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"Where's a cop when you need one?" We've all heard it, we may have even said it in frustration when we witness a reckless driver behind the wheel or some other bad behavior. The truth is that those who serve and protect the public are all around us whether we see them or not. The challenge of their day-to-day work is daunting in ways most of us cannot even imagine. Nearly every decision they make affects the life and well-being of at least one other citizen. That is a heavy load to bear.



Meredith Collins, Publisher

Whether patrolling our streets and byways, administering due process, or overseeing rehabilitation - these enforcers of the law operate in an environment from which most of us would choose to keep our distance. What we may not always consider is that they, too, are our next door neighbors.

As you read the stories in this issue and meet some of these interesting individuals who help maintain law and order, I think you will quickly see how deeply involved they are in our community. They work within the law to preserve order but they also take the needs and circumstances of every situation to heart to find a way to try to do what is best for all of us.

You couldn't ask for more from a neighbor. **[NDN]**

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# Here Comes the Judge

By Linda Landreth Phelps



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Not many career paths will involve the potential need of a panic button, but the Honorable Judge Colleen Kearns Killilea chose a career which has given her two: one in her private chambers and another near the bench from which she hears cases in the James City County courthouse. She has never had to use them, but their presence serves as a solemn reminder that, as Presiding and Chief Judge of JCC/Williamsburg General District Court, the judicial buck stops with her.

Her job may come with a degree of vulner-

ability, but it's one which "Judge K," as they call her in the clerk's office, actively pursued and absolutely loves.

"I handle criminal matters, misdemeanors and preliminary hearings for felonies. All traffic cases and civil suits up to an amount of \$25,000 come through me. If it's over that, it goes to Circuit Court," she says. "I'm doing something different every day. Life is never boring!"

Between Judge Killilea's courtroom and her intergenerational ties to Walsingham Acade-

my, she is totally connected to her community. Not much goes on in her adopted home town that escapes her attention.

When she was still 15-years old Colleen Kearns, her parents and two siblings had seen a good bit of the world. She was born in Washington, D.C.

"If somebody asks where I'm from, I'm from Virginia," she says. Since her father was an Army officer, her younger years were spent in the usual redeploying military lifestyle, and by the time they arrived and put down roots in

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Williamsburg her family had moved 11 times.

"We went to California, where my younger sister was born, then to Germany where we lived in three different places," Judge Killilea says. "On the trip to Germany, my mom flew there to meet my dad with all of us in tow; my sister was 6 months old, I was two, and my brother was three."

When her father went to Vietnam, the family moved to Panama. Her maternal family line are among a unique, elite few known as "Zonians," a group of American citizens whose ancestors settled the strip on either side of the Panama Canal during its construction. That land was a disparate, idyllic American territory from 1913 until 1999, when it returned to Panamanian ownership. "Mom's family lived in the Zone. She attended school there and was working at the military base when she met my dad and they got married."

After her year-long sojourn with relatives in Panama, it was on to different Texas cities, followed by another three years in Germany. Their final move was to Virginia.

"Dad was stationed at Fort Monroe, but being a guy from Asheboro, a little town in North Carolina, he bought a house in Williamsburg because he liked the slow pace of the area and wanted to retire here some day," Judge Killilea remembers. "I started at Walsingham Academy as a sophomore, graduated, and then continued my education at William and Mary."

As a youngster, when she dreamed of a future career, she pictured herself first as an Olympic swimmer and then as a radiologist.

"But when I was in college I found myself really enjoying my government classes and so focused on that," she says. After graduating with a double major in government and sociology, she went on to study law at William and Mary.

During her world travels, Judge Killilea has kissed the famed Irish castle's Blarney Stone, and a framed certificate attesting to that occasion rests on a table in her office. Whether or not the gift of fluent public speaking originated with that kiss, that ability must have been helpful to her success in the courtroom. A lawyer since 1988, Judge Killilea's first decade of practice was spent in Hampton, where she specialized in prosecuting violent crimes. She worked her way up the professional ladder, eventually serving as Hampton's Chief Deputy Commonwealth's Attorney. Judge Killilea left for a close but unsuccessful run at the James City County Commonwealth's Attorney Office. After a few years on her own in private practice at McLaws Circle, handling a variety of cases for her clients, she joined the Williamsburg satellite office of Jones, Blechman, Woltz & Kelly. Since November 2003, she has been a judge, hearing cases in Williamsburg, Charles City and Gloucester. How does one make the leap from lawyer to judge? Virginia's process is different from most other states.

"Instead of popular elections, in this state judges are appointed by the members of the General Assembly," she says. "Bar associations can nominate candidates, as can citizen groups." Judge Killilea was endorsed by several groups, passed the lengthy vetting process and was

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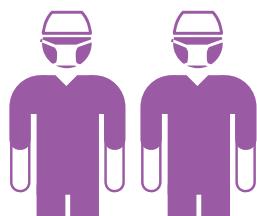
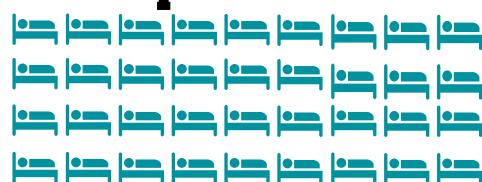
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appointed to the bench.

Over the years, Judge Killilea has seen the legal profession from several distinct perspectives. As a young prosecutor, she was involved with the high-profile, controversial 1993 Allen Iverson trial which received national attention. Iverson, then a high school student, was among those tried and convicted of "maiming by mob" after a chair-throwing bowling alley brawl. Iverson's sentence was later reduced, and he went on to college and NBA stardom.

As a defense attorney, Judge Killilea counts among her courtroom victories the 2002 acquittal of Brad Gramke, a man falsely suspected of the most brutal of crimes, physically abusing his newborn son. After a lengthy, emotional trial, the 5-week-old baby's multiple injuries were found to be the result of a rare genetic mutation, osteogenesis imperfecta, a disease characterized by fragile bones that break easily.

"While the civil and criminal proceedings caused a huge amount of grief and turmoil in my client's life and the lives of his family, in the end common sense and justice prevailed, and the Gramke family was able to go back to being a family," Judge Killilea remembers of that time.

There is a lot of satisfaction in seeing justice done, especially when it is as a result of personal effort.

"If you ask my mom," Judge Killilea says with a laugh, "she'll tell you I was destined to be a lawyer because when I was growing up I loved to argue."

Judge Killilea's own two daughters, born 20 months apart, continue her family's tradition of sibling closeness. Her computer screensaver is a portrait of the beautiful, brown-eyed sisters. The proud mom's first daughter, Megan, is a senior at Lafayette High School and will be leaving home to attend the University of Virginia in August. Bridget, 16, attends Walsingham and has just begun to drive. Knowing you'd have to come before your mom in court for any traffic violation must be excellent motivation for both of her daughters to drive carefully.

Swim meets and soccer games figure large in the family's dynamic. Jim and Pat Kearns, Judge Killilea's parents, have been enormously helpful in solving the logistical puzzle that is always a working parent's challenge. After their retirement, Jim and Pat were there every day to meet their granddaughters' school bus and supervise homework as well as make sure there was time for fun.

"The Killileas, my in-laws, also live in Williamsburg, and my girls are very lucky that both sets of grandparents are close by and we all get along so well," Judge Killilea says.

On this particular afternoon, Judge Colleen Kearns Killilea is finished at the courthouse and is switching roles, hurrying off to catch Bridget's soccer match at Walsingham. It's a delicate balancing act, but as a daughter, a mother and a judge, she has learned to cut herself some slack.

"If I'm making everyone happy, then I'm probably not doing something right," she says with a smile. "That's true in life as well as the courtroom." **NDN**

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## The Changing World of

# Jails

By Natalie Miller Moore

A place where most people hope not to end up is a place John Kuplinski goes to every day. He's the superintendent of the Virginia Peninsula Regional Jail (VPRJ).

John's criminology and political science degrees are put to use every day in this role. He often runs into people's prejudice and misconceptions about what the VPRJ is and does.

"People always ask me if it's 'maximum security' but they are getting most of their information from TV and movies. People in jail are pre-trial, some are serving



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misdemeanor sentences, and in some states, short-term felony sentences," he says.

They often think of two common jail ideas: the small town jail, with just one bed and bars around it or a traditional prison, with linear style cell blocks, patrolled by guards twice an hour. Jail design and operational philosophy have changed over the past few decades, and John has traveled along with the wave of change throughout his career.

While he was a graduate student at Florida State University, he became involved in academic research related to the corrections system. He worked on Florida's sentencing guidelines as a data coder and interned with the Florida House of Representatives as a committee staffer for the House Committee on Corrections, Probation and Parole.

John learned a lot about jails from an academic perspective, mainly looking at the data. His first job working in corrections surprised him. He'd just finished working on a scathing report on the conditions of jails in Florida, which got national attention. He worked heavily on a section about the conditions for em-

ployees in those jails. "In staff surveys, I saw some of the most demoralized people in my career. It's brutal on officers and their families," he says.

That staff section of the report turned out to be the only section that the Department of Corrections liked and John became a Jail Management Analyst. This was in the 1980s when jail and prison reform were national priorities, stemming from a wave of court cases about the conditions. As part of his role, he was sent to a national conference for the American Jail Association

"My eyes just kind of opened up. I thought people who worked in jails were uneducated, sadistic thugs. But I saw a rise in professionalism, especially in local corrections officers, and they were dedicated people."

In 1985, the first direct supervision jail in the United States opened and was lauded as a "new generation jail." It was a paradigm shift in the way jails were designed and operated. John was very interested in this idea.

"Jails are necessary but if you are going to lock people up, there are better ways that are

more humane and more professional," he says. "I was able to be in on the cusp of that shift, how we construct and operate jails. Not to criticize traditional jails, but I believe the [direct supervision] design and operational philosophy is more humane for inmates and staff who work there. It's typically cheaper for taxpayers and safer. I think inmates will come out with less negativity and be more ready to move on than coming out of a traditional jail," he says.

John was given the opportunity to work in the Rappahannock Regional Jail as a deputy superintendent and then he moved into the superintendent role at the VPRJ, which was built with the direct supervision design.

The difference in design is that direct supervision jails are not built with the linear cell block concept. Instead, they are cells built around a common area, usually in a square formation, with a smaller number of individuals kept there. VPRJ has a modular design with a uniformed officer physically in the unit 24 hours a day.

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the power vacuum often created by traditional jails where the biggest and baddest prisoner has the power," John says.

The officer is in a better position to know what is going on and to stop small problems before they become major problems, like variations in behavior, observing any strong-arming or stopping disagreements before they become fights. It's also a better work environment for the staff.

"While I believe we over-incarcerate, and what we do is distasteful and unpleasant, we (as a society) are going to have a jail, so we need to have order and discipline or people will get hurt. But I think that leadership in corrections means that jails can be a positive change agent in the community," he says.

Programs offered at the jail can benefit prisoners, but John believes that those are options for people who are ready and willing to change.

"You can't force people to change if they don't want to change. But we try to offer programs where people can choose to better themselves. I feel it's an achievement for them, and feel satisfaction for them and their families.

And while in those programs, they are behaving! We aren't going to solve recidivism but I honestly believe we can encourage productive citizens because they did it and we helped," he says.

Jails are complex organizations to run, and John handles larger tasks like community outreach, working with local governments and criminal justice organizations, as well as budgeting and managing staff.

"I think it's complex and intriguing to get parts to fit together. I believe you have to roll up your sleeves and work, while supporting the staff in doing their jobs."

His wife, Kim, is also in criminal justice. She is a District Court clerk. John's father was drafted in the Korean War and worked as a military guard at Leavenworth.

"We talked about it. Once I got into this field, my dad talked to me about his experience there, and it was surprising that the basic rules are still the same today."

Outside of work, John is on the Board of Directors for the James City County Ruritans, a representative for JCC on the Colonial Be-

havioral Health, Colonial community justice board chairman, past president of the BOD VA Association of Regional Jails and Chairman of Hampton Roads inmate evacuation committee.

"Public service is one of the most honorable things anyone can do. I get satisfaction from my career," he says.

In his personal time, John reads a lot. He has more than 20 magazine subscriptions, including several history, political and current events magazines. He's also interested in reading trade journals such as *American Jails and Corrections* magazine. His reading interests are wide and varied and certainly include topics that would not make the reading list of most locals.

In addition to reading, John also likes to garden and is the primary cook in the family. His specialty is smoking meats, and he uses his father's kielbasa recipe to get the flavor just right. It's hard to imagine he could find the time for preparing food, but like most of us, John sets aside time for his passions in life which center around family and include his work and volunteer efforts in the community. **NDN**



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# Striving for Excellence

By Brandy Centolanza

After 37 years with the Williamsburg Police Department, Chief Dave Sloggie still enjoys coming to work every day.

"The ambience of this city is extremely unique," Chief Sloggie says. "This is a special place to work and live."

Chief Sloggie grew up in Newport News and spent Sunday afternoons with his family in Williamsburg. He knew it was the only place he wanted to work when he decided to enter law enforcement. Chief Sloggie first became intrigued by police work as a teenager in the 1970s after befriending the then Newport News Police Chief George Austin at a football game.

"I still remember my first day like it was yesterday," Chief Sloggie recalls fondly. "August 1, 1976. It was a beautiful day. I don't know where the time went."

Chief Sloggie started as a patrol officer in

the city after leaving Busch Gardens, where he worked in security.

One of his first assignments was helping with traffic control during a presidential debate between President Gerald Ford and presidential candidate Jimmy Carter, which was held at the College of William and Mary.

"I was directing traffic when President Ford came through the intersection," Chief Sloggie remembers. "It was very exciting to be a 21 year old and having all these national figures coming into Williamsburg."

A few years later, in May 1983, Chief Sloggie, who by then had been promoted to com-



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mander of the uniform bureau, helped head up security in Williamsburg for the Williamsburg Economic Summit Conference, an event in which President Ronald Reagan and British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher were in attendance. Chief Sloggie sought support from the then State Police Captain William Corvello.

"It was my first major assignment for a special event as commander of the uniform bureau, and I really liked his [Captain Corvello's] demeanor and professionalism," Chief Sloggie says. "He was a mentor, and you tend to want to emulate all the good characteristics of your mentors."

Through the years, Chief Sloggie has worked several special events for Greater Williamsburg, including the annual 4th of July and Grand Illumination celebrations, as well as various races and parades, and other occasions that have attracted national attention. He met President Bill Clinton during a trip the president made here in 1994, as well as actresses Jaclyn Smith and Lindsay Wagner during film shoots in Williamsburg.

During his tenure, Chief Sloggie worked his way up the ranks, spending 14 years as Uniform Bureau Major and 13 years as Deputy Chief of Police before being named Chief of Police in 2010. In addition to currently serving as Williamsburg's Police Chief, he is also third vice president of the Virginia Association of Chiefs of Police as well as a member of the International Association of Chiefs of Police.

"My main objective as chief is to ensure the safety and security of all our citizens, college students and visitors," he says.

To do so effectively, the chief says, police officers must perform services and enforce the law by maintaining integrity, fairness and professionalism in all that they do. The Williamsburg Police Department's slogan is "One Mission. One Team. One Goal. Excellence," and Chief Sloggie takes it seriously.

"We try to do everything we can to be the best we can be," Chief Sloggie says.

To do so, his department also relies on surrounding localities, including York and James City, where he works closely alongside James City Police Chief Emmett Harmon and York Sheriff Danny Diggs.

"Williamsburg is extremely fortunate in working and cooperating with the other jurisdictions of the Historic Triangle," Chief Sloggie says. "We have a unique perspective. We all have the same goal, and it makes it a more enjoyable environment to work in."

Law enforcement has changed since Chief Sloggie started his career decades ago at a time when officers under the age of 21 were not permitted to carry a gun. Perhaps the biggest change has been the advances in technology.

"Technology is amazing," Chief Sloggie says. "Technology has changed unbelievably, and that has been very beneficial to law enforcement."

Use of DNA, for example, has allowed police to catch a suspect in a motel robbery based on saliva found on a cigarette butt left at the scene.

"It's impossible to leave a crime scene now without leaving something behind," Chief Sloggie points out. "The challenge for us is finding out what it is."

Williamsburg Police Department now has license plate readers, which enable officers to identify if a vehicle has been stolen or used in a crime. Soon, each police vehicle will also be equipped with computers, which will make photos and other information easily accessible to officers.

His police officers are frequently trained to not only handle the ad-



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vances in technology, but also the shift in crime events such as September 11th and recent shootings in schools, malls and other public places.

"Unfortunately, our society has become more violent," Chief Sloggie says. "Our society as a whole seems less innocent and now everybody has to participate in their own safety and be more aware of their surroundings."

Another challenge Chief Sloggie faces within his department is aging officers. He hopes to prepare his men and women for the future by "creating a pool of talent within the department who has the knowledge, skills and capabilities to perform tasks in other positions."

When Chief Sloggie first started, it wasn't necessary for officers to pursue post-high school education, but now it is essential.

"A college education shows that officers have been in a diverse environment, and have set goals and achieved those goals," Chief Sloggie says. "Those are good characteristics of a police officer. I also think it's important to be enthusiastic in this business."

What also sets Williamsburg Police Department apart is that its police officers are cross-trained with firefighters and emergency personnel as first responders.

"Police officers are usually the first ones on the scene, and they need to be trained to handle emergencies," Chief Sloggie says. "That's proven to be beneficial in cases of car accidents or heart attacks. We are real proud of that accomplishment."

Chief Sloggie also takes pride in his department's accreditation status with The Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies (CALEA). Chief Sloggie led the department to its eighth accreditation award last year.

"We are always striving toward excellence, always looking for ways to improve," Chief Sloggie says. "It's exciting to be recognized by CALEA toward that effort. It's probably one of the highest achievements. We are extremely proud to be a part of that organization."

He's also proud to be a part of a community where there aren't a lot of serious crimes.

"Luckily, the city of Williamsburg has a low crime rate," Chief Sloggie says, noting that larceny is the most prevalent crime his officers confront.

There have been a few bank robberies and homicides along the way during his career, including a serial killer case in the 1980s, but Chief Sloggie and his officers are frequently trained to deal with more heinous crimes.

Still, "Any offense against a child is the toughest to see, whether it's because of a crime or a traffic accident," he says.

When he's not in uniform, Chief Sloggie relishes spending time with his wife, Maureen, and their four children and two grandchildren.

"I just love getting the grandkids out on the boat fishing, or enjoy being with them at the beach," he says.

He calls his wife "a very special partner who makes life easy for me and great for our family."

Not only does he appreciate the sacrifices his wife has made for him through the years, Chief Sloggie also appreciates the sacrifices of all the families of his fellow officers, who do all they can to make Williamsburg a safe place.

"I am fortunate to lead this group of exceptional officers," Chief Sloggie says. "My job is made so much easier by these good, quality people who are dedicated to this department and the Williamsburg community and are committed to their mission." **NDN**

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# COMMUNITY PARTNER

By Brandy Centolanza



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When James City County Police Chief Emmett Harmon first started with the newly created police department in December 1979, he was the very first officer hired.

"I just thought it was the coolest thing," Chief Harmon recalls. "To be the first police officer in a new police department and to be a part of the start of it all was very exciting."

Chief Harmon knew he wanted to be a po-

lice officer early on.

"I didn't want to be behind a desk," he says. "I wanted to do something that was outdoors and adventurous, and I wanted to be a part of a team. Police work kind of fit into that."

He became more convinced after making friends with a law enforcement officer while attending high school in York County.

"He really got my interest going," Chief

Harmon says, who started with the Suffolk City Police Department at age 19. He later joined the police force in Newport News before deciding to apply with James City after it formed its own department. Back then, he was among 25 officers when the department first began; today, he oversees 93 full-time, sworn officers.

Chief Harmon started as a patrol officer

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and worked his way up over the years, achieving police chief status in 2005. Along the way, he also earned a bachelor's degree in governmental administration from Christopher Newport University and graduated from the FBI National Academy. He has also had experience as a patrol supervisor, community services lieutenant, accreditation manager, uniform division commander, SWAT team commander, internal affairs investigator, firearms instructor, citizens' police academy instructor, and department liaison to the courts and magistrate.

"One of the neat things about my job is that I get to touch upon a lot of different subjects," Chief Harmon says.

His first major assignment after being promoted to police chief was working with surrounding localities as well as state and federal officials in security preparation for the 400th anniversary celebration of Jamestown, which included visits from President George W. Bush and the Queen of England.

"I had never really been involved in an event of that magnitude before," Chief Harmon says. "It was a lot of work, and a very educational experience. I thought it was very well done. It was a well planned and well attended event. We got a lot of compliments on our work with that, and we are proud of how it all turned out."

Soon after, Chief Harmon set about reaching one of his top goals as police chief: finding a new facility for his department, which had long ago outgrown its building on John Tyler Highway.

"When I got this job, I knew there were some things that we needed to work on for the better of this community," he says. "That was one of them. People had been working out of closets at the old

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facility. There just wasn't enough room."

Chief Harmon spent the next few years doing research and touring other law enforcement facilities across the commonwealth. Thanks to the support of the James City supervisors, the James City Police Department's new building opened in 2011 on Opportunity Way. The new facility is 47,000 square feet, more than four times the size of the old headquarters.

"This is just a wonderful building," Chief Harmon says with pride. "We really like it here. It's centrally located, closer to the upper part of the county, and it's also close to highways 199 and 64, so it's easy access when responding to calls."

James City's state-of-the-art law enforcement center is environmentally friendly and houses officers in three divisions: uniform patrol, investigations and community/administrative services, as well as all of the commanders of those divisions. There are also special rooms for interviewing, polygraph testing, drug task force, training, exercising, records, weapons cleaning, Internet crimes, evidence and forensics as well as a large community room. The law enforcement center is used as a

satellite training facility for new police officers within the county and other localities.

Other goals of Chief Harmon have been increasing staff and improving technology. James City Police Department is one of the few departments in the state to use electronic summons for traffic citations.

"It really speeds up the process tremendously," Chief Harmon says. "It's been a very big improvement, and there are a lot less errors."

The department uses crime mapping, which allows residents to go online to see neighborhoods where a crime has been committed.

"It puts more information out to the public," Chief Harmon says. "To do the best we can do, we need the help of our citizens. It's a partnership. It's nice to have those extra sets of eyes and ears. That's beneficial to everybody."

James City police cruisers are now equipped with cameras and the department shares a state-of-the-art radio system with Gloucester and York County.

"That's been wonderful for the county," Chief Harmon says.

In addition, Chief Harmon takes pride in all of the programs the department offers through

its community policing division. Among those programs are various neighborhood and business watches; the Citizen Police Academy and Citizen Forensic Academy; the Every 30 Minute anti-drunk driving program for high school students; a kids self-defense class; an anti-gang program; a child identification program to track lost children as well as Project Lifesaver, which tracks lost adults; Seniors and Law Enforcement Together (SALT), and other events throughout the year. This summer, the police department will hold for the first time the Community Outreach Program (COP) camp for children aged 10 through 13.

"I think one of the things we do really well here is community policing," Chief Harmon says. "It's very, very important for that partnership that we have with the community. It's one of the things that I am most proud of. There are a lot of programs that we are involved in, and we are very proud of them. These programs enable the citizens to get to know us better, and it makes us a better police department."

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safety. James City Police Department has also received state accreditation since 2003.

"We are very proud to be accredited," Chief Harmon says. "It is very exciting."

James City has the lowest crime rate on the Peninsula.

"We are very pleased about that and that has a lot to do with the good police work here," Chief Harmon says. "We also have a very high clearance rate on crime. That is always a standard for us."

Chief Harmon and his wife LaVerne, a nurse practitioner, have two children and four

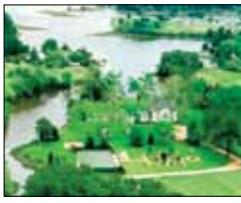
grandchildren. In addition to spending time with his family, the chief enjoys reading, golfing and camping when he is off duty, though heading up James City's Police Department certainly keeps him busy.

"My goals as chief are to continue to maintain our low crime rate, to maintain our high clearance rate, to respond in a timely manner, and to continue to stay involved in the community through our outreach programs," he says. "I'm fortunate to have people in this department who work hard day and night to make this a safe community." **NDN**

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# Defender

By Alison Johnson



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The lawyer jokes are inevitable. As a long-time criminal defense attorney, Pat Kelley also is aware that many people think all he does is try to get everyone out of trouble.

Pat sees his role differently. Capable and passionate defense attorneys are a critical part of the nation's legal framework, he says. His job isn't to analyze whether someone is innocent — that's the prosecutor's burden — but whether he

or she could be convicted.

"Our system is designed to protect the innocent," he says. "It's supposed to be hard to prove that someone is guilty."

At the same time, the most satisfying part of Pat's work often involves people who are guilty but remorseful, and afraid that their judgmental lapses will ruin the rest of their lives. For them, he fights to negotiate what he considers

a fair deal.

"Sometimes really good people do really stupid things," Pat says. "Some people don't deserve to get a break, but a lot of them do. I have heard people say to me so many times, 'I don't know why I was so stupid.' So even if they are guilty, it doesn't mean they shouldn't get a break sometimes."

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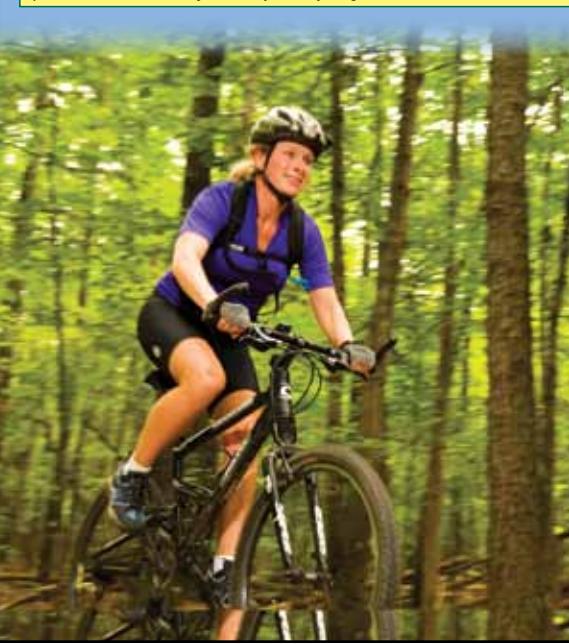


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<b>Powhatan Creek Trail</b> 3131 Ironbound Rd.	<b>Multiuse</b> Paved • 2 mi.
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Montgomery, Kelley, & McKinnon, P.L.C., in Williamsburg, represented an 18-year-old charged with a felony for selling prescription pills for attention deficit hyperactivity disorder. The client explained that he had been desperate for money because a bad home situation had forced him to live on his own.

Working with a prosecutor and judge, Pat was able to reduce the charge to a misdemeanor. "He was so thrilled," Pat says. "My job can be very frustrating at times, but there are these great occasions where you feel like you really do help somebody."

The same is true with a smaller part of his practice, personal injury cases. One memorable client was a nurse who was hit by a car after she stopped at a fatal accident scene to help the victims. Pat won a sizable settlement for her. "She really deserved to be compensated," he says. "She was very badly hurt because she was standing out there trying to save people." That client still sends him cards every year for Christmas and – in a nod to his family's Irish roots and his first name – St. Patrick's Day.

During his three decades as an attorney, Pat, 57, has seen the law from many perspectives, starting from his childhood with a policeman father. He has spent time in military and civilian courts and worked as both a prosecutor and defender, handling everything from probation violations to simple trespassing and traffic offenses to capital murder cases. He currently has about 80 cases open, in various stages of the legal process. Raised in Fort Worth, Texas, as the oldest of five children, Pat decided in high school that he wanted a career as an attorney. "I was just always very interested in criminal law, I think because of what my dad did," he remembers.

At 6-feet-5-inches tall, Pat was also a talented basketball player and earned an athletic scholarship to Virginia Military Institute. The team was a force during his time there, advancing to the Elite Eight of the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) post-season tournament in 1976 and the Sweet Sixteen in 1977. One of his teammates was Ron Carter, who went on to play professionally for the Los Angeles Lakers and Indiana Pacers.

After receiving a bachelor's degree in English, Pat went on to graduate from William and Mary Law School in 1983. He served for six years as a judge advocate in the Army, stationed in Colorado and at Fort Eustis in Newport News. He and his wife, Elizabeth, have lived in James City County since 1989 and have two now-grown daughters, Caroline and Catherine.

Once settled down, Pat worked for six years as Deputy/Assistant Commonwealth Attorney in Williamsburg/James City County. One of his biggest cases there was the 1994 murder of Robert Morris, a 7-Eleven clerk shot during a robbery. Pat got all four defendants to plead guilty. Pat decided to switch over to defending clients for a variety of reasons, including better pay. "I was trying to save for my kids' college education," he explains. He spent two years with the well-known personal injury firm Breit, Drescher & Breit in Norfolk – he even appeared in

one of their many television commercials – partnered with the late Williamsburg attorney David Holland and worked in solo practice before forming his current firm in 2009.

Three qualities are essential to be a good lawyer, he believes. First is preparation, or always working hard because every case, no matter how small, is important to an individual client. That includes interviewing all witnesses, researching applicable laws and rules of evidence, considering extenuating circumstances such as underlying mental illness and filing discovery requests to gather evidence.

Second is experience, which helps Pat decide if he should explore a plea agreement or take a case to a jury trial. He is grateful for the perspectives he gained as a prosecutor: “It helps me analyze a set of facts and think, ‘How would I prosecute this case?’ That helps me prepare myself and my clients.”

Third is maintaining credibility with local judges. “If they ask you a question, they want a straight answer,” Pat notes. “They don’t want you being dishonest or hemming and hawing, even if it hurts your case. If they don’t think you’re being straight up, they’re not going to listen to you in that case or in future cases.”

Pat also has learned not to let a bad day in court get to him or to spend much time gloating over wins. “If you do, you’ll usually end up screwing up the next case,” he says. “You just have to take things one day at a time. You get up the next day and do it again.”

The most frustrating part of his job is when guilty clients aren’t satisfied with any settlement he can negotiate (although, thankfully, he’s never had to deal with threats from angry clients as some lawyers have). “With some people, nothing is ever their fault,” he says. People who listen to his advice generally get a better result, he adds: “I’ve been doing this a long time. I know what this judge will buy and that judge won’t buy.”

Most of Pat’s personal injury cases involve car accidents; he doesn’t handle medical malpractice suits and says premises liability cases – often slip-and-fall accidents – are difficult to win in Virginia.

An early bird, Pat is generally on the job by 7:30 a.m. and done by 5 p.m. He goes to court about four days a week. While he likes to keep Friday afternoons free – it’s a good time to kick back with a beer, he notes – he often comes into his office Saturday mornings to meet with clients who can’t take off work during the week.

In his free time, Pat likes to jet-ski and stay up on the sports world, cheering for the Dallas Cowboys and Texas Rangers and for the Boston Celtics because his father was from that city. He also was an assistant coach for five years with the girls’ basketball team at Walsingham Academy, where his daughter Catherine played point guard. The team won three state championships during that time.

While off the basketball courts now, Pat Kelley has no plans to retire from courtrooms anytime soon. “I enjoy getting up and doing my work,” he says. “Sometimes there’s next to nothing I can do for people, but when I can, it’s a good feeling.” **NDN**



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## OFFICER ALAN McDOWELL, JR.

What You've Always Wanted to Know About the

# Citizens Police Academy

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Officer Alan McDowell, Jr., Master Police Officer, loves his job with the James City County Police Department. In addition to working on a variety of crime prevention programs, he organizes the Citizen's Police Academy, a 14 week course available to residents of the area.

"The Citizen's Police Academy is open to anyone over the age of 18," Officer McDowell says. "It's a great program, and you can find the application and schedule on our website."

Officer McDowell's career in law enforcement began when he finished college. After obtaining an associate's degree in Administrative Justice and Public Safety, he worked as a volunteer in Richmond's Neighborhood Assistance Officer Program. It was this experience that led him to apply for a position with the James City County police department.

"I got to know Richmond well, and I liked the work I was doing, but I really love it here,"

he says. "I've been here for 21 years and haven't wanted to be anywhere else."

Officer McDowell worked patrol during his first 11 years with James City County before moving to other positions within the department. "I've been the School Resource Officer (SRO) for Toano Middle School, I've worked bicycle patrol and taught a number of classes." He also indicated that being a part of the crime prevention unit has been his favorite

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part of the job. "Crime prevention allows me to get into the community to work with people to try to deal with situations before they really become an issue. At the heart of that kind of work we are really addressing the question of 'what can we do to help?'"

In addition to organizing and teaching the Citizen's Academy, Officer McDowell also teaches a couple of other classes to the general public, including firearms and Rape Aggression Defense (RAD). Certified in a variety of instructor training, he teaches his co-workers classes in topics such as defensive tactics, aerosol spray, baton training, heart saver/AED (Automated External Defibrillator), blood borne pathogens and SWAT (Special Weapons and Tactics) techniques.

The Citizen's Academy is one of the main classes that Officer McDowell teaches, and he enjoys the interaction he has with the community. The academy was started prior to Officer McDowell being hired, but he sees its continuation as a vital link to the community. "We talk about all the things that the department does for people, and students get to learn about the

inner workings of the police department."

Most classes take place at the James City County Police Department, located at Opportunity Way. Each week a different topic is presented, and a variety of speakers present to the students regarding their area of expertise. The first class opens with an introduction and speech from the Chief of Police, after which they are given a tour of the facility.

"After that our next class is about communications and dispatch," Officer McDowell says. "We take people on a tour of the facility where the 911 calls come through, and show them how calls are received, how officers are dispatched and how we prioritize each call. It's an enlightening evening for most people, because very often folks don't think about or know exactly what happens when you call the emergency number."

With a different topic each week, participants can gain a broader understanding of how the police department functions on a variety of levels. "We cover animal control and talk about rabies problems and general animal issues, and the following week we teach the community

services section."

The community services portion of the class, as the name suggests, covers the functions of the police department that relate directly to the community at large. This includes what the school resource officers' duties are and what to expect from them, the duties of the crime prevention officers, what a bike officer does, how and why Segways are used and community outreach programs.

"We explain project lifesaver, child identification kits and SIDNE (Simulated Impaired Driving Experience)," Officer McDowell says. He went on to explain that project lifesaver is a program that outfits people, prone to wandering, with bracelets so they can be found if they leave their caregivers. This generally applies to patients with Alzheimer's, dementia or autism, and can be a tremendous asset if a person goes missing. "Child identification kits are really popular," Officer McDowell adds. "And rightly so. An important part of that program is educating parents about keeping kids safe and what to do if a child is lost or missing."

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vided by the James City County police department is SIDNE, which is an acronym for Simulated Impaired Driving Experience. This battery powered unit provides people with an opportunity to replicate the experience of driving a vehicle while intoxicated or impaired and shows firsthand the devastating effects of doing this.

There are a multitude of issues every police department must deal with, and the Citizen's Academy tries to address the many different levels of law enforcement. "We teach students about our approach and policies concerning investigations, crime scenes, terrorism and gang awareness." One of the things Officer McDowell talks about in class is gang activity: what to know, how to recognize gang members and how to help parents.

Participants in the academy have the opportunity to gain hands-on experience with an array of law enforcement duties and responsibilities, something Officer McDowell feels is invaluable for the public. "The public should know that we're here for them and there are a number of ways which we can help, not just

when you're in the midst of an emergency."

For example, Officer McDowell suggests that out of town visitors can contact the James City Police Department to ask about safe tourism, and they will help plan vacations or day trips with safety suggestions. Another community service provided is the RAIDS (Online Analysis and Information System) online website, a mapping analysis program that gives crime statistics for any address in the county. Individual counties must sign up to use the RAIDS system, so information is not available in cities or counties that do not participate. The RAIDS map can be accessed from the James City County Police Department website by clicking on the crime map link in the crime analysis section.

One of the more interesting facets of the Citizen's Academy is that participants get an opportunity to learn some of the basics of shooting and gun safety at the firing range. This is not a requirement of the class, and if anybody is uncomfortable with handling a firearm they can simply choose not to attend that class. Officer McDowell teaches the basics of gun safety and allows participants to practice target shoot-

ing. "This is just a one day thing," he says. "For people interested in a more in-depth class, we have a firearms safety program that provides more information. That class is separate from the Citizen's Academy."

In addition, Officer McDowell says that the Citizen's Academy covers drug identification, investigations, use of force, polygraph techniques and the SWAT team. "It's a lot of information, but it's all really good to know. Plus, we encourage our participants to do a ride along, where they get to ride in a police car with an officer for a few hours. That can be a really eye-opening experience."

Master Police Officer Alan McDowell loves his job, and he clearly enjoys helping people. "The police are resources for everyone," he says. "It's my job to make sure our citizens know that and ensure that they utilize these resources whenever they need us." **NDN**

For more information on the Citizen's Academy, check the James City County Police Department website at [www.jamescitycountyva.gov/police](http://www.jamescitycountyva.gov/police).



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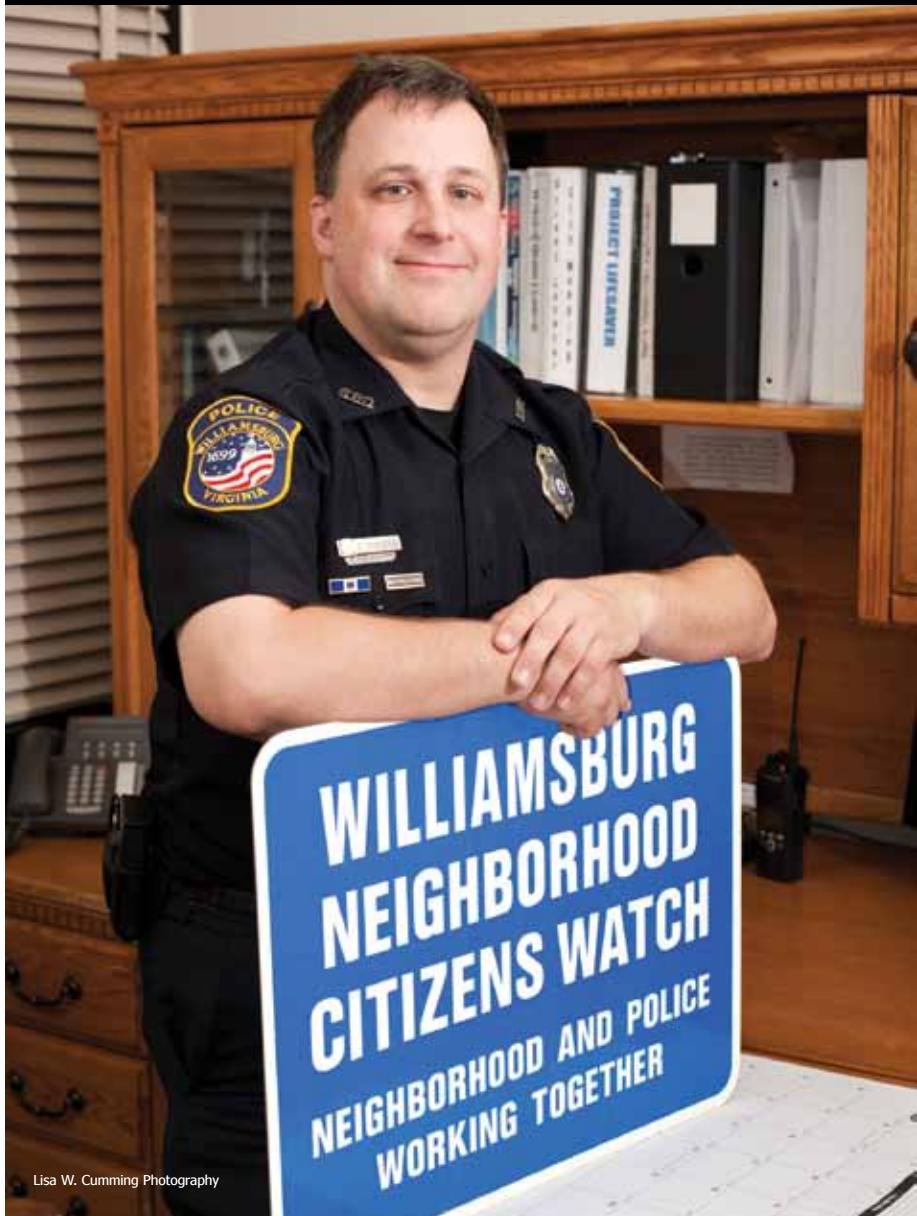
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## INVESTIGATOR TIM WALKER



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"Hey, how's it going?" the young teen asks Investigator Tim Walker as we make our way to the Guidance Office at Berkeley Middle School. "Great!" he responds. After some good natured back and forth conversation about the

youth's pants which hang just a tad too low – the teen smiles broadly, adjusts the offending garment and continues on to his next class.

Amid the hustle and bustle of a very busy school day, we settle into a quiet conference

room for our interview.

As the community services unit officer for the City of Williamsburg, Investigator Walker divides a portion of his workday between Berkeley Middle and Matthew Whaley Elementary

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School. He wears several hats – from school resources to neighborhood watch – to certified crime prevention specialist. He's also certified in CPTED (Crime Prevention through Environmental Design).

"One of my duties is school resource which means that I oversee the community programming that comes through the city – like crime prevention and redirection for youth," he says. "I try to connect our young folks with the various services they might benefit from – to try and get them bolstered up the right way."

On a typical day, Investigator Walker arrives at the police station at 7:30 a.m., checks messages and emails, then heads over to Berkeley between 8:00 and 8:30. He canvasses the hallways before checking in with administrative staff to receive updates about the day's activities – expected or unexpected. Perhaps there's been an issue that needs his attention or maybe a parent will want to talk with him to address an incident or concern or just to touch base.

"The best compliment parents can pay me is to tell me that their child likes having me here," he says. "I work hard to maintain a good rapport with the kids."

After checking in with the front office, Investigator Walker checks all of the doors to make sure they are locked. "All visitors go through the front office now with only the front door staying unlocked," he explains. "And there's a buzzer system going into place, so visitors will have to be 'buzzed in' in order to come in at all. Also, as you might expect, the schools are outfitted with video cams."

Another portion of Investigator Walker's work has to do with his role as Williamsburg's Neighborhood Watch organizer. As summer draws nearer, he's increasingly in demand to speak about home safety and security at Neighborhood Watch meetings.

"I'm the law enforcement side of Neighborhood Watch," he says. "Basically I meet with the neighborhoods usually once a month or so, or whenever they request a meeting. We give the community an opportunity to voice their concerns – and we let them know what kinds of things we are seeing crime-wise, and trends they need to be aware of."

The goal is keeping lines of communication open and alerting each other – and the police – when things look amiss.

"That's what Neighborhood Watch does – it fosters an environment where everyone looks out for each other. It encourages you to know your neighbors and what's going on in their lives. For instance, if you're going out of town, consider whether there is a neighbor you can ask to keep an eye on your place and call us if things look wrong."

Each neighborhood has a coordinator who serves as Investigator Walker's contact. He communicates (via email) with the coordinator and then the coordinator reaches out to his or her block captain who run Watch for their blocks.

"It's like a big email tree so when I have information about an area that potentially impacts one of my neighborhoods, I alert my coordinator to provide tips and recommendations for them to share."

Williamsburg is probably one of the safer areas because law enforcement takes a very proactive approach; they try to identify potential problems before they become actual problems. Investigator Walker wants us to know that being in local law enforcement is not always about arresting people so much as helping them fix the situation they are in. In fact, he says that

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one the most rewarding parts of his job is being able to fix a problem with an alternative other than an arrest.

"That's the direction law enforcement is going into – fixing communities. Yes, we make arrests when that is the only alternative but we're more about putting on community programs to show how to fix issues before they become full-blown problems. It is part of my job to identify issues within the community where I might be noticing a pattern which needs to be addressed. When that happens, I make my recommendation to my boss and he routes it to the Chief of Police."

Because of his CPTED certification, City Planning routinely sends him all of the blueprints coming into the city. He studies them closely and tries to design the environment in such a way that it incorporates crime prevention elements.

"CPTED is a multi-disciplinary approach to deterring criminal behavior through environmental design. Its strategies rely upon the ability to influence offender decisions that may precede criminal acts. In other words, we want to make it less desirable for someone to want to

do a crime here."

On a personal note, Investigator Walker has been fascinated with the law and law enforcement from a young age. He saw what was going on in the community, the police and firefighters out there helping folks, and it left an imprint on him.

"I think you're born into it," he says. "Even when I was very young, I saw officers helping people and I knew that was what I wanted to do."

He knew that by helping people, he would also be helping the community – something he has done in several different capacities, having also served for eight years in the U.S. Coast Guard.

No matter where you work, though, the biggest challenges can be effecting change.

"Getting folks to buy off on the new type of community policing is a challenge," Investigator Walker says. "A lot of people are in the old mentality that we are there just to arrest folks. We want to make sure the community stays safe, so dealing with folks who see us only in that traditional police role is sometimes a challenge. I understand it, but this is the direc-

tion community services and policing is going in. This is country-wide, not just Williamsburg. There's a big push in law enforcement in community policing."

Of course, our community includes a university and stretches beyond the city limits, into York and James City Counties. Investigator Walker enjoys working with his counterparts in adjacent counties, and with William and Mary Campus Police, toward the good of the entire community.

"There is a lot of collaboration across lines or else it would be difficult to address problems," he says.

He has worked for the City of Williamsburg since 2007 but he and his family choose to make their home in Newport News – in the Richneck area of Denbigh. He has roots in Newport News, and can remember in '83 when most of Yoder farm sat where Patrick Henry Mall sits today.

"Besides, I have a thing about working where you live," he says. "There's that space that needs to be there. I can be here in 20 minutes if there's a problem. It's far enough away, but not too close." **NDN**



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## SERGEANT HUBERT NEALY



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By Alison Johnson

During his 18 years as a state trooper, Sergeant Hubert (Hugh) Nealy has collected plenty of stories. Check out just two: one, a crazy traffic stop, and two, a moment where he very likely saved someone's life.

Sgt. Nealy, who is based at State Police Department's area office, was a rookie road trooper

in the first story. He had stopped a car on Interstate 64 for a moving violation and as he walked toward the car, he saw what appeared to be a body wrapped in a sheet in the back seat. Sgt. Nealy immediately drew his gun, shouted at the driver to put his hands in sight on the steering wheel and radioed for backup.

"I then demanded to know, 'Who is that in the back seat?'" Sgt. Nealy recalls. "I remember the dispatchers asking me over the radio what was going on and that motorists were calling in about my firearm being drawn and that backup was on the way. The man told me it was a pig that he purchased for a pig roast he was

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going to. I was relieved that it wasn't what I thought it was. Whatever the violation was, I remember giving him a warning. We were BOTH glad to be out of there."

In the second tale, Sgt. Nealy had pulled over a car that was weaving all over East Rochambeau Drive, convinced he was stopping a very drunk driver. Instead, the man was a diabetic whose blood sugar had plunged dangerously low; he had no idea he was in Williamsburg rather than near his home in the Richmond area. Sgt. Nealy called the York County Fire Department to take the man to Williamsburg Community Hospital. Two weeks later, the man sent a heartfelt thank-you note. "He thought I was his guardian angel that night," Sgt. Nealy says. "Things are not always what they appear to be."

Sgt. Nealy, 50, is a member of the Tactical Field Force, a specialty detail that assists local law enforcement agencies and other state troopers on a wide range of cases, from felony and misdemeanor arrests to weapons and narcotics seizures. The detail is trained to handle many types of situations such as crowd control, special events and search-and-rescue missions for missing persons and escapees.

Special assignments have included working as a deputized agent during presidential inaugurations in Washington, D.C., dealing with serial arsonists on the Eastern Shore, responding to civil disturbances in Richmond and escorting members of Congress when they visit Williamsburg.

Sgt. Nealy and his co-workers in the Williamsburg office, Sergeant Rick Havasy and First Sergeant Kevin Barrick, have a long list of daily responsibilities: looking over reports on motor vehicle crashes and criminal arrests, maintaining duty rosters and work schedules, registering sex offenders, receiving and handling evidence, working with troopers to develop their cases and corresponding with citizens via email, mail or phone. They also join road troopers on patrol during major holidays and help them at crash scenes and other major incidents.

One of the toughest parts of the job is notifying families that a loved one has died in a car crash. Sgt. Nealy always tries to go along with the troopers investigating fatal accidents, which can mean home visits at all hours. "None are easy," he says.

The job also involves a surprising amount of paperwork. "There's a form to document everything, for the trooper that works in the Williamsburg office all the way up to our Captain at the division level," he says. "I tell the troopers that work in our office, if it happens in the field then it must be accounted for on paper and in a report."

Sgt. Nealy didn't come to a career in law enforcement right away. He grew up in Tappan, New York, a town about 25 miles north of Manhattan. He earned a degree in business administration from the State University of New York at Buffalo and took a job in banking and securities.

After nine years of sitting at a desk in a New York money center bank, he began pondering a radical change. "While I enjoyed that line of work, I wanted to make my mark on things and interact with people more," he says. "I like the idea of helping and serving others in need."

Sgt. Nealy left his job, moved to Virginia in 1995 and enrolled in the Virginia State Police Academy in Richmond. The Basic Academy program lasts 33 weeks, with 29 weeks of basic classroom instruction and four weeks of field training followed by four to six more weeks of field training after graduation. The curriculum requires more than 1,500 hours of instruction in 123 subject areas, including laws of ar-

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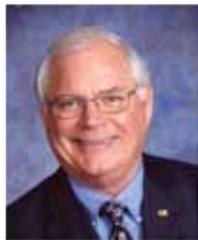
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rest, search and seizure procedures and how to handle weapons and testify in court.

The academy is demanding physically – being a good runner is important – and mentally, Sgt. Nealy says. Academy sergeants are strict and will give demerits for anything out of place, such as not closing a snap on a uniform jacket or making a bed incorrectly.

"That might sound trivial or silly, but it makes you pay attention to detail – the little things – because as a public safety professional, you can never let your guard down," explains Sgt. Nealy, who thankfully hasn't ever had to fire his issued weapon outside of training. "You must always be cognizant of your surroundings, movements of multiple people, passing vehicles, minuscule pieces of evidence, etc. Sloppiness, laziness and indifference can cost you your life or somebody else's."

Sgt. Nealy completed the program in March 1996 and was stationed in Williamsburg. He was a road trooper for seven years before being promoted to sergeant in 2002. He took great satisfaction in arresting drunk drivers and dealing with any subsequent violations of revoked or restricted licenses. As for the many speeding excuses he heard, a favorite was a woman who claimed to be racing to find a restroom – yet she'd just passed an exit ramp with multiple gas stations and restaurants.

What would Sgt. Nealy like people to know about the police? "We are just like you – we have a job to do, and we take our responsibilities very seriously," he says. "The Virginia State Police motto is: valor, service and pride. We hold ourselves to a strict code of conduct that requires our best at all times. Our job is to enforce the laws of the Commonwealth of Virginia, to maintain a civil and safe society."

As for misconceptions, troopers don't have ticket quotas and the State Police doesn't benefit financially from traffic summons, he adds. Instead, proceeds go directly to court fees and a state fund that benefits public school construction, technology funding and teachers' retirement accounts.

Sgt. Nealy, who is single, loves to travel in his off time – especially by motorcycle, on day trips to the Northern Neck, and by train. He has been fascinated by passenger and freight trains since childhood and has ridden Amtrak trains all over the United States, from spring baseball training in Florida to sightseeing trips in the Pacific Northwest.

"You definitely need a berth in the sleeping car for the long trans-continental trips," he says. "You can see so much through a train window, especially the small towns along the northern tier of the United States and the southwest desert towns. Everyone knows what a hassle it is to fly."

Every few years, Sgt. Nealy also spends a few days at the bottom of the Grand Canyon, where he travels on foot rather than by mule. That requires roughly six to nine miles of walking depending on the trail, along with challenging altitude changes, extreme hot and cold temperatures and a lack of readily available water.

"I kind of privately dread on the descent into the canyon, but the feeling of accomplishment you experience making it back to the rim is beyond explanation," he says.

His career in law enforcement has been very satisfying too. Sgt. Nealy hopes to stay in his job for another seven to 10 years. That's plenty of time to help more people – and collect more stories. NDN

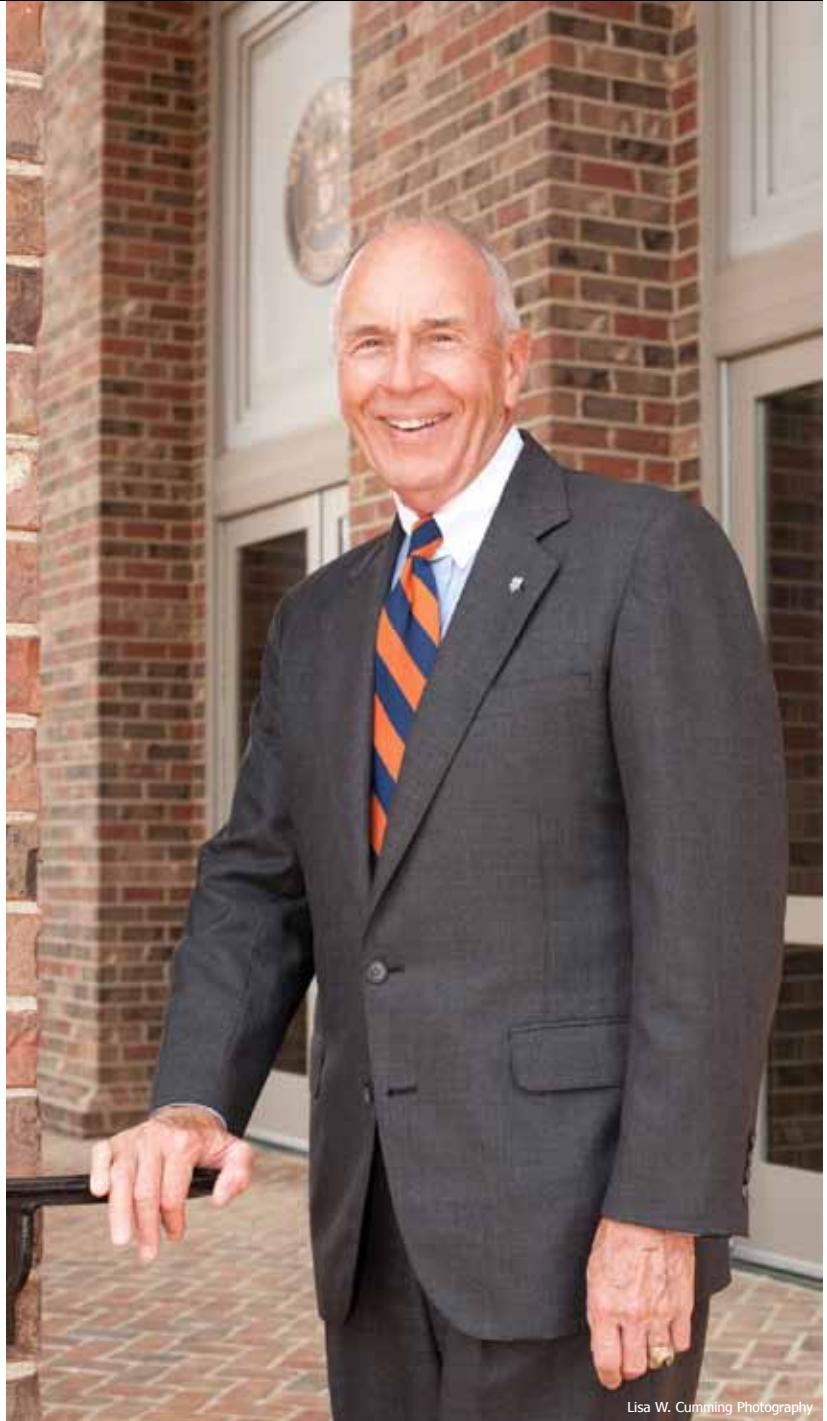
# The *Art* of Resolution

By Sandy Rotermund

Communication is the transfer of information. Via computer, you have cold science. Between human beings, understanding and emotion etch the exchange making communication more art than science. In conflict, however, that art is often re-formed into a virtual blockade, a weapon, or worse – a personal war. Resolution can seem impossible. In a court of law, that's where a mediator becomes the artist. For Dr. Raymond Alie, a certified mediator for both General District and Circuit Court cases, restoration of that damaged communication is his challenge.

"Mediation is a negotiation facilitated by a neutral third party," he says. "As the term mediation implies, there needs to be a compromise there. If the people are in entrenched positions, we don't have a great basis for mediation." Dr. Alie folds his hands on his crossed knee. "We want to find a solution they both can live with."

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Most of Dr. Alie's mediation work takes place in General District Court.

"Basically, the dividing line is money," he contends. "You can sue in General District Court for up to \$25,000. It used to be fifteen. Beyond that, the matter has to go to Circuit Court."

Dr. Alie adds that the cases' complexity at this level increases, with more parties participating in the mediation, including attorneys, union reps, even employers – and "They all have an agenda," Dr. Alie says. The General District Court cases are not scheduled to be mediated at a particular time like those in Circuit Court.

"It involves what we lovingly refer to as 'court sitting,'" Dr. Alie chuckles. "You go for a docket, and you sit there. And if there's a case the judge deems appropriate for mediation and both parties are there – you can't mediate with only one party – then the case may be referred to the mediator for an orientation session. The orientation session – under law – is not voluntary. The judge can order

you to do that, and you must go and listen to what the mediator has to say about the process. After that, if you prefer not to mediate, that's where the 'voluntary' comes in. Then you can elect not to."

Dr. Alie chooses only part-time "court sitting" now that he is retired from teaching at Western Michigan University's School of Business Management and Administration. His Doctorate in Organizational Behavior and the many behavior courses he's taught there seem key to his mediation success. His Bachelor and Master's Degrees in Sociology from the College of William and Mary only reinforce that.

"I believe in mediation," Dr. Alie says. "Mediation falls under the general umbrella of alternative dispute resolution, and I believe in it."

He thanks his teaching peers for convincing him to complete the intensive certification process almost fifteen years ago.

"I found my religion when I was introduced to it by my colleagues in Michigan. Mediation is a good way to settle conflict, particularly when you need to preserve relationships."

Dr. Alie's adamancy about the relationship

component of mediation is palpable. For example, cases between building contractors and unhappy customers abound. But too often, the contractor isn't a stranger.

"Often times, they're an acquaintance," Dr. Alie says. "Or they're connected to an acquaintance at church or something like that. So there's a personal relationship involved. Mediation is a way of preserving the relationship. It may be too far gone in some cases, but in some cases, it's not."

Dr. Alie describes one case where close friendships were threatened by the legal dispute. Colorful language isn't always spared in these situations. But, the 60-minute mediation session concluded with a tear-drenched group hug that included him.

"It's important, if there are permanent relationships involved, to try to settle it that way rather than have somebody impose a decision on them where you create winners and losers."

Dr. Alie stresses that mediators are not decision makers. They create an atmosphere where the problem can be identified, and they can generate solutions. Each party can tell their story. Then, they come up with an agreement that both parties can live with. No trial need-

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"The huge hallmark of the mediation process is self-determination," Dr. Alie continues. "In other words, you're providing an opportunity for the parties to control their own fate."

Fate, perhaps, orchestrated the meeting of Dr. Alie's passion for communication behavior with mediation work. But his desire to learn as a young man is what altered his path growing up. Born in Gardner, Massachusetts, Dr. Alie says his parents were 'depression kids,' and they never considered college for their son. The subject never came up. One day during high school, young Dr. Alie presented an Amherst College catalogue to his parents.

"God bless my folks," he says, shaking his lowered head. "They didn't know what to make of it. So that didn't happen."

A stint in the Navy, followed by six-plus years working at the Newport News Shipyard didn't dampen Dr. Alie's determination to go to college. Eleven and a half years after high school, Dr. Alie enrolled in college full-time. His then-girlfriend and now his wife, Mary, whom he met while moonlighting as a musical performer in Williamsburg, was on board with

his plans. Both studied and then performed as a musical duo for Colonial Williamsburg. With his bachelor and master's degrees completed, Dr. Alie would later accept a university vice president position in Kalamazoo, Michigan. Mary would later become a middle school principal. After 27 years in Michigan, the twosome decided to retire in Williamsburg.

Mediators in Virginia are certified under the legislation of the Supreme Court. And unlike Dr. Alie's voluntary mediation work in Michigan, he would now be paid under contract by the State of Virginia. Despite the enticement, Dr. Alie was careful to choose only civil mediation during his retirement. He was good at it, and he knew the time commitment. He enjoyed numerous activities, including long distance cycling, golf and antiquing with Mary.

"I want to preserve my time. I don't want another full time job," he says. "I work two to three days a week, and that's plenty for me."

One of only two mediators in James City County, Dr. Alie also mediates in Hampton and York County where cases proliferate. He believes, though, that mediation is still undervalued.

"I think that people are so conditioned by what goes on in their own lives and what they see on television, that the first words that come out of their mouths are 'I'm going to sue your body part.' And we are an extremely litigious society."

Dr. Alie's attention turns to his wife who is rustling through some packages in the kitchen. He smiles as they talk of their daughter and five-year old granddaughter who have recently moved to Williamsburg. His eyes sparkle as he describes their cookie baking, visits to the Virginia Living Museum and walks to the school bus stop.

"I don't think there's any doubt that my granddaughter will remember her grandparents with a good deal of accuracy," he boasts.

Creating memories with his family is Dr. Alie's priority right now. The home front, with all of its antiques and mementos of his family's life together – that is his finished art.

Mediation will always be a work-in-progress. Each case presents a new canvas. It's the blending of the unique stories and characters that will continually challenge this artist. The peaceful outcome is worth every brushstroke. NDN

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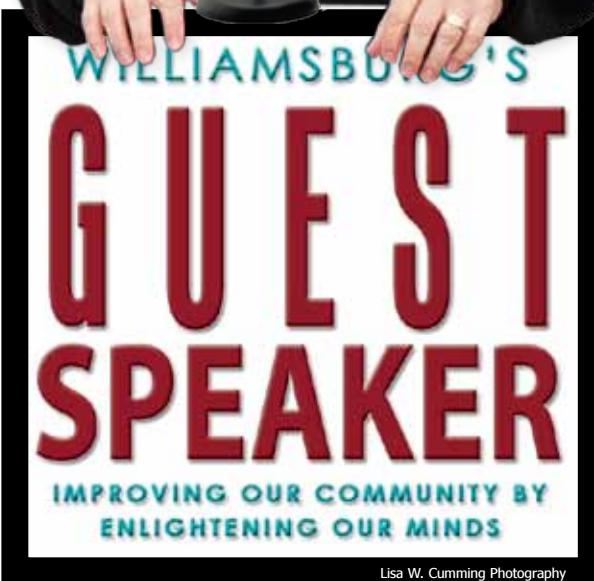
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Like many men of Randy's generation, his interest in the Corvette started about the time he learned how to drive in the late 1960s. "I lived in a 'Chevy' household as my father was the sales manager for a local Chevrolet dealership in central Pennsylvania," Randy explains. "Dad sold a Corvette to one of his

best friends, Jack. It was a 1969 Stingray, white with a red interior." If Randy was at the dealership with his dad, and Jack happened to stop by, Randy would sit in the car and dream of the day he would drive a Corvette of his own.

"Fast forward 40 years," he says, "I bought my first Corvette

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in 2009, a 1998 convertible, white with a red interior."

### **When did you first become involved in the Colonial Corvette Club?**

I wanted to belong to a group of Corvette enthusiasts and found that there are Corvette clubs in Richmond, Hampton and Virginia Beach. But, there was nothing in the Williamsburg area. So I placed a posting in the "Last Word" of the Virginia Gazette asking if anyone in the Williamsburg area would be interested in starting a Corvette Club. I received calls from local residents Bob Jennaro, Joe Delgado, Daryl Villareal, Jack Harry, Mike Covaney and Kenny Barger. We met in September 2009 in the clubhouse at the Mews to discuss forming a club. At that point, the Colonial Corvette Club formally began. I was "appoint-

ed" president and Bob Jennaro, vice president.

### **How did the social group decide to support charitable organizations?**

During our first few months of organizing, the members discussed being involved with or supporting a local charity. Many suggestions were made but we always seemed to come back to doing something to support those who defend or have defended our country, our veterans. Many of the CCC members are veterans so the fit seemed very natural.

#### **What is "Corvettes for the Vets"?**

#### **What is the goal for the event? What would a reader expect to see at the event?**

In the spring of 2010 several members of the CCC attended a car show

event hosted by The Williamsburg Winery. During the event, discussions began on hosting our own "all Corvette" car show. The idea was presented to Mr. Patrick Duffeler, owner of the winery. Mr. Duffeler liked the idea and committed the full support of his staff to make the event a success. In July 2011, along with the Williamsburg Winery, we organized our first Corvettes for the Vets all Corvette car show.

The purpose of the show is to raise money for military organizations which support our veterans. The first year we raised about \$2000 for the Wounded Warrior Foundation and had 85 cars in the show. In 2012 we supported Operation Homefront and local VFW Post 4639 raising over \$3000 and had 102 cars registered. This year we're hoping to raise \$5000 for USO and local VFW Post 4639. We an-

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### What can readers do to help?

I hope that our show will be supported by the local residents and visitors of Williamsburg. Along with seeing over 100 examples of the "greatest American sports car," those attend-

ing can enjoy great food paired with Williamsburg Winery wines.

### What are the social activities of the Colonial Corvette Club?

We are a group of Corvette enthusiasts, mostly couples, who enjoy the camaraderie and friendships developed with the common thread of owning the only true American sports car, Corvette. We now have more than 70 members! We meet monthly at one of the restaurants in our area such as Doraldo's, Brewster's Ice Cream, Great Wolf Lodge, the Cove and others. We support other Corvette clubs in southeast Virginia by attending their car shows and other events. On a nice sunny day you'll see Corvettes parked at Food For Thought or Shorty's Diner as members enjoy an impromptu cruise and lunch.

### What are some of your personal plans for the future?

I have thoroughly enjoyed organizing the club and seeing it grow over the last few years. I'm now on my third Corvette, having owned a 2005 coupe, white with a red interior and now a 2012 Grand Sport that is white with a red interior. I'm guessing you see the trend! With General Motors introducing the latest model of Corvette, the C7 Stingray, maybe a new Corvette, white with a red interior, will be in my future. NDN

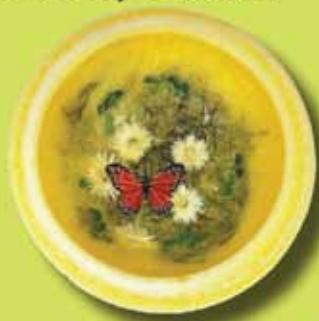
The Williamsburg Winery will host the third annual Corvettes for the Vets on Monday, May 27, 2013 from 11 AM - 3 PM. The day will include exhibition of up to 125 Corvettes, a wine-paired lunch, music, vendors and a raffle (coordinated by VFW Post 4639).

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### • Collins Group, LLC

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Dream Catchers lists the people who make things happen on the About Us page and gives us insight on Therapeutic Riding and its benefit to those who take part in their program. Learn more by visiting their pages on the community website.

## • Literacy for Life

Literacy for Life has an orientation video posted that I checked out. Interested in becoming a tutor? Take a look to see how you can make a huge difference in someone's life. Some success stories are listed in their About Us page.

## • United Way of Greater Williamsburg

United Way of Greater Williamsburg posted a classified ad for a Data Architect Intern. This could be the opportunity for you. Take a look. Thulani Smith posted a link to the Live United video. "Live United and you're never alone."

The Day of Caring video really conveys community involvement and the assistance provided by volunteers at last year's Day of Caring. It's motivational.

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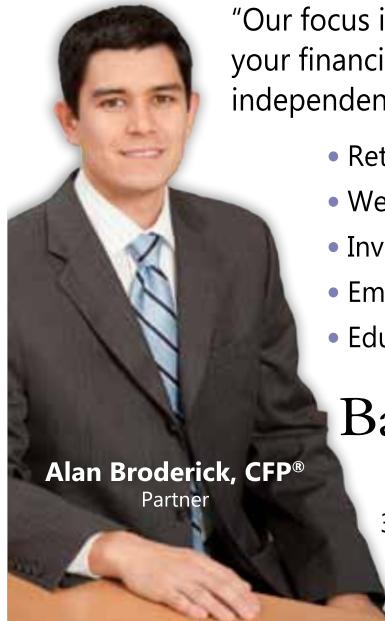
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# Next Door Neighbors Business



## Marketing Ideas for Artists

By Greg Lilly, Editor

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Nancy Giere creates dichroic glass jewelry and gifts. The glass work started as a break from her job, but soon became a big part of her life. "With my consulting business, I had to market myself. I looked at my artwork in that same way," Nancy says. "Marketing is the same. You think about who you want to target, what's your niche, who you'll go after, and then put the strategy in place to get there."

Nancy's formal training is in instructional design, creating training classes and materials

to help businesses improve the performance of their employees. "I worked for several large corporations [and] then in 1998, I started my own business."

Her consulting business was flexible enough that she could live just about anywhere. "My husband, John, and I have always liked this part of the country. We decided to relocate here from Milwaukee, Wisconsin. We'd had enough of winter and of snow," she says. "We moved here in 2007. John is an interpreter at James-

town. He has always loved history, and that's what brought us here."

Her hard-driving career had Nancy working long hours. "What always kept me grounded were my creative outlets. I've done knitting, spinning, beadwork," she lists. "I noticed a lot of glass beads in shops, and I was drawn to that. I took a class at the big Bead & Button show in Milwaukee. From the first glass piece I made, I loved the process and the result."

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wanted to know where she bought them. When they found out she made the jewelry, they wanted to purchase pieces for themselves.

"That glass work was my break from the heavy brain-effort of the rest of the day, analyzing processes, putting courses together, it was just go, go, go in my head. I found that when I did the glass work with my hands, it allowed my brain to relax and to put distance from the intense mental work so the solutions came more easily." The artistic work was her outlet.

With people attracted to her jewelry, she decided to take a few more classes and to start attending the local art shows. "I met a great teacher along the way, Bill Zweifel, who makes these beautiful glass sculptures. He was a guide and mentor to me. He pointed me in places to grow my skills." Classes around the Milwaukee area helped her develop her own style and learn new artistic techniques, but the business side of the arts had little support for an emerging artist.

She was going to the retail art shows every chance she could, and the pace was relentless. "Bill said to look at the wholesale market because it isn't a booth set-up and take-down every weekend, a bit easier on your body," she

explains.

"I went to the larger wholesale shows. Artists need to think about where they want to be. If you go the wholesale route, think about making things that are repeatable. The game is upped; at a wholesale show, it's all about business. You have about ten seconds to get a buyer's attention. The wholesale buyers don't stop unless they are looking for your product."

She found the two markets required different skills. Retail was meeting with potential customers one-on-one, discussing the process, discovering what the customer likes or wants. Personality and friendliness helped. In the wholesale shows, the buyers had sales goals and sell-thru numbers to meet. Production and fulfillment knowledge was needed.

"I came at this from the business side," Nancy says. "Was I marketing to the consumer or to a wholesaler? Where does my jewelry fit in the marketplace? Each piece is one-of-a-kind, but can I do similar ones quickly? Is the wholesale market right for me?"

Most artists begin selling at retail shows to see if people like what they have and to listen to the feedback about the pieces. "This is a good time to learn about your customer," Nancy says.

"If you make the move to wholesale, you can tell the buyers that you've researched what your customers prefer, what sells and who your customer is – all this can come from talking to people at the retail shows."

The third arena is the Internet. For the artist who specializes in higher-end pieces, this may cause a conflict with a gallery that represents the artwork. "Galleries find the on-line presence a bit unsettling because people will try to buy direct from the artist," Nancy states.

She doesn't see artists' websites becoming prominent channels for selling art. "People still want to see it in person and to touch the item before buying. On-line sites require an inventory, professional pictures of everything. My things are one-of-a-kind. So it's time consuming to photograph and upload every piece."

Retail, wholesale and Internet are the sales opportunities for most artists. But which one could be best for your artwork?

"Think about where your work falls in the retail market," Nancy advises. "What is your price point? Are you creating art that has a wide appeal in the gift space? Or do you create high-end sculptures or paintings that wouldn't be in an outdoor festival, but would find an au-

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dience in an art gallery?"

One aspect that keeps some people out of the wholesale market is the uniqueness of the work and the difficulty in reproducing volume. "How many retail shows do you want to do a year? How far will you travel?" Nancy asks. "Some artists feel like they want to stay home and the phone will ring. People won't know about you if you don't promote your work at shows."

Another aspect of marketing is setting a price for your work. "When artists start off in the retail shows, they tend to price at the wholesale level. A casual artist may be happy just earning enough on a sale to cover their materials. It's a hobby for them. They don't think what their markup needs to be."

Whenever a store or gallery represents and sells an artist's work, the mark-up has to cover their operating costs as well as the wholesale price to the artist. "The retailer will have to mark up the pieces two to two and a half times in order to make a profit," Nancy says. "This is where emerging artists make it difficult for the career artists by setting prices without understanding the supply chain." Consistent pricing

is an important concept in marketing as a professional artist.

"When you go into a gallery or store, you have to let it go at a price that the store can recoup their expenses from stocking and selling the item. The retail price should be the same whether the piece is sitting in a booth or in a gallery," Nancy adds. Even in the third sales arena of the Internet – if used – the pricing should be the same as a gallery or shop.

To become a regionally-known artist, Nancy says to collect interested patrons' names, addresses and e-mails. "Have a mailing list so people will know where you are appearing, at art shows or at gallery shows." She suggests using websites like Zapplication.org that list retail shows around the country to plan your trips. "You can see where you want to travel and where to expand your presence."

Branding pulls all the marketing together. "Most people don't think of themselves as a brand," Nancy says. "If you're an artist, is your work your brand or are you the brand? Do you have a logo? On all marketing materials do you at least put your name in the same font? Keep it consistent so people start to recognize you at

a glance. Have a unifying component, a type of painting, a style. Have it on everything you do."

A brand doesn't mean that all of the artist's work is the same. Some artists may have a series of work. For a painter, she may have the Williamsburg series or the Yorktown series. For a sculptor, he may create an abstract series or a wildlife series. "A brand is all encompassing with a certain flair or style of the artist then a different series can be incorporated within that brand granting artistic freedom in the work," Nancy says. She mentions brands like Starbucks or Vera Bradley as examples of brands with variety in products.

Today, Nancy Giere is expanding her art into her consulting business. She's a coach and speaker about creativity in businesses. "I label it 'Creativity for people who don't see themselves as creative.' With artists, they feel the creativity, but need the business practicality to shift thinking into marketing and selling." Two different sets of skills, art and business, but together they can help artists identify their work in the marketplace and realize the areas for the most growth. **NDN**



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# Navigating Our Waterways

## SAFELY

By Greg Lilly, Editor

June brings vessels of all types to the waterways of the Williamsburg area. Todd Egnor, Vice Commander of Division 6 of the United States Coast Guard Auxiliary, promotes boating safety. "The main purpose of the Coast Guard Auxiliary is to promote safe boating and boating education," Todd says, "with things such as safety patrols, regatta patrols and public education on recreational boating safety."

Todd works for the Jamestown-Yorktown Foundation at Jamestown Settlement as part of the crew for the ships docked there.

"The ships at Jamestown are full-working

representations of the ships that would have come across from England in 1607," Todd explains. "I say 'representation' because we do not know exactly what they would look like. We have a very brief description from John Smith on the amount of cargo carried. We built around the cargo space."

The Susan Constant was originally built in 1605. "She was a new ship when she came across in 1607," Todd says of one of the three ships that brought the first settlers to Jamestown. "The Susan Constant was the tractor-trailer of the ocean. The Godspeed and Susan

Constant were rented to bring passengers and supplies here. They went back in 1607 with timber. The Discovery stayed here."

Todd's fascination with the sea and with boats started from an early age. "I've been on the water all my life. I love the blue water – swimming in it and playing in and on it. My dad took me fishing when I was a little over a year old, in a jon boat out in Charleston Harbor when he was stationed down there. It's been a part of my life since then."

Todd's father brought his family to Virginia Beach with his last assignment with the Navy.

"We had lived all over the country before landing in Virginia Beach," Todd says. "I started working in hotel management at the beach until I followed my wife, Jeanne Willoz-Egnor, to Williamsburg in 1987 and began working with hotels here. Jeanne worked at Jamestown Settlement Park – that's what it was called then – and I'd come to see her during the day, since I worked nights."

He volunteered at Jamestown Settlement to help with the ships. "In 1987, I went to Harborfest for the first time on the Jamestown ships. A year later, I was no longer a volunteer, I was working here. From 1989 – '91, I helped build the Susan Constant. In 1992, I left the Jamestown-Yorktown Foundation and went to work for American Diesel Corporation. They provided the engines for the previous Godspeed that made the crossing of the Atlantic in 1985, then for the Susan Constant as well."

His new job was in Kilmarnock, and he drove every day from Williamsburg to Kilmarnock and back. The position was in sales and consulting for large marine engines. He says he learned a lot from the job, but wanted to

come back to Williamsburg. He rejoined the Foundation in 1999 as the Marine Repair Supervisor.

One of the volunteers at Jamestown Settlement was the local flotilla commander for the Coast Guard Auxiliary. "This was back in 1991," Todd says. "I attended a Safe Boating Class held by the Auxiliary. They also offered Advanced Coastal Navigation, and I took that the following year. It piqued my interest. I started going to the local meetings and became a member in 2001."

The Auxiliary classes cover basic subjects such as types of boats, best places to operate them, proper ways to operate on the water, safety equipment required to be on-board the vessel, how to trailer the vessel, and state and federal regulations.

"When someone finishes the class, they will have a thorough understanding of what should be done on the water – and what not to do," Todd adds.

"The waterways are Federal jurisdiction, so the Coast Guard patrols them. But, also James City County, the State of Virginia, the De-

partment of Game and Inland Fisheries, the Virginia Marine Resource Commission, any agency that can have a blue light on their vessel can pull a boater over – with probable cause – and do a vessel safety check."

The Auxiliary wants to educate recreational boaters on what they need to do and to have on-board to be as safe as possible. "We have classes," Todd says. "We do vessel safety checks, sometimes called vessel exams – these are free checks. People can go to the national website and find a vessel examiner to do that for them. We meet you at a boat ramp, your home, wherever – we come to you. It is totally a courtesy call. We're educating the public on what they need to have on their boat to be safe. If it requires us to come to your home or meet you at a boat ramp, we'll do it."

In his experience, vessel exams uncover many of the same issues. "Usually, it's electrical," he describes. "For example, the navigation lights aren't working properly. We inspect those. We make sure the horn works and the bilge pumps work. We ensure the proper safety equipment is on-board, that the life jackets are on-board

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He says a Virginia law is being phased in by 2016 for attending a boating education course for personal watercraft operators and operators of boats with a 10 hp or greater motor. "That will be a requirement - that operators of a boat take a boating safety class. We're doing them today." The Virginia Department of Game and Inland Fisheries website has more information ([www.dgif.virginia.gov](http://www.dgif.virginia.gov)).

Spending his days with the working replicas of the Jamestown ships and his free time volunteering with the Coast Guard Auxiliary creates a lot of boat and ship time for Todd. "My dad took me out on the water, and I took my

son Stuart out early on," he explains. "There is something to say about that time when you're out on the ocean, on top of the mast, and as far as you can see, there's only blue water, dolphins swimming at the bow of the ship." He smiles and adds, "That's why I'm here. On the rivers and in the bay, it's always something different. Conditions change. There are always challenges of operating the vessel, dealing with wind and current, coming back to the pier safely."

Todd says that boaters need a "situational awareness" while on the water. "Know the weather and conditions. It may be a beautiful day, but a front could roll in causing a choppy river. Make sure your boat is ready for the season with the needed safety equipment. The vessel exams are free." NDN

E-mail [pe@flotilla67.us](mailto:pe@flotilla67.us) for more information on Boating Safety Classes. Also, on May 25, the United States Coast Guard Auxiliary Flotilla 67 of Williamsburg will be at Chickahominy Riverfront Park for boater education. Flotilla 67 website: <http://wow.uscgaux.info/content.php?unit=054-06-07>

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# Summer Fest for the family!

By Greg Lilly, Editor

The idea has been batted around for years, Scott Grafton says, but it took Scott, Dr. Bob Pinto and a few of their fellow New Town business friends to organize Williamsburg's first craft beer festival. "New Town is a great community," Scott says, "and we wanted to add some fun events to highlight this as a place for shopping, living, working and playing."

The New Town Business Association was formed to bring together the local business owners to help promote the New Town way-of-life. "Of course we want to draw people here to remind them of all the great businesses, but we also want to entertain our neighbors and employees."

On Saturday, June 15 from 1 – 5 p.m., New Town Summer Fest debuts in Sullivan Square. Scott describes Summer Fest as an afternoon

of local craft beer tasting, live music and a corn hole tournament.

"There will be eight different breweries represented," Scott says. "You can purchase a logo pint glass and five Tasting Tickets that allows you to sample the local breweries." A Charlottesville brewery is the farthest, but still considered local. "Taste, if you wish, listen to music, [and] hang out. There is no admission to get into Sullivan Square or Legacy Hall. We just want people to come and enjoy the afternoon. There will also be a corn hole tournament going on. Three food vendors (Cogan's Deli, The Corner Pocket and Center Street Grill) will be there all day. That's the 1 – 5 p.m. event."

From 6 – 9 p.m., James City County sponsors the evening concert by the band The Hark. "They were the feature band in the Chowder Festival and at the Chocolate Affair," Scott adds. "During the evening, there will be domestic beer, wine and food available. Hang out, bring a chair or blanket and listen to the band."

Scott was born and raised in Williamsburg. "I was in Colonial Williamsburg's Fife and Drum Corps growing up for many years. I went to school at Virginia Tech and then to graduate school in Georgia. I came back to Williamsburg and ended up managing restaurants." He says he enjoyed the hectic and lively pace of restaurants, but needed a change.

"I had been a member of the old Iron-Bound Gym since 1992 when I was in college." Scott had the opportunity to own the gym and jumped for it in 2001. "I moved the gym to New Town in 2006. We expanded and added classes and personal training. My academic background is in social work and psychology, so that aspect of helping people is here. The fitness side, I

have always enjoyed."

With the gym's move to New Town, Scott decided that the location was ideal for his clients. "The concept of this community invites people to be healthy and social, a car isn't a requirement to get to work, to shop, to work-out, to go out to dinner, and now we're having a summer festival to invite more people to discover New Town."

The event began as a summer concert. "We had everything reserved for June 15th, so we wanted to make it bigger." The idea of featuring local craft beers came from Scott and Dr. Pinto and their experience of attending beer events in other towns. "I lived in Virginia Beach for a short while," Scott says, "and they've put on a successful beer festival for years."

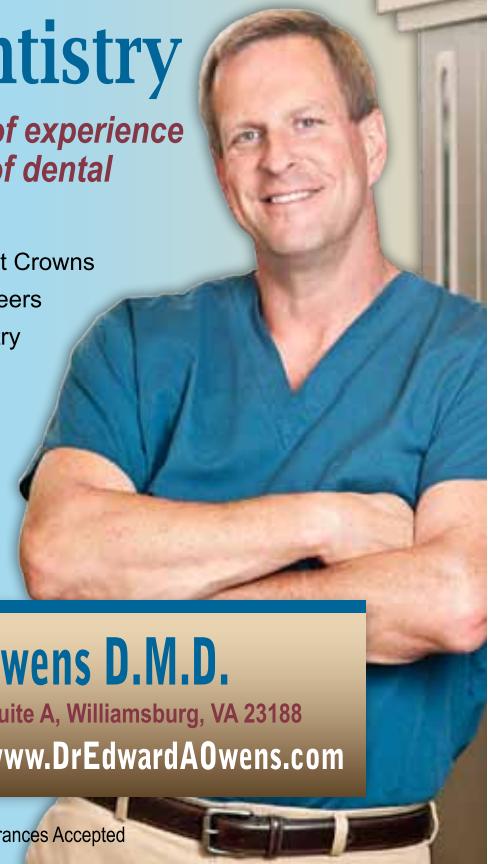
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"Star Hill from Charlottesville will be here. Devils Backbone up in Nelson County is getting a lot of buzz these days," Scott says. "Legend from Richmond, along with St. George from Hampton and Smartmouth from Norfolk will be part of the selection."

Along with the professional brewers, Summer Fest will hold a competition for the best home brew. "It's an opportunity for our local home brewers to enter their best, and a chance for neighbors to come out and support neighbors. This really puts a local vibe on the event. Only the judges can sample the home brews," he stresses.

Organizing a summer festival of beer and music isn't a usual part of a gym owner's daily tasks. "I like doing different things," Scott admits, "so putting together a successful event is what I enjoy. I like to see people smiling. That sounds goofy, but when people have smiles on their faces, having a good time, that's satisfying."

Scott and Dr. Pinto and the members of the New Town Business Association have had a massive amount of suggestions for events. They have carefully looked at each idea with the guiding principle that they wanted something new, something different. "There are established events in Williamsburg that are wonderful and extremely successful. We wanted an event that was different. Summer evening concerts, farmer markets, art shows all make Williamsburg a great place to live. We wanted to add to that list, not duplicate an event. I like doing things that are different for Williamsburg. We want to do new things, unique events."

The planning group has met every few weeks since February to bring this together. Scott says he's ready to see the beer start flowing on June 15.

He promises that people coming to Summer Fest don't have to be beer enthusiasts to enjoy the day. "Even wine people will be amazed at how complicated and interesting beer can be." The process of making beer can produce unlimited varieties in taste.

"I'd like to see this become a yearly festival that grows and grows," Scott explains. "The nice thing is that we have the support to do things like this in New Town. As the New Town Business Association, we want to organize things that bring people to New Town. In the fall, we'll have the Chalk Festival again. It's September 28. That was a lot of fun last year."

Scott keeps his own customers in mind too. "With these events in New Town, I hold our gym members in mind. I think how to keep them happy and healthy. I never thought when I started managing the gym that I'd get involved in these bigger events. I've found I enjoy working with other businesses and organizations. I don't mind attacking problems and finding solutions. I'm a doer. Instead of talking a big game, let's make it happen." NDN

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## Helping Calm Impulsiveness

By Greg Lilly, Editor

"The child does not grow out of it. ADHD continues into adulthood. There is no cure. It is a mental health issue. It may look different as children turn into teenagers then into adults." Jonathan Jenkins explains that impulse control disorders are a part of the Attention Deficit-Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD) spectrum.

"Impulse Control Disorders are a vague set of disorders," Jonathan says. "Impulsivity is a major symptom of ADHD. Oppositional

Defiant Disorder is another that is usually grouped in with those. That's a disorder where people have difficulty with interpersonal relationships, an outward disrespect towards authority, and they usually have a quick temper. These are kids who, when you tell them the grass is green, will argue that some of it is brown or yellow. They will actively be defiant. The impulsivity comes with anger. They have a harder time managing their emotions – especially anger."

Jonathan's manner has a soothing effect due to his attentive listening and careful consideration of questions before answering. This trait was one of the reasons his professors suggested a career in counseling might be a good fit for him.

His parents, Daniel and Cynthia Jenkins, moved to Williamsburg from North Carolina when Jonathan was six months old.

"So, I've lived here basically my whole life," he says. His father, Daniel, is a local physician

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who came to Williamsburg to start a private practice. "Both my parents graduated from William and Mary," he adds. "They wanted to move back here."

While Jonathan attended Walsingham Academy, he had the choice of an elective class in either economics or psychology. "I knew figures and math weren't exactly my forte or interest. I opted for the psychology class. I was fascinated by it; it made sense to me. I wanted to learn more. It became my major in college."

At Randolph-Macon College in Ashland, Virginia, Jonathan explored the research side of psychology and found it "wasn't my strong suit." But, the clinical side clicked with him. "I had been told, based on observation by teachers, that I was good at talking with people, others came to me for advice, and I was comfortable with that. The more clinical aspect of psychology was a good fit for me. I wanted to work with people."

Jonathan earned his Master's Degree of Education from William and Mary in 2006. "My specific program track was in Community and Addictions Counseling. That got me very in-

terested in being an addictions counselor and working with substance abuse, which is often an area that many counselors are not comfortable with. I found it fascinating. The psychology and mindset were interesting to me. Why do people make this decision? In addition to school counseling, I'm working with adolescents and families on substance abuse. The majority of my counseling experience is with drugs and alcohol abuse, although it is not uncommon for people to go from one compulsive behavior to another – like gambling, sex, overeating or shopping."

Jonathan pegs ADHD as a basic illustration of an Impulse Control Disorder. "Years ago, ADHD was set apart from ADD (Attention Deficit Disorder). ADD did not have the hyperactivity. Now, everything is ADHD, but with types. There's a primarily inattentive or primarily hyperactive type, and there's even a combined type. As more research is done on ADHD, we find more types and degrees of ADHD."

Not every child diagnosed will have the same symptoms. "Certainly the kid diagnosed

with the hyperactive type will be running around the classroom – can't sit still, blurts out answers, is very impulsive, takes things without asking."

Diagnosis of ADHD is usually made at age 6 or later. This is a time when the child is in a classroom setting, and his development and actions can be compared to others of the same age. Teachers and school personnel are trained to know how a child of a certain age should be behaving and learning.

"Some people learn to deal with the symptoms as they grow older," Jonathan says, "using tricks or techniques to do things differently to manage the behaviors. For an adult, the effects are usually incorporated into their daily routine."

The adult routine is molded around the symptoms, finding ways to make it work. "A hyperactive child may grow up and go into a career where being able to move around and work on multiple projects at the same time suits him." The symptoms change over time, but ADHD isn't something that can be cured. "The inattentive type isn't diagnosed until

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later because it is not as overt as hyperactivity. However, the inattention becomes more noticeable as the child gets older."

Not all symptoms in the adult can be incorporated. As a person with ADHD moves into adulthood and into the work environment, hyperactivity and/or inattention manifest into problems meeting deadlines, being disorganized or unprepared. "It's not part of the diagnosis, but some research on automobile driving show that adults with ADHD tend to receive more speeding tickets due to impulsivity. Also, impulsivity can be more noticeable in the workplace."

Teens and adults usually find ways to cope with impulsive, hyperactive or inattentive symptoms. "Although socially, friends and family of the person may notice things," Jonathan says. "For example, the person can't sit still in a movie theater or they can't keep a conversation going with just one person."

He adds that although these disorders are hereditary, it is not guaranteed to show up in the next generation. "But, there is a higher

likelihood."

Treatment includes both medicine and counseling. "Together at the same time leads to the best outcomes, versus just putting a child on medicine. Counseling alone doesn't

help them learn to be organized, structure their homework, stay on task for a certain amount of time, teach them ways to improve their concentration."

Jonathan works in the school system as a counselor, and he also has a private practice. He and his wife, Ann Marie, enjoy life in their hometown with family nearby.

In the future, Jonathan says he'd like to work with other counselors, but never get away from the one-on-one sessions with clients. "One of my role models works at Bacon Street. When I was at William and Mary for my master's degree, I did my internship at Bacon Street.

They hired me after graduation and I worked there for another three years. I still look up to Robert Coleman, the clinical director at Bacon Street. He has his private practice and teaches. That's what I see myself doing in the future. I never want to stop doing the direct care aspect of counseling. I don't want to manage, I want to keep doing." NDN

"Some people learn to deal with the symptoms as they grow older using tricks or techniques to do things differently to manage the behaviors."

~ Jonathan Jenkins

always work. Techniques to help control the symptoms do not deal with the fact that the person can't control the impulsivity or the inattention because it's the way his or her brain is wired. Medicine can help kick-start the part of the brain to help the person control impulses and attention."

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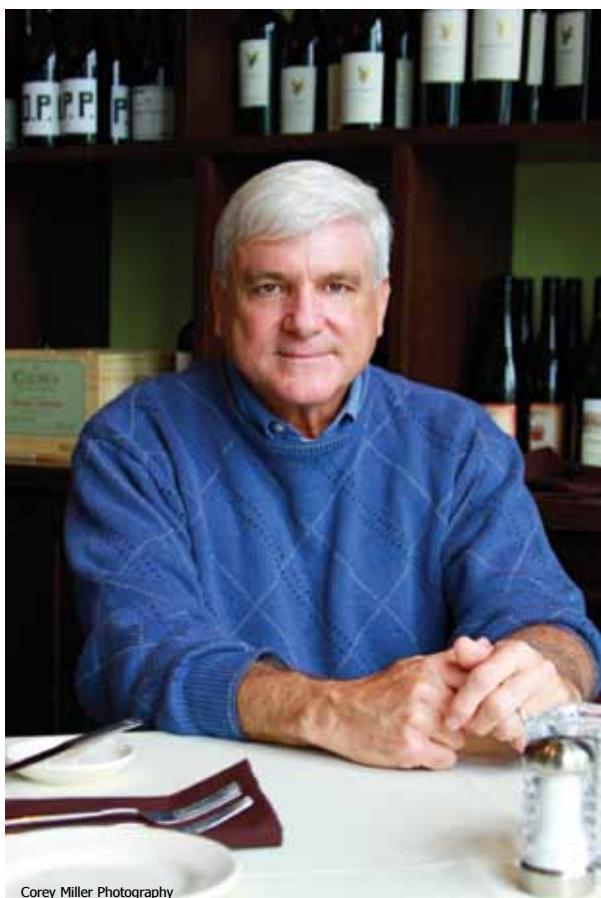
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# HOUSEHOLD BUDGETING

By Greg Lilly, Editor



Bob Ostrowski wanted to retire at 60, but wasn't sure if he had enough money saved. He decided to create a budget to put the numbers in focus.

A household budget isn't a restriction, according to Bob, but it's a way to track the money coming in and going out. He says it's a practice that all households – new and established – should do.

"My wife, Ida, and I grew up in New Castle, Pennsylvania," Bob says. "That's near Youngstown, Ohio, just this side of the border between Pennsylvania and Ohio, about 50 miles from Pittsburgh. I'm a big Steelers fan and a Pittsburgh Pirates fan. I went to Youngstown University and took small jobs with small companies after I graduated." During that time, many independent manufacturing companies were going out of business because of foreign competition.

"The steel mills in the area began to close down. All of us engineers

transferred to someplace else," he says. "I could have stayed. You make decisions along the way, so I went to Baltimore to work for a company. From there, we ended up coming down here."

Bob's brother encouraged him to seek work with larger companies that might weather economic storms a bit better than the small firms he had worked with in the past. "So with that in mind, I went with the Federal Government down here," he adds. "I worked for the Navy for 22 years. I worked in Yorktown for a while then up to Dahlgren. I drove roundtrip each day from Williamsburg to Dahlgren for over three years. Two and a half hours up and two and a half hours back. I found a position in Norfolk testing equipment for the Navy for the last 12 years."

A daily commute to Dahlgren was bad, but Bob soon found that commuting to Norfolk had its own challenges. "I got tired of sitting at the tunnel," he states. "After the private companies and the government job for 22 years, I knew I was ready to slow down a little bit. I was curious about when I could retire." He had been working with statistics and spreadsheets for the Navy, participating in modeling and simulation projects.

"I saw how easy it was to have a spreadsheet on the computer and crunch numbers once the thing was set up. I was doing a lot of analysis for the Navy. My personal analysis was: When can I quit?" he says with a laugh. "Is there a spreadsheet to tell me when I'm done?"

He thought of a standard household budget that tracks monthly income and expenses, comparing the current figures to an average number in different categories. "I started doing a spreadsheet with our household budget to see when I could retire. I grew the retirement spreadsheet from there."

Bob came up with a four-year projection of expenses and earnings to play a what-if scenario about retirement. "As an analyst, I really get into the details. I analyzed my spreadsheet the same way I did at work. I perfected its calculations and projections for two years. I keep trying to do improvements, but I think it's pretty good. It's valuable."

Budgeting and life finances weren't taught in school, Bob explains. "I had never had any education on budgeting or even when to buy life insurance – all those different things we do as we grow up."

Bob and Ida picked up information about finances "in bits and pieces as we went along," Bob says. "Around the water cooler at work, my co-workers and I would talk about life insurance or talk about when to buy long-term care," he describes. "I'd ask co-workers or older family members: When do long-term care premiums jump? When should I start a brokerage account or invest in the 401k at work? You pick up these financial aspects of life piece by piece."

He decided to analyze the household budget. "I thought, instead of picking this up by bits and pieces, there are only so many basic things to look at. It boils down to 17 inputs on this spreadsheet I put together. I'd say 97 percent of the average person's life comes to these 17 categories." Bob included potential retirement income such as pensions, 401k, IRAs, Social Security, along with cash reserves in banking accounts and brokerage accounts. For his on-going expenses, he listed things like mortgage, taxes, house maintenance, food, utilities, clothing, fuel, car

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by **Sam Mayo**  
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The children watched from their bus stop on this recent Friday morning as the group from the Williamsburg Association of REALTORS® (WAAR) prepared themselves for the task at hand. With pitchforks, shovels, wheel barrels and plenty of good nature, the plan was to spread 18 yards of mulch as part of a playground renovation at Avalon, a center which provides shelter and support for women and children who are experiencing domestic violence and sexual assault in and around the Williamsburg area.

In less than two hours, the playground became more of a magical place to play.

"The children were so excited," says Jacque Jamason, Director of Development and Communications at Avalon. "It has been a long time coming. It is so wonderful that the children have a safe and beautiful place to play now."

The REALTOR® volunteers said they had a good time and enjoyed the opportunity to serve in the community. In addition to the bedding and towels donated by members, approximately \$600 was donated, which paid for the mulch. "Everyone was so upbeat and pleasant. We are grateful for everything that was done and the staff was glad to get the bedding and towels for our residents," adds Jamason. "We appreciate everything the Association is doing for us."

Representing the Association's Community Outreach committee on this day were Paul Overlin, Vicki Costanzo, Jim Halstead, Kelly Maharty, Betty Brittain, Wendy Walker, Jim Mellen, Dina Thomas, Louise Mokszanowski, Sue Strasser, Bobby Farino,

Kandy Farino and Lisa Lowery. Their work was part of a 2013 commitment by WAAR's Outreach Committee in support of Avalon. A Toiletries Drive is coming up as well as a Toy Drive and Holiday Celebration in December. Anyone interested in donating to Avalon can do so by going to their web site ([www.avaloncenter.org](http://www.avaloncenter.org)) and looking for the donation tab.

Other Association projects this year involve Bell Ringing for the Salvation Army and a Blood Drive for the American Red Cross. Last year, there was an exceptional book drive for children of soldiers in Afghanistan. New books were collected and sent overseas through the USO. Soldiers were then videoed while reading the books to their children. The book and video was then sent home to their families to be heard and seen.

"We are so fortunate to have so many giving members in our Association," says Linda Kinsman, Chief Executive Officer of WAAR. "The affiliates and members of this Association have always been willing to help provide for others in our community."

The Association staff also held a recent volunteer luncheon in appreciation of those members who give their time in support of the association. "We are so thankful for our volunteers and we enjoyed having them join us for lunch," adds Kinsman. "Everybody had a lot of fun doing it."

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"What goes into the categories is different for each person," he says. "When I had a child, I knew I needed life insurance. As we started to save and our daughter, Lara, got a good job, I didn't need to worry about her financial survival if I'm not around. I dropped life insurance for a while. I've picked it up again as I got older. I want enough – if I were to die suddenly – for my wife to pay off the mortgage, but not enough for her to take a trip to Rome," he adds with a laugh. "But enough to be stable without me."

When he put in his numbers, the spreadsheet showed him he had nothing to worry about. "I found I could retire tomorrow – and I did," he says with a huge smile. "I went in and said, 'I don't have to do this anymore. I don't want to do this anymore.' I could stay home and volunteer and not make that drive into Norfolk every day. That spreadsheet proved it."

He knew so many people at his office who talked about never being sure when they could retire. They said they would wait until Social Security kicked in. "They don't have to if they put it all into a budget and check the numbers. I thought everyone should know this," Bob says. "A friend I volunteer with at Saint Olaf suggested I contact the Williamsburg Area Learning Tree (WALT) to teach a class on this." He talked with Jill Whitten at WALT and began sharing his spreadsheet and showing other people how to analyze their budgets.

"I'm not selling anything," he says. "I'm just an average government worker, who developed a spreadsheet that showed me what my household budget was and when I could retire."

This is advice he gives to people starting their household budgets is to start by recording every expense. "See where your money is going. This can lead to some surprises." Track expenses and income for several months to get a monthly average. "This exercise could create havoc in a relationship to see the spending in black and white," he warns.

With accurate monthly figures, you can ensure that you don't spend more than you earn. "You can see where you can cut back to save for an upcoming event like buying a house, vacation, college for the kids, or retirement," Bob says. "You can make decisions intelligently, not by guessing."

Now that Bob has retired and knows he's financially stable, he can make plans for the future with confidence. "Since I'm not working, other things come up. A human being stays active," he says. "I'm exercising more. When my wife retires, we're visiting Europe. I'm doing more volunteer work. When you are hectic, busy and working, things are complex. Everything else gets pushed aside."

He describes retirement like childhood in terms of priorities. "Growing up, I went to parochial school, the nuns taught me to be spiritual. When I left school, things got so complex and hectic, I neglected that part. Now, on the downside, I get time to go back to that. I go to church daily now."

Bob has his budget set and can now focus on other things beside finances. "Volunteer work, church," he lists, "exercise to stay in shape. My wife says I'm 60 going on 16. I think I am."

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The John Clayton Chapter, Virginia Native Plant Society presents a plant walk on Mary Turnbull's beautifully landscape wooded property in Williamsburg, where Mary has identified 84 native plant species. The terrain is somewhat hilly, but alternate paths are available. Refreshments will be served after the walk. At 9 am, meet at the Turnbull's house, 109 Woodmere Drive, The Woods. To register, contact Mary at [petal-power@verizon.net](mailto:petal-power@verizon.net) or at 757/810-8382.

## Hey Neighbor!

### HABITAT RESTORE

May, 2013

TEENS looking for Summer Volunteer Opportunities? We NEED you at the Habitat ReStore to cashier, work the sales floor, move fur-

niture and help process donations. This is great experience to list on job applications, college applications and scholarship applications in the future. Please contact Tina McCabe at 603-6895 or [tina@habitatpgw.org](mailto:tina@habitatpgw.org) for more information.

## Hey Neighbor!

### CHANGE IN VIRGINIA

May 29, 2013

Speaker: Polly Chong, Esq., Defense Attorney. The League of Women Voters Williamsburg Area is holding a series of Community Dialogues on Felony in Virginia. Free, public encouraged to attend. Held at the Williamsburg Library Auditorium, 515 Scotland Street, 6:30 pm registration, 7 pm Program, 8:30 pm Networking and Refreshments. Contact: Nancy Hummel, Chair, Felon Study Committee, League of Women Voters Williamsburg Area Cell 757 254-2536.

## Hey Neighbor!

### CHRISTIAN LIFE CENTER ANNUAL YARD SALE

June 1, 2013

Christian Life Center of Williamsburg is having our Annual Yard Sale on Saturday, June 1st from 7- 1 p.m. All proceeds go to our July mission trip to the Wings of Refuge Children's Home in Haiti. We will have a variety of items for sale. Christian Life Center is located at 4451 Long-hill Road, (across from Lafayette High School). Please contact us at: 757-220-7223 or visit us on the web at <http://www.williamsburgcl.com>. Hope to see you there!

Merchants Square. Enjoy the heart of Williamsburg in Merchants Square while shopping in this producer-only market for potted plants, 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.

## Hey Neighbor!

### CHESAPEAKE BAY WIND ENSEMBLE

June 1, 2013

The Chesapeake Bay Wind Ensemble, a 60 piece concert band, will perform a concert "Metropolis" featuring music with city themes. The band will also perform the world premiere of "Réunion dans les étoiles for Bassoon Trio and Wind Ensemble" by Melvin Lauf, Jr., 7:30 PM on Sat June 1, at the Music and Arts Hall of the Ferguson Center, Christopher Newport University, Newport News. Tickets are \$12 for adults and free for students under age 18. Tickets may be purchased at the door or on our website, [www.cbwe.org](http://www.cbwe.org).

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### WILLIAMSBURG FARMERS MARKET

June 1, 8, 15, 22, 29

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## Hey Neighbor!

### 3RD ANNUAL RUN FOR THE DREAM

June 1-2, 2013

Ideal for any level of runner, this boutique race offers an 8K Run/Walk and Children's Fun Run (100 meter, 400 meter or one mile) on Saturday and a Half Marathon on Sunday. Run through historic Colonial Williamsburg, along quaint city streets and parts of the campus of the College of William & Mary. The Run for the Dream benefits An Achievable Dream ([www.AchievableDream.org](http://www.AchievableDream.org)) and Wounded Warrior programs: The Achilles Freedom Team of Wounded Veterans, Disabled Sports USA and Paralyzed Veterans Racing. For more information and to register, go to [www.RunForAchievableDream.com](http://www.RunForAchievableDream.com).

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**Find the 12 differences  
between the original  
photograph (top) and  
the altered photograph  
(bottom).**

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