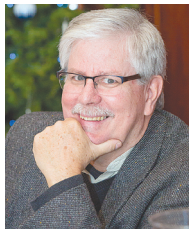


From the Editor

Don't stop da music

By Mark Fausz



Stop da music, stop da music is an old Jimmy Durante line from before you were born. No, you haven't picked up "Boomer" magazine by mistake. I read about a couple of guys who are making a movie, here in Richmond, and they credited watching old movies with why they ended up making movies themselves.

I remember my parents buying our first color television set, a sort of keeping up with the Jones' (Grossheim's) move that brought us living color just in time for the first moon landing. But, "That's one small step for man, one giant leap for mankind," was in black and white. Jimmy had only one color series.

Jimmy was a lot of fun, and was a cool singer with a gravelly jazzy type voice. Not only an interesting singer but a great comedian.

Stop da music, stop da music. In 1966, I played keyboard (a Magnus Chord Organ) in band made up of kids from my neighborhood. One of our first gigs was David Eaton's birthday party. We were playing great - nailing every Monkeys' song we knew, when Mrs. Eaton said, "Stop the music, we have to sing 'Happy Birthday.'"

Our band didn't have a name as I

recall, and we broke up, not because of John Lennon's girlfriend, but because our drummer moved away, and our guitarist lost interest.

This week, one of our articles presents an ensemble that will play Third Thursdays, on April 16, and while I recognized the songs they will be playing some will not. But they play their numbers in a different way so they will be fun to hear.

It's always fun to hear the groups on Third Thursdays. The event features an eclectic lineup of performers that give area residents a taste of different genres of music all summer long. Jazz, oldies, country, rock n'roll, fusion and others through the rest of season until ChesterFest.

Next week we will list the entire season of events on the Green, only some are shown in this week's issue. Just a break during the week is a breath of fresh air and it brings a little culture to southeastern Chesterfield, a much needed inclusion to our quality of life.

Food and adult drinks will be available through King's Korner with the proceeds going to the Chesterfield Twinning Association, which is a project of the Chester Community Association.

Weekly Calendar

APRIL 8 WED
GET A HEALTHIER YARD WITH GRASS ROOTS – Grass Roots program provides an opportunity to learn about and remedy problems specific to their yards. Available through June. Limited to the first 400 residents who apply. Details: visit offices.ext.vt.edu/chesterfield or call 751-4401.

APRIL 9 THUR
SUSTAIN OUR COMMUNITIES COMMITTEE – 9 a.m. – 10 a.m. To study and analyze blight prevention techniques and programs; then advise local government on actions necessary to prevent blight from overcoming the county's older communities. Economic Development, 9401 Courthouse Road, Suite B, Chesterfield

APRIL 9 THUR
TWO BITS: THE BARBERSHOP MUSICAL – 8 p.m. Thursday through Saturdays: Classic barbershop harmonies are sung in a classical barbershop setting, through May 16. Diner available two hours before show starts

APRIL 10 FRI
ACOUSTIC CONCERT SERIES – 7 - 8 p.m. Alex Caton and Dick Harrington, Appalachian old-time music. Central Library

APRIL 10 FRI
INTRODUCTION TO 3-D PRINTING - 10:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m. Teens! Learn to use a 3-D printer! Use computer-aided design (CAD) software to print and build almost anything. Registration is required. Central Library.

APRIL 10 FRI
SPRING BREAK ENDS - Chesterfields Schools spring break started April 6

APRIL 10 FRI
BLUEGRASS JAM - 7 p.m. until 9:30 p.m. - St. James Catholic Church of Hopewell, in partnership with the Brighter Living Assisted Facility is sponsoring a Bluegrass Jam session at the Brighter Living Assisted Living Facility, 5301 Plaza Dr., Hopewell.

APRIL 10 FRI
LIVELY CEMETARY MEETING - 6 p.m. Family members and relatives buried at the cemetery are asked to attend a meeting at Zion Chester A.M.E. Church, 1254 Branders Bridge Rd. Details Charles Goins 748-8539

APRIL 11 SAT
WALK LIKE MADD - 9 a.m. to 12 noon at Dorey Park, 2999 Darbytown Road, Henrico. Participate in 5k Walk/Run events to eliminate drunk driving from our roadways. Chesterfield County Sheriff's Office deputies and employees will lace up to make a difference in the Richmond Walk Like MADD & MADD Dash 5k as Team Chesterfield County Sheriff's Office. Contact Community Relations Deputy R. Phillips at 768-7505.

APRIL 11 SAT
NEWBORNS IN NEED – 10 a.m. – 1 p.m. Chester Christian Church, volunteer to sort and make baby items. Ongoing, call James Bridgeman 681-0131

APRIL 11 SAT
CHESTER FARMER'S MARKET – 8:30 – 12:30 p.m., Located on Centre Street, in Chester, on the Village Green just opposite the Chester Library.

APRIL 11 SAT
TOUR PREQUILE NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE – 7 a.m. – 2 p.m., offer by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, the event offers an opportunity for visitors to explore the 1,329 acre island and its native plants and animals. Free, register by April 8 by emailing evrnwr@fws.gov and reserving a space or leave a phone message at 804-829-9020. Park at Honeywell at 4101 Bermuda Hundred Road in Enon. For more information see VN April 1 issue, page 12 go to www.villagenewsonline.com and search for Presquile Island.

APRIL 14 TUES
CHESTERFIELD SCHOOL BOARD MEETING - 6:30 p.m. in the public meeting room, 10001 Iron Bridge Road.

APRIL 14 TUES
EARLY LITERACY STORY TIMES - 10:30 a.m. - 11:15 a.m. Chester, Enon Libraries No registration required

APRIL 14 TUES
AUDITIONS FOR THE SENIOR IDOL - 3 - 7 p.m. Seniors, ages 50 and over, from Chesterfield, Greater Richmond and the Tri-Cities area are encouraged to enter this friendly competition. The competition includes comedians, dancers, ventriloquists, musicians, singers or seniors with unique talents. Auditions: Lucy Corr Village, community room. Senior Idol main event, May 15, at Victory Tabernacle Church, 11700 Genito Road. Details: 804-706-9198

APRIL 14 TUES
OPTIMIST CLUB OF THE CHESTERFIELD - Noon Dayers, 12 – 1 p.m. Howlett's Restaurant & Tavern, 3530 Festival Park. Professionals welcomed.

APRIL 14 TUES
BERMUDA DISTRICT COMMUNITY MEETING. 6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. Elizabeth Davis Middle School, 601 Corvus Ct. WHO: Dorothy Jaeckle, Bermuda District Supervisor TOPIC: Traffic Issues in Enon. SPEAKERS: Dale Patton, Bermuda Planning Commissioner; Jesse Smith, Director, Transportation Department; David Shand, Captain, Police Department

APRIL 15 WED
ETTRICK/VSU SPECIAL AREA PLAN HEARING - 6:30 at Board of Supervisors meeting. Citizens will be able to comment on the plan during the Board meeting.

APRIL 15 WED
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING. 3 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. Public Meeting Room, 10001 Iron Bridge Rd., Chesterfield.

7-DAY WEATHER OUTLOOK

wednesday
high 67
low 52
Doom and gloom but no rain quite yet.



thursday
high 68
low 59
More sun less rain please. We're hopeful anyway.



friday
high 83
low 60
Muggy with thunder storms, but your garden will love it.



saturday
high 76
low 51
Honey do'ers you nave an excuse today.



sunday
high 76
low 46
Yahoo! The sun has returned. Now the honey do list...



monday
high 74
low 56
Kids could not have asked for a better start returning back to school



tuesday
high 76
low 56
Box of chocolates; you never know what you're going to get



lunar phase
april 8, 11, 15, 18



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