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I hope you enjoy this year's teachers and mentors issue. In addition to traditional teachers within our public school system, we've also brought you some mentoring and teaching stories that introduce you to some of your neighbors who are touching the lives of others from all walks of life.



Meredith Collins, Publisher

The older I get, the more I understand how important education is - not in just subject matter - but in practical ways too. I probably developed the skills sets to produce this magazine from the 25 years I spent working for different newspapers. However, I learned what would allow me to be successful in business by listening and learning from those around me who knew more than I did. There is a big difference.

That's the great thing about teachers who are really good at what they do. They find interesting and creative ways to get their students to listen. When that occurs it becomes more than facts or figures. It becomes an opening in a young person's mind for evaluation of what is being said and it builds the foundation for students to become independent thinkers. The more someone can wrap their arms around what they are being taught the more it is assimilated into their base of knowledge and becomes something they may be able to use in life rather than regurgitate on demand. It becomes a full understanding with roots rather than a surface recall. That is truly learning!

We enjoy recognizing the teachers of the year for their successes as educators and we support the many teachers and mentors in our community who are giving of themselves to enrich the lives of others. **NDN**

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Teachers OF THE YEAR

By Narielle Living

The dream begins with a teacher who believes in you, who tugs and pushes and leads you to the next plateau, sometimes poking you with a sharp stick called 'truth.' ~ Dan Rather

Each year the Williamsburg-James City County School Division honors three teachers who have demonstrated exceptional standards of teaching and passion for their work. These are teachers who strive to create classrooms that educate as well as inspire students to learn. This year's honorees are: Carol Meier, Jamal Oweis and Mary-Lyons Hanks. They were nominated by co-workers and recently recognized at a ceremony and reception at the College of William and Mary's School of Education. Each of them fosters a creative learning atmosphere in the classroom and engages students in learning on all levels.

Carol Meier, Teacher of the Year for Elementary Schools

Carol Meier graduated from the University of Northern Iowa, which has been known as a leading teacher's college. With a Bachelor's Degree in Elementary Education, she then went on to complete graduate coursework at James Madison University, Shenandoah University and University of Virginia. When Carol origi-



CAROL MEIER

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nally came to Virginia, she taught at a private school for two years and then transferred to the Winchester public school system for another 16 years. She has been teaching at James River Elementary since 2005.

Carol did not foresee this recognition for her teaching abilities being awarded to her.

"My principal called me in one day, and both she and the Assistant Principal were waiting for me. They were very serious when they told me they had something they needed me to read."

The paper was the announcement that she had been chosen as Teacher of the Year for the elementary school level. "I was very surprised," she says.

Carol lives in the Williamsburg area and has three children, two in college and one just returning from Afghanistan. She teaches 4th

grade at James River Elementary, an International Baccalaureate Program school. International Baccalaureate Programs teach children from a global perspective, promoting international-mindedness and cooperative learning.

When she first started teaching there, Carol specifically requested the difficult classes. "I think that's where you get the most personal rewards," she says.

While she maintains structure in her classroom, she also keeps flexibility in her day as well. She teaches a wide range of students

from intellectually gifted to special education and recognizes the importance of differentiating her lessons. "I do a lot of team building in the classroom, and the kids learn to help each other and work problems together." Carol is determined to help each child.

"I don't want any kid to think they can't succeed," she says.

During the most recent school year, Carol took her students on a field trip to Jamestown Settlement. "I had two students who were unable to make it, so I called their parents and set up a time one weekend when I could take them myself. I wanted them to have the chance to see this place and experience the history firsthand."

For Carol, every day and every year of teaching is different. "That's one of the things I like

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the most," she explains. "I'm careful to maintain a rapport with my students, without crossing the boundary into friendship. I want them to succeed, and I do what I can to make that happen."

Carol cites two main reasons for her success: family and co-workers. "My parents were instrumental in making sure I went to college, and my mother went to work just to pay my tuition. Plus, it was my husband who encouraged me to start off by substitute teaching. That's what started me down this road."

Carol insists that she would not be where she is today without her co-workers. According to her, being Teacher of the Year sounds like just one person doing something good, but it takes an entire school to make it happen.

"It's like that old saying about how it takes a village, because this really involves the entire community here. My co-workers work so hard in the collaboration and implementing of our plans, and that's really what makes our school and our students successful," she says.

Jamal Oweis, Teacher of the Year for Middle Schools

Jamal Oweis has taught in the Williamsburg-James City County school system for 33 years, and currently teaches Algebra 1 and Geometry at Hornsby Middle School. He also coaches the basketball and baseball teams. Jamal received both his bachelor's and master's degrees from the College of William and Mary.

Receiving this recognition was not something that was on his radar. "You do your job and don't think about things like awards; you just give the kids your best. Receiving this makes you realize that people appreciate what you do," he says.

Teaching math comes naturally for Jamal. He has enjoyed the subject since he was a young student. He believes his students see his passion for math and that it is a vital component of his success in getting them to learn.

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a difference in how they approach the subject,” Jamal explains.

For him, the key is in getting students to understand the role math will play later in their lives. “I know what they need for later, and I’m making sure they have the building blocks to make things work. Algebra especially is the foundation for so much.” Jamal incorporates discussions about real situations to allow students to apply this to what they are learning.

Jamal’s style of teaching is very hands-on. “I get in there and do the math with them, not at them, so they can actually see it being done,” he says.

For students who might struggle with this particular subject, his enthusiasm and teaching style can make all the difference in the world. Jamal believes that another piece of his success is due to the fact that the kids know he cares. He gives them multiple opportunities to succeed in his classroom, which can help alleviate some of the anxiety and stress surrounding math.

“When the kids know I care, they’re more willing to do the work and take the risks with a subject like this.” According to Jamal, this is important when learning math since it tends to evoke anxiety in some students.

Jamal feels that for the most part his students enjoy being in his class. “Yes, there’s some fear and anxiety, but it really is about your approach to the subject. Once I get them talking about real situations and things that they may be experiencing, I can then apply mathematical concepts to make it more fun,” he says.

For Jamal, being named Teacher of the Year has been very humbling. He feels that many of his colleagues are equally deserving. He appreciates the opportunity to work in a team environment where everybody supports each other.

“So many people here work so very hard; they should all be acknowledged. My administrator, Byron Bishop, does an amazing job, and his leadership has been tremendous,” he says.

Mary-Lyons Hanks, Teacher of the Year for High Schools

Virginia native Mary-Lyons Hanks had decided early on in life that she didn’t want to be a teacher. Both of Mary’s parents, now retired, used to work in education. This was what discouraged her from doing the same.

“I watched how hard my parents worked and thought I’d never do that, but the fact is that they made a difference. That’s what is really important - making a difference.”

She received her bachelor’s degree from Virginia Tech and her master’s degree from Old Dominion University. Today she teaches math for grades 9 through 12 at Jamestown High School, focusing on Geometry, Calculus and Statistics.

When told she had received the Teacher of the Year award, she was shocked. “But in a good way,” she says. “I just thanked the Lord for my blessings, and thanked my parents and my family.” She credits a large part of her success to her parents, husband and daughter, who are the cornerstone of her life.

According to Mary, one of the more surprising aspects of receiving this award is the fact that there are so many people she works with that are amazing and just as deserving. “For example, the content specialist that I co-teach a geometry class with is brilliant, as are so many others here,” she says.

Mary likes to make the class content meaningful when she teaches. For her, this translates into a curriculum of project based learning that can help the students understand how to apply math concepts to real life. It’s important to her that her students understand that she is teaching them something they can use for the rest of their lives.

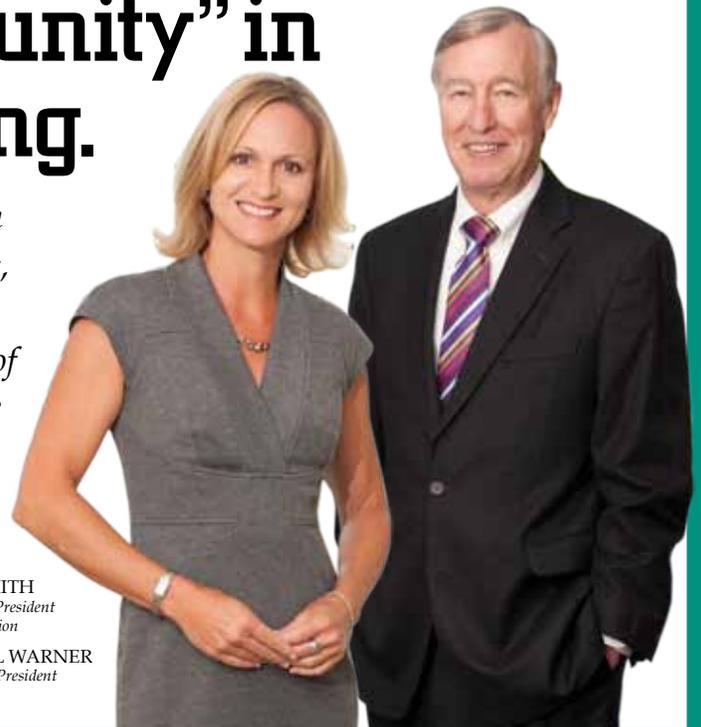
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She believes that successful teachers have a passion for their students. “It’s important to let them know you care,” she says. She works to create educational boundaries within her classroom to convey to her students that she is supportive of them in their efforts to succeed in all aspects of their lives.

One of the things she loves the most about her classroom experience is when a student not only grasps a math concept, but thinks it’s ‘cool.’ For her, this translates into instilling a sense of learning not just because you have to, but for the simple sake of learning.

“I want them to realize how [much] fun learning is, not because it’s a chore but because it’s something you want to do,” she explains.

One of Mary’s goals is to help students gain an appreciation of mathematics and learn how it applies in day-to-day situations. “I’m preparing them for their next step, whether it’s college or straight into a career.”

Like other teachers, a challenge that Mary faces is how to incorporate math concepts to a diverse student body. When teaching a lesson to students of various levels, one of her approaches is to try to incorporate the same question from different entry points. This not only helps everyone understand the same concept, it also allows her students to explore the lesson from different angles.

Mary stresses that she could not have received this award without the support of those around her. “I have been so blessed, and I am thankful to everyone who worked with me to make this possible.” NDN

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Becoming The Mentor

By Alison Johnson

When Shawn Preston says he sees himself in the young boys that he mentors as an At-Risk Youth Counselor for Williamsburg Youth Services, he means every word. Less than a decade ago, he was one of those boys.

He was the 14-year-old with an admittedly foul mouth, a quick temper and a tendency to bully other children. He was the son of a single mother and he wanted a father figure to confide in as he got older. He was the boy living

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or SYAP, changed Shawn's life. The "three R's" that he learned from his mentors – respect, role model and responsibility – pushed him to graduate from high school and then college. Shawn, now 24, has his dream job as a leader in those same programs, trying to guide other local children along an equally successful path.

"There's nothing else I would rather do," he says. "I see the potential in all the kids. I see their talent, their need for direction and their need for confirmation, which were all the things that I needed. Sometimes when you're surrounded by negativity, you end up falling into that cycle. My goal is to let them know that they control their destiny. They can be anyone or anything they want to be."

As a counselor, Shawn mentors nine young boys, ages 8 to 16. He also works with boys and girls in the seven-week SYAP program and as a driver and coach for a city-sponsored Taekwondo program, which is run in partnership with the Williamsburg Police Department and Baeplex Family Martial Arts Center.

Many of the kids are from low-income, single-parent homes and may be coping with issues such as physical abuse or addiction in their families. Shawn's task is to be a steady presence in their lives and support their families however he can. He checks on school attendance, drives kids to school if they miss the bus, attends classes with them if they're struggling, drops in on their lunch periods, goes to tutoring sessions and after-school activities and communicates with teachers about their progress.

"I get on their nerves," Shawn says with a laugh. "I'm always on them, but I know that's what they need. I'm also just there to talk whenever they want to."

That's what Shawn's mentor, Archie Jefferson – now the Student Advancement Coach at Lafayette High School – did for him. "I knew he really did care about me," Shawn says. "Although my mom took care of me the best she could, there were certain things I didn't feel comfortable talking to her about. Archie gave me the ingredients to become a man, although it took me a while to put them all together."

Born in Baltimore, Maryland, Shawn came to Williamsburg with his mother as a one-year-old. He has never met his father. Shawn, his mother and his younger sister, Ashley, now 22, lived at times with their grandparents, great-grandparents and in the "New Hope" community, a subsidized apartment complex along the Richmond Road Corridor that's now known as the Sylvia Brown Apartments.

At New Hope, Shawn's mother often kept him inside to avoid alcohol and drug users. "I give her so much credit; she wouldn't even let me be around it," he says. The complex had a basketball court with a crooked rim and no fence – balls that took a bad bounce rolled into adjacent woods – and no pool, leaving kids to sneak into pools at nearby apartments or hotels until they got tossed out.

Luckily, Shawn could lean on his best friend, Donovan Bridgeforth, now the head girls' basketball coach at Walsingham Academy. Many days, the two boys walked to the James City/Williamsburg Community Center and stayed all day playing basketball and hanging out in the teen lounge.

"We always motivated each other," Shawn remembers. "I was pretty hot-headed at the time, and if I was about to start a fight – if I got fouled or had a call against me – he'd calm me down. He definitely kept me out

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Donovan had been involved with some city youth programs and enjoyed them, so Shawn asked his mother to sign him up, too. The structure of those days, along with support from his mentor, helped him picture new possibilities for his life.

“Archie encouraged me to step outside the box,” he says. “He looked at my grades. He called me out when I was being disrespectful and impatient, but he was always there when I needed to talk – about girls, puberty, talking to teachers or whatever.”

In short, Jefferson and other leaders gave Shawn hope, which he paired with his mother’s emphasis on the importance of education. After graduating from Lafayette High School, he earned a History Degree from Virginia State University in 2011. One summer, he worked as an SYAP intern and impressed Peter Walentisch, Director of Human Services for the city, who told Shawn to call him after graduation. Shawn made that phone call and two weeks later he had a full-time position.

“Mr. Walentisch stuck to his word,” he says. “It’s a blessing to come out of college with a job.”

Shawn’s No. 1 message for kids is this: they can be their own person, no matter who their parents are. “A lot of people think, ‘Oh, my mom lives in New Hope so I’m going to live in New Hope forever,’” he says. “No. That doesn’t determine what they will be. I won’t accept anything less than their best.”

Shawn is well aware that his life could have ended up very differently – or just ended altogether. “I had a few friends who were smarter than me and probably more talented at sports, but they didn’t hang around the best guys,” he says. “Some are in jail. Some aren’t even alive. It’s incredibly sad.”

Now living in a James City County apartment with his mother – who works at William and Mary’s campus childcare center – Shawn has another reason to stay true to the three R’s: he has joint custody of his 2-year-old daughter, Aaliyah Marie, whose mom is a student in Richmond. He was in the delivery room for Aaliyah’s birth and has her every weekend, when he enjoys taking her to the pool, the park and services at Chickahominy Baptist Church.

“I am motivated to be everything my dad wasn’t for me,” he says. He also wants to set a good example for his younger sister, Malaysia, 9.

The Williamsburg of the future, Shawn believes, could be an even tighter-knit community. “The young, old, rich and not so rich should all work together,” he says. “As a teenager, you don’t feel welcome certain places. You should love your neighbor just as you love yourself. Most of the people who are rich worked hard for their money. I’m not saying people who are better off should feel sorry for those who aren’t, but at least be considerate and remember the time when they were less fortunate.”

He is grateful to people who donate time or money to give less fortunate kids in city programs new experiences, including trips to museums, college campuses, basketball games and Busch Gardens.

In short, Shawn wakes up happy because he gets to do what he loves. “If they would have me, I’d do this job for the rest of my life,” he says. “My friends and I have always thought of Williamsburg as ‘our city’ because we love it. Well, the kids are our future. It’s going to be their city soon.” NDN

Education *for* Everyone

By Brandy Centolanza

Mary Addeo, who begins her eighth year as a special education teacher at Bruton High School in York County this fall, decided to pursue a career as a teacher years ago while working as the public education coordinator for Newport News Waterworks.

“To me, the most enjoyable part of that position was visiting schools, classrooms and festivals and educating people on how the Waterworks works,” Mary shares. “I had always loved working with children. I thought to myself ‘Why not do what I’ve always wanted to do? Why not give this a try?’”

Mary’s interest in education dates back to when she was in high school. Her father, Francis, was an influence.

“My father entered the work world with an eighth grade education, but after earning his GED in the military, he went on to earn an associate’s degree,” Mary says. “He was always eager to learn and spent most of his evenings in his chair reading. He encouraged all seven of us to pursue higher education.”

In college, Mary decided at the last minute to



MARY ADDEO

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study Public Affairs instead of Education. Later, circumstances such as having to often move due to her husband’s status with the Army also prevented her from pursuing a career as a teacher. While he was stationed in Newport News and Mary was employed by Newport News Water-

works, she finally decided to follow her dream. Mary enrolled in a program at the University of Texas at El Paso (UTEP) just as she and her family relocated there.

“Education was a natural choice for me, but it just took me awhile to return to it,” Mary says. “When we had orders for Texas, it seemed the perfect time to finally begin a teaching career.”

At UTEP, Mary was determined to earn a degree to be an elementary education teacher until she met Dr. Sandra Lloyd with Educational Psychology and Special Services.

“She readily convinced me that special education would be the area that I would want to pursue,” Mary recalls. “She was a master teacher who believed that every child was capable of learning. She was very dynamic. She was an excellent mentor, and worked closely with me during my first year of teaching. She was so inspirational that I chose to pursue a Master’s Degree in Special Education with her as my advisor. I absolutely loved it. I was so happy to settle into something that felt perfect for me. It fit like a glove.”

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After graduation, Mary taught for four years at a middle school in El Paso, then her family returned to Virginia, where she worked for a year in Poquoson before coming aboard at Bruton High School.

Mary was hired at Bruton High School to teach the Wilson Reading System, a program for students with deficits in reading and spelling. Eventually, she also started teaching English and Life Skills to students in special education classrooms. Two years ago, Bruton High School incorporated the *Just Words* reading program.

"It's a phenomenal program," Mary says. "It's a wonderful intervention for students who require less intensive instruction in a shorter period of time."

Mary explains that *Just Words* "is a multi-sensory, word curriculum designed to provide strategies that enable a student to recognize the six syllable types in the English language. This program is effective for students who could still benefit from explicit reading and spelling instruction."

Students who wish to participate in the program must have a reading disability and they must be willing to take the course as an elective for a year to complete the program.

"It is not a 'magic' cure for a reading disability, but it does provide effective strategies that the student can use to compensate for a reading deficit," Mary points out. "If the student utilizes these skills, with time and practice, their ability to read will improve. It is very gratifying to see a student gain confidence as they progress through this program. It takes some of the mystery out of learning how to read. Students begin to believe that this is something that they are capable of achieving."

The class for the *Just Words* program is kept small, so Mary is able to build a strong relationship with the students over the school year. She finds the experience rewarding.

"A comfortable atmosphere is important for students as they work to improve a deficit that has been embarrassing to them," Mary says. "I try to create a place where the students find acceptance and want to participate. It is awesome to see students experience a sense of accomplishment at the end of the year when the program is completed. I love seeing a student experience success. School can feel like a difficult place for a student with a learning disability. I think that's why I've enjoyed reading instruction because every new concept mastered is a reason to celebrate."

There are also some challenges, but Mary takes things in stride.

"Not every student is interested in learning and some become frustrated when faced with difficult tasks," Mary notes. "Keeping students focused and interested in their own success is a challenge for all educators. There are also many distractions that today's student has to overcome, but having caring, concerned teachers can help students to meet that challenge."

When she is not focused on her students, Mary enjoys traveling, cooking, exercising, volunteering and spending time with her husband, Joe, their two children, and their dog, Max. Mary is active with the Colonial Italian American Organization and is a substitute driver for Meals on Wheels during the summer, though she has to give back the keys now that a new school year is about to commence.

"One of the miracles of teaching is that every year is a new beginning," Mary says. "Unlike other professions, you have a chance to start over equipped with new knowledge, ideas and renewed enthusiasm. Each student brings a different dynamic to the classroom and a new challenge to the teacher." NDN

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STARTING OVER

By Meredith Collins, Publisher

For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.

(Romans 3:23 NKJV)

To some people Anthony Green looks like an inmate in an orange jumpsuit. To others, including me, he simply looks like a young man. The orange jumpsuit may give definition to a portion of his past, but only the man wearing it can decide how that specific garb and the experiences that are associated with it will define his future.

As we all know, there are no “do overs” in life, but thankfully there are “start overs”. We don’t have to serve time to understand this reality. We can never undo that which has been done, but we can make choices not to repeat the same mistakes and avoid walking down the wrong road toward a dead end. It doesn’t matter who we are, how old we are, what we do or even how much money we have; at certain times in our lives we all stand at a crossroad where we make critical choices that will affect our future, sometimes dramatically.

This is exactly the place Anthony Green stands now.

It used to be a lot easier for Anthony. Of course, life is often easy when we are young and still unburdened with the cares of this world the way adults are. Anthony is originally from Queens, New York. He moved to South Hamp-



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ton Roads when he was about 5 years old. He lived with his mother, Gail Green-Hassell, and a sister and four brothers.

Anthony attended high school in Virginia Beach at Green Run High School. He played running back and strong safety on the football team and excelled at the game. Like many young boys growing up, especially those who were pretty good at sports, he set his goals high in athletics but saw academics only as a way to

get what he wanted; passing grades meant he could play football.

“I was quick, very quick,” Anthony explains. “I played football in recreation [leagues], middle school and high school. I had to stop because I had a major injury. I lost my interest in going to school. I always dreamed of going to the NFL and being a big running back and helping my family out as much as possible. I guess that wasn’t God’s plan.”

While Anthony’s plans may sound like just another adolescent’s dream of playing professional sports, his talent had been noticed at the high school level and opportunities in college would have been possible. After he injured his leg, however,

Anthony lost his motivation. He dropped out of high school thinking his education was not important since he could no longer play football. During this time he also moved out of his mother’s home to live on his own.

Flash forward to July 2012 to this interview conducted at Virginia Peninsula Regional Jail just a few weeks before Anthony’s release date.

Q: If you could turn back the hands of time would you do it differently?

A: “Absolutely,” he says - an answer many of

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us can relate to. "I'm looking more toward the future now." He knows how pointless it is to consider a "do-over".

Anthony is relaxed as he shares moments of his life that he has pondered over during his incarceration. Time gives a man the opportunity to clear his mind and focus on what is important. Gone is the teenager who dreamed of being the successful athlete. In his place is a man that has gained an understanding of a new life he wants to build. Some of the foundation for this life is already there. His mother, his fiancé, and his family await his release and arrival home. Lessons learned, but not as appreciated in the past are also on his mind. He sees their value now.

Anthony talks about the things his mother taught him when he was growing up. She used to make him clean the walls when they became marked and dirty, he says. When she would notice that he "put half the effort in" to something, she would make him do it again. He would go back and clean the walls again. She taught him life lessons and the value of hard work. He also shares about a time he worked for a college in Virginia Beach where he could have attended classes at no charge as an employee. He regretfully did not take advantage of that opportunity.

In jail, opportunities may not be as abundant, but they do arise. Earlier this year, he joined a group of about twenty inmates in a program that is designed to help them pass their GED test. The program, a collaboration between WJCC Schools and the Virginia Peninsula Regional Jail, requires little more than the right attitude, commitment, and hard work to participate. It requires much more to graduate, however. Having reflected on other opportunities he let slip by, Anthony was determined to be successful. Some of his inspiration to excel came from Tina Sclarandis and Bobbie McLane, the two teachers who prepare students inside the Virginia Peninsula Regional Jail for the GED exam. Bobbie, a lively and engaging woman, brings a refreshing blast of energy to the institution to help educate inmates like Anthony who want to prepare for a better future.

In Bobbie's classes, the men listened with interest but few volunteered to stand in front of the class and lead. Anthony was consistently out in front. He led with clarity and decisiveness. His actions told the story of his commitment to attaining his GED and his interest in being a part of something bigger than himself - something that would help open doors instead of close them. Anthony read aloud. He offered interpretations and ideas. Had he not been in an orange jumpsuit he could have easily come across as a typical college student taking part in a class discussion. He was articulate. He was confident. He made you want to listen to what he had to say.

"I participated because I knew if I wanted to graduate and get my GED I knew I was going to have to give 100%. It was something I never really had to do in high school because I was a football star and could pretty much maintain C's," he explains.

When it came time to take the GED test, only two of the almost two dozen men who took the classes graduated. One of them was Anthony Green. He scored honors in every subject on the GED test.

"When I was still young I couldn't really grasp my mind around my situation - or the rules," Anthony says. "This situation has taken a lot from me, but I have also gained a lot in its place."

Moving forward, Anthony knows he will be judged - by others and by himself - by what he does. Just as he led in the GED program through his actions and his willingness to demonstrate to his classmates the value of hard work, he will have similar opportunities and challenges ahead of him. While he is determined to learn from his past experiences he does not spend time dwelling on regrets or wishful thinking; he simply keeps moving forward.

A "start over" is just fine with him. 

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Teaching Teachers

By Rachel Sapin

How do you teach a teacher? The question itself seems a bit paradoxical, but it's something Tab Broyles has been doing at Colonial Williamsburg's Teacher Institute for the past 23 years.

The Teacher Institute is a week long intensive program that provides elementary, middle and high school teachers with the opportunity to live like Colonial citizens. They room in the historic area, debate in the House of Burgesses in the Capitol, participate in 18th-century court trials, and can even be heard late into the night bonding over 18th century entertainment and libations at a historic tavern while expressing their passion for teaching. The goal of the program is to help teachers find creative ways to teach American history in their classrooms.

To give them an in-depth understanding of Colonial America, teachers who participate in the program also have the opportunity to become characters from the enslaved to the gentry. If embracing the personalities and lifestyles of those who lived almost 300 years ago sounds daunting, it is.

During this time, when the teachers take on activities and roles they are unfamiliar with, Tab sees another side of teachers: sometimes they aren't all that different from their students. "In Williamsburg, they are students

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too,” Tab explains. “When it comes to learning something, they may be uncertain or anxious because they’re afraid they will not measure up to expectations.”

She told me the story of a teacher she worked with many years ago who initially refused to participate in Colonial dancing, which Tab has been practicing for over 25 years.

“He said, ‘I can’t do that, and I’m not going to do that,’” she recalls. So Tab took him aside, and remembering that he had told her he was once an avid baseball player, asked him whether he was always good at baseball. He replied no, but said he was still embarrassed to get up and dance. Then she asked him, “Why would you ever let what someone else thinks about you keep you from doing something or trying something new? Everyone makes mistakes when you are learning. It is part of the adventure of learning something new.”

That gentleman, whose name Tab would prefer to remain anonymous, is now one of the Teacher Institute’s biggest supporters. “To me, Colonial Williamsburg provides a very open learning environment and encourages teachers to experience and learn in new and engaging ways,” she says.

What Tab provides teachers with, as their mentor throughout the program, is the confidence to take advantage of the historic area as a place to experiment while also learning how to better meet their school’s history and social studies standards of learning.

For example, when Tab brings teacher groups to dance at the Governor’s Palace, many say that they just don’t have time to dance in their classrooms. So she helps them see how dancing can enhance a student’s understanding of a historical subject.

“One of the things that every fifth-grade teachers has to teach is The Stamp Act,” she says. “To celebrate the repeal of The Stamp Act, we have primary source documents that state people danced to celebrate the repeal of this British law.

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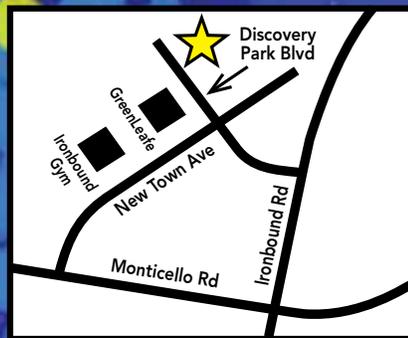
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Another part of Tab's job at the Institute involves introducing teachers to primary sources that help broaden their understanding and perspective on historical events.

“We try to give them facsimile books, objects and newspapers to make it easier for them to teach American history by giving them the educational materials that we have here in the museum,” she explains.

Tab has a hard time accepting the idea that she herself is a mentor. She says she has it easy in comparison to the teachers she works with. “Classroom teachers don't have objects, buildings and character interpreters that we have in the museum,” she says. “We have over 300 acres with 88 original buildings, many reconstructed buildings, horses, sheep and skilled tradesmen. So when you discuss history and teaching students, you have an abundance of tools that make learning relevant and so much fun.”

Tab's enthusiasm for Colonial Williamsburg is also what makes her a good mentor. She teaches what she loves in a place that enchanted her at 10 years old. Originally from Roanoke, Virginia she visited the Colonial area as an elementary school student and can even recount in detail the purplish blue medicine jars at the

apothecary that mesmerized her on that particular trip. “I remember returning home after this visit and telling my parents, ‘If I have anything to do about it, I'll be coming back to Williamsburg,’ ” she says.

Her parents told her that she would have to get good grades, and she did. Tab attended William and Mary where she received her undergraduate Degree in Government and later her Master's Degree in Museum Education.

She had a vague idea that she would go on to law school after completing her bachelor's degree, but something kept tugging at her to stay in Williamsburg. When a job opened up for a historical interpreter at Colonial Williamsburg, Tab felt compelled to take it. “I remember calling my parents and saying, ‘I'm going to take this 10-month job,’ ” she said. “I don't know what I'm going to do to make ends meet in the winter, but one way or another, I have to do this.”

One of the things Tab keeps in her office is a page-and-a-half assignment scribbled on lined notebook paper. Next to the paper is a picture of a young African American student. It was given to her by a California teacher in South Pasadena, whom she had worked with at the Institute in 1997. The teacher had shown a video called *The Runaway* in her classroom. It told

the trials and tribulations of a runaway slave in the Colonial era and was produced by Colonial Williamsburg.

There was one boy in the classroom who would write only a few lines or more frequently would not even submit his writing assignments. This movie in particular had made the boy so upset over the treatment of enslaved people that he became angry and cried. His mother came in with him that afternoon to discuss the assignment with his teacher.

The teacher told the young man and his mother that he didn't have to finish the assignment if he didn't want to and that she would arrange for an alternate assignment. But the young man instead decided to complete the original assignment because it gave him a way to express his feelings about the injustice of the institution of slavery.

Years later, that page and half of writing on lined notebook paper still remains on Tab's desk as a reminder of what teachers are able to accomplish with their students after they leave their training in the historic area.

“I keep it because to me, that's what we're all about,” she emphasizes. “Reaching out to children all over the United States and finding what makes it easier for them to learn their American history and their roles as citizens.” NDN

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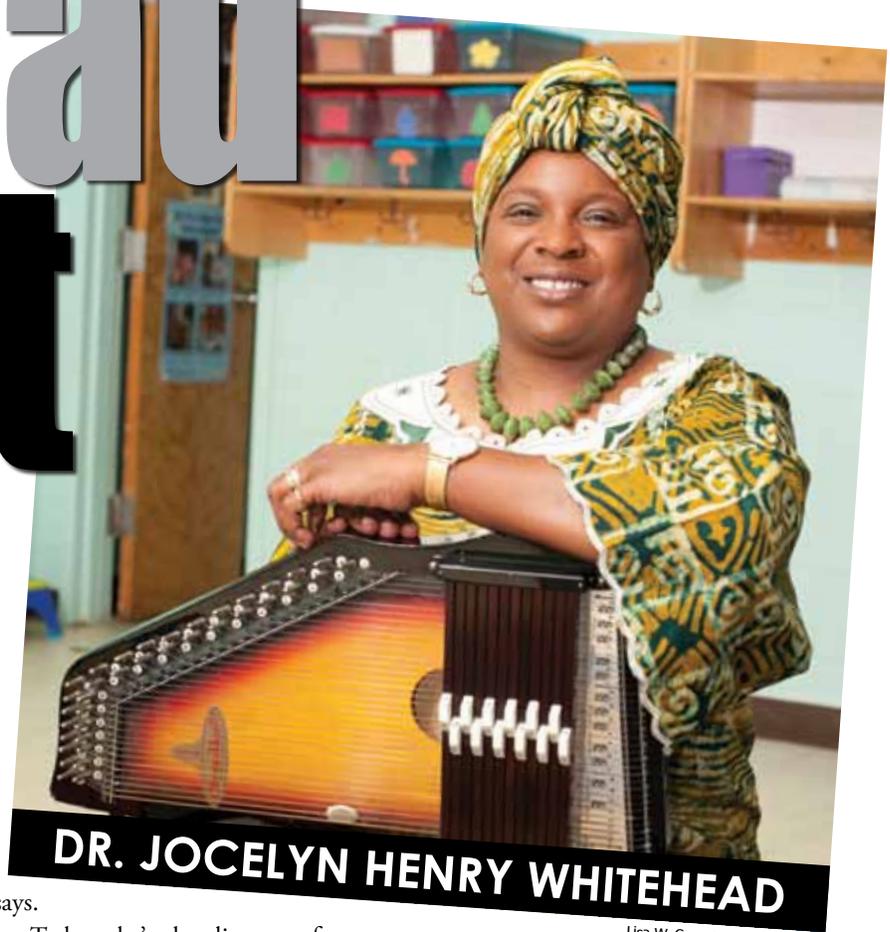
giving others a head start

By Natalie Miller-Moore

She's like the sunshine, warming everyone she meets with her inner glow. Her work as an educator adds fuel to that fire, and her own education has been the spark that powered her through life. Today, Dr. Jocelyn Henry Whitehead feels like she's come full circle.

She began life as Jocelyn Henry in Baltimore, Maryland. She lived in a neighborhood where it wasn't safe to play outside due to drug activity. She also had a tough family situation, where her parents were physically abusive to each other. Going to school was a calm and peaceful environment compared to her home.

"I loved school. It was escapism for me," she



DR. JOCELYN HENRY WHITEHEAD

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says.

Today, she's the director of the Head Start program for Williamsburg-James City County Community Action Agency.

"Looking at my whole life, I see a parallel. I should have been in Head Start." She was not, but she counts herself blessed to have had great teachers along the way. "I should never be where I am, except that people - including my

parents, family and teachers - encouraged me and said 'you can do it!'" she says.

Her path to becoming an educator took many turns. She worked as a candy striper at a Baltimore hospital where her mother worked and decided to go to school to be a physical therapist. She struggled with her grades and then changed her major to music. She finally

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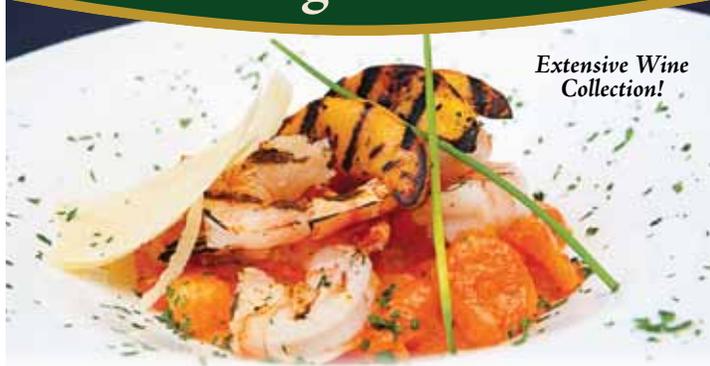
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realized what she was meant to do.

"My first education classes just clicked," she says. Looking back, she saw that it made sense. She found her niche, partly because of teachers who helped her, and she remembered how much she loved teaching Sunday school.

Although Dr. Whitehead had an education degree when she graduated, the path to being an educator was a very winding one. Her mother was diagnosed with breast cancer, and she returned home to Baltimore to care for her.

"A friend told me that the Baltimore Police Department was recruiting women and minorities, and I needed a job," she says.

She worked as a police officer and felt like her life had come full circle. This time, she was the person handling the calls for domestic violence. "I remembered that having the police come to our house felt intrusive. I tried to handle it with sensitivity," she says. She eventually left police work and made a few other career detours.

Dr. Whitehead found her way into the classroom as a preschool teacher, a kindergarten teacher, and then a music teacher - where she saw all the students in the school. She moved on to become the assistant principal at Charles City Elementary School. "From there I could see the whole picture. That's part of being an instructional leader: getting a holistic view. You help students, encourage teachers, assist parents and community stakeholders," she says.

Along the way, she married Robert Whitehead, a fellow student at Virginia Commonwealth University. The way they met sounds like the beginning of a romantic comedy. "I was carrying my upright bass across campus from symphony orchestra practice, and he stopped and offered me a ride," she says. The bass was heavy, and she'd always admired Robert as a snappy dresser, so she stowed her bass in his hatchback. "I recognized him from being on campus, and we were both going to a meeting at the same building," she says. They got better acquainted on that ride and got married in 1980.

Robert's original plan to go to law school never materialized, instead he decided to do the one thing Dr. Whitehead had strong feelings about: become a minister. "I knew I didn't want to marry a minister!" But she had already married Robert, and he felt the calling.

Today, the couple has spent 21 years at New Zion Baptist Church on Longhill Road and both of their sons, Robert Jr. and Matthew, grew up there. The church has an interesting history: it was founded in 1870 by ex-slaves and freed men.

In 2010, Dr. Whitehead began taking mission trips to Rwanda, Africa through Tree of Life International (TROLI). She is on TROLI's board, which supports three schools in Rwanda striving to help teach women to read, write, and do math.

"I feel like God has allowed me to go international," she states. "Many third world countries have some of the same needs but to a greater extent. Education is important, and they are proud of the opportunity to learn," she says. "It's a wide age of women, some with their babies strapped to them and one 71 year old who is grateful to be able to read now."

The contrast has made Dr. Whitehead see how blessed Americans are, despite the challenges we still face. "Do we take education for granted? Maybe," she says.

But she's doing her part with the Head Start program, which helps income-eligible children and families get ready for school. "School readiness is so important. We want Head Start students to be on equal ground with other children when they start kindergarten," she states. The program also works on social-emotional, physical, language, cognitive,

literacy, mathematics, science and social studies concepts. "We also strive to foster good health and nutrition," she adds.

The Head Start program serves 147 children ages 3 to 5 years old. "The question is always 'How can we serve Head Start students better?'" she says.

Today, she says she sees families who she probably never would have before, due to job loss, seasonal work or underemployment.

"There are still a lot of children on the waiting list. The need is huge," she states.

Head Start also has a family services component as part of the program. Parents are asked about their personal needs and goals, such as educational, financial or vocational.

"I am always asking 'How can we increase our support to our families?' Because all issues affect the classroom, it's not just the child," she says.

Dr. Whitehead is familiar with the difficult balance of family, work and education. She put the title "Dr." in front of her name with a lot of perseverance and hard work. She went to the College of William and Mary for her Master's Degree, her Educational Specialist degree and her Doctorate Degree. "I remember reading my homework to our oldest son as a baby while rocking him to sleep," she says.

She started in 1986, taking one class at a time. "People laughed and asked 'You're still in school?'" But she did it. She graduated with her Doctorate Degree in 2004.

This illustrates her underlying positive philosophy. "Never underestimate the phrase 'You can do it.' It's more helpful to coach, instead of judge," she says.

As an educator for more than 20 years, she's seen a lot. She gives this advice to teachers today: "Be introspective for yourself. Don't beat yourself up, but ask, 'what else can I do?'" That's a question that we can all ask. NDN

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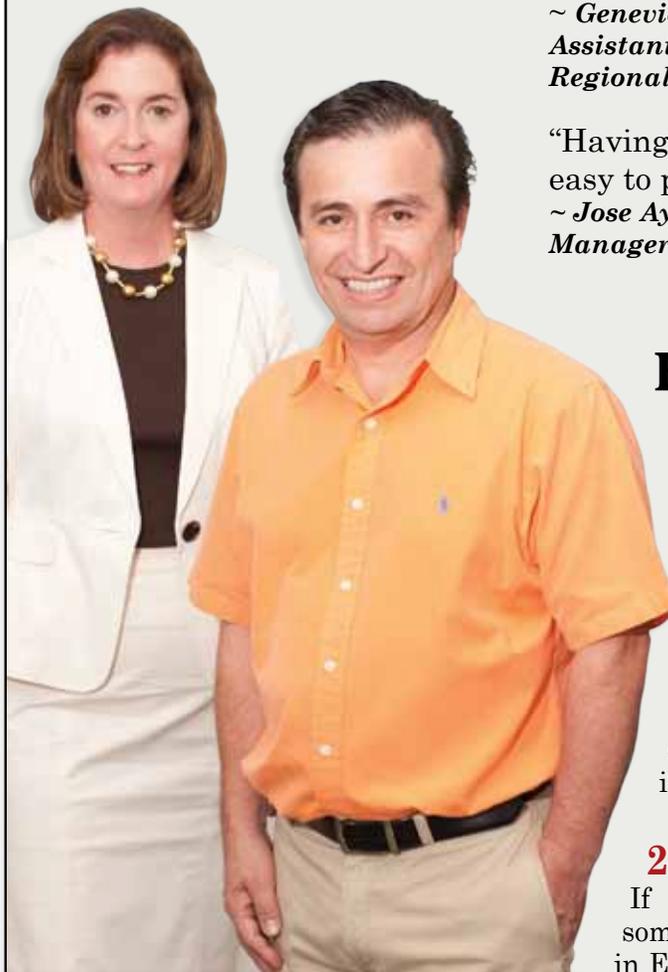
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Joyful Teaching

By Linda Landreth Phelps

“I have come to believe that a great teacher is a great artist, and that there are as few as there are other great artists. Teaching might even be the greatest of the arts since the medium is the human mind and spirit.”

- John Steinbeck

“Call me Jenny,” she says with a smile.

“That’s how I’m known at the jail.”

As a girl growing up in Lexington, Virginia, Dr. Jennifer Taylor would have been surprised to know she would one day wind up in jail. She would have been even more intrigued to know that her time there would prove to be exciting, even joyous. How Jenny got there is a story of

logical progression.

Jenny’s fun, engaging classes as an Associate Professor of German Studies at the College of William and Mary make her popular with her students, but within her community of Greater Williamsburg she is equally known for her activism and advocacy in the field of public edu-

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“I consider my work in this area very important, particularly my involvement with Citizens for Education, or CFE,” Jenny says. CFE’s concerns are centered upon ensuring that everyone has equal access to quality education. With that goal in mind, the group has sponsored Community Conversations addressing the disparity in dropout rates among the different school subgroups in Williamsburg/James City County (WJCC). But big-picture activism is not Jenny’s natural forte. Ultimately, she feels drawn to a more intimate relationship with learning.

Several years ago Jenny entered into a long-term mentorship of two different small groups of bright young students at Jamestown High School. One of the ways in which Jenny helped her students was to walk them through the often confusing process of college applications. She was excited when all of them went on to graduate from college and particularly pleased to learn that two of those students are set to pursue a course of graduate study this fall.

“But when all is said and done, I am a teacher,” Jenny says. “I believe I can be most effective when I’m teaching individuals.”

Jenny began working with Literacy for Life, an adult education nonprofit organization that began at William and Mary in 1975. Under their auspices, Jenny began tutoring a young woman who had recently moved to Williamsburg from her native China. She had married an American, arriving here knowing very little English and with no accurate knowledge of this country’s culture. Jenny has been thrilled to see how her tutoring helped with this woman’s quick progress towards assimilation. That rewarding commitment led her one step further down a path that ultimately led to teach at the Virginia Peninsula Regional Jail (VPRJ).

We’ve all seen the jail on Merrimac Trail as we pass by on the way to Newport News, but relatively few have done more than observe its forbidding exterior. It’s a secure environment, of course, being a jail, but once Jenny puts on the “Visitor” badge and navigates numerous security checks, locks and buzzers she finds herself on the other side of an orange door that leads to an area that’s dedicated not to incarceration, but to education. Here, classrooms, not cells, are the order of the day. Jenny arranges her books, maps and worksheets on a table and gets to work, ready to make a difference in the

lives of the people she serves.

VPRJ’s stated goal is that inmates leave the facility in better condition than prior to their arrival. Through VPRJ’s Programs office they are offered GED and Bible studies, English as a Second Language, parenting classes, and may attend 12-step programs for various addictions. Inmates can even get creative with art classes sponsored by This Century Art Gallery, or earn credits through Thomas Nelson Community College.

Thanks to a grant awarded to Literacy for Life, Sandy Menaquale is a full time, enthusiastic presence at VPRJ as she plans educational curriculum for the inmates. Working closely with her, Jenny and other volunteers teach English once or twice a week in one of those classrooms.

“I usually have three or four in my group,” Jenny says, “depending upon how many tutors are here. I teach the intermediate level, and I’m mostly working with Hispanic men, many of whom are literate in their native language. But for some of these guys, it may be the first English teaching they’ve ever gotten. They have been in this country for years, but never learned to read, write or speak English.”

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It's a new challenge to teach a language other than German, but Jenny says many of the skills she has gained over the years apply, and a colleague from William and Mary, Spanish professor, Dr. Jonathan Arries, is always a great help when she needs a translator.

"My students and I do readings, talk about grammatical points, or sometimes we play word games such as Hangman or Bingo. We have fun - the inmates are not only learning, but they're also getting personal attention."

One of the aspects of these classes proving to be most practical is that the students learn vocabulary that is specifically tweaked to suit their interests and ambitions.

"We try to tailor the lessons so that what they're learning will be useful in a job. Someone who plans to work in food service will need to know how to communicate differently than those who'll be in a technical field," Jenny says. Even for those facing eventual deportation after their sentence is fulfilled, the skills they learn while in jail could make all the difference in their ability to lead a successful life wherever they go. A teacher never knows where his or her influence will end.

Victor Hugo once wrote, "He who opens a

school door, closes a prison." For these reasons and more, Jenny is excited to be teaching at VPRJ.

"I was very impressed when I started volunteering there, and I'm still impressed," Jenny says. "It's a positive experience."

Jenny has enjoyed a full, active family life as well as her teaching career. She and her German-born husband, Tim Schulte, met at University in Germany. Tim's a busy person, too, who commutes to Richmond and is a founding partner of the law firm of Shelley & Schulte. Tim and Jenny raised three children in Williamsburg; Lukas, 23, and Hannah, 21, are both graduates of Jamestown High, and their youngest, Jacob, is a rising senior at Lafayette. Fulbright scholar, Hannah, is carrying on her mom's scholastic tradition as a teaching assistant in a small town in Germany.

For a teacher like Jenny, whether her students are wearing Tribe t-shirts in green and gold or orange jumpsuits, it's all the same educational process. After all, for Jenny it's about teaching - no matter who the student is. You might say that for her, being a teacher is a life sentence, but easy time. NDN

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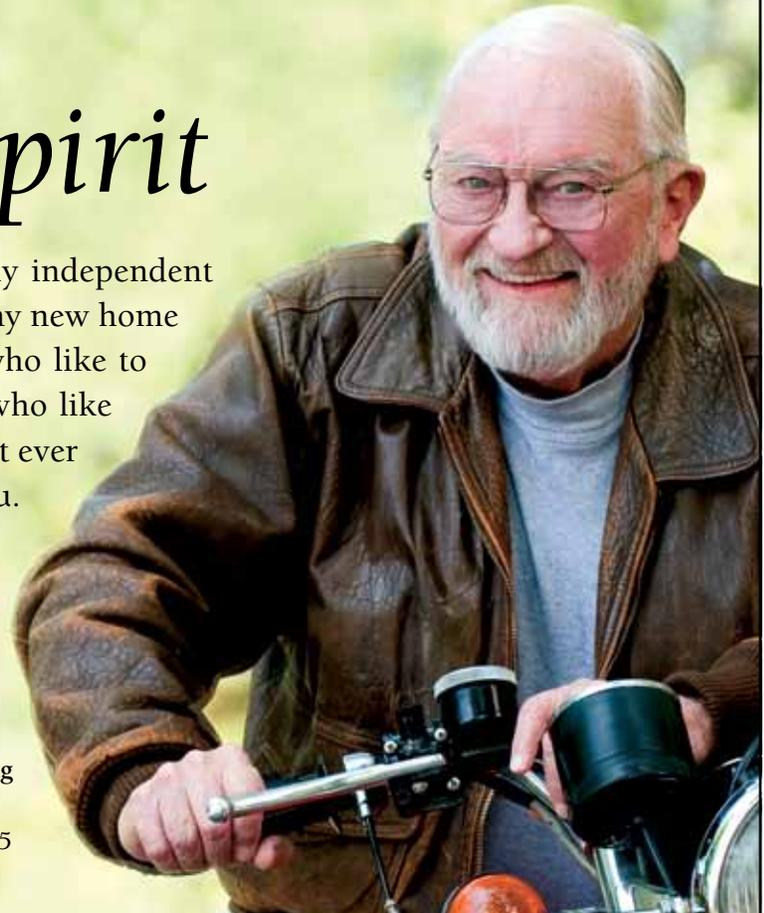
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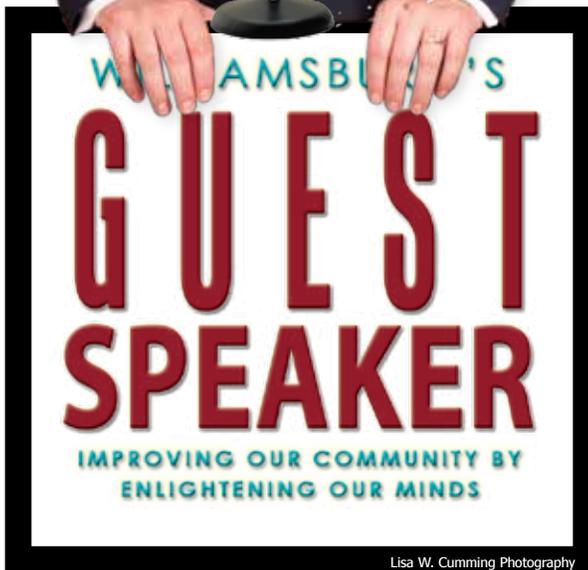
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JASON BLANCHARD



ON WILLIAMSBURG JAYCEES



Jason Blanchard is the president of the Williamsburg Jaycees. He is originally from Enfield, Connecticut. "It's a small blue collar town in northern Connecticut," he describes. Following a family tradition of military service, Jason joined the Navy after high school graduation. His intention was to learn aircraft maintenance. After boot camp, he was transferred to Naval Air Station (NAS) in Pensacola, Florida

and then received orders to Kaneohe Bay in Hawaii.

Jason and his wife, Jami, were married in June of 2003. An opportunity for Jason with Edward Jones brought the family to Hampton Roads in 2006. After a stint in Tempe, Arizona, Jason, Jami and their daughter, Adia, relocated back to Virginia and settled in Williamsburg.

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blessed with another child, our son, Jacob, in 2009," Jason adds. "We have also found a church family as well as deepened our roots here in town." Jami is attending the College of William and Mary full time pursuing a career in counseling. Jason is with the Edward Jones office in Williamsburg. He has found time to give back to the community through his service in the Williamsburg Jaycees and the Rotary club of the Historic Triangle.

What is the mission of the Williamsburg Jaycees?

The mission of the Williamsburg Jaycees is to provide a way for young men and women 18-40 to gain leadership, business and personal skills through community service. We are unique in that we serve our members primarily through community service whereas most organizations serve the community through membership service.

How did the Williamsburg Jaycees become a reality in the Williamsburg area?

The Williamsburg Jaycees have been a local staple for over 60 years. Many of the local traditions the community enjoys were originally created by the Jaycees. Some of the most notable examples include assisting in building the first home of the SPCA in the 1970s, which has grown to the Heritage Humane Society, the Christmas Parade and Grand Illumination. In addition to those achievements, many of the leaders in the community once were members of the Jaycees. We constantly meet people in town that were once members and thank us for carrying on the tradition.

What are some of the Community Service Projects performed by the Jaycees?

Currently, the Jaycees have several ongoing projects:

We hold an annual 3-on-3 basket-

ball tournament to benefit Grove Christian Outreach. This was our first year holding the tournament, and we were able to raise more than \$500 for Grove. Our expectations for the event would be to build the participation next year and in the years beyond.

On May 5th, we held our annual miniature Golf Tournament benefiting Dream Catchers. This event has been not only a fun time, but a family friendly atmosphere designed to let people do it on their own time and give back to the community.

We also hold our Annual Cardboard Boat Regatta in the summer. We have been doing this for three years now and proceeds go to benefit Big Brothers Big Sisters of the Greater Virginia Peninsula. The premise is to have participants build a boat out of cardboard, tape, glue and paint that will hold two people and allow them to race around a water course of approximately 300 yards. In addition, we

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Finally, we also hold mini get-togethers throughout the year as well as service projects. In December, we hold our Ugly Sweater Party where we gather as a club and bring in friends and relatives to share in our accomplishments and have an overall good time. We have also worked with Habitat for Humanity to help build their ReStore here in town as well as other projects throughout the year.

What are the plans for the near future for the organization?

My plans for the future would be first and foremost to grow the chapter and get more involved on the state and national level as well as increase our presence locally. There are many community organizations here locally, but we have the distinction of

being the only internationally recognized organization that caters to the younger demographic. Williamsburg has a fantastic community of young adults that we would like to engage and show them the value of what we can bring to the table. I would like to be able to double our current roster of members and be able to grow our presence and activities. Specifically, the Jaycees, on a state level, have many programs and activities that would be beneficial for members. On a national level, the opportunities are even more present.

What are some personal experiences you have had that renew your commitment to the Jaycees?

Quite simply, being able to talk with someone that was a past Jaycee and having them thank us for continuing to carry the torch. That is important. In addition, being able to watch our members grow and contribute while

having a good time is fantastic to experience. I find being able to impact the community in a positive manner while networking with our local business and community leaders is a great experience, especially for someone who would be considered a "come here." I have been pleased watching my family become involved with the Jaycees and hope that one day, my children will be able to step up and continue to fly our banner.

How has your work affected your personal life and outlook?

The work we do can sometimes be strenuous, but it is important. It continues to remind me that there are many needs in the community and we need people to step up and put in some sweat equity. In addition, to be able to network with my peer group and build real friendships allows me to continue to deepen my own roots in the area. NDN



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~ Carl Sandburg

Lise Embley was eleven years old when her grandfather handed her a mimeographed copy of her family's pedigree. Though she was too young to fully appreciate the value of genealogical research, she was intrigued with the prospect of learning more about her grandparents' bloodlines. A cursory examination of the document

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revealed lapses in continuity that piqued Lise's curiosity.

"My grandfather's pedigree was work in progress," she remembers, "There were a number of blanks on the chart, and I always wondered about those blanks. Who were those people? Genealogical research can be more difficult for the female lines, and the blanks often appeared where a wife's maiden name belonged. There was something about that anonymity that seemed a little tragic to me. As a result, I've probably focused more of my energy on the 'lesser-knowns' in my research: maiden names, lines where there are no descendants living today, unrecorded children. I feel like those stories are especially important to discover and share."

Lise spends much of her free-time trying to bring those stories to light. Currently a volunteer genealogist, she finds that rounding-up the vital statistics from her ancestral pool is merely a starting point for the real detective work. What keeps her hooked is being able to uncover the accounts of fam-

ily members she has never had the chance to meet.

"My dad's ancestors immigrated to the United States around the mid-1800's, and I haven't been able to connect the dots back to Prussia yet," Lise explains. "Many of my mother's ancestors came to the United States in the early 1600's, so I've got a lot more generations that I can research where information is recorded in English. I haven't been so much interested in the 'how far back' aspect of it as I have been the question of 'who were these people and how have their lives impacted my own?' I think that is a much more interesting research objective."

Current technology has greatly increased the range and effectiveness of genealogical research. Saturation of the internet with data from census counts and other public records has sparked a surge of interest in family history. Websites like FamilySearch.org and Ancestry.com have brought genealogy closer to the keyboard, making even the most inexperienced researchers pro-

ductive in the field. Lise, who volunteers twice a week in the Family History Center (FHC) at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, sees all of these activities as steps the right direction.

"I think genealogists have a better perspective on the value of each individual life and the benefit of generational hindsight," she says. "Studying my family's history is just a more personal way to understand the history of the world and understand who I am in context. I have ancestors who fought in major wars and ancestors who protested wars; ancestors who valued marriage, and celebrated fifty years of love and commitment; ancestors who divorced, and one born to parents who never married."

Many find that unpeeling the layers of their family tree helps them gain a better understanding of their lives today. Lise recalls an incident that confirms how our kindred dead (especially those we have known and loved) have ways of reaching through barriers of space and time to touch our hearts in unexpected ways.

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"I had a profound experience one evening that illustrated for me the eternal connections we have to our families," Lise explains. "It was an ordinary task – the simple act of covering up my daughter as I was trying to comfort her after knee surgery. She was in pain, as well as cold. Without thinking, I selected a quilt my grandmother had made that belonged to my mother. At that moment, the quilt became a living connection, a common point between two generations of the living and two that had passed on. My grandmother made the quilt during the time that I was living with her while attending San Jose State University. I had seen it in various stages of construction: cuts of fabric in a bag from the fabric store, as quilt squares, quilt blocks, then a quilt top, and finally, as it was quilted and bound. My grandmother's hands made every stitch in that quilt. Her stitches 'hold

everything together."

A vital (and often overlooked) part of contributing to our legacy is taking the time to catalog our current activities. This involves participation in simple pastimes that many

and add to our legacy, it's natural to wonder where to begin.

"The easy answer is you start from what you know," Lise says. "One of the most common mistakes I encounter with those who are starting family history research is a tendency to begin the research backwards on the timeline and try to connect the dots to the present. For example, they might say, 'My grandmother told me we were related to such-and-such, who came over on the Mayflower.' So they jump back to the Mayflower and try to work from that point to the present. That's not usually very successful. It's better to just start with the basic pedigree chart

"Because genealogists look at death information constantly, I think we have a greater respect for life and a better understanding of the temporary nature of our lives here."
 ~ Lise Embley

of us already enjoy. Creating photo albums, scrapbooking, writing in journals, and posting blog entries all help to strengthening our generational voice. With all the resources and tools available to help us seek out

and fill in the blanks." Though Lise enjoys tapping her knowledge of family history to make new friends in the Williamsburg area, most of her recent roots lie west of the Mississippi. She was

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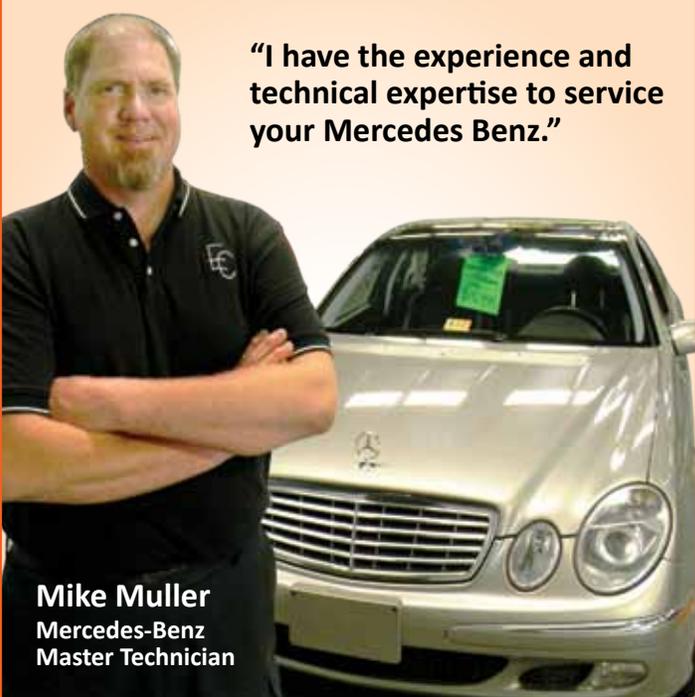


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born in California, and has lived in numerous locales throughout the region, including Oregon and Wyoming. In 2007, her husband, Paul, took advantage of a career opportunity that pointed their family toward Williamsburg.

"We love the community here," she says. "The Farmer's Market, the bike paths, all the historic sites, the educational opportunities, and the cultural arts. This area has so much! One thing I'm not so excited about is the humidity in the summer. I will never get used to it, I'm afraid. Maybe it's that aversion to heat and humidity but it turns out that some of our favorite memories are linked to glaciers. We've been fortunate to be able to spend time in Alaska, Newfoundland and New Zealand, and to touch glaciers in all those places. We love to travel and to take lots and lots of pictures."

Lise plans to stay involved with genealogical work in the future, and looks forward to meeting people in the community who are interested in finding out more about their lineage. She speaks several times per

year at the Williamsburg Regional Library on a variety of genealogical topics, and volunteers weekly at the FHC (located at 2017 Newman Road). Patrons have access to 2.3 million rolls of microfilm, two NMI 2012 microfilm readers, a ScanPro digital film/fiche reader, Wi-Fi, and five computer work stations.

With such a personal investment of time in family history, one wonders if there is anything else Lise has gleaned from her research.

"Because genealogists look at death information constantly, I think we have a greater respect for life and a better understanding of the temporary nature of our lives here," she says. "At the same time anyone who has spent much time doing genealogical research will tell you that they have had help from the other side. Our families want to be remembered...I am sure of that. Researching family history has helped me better recognize that what I do in my own home will impact my children's children and beyond, so I am more mindful of the

connection between my choices and the opportunities and ideas that my children, and their children, and their children's children will hold."

In quiet moments, Lise has been known to reflect on the significance of the trust she was given when her grandfather handed her a copy of the family pedigree chart. As she continues to help others discover the people and places that have made them who they are, she will inadvertently boost a greater appreciation for the value of genealogy in the world. This simple but stirring thought from author and genealogist LaRae Kerr sums up the bulk of her sentiments:

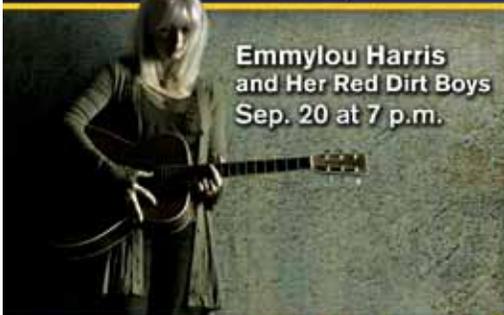
"The history of the world is not complete until it includes yours."

Lise's dedication to furthering that interest reminds us that as long as our ancestors continue to inhabit the fibers of our DNA and the alcoves of our heart, each of our pedigrees will remain a magnificent work in progress - a gift we can pass on for generations to come. NDN

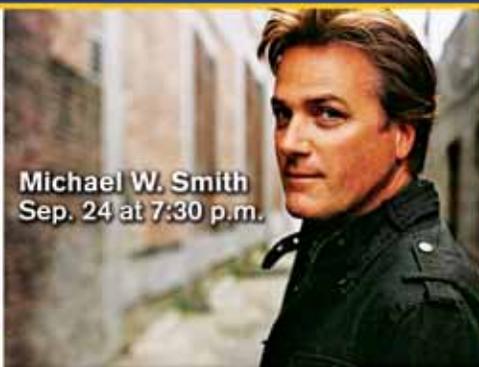


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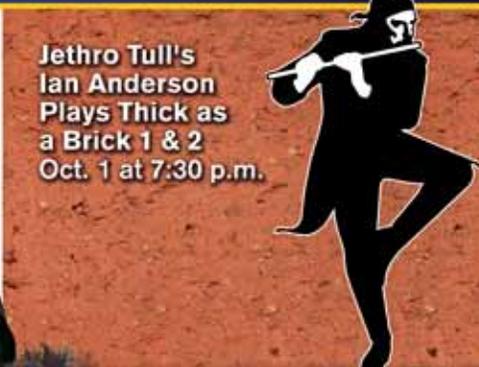
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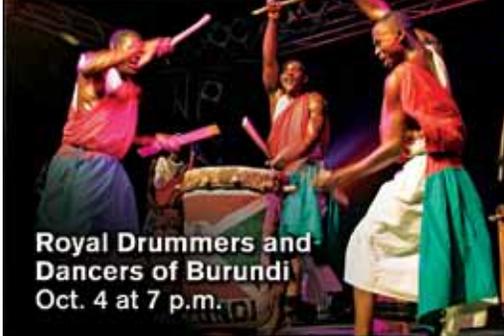
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The Kingsmill Championship Means Business

By Greg Lilly, Editor

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The LPGA is coming back to Williamsburg for The Kingsmill Championship. Not only is this a great event for golf fans, but the local business community benefits as well. Robin Carson, General Manager of Kingsmill Resort, explains that the tournament that begins on Labor Day, September 3rd, brings millions of dollars to the area.

"I'm hoping this 2012 tournament will have the greatest economic impact that it has ever had – and it's always had a great impact," Robin says. "We've studied the numbers. We looked at the last year of the tournament when Anheuser-Busch fully supported it and the first year after

that without the tournament. We compared the revenues for the destination, the room nights, the room taxes, the sales taxes and all that."

That data is collected on a monthly basis, and the difference between the months of May with the LPGA versus the next May without the LPGA was approximately four million dollars. "That's for the entire Historic Triangle," she says. "Of that four million, about half of that was for James City County alone. We're located in James City County, so a lion's share of that was our food and beverage and rooms, but a spillover of another two million dollars went to the City of Williamsburg and York County."

That is just the financial impact. "Those dollars don't show the television exposure or the press that gets picked up," she explains. "The LPGA is an international organization. It is almost 60 countries where the tournament will be aired on television." A Kingsmill Championship commercial runs during LPGA events and highlights the tournament and the Williamsburg area. "That Williamsburg destination message is pushed to what we know is a family audience, the type of people who travel."

Robin knows Williamsburg as a great destination and a great place to live. She grew up in Newport News and graduated from Mench-

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ville High School. During school, she worked on the weekends at Busch Gardens. "I went to the University of North Carolina at Greensboro to major in a music education. I came back to this area to teach at Suffolk Public Schools."

While Robin taught school, she continued to work at Busch Gardens during her weekends. "In 1978, the supervisor I worked for at Busch Gardens got a promotion. They asked me to take her place. I really loved teaching, but was having a difficult time making ends meet. It was a sad story and it's still a sad story today that teachers have that difficulty. Busch Gardens offered me almost twice what I was making as a teacher and they had much better benefits. I reluctantly took that job because I loved teaching, but it would allow me to pay off my school loans. My thought was I could pay off the loans with that job then go back to graduate school and return to teaching."

In 1980, Anheuser-Busch opened a new park called Sesame Place outside Philadelphia. "It was a joint venture between Children's Television Workshop and Busch Entertainment," Robin says. "It seemed like such a perfect fit for me because it was Sesame Street; it was educational; it was for young kids. I had taught kindergarten through 8th grade. This was a theme park, but it was education and creativity. I took the job and moved up to Philadelphia. My husband and I were there for 11 years. I started as an entry level supervisor, and by 1985, I was the general manager."

From there, she moved to San Antonio to manage Busch Entertainment's Sea World of Texas, then to Busch Gardens Tampa and Adventure Island, and then on to Saint Louis where Robin was the Corporate Vice-President of Marketing. The position for general manager of Kingsmill opened up, and Robin and her family decided it was time to come back home. "I was so happy to be back here. I have a sister who lives in Poquoson. It really was like coming home."

Robin saw the Michelob Ultra Open tournament and its effects on the community. "The LPGA Tournament had been here for years," she says. "When Anheuser-Busch was selling the resort, they continued to support the tournament one more year. That was in 2009."

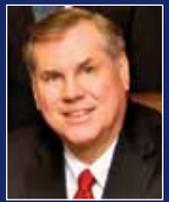
She explains that when Xanterra bought Kingsmill Resort, they needed time to decide on the tournament and the size of its investment. "I think from the beginning, Xanterra was always interested in getting the LPGA back. It just took a while of working through all the negotiations and requirements that exist for an event of this size."

The big business issue for tournament is the money that needs to be raised. "It's quite a bit of money, and the sponsor pays for the purse," Robin explains. "The purse is what pays the players to come. Then the amount of media costs to promote the event...that is the cash that you have to have just to start. Busch had always taken care of that."

Xanterra made it happen. Robin states two components helped. "First, the Kingsmill staff really wanted the tournament to come back here. It is a great thing for the community, a great thing for the resort, wonderful exposure for the whole destination and a really terrific family event. We have it where any child under 17 can come for free. We have the Family Fun Zone. We really try to make it a family atmosphere. Xanterra was very supportive of that."

The second aspect that helped bring the LPGA back was the players themselves. "The LPGA players just love this tournament," she adds. "In 2008, a survey of the players listed this as their favorite tournament. We're not a major; we're not the largest purse; we're not in the most highfalutin' place, not the most glamorous. They loved how the community and staff treated them here. The players let it be known to the LPGA that

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When asked, most people in a blended family situation will explain that if they should die, they want to provide for the new spouse during the spouse's life; and at their spouse's death, they want any remaining inheritance to be distributed to their children from a previous marriage. More importantly, they would like to have the peace of mind knowing that precious family heirlooms, passed down through the bloodlines of the previous generations, stay in the family and do not find their way into the hands of the new spouse's heirs, who will not appreciate the family/sentimental value inherent in these items.

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this was one they wanted to come back to. When the LPGA announced the whole series – that included a Hawaii tournament – the only thing the players talked about was the Kingsmill tournament.”

She describes the return of the tournament as what can happen when two business partners, like Xanterra-Kingsmill Resort and LPGA, really want to come together and make it happen.

“Xanterra entered into a two year agreement and worked out enough money to fund it,” Robin states. “This first year, the tournament starts on Labor Day, September 3rd through the 9th. We wanted it in the spring, but didn’t want to wait another year to have a tournament. The LPGA had asked us to do it in May of this year, but there just wasn’t enough time to put it together.” In 2013, the tournament moves to the last weekend of April/first week of May.

“In the past, this was always an Anheuser-Busch tournament,” Robin says. “Michelob Ultra was the brand they promoted. It just happened to be at Kingsmill Resort in Williamsburg, Virginia.” Now, the event is The Kingsmill Championship. “This is our tournament to own and make successful. Our approach is that we are sharing this tournament with anyone who wants to be a part of it. The best thing is for everyone to find a way to make it work for them.”

She sees the tournament as a business-to-business opportunity, a way for Kingsmill Resort to work with other businesses. “Corporations, organization and small businesses can capitalize on this tournament. We hope to have a minimum of 60,000 people come.” The event is open to everyone. “Ticket prices are reasonable and can be bought on-line,” she adds.

“You can spend the whole day here walking the tournament. It’s a wonderfully cool experience. You don’t have to be a huge golf fan to enjoy the event. It’s the largest professional sporting event in the whole state of Virginia. It’s a fabulous, fun experience for the people who come to it.”

For businesses, she sees the event as a great opportunity to advertise, promote themselves and to get visibility. “A lot of companies use the event as hospitality. They may have clients, employees, prospective clients or special guests that they want to host. They bring them here and we provide a place for them to have fantastic hospitality.” Area companies will have the opportunity to bring their guests to meet the players or to meet other people in other businesses that come to the event. “Networking,” Robin stresses.

“This is the first time we’re able to open up the tournament to other businesses. Before it was all Anheuser-Busch, they paid for it and certainly deserved it all.” The tournament showcased the Anheuser-Busch brand and particularly the Michelob Ultra product.

Over the years, the tournament has raised over 1.6 million dollars for charities in the area. “In the past with our Anheuser-Busch connection, it was harder for us to do things with children,” Robin says of the charity aspect. “We had to be very careful of the legal drinking age. Now we have the opportunity to make it as broad-based as we want. We’re hoping to continue the legacy of giving back to the community.”

Getting the LPGA back in Williamsburg has been a great achievement for Robin. “I’m happy to be home and working for Xanterra,” she says. “My daughter just graduated from high school and enters college this fall. I’m glad to be working and really busy the year that my daughter is leaving for college.” The tournament and next year’s tournament have kept her from thinking about the empty nest. “It’s going to take a couple of years for me to get used to her being away.”

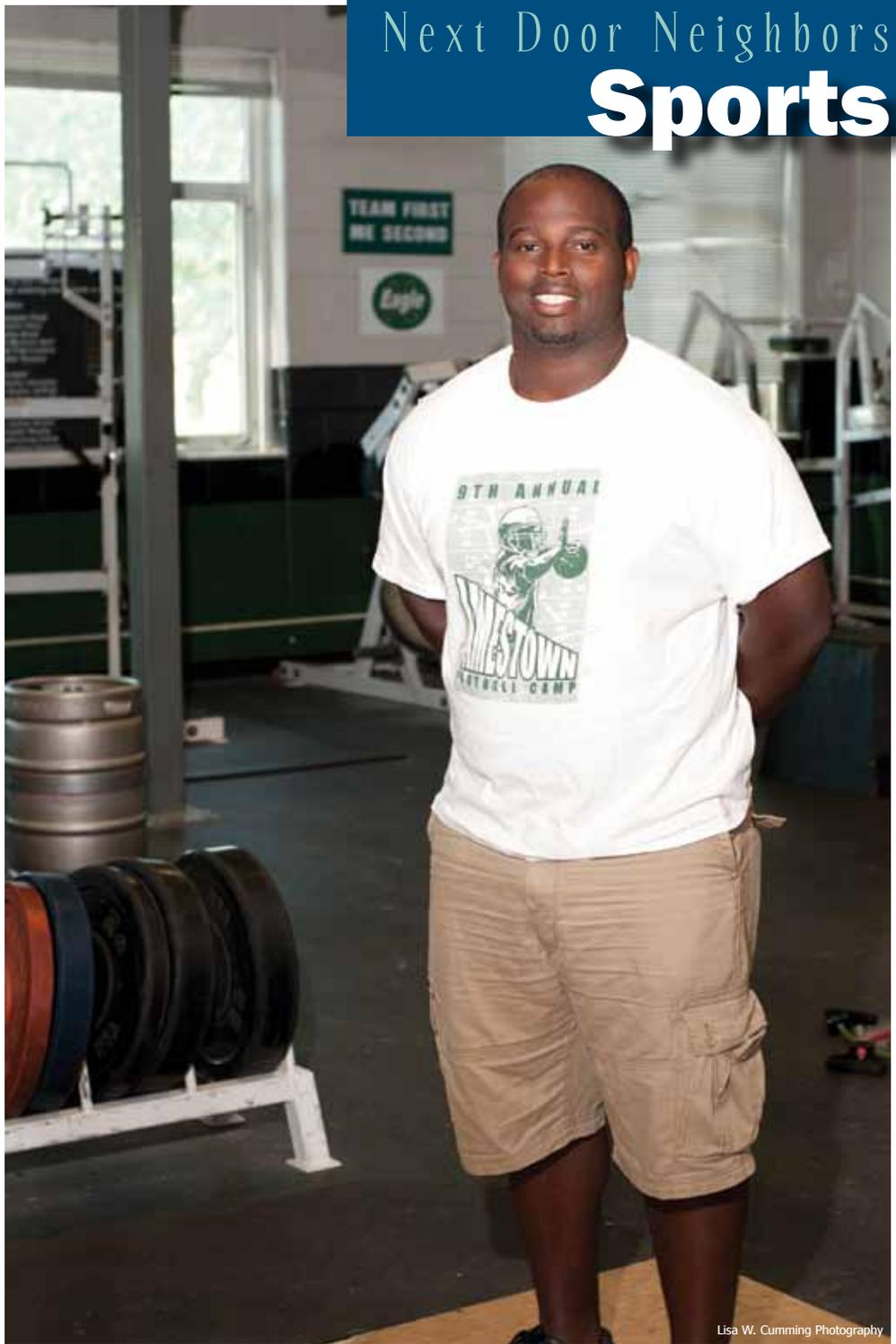
Robin is happy to stay busy and hasn’t considered the future of eventual retirement. “Besides,” she adds, “I’m having too much fun to retire anytime soon.” NDN

Coach Lee Williams Developing Players and Community Leaders

By Greg Lilly, Editor

Harold Lee Williams, II started playing football in the small town of Lawrenceville, Virginia in Brunswick County when he was in sixth grade. Today, he's known as Coach Lee Williams to the Jamestown High School football team. In his inaugural year as head coach, Lee says his coaching style comes from those coaches he learned from and respects, and he tries to follow their examples.

"When I started playing football in sixth grade," Lee says, "I had been playing the piano up to that point." His parents wanted him to have a rich experience of disciplines: music,



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sports, [and] education. He tried the trumpet, but wanted to play football instead. He played football in middle school and in high school.

"My high school team was horrible," he says with a laugh and a shake of his head, "three wins in my four years there. It was completely horrible. My dad became my coach my last two years. He started turning the program around." The year after Lee's graduation, his father took the team to the playoffs. "We were headed in the right direction," he adds.

As challenged as his high school team was, Lee was a standout. He had offers to play football at several colleges. "I had some good schools asking me to come play, but I wanted an academically prestigious school," he states. "The College of William and Mary wasn't on my list of offers. About a week before the application deadline, I thought I might be able to play on the Tribe football team as a walk-on. I applied and received an academic scholarship and I ended up walking-on the team as a sophomore." (A "walk-on" is a player who makes the team via a try-out rather than through an athletic scholarship.)

"Coach Jimmye Laycock gave me the opportunity to be a student assistant coach," Lee explains. "I was blessed that he asked me to do that. I didn't think that I'd move on to play professional football, so experience in coaching was a better use of my time. I did that for three years."

Lee says that he was able to see the coaching side of football, not just the side of football he had experienced as a player. "I saw how they evaluate players, what coaches are looking for, what they look at, how they recruit players," he lists. "That was a great experience. I still thank Coach Laycock to this day. He didn't have to do that for me."

The aspect of coaching that Lee found most appealing was guiding players. "Teaching the sport and having the players learn and be successful," he says. While he was in high school he helped coach his own team from the field, explaining in the huddle what the next play should be. "I like the strategy behind it." He's coached various positions in the past, but prefers coaching the team. "You get into more strategy. It's fun," Lee says.

As a coach and math teacher at Jamestown High School, Lee feels he can have an influence on the students just as his past coaches had on him. "You get to have an impact on someone else's life. That's why I'm teaching. I always thought I was a good role model. What better way to influence others than teaching and coaching. It keeps kids off the street and occupied. Who knows what I would have done with my life if I hadn't played football. That's four to five hours every day that I committed to practice."

Lee says the main trait for a successful football player is the desire to be a hard worker. "That's the first thing: work hard."

One of his influences in coaching is Lou Holtz, former William and Mary, Notre Dame, and South Carolina football coach and College Football Hall of Fame member. "Lou Holtz spoke at a dinner a few weeks ago," Lee explains. "He listed three characteristics that make a good football player, which stuck with me because I believe the same thing."

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you on the football field to do what I taught you?" Lee asks. "You need to be coachable and learn what I am trying to teach."

Secondly, a player needs to give his best effort. "You need to give me 100% all the time. Anything less than that is hurting yourself and the team," Lee explains. "A player has a higher chance of getting injured when he doesn't play focused and hard."

The third characteristic is commitment. "Do you care about me and the program? Do you believe in me as a coach? Do you believe in yourself? Do you believe in your teammates? You have to care about what you are doing and your craft." Commitment to the team and the coach enables the guys to work together.

"Those are basically the three simplest characteristics of a good football player," Lee states. "That's really just a good person in general. If you are an employer and you're looking for an employee, those are the three things you want. I try to teach life lessons along with football lessons. There are a lot of parallels between the real world and football."

Life lessons are learned by Lee as well as by the students. "I'm 24, so I haven't been coach-

ing too long. I'm still relatively new," Lee says. "At times, I've been too critical. I've learned to control it as I become a better coach. Everything will not be perfect on every play. We make mistakes. I take what we can learn from it and move on."

He's learned to stress that he can't let the guys focus on criticism and become discouraged. "I'm critiquing the performance, not the performer. A coach's criticism is of the execution of the play, not the player as a person."

Allowing himself to look forward, he says that in 20 years he'd like his first years of coaching to not be so much about statistics, but more about his influence. "I want them to remember things about the players: respectful, good manners and good character. I want to see that I influenced those around me."

"Say good things about my teams, not so much about me," Lee says, but quickly adds, "I want them to say we had some good stats too." Wins are important, but not as much as the development of the players as strong community leaders.

For his personal style of coaching, Lee pulls from his past. "I try to take the best of every

coach I've had. My dad is a preacher, and he's about having high character and doing the right things on and off the field. That's something I want my guys to have. That's how I'm like my father," he says. "Coach Laycock is very strict. He's on top of his guys coaching to specific points. I have taken from him how strict he is, why he does it, and how that works."

"I pull little things from everybody," he continues. "Coach Bob Shoop, who is now defensive coordinator with Vanderbilt, has given me so much on how to coach defense, how to get guys excited, how to get the most from his coaching staff. The great coaches like Lou Holtz influence me. I don't have those years they have, but I try to learn from their experience."

Coach Lee Williams is enthusiastic about his first season as head coach at Jamestown High School and all the possibilities open to him and the team. "I'm excited and nervous," he admits. "I think I have the tools. I know what to do. You just have to hope you are blessed with great kids who are hard-workers, committed, focused and talented and can win on the field. I'm anxious to get it started." NDN

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EMBRACING MUSIC

By Greg Lilly, Editor

"I love to sing the standards," Holly Hunt says. "Being able to perform at the Regency Room at the Williamsburg Inn, pulling out a Patti Page song and having people get excited – that's what I love." Holly fronts two local bands: Hot House and Limelight. She and her husband, Norm Frigault, pulled together fellow musicians they've worked with in their careers to form the bands that cover musical styles from timeless standards and jazz to Motown and classic rock.

Holly started singing in the church choir. "My poor family had to listen to me with the hairbrush microphone singing Karen Carpenter [songs]," she says. With Karen Carpenter as an introduction to strong female singers, Holly followed that path toward vocalists known for their range, timbre and control.

"I was such a strange kid," Holly explains. "While everyone else was listening to the music of the day, I was listening to Sarah Vaughan, Ella

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Fitzgerald and Barbra Streisand. My poor sister had to share a bedroom with me, so I thought it was funny when she married a man who loves Barbra Streisand's music. She thought she'd get away from it."

Holly took lessons in vocal technique. "My mom made sure that I had the proper vocal training and spent many hours driving me back and forth to those lessons." Around the house, Holly would raid her father's album collection for such big band sounds as the Tommy Dorsey Orchestra. "I got into listening to all the old music styles Dad had around. I guess I was a nerdy kid."

Her parents loved to vacation in Williamsburg when Holly was young. They lived in Silver Spring, Maryland and made frequent trips to Williamsburg. "I went to college at The Boston Conservatory of Music and auditioned for Busch Gardens while in Boston." That job brought Holly back to Williamsburg with a job.

"My first show at Busch Gardens was 'Celebrate America' – I love that show," she says. "My father served in the Navy, and I married into a military family. I love doing anything

patriotic. I was lucky that I got to do lots of different things while at Busch Gardens. That's when I realized that I was a versatile performer. I love all styles of music, everything from jazz to the old standards to gospel."

Holly met Norm while working at Busch Gardens. Norm went on the road with a country music artist. "I moved to Nashville after my last season at Busch Gardens in 1992," Holly says. "I did recordings there for songwriters and music publishing houses. It was a great time for me; I enjoyed it, but I really missed home, too."

When she and Norm decided to get married, they knew he would stop touring and they would find a place to settle. "We wanted to have a normal married life, without all the travelling," she explains. "We saw so many of our friends whose marriages weren't working on the road. This September, Norm and I will have been married for 17 years. We both grew up in stable home environments and we wanted that for ourselves. Family is very important to me. My parents live here in the Williamsburg area now and so does Norm's family. We have no intention to go anywhere else."

Music still beckoned them. They worked at the Old Dominion Opry. "I don't know how many people remember that," she says. "It's where the Williamsburg Chrysler Jeep Dodge is today. We were there with Old Dominion Opry for about three years then to the Music Theatre of Williamsburg. When they closed, we decided that we didn't want to let music go. We talked and called our friend Jim Harney to see if he was interested in starting a band."

They all loved the old standards and jazz, but also knew the band needed to do a variety. They formed two bands that share members. Hot House plays a wide variety of pop, Motown, classic rock, country and rhythm and blues. Limelight focuses on standards and jazz. "Right now, both bands are really busy," Holly says with a smile.

Holly explains that the bands tweak the set list based on the audience's reaction and mood. "You get a feel for what the audience wants," she says. "We change the set list based on the venue and the audience. Our set list for The Crust at Tribe Square is very different than the one we do for Williamsburg Inn's Regency Room."

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Of the many performance moments, two stand out in Holly's memory. "I was fortunate to sing at my high school graduation, at Constitution Hall," she describes. "I'm standing on stage and my heels were teetering. I'll never forget being that nervous. I had seen Whitney Houston perform on that same stage. There's something about performing, you learn how to use that energy and focus it. We all still get nervous."

The other performance that stays with her is the evening of September 11, 2001. "I'll never forget the night of 9/11, and when I talk about it, I get choked up," she says. "I was at the Music Theatre of Williamsburg singing 'God Bless America.' That was one of the most difficult performances of my life. We all remember that day. It still chokes me up to talk about it."

Her dream set list runs the scale of her versatility. "There are so many great songs, it's hard to narrow down to a set, but I can list genres," she states. "I would sing something patriotic then some gospel. I love gospel. I love country now – I guess that happened during my years in Nashville. Since my strength in music is that I'm versatile, I'd try to find something that

would represent the different genres that I can do. Oh, and I know what types of music I need to stay away from too," she adds with a laugh. Holly Hunt and Limelight play the Williamsburg Inn's Regency Room on Saturday nights. Hot House hits High Street's Plaza Azteca on Thursdays. "This holiday season," Holly says, "I'll perform with the Williamsburg Classic Swing Orchestra at the Kimball Theatre with my friend and band leader Jim Harney." Holly and Limelight will also perform with the Williamsburg Symphonia's Holiday Pop Series this year.

"I think my dad's advice will always stay with me," she says. "He said, 'There will be performers better than you and people that you will be stronger than. At the end of the day, be the best that you can be at your craft and don't worry about all the other stuff.' That says it all. I'm sure Dad doesn't remember saying that to me, but I never forgot it."

Her advice to aspiring singers and musicians: "Continue to work at your craft. I work on it every day."

One tip she likes to pass along is to record yourself singing. "I learn a lot from recording

myself. When I get to sing with a large orchestra, I don't get a lot of rehearsal time with them." Holly records her performance during rehearsals then listens to it at home. "What did I do wrong? What did I do well? What can I fix? Then when I get five more minutes with the orchestra, I record it again and continue to hone the craft. I learn a lot from listening – to myself and other artists."

Proper techniques help build a strong foundation for variety. "I was trained classically and I haven't performed much classical music lately," she says. "I have never forgotten those roots and I feel that's why I am able to sing all the different styles that I do. I can go out and sing that big pop number and belt out a song because I breathe properly and sing properly."

Holly Hunt fell in love with music by listening to gospel and the old standards. As she looks to the future, she wants to continue growing. "I'd love to try bluegrass," she states. "I haven't had the opportunity to sing bluegrass. I look at it from a harmony point of view. I love the bluegrass harmonies." Bluegrass – another style for Holly and her band mates to add to their repertoire. NDN

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Celebrating 50 Years

of the Auxiliary at Sentara

By Greg Lilly, Editor

“It’s important to me that I’m contributing,” Margaret Cullivan says. “It’s important knowing I have a purpose. Sometimes I’m in the front row, sometimes in the balcony, but I show up every day. I love knowing that I’ve taken an experience that could have been devastating for a loved one and made it as good as possible – giving the patient and the family hope. Many of them end up coming back and being part of our volunteer team.”

The team is the Sentara Williamsburg Regional Medical Center Auxiliary. Margaret Cullivan is the director of volunteer and guest services at the hospital. September marks the 50th anniversary celebration of the members of the Auxiliary, an organization dedicated to the funding and physical assistance needed to reach the highest levels of technical and educational standards at the hospital.

“I had eight brothers and three of them have died,” Margaret explains of her commitment to the patients, their families and the hospital volunteers. “With all three of my brothers, the

experience was horrible for the families. My brothers got good care, but there was nobody who tended to my



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mom.” Although Margaret’s brothers had been in great hospitals, there were few programs that attended to the family and friends of the patient.

“I remember promising myself that if I ever had the opportunity to focus on the family and friends – their needs are just as important – I would because the patient picks up on that. If the patient thinks his or her spouse is not being taken care of, that impairs the healing of the patient. The opposite is true too. If a patient thinks his wife is being taken care of, given magazines, taken to the cafeteria, shown art around the hospital, then he relaxes and heals better. It’s a win-win.”

With the hospital staff focused on caring for patients, the volunteers are able to lend a hand in making the experience as easy as possible for the patient’s loved ones. The Auxiliary has assisted in this for the past 50 years by supporting the volunteer programs.

Fund raising and physical assistance are paramount in the Auxiliary’s purpose. Money raised purchases new equipment, funds scholarships and supports community programs.

The Pineapple Gift Shop in the lobby of Sentara is one of the most well-known projects the Auxiliary supports to raise funds. These funds go to things like free mammogram and bone density tests. “That is the signature program,” Margaret says. “The free mammogram and bone density testing program was honored in front of Congress in 2002 – a Congressional reception for the Auxiliary. They received the H.A.V.E. award (Hospital Award for Volunteer Excellence). That is the most prestigious award a hospital can receive.”

The volunteer demographic is the full spectrum of the Williamsburg community. “All ages,” Margaret says describing Sentara’s volunteers. “I love the fact that we have done away with the ‘candy striper’ because we have boys in here too. We call them Junior Volunteers. With the adults, we have a lot of men in the program. Most of the men are involved with our transport department – internal and external.”

Visitors see the external transportation program as soon as they park their car. The volunteers (mostly men) drive the golf carts that bring visitors to the hospital from the parking lot.

“We bought three golf carts, all from finding lost golf balls on the Colonial Heritage and Kingsmill golf courses,” Margaret says. “I have a team of volunteers called Ball Hawks who find the lost golf balls, clean them and package them into egg cartons to be sold in our Pineapple Gift Shop.” She says the golf cart drivers are the hospital’s front gate keepers. “They help visitors with navigating the hospital, ‘way-finding.’ These men are a huge part of our hospitality team.”

The internal transportation is seen in the discharge procedure. “The guys learn to navigate the wheelchairs,” she says. “The wheelchairs have GPS on them so they can find them anywhere on the campus.”

She says women, men and students volunteer because they want to contribute and to feel valued. “I’m proud to tell you that this staff is amazing,” she adds. “The volunteers are an integral part of the organization. They give tours of the hospital facility for the community. We’ve brought on the certified pet therapy volunteers,” she says as she lists some of the activities. “We started looking at our musician volunteers. We now have several harpists and pianists. We also partner with the schools and brought in student violinists, choirs and harpists.”

Margaret and her team started to look at how they could reach out to the community and allow the community volunteers to bring in their talents and to contribute. “That expanded in terms of the arts,” she

states. "We partnered with the elementary schools to show their art in the pediatric areas and by the dining room of the hospital. It reaches the whole span of the community from the youth to the aged."

Even some volunteers who are not physically able to come to the hospital on a regular basis have ways of contributing. "We have people help us at their home by crocheting chemo-caps for our cancer patients or making phone calls," Margaret says.

Margaret, her husband and their children moved to Williamsburg in 1991. "My husband had been doing consulting work with Dominion up in Boston, and they asked him to come down here," she says. "At that time, we had two small children – a third grader and a seventh grader. The four of us moved to Williamsburg."

She had begun her career teaching middle school, high school and college. "I went into nursing and combined my RN (Registered Nursing) with my Masters of Education by working at Williamsburg Community Hospital. I worked in the medical library and in the education department. I became the Director of Education. In 1997, I was approached to take over the volunteer program." Part of the volunteer program included the Auxiliary.

The purpose of assisting others through volunteer service at the hospital and to create, manage and fund community outreach programs has been a cornerstone of the Auxiliary since its 1962 inception. Auxiliary programs include such popular projects as the gift shop, the free mammogram and bone density tests, a scholarship program for young people pursuing healthcare careers, the ASSIST (A Special Service Involving Stricken Travelers) program, the Pineapple knitters' chemo-caps, the Baby Hatters' newborn caps, and funding the hospital's Healing Garden and the Chapel.

Fifty years of hard work and time and money have led to the September Golden Anniversary celebration. "It's a time to pause and celebrate 50 years of the Auxiliary with a special event for the Auxiliary members," Margaret says. "This is the first time we have done something like this. We are pulling the whole membership together to celebrate them."

Margaret says the volunteers and the Auxiliary are "all about the community and improving the health of the community."

She says that when she retires, she can envision herself working with oncology patients. "I have a passion for that population because my brothers had died from different forms of cancer." She also wants to work with the youth. She enjoys mentoring students and letting them know that not everyone knows at 14 or 18 or 21 or even at 30 years of age what they want to do with their lives. She says it's okay to explore. "I consider myself a lifelong learner," she states. "I love knowing that this hospital encourages that – raising the bar and having us stretch for the best. There's a lot of energy to that."

She wants the volunteers to know that every time they leave the building, they've made at least one person's day better. "Sometimes it's a staff member," she says. "Volunteers bring tremendous support to the staff." The members of the Auxiliary make Margaret's job enjoyable and fulfilling. "They are so generous and professional," she says. "My counterparts at other hospitals are amazed by our Auxiliary. This Auxiliary is looked at as a model across the state."

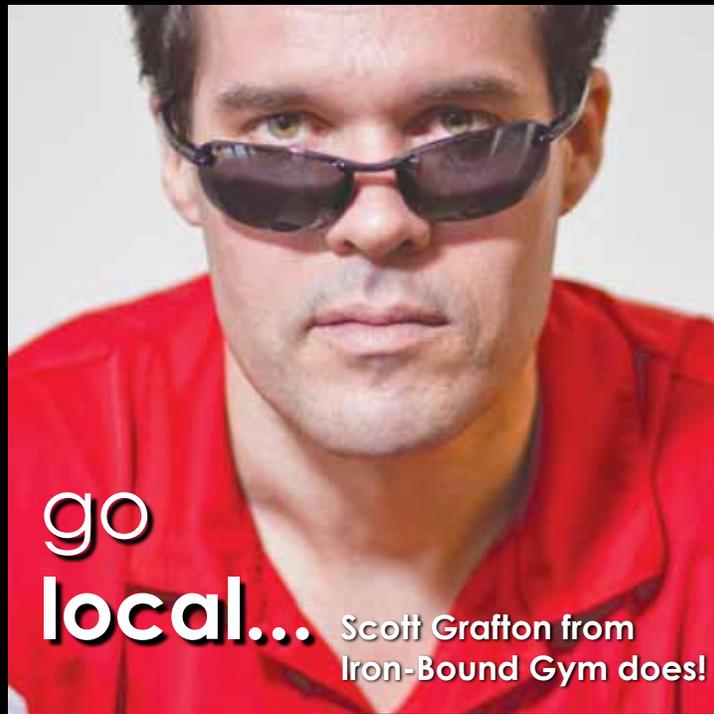
Everyone can make a difference; everyone can contribute in some way, as Margaret stresses. "There are opportunities for everyone to volunteer," she says. "We all have different talents and resources and we can put those to use helping others." NDN

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By Greg Lilly, Editor



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Good tree, bad tree – who knows the difference? Master Gardener and Tree Steward Sue Liddell says there are no bad trees, just ones that are in the wrong place or may pose a hazard. She’s an advocate for native trees and thoughtful pruning.

Sue and her husband, Jim, moved to Williamsburg 16 years ago for his work and with

thoughts of retirement. “Before here, we were in Centreville, Virginia,” Sue says. “I started the Master Gardener program when we first moved to Virginia from Wichita, Kansas. I had never done any yard work, really anything outside, until my husband took the job in Virginia. I was left in Wichita and couldn’t sell the house for a year.” She ended up taking care

of their yard, doing the outside work that she hadn’t done before.

“I enjoyed it,” she says.

The knowledge she acquired about the Wichita environment and plants didn’t seem to translate to her new Northern Virginia home. “So after we settled in Centreville, I saw an ad for Master Gardener training and decided that



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would be a good way to learn about gardening – and trees. Wichita is grasses and flat land.” Sue took the Master Gardener’s course in Northern Virginia and then joined up with the James City County group when she moved here.

The Williamsburg area hosts many types of trees, mostly native varieties. “The big non-native addition is the crape myrtle,” Sue states. Residents seem to like it for its beauty and its pest-resistant properties.

“Anytime you read about a plant or tree that is ‘pest free,’ you don’t want that plant,” Sue counters. “You want something the insects will eat, so we [will] have butterflies and birds. The only insect the crape myrtle attracts is the Japanese beetle. We didn’t import the natural predator of the beetle. We imported the tree and the beetle, but that’s all.” The tree doesn’t host many insects, so it doesn’t attract birds or other insects as other trees, like oaks, do.

“The crape myrtle is a beautiful tree,” she adds. “You can’t deny that in all seasons, the crape myrtle is gorgeous. You can have that in the landscape as long as you keep the oak trees, the wild cherries, the native trees that our insects have grown up with.”

Sue suggests a healthy yard should have a diversity of trees. “Dogwoods, redbuds, fringe trees, wild cherries, a variety of trees,” she says. “Then when you get an insect or disease that wants one of them it won’t go after all the trees in the yard. Think about the elm tree. I grew up in Illinois and went to the University of Illinois. That campus was just the most gorgeous campus in the world with the elm trees all over it. The Dutch elm disease got them and wiped them all out.”

Today, she explains, we have the emerald ash borer to battle. That could affect a yard with a majority of ash trees. “You don’t want to have a monoculture – just one kind of plant – a variety is best,” Sue stresses. In her own yard, Sue added redbuds, dogwoods, and even a crape myrtle to the oaks, hickory, maple, magnolia and tulip tree. “Crape myrtles are beautiful,” she says with smile.

Aside from disease or imported insects, another danger to trees – especially this time of year – is the threat of hurricanes and wind storms. “Nature has a way of cleaning things up,” Sue says. “The biggest way to prepare for hurricanes is to plant smaller trees.” Fringe trees and redbuds are two of her favorites. “It’s not really simple because so much depends on the weather. Oak and ash trees do perfectly well until we have a lot of rain saturating the ground. If a wind storm comes after that, even the strong trees will come down.”

Trees grow up together and their branches and roots support each other. “Clearing a home’s lot of all trees except for, an example, one big beautiful oak means that the oak may go in the next storm. That’s because it has lost its support system of other large trees that had been around it.” She suggests talking to a certified arborist before starting drastic tree removal.

The Master Gardeners are under the guidance of the Virginia Tech Cooperative Extension, so they have access to massive amounts of research and knowledge. “Our role is to bring research-based information to the public,” Sue explains. Their website has information such as class and workshop topics, lists of drought-tolerant trees and plants as well as pruning guides.

Sue says that the Master Gardeners will conduct pruning workshops this winter. “Also, Master Gardeners can come to your house and talk to you and your neighbors about the trees around the neighborhood to

identify any that may need some attention.”

As the area prepares for peak hurricane season, Sue lists seven possible signs of a tree hazard:

1. **Deadwood.** Although dead branches and limbs may be light, those are the ones likely to fall during a wind event.
2. **Broken limbs.** A splintered branch has failed at some point and the likelihood that the rest will fall is high.
3. **Cracks in the wood.** Keep an eye on any cracks in the limbs or in the trunk of a tree. This could be a possible entry point for disease or insects.
4. **Decay.** “Look for signs of decay like mushrooms growing around the tree,” Sue says.
5. **Weak branch unions.** “Narrow crotches are more likely to break in a storm.”
6. **Cankers on a tree.** “Fungus has gotten in and eaten the bark and the live wood underneath,” she adds.
7. **Root problems.** “Say you have a new house with a tree that the driveway or street has taken some of the roots away. Keep an eye on it.”

She stresses that one of these is something to watch, but if a tree has two or more of these, an arborist should take a look at the tree. For a tree to be a hazard, she adds, it has to be big enough to cause damage if it fell. Sue says she enjoys her work with the Tree Stewards and helping homeowners keep their trees strong and growing.

She and Jim have their own strong family tree: a son in Illinois and a daughter in Missouri. Both of their children are married and have given them five grandchildren and one great grandchild. NDN

Sue's list of some storm-resistant trees that are popular in the area:

- Sugar maple (*Acer saccharum*)
- American hornbeam (*Carpinus caroliniana*)
- Beech (*Fagus*)
- Ginkgo (*Ginkgo biloba*)
- Kentucky coffee tree (*Gymnocladus dioica*)
- Sweetgum (*Liquidambar styraciflua*)
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Another welcomed change in the VAR trajectory was the (14%) decline in days on market over the past year. Although it is typical to see a decline in average days on market during the summer months, VAR states it's very likely that we will see

a continuous decline in 2012 over the next few months.

The Real Estate Buyer's Agent Council (REBAC) reported an uptick in buyers inquiries compared to 2011 and 2010 (59% in 2012; 44% in 2011; and 43% in 2010). Virginia Heidiger, Real Estate Market Trends, reported that there is recovery in the “for-sale” market.

Since real estate is local, the following is the June 2012 report from RE STATS for Zip Codes 23168, 23185 & 23188. According to the preliminary trends, this market area has experienced some upward momentum with the increase of Median Price in June 2012 (prices went up 6.81%); the median number of 51.50 days that homes spent on the market before selling decreased to 38.50 days or 42.78% in June 2012 compared to last year's same month at 90.00 Days on Market. Overall, with Median Prices going up and Days on Market decreasing, the Listed versus Closed Ratio finished strong in June 2012. There were 180 New Listings in June 2012, down 15.89% from last year at 214. In addition, there were 118 Closed Sales in June 2012 versus 91 in June of 2011, a 29.67% increase. Closed vs. Listed trends yielded a 65.6% ratio; up from last year's June of 42.5%, a 54.16% upswing. Also, the total housing inventory at the end of June 2012 decreased by 20.32%; and this market area has averaged 83 sales per month over the last 12 months.

Virginia's residential housing market has been strong throughout 2012. Using 2011 home sales as a predictor of the future, it's was predicted that we would see strong sales in June of 2012, as that was the peak of home sales during 2011. Plus, home sales for the last quarter of 2012 are being predicted to remain strong.

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Hey Neighbor! VOLUNTEERS AND DONATIONS NEEDED

Ongoing

Habitat for Humanity ReStore is looking for volunteers for our Jamestown Road location. Cashiers, salespeople and donation processors are being sought to process and sell donated building supplies and household goods to the public. Call us to pick up your furniture or other oversized donations. Tina McCabe Volunteer Coordinator (757)603-6895.

Hey Neighbor! NEW MEMBERS WELCOME

Ongoing

The Auxiliary at Sentara Williamsburg Regional Medical Center celebrates its 50th anniversary in 2012. Managing an award winning program on free mammography is only one way volunteers make this auxiliary the new standard for Virginia. The Pineapple Gift Shop, Scholarships, annual ice cream social, vendor sales and more, are important opportunities for our neighbors. To join and participate in the organization that watches over ways to help the health of the community and health care professionals, email membership chair, Ruth Baur at ruthbaur@cox.net

Hey Neighbor! LANDSCAPE LOVE REGISTRATION OPENS

Now through September 15, 2012

The James City County/Williamsburg Master Gardeners are offering to residents of the county or city a free consultation on landscape best management practices at the homeowner's home. Application for Fall sessions will be accepted until September 15th by visiting the website at www.jccwmg.org and click on Landscape Love registration forms. The James City County/Williamsburg Master Gardener service is offered through the Virginia Cooperative Extension office.

Hey Neighbor! ELDER LAW SEMINAR

August 23, 2012

The Historic Triangle Senior Center is hosting the following upcoming classes for members and non-members, seniors 55 & over: Includes wills and trust, Medicaid and Medicare planning, estate planning, power of attorney, veterans' affairs issues and nursing home care. Food will be provided. Free. Historic Triangle Senior Center. 5301 Longhill Rd. 757-259-4181

Hey Neighbor!

5K RUN

August 25, 2012

Location: Day Use Area, York River State Park. Extra Event Fee Charged. Sponsored by the Friends of York River State Park. Call for times and event fees. Phone: (757) 566-8523. Email Address: yorkriver@dcr.virginia.gov

Hey Neighbor! GPS PIRATES

August 25, 2012

From 10 am – 12 noon. Location: Contact Station, York River State Park. A new way to find treasure. Geocaching makes use of the Global Positioning System to help you find caches of park information and small gifts. We will supply you with a GPS unit and the ranger will help you hike off of the beaten path for a unique discovery. Please call and make reservations. Phone: (757) 566-8523. Email Address: yorkriver@dcr.virginia.gov

Hey Neighbor! CIVIL WAR CAMP

August 25, 2012

1-3 pm. Location: Contact Station, York River State Park. What was life like for the Virginia soldier during the Civil War? Learn for yourself, as a ranger demonstrates camp life. Phone: (757) 566-8523. Email Address: yorkriver@dcr.virginia.gov

Hey Neighbor! WILLIAMSBURG FARMERS MARKET

August 25, 2012

Merchants Square in Williamsburg. From 8 am – 12 noon.

Hey Neighbor! ROAMING RANGER

August 26, 2012

From 1-3 pm. Location: Contact Station, York River State Park. You never know when a ranger will walk

up to you, in the park, with a wild "critter"! You will learn fascinating facts about the animal and may be able to touch or even hold the "friend". Phone: (757) 566-8523. Email Address: yorkriver@dcr.virginia.gov

Hey Neighbor! ALL ABOUT PETS TALK

August 28, 2012

1:30 to 3 p.m. – Talk about pets, but no pets allowed. Free. Also, Pet Pantry will be on hand to talk about their program to help seniors feed their pets. Pets are known for easing the life of seniors, and many doctors are now requesting companion pets, as well. Historic Triangle Senior Center. 5301 Longhill Rd. 757-259-4181

Hey Neighbor! CATCH THE VISION TOUR

August 30, 2012

Come to Williamsburg Christian Academy for an informative tour of the school. Pre k (3's and 4's) thru 12th grade. On August 30, 8-9 am. Call 220-1978, ext. # 113 for more information and reservations. WCA is located at 101 Schoolhouse Lane, Williamsburg. For more information: www.williamsburgchristian.org

Hey Neighbor! VIRGINIA SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA CONCERT AND GLASS GALA

August 31, 2012 - Sept. 1, 2012

WINE GALA

To Benefit Hospice House and
Support Care of Williamsburg

Wed., October 10th
7 to 9 pm

The Fresh Market, 5231 Monticello Ave.



CHARITY TENNIS TOURNAMENT

To Benefit Hospice House and
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Fri., October 19th
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16th Annual Virginia Symphony Orchestra Concert at the Yorktown Victory Monument on Main Street ... a beautiful evening of family suitable music and fellowship under the stars. Glass Gala - As a special thank you to our concert sponsors, on Friday evening, August 31st, a donors-only event will be held at the Yorktown Freight Shed. For more information contact Maureen Moss, 715-2007, maureenkross@gmail.com.

Hey Neighbor!
WILLIAMSBURG FARMERS MARKET

September 1, 8, 15, 22, 29, 2012
Merchants Square in Williamsburg. From 8 am - 12 noon. September 8 - September is Arts Month in Williamsburg. Artists from This Century Art Gallery will set up easels to paint in the market on this date.

Hey Neighbor!
KIDS FISHING FANATIC TOURNAMENT

September 1, 2012
At York River State Park from 9 am- 12 noon. Location: Shelter #3. Share outdoor fun and create memories on Woodstock Pond. Children 15 and younger can catch

bass, bluegill, and crappie for prizes. Bring your own rod and reel. We have a limited amount of tackle and bait. Please call and make reservations. York River State Park, 5526 Riverview Road, Williamsburg, VA 23188. Phone - (757)566-3036.

Hey Neighbor!
MOMS IN PRAYER INTERNATIONAL GROUP

September 4, 2012
Attention Moms! Start the new school year right by praying for our children and our schools at King's Way Church 5100 John Tyler Hwy, Williamsburg, at 10 am at our "First Day" event. For more info call Joyce D'arcy 757-585-0990 or Dana Loper 757-634-7501. For more about First Day go to first-day.org

Hey Neighbor!
THE WILLIAMSBURG CONSORT'S SYMPHONIC BAND FESTIVAL'S OUTREACH DAY

September 13, 2012
Hear the WC's German Band Concert at Waller Mill Arts Magnet School at 9:15 am, Nan Raphael's Flute and Piccolo Workshop at the Holiday Inn Patriot at 10 am, the WC's Dixieland Band Concert at Chambrel at 11 am, the

WC's Chamber Winds Concert at the W&M Bookstore at 12 noon, and the America Alive XI Concert at Warhill HS at 7 pm. All Events are free, but tickets are required at the America Alive XI Concert. For more information go to the website www.wmbgconsort.org

Hey Neighbor!
WILLIAMSBURG WOMEN'S CHORUS WELCOMES NEW MEMBERS

September 13, 2012
The Chorus meets on Thursdays at Bruton Parish House, 10 am - 12 noon. The winter concert, Cantate! Sounds of the Season, is scheduled for December 14, 7:30 p.m. Contact Ann Porter, aportermusic@verizon.net for information. Rehearsals begin September 13.

Hey Neighbor!
CONSERVANCY CHALLENGE GOLF TOURNAMENT

September 14, 2012
The 6th Annual tournament to benefit the work of the Williamsburg Land Conservancy will be held at Ford's Colony Country Club on the Marsh Hawk Course. Registration begins at Noon followed by a 1pm Shotgun Start. An awards recep-

tion and dinner follow play. Raffles, pizza lunch and more make this a can't-miss event! For more information or to sign up, visit www.williamsburglandconservancy.org or call 565-0343.

Hey Neighbor!
THE PARROTS OF THE CARIBBEAN-A SALUTE TO JIMMY BUFFETT.

September 15, 2012
Lake Matoaka Amphitheater (College of W&M Campus). Gates will open at 6:30 pm show starts at 7 pm and will conclude at 11 pm. "Parrots of the Caribbean is the #1 Jimmy Buffett Tribute Act in the Country...Bar None." This concert is a fundraiser for PIPE, Providing Indoor Plumbing to Everyone. In 2007 there were several homes still lacking indoor plumbing in the Historic Triangle. We encourage you to wear your favorite Hawaiian shirt, and break out those flip flops as we dance and move to the sounds of Parrots of the Caribbean! Ticket and concert information www.PIPEConcert.com

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SHRIMP FEAST

September 15, 2012

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LIFE STAGES OF A BUTTERFLY

September 15, 2012
10-11:30 am: Barb Dunbar will lead a search in the Garden for the life stages of butterflies. Adults and children will learn about the amazing transformation from tiny eggs to leaf-chewing caterpillars, stationary pupae and adult butterflies. Contact Barb Dunbar at 880-8875, twotac@cox.net for more information.

Hey Neighbor!

2012 PINK CARPET GALA

September 15, 2012

Join Beyond Boobs! as we unveil our 2013 Calendar to Live By for an unforgettable celebration of life. Hellenic Center, 4900 Mooretown Road, Williamsburg, VA 23185. VIP Reception starts at 6 p.m., followed by the full event at 6:30 pm. Contact Vicki Vawter at (757)846-1095 or vicki@beyondboobs.org to purchase tickets, donate a prize or service to be awarded or become an event sponsor. Tickets may also be purchased online at www.beyondboobs.org. \$75 per person.

Hey Neighbor!

MANHATTAN NIGHT

September 15, 2012
6:30-10pm. Benefit for the Lackey Free Clinic. Enjoy the sights and sounds of New York. Stroll through Central Park, listen to live entertainment, indulge in hors d'oeuvres from the market carts, sip on a Manhattan or beverage while visiting the garment district and silent auction. Held at Towne Bank in New Town. The fun begins at 6:30pm. Tickets are \$60 per person and are available on the Clinic website www.lackey-freeclinic.org through PayPal, contact Sue at ssalva@olivetministries.org or call 757-886-0608 ext. 251.

Hey Neighbor!

STARGAZING

September 15, 2012

At York River State Park from 7-11:45 pm. Join the Virginia Peninsula Astronomy Stargazers for a night of wonder and discovery. Away from the city lights, the broad cliffs above the York River are perfect for observing constellations, planets, and other features in the night sky. York River State Park, 5526 Riverview Road, Williamsburg, VA 23188. Phone - (757)566-3036.

Hey Neighbor!

BARKAEOLOGY TOUR

September 18, 2012

Dogs are invited to join their owners for an evening archaeology walking tour at Historic Jamestowne, in partnership with the Heritage Humane Society. This canine-friendly tour will highlight the rediscovery and on-going excavations of the 1607 James Fort. Tour tickets are \$14 per person. Dogs are free but limited to 2 per person. Space is limited and reservations are required. Tickets can be purchased on the Historic Jamestowne website.

Hey Neighbor!

TRADOC CONCERT

September 19, 2012

At 10 am in Lewis Hall of Bruton Parish, Duke of Gloucester Street. The Williamsburg Music Club will kick off its 2012-213 Season of fine musical programs for the community with the TRADOC traveling wind ensemble's program of musical favorites. Guests are FREE. Contact Sylvia Lynn 757-741-0006 or www.williamsburgmusicclub.org

Hey Neighbor!

BABY CARE 101

September 20, 2012

Free. 7-9 p.m. Class for expectant and newborn parents who want to learn about providing a safe and secure environment for their infant. Call (757) 564-7337 press option 5 then 3 with questions. Pediatric Associates of Williamsburg, 119 Bulifants Blvd. Register online at www.chkcd.org/classes.

Hey Neighbor!

EMMYLOU HARRIS AND HER RED DIRT BOYS

September 20, 2012

Show time: 7 pm. 12-time Grammy Award winner Emmylou Harris has, in the last decade, gained admiration as much for her eloquently straightforward songwriting as for

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INFANT MASSAGE

September 20, 2012

5:30-6:30 p.m. This is a newborn infant massage class for expecting and new parents. Parents will learn simple infant massage techniques designed for infants from birth to 6 months. Pediatric Associates of Williamsburg, 119 Bulifants Blvd. Call 757-564-7337 press 5 then 3 with questions. Register online at www.chkd.org/classes.

Hey Neighbor!

CHARITY MOTORCYCLE RIDES

September 22, 2012

The Five Forks Ruritan charity motor cycle ride; starts at the Williamsburg - Jamestown Airport, 100 Marclay Rd., Williamsburg.

Hey Neighbor!

REFLECTIONS ON BACON'S REBELLION

September 22, 2012

During "Governor Berkeley Laments the Rebellion," meet with Governor William Berkeley as he recounts his time in Virginia and the unhappy circumstances that led to Bacon's Rebellion and the burning of Virginia's 17th-century capitol at Jamestown. This program is presented at 11:30 am, 1:30 pm and 3 pm in the Memorial Church. All are free with paid admission to Historic Jamestowne. Location: Historic Jamestowne. Contact: 757-229-4997 or www.historicjamestowne.org

Hey Neighbor!

SEPTEMBER OUTDOOR SKILLS SAMPLER

September 22, 2012

At York River State Park from 10 am - 4 pm. Have you ever wanted to learn how to cast a fly, shoot a bow and arrow, or shift gears while mountain biking? Come and sample these and other outdoor skills with VA Dept. of Game & Inland Fisheries certified instructors. Registration before August 31st is \$10

per person, \$15 after Sept 1st. York River State Park, 5526 Riverview Road, Williamsburg, VA 23188. Phone - (757)566-3036.

Hey Neighbor!

"5 X 7 ART ON THE QT" FUNDRAISER

September 23, 2012

This Century Art Gallery fundraiser from 5:30 - 8 pm at the City of Williamsburg Community Building. Tickets are \$45 per person for an evening of surprises including secret art, silent auction, food, drink, and lots of fun. 'Secret Art' are 5x7 original paintings, photographs as well as jewelry and sculpture donated by regional artists. Tickets are available at the door, or by contacting the Gallery by phone, 757-229-4949 or email, thiscenturyartgallery@verizon.net. Proceeds support the Gallery's education and outreach programs for the Greater Williamsburg area.

Hey Neighbor!

MICHAEL W. SMITH

September 24, 2012

Show time: 7:30 pm. Even as defining as his platinum pop and worship albums have become, there is yet

another musical side to Michael W. Smith that is as passionate and creative. Glory, the twenty-third career album from this Grammy winner, feeds the enthusiasm its predecessor (Freedom) stirred and soundly exceeds expectations. Come hear for yourself how inspiring it truly is. Ferguson Center for the Arts, Christopher Newport University.

Hey Neighbor!

SHINDIG AT JAMESTOWN: AN EVENING OF BARBEQUE & BLUEGRASS

September 26, 2012

To benefit the Jamestown Rediscovery Project, from 6:30 - 8:30 pm, join us for ShinDIG at Jamestown. Enjoy bluegrass music with our very own Archaeology Director Bill Kelso and the Who Ever Shows Up Band from 6:30 - 8:00 pm at the Dale House Café on Jamestown Island. All proceeds benefit the archaeological research, educational programs and operations of the Jamestown Rediscovery Project at Historic Jamestowne. Tickets are \$27 per person and include the BBQ dinner. Tickets must be purchased online in advance. Contact: 757-229-4997 or [!\[\]\(56dbbefc6e993530fae57018620c25fc_img.jpg\)

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Hey Neighbor! WILLIAMSBURG'S GOT TALENT!

September 28, 2012

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Hey Neighbor! CONSTRUCTION ZONES IN MARRIAGE

September 28-29, 2012

Overnight retreat - 7 pm Friday to 4 pm Saturday at Eastover Retreat Center. Cost of \$190.00 includes Lodging, Breakfast & lunch, Program Booklets, and more. Register on-line: www.westgraceministries.org or call 757.253.7976 for more information.

Hey Neighbor! JETHRO TULL'S IAN ANDERSON PLAYS THICK AS A BRICK 1 & 2

October 1, 2012

Show time at 7:30 pm. Ian Anderson returns to the Ferguson Center to perform both Thick As A Brick in its entirety for the first time since 1972, and his new album, Thick As A Brick 2. Since their first performance at London's famous Marquee Club in 1968, the band has released 30 studio and live albums, selling more than 60 million, and earned a prominent place in rock history. Ferguson Center for the Arts, Chris-

topher Newport University.

Hey Neighbor! ROYAL DRUMMERS AND DANCERS OF BURUNDI

October 4, 2012

Show time: 7 pm. Considered one of the best percussion ensembles on this planet, Burundi's top drummers have been touring the world since the 1960s. Their vibrant power and precision on 20 drums originally accompanied kings of this central African nation. Spectators at their concerts rarely remain indifferent to the complex and compelling sounds and dance the musicians create, because the spectators are enamored and enthralled with the passion and music. Ferguson Center for the Arts, Christopher Newport University.

Hey Neighbor! CONCERT: CHARLES LINDSEY, JR., ORGANIST

October 6, 2012

The concert will include an eclectic mix of traditional organ music and Mr. Lindsey's own arrangements of popular tunes. Time: 7:30 pm at the Williamsburg Baptist Church. Free and open to anyone who wishes to attend. All concerts are held at 227 Richmond Road, Williamsburg. For more information call the church at 229-1217.

Hey Neighbor! 3RD ANNUAL 10K RUN FOR THE HILLS

October 6, 2012

Start time: 9 am. Riverside presents the 3rd Annual Run For the Hills 10K! to Run (Or Walk!) just for the "health" of it, and support Beyond Boobs!, A 1-mile Fun Run begins at 8:30 a.m. and then at 9 a.m. all of our runners and walkers will line up for the 10K event along the challenging combination of roads and beautiful nature trails of the Warhill

Sports Complex. Price: \$30.00 10K Run/Walk and \$20.00 1-Mile Fun Run/Walk . Venue: Sanford B. Wanner Stadium in Warhill Sports Complex, Williamsburg, VA. Register at beyondboobs.org. Any questions: Contact Vicki Vawter at (757)846-1095 or vicki@beyondboobs.org

Hey Neighbor! LIVE AT BIRDLAND DIRECTED BY TOMMY IGOE

October 7, 2012

Show time: 7 pm. In a setting designed to recreate the ambience and experience of a night at Birdland. This dynamic new ensemble, straight from the jazz mecca of New York City, provides an unforgettable musical event that goes beyond the traditional and sets the standard for the 21st-century jazz orchestra. Featuring New York's finest musicians and directed by one of the world's greatest drummers, The Birdland Big Band has become New York City's most popular musical draws. Ferguson Center for the Arts, Christopher Newport University.

Hey Neighbor! 42nd GOLF COLLECTORS SOCIETY ANNUAL MEETING & TRADE SHOW

October 11-14, 2012

Golf Collectors Society (GCS), a non-profit association of members who collect golf memorabilia and play with hickory clubs, will hold their 42nd Annual Meeting & Trade Show at the Williamsburg Hotel & Conference Center in Williamsburg, VA. In conjunction with the event, the United States Golf Association (USGA) Museum is hosting a Golf History Symposium at the Williamsburg Hotel on Thursday, October 11, from 1-5 pm. Authors and scholars will present original research papers on various golf history

topics. More information about the GCS and this event is available at www.golfcollectors.com.

Hey Neighbor! LIZA MINNELLI

October 12, 2012

Show time: 8 pm. Liza Minnelli, winner of four Tony Awards, an Oscar, a special "Legends" Grammy, two Golden Globe Awards and an Emmy, is one of the entertainment world's consummate performers. Considered to be one of the most exciting live concert performers of her generation, Liza spreads her infectious generosity of spirit, enthusiasm and commitment to her craft. Electrifying audiences around the world, Liza continues to set records at the most prestigious venues and raise the roof with that incredible voice. Ferguson Center for the Arts, Christopher Newport University.

Hey Neighbor! PETALS FOR THE CURE

October 13, 2012

Get Ready to "Petal" your bike through Newport News, VA for the cure! With a 7-Mile Fun Tour and a 22-Mile Bike Tour, there is an event for every rider. Food, fun & prizes for the whole family. All entry fee proceeds and fund raising will be donated to Beyond Boobs!, Inc. and the Susan G. Komen foundation. Entry fee is \$25.00 for the 7-mile tour and \$35.00 for the 22-mile tour. 11250 Jefferson Avenue, Newport News, VA Register to ride at active.com and get more information by visiting www.petals4thecure.com.

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3131 Bent Tree Lane

Absolutely fabulous curb appeal - a truly "wow" home situated on a private wooded homesite at the heart of a cul-de-sac. This custom built 4 BR, 3.5 BA 3,715 sqft brick home features a flowing floor-plan with the perfect blend of both formal and casual spaces. Gourmet Kitchen, first AND second floor Master Suites, 2 fireplaces and Bonus Room!! \$535,000.



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107 CHARDONNAY

Vineyard Heights

Charming! Priced to Sell! Built in 2004, 1,467sqft., 3BR, 2.5BA & open floor plan. New flooring throughout, updated fixtures & freshly painted interior. Perfect for First Time Homeowner. Level backyard is a perfect spot for outside entertaining! Convenient to I-64. \$200,000.



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Landfall at Jamestown

Meticulous Colonial Design & beautifully constructed Waterfront home navigable to James River. Live & Play on .99 Acre of private, treed, Waterfront landscape & dock, yet only minutes to CW. Gourmet kitchen w/granite, overlooks Colonial Garden. 2 FPs welcome you in LR & FR and 1st floor MBR. MBR opens to Large Timbertech screened porch spanning rear of home. 2,550 sqft. 3BRs/2BAs. \$575,000.



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204 WINGATE DRIVE

Williamsburg Commons

Wonderful carriage home on private lot. One floor living. Bright, open floor plan with cathedral ceilings, 1st floor master suite, 2nd BR and loft that could be a 3rd BR. Eat in kitchen. Screened in porch overlooking serene backyard with wooded view. Move in ready.

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