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tastebudz

with Steve Cook

Tastebudz is back with all the news that's fit to eat.

Family Meal Time

What a true gem we have right here in Ashland. I'm talking about the **Around the Table** restaurant (155 Junction Dr.). "You come in as a guest, you leave as a member of the family. We're all family sitting around the table," says Ammie Mines-Derricott. With the help of co-owner and cousin, Kelly Q. Jackson, Ammie, who had been a pastry chef at Randolph Macon College for 20 years, has realized her dream of owning her own restaurant.

Here in the center of the universe is a center for delicious homemade soul and comfort food. Think



fried chicken, smothered pork chops, cat fish, even pigs feet (on Sundays). Around the Table is sure to please your taste buds.

This year the restaurant is opening on Thanksgiving day and will be offering a full buffet from 11 a.m. 'til 4 p.m. If you want a chance to sample a variety of their scrumptious delights, all made from scratch, this would be the perfect opportunity.

Baby, Its' Warm Inside (the Igloo)

Lola's Farmhouse Bistro in Goochland (1840 Manakin Road) is being transformed into a "magical seasonal wonderland," says Marianne Trak Hess, owner of this popular restaurant with her husband Eric. Lola's will also be featuring a special "Black Friday" brunch on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday following Thanksgiving.

Here's the big news. The igloos are back! These unique enclosed plastic pods allow you to dine on the lovely patio regardless of how low the temperatures go. And speaking of the season, Lola's will be featuring some holiday-themed drink specials.



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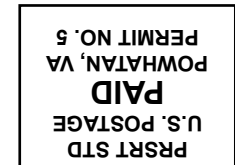
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《《《 Making It Shacky

I was having breakfast in one of my very favorite restaurants, **SB's Lakeside Love Shack** (6935 Lakeside Ave.) when a good friend from Goochland and her family stroll in the door. It dawned on me that this little hidden gem has become a destination hotspot especially for breakfast. SB is Sarabeth Hagen, who opened the Love Shack in 2017.

She explains, "We take your basic breakfast items and make them shacky." My personal favorite dish is their Glitter on the Mattress, a take on biscuits and gravy but theirs features sausage and bacon gravy, blanketing a mattress of Texas toast with edible glitter on top. She says that one of the customer favorites is the Bang Bang On the Door Benny - two poached eggs and Virginia ham on a grilled croissant topped with a smokey tomato hollandaise.

The food is just a part of what makes this place so cool. SB says you can feel the vibe. "When you come here you fill your soul while you fill your tummy."



Thai Boat's A-Coming

Local restaurateur Joe Kiatsuranon has recently opened **Thai Boat** in the fan at 2301 W. Main. "We are serving the most authentic Thai food in town. Items you can't find anywhere



else," he says, adding that the concept was an inspiration born from a visit to his native Thailand and the island city of Phuket.

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Glass Blowing in Jamestown: America's First Industry

by Kim Amboy

As a relative newbie to Virginia, I must confess, I really love all the fascinating history right at my doorstep. Recently, some friends treated my hubby and me to our first visit to Jamestown Settlement near Williamsburg. With my limited knowledge of Jamestown, I pictured wooden fences, tobacco fields, and tales of John Smith and Pocahontas. But I learned Jamestown also holds another fascinating legacy: it was the birthplace of American industry.

In 1608, just a year after the settlers arrived, The Virginia Company of London sent German and Polish glassmakers to Jamestown to set up a glasshouse. Due to its rarity and the craftsmanship needed to produce it, their glass was regarded as valuable as gold. Using local resources, they made and shipped various articles back to England to show the colony's profitability. Unfortunately, their glassmaking efforts in the early 1600s were short-lived due to the hardships they faced, but they still hold great significance--marking one of the very first attempts at manufacturing in America.

A Living History Experience

It was thrilling to see several glassblowing artisans in action as they enthusiastically explained the history of the craft while actually creating beautiful items. One such artisan, Quave (Kwa-vay), kindly fielded all my questions as she skillfully worked red molten glass into a pretty, vase-like piece. She told me her personal glass-making journey was quite unintentional and began in college where she majored in photography and took glassmaking



as an elective. She was hooked and has been honing her skills for several years now. And for anyone interested in learning the craft, she mentioned VCU has an amazing glassblowing program. Quave and all her colleagues at the Glasshouse are very happy to share what they know. Of course, after watching the process, we also purchased a few hand-blown pieces made on site from the connected store and display area.



Why It's Worth the Visit

As window light streams through the brilliant glass mug in our kitchen, I'm reminded of my visit to Jamestown Glasshouse. The trip yielded more than just a glimpse into old world craftsmanship; it offered tremendous insight into the struggles and ambitions of America's first settlers. I now realize that the settlement wasn't only about historical characters and their survival, but also about artistic innovations, trade, and pride of workmanship, all of which can be experienced the next time you plan your own trip to this beloved piece of living history.



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From the Pantry

Southern Sweet Potato Casserole and Baked Cranberry Sauce

Everyone has their favorite sweet potato casserole and so do I. However, Great Grandma Rawls always served hers in a cored orange half with a whole pecan on top. I prefer them crushed, but the orange presentation is stunning. Add your own twist to delight friends and family. *Cindy*

Southern Sweet Potato Casserole

INGREDIENTS:

Sweet Potatoes:

3 cups sweet potatoes, cooked and mashed
3/4 cup sugar
1/3 cup butter, melted
2 eggs
1 tsp vanilla
1 tsp cinnamon
1/2 tsp nutmeg
6 to 8 oranges, cut in half and cored
1/2 cup orange juice, freshly squeezed
1/4 cup heavy cream

Topping:

3 tbsp butter, melted
1 cup brown sugar
1/3 cup flour
1 cup chopped pecans



DIRECTIONS:

Preheat oven to 325 F. Mix sweet potatoes, sugar, spices, butter, eggs, vanilla, and orange juice. Beat with an electric mixer until smooth. Add heavy cream and mix well.

Mix the remaining butter, brown sugar, flour, and nuts. Put the sweet potato mixture into the cored halves of the oranges and top with the nut mixture. Bake for 25 to 30 minutes.

I have been making this cranberry sauce for over 30 years and have even been asked if I would be willing to sell it. That's how different and delicious it is. I hope you enjoy this unique take on a classic dish.

Baked Cranberry Sauce

INGREDIENTS:

4 cups fresh cranberries
2 cups sugar
1/2 tsp ground cinnamon
1 13 oz jar orange marmalade
3 tbsp lemon juice
1 cup coarsely chopped walnuts, toasted

DIRECTIONS:

Preheat oven to 350 F. Wash and drain cranberries and place in a large bowl. Add sugar, cinnamon, marmalade, lemon juice, and walnuts to bowl with cranberries and mix well. Spoon into a 9-inch square pan and cover with foil. Bake for 45 minutes. Refrigerate and serve cold.

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WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 12 AT 7 P.M.

TAKE A STRING BAND JOURNEY

Deadgrass takes you on a string band jamgrass adventure through Jerry Garcia's musical world. Matt Turk and C Lanzbom join forces with bassist Dave Richards, banjo player Boo Reiners, and fiddler Kensuke Shoji to explore the life works of Jerry Garcia on the instruments that first inspired him. It's an unforgettable evening at the **Cultural Arts Center** in Glen Allen. (ArtsGlenAllen.com)



THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 13 THROUGH SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 15

HIT THE STREETS



Run, don't walk to the streets of Richmond for the **Alliantz Richmond Marathon**. The marathon, itself, kicks off at 7 a.m. sharp on Saturday. But on Thursday and Friday, over 60 exhibitors offering the latest in running equipment, nutrition, and technology will be displaying their wares at the **Health & Fitness Expo at Richmond Raceway**. Runners can pick up their packets during the expo. The race, which runs through much of the city and its surrounds, starts at 1st and Broad Streets. See the website for more details. (RichmondMarathon.org)

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 14 @ 7:30 P.M. AND SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 16 @ 2:30 P.M.

GET READY FOR SOME HAPPILY EVER AFTER

The **Virginia Opera** presents **Cinderella**. The **Carpenter Theater** at the Dominion Energy Center is magically transformed into the splendor of 18th century Italy for this captivating performance. (DominionEnergyCenter.com)



SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 15 FROM 6:30 TO 9:30 P.M.

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SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 15 THROUGH SATURDAY, DECEMBER 27

REV UP THE TIME MACHINE

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WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 19 AT 7:30 P.M.

GET THE LOWDOWN

Lowdown, **Lido Shuffle**, and **Jojo** will, no doubt, be among the tunes wafting through the **Altria Theater** when **Boz Scaggs** brings his **Rhythm Review 2025** to town. (AltriaTheater.com)

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 21 FROM 6:30 TO 8:30 P.M.

TAKE A NIGHT HIKE

Ever wonder who stays awake while you sleep? On Maymont's **Adult Night Hike** (21+) discover some of the gardens' nighttime residents and learn about their nocturnal adaptations through experiments, games and a hike of the **Maymont grounds**. (Maymont.org)

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 21 THROUGH SATURDAY, JANUARY 3

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SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 22 FROM NOON 'TIL 5 P.M.

GIVE'EM SOMETHING TO WINE ABOUT

Seven of the state's top wineries will be participating in the **Kiwanis Club's 14th annual Hopewell Wine-Tasting Festival**. Singer/songwriter Kyle Davis will provide the musical entertainment at this event held at the **Beacon Theatre**. (HopewellWineFestival.com)



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SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 22 @ 8 P.M.

COME IN FOR THE STORM

Gaelic Storm, an American Celtic band founded in Santa Monica, California, appears on stage at the **Tin Pan**. The group's musical output includes pieces from traditional Irish music, Scottish music, and original tunes in both the Celtic folk and Celtic rock genres. (TinPanRVA.com)

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 22

GET KOZY

The **Kozy Cats** come to the **County Seat Restaurant and Gathering Place** for their signature blend of smooth jazz, swing, funk, and soul. (TheCountySeat.com)



SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 23 @ 7 P.M.

HERE, TRY A SAMPLE

The Samples, an American rock band, brings their unique blend of music, which has been described as reggae influenced "rock/pop" and a cross between The Police and the Grateful Dead, to the **Tin Pan**.

The band's name came from the members' early sustenance of food samples from the local grocery store. (TinPanRVA.com)

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 29 AT 2 AND 7 P.M.

LET IT SNOW!

Let it Snow! is the theme as the Richmond Symphony joined by the Richmond Symphony Chorus presents a performance of seasonal favorites on the **Carpenter Theater** Stage at the Dominion Energy Center. (DominionEnergyCenter.com)



WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 3 AND THURSDAY, DECEMBER 18 FROM 6 TO 8 P.M.

PAINT AND SIP

Or, if you prefer, you can sip and paint at the **Perkinson Center's Holiday Paint and Sip**. Enjoy an evening of creativity, conversation, and a splash of wine. It's the perfect way to relax, unwind, and enjoy a fun night out. (PerkinsonCenter.org)

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 4 @ 7:30

GET RHYTHM

American Southern rock band the **Atlanta Rhythm Section** appears at the **Beacon Theatre**. (BeaconTheatre.org)



MONDAY, DECEMBER 8 @ 7 P.M.

ENJOY A HARE-RAISING ADVENTURE

Enjoy **Harvey**, as one of the greatest motion pictures of all times comes to the **Ashland Theatre**. Featuring Jimmy Stewart and his six-foot invisible puca, the film tells the heartwarming story of Elwood P. Dowd. All tickets are just 75 cents. This is one you don't want to miss. (AshlandTheatre.org)



THURSDAY, DECEMBER 11 @ 7:30 P.M.

WELCOME THE STRANGER

Mike Santoro brings his **Billy Joel Tribute: THE STRANGER** to the **Beacon Theatre** stage. (BeaconTheatre.com)

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 12 THROUGH SUNDAY, DECEMBER 21
TOMORROW – WAIT FOR IT

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- \$5 fee for one-way trip.
- Wheelchair accessible vehicles are available.



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WHERE CAN IT TAKE ME?

- Medical appointments including Hunter Holmes McGuire VA Medical Center and the Medical Offices at Stony Point
- Employment
- Personal business such as grocery shopping, banking, or attending social and recreational programs.
- Hanover County government buildings
- Within the County's defined service area, which includes the entire county and a 7-mile area beyond the county boundary.

WHEN DOES IT RUN?

Monday-Sunday, 6 a.m.-6 p.m.

HOW CAN I GET STARTED?

- Call 804-365-3274 (DASH) to apply.
- Visit HanoverDASH.org for more information.

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**Once approved for eligibility, all ride requests and scheduling will be handled directly by UZURV, the county's contracted ride service.

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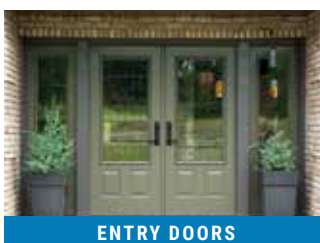
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