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Sunbaked Possum Delights Residents of Newport News Nursing & Rehabilitation Center

What do you think of when you hear "Sunbaked Possum?" After you lend an ear to this bluegrass group, you'll abandon less gentle visions and give yourself up to their relaxing blend of strings and voices. The group got its start in 2002 and have developed into a medley of fiddle, mandolin, bass, guitar and banjo. Andy, who started the band, decided at one point "to get out and play for people who can't get out themselves." Band members have enthusiastically taken this calling to heart, and they play regularly at nursing



Sunbaked Possum band blends bluegrass and good-natured humor in a special evening for residents. From l-r: Jared Jones, Tommy Verna, Mike Hott, Alex Butterfield, Matt Humphrey and Andy Mansfield.

homes and assisted living facilities on the peninsula. "Music crosses any type of barrier, and is one thing that is never really lost in translation," Andy opines. We couldn't agree more.

Casino Night is Coming!

Friday, May 20

Cypress Point Country Club is hosting an evening of dining, casino games, prizes and a silent auction, and Tidewater Arts Outreach will be the beneficiary nonprofit. Tickets are \$32.95 and include dinner, a drink, and a starter round of chips. Casino equipment is provided by Astro DJ. Silent auction items include Nag's Head weekend, photography studio services, original designer jewelry, ballet and symphony tickets, gift baskets, restaurant certificates and more. We hope you can join us! RSVP to 490-6300.



Miss VA Beach Recruits School Pals for TAO

Kim Paschall, Miss Virginia Beach 2005, is passionate about the fine and performing arts. As a leader in her community and at school, she is bringing fellow fine arts students together to use their talents to lift spirits

Members of the Norfolk Academy Fine Arts Association, l-r: Keith Kellum, Tatenda Muspatike, Kimberly Paschall, Taylor Gunn, Ellie Hall, Sven Wijtmans and Karen Del Vecchio

and brighten days for people in facilities. Lynn Shores Chateau (Virginia Beach) residents were a very appreciative and would be happy for more music and arts. "Y'all are so sweet," said one. "You come back now, y'hear?"

Still Looking for Used Beginner Guitars

We need four more guitars to start guitar lessons for teen boys in the Samaritan House program. Donations are tax-deductible.



Lewis and Kayce McGehee share harmonious family fun in Chesapeake

We all know Lewis McGehee as an accomplished musician with a talent and repertoire that allows him to play everywhere. Many folks don't realize he also is the father of four beautiful and talented daughters. Take Kayce, for instance, the youngest of the quartet. Kayce has a clear, delightful singing voice, and she also is a wonderful pianist. Lewis and Kayce shared their acoustic folk, rock, popular and classical music with residents of Chesapeake



Healthcare and Rehabilitation Center recently. "Residents were thrilled," said Treena Thomlinson, CHRC activity director. "It was a real treat that they were talking about for days after. Thank you, Lewis and Kayce!"

TAO Performers are THE BEST

Our calendar is filling up regularly with eight to ten performances or programs each month. We post it on our website and update regularly. Our performers and instructors are the heart and soul of TAO. They include:

MaryBeth Carriero
Tom Carriero
Mike Clark
Jim Hockett
Randy & Grace Johnson
Brian & Mary Lewis
Lewis & Kayce McGehee
Chris Morton
Norfolk Academy Fine Arts Association

Larry Slawson
Dave Stewart
Sunbaked Possums
Adam Ward
Richard Welch
Joannie Woodard

How can we thank you enough? We will announce an end-of-summer volunteer appreciation party, as one way to begin. Stay tuned, and THANK YOU for all you do!

Thank you, Supporters!



We have many people and organizations to thank for their support:

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Larry & Becky Lawson
Bob & Ginny McCloskey
Frank & Alice Oliver

Natchel' Blues Network
Red Drum Grill & Tap House
Terra Nova Grocer & Café
The Shopper
Tidewater Friends of Folk Music
Tortuga's Lie Restaurant
Virginia Ballet Theatre
Dick and Tammi Welch
Marie Welch
Whalebone Surf Shop
Chris & Ann Williams

"Thank you for reaching out to our residents...you opened their minds to unlock their memories of song and dance."

New Friends



June Gavin and Mary Lawsine with Kim Paschall, Miss Virginia Beach 2005, after a performance at Lynn Shores Chateau.



Ray Norris and Gretta McManus enjoy evening musical entertainment at George Washington Healthcare & Rehabilitation Center in Chesapeake.



Sunbaked Possums members chatting with NN Nursing & Rehab. Center resident after the show.