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Saturday in Sunday Park is September 30

By Juli Talty

The 18th Annual Saturday in Sunday Park arts and crafts show will take place on September 30 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. The rain date is October 7.

Brandermill artist Elaine Bankston said, "I've been involved with the Brandermill program for many years. This year should be better than ever."

Works by many fine local artists will be featured in the juried exhibition.

Watercolors, oils and pastels, jewelry, holiday and home decor, pottery, stained glass, baskets, flags and many other items will be on sale.

Cris Pool, a nationally known artist who creates whimsical images with geometric patterns including painted, stamped, appliqued and quilted fabric, will be



Photo by Wendy Parker
In preparation for Saturday in Sunday Park, Elaine Bankston puts final touches on a pastel portrait.

participating in the show.

About 35 artists and crafters are scheduled to participate including Brandermill residents Elaine Bankston, Bob Bradford, Margaret Dowling, Gene Gorham, Carol MacLeod, Maureen Olson, Ted

Sweetland, Carolyn Whelan, and Jennie Wyatt.

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Judge rules in MacIver/Pearson vs. BCA lawsuit 1994 BCA election outcome upheld

By Wendy Parker
Managing Editor

Judge F. Daffron, Jr. of the Commonwealth of Virginia, 12th Judicial Circuit, handed down his decision in the Robert A. MacIver and Gregory Pearson versus Brandermill Community Association, Inc. court case. The trial took place in the Chesterfield County Court House on November 4, 1994.

According to Community Manager Greg Ailsworth the judge's decision (in its entirety on page 2) means that the outcome of the 1994 BCA election was valid but that the BCA must

pay the attorneys' fees to the plaintiff regarding the audit.

Community Manager Ailsworth said, originally the plaintiff asked for three things: "that the BCA give Pearson and MacIver all audit reports including the audit of former Community Manager Chris Wheeler; give Pearson and MacIver access to all ballots and proxies cast at the April 18, 1994 board of directors election; and to remove all directors elected at the April 18 election based on the results that excluded votes and install the properly elected board of directors based on inclusion of all valid votes."

Ailsworth said that prior to going

to court, the BCA attorneys agreed to the second point that the ballots were a public record and released them. Ailsworth said, "However, the BCA went to court believing the audit was a personnel matter and not an association book or record." Regarding the election issue, Ailsworth said that the judge ruled that the Waterford vote was invalid so that Phil Perkins was duly elected. He noted that the BCA Board of Directors will discuss filing an appeal of the award of attorney fees.

In an August 29, letter, the judge

See Lawsuit on page 2.

Supervisors appropriate funds for widening shoulders on Old Hundred Road

By Harriet Coppins
Copy Editor

Community Manager Greg Ailsworth recently informed the BCA Board that the Chesterfield County Board of Supervisors approved an allocation of approximately \$35,000 to build shoulders on Old Hundred Road. Ailsworth distributed copies of a letter from Clover Hill Supervisor Art Warren written to Sterling's

Bridge resident Susan Palumbo informing her that in addition to the \$35,000, "We just received 'unofficial' notice from VDOT that we will receive some matching funds."

The Virginia Department of Transportation has allocated \$28,000 to begin shoulder repair work on Old Hundred Road between Genito Road and U.S. Route 360. The work will be finished by December and VDOT plans to look into acquiring more right-of-way along Old Hundred Road for

further shoulder work.

Since April Palumbo has been instrumental in a drive to make county officials aware of the dangers Old Hundred Road poses to drivers and passengers.

On April 27, Palumbo had witnessed the accident in which a young woman of 18 was killed. The woman, Suzanne Jackson, was driving on a

See Old Hundred Road on page 10.

Commission okays Greenspring zoning amendments

By Wendy Parker
Managing Editor

This is the third in a series of articles on undeveloped properties in and around Brandermill. This is Part 2 of the Greenspring story.

At the final hour of an August 15 meeting, the Chesterfield County Planning Commission unanimously approved the zoning amendments requested by the owners of 809 acres on

Swift Creek Reservoir, known as Greenspring. Bernard Savage, coordinator of the development, said that upon his arrival at the meeting he was surprised to find a request for a 60-day deferral. Up until the meeting he had no idea there would be any opposition to the amendment requests.

Members of the Watershed Committee, Mary Kramer and Michael Hollander, and Hands Across the Lake (HAL) member Betty Hunter-Clapp, all Brandermill residents, were present

to voice concerns pertaining to the development and its effects on the reservoir. Bernard Savage said that he had intended all along to "do whatever it takes to protect the reservoir."

In a flurry of activity in the corridors, Clover Hill Planning Commissioner Russell Gulley, planning staff, concerned citizens and the project attorney Rick Peters worked out

See Greenspring on page 4.

Board approves commercial reader boards

By Wendy Parker
Managing Editor

At the August 21 meeting, the BCA Board of Directors voted to allow commercial signs with reader boards at Sunday Park and Genito Station.

Despite opposition to reader boards by the Neighborhood Representative Council, the BCA Board made its decision after the signage committee recommended the signs. Last March the Commercial Architectural Review Board had unanimously denied approval of the reader board signs submitted by Chairman John Brook. According to Community Architect Doug Greene, the CARB denied the reader boards "because the proposed signs would be associated with the community signage. We felt that commercial advertising should not be associated with the BCA."

Vice President Jim Bolton, who made the motion to accept reader boards, said later that "commercial members have needs, as well, and reader boards are not an unreasonable request." Bolton added that "30 percent of a sign designated for the reader board is a fair compromise in recognizing the needs of all our members."

John Hughes, Neighborhood Representative Council vice chairman, addressed the BCA Board and said that representatives had voted 18 to 1 in opposition of reader boards at the August NRC meeting. Last February, a presentation was made to the NRC by Community Manager Greg Ailsworth regarding reader boards. According to the NRC minutes, "There were concerns about the potential for traffic accidents occurring while people read the messages and distaste for having advertising on the signs giving a commercial flavor to

See Reader Boards on page 10.

After the Fire

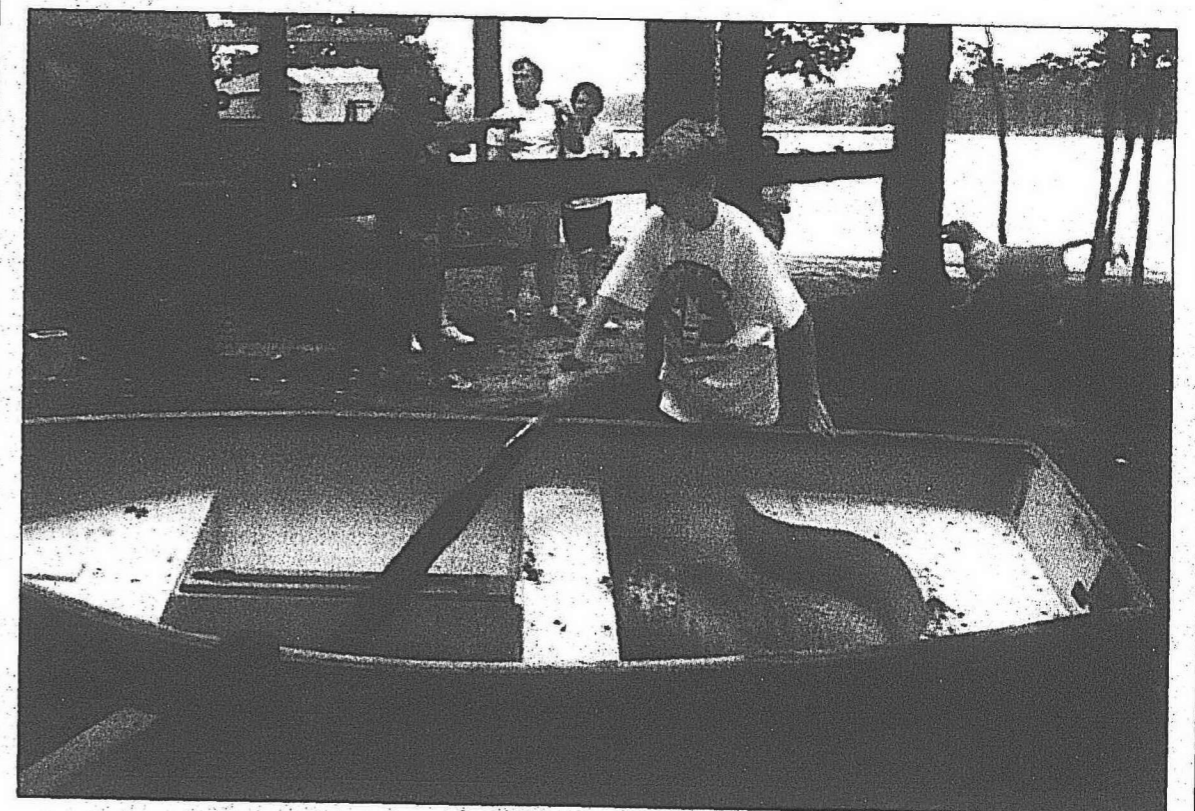


Photo by Wendy Parker
Jordan Smith removes a charred timber from the remains of his father's boat at Waterside Park. Another juvenile has admitted setting the fire in which several boats were destroyed. (See story on page 4.)

County to hold meetings on area development

By Wendy Parker
Managing Editor

Starting in early October, the Chesterfield County Planning Department will hold a series of community forums about growth and development trends in the western U.S. Route 360/Genito Road area, including Brandermill and Woodlake. The purpose of the forums is to provide residents, business and property owners with information about changes that are taking place in the area, and to solicit public opinion about planning for the

future.

The first forum will be held at Swift Creek Middle School on Monday October 2 at 7 p.m. Additional meetings at the same time and location are also scheduled for October 16 and 30 and November 13.

According to Planning Director Tom Jacobson, a Brandermill resident, the first meeting will address key information and projections on the growth of the area. Then those in attendance will be divided into groups and will be asked to identify strengths and weaknesses in the area.

In subsequent meetings, resource

people will provide expert information on key issues such as zoning, the watershed, architectural design standards, and schools.

The meetings are a result of a recommendation made by Clover Hill Supervisor Art Warren following community debate regarding the proposed controversial bio-fuel plant on Warbro Road and other development issues in the area. Asked how such zoning situations can be avoided in the future, Jacobson said, "We will

See Meetings on page 8.

Road Construction Update

By Juli Talty

Chesterfield County officials have informed Community Manager Greg Ailsworth that construction work on Coalfield Road between Genito Road and Centerpointe will be completed by December.

Land is now being cleared for the relocation of Coalfield Road between

Centerpointe and Midlothian Turnpike. That section of the project will be completed by the summer of 1996. The existing Coalfield Road will eventually become a dead end and traffic will access Midlothian Turnpike via the present Charter Colony Parkway near Midlothian High School.

See Road Update on page 14.

Upcoming Events

BCA 1996 Budget
& Town Meeting
September 13 • 7:30 p.m.
The Brandermill Church

Saturday in Sunday Park
September 30 • 10 a.m.



Photo by Brooks and Gray Sign Co.
The proposed Sunday Park sign with a reader board.



BRANDERMILL
Community Association

BCA Board Minutes

The regularly scheduled meeting of the BCA Board of Directors was held on August 21 at Oscar's. The following is a summary of the board 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 at the next meeting.

Present were Directors Jim Trent, Jim Bolton, Laurie Newill and Jo Owens as well as Community Manager Greg Ailsworth and Administrative Assistant Bobbi Glenn. Directors Charles Macfarlane and Kevin Healy were absent.

Member Voice

Kathy Carbone of Five Springs requested that the board correct the lack of privacy between lots 34 and 35 in Five Springs. President Trent requested a summary of the situation from Carbone and said he would get back to her.

John Hughes, NRC liaison, asked if the new sign at Courtside had been approved and by whom.

New Board Member

A motion was made and carried appointing C.E. Arnold to fill the remaining nine months of Director Phil Perkins' term.

President Trent commented that the Board felt it was unacceptable to leave the vacancy open and explained that they had chosen Doc Arnold because of his past experience as a board director. They did not choose from the past board candidates because they did not wish to endorse any one candidate over another. At this point Arnold was seated on the board.

Treasurer's Report

A motion was made and carried to accept the financial statements and file for audit. An accounts receivable aging report covering 13 months for comparison was requested for the next meeting.

President's Report

President Trent presented three resolutions drafted by Director Macfarlane. A resolution to eliminate toll on the Powhite Parkway was tabled. A motion was made and carried authorizing the community manager to analyze road improvement needs with the board. A motion was made and carried authorizing the community manager and community standards officer to establish a procedure for recording, filing and following up on ordinance violations with Chesterfield County.

Community Manager's Report

A request for trees in the median on Coalfield Road will be considered as well as additional fencing in the area. However, a request for trees between the fence and the curb was denied.

The budget committee will not recommend an assessment increase for 1996.

The county is considering repair of the shoulder along Old Hundred Road. Recommendations regarding *The Village Mill* review will be discussed at the September board meeting.

A proposal for a dam in the ditch at Planters Wood and Millridge Parkway to take the place of required retention ponds in the proposed neighborhoods of Sandy Brook and Promontory Pointe is being investigated.

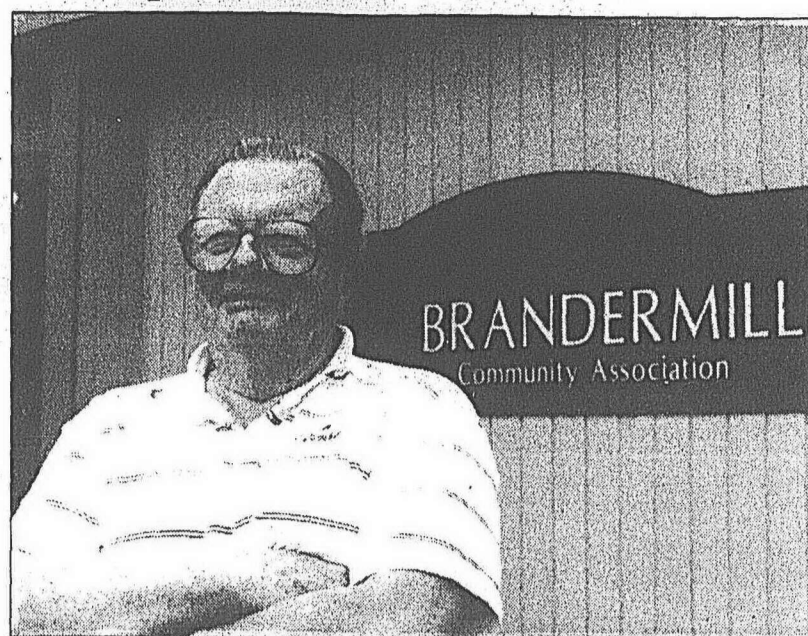
Committee Reports

NRC

John Hughes reported that the new NRC Board met on August 15. The budget for the NRC was discussed along with the current by-laws. He reported that reader board signs were discussed resulting in a motion to oppose.

See BCA Minutes on page 16.

BCA Board names Doc Arnold as replacement director



Doc Arnold

By Harriet Coppins
Copy Editor

The BCA Board of Directors voted to have Doc Arnold fill the vacancy on the board created by the resignation of former President Phil Perkins. Arnold will serve until the April 1996 election.

Arnold had formerly served consecutive two-year terms from 1990

to 1994. He served as treasurer during his first term and as first vice president during his second term. At various times during his tenure of office Arnold was named to the properties committee, signage committee, budget committee, and personnel committee.

Arnold says, "I'm happy to serve for the remainder of Perkins' unexpired term but I have no intention of running in the 1996 election."

Vandalism



Photo by Wendy Parker
BCA employees Garland Bannister and Brad Mitchell repair three street signs which had been vandalized in Winterberry Ridge. Cost of materials and labor in replacing each post is about \$75. (See Reward Box.)

Community Standards

By D. L. Pollio

Summer is over and the children are back in school. The days are getting shorter and cooler and it's time to take that boat out of the water and store it for the winter. We have been asked questions such as "Where do I put the boat?" or "Can I store it in my yard?" The answers to these questions are in the covenants.

Part II, paragraph 5 of the Single Family, Garden Home and Multiple Family covenants states that "Boats, boat trailers, campers, RV's and utility trailers may be maintained on a lot only within an approved enclosed or screened area such that they are not generally visible from adjacent properties."

In simple terms this means that you may have a boat on your property if no one can see it. You can store it under your deck if it is screened, you can keep it in your garage or you can build a fence enclosure (if approved).

Storage spaces, T-racks, or boat slips are available in designated areas. For additional rental information, contact Loretta Miller at the BCA office. The phone number is 744-1035.

Manager's Corner

1994 Audit

By Harriet Coppins
Copy Editor

Community Manager Greg Ailsworth said he was pleased with the finalized version of the report of the audit performed by Schuttrumpf and Koren, P.C. The report for the fiscal year 1994 was dated August 25 and delivered to the Brandermill Community Association office on the same day. A preliminary report had been made on June 16.

In the finalized version, the accounting firm reported revenues of \$312,075 in excess of expenses. In addition, the BCA had deposits of \$351,094 in the bank. The proposed 1996 budget that will be presented to the membership on September 13 at

The Brandermill Church at 7:30 p.m. includes a proposal to use \$100,961 of that total to pay off the mortgage on the administration building.

Ailsworth attributed the strong financial position of the association to the fiscal responsibility of BCA Treasurer Kevin Healy, Accounting Manager Pam Marruffo and Accounting Clerk Bernadette Patrick. The community manager also thanked the members of the finance committee for their dedicated service. BCA Treasurer and Chairman Kevin Healy, Doc Arnold, Bud Weeks, Jim Culbreth, and Kathleen Bush met every three months during the past year.

Healy said, "Credit should be given to past boards and administrations for their farsighted fiscal planning."

Lawsuit

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wrote, "This matter is before the Court to determine the outcome of the contested Brandermill Community Association (BCA) election. The issues before the Court are twofold: 1) whether the method used by the Brandermill Community Association to tabulate votes, particularly cumulative voting, in elections is legally permissible and 2) whether attorney's fees relating to the special audit of Chris Wheeler should be granted. Upon review of all the evidentiary materials, consideration of counsel's arguments and supporting memoranda, the Court reaches the following conclusions.

"The Use of Cumulative Voting is Not Permissible. Section 13.1-852 (B) of the Code of Virginia states that "members do not have a right to cumulate their votes for directors unless the articles of incorporation so provide." This statute clearly grants the authority to the incorporators to determine whether they will follow the cumulative method of voting elections. The Brandermill Community Association's Incorporators decided by the provisions of Article I, Section 3 in the Articles of Incorporation Bylaws that "Cumulative voting is prohibited." The BCA's Articles did not authorize cumulative voting and the Bylaws specifically precluded it. It is a general notion that invalid votes will not be counted. The Waterford votes were

cast improperly and they will not be counted.

"Attorney's Fees: Court finds that the plaintiff is entitled to attorney's fees in the requested amount of \$3,554.91 pursuant to the Virginia Code S 13.1-935 (c). The BCA's Articles of Incorporation plainly sets out the policy for the inspection of corporation documents. "The books, records and papers of the Corporation shall at all times, be subject to inspection by any member during reasonable business hours," Article IX of the BCA Articles of Incorporation Bylaws. The plaintiffs as members of the corporation enjoy the rights provided in Article IX to view the corporation records, books and papers. The plaintiffs should have been allowed to inspect the record unless the corporation had a reasonable doubt as to why they should not have been inspected.

"The burden shifted to the defendants to show a compelling reason to refuse the plaintiff's inspection. The defendants presented reasons for refusing the inspection including the "business judgment" rule which were neither supported by law nor their own Articles of Incorporation Bylaws. Through the defendant's testimony and supplemental arguments, the defendants failed to meet that burden. Therefore, the Court finds that the plaintiff's attorney's fees are justified and awards the plaintiff attorney fees and costs of \$3,554.91"

NRC Minutes

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Neighborhood Representative Council was held on August 15 in the Ivy Room at Brandermill Woods.

Member Voice

Jane Schepker asked for full support of the October 10 meeting on watershed management.

David Stitt reported on the teen center.

Membership

There were 23 members in attendance representing 16 neighborhoods.

Programs

Tom diStefano reported that the theme for programs will be business development around Brandermill and how it will affect us.

BCA Liaison

John Hughes reported that Phil Perkins has resigned from the BCA Board of Directors; flyers sanctioned by the BCA contain the BCA logo; the new brochure and video have been completed; Diane Hollander and Bob Broomfield were appointed to the BCA Public Relations Committee; new signs are on the BCA building; Michael Hollander is BCA liaison to the watershed management committee;

members are needed to attend monthly BCA Board work sessions; anyone wishing to participate in the member voice segment of BCA Board meetings must contact the BCA by the Wednesday prior to the meeting.

A motion was made and carried to advise the BCA Board that the NRC is opposed to commercial reader boards in Sunday Park and Genito Station. A motion was made and carried requesting that the sign at Courtside be brought into compliance with other Brandermill signs.

Committee Formation

The chairman asked the membership to consider the following items: a donation to The Brandermill Church for use of the facility; an NRC donation to the community such as trees or a flagpole; volunteers to manage the social aspects of the meetings; a re-evaluation of the bylaws.

Program

John Cogbill addressed the members regarding the proposed Homart development known as Commonwealth Center. The development is on the southwest corner at the junction of Routes 288 and 360.

ARB Approvals

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

Autumn Woods: New home
Barnes Spring: Room addition
Chimney House: New home
Gleneagles: Awning
Muirfield Green: Vinyl siding

Old Fox Trail: Deck enclosure
Pebble Creek: Garage
Sagewood: New home
Shallowford Landing: Addition
Sterlings Bridge: In-law suite
Winterberry Ridge: Deck, gazebo

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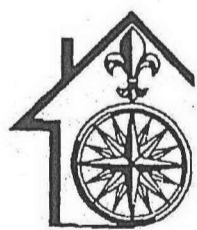
The BCA also offers rewards for information on vandalism to BCA property.



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COMMUNITY

Premiere features new Brandermill video and brochure

By Wendy Parker
Managing Editor

Approximately 40 Brandermill residents and guests followed a balloon-lined drive to the world premiere showing of the Brandermill video and brochure on August 25. Viewers were greeted at the Brandermill Inn by Michael Hollander in appropriate attire—a tuxedo—and Bob Graboyes entertained at the piano.

The eight-minute video, touting the beauty of Brandermill and its amenities, was produced by Market Square Teleproductions, directed by Brandermill resident Dennis Peterson and assisted by Brenda Hatcher. Additional video footage was provided by Brandermill photographer Ted Sweetland and still shots by East West Partners.

Featured in the video are former BCA Board President Phil Perkins, Director Jo Owens, former public relations chairman, and Community Manager Greg Ailsworth.

The video and full color Brandermill brochure were recommended

three years ago by the public relations committee as marketing tools to draw prospective homeowners and businesses. The brochure, which announces "video available," will be included in a marketing package distributed by the Metropolitan Richmond Chamber of Commerce. There are approximately 400 requests per month for the package. Those whose interest is piqued by the Brandermill brochure will be able to call the BCA and order copies of the video for \$5 or for \$7.50 to cover mailing costs.

Dennis Peterson, owner of Market Square Teleproductions shot the aerial footage, scenes of downtown Richmond and the reservoir, from a chartered plane. Secured by only a belt, he said he actually was leaning out the door of the plane as it banked over the reservoir. Other scenes were shot throughout the year, featuring the changing of seasons and highlighting the many activities and housing styles available in Brandermill. Peterson said, "I tried to reflect the spirit of Brandermill."

Prior to the showing of the video, Director Owens thanked the volun-



Dennis Peterson, at left, and Ted Sweetland get a close up look at the new Brandermill video.

teers who set up the premiere. (See thank you ad on page 2.) The event was co-sponsored by the BCA and Jim Moyler, owner of the Brandermill Inn.

Teen center program continues this fall

By Juli Talty

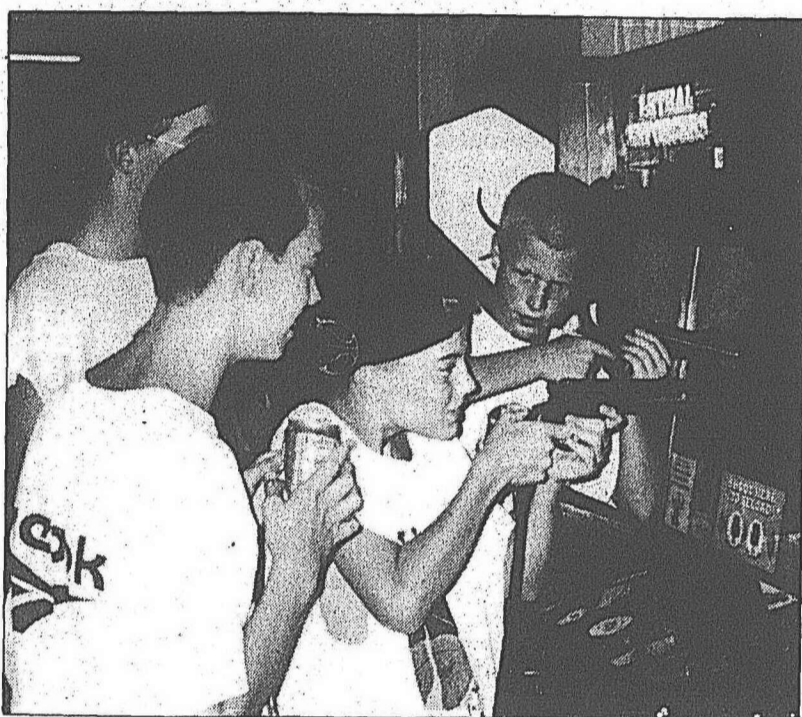
The Clover Hill Area Teen Center (CHATC) completed its summer season of activities for area teens at Swift Creek Middle School on August 24. Program Chairman David Stitt said the fall program will begin in mid-September with similar activities but with a few changes.

Gary Fenchuk of East West Partners has offered the teen center committee the use of land in Sunday Park that was previously occupied by Millwood School. The committee is negotiating for the use of the mobile unit on the property and a possible option on a second unit.

Stitt said the county parks and recreation department will continue its involvement with CHATC. The BCA Board voted to grant the teen center committee use of the funds generated from the summer pilot program.

Stitt added that the teen center will be open from 2:30 to 6:30 p.m. Monday through Thursday and 6:30 to 10:30 p.m. on Friday and Saturday.

The committee is considering extending the weekday evening hours to approximately 9 p.m. and adding a



Teens take turns at a popular video game at the center.

tutoring program. In addition, a group of 18 to 20-year-olds has expressed an interest in using the facility after the regular teen center hours.

The committee is also looking into

transporting teen center members to a gymnasium for special activities. Activities at the Sunday Park site will include music, a snack bar, pool and video games.

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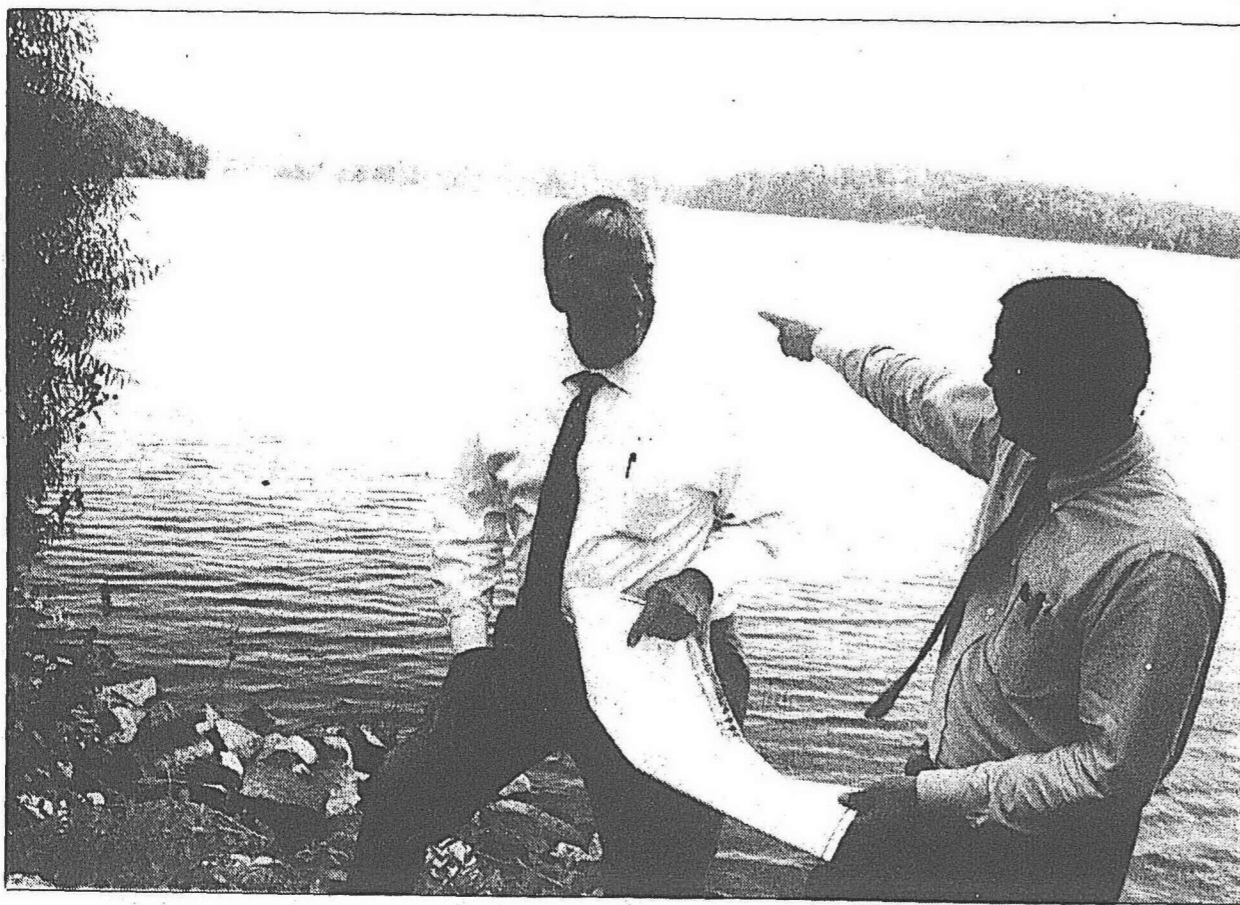


Photo by Wendy Parker
Bernard Savage and Rick Peters look over plans for Greenspring. Peters points out "The Boot," a section of land that juts out into Swift Creek Reservoir.

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proffers on which all parties agreed. Planning Commissioner Guley said, "The compromise proffers show that everyone is working toward the common goal of protecting the watershed and the water supply."

The first proffer agreed that no timbering with the exception of that necessary to remove dead or diseased trees would take place until a land disturbance permit is obtained from the environmental engineering department.

The second and third proffers dealt with controls of the levels of phosphorous in storm water run-off so that the post-development load will not exceed 0.22 pounds per acre per year on four residential tracts of land and 0.35 pounds per acre per year on a commercial tract unless future ordinance amendments allow a different loading. (Current phosphorous standards are 0.44 pounds per acre per year.)

Following the agreement of proffers, Michael Hollander, BCA liaison to the watershed committee, complimented the developers. He said,

"I think what they've proffered is a strong step forward in keeping the reservoir in the best possible shape."

The case will next go to the Chesterfield County Board of Supervisors for approval at the September 27 meeting in the public meeting room at 7 p.m.

The development of Greenspring will front the north and south lines of Genito Road and the east line of Woolridge Road. It will also front the north and south lines of Old Hundred Road, approximately 1,500 feet west of Brandermill Parkway.

Twelve amendments to the current zoning, in addition to the proffers, were addressed during the planning commission meeting. Some of the approved amendments include the removal of the obligation to construct a golf course. Peters noted that one of the concerns of HAL members was the housing density. The development calls for 1,381 residential units. By eliminating the golf course, Peters said, "We will be putting in the same number of units over a greater land mass." According to Chesterfield County Planning Director Tom Jacobson, this will minimize the impact that a golf course would have on

water quality.

Another approved amendment gives permission to go forward with minimal development to generate funds necessary to construct a multi-million dollar loop road connecting Genito Road with the Powhite Parkway Extension. Another amendment retains the requirement that an on-site water distribution system be designed to accommodate future development north and northeast of the property.

Greenspring originally included six parcels of land totaling 1,312 acres. At this time, however, owners of only three parcels choose to go forward with development. According to Planning Director Jacobson, the zoning case of an additional 408 acres (formerly Greenspring II) owned by Marjorie and David Rose, has been deferred for one year.

Waiting for approval by the board of supervisors, Savage says that work will continue with site planning and negotiations with buyers of property for multi-family use. If all goes according to plan he said, "We hope to see a green light by the end of October and we look forward to breaking ground no later than the first quarter of 1996."

County grants rezoning on Rt. 360 acreage

By Wendy Parker
Managing Editor

The Chesterfield County Planning Commission granted a zoning request by James Hubbard for 128.3 acres adjacent to Ashbrook off U.S. Route 360. The request was for the rezoning of 73.7 acres from light industrial to community business and 54.6 acres from light industrial to residential.

According to Clover Hill Planning Commissioner Russell Guley, Hubbard agreed to the same phosphorous levels of 0.22 pounds per acre per year that Greenspring property owners have proffered. Although the acreage is in the Matoaca District, Guley was asked to work with the applicant because of the proximity of the acreage to Swift Creek Reservoir.

Guley said, "Hubbard was very interested in preserving the quality of water in any development in which he would be involved in the watershed. The cost was nominal, compared to the overall construction cost." The additional costs of providing land, labor and construction of a BMP (best management practice) or in other words, a protective pond, amounted to \$39,000. He noted that the model used to calculate the cost of the BMP for the developer was provided by Brandermill resident Mary Kramer.

Referring to the Greenspring and Hubbard developments, Guley said, "These two cases with the proffers set a positive direction for any further development in the watershed."

Brandermill Woods will hold open house and fall forum

Brandermill Woods Retirement Community will hold an open House on Wednesday, September 13 from 2 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. at the Information Center. The open house is free and open to the public and light refreshments will be served. Retirement counselors will be available to answer questions. The Walter Bell Latin-Jazz Trio will be the featured musical entertainment in Oscar's at the Clubhouse from 4:30 p.m. to 6 p.m.

In addition, Brandermill Woods

begins its Fall Forum series on Thursday, September 21 from 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. in the Clubhouse. The featured speaker is Victor Vieweg, M.D., who will discuss how to maintain a healthy perspective on the aging process.

As director of geriatric psychiatry at the Medical College of Virginia, Dr. Vieweg has published numerous studies on the aging process.

Registration and light refreshments will begin at 6:30 p.m. The program will start at 7 p.m.



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Juveniles set fire to boats at Waterside

By Wendy Parker
Managing Editor

A fire in Waterside Park, set by youngsters on August 25, totally destroyed a BCA T-rack, five boats and damaged four others. The value of the boats and canoes is estimated at over \$5,000. Replacement of the T-rack and labor amounted to \$1,600. According to Community Manager Greg Ailsworth, one juvenile has confessed to setting the fire and a parent has come forward to discuss restitution to the BCA and to the boat owners. Community service by the 13-year-old has also been discussed.

Firefighters were called to the park around 4:30 p.m. According to witnesses, Cove Ridge resident Kevin Curtis risked injury to remove boats from the next T-racks. He used bolt cutters to release the chained boats. Witnesses said some of the boats "simply vaporized."

Cove Ridge resident Mark Smith, whose boat was damaged, commented on the dry terrain, "I'm grateful nobody's house was burned. We came close to a major disaster."

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Sept. 13	1996 BCA Budget/Town Meeting	7:30 p.m.
Sept. 16	The Brandermill Church Clover Hill Library Yard Sale Deer Run Pool	8 a.m. - 1 p.m.
Sept. 18	BCA Board Meeting Oscar's	7 p.m.
Sept. 18	Brandermill Woman's Club Ivy Room, Brandermill Woods	9:30 a.m.
Sept. 20	Chesterfield Welcome League Woodlake United Meth. Church	9:30 a.m. - noon
Sept. 21	Brandermill Jr. Women's Club Brandermill Community Ctr.	7:30 p.m.
Sept. 24	Brandermill Sailing Club Fun Sail	
Sept. 27	Greenspring Case: Bd. of Supervisors County Public Meeting Room	7 p.m.
Sept. 30	Saturday in Sunday Park arts and crafts show	10 a.m. - 4 p.m.
Oct. 2	Area Meeting Swift Creek Middle School	7 p.m.
Oct. 7	CHHS Band Yard Sale CHHS parking lot	7 a.m. - 1 p.m.
Oct. 9	BCA Board work session BCA conference room	8 a.m.
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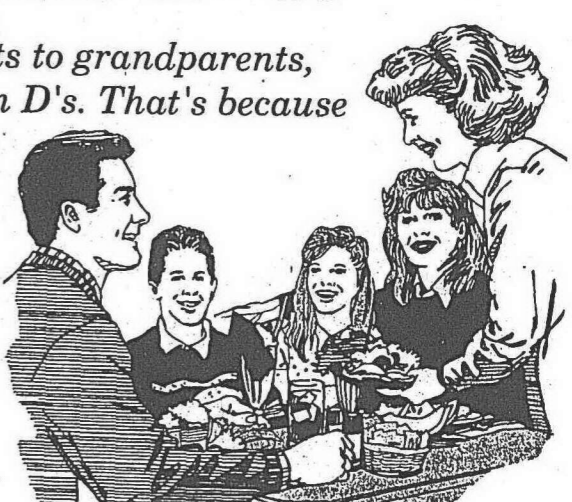
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Volunteers making a difference

Gail Smart devotes spare time to help feed the hungry

By Harriet Coppins
Copy Editor

Gail Smart of Harbour Pointe promised herself several years ago that when her sons were both in school she would devote her days to feeding the hungry. She has kept that promise.

In 1990 Smart began to serve soup and sandwiches to the hungry people who came to the Presbyterian Church on Fifth and Main Streets in Richmond. Her involvement was through The Brandermill Church outreach program. Knowing that there were many more people who needed help, she approached the members of the 31st Street Baptist Church and asked if they could use her services. That was in 1991 and Smart is now the coordinator and organizer of the nutrition center of that church.

Smart says, "I firmly believe that everything that happens to us, happens for reasons we may not understand at the time." When Winn-Dixie opened in The Village at Waterford on Halloween, 1991, she took her sons there for trick or treat. She decided to apply for a part-time job in the bakery and worked there for eight months. During that time, she came to know the manager well and asked if he would give her the day-old bakery goods for the downtown Presbyterian Church. Smart says everyone at the Winn-Dixie was delighted to help and she was able to bring cookies, cakes and pies to augment the very basic lunches that were being served. "The main thing about adding dessert," Smart says, "is to see the expression on people's faces — especially the

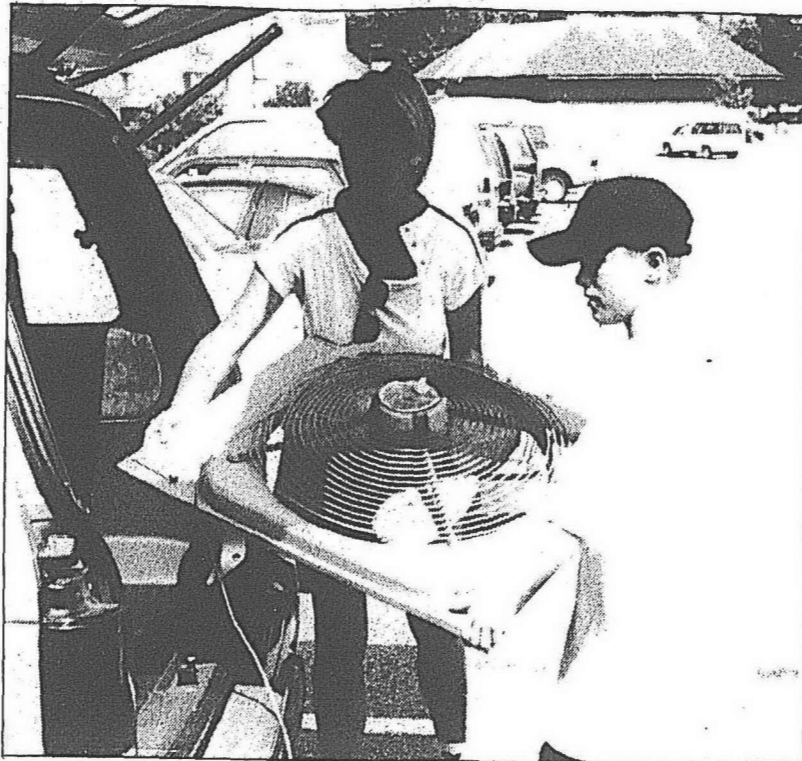
little kids."

Smart decided she wanted to do more for the hungry. She says she recruited some assistants, went back to the manager at Winn-Dixie, received his full cooperation and started a five-day nutrition program at the Baptist Church. The store manager now saves her food from all departments and every weekday Smart or someone from her group picks up all the food that Winn-Dixie will no longer sell including items from the dairy, deli, meat and produce departments. Employees put the food in boxes and Smart stores them in her garage and refrigerates the perishables. She says, "Winn-Dixie is a really good neighbor." She recalls the time she had 860 jars of mayonnaise in her garage. She says the "mayonnaise edifice" took weeks to take down.

The nutrition center at the Baptist Church operates from Monday to Friday. Due mainly to the kindness of Winn-Dixie and the hard work of Smart and her friends, plastic bags of food are available for the weekend so that the 250 people who eat lunch on a daily basis will not go hungry.

Smart devotes three hours a day to helping the hungry. There is no such thing as "down time" for her. She is the president of the Chesterfield County Christian Women's Club and a member of her church choir. An avid tennis player, Smart is captain of her team and is a certified referee and linesperson. She also coaches the boys' tennis team at Brandermill Country Club.

Occasionally, someone calls her and says that because of financial problems there's no food in the house.



Gail Smart gets a helping hand in loading her van from son Taylor. Photo by Juli Talty

Gail then activates her "temporary food delivery service" usually for no more than 10 families at any one time. She says, "The sweetest words I hear on the phone are 'we're okay now but thanks for everything.'"

Smart's sons Taylor, 11 and Scott, 10, are very conscious about food and have helped serve downtown and load and unload her van. She says that The Brandermill Church congregation has over the last few years contributed to the nutrition center. The Brandermill Rotary Club is also a faithful con-

tributor. However, Smart says, "We always need financial help and workers to serve or deliver food."

She says she can arrange to pick up used furniture, mattresses and appliances for those in need. She recently distributed supplemental items from the adopt a family program. Sometimes people leaving on a vacation will clean out their refrigerators and Smart can arrange to put the food to good use. Anyone who can assist Smart may reach her through The Brandermill Church.

Scout's Honor



Photo by Wendy Parker
Ryan Raddin receives his Eagle Scout designation. Participating in the ceremony are his mother Margaret, his father Hal and Reverend Reggie Tuck, at left. For his community service project, Ryan and members of Troup 890 replaced landscaping ties and gravel to stop erosion at The Brandermill Church parking lot.

BWC will host "veteran"

By Mary Brown

The Brandermill Woman's Club will meet on September 18 at the Brandermill Woods Clubhouse downstairs in the Ivy Room. Women of the community are invited to come at 9:30 a.m. for coffee followed by a 10 a.m. program and a meeting at the conclusion of the program. Please call Gloria Barbara at 739-7437 for lunch reservations.

The telephone committee will call the women who have paid their dues for 1995-1996 to remind them that they may sign up for the activity groups. These include bridge, bookies, investment, newcomers, quilting, garden club, antiques, and dining out.

The speaker at the meeting will be William A. Young, Jr., who will offer a performance as George W. Finley, a first lieutenant in the 56th Virginia Infantry Regiment. Finley was captured at Gettysburg, spent two years in federal prisons and became a Presbyterian minister after the war.

Young is the same age now as Finley was in 1895 and will be dressed

in 1895 fashions. He will speak as if Finley were looking back 32 years to his participation in Pickett's charge on July 3, 1863 at the Battle of Gettysburg.

Jr. Women's Club will meet on September 21

The Brandermill Junior Women's Club will meet at the Brandermill Community Center on Thursday, September 21 at 7:30 p.m.

A representative from the Virginia Federation of Women's Clubs will talk about the local organization and becoming a part of the federation.

The Brandermill Junior Women's Club invites area women between the ages of 18 and 40, who are interested in serving the community while engaging in social activities, to join the group.

For more information, please call Christie Harrell at 744-7881.

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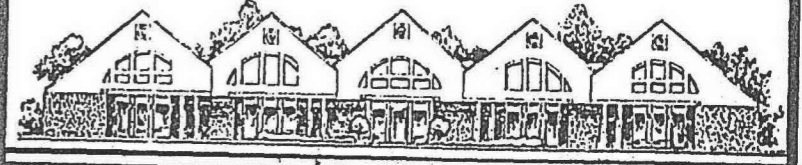
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Mrs. Theodore Polito

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Rev. Thomas Shreve, pastor of the Church of the Epiphany, officiated.

Michelle Turner-Mullen and Tonya Tunnell served as matrons of honor. Bridesmaids were Tanya and Jeanne-Marie De Stefano, the bride's sisters; the bride's cousin Mia De Stefano; the groom's sister Jennifer Morris; and Isabelle Brennett; and Tracy Whiting.

The groom's brother Eric Polito was best man. Groomsmen were the bride's brother Harrison De Stefano; Bruce Morris, brother-in-law of the groom; Thomas Mullen; Chase Tunnell; Delayne Chowan; and Bobby Aflatooni.

A reception was held at Maymont Park following the ceremony.

The bride is manager of the Kellogg Collection in Richmond, and the groom works for Capitol One. They will reside in the Richmond area.



The moderators and the six panelists at American Legion Post 186 Boys and Girls State Panel Discussion are from left: Mary Lou Vronek, Girls State Chairman, 11th District; Mary Ellen Payne; Dom Scaffido, Post 24 Virginia Beach Senior Boys State Counselor; Christy Waggoner; Michael Carpenter; Ellen Shultz; Michael Sloan; and Jeffrey Palmore.

American Legion hosts student recognition

By Gordy Smith

The Annual Boys State Recognition Night sponsored by American Legion Post 186 in August had a distinctly co-ed appearance.

To enlighten the large audience, a panel discussion consisting of both Boys and Girls Staters was presented. Panel members included Christy

Waggoner and Michael Carpenter, Clover Hill High School; Ellen Shultz and Jeffrey Palmore, Midlothian High School; Mary Ellen Payne, Monacan High School; and Michael Sloan, Powhatan High School.

Moderators asked questions of the panel and their answers addressed the inner workings of both Boys State and Girls State.

The evening started with a social

hour which enabled Post 186 members and guests to meet and become acquainted. At the meeting, Boys State committee Chairman Gordy Smith told the audience that 17 Boys Staters were sponsored directly or indirectly by Post 186 in 1995, an increase of five over 1994. The post's goal for 1995 is 25 participants.

Fifty-three members of American Post 186 are Brandermill residents.

Friends sponsor yard sale

All proceeds from a community-wide yard sale to be held at the Deer Run Community Association Pool on September 16 will go to the purchase of books for the library.

Spaces are available by donating \$20 to Friends of the Clover Hill Library, 6701 Deer Run Drive, Midlothian, VA 23112. Please list your phone number.

As always, volunteers are needed to help with this endeavor. Residents who are interested in working on behalf of the library at the yard sale, either at the Friends' booth or the

refreshment stand, should call Jo Owens at 744-7167.

One thousand dollars, the hoped-for goal, will be spent entirely on the purchase of new books for Clover Hill Library, says Woodbriar Ridge resident Cherie Heintz, president of the local Friends chapter.

The sale begins at 8 a.m. with approximately 60 spaces available. A raindate has been set for Saturday, September 23. To donate items to the Friends' booth, please bring them to the Deer Run pool on Friday, September 15, between 1 and 7 p.m.

New Baby Announcement

Caryl and Phil Quinn of Timber Ridge announce the birth of their daughter Natalie Lovejoy Quinn on August 10.

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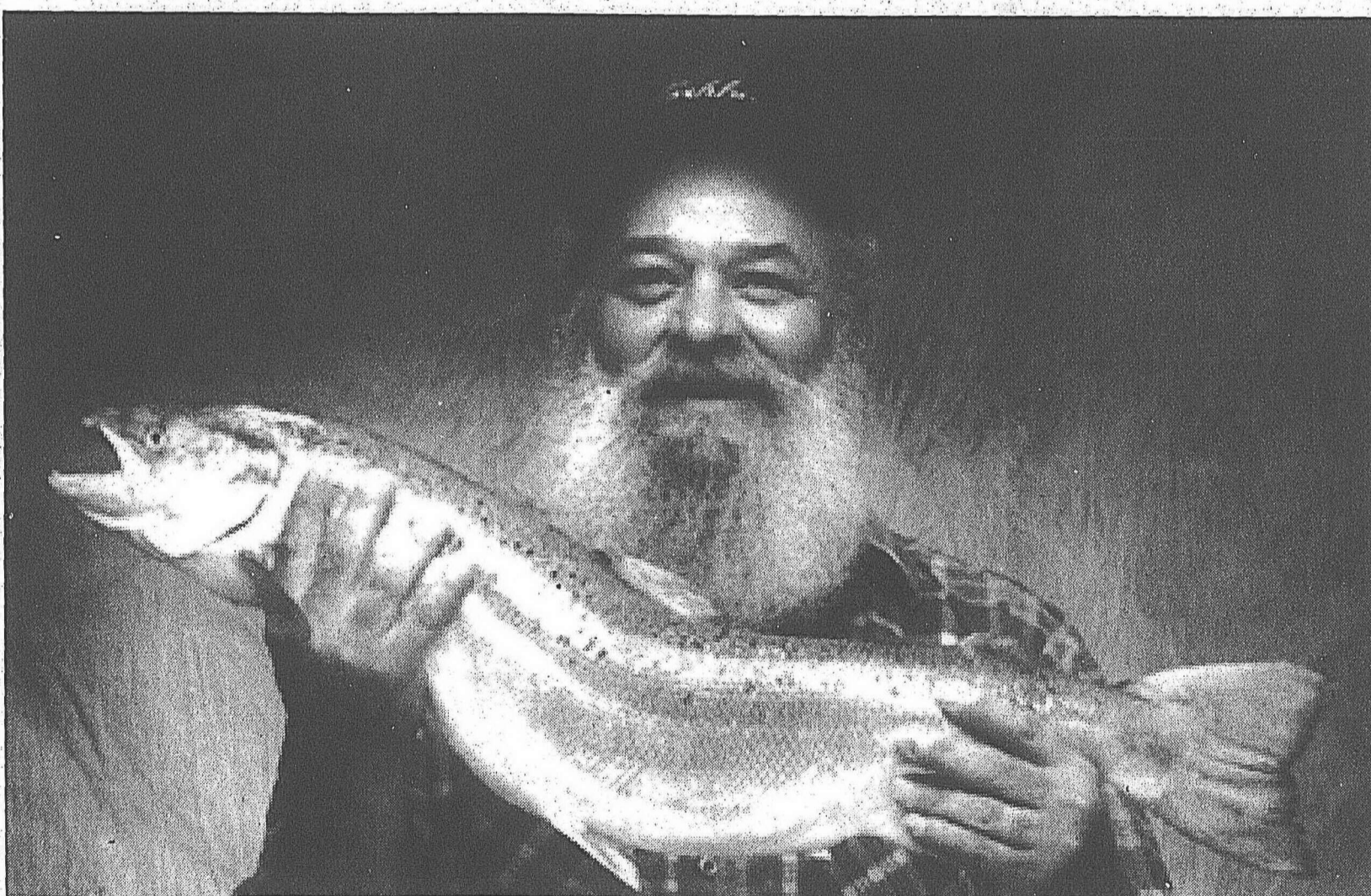
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Volunteers serve on Manchester Rescue Squad

By Harriet Coppins
Copy Editor

Forty years ago six concerned citizens bought an old hearse, stored it in a garage and declared themselves the Manchester Volunteer Rescue Squad.

The idea was not a new one, as the first volunteer group in the United States had already been formed in Roanoke, Virginia. But a rescue squad was woefully needed. The closest hospital at that time was in downtown Richmond and there were no ambulances available in this area. A terrible accident involving several badly injured people was the catalyst for the citizens' action. Apparently, the accident victims lay helpless on the ground for hours until help finally arrived.

The men who formed the Manchester Volunteer Rescue Squad wanted to serve the community in time of need and 40 years later, that philosophy has not changed.

The squad now consists of 95 members, half of whom are women. Their average age is 30 to 32. By law no one under the age of 16 can be accepted and by custom no one over 55 becomes a squad member because of the strenuous duties involved.

The years of volunteer service average out to roughly 10 although Sam Langley, chief of operations, has served for 24 years. Members must be on duty at the squad building at 3500

Courthouse Road from 12 to 24 hours a week. In addition, the men and women of the squad must undergo many hours of training to qualify. Originally, volunteers had only to pass the American Red Cross First Aid course. Now all members must be, at the least, emergency medical technicians with 120 hours of classroom and hospital training, part of which is conducted in the emergency room. Technicians must be recertified every four years.

Cardiac technicians undergo 200 hours of additional training and are required to attend classes constantly. These squad members are capable of monitoring the heart and are qualified to administer life-saving medications. The most highly trained volunteers are paramedics who make up a large part of the squad.

The personnel who answer 911 calls are all communications officers of Chesterfield County. These dispatchers are paid employees. The instant a 911 call is placed, the name, address and telephone number of the home from which the call is made is displayed on a screen. The necessary equipment, ambulance, fire truck or police car, is also instantly dispatched, and the person taking the emergency call is trained to give advice on how to help the person in distress. Sometimes the person who is stricken is alone and places the call. If that person, for any reason, cannot continue



Photo by Juli Talty
Kim Golden, Melanie Burkeen and Crew Leader Mark Inman perform an equipment check in a rescue vehicle.

seeking assistance.

Chief of Operations Sam Langley, a systems analyst for Reynolds Metal, says his volunteer work is very gratifying. He believes he speaks for the whole squad when he comments that saving a life — particularly that of a child — is worth all the years of hard work and sacrifice.

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Letters to the Editor

Reader Boards

To the Editor:
The actions of the BCA Board of directors at last month's BCA Board meeting have left me incensed! The apparent insensitivity to the concerns of the NRC left me in a state of confusion and disgust.

In a perfect world, the representative from each neighborhood speaks with his or her neighbors and that representative brings the consensus viewpoint from that neighborhood to the NRC. Then, the NRC as a whole reflects the viewpoint of the collective neighbors and property owners in our community. The liaison from the NRC presents this collective view to the BCA Board of Directors.

In this perfect world, the BCA then acts on behalf of the property owners and according to their wishes. As elected officials that is their fiduciary responsibility to do so!

Last month John Hughes, the liaison from the NRC, reported that not once, but twice the collective NRC discussed reader boards for retail merchants. The first time this was discussed was at the May meeting; the consensus of opinion was that the neighbors were opposed to commercial reader boards. There was no vote taken — the consensus which was arrived at was majority opinion from the context of the discussion.

At the August meeting, a vote was taken and that vote, 18-1, reflected that 95 percent of those casting votes opposed commercial reader boards. That clearly expressed the sentiments of the residents.

I personally don't care one way or another about commercial reader boards. Whether we have them or not makes no difference to me. I do care, however, that the BCA Board of Directors acts according to the expressed position of the community at large.

After John's report, a director introduced a motion to approve commercial reader boards. The only dissenting voice was from a director, not in opposition, but concerned about the NRC vote, but concerned that the BCA could also be represented on the Sunday Park reader board in addition to the commercial enterprise.

No director even concerned himself or herself with what apparently was the overwhelming wishes of the NRC, who, in a perfect world, represent the interests of the property owners at large.

Make no mistake about this next

point. There would be no commercial enterprise within the boundaries of Brandermill or on the perimeter if the residents were not here to support those businesses. Businesses follow population. Collectively there might be 50 to 60 million dollars invested in business in Brandermill. That certainly is a lot of money. Also, commercial enterprise deserves fair consideration when deliberating things that might affect their operations. However, there are approximately 4,000 residences in Brandermill and the average home price is \$125,000.

That represents a collective investment of five hundred million dollars! A half a billion dollars! There can be no question in your mind as to the responsibility of the board! First, last, and foremost, this is a residential community. The residents should, and must, have the right to determine what is proper within their community.

A half a billion dollars! That's what the residents have invested in a lifestyle and quality of life. The board of directors are elected by those residents and charged with preserving, protecting and enhancing that investment. When the board chose to ignore the spoken and documented collective wishes of the residents, it violated the trust of the community and failed miserably in its fiduciary responsibility. If the collective residents wanted stalks of wheat for landscaping, purple mailboxes, neon signs, or no signs whatsoever — it is the board's duty to follow their collective wishes despite board members own personal misgivings. It is the residents' community, and the board is charged with following their wishes.

The board sent a message to every Brandermill resident with the disregard of community wishes. The message sent was that:

1. "We don't care what the residents want, we know better than they, what's best for Brandermill, and we have the power to discard their wishes and push our own agenda."

2. To every volunteer who gives up his or her valuable time to serve on a committee you said, "We don't care what work you've put in, what advice you've given, or what recommendations you've made. You've wasted your time because we don't care!"

I cannot believe the board wanted to send either of those messages. But, that's what we heard!

Jim Murphy, Watch Hill

Watershed Development

Letter to the Editor:

I attended the meeting on August 15 in which the Greenspring and Hancock proffers to the county included a pace-setting phosphorus runoff standard of 0.22, a standard in keeping with the figures Mary Kramer has presented to the Watershed Management Committee. Should we wonder why the developers took the "high road" when they might have squeaked by with the existing and less protective ordinance?

The attitude that Greenspring attorney Rick Peters has stated, "Perhaps Greenspring can demonstrate that good environmental policy is good business," seems to me the central influence in the proffer of 0.22 and little by little that attitude seems to be catching on across the country. Yet it takes more than attitude.

There is the state's Chesapeake Bay Act of 1988, and the newly-elected supervisors in 1992 who created the watershed management committee; the men and women on the Committee who have hung in there for well over two years; our BCA Board recently taking a much more active leadership role in protecting the reservoir; and Hands Across the Lake with public meetings, newsletters, contests, all pushing water protection.

And individuals like Art Warren, who has held numerous meetings on water quality and even now still wants our input at the October 2 town meeting on watershed standards. And Russ Gulley who reminded Bernard Savage (Greenspring coordinator) at a meeting for adjacent property owners on July 13 that they could do much for water quality by adopting a stricter standard of phosphorus run-off than was presently in place.

And the feeling of pride of place exhibited by land development partners Savage and Jewett who agree that since they've lived here so long, they want to do the right thing in developing land so near the reservoir. As Jewett says, "Very simply put, we want to be proud of it."

I wonder whether the individual reader of this newspaper fits into this circle of influence on behalf of water protection. After the scientists and engineers have given us their very best ideas as to what strategies will protect Swift Creek Reservoir, then the bottom line becomes, "How do we pay for it?" Our law-makers and politicians have to know what you

think of water protection and how to pay for it in order to represent you accurately.

Representatives of two developments have said they will meet the bottom line. Will we follow their lead? Betty Hunter-Clapp
Shallowford Trace

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CHES NEWS

By Mary Kay McCall

On Tuesday, September 5, more than 750 students began the first day of the 1995-1996 school year at Clover Hill Elementary School. Returning students have already seen a number of changes and improvements since they left for summer vacation a mere 12 short weeks ago.

Topping the list of changes at CHES is the appointment of Kathy Sefrin as the new assistant principal. Sefrin, a 15-year resident of Brandermill, was formerly an assistant principal at Chalkley Elementary School and teacher at both Watkins and Gordon Elementary Schools before coming to CHES.

She and her husband Paul have four children: Alexandra and Jessica are recent graduates of VCU and William and Mary, respectively; Cameron is in his second year at The Citadel, and Garrett is a junior in high school. Sefrin replaces Dale Holt, who was named the new assistant principal at Harrowgate Elementary.

Sefrin works with Principal Dianne Smith, who is beginning her third year at CHES. While Principal Smith spent much of her summer vacation preparing for the new school year, she is happy that the quiet hallways and empty classrooms are once again filled with the sounds of the student body.

CHES also welcomes Cheryl Rudd to the first-grade teaching staff and Joyce Tiller to the office staff.

CHES has a hard-working Parent-Teacher Association. All families and friends of CHES are encouraged to become active members and supporters of the PTA. Officers and committee chairmen for the school year are: George Maddox, president; Robin Bolás, vice president-programs; Paula



Assistant Principal Kathy Sefrin, at left, and Principal Dianne Smith

Tylus, vice president-ways and means; Deborah Anderson, secretary and coordinator of special events; Willa Woods, treasurer; Tricia Bonnes and Grace Jost, membership; Leslie Skinker, hospitality; Kyle Grinnage, parliamentarian and county council representative; Mary Kay Huss and Donna Granger, volunteer coordinators; Jennifer Francis, bylaws; Lynette Greenfield, school council representative; Jack Dollar, school enhancement; Cathy Maher, afternoon enrichment; Judy Anderson, Nancy Malatesta, and Vicky Cioner, special events; Holly Angel, newsletter; Michelle Schappacher, grocery store receipts; Mary Halsey, homeroom parent coordinator; Beth Freda, histo-

rian, and Mary Kay McCall, publicity.

CHES teachers and staff will be welcoming parents and students on two Back-to-School Nights in September. On Wednesday, September 20, there will be a Back-to-School Night for grades three, four, and five beginning at 7 p.m. in the CHES cafeteria. The Back-to-School Night for grades kindergarten, one, and two will take place on September 27, at 7 p.m.

Other dates of interest include a PTA Executive Board meeting on Thursday, September 14 at 6:30 p.m. and a school council meeting on Tuesday, September 19 at 6:30 p.m. Both will be held in the CHES media center/library.

By Stephanie Kready
PTA President

Swift Creek Middle School is off to a great start for the 1995-1996 school year. Orientations went well for new students and the PTA welcomed teachers with a breakfast during the teacher work week.

The PTA is anticipating a wonderful year and appreciates the support it receives from parents and teachers. Teamwork is the main theme for this year. Sharing ideas, supporting each other and better school communication will also be stressed.

Principal Joy Brown hopes to increase parents' involvement by listening to their ideas about how the school can better meet the needs of the students. She wants parents to share their thoughts and ideas with her and has planned informal monthly meetings. These get-togethers will be held in the school cafeteria and parents may talk to the principal over coffee and danish in a relaxed atmo-

Meetings Continued from page 1.

look at our current plan and development standards; what kinds of future uses are allowed; and identify areas for changes. We can bring comprehensive plan changes to the attention of the board of supervisors for the next budget year."

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SCMS NEWS

Brown is looking forward to the meetings as a mutual sharing of thoughts and ideas and as a way to ascertain how the community feels about the school. The first meeting is scheduled for Friday, September 29 from 6 to 8 a.m.

PTA officers for the year are Stephanie Kready, president; Judy Clark and Ginger Gobble, first vice presidents; Vickie Frick and Jane Moore, second vice presidents; Jennifer Hurley, treasurer; Barbara Hollister, secretary.

- Upcoming SCMS Events**
- September
 - 13 Skating Party 6:30-8:30 p.m.
 - 14 6th-grade
 - Back to School Night 7 p.m.
 - 15 School Pictures
 - 21 7th and 8th-grade
 - Back to School Night 7 p.m.
 - 21 Magazine Sales
 - October
 - 4 Interim Report Cards
 - 29 Fall Dance 7 - 9:30 p.m.

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SCES NEWS

By Beverly A. Barbee

Swift Creek Elementary School started its 13th year of operation with an enrollment of 672 children. At the end of the past school year, the students and staff had bid a fond farewell to Sharon Schwarzmann, first grade; Betty Walker, fourth grade; and Vickie Thomasson, part-time guidance. Schwarzmann is now the assistant principal at Reams Elementary School, Walker is teaching at Falling Creek Middle School, and Thomasson is the counselor at A.M. Davis Elementary School.

SCES welcomes Nancy Ray Paul, the new fourth-grade teacher from Davis Elementary School where she taught for eight years. Carolyn Duddy, now Carolyn Coletti, is teaching first grade this year. Sarah Carrington is the new learning disabilities teacher who comes from the Achievement Center in Roanoke.

This year the fourth grade will be following a new social studies curriculum and both kindergarten and third graded have newly-adopted math textbooks. A new accelerated reading program is being used by students in the second through fifth grades.

The PTA fund-raiser starts on September 15. Residents can help students raise money for school pro-

grams and much needed equipment by purchasing quality giftwrapping and delicious candies and peanuts.

The Cultural Arts Committee has set up a restructured host program. The International Cultural Exchange Program will benefit the entire school, enabling each child to enjoy the comradery of the French guests not only during their three-week visit in the spring, but throughout the school year. AFAC representatives will be at SCES on October 3 at 7 p.m. for parents of fourth- and fifth-graders interested in hosting French students.

On a sad note, there was a vandalism problem during the summer. A brass memorial plaque dedicated to the first president of the Swift Creek Athletic Association was removed from the trophy case in the lobby. A memorial plaque commemorating deceased patrons was also taken from the lobby. Trees have been planted by the PTA in honor of each person.

There will be three Back-to-School Nights this year. Parents of students grades two and three are scheduled for September 19, grades four and five — September 26, and grades K and first grade — September 27.

Principal Don Bechtel says, "The administration and faculty anticipate a superlative year of learning during the coming 36 weeks." The new PTA Board has the same high hopes.

Erin Pollak receives award



Erin Pollak

Erin Rae Pollak, daughter of Donna and Douglas Pollack of Huntgate Woods received the Pat Pagels Award at Swift Creek Elementary School.

The Pat Pagels award was initiated in 1993 as a memorial to Patricia S. Pagels who was a teacher and assistant principal at Curtis Elementary School. She was endowed with a gift for finding and unmasking the hidden beauty in both children and adults,

always reaching out to those in need.

The award recognizes the perseverance and success of a fifth-grader. Erin Pollak has attended SCES since the end of kindergarten. In addition to working hard at SCES and the MYSL Girls' Travel Soccer team, she swims for the Brandermill Swim Team in the summer. Erin is always there to help when anyone is in need of encouragement, advice, and friendly support.

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CHHS NEWS

By Valerie Ritchie, President Student Council Association

As the hot summer ended, students had mixed feelings about the start of school. However, students at Clover Hill High School have many reasons to be excited about the 1995-1996 school year.

Upcoming events are under the leadership of the SCA officers: President Valerie Ritchie, Vice President Cameron Wallace, Secretary Anne Graves, Treasurer Kelly Wollschlaeger, Historian Colleen Talty and faculty sponsors Bobby Hering and Vickie Kirtley.

On the weekend of October 20, homecoming activities will begin with a football game against Monacan High

School followed by the traditional parade. The following night there will be a semi-formal homecoming dance with a Halloween theme — complete with frightening decorations and a haunted house.

During the school year clubs and classes will be given countless opportunities to decorate CHHS halls, as the SCA will request seasonal banner contests. The SCA has already created banners to welcome back faculty and students. Distinctive banners for each class have been placed in designated locker areas.

The SCA plans to sponsor a school-wide community service project each semester. These projects have not yet been finalized. Every student is encouraged to support the SCA council this year.

Back-to-School Night is September 18

By Juli Talty

Clover Hill High School PTSA will sponsor a Back-To-School Night for parents on Monday, September 18 at 7 p.m. All parents are urged to attend. The PTSA will hold a brief business meeting and parents will have the opportunity to meet with their children's teachers.

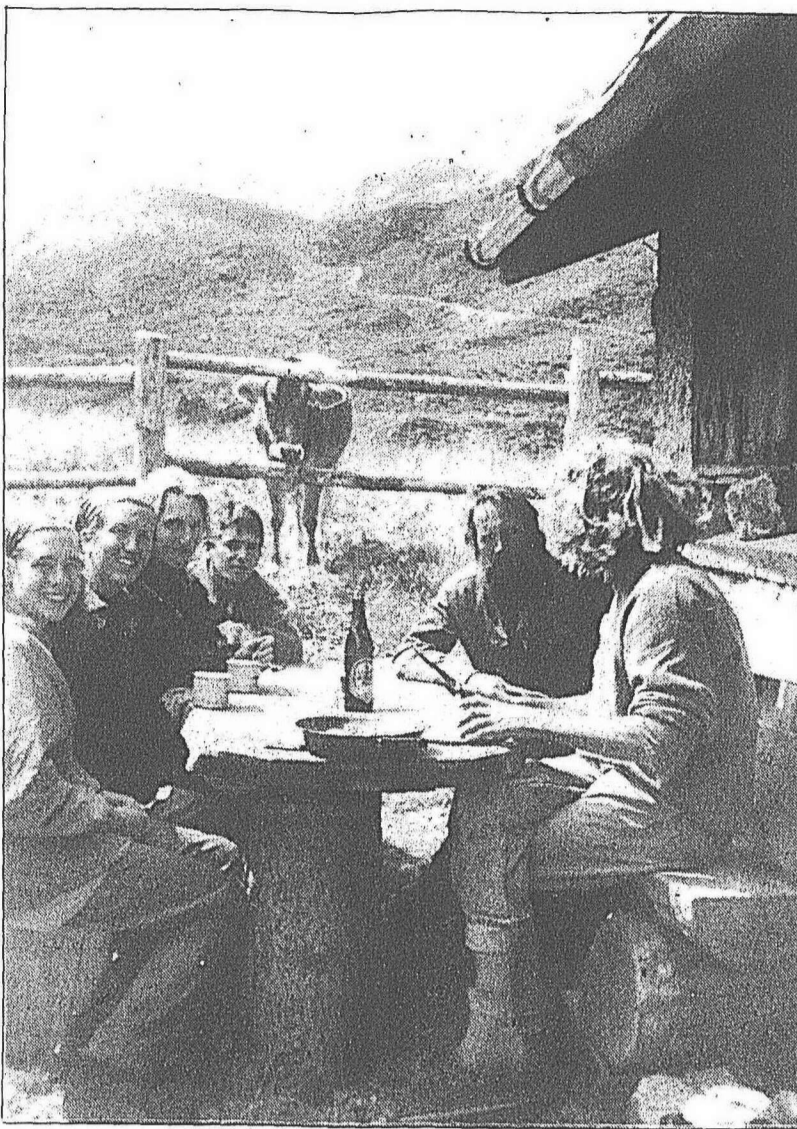
There will be a college workshop at

6 p.m. The workshop is intended to help students and parents prepare for the college admission process.

This year the PTSA hopes to realize a membership of at least 420. This will enable the organization to increase the scholarship it awards to a CHHS graduate to \$1,000. The PTSA is also organizing student groups to help develop a five-year plan to improve the exterior appearance of the school.

Victoria McMakin travels to Switzerland with AFS program

By Juli Talty



Victoria McMakin, at left, enjoys a scenic break in the Alps with members of her work group, a mountain guide and a shepherd.

Victoria McMakin has been involved in various volunteer programs, but this summer her work took her many miles from her Timber Ridge home. The 18-year-old senior at St. Catherine's School spent six weeks in Switzerland under the sponsorship of the American Field Service (AFS) International Service Program.

Victoria knew she wanted to travel this summer and when she heard about the AFS program through her school she knew it was exactly what she was hoping to do. After her application was processed and accepted by AFS she attended an orientation in New York City on July 6 and arrived in Switzerland on July 8. There she and several other Americans as well as students from Hong Kong, Egypt and Canada attended another day and one-half of orientation about life in Switzerland.

After a four-week home stay in the French-speaking region known as Vouvry, Victoria traveled to the Grisons region where she assisted the forestry service by working on bridges and fences, digging ditches and clearing land. For the first week the students lived in a bomb shelter under a school which was barracks-style housing. For the second week, the group lived in a house in La Punt that was a type of youth hostel. Victoria said this

area in the Alps is known as the most beautiful part of Switzerland. It did not snow while they were there but there was snow visible in the mountains.

Victoria's "family" in Vouvry consisted of parents, an 18-year-old girl who had just returned from a year as an AFS exchange student at a school near Albany, N.Y., and 16-year-old twin boys. She said the family members went out of their way to show her all of the sights in Switzerland including Lucerne and its famous covered bridge; the Matterhorn; Geneva; and Lausanne. They went spelunking in France and ate fondue on a Swiss mountaintop and heard the constant clanging of cow bells in the fields. One of the highlights of her trip was hiking on a glacier. She said Vouvry is a small town with a population of about 2,000 in the southwest area of the country.

The Brandermill visitor didn't buy too many souvenirs because the prices were so high. "My photos are my best souvenir," she said. "I took nine rolls of film." She did bring back many postcards, however, and some of the famous Swiss chocolate. Victoria, who studies French at St. Catherine's, said, "Communication was difficult but we managed and I definitely understand spoken French much better

See McMakin on page 11.

Students participate in German exchange



Front row from left are: Michael Clarke and Jennifer Terrell. Second row from left are: Meissa Bowles, Kira Bleoche, Jessie DeHaven, Nick Behrman, Patrick Liu, Erik Bleoche, Elizabeth Jennings, Erik Haglund, Sarah Jennings, Andrew Yanovitch, Kristie McCracken, Kai Bosselait, Andrea Haglund, Amy Altman, Smitha Dante, Kelly Butler and Cara Freer.

Under the auspices of the German-American Exchange Program, 19 students from Swift Creek Middle School and Clover Hill High School and one student from the Governor's School traveled to Germany. They left home on June 24 and returned July 16. Elke Bleoche, a teacher at the middle school chaperoned the students involved in the exchange program, now in its fourth year.

Students lived with German families and attended school with their partners. Several field trips and ex-

cursions were included in the agenda: a city tour of Gelsenkirchen, the medieval town of Muenster, Bonn, Marksburg, the Rhine River, Ruedesheim, and the German Army

Base in Daelmen. In addition, the students toured Amsterdam, Holland. Some students traveled with their host families to Paris and other cities in Germany and Holland.

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SPORTS

Baker qualifies for world championship

By Harriet Coppins
Copy Editor

Chris Baker, 22, of Walker's Ferry recently qualified for the Ironman Triathlon World Championship that will take place in Kona, Hawaii. Every year approximately 20,000 triathletes from more than 50 countries attempt to be the very best in this prestigious event.

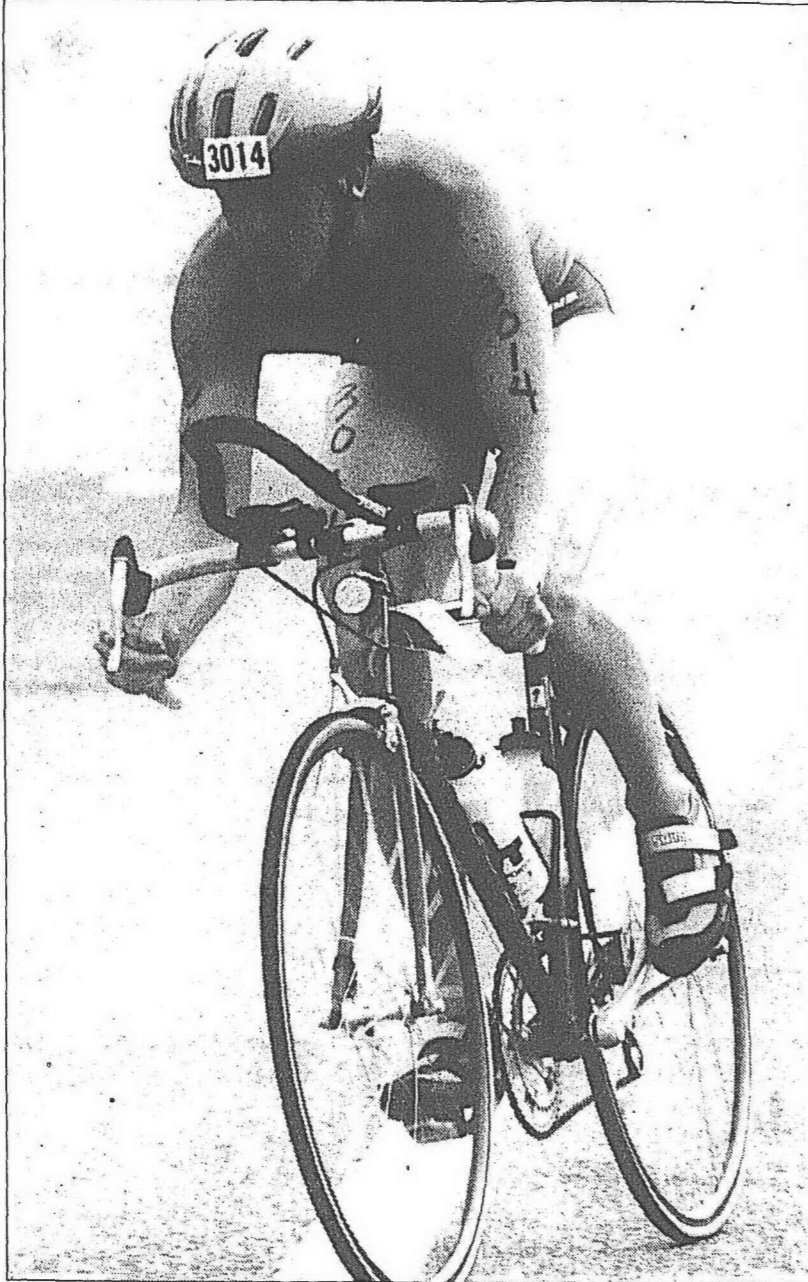
Contestants must complete a 2.4-mile ocean swim, a 112-mile bike race and a 26.2-mile run, within 17 hours. Training typically requires 18 to 24 hours a week for six to eight months in order to develop the necessary stamina and endurance.

Baker has had many notable finishes since he began competing in 1992. The following year he took first place in his age group on four occasions. He was out of competition for half the 1994 season due to injuries but is now ready for more victories.

In July, Baker took first place overall at a triathlon in Colonial Beach and a first place in the men's 20 to 24-year-old division in Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania which qualified him to compete in Hawaii. In all, he has competed at the national level in over 20 events. Before he leaves for the "big one," Baker will be highly visible to his hometown fans since he is a contestant in the Richmond Make-A-Wish Triathlon on October 1.

Baker graduated from Clover Hill High School and graduated with distinction from the University of Virginia this past May. During the summer of 1992, he was a laboratory assistant at the Medical College of Virginia.

He worked as a lifeguard at Woodlake Swim and Racquet Club for two summers and is at present the swim coach and instructor at Salisbury Country Club.



Chris Baker competes in the cycling portion of a recent triathlon.

When asked why he entered the Ironman, Baker responded, "The process of qualifying for, and finishing

the Ironman represents the toughest mental and physical challenge I have ever undertaken."

Anglers hook large catch in Lions Club Tourney

The Brandermill Lions Club held its Sixth Annual Bass Tournament on Swift Creek Reservoir on Saturday, June 10.

A total of 68 anglers participated in the day-long event with over 80 pounds of largemouth bass accounted for at the afternoon weigh-in.

Prize money of \$850 was awarded to the following winning teams listed together with the corresponding weight of their maximum four bass catch: first prize to Billy Lane and Brad Gilliland—16.25 pounds; second prize to Rick Farr and Hugh Self—11.0 pounds; third prize to Howard Brooks and Bill Sanger—5.13 pounds; and fourth prize to Jeff Tomic and Ted Woods—4.88 pounds. Brad Gilliland also won the \$85 prize for single largest bass with a 5.25 poundunker caught near Harbour Pointe. A drawing was held for additional door prizes donated by a local sporting goods store. The bass caught during the tournament were released back into the reservoir.

All proceeds of the Lions Club tournament are used to help meet the needs of the sight and hearing impaired in the surrounding community.

County sponsors open tennis tournament

Chesterfield County is accepting entries to compete in this year's Open Tournament for tennis players 18 and older, to be held September 23, 24 and 30 and October 1 at Rockwood Park.

Categories include men's and women's singles, men's and women's doubles and mixed doubles. There is a 40 and over division and a 50 and over division for all events.

Entry fees are \$20 for singles and \$40 for teams. Registration deadline is September 18. To sign up or for more information, call the Chesterfield County Parks and Recreation Department at 748-1623.

A draw will be held September 20 and posted at the Rockwood Tennis Courts, located at the corner of Courthouse and U.S. Route 360.

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straight section of Old Hundred Road when her car ran off the shoulder. She then had apparently overcorrected and hit an oncoming car. Palumbo says she was thinking, "That road needs more room for error and correction. Either way you go is dangerous because the shoulders are insufficient."

Later that day she met Trish Gilliam of Huntgate Woods to do something to eliminate the numerous accidents on Old Hundred Road. Five hundred signatures were collected. Palumbo also contacted Supervisor Art Warren, officials at VDOT and spoke to BCA Board members.

Supervisor Warren closed his letter to Palumbo by writing, "how very much I appreciate your help on this matter."

residential areas." Following the vote, in which Directors Bolton, Trent and Owens voted in favor of reader boards, Director Newill voted against, and Director Arnold abstained, there was further discussion about the conditions of use by the BCA on the Sunday Park sign.

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VARSITY FOOTBALL			
Sept. 15	Thomas Dale	H	7:30
22	Hopewell	A	7:30
29	Lloyd Bird	A	7:30
Oct. 6	Midlothian	H	7:30
13	Huguenot	A	7:30
JV/FRESHMAN FOOTBALL			
Sept. 13	Thomas Dale	A	FR 5:15/JV 7:00
21	JV-Hopewell	H	7:00
28	LC Bird	H	FR 5:15/JV 7:00
Oct. 4	FR James River	A	5:30
5	JV-Midlothian	A	7:00
FIELD HOCKEY			
Sept. 13	Lloyd Bird	H	4:00
18	Colonial Heights	A	4:00
20	Hopewell	H	4:00
25	Manchester	H	4:00
27	Midlothian	A	4:00
Oct. 2	Monacan	A	4:00
4	James River	H	4:00
9	Lloyd Bird	A	4:00
GIRLS TENNIS			
Sept. 13	Monacan	A	3:30
14	Manchester	A	3:30
21	Lloyd Bird	A	3:30
25	James River	H	3:30
27	Midlothian	A	3:30
Oct. 28	Monacan	H	3:30
2	Manchester	H	3:30
5	St. Catherine's	H	4:00
GIRLS VOLLEYBALL			
Sept. 14	Monacan	A	7:00
19	James River	H	6:00
21	Manchester	A	6:00
26	Midlothian	A	6:00
28	Godwin	H	6:00
Oct. 2	Thomas Dale	H	6:00
3	Huguenot	H	7:00
5	Lloyd Bird	A	6:00
9	Prince George	H	6:00
10	Monacan	H	7:00
JV Game at 6:00/VAR. 20 min. following			
BOYS VOLLEYBALL			
Sept. 12	Lloyd Bird	A	6:00
14	Monacan	A	6:00
19	James River	A	6:00
21	Manchester	H	6:00
26	Midlothian	H	6:00
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JV Game at 6:00/VAR. 20 min. following			
GOLF			
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5	Manchester	H	3:30
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20	Lloyd Bird	H	3:30
27	Huguenot	A	3:30
Oct. 4	Monacan	H	3:30
11	Manchester	A	3:30

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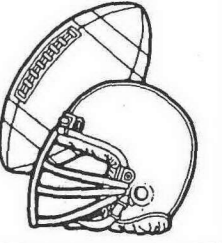
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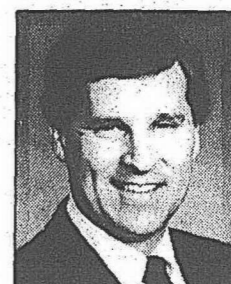
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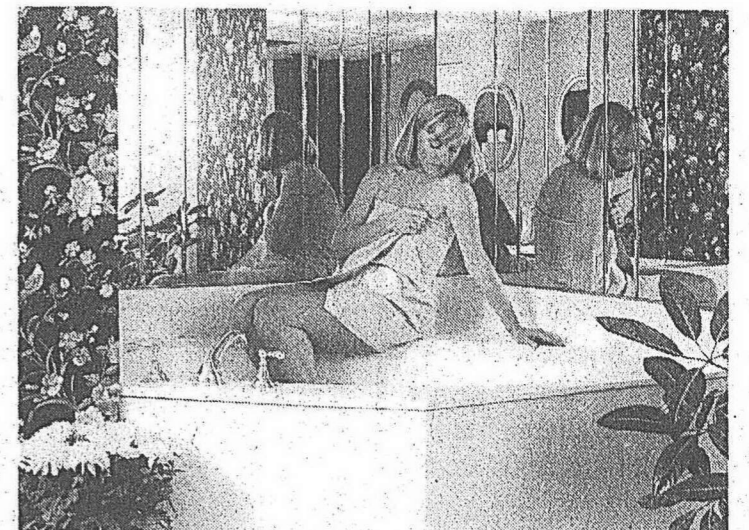
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State Champion Chesterfield Team plays in regionals

By Barbara Monk

A throng of cheering family, friends and fans gathered at the Richmond International Airport on the afternoon of August 17 to welcome home the Chesterfield American Virginia State Championship Little League Team. The team performed well at the Southern Regional Tournament in St. Petersburg, Florida placing fourth out of 13 teams.

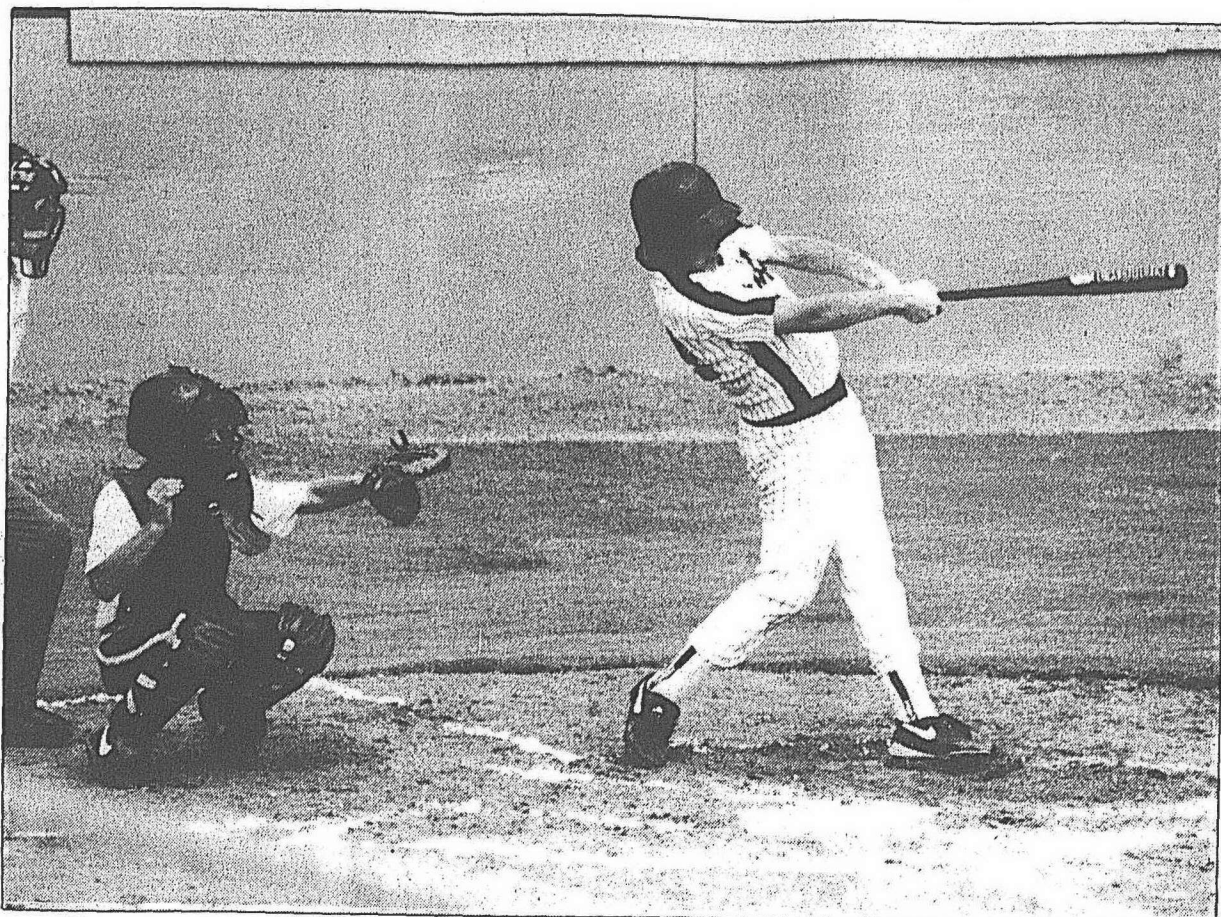
Virginia defeated Picayune, Mississippi 4-1 and Arkansas 10-0 before losing to Alabama 2-3 in extra innings.

Dropping into the loser's bracket, the team beat Kentucky 9-2 and suffered its second and final loss to North Carolina 7-8 in a game that was played out in extra innings and was a close game to the finish.

The Virginia team broke two records during the tournament: most home runs scored in one game — 5, against Kentucky; and the longest game — 10 innings, against Alabama.

The team developed a large local following during the tournament due in part to the media coverage it received. Many of the games were broadcast on a Richmond sports radio station and Richmond newspapers and television stations reported the team's progress daily as well.

On August 23, the boys and their coaches were recognized by the Chesterfield County Board of Supervisors for their outstanding achievements



Brad Melton, of the Pavilions at Waterford, hits against Mississippi at the Southern Regional Tournament in St. Petersburg, Fla.

Photo by Barbara Monk

this summer. They placed first among 171 other Major Division all-star teams in Virginia and finished the season one of the top 16 teams in the country compiling a .789 post-season

winning percentage. The Chesterfield American Little League organization has been in existence for six years serving Northern Chesterfield County. It registers ap-

proximately 1,500 participants annually and offers baseball and softball programs to girls and boys ranging in ages five to 17. For more information call 745-2430.

Former Sailing Club member braves storm on Lake Erie



Jean Reinhart

By Ed Kelleher

As the Brandermill Sailing Club enters the last month of the sailing season on Swift Creek Reservoir, here's some alumni news from a former club member who has gone on to bigger ponds.

Jean Reinhart is a former Brandermill resident who now lives in Tecumseh, Mich. about 50 miles southwest of Detroit. Lake Erie, her new playground, is about 30 miles from her house. That's not nearly as convenient as Swift Creek Reservoir was, but she still manages to race a couple of nights a week, plus weekends.

She tries to find a crew spot on a J-35 on Tuesdays and on a Catalina 27, "kind of like an old Chevy," on Thursdays.

One of the downsides to sailing on Lake Erie, she said in a recent letter, is "the inevitability of getting caught in

the occasional storm. She described one experience in July, and the excitement and terror make it worth retelling.

"It was a hot, muggy evening," she wrote. "We had a nice breeze as we headed out from the dock, but it died just as the race was getting underway.

I was concentrating on eking every ounce of speed out of the limp jib, when I looked up and saw a wall of white, about 10-12 feet high, coming at us across the water. It wasn't rain — it was water being blown off the surface of the lake by 50-knot winds."

"I grabbed my life jacket and ran forward to get the sails down. By the time I got to the bow, we were in it. I got the jib on the deck and tied down and went to drop the main. The boat was practically on its side, with the boom in the water, and by then there was lightning everywhere."

"There I was with my arms wrapped around the mast, hauling on the sail and trying not to get thrown overboard, thinking, man, if we get hit now, I'm toast. Once the main was down, we careened along under bare poles, with the crew huddled in the cockpit, half-awed and half-terrified at the incredible display of lightning. I've never seen so much in one storm!"

"The weather service later reported the storm had winds at 50 knots with gusts in the mid-60s. Not unheard of, but what made it most unusual was the fact that it kept up for a full hour.

usually after the first blast it calms down somewhat, but this just kept coming. Once the rain started, and then the hail, visibility was measured in feet. And throughout the whole storm there was that incredible lightning."

"Halfway through the storm, the rope holding the jib down broke and the jib started climbing back up the forestay. It was too dangerous to send anyone forward — with the poor visibility and control of

the boat, it would have been impossible to recover a man overboard, so we just sat and watched it flog itself apart."

"As bad off as we were, we were lucky. The sailing club also has a fleet of Interlakes, which are somewhat like smaller Buccaneers, that race in a bay at the end of Lake Erie. Those guys never had a chance. There was no wind for them to get out of the way of the storm, and once it hit, there was way too much. Several of the boats capsized and turtled, and others were blown aground on a nearby island. As soon as the storm hit, the committee boat sent a Mayday to the Coast Guard, saying he had as many as 40 people in the water."

"By the time the storm eased enough that we could see, it was an incredible sight. The shoreline was lined with every kind of emergency vehicle — police cars, ambulances, volunteer

firemen's cars, rescue squads and fire trucks. And the bay was covered with all kinds of water craft, from fishing boats and Boston whalers to jet skis! As soon as the call went out, the local boaters headed out into the teeth of the storm to help. The Coast Guard tried to call them off, figuring they had enough casualties to deal with, but they kept coming, and they worked a miracle. By the end of the night, all of the sailors were safely on shore."

And that, Jean Reinhart said, is life on Lake Erie.


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now. Switzerland is an experience I'll always remember. I learned a lot about myself and I met incredible people from all over the world. I especially liked the service part of the program. We could really see we were helping."

Last year Victoria spent two weeks in Sharon, Conn. as part of Landmark Volunteers. She has also spent two summers as a volunteer at the Veterans Administration Hospital in Richmond and she helps out with Volunteers in Public Schools at an after-school program for children at Mary Mumford School.

Victoria is in her 13th year at St. Catherine's having started at the school in kindergarten. She is a prefect and a member of the school honor council as well as being a member of the Richmond Capitals travel soccer team. Victoria is well on her way to realizing her dream of attending college at Princeton University, the University of Virginia or the College of William and Mary.

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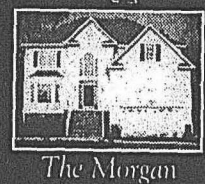
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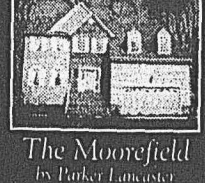
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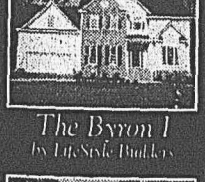
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BUSINESS

Big Ears Audio Books in Waterford offers large selection

By Juli Talty

Big Ears Audio Books, Inc. which features about 3000 books on audio cassettes recently opened in the Village at Waterford.

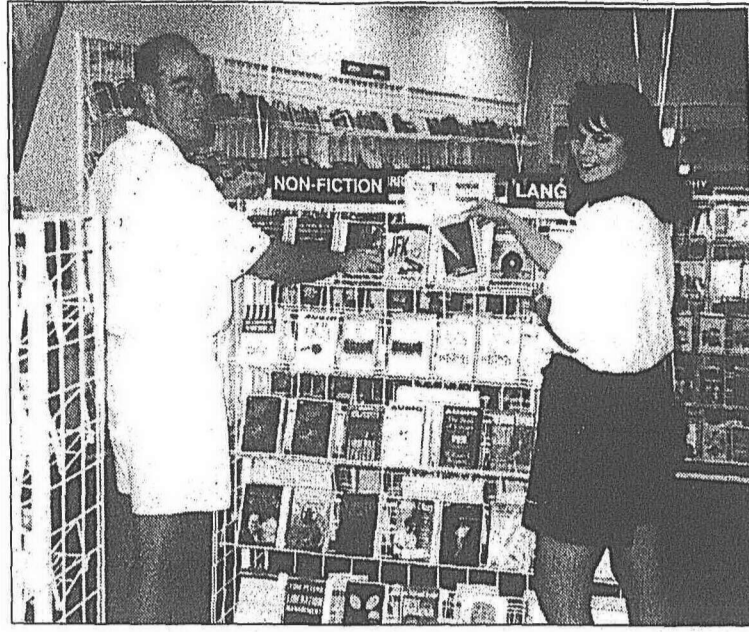
Owners Lisa and Paul Papson said Paul started listening to books on tape about a year ago. He bought all of his cassettes and his pastime began to cost a considerable amount of money. He mentioned to his wife that it would be nice if people could rent audio books the same way they rent movie videos. The couple began to look into the possibility of opening an audio bookstore and found that there are only about 120 such stores in the country and all were reporting excellent sales. "Most people only think about using audio books while traveling in the car," Lisa said, "but they can be used while doing housework or yardwork, while walking or working out and while sitting on the beach

or at the pool." She said the books are an excellent educational tool and are especially useful for the visually handicapped.

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The store carries all genres except cooking including fiction, childrens books, business, classic/horror, drama/romance, religious, self-help, westerns, and many others. The Papsons said that audio cassette versions of new books are made available at the same time the hardcover book is published. Walkmans, headsets, batteries and adapters are also for sale at Big Ears. A small number of books on laser discs are currently available but the number is constantly growing, they said.

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Living trusts ensure proper management of estates

Living trusts can be powerful estate planning tools. The Virginia Society of Certified Public Accountants explains that establishing such trusts can help minimize your taxes, ensure that your estate is managed effectively, and distribute your assets according to your wishes. Living trusts also can help you avoid probate—the time-consuming and often costly process of validating a will.

What is a trust?

A trust is a legal entity that is established to hold assets for your benefit, or for the benefit of others determined by you. A trust is managed by one or more trustees who are legally responsible for ensuring that the trust operates according to your wishes.

One significant advantage of trusts is that beneficiaries are able to receive income from the trust, but you maintain control over how funds are distributed. For example, if you gave your 18-year-old son a \$10,000 gift, he could spend the money immediately as he sees fit. However, if you

established a trust instead, you could specify in the trust that the funds are to be released to your son over a set period of years or only for a specific purpose, such as college expenses.

Types of living trusts

A living trust is established between living persons, for instance, between parent and child, as opposed to a trust that is established by your will. Living trusts can be funded with securities, other property, or money available for investment.

There are two types of living trusts: a revocable trust and an irrevocable trust. With a revocable living trust, you retain control of your assets while you're alive. "Revocable" means you can change beneficiaries, modify the terms of the trust, and even terminate or revoke the trust and get back your property. You have the option of naming yourself as a trustee so that you can continue to manage your assets, or appointing someone else as the trust's administrator.

After you die, the property in the

trust is distributed directly to the beneficiaries without going through probate. As a result, estate settlement costs are likely to be reduced and your beneficiaries will have quick access to the trust's funds. Keep in mind, however, that revocable trusts offer no federal estate tax advantage. Because you retain control over the trust, the assets in the trust are included in your estate for federal estate tax purposes and also may be subject to state death taxes.

As the name implies, an irrevocable trust cannot be changed, modified or revoked, regardless of how your personal financial circumstances might change. You also cannot name yourself as trustee. For giving up control, you get a tax benefit—funds put in this type of trust not only help reduce your current taxable income, but also generally are not subject to estate taxes because the trust owns the assets.

Another type, an irrevocable life insurance trust, often appeals to those

who own substantial life insurance policies. The value of certain life insurance policies, which are normally included in your estate for tax purposes, can be excluded by creating this type of trust. However, there is a trade-off. When you transfer your insurance policies to the trust, you give up all ownership rights, the right to assign the policy to anyone, and the right to borrow against the policy's cash value. When you die, the trust is the beneficiary of the policy and the policy's value may be excluded from your estate for tax purposes.

The need for living trusts

Before spending the time and money—generally \$1,000 to \$3,000—to set up a living trust, it's wise to discuss with a CPA how the trust fits into your overall estate and financial plans. You'll want to consider whether or not you can afford to set aside funds in a trust permanently without changing your current lifestyle, and the extent to which you want to provide for your heirs and beneficiaries.

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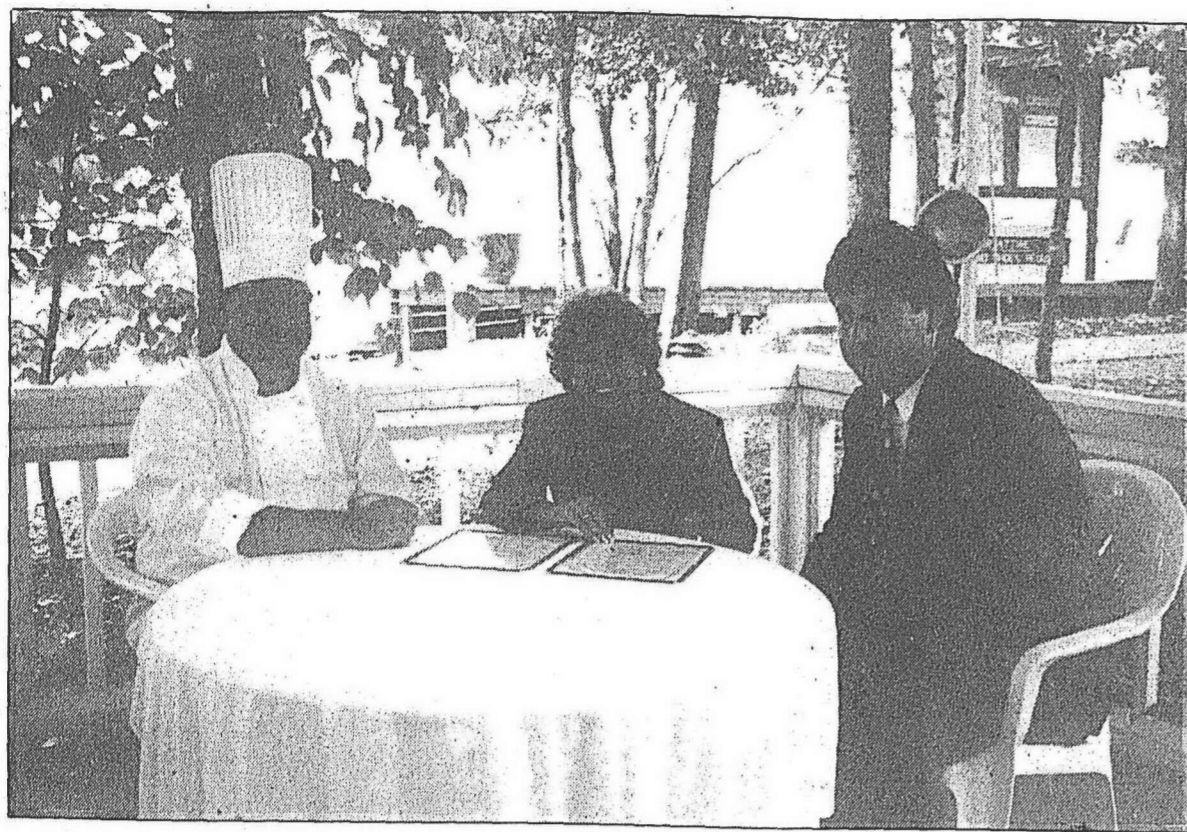
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Brandermill Country Club hires new staff members



From left are: Roger Reavis, Kelli Tease and Stuart Deutsch.

By Juli Talty

Brandermill Country Club General Manager Doug Wayne has announced three management appointments at the club.

Kelli Tease is the new marketing director with responsibility for membership sales, public relations and other marketing functions. Tease was an independent sales representative for Hanover Foods and recently relocated to this area from Wrightsville Beach, N.C.

Stuart Deutsch has been named executive chef. Deutsch is a graduate of Johnson and Wales College and completed a culinary externship with ITT Sheraton Corporation in Washington, D.C.

Roger Reavis is the new food and beverage director. He and his family are relocating from Orange County, Calif.

Elizabeth's Custom Interiors offers design services



Elizabeth Belter looks through fabric samples.

Photo by Juli Talty

By Harriet Coppins
Copy Editor

Elizabeth's Custom Interiors is a full-service interior design firm owned by Elizabeth Belter of Cove Ridge. Belter, who has been a decorator for 14 years, says she works closely with clients and does "as little or as much as they need."

She prefers to meet with a client in the client's home for a consultation to talk and to observe the way the family lives. Belter says after she has this information, she can break down decorating into phases as simple as rear-

window treatments or wall and floor coverings. Belter strives for an "elegant and sophisticated decor yet comfortable and casual." Always factored in her plans are the client's budget, size of family and lifestyle.

Belter says that the Washington Design Center is her source for design samples.

Belter is a graduate of Mohawk Valley College where she studied advertising design. She also studied at the New York School of Interior Design. She took the Interior Design Society exam and is an affiliate of the American Society of Interior Design. She may be reached at 744-9470.

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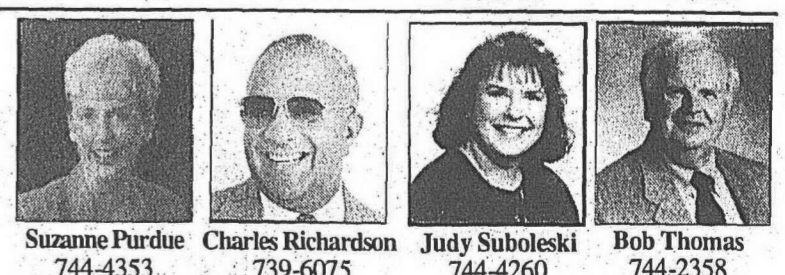
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New Fitness for Ladies opens in the Village at Waterford

By Harriet Coppins
Copy Editor

New Fitness for Ladies opened its temporary site in Waterford Shopping Village on August 16. In October the business will relocate to a larger facility two doors away.

New Fitness for Ladies now has seven locations in Virginia and there will be 10 more in the next few months. Co-manager Carol Waller says the fitness centers are successful because women are aggressive about their concept of fitness and now motivate themselves to work out.

Co-manager Teresa Blake adds, "We are successful because all our programs, lectures and new equipment are designed for women. One hundred percent goes toward women."

The fitness center now offers cardio-workouts, treadmills, bikes, steps, and rowers. In the new location circuit weight training, free weights and aerobics will be added. There will also be a locker room with showers and a nursery for young children.

Waller says the atmosphere of the Fitness Center is relaxing and women become involved for a number of reasons: to lose weight, reduce stress, or to become better conditioned for medical reasons. The staff encourages women to set their own goals



Co-managers Carol Waller and Teresa Blake try out the new equipment.

after they take advantage of free check-ups which assess body fat, blood pressure, pulse rate, and weight.

Staff members are certified and degreed and enjoy working with women. They emphasize that they

want their clients to tell them what they need and what they prefer.

Hours at the temporary location are 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Saturday and 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. on Sunday. At the

permanent location starting in October, hours will be 6 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday through Friday and 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday.

For more information, please call 744-4466.

Debbie Braun realizes dream of becoming a private eye

By Juli Talty

When Debbie Braun was a little girl growing up on Cape Cod she had three ambitions in life: to be a town mayor, the owner of the Boston Bru-

ins hockey team, or a private investigator. About two years ago she decided to make at least one of her dreams a reality when she founded Braun Investigations. "I've always been the kind of person who has to have answers. I can't let things go,"

Braun said.

This month, Bob Childress, a 30-year veteran of the Richmond Police Department, will join the business. Childress will take over the investigative end of the business while Braun concentrates on marketing a series of self-help videos she is producing. The videos will be sold nationwide and offer step-by-step instructions on several topics including signs and symptoms of affairs; surveillance; location of missing persons; psychological self-defense; and making a marriage "affair-proof." Braun uses various media to promote her videos including cable TV programs and talk shows.

Until now Braun Investigations has concentrated mainly on locating missing persons and surveillance. "We've had an 85 percent success rate in locating missing persons," she said. The local investigator recently reunited three children with their father

whom they hadn't seen in 19 years.

Most of the company's surveillance work is referred to Braun by lawyers. She said that most of her clients are men because it is easier for a woman to conduct an investigation of another woman without looking suspicious. "You only get one chance in surveillance work," she said. "You can't be found out. It's a big responsibility because the information can radically change the lives of many people."

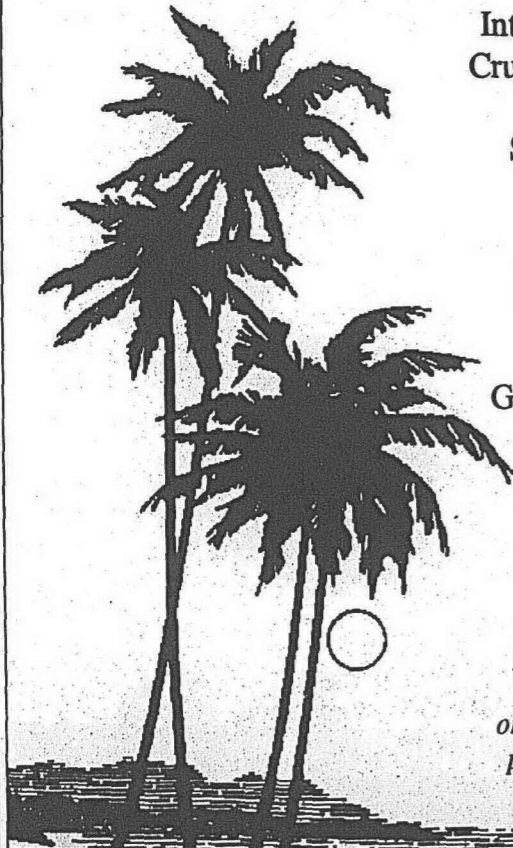
Braun, a resident of McTyre's Cove, attended an 11-week class sponsored by the Virginia Criminal Justice Department in order to become licensed as a private investigator. The program included firearms training. "I was afraid of guns, but when I got a 9 mm semi-automatic in my hand at the firing range, I loved it. It was really a revelation to me." Braun does not carry a gun, however. "If I need a gun, then I don't belong there."



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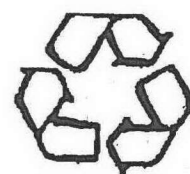
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U.S. Route 360 near Brandermill will be fully open to traffic in December. Finishing work and landscaping will continue until June 1996, however.

Chesterfield County Board of Supervisors has appropriated \$300,000 for design work to rebuild Woolridge Road across Swift Creek Reservoir. Preliminary plans will be ready by December. The board has also designated \$200,000 for repairs to the drainage structures on the county portion of Woolridge Road at the reservoir.

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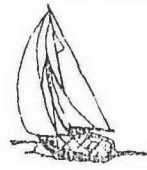
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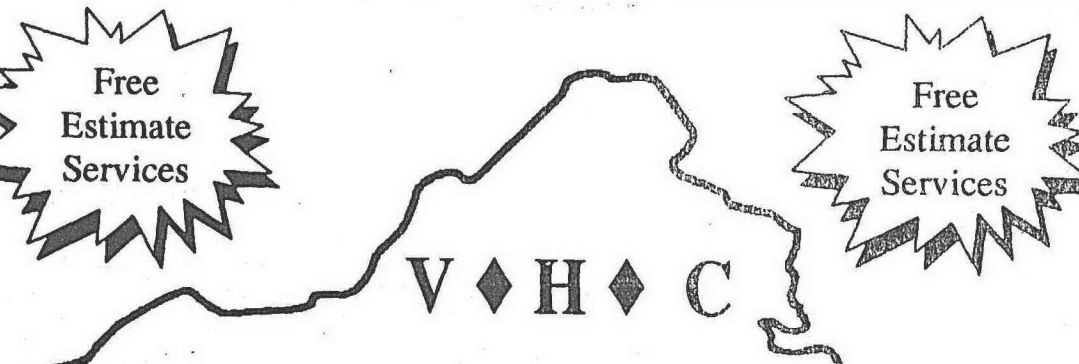
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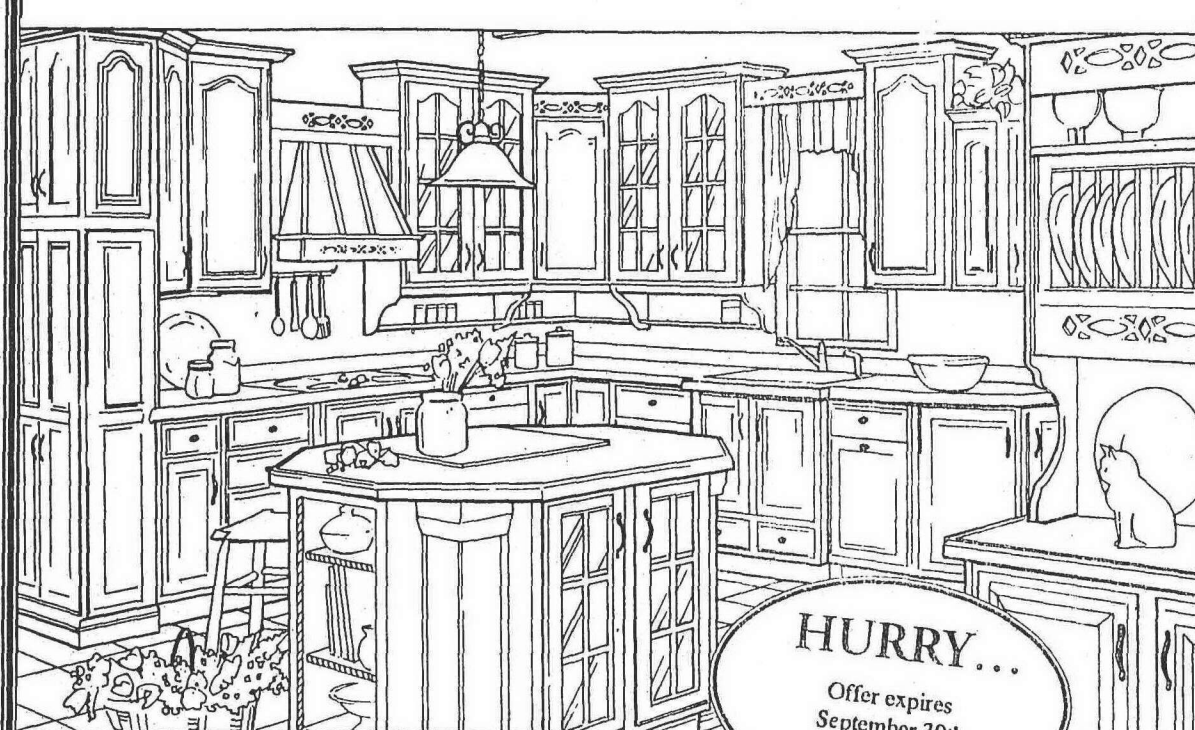
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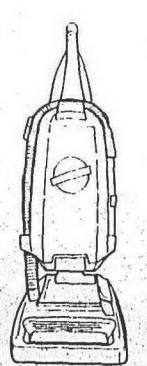
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BCA Minutes
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President Trent thanked Susan Palumbo for her efforts in calling attention to Old Hundred Road.

Fourth of July
John Hughes and his committee were thanked for a job well done.

Watershed
Mike Hollander reported that the Chesterfield County Planning Commission passed the watershed management committee's recommendation for a three to eight foot depth for retention ponds.

Forrest Clapp pointed out that the Greenspring proffers were the result of the efforts of Mike Hollander.

Recycling
Mike Hollander reported that the community is on its second round of recycling collection with few problems. Participation is tremendous. Rules regarding recycling that were previously passed for a 90-day period will be permanently approved at the September board meeting.

Signage
John Brook reported that the entrance sign will be installed when the widening of U.S. Route 360 is done. Recommendations are that all future commercial signs will be expected to adhere to the color, style, design and content of the existing neighborhood signs and be approved by the signage committee and the CARB. The committee also unanimously endorsed reader boards on commercial signs.

A motion was made and carried to continue the signage committee for another year and John Brook will continue as chairman.

A motion was made and carried to adopt the recommendation of the signage committee for future commercial signs regarding color, style, design and content. Reader board areas will be limited to 30 percent of the commercial sign with reader board to be included on signs at Sunday Park and Genito Station.

Public Relations
Director Owens said that the new chairman for the PR committee will be Ed Kelleher. Owens pointed out that activities which had been co-chaired by BCA staff person Dena Sindler in conjunction with the PR committee will now be managed by the BCA administrative staff.

Long Range Planning
Jim Murphy said the board will receive a quarterly verbal report. Don Gorman of the Woodlake Community Association attended the last committee meeting and will act as a liaison between WCA and BCA. The committee plans to focus on a five- to 25-year plan with the lake being the primary concern. Murphy pointed out that the water treatment plant is scheduled to be abandoned in 2010.

Teen Center
David Stitt said the Clover Hill Area Teen Center will be used as a model for centers in other parts of Chesterfield County. Plans for the fall include a tutorial component. The former Millwood School site has been made available along with two mobile classrooms. The program is exploring adding after-hours availability for teens out of high school as well as after-dinner hours for older teens.

A motion was made and carried granting the teen center use of the funds generated from the summer pilot program to continue for fall.

A motion was made and carried directing CARB approve temporary mobile facilities for a period of time not to exceed 12 months.

Properties
Director Trent reported the committee has met with WCA to explore possibilities of taking title to property under the lake. The committee is also looking into the county taking part in the title to the property thereby limiting BCA/WCA liability.

New Business
Three Quote Minimum
A motion was made and carried amending the BCA purchasing policy to require three oral quotes for purchases over \$100.

Marketing Brochure
A motion was made and carried to send 10 brochures to each real estate agency in Brandermill and charging 50 cents per brochure thereafter.

A motion was made and carried to supply real estate agencies in Brandermill with 10 maps, thereafter charging 75 cents per map.

Office on Youth
A motion was made and carried to send a letter requesting that the county continue to budget funds to retain the department of youth services.

Commonwealth Center
Community Manager Ailsworth was instructed to write a letter to the planning commission asking that something be done to improve the access and egress from the Commonwealth Center onto Route 288.

It was noted that the Greenspring project had been approved at the planning commission meeting.

Next Meetings
Work session - September 11, BCA Conference Room, 8 a.m.
Regular meeting - September 18, Oscar's. Member voice begins at 7 p.m.; meeting begins at 7:30 p.m.

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