needed are rhythm section players such as keyboards, guitar, bass guitar, drums, and percussion. You should be able to read music. Email Mike McCoy at [wmmccoy01@cox.net](mailto:wmmccoy01@cox.net), or call and leave a message at (757) 229-1679.

### **Hey Neighbor!** **MEETINGS - COLONIAL NATURE PHOTOGRAPHY CLUB**

Ongoing, first Monday  
We meet the first Monday of every month at the James City Library on Croaker Road at 6:30 pm. The club is one of the few photography clubs in the area and has been in existence for over eight years. We have about 60 members with skill levels ranging from novice to nationally recognized. The club web site is [www.cnpcva.org](http://www.cnpcva.org)

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### Ongoing, Second Sunday

The Jane Austen Society North America Southeastern VA Region meets on the second Sunday of every month at the Schell Room, Williamsburg Regional Library (515 Scotland St.) at 2 pm. Donations accepted to help defray cost of meeting room. All are welcome to attend. For more information, visit our Facebook page at <http://www.facebook.com/JASNASoutheasternVa>. For membership information visit the national site at [www.JASNA.org](http://www.JASNA.org).

### Hey Neighbor!

#### MEETINGS – REPUBLICAN COMMITTEE

##### Ongoing

The City of Williamsburg Republican Committee meets at the Williamsburg Regional Library the second Tuesday of the month at 7 pm. Come and join other city residents who care about the future of their country. For more information please email [rpc.lbg@gmail.com](mailto:rpc.lbg@gmail.com).

### Hey Neighbor!

#### MEETINGS – THE COLONIAL AREA REPUBLICAN MEN'S ASSOCIATION (CARMA)

##### Ongoing

CARMA meets on the third Thursday of each month at Giuseppe's Restaurant at 11:30 am. For more information, please go to their website at [www.carmagop.com](http://www.carmagop.com).

### Hey Neighbor!

#### MEETINGS - JCC REPUBLICAN COMMITTEE

##### Ongoing

The James City County Republican Committee meets in the auditorium of the James City County Human Services Center located at 5249 Olde Towne Road. Monthly meetings are held on the fourth Wednesday of the month at 7 pm. Meetings are open to all who are interested in making a difference in our community and country. For information, please visit [www.jccrc.org](http://www.jccrc.org) or email [JCCRepublicanCommittee@gmail.com](mailto:JCCRepublicanCommittee@gmail.com)

### Hey Neighbor!

#### MEETINGS - HISTORIC TRI-ANGLE REPUBLICAN WOMEN (HTRW)

##### Ongoing

Location: Thomas Nelson Community College, President's Board Room

at Thomas Nelson Community College (3rd Floor). Time: second Thursday of the month at 7 pm. HTRW is the only local Republican Women's Club that meets evenings. For more information please visit our web site: <http://www.htrwc.org> or look for us on Facebook.

### Hey Neighbor!

#### MESSY CHURCH

##### Ongoing

Are you looking for an innovative worship time that is fun, interactive, reflective, musical, creative, delicious and prayerful? Then come to Williamsburg United Methodist Church the second Tuesday of every month from 5:30-7:30 pm for Messy Church! Each month we celebrate a different theme. This experience is called Messy Church because we will be learning about God through active means as well as Bible teaching. Snacks, crafts, games, music and fun, followed by dinner are all a part of worshipping God together. Messy Church is free and for people of all ages, all denominations, and all abilities. For further information, go to [www.williamsburgumc.org](http://www.williamsburgumc.org) or call (757) 229-1771 and ask for Cindy, Kay or Andy. Williamsburg United Methodist Church is located at 500 Jamestown Rd across from the college in Williamsburg.

### Hey Neighbor!

#### WILLIAMSBURG F.R.E.E. FOUNDATION

##### Ongoing

The Foundation for Rehabilitation Equipment & Endowment (F.R.E.E.) celebrated their Ribbon Cutting/Open House March 24. FREE is a non-profit organization that gifts mobility related rehabilitation equipment to adults who are uninsured or under insured and have no other means of obtaining needed mobility equipment including bathroom transfer aids. Volunteer opportunities are also available. For more information visit [www.free-foundation.org](http://www.free-foundation.org), find us on Facebook or call (757) 707-4741.

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