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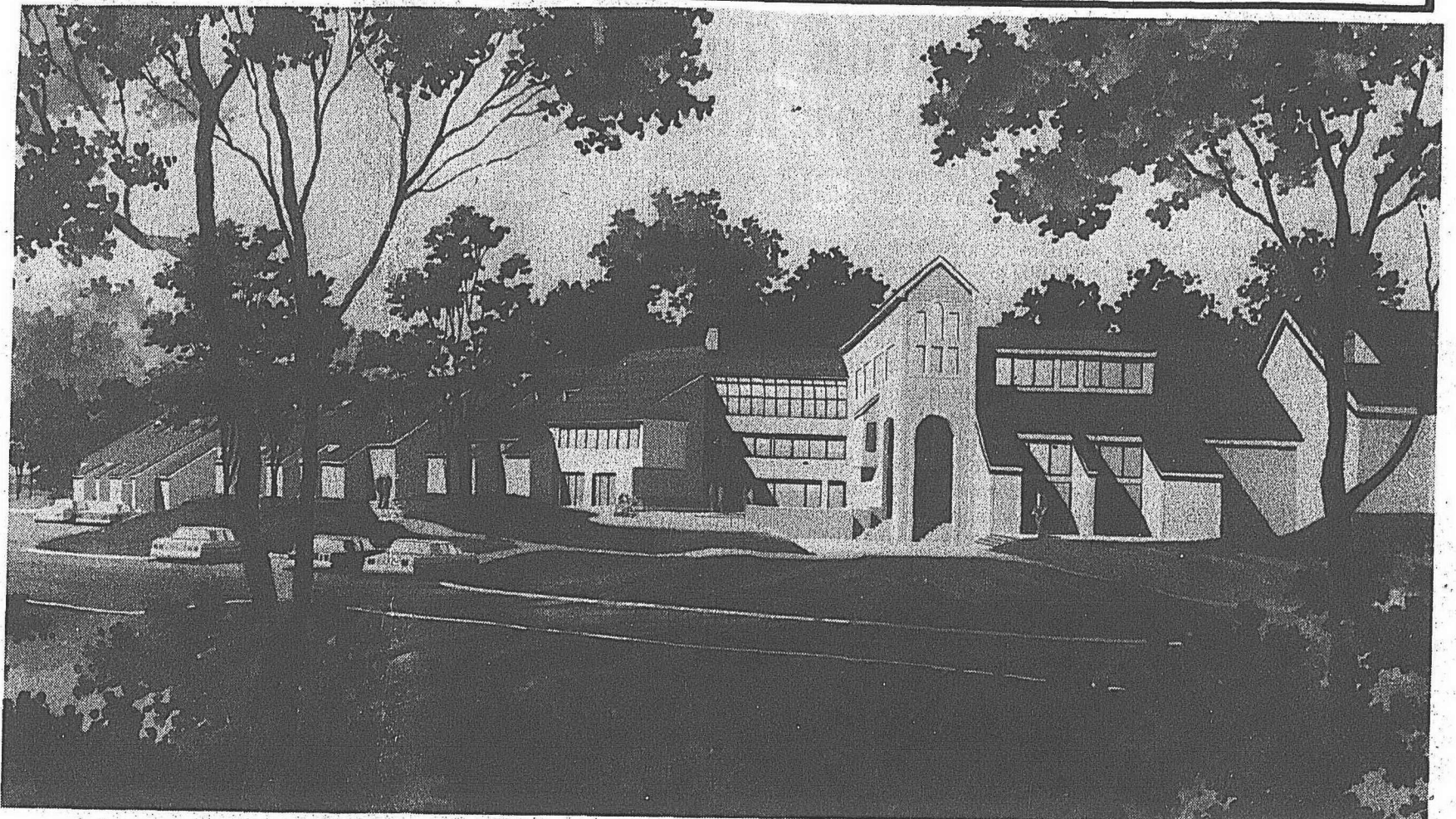
Brandermill Traffic Study Planned

A traffic study of the Brandermill Community was recently launched by the Richmond Regional Planning District Commission, at the request of Chesterfield and the Virginia Department of Highways and Transportation. The purpose of the study, being conducted by the transportation engineering firm of JHK & Associates of Alexandria, Virginia, is to determine traffic patterns into and out of Brandermill on typical weekdays.

The traffic study, to be conducted in April, will include a variety of traffic counts and surveys. Automatic machine counts and manual counts will be conducted on certain streets within and adjacent to Brandermill. In addition, questionnaires will be delivered to a large segment of the Brandermill residents. These questionnaires will ask for information on each trip taken in a car on a particular weekday and will be used to find out where Brandermill residents travel within and outside the community. Instructions will be provided with

the questionnaire. Other surveys will include short face-to-face interviews with people patronizing the various Brandermill establishments, such as Market Square, the medical office building and other nearby offices.

The results of the study will provide County planners with better information to evaluate the traffic impact of other planned unit developments like Brandermill and will also assist County and Highway Department staff in planning future roadway improvements. The quality of the results will depend, in part, on candid responses from those receiving questionnaires or being interviewed. The study is being coordinated with the Brandermill Community Association and the Brandermill Men's Retiree Club. Some of the results of the study will be published in a later edition of the Village Mill. Cooperation from Brandermill residents will ensure that useful results, benefiting the overall planning of Chesterfield County, are realized from the study.



Hardwicke, Eckstrom, and Associates, Ltd.

Brandermill Inn and Conference Center

Scheduled to open on October 15, 1984, the Brandermill Inn and Conference Center is a specialized facility offering townhouse accommodations and a variety of meeting and recreational facilities. The Center is presently under construction at Harbour Pointe, overlooking Swift Creek Reservoir.

Graphic Arts and V & V Creative Enterprises, produced 3,000 copies of the improved directory, at no charge to the BCA. The payment for the directories was generated by the procurement of ads. Plans are for the BCA to stay with this type of directory in the foreseeable future.

Woodlake

Members of the Board then discussed the support furnished by the BCA for the new Woodlake Community Association. The Woodlake Community Association has hired Carol Thomas of Court Ridge to form a nucleus of the new Woodlake Community Association. The BCA has providing training Carol, with all costs borne by the Woodlake Community Association.

Her office is now located in the Woodlake branch office in Market Square. When the new administration building is available in Woodlake, Mrs. Thomas will be transferred to that location and begin the work of the Association, which will parallel the work of the Brandermill Community Association.

Brandermill Woods

The Board granted the Community Manager authority to enter into a sublease with Mr. John Ladky, representing the Brandermill Woods Retirement Village. Brandermill Woods is to be built on 30 acres of land in the far northeast corner of Brandermill, with construction starting around the first of June, and completed about a year thereafter.

Assessments

The Community Manager briefed the Board on the status of the Accounts Receivable. He advised that as of March 12th, there was \$19,593. owed in unpaid assessments to the BCA. The Board directed the Community Manager to proceed on a priority basis to develop a procedure, including court action, to collect these unpaid assessments. They noted that the requirement to pay assessments is a legal one and that the Board must take action through the General District Court of Chesterfield to inform property owners that a lien can, and will, be placed against their property if the just debt is not settled. Anyone having questions on the matter of assessments, can call the BCA office at 744-1035 and discuss the matter with Kelly McGrann.

Property Transfer

Finally, the Community Manager advised the Board that the Brander-

mill Company is preparing to transfer an additional 39,544 acres of open space which includes bike paths, to the BCA, in accordance with requirements stated in the restrictive covenants. With this transfer, the BCA will have a total of 317,688 acres transferred from the Company starting with the first transfer of open space on April 11, 1980. The BCA will review all the areas, including the bike paths and the open spaces and make a

throughout Brandermill. He reported that all of the directional signs had been repainted "Tobacco Brown". The total cost of the project was shared by the BCA and the Brandermill Company. Bill then advised the Board of overall costs relative to repair and rehabilitation of some of the neighborhood signs. He advised that the total cost of this work would average around \$200 a sign.

ment prepared by the Company, in which the Company transfers to the BCA authority to interpret and enforce most of Brandermill's covenants, had been officially filed with the County. Accordingly, the BCA will be able to enforce most of the joint covenants between the BCA and the Company, without referring the problem to the Company, which had been the procedure in the past.

Genito Road

Fred Bott briefed the Board on the status of the Genito Road project, between Coalfield and Brandermill Parkway. The Virginia Highway Department in coordination with the Company and the BCA, are working to improve the site distance and the appearance of Genito Road between Coalfield and Brandermill Parkway.

President Bob Katherman advised the Board that he had written to Mr. Brett, the Virginia Department of Highways District Engineer, and asked that the speed limit on Genito Road be reduced to 35 mph. The BCA feels that a strong case was presented in the letter for the reduction of the speed limit from the current 45 mph. Mr. Brett advised that his office would study the problem and keep the Board advised of actions taken.

The meeting adjourned at 10:30 p.m.

Board Action

Candidates Night

The BCA's open meeting with the residents for the presentation of the four candidates for election to the two available seats on the Board of Directors, took place in the Brandermill Church, starting at 7:30 p.m. on Monday, March 12th. Approximately 70 residents were present. Candidates spoke to the residents on their reasons for running for the Board, and their plans for adding to the effectiveness of the Board's operation.

Following the Candidates' presentation, Mr. Kevin Byrnes, principal planner of the Richmond Regional Planning District Commission, briefed the group on a planned traffic study of Brandermill. The total study will be done during the month

of April. J.H.K. and Associates of Alexandria, Virginia, have been chosen to do this study. They will be assisted by the Retired Men's Club of Brandermill. Club President Ray Bissell indicated that his organization would be happy to provide help with the study, including passing out questionnaires, interviewing residents and conducting traffic studies.

Telephone System

Based on the Community Manager's request, the Board authorized the purchase of the telephone system that is presently installed in the BCA offices.

The Board took note of the fact that the new resident directory project was quite successful. Piedmont



As you may have noticed, all the directional signs in Brandermill has been rehabilitated!

The work was contracted out by the BCA and was funded jointly by the BCA and the Brandermill Company.

The cooperative effort has produced a viable directional system throughout Brandermill. Pictured above, Jerry Branch, Bill Pugh.

DEADLINE

The deadline for the May issue of the Village Mill will be Friday, April 27, at 4 p.m. The May paper will be distributed Monday and Tuesday, May 7 and 8

Contributions should be submitted typed, double-spaced whenever possible. Clear, handwritten copy is also accepted. Black and white photographs produce the best quality newspaper pictures, but good color prints will be considered.

Photographs and original advertising copy may be picked up at the Brandermill Community Association office one week after distribution. Submit articles and advertising to: Editor, The Village Mill, c/o Brandermill Community Association, 3001 East Boundary Terrace, Midlothian, Virginia.

Reminder:
**The Brandermill
Community
Association Annual
Meeting For Residents
Monday, April 30
7:30 PM at
Brandermill Church**

Covenants

Board President Bob Katherman advised that the revocable agree-

April 28 Activities

Following the "Meet the Candidates Night" the Board went into executive session and discussed several items of interest to the residents of Brandermill. The Community Manager briefed the Board on a number of activities going on April 28th, in and near the Safeway Store in Market Square. These will include a display by rescue squads, including CPR and blood pressure testing facilities, a Blue Cross/Blue Shield van and dental checks. There will also be a 10 km run sponsored by the Striders of Brandermill and a Walk-for-Life on the bike paths for citizens 45 and older, sponsored by the Chesterfield County Department of Parks and Recreation. In addition, there is to be a bicycle clinic sponsored by Troop 890, supervised by Don Gerardi, Scoutmaster.

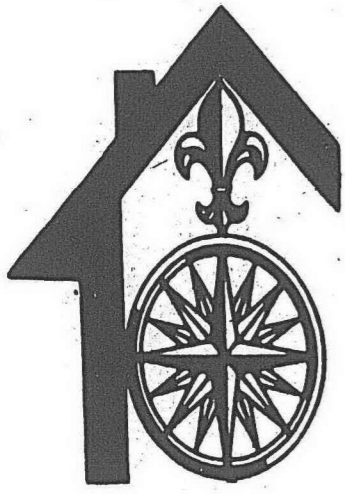
Sign Project

Assistant Community Manager, Bill Pugh updated the Board on the status of the directional sign project

New Jersey AFS Students Visit CHHS



The AFS Student Club at Clover Hill High School sponsored 27 students from New Jersey for 5 days in March. Clover Hill students will make an exchange visit to New Jersey early in April. Students pictured above were returning home to New Jersey.



Brandermill Community Association News

Moped, Motorcycle Operation Guidelines Given For Residents

All Boats Must Be Registered At B'mill

BOAT REGISTRATION - 1984 boating registration forms have been mailed to all previously registered boaters. If you have not received a form, please call Pat Cooke 744-1035.

All boats must be registered with the BCA in order to use the lake. For those who have just purchased a boat and are not previously registered, call 744-1035 for information.

BOATING GUEST PASSES - Anyone with guests bringing boats to Brandermill to use the lake, must obtain a guest pass in the name of the resident from the BCA office, Monday through Friday 8:30 - 5:00. Guest passes are \$1.00/day. All boaters and guests must comply with the BCA Boating Rules and Regulations.

BCA BOAT HOUSE - The BCA boat house will be open on Weekends beginning April 14, 1984, weather permitting. Guest passes may be obtained from the boat house on weekends.

In response to the many questions raised with regard to the operation of two-wheeled motorized vehicles, the following guidelines are offered:

MOPEDS - Under Virginia law, a moped is a bicycle with a helper motor rated less than one brake horsepower and which cannot travel faster than 20 MPH. You should treat them with the same care and attention given to a bicyclist. You must be at least 16 years of age to operate a moped on any public road, but you may NOT operate a moped if your driving privileges are suspended or

revoked.

MOTORCYCLES - To operate a motorcycle on Virginia roads (other than a dirt bike which is never put on the road) the following requirements must be met: (1) A Class C driver's license, minimum; (2) State and County tags; (3) Insurance; and (4) Helmet with face shield.

REMINDER - Even under the above regulations, NO mopeds or motorcycles are allowed on BCA property, i.e., on the Peninsula, bike paths or open space.



Lost...and Found!

FOUND - Sun Glasses with bifocals in case and a cigarette case on Brandermill Parkway near the Country Club March 19, 1984. Call BCA office 744-1035.

FOUND - in Sunday Park, Baseball glove and softball. Call BCA office 744-1035.

If you have lost any keys in the last six months, please contact the BCA. We have several assorted sets.

Welcome New Residents

SUTTER'S MILL: Joe and Diane Tassone
FOX CHASE: Philip and Marianne Rapp

AUTUMN WOODS: Harvey and Janice Snellings

OLD FOX TRAIL: Charles and Sandra Blaine, Jessie Cook, George and Marilyn Hull, Cleo and Susan Myers

WHISPERING OAKS: Seong and Jin Gweon
LITCHFIELD BLUFF: Ed and Nancy Albright

WATKIN'S GLEN: Marcia Goodman

NORTHWICH: Jules and Doris Saut

THORNBRIDGE: John and Susan Bland, Lorraine Thome

COURT RIDGE: Robert Weedon

HARBOUR BLUFF: Clark and Leslie Thomas

TWO NOTCH: Rod and Leslie Mustanski

WINTERBERRY RIDGE: C.T. and Moira Hill

TIMBER RIDGE: Terry and Maomi Thornton

REGATTA POINTE: H. Carter and Ann Myers

CARRIAGE CREEK: Jack and Irene White, Hardy Lang

SAGEWOOD: Carl and Billie Schulz, James and Katherine Piette

ARROWOOD: Martha Cummings, Henry and Grace Bernstein

CROSSTIMBERS: Don and Barbara Baker, Jim O'Neill

HARBOURWOOD: Bart and Julie Woodby

THE OAKS: Jeffrey and Pamela Lang

PLANTER'S WOOD: Michael Bahr

HUNTSBRIDGE: Thomas and Cathryn Carmichael, Edwin and Barbara Petty

GARRISON PLACE: Paul and Becky Wyman

WOOD BRIDGE CROSSING: Gayle Dobbs

MUIRFIELD GREEN: David and Cathy Dziadosz, Donald Hawkins

POPLAR GROVE: Hugo and Brenda Thompson

THREE BRIDGES: Jim and Terri Moncure

LONG SHADOW: Charles Saunders

BARNE'S SPRING: Bruce Snyder

Questions & Answers

By Franny Powell, Marketing Director

With the \$1 million Indoor Aquatic Center and all the other new year-round recreational amenities planned for Woodlake, surely homesites will be expensive—what are the price ranges?

In actuality, because of the early stage of development, Woodlake retail lots are priced below market value. Early buyer discounts and incentives to buy are frequently offered to those "pioneers" who buy before all the facilities and conveniences are available. Similar to Brandermill, homes are projected to range in price from about \$60,000 to over \$300,000; retail lots range from \$17,000 for an interior wooded lot to over \$60,000 for a waterfront lot.

In understand that covenants for Woodlake are different than those in Brandermill - What are the primary differences?

In Woodlake, the Architectural Guidelines have been broadened to encourage a wider variety of homestyles. In addition to the standard rustic stained homes, brick homes, Victorian-style homes, and a wide palette of painted colors for homes will also be encouraged. Additionally, grass lawns and attention to landscaping will be influential in creating a colorful streetscape among neighborhoods, as well as along the parkway and in the main recreational areas. Many potential buyers have expressed an interest in a small grass and mulch yard requiring minimal maintenance, but with the color and texture that grass can provide.

What are the advantages of being a pioneer in a new community like Woodlake?

The most significant advantage to being an early buyer in a new real estate project is the "ground floor opportunity." Our years of experience have shown us that homesites must be priced below market value initially to stimulate sales. Therefore, early buyers generally have the opportunity to experience the greatest amount of appreciation of their property as the project grows and develops and prices subsequently rise to full market value levels. Ask any Brandermill resident from the "early days" . . . those who purchased property during the first year of development . . . and they will tell you about the potential financial advantages available.

A second advantage is the unusually quiet and uncrowded ambience of the community overall for those who are the first to move in. You can enjoy the benefits of using the wide range of recreational facilities which were designed to accommodate the community-at-large before the majority of residents move in.

It takes a special type of person to be a "pioneer" in a new community; those with the greatest imagination and foresight tend to most enjoy the rewards. In Woodlake, can homeowners dock their boats on the back of their individual lots?

Yes. The privilege and convenience of docking your sailboat, canoe, or small fishing boat right in your own back yard is available to Woodlake residents.



Franny Powell, Marketing Director of Woodlake.

Limited Security To Be Provided For Woodlake By The BCA

The Brandermill Community Association Board of Directors, at its March 12 meeting, has approved a request by the Woodlake Community Association to provide limited (one hour per day) security by using the BCA's security vehicle and security officers, seven days a week.

Security coverage will include three visits during the tour of each security officer. The responsibilities of the officers would be to check

buildings in Woodlake, make note of suspicious vehicles, check for pilferage and for security of the buildings involved.

For this service, the Woodlake Association will pay the BCA \$12.50 an hour, which covers the cost of the automobile and the security officer's time. The Board has also requested the Fred Bott, Community Manager of Brandermill, increase the officers' tour of duty by one hour, so that the total time spent in Brandermill can remain the same.



Gary Fenchuk, President of Woodlake and Brandermill.

Community Calendar April



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| Thursday, April 5 | Woman's Club Day Meeting at Brandermill Country Club "Antique Appraisal" |
| Friday, April 6 | Brandermill Garden Club 10 a.m., "Flowering Hanging Basket Workshop", Call Sondra Green 744-5098 for information. |
| Saturday, April 7 | Chesterfield County Spring Clean-Up Campaign begins |
| Tuesday, April 10 | Swift Creek Elementary School PTA meeting, 7:30 p.m., Nominations of Officers.
Woman's Club evening meeting at Brandermill Country Club, 7:30 p.m., "The Shroud of Turin" documentary. |
| Thursday, April 12 | Brandermill Garden Club Night Meeting, "The Art of Ikebana". Call Sondra Green for information at 744-5098. |
| Friday, April 13 | Mother-Child Tea at Children's World. |
| Saturday, April 14 | Jaycee's Brandermill Clean-up Day. |
| Sunday, April 15 | Schola Cantorum, 7:30 p.m. at Brandermill Church |
| Monday, April 16 | Chesterfield County schools closed for Spring Vacation. |
| Tuesday, April 17 | Passover Seder, Brandermill Country Club. Call Virginia Engler at 744-3608 for information. |
| Thursday, April 19 | Maundy Thursday Communion Service, 7:30 p.m. at Brandermill Church, in cooperation with Tomahawk Baptist Church. |
| Sunday, April 22 | EASTER SUNDAY. Worship service at Brandermill Church: 9 a.m. in Sanctuary, 10:30 a.m. at Sunday Park Pavilion. |
| Monday, April 23 | Chesterfield County Schools re-open. |
| Tuesday, April 24 | Swim and Dive registration at Brandermill Country Club 7:30 - 9 p.m. |
| Friday, April 27 | DEADLINE, MAY ISSUE of the VILLAGE MILL |
| Saturday, April 28 | WALK-FOR-LIFE-CARE, registration begins at 8 a.m. at Market Square. |
| Sunday, April 29 | Adult Choir Cantata "Worthy of the Lamb," 10:30 a.m. at Brandermill Church. |
| Monday, April 30 | BRANDERMILL COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION ANNUAL MEETING. ALL RESIDENTS WELCOME. Brandermill Church, 7:30 p.m. |
| Tuesday, May 1 | "What It's Like to be a Child in the 80's" by Dr. Joseph King. Swift Creek Elementary School PTA meeting, 7:30 p.m.
Clover Hill High School Family Soccer Night.
Clover Hill vs Powhatan, 6 p.m. JV, 7 p.m. Varsity |
| Wednesday, May 2 | Swift Creek Elementary School Family Skate at Golden Skateworld, Rt. 60, 6:30-9 p.m. |
| Friday, May 4 | Brandermill Garden Club, Agecroft Tour. |
| Monday, May 7 | 1st Brandermill Toastmaster Club Meeting, 8-9:30 p.m., Brandermill Community Center. |

Your Community Activity Can Be Printed In This Space, Free Of Charge. Address Club and Organization Announcements to: Brandermill Community Association/The Village Mill, 3001 East Boundary Terrace, Midlothian, Virginia 23113.

Brandermill Hosts Trot For Tots

The Brandermill community will host the 4th annual Trot for Tots family run with proceeds going to the Medical College of Virginia's pediatric department. The run is organized by the MCA Hospital's Auxiliary of VCU and this year is being sponsored by the Brandermill Community, Children's World, and WRVA.

The run will be held one Sunday in the Fall from 2:00 to 4:30 p.m. Bob Broomfield from the Richmond Road Runners Association is laying out a one mile, a 5K (3.1 miles) and a 10K (6.2 miles) run throughout the community. The one mile run is for children and novice runners, while the 5K and 10K runs have been certified by the RRCA and TAC.

Pre-registration fees for the runs are: \$3 for children, \$5 for adults and a \$14 group charge for families. The fees go up one dollar for registration the day of the race. Proceeds from the run will help to purchase needed equipment and activity opportunities for children who are hospitalized at MCV.

Through the donations of the sponsors and local businesses, each runner will be eligible for various door prizes, with the first 200 entrants receiving a free Trot for Tots T-Shirt. Goodie bags will also be given away to all the runners participating in this worthwhile cause.

Registration forms will be available through the Brandermill Community and Children's World. Ads featuring the registration form will be run in future issues of the Village Mill and the local area newspapers. Registration will start at 12:30 p.m. on the day of the event.

For more information call 786-0923.



**From the Editor's Desk
It's Your
Newspaper!**

First. Thank you to all the Brandermill residents who noticed that I had begun the Editor's Desk feature in our March issue. Your encouragement to continue with the column prompts me to once again "take pen in hand".

Second. May I take this opportunity to invite Brandermill residents (who have not already done so) to participate in the production of the Village Mill? You can help make our paper more informative - and more fun - if you encourage clubs and organizations to which you belong to submit regular "Press Releases" to the Mill. There are so many interesting things happening in Brandermill, and while we do try to cover as many activities as possible, we do not always know what every organization is doing and planning - unless you help. (See front page for deadline and mailing address information.) We will include as many submissions as space allows. With Spring finally upon us, a lot of outdoor activities are gearing up - and we love to get pictures! (Black and white, please.)

Don't forget: the Community Calendar provides our residents with a quick review of Brandermill functions and a listing in the Calendar is free of charge. Birth announcements are also free of charge and, judging from the new strollers

and baby buggies (not to mention proud Mom's and Dad's) seen on the bike paths, we just know that there have to be more new babies than we've heard about!

Third. This month there is ANOTHER new feature in the Village Mill. It is called Business News. This column is intended to acknowledge promotions, awards received, and special trips taken by Brandermill residents who are working professionals. While it is not intended to replace advertising copy for business concerns, we hope it will help to highlight the contributions being made by these special individuals. Press releases should be addressed to Editor: Village Mill.

Fourth. Your ideas about ways to improve the community (and the Village Mill) are appreciated. Sending a Letter to the Editor is a good way to express your interest and concerns, or to extend a special thank you. We will print as many letters as possible.

Finally. Some of us will soon celebrate the feast of the Passover, while others are looking forward to the celebration of Easter week. In Brandermill, where the Parkways and door yards have bloomed once again with crocus and daffodils and tulips, we all celebrate the return of Spring.

See you in May!

-PDH

Children's World Opening Rescheduled For April 16

Children's World, planned to open in Brandermill April 2, must postpone its opening to April 16, due to minor construction delays. "We hope this delay will not inconvenience any of our new parents. It was one of those cir-

cumstances that was unavoidable," said Ms. Karla Rotter, Center Director.

A Mother-Child Tea Party is still planned for April 13, from 9:00 a.m. to noon, for those wishing to have a preview of the center.

Virginia Museum Announces One-Day Seminar On "Flower Imagery In Art"

The Virginia Museum will present "Flower Imagery in Art," a one-day seminar, June 20 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Innumerable artists in many different cultures have transformed perishable flowers into permanent images, and this series of four lectures brings together experts in American, Dutch, Japanese and Indian art to illuminate the meaning of flower imagery in their cultures," says Dr. William Rasmussen, educational programs coordinator for the Museum.

The seminar will feature the American and Dutch development of flower imagery, as well as investigate the wide variety of flowers used in Japanese painting. Buddhist, Hindu, and Mughal flower art, from its inception through the 10th century, will be outlined.

The museum is accepting advance registration for the seminar by mail (Virginia Museum, Boulevard and Grove Ave., Richmond, VA 23221), and tickets are \$10 for members, \$15 for non-members and \$5 for students with valid IDs.

Lunch will be available in the public cafeteria, or members may make advance reservations in the Members' Suite restaurant (257-0856).

Trained Master Gardeners Will Conduct Clinics Throughout The Month Of April In Chesterfield County

The Chesterfield Extension Service has 32 trained MASTER GARDENERS available to help homeowners with lawn and garden problems.

These volunteers will be conducting clinics during April from 10:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. at Gardern Centers throughout Chesterfield County, as follows:

- April 7 - Sneads Nursery, Watkins Nursery, Boulevard Flowers
- April 14 - Clover Hill Greenhouse, Sneads Nursery, The Plant Man, Curtis Paint and Hardware
- April 15 - The Plant Man

Brandermill, Chesterfield Plan Spring Clean-up

The Brandermill Jaycee's have volunteered to pick up trash on Old Hundred and Genito Roads adjacent to Brandermill as a project for Spring Clean-Up Day.

This will be the third year in a row that the Jaycee's have given of their time and effort to help the Brandermill community. They plan to assemble at Market Square at 8

Jaycee Women Host Second Forum

The Brandermill Jaycee Women hosted their second Community Forum Wednesday evening, March 21st, at the Brandermill Church. Featured was Dr. David C. Forrest who addressed the topic of "Progress in the Field of Infertility," with additional comments made by his associate, Dr. Clifford Fleet. The Jaycee Women would like to thank Dr. Forrest, DR. Fleet and attendees for their participation in the enlightening dialogue that took place.

As part of their service to the community, the Jaycee Women-sponsored forums are free of charge, informal, and open to the public. Topic ideas for future forums are welcomed by the Jaycee Women. If you have a subject which you would like to see addressed, call Pam at 744-3163.

In addition to the upcoming forums schedule, watch for information concerning the Brandermill Jaycee Women's Biannual Identichild Program which is tentatively set for May 12th. This popular event provides parents with vital information about their children including up-to-date photos and 10 fingerprints - essential in determining identities. A minimal fee is charged to cover costs, however, the time involved to provide this service to the public is donated by all those involved.

The Brandermill Jaycee Women is a local chapter of a national organization for young women which provides leadership training, civic service, and the pursuit of mutual interests. New memberships are heartily welcomed. Call Pam - 744-3163.

a.m. on Saturday, April 14.

Jerry Branch, President of Atlantic Grounds Management Company, has volunteered a truck and driver to help remove the bags of trash when filled by the Jaycee's. Jerry is the BCA contractor.

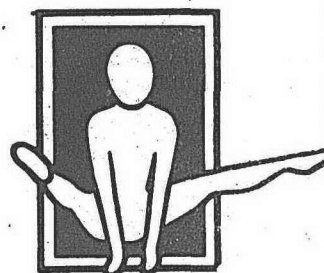
In related news, the Keep Chesterfield County Clean Corporation has scheduled its annual clean-up campaign for the weeks of April 7 through May 12, 1984. Community groups are being encouraged to organize a clean-up drive within their neighborhoods during this time. County trucks will be available on the weekends dur-

ing the five-week campaign. Also available to participants are 30-gallon trash bags, car litter bags, bumper stickers, brochures and reflector vests. Scout troupes participating in the campaign will receive a patch for their efforts. Call Chesterfield Extension Service, 271-8988 or 748-5879, for further information.

The county is also reminded that the county provides a pick-up of dry household trash for individuals on a once-a-month basis at no charge. This trash includes cans, paper, plastics, bottles, and like material that must be in con-

ventional trash cans or plastic bags. Leaves, grass clipping, and bush or hedge trimmings tied in plastic bags can be picked up on Fridays. A resident desiring this service must call the Sanitation Department at 748-1297 each Thursday before 12 noon to get on the Friday pick up list. This must be done each time a pick-up is wanted. Leaves and grass clippings must be in plastic bags.

The children who go to the Richmond Olympiad will tumble, dance, exercise and have fun.



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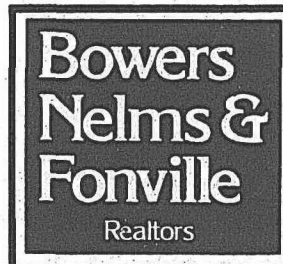
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Library Friends To Have General Meeting April 11

The Friends of the Midlothian Library will hold its general meeting on Wednesday, April 11 at 8 p.m. at the Midlothian Library, 521 Coalfield Road, Midlothian.

Guest speaker will be Mr. John Roland of the Virginia Water Control Board, who is the Coordinator of the Chesapeake Bay Program. Mr. Roland will speak on the critically important issue of saving the Chesapeake Bay from pollution so that it may remain a viable system. Slides on the Bay will be shown.

Admission is free and the public is invited to attend.

Chamber music will be provided prior to the meeting by the Grove Avenue String Quartet and the Bon

Air String Quartet. Several of these musicians are members of the Richmond Symphony.

If you have any questions or require further information, please call Marti Franks, Vice President of the Midlothian Friends at 794-2497.



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Actors gather to rehearse "The Upper Room" to be portrayed at Brandermill Church on April 19. Pictured is Harold Binhammer with other members of the cast.

Lent And Easter Programs Set At Brandermill Church

In observance of the Lent and Easter season, the Brandermill Church will share two special services with the community. On Thursday, April 19, at 7:30 p.m., there will be a Community Maundy Thursday service with Tomahawk Baptist Church at the Brandermill Church. The service will center around a dramatic reenactment of the Last Supper,

Schola Cantorum Planned At Church

The University of Richmond Schola Cantorum, directed by James B. Erb, will present the fifth concert in this season's Brandermill Chamber Series at 7:30 on April 15 at the Brandermill Church.

The Schola Cantorum is a group of undergraduate singers selected each spring for outstanding musicianship, voice and personal qualities. Numbering between eight and 16, depending on the program, the group engages principally in unaccompanied singing.

In addition to this traditional choral repertoire, the group regularly has programmed choral arrangements of folk music of all kinds and each December presents on the university campus a Boar's Head Dinner entertainment of traditional advent and Christmas music.

"Worthy Is The Lamb"

On Sunday, April 29 at 10:30 a.m. the Brandermill Church Choir will present the Easter cantata "Worthy is the Lamb" by Don Wyrzzen. The choir will be accompanied by Myra Branyon, piano; Ed

"The Upper Room," by Gary R. Shiplett. Members include Jack Aden, Jay Amond, Harold Binhammer, Danny Blankenship, Diane Blankenship, Curt Branyon, Joe Covolo, Norm Dinwiddie, Karen Fredrichs, Jerry Harding, Jim Keeton, Terry Lynn, Linda Powlesson, Don Saylor and Bob Smith under the direction of Dennis Lacey. Holy Communion will be shared in the upper room setting.

New Christian Woman's Club Organizing In Area

Preliminary plans are underway to begin a Christian Woman's Club which will meet for monthly brunches at the Brandermill Country Club. The first meeting is scheduled for Monday, May 7th from 9:15-11:45 a.m. A free nursery will be provided. More details are forthcoming.

Christian Woman's Club is an interfaith organization with over 2200 groups across the U.S. and Canada and over 100 clubs throughout the world. These clubs are unique in that there are no membership or dues. All who attend are encouraged to invite friends and neighbors to a fun-filled, inspirational and relaxing meeting.

An introductory coffee will be held on April 9th from 10-11:45 a.m. at the home of Joan Regrut; 3319 Seven Oaks Terrace. Dainies Wilson, National Area Represent-

tative of Christian Women's Club, and Dona Link, Area Representative, will be present to share information about the club and to receive input from Brandermill women. Please call John Regrut (744-3234) or Debbie Matthews (744-2067) if you plan to attend the coffee. A nursery will be provided.

B'mill Church Plans Outdoor Easter Service

The Brandermill Church will be holding an outdoor Easter service this year for the first time in several years. In the past, an outdoor service was held when the church had

Friendship Bible Coffees

Two new Friendship Bible Coffees are scheduled to begin this month. "Examine the Evidence," a five week introductory study is being held on Monday mornings in Whispering Oaks. An eight week study on "Prayer" will be held in Stoney Ridge on Wednesday mornings. A nursery is available for both groups.

Friendship Bible Coffees are small groups of neighbors who meet informally to read and discuss what the Bible has to say to us today. Study materials are prepared by Stonecroft Ministries, an interfaith organization which also sponsors Christian Women and Couples Clubs.

Please call Joan Regrut (744-3234) if you would like to attend one of these studies or if you would like to begin one in your own neighborhood.

no building of its own and wished to hold the Easter worship service in the beauty of the outdoors, rather than in the high school auditorium which was being used for regular services.

Now the 10:30 a.m. service on Easter Sunday will again take place on the Sunday Park peninsula. Worshippers should bring their own blankets or lawn chairs for seating.

The regular 9:00 a.m. indoor worship service will also be held on Easter Sunday in the sanctuary. This first service will be the traditional format and will include special Easter music by the choir.

An invitation is extended to the entire Brandermill Community to join in Easter worship at one of these services.

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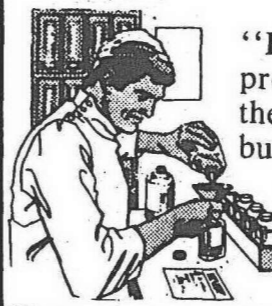
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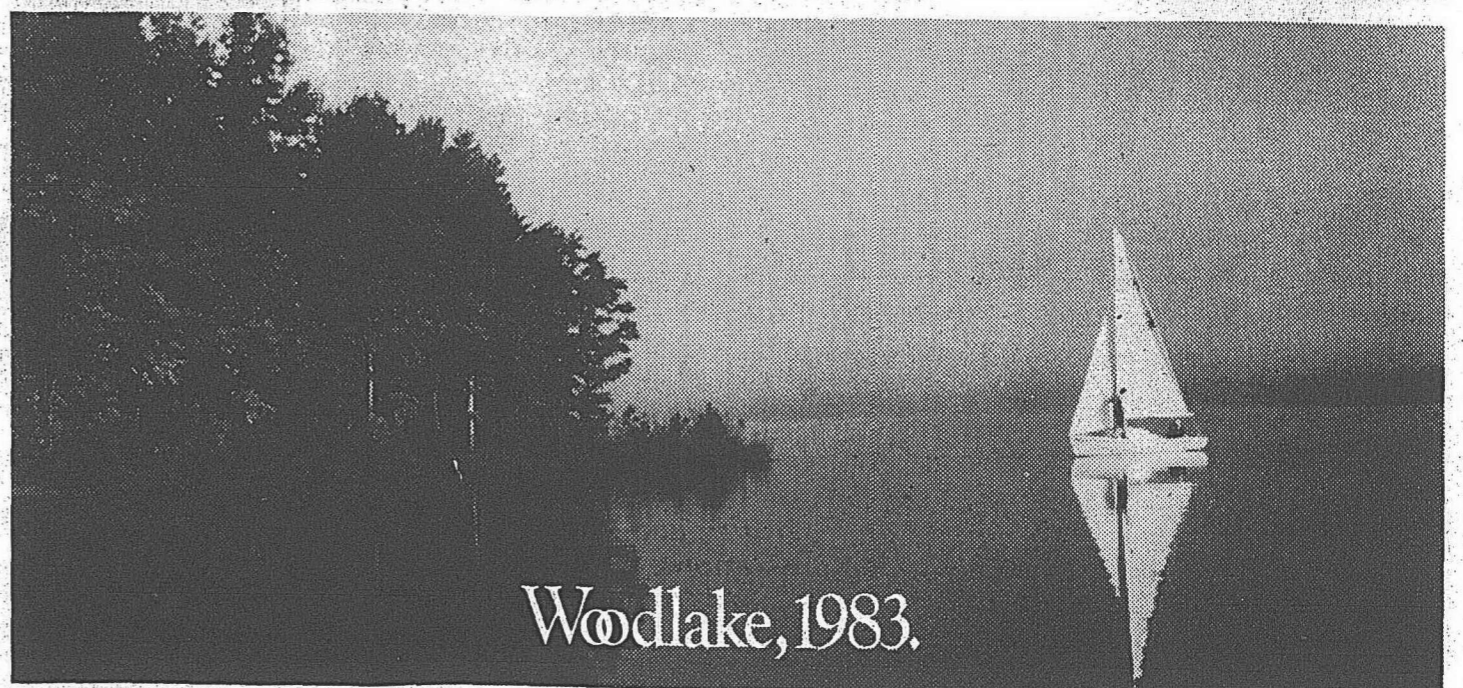
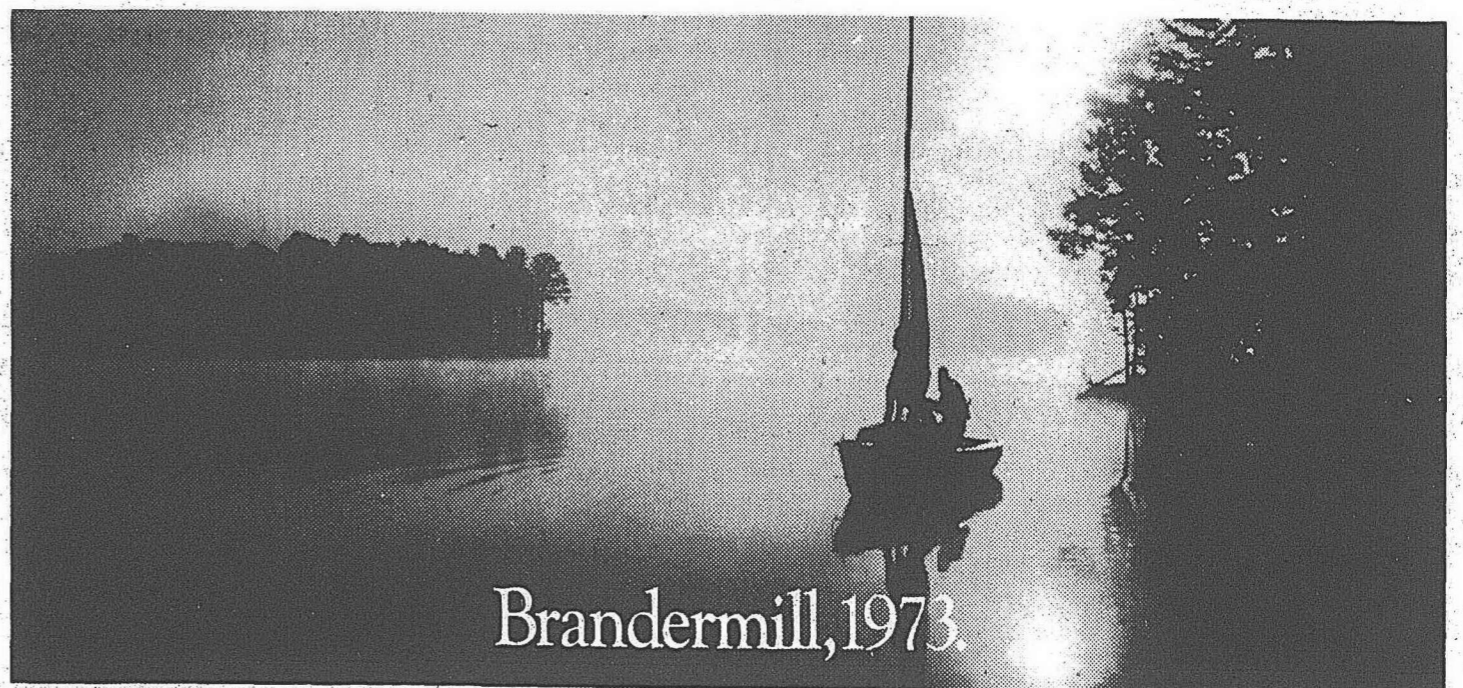


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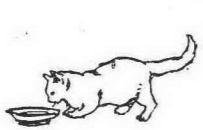
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Library Plans Tour To Stratford Hall And Wakefield

The Friends of the Midlothian Library will sponsor a tour to two plantations on Thurs., May 10. Featured on the tour will be Stratford Hall, ancestral home of the Lee family, and Wakefield, birthplace of George Washington. Both homes are located in Rappahannock, Virginia.

A guided tour will be conducted at Stratford Hall from 10:30 - 12 Noon, followed by a plantation lunch, served by colonial dames, in the dining room. A gift shop is located on the Stratford Hall premises. Following lunch, the tour will continue to Wakefield, birthplace of George Washington.

The bus will leave the Midlothian Library, 521 Coalfield Road; at 9 a.m. and return at approximately 4 p.m.

The Midlothian Friends is a volunteer, non-profit support organization for the Midlothian Branch of the Chesterfield County Library system, and is one of many Friends of the Library groups throughout the United States.

The cost of the tour is \$25 per person, and reservations are required. The deadline for reservations is Friday, May 4. For reservations, you may call Petra Vance, Vice President of the Midlothian Friends, at 744-2871.

Stuttering In Young Children

Your child may worry you because, for some reason or another, he seems to speak with more hesitations than you think he should. You may ask yourself, "Is my child a stutterer?" The Speech Foundation of America has published an excellent booklet on this subject. The booklet, which is entitled "If Your Child Stutters: A Guide for Parents", provides parents with facts regarding stuttering behavior in young children, guidelines for differentiating a stutterer from a nonfluent child, and suggestions for promoting fluent speech in the home. Experts in the field of speech/language pathology agree that increased understanding of normal speech and language development leads to prevention and early treatment of stuttering in young children.

Reportedly, 2 million people stutter in this country. An even higher percentage of young children pass through a temporary period of nonfluency. This temporary nonfluent period typically occurs when the child is between the ages of 2 and 6. It is during this period of rapid growth and development

that a child is most susceptible to the social pressures of talking. During this period, the child is master-

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How To Find Free Mulch

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Business News

B'mill Businessmen Receive Promotions; Plan Travel

MARSH & MC LENNAN, INCORPORATED, New York based International Insurance Brokers, is pleased to announce that Mons W. Olson has been promoted to Assistant Vice President. Mr. Olson, a native of Fairmont, Minnesota, has been with Marsh and McLennan since 1978. Prior to that, he was affiliated with the Insurance Company of America.

Mons and Maureen Olson were one of the original Brandermill families, having moved to Old Fox Trail in 1976. The Olsons have a son, Marc, and a daughter, Carol.

Emil S. McCarty, of E.S. McCARTY & ASSOCIATES, INC., is planning a trip to Singapore, where he will work in association with the Asian Institute of High Technology.

Kuala Lumpur, in West Malasia, and Djakarta, Indonesia are two other stops on Mr. McCarty's travel agenda. He has been invited to teach two Engineering Management courses as part of his schedule.

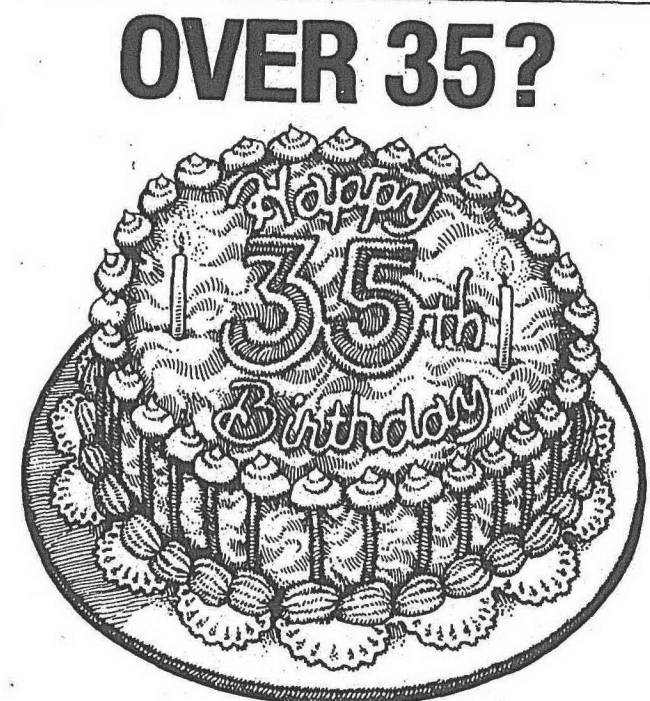
Emil McCarty earned his BS, MS, and Ph.D at Louisiana State University. He lives with his wife, June, on Quail Hill Drive. Village Mill

readers may look forward to report on Mr. McCarty's trip upon his return.

The CHESTERFIELD BUSINESS COUNCIL gathered at the Crosswinds Restaurant on March 20 for its monthly breakfast meeting. Guest speaker was Douglas H. Ludeman, President and Chief Operating Officer of United Virginia Bankshares. Mr. Ludeman spoke on "Financial Deregulation: Its Impact on Local Business." The address reviewed the complexities of banking regulations and provided a brief comparative analysis with other financial institutions. The future of interstate banking was a special interest.

The May meeting of the Chesterfield Business Council will be held on Tuesday, April 17, at Johnston-Willis Hospital Cafeteria. The invited speaker is Joseph Ripley, Director of Planning and Programming, Virginia Dept. of Highways and Transportation, whose message will be "Planning for Improved Highway Systems."

Chesterfield businessmen and businesswomen interested in learning more about membership in the Council may call Mildred Gatewood at 648-1234.



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All About Poisonous Snakes

Although relatively few snakes are seen in Brandermill (having given way to the people population!), it is suggested that parents review the following information with their children.

— Editor

There are four kinds of poisonous snakes in Virginia: the Timber Rattlesnake, the Canebrake Rattlesnake, the Copperhead, and the Cottonmouth. These are all pit vipers which means that they have long fangs used to inject venom and that they have a pit or hole on each side of their head between the eye and the nostril. In Virginia only poisonous snakes have elliptical (cat-like) pupils and undivided scales under the tail.

TIMBER RATTLESNAKE — is found in rocky and bushy areas. Forest clearings in mountains. It may rattle when disturbed. Roams day or night. Live bearing. Hibernates in large groups. Eats rodents, chipmunks, other small animals, birds.

CANEBRAKE RATTLESNAKE — lives near swamps, cane thickets,

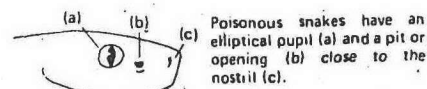
flat woods. May rattle when disturbed, nocturnal. Live bearing. Eats rodents, rabbits, squirrels, other small mammals, birds.

COTTONMOUTH (water moccasin) — lives near swamps, marshes, rivers. Slow to retreat. Opens mouth when disturbed to show white lining. Semi-aquatic. Live bearing. Eats frogs, fish, snakes, small turtles, small mammals.

COPPERHEAD — lives in moist woodlands, edges of swamps and marshes, rocky area, brush piles. Quiet-tempered, nocturnal, terrestrial, live bearing. Eats small mammals, birds, frogs, and toads. — This information provided by the Virginia Cooperative Extension Service.

The only poisonous snake indigenous to this area of Virginia is the Copperhead.

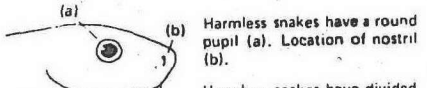
Poisonous Snakes



Poisonous snakes have an elliptical pupil (a) and a pit or opening (b) close to the nostril (c).

Poisonous snakes have undivided scales on the underside of the tail.

Harmless Snakes



Harmless snakes have a round pupil (a). Location of nostril (b).

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Athletic News . . .

Residents Invited To Family Soccer Night At Clover Hill High School On May 1st

Clover Hill High School invites you to a "Family Soccer Night", May 1st, to watch the Clover Hill Cavaliers take on Powhatan High School. As these two teams (along with Midlothian High School) were co-division champs of the Dominion District last year, this should prove to be quite a battle. The game is at 7:00 p.m. (6:00 Junior Varsity) at Clover Hill High School. The price of admission is \$1.00 pre-game (\$2.00 at the gates). The pre-game tickets can be purchased at the following locations:

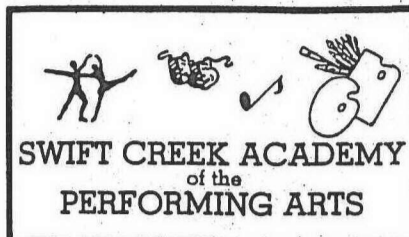
Coalfield Soccer Fields (April 7, 14, 28 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.)
 Jim Etheridge, 3110 Fox Chase Dr.
 Jim Crawford, 13912 Sterlings Bridge Dr.
 Brenda Waldrige, 4103 Poplar Grove Ct.
 Sharon Hannegan, 4616 Painted Post Ln.
 Come out to see your friends and neighbors play -- the band will be there, the concession stand will be open and at half time there will be a raffle! Clover Hill needs your support.

Five Piano Students Compete With Other Nations To Win Medals

Piano students from Swift Creek Academy of the Performing Arts recently competed in the International Piano Recording Competition sponsored by the National Guild of Piano Teachers. The five students who participated competed with over 1000 other students from all over the nation, as well as England, Germany and Japan. The students each won medals in their events. Silver medals were won by Simone Alpen, Kathleen Hall and Melanie Lawrence. Bronze medals were won by Lori Long and Catherine Shelton.

Ninety-three guitar, piano and vocal students from the academy, along with 340 other students from the Richmond area, recently per-

formed at the National Federation of Music Clubs Junior Festival held at the University of Richmond. Students participating receive ratings from two judges and comments on their performance. Thirty-one academy students received the top grade of Superior. Six students have earned grade points to receive gold cup trophies this year. They



are - 15 point trophies: Geoffrey Cummings, Leslie Ferree, Butch Jenkins, Lori Long and Allison Zinder; 30 point trophy - Cathy Lacey.

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Clover Hill High School Soccer Schedule			
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Tues. Apr. 3	Colonial Heights	Away	JV 6/Var. 7
Tues. Apr. 10	Godwin	Home	JV 6/Var. 7
Tues. Apr. 24	Manchester	Away	JV 6/Var. 7
Thur. Apr. 26	Meadowbrook	Home	JV 6/Var. 7
Tues. May 1	Powhatan	Home	JV 6/Var. 7
Tues. May 8	Thomas Dale	Away	JV 6/Var. 7
Thur. May 10	L.C. Bird	Home	JV 6/Var. 7
Tues. May 15	Midlothian	Away	Var. 7
Thur. May 17	Varina	Home	Var. 7

Brandermill Swim Association Elects New Officers For 1984

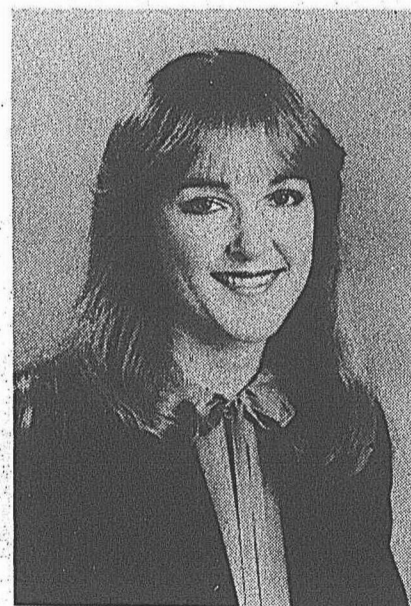
The Brandermill Swim Association announces its 1984 Officers:
 President - Herb Orbon
 1st Vice-President (Swim) - Nancy Rider
 2nd Vice-President (Dive) - Joan

DiPiero
 Secretary - Karen Ciampa
 Treasurer - Carol Hawkins
 Schedules for swim and dive meets have not as yet been finalized. Watch the May issue of the Village Mill for more information.

Nutrition And Fitness Weekend To Feature A Variety Of Health Events In B'mill

"Nutrition and Fitness" is the featured weekend activity at the Brandermill Safeway on April 28 and 29. The weekend will begin with a Brandermill Spring 10 kilometer (6.2 mile) race on Saturday, April 28 at 8:30 a.m. in front of the Safeway store. A five mile Walk-for-Life Care, sponsored by Chesterfield County Parks and Recreation Department, begins at Safeway at 10:00 a.m. Manchester Rescue Squad will have CPR checks on the parking lot and a Wellness Express Van will give customers a computerized health risk appraisal.

Safeway's nationally known Corporate Nutritionist, Cheryl Bell,



Cheryl Bell, Safeway's Corporate Nutritionist will appear during the Fitness Weekend.

will appear from 1 to 5 p.m. in the store to discuss: "Facts and Fallacies Surrounding Diet and Exercise", "Fiber in the Diet", "Snacks for Children".

Bell has a Bachelor's Degree and Master's degree in nutrition from the University of California at Davis and is a registered dietitian. She authored Safeway's Nutrition Awareness Program.

Information tables will be available for dental checks, nutrition fitness in pregnancy, medicine checks by pharmacists, aerobics and road running.

Special appearances by the University of Richmond Girls Olympic Swim Team will be made. These Virginia swimmers are finalists for the 1984 Olympics in Los Angeles.

Product sampling of Perrier, Gatorade, natural foods and yogurt will be provided.

For more information and details on this weekend, visit the Brandermill Safeway and talk with Bruce Everett.



Parents For Drug Free Youth Organize In B'mill

Are you wondering what happened after "The Chemical People" that town meeting at Swift Creek Middle School that raised our consciousness about drug abuse? Parents for Drug Free Youth-Brandermill Area was established.

Parents for Drug Free Youth-Brandermill Area (PDFY) is one of a growing number of community action groups that are being formed to deal with the substance abuse problem in our communities. PDFY is one of nine groups now in existence in Chesterfield County and is a member of the Virginia Federation for Drug Free Youth. There are plans to join the National Federation for Drug Free Youth and to form a Chesterfield chapter. The goals of PDFY in the Brandermill area are many and they need the support of the entire community.

Parents for Drug Free Youth-Brandermill Area plans to provide resource information to the community, to help educate our youth and parents and to make the community aware that such problems exist.

Future goals of the group are to provide parent and teen support groups and a resource telephone line. PDFY will join other parent groups to work within the local school systems to help provide a drug free environment for our children.

Parents for Drug Free Youth-Brandermill Area meets on a regular basis on the first and third Mondays of each month at 7:30 p.m. in the BCA Conference Room. Anyone interested is welcome to attend our meetings. Any questions may be directed to Suzanne Jordan, 7290 or Dot Worsham, 742.

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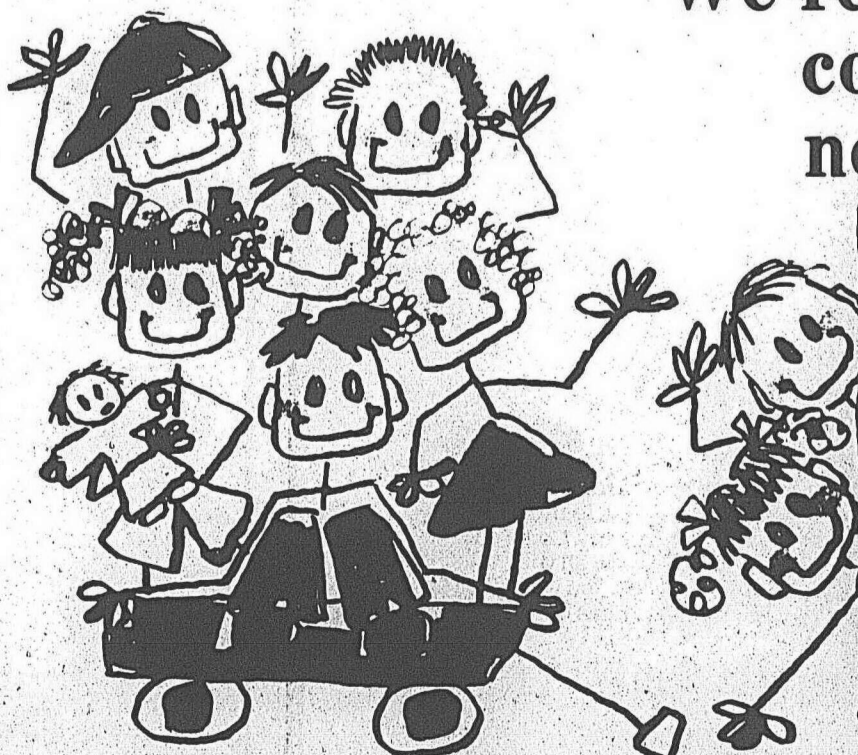
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Erna Van Den Nieuwenhuizen Wins Pie Baking Contest



The judges decision was final - but very difficult! The first annual "American as Apple Pie Contest" was enjoyed by all, but especially so by the official tasters. Pictured above, left to right: Bruce Everett, Safeway Manager; Daryl Faustini, Jaycee President; Bonnie Alexander, Chairman of the B'mill Gourmet Club; and Mike DiApolito, Food Service Manager at the Brandermill Country Club.

In keeping with this year's theme, "The Great American Cook," the Gourmet Coterie of the Brandermill Woman's Club sponsored an "American as Apple Pie" baking contest at Safeway on Saturday, March 10th.

Although the theme was American, the panel of distinguished judges, Bruce Everett, Manager of Safeway, Mike DiApolito, Food Services Manager of the Brandermill Country Club, and Daryl Faustini, President of the Brandermill Jaycees, spent twenty minutes tasting pies before deciding the first place winner should be a Dutch Apple Pie entered by Erna van den Nieuwenhuizen, and second place a French Apple Pie by entrant Bonnie Alexander. "It's a dirty job, but somebody has to do it," remarked a jealous bystander as the judges moved from pie to pie.

As the winner, Erna received a \$30 gift certificate to Safeway. This was the first cooking contest to be sponsored by the Gourmet Coterie, but there are plans to expand the contest next year to include a chili or barbeque contest for men.

The Coterie wishes to thank Safeway, the judges and particularly the entrants for making the contest a success. The prize winning recipes are as follows:

1st Place - Erna van den Nieuwenhuizen's Authentic Dutch Apple Pie

PASTRY:

3 c. sifted flour
4 oz. unsalted butter
3/4 c. sugar
1/4 t. salt

Preheat oven to 350. Combine ingredients to form a soft dough. Using part of the dough, cover the bottom of a 10" springform pan and bake 10-12 minutes. Assembly springform pan, and using 1/2 of remaining dough, line sides. Set pan aside. Use remaining dough to make criss-cross lattice for top of pie.

FILLING:

1/2 c. plus 2 T. sugar
juice of 1/2 lemon
7 sour apples
1/2 c. raisins soaked in Rum
1 1/2 t. cinnamon
Cook apples, juice of lemon, sugar, cinnamon until apples are slightly tender. Add raisins. Fill prepared springform pan with apple mixture, and top with criss-cross lattice of dough. Bake at 350 for

50-60 minutes.

2nd Place - Bonnie Alexander's Glazed French Apple Pie

PASTRY:

1 c. sifted flour
1/2 t. salt
1/2 c. Crisco
2 T. water

Sift dry ingredients into bowl. With a knife or pastry blender, cut in shortening until particles are the size of small peas. Sprinkle with water, 1 T. at a time, and continue to cut with knife. Gather dough into ball and roll to fit 9" pie pan between two pieces of wax paper. Build a high fluted edge, and price the bottom several times with a fork. Set aside.

FILLING:

1 c. granulated sugar
1/2 t. cinnamon
1/2 t. nutmeg
2 T. all purpose flour
7 c. pared and sliced Granny Smith apples
1/2 c. seedless raisins
1 1/2 T. butter
Heat oven to 400 degrees. Mix sugar, cinnamon, nutmeg and flour.

Mix lightly through apples. Add raisins. Heap up in pastry lined pan. Dot with butter. Sprinkle with

CRUMB TOPPING:

1/2 c. butter
1 c. brown sugar, packed
1 c. all purpose flour
Mix all ingredients until crumbly. Carefully sprinkle atop of apple mixture. Pie pan will be extremely full, but apples tend to settle as they cook. Bake at 400 degrees for 55-60 minutes. Place a cookie sheet on the shelf under the pie shelf in oven to catch any juice that may bake over. Tent with aluminum foil for last 15 minutes of baking to prevent crust from getting too brown.

It is important to cool pie on a rack to prevent crust from sweating and becoming soggy.

While still hot, drizzle with glaze:

GLAZE:

1 1/2 c. sifted confectioners' sugar
2 T. soft butter
1 1/2 t. vanilla
2-3 T. hot water
Stir until glaze is a medium consistency and will run from bowl in a thin stream. Drizzle in a circular pattern over crumb topping, following the contour of the pie. Serve warm or cold . . . may be topped with cream, whipped cream or ice cream. Serves 8.

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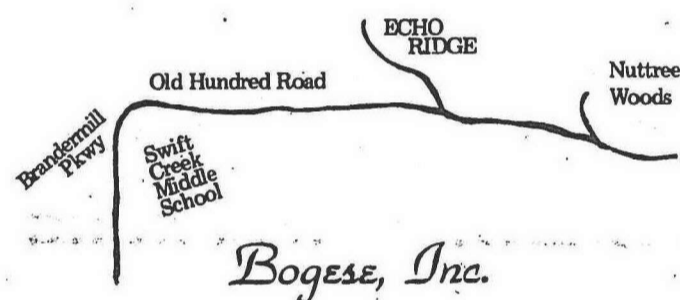
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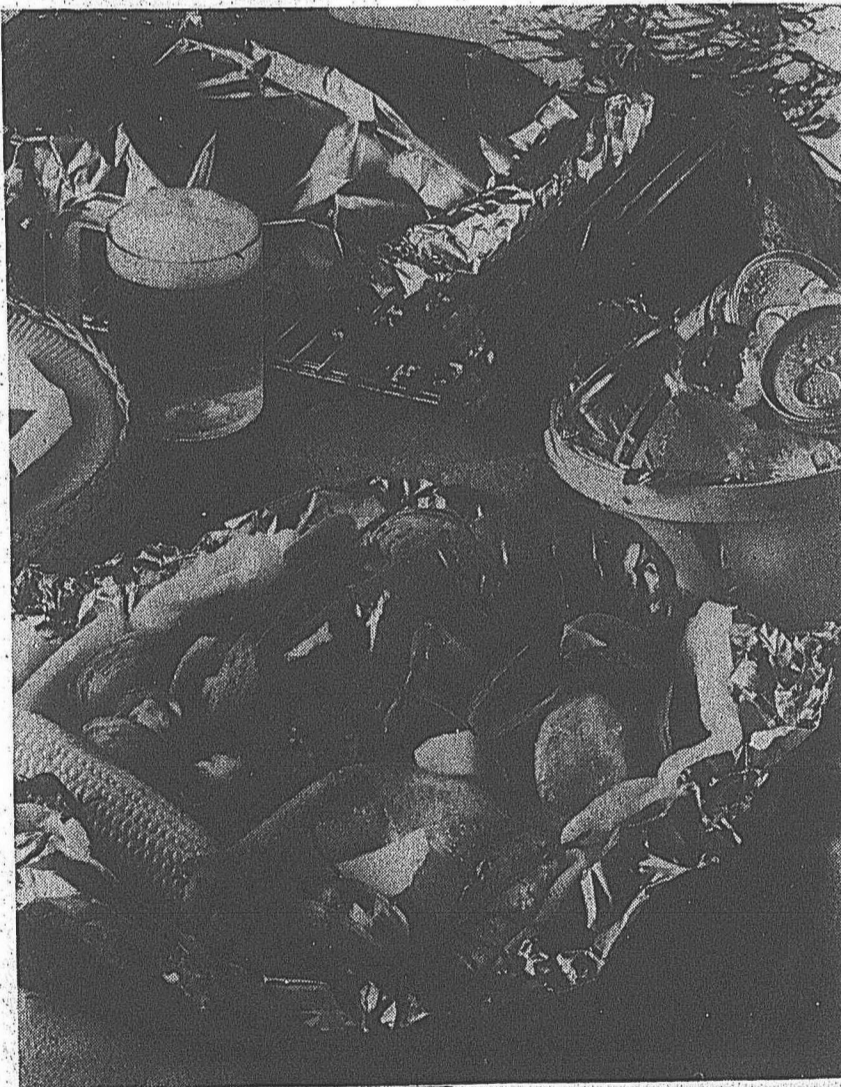
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BACKYARD CLAMBAKE

Even though it's only April, a great way to bring summer a little closer is to plan a backyard clam-bake. No pit digging is necessary. A portable grill will fit the bill.

The clam-bake essentials are: whole live lobsters, fresh clams, chicken halves, corn on the cob, onions and potatoes. Many local groceries carry whole live lobsters in the tanks, but if they can't be purchased use two frozen lobster tails.



Local seafood stores normally have fresh clams available. Little neck clams are the best choice, they are very small and tender when steamed.

Heavy duty aluminum foil is used to form individual bundles. Each bundle is lined with dampened cheesecloth (to help steam the food) and kale. All the food is layered in the bundle and placed on the grill for 45 minutes to 1 hour. Accompanied with a cold beer, your clam-bake will bring back many summertime memories.

BACKYARD CLAMBAKE

1 1/2 yards cheesecloth
1/2 pound kale or seaweed, if available
1/2 small broiler-fryer chicken
1 lobster, 1 pound
12 steamer clams
1 ear of corn, broken in half
1 small onion, quartered
1 potato, cut lengthwise in eighths
2 tablespoons water
Salt and pepper
Melted butter

Line fire bowl of grill with Heavy Duty Reynolds Wrap. Tear off a 36 x 18-inch sheet of Heavy Duty Reynolds Wrap. Put cheesecloth on foil; place kale over cheesecloth. Top with other layer of cheesecloth, chicken, lobster and clams. Tuck in corn, onion and potato. Sprinkle with water, salt and pepper. Tie cheesecloth up over the food. Drugstore Wrap. Grill foil over medium-hot, direct heat for 45 minutes to 1 hour. Open package at 35 minutes to test chicken for doneness; continue cooking if not tender. Serve with melted butter. Makes: 1 serving.

HOW TO DRUGSTORE WRAP:

1. Place food on a sheet of Heavy Duty Reynolds Wrap large enough to permit adequate wrapping. Bring two sides together over food.
2. Fold down in a series of locked folds, allowing space for heat circulation and expansion. Fold short ends up and over again, crimping ends.



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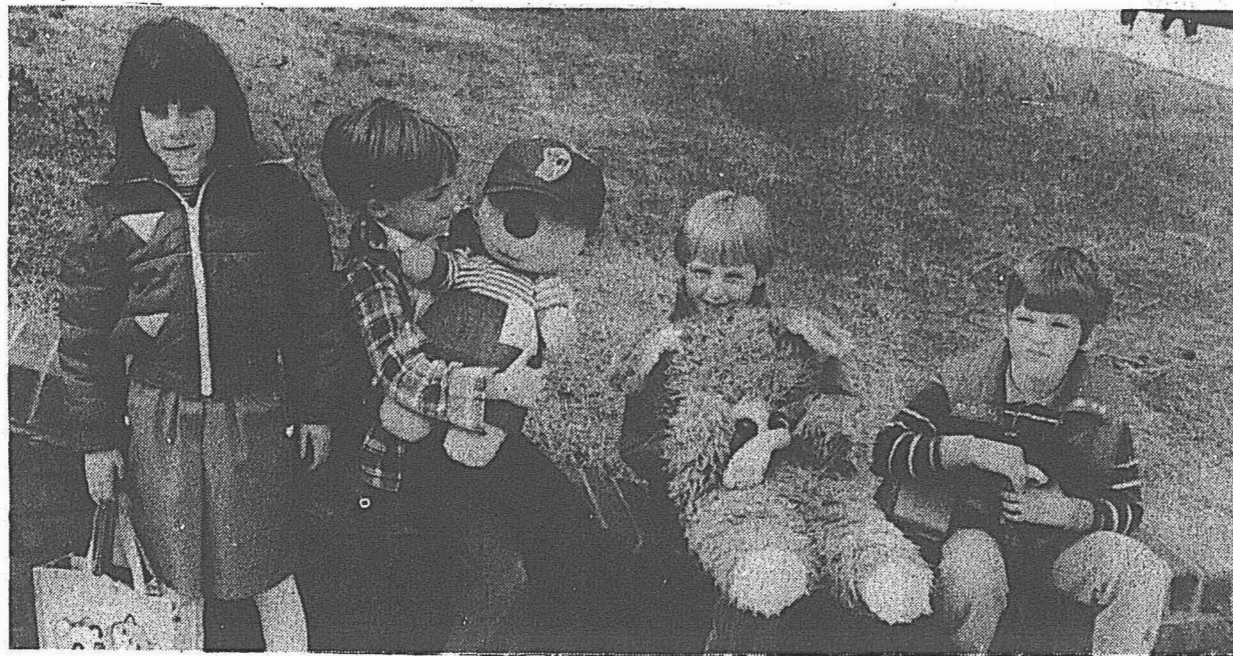
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Children at the Swift Creek Elementary School brought their favorite (bear) friends to school with them on "Favorite Bear Day." There were big bears and little bears, teddy bears and pandas, brown, white and pink bears!

Many bears were dressed for the occasion. One was a boxer bear, complete with sparring trunks and gloves. Another was a cowboy, dwarfed by his own 10-gallon hat. Another wore a lacy white bonnet.



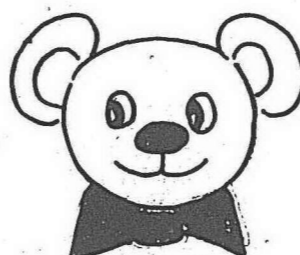
The children, and bears, arrived at school by family car and school bus. Such excitement! Everyone wanted to see everyone else's bear. In some cases the bears were bigger than their owners!

"I am a Bear of Very Little Brain, and long words Bother me."
—Winnie the Pooh, 1926

"If I were a bear, and a big bear too, I shouldn't much care if it froze or sneezed."
—Fuzzy Bear

In the afternoon the children voted for the favorite bear in each classroom. It was a difficult choice, but eventually each room had decided on one bear to represent their class in the Bears on Parade the following day.

At the school yard door, buses awaited children and bears for the homeward trip. Dragged by left leg, cuddled under arm, or mounted on shoulders, the bears went home with their owners, each secretly convinced that his or her bear was the very best bear ever.



Antiques And Shroud Of Turin Topics Of Woman's Club Meetings

APRIL DAY MEETING: An exceptionally popular program will again be repeated this year at the day meeting on Thursday, April 5, at the BCC. Mac Reese, former owner of Reese Antiques (who has

been presenting this program during the Lenten season. Documentation regarding the authenticity of the shroud will be shown through the use of slides and commentary. Judge Thomas has spent years researching

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Woman's Club

since retired), will be coming back for the 4th consecutive year to share his vast knowledge of Antiques and Antique Appraisal. Members and guests are invited to bring items or a detailed photograph of items for appraisal. In past years, the pot-pourri has included dolls, furniture, silver, jewelry, porcelain, and many small collectibles. Mr. Reese provides entertaining and informative commentary.

APRIL EVENING MEETING: "The Shroud of Turin" will be our special topic with the Honorable John Thomas of the Chesterfield Juvenile & Domestic Relations Court as our guest for the April evening meeting on Tuesday, April 10th, at 7:30 p.m. at the Brandermill Country Club. We are especially fortunate that Judge Thomas will

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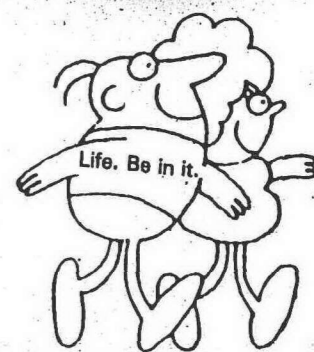
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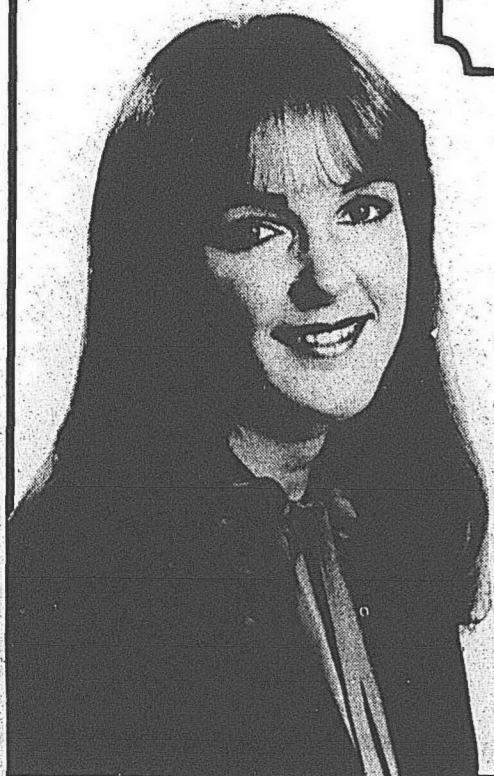
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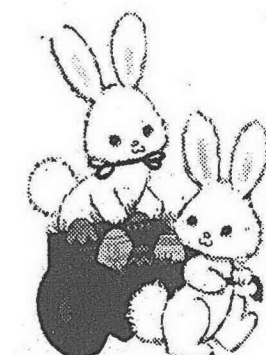
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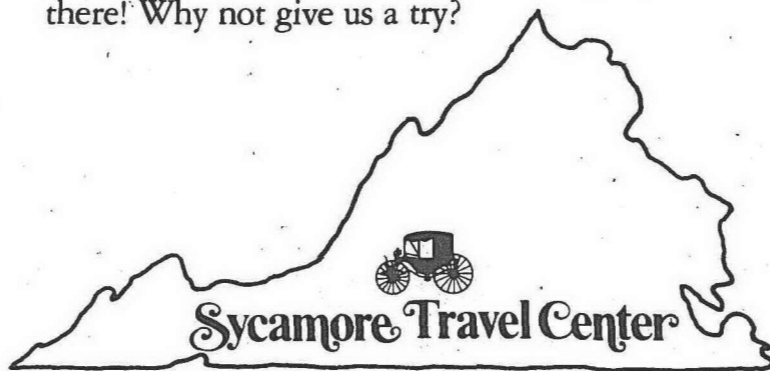
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ing certain sounds, vocabulary and sentence types. Therefore, the social pressure of talking will naturally cause the child to stumble more often than adults and older children. Even as adults, we experience nonfluency. Everyone pauses, uses speech fillers (ah, um, well, ah, etc.), gets words mixed up and ends up confused or stuck for an instant. So how do you decide if your child is only normally nonfluent or exhibiting signs of stuttering? As mentioned earlier in this article, the Speech Foundation of America has compiled a list of signs of early stuttering. These early warning signs include:

1. Repeating parts of words OFTEN and in MANY situations.
2. Prolonging the first sound of a word so that the word milk comes out "mmmmmmilk".
3. Facial tremors caused by excessive tension.
4. Rise in pitch and loudness while the child is trying to get a stuck work unstuck.
5. Evidence of embarrassment and fear while speaking (the child looks away from you when he stutters).
6. Evidence of avoiding certain words in conversation.

These above-mentioned signs indicate that your child has moved beyond the type of speech interruption that are normal for his age. A speech/language pathologist can evaluate the problem and determine if treatment is indicated.

The booklet referred to in this article can be obtained by contacting the Speech Foundation of America, P.O. Box 11749, Memphis, Tenn. 38111.

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Sky Watch

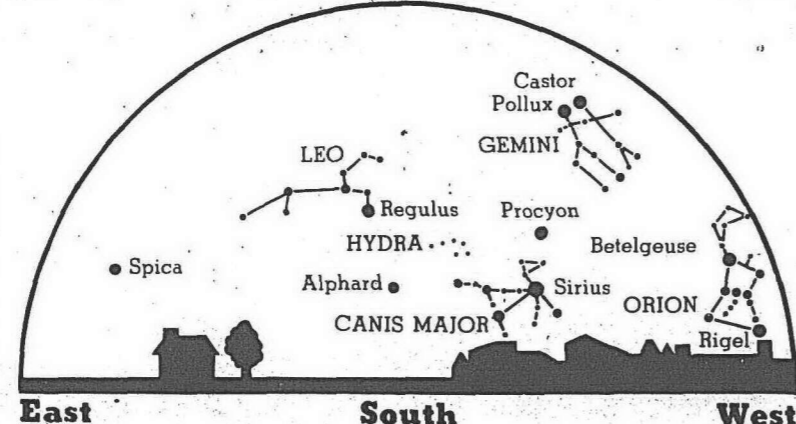
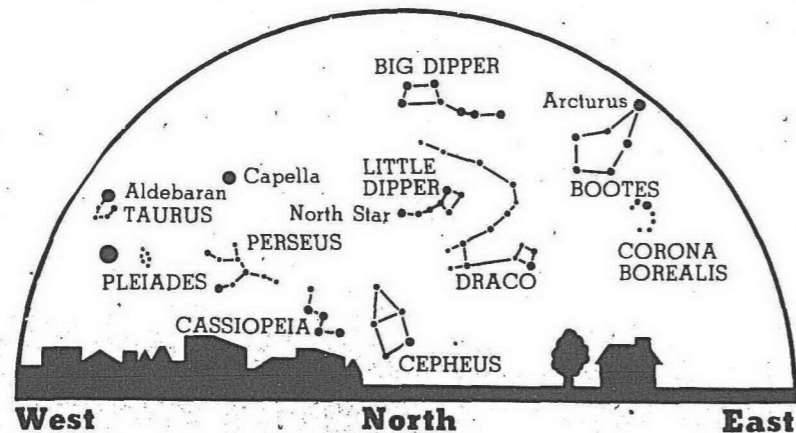
A Monthly Feature Prepared By The Science Museum of Virginia

April Sky Charts: To use these sky charts face either north or south and hold the charts directly in front of you with the horizon on the bottom. The charts show the brightest stars and planets between the horizon and the part of the sky directly overhead during the early evening hours this month.

Constellations: Compared to the brilliant stars of winter, the stars of spring seem faint. The southwest is dominated by the lingering bright winter stars, while overhead in the south, Leo the lion, the signpost of spring, has moved high into the sky. Leo is easily identified by a backwards question mark that forms the lion's head and mane. At the bottom of the question mark lies the brightest star in the constellation, Regulus. Two other stars to notice are Spica in the east and Alpherat just above the horizon.

Facing north, look for the Big Dipper high in the sky with its bowl stretching over the horizon and opening towards the Little Dipper below. Follow the two end stars in the bowl of the Big Dipper to find the North Star, Polaris.

Planets: With the disappearance of Venus from the morning skies, Mars is the planet to watch as it brightens considerably throughout the month. The planet will rise in the east early in the evening and can be seen low in the southwest by sunrise. As Mars moves eastward through Libra to the boundary of Scorpius, it will appear to come to a



"standstill" on April 5, before beginning a retrograde (westwards) movement across the sky. Mercury is visible for a brief time early this month, appearing low in the southwest just after sunset. By mid-April, the planet will disappear from view.

Early risers will also have a chance to see Jupiter before sunrise in the south. On April 29, look for the planet to become stationary, then move retrograde against the background of stars.

In the very late evening hours, Saturn can be found in the southeast, among the stars of Libra, before it sets in the pre-dawn sky.

Celestial Events: The moon will pass within a very close distance of two planets this month. In the evening hours of April 17, a waning

gibbous moon will pass within .04° of Mars. On April 21, look for the waning gibbous moon to pass within 3° of Jupiter in the early morning hours.

This year's Lyrid meteor shower takes place on the evening of April 21. Although the shower produces an average of one meteor every four minutes, these faint meteors will be difficult to see in the light from the waning gibbous moon. The best time to look for the Lyrid meteors is in the late evening hours on the 21st.

- Moon Phases:
- New Moon: Sunday, April 1.
 - First Quarter: Sunday, April 8.
 - Full Moon: Sunday, April 15.
 - Last Quarter: Sunday, April 22.
 - New Moon: Monday, April 30.