



The Village Mill

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Three positions are open on BCA Board of Directors for 1995-1998 term

By Wendy Parker
Managing Editor

Preparations are underway for the election of the BCA Board members and the 1995 Annual Meeting to be

held in April.

Three positions will be open on the seven-member board and the terms will be for three years.

Interested association members may pick up nomination packets at the BCA beginning January 31 and

must declare their candidacy by February 17. Current directors whose terms will expire are Kevin Healy, Don Myers and Andy Wyman.

Board members are responsible for the preparation of an annual million dollar budget which covers the cost of

BCA maintenance, salaries, insurance and reserves.

The board members, working with the community manager, enforce the covenants and implement various legal obligations.

Board members are expected to

attend one work session and one board meeting per month as well as serve on a number of committees.

As in the past, candidates will be asked to speak at Meet the Candidates Night to present their views and answer questions from the audience.

Meet the Candidates Night, sponsored by the Neighborhood Representative Council, will be held March 14 at Oscar's in Brandermill Woods.

For further information regarding the election, please call the BCA at 744-1035.

Construction begins

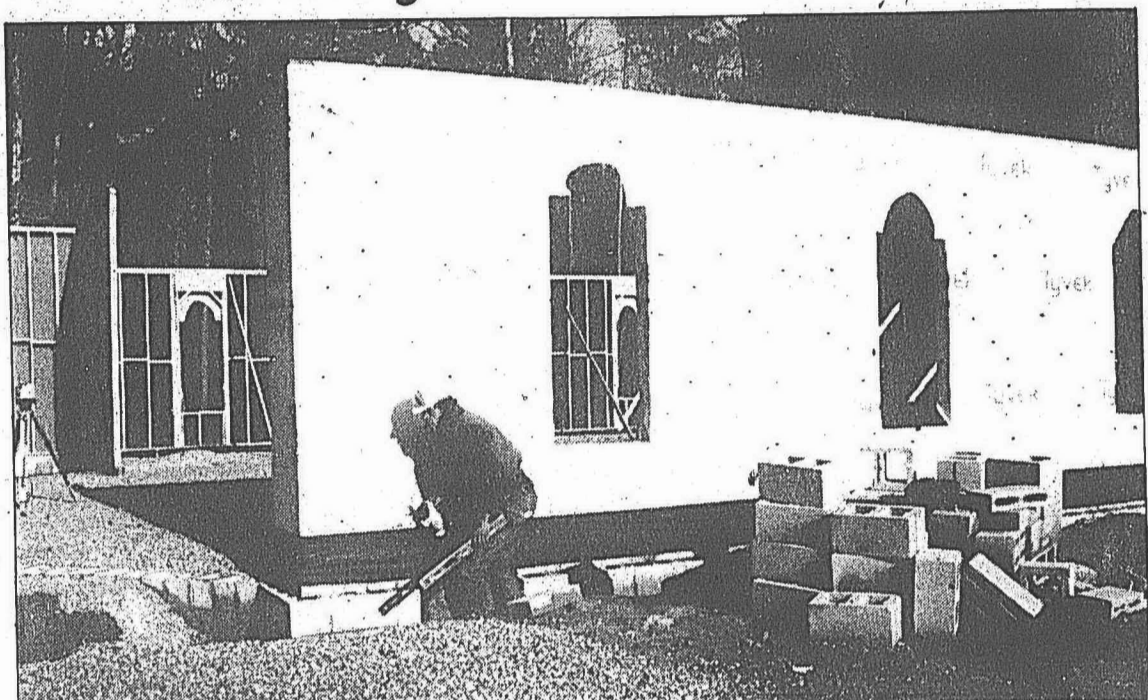


Photo by Wendy Parker

Following months of negotiations among the developer, neighbors, the CARB and the county, construction is finally underway on the Katherman office building in Harbour Pointe. The building is situated 30 feet from its original site and will be capped with a metal roof to match the shopping center.

360 Capital Partnership requests rezoning of acreage for commercial development

By Wendy Parker
Managing Editor

Attorney James W. Theobald is currently pursuing the rezoning of a 220-acre parcel bounded by U.S. Routes 360, 288 and the Glen Tara subdivision. Theobald, of Hirschler, Fleischer, Weinberg, Cox and Allen, represents 360 Capital Partnership which owns the parcel. The partnership is a family venture headed by Tom Allen, chairman of the board of East Coast Oil.

According to Theobald, the partnership seeks to rezone the entire property to a C-4 category. Following rezoning, the portion fronting on U.S. Route 360 could accommodate 500,000 to 600,000 square feet of commercial space. The site would be suitable for a variety of uses including: a shopping center, hotel and office space.

Theobald noted the trend for large free standing commercial buildings such as Service Merchandise.

Theobald said the back acreage would be designated for up to 450

apartments and the partnership would abandon plans to build single family units. He noted that the apartment complex would not connect to the Glen Tara subdivision and adjacent property owners have been sent letters explaining the request.

Theobald said the owners recognized that the development will create increased traffic and therefore, mitigating road improvements are part of the plan. In addition, he wants to assure Brandermill residents that the site does not drain into the Swift Creek watershed.

Plans continue for Amoco and Bullets Restaurant

By Wendy Parker
Managing Editor

According to Alex Massie, he and his partner John Siebert are pursuing their plans to build a convenience store, Amoco station and Bullets restaurant on the outparcel at Genito Station Shopping Center.

The property is situated on the

southwest corner of Genito and Old Hundred Roads.

Massie said his engineers have been working with the county planning department on new site plans since a 1982 zoning amendment prohibits a drive-through restaurant on the property.

Massie indicated he will be submitting new plans to the BCA Commercial Architectural Review Board

in the upcoming weeks. In the spirit of cooperation, Massie said he is willing to meet with the BCA or community members who have concerns about the proposed plans.

In another convenience store and gas station matter, Southern Express recently withdrew its contract to purchase property on the southeast corner of Genito Road and Fox Chase Lane.

East West discusses undeveloped properties

By Bobbi Glenn
Administrative Assistant

On December 21, members of the BCA Board of Directors, Community Manager Greg Ailsworth and representatives of East West Partners and East West Realty, Bill Earman and Hank Meyer, met over lunch to discuss several parcels of land still owned by the development company.

One parcel includes five acres of land from the St. Ledgers pool area to Tanglebrook, zoned R-9, which could be platted for 14 single family homes. Another is 4.3 acres at the corner of Sandyridge and Brandermill Parkways, classified as a village center encompassing office buildings, day care centers and churches, but no retail space.

There is also a parcel in Harbour Pointe that is zoned R-9 which could

be platted for single family homes similar to those in existence in Harbour Ridge, the adjoining neighborhood.

Earman pointed out that there are no prospective buyers. He also stated that the purpose of the meeting was to keep an open dialogue with the association regarding plans for the remaining parcels. Communications between East West Partners and the BCA will continue throughout 1995.

Vandals damage holiday decorations

By Juli Talty

Vandalism throughout Brandermill again spoiled the annual Holiday House tradition for many residents this year. Several homeowners filed police reports and called the BCA regarding Christmas decorations that were stolen or broken during the holidays.

The Hoskin family of Old Fox Trail, who were awarded the Holiday House grand prize, had virtually all their decorations taken the night of December 27. Diane Hoskin said, "The theft occurred sometime between 8 and 10 p.m. with five spotlights shining on the front of our house. We were watching TV and never heard anything, but when I went out at 10 o'clock to turn off the lights, almost everything was gone."

The stolen items were valued at several hundred dollars and included teddy bears, elves and decorated packages. On the advice of the police officer who responded to their call, the Hoskins worked until 1 a.m. removing what was left of the decorations and taking down the lights so they would not be stolen as well. "I felt bad because we could see cars driving by all week and slowing down. They probably wondered why we had taken our decorations down so early," Hoskin said.

Several mailboxes in the neighborhood were vandalized on the same night and decorative flags were taken. "We've had some problems before with lights being cut, but never anything like this," she said. A few of the smaller items were recovered as well as their Holiday House Grand Prize Winner sign, but most of the decorations are still missing. "The whole experience has left me feeling very anxious, especially when I realize that they came right up on my front porch," Hoskin added.

The Jussen home in Barnes Spring was vandalized for the second year in a row. Large homemade wooden figures and signs were taken from the yard and more wooden figures and a flag were taken from other homes in the neighborhood.

"I was a little paranoid because of what happened here last year so I looked outside whenever I got up during the night," Patty Jussen said. She said the vandals struck in the middle of the night, sometime after 3 a.m., on December 30. Jussen believes the culprits escaped by car be-

cause the figures taken from her yard were large and fairly heavy. No items have been recovered. "It started last year when we had some floodlights broken and plastic candy canes taken. There were never any problems before that," Jussen added.

Another incident occurred in Nuttree Woods where six strands of lights and a heavy duty extension cord at the McKee home were cut.

See Vandals on page 14.

Association adopts new assessment policies

By Delores Marrufo
Accounting Manager

In order for Brandermill Community Association to maintain its high operating standards in serving the community, it greatly depends on the timely payments of assessments from all property owners. Assessments are billed the first week of each quarter (January, April, July, October) and are due by the 25th day of that month. A grace period of five days is extended before interest and penalties are assessed.

Effective January 1, 1995, if payment in full is not received by the 30th, a 5 percent late payment penalty will be assessed. Also a finance charge of 1 percent will be assessed each month the account is past due. If an account is delinquent two quarters, it will be turned over to the attorney for collection and the property owner will be responsible for all court costs and attorney fees associated with the collection of the charges. If a check is returned for insufficient funds, a \$15 returned check charge will be assessed to the property owner.

The association can accept any Visa or Mastercard for the payment of assessments. Credit card payment is less costly and more efficient for the association. It requires fewer man-hours to operate; funds are available immediately for use by the association; and collection costs are lower. Those who would like to change to this form of payment should contact Bernadette Patrick at the BCA office.

With the annual election just around the corner, nonpayment of assessments could affect a member's voting privileges. Last year a record number of residents voted. The association would like to see this trend continue. The BCA Board of Directors is in the process of forming a committee to review the election process.

All residents need to be aware of

two policies.

1. In accordance with the association bylaws, voting rights may be suspended by the board of directors during any period in which members are in default in the payment of any assessment levied by the association.

2. Residential tenants have the right to vote if a copy of the lease or other form provided by the association is on file at the association offices.

In an effort to respect the privacy of property owners, the association is in the process of creating a residential lease information form. This form will include such information as: prop-

erty address, property owner's name and address, tenant's name, telephone number, lease term, leasing agent's name, address and telephone number. The new form will be available February 1.

1995 promises to be another exciting year for the community. There are many projects planned in addition to the Fourth of July Celebration—a spring community activity day and Saturday in Sunday Park in the fall. The good news for 1995 is that the association will sponsor all of these activities and services without an assessment increase.

Snow Removal Policy

A reminder to Brandermill residents—snow removal on Brandermill streets is the responsibility of the Virginia Department of Transportation.

As in the past, the BCA Maintenance Department supplements VDOT in the snow removal effort with its own snow plow and outside contracted equipment.

According to BCA Maintenance Manager John Barnard, residents may expect to see fewer VDOT snow plows on the roads because of state budget cuts.

BCA policy is to begin clearing

roads when there is an accumulation of three inches of snow. The main arteries are cleared first.

Barnard encourages residents to refrain from parking on the streets when it snows. Workers must plow around parked cars and streets become icy or blocked with snow when the cars are finally removed.

A further reminder to residents—it is the responsibility of each homeowner to clear a pathway to the mailbox after roads have been plowed. Postal workers will only deliver mail to boxes that are easily accessible.

Praise for Brandermill

Brandermill was recognized on the front page of the latest edition of "Insites," a publication of the Chesterfield County Department of Economic Development.

The article in the December/January newsletter states, "Brandermill is often on tour when Chesterfield County Economic Development is courting new companies to the area.

Executives are looking for a supply of good, affordable housing for themselves and their workers, and Brandermill is an excellent tool to show the quality of life in the county."

In addition to a summary of its development by the Brandermill Group—now East West Partners, the community was congratulated on its 20th anniversary.

Hoskins win Holiday House

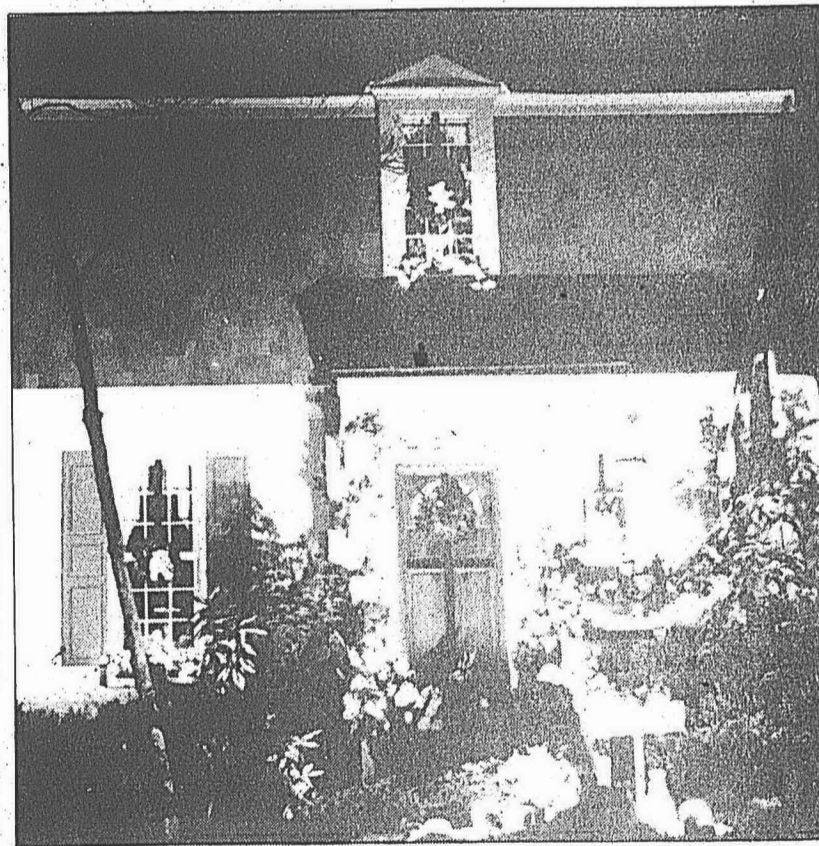


Photo by Ted Sweetland

Teddy bears and elves are a part of the winning Holiday House scene.

By Juli Talty

The Hoskin family of Old Fox Trail won the grand prize in 1994 Holiday House judging sponsored by the BCA. This year's theme was "A Twinkling Twentieth" in recognition of the 20th anniversary of Brandermill. Other top awards went to: Breeden/Neumann of Deer Meadow, most original; Reynolds of Promontory Pointe, most elegant; Detwiler of Barnes Spring, children's favorite; Shadow Ridge, best decorated neighborhood; Shallowford Trace, second place, best decorated neighborhood; Bungard of Long Shadow, best decorated townhouse/condo; Malek of Timber Ridge and Bajnai of Rockport Land-

ing, honorable mention.

The Hoskin home featured wreaths, bows, poinsettias, decorated packages, elves and teddy bears in a brightly lit holiday scene. Shadow Ridge neighbors lined their streets with luminarias again this year during both nights of judging.

Other Holiday House awards were given to: Aust, Chimney House; Greer, Chimney House; Mecca, Chimney House; Macauley, Birnam Woods; Huxhold, Birnam Woods; Lemoine, Sutter's Mill; Ehrmann, Two Notch; Dooley, Shadow Ridge; Orms, Shadow Ridge; Ross, Shadow Ridge; Cosby/Huff, Timber Ridge; Hiller, Riverbirch Trace; Brooks,

See Holiday House on page 3.



BRANDERMILL
Community Association

BCA Board Minutes

The regularly scheduled meeting of the BCA Board of Directors was held on December 19 in the meeting room at Oscar's. Present were Directors Jim Trent, Laurie Newill, Don Myers and Andy Wyman as well as Community Manager Greg Ailsworth and Administrative Assistant Bobbi Glenn. Directors Phil Perkins, Kevin Healy and Al Matz were absent.

The following is a summary of the minutes. Complete official minutes are available at the BCA office. The minutes have not yet been approved by the board. They will be acted on during the next regular meeting.

Member Voice

Lin Ford and Millie Millar, residents of Nuttree Woods were present to request board assistance in correcting a drainage problem in an area between their property and the street. Bob Atherton, a resident of Nuttree Woods and a civil engineer employed by the highway department, also commented on the situation. After discussion BCA Maintenance Manager John Barnard stated that he had called VDOT on behalf of Millar. Barnard pointed out that the BCA is unable to correct problems on private property. Director Trent stated that he as well as other board members will look at the problem and Community Manager Ailsworth and Maintenance Manager Barnard will provide a report in writing within 30 days.

John Hughes of Cradle Hill addressed the proposed convenience store/gas station and drive-through restaurant at the corner of Genito Road and Old Hundred Road. He suggested that commercial property owners and developers be made aware of the residents' views concerning commercial property development.

Community Manager's Report
A written report was submitted and several points were highlighted. The BCA is still working on answering questions concerning Lot 29 in Cove Ridge. The maintenance department has been working to bring the landscaping up to par for the year, with several areas receiving new plantings. The footing has been poured for the Katherman Building in Harbour Point Village shopping center and the asphalt shingles have been approved by the county. Proposed rezoning at the intersection of Route 288 and U.S. Route 360 will be discussed by Jim Theobald, representative of the de-

veloper at the upcoming NRC meeting. Community Manager Ailsworth discussed the land gift proposal in Litchfield Bluff and asked the board for direction. Community Manager Ailsworth reported that to date VDOT had not responded to the BCA proposal regarding Thomridge.

Committee Reports

NRC

John Hughes reported that the NRC held its Christmas Party on December 2 and between 60 and 70 people attended. Special thanks to Jack Hornung, Diane Hollander and Bob Broomfield for their help in making the party a success.

Public Relations

Jo Owens reported that the committee is working on getting a calendar of events organized for 1995 and is trying to arrange events six months in advance. A copy of the brochure will be presented at the January meeting. Several Holiday Houses were vandalized. (See article on Page 1.)

Unfinished Business

Committee Selection
A motion was made and carried accepting the procedures as presented with one change stating that the board will present a list of potential committee members from which the chairman may choose committee members.

Director Myers voiced his displeasure with the procedure stating that the board is putting too much power in the hands of the committee chairman. He then left the meeting which was adjourned due to a lack of a quorum.

Next Meetings

Work session—January 9, 9:15 a.m., BCA Conference Room. Regular meeting—January 16 at Oscar's. Member voice begins at 7 p.m. and meeting begins at 7:30 p.m.

BCA Board Work Sessions
will be held the second
Monday of each month in
the BCA Conference Room
at 9:15 a.m.

NRC Notes

By Jo Owens
Chairman

Fact: if a goose falls out of formation, it feels the drag and resistance of flying alone. So it quickly moves back into flying formation to take advantage of the lifting power of the bird immediately in front of it. Lesson: if we have as much sense as a goose, we will stay in formation with those headed where we want to go. We will be willing to accept their help and

Town Meeting

Only two residents attended the December town meeting held in the Ivy Room at Brandermill Woods on December 14. Pat Goldberg and Maury Meyer met with Community Manager Greg Ailsworth, Administrative Assistant Bobbi Glenn and Managing Editor Wendy Parker.

Topics of discussion included leaf collection, curbside recycling, *The Village Mill*, recruitment of committee members and organization of past BCA and NRC Board presidents to work on a comprehensive plan for Brandermill and the surrounding area. The next town meeting is scheduled for March 22.

Thank You

Jo Owens, NRC and public relations chairman, wishes to thank the following individuals who participated in the Community Tree Lighting at Genito Station in December: Jean Walters, Nancy and Jim Bolton, Millie and Cal Sanger, Jim Reed, Bob Jordan, Bob VanHorn, Ed Heinz, Dick Ess and Doc Arnold as well as BCA employees Mason Elstock and Charlie Cashion.

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Phil Perkins, President
Jim Trent, 1st V.P.
Laurie Newill, 2nd V.P.
Kevin Healy, Treasurer
Al Matz
Don Myers
Andy Wyman

Supervisor Charlie Cashion is Employee of the Month



Charlie Cashion Photo by Wendy Parker

By Wendy Parker
Managing Editor

BCA Structures and Grounds Supervisor Charlie Cashion has been chosen by department managers and the community manager as "Employee of the Month"—actually, every other month. This is a new program designed to recognize outstanding employees.

February will mark Cashion's 10th year as a BCA employee. According to BCA Maintenance Manager John

Barnard, Cashion is the "perfect employee. Charlie is here everyday and he always has a positive attitude." Barnard says, "He's a rare find."

Cashion oversees six employees plus seasonal help. His department employees take care of all open space, tree cutting, structural repairs, mailboxes and road cleaning which includes leaf and snow removal.

Cashion met his wife Cricket while working at the BCA. She is the assistant horticulturalist. They reside in Amelia.

Community Standards

Violations & Hearing Panel

By D.L. Pollio

If a community member believes a resident or commercial member is in violation of a provision of the covenants, an architectural guideline, or a community rule, that member (the complainant) is encouraged to contact his neighbor (the respondent) and inform him or her of the violation and request a correction.

If the violation is not corrected, the complainant may report the violation to the BCA. Complaints may be made in writing or by telephone. A complaint form is completed and used in the initial investigation of the complaint. The community standards department then investigates the complaint and if the complaint is determined to be unfounded, the complainant is notified. The anonymity of the complainant is protected by state statute.

If the complaint is verified, notification is sent to the respondent stating: the nature of the violation; what action is needed to correct the violation; a reasonable time frame for correcting the violation; and a request for correction or a response within that time frame.

The community standards department has the authority to determine a reasonable time frame for correction and to grant an extension if needed. If there is no response or correction of the violation within the time frame, the matter is referred to the community standards hearing panel. The panel was established by the BCA Board of Directors to review cases prior to imposing a penalty.

A notification letter is sent to the respondent noting: the right to a hearing before the panel prior to the imposition of a financial penalty; the right to counsel at the hearing; and the date and time of the hearing.

This notice is sent to the respondent by certified mail or hand-delivered 14 days prior to the hearing. In addition a copy is sent to the respondent by regular mail. A copy is also

sent to the members of the community standards panel.

Hearing Procedure

At the hearing, the community standards manager will present the complaint, noting efforts to resolve the complaint, documentation, and witnesses if required. The respondent or the respondent's counsel will present an explanation and witnesses if required.

The community standards hearing panel or its counsel may ask questions of the community standards manager or the respondent. Closing statements are made by the community standards manager and the respondent. The hearing panel makes its decision in executive session. The decision is conveyed in writing to the respondent within five business days of the hearing.

Hearings are closed to the public and may be attended only by the complainant, the respondent, respondent's counsel, witnesses if called, the community manager, members of the hearing panel and counsel for the community association.

The hearing is held whether or not the respondent or respondent's counsel attends. Hearings are not meant to be conducted as a full court proceeding and the panel is not bound by technical rules or procedure. The chairman conducts the hearing with reasonable rules of conduct and decisions are reached by vote. The community standards hearing panel determines the penalty as well as the date of imposition which may be retroactive.

The decision of the community standards hearing panel is final unless further action is pursued in court. If the matter goes into litigation, full records of the hearing may be released to the court.

Charges may not exceed \$50 for a violation of a singular nature or \$10 per day for a violation of a continuing nature and are treated as an assessment against the member's property.

The above information is from the Code of Virginia: chapter 26, section 55-513, paragraph b.

ARB Approvals

The following new projects were approved by the Architectural Review Board in December. The list does not reflect the numerous paint, fence, and shed applications processed each Tuesday by the BCA community architect.

Cradle Hill: Deck extension
Harbour Ridge: New home
Huntgate Woods: Garage, Florida room, deck addition
Spinnaker Cove: Patio and deck modification
Walkers Ferry: Deck and patio addition

From the Manager's Desk

Holiday Vandalism

I hope you had a chance to drive through the community during the Christmas season and were able to see the results of the efforts and money spent by many of our neighbors on their holiday decorations. Several of the neighborhoods were particularly impressive and viewing the lights was truly one of the highlights of the season.

Unfortunately, some of our Brandermill neighbors' properties were subjected to various acts of vandalism by people who were not as moved by the lights. Several homes, including the Holiday House grand prize winner at 4408 Old Fox Trail, had Christmas ornaments and lights vandalized. In some instances, lights were broken, electrical cords destroyed and ornaments actually stolen. The BCA has been notified of at least five homes where decorations were vandalized and or stolen.

Are the recent acts of vandalism acts of mischief caused by unguided youth or is the vandalism a reflection of what we've become as a society? As we read the daily papers or watch the six o'clock news, have we become immune to the crime or are we outraged that such wanton acts of disregard for others' property have arrived in our neighborhoods?

In general, the homeowners in our neighborhoods fall into two categories: those currently in the work force and those who have either retired from the work force or are temporarily out of work until extenuating circumstances change. For those in the work force, you know the sacrifices made and the effort it takes to make ends meet. For those of you who have retired and chosen Brandermill as a place to call home, I believe you have earned the right to live in a community where you can feel safe and be

free of vandalism. By now, you are probably asking what can be done about vandalism and more importantly, what is the BCA doing about vandalism.

1. In the 1995 budget, the BCA Board of Directors allocated an additional \$10,000 for security, bringing the yearly budgeted amount to \$57,000.

2. Each month in *The Village Mill*, the BCA offers a reward for people reporting information leading to the arrest and conviction of vandals. (See notice below.)

3. Activity is underway to create a teen center. The teen center concept has been discussed for years and the formation of such a center may become a reality in the near future.

4. The association will continue to report vandalism incidents in *The Village Mill* as in Juli Talty's article on page 1.

5. Neighborhood Watch programs can be established by contacting your Neighborhood Representative Council (NRC) members and coordinating with the Chesterfield County Police Department. A list of NRC reps is available at the BCA office.

These programs are some of the ways the BCA is attempting to stem the tide of vandalism in the community. As parents, we need to look at ourselves and determine whether we are setting a good example in our homes. Children must realize they are responsible for their own actions and these children should realize that all acts of vandalism are a burden on someone. Ultimately, the value of our homes, the attractiveness of our neighborhoods and the desirability of our community is dependent on each of us and only through a concerted effort can Brandermill maintain its posture in the Richmond area.

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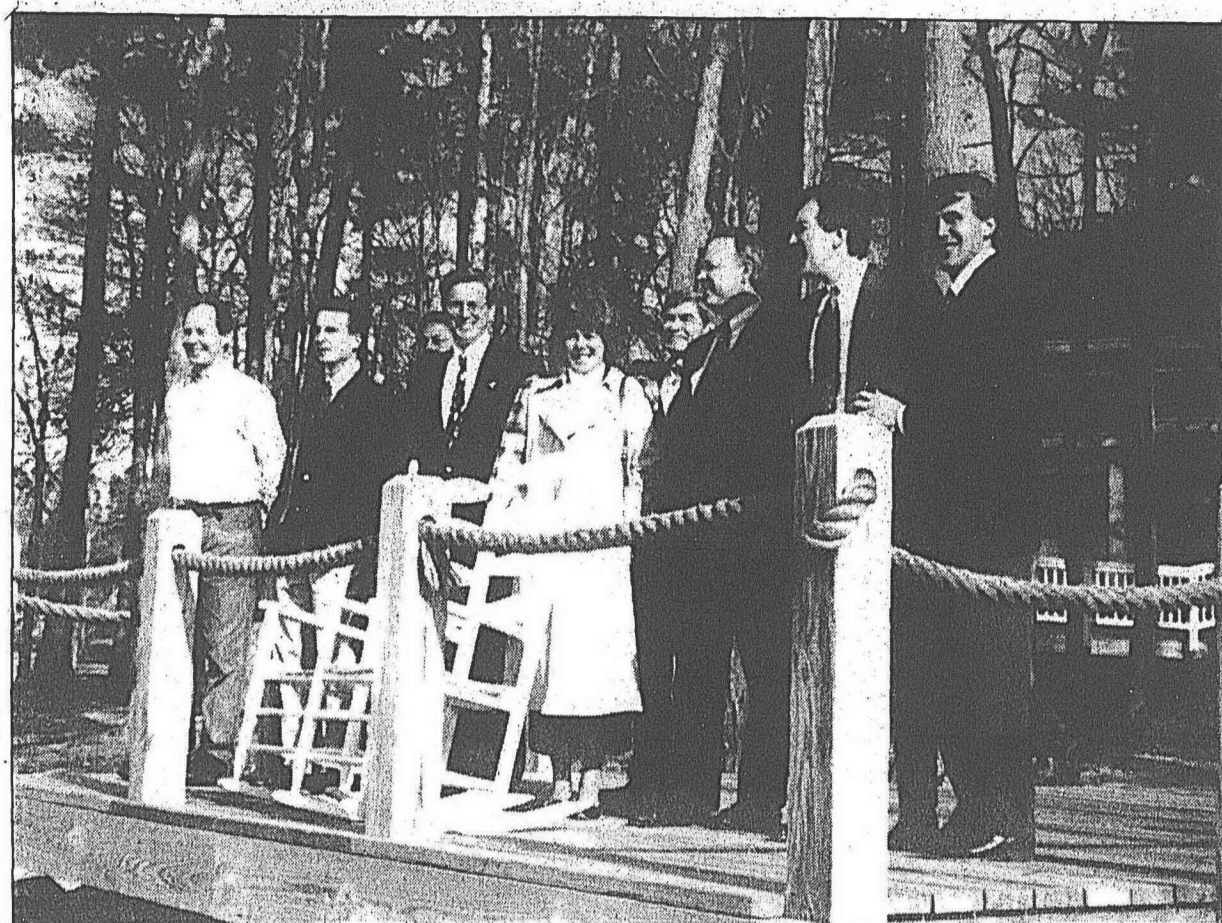
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COMMUNITY

Director of national events inspects Swift Creek Reservoir as site for Olympic Festival flat water competition



By Wendy Parker
Managing Editor

If some area dreamers get their wish, Swift Creek Reservoir will become the lively setting for flat water competition at the Olympic Festival in 1997 or 1999.

Community Manager Greg Ailsworth, BCA Board President Phil Perkins and BCA Board Treasurer Kevin Healy greeted Sheila Walker of the U.S. Olympic Committee and members of The Richmond Sports Backers in December. The group met for lunch at Sundays Restaurant overlooking Swift Creek Reservoir where hopefuls plan to launch the flat water competition of the Olympic Festival.

Also in attendance were Clover Hill Supervisor Art Warren, County Deputy Administrator Pete Stith, and rowing representative Walt Schwanhauer. Representing Richmond Sports Backers were: Bobby Ukrop, president; Jon Lugbill, executive director; and Scott Schricker, sports marketing manager.

Sheila Walker, director of the national events for the U.S. Olympic Committee, was in town to inspect the proposed competition sites for 37 different sports. According to Walt Schwanhauer, Swift Creek Reservoir would be an ideal location for the two- or three-day flat water competition. Most likely there would be singles sculling and fours rowing events. The only obstacle, Schwanhauer foresees, is the prohibition of gas-powered boats. He says two power boats would be necessary for launching and refereeing the events.

Despite the refusal of Hanover County to participate in funding the swimming and diving center, sports backers are going ahead with plans to host the festival. Chesterfield and Henrico Counties have voiced support and the City of Richmond recently voted in favor of a scaled-down swimming and diving center.

The other cities competing to host the Olympic Festival include Dallas, Phoenix and Seattle. The announcement of the host city will be made April 8 by the Olympic Committee.

Photo by Wendy Parker
Looking over Swift Creek Reservoir as the site for flat water competition are, from left: Kevin Healy, Scott Schricker, Pete Stith, Bobby Ukrop, Sheila Walker, Walt Schwanhauer, Art Warren, Phil Perkins and Jon Lugbill.

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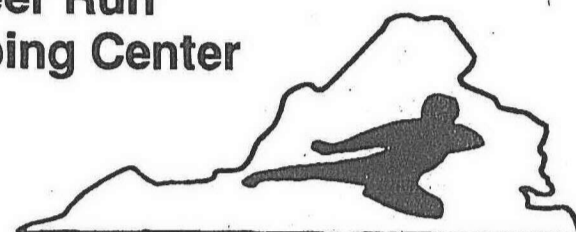
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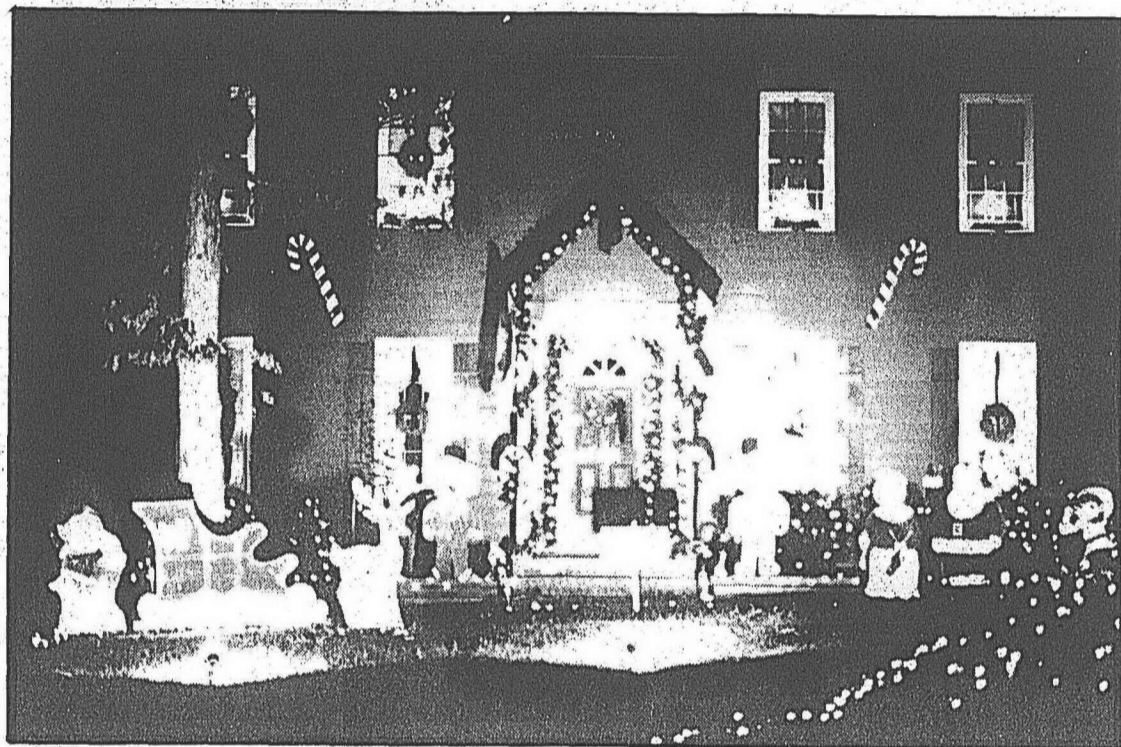


Photo by Ted Sweetland
The Detwiler home in Barne's Spring wins top honors for children's favorite.

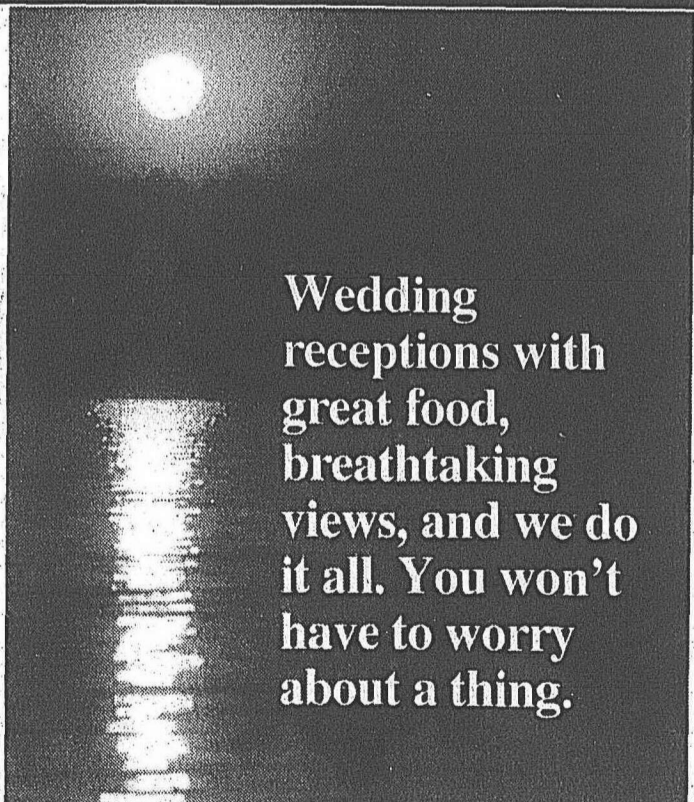
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Riverbitch Trace; Cattie, Fortune's Ridge; Maddox, McTyre's Cove; Jaeger, Seven Oaks; Papa, Sterling's Bridge; Scott, Sterling's Bridge; Durham, Planter's Wood; Crist, Old Fox; Johnson, Planter's Wood; Wagner, Spinnaker Cove; Hulbert, Spinnaker Cove; Toriello, Rockport Landing; Hatfield, Rockport Landing; Fouts, East Bluff; Zuecher, North Point; Rodgers, North Point; and Jussen, Barne's Spring.

Volunteer judges viewed every home on over 80 miles of roads in Brandermill during the two nights of judging. The judges were: Carol Hemz; Donna-Word, Dorcas and Hallie Yeager, Esther Seminare; Fian Moulton; Hsa-Whitesell, June and Marty Medak; Nancy Greenfield; Norma and Bob Gibbons; Gloria Arfert; Lucy Seidenberger; Lee Moreau; Caryl and Phil Quinn; Joan and Dennis Smith and Mary Riley. Jo Owens served as chairman.

Special thanks go to the volunteer judges and to the area merchants who provided prizes for the owners of the winning homes: Alexander's, Brandermill County Club, Hair Gallery, Finger Fashions, Oscar's, Sundays and Surf Rider Grill.

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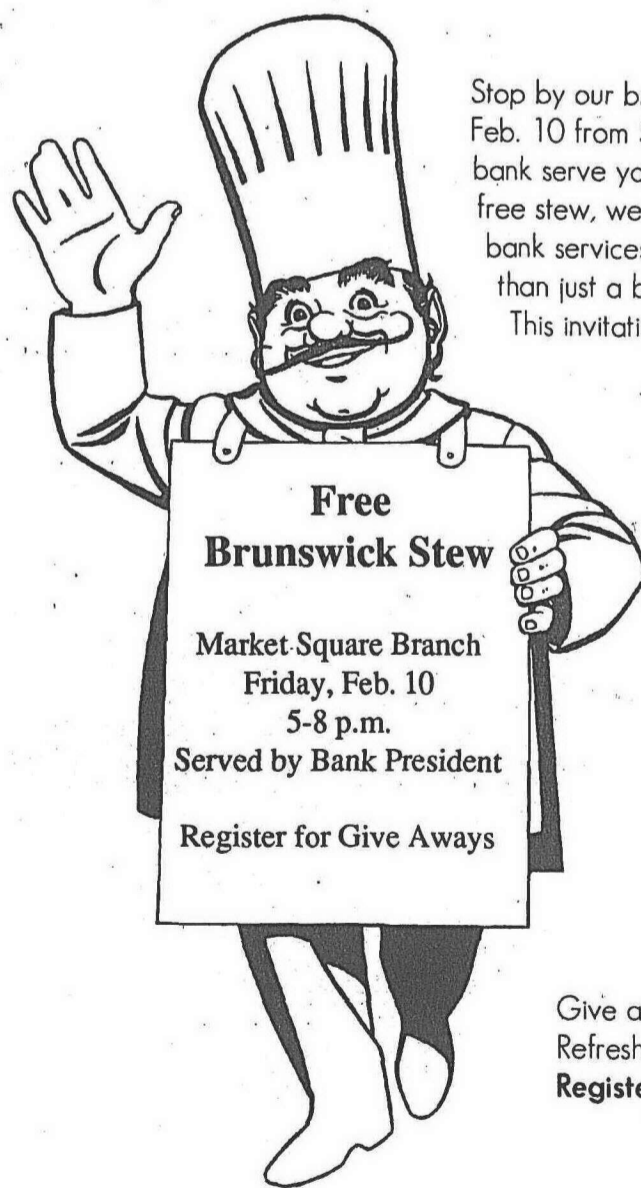
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AnnMarie Mulshine and Andrew Lobred

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Springfield High School and received a bachelor's degree in history and political science from James Madison University in May 1991. He is currently employed by AT&T in Northern Virginia. An April wedding is planned.

Harper Rose Smith is new baby in Steeple Chase

David E. and Christine H. Smith of Steeple Chase announce the birth of their daughter Harper Rose on December 27. She weighed seven pounds, eight ounces. Harper Rose is the new little sister of B.J. Smith. The baby's grandparents are Mr. & Mrs. Earl Smith of Matoaca, Va. and Roger and Marcia Harper of San Antonio, Texas.

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Letter to the Editor

To the Editor:

The Chesterfield-Colonial Heights Christmas Mother Committee thanks the residents of Brandermill for their generous contributions and for volunteering at the Christmas center this past holiday season.

Members of the Brandermill Woman's Club and the Retired Men's Club not only donated gifts and mon-

etary contributions, but helped with distribution at the center during the entire season. The committee recognizes that Brandermill is a leader in support of the program and is most grateful.

We wish all of you a Happy New Year. Martha Miles, chairman; Jerri Harding, center chairman; Jo Owens, public relations.

BWC newcomers offer members fun activities

By Susan Nienow

The Brandermill Woman's Club Newcomers group is starting off the new year with a host of activities. This group is open to anyone new to the area. Jeanne Bolear will have a brunch for newcomers on Friday, January 20 and an evening at the Mystery Cafe Dinner Theatre is planned for February 3. Reservations will be accepted for the theatre until January 19. Call Melody Krone, 763-2956 to find out more about the newcomers group.

Carol Guyre, a Woodlake resident and an expert in textiles and the history of fashion, spoke at the January meeting. She examined members' antique lace and clothing to help identify some of its history.

The antiques group will meet January 23 to hear a program on Roseville pottery by Sandy Vance. The garden club will meet Wednesday, January 18 to hear Mac Donnell, from Wild Birds Unlimited speak. In addition to the newcomers, antiques and garden clubs, the BWC has book clubs, investment clubs, a crafts group, a pot luck group, various bridge groups and a quilting group. Those interested in any of these activities should call Margaret Vaughn at 744-9539 for further information.

Don't Drink and Drive

Scouts visit The Village Mill

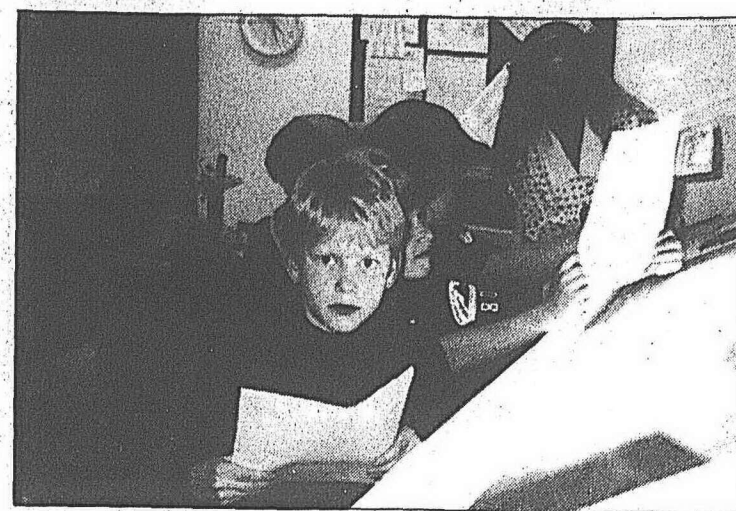


Photo by Wendy Parker
Advertising Assistant Janet Caudle shares paste-up tips with members of Cub Scout Pack 809. The Scouts visited The Village Mill to learn how a community newspaper is created.

Jaycees plan celebration week

The Swift Creek Jaycees are coordinating a week-long celebration to honor the national organization's anniversary. Everyone is welcome to the dinner meeting on Tuesday, January 17 at 7 p.m. to find out what the Jaycees have to offer and get free tax advice at the same time.

Good News, Inc. will be giving an informative session on homeless children, drug use and gangs in Richmond on January 19 at 7:30 p.m.

The Swift Creek Jaycees thank the community for doing its part to make

the chapter and community successful. A community awards and appreciation ceremony will be held on Friday, January 20 at 7:30 p.m. All three events will take place at Oscar's Restaurant in Brandermill Woods.

The Jaycees offer personal and professional development through civic involvement for men and women ages 21 through 39. The chapter meets on the first and third Tuesday of each month at Oscar's.

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Christmas Spirit



Photo by Cherie Heintz
Alexis, Courtney and Ashton Bradley visit with Santa at the new Clover Hill Library during its community Christmas party.

Christmas Mother committee collects donations all year

By Jo Owens

Area residents may support the Christmas Mother Committee by assigning supermarket golden receipts directly to the Christmas Committee, P.O. Box 430, Chesterfield, VA 23832. Personal checks are also welcome any time of the year, since the program is an on-going one.

Almost 600 families were adopted in 1994 and the committee sponsored more than 1,300 families. The canned food collection through the schools was greatly improved and enabled the food boxes to be more generous than last year. Special thanks go to the

local school students and staffs. Financial contributions were down last year totaling \$81,000 by end of December. The goal is to match contributions from the previous year so as many families and individuals as possible can be helped. Members work year-round purchasing items so people are urged to continue donating throughout the year.

Anyone interested in serving on the committee may call Sandra Sizemore at 748-1183. The Christmas Committee office is located in the Chesterfield County Department of Social Services office on Lucy C... Drive.

Community remembers Patricia White

Patricia Ryan White, known as Pat, died recently just prior to her 64th birthday. Pat and her husband Paul were the parents of four children.

Before becoming the fourth family to move to Brandermill in 1975, the Whites had lived in New York, Cleveland, Kansas City, St. Louis, and Los Angeles.

A caring and devoted wife and mother, Pat had an instinct for making friends. Her daughter Sandi says her mother was always the "life of the party."

Paul and his children wish to thank the many people who helped them through their time of sorrow. Sandi says, "Their kindness will never be forgotten. Their love and support make the family feel truly blessed."



The Brandermill Church preschoolers get into the spirit of Christmas delivering toys and clothes to the Christmas Mother warehouse in Chesterfield. Children helped parents pick out and deliver items to help other children in need during the holiday season. Lisa Trani was chairman of The Brandermill Church project. From left: 4-year-olds Megan Moehling, Lauren Trani, Zachary Pedersen and Lauren Pedersen.

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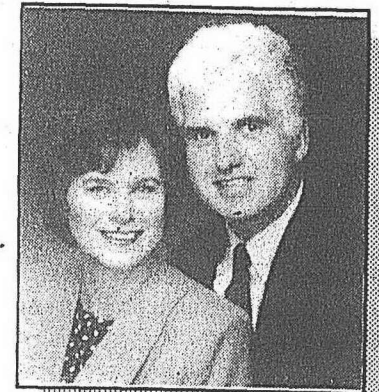
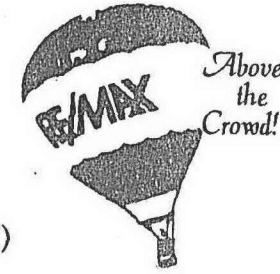
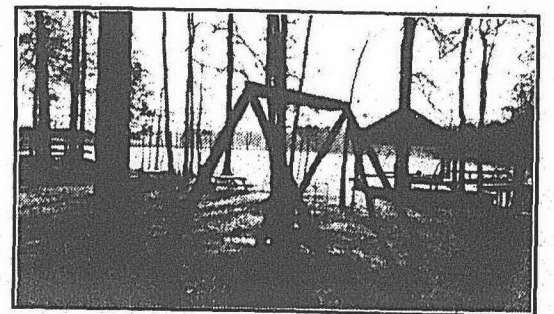
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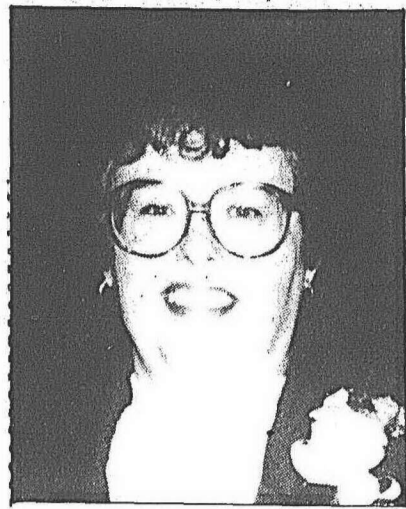
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Brandermill poet publishes book to help stray animals



Bettye Bender

By Harriet Coppins
Copy Editor

Brandermill resident Bettye Bender recently self-published her first book and the proceeds will benefit stray animals.

Bender has been writing poetry since she was a teenager. She says she only writes about familiar subjects

and finds the process healing and fulfilling.

A psychiatric nurse for 31 years, Bettye is now retired and says it's great to have time for her hobbies. In addition to her enjoyment of writing, reading and photography, Bettye is a lover of cats. During a visit to the SPCA a few years ago, Bettye recalls that a "cat picked me out." The cat was her "cherished companion Nicholas" who is featured in her recently published poem in book form *The Ballad of the Carriage with the N on the Door*. Keyhill Sheom, a Richmond psychiatrist, supplied the pen and ink illustrations for the book whose subtitle is *The Story of Nicholas, a Richmond Cat*.

The book is on sale at several locations around Richmond and the proceeds from each sale will be donated to the care of stray cats and dogs.

Bettye says she has never entered any of her work in competitions but her little poetry book has been so well received that she recently submitted three poems to state competitions. She is currently at work on a story that should be available this fall.

Citizens can call members of General Assembly via hotline

The General Assembly of Virginia will again provide a toll-free constituent services hotline. The constituent services hotline will receive calls from citizens of the Commonwealth during the 1995 General Assembly session, allowing constituents to voice their opinions on legislative issues. The number for the hotline is 1-800-889-0229 or 225-4973.

The constituent services hotline will receive calls from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. on each legislative work day through February 25. Operators will request the constituents to provide their name and address, their geographic location or legislative districts, the designated legislator to receive their messages, and the issues on which they are expressing their opinions. The constituent services operator will record

the message and forward the information to the legislator for their review.

If a constituent caller seeks additional information concerning legislation or wishes to speak directly with a legislator, the constituent services operators will provide the appropriate telephone number.

The constituent services hotline will provide the citizens of the Commonwealth the opportunity to express their views on the issues before the General Assembly and provide the members of the House of Delegates and the Senate of Virginia vital information concerning public opinion.

For additional information regarding this service, please contact Aubrey Stewart of the House Clerk's Office at 786-7248 or Jeanette Moore of the Senate Clerk's Office at 786-8430.

Winter Lecture Series features outdoor adventures

The Chesterfield County Parks and Recreation Department will be sponsoring a series of winter lectures during the months of February and March. The Winter Lecture Series includes Garvey Winegar and the Banff Festival of Films in February and Dr. Paul Beaver and Dr. Robert Ballard in March.


On Wednesday, February 1, venture with Garvey Winegar, outdoor columnist for the *Richmond Times-Dispatch*, on a 230-mile journey that involved canoeing, boating and walking the James River from its beginning high in the Allegheny Mountains to Richmond. Come to understand the historical, recreational and environmental values of this prominent river that threads its way across the Old Dominion. Explore with Winegar this shimmering path of water that most only glimpse as they speed across it. Winegar's book, *The Unseen River* will be on sale before and after his lecture.

On Wednesday, February 15, a three-hour selection of the finest films from the Banff Film Festival will provide a worldwide glimpse of the fragile mountain environments and the men and women who explore them. This festival has been celebrating the spirit of adventure and the mountain environment for 19 years. Each November adventure enthusiasts flock to Banff to experience the world's best films on mountain themes, ranging from rock climbing and paragliding to wildlife and unique environments. The festival is the oldest and largest mountain film festival in North America and one of the most prestigious in the world.

All lectures will be held at 7:30 p.m. at Monacan High School, 11501

Smoketree Drive, with the exception of the Banff Film Festival, which will begin at 6:30 p.m.

The 1995 Winter Lecture Series is made possible through the financial support of E.I. duPont de Nemours and Co., Inc.



Medical Update
BY JUDITH F. MCGHEE, M.D.
Pediatric & Adolescent Medicine

Chickenpox

We are presently experiencing an outbreak of a chickenpox virus called varicella. A rash appears after 14 to 16 days of incubation, usually with many crops of blisters widely separated on the torso, then quickly spreading outwardly to arms, legs, face, scalp and the mouth.

This rash is intensely itchy. The itch is caused by the spontaneous release of histamine at the site of the pox lesions and more readily by the mechanical act of scratching. A scratch-itch-scratch cycle occurs. The patient scratches, histamine is released, the pox itches, then the patient scratches and so on. Hence a strong antihistamine is prescribed (benadryl) to be taken either orally or as a spray. Fingernails should be cut as short as possible.

Hot baths should be avoided as heat releases more histamines. But cool baths do soothe and cleanse lesions. Acetaminophen (Tylenol) or ibuprofen (Advil) can be given not only for treatment of the fever but also to relieve the pain of the itch.

Most victims are young, 2 to 10 years of age, and suffer very little except the discomfort of the itchy rash. Rarely does chickenpox occur below 1 year of age as the baby is usually protected by the mother's antibodies which he or she received before birth. The course of the disease is mild and over in approximately 7 to 10 days, when the pox-like lesions are scabbed over. Fever is present in the first few days but the child does not appear sick.

This is a very contagious virus. Exposure to someone who has it almost always results in the exposed unimmunized child catching it. Contagion occurs one to two days before the blisters appear and until they scab over.

A child with open lesions should not be present at social situations in church, school, or at family gatherings. To limit this contagion, your pediatrician may ask your child to enter the exam room via a separate door.

Although he or she may not act sick, anyone who is immunosuppressed and who does not have immunity can become seriously ill. Examples include children or adults on chemotherapy for cancer or leukemia or very young AIDS patients. An antiviral vaccine has been developed for these high risk patients. Also,

recently the FDA has approved the use of Zovirax (an oral anti-viral agent). However, the vaccine and/or the drug may impair immunity and thus it is not given except in rare, severe cases.

Unfortunately, 5 to 10 percent of varicella cases follow an atypical course. High fever and exorbitating, bloody rash, along with possible bronchitis or pneumonia may occur. These patients need to be watched carefully for the superimposed bacterial infection requiring antibiotics.

Another danger involves Reye's syndrome usually occurring during the convalescing days when the child may begin to suffer delirium, vomiting, etc. Seek medical help immediately. Early diagnosis can be crucial.

Yes, there is a lifetime immunity. Once you've had chickenpox, you won't get them again. But it can reappear in a different form called shingles. This is a painful eruption along a nerve route usually 10 to 40 years after the patient has suffered chickenpox and long forgotten it. The belief is that the virus lies dormant along the nerves and erupts when the immune system is extra stressed or upset. Prednisone (a steroid) is usually used to suppress this reaction.

It is not a good idea to purposely expose your child to chicken pox. The risks are too great.

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Arthritis sufferers can exercise at Brandermill Woods

A new exercise program designed specifically for people with arthritis will begin on February 28 at 10:30 a.m. at Brandermill Woods.

The program is called PACE, an acronym for "People with Arthritis Can Exercise," and is being sponsored by the Virginia Chapter of the Arthritis Foundation and Brandermill Woods Retirement Community. PACE is a 45-minute exercise program which will be held in eight-week sessions. Participants will go through a series of exercises and activities designed to increase mobility and function. PACE Level 1 will be held once a week.

"A properly designed and executed exercise program helps people with arthritis keep joints flexible, maintain muscle strength, and build overall stamina," said Connie Ilich of the Virginia Chapter of the Arthritis Founda-

tion. "People who participate in PACE classes often report that they look and feel better, have more energy, and are more capable of doing their daily activities. But before starting any exercise program, you should always check with your physician."

On February 6, a Level 2 PACE class will begin and will be offered on Monday's at 9:30 a.m. at Brandermill Woods.

Preregistration is necessary to participate in the class and enrollment is limited to the first 15 persons. Enrollment will be based on the completion of the registration form.

There is no fee to residents of Brandermill Woods or to Arthritis Foundation Members. The nonresident fee is \$15 for each eight week session. For registration forms or for further information, please contact Kelly Hilton at 744-1173.

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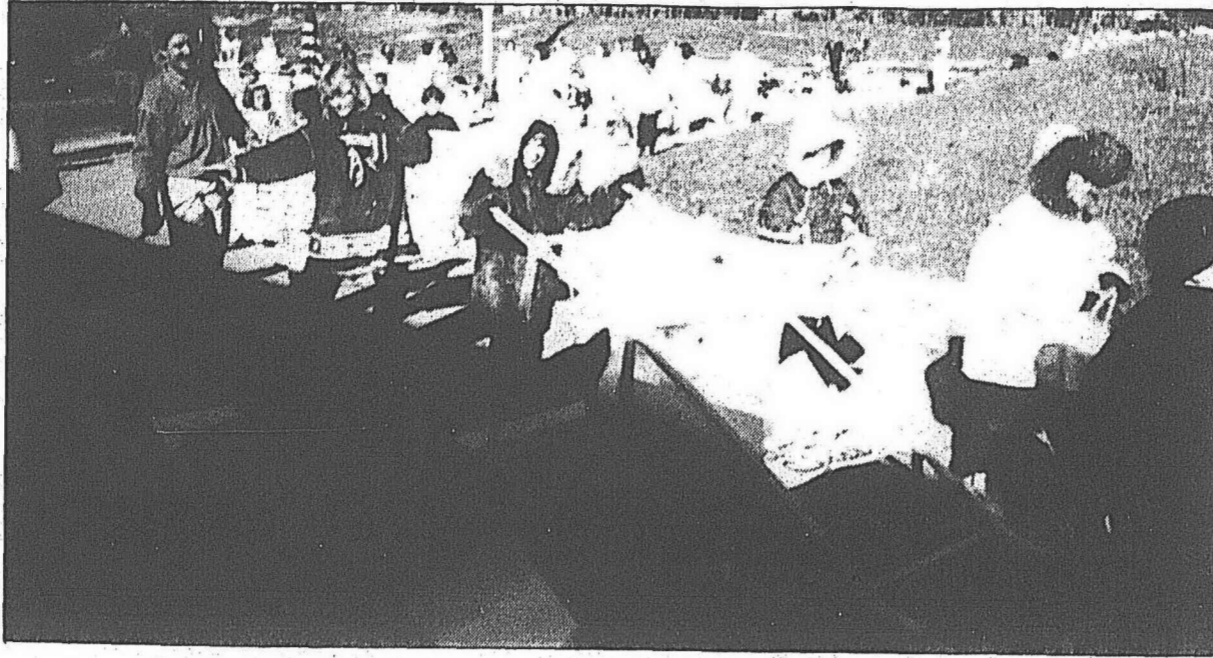
SCES NEWS

By Don Bechtel
SCES Principal

November was an exciting month for the students and teachers at Swift Creek Elementary School. A noted children's author, Shelley Gill visited on November 30 and December 1 to spend time with the children to discuss the process of writing and the concept of genre.

Gill has written seven popular children's books, all of which share the wonders of Alaska. *Alaska's Three Bears* tells the story of three species of North American bears searching for a special home in the Alaskan wilderness. The idea for *Kiana's Iditarod* came from Gill's own experience racing in the grueling Iditarod sled dog race from Anchorage to Nome. She previously was an editor for *Alaskan Woman* magazine, and has also worked as a reporter, editor, and publisher for the *Frontiersman* and *Valley Sun* newspapers in the Natanuska-Susitna Valley. The author lives with her family on a ridge above Kachemak Bay in Homer, Alaska.

In preparation for Gill's visit, the SCES faculty planned a month-long reading celebration entitled "Books for Everyone and Everyone for Books." On November 1, all 682 students gathered for an assembly. Gill's phone call from Homer, Alaska, was broadcast on the intercom to begin the celebration. The children were given an incentive reading challenge. The children read each day during a time entitled "STARS," Sit Tight and Read Silently. In a corner of the cafeteria was a map of Alaska and directly across the cafeteria was a map of Virginia. For every minute of sus-



Potato flakes "snow" on the SCES parade as students accompany their floats around the bus loop. An Iditarod sled complete with Eskimos and a Siberian husky are in the forefront.

Photo by Jane Curley

tained silent reading completed by each student, the Iditarod sled moved the estimated 4,654 miles from Alaska to 13800 Genito Road.

During the month, a great deal of focused learning took place. The children discovered a lot about the state of Alaska including: the wonder of its wildlife and habitat; everyday life and survival strategies in Alaska; the art of kayaking; the work of rescue dogs; and the beauty of native American art. The teachers also taught the concepts of genre and creative writing. Librarian Carroll Savage and Johanna Burks, reading teacher, orchestrated the process. Gill met with all of the students in small groups on November 30 and December 1.

The culminating experience on December 1 was a full-scale parade

which made several laps around the bus loop. The parade was a SCES team effort. The award winning Clover Hill High School band lead the parade. The students and teachers prepared floats with book themes, and the parents helped with the finishing details.

On parade day, the children's faces and body language said it all. Twenty-seven floats were transported around the parade route. Two television stations were present to record the events as the children beamed with auras of proud accomplishment. A fifth-grader's father had made an Iditarod sled with wood and string. Students tossed dried mashed potato flakes to simulate snow.

Our guest and parade marshal Shelley Gill, whose visit was largely funded by the PTA, has travelled throughout the United States. Every year she's invited to a reading parade which takes place in a city in California. As the Swift Creek parade was progressing, she commented that she had never experienced a reading celebration of the magnitude of the SCES. She noted that the students were very knowledgeable about Alaska, her books, and genre.

As the parade came to a close, everyone was pleased about the extent of learning which had taken place. The SCES mission had been accomplished in a very memorable way.

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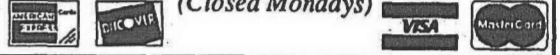
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CHES NEWS

By George Shannon Maddox

A generous spirit filled the halls of Clover Hill Elementary School this holiday season. The SCA-sponsored food drive was met with enthusiasm as each class exceeded its goal of contributions. Jodi Bullano's third grade class was "off the charts" with its contributions, breaking all records and creating a graph which reached up the wall and around the ceiling.

The second-graders shared their talents in the holiday performance of "How the Penguins Saved Christmas" for all students and at the December PTA meeting. Guided by the energetic elf Nancy Crenshaw, they sang and danced their way into everyone's hearts, and even managed to help Santa remember what he needed to do during his busy season.

Musical talents continued to be shared as the fifth-grade chorus performed its seasonal sounds at the school and for shoppers at Chesterfield Towne Center. The students' talents were acknowledged by an invitation to provide a luncheon performance at the Twin Towers in downtown Richmond. Many thanks to all who helped the students provide their musical contribution this season.

The new year began on a creative note with the visit of Steven Shepard,



Reindeer poised to help with the holiday program are front row, from left: Joshua Ward and Elizabeth Larus. Back row: Armond Granger, Bryan Greenfield, Caitlin Farrell and Allison Bodsford.

a 15-year-old published author, on January 2. His talents for plot development, clever descriptions and creative illustration were shared with students in grades two through five.

He was enthusiastically welcomed by the students who appreciated his insight and challenge to consider publishing in the future.

As the students leave the holiday

mode to return to the books and school adventures, they are keeping fingers crossed that mittens, hats and sleds will be needed soon. Happy New Year and bring on the snow.

Photo by George Maddox

SCMS NEWS

By Barbara Macbeth, Amy Usry, Sarah Wishishowski, Joshua Rector & Steven Evangelista

Music Department

The Swift Creek Middle School music department, which consists of chorus, orchestra and band students, had an exciting two months. In addition to preparing for the winter concerts at SCMS, the chorus and orchestra students performed county-wide.

Twenty-six SCMS choral students were chosen to participate in the All-County Chorus. The students, along with others from all over the county, spent the day at Manchester Middle School on November 12 preparing for a public performance. The following students auditioned and were chosen to represent SCMS: sixth-graders — Emily Frantz, Amanda Grove, Laura Singletary, Stefanie Schulmann, Kimberly Woods, Jenny Ciccone, Sarah Cowan, Heather Sanders, Sara Bond, Andrea Richards, Cari Tusing and Amanda Day; seventh-graders — Jessica Whitfield, Aimee Palumbo, Landon Nagel, Jeremy Roland, Liz Blake, Suzanne LeGarde, Laura Clark, Christina Jefferson, Nikki Andreason and Sarah Post.

The All-County Orchestra performed at Midlothian Middle School on December 3. The event was hosted by SCMS Orchestra Director Joe Wargo. Twenty-nine SCMS students performed including: seventh-grade violinists Kelly Allsbrook, Katherine

Kin, Melanie Pflueger, Cary Tucker, Brittanie Bosselait and Noor Merchant; seventh-grade viola players Lindsay Mecca, Charlotte Minors and Carrie Young. The eighth-grade orchestra students auditioned for chair placement in this large group. These students had to prepare two-octave scales and sight read music for the judges. Swift Creek Middle placed first in four categories for the second year. The outstanding students in each category were: first place violinist, Kison Lee; second place violinist, Maya Lee; first place viola, Elizabeth Greene; first place cellist, Jessica Lai; and first place bass, Chris Hucker. Other participants in the All-County Orchestra were: violinists Sarah Breeding, Smitha Dante, Shusuke Inoue, Kevin Naughton, Amy Zajick, Carl Zhang, Shawn Nair, and Kim Wah; viola players Joy Bradley, Kristi Brubaker, and Kristin Butler; and cellists Michael Bennett, Christina Simpson and Lauren Nussman.

On December 19, the following orchestra students performed for the Brandermill Woman's Club: Sarah Breeding, Smitha Dante, Shusuke Inoue, Kison Lee, Maya Lee, Shawn Nair, Kevin Naughton, Kim Wah, Amy Zajick, Carl Zhang, Keith Bachmann, Joy Bradley, Kristi Brubaker, Kristin Butler, Elizabeth Greene, Jamie Faulstich, Katie McGhee, Lindsay Mecca, Michael Bennett, Amanda Kraines, Jessica Lai, Lauren Nussman, Christina Simpson, Kenny Fricker and Chris Hucker.

Pictures with Music

One definition of art could be a masterpiece on canvas. A talented musician and returning teacher at Swift Creek Elementary School has given the work new meaning by teaching students to stretch the imaginations of their audience by playing with color, depth and shape. Myrne McGongile, a member of the Petersburg Symphony, is a new addition to the SCMS music department.

McGongile is a product of Chesterfield County Schools. She attended Providence Middle School and graduated from Manchester High School in 1978. She majored in music education at Longwood College and in the spring of 1982, she completed the secondary portion of her practicum teaching assignment at Swift Creek Middle School under the advisory of Jim Schiele. She went on to teach music and direct the bands at Salem Church Middle School and Carver Middle School.

Latin Students

Congratulations to SCMS Latin students and their teacher Meita Nickerson. The students participated in the Virginia Junior Classical League Convention held December 9 and 10 at the Richmond Centre and the following eighth-grade students were recognized: creative arts, greeting cards—Lauren Nussman, first; Jeanne-Marie Destefano, fifth; Lind-

say Gilliam, ninth; maps—Robert Lundka, fourth; Ryan Fitzpatrick; dramatic interpretation—Justin Morgan, third; Ryan Fitzpatrick, sixth; English oratory—Jeanne-Marie Destefano, fourth; open Certamen team—Justin Morgan, third; academics, derivatives, Latin I—Justin Morgan, seventh; Kara Cook, eighth; omnibus (Latin I)—Jonathan Halcrow, tenth.

Award of Excellence

Swift Creek students, along with over one quarter of a million students from 3,000 high schools in the United States and Canada, participated in the annual competition for the Daimler-Benz Award of Excellence.

Now in its fourth year, one of the highlights of the fall term social studies and German classes is the global awareness contest sponsored by Germany's largest industrial group, in cooperation with the Goethe-Institut, the German Cultural Center.

Students received materials for this year's contest entitled "Berlin—A Young Future." Grand prize winners will be invited for a three-week, all-expense-paid study tour of Germany.

Elke Bleicher, a German and mathematics teacher, and social studies teachers encouraged students to participate in the competition. The intent of the program is to foster mutual understanding and friendship between the people of the United States, Canada and Germany.

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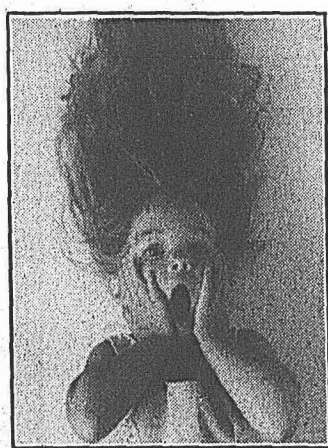
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Agency offers course for parents of middle schoolers

The Prevention Services of the Chesterfield Community Services Board is offering a class for parents of middle schoolers this winter.

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substance abuse, communication skills, and problem solving techniques.

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CHHS NEWS

By Sara Dickson

On December 9, advanced science students at Clover Hill High School listened to Dr. Murray Gell-man lecture on his latest achievements.

Gell-man, who received a Nobel Prize for discovering the quark, has written *The Quark and the Jaguar* explaining all of his theories.

Atoms are constructed of protons, neutrons and electrons. Dr. Gell-man is responsible for showing that these fundamental particles are each constructed of three quarks. There are six types of quarks called flavors: up, down, top, bottom, strange and charmed. Quarks build fundamental particles which build atoms, which build everything in the universe.

To prepare for Gell-man's presentation, physics teacher Craig Nunemaker required his advanced placement class to read the book and write a paper on it.

Gell-man began his lecture by reading excerpts from his book, then spent the remainder of his time answering questions from the students. "I really liked him because he didn't act like he was superior or above our level of intelligence," Elizabeth Huston said.

Although Gell-man's discoveries are revolutionary, it will be some time before they are integrated into high school curricula.

Holiday Charity

During the business of the holiday season, it is easy to forget about those

who are less fortunate. Many Clover Hill High School club members took it upon themselves to make sure that needy families would be remembered in their community.

The Key Club periodically sent members to help at the Angel Tree in Chesterfield Towne Center from December 1 through 5. Each angel on the tree had a needy person's name, age, and sex on it. Shoppers chose their angel and bought a Christmas present for that person.

Foreign language clubs helped out the Angel Tree in a slightly different way; members bought the presents themselves and sent them to the mall to be included with the others.

In conjunction with the Key Club, the Interact Club adopted families through the Chesterfield Christmas Mother Program and bought them gifts.

SADD members placed boxes in teachers' rooms to collect clothes, toys, and books for the program. "We think it's important that everyone help those who are less fortunate, especially during the holidays," SADD President Carrie Hinton said.

On December 2, Key Club members guided tours through the Christmas House at Bellgrade. They explained the origin and significance of each of the historical Christmas trees and collected donations for the Richmond Friends of the Homeless program. "It was great to see people come together to help out others," Key Club member Sarah Talbot said.



Cameron Wallace, a member of the Key Club, volunteers with the Salvation Army.

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Prevention service offers course on coping with ADHD

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"Coping with Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD): a Parent Survival Program" is a course designed for parents of children with ADHD. Emphasis is placed on providing parents with ways to cope with

and alleviate the frustration and often disruptive behaviors typical of ADHD children. The course will begin on January 17 and continue for a total of eight consecutive Tuesday evenings from 7 to 9 p.m. at Reams Road Elementary School.

For more information and to pre-register, contact Mary Dannenburg at 768-7204.

JWH hosts seminar on overweight children

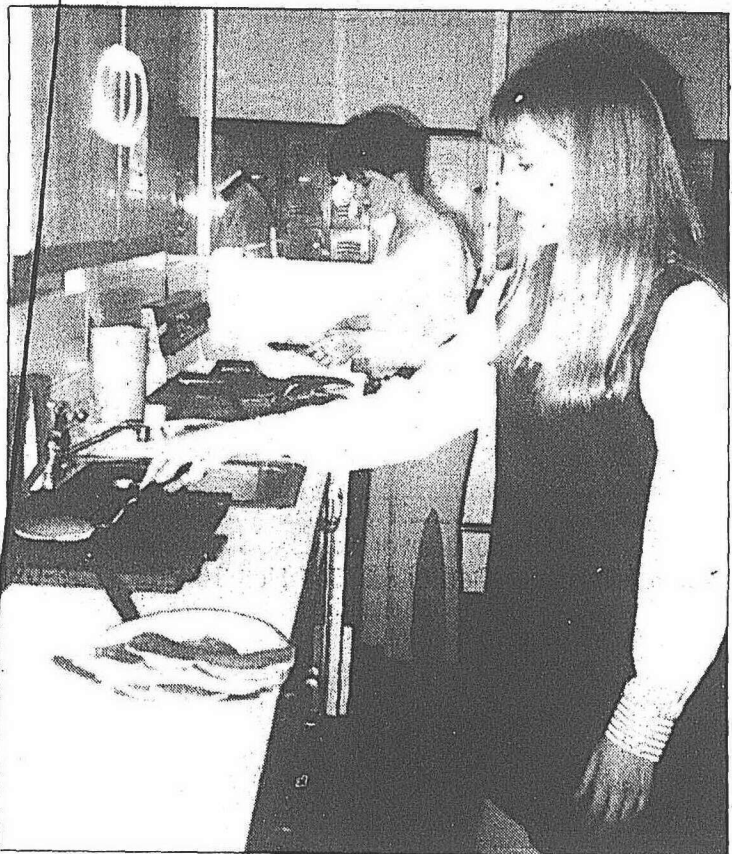
The Family Health Center at Johnston-Willis Hospital will hold a seminar on "Dealing with the Overweight Child," on January 24, from 7 to 8:30 p.m. in the auditorium.

This seminar is for parents who want to learn how to manage their child's weight and will include information on nutrition and exercise.

The seminar will be presented by Barbara M. Prillaman, M.D., a family practice physician; Romey Gunter, a registered dietitian affiliated with Johnson-Willis Hospital; and an aerobics coordinator from Robious Sports & Fitness Center.

To register for this free seminar, call 330-2360. Seating is limited, so please register early.

What's Cooking at CHHS?



Seniors Sarah Alexander, at left, and Katie Geib flip pancakes for a brunch hosted by the CHHS family living class. Students in Denise Pendergrass' class invited parents, teachers and friends to enjoy their extensive menu.

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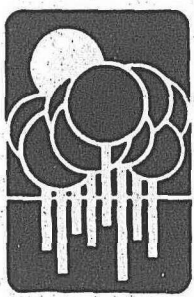
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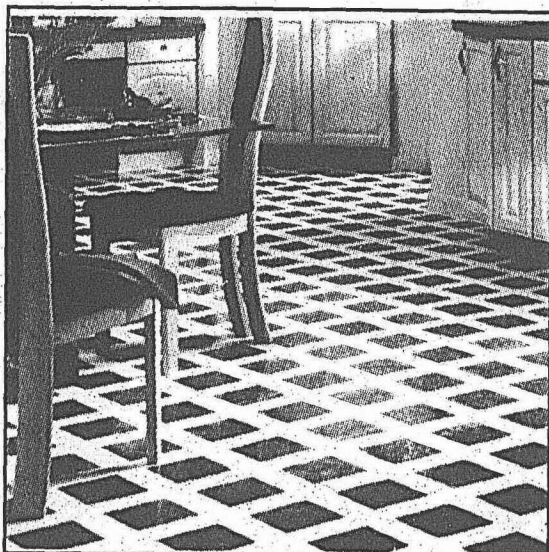
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SPORTS

SCMS SPORTS



Swift Creek Sailors huddle around Head Coach Bob Thomas, center left, and Assistant Coach Scott Alpin during a game against Falling Creek.

By Barbara Macbeth, Amy Usry, Sarah Wishishowski, Joshua Rector & Steven Evangelista

The Swift Creek Middle School Boys Basketball Team set its goal early in the season to go all the way to the finals. The team began the season with a 3-1 winning streak losing only to the challenging Midlothian Mustangs. The other games were total blowouts in the first two quarters.

Coach Bob Thomas said, "We're going all the way to the county championship, and since we will be hosting the tournament here at Swift Creek, we'll have the support and encouragement of our Sailor fans."

The team hopes to display the skill and determination it has practiced and developed throughout the season dur-

ing the semi-final and championship games on February 2 and 4. Thomas said, "The teamwork and balanced shooting offense that the guys display were evident in the wins against Providence, Chester and Carver Middle Schools."

Members of the 1994-1995 boy's basketball team are: eighth-graders — Jamil Anderson, Chris Armstrong, Brian Breisinger, Chris Dennis, Dana Marcolivia, Jesse Perkins, Andrew Survello, Craig Toalson, Eric Tusing and Derek Wagstaff; seventh-graders — Jeff Aden, Jonathan Armstrong, Jonathan Kready, Stuart Marshall, Matt Roscoe, and Mike Roscoe; sixth-graders — Jay Gragnani, and Terry Johns. The team managers are Jason Billups, Keri Lake, Kara Cook, Chloe Hampton and Lauren Nussman.

Rainbow Games to be held March 18 and 19

The 1995 Rainbow Games are recruiting athletes for its annual competition to be held Saturday and Sunday, March 18 and 19 in Richmond.

Youth with physical or visual disabilities and normal intelligence, ages 7 to 21, are eligible to participate in this statewide event. The competition includes track, field and swimming events at various levels.

Registration is being accepted for this free event through March 6. To receive a registration packet or for more information, please call 744-5419. The Rainbow Games are incorporated as a non-profit organization.

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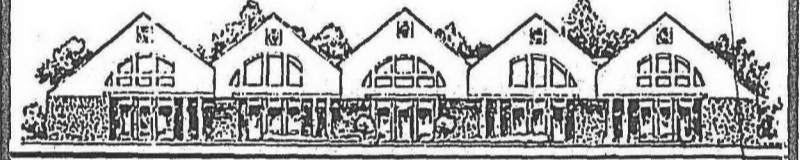
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MYSL donates uniforms to Gilpin Court players

Members of youth soccer teams from Richmond's Gilpin Court neighborhood will sport new uniforms when they take the field next season. The Midlothian Youth Soccer League donated more than 75 soccer jerseys to the Richmond Police Department for its Police Athletic League-sponsored teams.

MYSL, which counts more than 350 parent and young adult volunteers among its members, is the largest youth sports organization in Chesterfield County and one of the major organizations on the East Coast. Since its formation in 1982, more than 6,000 children, 5-19, have participated in

MYSL's soccer program.

MYSL currently is working to raise \$1.15 million to build a new soccer park to replace Coalfield Park, which will be lost to road construction. The new park will include 13 soccer fields, parking for 600 cars, three shelters and other facilities.

Parks and recreation offers skiing and snowboarding

The Chesterfield County Department of Parks and Recreation is offering several special outings this winter for youths interested in skiing or snowboarding down the slopes.

Students can celebrate a day off from school on Wednesday, January 25, with a ski trip to Massanutten. Participants will leave at 6 a.m. and return at 7:30 p.m. A \$32 fee includes lift ticket and transportation. Rentals cost \$11 and lessons cost \$12. Registration deadline is January 18.

Learn how to snowboard on a special outing Friday, February 10 at the Massanutten Snowboard Park. This park is for boarders only and includes a 220 foot in-ground half pipe, bumps and more. A \$34 fee includes transportation, lift tickets, snowboard rental and lessons. Youths 12 to 15 will depart from Beaufont Mall at 4 p.m. and return at 1 a.m. Registration deadline is February 3.

County will honor walkers who have logged 1,000 miles

The Chesterfield County Parks and Recreation Department will honor walkers who have logged more than 1,000 miles at a special recognition social to be held Saturday, January 28 at 9 a.m. at the Parks and Recreation Administration Building at 6801 Wagners Way.

The county's 100-mile Walking Club was formed in 1990 and currently has about 55 members. This club for avid walking enthusiasts meets about every other month to offer social events, guest speakers, walking literature and more. It's a great way to meet fellow walkers and discover new walking areas. As goals

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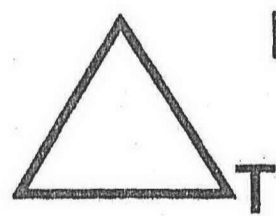
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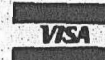
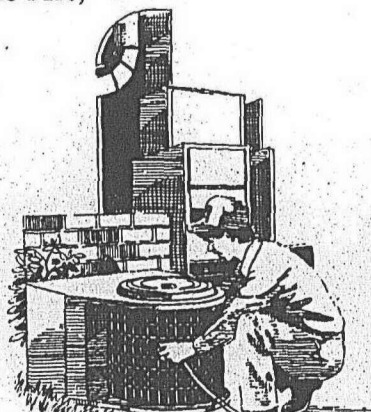
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Clover Hill High School Winter Sports Schedule

Wrestling (JV games at 6:00, varsity at 7:30)

January	17	Huguenot
	21	JV Quad at Hopewell*
	27	at Lee-Davis (with Hermitage)*
February	1	at George Wythe
	3/4	Regional Duals at James River*
	10/11	State Duals*
	17/18	District Tournament at Midlothian*
	23/25	Central Region at Freeman*
March	2/3	State Tournament*

* Match time TBA

Boys Basketball (JV games at 6:00, varsity at 7:30)

January	17	at James River*
	20	at Midlothian
	25	Thomas Dale
	27	George Wythe
	31	at L. C. Bird*
February	3	Huguenot*
	7	at Monacan
	10	at Manchester*
	14	James River*
	17	Midlothian
	21/25	District Tournament at Monacan

* indicates a 9th grade game at 4:15

Girls Basketball (JV games at 6:00, varsity at 7:30)

January	16	James River
	24	Midlothian
	27	George Wythe*
	30	L. C. Bird*
February	1	at Thomas Dale
	2	at Huguenot
	6	Monacan
	9	Manchester
	13	at James River
	16	at Midlothian
	21/25	District Tournament at Monacan

*Varsity only — 6 p.m.



Photo by Wendy Parker
Lady Cavaliers pile up in a scuffle for the basketball during a game with Huguenot High School. They are, from left: Co-captain Serena Hampton, Jessca Morton, Co-captain Christy Brittain and at far right, Co-captain Ashley Couch.

CHHS Wrestling Team is off to a winning season

The Clover Hill High School Wrestling Team had a successful December as it recorded a 9-0 record. The team also won three invitational tournaments; Roanoke Star City Tournament, Clover Hill Invitational and the Richmond Invitational Wrestling Tournament.

The teams that CHHS defeated include: William Fleming High School, Virginia High School, G.W. of Danville, Matoaca High School, James River High School, L.C. Bird High School, Manchester High School and Highland Springs High School.

The Cavaliers were led by a group of talented varsity wrestlers. They are: Mike Mellina — 189 lbs. 12-0, Jamie Meyer — 171 lbs. 11-1, Mike Gerbasio — 152 lbs. 10-3, Jason Cattie — 160 lbs. 10-2, Steve Daggett — 103 lbs. 12-1, Brian Nelson — 145 lbs. 6-2, Shawn Campfield — 140 lbs. 10-2, and Matt Von Schuch — Hwt, 10-2.

Other Clover Hill varsity wrestlers with good records are: Marc Wolman — 112 lbs., Matt Huddleston — 119 lbs., Ryan Alberston — 125 lbs., David Jones — 130 lbs., John Arthur — 135 lbs., Andy Stafford — 135 lbs., Marc Kirksey — 140 lbs., Conway Dooley — 152 lbs., Chris Ferguson — 160 lbs., and Jeff Happel — 171 lbs.

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By David Gunton

Often in sports, a coach will try to justify a losing season by labeling it as a "rebuilding year." The coach will rationalize a team's poor performance by reasoning that he or she wasn't focusing on winning this year but instead focusing on strengthening the team for the future.

The often flawed strategy appears to be successful, however, in the case of Clover Hill High School Girls Basketball Team. While the girls enjoyed little success last year, the team began this year with a 6-1 record, climbing as high as sixth in the *Richmond Times-Dispatch* metro area poll.

Head Coach Phil Villioit is in his second year of leading the squad. According to senior Co-captain Ashley Couch, Villioit's more passive attitude this year has been one key to the team's success. "He's a lot more relaxed as a coach," Couch said. "He sees that we can really work well together as a team."

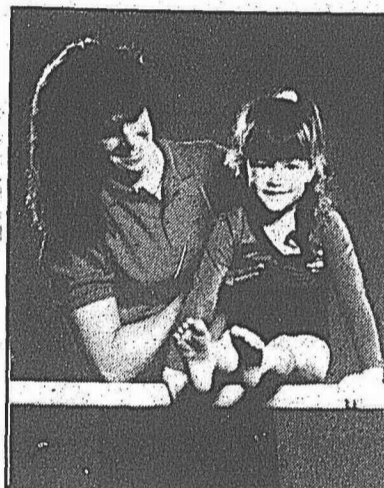
Couch and senior teammate Bethany Toalson both also recognize teamwork as an important factor in the team's success. "The big difference between this year and last is that

we've really learned to play together on the court," Toalson said. "A lot of our hard work in the off-season is paying off."

The Cavs' only loss so far occurred in overtime to Dominion District rival L.C. Bird, ranked as high as fourth in the *Richmond Times-Dispatch* poll. Couch sees the Bird loss, however, as being beneficial to the team in the long run. "Before the Bird game, we were beating everybody by 20 points," Couch said. "It taught us to respect other teams more. In the first half, we didn't play together as a team at all, and we were down 13 at the half. In the second half we really played together and were able to send the game into overtime."

Couch shoulders most of the scoring duties with senior Serena Hampton and junior Jessica Morton, each scoring in the neighborhood of 14 points per game. Couch has high hopes for this year's outcome. "As long as everyone works together, we'll be district champs. Our goal is to make the Central Region semifinals."

The Cavs now enter the heart of their district schedule as they make their push towards the post-season. Soon they will find out the benefits of the time spent rebuilding last year.



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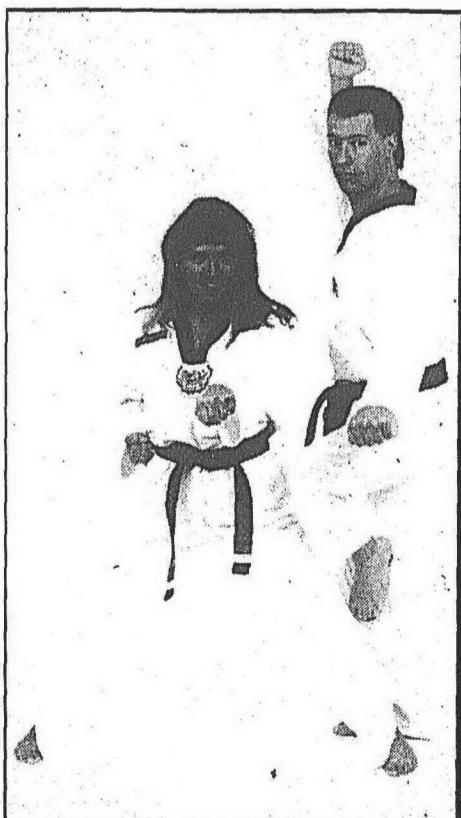
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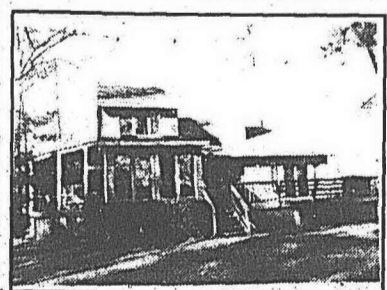
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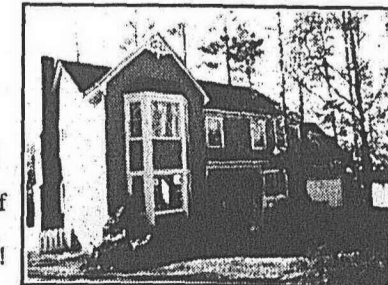
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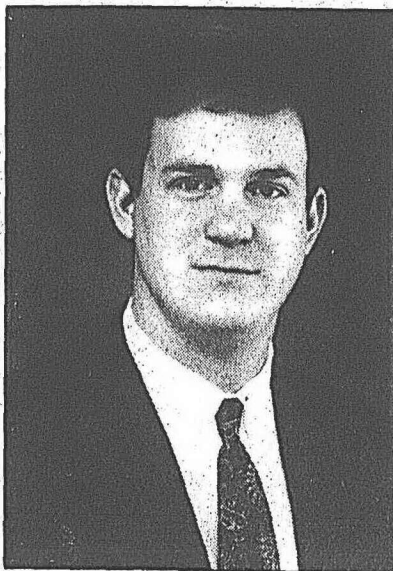
David C. Jones, Jr. joins firm of Bourdow and Bowen

Bourdow & Bowen, P.C. has announced that David C. Jones, Jr. joined the firm as an associate attorney.

Jones is a graduate of The University of Virginia School of Law. He also received his undergraduate degree at the university. His practice will be primarily in the areas of civil and criminal litigation.

The law firm, consisting of Carolyn A.H. Bourdow, Michael G. Bowen and Richard D. Harris, has been in Brandermill for more than 10 years. The office is located in the Brandermill Executive Center, 5104 West Village Green Drive.

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David C. Jones, Jr.



Tax Tips

BY DAVID B. ROBINSON, C.P.A.

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If you contributed to religious organizations or charitable groups in 1994, you will need more detailed records of the donations, according to the new IRS requirements for documentation of charitable donations.

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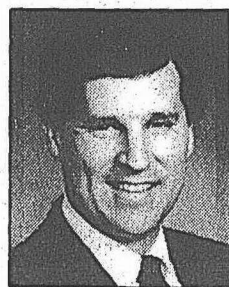
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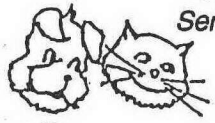
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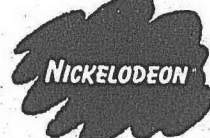


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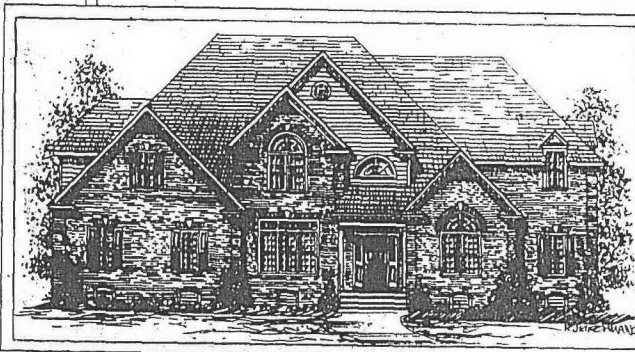
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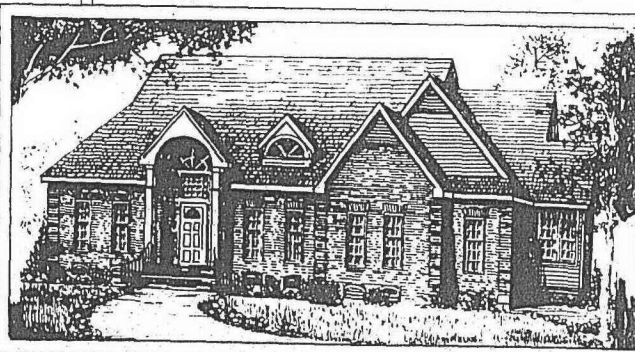
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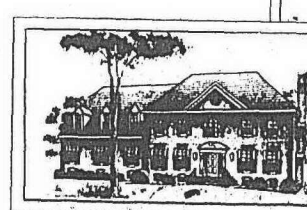
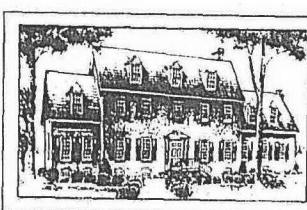
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The lights were on the porch and in some bushes close to the house. Cutting the lights and extension cord blew a circuit breaker which had to be repaired. Kathy McKee said it was especially disappointing because they had decorated their home to welcome a son who is in the Army.

The McKees reported the problem to police. A middle school student admitted vandalizing the home and his parents replaced the lights.

The Spencers of Bayport Landing came close to catching some vandals in the act. On December 22 around 11 p.m. the motion detector light went on outside the house and their dog began to bark. They went outside and saw several people pulling lights off the bushes near the road. When they yelled at them to stop, the youngsters ran to a car waiting at the end of the cul-de-sac and sped off. The lights were left laying in the street. "We enjoy decorating our home for the holidays and we've done it for years, but we're reconsidering it now. It makes you paranoid because it happened last year too," Ginny Spencer said.

The BCA also received reports of vandalism in Shallowford Landing where tree lights were cut.

Sgt. Mike Heintzelman of the Chesterfield County Police Department said it's impossible to estimate how much vandalism occurred during the holidays because so many cases go unreported. He said proper lighting and an active Neighborhood Watch program are the best deterrents for these kinds of problems.

Heintzelman said that often a lack of parental supervision is part of the problem. He added that an awareness program about vandalism and its consequences can be taught in the schools.

Community Manager Greg Ailsworth said, "It's unfortunate that the callous acts of a few individuals can ruin a wonderful holiday tradition for everyone else." The community manager also said that the BCA has a reward system that pays up to \$500 for information leading to the arrest and conviction of vandals. He added that if anyone finds holiday decorations they may be turned in at the BCA and the rightful owner, if known, will be notified.

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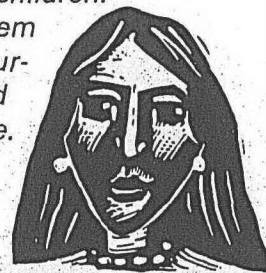
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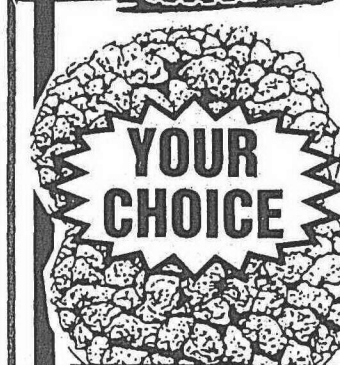
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6-Pak Orville Redenbacher's Popcorn	2.88	2.89	10-Oz. Palander Black Chy. Spread	1.55	1.69
1/2-Gal. Healthy Choice Ice Cream	3.47	3.99	4-Oz. Cracker Jack Butter Flavor	.50	.82
24-Ct. Lulianne Fam. Size Tea Bags	1.49	1.59	4.25-Oz. Village Saucery Garden Herb	1.78	2.16
8-Oz. Dannon Cherry Vanilla Yogurt	.69	.73	46-Oz. White House Grape Juice	1.58	1.83
4.6-Oz. Tube Crest Toothpaste	1.50	1.69	16-Oz. Sunshine Hydros Cookies	1.98	2.29
9.5-Oz. Pepperidge Farm Snack Mix	2.15	2.39	4.5-Oz. StarKist Tuna Lunch Kit	1.28	1.29
2-Oz. Idahoan Mashed Potatoes	.25	.33	14-Oz. Meadow Gold Condensed Milk	.97	.99
1-Gal. Jug Clorox Bleach	1.07	1.09	50-Ft. Reynolds Plastic Wrap	1.19	1.29
16-Oz. Mueller's Bowtie Pasta	1.08	1.32	18-Oz. Banquet Fr. Chic. Ex. Help. Dinner	1.88	2.00
12-Oz. Slim Fast Drink	.83	.99	5-Oz. Patio Beef & Bean Burrito	.38	.40
46-Oz. Dole Pineapple Juice	1.15	1.19	120-Ct. Sparkle Lunch Napkins	.67	.79
16-Oz. Sunmaid Raisins	.98	1.29	15-Oz. El Paso Burrito Dinner	1.98	2.16
46-Oz. Mt. Olive Dill Pickles	.99	1.50	Cosmopolitan Magazine	2.25	2.50
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15-Oz. Luck's Blackeye Peas	.39	.45	20-Ct./9-Oz. Solo Plastic Cups	.79	.89
16-Oz. Smart Beat Mayonnaise	.98	1.09	Greeting Card	1.50	2.50
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11-Oz. Pillsbury Bread Sticks	1.59	1.63	50-Oz. Hanes Green Beans	1.47	1.49
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