



# RICHFIELD

News about Richfield Living and its people

# Life

Summer 2016

## Celebrating Life

They smiled, they danced, they laughed, sang along with the music and played games —and for a while, they were young again.

Richfield Living residents and their families played their way through spring with gala events at Joseph C. Thomas and The Oaks, a carnival for Recovery and Care residents and Spring Fling concert by Carrington Kay for Independent Living residents. See more inside this edition of Richfield Life.



The Stardusters provided music for listening, dancing and reminiscing at The Oaks for the 1940s "Shooting Star Big Band Gala."



Staff members Jennifer Rowe and Rachel Baber pose in the photo board Samantha Wasburn painted for the carnival for Recovery and Care Center residents during National Nursing Home Week.



Joseph C. Thomas residents took a "two-day trip" to NYC without leaving the campus for their "A New York State of Mind" followed by a "Coney Island Adventure" spring party.

# They danced and played at “NYC Weekend”



Joseph C. Thomas resident Mary Carver dances with ballroom dancer Ken Schoff in front of a NYC painted skyline to the music of Star City Swag and blues singer Shawn Spencer.



JCT resident JoAnn Hale shows off “I Love NY” and Big Apple cookies with tuxedo strawberries decorated in chocolate by Richfield staff.

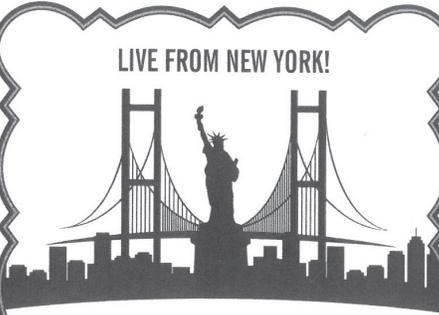


Bobo the Clown - also known as Tom Adams - and volunteer Nathanael Patterson as the young ringmaster rode the train during “A Coney Island Adventure” on Day 2 of JCT’s New York Weekend.



Michaela Robertson volunteered to make cotton candy during “A Coney Island Adventure.”

**LIVE FROM NEW YORK!**



You're Invited to our Spring Fling

*"A New York State of Mind"*

Entertainment By: **Star City Swag**

<b>FRI</b> May 13 6:30-8PM	Joseph C. Thomas Center 3939 Daugherty Road Salem, VA. 24153
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*JCT resident Edna Adams had a table filled with family and friends at the New York City party.*

The bright lights of New York were recreated inside the Joseph C. Thomas Center for its two-day New York Adventure, including a “trip” to Coney Island.

On Friday night, Star City Swag and blues singer Shawn Spencer provided live music and non-alcoholic cocktails in champagne glasses added to the night club atmosphere in front of a painted New York City skyline.

Thirty-three volunteers helped put on the weekend. They included Glenvar High School Football Team players and ballroom dance club members who were escorts for the JCT ladies in glittery dresses and pants outfits and men dressed in their finest.

Day 2 was “A Coney Island Adventure” inside and outside JCT. Residents could ride on a trackless train, eat cotton candy and grilled hot dogs with authentic Coney Island chili; play boardwalk games and be amazed by side-show acts of young mermaids, stilt walkers, a strong man and clowns.

As relatives of a resident wrote in a letter of thanks to Senior Life Enrichment Director Beverly Adams, “At one time, a 90-year-old resident was riding (in the trackless train in front of JCT) with two of her grandchildren and four of her great-grandchildren. She was smiling and waving to everyone as the train passed by the spectators.”

And they added, “A big special thank you for another wonderful event that, at least for a few hours, brightens the world for each person, be it patient or family.”



*Jazz singer Shawn Spencer of the Star City Swag stands in front of photos of such jazz greats as Glen Miller, Fats Waller and Stan Getz – as well as one of her.*



# The Oaks' residents party like it's 1940 again



The Oaks' Mary Hamilton and daughters Judy Brownrigg and Kitty Newton accented their outfits with feather boas.



Servers floated around the room offering trays of appetizers like those which might have been served at Roanoke's Colonial Hills Club on Saturday nights.

It was the 1940s all over again when the dining room of The Oaks was turned into a supper club with dancing, live big band music, "mocktails" and servers passing trays of finger foods for the residents' "Shooting Star Big Band Gala" spring event.

Ladies in long dresses, furs and feather boas, and gentlemen in three-piece suits got into the spirit as the Stardusters Ensemble played live music for dancing and reminiscing.

Resident Elaine Nuckols and her family shared memories of the Colonial Hills supper club, in particular, in helping Life Enrichment Coordinator Debbie Tingler and staff plan for the event over the past three months.



Ron Vanderpool kisses The Oaks' resident Lillian Helm in front of his 1940 Oldsmobile he brought over for residents to see and to reminisce.



The Oaks' resident Elaine Nuckols and friends dressed up in evening wear and drank "mocktails" reminiscent of supper clubs she remembered going to on Saturday nights.



*“I only dance every 20 years,” joked The Oaks’ resident Hugh Walsh as he danced with Katrina King, a Taubman Museum dancer, at the “Shooting Star 1940s Big Band Gala” at The Oaks.*



*Ruby Hatch, left, and Jean Chester chose period hats and dresses and in Jean’s case, a marten fur stole her husband brought back from one of his business trips to Canada.*



# Recovery and Care residents treated to a carnival

Photos by Jennifer Rowe

Richfield Recovery and Care Center residents and staff were treated to a carnival put on for National Nursing Home Week. Activity highlights of the day included, a traveling petting zoo, music and dancing to the sound of a live jazz band, carnival games such as a ball toss, a dunking booth and popcorn, cotton candy, watermelon and strawberry smoothies.

“Residents and staff enjoyed spending the beautiful day outside together celebrating life and our collective home here at Richfield,” said Jennifer Rowe, Assistant Administrator of the Recovery and Care Center.



Recovery and Care Center resident Junior Lapradd dances with Ayla Hartless, Life Enrichment Coordinator.



A Recovery and Care resident finds out how soft a bunny can be.



Recovery and Care Center resident Robert Earls feeds a miniature donkey from the visiting petting zoo.



Activities staff Misti Hagerman painted the Activity Board which directed residents to food and fun.



Staff member Rachael Baber shows Recovery and Care Center residents how to get a winning ball toss.

# Carrington Kay entertains Independent Living folks



*Donita Young and Janet Toney of Ridgecrest enjoy Carrington Kay's spring concert.*



*Enie Johnson ladles chocolate over strawberries at Independent Living's Spring Fling.*

Beatles' music including "We Can Work it Out," Bob Dylan songs and some original pieces by the husband-and-wife duo of Rob and Kristen Smith entertained Independent Living residents at their Spring Fling in May.

A full Regency Room in Ridgecrest listened and at times, hummed and sang along while Kristen sang and played the violin and guitar as Rob, who is Wellness Center Manager, accompanied her on guitar.

*Carrington Kay Rob Smith and Kristen's originals included "Still Here," "Shine Through" and "Come on Over."*

## Memorial Day 2016

*Loraine Lambert of Knollwood waits for a hot dog at the Memorial Day weekend cookout for Independent Living residents.*





At a spring luncheon for Richfield Chapel volunteers hosted by Betty Bowers, standing at left, with Candy Thomas, organist Dorothy Mosko, Kathy Mills and Sue Shelor, at Betty's Green Hill home, and sitting, 100-year-old neighbor Margaret Robertson, chapel music director Nadia King, Louise Spangler who has been volunteering since 1984, and Richfield Cottage volunteer resident Joyce Goad.

This poem, *“Summer Dream,”*  
was written as part of JCT’s new Adaptive Arts Poetry Class.

Written By: Margaret Hurd, Eula Hurd, Russell Walker, Hazel White, Mary Alice Turner

Golden mornings, smooth like honey, blackberries on the vine. Corn, Lettuce, Tomatoes, and Onions, in our garden; they do just fine. The days are hot, and we use our fan. Some get freckles, but some get tan. On rainy days, the lightning strikes, no swimming today but a cookout tonight. We’ll have Watermelon, Coke, and later Ice Cream, time for bed and time for us to dream of Vacation drawing near. No mowing, or cleaning let’s make that very clear!

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*Helping individuals experience life to the fullest, through every phase of their journey.*

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