



Happy 4th of July



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NAME THAT PIG

Pickin' a pig name

By NORMA DENNIS
Staff Writer

This little piggy may not be going to market, but he certainly is not staying at home. He will be visiting various locations throughout Jamestown and the surrounding community to draw attention to the seventh annual Jamestown Pig Pickin' on Aug. 6 from 7-11 p.m. This year's event will once again be held at Magnolia Farm on East Main Street, the home of Jenny and George Ragsdale. Parking is available at Jamestown United Methodist Church.

The theme this year is Patriots & Pigs in honor of members and veterans of the nation's armed services.

Elizabeth Swaim and Curtis J. Collins are serving as co-chairs for the 2016 Pig Pickin'. Honorary co-chairs include Bruce Dillon and Dana Hughes, members of the Jamestown Veterans committee.

Although the pig has long been the center of attention for the fun-filled benefit, he has never received a name. With help from the community, organizers of the Pig Pickin' hope to change that. During the month of July, they will accept suggestions on what to name the pig. All names are due by July 30 and you can enter as many times as you want. If duplicate names are entered, the first person will get credit for it.

Look for the pig wearing his patriot hat and neckerchief at the Jamestown Town Hall, Zeko's Pizzeria & Grill, Southern Roots and The Soap Lady. Dates he will appear at each location will be announced in a future Jamestown News.

The pig will spend a week at each location. A sign will provide information about naming the pig,

as well as the hashtag and website giving information on the event.

The meal includes barbecue pork and chicken by Barbecue Joe's, southern sides and desserts, beer and wine. Ticket prices are \$60, which include all food and beverages. UBU will provide music for the event and there will be a silent and live auction featuring over 100 donated items.

The event benefits Family Service of the Piedmont by increasing awareness of the organization and raising funds to support agency programs. Family Service has operated in Jamestown since 2004, with offices adjacent to the Ragsdale Family YMCA. It focuses on addressing issues of domestic violence, child abuse, mental health and financial stability. Last year the agency served more than 17,000 local children and adults and touched thousands more through community education and outreach.

At the 2015 Pig Pickin', 700 individuals attended the event, which raised \$92,500. Organizers hope 2016 will prove to be an even greater success.

The event is presented by the Lenny Peters' Foundation. Sponsorships also help make the Pig Pickin' a fun and profitable event for Family Service. For the second year, top sponsors - \$1,000 and above - will be invited to attend the Swine Soirée, a pre-event cocktail party at the Ragsdale's home.

Mark your calendars for Aug. 6 and look for the Pig Pickin' pig making his rounds in the community during the month of July. Enter what you think would be an appropriate name for the pig for the chance to receive two free tickets to the event.

The event is open to the public but space is limited. Individuals are encouraged to purchase Pig Pickin' tickets prior to the event. For more information or to buy tickets, call (336) 889-6161 ext. 1115 or go to www.JamestownPigPickin.com.

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Town Council approves new budget unanimously

By CAROL BROOKS
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Having met in April to hash out what they would like to see in the 2016-17 budget for Jamestown and presented with the proposed budget in May, the Jamestown Town Council had very little discussion at its meeting June 21 prior to unanimously passing the \$8,896,214 budget.

The budget reflects a 3.31 percent increase over the previous fiscal year budget.

"This was well put together," said Councilmember Lawrence Straughn, in his first year on the Council.

The budget:

- includes a four percent water and sewer rate fee increase (\$2.85 in town, \$5.70 out-of-town);
- maintains current refuse collection fees;
- contains funding for furnishings of the newly renovated clubhouse at Jamestown Park;
- includes funds for design and construction for phase two of the Oakdale Road sidewalk project; and
- creates a new position of Laborer 1 in the Public Services Department; includes cost-of-living and merit raises for employees.

Projects like the East Main Street sidewalk, East Fork Road sidewalk

and bridge, public water and sewer extension to the new Grandover Village area, and construction of the new Public Services Maintenance facility are included under the Capital Project Fund.

No one in the audience of the public hearing commented in favor or against the budget.

The new budget will go into affect July 1.

Following adoption of the 2016/17 budget, the Council also unanimously adopted the Capital Improvement Projects for 2016/17-2020/21.

"For any organization to have a long-range goal like the CIP is very important," Straughn stated.

The new Public Services Facility project has run into a few snags. Public Services Director Paul Blanchard said crews preparing the site have come across more rock and inappropriately-filled areas than expected, pushing back construction of the new facility. The Council approved extending the company's contract from June 30 to Dec. 3, at a cost of \$400 per day.

In other business, the Council unanimously approved:

- an amendment to a 1987 agreement between Jamestown and the Piedmont Triad Regional Water Authority;
- a five-year agreement between

Jamestown and Guilford County for animal control;

- an agreement of base funding of \$55,500 for the Jamestown Public Library between the town and the county, rather than separate agreements as in the past;

- awarded a resurfacing contract for several streets in town to Waugh Asphalt in the amount of \$284,290, with \$250,000 of that coming from Powell Bill funds;

- awarded a sanitary sewer improvement contract to Breece Enterprises;

- awarded a contract to Summit Design and Engineering Services for the sidewalk projects; and

- accepted a donation of a flagpole at the entrance to Jamestown Park from the Civitan and Rotary clubs.

The Town Council ended the meeting by going into closed session to discuss a real estate transaction. The scheduled discussion of a personnel matter was postponed.

(Councilmember Georgia Nixon-Roney was absent from this meeting.)

The next Town Council meeting will be July 19 at 6:30 p.m.

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Bluegrass at Mendenhall



The second Bluegrass Day at Mendenhall Homeplace on Saturday brought in fans to enjoy Cornbread Revival and Southern Magnolia on the porch. Spectators, right, enjoyed Cornbread Revival as they picked, strummed and fiddled from the porch of the Mendenhall Homeplace.



John Thomas Richardson looks at a hawk feather he found at the Homeplace. John Thomas watches the Park Ranger and Carol Hay as they supervise traffic crossing Main Street.

(Photos/Elizabeth Greeson and Karen Walls)



Southern Magnolia



Members of the Historic Jamestown Society offered a bake sale and water to spectators.

July 4th Closings

- The Town of Jamestown will be closed Monday, July 4, in observance of Independence Day. There will be no garbage pickup on that date. There will be recycling.
- The Jamestown News will be closed on Monday, July 4. All submissions for the Wednesday, July 6, edition must be in our office by noon on Thursday, June 30.
- The Jamestown Public Library will be closed July 4. The library will reopen on Tuesday, July 5.

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