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Henrico County Television wins Emmy for program on foster care

The Henrico County Television program “The Decision: Aging Out of the Foster Care System” has earned a 2015 Emmy Award from the National Capital Chesapeake Bay Chapter of the National Academy of Television Arts and Sciences. The award was announced at the 57th annual Emmy Awards ceremony June 27 in Bethesda, Md.



Produced and directed by Steve Boyd, the program won the award in the public/current/community affairs category. The 23-minute show features four young adults as they weigh the choice of transitioning from Henrico’s foster care system at age 18.

The Emmy is the first won by Boyd and the fifth by Henrico Public Relations & Media Services since launching HCTV in 2003. The department produces original, feature programming focused on Henrico County.

Boyd, a television producer/director, has been a member of the HCTV staff for more than eight years. A career photojournalist, he has also worked for WWBT in Richmond and WBOC in Maryland. He earned a bachelor’s degree from Virginia Commonwealth University.

Two other programs produced by HCTV received Emmy nominations in 2015: “A Day in the Life: A Reenactment of the Battle at New Market Heights,” produced and directed by Steven Dunn; and “Taking to the Sky: First Ladies of Aviation,” produced and directed by Geoff Weidele.

HCTV programming is available to Comcast subscribers in Henrico on channel 17, on Comcast Video On Demand, and on Verizon FiOS channel 39. Programs also can be viewed online at <http://henrico.us/pr>.

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Henrico Extension ready to help residents grow SMART Lawns

The Henrico County office of the Virginia Cooperative Extension is enrolling residents in SMART Lawns, a program that provides customized plans for growing attractive, healthy lawns.

For a \$20 fee, Master Gardener volunteers will visit a home, analyze the lawn and prepare a plan for improving its condition, appearance and health. Participants will receive recommendations for fertilizer and lime, as well as suggestions for environmentally friendly weed control, mowing and watering practices.

The SMART Lawns program follows the concepts of SMART — Soil test, Measure, Aerate, Right fertilizer and Trouble-free maintenance. Residents can enroll through Saturday, Aug. 15, which will allow plans to be developed for the fall — the most critical season for lawn care. To sign up, go to henrico.us/extension or call (804) 501-5160.

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Henrico Extension seeks volunteers for Master Food training

The Henrico County office of the Virginia Cooperative Extension will co-sponsor a four-part program this fall to train volunteers to serve as community experts in basic nutrition, meal planning and healthy cooking.

The Master Food Volunteer Program is being offered to residents of Henrico and the city of Richmond to promote nutrition and wellness. The program is modeled after the Master Gardener Program, which trains residents to serve as community experts in horticulture.

Informational meetings on the Master Food Volunteer Program will be held from 10 a.m. to noon and from 3 to 5 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 6 in the demonstration kitchen of the Human Services Building, 8600 Dixon Powers Drive. The deadline to register is Friday, July 31.

The training classes will be held from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Wednesdays Sept. 23 and 30 and October 7 and 21 in the Human Services Building. The \$80 fee will offset the cost of materials and a continental breakfast and a lunch during each session. As part of the program, participants will be expected to complete 30 hours of volunteer service within one year by leading food demonstrations or working displays at health fairs or farmers markets.

For information or to register for one of the informational meetings, call Kimberly Edmonds at (804) 501-5160 or go to henrico.us/extension.
