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## New Woodlake elementary school is scheduled to open September 1990

By Wendy Parker
Managing Editor

Construction of the new Chesterfield County elementary school in Woodlake is underway. According to Thomas R. Fulghum, assistant superintendent of operations and facilities with the county schools, the new school is slated to open in the fall of 1990. Because of the tight construction schedule, Mr. Fulghum said, "Naturally we watch every cloud that comes over."

The new unnamed elementary school, located on Timber Bluff Parkway and Woolridge Road, will help alleviate the problem of overcrowding at Clover Hill Elementary School in Woodlake. Clover Hill Elementary School was built to accommodate 774 students. Currently 998 attend the school. Last year, before some students were rerouted to other schools, the enrollment reached 1039. Eight trailers were installed on the school grounds to serve as supplemental classrooms.

Dr. Roger Long, director of planning services with the county schools, said a task force consisting of parents, teachers and school administrators began working together last February to formulate recommendations for the new school attendance zone. During more than three months, the committee held two open meetings to discuss alternatives with parents, sent status reports, and solicited and received written and oral feedback from the community.

The task force's recommendations for the new attendance zone were adopted last April by the Chesterfield County School Board. Two primary goals were to reduce the Clover Hill Elementary School enrollment to approximately 900 students for the next several years and to open the new elementary school with approximately 500 students, allowing for growth from the developing neighborhoods.

According to the recommendations all children in developing Woodlake neighborhoods west of Woodlake Village Parkway will attend the new school. Presently some of these students attend Grange Hall Elementary School on Route 360. Others remain at Clover Hill Elementary School depending upon purchase date of their homes. Dividing the student population in developing Woodlake neighborhoods was unavoidable for the 1989-1990 school year.

All Brandermill children currently zoned to attend Clover Hill Elementary School will remain at Clover Hill for the next few years. These neighborhoods include Planter's Wood, Five Springs, Heritage Woods, Old Fox Trail, Poplar Grove, Timber Ridge, Winterberry Ridge, Harbour Point, Fox Chase, Northwich, Gleneagles, Litchfield Bluff, Long Shadow, Court Ridge, Echo Ridge, Nuttree, Pebble Creek and McTyre's Cove, as well as Hunter's Chase Apartments. The task force recommended not to transfer the 378 Brandermill children in order to avoid other overcrowding situations at Swift Creek Elementary School and the new school. It was noted that the Brandermill area was rezoned in 1983 and 1986 and a new school is projected for the Brandermill area in 1994 or 1995.

Other recommendations adopted included the transfer of Deer Run students to Crenshaw Elementary School while Ashbrook students remained at Clover Hill Elementary School.

The placement of another 60 students in outlying areas was discussed in a January 29 meeting. The attendance area of students residing on Woolridge, Otterdale and Genito Roads is to be determined soon.

Three more schools to be built on Bailey's Bridge Road will also help alleviate overcrowding in the Route 360 corridor. A new middle school will be completed for the Fall of 1991 which will take a minimum of 600 students from Swift Creek Middle School. A new elementary school and high school will open for the 1992 school year.

Photo by Wendy Parker
**Construction workers are busy building cement block walls for the new elementary school in Woodlake.**

## Three offers being considered for purchase of country club

By Juli Talty

Jim Beckner, vice president of operations for East West Partners of Virginia, said recently that his company is now considering offers from three different sources for the purchase of the Brandermill Country Club. "The discussions are in the very preliminary stages and no checks have been written yet," he said.

According to Bob McFarland of Northwich Terrace, a golf course management group headed by Joe Montana, Sr. of San Francisco has made a firm offer for the purchase of the club and is still very interested. "They hope to make a trip out here in the very near future to look things over," he said.

Montana is the father of San Francisco 49'ers all-pro quarterback Joe Montana, Jr.

The Brandermill Equity Members Committee withdrew their offer to purchase the club last month. A letter from the committee to East West Partners dated January 8 stated, "Our review of the projected financial requirements indicates that this project is not economically feasible or possible given the current purchase price."

The committee had solicited funds from club members to seek counsel and prepare financial data in order to ascertain the feasibility of buying the club. The committee is incorporated in the State of Virginia and plans to remain intact throughout the sale of the club, according to a letter sent to all club members. "We are committed to maintaining the quality and value of membership in Brandermill Country Club whether we own it or not," the letter stated.

East West Partners felt obligated to give the members first opportunity to buy the club. Before the group had decided to abandon its plans to purchase the club, Beckner had said, "Over the last 10 years or so we have been approached a number of times by a group of club members who requested that we talk to them first should we ever decide to sell the property. About six or eight months ago we told them we were ready to talk about the sale of the club."

Beckner said that no target date has been set for the final sale but that, "We have a moral obligation to protect the current members and certain restraints on what can be done with the memberships will be a part of any eventual sale — no current member will lose their membership."

## Sharanne Wheeler takes part in recent East Berlin festivities

By Wendy Parker
Managing Editor

When Sharanne Wheeler remembered her father's birthday this year, she sent him a gift that money couldn't buy, something unique and certainly something he would never want to exchange. She sent him a piece of the Berlin Wall.

Sharanne, a 21-year-old student in Homberg, Germany, is the daughter of Community Manager Chris Wheeler. Five days after the historical opening of the Berlin Wall, she drove four hours with friends to witness the opening of the famous Brandenburger Tor gateway in the wall. According to Wheeler, Sharanne has visited Berlin twice. "The first time was before the wall came down. She said the atmosphere then was dark, even dismal."

The Berlin Wall was built literally overnight on August 13, 1961. For nearly three decades the blockade has divided communist East Berlin from democratic West Berlin and earned the name "Wall of Shame." The wall has prevented free travel for East Berliners, many separated from their families for years.

The East German government's decision to open its borders and take down the wall in November gave cause for mass celebrations by East and West German citizens and people of all nationalities. "The weekend the wall came down," Sharanne said, "I was incredibly excited." Sharanne joined French, Portugese and American friends armed with hammers and chisels to break pieces from the wall for keepsakes.

Although no one prevented Sharanne and her friends from taking souvenirs, she said, "The wall was very, very hard." She sent her father a quarter-size piece of the wall. One side of the piece had paint on it. Sharanne described the western side of the wall as being graffiti-covered, painted with artwork and sayings such as "peace" and "Go USA." Wheeler plans to frame his keepsake along with the photograph of his daughter at the wall taken by a friend.

Sharanne described the difference in her second visit to Berlin. "We watched East Germans coming through the wall into West Berlin. They were extremely happy." On her return to Homberg via the train, Sharanne met and conversed with a 37-year-old East Berliner. "It was the first time he had crossed the border. He was going to visit his mother, sister and brother. They had been separated for five years." Sharanne said that although he had personal identification, he had no passport. Up until recent events, East Germans had no need for passports.

Upon her return to Homberg, Sharanne went to the fish market where fruit, vegetables and fresh fish are sold. It is a festival of sorts where bands play from 6 a.m. until 10 p.m. "There were many East Germans there. Vendors were throwing fruit (in celebration) to the East Germans. Many had never seen an 'orange' orange before (they were usually green) or tropical fruits such as bananas." Sharanne described shoppers' cars filled with tropical plants and ficus trees sticking out windows.

Weeks after the opening of the wall, Sharanne said there are still demonstrations taking place. "There is a lot going on as far as reform. People really want to improve the living standards." Sharanne added, "The people hail Mikhail Gorbachev. If it weren't for his glasnost policies, people wouldn't have had the courage to demonstrate and bring about change."

Until August, Sharanne will continue her studies in Homberg where she has a double major in German and international relations. She will return to Ohio State University for her senior year. According to her father, Sharanne plans to work in political law or at the state department after she graduates.

**Sharanne Wheeler, daughter of Community Manager Chris Wheeler, uses hammer and chisel to take part in the demolition of the infamous Berlin Wall.**

Photo by Wendy Parker
**The new Crestar Bank branch across from the Route 360 entrance to Market Square is scheduled to open in May.**

## Bank, restaurant, gas station to open at Brandermill entrance

By Juli Talty

The new 3800 sq. ft. Crestar Bank is scheduled to open in early May in the 10-acre Gold Crest Center off Route 360. The location is near Hunter's Chase Apartments across from Market Square. The vault is already in place and the walls are now being built. The building is of masonry construction with a steel frame and red brick surface. It will be identical to the Crestar Bank located in Pocono Crossing on Midlothian Turnpike.

The bank will have two drive-in lanes and a 24-hour automatic teller window. It will offer full-service banking and officials hope to add commercial lending in the future.

Plans are also underway for a new McDonald's in the same area.

☐ See Bank, page 14

BRANDERMILL
Community Association

# BCA Board Minutes

The regularly scheduled meeting of the board of directors was held on January 15 at 7:30 p.m. in the conference room at the BCA office. Directors Orrin Craigie, Debbie Braun and Eric Engler, Community Manager Chris Wheeler and six members were present. Absent were Carroll Turner and George Rodericks.

## Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Engler reported a negative adjustment of $284.75 to accounts receivable for the month of December resulting from property transfers, late charges and advance payments.

## Community Manager's Report

### Administration

Grant Parker, the new community standards manager was introduced. Parker's areas of responsibility will be administrative support for the ARB and CARB and covenant pursuits.

The BCA, WCA and PAG will hold a dinner meeting on January 17 to advise the boards of the PAG review of The Watershed Management Plan portion of The Upper Swift Creek Plan.

### Accounting

As of the first of the year, all accounting systems are 100 percent in-house.

### Security

Damage by a 4 x 4 vehicle over the holidays to the following areas was reported: Waterford, landscaping and waterfall; Genito and Brandermill Parkway, landscaping; Genito and Sandyridge, landscaping; The Grove, landscaping; Millridge and Brandermill Parkway, landscaping; number two tee area.

## Unfinished Business

### Signage

President Craigie reported that he had been contacted by Tom Cauble of Tomac Corporation requesting that his signage be allowed to remain on the state right-of-way. Removal of these signs is a matter of state policy and therefore no concessions can be made. The board instructed Mr. Wheeler to notify Mr. Cauble that the signs were to be removed by January 22.

## New Business

### Insurance Review

The annual premium for 1990 will be $28,738 which is a reduction in the amount of premium that was paid last year and an increase in coverage. A motion was made to renew the insurance coverage and it was carried unanimously.

### Annual Meeting

The board adopted a resolution setting the annual meeting and election.

### Self Maintenance

A motion was made and carried unanimously placing the self maintenance plan on the 1990 ballot.

### Expanded Board

A resolution was adopted to expand the board to seven members and further, to complete the voting process by unassembled vote.

### Proxies

A motion was made and carried appointing Orrin Craigie and George Rodericks as attorneys in fact for the membership proxies for the 1990 annual meeting.

### Recreation Program

President Craigie discussed the possibility of using the various park facilities in Brandermill for a structured summer recreational program for children ages 10 to 14. The item was tabled until the February meeting pending input from the NRC.

### Ice Damage

Community Manager Chris Wheeler discussed the ice damage to the dock area at Sunday Park. The area sustained damage amounting to $3000 and the maintenance department is in the process of building a floating dock as a replacement.

### Next Meeting

The next meeting will take place on February 19 in the BCA conference room.

# Proposal for covenant change and elections to be on ballot

By Juli Talty

The Brandermill Community Association Board of Directors elections will take place in April and there are five vacancies to be filled.

A letter from the nominating committee requesting nominations for the election has been delivered to all residents this month. The nominations should be turned in to the BCA office by February 21 in order for a candidate profile to be included in the March issue of *The Village Mill*.

On March 14 the election notice and proxy mailing to all residents will be completed and on March 19, there will be a "Meet the Candidates" night during the regularly scheduled BCA Board meeting at Brandermill Church beginning at 7:30 p.m.

All proxies and ballots must be returned to the BCA offices by noon on election day, April 16. That evening the election results will be made known during the BCA board meeting at the Brandermill Church.

Anyone who declares candidacy for the election will receive a candidate information package on or before February 23 and those elected will attend a day-long workshop to be scheduled following the election. This workshop is intended to help prepare the newly elected directors for their roles as community leaders.

Also included on this year's ballot will be a proposed change in the covenants and restrictions concerning the self-maintenance classification. Presently, the language in the covenants limits applicants for commercial self-maintenance status to those who began construction after April 15, 1985. The proposed change will eliminate that date. Those who apply for self-maintenance status would be required to submit an annual maintenance plan that is equal to or greater than the BCA's Level I maintenance criteria.

Chris Wheeler, community manager, stressed the importance of residents getting to know the candidates and voting in the election. "We are required to have a 30 percent quorum for the election, either in person or by proxy," he said. "Last year it cost the BCA about $3000 to hold the election a second time when the quorum was not met during the initial voting."

# Neighborhood Rep Council

The Neighborhood Representative Council was formed to provide a forum for the discussion of problems or potential problems within the various neighborhoods of Brandermill. It also identifies and sponsors projects worthy of support by the community, such as Holiday House, Keep Chesterfield Clean, and the annual Fourth of July Parade.

The council has a vice chairman who attends the monthly BCA meetings and serves as a liaison between the two groups.

The NRC meets the third Thursday of each month at 7:30 p.m. at the Brandermill Woods Clubhouse, in the meeting room next to Oscar's Restaurant. Guest speakers make the meetings extremely informative and have covered such topics as covenant violations, foundation/soil problems in Brandermill, zoning changes for Sundays Restaurant, and neighborhood watch. The council also keeps its members up-to-date on building and development in the Brandermill/Woodlake area.

Large neighborhoods are encouraged to have co-reps, so that communication with your neighbors is easier.

Anyone wishing to become a neighborhood rep should contact Membership Chairman Ginny Engler at 744-3608. The following neighborhoods do not have reps: Court Ridge, Crosstimbers, Fortunes Ridge, Harbourwood, Litchfield Bluff, Long Hill, Promontory Point, Ridge Creek, Riverbirch Trace, Spinnaker Cove, Spring Gate and Watkins Glen.

## From the Manager's Desk

by CHRIS WHEELER

# Upper Swift Creek Plan

In November of last year, the BCA and the Planning Department of Chesterfield County jointly published and delivered to Brandermill residents a notice of public hearing. This public hearing was to inform the residents of Chesterfield County of a change in the Chesterfield County Plan. This change was entitled The Upper Swift Creek Plan. For the most part, the geographical area affected by the plan is the Swift Creek Reservoir's watershed. I would like to point out, however, there are some areas included in the plan that do not affect the Swift Creek Reservoir. When I attended the public meeting in November, I learned that the plan encompassed not only watershed management but also such items as schools and their placement, fire stations, police protection, roads, utilities, and all of the other infrastructure necessary for a comprehensive growth plan. One of the more striking aspects is the departure from eccentric growth planning to concentric growth planning. In other words, the county is anticipating that the growth in the Upper Swift Creek area will be relatively even and in concentric rings from a hub. Whether or not concentric growth is realistic is open to debate.

A major portion of the plan is devoted to the protection of the Swift Creek Reservoir watershed. Following a report from Director Engler and myself, the BCA Board requested that the Chesterfield Planning Commission defer any action until after the Brandermill/Woodlake Professional Advisory Group could study the plan in more detail. This request, along with several others from other areas, caused the Chesterfield Planning Commission to defer any action on the plan until February 13, 1990. In December of last year, the Chesterfield Planning Department, along with representatives from the Professional Advisory Group, the BCA Board of Directors and the WCA Board of Directors met and determined that an in-depth study of The Watershed Management Study for the Swift Creek Reservoir portion of The Upper Swift Creek Plan by the PAG was in order; and the PAG went to work evaluating The Watershed Management Study. In January, a joint meeting of the PAG, the BCA, the WCA, and Chesterfield County officials was held to hear the PAG Chairman, Dr. David Smith, present the findings of the PAG review. Dr. Smith pointed out that the purpose of the analysis was to determine the scientific validity and objectivity of the report. He went on to say that "the report is scientifically sound and valid and current methodology was used in analysis evaluation and model building;" further, "appropriate parameters were considered and scenarios spanned the most probable conditions and were fairly presented." Dr. Smith stressed that "because of the complexity of the comprehensive plan, component part analysis is warranted by interested parties, i.e., watershed land use, transportation, education, etc." Since that gathering, a second public information meeting has been held by the county planning staff at the Clover Hill High School.

The Upper Swift Creek Plan could easily be the most important issue to come before the planning commission, as it will determine how our county officials view and control future growth. The implementation of the plan directly affects the water quality of the Swift Creek Reservoir, and indeed there are several points of view as to what pollutant levels are tolerable and intolerable in the reservoir. The plan could become buried in the turmoil surrounding other important issues, such as cash proffers and impact fees. Full evaluation of the plan is the responsibility of each county resident and to help with that evaluation, the BCA has, as part of its library of information, The Plan for Chesterfield, The Upper Swift Creek Plan and The Watershed Management Study for The Swift Creek Reservoir, along with several other publications which may be accessed by groups or individuals and used in making a decision on their course of action.

## Community Standards

by GRANT PARKER
Community Standards Manager

# NRC Minutes

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Neighborhood Rep Council was held on January 18 at Oscar's in Brandermill Woods.

## Program

Ed Willey, a Richmond attorney and Lyn Fancher, a real estate representative for McDonald's, gave a presentation on the McDonald's Restaurant that is planned off Route 360 across from the entrance to Market Square. (See article, page 1).

Community Manager Chris Wheeler and Grant Parker, Brandermill's new community standards manager, made a presentation regarding this new full-time BCA position and Parker's responsibilities for enforcing or aiding in enforcing the rules and covenants.

## Old and New Business

### New Reps

Two new neighborhood reps were introduced. They are: Jim Hatfield of Brandermill Woods and Bethann Kassman of Harbour Hill.

### BCA Board

Chris Wulfman, liaison to the board of directors, gave a report of their last meeting concerning signage, vandalism at Waterford, Sandy Park and the Upper Swift Creek Plan.

### Sundays Restaurant

It was announced that Kevin Healy is purchasing Sundays Restaurant.

### Next Meeting

The next meeting will take place on February 15 at Oscar's in Brandermill Woods.

# Keeping Up Appearances

"There's a new sheriff in town!" Hopefully, that is *not* the reaction to my new position as BCA Community Standards Manager. According to my job description, I am charged with the task of identifying and correcting covenant and architectural violations. However, that task revolves around a much larger issue that should concern everyone in Brandermill.

A new focus for this community looms on the horizon. Some of our neighborhoods are beginning to show their age. Buildable lots for sale in Brandermill number less than 100. All around us, in neighboring states and across the country, legislation is being passed and case law is being established concerning the operation and management of planned communities. Communities such as ours have quite literally become a new way of life. But because Brandermill was so far ahead of its time, we are now faced with going where no one has gone before. We have reached a phase of maturity that few on our scale have encountered, and it is up to all of us to meet the challenge.

One might ask, "How do you gear up for the unknown?" The answer begins with residents who are willing to understand the importance of ongoing maintenance, and living by the rules, in a mature but thriving community. It starts with an association that is responsive to the needs and concerns of its members. But most of all, it hinges on cooperation and meaningful dialogue between the association and the members that it represents.

Phrases like "I'm going to do things my way" or "That rule doesn't apply to me" really have no place in a planned community. The position of community standards manager should not be viewed so much as a vehicle for enforcement in these cases, but rather as a source of assistance to prevent a violation from occurring in the first place. It's been said before and I'll say it again. "It is much easier to seek permission than forgiveness."

If Brandermill is going to continue to flourish for another 15 years, we will need to utilize more interactive exchange between all the parties concerned. I'm going to do my part to foster that concept. I am confident it can work both ways.

What follows is a list of applications that must be submitted whenever anyone undertakes a project on their property. If you have a question about something you want to build or change, please pick up the phone and call me.

APPLICATIONS

Application forms are available from the BCA office. When making an application please fill in all information requested and include drawings specified on the form.

**New Home Application:** for plan review of construction of a new house on an unimproved lot.

**Stake Out Approval:** upon approval of new home application, and *prior* to clearing the lot, the proposed location of the house shall be staked out for review by the community architect.

**Certificate of Compliance:** upon completion of construction, request this certificate to insure that construction is in compliance with the covenants and approvals.

**Home Improvement Application:** for plan review of additions, exterior alterations, accessory buildings, awnings, swimming pool structures, etc.

**Color Application:** for review of exterior colors and finishes of structures. Required for new houses and changes in color of existing houses. Not required for repainting same color.

**Fence Application:** for review of the design and location of a fence in accordance with fence guidelines.

PREPARATION OF DRAWINGS

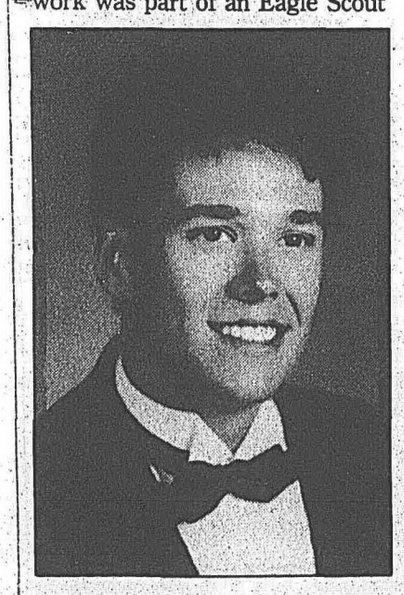
New home and home improvement applications require site plans showing the location of the structure or addition with dimensions to property lines, floor plans, elevations, and a description of the exterior materials. For additions, plans and elevations should show both the existing structure and the new construction.

# Welcome New Residents

CHIMNEY HOUSE: Jim & Jo-Ann Frantz; Terry & Marcia Trask
CROSSTIMBERS: Jon Holland; John Kenny; Walter & Leslie Munch
EAST BLUFF: Hugh & Marianne Harper
FIVE SPRINGS: Stephen & Gayle Dean
NORTH POINT: Chandler & Fran Moulton
NORTHWICH: Brian & Lori Rezmer
NUTTREE WOODS: Brendan & Mary Hayes
OAK SPRINGS: Dwight & Susan Jowdy
OLD FOX TRAIL: Ernie & Juhee Lamberth
POPLAR GROVE: Greg & Sandra Riley
QUAIL HILL: Kelly & Carol Adams
SAGEWOOD: James & Sylvia Jones
SEVEN OAKS: Richard & Lucille Smith
SHADOW RIDGE: Dick & Anita Elmore; Paul & Susan Hess; Richard & Linda Tuhey
SHALLOWFORD TRACE: Peter & Teresa Chen
STERLING'S BRIDGE: Joseph & Marcia Loschiavo; R. & N. Swyers
THE OAKS: Raymond & Zella Fencl; Kathy Kyte; Warren Watkins
THREE BRIDGES: Edward & Donna Bagby
TURTLE HILL: Bob & Allison Atchison; Jerome & Frances Garofalo

# Maintenance News

Clover Hill High School student Steve Dishner donated time and hard work to the community in a BCA landscaping project. His work was part of an Eagle Scout project in conjuction with the BCA maintenance department.



Steve Dishner

Steve terraced landscape timbers to help prevent erosion in the area of the fishing and observation dock in Sunday Park.

BCA Maintenance Manager John Barnard commended Steve for his work. "He did a great job," said Barnard, "and I wish we had more organizations and residents who would get involved in such projects."

Steve's work is the second BCA project the Eagle Scouts have cooperated in during the past year.

Steve is the son of Betty and Gene Dishner of Steeple Chase Court.

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Deadline for the March Issue is Monday, February 26 at 12 noon

## ARB Approvals

The following projects were approved by the ARB in January.
Birnam Woods: Dormer addition
Harbour Ridge: New home
McTyre's Cove: New home
Nuttree Woods: Addition
Oak Springs: Fence
Spinnaker Cove II: New home
Sterling's Bridge: New home
Sterling's Bridge: Deck addition
Stoney Ridge: Screened porch/Florida room conversion
Three Bridges: Driveway extension

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| *The Village Mill* - extra copy | 25¢ |
| **Basic Boat Registration** | $ 5 |
| **Beach Storage** - Boats | $ 45 |
| **Mooring Fee** - Boats | $ 25 |
| **Boat & Trailer** - Landing at Commodore Point | $ 45 |
| **T-Rack** - top | $ 25 |
| **T-Rack** - middle | $ 20 |
| **T-Rack** - bottom | $ 15 |
| **Heritage Woods** - Garden Spot (10' x 20') | $ 8 |
| **Heritage Woods** - Garden Spot (10' x 10') | $ 4 |

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# COMMUNITY

Carla McGarry, center, stands behind her parents and is surrounded by her international family. Nine brothers and sisters of the Van Gemert clan, from seven different countries, met in France on New Year's Eve to celebrate their mother's 80th birthday.

## Carla McGarry visits with international family

**By Wendy Parker**
**Managing Editor**

When Carla McGarry went home to surprise her mother, Caroline Van Gemert on her 80th birthday she knew it would be an international event. To Carla McGarry of Tanglebrook Road, every family get-together is an international event. Carla and her eight brothers and sisters hail from all parts of the world.

The family gathered on New Year's Eve in Oloron-Ste-Marie in the Pyrenees, France to celebrate with their mother and father. Carla's oldest sister came from Belgium which is the birth-country of all the Van Gemert offspring. Two older brothers, Hans and Bob, arrived from South Africa. Sister Ses came from Bangladesh and sister Annemie travelled from Ireland. The youngest two, sister Marina and brother Rene came from Spain. Sister Paule travelled the least distance; she lives in France.

The party included additional international guests - spouses and some of the 20 grandchildren of the Van Gemert's. According to Carla, "It became a multi-lingual affair - switching back and forth between Flemish which is the native language and English, French and Spanish.

How did the Van Gemert family become so international? Carla explains, "We grew up in Brussels, Belgium. My father worked in sales for a Swedish manufacturing company. He was transferred to Johannesburg, South Africa in 1958. From there he was transferred to Morocco and then to Spain. In 1962 I moved to The Hague, Netherlands and then back to Belgium. One sister moved to the United States and lived in Peoria, Illinois. Other brothers and sisters scattered to various countries." Upon retirement Carla's father and mother chose to live in France about 85 miles from the Atlantic Ocean.

"In 1969 I decided to emigrate to the United States," Carla says. "I got my visa and came to the U.S. on my own." Carla stayed with her sister for a few months in Peoria where she eventually met her husband, Jack McGarry.

Ironically, the subject of family reunions is how Carla met Jack. There had been an article in the local paper in 1974 on the most recent Van Gemert reunion held in Toledo, Spain. Jack recognized Carla, who lived in his apartment complex, from the photo which accompanied the article and clipped it to give to her. They were married in 1975 and Carla became a U.S. citizen in 1976.

The McGarry's moved to Brandermill in 1983. They have two boys, John, 12 and Mickey 10 1/2.

Carla is able to visit her parents about every other year. Prior to this year's celebration, the last time the entire Van Gemert family reunited was six years ago in South Africa. Carla says that the relatives have discovered Brandermill. Her parents have visited a number of times. Last summer two nieces visited and plan to return again this year.

## Brandermill yard sale will be held on April 28

**By Helen Fitch**

The 14th Semi-Annual Brandermill Yard Sale, sponsored by Parents for Drug Free Youth (PDFY), will be held on Saturday April 28 from 8 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at Clover Hill High School parking lot. A concession stand will be provided by the CHHS Band. Rain date is Saturday, May 19.

PDFY uses the money raised in these yard sales to help sponsor Teens Offering Greater Alternatives (TOGA) which meets at CHHS, provide substance abuse literature in the community, and send teens and chaperones to the PRIDE (Parents Resource Institute for Drug Education) Conference. The PRIDE conference will be held in Orlando, Florida April 26 through 28. PDFY hopes to raise enough money to send nine teens and three chaperones to the conference. For further information on the conference, contact Helen Fitch at 744-1461.

For a space in the yard sale, please send a donation of $15 per space to PDFY, P.O. Box 1853, Midlothian, Virginia 23113 and include your name, address and phone number. Send your donation as soon as possible since this yard sale is often a "sell out." You will receive a post card confirmation.

PDYF holds its meetings at the Brandermill Church on the third Tuesday of each month at 7:30 p.m. Please come and see what the group is all about.

## SCAA registration for baseball and softball players

**By Tony Giordano**

The Swift Creek Athletic Association is accepting mail registrations until March 1 for baseball and softball. Applications can be obtained for baseball by calling Tony Giordano, 744-3572, for ages 6-8; Tim Watson, 744-1385, for ages 8-10; Art Semon, 744-1790, for ages 11 and over and Al Hillman, 744-3646; for softball. Girls and boys between 6 and 17 years of age as of August 1, 1990 are eligible.

This year, in addition to the traditional programs that have been offered in the past, the association is planning to expand the in-house instructional baseball program to include players up to 10 years of age and to increase the instructional aspects of this program. This will be achieved by allotting more time to teaching fundamentals and spending less time on the competitive aspects of baseball in both the game and practice settings. It is also planned that the season will start several weeks later in an attempt to cut down on interference with various soccer programs. The implementation of these programs depends upon the interest in the community and consequently, all interested parties are urged to contact one of the above people.


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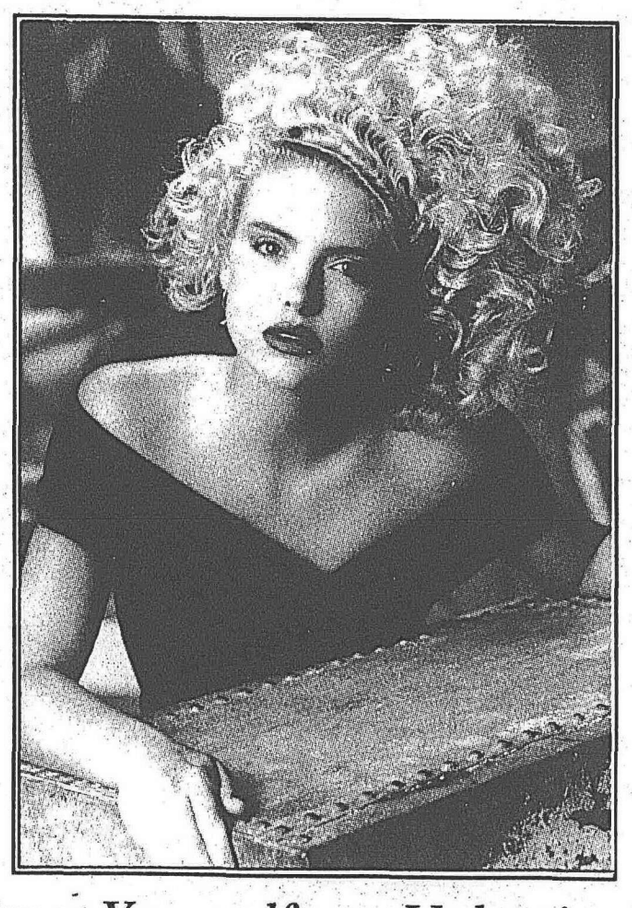
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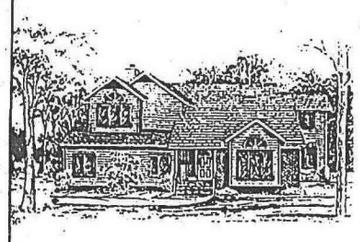
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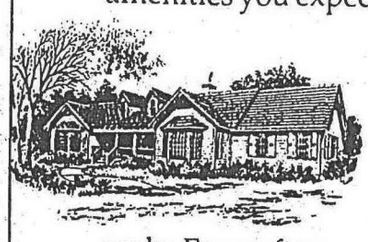
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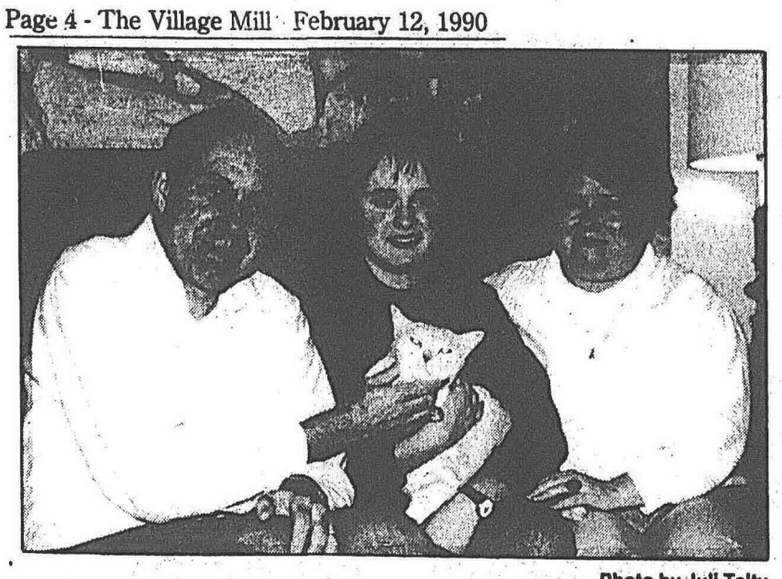

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Gordana Simic, center, an exchange student from Yugoslavia, is visiting this year with Bertie and Mark Steil, their cat Gabriel, and three other feline members of the Steil household.

# Yugoslavian Gordana Simic finds Americans hard-working

By Juli Talty

Gordana Simic, a senior at Clover Hill High School, speaks with a lovely East European accent as she relates her impressions of America during her four months here. Gordana is an exchange student from Subotica, Yugoslavia - a city about two hours from Belgrade - who is staying with Bertie and Mark Steil of Tanglebrook Road.

"Americans are very serious and work very hard," Gordana said. She added that Yugoslavians would not hurry so much on their jobs and explained that the workday in her hometown ends around 2 p.m.

Gordana will graduate with her class in June and among the crowd of proud parents will be her father who intends to be on hand for his only child's big day. Gordana's mother, who was a scientist, was killed in an auto accident last spring.

As for Clover Hill High School, the bright-eyed 18-year-old explained, "I like it a lot but it is easier than my school in Yugoslavia. The students have all been very friendly to me here and want to help."

Her favorite subjects at Clover Hill have been English and French although in her homeland her curriculum concentrated heavily on math and science. "After junior high school, we must decide on the career that we want," she said, "and then we choose a high school that will help prepare us for that career."

Gordana, who hopes to become a dentist, took 14 subjects in Yugoslavia during an eight-hour schoolday that allowed only 15 minutes for a lunch break. She says that American schools have more technology, however, with all of their computers and other up-to-date equipment. The teachers in Yugoslavian high schools were generally professors, she said, although many leave teaching careers because of the low pay.

As for her host parents, Gordana has nothing but praise. "They are really great. They are like my own

☐ See Yugoslavian, page 14

# LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor

On the evening of January 17 at Clover Hill High School, hidden amid an impressive array of speakers, charts and slide presentations, were the seeds of the demise of a good part of the pristine and sylvan areas of the Swift Creek watershed.

That evening there was a public presentation of the revised plan for the land use and development of the Swift Creek watershed area by the Chesterfield Planning Department. There also seemed a strong possibility that this revised plan would, in a very few years, pollute the reservoir which presently supplies 50 percent of the county's water.

The presentation began with a hypothetical premise of unregulated and unlimited development of the area. Projections based on that premise showed a polluted reservoir and a completely urbanized watershed area.

That frightening prognostication was obviously flawed to begin with, because no caring zoning commission would ever accede to that type of rampant overdevelopment. Nevertheless, this was the standard to which the speakers constantly referred when they presented their plan for a so called "balanced development" of the area with built-in protective devices to safeguard the purity of the reservoir.

The department's plan calls for a cap of 1.8 residential dwelling units per viable acre. This, they explained, would mean that the county would have to build about 450 retention ponds of about one acre each to prevent most pollutants from reaching the reservoir. That averages out to about seven ponds for every square mile of watershed. They ingenuously pointed out that this would allow the lead and phosphorus levels in the reservoir to be increased by *only* 300 percent.

The cost of maintenance and regular dredging of these ponds (let alone the possible stench during the months of drying out) will add hundreds of thousands of dollars to the high tax burdens already suffered by county residents. Because of the increased levels of pollutants entering the reservoir, the costs of purification, and subsequently, the costs of water usage will also be increased by an unpredictable amount. These increases must be passed on to county residents.

The speakers also projected figures that were based on a 1.0 dwelling units per acre. These seemed much more reasonable and decreased the degree of pollution substantially, and they also reduced the number of retention ponds by more than half. For some inexplicable reason, the department did not seem to think too much about that scheme.

The planning department expects the revised plan to provide more than 24,000 new dwelling units in the next 15 years, with a population growth to 64,000 people. In future years this will expand to 70,000 units and an expected population of 180,000 people. This is almost the entire population of the city of Richmond. And remember, this is the watershed area of Swift Creek Reservoir only.

At the end of the presentation, some of us were left with the feeling that the features which drew us to become residents of Chesterfield County would soon be gone if this unbelievably short-sighted plan (and developer windfall) for the watershed should ever be adopted.

Sy London
Shelter Cove, Woodlake

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The letter should be as short as possible and no longer than 300 words and must be signed for publication. Due to space restrictions *The Village Mill* reserves the right not to publish a letter.

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# Brandermill students to perform in local concert

Pianists Migum Gweon and Ginki Lee will perform in concert on February 18 at 3 p.m. at the Jewish Community Center. Migum and Ginki are among eight young piano and guitar students who have recently won local music competitions and who are scheduled to play in the Richmond's Young Winning Performers concert.

Migum Gweon is the winner of the RYWP central division auditions (level II) and a veteran of two previous RYWP concerts. Migum is a junior at Clover Hill High School and she plans to attend the Juilliard School of Music upon graduation. She is the daughter of Jin and Seong Gweon of Whispering Oaks Court.

Migum Gweon

Ginky Lee

Ginki Lee is the winner of the Richmond Piano Bach competition. He also performed in the 1989 RYWP concert. Ginki is a freshman at Clover Hill High School where he is a member of the track team and French club. Ginki is uncertain of his future plans in music but says he will keep playing the piano as a hobby. Ginki is the son of Eun and Sun Lee of West Bay Drive.

Other performers scheduled to play in the concert are guitarist, Keith Saira and pianists, Jack Sheu, Chip Miller, Alice Virginia Lee, Alex Lai, Kelvin Lin, and Kara Green.

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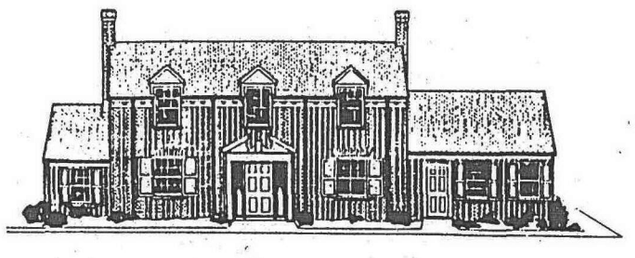

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# BWC to meet on February 19 to celebrate Chinese holiday

The February meeting will be held Monday, February 19 at 10 a.m. at Inter China Restaurant located in Oxbridge Square.

In celebration of the Year of the Horse, host Charlie Lei will provide a demonstration of Chinese food preparation and discussion of customs surrounding the Chinese New Year.

A buffet luncheon will follow. For reservations you may call Millie Sanger 744-3218 or Judy Inge 744-3337.

The Brandermill Woman's Club will host their annual cards and games party at Brandermill Woods with lunch at Oscar's on Wednesday, March 14, at 10 a.m.

The addition of Bingo and a silent auction will hopefully increase the fun of the day. Money raised will go to the Brandermill Woman's Club charity fund. In addition there will be plenty of door prizes.

You may call Jo Owens , general chairman, 744-7167 or Millie Sanger, vice president ways and means 744-3218 for additional information, and purchase of tickets.

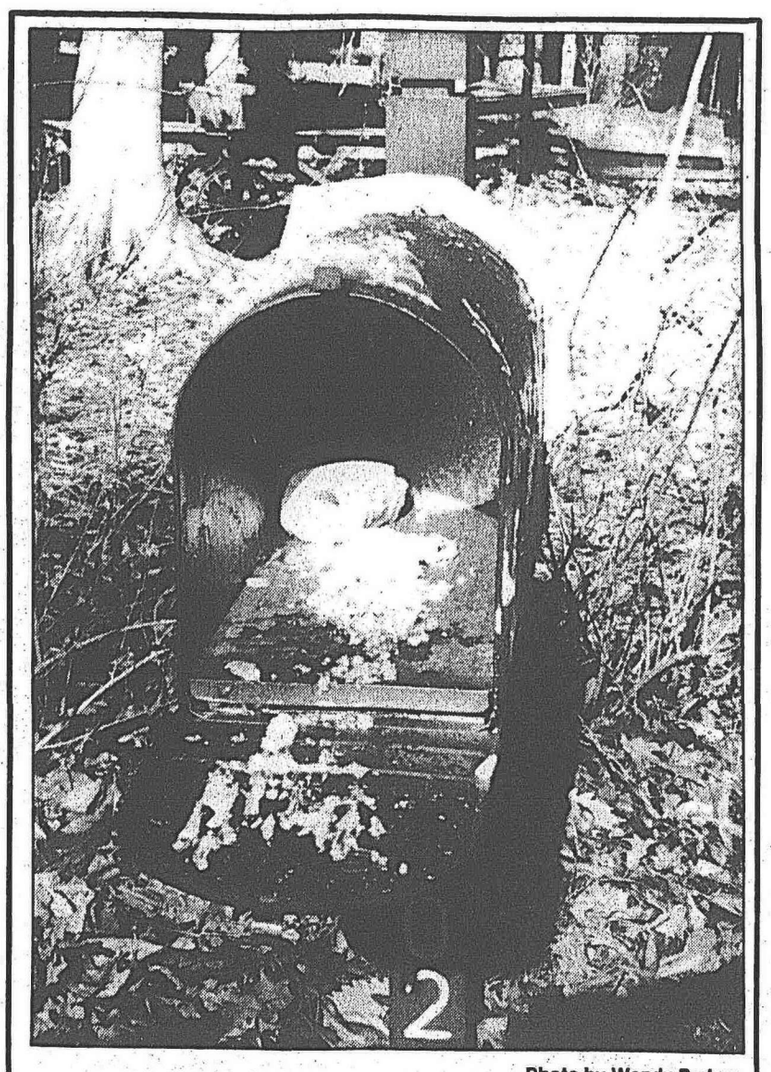
Members of the Brandermill Woman's Club have just received their 1989/1990 Year Book, which has been chaired for the past several years by former president, Jo Owens and Eloise Huff. This 1989/90 yearbook is dedicated to Vi Seran and Gloria Land, our honorary members, and in remembrance of Vera Nutt and Dot Bossinger.

President Gloria Shields sends this greeting.

"Hello: Let us live up to our lofty objectives this year by encouraging friendship, social activities and solidarity in our community; promoting our interests in civic, cultural, educational, and social welfare in Brandermill.

This can be accomplished by simply joining in the various activities and fund-raising events our club sponsors.

See you there!"



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# Virginia Museum offers trip to study artwork in Northern Italy

The Virginia Museum of Fine Arts will sponsor a two-week tour through Northern Italy departing April 25.

"From Giotto to Canaletto: A Journey through Northern Italy" will include a special palace visit, trips to little-known Italian towns full of unique art treasures, a Palladian tour of Venice relating to art and architectural interests in Jeffersonian Virginia and several outstanding visits to private collections.

Also on the tour's agenda are a trip to medieval Upper Bergamo, as well as a canal boat ride on the Brenta from Padua to San Marco and a visit to the San Trovaso neighborhood gondola workshops. The tour's leader will be Pinkney L. Near, the museum's Paul Mellon curator and senior research curator.

For additional information, telephone or write to Ann Artz at the Virginia Museum, 2800 Grove Ave., Richmond, Virginia 23221-2466, 367-8762.


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# Commodore Jim Brumm will lead new Sailing Club officers

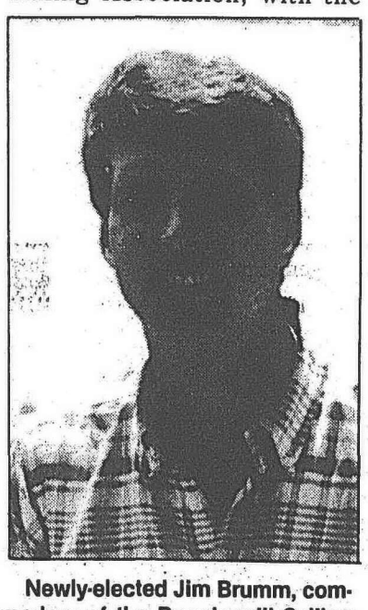
**By Bill Barthlow**

The Brandermill Sailing Club elected officers for 1990 during their annual meeting on January 27. Chosen by acclamation were Jim Brumm, commodore; Lance Pearson, vice-commodore; Bill Barthlow, secretary and for a second term, Barbara Flores, treasurer. Director will be Jerry Ballard. Retiring Commodore Bill Barthlow installed the new presiding officer and handed over custodianship of the Commodore's Cup, won the past two years at the Swift Creek Regatta in competition with the Greater Richmond Sailing Association, with the admonition, "Keep the Cup in Brandermill." The new commodore announced appointment of committee chairmen for 1990: membership, Joe Bilik; social, Jean Reinhart and publicity, Earl McKesson.

Commodore Brumm resides in Two Notch with wife Marcia and two youngsters, Jennifer and Andrew. Jim is a four-year veteran of the Sailing Club and was vice-commodore and chairman of the racing committee last year.

Plans for the forthcoming year were announced, as were dates for Invitational Regattas at G.R.S.A. These Regattas fall on dates when Brandermill sailors are idle, giving skippers an opportunity to sail with the friendly rival club.

Sailing Club activities begin Sunday April 8, with the traditional clean-up, start-up at Sunday Park. Sailing Club membership is open to all residents of Brandermill and Woodlake - you do not need to own a boat to belong!



**Newly-elected Jim Brumm, commodore of the Brandermill Sailing Club.**

# Spring Show '90 to be held in March at the Showplace

The Third Annual Virginia Spring Show '90 will be held on March 16, 17, and 18 in Richmond, Virginia at the Showplace Exhibition Center. This traditional spring show features over 350 quality artisans and crafters from across the nation; craft demonstrations; speciality food shops brimming with Easter confections; holiday cooking theatre, and much more. For advance tickets and free brochure with map, contact: Patricia B. Wagstaff, P.O.Box 305, Chase City, Virginia, 372-3996.

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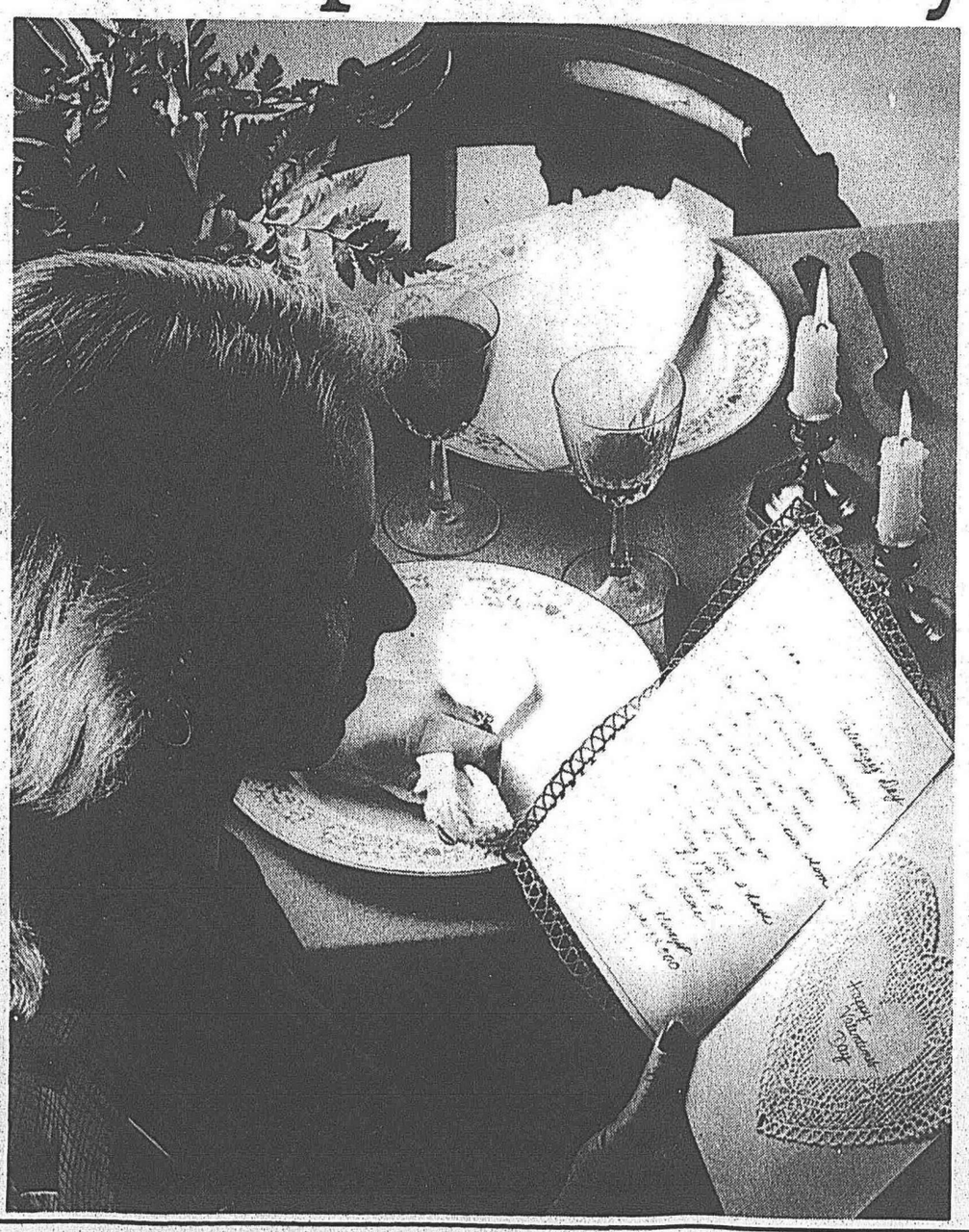

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## Lemon Law

In 1984 the General Assembly passed the Motor Vehicle Warranty Enforcement Act which is commonly called the "Lemon Law." With the passage of such a law, Virginia joined some 42 other states which already had laws designed to protect the purchaser of a new motor vehicle.

In the years since its passage, attorneys who practice in this area and consumers have often been frustrated by the effectiveness of the Act, and in 1988 a number of improvements were implemented by the General Assembly.

The first issue involved is to determine whether a vehicle satisfies the test to "qualify" as a "lemon." The use, market value or safety of the vehicle must have been significantly impaired and the manufacturer must have been given a reasonable number of attempts to repair the problem. Generally it is presumed that the second test is satisfied by three or more attempts to repair the same problem, or 30 days out of service for repair, unless the problem involves a serious safety hazard, in which case the manufacturer must have tried to repair it at least once. The vehicle is significantly impaired if it is unfit for ordinary use or for reasonable intended purposes.

Assuming the consumer has a "lemon" on his hands, he must give proper notice of the defects to the manufacturer or dealer within one year of the date of purchase, and the manufacturer must have notice of any final repair opportunity. If the manufacturer has an informal dispute settlement procedure, the consumer can now choose to use it or not before exercising his "lemon law" rights.

The Act provides that the consumer must either get a replacement for the vehicle or a refund of the full purchase price for the vehicle. It is not clear who makes the decision as to which alternative remedy is selected, and quite often the manufacturer will press the consumer to accept a replacement vehicle. If a refund is made, the consumer is supposed to also be reimbursed for his collateral expenses (sales tax, title fees, finance charges, interest, etc.) less a reasonable allowance for the use of the vehicle up to the date he first gave notice of the problem to the manufacturer or dealer.

Consumers may sue in court to enforce their "lemon law" rights, generally within 18 months after the original delivery of the vehicle to the consumer. The law now provides consumers with reimbursement for legal expenses and court costs in a court action unless the action is deemed frivolous, in which case the manufacturer can recover its expenses.

There are other remedies available to consumers, such as the Uniform Commercial Code, Virginia Consumer Protection Act and the Magnunson - Moss Warranty Act. Unfortunately, none of these offer a perfect solution for a consumer faced with the difficult problem of owning a defective vehicle, but at least there are some legal avenues to consider.

## Lions to hold music contest on March 11

The Brandermill Lions Club has announced the Tenth Annual Bland Music Scholarships Contest to be held on Sunday, March 11, 2 p.m., at the Brandermill Church. This competition among school age instrumentalists and vocalists is named in memory of James A. Bland, the distinguished black composer, best known for writing "Carry Me Back To Ole Virginny."

Winners in both the vocal and instrumental division will qualify to go on to further competition on the district and state levels where the top prize in each category is a $1500-scholarship.

Interested applicants should contact Don Vipperman at 744-2209 or 788-5414. The public is invited and there is no admission charge.

John Williams selects the judge's favorites during Pack 890's Pinewood Derby.

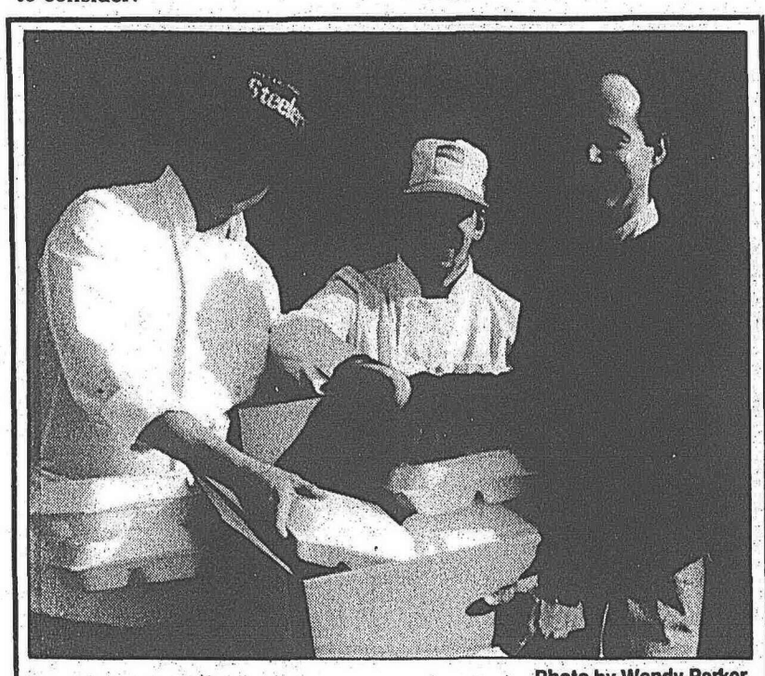
## Cub Scouts compete in annual Pinewood Derby

By Gloria McDonald

The pressure was on! Scouts had less than a month to design and build the sleekest and fastest car. John Williams had a tough task deciding the judge's favorites for each of the two catagories. Ribbons were presented to: Category I: Bears, Matthew McDonald, Matt Schneider and Jeffrey Norkunas. Wolves, Sammy Hewitt and William Stevens. Category II: Webelos I, Chase Hill, Kevin Jennings, Ryan Raddin, Jason Malcan and Matthew Stevens.

The race was on. Spectators and contenders cheered. Camcorders whirred and cameras flashed. Proud parents looked on as medals and trophies were presented to the race winners. Bear - Wolf Division: 1st - Matt Schneider, "Two Cat Express;" 2nd - Matthew McDonald, "Thunderbolt;" and 3rd - Kevin Perry, "Victory." Webelos I & II: 1st - Scott Trawick, "Red Eagle;" 2nd - Ryan Raddin, "Starlight Express;" and 3rd - Kevin Jennings, "Red Fury." Pack trophy winners: 1st - Scott Trawick, "Red Eagle;" and 2nd - Matt Schneider, "Two Cat Express."

Many thanks to Jim Keeton, Don Trawick, Hal Raddin, and David Stevens for making the derby a fun and successful event. Special thanks to John Williams for his help as judge.



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From left, Jim Stevenson, Rob Thornburg and Kevin Healy of Sundays Restaurant pack up leftovers from brunch. The donated food is delivered to the homeless at Good Samaritan Inn on Route 360 every Sunday.

## Area centers receive your recyclables

Recycling is the wave of the future and we all need to get into the recycling habit. Before you throw it away, consider whether it is recyclable.

Beginning in March, Swift Creek Elementary School will be among fifteen Chesterfield County elementary schools that will have containers for the collection of aluminum and newsprint. The containers will be large green and red boxes placed and serviced by Southeast Recycling Corporation. The boxes will be located outside of the school so that recyclables can be collected on a year-round basis. Swift Creek Elementary School will receive the money from the recycled aluminum and newsprint. A special recycling day will take place on March 24 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at SCES. The school collecting the most newspapers on that day will receive a dogwood tree from the county to plant.

The Warbro Road Landfill accepts many materials for recycling. The landfill is located at 3200 Warbro Road which runs between Genito Road and Route 360 near the Southside Speedway. It is open Monday through Friday, 7 a.m. to 5 p.m., Saturday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sunday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Unbagged leaves may be brought to the landfill for composting and used automobile batteries are also accepted. Newsprint is collected at the landfill, but no magazines or phone books can be accepted. Brown paper bags are acceptable. Residents may also bring up to four tires to be recycled to the Warbro Road location.

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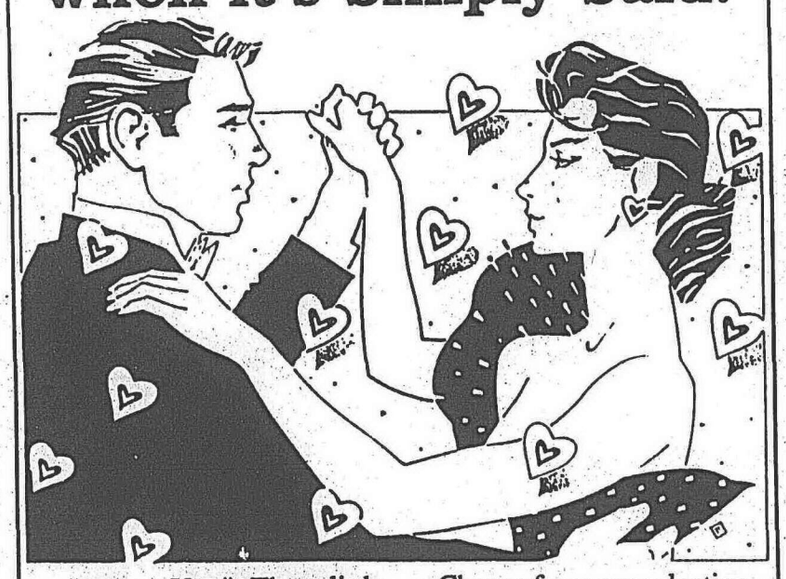

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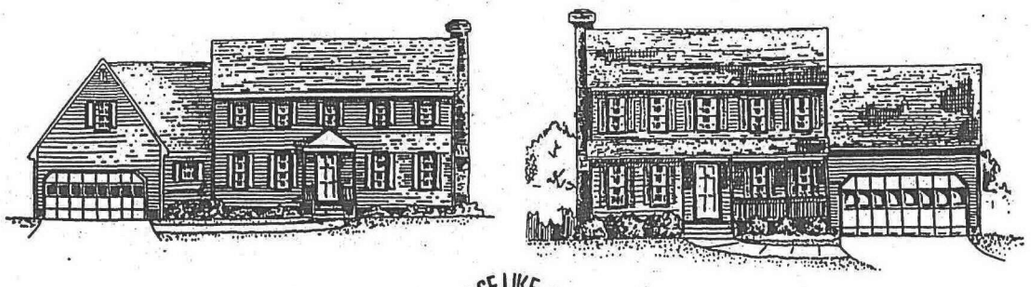

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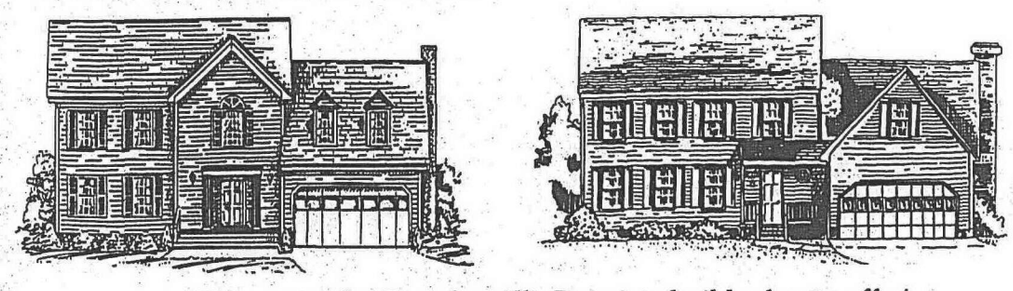

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The food drive which benefitted the Central Virginia Food Bank kicked off on December 1 at Regency Square Mall with the building of a gigantic 35,000-can tree.

The Bowers, Nelms & Fonville office in Brandermill located in Market Square collected nearly 1700 cans and food items. The Richmond board's total collection exceeded its 100,000-pound food goal.

The agents and staff at the Brandermill Bowers, Nelms and Fonville office extend their thanks and gratitude to everyone in Brandermill, Woodlake and surrounding area who so generously contributed to help the Central Virginia Food Bank assist those in need.

# New science shows open at museum

About Faces is a new traveling exhibition demonstrating the broad range of information communicated by the human face. Fourteen interactive displays, most of which use the visitor's face to provide hands-on opportunities to rearrange what Mother Nature intended.

Visitors use their own faces to answer such questions as: "When does a visual pattern become recognized as a face?" "Just how symmetrical is your face?" "What would you look like with Jane Fonda's lips and Frankenstein's eyes?" and "Is it easier to mask an expression of anger or one of surprise?"

A variety of computers, mirrors and masks let you change faces with a friend, see your face with two left sides, adopt the look of a famous personality, find a Cheshire Cat, and mix and match expressions through March 11.

Shows presented in Ethyl Universe Theater are as follows:

*Seasons* celebrates the dramatic change of the seasons with music by Vivaldi and narration by William Shatner. Closes March 1.

*To The Limit* explores the inner workings of the human body and follows a Bolshoi ballerina, an Olympic skier and a mountain climber on beautiful and daredevil adventures. Opens March 2.

*Eye in the Sky*, an all-new planetarium show, traces the development of the telescope from Galileo's primitive telescope to the 1990s space launch of the Hubble

☐ See Museum, page 14

# JWH first hospital to offer new color ultrasound imaging

Johnston-Willis has become the first hospital in Richmond to offer whole body ultrasound color imaging. Using the state-of-art Diasonics Spectra Ultrasound System, Johnston-Willis physicians can diagnose blood clots and blockages in blood vessels of the legs, arms and neck which could result in strokes or loss of limbs if left undetected.

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The new system was purchased to better accommodate the increasing number patients, now numbering 90 per month, who come to the vascular laboratory for whole body ultrasound.

Ultrasound works by reflecting high-frequency sound waves off an area of the body or anatomical structure, other than bones, that is being examined. A computer electronically interprets the returning soundwaves by converting them into scan lines on a TV display monitor, thus producing a two-dimensional image.

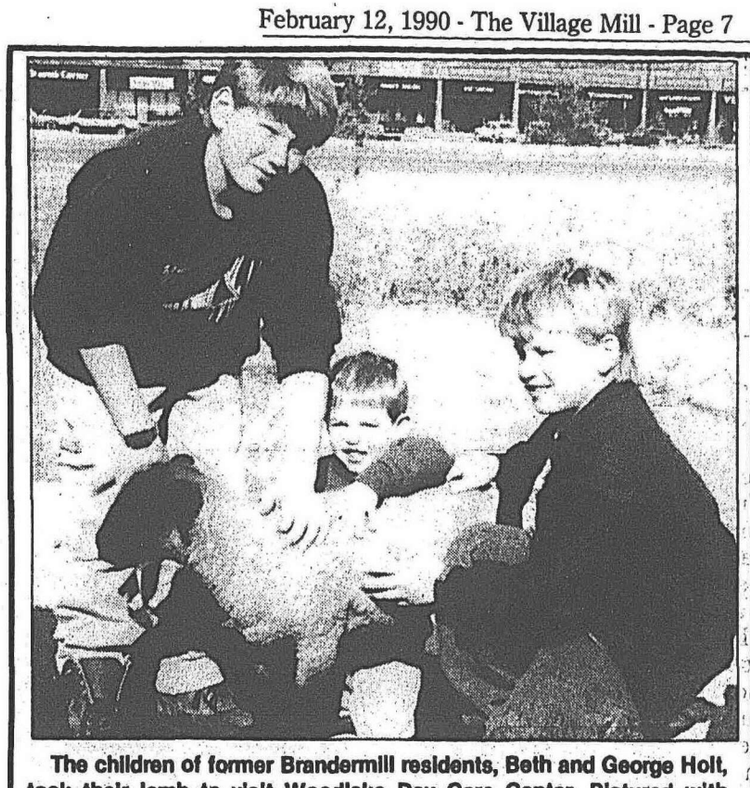
Among the Spectra system's more notable attributes are a high quality image zoom feature that allows physicians to magnify details without loss of resolution and a split screen display for image comparison.

# Catamarans need safety modification

By Bill Barthlow

The Brandermill Sailing Club has been notified that owners of Hobie catamarans need to have an important safety modification made to the mast. To avoid possible electrical shock, the top portion of the mast should be removed and replaced with a non-conducting composition material. This can be done at factory expense by the local dealer. In Richmond, this is Trail N Sail, 7401 Brook Road, telephone 262-7931.

Clubs sponsoring competitive events which Hobies may enter are asked not to register boats without this modification. Brandermill Sailing Club will cooperate in this safety effort, as will Greater Richmond Sailing Association.



The children of former Brandermill residents, Beth and George Holt, took their lamb to visit Woodlake Day Care Center. Pictured with 10-month-old Snoopy are from left, Chip 12, David, 4, and Bryan, 10.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CHHS Interact Club President Steve McClelland, left, and David Reh lead the volunteer clean-up crew in Sandy Park.

## Interact Club adopts play area

The Clover Hill Interact Club has adopted Sandy Park the playground in Sunday Park. In doing so the club has assumed the responsibilities of policing the park and helping to maintain its many playground amenities. The club's 35 plus members will be spending some of their free time, twice a month, helping to keep the much-used tot lot in top shape. The Interact Club is an activ group of young men and women who attend Clover Hill High School and is sponsored by the Brandermill Rotary Club. Some of their other activities include participation in the Adopt-a-Highway Program with the Virginia Department of Transportation and serving meals to the less fortunate in the greater Richmond area. The club is in the process of coordinating an international project.

### Calendar

**February**

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| 15 | NRC meeting, Oscar's, Brandermill Woods, 7:30 p.m. |
| 19 | BCA Board, BCA conference room, 7:30 p.m. |
| 21 | Clover Hill Elementary PTA, 7:30 p.m. |

**March**

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| 1 | Deadline for SCAA baseball and softball registration |
| 3 | Annual Easter Arts and Crafts Show, CHHS, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. |
| 7 | Swift Creek Middle School parent seminar, "Increasing Your Child's Self-Esteem," 7 p.m. |
| 15 | NRC meeting, Oscar's, Brandermill Woods, 7:30 p.m. |
| 16-18 | Virginia Spring Show '90, Showplace Exhibition Center |
| 19 | BCA "Meet The Candidates" Night, Brandermill Church, 7:30 p.m. |
| 24 | Recycling Day, Swift Creek Elementary, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. |

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A.A. Thursdays, 8:30 p.m., Brandermill Church
P.D.F.Y. Meetings, second Tuesday of each month, 7:30 p.m., Brandermill Church
BMW Jaycees Meeting, third Tuesday of each month, Brandermill Country Club, Social 7:30 p.m. Meeting, 8:00 p.m.
Brandermill Retired Men's Club, Brandermill Church, first Thursday of each month, 10:00 a.m.

## Spring registration is open for wide range of science classes

The Science Museum of Virginia is offering a wide variety of science classes for children and families and computer classes for children, teens, adults and seniors. Courses are open to both museum members and non-members.

Some of the upcoming classes are:

"Introduction to Word Perfect," designed to teach adults the basic concepts of word processing. Tuesday, February 20 and 27, 6 to 9 p.m., $50 members, $60 non-members.

"Bubble Science," grades K through 2, uses dishwashing liquid to teach about physics and chemistry. Sunday, March 4, 2 to 4 p.m.; $10 members, $12 non-members.

"Reptiles & Amphibians," grades 3 through 5, allows participants to observe reptiles and amphibians native to Virginia and to learn to identify some common species. Saturday, March 10, 9 to 11 a.m.; $10 members, $12 non-members.

"Fur & Feathers," ages 4 and 5, explores the similarities and differences in animals. Children will study and handle live animals in a safe, supervised environment. Saturday, March 17, 9 to 11 a.m.; $10 members, $12 non-members.

## Two Millwood students enter area playwriting competition

**By Pam Masters**

"Dreams do come true! . . . Someday I could be speaking *your* words on stage. You'll never know unless you try," says Blair Underwood of the popular "L.A. Law" television series. Millwood School students Erin Fredrichs and Lexie Penny could realize that dream through the Young Writers for the Theatre contest.

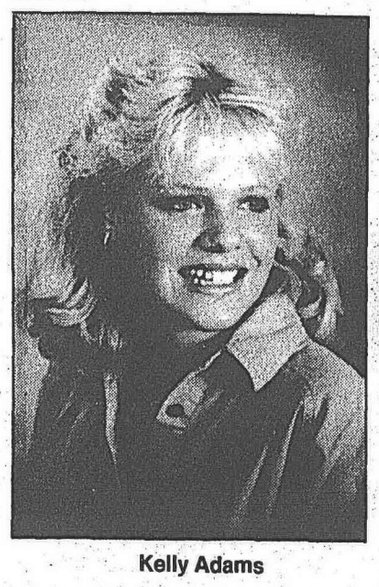
Studio Theatre of Richmond is sponsoring the contest to encourage young playwrights in the state of Virginia. Blair Underwood serves as spokesperson for the Young Writers for the Theatre Festival. The winners will have the opportunity to have their plays published in an anthology and to attend a drama workshop to develop their theatre skills.

Erin's entry, "Big Plans Crashed" deals with sibling rivalry and the resolution of that problem in one family.

Lexie also focused on the family with her play, "A Newborn Child." It concerns the questions a woman asks herself following the birth of her child and her family's reassurances.

Beginning in February, upper school students at Millwood will be making big decisions about how to spend $100,000 in "The Stock Market Game." The V.C.U. - sponsored program is designed to motivate students to learn about the stock market and economics. During the ten-week period the students play the game, they will be investing funds to try to make as much profit as possible.

The Lower school students at Millwood School will present "Three Piggy Opera" at the Brandermill Church on Monday, February 26 at 6 p.m. The public is invited.



Kelly Adams

## Kelly Adams named to Fall Dean's List

Kelly Adams, a sophomore majoring in psychology at Virginia Tech in Blacksburg, has been named to the Dean's List for the Fall 1989 semester.

Kelly is a graduate of Clover Hill High School and is the daughter of Mrs. Stuart Smith of Barnes Spring Road and Allen Adams of Martinsville, Virginia.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# News from CHES

By Mary A. McNulty

The parents who attended the January Clover Hill Elementary School PTA meeting experienced a first-hand look at cooperative learning. To the dismay of many, the parents were given two tests! One test was given the traditional way. Each person independently struggled to find the answer. The second test utilized cooperative learning and the parents completed their test in teams. As Mrs. Reggie Taylor, a fourth grade teacher, explained, "Cooperative learning teaches the skills on how to work together as a group. The classroom is divided into teams with each team consisting of different levels. The teams are small, two or three students per team, and each team solves a given problem." Most of the parents agreed, solving a problem as a team was much less stressful!

The literature based reading program, which will be presented to the school board this month, was discussed by Mrs. Haas, CHES reading specialist "With this program we start with the story and teach the skills, rather than teach the skills first and then read the story. We have great success in teaching students to read. Where we are not successful is in getting students to read for pleasure," she said.

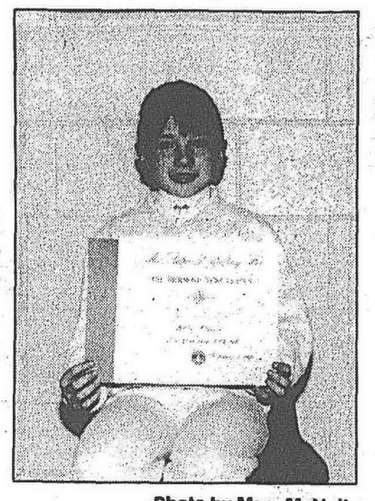
Weatherman John Bernier visited the school February 1 and 2 to speak to students about weather prediction.

The library will sponsor a Book Fair from February 21 through March 2. The children will bring home a list of books that may be purchased. The school will have an opportunity to earn a 35 percent cash profit if sales exceed $2,000. An additional 10 percent will be used to select books for the classroom libraries.

The February PTA meeting will be held on Wednesday, February 21. From 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. third graders will participate in a family fitness program. From 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. three speakers will lead a discussion on grouping practices in Chesterfield County elementary schools. Speakers will be Irving Driscoll, principal of Swift Creek Elementary School; Jean Ridgeway, principal of Evergreen Elementary School; and C. L. Slonaker, principal of the new elementary school under construction in Woodlake.

Photo by Mary McNulty

**Matthew Weiner and Ryan Fitzpatrick were declared co-winners in the second and third grade division of the CHES Spelling Bee. Not only did time run out, the spelling bee caller had only two more words to go.**



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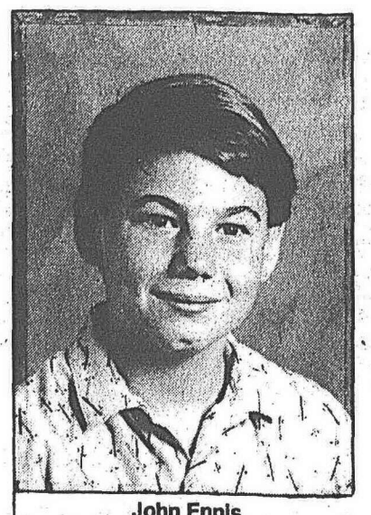
**Kerry Watson, a student in Mrs. Gunther's fourth grade class, was the spelling bee winner in the fourth and fifth grade division. Kerry will go on to compete at the state level representing Clover Hill Elementary School.**



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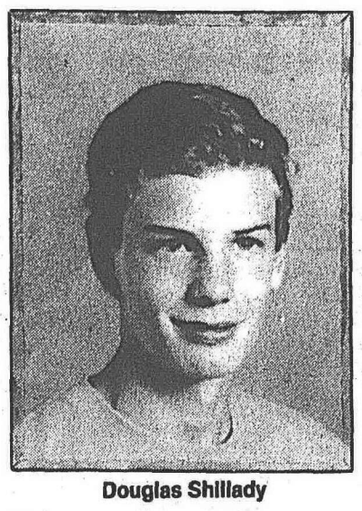

Douglas Shillady

Joanna Law

# Area students receive honors in state mathematics contest

Several Brandermill students were honored recently for their participation in a statewide mathematics contest sponsored by the Virginia Council of Teachers of Mathematics and Virginia Commonwealth University.

Douglas N. Shillady of Clover Hill High School scored first among AAA high school students in their second year of mathematics.

At the middle school level, Joanna C. Law of Swift Creek took third place.

The team from Swift Creek Middle School placed second in team competition for middle schools with more than 1000 pupils. Team members included Joanna Law and John Ennis of Brandermill and Glenn Maddox.

Nikhil R. Jaisinghani of Clover Hill placed seventh among AAA high school students in their second year of mathematics.

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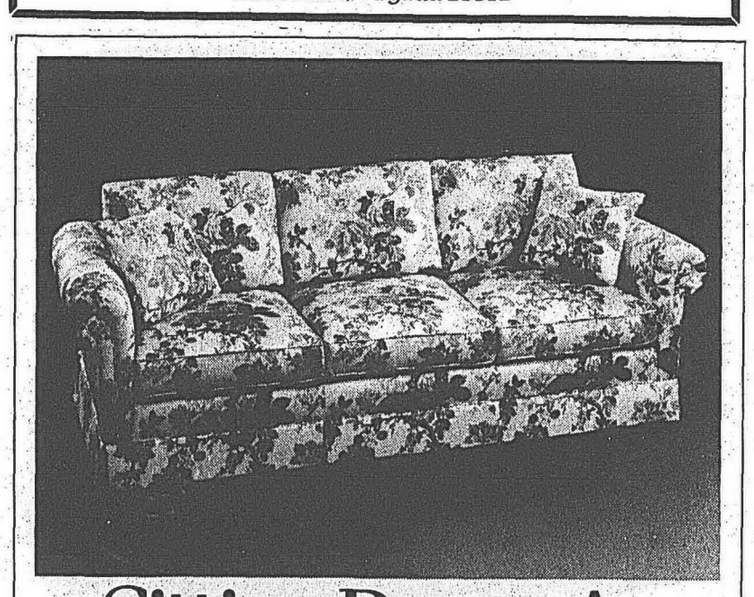

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Please indicate your age/sex category:
4 pts . . . Male, over age 50.
3 pts . . . Male, age 35–50.
1 pt . . . Male, under 35.
2 pts . . . Female, after menopause.
1 pt . . . Female, before menopause, age over 34.
0 pts . . . Female, before menopause, age under 35.

**Smoking** — Your Score
Please describe your smoking habits.
4 pts . . . More than a pack of cigarettes daily.
3 pts . . . Less than a pack of cigarettes daily.
2 pts . . . A pipe or cigar daily.
You quit smoking within the last two years but used to smoke:
3 pts . . . More than a pack of cigarettes daily.
2 pts . . . Less than a pack of cigarettes daily.
0 pts . . . You never smoked or quit smoking two or more years ago.

**Blood Pressure** — Your Score
Have you been told **within the last year** the following:
4 pts . . . Your blood pressure was high (upper reading over 150).
3 pts . . . Your blood pressure was borderline (upper reading between 140–150).
2 pts . . . If you have not had your blood pressure taken in the last year.
0 pts . . . Your blood pressure was normal (upper reading less than 140).

**Stress** — Your Score
Indicate the category which best describes your stress level:
4 pts . . . Usually impatient, competitive, aggressive, easily annoyed with others, tense, hurried, "type A" personality.
3 pts . . . The above describes me much of the time.
2 pts . . . The above describes me sometimes.
0 pts . . . Usually easy going, seldom hurried, non-competitive.

**Weight** — Your Score
Please refer to the height/weight tables below and indicate your weight category:
3 pts . . . Weight Category D
2 pts . . . Weight Category C
1 pt . . . Weight Category B
0 pts . . . Weight Category A

**Exercise** — Your Score
Indicate how often you get aerobic exercise (swimming, cycling, aerobics class, brisk walking, etc.) for 20 minutes or more:
3 pts . . . Less than twice a month.
2 pts . . . Three or four times each month.
1 pt . . . Once or twice a week.
0 pts . . . Four or more times each week.

**Diet** — Your Score
Your normal diet includes:
4 pts . . . For an average day, one or more servings of red meat (beef, pork, sausage, etc.), some butter, whole milk, 1 or more eggs.
2 pts . . . For an average week, 4–6 servings red meat, 4–6 eggs, margarine instead of butter, and low-fat dairy products.
0 pts . . . Poultry and fish with little or no red meat, low-fat margarine, skim milk dairy products, and no more than 3 eggs per week.
If your diet falls between these categories, give yourself one or three points, as you think appropriate.

**Alcohol** — Your Score
One drink equals 12 ounces of beer, or 5 ounces of wine, or 1½ ounces of hard liquor. Indicate your alcohol consumption:
3 pts . . . Average more than 20 drinks per week.
2 pts . . . Usually consume 5–19 drinks per week.
0 pts . . . Have fewer than 5 drinks per week or do not drink alcoholic beverages at all.

**Diabetes** — Your Score
4 pts . . . You have diabetes with some complications.
3 pts . . . You are a diabetic on insulin with no complications.
2 pts . . . You are a diabetic who controls your diabetes with oral medication or diet.
0 pts . . . You have never been diagnosed as diabetic.

WHAT IS YOUR AGE? WHAT IS YOUR SEX? M F

REMEMBER—This assessment is not a substitute for a thorough examination by and consultation with your physician.

Look for your height and then read across to find the category into which your weight falls.

WEIGHT TABLES

MEN — WEIGHT CATEGORY (lbs.)

| FT. | IN. | A | B | C | D |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 5 | 1 | up to 123 | 124–148 | 149–173 | 174 plus |
| 5 | 2 | up to 126 | 127–152 | 153–178 | 179 plus |
| 5 | 3 | up to 129 | 130–156 | 157–182 | 183 plus |
| 5 | 4 | up to 132 | 133–160 | 161–186 | 187 plus |
| 5 | 5 | up to 135 | 136–163 | 164–190 | 191 plus |
| 5 | 6 | up to 139 | 140–168 | 169–196 | 197 plus |
| 5 | 7 | up to 144 | 145–174 | 175–203 | 204 plus |
| 5 | 8 | up to 148 | 149–179 | 180–209 | 210 plus |
| 5 | 9 | up to 152 | 153–184 | 185–214 | 215 plus |
| 5 | 10 | up to 157 | 158–190 | 191–221 | 222 plus |
| 5 | 11 | up to 161 | 162–194 | 195–227 | 228 plus |
| 6 | 0 | up to 165 | 166–199 | 200–232 | 233 plus |
| 6 | 1 | up to 170 | 171–205 | 206–239 | 240 plus |
| 6 | 2 | up to 175 | 176–211 | 212–246 | 247 plus |
| 6 | 3 | up to 180 | 181–217 | 218–253 | 254 plus |
| 6 | 4 | up to 185 | 186–223 | 224–260 | 261 plus |
| 6 | 5 | up to 190 | 191–229 | 230–267 | 268 plus |
| 6 | 6 | up to 195 | 196–235 | 236–274 | 275 plus |

WOMEN — WEIGHT CATEGORY (lbs.)

| FT. | IN. | A | B | C | D |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 4 | 8 | up to 101 | 102–122 | 123–143 | 144 plus |
| 4 | 9 | up to 103 | 104–125 | 126–146 | 147 plus |
| 4 | 10 | up to 106 | 107–128 | 129–150 | 151 plus |
| 4 | 11 | up to 109 | 110–132 | 133–154 | 155 plus |
| 5 | 0 | up to 112 | 113–136 | 137–158 | 159 plus |
| 5 | 1 | up to 115 | 116–139 | 140–162 | 163 plus |
| 5 | 2 | up to 119 | 120–144 | 145–168 | 169 plus |
| 5 | 3 | up to 122 | 123–148 | 149–172 | 173 plus |
| 5 | 4 | up to 127 | 128–154 | 155–179 | 180 plus |
| 5 | 5 | up to 131 | 132–158 | 159–185 | 186 plus |
| 5 | 6 | up to 135 | 136–163 | 164–190 | 191 plus |
| 5 | 7 | up to 139 | 140–168 | 169–196 | 197 plus |
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| 5 | 9 | up to 147 | 148–178 | 179–207 | 208 plus |
| 5 | 10 | up to 151 | 152–182 | 183–213 | 214 plus |
| 5 | 11 | up to 155 | 156–187 | 188–218 | 219 plus |
| 6 | 0 | up to 159 | 160–191 | 192–224 | 225 plus |
| 6 | 1 | up to 163 | 164–196 | 197–229 | 230 plus |

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# News from SCES

By Cathy Maxwell

The Swift Creek Elementary School Gators did not let the snow of December deter them! The Third Grade classes' performance of "The Nutcracker," delayed until January, was a smashing success. Service projects to help those less fortunate went on without a hitch.

The third, fourth and fifth grades completed special projects, holiday tray favors, for the Red Cross in time for the holidays. Sue Bell, homeroom mother chairperson said, "Because of the work of our homeroom mothers, students and cooperation of our teachers, the patients at the Medical College of Virginia Hospitals and veterans at the Hunter-Holmes McGuire Medical Center had a little brighter holiday." The third and fifth grades also filled a large stocking with gloves, hats and assorted toiletries. The Red Cross is distributing these items to those in need over the winter. Bell says the next service project will be making Valentine's Day tray favors.

The popular First Aid for Little People is scheduled for March. This program for First Graders is sponsored by Chippenham Hospital. It helps children to think and act in case of an emergency and covers basic first aid information such as the Heimlich Maneuver. The PTA's Health and Safety Committee is also planning another after-school Basic Aid Training for fifth graders in April.

Kids on the Block, a puppet group with an anti-drug message, will be performing February 22. The area troupe will hold several assemblies for all grade levels.

Chesterfield County is planning a special newspaper collection campaign March 24 from 9 a.m. until 1 p.m. Sometime in February the county will be moving new recycling containers onto Swift Creek Elementary School grounds. These containers will collect newspapers and aluminum. Although the containers will be available on a year-round basis, the county will reward the school with a sticker for each three feet of newspaper we collect on the 24th. The school with the most stickers collected will receive a dogwood tree to plant. Volunteers are needed for the recycling campaign. To help, contact Joanne Carini at 744-4545.

Dr. Driscoll and his staff have put together a "wish list" requested by PTA President Evelyn Coleman. This list contains items the PTA could help purchase to benefit the school. The three items on the list were: bookbinding equipment for the school's progressive writing program, an industrial quality camcorder, and two industrial quality VCR units. The PTA Board is evaluating the requests and determining a plan of action.

SCES "Nutcracker" performers are front row, from left, Evan Marcus and Adam Feverman. Back row, from left, are Sarah Breeding, Brittany Giddings (Marie), Matt Rectenwald (Nutcracker) and Bridget Cowan.

# News from SCMS

By Juli Talty

For the second year in a row, the Swift Creek Middle School Treble Chorus was asked to perform during Child Advocacy Day in Richmond, according to Sharon Manson, chorus director. The event took place on February 1 at the Crestar Bank on East Main Street in Richmond. Following the chorus' performance of "Let the River Run," from the movie "Working Girl," those in attendance were addressed by Governor L. Douglas Wilder.

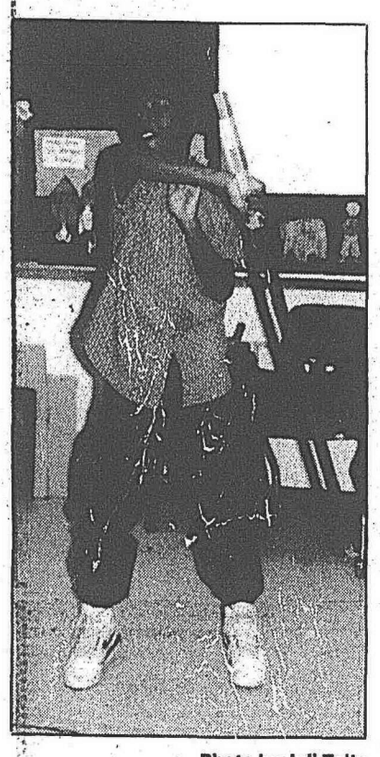


Photo by Juli Talty

O. J. McCutchen demonstrates the use of oriental weapons for fellow 6th graders at Swift Creek Middle School.

Child Advocacy Day is an annual event intended to focus legislators' attention on children's issues that are being discussed during the current session of the General Assembly and to make the public aware of the needs of Virginia's children.

About 100 sixth graders who comprise the "Shining Piranhas" team at Swift Creek Middle School hosted a day-long cultural display on January 25.

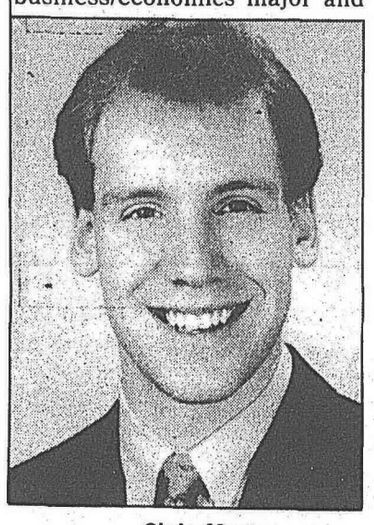
On display were projects that the young people had completed in various subjects including "how-to" craft projects from their English class, reports, maps and flags from their social studies class and stories including puppets and flannel boards from their reading class. There was also music and a slide presentation as part of the display. Some of the countries that the students researched were Germany, France, Japan, India, Mexico, Greece and many others.

About 120 teachers and staff members were treated to a catered breakfast served by the PTA Hospitality Committee on Monday, January 15. Schools were closed that day but it was a work day for school employees. Various breakfast foods were donated by parents and served by Sue Bell and her committee.

# Christopher Mast is inducted into honor society at college

Jacob Christopher Mast, a junior at Randolph-Macon College in Ashland, Virginia, has been initiated into Omicron Delta Kappa honor society.

Chris is the son of Kay and Jake Mast, Jr. of Old Fox Trail. He is a business/economics major and was the recipient of the Phi Beta Kappa Sophomore Award. Chris also serves as treasurer for the campus' chapter of Lambda Chi Alpha fraternity and is a campus resident assistant. In his spare time, Chris enjoys intramural sports at the college. He was a 1987 honor graduate of Clover Hill High School.



Chris Mast

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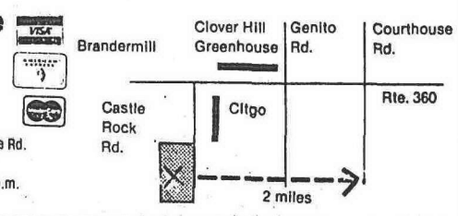


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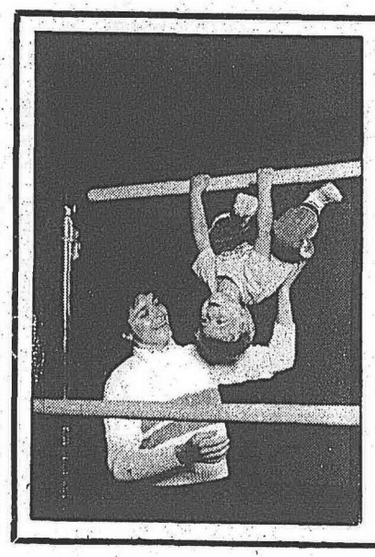

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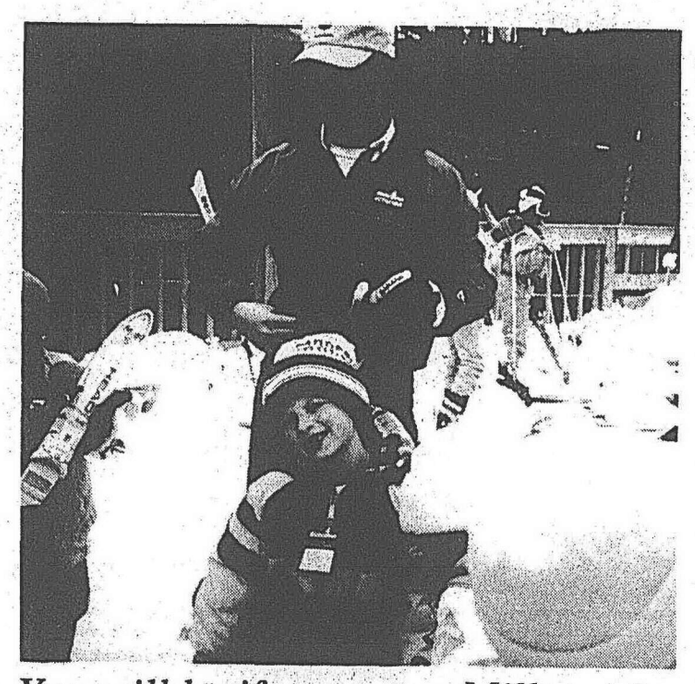

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of the Year

# Woodlake Realty employees recognized for achievements

The Sales and Marketing Council of the Richmond Home Builders Association honored the entire Woodlake sales and marketing team at the annual awards dinner on January 3. Awards were presented to Jim Simpson, Cheryl Valenti, Ed Roberts, Sue Mayo, Scott Cameron, Bill Earman, Karen Fredrichs, Bill Hotchkiss, Bobby Krausse, Sandy Newman, Jimmy Nixon, Denny O'Neill, Nan Cullop and Bob Wilkinson.

Special recognition was given to Karen Fredrichs for Salesperson of the Year; Scott Cameron, Rookie of the Year; and Franny Powell, Marketing Director of the Year.

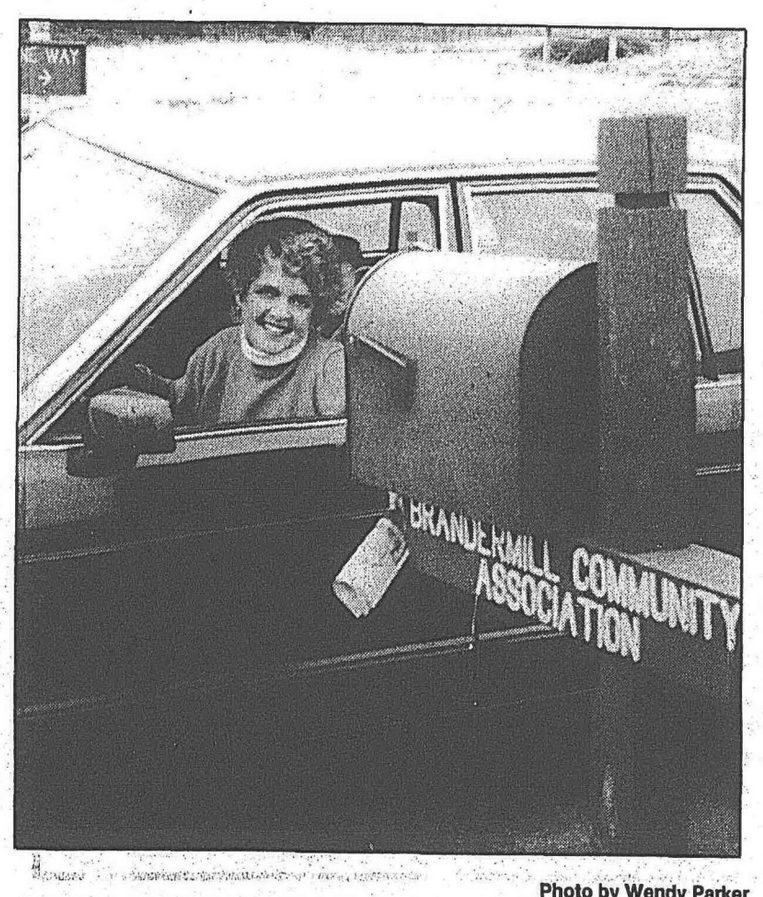


Photo by Wendy Parker

Harbour Pointe resident Pam Umsted makes deliveries for her new service Flier for Hire.

# Pam Umsted is owner of new delivery service, Flier for Hire

By Wendy Parker
Managing Editor

Brandermill resident Pam Umsted is owner of the new delivery service Flier for Hire. Pam formerly worked with Marie Urbannus of Errands, Etc. and chose to take over the business when Marie retired last month.

Flier for Hire offers a delivery service to businesses and residents desiring to send fliers, brochures or newspapers throughout neighborhoods. Flier for Hire serves Brandermill and Woodlake as well as the new communities, Birkdale, Foxcroft and Summerford.

"Anyone who might be considering sending a flier but doesn't know how, I can help," says Pam. "I spend a great deal of time talking with people over the phone and giving quotes. If a business is considering sending an employee on a delivery round, it is much more cost effective to let us do the work. They can't do it as fast because we are familiar with the territories. Our service is one-fourth the cost of bulk mailing. We can also target the exact week a flier will go out." According to Pam, delivery schedules are planned around heavy traffic and parking hours. A typical delivery circuit to Brandermill and Woodlake takes three days.

Pam's service includes picking up fliers from local printers for customers. Deliveries are made every week and she offers a discount for monthly customers.

For more information about Flier for Hire call 744-6442 and leave a message.

# Millridge Investment Club has openings for five new members

By Dick Hackman

The Millridge Investment Club is starting its third year on a note of optimism despite recent stock market gyrations. Founded in October, 1987, by a group of business and professional men living in Brandermill and Woodlake, the club's objectives include increasing members' knowledge of the stock market in general and learning how to identify promising stocks through research. The diversity of the members' occupations and work experience adds valuable insight to the research and to brokers' recommendations.

Regular monthly contributions by members are pooled to purchase shares of agreed-upon stocks. Stock purchases and sales are made by majority vote of the membership. Since the club's founding its portfolio has increased in value by more than 14 percent, not including members' contributions.

The Millridge Investment Club's membership is restricted by charter to a total of twenty, and there are currently fifteen active members. Anyone interested in learning more about the club can call one of the officers: Dick Hackman at 744-9141; John Hartzler at 744-3042; Scott Ziegler at 744-3655; or John Popp at 744-2026. The club meets at 7:30 p.m. on the second Monday of each month in the BCA Community Center.

Gloria Freye

# Gloria Freye named associate attorney in Richmond law firm

Gloria L. Freye of Quail Hill Drive has been named an associate attorney in the Richmond law firm of Hirschler, Fleischer, Weinberg, Cox and Allen. Mrs. Freye is a 1988 graduate of the University of Richmond T. C. Williams School of Law and previously served with the Honorable A. Christian Compton of the Supreme Court of Virginia.


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# Brandermill Realty sales associates receive many awards for excellence

Several Brandermill Realty sales associates were recognized for outstanding performance in new home sales during the Sales and Marketing Council of the Richmond Home Builders Association's annual awards banquet last month.

The Diamond Stud Award for gross sales in excess of $3 million was awarded to Jim Murphy and the Gold Hammer Award for sales in excess of $2 million was given to Gayle Nixon and Jane Peterson. Herma Ferris, Ned Hatcher and Ruth Stott were given the Silver Nail Award for sales in excess of $1.5 million and the Copper Flashing Award for over $1 million in sales was awarded to Jean Morgan. Vicky Hopkins and L. R. Whitlow were honored with the Brass Hinge Award for new home sales in excess of $500,000.

Virginia Ritter, vice president and general manager for Brandermill Realty, said that the opening of five new neighborhoods in Brandermill last year offering waterfront and golf course locations contributed greatly to new home sales activity.

Ruth Stott
Silver Nail Award

Jean Morgan
Copper Flashing
Award

Vicky Hopkins
Brass Hinge Award

L. R. Whitlow
Brass Hinge Award

Ned Hatcher
Silver Nail Award

# Thomas H. Spence is named certified auto fleet manager

Thomas H. Spence of Regatta Pointe Court, fleet manager for Chesterfield County's vehicles, has been named a certified automotive fleet manager by the National Association of Fleet Administrators in conjunction with the Wharton School of Business of the University of Pennsylvania.

Spence, who supervises the purchase, repair, service, maintenance and disposal of approximately 900 Chesterfield County vehicles, including police cars, staff vehicles, trucks, trailers and motorcycles used by various county departments, is one of only 47 such fleet managers in the United States and Canada to have attained certification since the program was begun in 1981.

In order to receive the certification, Spence had to undergo extensive classroom studies and execute a detailed practical exercise.

A retired U.S. Army colonel, Spence began working for Chesterfield County in 1984. He is a graduate of the University of Nebraska and earned a master's degree in public administration from Shippensberg State College.

## DEADLINE

The deadline for the March issue of *The Village Mill* is Monday, February 26 at 12 noon. The newspaper will be distributed the week of March 12.

# Mr. G's offers hairstyling and make-up services

By Juli Talty

Mr. G's Barber and Hairstyling Place, formerly of Market Square, has relocated to a new and larger location on Genito Road in the Hughes Pharmacy building near Lucky's.

The new location offers customers "even more than a full-service salon," said Grant Lewis, owner. Located within Mr. G's is LeFleur Make-up Studio owned and operated by Lorinda Lockleay.

Lewis said, "We offer good old regular haircuts plus all the modern and upbeat styles." With the addition of LeFleur, he added, his location can now provide make-up, hair color and hair-styling consultation and nail care.

Lewis has 36 years of experience in barbering and Lockleay has eight years background in hairstyling. Both are residents of Heritage Woods.

Mr. G's caters to men, women and children and offers a senior citizens discount. The shop is closed on Mondays and the hours are Tuesday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Saturdays, 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. The phone number is 744-0260 and appointments are suggested although walk-ins are always welcome.

Photo by Juli Talty

Lorinda Lockleay, left, and Grant Lewis have teamed up to offer professional hair, make-up and nail care services in Brandermill.


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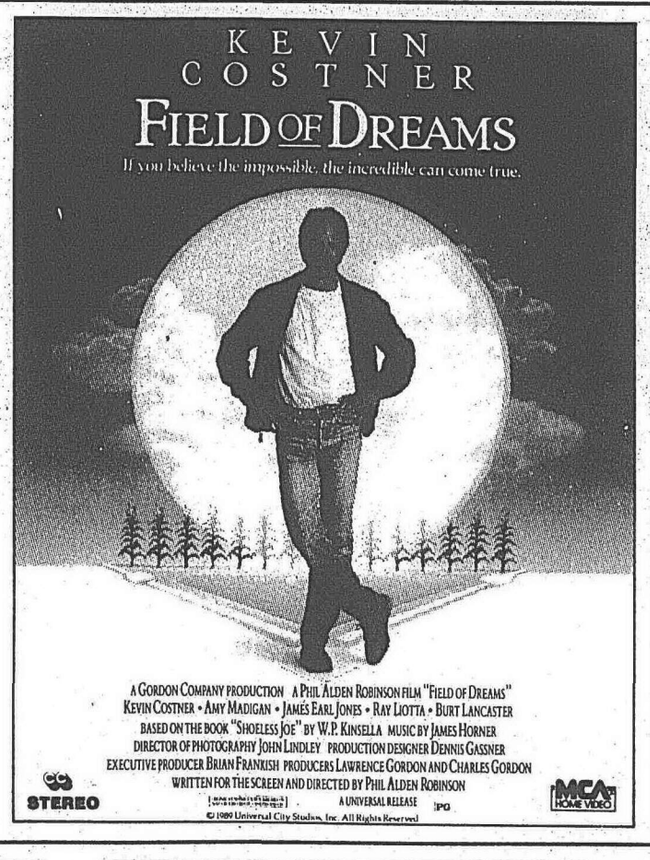

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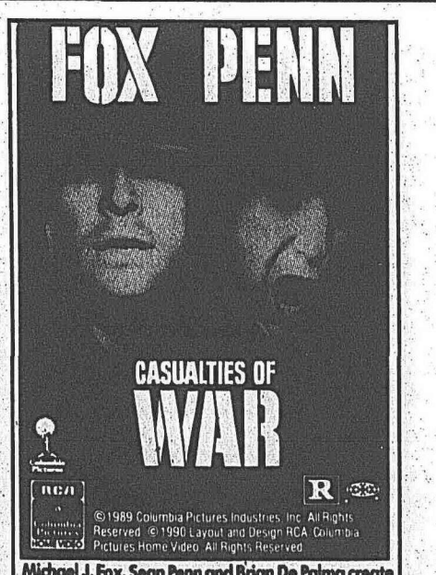


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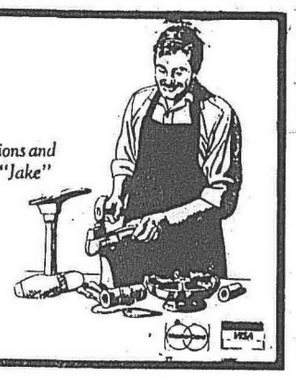

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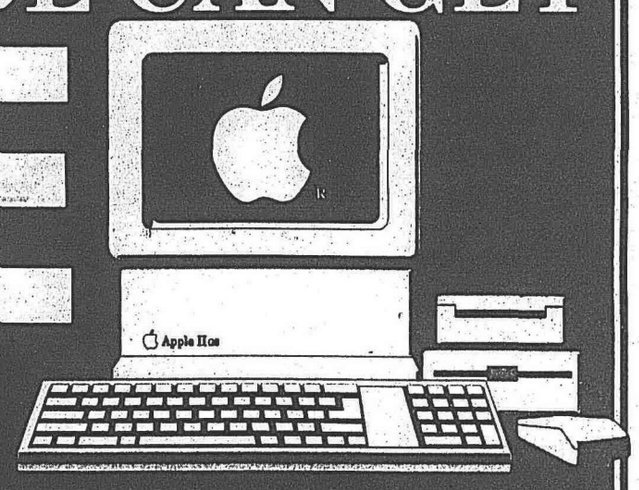

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On behalf of Safeway, I pledge our support of this fine program, and we look forward to enhancing the quality of education in our community through the "Apples for the Students" Program.

Sincerely,

Don Gates
Don Gates
Senior Vice President and
Division Manager

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## Bank

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Lynn Fancher, a real estate representative from the McDonald's Restaurants offices in Newport News, and Ed Willey, a Richmond attorney, presented an overview of plans for the new restaurant to members of the BCA Board of Directors and the Neighborhood Rep Council during last month's meetings.

The restaurant is to be built just west of the Crestar Bank. The McDonald's representatives said that two entrances are planned, one from the Commonwealth Center Parkway and another off Route 360 which will also serve as an entrance to the bank. There will be no crossover on Route 360 at this point so the traffic pattern will not change. The restaurant will have a contemporary design to fit in with the rest of the construction in the immediate area.

The proposal for the restaurant will go before the Chesterfield County Planning Commission on February 20. The area is now zoned B1 (commercial) and McDonald's is seeking approval to accomodate a drive-in window which will not be seen from Route 360. The plans are then scheduled to go before the County Board of Supervisors on March 28. If the plans are approved by county officials, construction should begin in July and will take about four months to complete.

Brothers Pete and John Hessian, who own four other McDonald's locations in Richmond including the one at Rockwood Park, will be the owners of the restaurant.

Chris Murdock, district manager for Texaco, said that plans are progressing for a new service station in the same area. He said that if all approvals are received, the station should be under construction by the end of March with a projected opening in June.

There is one other parcel of land in the area which has not yet been purchased.

## Museum

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space telescope, which can see seven times farther than the best earth-based telescope.

Member's Reservation Line — Avoid the possibility of a sold-out show. Call 367-6126 to reserve your seats. Reservations accepted Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. For information on new and existing memberships, call the Foundation office at 367-6126.

The Foucault Pendulum is the museum's newest permanent exhibit. From a carefully-constructed support in the near center of the rotunda dome, a 95-foot aircraft cable suspends a 235-pound brass ball. Every 10.8 seconds, the ball passes over the center of a map on a platform depicting a hemisphere of the earth — with Richmond as its center. The swing is regulated by an electromagnet that gives the cable a kick with each pass, assuring that a consistent length of swing is maintained. It may look as though the pendulum is slowly changing direction while the map — and earth — remain stationary. But the opposite is true.

"The earth is turning, which turns the museum, the room and the platform with it," explained museum Staff Scientist William Walton. "The earth will rotate beneath the pendulum 9 degrees in one hour or 219 degrees in one day. At the North Pole, the rotation is 360 degrees in one day. At the Equator, the rotation is zero degrees. We're in between."

Constructed by the California Academy of Sciences, our pendulum is named after French Physicist Jean Bernard Foucault, who in 1851 conducted a widely-publicized experiment in Paris to prove that the earth turns. Foucault hung the pendulum over a layer of fine sand. With each swing, the pendulum gently marked its path, proving his theory. Tribute to his genius was installed in late January as a centerpiece to the redesigned grand rotunda.

***The Village Mill***
**Deadline for the March Issue is Monday, February 26.**

## Yugoslavian

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parents. I feel very secure with them."

Evidently the affection is mutual because Bertie and Mark seem thrilled with their long-term houseguest. "We love having her here. She's an asset to our family and we'll really miss her when she leaves," Mark said.

Mark's one frustration in having Gordana as a visitor is "the lack of time and money to show her all that we would like her to see in America." So far the three have visited Washington, D.C., the Luray Caverns, Pennsylvania and Gordana's cousins who now live in Chicago. She has also visited a friend from Yugoslavia who is staying with a family in Newport News. During spring break they hope to see Niagara Falls and visit Mark's brother in Vermont.

Gordana loves Brandermill but wishes she were able to walk to more places. Information on her host family was given to Gordana just as she was about to board the plane for America and she was surprised, and a bit concerned, when she learned their house was of wood construction since homes in Yugoslavia are made of brick or stone. She also had a difficult time deciphering Bertie's handwriting and mistook "two skylights" for "two ski lifts."

Gordana has discovered the one thing that transcends all political borders, however. "I love the malls!" she said. She has also been introduced to some previously unheard of foods - mainly, chili, deviled eggs and that all-American treat, chocolate chip cookies, but she is not too fond of fast-food restaurants. "Gordana doesn't like our vegetables either," Bertie said. "She prefers them with a cheese sauce, but unfortunately she has found herself in a cholesterol-conscious household."

Television is very entertaining for the dark-haired, soft-spoken young lady and she especially enjoys the "Showtime" channel and her favorite weekly programs are "Life Goes On," "The Wonder Years," and "The Golden Girls."

Bertie said they talked to many of their friends who had previously hosted exchange students when they were considering applying for a student to stay in their home and all of them reported a good experience. Expressing the bond that can develop between a young person and the host family, Bertie remarked, "She'll be ours forever."

# Local residents to celebrate Texas day of independence

Brandermill Texans Club invites all Texans and friends to join in a celebration of Texas Independence Day on Saturday, March 3 at 7:30 p.m. A Texas-style barbeque and dance will be held at Bellwood Barn. Tickets are $15 per person and must be purchased by February 24. Tickets may be purchased at Martha's Home Baking or by mail at Texans, P.O. Box 2637, Midlothian, Virginia 23113. Please enclose a self-addressed stamped envelope. All ticket sales are final, no refunds and no tickets will be sold at the door. Y'all come!

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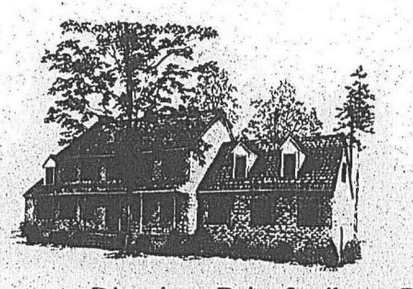

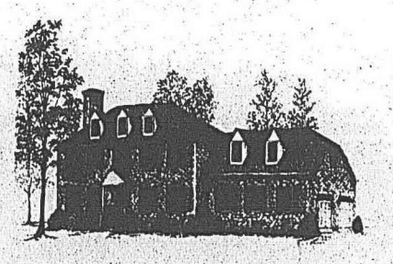

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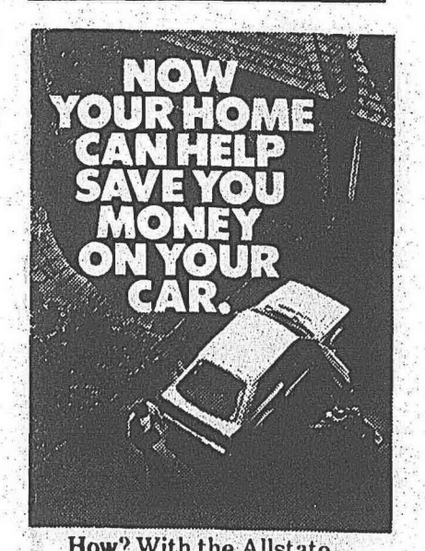


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