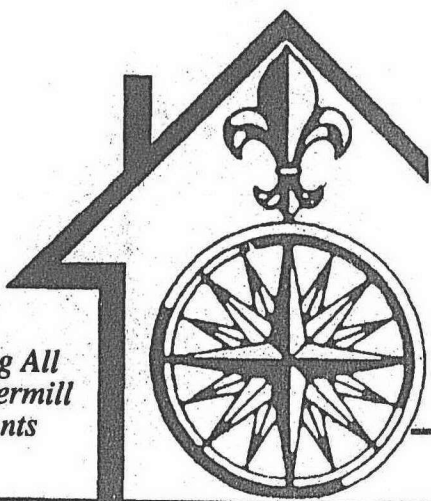


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Holiday House Grand Prize Winner



Lucas, 10, and Amanda, 13, are part of the award-winning Dooley team in Shadow Ridge. Not pictured are Eddie, 14, and parents Kathy and Mark Dooley.

Photo by Wendy Parker

By Juli Talty

The grand prize in the annual Holiday House judging sponsored by the BCA was captured by the Dooley family of Shadow Ridge Road.

Other top awards went to: the Reynolds family of Promontory Pointe, best use of natural foliage; the Medaks of East Bluff Court, most original; the Malek family of Timber Ridge Place, most elegant; the Detwilers of Bame's Spring Road, children's favorite; and Shadow Ridge, best decorated neighborhood.

The BCA purchased gift certificates for area restaurants for the individual prize winners.

The Dooley home was decorated with several scenes in the yard displaying stuffed animals in holiday attire.

Shadow Ridge neighbors lined their streets with hundreds of luminarias on both nights of judging, December 3 and 4. Every home was adorned with lights, banners, wreaths and other holiday decorations.

The BCA thanks the volunteers who viewed every home on over 80 miles of roads in Brandermill during the two nights of judging. Residents are to be commended for decorating early.

*See Holiday Houses
on Parade on page 2.*

Forums help prioritize area development issues

By Juli Talty

The Chesterfield County Planning Department recently concluded a series of four community meetings regarding growth and development in the western Hull Street Road/Genito Road area and prepared a report for the board of supervisors.

The report states that the top-ranking issues of participants at the forum were: planning and aesthetics, transportation, and environmental protection. "The results of a corridor design preference survey, conducted with the project, indicate a general preference for commercial projects with a natural and uncluttered appearance from adjoining roads. Examples depicting tree preservation, low level signs and continuity of architectural treatments

ranked highest, according to the report.

As a result of the series of meetings, the planning department is recommending utilization of the upcoming Chesterfield County Neighborhood and Business Community Building Program to strengthen ties within and between existing organizations, as well as starting new ones as needed, and to help develop a partnership of citizens, business and property owners that can carry out solutions to community concerns. The report also recommends providing county funding for critical road improvements identified for this area but not currently funded by VDOT.

During the final community meeting on November 13, participants were given the opportunity to ask questions and express concerns. Topics

included toll roads, the Swift Creel Watershed Management Committee safety on U.S. Route 360 and economic development.

Chesterfield County Transportation Director John McCracken said, "The county has never looked too favorably on toll roads" and added that the state has been interested in the county's comments throughout the planning process for Route 288. McCracken said that \$1 billion will be needed for road construction in Chesterfield County over the next 10 years and the revenue stream will only provide about half that amount. He said the only option may be toll roads. "It's a very tough issue. We need to determine what is best for us."

See Forums on page 5.

MacIver and Pearson appeal decision in BCA suit

By Harriet Coppins
Copy Editor

Brandermill residents Robert A. MacIver and Gregory Pearson, through their attorney Bruce Arkema, have given "notice of appeal to the Supreme Court of Virginia from the final judgement order...entered on October 17, 1995."

The appeal follows the decision handed down by Judge F. Daffron, Jr., 12th Judicial Circuit, on November 4 declaring the outcome of the 1994 BCA election valid.

Board candidates MacIver and Pearson had contested the results of the election, particularly the issue of

Waterford's votes.

In an August 29 letter, the judge wrote, "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'...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 W. F. Drewry Gallalee, a member of Williams, Mullens, Christian & Dobbins, sent a letter to insurance agent John Snively of Chubb

Group of Insurance Companies which represents the BCA notifying him of the notice of appeal.

The letter outlines the process set in place by this appeal. It reads, "Once we receive their Petition for Appeal, we will respond to it in a timely fashion. We will file a brief opposing the appeal. Once the briefs have been filed, Mr. Arkema will get to argue to a three-judge panel that the full Supreme Court should hear the case. We are now allowed to participate at this hearing. If the three-judge panel denies the appeal, the matter is ended. If the three-judge panel grants the appeal, then we will have to again brief the issue and argue it before the Virginia Supreme Court."

Greenspring has new name and big plans

By Wendy Parker
Managing Editor

According to Bernard Savage, coordinator of The Reservoir, formerly the Greenspring development, a schematic plan will be presented to the Chesterfield County Planning Commission for approval on December 19. The large planned community, consisting of 809 acres, will be located northwest of Brandermill fronting on both sides of Genito Road.

Savage says a recent meeting with county officials about phosphorus runoff levels was very positive. He promises his group will do everything it

can to protect the environment. To that end, he plans to visit a model water control facility in Washington.

Savage reports that two large parcels of land are now under contract. One parcel, located on the west side of the original Old Hundred Road, west of Brandermill Woods, will house 168 condominium units on 54 acres or three units per acre. The property, with a 10-acre pond, will be developed by John Imbres of Project Controls of Virginia. According to Imbres, his company, operating out of Yorktown, Va., is just finishing a 124-home condominium project that has won national awards.

Imbres says the condominiums will

be affordable, deluxe three-bedroom, two-bath units. The development will be protected by a security wall and a gated entrance. Amenities will include two tennis courts, an 1,800-square-foot swimming pool and a community clubhouse with exercise and recreational equipment. There will be four gazebos and walking trails throughout the area.

Imbres says Project Controls will close on the property in March and will begin breaking ground immediately.

The other parcel of land, 46 acres on the north east side of the original Old Hundred Road will feature 425 apartment units.

Road Update

Coalfield Road

Area residents are breathing a sigh of relief now that two lanes are open on Coalfield Road and the traffic signals are operational. Travelers have experienced many delays during the past year while crews widened Coalfield Road from Genito Road to Centerpointe Parkway.

The relocation of the section of Coalfield Road from Centerpointe Parkway to Midlothian Turnpike, will be completed next summer.

U.S. Route 360

Work on U.S. Route 360 near the main entrance to Brandermill and on Old Hundred Road between U.S. Route 360 and Market Square is also on schedule and the construction phase will be completed by next month. Finishing work and landscaping will continue through next spring.

Route 288

James R. Smith, Virginia Department of Transportation resident engineer for Chesterfield and Powhatan said that public information meetings on the Route 288 corridor through Chesterfield, Powhatan and Goochland will be held next spring. A hearing process on the 288 corridor was begun in 1988; its location was approved in 1989; and the roadway is now being designed. He added that no right-of-way or construction funds are

currently available, however.

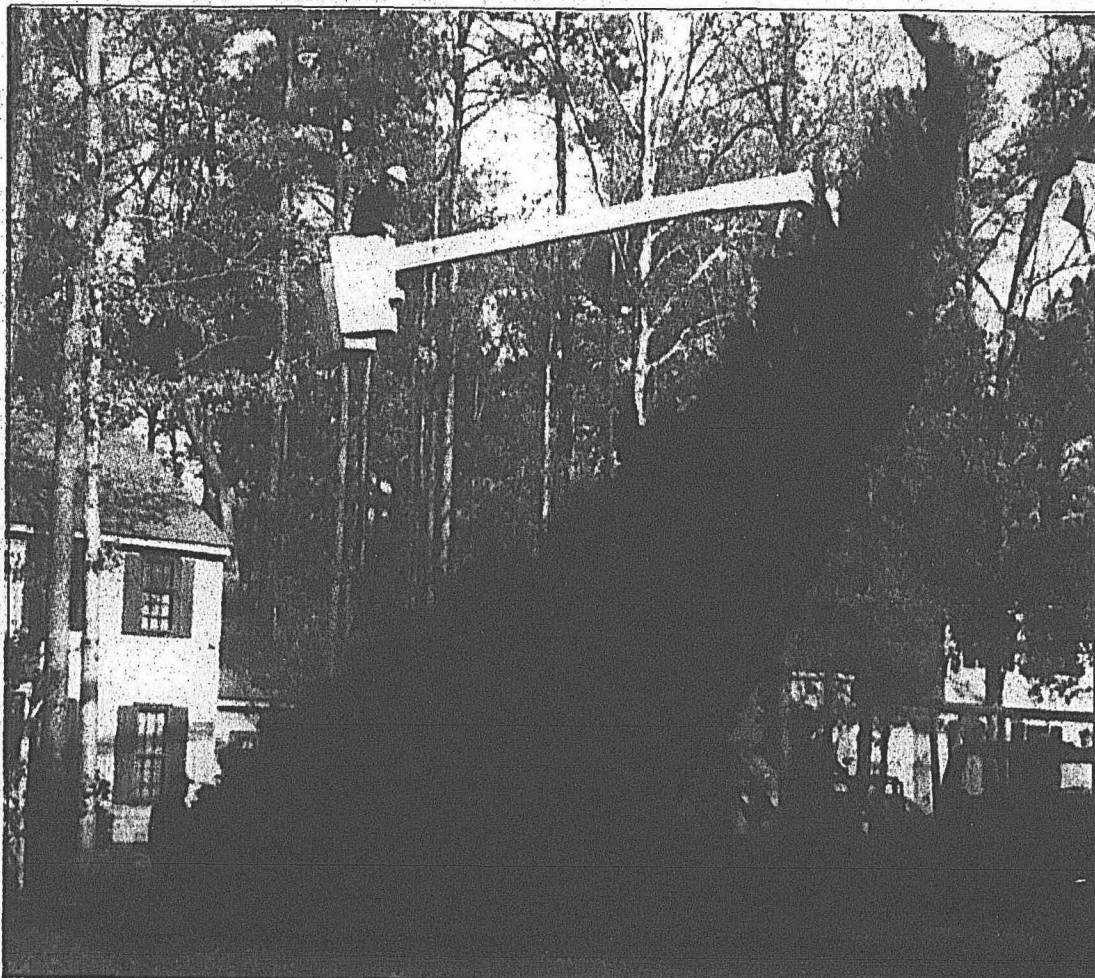
Clover Hill District Supervisor Art Warren, in a letter to BCA Board President Jim Trent, says he shares the concerns of Brandermill residents about the public/private toll road proposed for Route 288. Warren encourages all residents to state their opinions in a letter and send it to: David Gehr, Commissioner, Virginia Department of Transportation, 1401 East Broad Street, Richmond, Va. 23219.

Warren also notes that Delegate John Watkins has gone on record opposing a toll road for Route 288. He suggests that residents write to him at P.O. Box 159, Midlothian, Va. 23113 and express their support for his position. Letters can also be sent to Senator Steve Martin, P.O. Box 36147, Richmond, Va. 23235; Senator Joe

See Road Update on page 4.

Brandermill Community
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Wishes You A
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Timber! Brandermill tree graces Capitol



A tree that grew in Brandermill for almost 20 years is currently lighting up the State Capitol for the holiday season. (See story on page 3.)

Photo by Juli Talty



BRANDERMILL Community Association

BCA Board Minutes

The regularly scheduled meeting of the BCA Board of Directors was held on November 20 in the meeting room at Oscar's. Present were Directors Jim Trent, Jim Bolton, Laurie Newill, Kevin Healy, Doc Arnold, Charles Macfarlane and Jo Owens as well as Community Manager Greg Ailsworth and Administrative Assistant Bobbi Glenn.

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 during the next meeting.

Member Voice

Dorcas Yeager of Riverbitch Trace addressed the board regarding a walkway to Clover Hill High School. She asked the board to form a committee to examine the need for the walkway. She also asked the board to support efforts to reduce speed limits on U.S. Route 360 and Genito Road.

Garry Moore of Poplar Grove asked the board to obtain a legal opinion regarding what the BCA can and cannot do regarding a resident charged with taking indecent liberties with a minor. It was noted that the board had already obtained legal opinion on the matter and it would be in the meeting.

Bettie Curry of Hickory Nut expressed concern regarding the purpose of the community association. She said the association is not a marketing or profit center and questioned public relations activities such as Brandermill videos, brochures and t-shirts. Curry also objected to advertising of any nature on a community association sign.

Treasurer's Report

Income for October was \$14,500 over budget and expenses for October were \$3,600 under budget.

President's Report

The resolution regarding the phosphorus loading requirements has been accepted by both Brandermill Community Association and Woodlake Community Association. The BCA is still exploring the matter of ownership of the land beneath the reservoir. The possibility of ballot secrecy via legislative action was explored and it was found that the issue would be better settled by alteration of BCA bylaws.

Manager's Report

The Fouts vs. BCA case has been rescheduled for January 16. Richard Kury of Cove Ridge has requested county approval to plant trees in the easement behind his property. The new computer system is on-line and the accounting department is back on its regular reporting cycle. A committee of the board has been organized to look into the widening of Genito Road.

A motion was made and carried accepting as permanent the amendment to Article 4 of the residential architectural standards allowing for notification and inspection by neighborhood residents plans for proposed construction on in-fill lots.

Committee Reports

Signage

John Brook reported that the neighborhood sign at Brandermill Parkway and Old Hundred Road near the middle school will be removed in order to create a neighborhood reader board sign. The next area to have a neighborhood reader board installed will be Harbour Pointe and the final area will be Brandermill Parkway and the Powhite Extension. Brook asked the board and the CARB to focus on the Sunday Park sign bringing the sign project to a close.

Teen Center

David Stitt asked the board to underwrite a one-year lease for \$1,800 a month enabling the teen center to initiate a winter program. He further asked that the board appoint a director as liaison to the teen center committee as well as a staff member from the BCA office and that the board assist in the development of a community advisory board for the center.

A motion was made and carried to underwrite a one-year lease of \$1,800 per month with a six-month cancellation option on 30 days notice.

A motion was made and carried to provide insurance coverage for the teen center at a maximum of \$1,000.

Public Relations

Director Owens asked for approval of Kate Hourin as the seventh member to the public relations committee and President Trent concurred. Director Owens asked that the balance in the 1995 public relations budget be rolled over to be used in February for a video promotion with local real estate agents.

Playground

A motion was made and carried to approve the playground committee recommendations.

Commercial Signage Report

A motion was made and carried to sunset the sign committee at the conclusion of the residential reader board program and return all the responsibility to the ARB, CARB and BCA staff.

President Trent presented John Brook with a certificate of appreciation for his work on the project and thanked all the committee members.

A motion was made and carried approving commercial reader boards for Sunday Park and Genito Station. The reader boards will conform to Brandermill commercial design standards. Where multiple tenant properties are involved, the BCA will fund the signs in the amount of \$1,900 and any excess cost will be paid by the commercial members making the request.

Ornamental Landscape Management

A motion was made and carried authorizing the community manager to negotiate a contract for detailed landscape maintenance specifications. Bidding will be open to qualified bidders to determine annual landscape maintenance costs, manpower and quality of service for operations currently performed by BCA personnel. The requirement to bid to three similarly qualified bidders was waived due to the uniqueness of the maintenance management service required. The community manager was authorized to spend up to \$12,000. The contract with OLM includes a clause stipulating that in the event that the specification drafting and bidding process does not provide the possibility of at least \$25,000 in savings to the BCA, then OLM's fee will be waived.

Director Bolton stated that this in no way reflects a lack of confidence in the work or the people in the BCA Maintenance Department.

Election Format

A motion was made and carried to adopt the proposed proxy/ballot.

A motion was made and carried to utilize the accounting firm of Schutumpf and Koren as executor of the election. The motion also allows members of the association to have legal counsel oversee the executor at their own expense with the proviso that secrecy be adhered to.

Behavior on Open Space

Community Manager Greg Ailsworth was instructed to contact BCA legal counsel regarding any action the BCA can take regarding inappropriate behavior on open space.

New Business

Open Space

A motion was made and carried to accept as proposed the open space in Muirfield Green from the Muirfield Green Homeowners Association.

Walkways

A motion was made and carried to establish a committee to examine the need for a pedestrian and/or bicycle walkway between the Brandermill entrance on U.S. Route 360 and Clover Hill High School. A final recommendation will be submitted by the March work session.

Speed Limit Reduction

A motion was made and carried to notify state and county officials that the board supports a reduced speed limit of 45 miles per hour on U.S. Route 360 between Genito Road and Woodlake and a reduction of the speed limit on Genito Road from Waterford to 360. Further, the board strongly supports the addition of pedestrian crosswalks and signals in the following locations: U.S. Route 360 at the main entrance to Brandermill; the intersection at the Clover Hill Public Library and Harbour Pointe Village shopping center; and the intersection in front of Clover Hill High School.

Salary Ranges

Following executive session, a motion was made and carried to increase the salary ranges recommended in the recent wage and compensation study by 4 percent as of January 1 and bring all employees up to the minimum salary range for their position as of January 1.

Sunday Park Sign

A motion was made and carried to delete "Information Center" on the Sunday Park sign.

Next Meetings

Work session - December 11, BCA Conference Room, 8 a.m.

Regular meeting - December 18, Oscar's. Member voice begins at 7 p.m. followed by regular meeting.

Storm aftermath



Photo by Wendy Parker
The BCA maintenance staff cleared over 15 large trees like this one in Winterberry Ridge following a fierce storm in November.

NRC Minutes

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Neighborhood Representative Council was held on November 14 at The Brandermill Church.

Program

Speakers Russ Gulley, James Hayes and Bernard Savage spoke about the Greenspring project.

Membership

New reps Chris and Anita Dickens of Old Fox Trail were introduced. BCA Board Directors Laurie Newill and Jim Bolton were present as well as Community Manager Greg Ailsworth. There were 18 reps from 15 neighborhoods present as well as 12 guests.

BCA Liaison

Commercial reader boards were discussed as well as lighting on the Sunday Park reader board.

The field at Sunday Park will be developed as a family area. Plans call

for a tot lot, picnic tables and a play area for six- to 12-year-olds.

The new election procedure will accommodate secret ballots.

The teen center will be located in Market Square and the BCA will guarantee the lease.

OLM, a consultant company, will evaluate the maintenance activities.

The BCA is looking for people to serve on the long range planning committee, the waterfront committee, and the landscape committee.

The phosphorus loading level resolution was passed. Woodlake also passed the resolution and Greenspring adopted it.

Next Meeting

Meetings of the Neighborhood Representative Council are normally held on the second Tuesday of the month beginning at 7 p.m. at The Brandermill Church.

Community Standards

The recycling program is in full swing in Brandermill. Those little green bins are all over our neighborhoods which brings me to my subject for this month's article. I receive a few calls each month about residents forgetting to put their bins away after pick-up. Some bins are left at the curb from week to week. Just as a reminder, I will list the Brandermill rules of recycling.

- Only green bins issued by the Central Virginia Waste Management Authority may be placed at the curbside.
- The container may be placed at

the curbside no earlier than 7 p.m. the day prior to pick-up and no later than 7 a.m. on collection day.

- The container must be removed from the curbside no later than 8 p.m. on the day of pick-up.

- Any container left at the curbside after 8 p.m. on collection day will be considered a covenant violation and will be handled through the covenant enforcement process.

By promptly retrieving the bins, residents can keep our neighborhoods looking tidy.

If there are any questions, please call the BCA office at 744-1035.

ARB Approvals

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

Autumn Woods: Driveway extension

Cove Ridge: New home

Harbour Bluff: Screened porch

Long Shadow: New deck

Rockport Landing: New home

Three Bridges: Screened porch

Winterberry Ridge: Closet addition

Manager's Corner

What's Happening

By Greg Ailsworth

Signage Main Entrance

Thanks to the conscientious work of Nuttree Woods resident John Brook, and his committee, the BCA signage program is virtually complete. Within the next 60 days, the main entrance sign on Route 360 and Old Hundred Road will be installed. It has been unfortunate that the widening of Route 360 coincided with our signage program which prevented us from placing the sign earlier. The sign has been fabricated and it should supply a much needed facelift to the front entrance along the modified landscape plan.

Neighborhood Signs

Within 60 days, three information signs will be located in the community. These signs will be modeled after the current neighborhood signs but will be equipped with a reader board. The three locations for the neighborhood reader board signs will be: Old Hundred Road at Brandermill

Parkway (at Swift Creek Middle School); Old Hundred Road (Powhite Extension) at Brandermill Parkway (at Brandermill Woods); and Harbour Pointe Parkway at Route 360 (front entrance island).

The primary purpose of the reader board sign is to inform the residents of upcoming events. This procedure is currently being done on the marquee at Market Square.

Commercial Reader Boards

At the November board meeting, the board approved commercial reader boards for two locations, Sunday Park and Genito Station. It must be noted that President Trent appointed an ad-hoc board committee to study the issues surrounding the commercial reader board concept. After considerable deliberation from the committee, the board voted to allow reader boards in the two locations mentioned above.

The Sunday Park sign is in the initial stages of fabrication and should be installed by March 1, 1996. The Genito Station sign has not yet been considered and no timetable has been established.

Holiday House

1995 HOLIDAY HOUSE PRIZES

Grand Prize - 13917 Shadow Ridge Road (Dooley)
Natural Foliage - 5621 Promontory Pointe Road (Reynolds)
Most Original - 5910 East Bluff Court (Medak)
Most Elegant - 3904 Timber Ridge Place (Malek)
Children's Favorite - 13910 Barne's Spring Road (Detwiler)
Best Decorated Neighborhood - Shadow Ridge

HOLIDAY HOUSES ON PARADE

13909 Two Notch Road (Ehrman)
13807 Shadow Ridge Road (Orms)
13802 Shadow Ridge Road (Conner)
2304 Shadow Ridge Place (Ross)
2103 Deer Meadow Lane (Coleman)
14214 Chimney House Road (Joyce)
2413 Chimney House Terrace (Allen)
14300 Chimney House Road (Greer)
14220 Chimney House Road (Aust)
2510 Chimney House Court (Mecca)
3705 Commodore Point Court (Wigand)
14309 Huntgate Woods Road (Word)
3901 Timber Ridge Place (Cosby/Huff)
3911 Timber Ridge Road (Hunter)
5802 Spinnaker Cove Road (Hulbert)
13808 Rockport Landing Road (Bajnai)
4429 Old Fox Trail (Crist)
4428 Old Fox Trail (Francis)
4411 East Heritage Woods Court (Ragsdale)
3407 Seven Oaks Road (Legard)
13907 Barne's Spring Road (Jussen)

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COMMUNITY

Brandermill tree lights up State Capitol



By Juli Talty
Copy Writer

The official state Christmas tree being displayed on the south portico of the Virginia State Capitol grew in Brandermill for over 17 years. The tree was removed from the Lambson family's front yard in Huntsbridge on November 28 and was transported to downtown Richmond. The Lambsons were official guests of Governor George Allen at the tree lighting ceremony on December 6.

Ron Lambson said the tree was chosen as the state Christmas tree after a series of phone calls beginning with the BCA. "When we moved into the house a year ago," Lambson said, "I quickly realized that nothing would grow



At left, Eric, age 5, and Matt Lambson, age 8, take a last look at their 20-year-old tree before it is transported to the State Capitol.

in the front yard because the huge tree blocked out all the sunlight. I called the BCA this fall and they put me in touch with the county. The county people said they couldn't use it for the holidays because they only display a smaller tree indoors. However, they put me in touch with the state. They came out to look at it and then we didn't hear anything for awhile. Finally, they called back and asked if the tree was still available."

Tony Griffin, of the state's general services department which directed the tree cutting, said the 35-foot juniper was about

20 years old. He added that it would have started to split and die in about five or six years if allowed to remain in the Lambson's front yard.

"... it would have started to split and die in about five or six years if allowed to remain."

This was the first time the state Christmas tree has been obtained from someone's front yard. The trees are usually brought in from the Charlottesville or Staunton area. Last year the tree was cut from the median strip on I-64.

Lambson videotaped the entire tree cutting process for his family. "We've only lived in Virginia for a year so this is quite an honor," he said.

Brandermill Woods holds holiday open house

Brandermill Woods Retirement Community announces its Come Home for the Holidays open house program followed by Positive Wednesday in the clubhouse in Oscar's lounge. Musical entertainment will be provided.

On Wednesday, December 13 and again on Wednesday, December 20 there will be an open house from 2 to

4 p.m. at the Information Center at Brandermill Woods, 14207 Brandermill Woods Trail.

The December 13 open house will be followed by Positive Wednesday from 4:30 to 6 p.m. and will feature harpist Alicia Romeo.

On December 20 from 4:30 to 6 p.m. flutist Marcia Webb will be featured.

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Legislative update



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Senator Steve Martin takes the microphone while Senator Joe Benedetti and Delegate John Watkins look on. The legislators held a community meeting on November 28 to discuss issues in the upcoming General Assembly.

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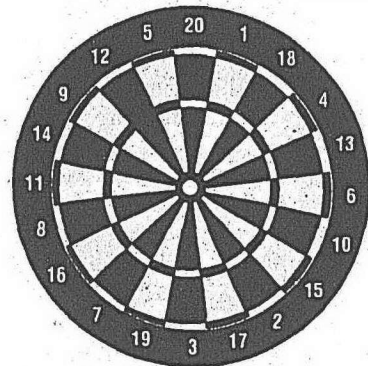
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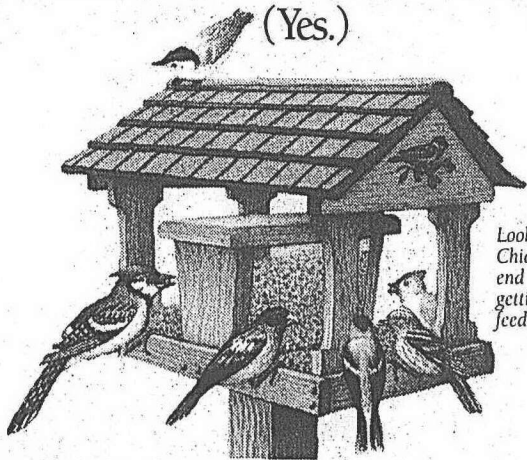
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Kathleen Purdue weds William Edelman, Jr.



Mrs. William Edelman, Jr.

Kathleen Bridgett-Purdue, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Norman A. Purdue of Winterberry Ridge, and William Edelman Jr., son of Mrs. Kathleen Marr of Highland Springs and the late William Edelman, were married on December 2 at Second Baptist River Road Church. The Rev. Rupert Rose officiated.

The bride's father gave his daughter in marriage. The bride's sister Pam Glass was matron of honor and another sister Annette Purdue was maid of honor. Both sisters live in Brandermill. Attendants were the bride's cousin Ashley Post of Memphis, Tennessee, Lisa Fenyes of New Orleans, and Tonya Gee of Midlothian.

The groom's brother, Sam Edelman of Highland Springs, was best man. Ushers were the groom's uncle, Tom Kane of Long Island, N.Y., the bride's brother-in-law Darryl Glass of Brandermill, Tibor Fenyes of New Orleans, and William Woodson of Richmond.

Flower girls were the bride's nieces Lauren Glass and Emily Purdue. Sean Concannon was the ringbearer.

Music was provided by soloist Cleave Boshier and a string ensemble and flute.

Following the ceremony a reception took place at the Country Club of Virginia.

The newlyweds are living in Richmond after a wedding trip to Negril, Jamaica.

The bride, a graduate of Clover Hill High School, is in the master's program at Virginia Commonwealth University. She works for the Tobacco Company Restaurant. The groom graduated cum laude from Virginia Commonwealth University and is a genetic technologist at Medical College of Virginia.

Vicki Gordon and Paul Goodman marry

The marriage of Vicki Micar Gordon and Paul Webster Goodman took place on October 21 at Bethia Methodist Church in Chesterfield. Rick Barclay officiated. The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Michael E. Gordon of Chesterfield and the groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles W. Goodman of Timber Ridge in Brandermill.

The bride was given in marriage by her father. The matron of honor was Shelley Higgins, the bride's sister, of Richmond. Misty Phillips of Hillsville, Va. was a bridesmaid.

Travis Boyle, a friend of the groom and resident of Midlothian, served as best man. Shawn Higgins, brother-in-law of the bride, was groomsmen. Ushers were the groom's brother, Charles W. Goodman, Jr. of Timber Ridge and Garrick Ball of Midlothian.

The bride wore a white satin and lace gown with a v-neck and she carried white roses. Music was provided by singer Nancy Huff and Donna Whitt played the organ. A reception was given in the home of the bride's parents.

The bride is a graduate of Clover Hill High School and is employed at Signet Bank. The groom is also a graduate of CHHS and is employed by Salem Tools of Eastern Virginia. After a Caribbean cruise, the couple is at home in Midlothian.



Mrs. Paul Goodman

Welcome League will meet December 20

The Chesterfield Welcome League is sponsoring its annual cookie exchange and holiday social on Wednesday, December 20 at Woodlake United Methodist Church from 9:30 a.m. to noon. Babysitting is available for a small fee and by reservation. Call "T" at 739-8132 or Janet at 796-3577 for information.

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Toll Road

A private organization, James River Parkway Associates, has also expressed interest in building a toll road from the Powhite Parkway to Route 64.

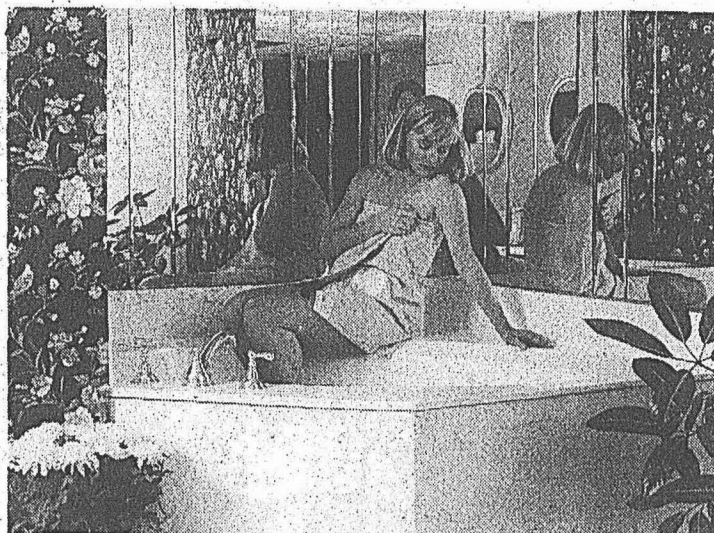
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Photo by Jo Owens

Beavis family announces new baby boy

Ellen and Roger Beavis of Quail Hollow Lane announce the birth of a son, Ryan James Beavis, on October 19 at Chippenham Hospital. He weighed 8 pounds, 13 ounces and was 22 inches long.

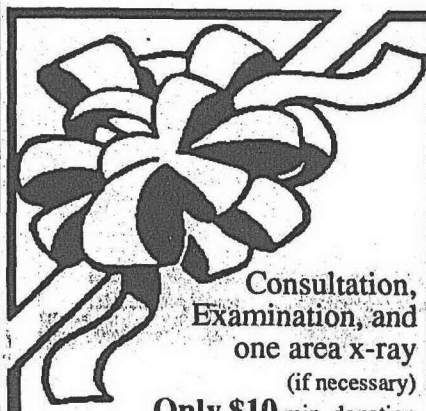
Young Ryan has a sister Samantha, 7, and a brother Joshua, 4.

The family is new to Brandermill, having recently moved from Southern California.

Book club travels



Book club members visit Old Blanford Church in Petersburg where they viewed windows by Tiffany, the topic of their book for the month. From left are: Janis Carlisle, Patti Fenchuck, Mary Jane Buchanan, Brenda Lee, Andie Cook and Robbie Rice.



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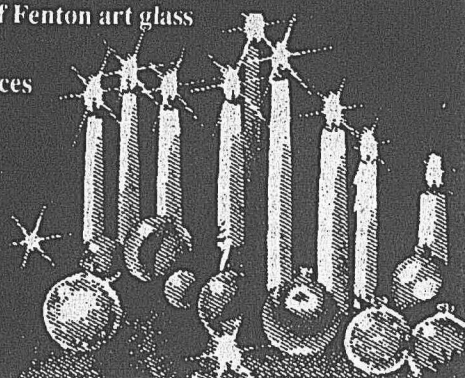
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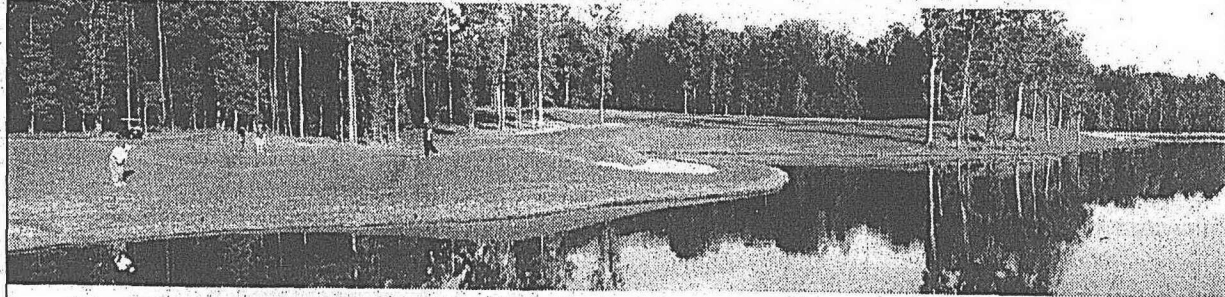
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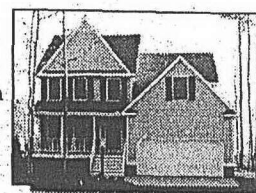


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Woman's Club announces Christmas program



Christmas Mother Sandra Sizemore and BWC President Norma Gibbons

Photo by Jo Owens

By Mary Brown

The December meeting of the Brandermill Woman's Club will be held Monday, December 18 in the restaurant at Brandermill Woods. The meeting begins with coffee at 9:30

a.m., the business meeting at 10 a.m. and a program of Christmas music following. The program is being presented by singers Roberta Hare, Ann Doll, Lois Rodgers and Marilyn Fielder accompanied by pianist Kim Peachy who will also present a medley of Christmas songs. Members and

residents are urged to come to enjoy their presentations.

Anyone who would like to attend the meeting may do so. Anyone who would like to have lunch may call Gloria Barbara at 739-7437 to make reservations. Lunch is usually served around 11:30 a.m.

Christmas Mother

Three holiday decorations were raffled at the November Woman's Club meeting to raise additional funds for the Christmas Mother program. Thanks to members of the charities committee for their contributions which netted a total of \$107. In addition to the Christmas Mother family that had been adopted, members Polly Pratt and Audrey Vandereedt made 25 aprons for use by the volunteers at the Christmas Center this December.

Other holiday contributions from the club included a cash donation to Swift Creek Middle School towards 12 food baskets, coloring books, crayons and other supplies for the children's waiting room at Richmond AIDS Ministries, clothing and a stocking for 17-year-old AIDS patient and funds for two fire extinguishers for the new Teen Center.

Members were on hand to welcome in the holidays at Sunday Park when the community tree lighting and festivities began with hot cider and cookies. Thanks to Millie Sanger for chairing this event.

Letter to the Editor

To the editor:

I find it hard to believe that the commercial reader board issue passed at the recent BCA Board meeting when more than 700 property owners surveyed by the NRC voted nearly 80 percent in opposition to this measure. Wasn't anyone listening, or didn't anyone care?

The fact is that the board of directors was listening. They were listening to those interests who put them in office. The problem is apathy on the part of Brandermill residents. Approximately 35 percent of Brandermill residents voted in the previous BCA election. Naturally that vote was fragmented among many candidates. Two-thirds of the residents did not vote! The commercial interests voted nearly as a block and stocked the board with directors sympathetic to commercial interests. So Sunday Park and Genito Station (with more sites probable in the future) will have Commercial Reader boards despite overwhelming opposition from the community...despite opposition from the NRC...despite Commercial Architectural Review Board opposition (from a safety concern)...and despite being denied by last year's board.

It is my personal feeling that a board of directors in a residential community association must reflect the wishes of the residents, and that commercial interests should be treated fairly, but not given preference over residents' wishes. If you agree with this philosophy then you must learn all you can about those candidates for the office of director, actively support those candidates you endorse, and most importantly of all—vote in the election.

Lastly, since the CARB had safety concerns, I would suggest that the BCA survey the most dangerous areas and intersections within the community. Document where most accidents historically have taken place. Once armed with this information, the BCA must not allow further distractions to be placed in those locations or the consequences will fall on those who placed "special interests" over overwhelmingly strong community opposition.

Jim Murphy
Watch Harbour

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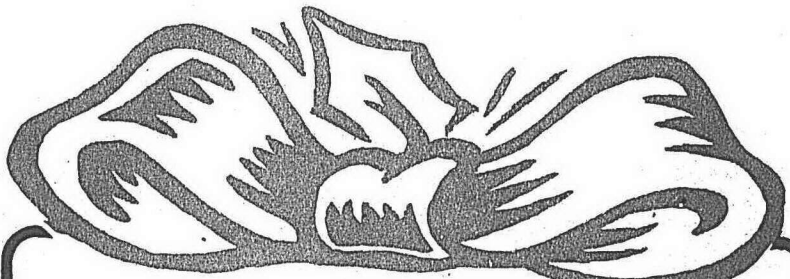
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Scouts visit troopers

Den 4, Pack 809 visited the Virginia State Police Training Academy on Midlothian Turnpike on November 7.

Sergeant Roger L. Macy hosted the scouts on an official tour of the facilities.

Two classes of troopers in training are expected to graduate this spring, resulting in just over 100 new troopers.

Pictured in the Academy classroom are, from left: front row, Ryan Searcy, John Bergman, Nick Valerie; second row, Sagar Nadgir, Kevin Jackson, Thomas Walton-Cale; back row, assistant den leader Debbie Walton-Cale, Sergeant Roger L. Macy, and den leader Donna Gilfor.



Forums
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in the long term," he said.

Also on the issue of the Route 288 extension, it was noted that state policy makes the construction of sound barriers "virtually impossible." McCracken said the county has tried to reduce noise from highways through distance and spacing, and berm barriers are sometimes the most effective. Joan Salvati of the environmental engineering department said the watershed management committee has several items that need to be discussed. She said that within the next several months the committee will submit a report to the board of supervisors.

McCracken said the speed limit on U.S. Route 360 will remain at 55 miles per hour right now. He added that if a mall is developed and other planned construction takes place along the roadway, then the speed limit may be reduced.

Brandermill resident Dorcas Yeager said that the area needs to be made more "user-friendly" with the construction of crosswalks and bike paths.

It was noted that the residential sector does not pay for all the services provided by the county. The industrial and commercial community pays about 40 percent of the taxes collected and the industrial base needs to continue to grow along with the residential areas.

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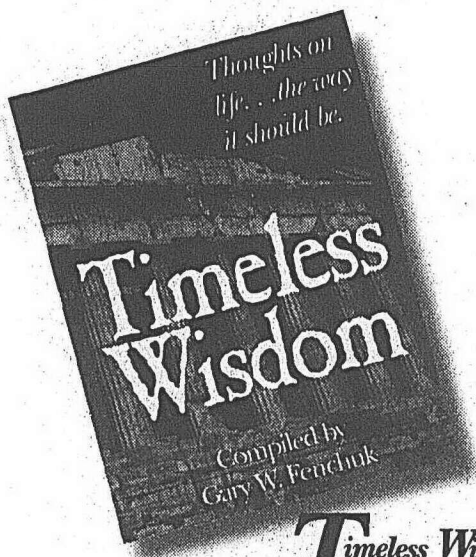
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Bob Cohen realizes dream of publishing his first mystery

By Harriet Coppins
Copy Editor

Brandermill resident Bob Cohen says that having his first book of fiction published is a dream come true, a very long dream. Cohen started his mystery *Majorski's Ghost* 11 years ago. In spite of many obligations that faced him during that time, he was able to finish it because of a tremendous amount of determination.

Majorski's Ghost is published by North Country Books of Utica, N.Y. Cohen, who holds a doctorate in clinical psychiatry is the vice chairman and a professor in the psychiatry department at Virginia Commonwealth University Medical College of Virginia. He is also the director of the Virginia Treatment Center for Children. In addition, he has had several professional books and papers published, but he never stopped thinking about his unfinished project.

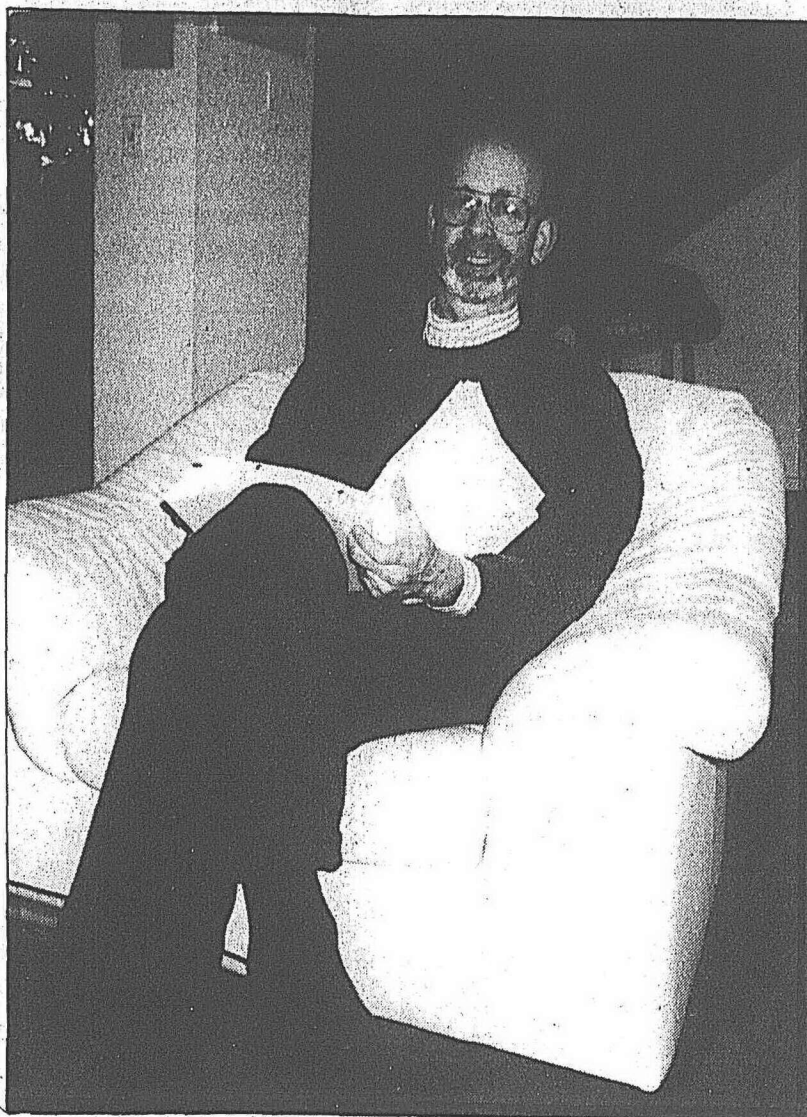
Originally *Majorski's Ghost* focused on a private investigator and a

police officer but Cohen realized that he needed to be more innovative. He created a different kind of protagonist, a graduate student named Marty Fenton who was hooked on solving puzzles.

The setting of the book is Syracuse, N.Y. in the dead of winter. This part is actually autobiographical because Cohen had been a graduate student at Syracuse University and had experienced first-hand the typically long, snowy winters in that area. About his recently launched book Cohen says, "My book is 'different.' It is not hard core and it has humor and romance." Cohen is at work now on another mystery. It is about a teenager accused of murdering another teenager.

Bob and his wife Nancy, the daytime chef at the Henry Clay Inn in Ashland, live in Spring Gate Court and are the parents of three grown children.

He will be autographing copies of *Majorski's Ghost* at Dalton Book Store in Chesterfield Towne Center on December 16 from 3 to 5 p.m.



Bob Cohen

Jennifer Dais is in top 20 of Preteen America contest

Jennifer Dylann Dais, daughter of Janet and Gary Dais of Fox Chase, recently competed in the Preteen America Scholarship and Recognition Program in Norfolk where she placed in the top 20 out of 132 entrants.

Seven-year-old Jennifer was the second runner-up in the speaking competition. Her topic was "What Good Family Values Mean To Me." State finalists at the competition were judged on academic achievement, volunteer service, school honors and

activities, development of personal skills and abilities, general knowledge, communicative ability and on-stage review and acknowledgment of accomplishments. For her volunteer service Jennifer had gone door-to-door in her neighborhood and collected \$127 for the Make-A-Wish Foundation.

Jennifer is in the second grade at Swift Creek Elementary School and loves math. She would like to be a college math teacher when she grows up and "a doctor on my days off."



Jennifer Dais

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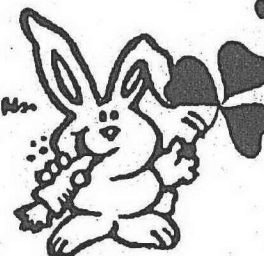
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Middle School Principal Joy Brown dies

She leaves students a message of love



The late Joy Brown

By Ernestine Armstrong

Joy H. Brown, principal of Swift Creek Middle School and friend to all who knew her in the Brandermill community, died of cancer Tuesday, November 28 at Johnston-Willis Hospital. She was 50.

Joy Brown began teaching earth science and biology in 1968 in Chesapeake. Her teaching career expanded to Germany, Fayetteville, N.C. and Richmond. She began her career in Chesterfield County as a science teacher at SCMS in 1979. Mrs. Brown became assistant principal at Meadowbrook High School in 1985 but came back to SCMS in that same position in 1987. She became principal at SCMS in 1991.

Although Joy Brown's death

brings great sorrow and regret to all of the SCMS family, it is the expressions of the students that hold a special meaning.

Some students wrote, "She was like a beacon in the night, showing the way to those who were lost." and "She was always smiling. I don't smile a lot but when I saw her, I smiled. She just lit up my day."

"SCMS has lost a terrific principal. She was a positive influence on the whole school." Another student wrote, "The things everyone will miss are the little things, like the way she smiled through thick and thin." "Mrs. Brown should always be remembered here at Swift Creek as an example of a great personality."

The following excerpt from a letter Mrs. Brown wrote to her students earlier this month shows the love and concern she had for

them even throughout her illness.

"Dear Students: I am both honored and sincerely grateful for the number of well-wishes and 'happy birthdays' that I have received from you...I have always bragged about having the best kids in Chesterfield County Schools and your level of concern is evidence that convinces me that you are truly the best."

"I now have a request of you, and it is that you will keep our school goals for this year ever present in your minds. As we measure academic success, ask yourselves: Have you improved your grades since interims? Have you improved home-school communication? Are you talking with your parents every day about your school activities? Are you a good citizen at Swift Creek Middle School? Are you following the rules and guidelines that will allow everyone to come to school feeling safe and secure, knowing that everyone's goal is providing you with the best education possible."

"Students, these are sincere goals of mine, your teachers and your parents. Just as so many of you have rallied around me during this time when I truly need your support, I'm asking that all of you become committed to our goals. We will be successful if we're all together now! With love, Mrs. Brown"

To her husband, Joseph, and sons Kevin and Kenneth, the entire Brandermill community extends its deepest sympathy. She was a JOY that will never be forgotten.

Contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society, Richmond Christian Center Children's Fund or the Joy Brown Scholarship Fund. Please make checks payable to Clover Hill High School with a note "For Joy Brown."

Local students perform in Nutcracker ballet

By Harriet Coppins
Copy Editor

Several students from local schools are appearing in "The Nutcracker" presented by the Richmond Ballet at the Carpenter Center for the Performing Arts, December 14 to 26.

The leading role of Clara will be danced by 14-year-old Kimberly Torcivia. Kim is a ninth-grader at Clover Hill High School. She has been in ballet for 10 years and previously performed as a mouse, a Mother Ginger child, and both a party girl and boy. The Nutcracker Prince will be performed by Ryan Traylor who is also 14 and in the ninth grade at Clover Hill High School. Ryan has taken ballet lessons for 10 years and in past years was one of the party children and last year was the understudy for the Prince. Colby Damon will be Clara's naughty little brother Fritz. Colby is 11 years old and in the sixth grade at Swift Creek Middle School. This is his fourth year with the ballet and he has performed as Fritz for three years.

Kyle Ruch and Justine DeVoe will perform as two of Mother Ginger's children. Ten-year-old Kyle has been in ballet for six years and has previously been a mouse and a party child. He is in the fifth-grade at Clover Hill Elementary School. Justin, a fourth-grader at Swift Creek Elementary School, has previously been a mouse and has been in ballet for three years.

Kirsten Young and Jordan Allonier both attend Swift Creek Middle School. Kirsten who is an eighth-grader is a soldier as she has been for three years. She has taken ballet for eight years. Jordan, a sixth-grader, has been in ballet for two years and is a mouse for the second time.

Katie Rubis who attends the Governor's School and Sinclair Brydon, a student at St. Michaels are both soldiers. Katie, a ninth-grader, has been in ballet for 10 years and has been a mouse, a party child and a confectioner. Sinclair has danced ballet for seven years and is in the seventh grade. He has danced as a mouse and confectioner.

Kerri Grinnage a student in the fifth grade at Clover Hill Elementary School is a page. She has taken ballet lessons for five years and this is her first appearance in "The Nutcracker."

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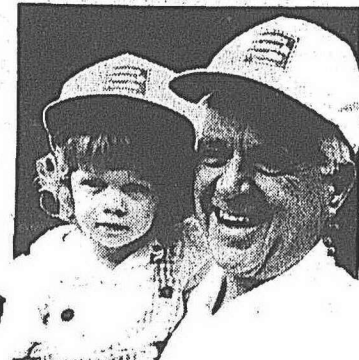
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County offers public education courses

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Tender Touch: How to Soothe Your Infant: a five week course for parents and their babies, ages 3 weeks to crawling. Class will include massage, techniques to reduce gas/colic, infant development, and interpreting baby's cues. The class will be held for one and one-half hours weekly during the day in the central Chesterfield area and will begin in January. For more information and to preregister, contact Teresa Stehle at 768-7204.

Stress and Anxiety Management is a series of seven sessions designed to develop practical skills for coping with stress and reducing anxiety in daily life. The course will begin on January 16, 1996 and continue for a total of seven consecutive evenings from 7 to 8:30 p.m. in the northern central Chesterfield area. For more information and to register contact Whitney Kern at 768-7204.

Parenting Your Young Adolescent: "The Jekyll and Hyde Year" is an educational program designed to teach relationship enhancement and conflict resolution skills to parents. Classes will begin in January and consist of seven weekly sessions from 7 to 9 p.m. at Midlothian Middle School and at Swift Creek Middle School. To preregister, contact Karl Kabler for the Swift Creek class and Kiana Allin/Emily Tignor for the Midlothian class at 768-7204.

Coping With Attention ADHD: A Parent Survival Program is a course designed for parents of children with ADHD. Emphasis is placed on providing parents with ways to cope with and the frustration and often disruptive behaviors typical of ADHD children. The course will begin on January 16, 1996 and continue for a total of eight consecutive Tuesday evenings from 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. at the Midlothian branch of the Chesterfield Library. For more information and to preregister contact Mary Dannenberg at 768-7204.

Coping With Your Child's Behavior: The Preschool Years is a course for parents of preschool children. Lectures, group discussion, demonstration and practice will be used to help parents learn ways to effectively deal with the typical behavior problems of early childhood along with

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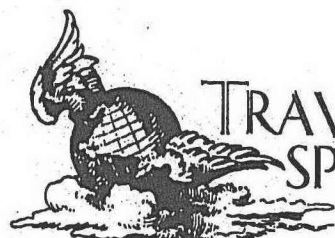
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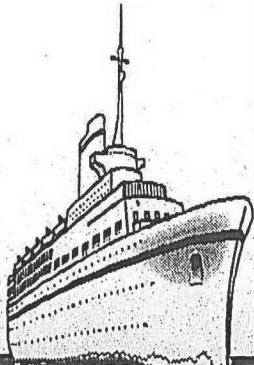
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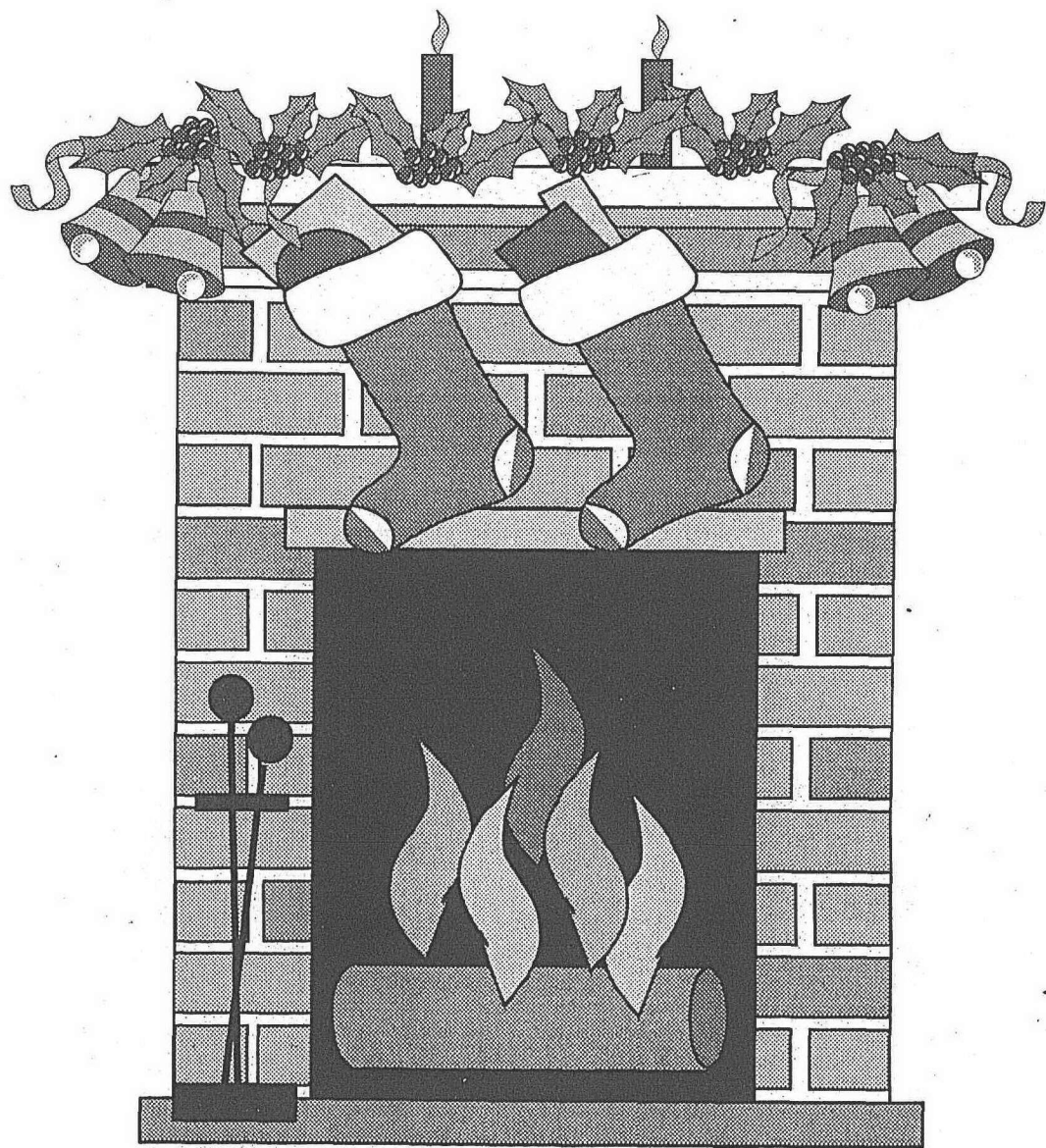
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CHES NEWS



Celebrating the fall season in Cheryl Rudd's first-grade class are from left: Andrew Mykch, Laura Seibert, Jack Barrow, Angela Kalaris, Emily Purcell, Derrick Tribbey, David Bedell, Kevin Fitzpatrick, Rashelle Parks, Rachel Rice, Adam Mehrer and Brian Faulkner.

By Mary Kay McCall

The theme "Just Open Your Eyes and See" was interpreted in a myriad of delightful and creative ways in the 1995-1996 National PTA-sponsored Reflections contest held at Clover Hill Elementary School. The annual event provides students an opportunity to use their creative talents through original works of literature, music, photography, and visual arts. Grand prize winners will be judged at the county level and may be eligible for national competition early next year. CHES thanks Cathy Machek, Reflections coordinator, for her tireless enthusiasm, and also Marion Goff and Alison Duval. Special appreciation goes to the distinguished panel of judges—Carol Turner from Swift Creek Elementary School and Tom Arrington, Holly Helm, and Jan Tusing from Swift Creek Middle School—who had the difficult task of choosing winners from so many creative entries.

Literature category winners are: grades kindergarten through two—grand prize, Kendra Grinnage; first place, Shannon Maddox; second place, Danielle Simmons; third place, Emily Gray; grades three, four and five—grand prize, Margaret Ann Moore; first place, Aaron Duignan and Meredith Woods; second place, Matthew Fottrell and Sarah Michaelowski; third place, Julia Niculescu and Megan Steel.

Music category winners are: grades three, four and five—grand prize, Madison Gross; first place, Alex Huss; second place, Katie Bonns; third place, Julia Niculescu.

Photography category winners are: grades kindergarten through two—grand prize, Freddie Angel; first place, Shannon Maddox; second place, Jacqueline Newman; grades three, four and five—grand prize, Riley Maddox; first place, Douglas Smith; second place, Kim McDonough; third place, Brad Bell.

Visual Arts category winners are: grades kindergarten through two—grand prize, Nathan Eramian; first place, Collin Granger and Shelby Schrey; second place, David Dougherty and Jamie Eissler; third place, Justin Cruse and Sarah Kelly; grades three, four and five—grand prize, Elyse Granger; first place, John McLean and Maggie Noe; second place, Jessie Bowman and Matthew Kanne; third place, Kevin Maher and Matthew Mitchell.

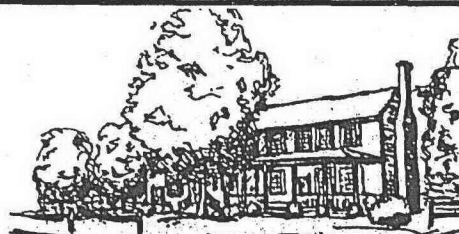
CHES welcomes guidance counselor Lyn Johnson to the staff, joining Tullulah Pickens in a hands-on guidance program. Johnson, a teacher for 18 years and the mother of two teenagers, will be working primarily with kindergarten and first-graders. Pickens and Johnson bring classroom groups together to discuss feelings, self-esteem, different types of families, study skills, decision making, appropriate behavior, social skills and careers. Smaller groups, which require referral and parental permission, may focus on coping skills, separation/divorce, blended families, loss and grief, conflict resolution, anger control and friendship-making skills.

Come join the fun and share the spirit of the holiday season with CHES first-graders as they are transformed into singing and dancing bears in the

magical forest of "Teddy Bear's Holiday." Two performances for students will culminate in a grand finale for families and friends at the PTA meeting on Wednesday, December 13, at 7 p.m. in the cafeteria.

Merry holiday sounds are coming from fifth-grade students as they tune up for a return visit to the James Center in Richmond on Friday December 15 for a noontime concert. Parents are invited to attend. The chorus will also be singing for CHES students during the first-grade holiday performances on the mornings of December 12 and 13.

Best wishes for a warm and happy holiday season from everyone at Clover Hill Elementary School.



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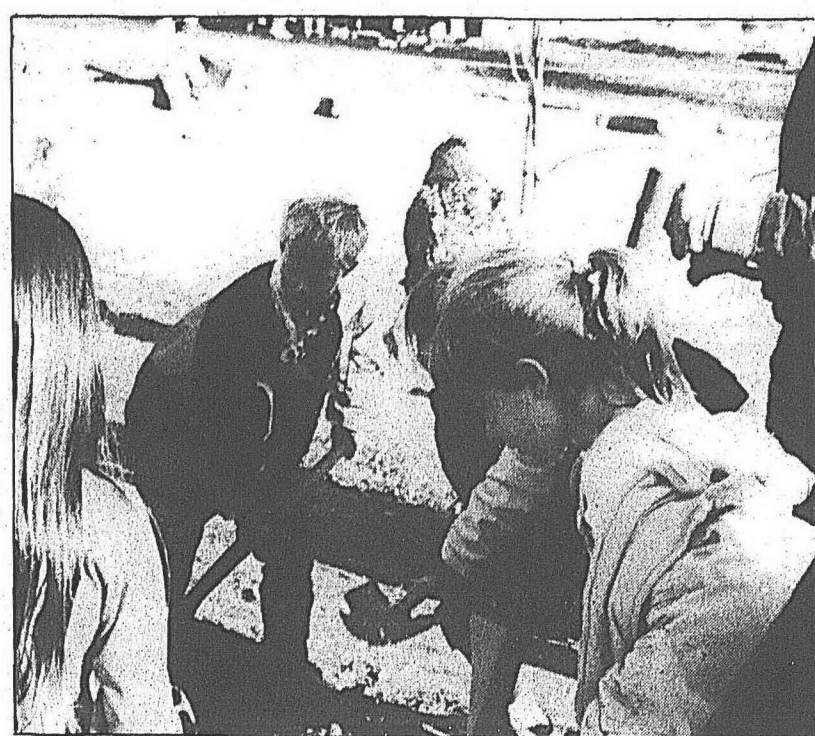
By Beverly Barbee

Friday, November 17 was a newsworthy day at Swift Creek Elementary School—even Channel 12 broadcast a report about it the following Monday evening. PTA Board members and parents turned out to help the entire school population plant a variety of shade trees and spread mulch in and around the playground. Because of all the rain, the Fall Earth Day was moved back to the end of the week. But the students' faces were as sunny as the sky that day when it was their class's turn to plant their own tree in the hole dug, and loosely filled in by the county.

That same afternoon, the four fourth-grade classes gathered out in the baseball field to fly their homemade kites and gliders. Wrapping paper, comic strips, tin foil, and crepe paper were a few of the materials used to build their latest science project on flight. Even though the wind did not cooperate, the students enjoyed the chance to show off their handiwork.

With the holidays fast approaching, parents and students alike were delighted to shop at the School Book Fair, November 28 through December 4. In the school library children picked out the reading materials they wanted for holiday gifts; their parents came in to buy the books; and the school made a percentage of the sales.

Members of the PTA Ways and Means Committee took orders for school jackets last month and conducted the monthly skating party. The sale of coupon books continues until December 20 as well as subscriptions to the informative National PTA magazine—all successful fund-raising projects for the school.



With shovel in hand, Frederick Lambert leads the students in planting trees.

Photo by Cindy Heyl

Helen Liscio, SCES Music Specialist, and parent volunteers once again turned out a first-rate production of "The Nutcracker" starring all the third-graders. With the help of Timothy Clark as the Nutcracker, Kendall Wallace as Marie, Chris Connell as Fritz, Brent Kohler as the judge, Koni Garofalo as the head flower and Courtney Perrett as the child, the school and community had the opportunity of getting into the holiday spirit with this marvelous musical.

This year, instead of mothers designing and teaching the choreography, instructors' assistants from The Swift Creek Academy of the Per-

forming Arts turned up faithfully day after day to teach dance steps to every group, from the Chinese Tea Dancers to the Russian Bakers. Two of these high school-age dancers, Jennifer Whitaker and Jennifer Whitfield, performed in Liscio's very first Nutcracker performance years ago.

Liscio's fifth-grade chorus will be singing delightful holiday season selections for audiences at Brandermill Woods Retirement Community on December 19 at 10:15 a.m. and at Swift Creek Elementary School at 9:45 and 10:45 a.m. Residents are invited to attend any of these performances and see how outstanding our students really are.

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rm, ceiling fans, utility room & country front porch. Landscaped. Ellen Clark 739-6000.

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CHHS NEWS

By Valerie Ritchie

Clover Hill High School has been very fortunate to have some of Virginia's finest educators. Chris Averill, U.S. Advanced Placement American history and social studies teacher, was recently awarded the REB Teacher's Award. Averill was chosen from over 3,000 teachers nominated in the Henrico, Hanover, Chesterfield and Richmond areas. Highly respected among students and faculty, CHHS is proud of his honor. Senior Jennae Walton of Walnut Creek said, "He deserves so much recognition. It is obvious the minute you walk into his classroom that he loves what he is doing, and that is what makes his class exciting and sets him apart from all the other teachers I've encountered in high school."

Senior Sarah Morgan has been honored this year as Clover Hill High School's only National Merit Scholar semi-finalist. Competition is based upon nation-wide PSAT scores and how successful students rank among each other. Finalists are eligible for thousands of dollars in college funding and will be notified later on in the school year. There were also several National Merit commended students: Matt Brenner, Susan Bobb, Anne Cardea, Israel Byrd, Dathan Young, Steve Spagnolo, Zac Smith, and John Baldwin. These students deserve



National Merit Semi-Finalist Sarah Morgan

much recognition for their academic accomplishments.

In light of the Christmas season, the SCA is sponsoring a school-wide canned food drive. This activity runs through seventh period and prizes will be given to the classes donating the most canned goods. Parents and students are encouraged to participate. The drive will last until December 15, and the cans will be donated to the VCU-MCV Hospital Hospitality Service.

The November 14 Chesterfield

County School Board meeting turned into quite a protest. Concerned CHHS students and faculty attended this gathering in order to voice their opinions and to attempt to sway school board members' decisions regarding next year's county-wide scheduling system. The two opposing schedules were Clover Hill High School's current alternating seven block and James River's and Monacan's four-by-four semester block. CHHS students did not support a change due to the demands that would be imposed by a four-by-four schedule. Particular faculty concerns were in the foreign language department and AP courses. On November 30 the school board members unanimously voted for the alternating seven-block schedule. The only stipulation of the decision was that James River and Monacan have the option of returning to four-by-four next year if the seven-block schedule is unsuccessful. When junior Kristina Marlowe was asked how she felt before the decision, she said, "I play volleyball in the fall, and with the amount of AP courses I want to take, a four-by-four system will be virtually impossible for me to handle." After the votes were taken, she said, "I am so happy and relieved. I feel the decision was appropriate for all schools. It will be a lot easier for anyone to make a transition into a seven block than a four-by-four."

Susan Bobb is first junior miss in county



Susan Bobb

By Harriet Coppins
Copy Editor

Susan Bobb, a Brandermill resident and a senior at Clover Hill High School, was recently named Chesterfield County's Junior Miss for 1996. She is the first young woman in Chesterfield County to receive this designation. Next, she will compete in the Virginia State Pageant in Roanoke in February. State winners receive four-year college scholarships and advance to the national program held annually in Mobile, Ala.

Capitol Woman's Club sponsors this contest and entrants are judged on their poise, scholastic ability, fitness and skill in the performing arts.

Susan, who was born in Stuttgart, Germany, also lived in Bonn and Vienna, Austria. She attended Austrian schools through the sixth grade. Her family then moved to Brandermill and Susan entered Swift Creek Middle School.

Susan is a member of National Honor Society, National German Honor Society, National French Honor Society, and National Art Honor Society, and attended Girls' State. She has played the piano since she was 6 years old. Susan, who hopes to major in biology in college and become an occupational therapist, volunteers at Medical College of Virginia in its therapy department.

Susan is the daughter of Sharon and Joe Bobb of Timber Ridge Court. Her older brother Barton is a senior at Hampton-Sydney College and her sister Stephanie is a junior at Clover Hill High School.

SCMS NEWS



Kristen Venable, Ruth Clementson, Aislinn Cooke, Mark Kupets, Melissa Larkin and J. J. Fankovic display hieroglyphics on clay pots for a history project.

By Ernestine Armstrong

Whoever said that history was dull has not talked to students from Swift Creek Middle School lately.

Sixth-grade social studies students recently visited fourth-grade classes at Evergreen Elementary School to share non-fiction books about ancient Egypt that they had written and illustrated. The SCMS students dressed in costume and displayed their projects which included model pyramids, scarab beetle paper weights, and hieroglyphic decoder wheels. The students undoubtedly made a good impression on the fourth-graders.

Students from the sixth-grade Manatee Team felt a "Blast From the Past" during a recent overnight adventure at the school. In keeping with the theme of "A Starry, Starry Night," many brave parents were forced to remember where they were and what they were doing July 20, 1969 when man first walked on the moon. While the students were surprised at their parents' comments, they were also interested in comparing the landing's significance to recent headline events.

Social studies students from Dorothy Williams' seventh-grade class found themselves literally knee-deep in their study of myths, legends and folklore from the Western Hemisphere. They read legends from North, Central and South America, wrote original legends, then transposed them onto flower pots using pictographs and buried them in digs. As modern day archeologists, they later excavated the pots and had to translate the legends by reconstructing the pots.

During Reading Celebration Week at Swift Creek, all grade levels were treated to a performance by actor David Keltz who presented a one-man show based on the life and works

of Edgar Allen Poe. Students on the seventh-grade Anchor Team recreated the atmosphere of the early 19th century by participating in a "Mystery Quest" unit and writing poetry by candlelight.

Perhaps one of the reasons SCMS students are treated to such innovative teaching is the continuous emphasis SCMS teachers place on their personal training. Teachers Margaret Hall, Dorothy Williams and Leona Dooley traveled to Baltimore on November 22 through 24 to attend the National Science Teachers Regional Conference. Sixth-grade teachers Margaret Hall and Leona Dooley presented four workshops on electricity, science clubs, Saturday superscience, and trailblazers. Seventh-grade teacher Dorothy Williams presented a workshop on the rain forests. She plans to attend the Interdisciplinary Environmental Leadership Conference for Educators in July 1996. With faculty members such as these who are committed to creative teaching and students who are eager to learn, SCMS has definitely found the right combination for success.

Special thanks go to Dorothy Williams for gathering the information for this news article.

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Clover Hill tennis team captures second place in state



State Runner-Up Tennis Team

Front row, from left: Julie Breissinger, Brooke Wyman, Lynn Penterson, Kristin Lario, Jennifer Morton, Kelsey Augst, Lacey Lee, Jenny Sharpless and Katie Mason. Second row: Jaime Mason, Stephanie Wolfe, Sarah Breeding, Mary Carter Snidow, Sunlen Miller, Jennifer Magill and Sarah Mugford. At back: Coach Joe England.

The Clover Hill High School Girls Tennis Team captured the runner-up title at the State AAA Championship on November 4 with a 15-1 record. They made history by qualifying for the tournament for the second consecutive year. This year the Lady Cavaliers also captured the Dominion

District Tournament and the Central Region Championship.

The final match of the state was held at Prince George High School where Mills Godwin edged Clover Hill 5-4. Under the guidance of first-year Coach Joe England, the girls tennis team had a great year.

Winter sports season is underway at Clover Hill High School

By Cameron Wallace

With a combination of youth and experience, Clover Hill High School's winter sports teams begin their seasons optimistically.

After ending last year's season with a nine game losing streak, the boys varsity basketball team is hungry for victory. According to head coach Tim Llewellyn, the team has both the tools and the desire to make drastic improvements from last year.

Among these tools are senior co-captains Ryan Charles and Jason Putney, the top two scorers from last year's squad. In addition, Putney led the team in assists while Charles led in rebounds.

"Both Jason and Ryan need to continue their performances from last year," Llewellyn said. "The team will also look to these two for senior leadership." According to Llewellyn, the team will rely on its new players as well as those returning from last year. "Brandon Spencer and Marcus Davis, who are both on varsity for the first

time, will be some of the important players for us."

The girls basketball team will rely on both old and new players for their success as well. According to head coach Phil Villiot, the team is well-balanced, with experienced players. Senior captains Serena Hampton, Amber Mattice, Maggie Trapnell and Jessica Morton will provide stability and the younger players such as freshman Katie Marsh and sophomore Karen Jaeger will add energy and versatility.

The players cite team unity as another major factor in their success, attributing that unity to team members' involvement in off-season basketball programs, such as the Amateur Athletic Union teams. According to Villiot, the team's goals are to finish in the top three in the Dominion District and play in the regional tournament.

Other players who will help the team achieve these goals include juniors Maria Campbell, Karla Ball, Jennifer Morton, Margaret Coleman and Megan Roberts and sophomore

Ashley Morton.

The wrestling team expects to do well despite the graduation of key heavyweight wrestlers last year. The team lost district champions Mike Melina and Jamie Meyer but has many strong wrestlers returning. These include seniors Matt Huddleston, Jason Cattie, Matt Von Schuch and Brian

Nelson and juniors Steve Daggett and Ryan Alberston.

Varsity coach Steve Eliasek says the team will have to rely on its middle and lower weight classes because of the loss of the majority of the heavier

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CHHS Winter Sports

Boys Basketball			
Dec.	12	Matoaca	A 6:00/7:30
	15	Lloyd Bird*	A 6:00/8:30
	19	Dinwiddie	H 6:00/7:30
Jan.	2	Matoaca	H 6:00/7:30
	5	Huguenot*	H 6:00/7:30
	9	Monacan*	A 6:00/7:30
	12	Manchester*	A 6:00/7:30
	16	James River*	A 6:00/7:30
	19	Midlothian	A 6:00/7:30
	25	Thomas Dale	A 6:00/7:30
	26	George Wythe	H 4:00/7:30
	30	Lloyd Bird*	H 6:00/7:30
*Freshman game at 4:15			
Girls Basketball			
Dec.	13	Lloyd Bird	H 6:00/7:30
	15/18	In Sync Tourn.	TBA
Jan.	4	Huguenot	A 3:15
	8	Monacan	H 6:00/7:30
	11	Manchester	H 6:00/7:30
	15	James River	A 6:00/7:30
	18	Midlothian	A 6:00/7:30
	25	Thomas Dale	H 6:00/7:30
	26	George Wythe	H 6:00
	29	Lloyd Bird	A 6:00/7:30
Wrestling			
Dec.	13	James River	A 6:00/7:30
	15/16	Richmond Invit.	Herm. TBA
Jan.	3	Monacan	A 6:00/7:30
	10	Midlothian	H 6:00/7:30
	12	Dale/Bird/Manch.	Dale TBA
	13	JV Hope/Dale Manch.	H TBA
	17	Huguenot	A 6:00/7:30
	20	L. Davis/Herm./Hope.	Herm. TBA
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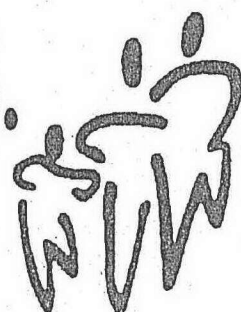
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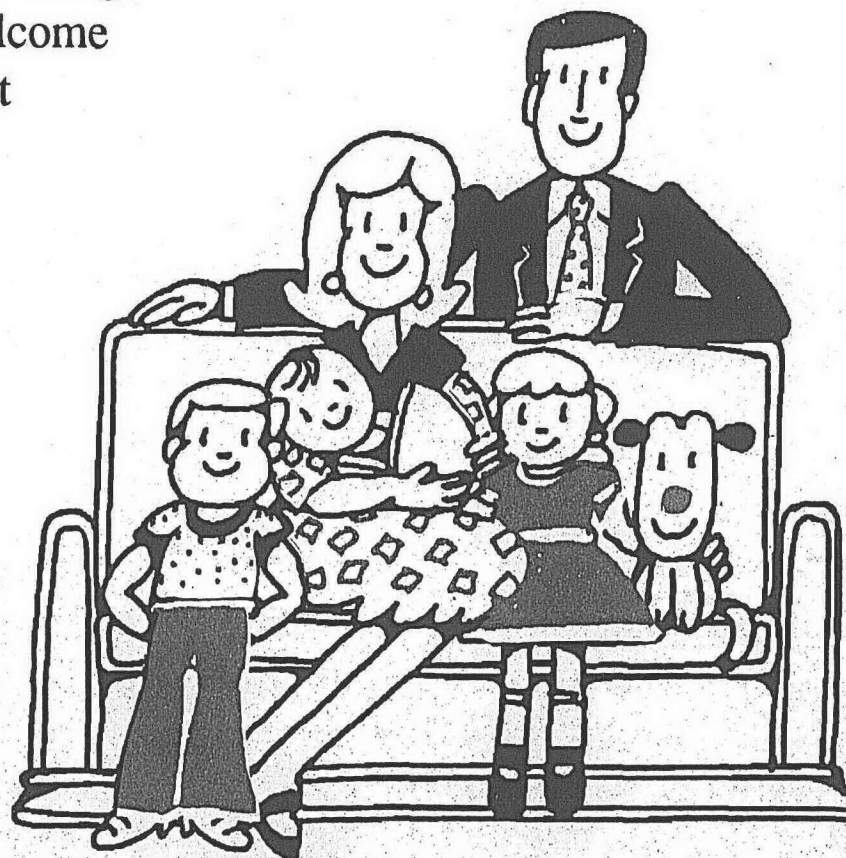
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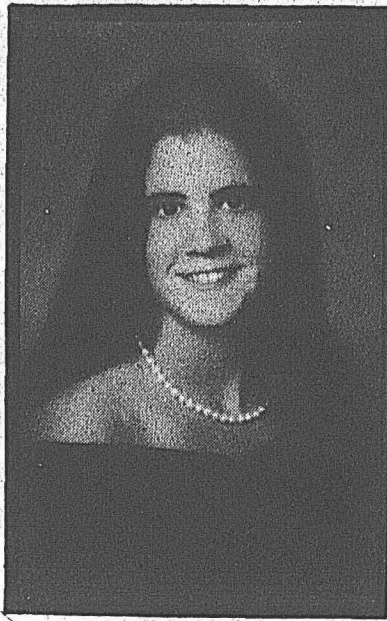
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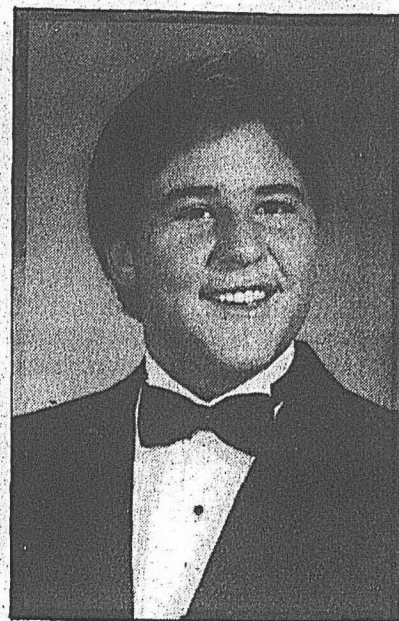
The Clover Hill High School golf team finished the 1995 season with a 14-2 overall record. The team was first in both the regular season Dominion District and in the Dominion District tournament. The team also captured a second place in the Central Regional tournament and a third place in the AAA State tournament.

Anne Cardea and Andy Menninger were named to the All Academic Dominion District team. Junior Joe Privitera tied a school record by shooting a 33 for nine holes and Cardea came in sixth in the state tournament.

The top eight players were Matt Gray, Anne Cardea, Joe Privitera, Andy Menninger, Mac Foster, Kris Kready, Patrick Mott, and Ryan Alberston. The following were also on the team: Derek Wagstaff, Wes Thomason, Matt Harper, John Kessinger, Lauren Noe, Tommy Miller, Scott Campbell and Tim Burns.



Anne Cardea



Andy Menninger



Joe Privitera

J.R. Joyce places 10th in Virginia skiing competition

By Harriet Coppins
Copy Editor

Brandermill resident J.R. Joyce raced Coca-Cola Jr. NASTAR (National Standard Race) during the 1994-

1995 season and placed 10th among all of Virginia's 5- and 6-year-old boys making him one of the fastest ski racers in the state.

J.R. was ranked against U.S. Ski Team member and 1994 Olympic gold medalist Tommy Moe, along with

approximately 110,000 other recreational ski racers participating in the 1994-1995 Coca-Cola Jr. NASTAR program.

J.R. earned a season best handicap of 58 while skiing at Park City, Ut. That score means he was just 58 percent behind NASTAR National Pacesetter Tommy Moe, who held NASTAR's best handicap, a zero, during the 1994-1995 ski season.

J.R., whose more formal name is J.R. III, is now 7 years old and the

oldest of five brothers.

His brothers are Brendan, Dillan, Colin, and Justin. While J.R. started skiing at 3, Colin, who is 2, has already begun.

J.R. is a second-grader at Swift Creek Elementary School. In addition to skiing, J.R. plays MYSL soccer, SCAA baseball and YMCA basketball.

The five boys are the sons of Heather and Jack Joyce of Chimney House Road.



J.R. Joyce in competition on the slopes.

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Amoco and Bullets will open soon



Construction workers apply finishing touches to the new Amoco station and convenience store. Photo by Juli Talty

By Harriet Coppins
Copy Editor

Bullets, Amoco gasoline and a convenience store — three separate franchises sharing one location — will open by the end of December in Genito Station shopping center. Seibert's Service Station is the group managing the enterprise. John Seibert, who is in partnership with Alex Massie, says, "The industry is moving nationwide to this concept of housing food and gasoline under one roof." He adds that they operate 16 service stations within a 100-mile radius of Richmond and the Brandermill store is the seventh opened by them this year.

Bullets will have inside seating for 36 patrons. Drive-through service will not be available.

The decor of the restaurant will adhere to an "oldies" nostalgia theme. The menu will include quarter-pound flame-broiled hamburgers prepared

as ordered and flame-grilled chicken breast sandwiches. Fat-free mayonnaise will be available. Two kinds of barbecue sandwiches, spicy and Texas, will be featured as well as — in Seibert's words — "the best milkshakes anywhere."

The Amoco gas facility will be self-service and customers may pay at the pumps with credit cards. The pumps will accommodate Amoco, Mastercard and Visa cards.

The convenience store will feature Dunkin' Donuts and customers can eat their food purchases in the dining area of the restaurant.

Seibert says his group "worked closely with the BCA Board and the Commercial Architectural Review Board and gave them 'carte blanche' for design." He believes that the extra business can only help the stores in Genito Station.

Bullets hours will be from 10:30 a.m. to 11 p.m. The gas pumps and Dunkin' Donuts will operate on a 24-hour basis.

Investment associate is new Signet employee

By Harriet Coppins
Copy Editor

Lynn Marano was recently named an investment associate at Signet Bank in Market Square. Marano was transferred from Signet Bank in Varina in mid-November and replaces Megan Ray.

As an investment associate, Marano helps customers make informed decisions about their financial portfolios. These decisions may affect retirement plans, funds for college educations and goal setting.

A 1989 graduate of Clover Hill High School, Marano is now attending evening classes at John Tyler Community College and will soon transfer to Virginia Commonwealth University and work toward a degree in finance.

Marano, who lives in Hunter's Chase, says, "I am happy to be in the Brandermill office because as a nearby resident I feel I can do more for members of the community."



Lynn Marano

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wrestlers. He is confident in the leadership of Cattie and Daggett, both of whom won regionals last year, as well as Nelson, who is a steady force on the team. "We can always count on Brian to win more than he loses," Eliasek said. "No one has a bigger heart in the last minute." According to Eliasek, James River and Midlothian High Schools will present the toughest competition for the Cavs. "If we beat James River and Midlothian, we will get the high district finish we need."

After losing many seniors from last year, the indoor track team hopes to remain a powerhouse in the Dominion District by gaining enough new runners to make up for those who graduated. Head coach Mike Justice believes the team's past success has helped attract more runners to the

team. Justice predicts that "if the young freshmen and sophomores really work hard," and "a few older runners carry the load," then the team will be successful.

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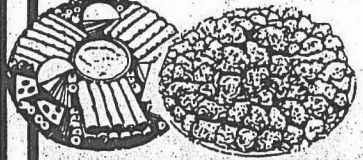
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