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Committee Studies Community Center

A committee of residents has been studying the need for Brandermill to have a community center. A number of questions are being considered relative to that. Is the present community center adequate? Will it be in the future?

The committee is also examining the availability of other facilities and the advisability of being in the community center business at all.

The committee consists of Jo Owens, Chairman and liaison to the BCA Board, Cathy Korte,

secretary, Ginny Engler, Max Gardner, Beth Lamp and Chris Wheeler. For the immediate future, the committee has made the following recommendations: (1) newly adopted rules be maintained; (2) an agreement with Brandermill Company, owner of the land and the building, to be drawn up for the continuing use of the present facility; (3) the 1989 Budget Committee consider the addition of a meeting room to the restrooms that are proposed for the Sunday Park area. Early in 1988 the committee will have a survey ready for those who use the Community Center. If you have any questions please contact a member of the committee or call the BCA office.

In 1978 when the community center was built, the building was to have been a teen center. It was financed, in part, by funds raised by the Teen Club and Parents Council, local builders and contractors and 50% came from the Brandermill Company. The building was used as a teen center for some time and then became a community center.

Currently the BCA pays for maintenance and repairs on the building, utilities, phone and cleaning. Frequent vandalism and theft of items in the building have increased the cost of operation. At least 8 groups are registered for regular use of the Community Center and business groups frequently use the facilities as well as individuals.

Due to rising costs of maintenance and repairs and the frequent use of the center new rules governing the use of and charges for the Center were instituted that go into effect January 1. All clubs and organizations will receive a copy of these changes by mail. Additional copies are available in the BCA office.



Photo By Sarahlynn Croll

Holiday House Grand Prize Winner, Jim and Lynn Boyd's gingerbread fantasy attracted many spectators during the holidays.

Holiday House Decorators Gearing Up

By Susan Nienow

Remember the fantasy world created by residents of Shallowford, the beauty of the nativity in Five Springs and the light display in Two Notch? Individuals and neighborhoods alike are planning for Holiday House 1987. The Village Mill is sponsoring the event this year. Judging will begin December 14. Flyers announcing the winners will be distributed December 19 and 20 so residents can drive around and en-

joy their neighbors' creations.

Judging of exterior house decorations will be based on the following criteria: originality of motif, consistency of design with house style and total landscape lighting, use of natural materials whenever possible and accent decorating of mailboxes, lamp posts or other exterior features.

Please do not use running cedar, spreading pine or any other endangered plants.

Approximately 25 Holiday

house signs will be displayed December 19 and 20. Take a drive through the community and see what your neighbors have accomplished.

Last year the grand prize was the Boyd home in Nuttree Woods, a gingerbread house fantasy. Many other homes had unique decorations and lighting. Pictures of the winning homes will be published in the January issue of The Village Mill.

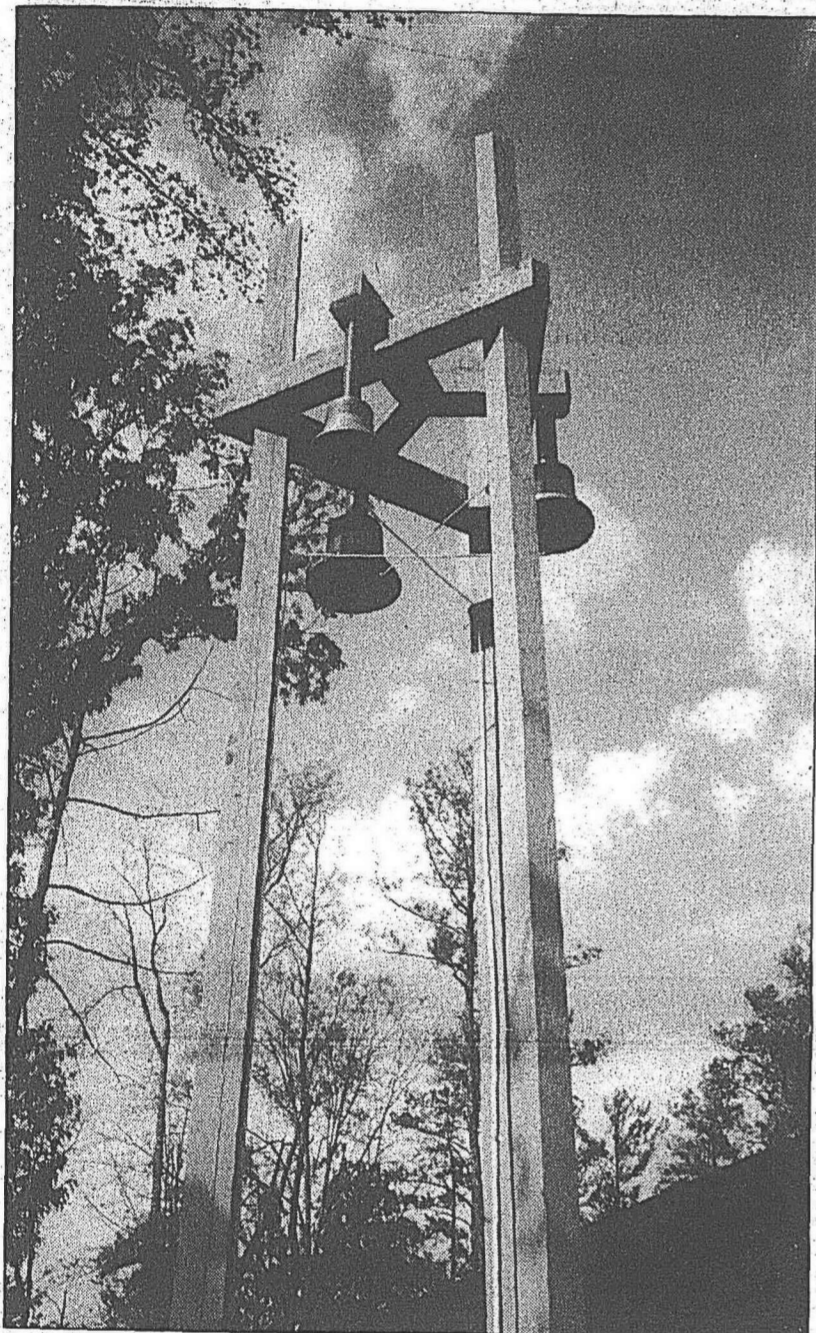


Photo By Ann Leake

The bell tower of the Brandermill Church, given in memory of J. Roy Martin, Jr., is possibly the highest point in the community and is certainly the most beautiful.

Virginia's New Safety Belt Law Effective January 1 - Buckle Up

When a car traveling 30 miles per hour hits a stationary object, the impact on the person behind the wheel is so great that it is difficult to comprehend. The driver's head can smash against the windshield with the same force that would occur had the driver dived head first from a three story building into hard cement. If that description is too graphic, be assured that the wearing of a safety belt prevents that human collision.

In the first four states to enact safety belt laws, researchers found reductions in front seat occupant deaths. Statisticians estimated that 285 deaths were prevented by safety belt use in Illinois, Michigan, New Jersey and New York. The percentage reductions ranged from 16 percent in New York to 5 percent in Illinois. The researchers conclude that this success is directly related

to the level of compliance with the laws. When Virginia's safety belt use law becomes effective on January 1, 1988, there will be fewer deaths on our state highways also.

Many residents of Virginia are already living testimonials to the fact that seat belts save lives. Both drivers and passengers must buckle up every time they get into a motor vehicle and the road will be a much safer place for everyone.

As in the past,
the BCA
office will be
closed from
December 25
to January 4.

Have a happy and
safe Holiday Season!

Village Mill Announces Snow Sculpture Contest

Last winter children of all ages enjoyed building everything from snow families and forts to dinosaurs out of snow. If Virginia is lucky enough to have another snowy winter, The Village Mill will sponsor a snow sculpture contest.

Anyone interested in entering should call the BCA office (744-1035) after the sculpture is completed, between 8:30 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. M-F. Leave the address or location of the sculpture and your name and phone number the same day the sculpture is completed. Staff members need time to photograph the sculptures before the snow melts.



Staff Photo

The frost is supposed to be on the pumpkin but this is ridiculous. This was a snowfall everyone enjoyed, even though school wasn't cancelled and the snow was gone by the next day.

Easy Holiday Entertaining

Designer Touches For Your Decorating

By Harriet Coppins and Susan Nienow

Decorating can be easy and still elegant using what nature has provided in your own yard. Medium sized pine cones dyed red or green and placed in a basket with a few sprigs of baby's breath and a colorful bow make a festive display for the hearth. (Instructions for dyeing and other crafts are found on page 7).

Creating centerpieces need not be time consuming and they will last throughout the holidays if you remember to keep them watered. Select a large shallow bowl, place several small candles in holders in the bottom, and fill in the rest of the bowl with oasis, now add a variety of greens until the bowl is lush and full and the oasis and holders are covered. Pine, holly and bayberry from your yard work well or one yard of pine roping (unwired) will provide enough cuttings of the right size for a generous arrangement.

If the candles do not provide enough color, put in a few ready made picks for variety. They are available at craft stores, flower shops and some nurseries. Arrangements with greens should last several weeks but you must keep them watered. For that special occasion you may insert fresh flowers instead of the picks but be sure to remove the flowers when they wilt and replace the picks.

Remember that hanging basket that held the geraniums all summer? Rescue it from the shed, fill the bottom with oasis and stuff with greens from your yard, or your neighbor's. Keep the arrangement watered and this attractive display will last outdoors for several months. You may add long picks with colorful holiday decorations for a special touch. Any arrangements similar to this can be made in pots to cheer up that dreary deck and screened porch. Even if the pot will not hold water, the oasis will keep the greens fresh looking if you water regularly.

Gather a few pine cones, some pine roping and silk holly or baby's breath and place them on your mantle. Add lit candles for an elegant look at night. Since the holiday season is one time when more is sometimes better, instead of just a few candles, try six or seven — or even a dozen.

Often the beautiful flat brass or silver ornaments popular today hang sideways on the Christmas tree and are never seen. Put a spring-type curtain rod at the top of a window and hang these lovely ornaments at different levels from a fishing line. If you store this decoration carefully to avoid tangling the line, it can be rehung year after year.

Elegant Foods For Harried Hostesses

Even though you know in your heart that the Holiday Season is traditionally a time to entertain family and friends, you're just not up to carrying on the tradition. You're probably having an anxiety attack because it's your turn to host the "family dinner" or you're brooding because you know that when your cousins call from Williamsburg to say "hi", they'll be waiting for you to say warmly, "Come see our new home before you start back north." You may even be feeling terribly guilty about not having had that nice young couple over with a few other neighbors to show them what good Southern hospitality is all about. And when your promotion finally came through last month, you really wanted to celebrate with your colleagues from the office. The problem is that your time is so limited and the demands on you so numerous, that the very thought of feeding just your own children can seem overwhelming. You may even have gotten to the point where you have

been searching through women's magazines and old cookbooks hoping that they would inspire you to finally make a move and fulfill those obligations that are tormenting your every waking, and sleeping, moment. The problem with the recipes you've found however is that they're unrealistic because of the rare and exotic ingredients they call for and the amount of time necessary to prepare the concoctions.

What to do? Take a deep breath, issue your invitations and plan your menu sensibly according to your ability, your hectic schedule and the demands of the occasion. The trick is to serve food that is easily prepared and yet looks elegant. The following dishes which invariably receive accolades and requests for the recipes will make entertaining as much fun for you as for your guests. And just think you'll finally be part of that great holiday tradition.

Enjoy the recipes and craft directions found on page 16, column 1



BCA Board Highlights

The following items were discussed at the BCA Board of Directors meeting on November 16, 1987. Board members Art Haake, Jo Owens, Lori Halbleib, and Max Gardner were present.

Street Light

As recommended by the Board, Community Manager Chris Wheeler will investigate the cost and type of lighting which could be installed at the intersection of Brandermill Parkway and Genito Road.

Unauthorized Clearing

Community Manager Wheeler reported that a property owner in Promontory Pointe has a driveway on open space and cleared open space without permission. The Board recommended that Wheeler write a letter requesting that the driveway be moved and the open space restored to its condition prior to clearing.

Bike Crossing Signs

Community Manager Wheeler reported that four sets of "Bike Crossing" signs have been installed on the parkways. The signs cost \$175 per set.

NRC Report

Cal Sanger reported that the NRC plans to become more involved in the community and offered the Council's help to the BCA.

Regatta Pointe Island

The Board voted to leave the island in the cul-de-sac at the end of Regatta Point Road as is. Residents may seek approval to make changes to the island themselves.

Directional Signs

The Board considered the question of Brandermill directional signs and voted to leave in place signs for the information center at

Sunday Park and signs for places in Brandermill but to remove signs for individual businesses.

Open House Signs

The Board denied a request for permission to erect mid-week open house signs on the parkways. Lead-in and open house signs are permitted on the parkways on Saturdays and Sundays only.

Self-maintenance

The Board recommended that a self-maintenance agreement be drawn up between Brandermill Community Association and Brandermill Woods.

Transition

From Developer Control

Director Max Gardner, the Brandermill Company's representative on the Board; Board President Art Haake; and Community Manager Chris Wheeler will meet to discuss issues that need to be addressed prior to the end of development in Brandermill.

School Boundary Committee

Jim Hendricks, a PTA representative to the Chesterfield County School Board, requested that the Board of Directors sponsor a committee to be involved with and to keep the community informed about school attendance area changes. He also asked for a meeting room and limited administrative support. The Board voted to grant the requests.

Triathlon Request

The Board considered a request to have a triathlon in Brandermill but will meet in executive session before making a decision.

The next Board meeting will be December 14, at 7:30 at the Brandermill Church.



Tracey Bolton and Drake Kearney work after school on grounds and maintenance through ICT (Industrial Cooperative Training).

BCA Involved In Community Projects And Youth Programs

The BCA's involvement with the community at large is far reaching. Recently it has been especially evident in its concern for area schools. This fall, the BCA's maintenance crew assisted Swift Creek Elementary School's PTA in "operation cleanup" and is currently cooperating with Clover Hill High School through its Industrial Cooperative Training program. This education innovation is mutually beneficial to the employer and youthful employee.

Students who receive on the job training in fields such as carpentry and horticulture learn to operate and maintain the machinery and tools required in their trade. In addition, they are afforded the opportunity to work outside the classroom with adults in a real world situation. The trainees are required to work 15 hours a week for which they are compensated and are also given a report card

grade.

In return, the BCA has the advantage of an ever available labor pool. Because the students are in the program voluntarily, they are highly motivated and extremely productive.

Two Clover Hill High School students are currently working for the BCA. Drake Kearney, a senior, is working for Charles Cashion, Grounds Maintenance Foreman. Though he still has time to decide, Drake thinks he will enter the service. Tracey Bolton, a sophomore, is working for Cindy Kirk, the BCA horticulture expert. She brings experience to this job, as she used to work in her grandmother's nursery.

The BCA also works with young people who have been sentenced by the Courts to perform Community service and is registered with Chesterfield County in that capacity.

LETTERS

Residents Question Parole Board Practice

Last April, we heard of the Cox family tragedy as Mrs. Cox and her mother were killed in an automobile accident on Rt. 360 at Market Square. Another blow was delivered to this family by Judge Spain on Nov. 24th at sentencing in the Chesterfield County Circuit Court.

Russell Bryant, the driver of the car was found guilty of manslaughter in August. At the sentencing on Nov. 24, Judge Spain made a very moving speech on the "facts" of the case. He pointed out Russell Bryant's blood alcohol was .14 (over the legal limit for drunk driving of .10) that he was arguing with his girl friend at the time of the accident and showed little or no remorse. Judge Spain reminded us of the victims and the victims' family and their extreme loss. He also pointed out Bryant's past crimes of violence and mentioned since this is Bryant's first jail term that he will be let out on early parole. He indicated that we all knew what that meant and then went on to clarify points the lawyers already knew. Unfortunately, most of us know what early parole means.

Parents for Drug Free Youth have been participating in a Drug Courtwatch Program for the past 1 1/2 years. We have seen many le-

gent sentences handed down but this one upset us the most because of the loss of life involved. With many drug trafficking cases there is no real evidence that anyone died because the victim is faceless.

This alcohol abuse/man-slaughter case had definite victims, yet the punishment was once again lenient. Mr. Bryant will be eligible for parole in 1 year, 11 months, if his past violent behavior does not repeat itself. He was sentenced to a total of 10 years but our parole system reduces the sentence of a first term felon by 5/6, with the defendant serving only 1/6th of the sentence. Sometimes, when parole cases are reviewed, victims can come forward and object and it can make a difference. We feel the parole board needs to change its practice of releasing people so early or for judges to sentence so leniently.

If anyone has suggestions on how the public can bring about this change or would like to help in the effort, I would appreciate a call from you. Thank you.

Helen Fitch, 744-1461
Courtwatch Chairman
Parents For Drug Free Youth

The BCA prints letters to the editor as they are received. They do not necessarily reflect the views of the BCA.

Friends Will Miss Classmate



Chip was a fun loving person. Aside from that, he was a hard worker in school until he started having problems. Chip was one of the best Junior Class Presidents Clover Hill ever had. He did as much for us as he could. Also, Chip

not only enjoyed his academics but he liked to play football. Chip played at Clover Hill for 4 years. Two years for JV and 2 years for Varsity. One of his best loves was riding around with Rebel Holbrook and I in the Matador, my old car. We are so sorry he chose to leave us. All those who knew Chip will miss him very much.

Your best friends forever,
Bill Clary
Rebel Holbrook

Editors Note: William (Chip) Crostic died November 19, 1987.

Problems Are Concerns Of All Residents

The Brandermill community is unique in the Richmond area. It is one large community and also many small communities. When the large community has a problem, such as a proposed sewer line, residents band together to voice their opposition. When the small communities have a problem, such as school redistricting or a proposed road near residents' homes, those who are not directly

affected are indifferent. Every problem that affects our community must be the concern of all of our residents. Problems in another area could eventually affect you, and failing to support your neighboring communities in Brandermill today could mean a lack of support tomorrow for issues that concern you. Thank you
Lewis Clarke



From The Manager's Desk

By Chris Wheeler

"Year End"

"Year End" conjurs up visions of Holidays, backward glances and forward thinking.

This past year has seen many changes at the BCA. Among these changes was a new home for the BCA, a new route for the sewer system and new BCA Management.

Some of the forward thinking is the ground breaking of the Water-

ford project, proposed alternate routes for 288, a realistic 1988 Budget with long awaited projects actually taking shape and a landscaping face-lift for the high maintenance planted areas.

1988 is shaping up to be one of the most exciting in BCA history. I for one am glad to be here and part of it.

Have a peaceful Holiday season.

Work Progressing On Project For Neighborhood Signs

By John Barnard,
Maintenance Manager

In the month of November the BCA maintenance crews were kept busy vacuuming leaves from the streets in the neighborhoods along Millridge and Brandermill Parkway. We will be working on the neighborhoods north of Genito the first of December and then go to Harbour Pointe. After all neighborhoods have been done once we will go back over some neighborhoods again, as needed.

I would like to ask all residents to please refrain from parking on the street during the month of December. It really hampers our efforts to do a good job at getting the leaves up.

Again I would like to say that the BCA does not pick up leaves from private property and that the county leaf pick-up number is 748-1297. At no time should leaves be raked into the street. It only complicates matters for us and also causes a lot of problems when the leaves wash down into the drainage ditches and storm drains.

Also, in November the maintenance crew took down more than the normal amount of dead trees. We are attempting to remove as many of these logs as we can out. Finding a private landfill that will take them is sometimes a problem and is also very expensive. Because of this occa-

sionally we are forced to leave some logs on open space until we can find a place to take them.

Our planted area crew has been very busy planting winter cabbage and ornamental kale for winter color. They have also planted several thousand bulbs for spring blooming. I'm sure all residents will be pleased this spring when the rewards of our efforts will be very visible.

The neighborhood sign project is underway and some signs along Sandyridge are in different stages of completion. We hope to accelerate this project in the coming weeks.

Lastly, I would like to remind all residents that it is a violation of the covenants to cut down any plant or tree from open space without BCA approval. It seems that this problem is getting worse day by day. If this practice is not stopped, I feel that soon there will be very few natural wooded areas left around the lake. This should be of great concern to all residents who don't like the thought of seeing so many houses from the water. Open space is the property of the community association and is for use by all residents. No single resident has any claim to open space even if it borders on his property. Therefore, any changes in open space must be approved by the BCA before they take place.

NRC Board Highlights

The following items were discussed at the Neighborhood Rep Council meeting on November 12. Twenty-nine reps were in attendance, with Vice-President Cal Sanger presiding.

Holiday House

Jo Owens spoke to the reps about the 1987 Holiday House competition, which will be sponsored by *The Village Mill*. She asked the reps to scout their neighborhoods and submit to the newspaper a list of addresses of particularly well-decorated houses.

Twenty-five winners will be selected in the initial judging, which will take place between December 14 and 16. A grand-prize winner will be chosen from among the 25 in a separate judging on December 17. The winners will be announced in a flyer which will be distributed throughout Brandermill.

BCA Maintenance

John Barnard, BCA Maintenance Manager, spoke about priorities and the recent efforts of the maintenance employees. They have planted chrysanthemums, ornamental cabbages, and spring bulbs.

Barnard reported that neighborhood signs are being repaired and painted in order starting at Sandyridge Parkway. The signs will be off-white with green bands and routed letters. Landscape timbers will be placed around those signs which do not already have them. Residents of the neighborhoods will be responsible for providing plants. Existing plants will be preserved if they are in good condition.

Barnard reviewed the BCA tree removal policy. Maintenance will remove a dead tree on open space when it threatens to fall and damage private property or when it threatens to fall and possibly injure someone.

Barnard asked that any maintenance needs be brought directly to his attention. It is also the responsibility of the members of the Association to inform him of problems.

Dredging

Community Manager Chris Wheeler reported that the dredging at The Landings will be in an L-shaped area, 75 feet wide and 1.5 feet deep. It will extend 200 feet along the shore at the parking

area and 500 feet along the shore where boats are kept. The spoil from the dredging will be placed in the parking area to drain and will then be used for other projects in Brandermill.

Sound Barrier

Community Manager Wheeler reported that the sound barrier along Coalfield Road will be a fence built to Virginia Department of Transportation specifications. Waterford and the Brandermill Company have contributed funds for this project.

Snow Removal

Community Manager Wheeler stated that the snow removal program in Brandermill has been inadequate due to limited resources. He has arranged to use contracted equipment this winter in as many areas of Brandermill as possible. BCA equipment will be used as a backup.

Security

Community Manager Wheeler reminded the reps that the BCA security force has jurisdiction only on Association common property. Any suspicious activity on private property should be reported directly to Chesterfield County police. The BCA buys additional patrol time from the County in order for the police to provide a quicker response to calls.

Rep Recognition

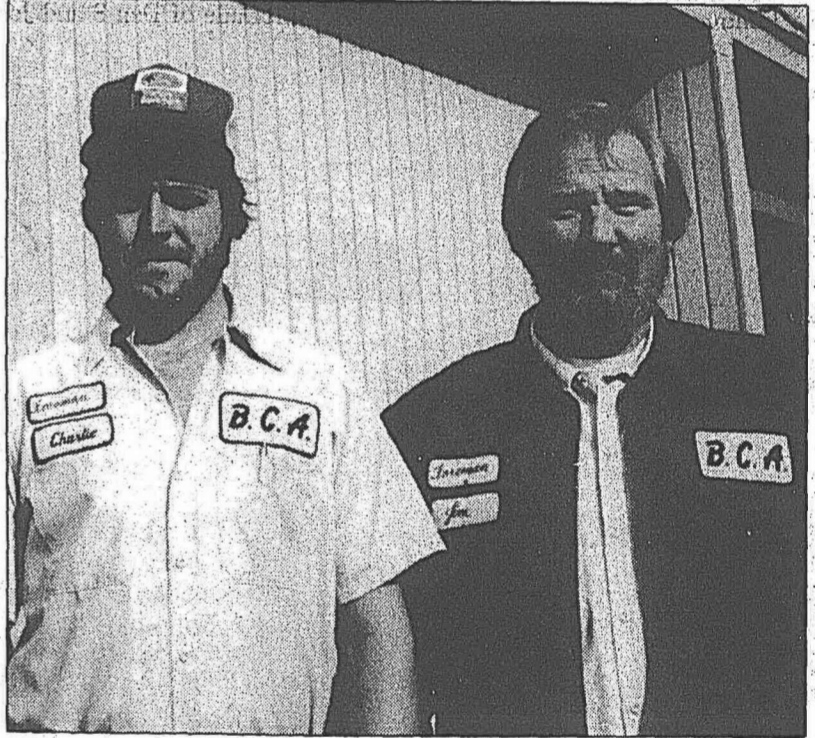
NRC Vice-President Cal Sanger suggested that the reps think about ways to gain recognition in their neighborhoods. Some of the suggestions were: (1) listing reps in *The Village Mill*, (2) placing some kind of identification on each rep's mailbox post, (3) using flyers to recruit reps in neighborhoods which have none.

The next meeting of the NRC will be January 14, at 7:30 at the Community Center.

DEADLINE

The deadline for the January issue of *The Village Mill* is Monday, January 4. The newspaper will be distributed the week of January 18.

Contributions are welcome. Photographs should be clear. They may be picked up at the Brandermill Community Association office one week after distribution.



Jim Ramsey (R), recently promoted to building maintenance foreman, and Charles Cashion, grounds maintenance foreman, have been busy working on plans for sprucing up the community.

Ramsey New Foreman Of Structure Maintenance

Chris Wheeler has announced that effective Monday, November 9, Jim Ramsey assumed the duties of Foreman - Structure Maintenance. This assignment includes all structure maintenance programs as well as all Carpenter Shop projects. Jim, an employee of BCA for 5 years, will be responsible for the signs, bike trail bridges,

T racks at the waterfront, picnic tables, several docks and all BCA owned buildings such as the office building and warehouse.

Charles Cashion will continue in his role as foreman of grounds maintenance. His duties include on-site supervision of mowing operations and all leaf removal functions.



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COMMUNITY



Photo By Barbara Cope

Den 4 waits to participate in the clothing relay race.

Cub Scouts Stage Olympics, Plan Annual Pinewood Derby

By Barbara Cope
 "Let the games begin" was the message from Den 4 as they opened the Scout Olympics for Pack 890. Den 4 got the games started with the opening ceremony and with a wonderful message spelling the word "OLYMPICS" and a song "All Over Me".
 The Scouts participated in such events as the softball throw, the crab walk, tennis ball race, gorilla relay, clothing relay and standing long jump. It was fun for all with refreshments served later as the Scouts waited for the results. "Everybody is a winner" our Cubmaster Paul O'Brien proclaimed

as he read the results. Den 4 closed the ceremony and our Scouts went home with smiles from a fun day.
 In December Pack 890 will have a special visitor from the North Pole bringing surprises and fun at our December 9 Pack meeting at the Brandermill Church. We are looking forward to the annual Pinewood Derby Race on January 2. Also during the month of December each of the Dens will be collecting food baskets to be distributed by the Brandermill Church for the needy families. From all the Cub Scouts of 890 and their families, we wish all of you a very happy holiday season!

Pack 809 Provides Floor Show, Schedules Christmas Party

A floor show by the "Dancing Birds" of Weblo Den 2 provided hilarity and entertainment for Pack 809 at its November 18 meeting. Stage mothers assisting Den leader Phil Rapp and the boys in preparing their marionettes were Pat Brashears and Carolyn Denton.
 Aquanaut badges were awarded to the following Den 2 boys: Ashby Scaggs, Andy Denton, Mark Rapp, Briggs May, James Brashears and John Petty. John also was awarded his Outdoorsman Athlete and Forester.

Outdoorsman and Foresters were awarded to the following boys: Jonathan Evans, Bryan Flynn, Matt Stevens, Brad Staley and Bobby Elliott. Bobby also was awarded his Showman badge.
 Bobcat whiskers were earned by Antwan Taylor of Den 11, and Josh McDade of Den 8 and John Shepherd of Den 8.
 It was announced money raised by the October candy sale netted \$363.08. The December 16 pack meeting will be a Christmas party and everyone is asked to bring one dozen cookies.

Profiles: The Girl Who Loves Dancing

By Harriet Coppins
 For thirteen year old Justine Granski, the summer of 1987 was the culmination of her dreams. She attended the Pennsylvania Ballet School in Philadelphia for 6 weeks and at the end of the session danced with the company in a performance at Longwood Gardens.
 Justine has always loved dancing and her mother says she was attempting ballet steps at about the same time she was learning to walk. Her first teachers recommended she audition for the Richmond Ballet which she did successfully and for 10 years her days have revolved around her dancing classes. Until she was 7, Justine attended class one day a week. Then, as she grew older, she went more frequently and for the last 4 years, she has had four 2 hour lessons a week. At the advanced age of 8, she was selected for the role of a Mother Ginger child in *The Nutcracker*. All of her hard work and dedication paid off for her when she auditioned at Kennedy Center for the Pennsylvania Ballet and was immediately notified of her acceptance in its summer program.

Justine's face lights up when she talks about what the summer meant to her. She says "It was so exciting to be with girls from all over the United States whose interests were the same as mine." The students lived in a dormitory on the campus of the University of Pennsylvania and did everything as a group. Classes were scheduled from 10:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. every day and since they met off-campus, Justine learned to get around Philadelphia by bus. The students received instruction in ballet, toe dancing, jazz and attended lectures dealing with various aspects of the dance. Nor was their day over when they returned to their suites in the dorm. In the evening, they shopped for groceries and prepared most of their own meals preferring that to eating in the school cafeteria. On weekends there was time for seeing an occasional movie and catching up on laundry and sleep.

At the end of the 6 weeks, each girl met with the Ballet Director for a criticism conference. Justine was delighted to be told that she performed well, carried herself beautifully and had the perfect body for ballet.

Justine has been described as a young woman who is committed to excellence in everything she undertakes. It is not surprising, therefore, that she is an honor student at Swift Creek Middle

School. One of her teachers commented that Justine is one of the most organized people she has ever met. Justine admits that she plans every minute of her time, for in addition to devoting hours to her dancing and studies, she is also a cheerleader. She attends cheerleading practice every Wednesday (just before ballet class) and on Tuesdays and Thursdays is present at either a soccer match or a girls' basketball game along with the rest of the cheerleading squad.

When asked what she has derived from her dancing, Justine answers that it has given her poise and made her comfortable with herself. It has also afforded her a marvelous form of expression that is "pure pleasure". She thinks for a moment and then remarks, "Dancing is something I do for myself-not for anybody else."



Justine Granski

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Mission Impossible: Organize New Congregation

By Donna Rice

The taped message intones: "Chesterfield County is an area of intense development and population growth. There is a need for a new church in the western section of this county. Reverend Perry, your mission should you accept it, is to organize a new congregation in the Woodlake area. There are no members, no church buildings and your financial resources will be limited. However, a rewarding experience is assured. This job will self-instruct during the next several years".



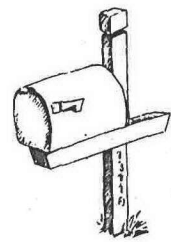
Reverend Dennis Perry

Mission Impossible

Fact: Reverend Dennis Perry accepted this challenge. Along with his wife Sharon and children Jessica and Ben, he moved to Woodlake in June 1986, and began the task of establishing a United Methodist Church "from scratch". Worship services began outdoors at the Woodlake amphitheater that September with over 100 persons attending. The excitement became contagious with people bringing friends and neighbors to be a part of the birth of a church.

Fact: Since October, 1986, the congregation has been meeting at Clover Hill Elementary School. The gymnasium becomes the sanctuary, as a table becomes a cloth-covered altar with candles,

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Welcome New Residents

Arrowood: Claude and Faith Broome
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 The Oaks: Ann Hefferan
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 Two Notch: Don and Rosemary Loren
 Watch Hill: Peter and Betty Bailey
 Watkins Glen: Deborah Brady

Brandermill Woods Residents Choose Activities

During the month of November, residents of Brandermill Woods participated in educational programs both indoors and out. Several residents traveled to the Science Museum of Virginia to view "Seasons" an Omnimax film that chronicles the changes in the life cycle. The following week, a group visited the Rockwood Park Nature Center, where naturalist Carol Chambers took residents on a walking tour to observe the flora and fauna of the Fall season. One Nature Center exhibit included a model of an "Ice Pit" used in the 1800's. Residents recalled their early days when ice blocks were stored in sawdust to keep cold.

During November's Dinner Club, 18 residents took time to enjoy each other's company at a local restaurant, while at another gathering, residents tested out

their German cuisine at their Oktoberfest Luncheon.

All residents are busily preparing for the holidays with many ac-

tivities including a progressive dinner, a charitable project, holiday shopping trips, and lots of visiting with fellow residents.



Lisa Dranschak, (L) Chairman of this year's PTA Cultural Arts Program at Clover Hill Elementary School, discusses one of the Visual Arts entries with residents, Reta Wahn, and Byrd Schmierer. Mrs. Wahn and Mrs. Schmierer, both former school teachers, participated as judges in the Cultural Arts Contest.

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Retired Men's Club Plans Dance

The 6th annual Retired Men's Club holiday dinner dance will take place December 13 at 6:30 p.m. Tony Cianci is chairman of the entertainment committee which consists of Les Gibbs, Ed Heinz, George Svoboda, Bob Young, Cutler Inge and John Brook.

Ralph Hill, president, reports that this year the men's club has donated funds to the Christmas Mother, Chesterfield Alternative Program Manchester Rescue Squad, Chesterfield Volunteers, Camp Baker for the Handicapped and the Easter Seal Camp.

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Points Of Law

by Carolyn A.H. Bowdow,
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Year End Tax Planning Ideas

With only a few weeks left in 1987, taxpayers may want to compare the tax consequences of having particular transactions fall this year or next. As taxpayers begin to think about their 1987 tax returns, they will feel the impact of the Tax Reform Act of 1986, which is now one year old.

Although no one is quite sure what tax changes, if any, Congress will enact in the near future, the following are some general suggestions about year end tax planning ideas. Obviously, a taxpayer must review his own situation with his tax attorney or accountant to tailor a year end strategy to his particular circumstances.

Shifting Income And Deductions

Two of the most important tax planning techniques are the acceleration of deductions and the deferral of income from one year to another. The new, lower income tax rates for 1988 and beyond make these moves particularly significant this year. The top income tax bracket for 1987 is generally 38½% while in 1988 it will be 28%.

While the general rule for shifting income and deductions at year end is to defer income into 1988, and to accelerate deductions and credits into 1987, a taxpayer's own situation could render this unwise. For example, if a taxpayer expects to be in a substantially higher income tax bracket in 1988, he may want to shift income and deductions in the opposite direction. Before the taxpayer does any shifting, he should weigh such important factors as the different rate structures, the time value of money, the expanded alternate minimum tax, and many other tax and non-tax factors.

More specifically, the taxpayer may be able to delay certain items of income, such as rent, dividends from closely held corporations, and interest. To the extent that the income is within the recipient's control, however, a delay until 1988 will succeed only if the income is not considered "constructively received" in 1987. For example, a short postponement in paying salary or bonus allows an

accrual basis employer to obtain a deduction in 1987 if the obligation to pay is fixed. The recipient, however, is not required to recognize income until it is actually received, in 1988. Caution must be used, however, because if an employee owns more than 50% of the employer's stock, the corporation may not be able to take the deduction this year.

Planning Itemized Deductions

The Tax Reform Act of 1986 has made it more difficult to itemize. For example, medical expenses will only be deductible to the extent that they exceed 7½% of a taxpayer's adjusted gross income. "Miscellaneous" itemized deductions are now subject to a floor of 2% of adjusted gross income. These type of expenses include fees for tax consulting and preparation, investment advice, trust administration, subscriptions to professional journals, professional and union dues, and safe deposit box rental fees.

Lumping as many of the itemized medical and miscellaneous payments as possible into any one particular year would help a taxpayer rise above the basic floor on adjusted gross income needed for deductibility.

In addition, a taxpayer must now have a larger amount of itemized deductions in order to itemize on an individual tax return.

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Church Invites Residents To Christmas Service

Christian Fellowship Church has just opened its doors to the Brandermill/Woodlake community. The church is currently meeting on Sunday mornings at Swift Creek Middle School on Old Hundred Road. It is now just two weeks old, but the ministries of the church are growing and developing rapidly. As a service to parents, Sunday School is held the same time as the morning worship service, 10:00 a.m., and a nursery is provided for the entire service.

The Reverend Larry McKain, pastor, lives with his wife and family in Arrowood. His education includes a B.A. and Master of Divinity and he is presently finishing his doctorate from Fuller Seminary in Pasadena, California. The commitment of CFC is to be a "multi-denominational" community church, reaching out to serve the scores of people here in Brandermill/Woodlake who are either new or have not yet found a church home.

One unique characteristic of CFC is that it is totally committed to "listening" as it forms its programs and ministry. Reverend McKain has been actively doing a survey of selected homes in the Brandermill/Woodlake area to listen to the feelings and opinions of community residents.

The church cordially invites all residents to attend a "Community Christmas Service" which will be held Sunday, on December 13th at 10:00 a.m.

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BWC Schedules Quartet And Folk Storyteller

By Sue Davis

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The Program will also feature an Appalachian folk tale storyteller, Mrs. Ida Mae Leatherman. She is a native Virginian and has lived in Richmond for over 30 years where she has directed the Public Library Bookmobile for many years. She is also a member of the Poetry Society of Virginia and President of the Richmond Story League. When she cannot find a story suitable for an occasion, she writes her own.

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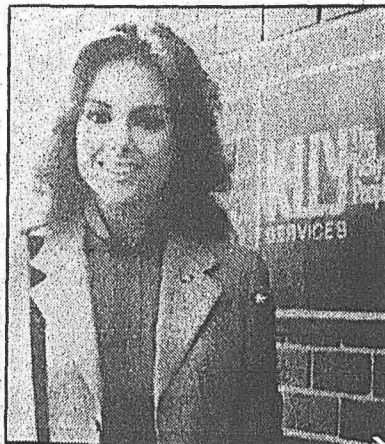
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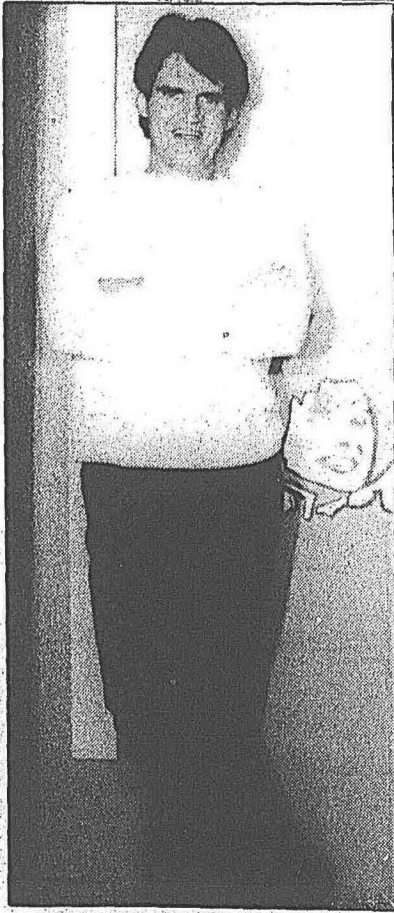
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Resident Successful In Theatre

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It all began about a year ago when Jay was cast in a lead in the comedy, *Isn't it Romantic?* at Theatre IV. Shortly thereafter he was cast in the role of Chrysalde in the very well received eighteen week run of the Barksdale Theatre's production of *The Amorous Flea* which closed mid-

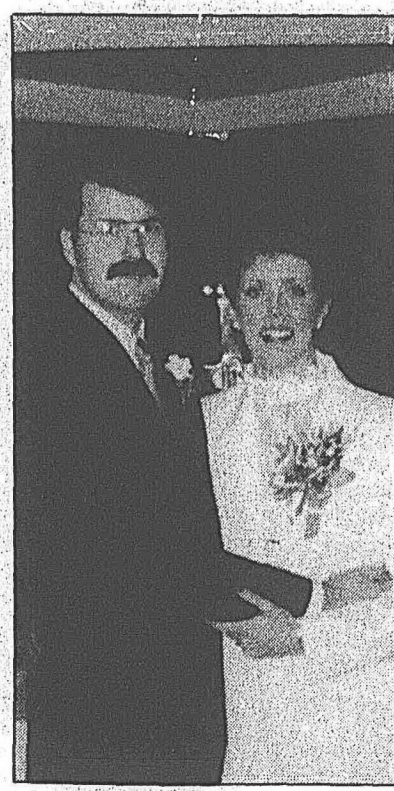
October. His most successful effort to date, however is the currently running hit musical, *Jacques Brel Is Alive and Well and Living in Paris*, which plays every Friday and Saturday night through January 2 at the Speakeasy Cabaret on West Grace Street in Richmond near the Biograph. Jay directed the show which has been extended six weeks beyond the originally scheduled run due to popular demand.

Jay is a graduate of the Boston Conservatory of Music, with a BFA in drama and musical comedy, and makes his living in his own seven year old telecommunications consulting firm, OptiCom, Inc. Jay is very proud of his success with the theatre, but does not take all of the credit. In a recent interview he explained his feelings. "I have been very lucky recently. I was cast in good roles with good companies and that got me the break I needed at the Speakeasy. The cast is topnotch and the show is a perfect vehicle for the intimacy of the forty seat

cabaret theatre. Finally, and most importantly, the critics agreed that it all came together!"

Jay is grateful for his work with the Brandermill Community Theatre group which "allowed me to get back into the creative mode after a four year absence. I was very active in Boston professional theatre. I was a member of Actor's Equity and AFTRA, the TV actor's union, but could not seem to get a break in Richmond. My work with the BCT, especially their final production, *The Fantasticks*, in which I both acted and directed put me in high gear and the rest has just happened. I hope it continues."

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Mr. & Mrs. John T. Petty

Korte And Petty Married In Brandermill Church

Catherine Korte, daughter of Frank and Betty Korte of Cincinnati, Ohio and Dr. John T. Petty, son of Dr. and Mrs. Thomas Petty of Grosse Pointe City, Michigan were married on November 28 at 5:00 p.m. at the Brandermill Church. The Reverend Stephen Bray officiated.

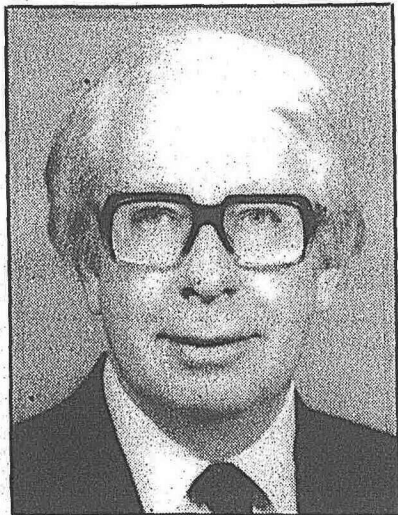
Mrs. Petty is the Administrative Assistant for the BCA and her 13 year old daughter, Erika, from a previous marriage occasionally helped out in the office last summer. Dr. Petty is a professor of chemistry at Longwood College in Farmville.

After a wedding trip to Florida, the couple will reside in the apartments in Woodlake.

Sailing Club Elects Officers, Commodore

The Brandermill Sailing Club met on November 13 to elect officers, plan for next year, announce Race Series 3 results and enjoy a social hour. Officers for 1987-88 elected were: Commodore, Bill Barthlow; Vice-Commodore, Dick Sixon; Treasurer, Ron McNulty; Secretary, Barry Johnson; and General Board Member, Earl McKesson. Tony Flores, was appointed membership chairman, Joe Bullock was named social chairman and Barbara Flores will be publicity chairman.

The club's new Commodore, C.W. "Bill" Barthlow, begins his fourth year as a Brandermill resident and member of the Sailing Club. He is retired from his position of Vice President of S.P. Kinney Engineers, Inc., a Carnegie, Pennsylvania firm. Bill's interest in sailing goes back to his army days when he was stationed in Hawaii. Commodore Barthlow in reviewing the 1987 Sailing Club activities said, "This has been a banner year, with the greatest number of members to date. Our January meeting will be open to all residents of Brandermill and Woodlake, and we encourage both boaters and non-boaters to come join with us for another year of boating, socializing and communi-



Commodore Bill Barthlow

ty service."

Bill announced the winners of the third racing series this summer as: Albacore Fleet: 1st, Red

Rowley; 2nd, John Grant; and 3rd, Rod Mustanski. General Fleet winners are 1st, Barry Johnson; 2nd, Jake Mast; 3rd, Boe Bilik; 4th, Jim Brumm; 5th, Sid Hale; 6th, Joe Firth; and 7th, Ron McNulty.

Plans for the coming year were discussed and a formal set of by-laws were adopted. Scheduled for the season are three racing series, several regattas, sailing classes in the spring and several social events, including the 4th of July parade and picnic.

The next meeting of the Sailing Club will be a Christmas social on December 12 at the home of Red and Carla Rowley. The Sailing Club welcomes any resident of Brandermill and Woodlake. For more information call Tony at 794-4890 or Bill at 744-4074.

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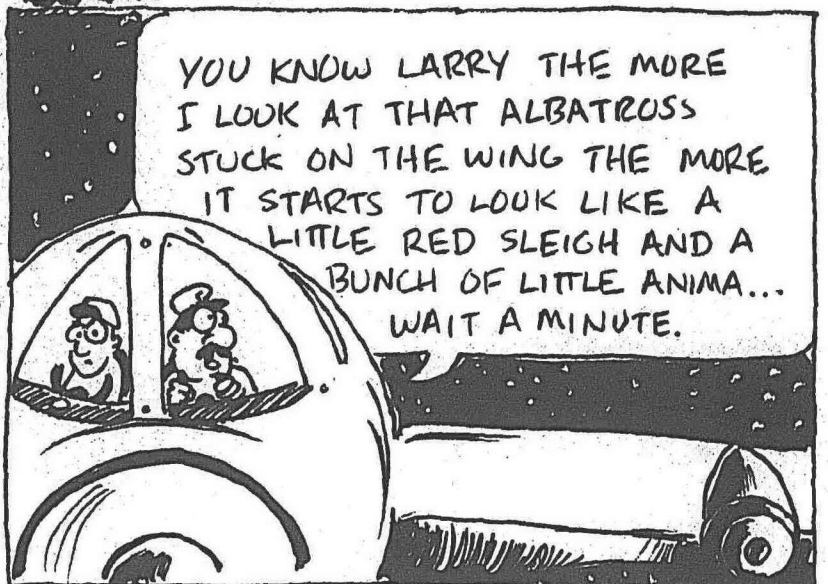
The Brandermill/Woodlake Jaycees are asking for your aid in the Christmas Mother Project. They are sponsoring 4 or 5 needy families in the Chesterfield area and need your support. Anyone who wishes to participate in this wonderful gift of love, contact Jo Cameron 744-5975.

The Brandermill/Woodlake Jaycees Christmas party will take place on Monday, December 21, at 7:30 p.m. upstairs at Sunday's. All residents ages 21-40 are welcome. Mark your calendar all you past, present and future Jaycees and friends and turn out for a very Merry Christmas party.

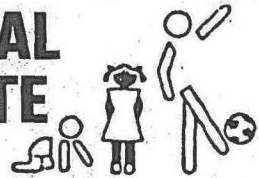
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MEDICAL UPDATE



Judith F. McGhee, M.D., Pediatric & Adolescent Medicine

Toy Safety

At Christmas time we become acutely aware of product safety. Here are some guidelines when purchasing a gift for a family with children.

- Look for labels and heed age recommendations. Toys should suit the skills, abilities and interests of the child. For example small building blocks for a 6 year old which 1 year old baby sister could choke on. Marbles or tokens from carpentry sets. "Barbie" accessories.
- Avoid toys that shoot objects. Examples: darts for dart boards, lawn darts. Bows and arrows are great if they have suction cups. This year the "Gotcha Gun" with plastic paint pellets. The pellets are projected with enough force to put our an eye and the paints make a mess.
- Never use mobiles, crib gyms or hanging toys over a baby's crib if the baby can get up on its hands and knees. The strings should be shorter than 12 inches to prevent strangulation. Even the popular crib bumper pads create a fear of strangulation. Although pediatricians have successfully taught parents to rid their infant cribs of pillows, suffocation may result from large, soft stuffed toys.
- Pacifiers, rattles and teethingers should be made of strong pliable materials which do not fragment into small pieces while being chewed, sucked or played with.
- Last year's most lethal and injurious toys were and still are the adult ATV (all terrain vehicle) and the toy ATV as well as skateboards. Local and state governments have not yet grappled with the safety regulation of minors driving these vehicles off the public roads. It is illegal to drive an ATV on a public road. Use of helmets, good training and obvious supervision are strongly recommended.
- Toy chests with vertically opening lids should have a mechanism to hold the lid open to prevent sudden head injury or entrapment. Check for ventilation holes for the child who may fall into such a chest and for hinges that may pinch or cut off small fingers.
- Similarly parents should be advised to keep automatic reclining chairs out of a house where small children are around. The salesmen who sell you the recliner will tell you everything about the wonders of this chair but rarely does the parent notice the large warning

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- Ride-on toys and walkers should not be used above a stairway. This may seem obvious but are likely to result in injury to a child. Newer models of walkers are out that have a trip mechanism which may deter a child from falling down the stairs but does NOT prevent it completely.
- Electric curling irons, brushes and hand held dryers are a source of burn danger as well as possible electrocution. Electricity and water don't mix. Unplug your curling iron or brush when you leave the house.

Call the Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) if you have problems. Its hot line number is 1-800-638-CPSC. and someone will be able to tell you if an injury has occurred with this item or if your particular model is involved.

Christmas time is such a delightful, sparkling time of the year in a family's life. Parents must make a renewed commitment to their children's welfare. Open your hearts and minds as well as your purses and let the love and thoughtfulness pour out.

Brandermill/Woodlake Singles Planning Meeting A Success

Eighteen Brandermill/Woodlake Singles attended the Organizational/Planning Meeting on November 13. It was decided that the group would meet twice a month, the second Friday for a discussion meeting and the fourth Saturday for a social activity. Don Bayford, Bill Lyon and Bonnie MacLaughlan will comprise the planning committee for the next three months.

Discussion - 8:00 p.m. Friday, December 11 Brandermill Church Multipurpose Room

Ever wonder what type of person you are? Or why other people are the way they are? We will conduct an abbreviated version of the Myers-Briggs personality profile. Steve Bray will lead post-test discussion. Call Bill Lyon for further information (744-3223 or 230-1402).

Social - 6:30 p.m. Saturday, December 19 Meet at Brandermill Church parking lot Comedy Club Shockoe Slip

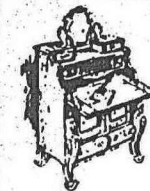
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Discussion - 8:00 p.m. Friday, January 8

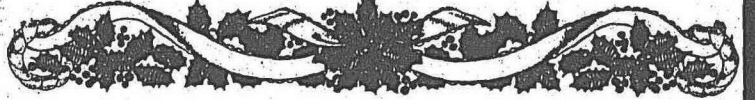
Brandermill Church Multipurpose Room Single Life - Humbug or Ho Ho Ho?

Small group discussions will explore this topic. Come and learn what others think and also share your thoughts about being single. Light refreshments will follow. Call Bill Lyon (744-3223) for additional information.

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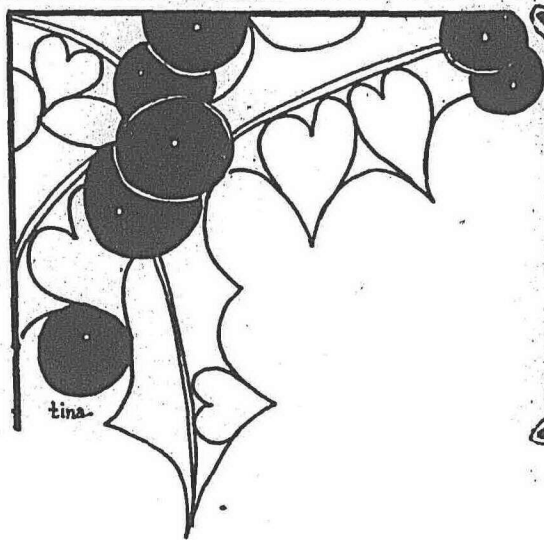


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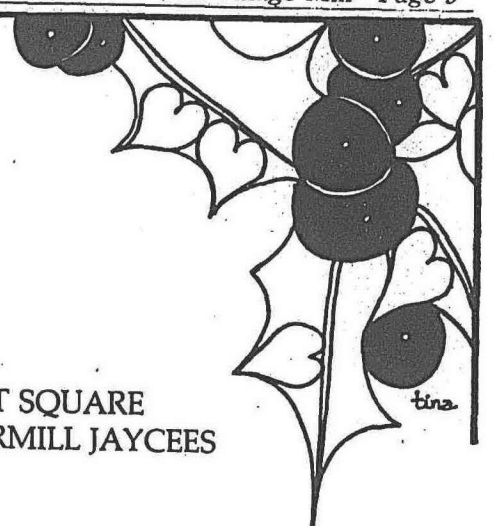
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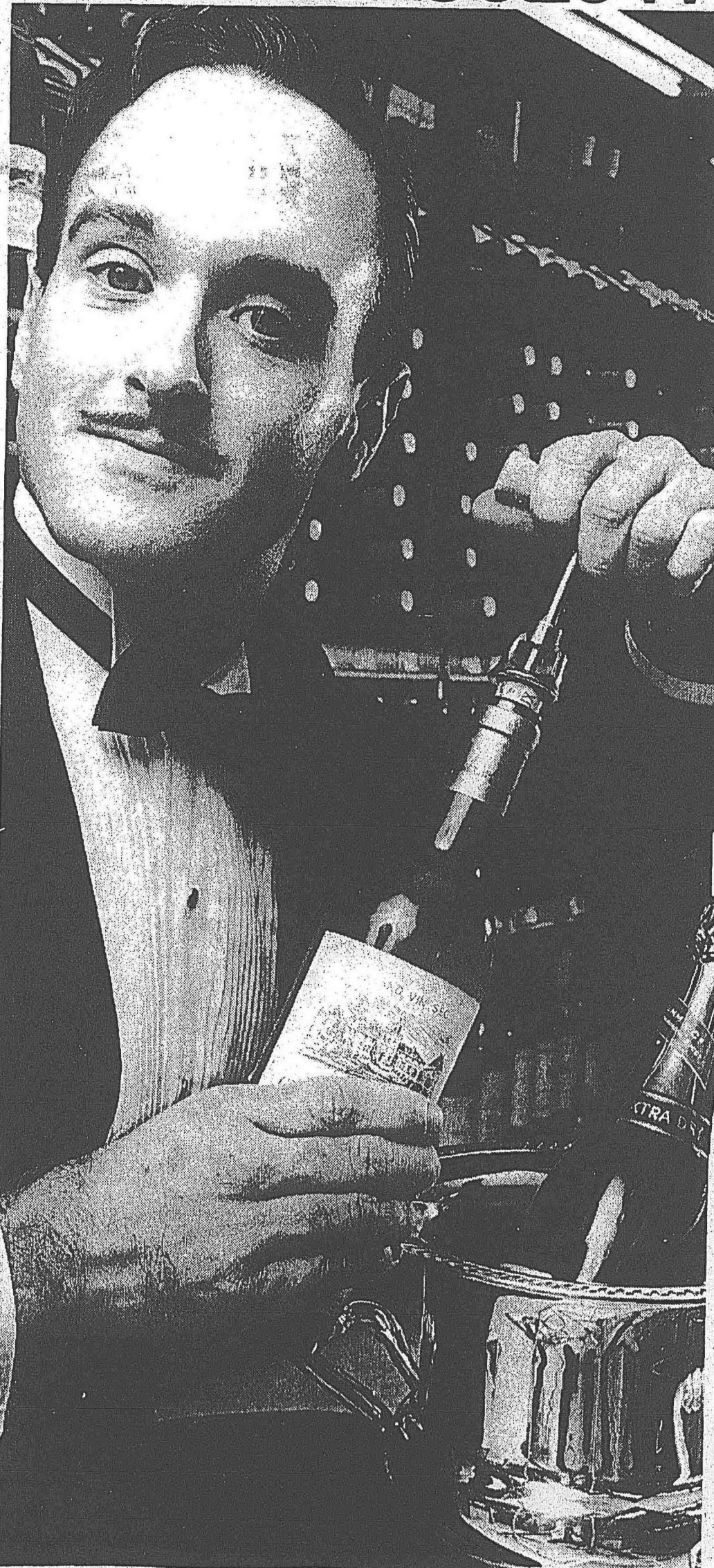
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Cultural Arts Contest Grand Prize Winners at Clover Hill Elementary are: Standing (L to R) Kurt Schuelke, Janet Coppins, Leslie Skiba, Mary Allen; Kneeling (L to R) Herbert Law, Jason Malcan, Kara Cook, and Stephanie Cartier.

Mission Impossible

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flowers and a beautiful hand-polished wooden cross specially made for the church by one its members. However, the real transformation takes place as people of all ages come together to become "The Church".

Fact: The church has experienced phenomenal growth during its first year. Its 165 members, who have moved to this area from as far away as Hawaii, have brought with them their talents, ideas, and most of all, their enthusiasm to bring about this church's birth.

Fact: Woodlake United Methodist Church has now purchased land for a church building setting the stage for its next phase of growth.

Profile of Reverend Perry

Fact: His early years were spent in Harrisonburg, Virginia. James Madison University awarded him a Bachelor of Arts degree in Philosophy and Religion. Eastern Menonite Seminary bestowed upon him a Master of Divinity degree. In addition, Reverend Perry's eleven years of experience in the United Methodist Church has been a major contribution to

this "Mission".

Fact: Reverend Perry has created ENTHUSIASM. The phenomenal growth of the church in just one year attests to that fact.

Fact: Reverend Perry has brought SENSITIVITY to the people. In the beginning, he had to find what the needs of the community were. Listening became more important than talking. New groups are being formed as the need presents itself: children, youth, adult choirs, small support groups, counseling, three adult Sunday School Classes and a United Methodist Women's group.

Fact: Reverend Perry has goals, for himself as well as the church. His personal goals include "more time for a good family life, time for the outdoors, time for music, time for reading, for art and for continuing education". Goals for church include a continued emphasis on worship, music, children's religious education and mission projects.

"Mission Impossible"? No, this mission is becoming more possible everyday far more people by more people through Woodlake United Methodist Church.

News From Clover Hill

Compiled By John Eller, School Correspondent

On December 4 and 5, the Drama Club presented its fall production of *Our Town* by Thornton Wilder. Included in the cast were:

John Anderson - Stage Manager
 Laura Zwilling - Mrs. Webb
 Olen Steinhauer - Mr. Webb
 Adam Brittain - Doc. Gibbs
 Nancy Carlock - Mrs. Gibbs
 Trey Sutter - George Gibbs
 Judy Taylor - Rebecca Gibbs
 Jennifer Strugar - Emily Webb
 Chris Bradshaw - Wally Webb
 Mark Hedahl - Howie Newsome
 Mark Albright - Constable Warren
 David Butler - Si Crowell
 Reid Sheldon - Joe Crowell
 Ingrid Young - Mrs. Soames

The marching band has received recognition for its many fine performances. On October 10 in a competition including bands from Virginia and North Carolina, the

band received a superior rating which is the highest award given and on October 31 received an excellent which is the equivalent of 2nd place.

In addition, Karen Creasman, came in second in the majorette division of the competition.

On December 18, the Red Cross Club will conduct its annual blood drive. The club sponsor is Ms. Mary Cooke.

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CHES Highlights Include Cultural Arts And Computers

The PTA-sponsored Cultural Arts competition at Clover Hill Elementary drew 398 entries. All of the children deserve commendation for their enthusiastic participation and creativity work. Prizes were awarded in the following four areas: art, music, photography and literature, with an intermediate (fourth and fifth grades) and primary (kindergarten through third grade) winner in each category. Judges were recruited according to their background and interests with many having credentials in teaching, art or music. Clover Hill extends a sincere thanks to Carol Thomas, Rita Walm, Byrd Schmierer, Betty Knudsen, Grace and Craig Parker, Bonnie and Wayne Hundley, Brenda Higgs and Polly York for their judging contributions and Lisa Dranschak for heading the program. The following students were presented first place awards: Leslie Skiba and Stephanie Cartier for Art; Mary Allen and Kara Cook for Music; Kurt Schuelke and Jason Malcan for Photography; and Janet Coppins and Herbert Law for Literature. Congratulations to these students and all of the talented contestants participants. The artwork will be on display at the school and the winners will be recognized at the PTA meeting on December 9. Sharing the spotlight that evening will be Clover Hill's third graders with their special holiday production.

From cultural arts awareness to the world of computers, Clover Hill's students are afforded diverse opportunities. Clover Hill Elementary's computer lab earmarks one of the schools prized, ongoing programs. Coordinated by Mrs. Georgia Peterson and Mrs. Tracey Seamster, both fifth

grade teachers, the lab provides early exposure to computers for kindergartners through fifth grade. Manned by volunteers, the computer lab opens its doors to each classroom once a week. This year, two innovative programs have been introduced granting students additional challenges and

time at the keyboard. The Students Think and Review (STAR) and Very Important Person (VIP) programs are open to all grade levels but initial participation has involved the upper grades. In the STAR program students are assigned to the lab to work on specific disks for skill reinforcement. The VIP program rewards classroom achievement and outstanding citizenship by allowing students time in the computer lab to enjoy a disk of their own choosing. Clover Hill would like to say thank you to all the Volunteers in Education who have contributed to daily operation of the computer lab.

Anyone interested in serving as a volunteer is invited to contact Nancy Schneider (744-1723) or Kathy Gilson (744-6207) who, as coordinators of the PTA sponsored Volunteers in Education program, deserve hearty applause for their dedication to the program. Clover Hill's volunteers truly champion the "spirit of giving" throughout the year and it's appropriate that they be acknowledged at this time of year.

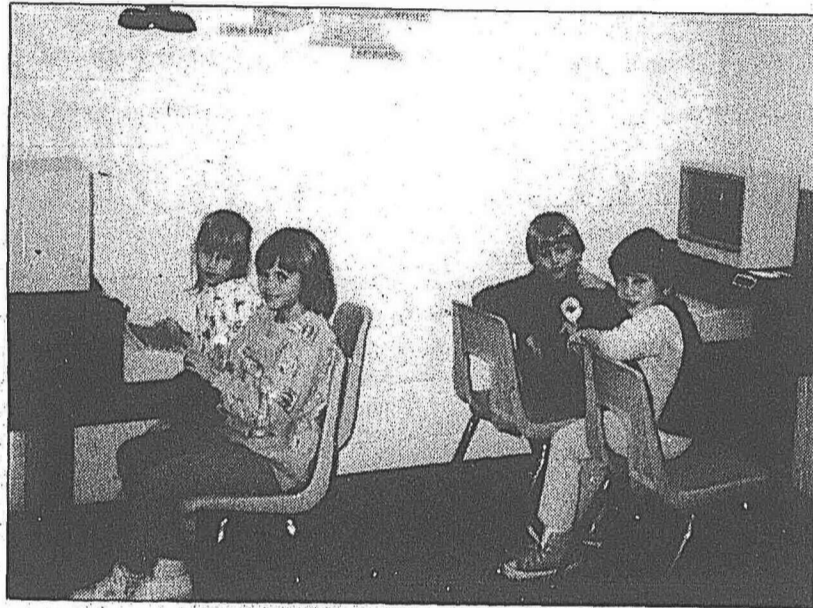
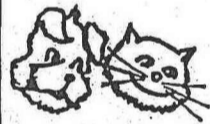


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Second graders enjoying the computer lab at Clover Hill Elementary! (L to R) Laura Burns, Lauren Noe, Joy Wenzel and Barry Herndon.

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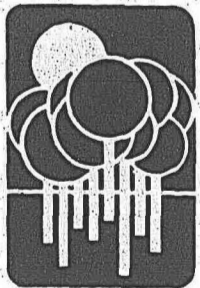
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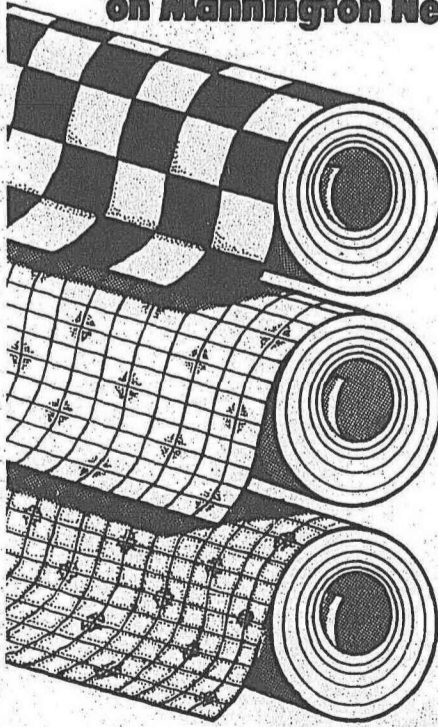


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SCES Presents Christmas Play

By Joan Myers
At the December PTA meeting On Tuesday, December 8, at 7:30 p.m., the children of Swift Creek Elementary School will be presenting a Christmas musical, *Santa the Mechanic Fanatic*. Santa plans to automate his toy shop and replace the elves with robots. Miss Helen Liscio, the Music Specialist, will be in charge of the production assisted by Mr. Robert Harris, a dance instructor.

S.C.E.S. is getting Santa's Elf Shop ready for business. The shop will be open to children of all ages and will be priced with the younger budget in mind. All items will range from 15¢ to \$5.00. PTA "elves" are very busy filling the shop with just the right gifts. Children may shop at school during the week of Monday, December 7, through Friday, December 11. There will be gifts for family, friends and teachers.

Santa's Elf Shop will be open Saturday, December 5, from 9:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon during Breakfast With Santa so that parents and children can shop together. The Shop will also be open December 8 from 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. just prior to the Christmas play.

Swift Creek has started a new program for its older students this year. The third, fourth and fifth grades take part in community service projects to teach them about volunteering. Recently the fourth grade made tray favors for Meals-on-Wheels. Coordinators of the program, Mrs. Jane Ann McGhee, came to Swift Creek to receive the favors and explain what this division of the United Way does. Mrs. McGhee brought a meal to show what the agency delivers. As one youngster commented, "It looks better than my lunch."



Staff Photo
The guide explains the workings of the press room to an interested group of fifth graders from Mrs. Fauber's class

A Field Trip To Remember

By Nicky Cohen, Fifth Grade
On November 19, Mrs. Fauber's fifth grade class from Swift Creek Elementary School went to the Richmond Newspapers.

They saw many things there. They saw people who took ads, cartoonists, photographers and many other workers. They saw places like the darkrooms,

pressrooms, and some students got to visit the Richmond Newspaper Museum.

They even got a newspaper hot off the press! They got negatives of a page of the newspaper. Some people got cartoons by a cartoonist named Chick Larson. The whole trip was a real hit. I'm glad we got to go.

Mind Mapping Focus Of Swift Creek Middle School's PTA

By Susan Simmons
The concept of "Mind Mapping" was the focus of the November 12 meeting of the Swift Creek Middle School PTA. Mrs. Puck Snidow from the Social Studies department at Clover Hill High School demonstrated how the concept can be put to practical use not only in the classroom, but also in one's everyday life.

Parents and teachers supplied with colored pencils, necessary mind mapping tools, tried their hand at this creative process and found they were able to express themselves in new and interesting ways. Though the turnout was limited, those attending enjoyed the opportunity to share in new experiences that their children are learning. It is hoped that more parents and teachers will turn out for this spring meeting in March.

There will be a Winter Dance for SCMS students on Friday, December 11. Be looking for announcements about ticket sales as there will only be a limited

number.

For the artistically inclined, the Cultural Arts exhibit is coming in December. Announcements will be out soon regarding this event.

School boundary changes will be the topic of discussion at the December 8 School Board meeting at 7:30 p.m. at the School Board Building. Some of the proposals will affect our middle school students. Become informed about these changes and don't let decisions be made without your input. Our final note: it's not too late to join the PTA.

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Staff Photo
The Merry-Go-Round was a popular activity with the younger students at SCES "Dedication To Kids Day."

March Benefits Cystic Fibrosis

By Barbara Cope
Recently the preschoolers at Brandermill Children's World participated in a mini-march to benefit the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation. The children helped raise \$392.30. The Children's parents secured pledges and on the day of the march the children marched to

a variety of musical tunes on their playground. Each lap marched by a child was recorded and the parents collected the pledges accordingly.

We are proud to have participated and thank our parents for their resounding support. It was truly "Children Helping Children".

SCES Arts Winners Recognized

By Candy Young
Special congratulations to the winners of the 5th Annual Cultural Arts Competition, "Wonders of the World", at Swift Creek Elementary. A recognition ceremony and reception were held at the school on the evening of November 10 to honor the participants. The program is sponsored by the National PTA and the following winners were recognized:

Literature JK-3
1st - Emily Crandall
2nd - Daniel Latham

Literature 4-5
1st - Elizabeth Young
2nd - Stephen Marshall
3rd - Emily Bowen

Music 4-5
1st - Bobby Elliott

Visual Arts JK-3
1st - Shannon Parfitt
2nd - Julia Futrell
3rd - Mike Reinert
Honorable Mention - Liz Frith

Visual Arts 4-5
1st - Stevie Stensland
2nd - Becky Cooper
3rd - Nicole Baker
Honorable Mention - Briggs May

Photography JK-3
1st - Chandler Patterson
2nd - Josh Goldblatt
3rd - Carrie Hebb

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Bud Hulsey Speaks To Parents And Teens At Local Schools

Bud Hulsey, a nationally known speaker from the Kingsport, Tennessee Police Department, spoke to parents and students in this community on Monday, November 16, about the problems related to chemical abuse by youngsters.

This presentation was sponsored by Swift Creek Middle School and Clover Hill High School. Mr. Hulsey spoke to the students of SCMS and CHS at their respective schools on Tuesday morning. The topic was "The Number One Reason Teenagers

Use Alcohol and Drugs". In a presentation open to the public on Monday evening at CHS, Mr. Hulsey's topic was "Three Ways to Keep Your Kids Off Dope."

Although Mr. Hulsey spoke about drug prevention, a great deal of his discussion concerned self-esteem and effective communication between parents and young people. His message was clear, direct and beneficial. Thanks to the community for the enthusiastic reception given Mr. Hulsey.

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MYSL Teams Complete Fall Soccer Season

Midlothian Youth Soccer League results of Saturday November 21, 1987 as supplied by the coaches.

MYSL IN HOUSE RESULTS

Intermediate II Division
Green Hornets (4) vs. Vikings (1). Brent Robinson, Tommy Charles, Michael Kondracki scored. Stephen Marshall played strong halfback for the Hornets.

Silver Bullets (4) vs. Blue Panthers (1). Marc Barany, Mike Grizzard scored. Jay Keeton, Matthew Agee, Bev Bretz played very well for the Bullets.

White Knights (1) vs. Blue Lightning (1). John Shonk assisted by Michael Ciccone scored. Eric Wirt played excellent offense for the White.

Orange Flames (4) vs. Maroon Devils (0). Bobby Shorridge, Lauren Cummings scored two goals each, John Swan played super offense and defense for the Flames as the Devils played three terrific quarters with many shots on goal.

Purple Panthers (1) vs. Knight Hawks (0). Wesley Hunnius scored, Erin Collins played great midfield for the Panthers while Josh Ritchie played outstandingly for the Hawks.

Senior Division

Blue Devils (3) vs. Blue Lightning (0). Steve Winfree, Chris Jones assisted by Matt Ward scored. Sonny Supta played great midfield for the Devils.

Golden Eagles (2) vs. Studs (2). Stephen Sheil, Matt Porray scored. Robert McDorman assisted with the Eagles playing very well; Phillip Haar assisted by Jason Ball. Jason Hall scored as the Studs locked up first place in the division.

Intermediate I Division

The Blue Jays scored 4 to the Greyhounds 1 to take their Intermediate Division contest. Strong Blue Jay performances were turned in by Chris Rapp, B.J. Johns and Ryan Rice. Dustin Morse scored the Greyhound goal and Mirra Gordon made at least four goal saving stops at her fullback position.

The Blue Devils defeated the Pythons 2 to 1 on goals by Joshua Marble and Joshua Goldblatt; Coleman James played an excellent game on defense. The Pythons goal was scored by Mark Stratmaren. Jason Fenchuk and Ryan Prosser were standouts for the Pythons.

Brian Kolokowsky and Patrick

Brown each scored goals as the Burgandy Bombers posted a 2 to 0 win over the Green Team. Brian Tubbs goal play was awesome.

The Blues Brothers sneaked in a 1 to 0 win over the Red Devils in a closely contested match. Conner Soden scored the games only goal while the defensive play of Clint Madison and Graham Sumpter held off a strong Red Devils attack.

The Gold Miners also posted a narrow win over their Purple Team opponents 2 to 1. Performing outstanding on offense for the Gold Miners were Paul Gibrau and Jared Moss supported by the excellent defensive play of Thomas Woody.

Intermediate II Division

The White Knights and the Knight Hawks turned in a scoreless tie in their Intermediate II contest. John Showk exhibited excellent offensive ball handling and Jeff Corley and Scott Johnson played good defense for the White Knights. The Knight Hawks game was highlighted by Derek Moody's great goal keeping and Josh Ritchie's outstanding defensive play.

The Maroon Devils beat the Blue Panthers 2 to 1 in a close game. Mark Arrowsmith and Jason Harrell scored the Devils goals with strong offensive play from Bobby Martin and Robert Rickman. Bryan Wilson and Drew Harrigan played well on defense.

The Orange Flame repelled the Green Hornets 5 to 0 behind the outstanding forward and halfback play of Chris Ferguson. Lauren Cummings, Bobby Shorridge, Patrick Pike, Brent Taylor and John Williamson each scored goals.

Damon Douglas and Jeremy Allenbaugh scored one goal apiece as the Blue Lightning defeated the Silver Bullets 2 to 0. The Lightning enjoyed super defensive play from Ashley Carr and Keith Scott in goal.

Senior Division

The Golden Eagles and the Blue Lightning scored two goals each, posting a 2 to 2 tie in their Senior Division contest. Kevin Hopson and Jonathan Dance scored goals while Jason West showed good hustle and excellent defense for the Lightning. The Eagles came back from a two goal deficit on scores by Greg Riley and Michael Johnson assisted by Robert McDorman and Jason Henry.

The Blue Devils lost a close one to the Red Team by a score of 2 to

1. Steve Winfree scored the Devils goal and Nick Rapp played a good game on defense.

The Studs played a top notch defensive game behind the leadership of Bobby Gibb at sweeper to defeat the Blue Team 3 to 0. The Studs goals came from Jason Ball (2) and Phillip Haar.

MYSL GIRLS RESULTS

Midlothian 76 I Girls Pushing For Championship

The 1974-75 Midlothian Girls team defeated the Pocoshock Valley II team in a closely contested match. Morgan Marchant and Misty Cleveland scored the Midlo goals assisted by Laura

Armstrong.

The 1976 II girls turned in a 4 to 2 win over the Greenfield I team behind the strong defensive play of Sarah Talbott. Ann-Harris Lambert scored two goals while Amy Cowan and Jennifer Dougherty put one each into the net.

It appears that the 1976 I girls will be contending for the league championship. They scored a strong 3 to 2 win over their opponents on Saturday. Teresa Allgeier showed outstanding determination and excellent play at half back while Jennifer Timberlake scored all three of Midlothian's goals.

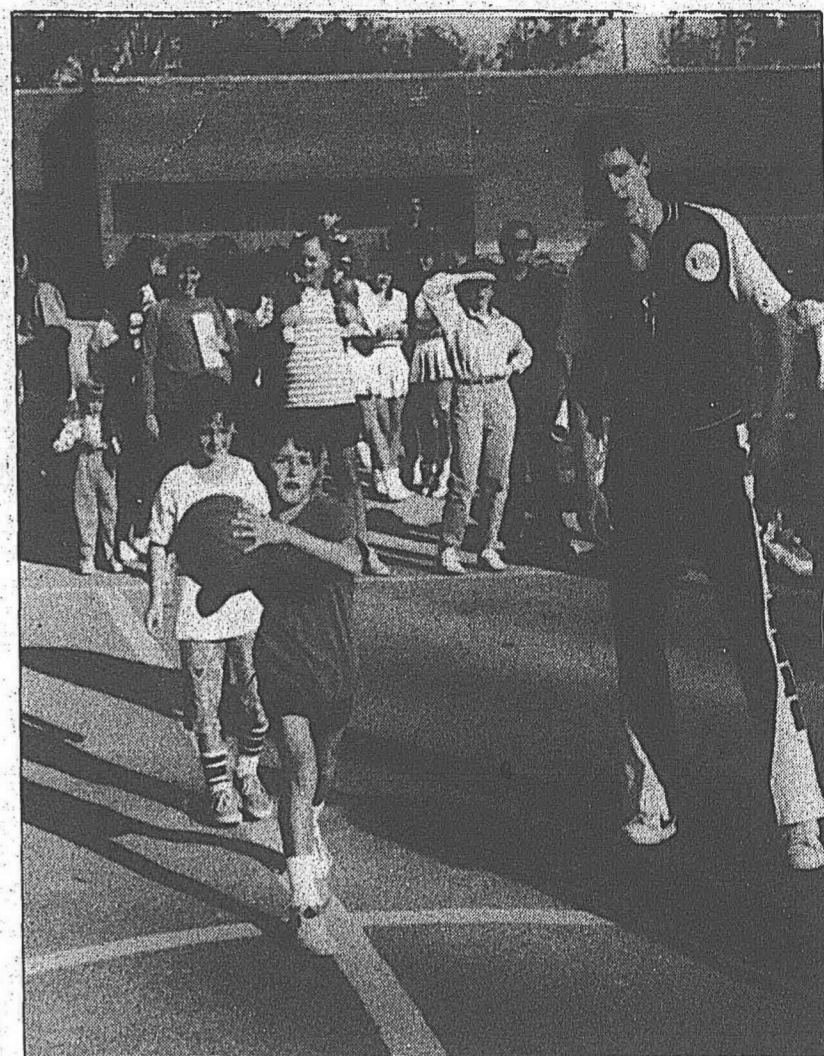
Area Swimmers Successful In Local Synchronized Meet

Several area swimmers were involved in a synchronized meet on November 21 at the University of Richmond. Placing in the Virginia Invitational Figure Meet were: Allison Sindelir, 6th in 13-14; Jill Miller, 1st in new 10 and under; Katie Vipperman, 10th and Jessica Lai, 12th in new 10 and under.

Rachel Easterling was 4th in returning 10 and under and Katie

Nienow was 12th in returning and under. The girls represent Briarwood and will be in another figure meet on December 6 at the Jewish Community Center.

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The Blue Devils won the Intermediate I division with an undefeated season. Front, (L to R) Jason Henthorn, Ted Conrad, Coleman James, Michelle Miller, Court Lanio, Ryan Fisher. Back (L to R) Coach Joel Goldblatt, Josh Goldblatt, Josh Marble Adam Field, Garth Herr Peter Nollen, Chandler Patterson, Assistant Coach Sallye Patterson.



The Orange Flame won the Intermediate II division with 7 wins and 2 ties. Front, (L to R) Christopher Ferguson, Drew Smith, Andrew Thompson, Thomas Matthews, Michael Matthews. Back (L to R) Brent Taylor, Assistant Coach John Matthews, Ashby Scaggis, Patrick Pike, John Williamson, Coach Jim Williamson, Lauren Cummings. Not pictured: Bobby Shortridge, Jon Swan and Kelly White.

Midlothian Youth Soccer League Coaches Supply End Of Season Results

Intermediate I Division

Blue Devils, coached by Joel Goldblatt placed first in this division.

Red Devils, coached by William Schoof placed second in this division with a 7, 1, 1, season. Following are the Red Devils players: Trey Baughn, Robby Cuthbert-

son, Bejhan Ghorashi, Andrew Howe, Jeffrey Leach, Blake Matheny, Michael Pierce, Rob Schabinger, William Schoof, Ben Waldrup, Preston Wily, and Gavin Young. The assistant coach is George Howe.

Intermediate II Division

Orange Flames, coached by

John Williamson placed first in this division with a record of 7 wins and 2 ties.

Silver Bullets, coached by Tom Hesbach placed second in this division with 7 wins, 1 loss, 1 tie. The following are team members: Jimmy Hesbach, Niels Seebeck, Cameron Wallace, Wesley

Taubel, Marc Barany, Brent Blaska, Benjamin Bretz, Michael Grizzard, Michael Jaeger, Jay Keeton, Julius Lai, Ryan Quann and Matthew Agee. The Assistant Coach is Bob Seebeck.

Senior Division

Studs, coached by Bill Ball placed first in this division with 6 wins,

2 losses, 2 ties.

Red Demons, coached by Bubba Powers placed second in this division.

GIRLS' TEAMS PLACE IN CCYSL PLAY

1976-77 Division

Midlothian I, coached by Rich Timberlake placed first in this division with 7 wins and 1 tie.

Midlothian II, coached by Nelson Lambert placed second in this division with 7 wins and 1 loss.

1973-74 Division

Midlothian I, coached by Harry Armstrong placed first in this division with 7 wins and 1 tie.

1973-Up Division

Midlothian I, coached by Dick Snowden placed second in this division.

Midlothian II, coached by Reeder Timmons placed third in this division with 3 wins, 1 loss, 4 ties.

Midlothian Soccer Season Comes To An End

Midlothian Youth Soccer League results of Saturday November 14, 1987 as supplied by the coaches.

MYSL IN HOUSE RESULTS

Junior I Division

(Last games of season)

Warriors (1) vs. Red Hawks (0). Vernon McGeorge scored; Kara Lewis, Courtney Cox played good offense with many shots on goal for the Warriors as the Hawks did a super job this season especially with their skills on defense.

Pirates (2) vs. Orange Tigers (0). Daniel Rettinger, Kristen Lanio scored with the Pirates team playing very well while Colleen Kenney scored playing strong offense for the Tigers. The team had a great hard-played season.

Yellow Jackets (1) vs. Green Machine (0). Brienne Tinsley scored; Richard Grasso, Travis Wilson played strong defense for the Jackets.

Navy Blue Bombers (0) vs. Purple Panthers (1). David Keeton played an exceptionally good game; Zane Rotter played great defense for the Blue.

Gray Sharks (1) vs. Blue Bombers (0). Stuart Marshall scored assisted by Robbie. Brett Lomenzo played good offense with the Sharks playing with spirit all season.

Junior II Division

(Last games of season)

Blue Strikers (0) vs. Green Machine (2). Chamaio Ringe led the Blue as team captain, Jason Wallace anchored a strong defense in goal, Michael Burrus was super at full back as Brian Clair scored. Jonathan Jamieson made great passes for the Green.

Red Tigers (3) vs. Blue Demons (1). Shannon Kenny, Coreg Barrett, Matt Todd scored, Eric Taubel led a strong defense for the

Red while Billy Peele scored assisted by Chris McNulty; Matthew Reitenwald and Travis Lynn played great defense for the Blue.

Gray Sharks (1) vs. Yellow Tigers (0). Sharks finished their undefeated season with a goal by Matthew Farmer. Greg Paris played on offense as Brian Huffman played terrific for the Tigers.

Purple Slammers (4) vs. Orange Crush (0). Andrew Kelski, Adam Pollack, Jesse Bilthuis scored, Christopher Field made super passes, Justin Noll led the Slammers defense.

Blue Bandits (3) vs. Maroon Mauraders (0). Laura Berger, Justin D'Amico, Mike Washburn scored while Matt Horton, Ryan Culpepper played solid for the Blue.

Intermediate I Division

(Last games of season)

Blue Devils (2) vs. Blue Jays (0). Chandler Patterson, Joshua Goldblatt scored, Peter Nollen played outstanding, Ryan Fisher was great in goal for the Devils while Brian Thompson led the Jays as captain. Bobby Ezell

played great defense and Chris Rapp hustled all season.

Purple Panthers (0) vs. Orange Pythons (3). Brian Bishop played aggressively for the Purple as Mickey McGarry, Mark Stratman, Jason Fenchuk scored while Eli Christman, Jason Duncan, Brendan Meyer played strong for the Orange.

Red Devils (3) vs. Greyhounds (0). Gavin Young, Trey Baughn scored; Michael Pierce led the Devils defense.

Green Machine (1) vs. Goldminers (0). Craig Collier assisted by Nick Clarke scored as the Green played aggressively while Paul Bibrail played excellent offense and Chris White, Justin Harding played super defense for the Goldminers.

Intermediate II Division

Silver Bullets (1) vs. White Knights (0). Marc Barany scored, Jimmy Hesbeck played super defense for the Bullets.

Blue Lightning (0) vs. Yellow Jackets (1). Mason Pierce had most improved game while Mike Vrabel, Jeremy Allenbaugh made

great passes for the Blue.

Green Hornets (0) vs. Knight Hawks (0). Stephen Marshall, Michael Kondracki played super halfback; Scott Hairston, Ryan Charles were strong in goal for the Hornets as Katie Duff, Mike Nichols made a great effort on defense for the Hawks.

Purple Panthers (1) vs. Maroon Devils (2). Sarah Hannan scored, Garrett Seffrin played great at mid-field for the Purple while Jason Harrell, Bobby Martin scored, the Devils played super position.

Senior Division

Studs (6) vs. Blue Lightning (1). Phillip Haar, Jason Hall, Bobby Geib, Tim Corley scored; Bobby Elliott made great passes on offense for the Studs.

Blue Devils (1) vs. Blue Raiders (1). David Hang assisted by Matt Ward scored, Brandon Yeatts led the defense for the Devils.

Golden Eagles (0) vs. Red Demons (1). Brandon Dennis played superbly for the Eagles.

Wrestlers Begin Competition

Clover Hill High School Wrestlers finished last season with an enviable overall record of 13-2 and a league record of 8-1. They placed 2nd in the District Tournaments and the Regionals and finished 24th in the state. Now Coach Jim Albertson and his assistant, Patrick Kane, are preparing for another good year.

The top wrestlers on the squad are Binky Howard and Jamie Rogers, both district champs and Scott Peterson and Jamie Shifflett, district place winners. Other

returning lettermen are: Jason Livingston, Cory Janiga, Jeff Martin, Ric Bailey, Morgan Spain, Marshall Beaton, Mark Stevens, David Fried, Mike Malpede and Casey Roe. New additions to the team are: Chuck Johnson, John Wheeler, Bill Blatnik and Scott Newcomer.

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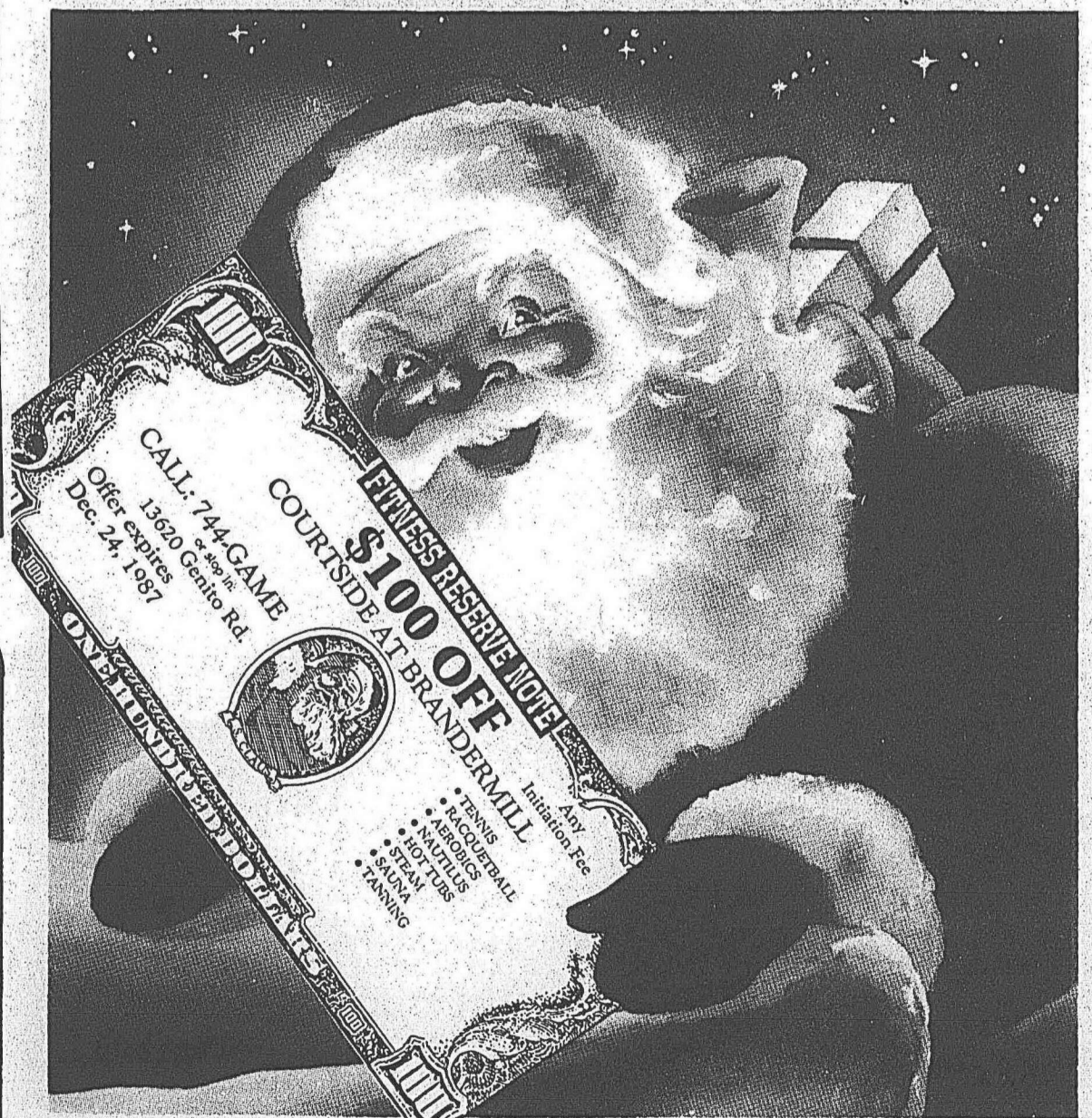
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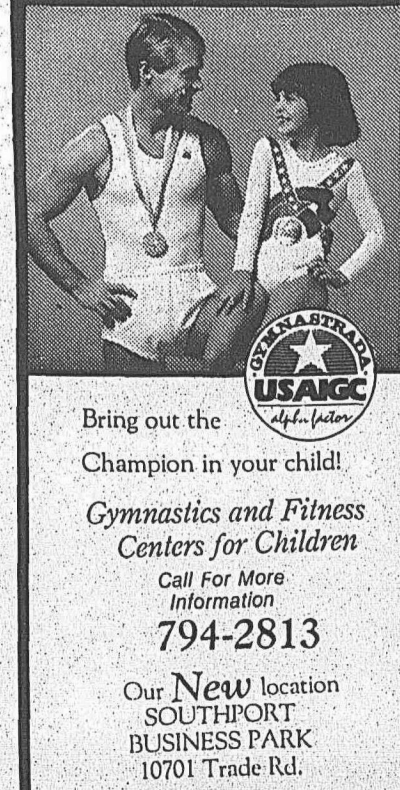
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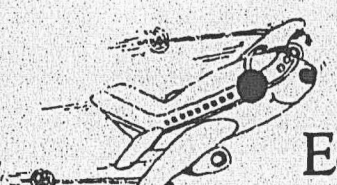
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1977 Barracudas placed first in RMYSL Division 7. Front (L to R) Andrew Cauthen, Kellen Payne, Brian Nelson, Peter Haar, Jarrod Kirchoff, Marc Granger, Tripp Phillips, Barry Rush. Back (L To R) Coach Harvey Tyndall, Greg Nienow, Robert Hill, Stephen Tyndall, Brad Ward, Andrew Gervin, Brad Miller, Nicky Vidonic, Assistant Coach Rich McGregor.



The 1975 Comets placed second in RMYSL Division 6. Back (L to R) Coach Jon Gomes, Jonathan Battaile, Matt Reid, Danny Williams, Lee Tupper, Eric Walton, Scott Tesnow, Jonathan Sharpe, David Taylor, Coach Mike Klein. Front (L to R) Oliver Kirch, Patrick Klein, Brant Gilliland, Jason Dodds, Brandon Myers, Shawn Butler, Jason Walton, Ryan Koeniger.



The 1972 Owls had a terrific season with 8 wins and 1 tie which captured 2 first place in Division 2. Back (L to R) John Coghill Assistant Coach, Maddie Bowcier, Mark Dannon, Tripp Mason, Robbie Robinson, Ricky Kromel, Tim Brown. Front (L to R) Ponce Wright, Preston Martin, Richie Lirkonis, Eric Wilson, Paul Gazzara, Brian Greer, Doug Morgan, John Coghill.

Travel Teams Place In Metro

Midlothian Youth Soccer League had four travel teams place in their respective divisions. 1972 Owls, coached by Rick Jaccarino and John Cogbill placed first in RMYSL Division 2 with 8 wins, 0 losses, 1 tie. 1971 Spartans, coached by Pete Kane and Joe Malpede placed second in RMYSL Division 2 with 7 wins, 2 losses, 0 ties. The following players are on the Spartan team: Christopher Akins, Bryan Bullock, Michael Cantrell, Brandon Corr, Kevin Cullum, Andy Dunn, Chirs English, Jeffrey Greene, Jeffrey Hall, James Hannan, Tommy Hesbach, Sean Kane, Michael Malpede, Kevin McLaughlin, Jamie Novotny and Jonathan Walz. 1977 Barracudas, coached by Harvey Tyndall and Richard McGregor placed first in RMYSL Division 7 with 5 wins, 0 losses, 3 ties. 1975 Comets, coached by John Gomes and Mike Klevin placed second in RMYSL Division 6 with 6 wins, 2 losses, 1 tie.

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MYSL Schedules Annual Meeting

Midlothian Youth Soccer League will hold its annual meeting and elections on Friday December 18, 1987 at the Brandermill Community Center (diagonally across the parking lot from the Brandermill Country Club) at 7:30 p.m. The meeting will be followed by a social time and all members are invited. (You are a member if you volunteered and/or had a child who played in the League during the Spring/Fall 1987 Seasons.)

Board members are elected for a period of two years (four seasons) and may choose to serve in the area of their greatest interest. Seven people are needed to fill this year's slate. If you would like to serve on the MYSL Board of Directors, please call Tully Tupper at 744-9130 for further information.

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Brandermill Woods Health Care Center Begins Construction

Ground has been broken for the 120-bed Brandermill Woods Health Care Center being constructed on a ten acre site at the north end of Brandermill Parkway, across Old Hundred Road from Brandermill Woods Retirement Community. The 68,000 square foot facility is being built by Kenbridge Building Systems of Richmond at a cost of

3.9 million dollars. This new health care facility will be divided into two sections; one part will be a nursing home, the other part will be devoted to assistance-in-living. The nursing home section will be all on one floor and will contain 29 semi-private and 2 private rooms, and will offer intermediate care as well as skilled nursing care.

The assistance-in-living section will be three floors high and will contain 60 units ranging in size from an efficiency of 372 square feet to a one bedroom unit of 565 square feet. The assistance-in-living section will provide specialized services to those persons who do not require intermediate or skilled nursing home care, but who wish to live as

independently as possible while receiving extensive health care services and amenities.

The Brandermill Woods Health Care Center will also offer rehabilitation facilities to patients for the weekend, a week, a month, as needed. The wings of this new Health Care Center will enclose a 13,000 square foot courtyard.

Hewitt Installed As Director

John T. Hewitt, of 3206 Barnes Spring Court, right of way agent for the Chesterfield County Department of Utilities, has been installed as president elect and international director of Old Dominion Chapter 52 of the International Right of Way Association. As president elect, Hewitt will assist and advise the organization president and perform duties generally associated with a vice president. In November 1988 he will automatically assume the

organization's presidency. Hewitt will serve a two-year term as international director starting in November. In this position he will act as a liaison between the chapter and the international organization.

A member of the Old Dominion Chapter since 1980, Hewitt most recently served as association secretary and, in a prior term, as assistant secretary. He has been employed by Chesterfield County since 1972.

Semon Enters Packaging Field

On October 23, 1987 Arthur D. Semon formed a new company, International Packaging Corporation of Richmond. Mr. Semon represented a number of highly advanced, technical Packaging Converters, selling sophisticated packaging products to the food, pharmaceutical, tobacco and personal care markets in the U.S., Puerto Rico and Canada. In his former position as Marketing Manager for Reynolds, he was responsible for the development of new business in select markets and sees a similar role for his new

company. Mr. Semon recently returned from a 2 week tour of Europe where he met personnel from the companies he will be representing. His travels included stops in West Germany, Italy, Switzerland and Denmark. "The quality, technology and diversity of product line produced by these converters are second to none," Mr. Semon says, discussing the future of his company.

International Packaging Corporation's office is located in the Brandermill Business Park.

Points of Law

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For 1987, the individual standard deduction is \$2,540 (\$3,760 for joint returns) while in 1988 it will be 3,000 (\$5,000 for joint returns). This is part of a plan by Congress to decrease the number of individuals who itemize on their tax returns.

Another strategy to consider is increasing certain deductions which will be allowable to a lesser extent in 1988. Specifically, consumer interest paid or accrued during the tax year will be 65% deductible in 1987 and only 40% deductible in 1988.

Consumer interest is basically any interest, other than interest incurred in connection with the conduct of a trade or business investment, or interest taken into account in computing the taxpayer's income or loss from passive activities for the year. Consumer interest also does not include qualified residence interest of the taxpayer. For most individuals,

consumer interest will include interest on credit card loans, car loans, or life insurance loans.

Over the past year, many taxpayers obtained a home equity loan. Because there are some limits to the deductibility of interest under such loans, it may be necessary to obtain some professional advice on the application of the new law to the taxpayer's particular situation.

Tax Return Preparation

Taxpayers should probably plan on "gearing up" early in 1988 for the preparation of 1987 tax returns. Tax return preparers are anticipating a difficult tax season, with so many non-individual tax-

payers being on a calendar year basis now and also with so many tax law changes to understand and implement.

This will be the first year for the new requirement that taxpayers provide a social security number for any dependents age five or older. Failure to provide a social security number will subject the taxpayer to a \$5.00 penalty per missing or incorrect social security number.

Again, each taxpayer must take a hard look at his particular situation, but taking a few minutes to do this before the end of the year might reveal some tax savings ideas.

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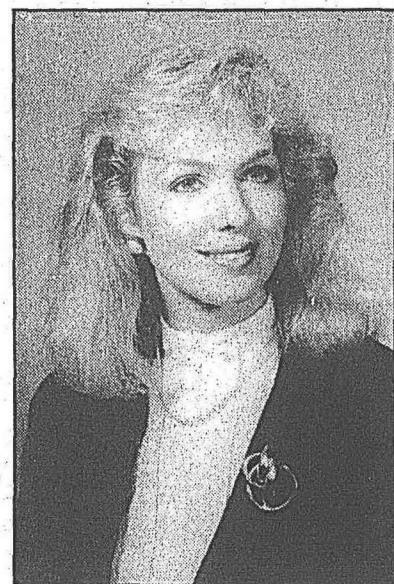


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Recipes and Craft Directions

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Here is an hors d'oeuvres which is designed to impress your guests and undoubtedly will.

Brie Cheese Rounds

1 can crescent rolls (8 rolls)
2 rounds of Brie (cans)
Preheat oven to 350°. Divide dough into 2 squares and pinch together holes. Fold dough around each cheese round. Pinch together seams, sealing. Place smooth side up on cookie sheet. Bake 20 minutes, remove from oven and let sit 20 minutes before serving.

If you prefer a lighter hors d'oeuvres which can also double as a holiday gift, make a batch of salted pecans.

Salted Pecans

1 lb. pecans
¼ c. butter
juice ½ lemon
Preheat oven to 400-450°. Toss pecans with melted butter and lemon juice. Spread on cookie sheet and place in oven near the top for about 8 minutes. Watch carefully. Drain on paper towels and add salt.

Cranberry Chutney is a wonderful accompaniment to turkey or ham and even the neophyte cook can manage to prepare those main dishes. If all else fails, your friendly neighborhood grocery store will be delighted to cater them for you. The cranberry dish is colorful, tasty and adds elegance to the most mundane entree.

Cranberry Chutney

1 c. fresh orange sections
¼ c. orange juice
1 lb. fresh cranberries
1½ c. sugar
1 lg. unpeeled apple, chopped
½ c. raisins
¼ Tbsp. vinegar
½ tsp. ground ginger
½ tsp. cinnamon

Combine and bring to a boil. Reduce heat and simmer five minutes or until berries burst. Makes 5½ cups. Decant into canning jars. They need not be sealed. Keeps several weeks or longer in the refrigerator.

It may even be used as a colorful hors d'oeuvres. Spoon it over a block of cream cheese and serve with Triscuits.

Another inspired side dish is Au Gratin Potatoes which is a welcome change from the usual sweet potato casserole and oh, so easy to prepare.

Au Gratin Potatoes

Make up a package of cheese sauce mix, pour over 2 cans of potatoes that have been sliced and rinsed. Add a few pats of butter, some chunks of cheddar and a little worchestershire. Bake, uncovered, in 350° oven for 45 minutes. If you want to fuss a little, this is great over new potatoes. Boil peel and slice potatoes.

Everyone can make a tossed salad but the addition of homemade croutons will magically establish as a gourmet cook.

Croutons

6 Tbsp. olive oil/salad dressing
juice one lemon
1 tsp. salt
½ tsp. black pepper
Clove garlic
Chunks of bread (French, black bread or pumpernickel are good)

Saute pieces of bread in skillet until browned and crunchy. Drain paper towels and store in tightly covered container. Makes salads look and taste like gourmet creations.

Even though your guests all claim to be counting calories and foregoing sweets, do not for one minute believe it. They will feel strangely cheated if you skip the extravagant desserts in favor of a bowl of shiny red apples. Don't panic, though, as the following dishes are almost as easy to prepare as fresh fruit and far more appealing.

No-Bake Chocolate Truffles

12 oz. semi sweet chocolate chips
1 c. heavy cream
Stir in saucepan until melted. Refrigerate until quite hard. Roll generous teaspoonfuls of mixture into balls, then roll in chocolate sprinkles to coat.

Mocha Truffles

1 8 oz. pkg. semisweet chocolate squares
1/3 c. sweetened condensed milk
1 Tbsp. coffee flavor liqueur
¼ tsp. almond extract
cocoa or chocolate sprinkles
Melt chocolate over low heat, remove from heat and stir in condensed milk, liqueur and extract. Refrigerate until easy to shape, about 40 minutes. Roll into balls with hands dusted in cocoa. Roll in cocoa or chocolate sprinkles. Makes about 30 truffles.

Chocolate Covered Cherries

½ c. semisweet chocolate pieces
1½ tsp. shortening
vegetable cooking spray
about 30 Maraschino cherries with stems
Melt chocolate in double boiler, stirring frequently. Spray large cookie sheet with vegetable oil spray. Pat cherries dry with paper towels. Dip into chocolate mixture and place on cookie sheet. Refrigerate on cookie sheet until set; store in refrigerator.

Fast Turtles

On waxed paper lined cookie sheet, arrange 48 pecan halves, flat sides down in groups of 4 with ends meeting in center. Flatten 12 caramels, place each in center of a pecan group Melt eight 1 oz. squares of semisweet chocolate and spoon over caramels leaving nut tips showing. Let stand 1 hour. Store in refrigerator.

Now the party's over and it was an overwhelming success. You're feeling positively euphoric - but there's one small problem. Remember you promised the children they could gorge themselves on the leftovers - and there aren't any! Everything tasted so delicious and looked so elegant. But really, it was so easy to prepare that you can whip up some more as a special treat just for them.

Dyed Pine Cones

Supplies
Medium or small pine cones
wide mouth jar with lid
2 oz. bottle of acrylic craft paint
newspapers
tongs
cookie sheet
Pour paint into jar, fill paint container with water, shake to mix paint from the sides of the bottle and add this mixture to the jar. Place one pine cone at a time in the jar, put the lid on and shake until cone is coated. Retrieve with tongs, place on cookie sheet to drip. When cookie sheet is coated with paint, place pine cones on newspapers to dry and pour excess paint back into the jar to reuse. Pine cones will close up and reopen in several days. Drying can be speeded up by placing the pine cones on wax paper on a cookie sheet and baking several hours at low temperature (200°). The cones may be used in baskets or arrangements when dry and will have a soft muted color. If a glossy finished is desired, spray cones with clear shellac when they are dry. Take care to do this in a well-ventilated area.

Winter Safety Tips To Keep Your Family Warm

Heating systems make homes cozy and comfortable, but if they are used improperly or inadequately maintained, a fire could result. The Chesterfield Fire Department suggests that you learn how to keep your family warm and safe this winter.

Have a professional check and service your heating system every fall. Chimneys should be cleaned and inspected by a reputable professional yearly. A substance called creosote builds up in every chimney over time and can start a chimney fire. Older chimneys should be inspected for cracks and flaws that may need to be corrected.

Before installing any heating system such as a wood burning stove get a permit from your local building inspector's office and have the installation done by a licensed professional.

If you use portable heaters, buy only those that have safety devices to turn off automatically if they tip over. Check to see if this type of equipment is listed by a nationally recognized testing laboratory, one of which is Underwriters Laboratories (UL).

Discard or repair any electric heater that has a frayed, broken or worn cord and do not use extension cords with heaters.

Turn portable heaters off when going to bed or leaving the house and remember to keep children away from any type of heating device.

If you have a Kerosene heater,

use 1-K Kerosene to prevent fires. Always fill the heaters outside and be sure that rooms are properly ventilated when using a Kerosene heater. Never use gasoline or any flammable liquid to start or rekindle a fire.

Fireplace fires are cozy and romantic, but don't forget to keep a screen in front of the fire to prevent sparks from leaping into the room.

Keep all combustibles such as clothing, bedding and furniture at least three feet from all heat sources.

The Chesterfield Fire Department wants you to be warm and comfortable this winter, but please be careful.

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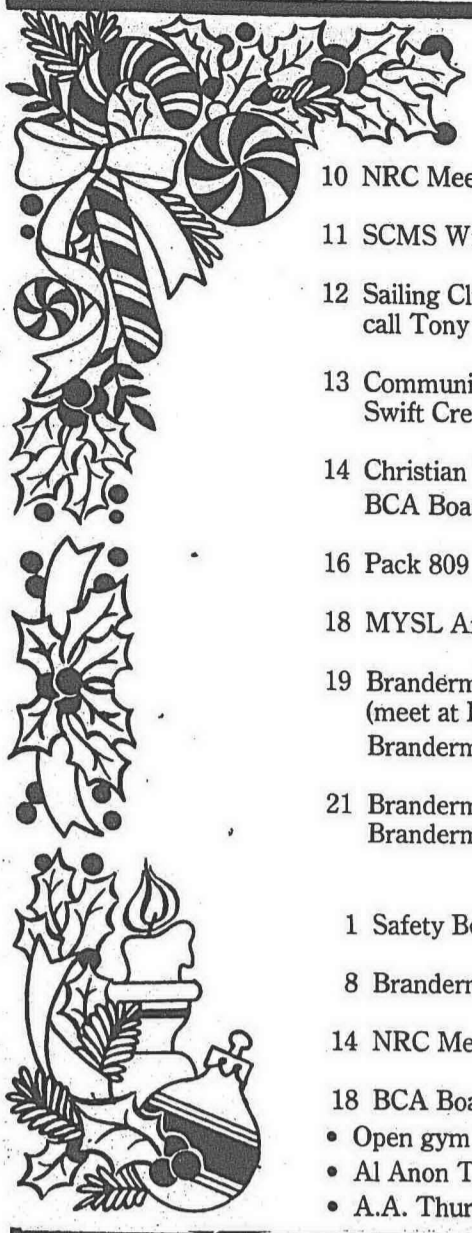
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- 13 Community Christmas Service by Christian Fellowship Church, Swift Creek Middle School, 10:00 a.m.
- 14 Christian Women's Club, Country Club, 9:30 a.m.
BCA Board Meeting, Brandermill Church, 7:30 p.m.
- 16 Pack 809 Pack Meeting, Brandermill Church, 7:00 p.m.
- 18 MYSL Annual Meeting, Community Center, 7:30 p.m.
- 19 Brandermill/Woodlake Singles, Comedy Club (meet at Brandermill Church Parking Lot), 6:30 p.m.
Brandermill Woman's Club trip, *A Christmas Carol*
- 21 Brandermill Woman's Club, Country Club, 7:30 p.m.
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January

- 1 Safety Belt Law in Effect!
- 8 Brandermill/Woodlake Singles, Brandermill Church 8:00 p.m.
- 14 NRC Meeting, Community Center, 7:30 p.m.
- 18 BCA Board Meeting, BCA Conference Room, 7:30 p.m.
- Open gym for adult basketball, Swift Creek Middle School, 6-10
- Al Anon Thursdays, 7:00 p.m., Brandermill Church
- A.A. Thursdays, 8:30 p.m. Brandermill Church

Some Labels Say More Than Others

By Harriet Coppins
The following article is based on one written by Richard Phillips for *The Chicago Tribune*.

For most grocery store shoppers, it has become routine procedure to read the labels on products they intend to buy. But let the shopper beware! Unfortunately even the most conscientious among us may be misled by the word usage manufacturers employ. What exactly do some of those very familiar labeling terms mean and is it possible that some have more meaning than others?

Consider the words "lite" or "light" on a label. They, of course, imply that the product contains fewer calories or less fat. It is possible, however, that the only "light" involved is a cosmetic touch, as is the case with some snack chips or even some "light" beers. What the manufacturer should specify is that the product contains "half the calories" or "one-half the fat" of a comparable product. The word "light" would then have a specific meaning.

Beware of a label which claims "no preservatives added". It suggests there are no "synthetic" preservatives present, but the product could still be loaded with artificial coloring. Also "no preservatives" may be claimed for a product that never contained them, making for a more appealing label

but actually meaning very little. Because the FDA considers the word "organic" indefinable, it is actually a puff word. Many consumers mistakenly think that food labeled organic is free of chemical fertilizers and pesticides which is not always the case. Some states, but not all, cooperate with organic farmers to certify truly organic foods. So the word "organic" is meaningful only in part of the country. Calorie labeling is one category in which terms are usually well defined. The term "low-calorie" means that a product has fewer than 40 calories a serving and no more than 0.4 calories a gram. "Reduced-calorie" claims indicate that the product has one-third fewer calories than the product it replaces. Still on the subject of calories, some unsuspecting shoppers believe that a product which is "sugar-free" or "sugarless" is also "calorie-free". That supposition may or may not be true. Since the FDA permits sugar alcohols to be used as alternative sweeteners, the end result may be a product with more calories than one containing sugar.

Another group of well-defined terms deals with sodium. "Sodium free" means the product has fewer than 5 milligrams a serving. "Very low sodium" indicates 35 milligrams of sodium or less while "low sodium" on a label means the product cannot contain more than 140 milligrams a serving. The term "reduced sodium" shows that there is 15 percent less sodium than a comparable product ordinarily prepared with sodium. Take heed, however, and do not equate a label claim of "low salt" with "low sodium." Dozens of sodium compounds such as MSG, baking soda, bisodium phosphate or sodium nitrate can be used in "low salt" products.

When walking the aisles of an average supermarket, consumers must keep their wits about them. Products may, or may not, represent what their labels suggest. Or if the labels mean what they say, they often are more revealing for what they do not say.

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