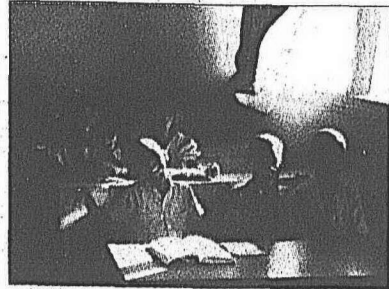


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Haitian students receive medical aid from Brandermill Church members.

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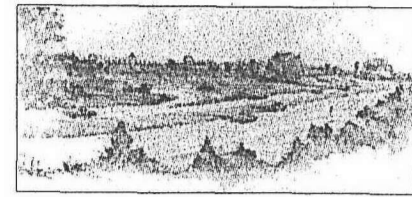
## GOOD NEIGHBOR AWARD



The Garden Club donates plantings year after year to beautify Brandermill.

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## NEW DEVELOPMENTS



Plans for 360/288 quadrant on page 4.

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## Welcome to Brandermill on Parade & Spring Fest



Follow the balloons to  
Homes on Parade

May 18 • 1-6 p.m.

### Sunday Park Festivities

- Food & Music
- Free Boat Rides
- Clowns
- Sailing Regatta • 1 p.m.
- Martial Arts World Demo • 2 p.m.
- Pontoon Boat Display
- Kids ID
- Lions Club Sight Testing
- Lite 98 Radio • 12:30 - 3:30 p.m.
- Music by Dan & Van • 3 - 6 p.m.
- Businesses & Organizations

### Market Square Festivities

- Food & Music
- Antique/Classic Car Show
- Moon Walk
- Clowns
- Bike Rodeo • 2 - 4 p.m.
- Paddle Boat on Display
- Stretch Jeep on Display
- Martial Arts World Demo • 1 p.m.
- Box Car Brass Band • 1 - 3 p.m.
- Businesses & Organizations
- Fire, Rescue & Police
- Open Houses
- Brandermill Country Club
- The Brandermill Inn
- Brandermill Woods
- The Chesterfield
- Clover Hill Area Teen Center
- Courtside
- Swift Creek Academy
- of Performing Arts
- Waterford Apartments



Photo by Wendy Parker

Event Chairman Millie Millar Ford invites the public to Brandermill homes on parade this Sunday.

By Wendy Parker  
Managing Editor

It's time to spiff up the house, the yard, the mailbox, and put out the welcome mat this Sunday. Throngs of visitors will be on hand for Brandermill's first Home Parade and Spring Fest May 18 from 1 to 6 p.m.

Sponsored by Brandermill Community Association, this event will showcase Brandermill homes on the market which will be designated by green and white balloons. In addition, dozens of services and products of-

fered by local businesses and organizations will be featured. Festivities for youngsters and adults are scheduled all afternoon in Sunday Park and Market Square. According to event Chairman Millie Millar Ford, this will be a great opportunity for residents to invite their relatives and friends and out-of-town guests to show off the "Best Planned Community in America."

There will be four tents—points of entry into the community—where residents and visitors can receive a map designating locations of homes for sale, food, entertainment and activities.

## Members elect directors and pass amendment

By Wendy Parker  
Managing Editor

The 23rd annual meeting of the BCA membership convened on April 18 at The Brandermill Church to close the polls. Outgoing President Jim Trent reconvened the meeting on April 21 to announce the election results. Approximately 14 residents were in the audience.

Tom Koren of Schutrumpf and Koren announced that the required 20 percent quorum had been reached and he read the results of the election. Tom Hourin received 1,913 votes; Robert Herald received 1,697 votes; and Kris Anderson, as a write-in candidate, received 190 votes. Hourin and Herald will fill the seats of President Jim Trent and Treasurer Kevin Healy. They will each serve a three-year term.

### Amendment Passes

Koren announced that the amendment regarding exempt status of nonprofit members had passed. He said 2,610 votes were cast in favor and 221



Bob Herald



Tom Hourin

cast against the amendment. According to Koren, 75 percent of the votes cast had to be in favor of the amendment for it to pass and he said 92 percent of the votes were in favor.

Passage of the amendment means that certain nonprofit organizations will have to pay assessments. The amendment came before the membership after Senior Living Choices, Inc., (SLC) owner of Brandermill Woods,

See Members on page 16.

## New signs take a beating

By Wendy Parker  
Managing Editor

Vandalism to neighborhood signs continues to be a problem in Brandermill—an expensive one. The large entrance sign near the reservoir on Genito Road recently was used for target practice and sustained five gunshot wounds amounting to \$625 in damage. The shots were apparently fired from a vehicle traveling toward Woodlake.

Thirteen other signs have been vandalized throughout the course of the year. Brooks Gray Sign Company, the manufacturer of the signs, will repair them for approximately \$4,700.

Some signs require new lettering; others need to be repainted and four must be removed in order to repair punctures and dents.

Brandermill Community Association

offers rewards up to \$500 leading to information regarding vandalism to BCA property. To make a confidential report, please call 744-1035.

Signs	Repair Cost
Entrance	\$ 625
Garrison Place	839
Cradle Hill	839
Sutter's Mill	839
Poplar Grove	148
Winterberry	148
McTyrre's	148
Steeple Chase	74
Riverbirch Trace	22
Regatta Pointe	111
The Oaks	10
Two Notch	22
Harbour Ridge	74
North Point	90
Labor	750
	\$ 4,739

## QuickTakes

### Oops.



A truck made an unexpected delivery when it overturned recently in Market Square.

### Neither rain nor snow...



Avid golfers brave the rain at the country club. See golf course fan story on page 3.

### World Travelers.

High school students visit France and Costa Rica.



See story on page 13.

## Good news for commuters — so far

By Janet Joyce  
Staff Writer

Clover Hill Supervisor Art Warren credits the public for two recent decisions regarding toll roads.

Warren is pleased that Governor Allen has designated funding to extend Route 288 from Route 76 to Route 60 as a four-lane highway. According to Warren, when the entire extension is complete, a Brandermill resident could make the trip to Motorola in 17 minutes without paying tolls. He expects the extension will be completed within three and one-half years.

In another toll issue, the Richmond Metropolitan Authority (RMA) Board of Directors agreed overwhelmingly to postpone for at least six months, voting on a proposal designed to reduce congestion at the Powhite Toll Plaza that would be funded by increasing

tolls on RMA-operated roads and bridges.

The decision followed an April 21 meeting at Monacan High School at which angry Chesterfield County residents expressed their displeasure at the prospect of increased tolls. The meeting was organized by Chesterfield County Supervisors Art Warren, Ed Barber and Renny Humphrey who invited members of the RMA to explain their proposal to county residents. Panel members were: Chesterfield County representatives on the RMA board Charles Foster, a Brandermill resident, and Read Goode; RMA Board Chairman Jim Jenkins; and RMA General Manager Mike Berry.

The \$24 million-plan would be funded by increasing tolls on the Powhite Parkway, Forest Hill and the Downtown Expressway from 35 cents

to 50 cents, 10-cent increases in the tolls on exit and entrance ramps and a 5-cent increase on the Boulevard Bridge. Added to the 75-cent toll on the Powhite Extension, which is operated by the Virginia Department of Transportation and not the RMA, the cost of a round trip between Brandermill and

*"A Brandermill resident could make the trip to Motorola in 17 minutes without paying tolls."*

Art Warren

downtown Richmond would be \$3.50. A Brandermill resident commuting

See Commuters on page 8.

## "A Futuristic Fourth" is in the planning

By Kris Risendal  
Staff Writer

The theme is "A Futuristic Fourth!" and all it will take is a little aluminum foil and a lot of community spirit to ensure that this year's Fourth of July is a resounding success. The annual festivities, sponsored by the BCA, will include the traditional morning parade and evening fireworks, together with a slate of new events.

According to Debbie Braun, chairman of this year's event, a contest is being held to name a grand marshal for the day's activities. "We are asking people to nominate a Brandermill resident whom they admire and be-

lieve deserves special recognition. The nominees should be people who have overcome adversity or done something special during the past year," she said. Nomination forms are at the BCA; all entries must be received by June 20.

A new event planned is a Japanese boat parade to be held prior to the fireworks. The BCA will supply boat owners with decorating materials: wood, strapping, rope, nails, Japanese lanterns and candles. Boat owners will meet at Commodore Point the afternoon of the Fourth to decorate their boats. "All we ask is that people use creativity when designing their boats," said Braun. "The boats are scheduled to parade across the water beginning

at 8 p.m., to give people on shore a beautiful display with glowing lights."

This year's parade route will begin at Swift Creek Middle School and finish at Sunday Park, where everyone is invited to enjoy watermelon and entertainment. All neighborhoods are urged to participate with a return to an old-fashioned float competition. Area businesses and civic groups are also invited to participate. With just a twist of aluminum foil, a bicycle can become a magic spaceship hurtling into the future. The BCA is looking for volunteers to help make this year's Fourth of July celebration a success. Please call Debbie Braun at 744-2720 or the BCA at 744-1035.



Photo by Wendy Parker

BCA employee Garland Bannister inspects a Brandermill sign with an exit wound from a bullet.

## Police apprehend vandals

By Wendy Parker  
Managing Editor

According to Detective Lee Switzer with Chesterfield County Police Crime Solvers, four juveniles have been arrested in a case involving \$15,000 dollars in vandalism damage to property at Brandermill Country Club and Swift Creek Middle School playing fields.

Four juveniles, 14 to 16 years old, were arrested following tips from two individuals who called the country club and Crime Solvers. Three boys are Brandermill residents and one is from Woodlake.

Officer Badgerow and Officer Dickerson were the arresting officers. According to Officer Badgerow, the

juveniles are each charged with one felony count and one misdemeanor count of vandalism. He expects the case to be heard this summer.

The boys allegedly went "joy riding" on eight golf carts on February 22. Extensive damage was done to the carts and to some of the greens. Some country club furniture and tees were also destroyed. In addition, a fence was broken and the playing fields at the school were damaged.

Detective Switzer said he feels certain the tipsters responded to a reward story in the March issue of The Village Mill as the calls were received the week after circulation.

The country club had offered a

See Vandals on page 16.



**BCA Board of Directors**

Laurie Newill, President  
 John Hughes, 1st VP  
 Tom Hourin, 2nd VP  
 Charles Macfarlane, Treas.  
 Jim Bolton  
 Bob Herald  
 Jo Owens

**WELCOME NEW RESIDENTS**

**DEER MEADOW**  
 Richard Coleman,  
**FOX CHASE**  
 Steve & Kathy Frank  
 Morris & Karen Skelton  
 Linda Williams  
**HUNTGATE WOODS**  
 Mike & Julie Crittenden  
**MUIRFIELD GREEN**  
 Dale Guertsky  
**NUTTREE WOODS**  
 Andrew & Jessica Morrisette  
**OAK SPRINGS**  
 Edmund & Judy Whitson  
**OLD FOX TRAIL**  
 David & Julie Wheeler  
**PLANTER'S WOODS**  
 Gail Farrell  
 Michael & Courtney May  
 Charles & Mary Walker  
**POPLAR GROVE**  
 Tim Letchford  
**RIDGE CREEK**  
 Victor & Carolyn Gray  
**SEVEN OAKS**  
 Joseph & Nancy Bernier  
**SPRING GATE**  
 Whitley Crane  
**THORNIDGE**  
 Joseph & Florence Hadad  
**TWO NOTCH**  
 Mark & Carmen Tyler  
 McLendon  
**WHISPERING OAKS**  
 William & Linda Schmitt  
**WINTERBERRY RIDGE**  
 Christopher & Elissa Mast

**ARB APPROVALS**

Chimney House - Skylights  
 Harbourwood - Screen-porch  
 Long Shadow - Deck & sunroom  
 Northwich - Patio door  
 Nuttree Woods - Deck & windows  
 Poplar Grove - Shed  
 Regatta Pointe - Screened porch  
 Sagewood - New home  
 Shadow Ridge - Sunroom, deck, brick patio & walk  
 Watkins Glen - Deck  
 Watch Hill - New home  
 Winterberry Ridge - Deck

**CARB APPROVALS**

Rennie's Harbour Pointe - Canopy lights & monument sign  
 Central Virginia Bank - New roof

**CARB REVIEW**

Harbour Pointe Office Park, Phase II  
 Plans available at BCA  
 CARB review June 3

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

**NRC Meeting**

The Brandermill Church  
 May 13, 7 p.m.  
 Topic: 288/360 Quadrant.

**BCA Board Meeting**

Oscar's  
 May 19, 7 p.m.

**Brandermill Home Parade & Spring Fest**

May 18, 1 - 6 p.m.  
 Brandermill, Market Square  
 Sunday Park

**Russ Gulley Meeting**

May 22, 7 p.m.  
 Swift Creek Middle School  
 Topic: Quarry expansion

**Memorial Day**

May 26  
 BCA office closed

**Long Range Plan Public Meeting**

June 11 • TBA

**VOICE OF THE PEOPLE: What do you think about the Powhite Parkway tolls and what can be done about the congestion?**



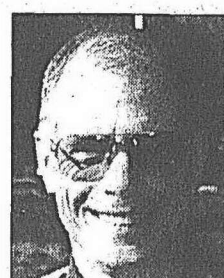
"I try to avoid toll roads at all costs. I think they're a hassle. I understand that for some people going to work it's faster and there is less traffic and they are willing to pay the price for that. With my lifestyle, I can take the long way around."  
**Wanda Noble**  
 Planter's Wood



"The tolls are terrible; they should get rid of them. How come all the other states can have roads without tolls? I'm sure there is money from other sources that could be used."  
**Sally Snider**  
 Harbour Wood



"I would think that a transponder system would be the best way to go. It's not clear sailing but it slows traffic down to a degree; it stops the backups and relieves the aggravation factor."  
**Edward McDonald**  
 Former resident  
 Planter's Woods



"I commute daily and the tolls are prohibitive. I think that the suggested schedule where you would pay \$1 [at the beginning of the Powhite Extension] and take the toll off the bridge entirely is a good solution."  
**J. Walter Shugart**  
 Steeple Chase



"I believe that they should get rid of the tolls except for one. The delays on the bridge [on the Powhite Parkway] are really bad. I do everything I can to avoid using it in either direction."  
**Judy English**  
 Winterberry Ridge

**BCA President Jim Trent speaks at annual meeting**

*Editor's note: outgoing BCA Board President Jim Trent addressed the audience at the annual meeting with the following remarks.*

Another Brandermill year comes to a close. So, too, does my three-year term on the BCA Board. It has been my privilege to serve the past two years as president, and I thank the residents—and the members of the board—for giving me that opportunity.

As best I can determine, there has not been as active a three-year period in the history of the BCA since the early days of development in the community.

There have been many controversial issues requiring decisions, and decisions have been made. Unhappily, no decision pleases everyone.

Nonetheless, I believe we are stronger now than previously, and that we are well positioned to move confidently into the new year.



**Jim Trent**

My sincere thanks to the board and the staff for their tireless efforts, and to the many dedicated volunteers who have served us well as members of boards and committees. Like members of a family, we've had differences of opinion on many occasions, but there has never been reason to doubt that each is motivated by a view of what is best for Brandermill.

Permit me to mention a few of the more significant events of the past 12 months.

We have a new community manager—one who brings knowledge, ex-

perience and enthusiasm to the job. I know he will serve us well.

The outsourcing of maintenance has been successful, and a recent survey of your opinions bears that out.

We have strengthened covenant enforcement. This is properly a primary area of focus as our community matures and as more living units have become rental property.

Leaf pickup has been established as another desirable amenity.

Several important legal issues have

See President on page 18.

**BCA elects officers for 1997-1998 term**

The BCA Board of Directors held a work session on Monday April 14 in the conference room at the BCA office. Directors Jim Bolton, Kevin Healy, John Hughes, Charles Macfarlane, Laurie Newill, Jo Owens and Jim Trent were present. The following is a summary of the work session minutes. Complete, official minutes are available at the BCA office.

A motion was made and carried to grant Community Manager Divita check signing authority not to exceed \$5,000 with amounts over \$5,000 requiring two signatures, the community manager, treasurer and/or president.

A motion was made and carried to grant a request to combine Muirfield Green lots 4 and 5 and assessments to be prorated as of April 14, 1997.

A motion was made and carried to

accept Community Manager Divita's recommendation to fully restore the BCA office/maintenance facility to its original condition.

A motion was made and carried to direct Community Manager Divita to write a letter to the RMA, signed by the association president, strongly opposing the toll increase from 35 cents to 50 cents.

A motion was made and carried to write to the RMA asking that it defer implementation of speed lanes and toll booth construction until further study using existing lanes and toll booths can be conducted.

**Organizational Meeting**

The BCA Board of Directors held an organizational meeting on Tuesday, April 21 in the conference room at the BCA office. Directors present

were: Jim Bolton, Bob Herald, Tom Hourin, John Hughes, Charles Macfarlane, Jo Owens, Laurie Newill. The following is a summary of the board minutes. Complete, official minutes are available at the BCA office.

**Election of Officers**

Motions were made and carried to elect Laurie Newill as president; John Hughes as first vice president; Tom Hourin as second vice president/NRC liaison; Charles Macfarlane as treasurer; and Community Manager Divita association secretary.

A motion was made and carried to ratify actions of the 1996 - 1997 board.

A motion was made and carried to hold board work sessions the second Monday of every month at 7 p.m., in the conference room of the administration office.

**Help make Brandermill look its best**

The community's first annual Home Parade and Spring Fest takes place this Sunday. Sponsored by Brandermill Community Association, organized by the BCA's Public Relations Committee

and assisted by the BCA staff, this event promises to reintroduce to the greater Richmond market the reasons why prospective home buyers ought to choose Brandermill. You see, Brandermill has something that few other residential subdivisions offer: an established community with incredible amenities such as a 1,700-acre lake.

With nearly 80 Realtors participat-

ing and numerous community activities planned, we expect many prospective home buyers to be touring the community.

The appearance of our community and neighborhoods is extremely important and we are asking each of you to make sure your properties and neighborhoods are looking their best. The BCA maintenance staff and The Brickman Group will be putting forth an extra effort to ensure that the streets and parkways are clean and neat.

There is lots of excitement about this event and we hope that you will join us at Market Square and Sunday Park to share in this very special day.

Many thanks to the volunteers who have worked so hard on this event and special thanks to the many organizations and businesses that are participating. It is when we come together and work toward a goal such

as this, that we really appreciate the strength and vitality of this great community. Let's keep up the good work and good will.

**BCA Maintenance Building**

The BCA Board has accepted a staff recommendation to restore the BCA maintenance facility to its original configuration. We conducted an analysis that compared the difference of the appraised value of the asset (building) with either full restoration, partial restoration or no restoration. Our property insurance covers 100 percent of the restoration costs. No matter which approach we took, we would still have had to spend about \$41,000 just to repair the physical damage and stabilize the structure. In the final analysis, the net gain to the BCA—had we decided not to restore—would have been to break even at best. Therefore, it was decided to restore the building. I expect work to begin within the next three weeks and be completed by late July.

**MANAGER'S DESK**



**Mike Divita**

**What if we each volunteer an hour?**

President Clinton, Vice President Gore, former presidents Bush and Carter and General Colin Powell joined forces last month to kick off a national volunteerism campaign in Philadelphia.

One of the goals is to have one million adults donate one hour a week to help a child learn to read. Similarly, the state of Maryland instituted a requirement that all high school seniors complete 75 hours of community service as a prerequisite to graduation. From the video footage shown on the news, it appeared that in Maryland the three Rs could now be readin', riting and raking.

What if this volunteerism kick spread throughout the Brandermill community? Suppose each resident decided to donate one hour a month to his or her community and help with a neighbor's yard or organize a block party to paint mailboxes? The effect would be twofold: each lot, street and neighborhood would look great; and perhaps more importantly, neighbors would interact with neighbors and develop a true sense of community. I know

this sounds terribly warm and fuzzy, but sometimes people are more eager to point a finger than lend a hand.

I frequently hear from residents that two of the reasons they chose to live in Brandermill are the covenants and the emphasis on maintaining property. In other words, "streetscape" is a priority to residents and to the BCA. Streetscape not only refers to each individual lot, but the areas of open space that people drive by in the neighborhood. The BCA does its best to keep the open space properly maintained; but too often these areas become neighborhood dumping grounds for grass clippings, branches, limbs and other debris. I frequently send notices to property owners when a brush pile appears to have originated from their lot, but some people go to great lengths (and distances) to dispose of yard rakings. Hence the need for community volunteers to help with such matters. If an entire neighborhood has been using a certain area

to dump its debris, then those people should feel a sense of responsibility to clean it up. Many people do not feel

**COMMUNITY STANDARDS**



**Karen Bracey**

they have time to take care of their own chores, let alone clean up someone else's mess. However, donating one or two hours of time is not asking too much. I encourage any individuals or groups who would like to organize a community spirit afternoon and clean up some open space or paint a few mailboxes to give me a call. I would be more than happy to offer whatever assistance I can. While I know it's much easier to call the BCA and report a problem in a neighborhood, I encourage residents to take time out to be part of the solution. After all, it's their community.

**Mike Divita speaks to NRC**

By Harriet Coppins  
 Copy Editor

Community Manager Mike Divita was the main speaker at the April meeting of the Neighborhood Representative Council.

Divita paid tribute to the many volunteers in the community without whom Brandermill could not have attained its present success and reputation. Divita noted that the neighborhood reps are experts in a variety of fields and serve as liaisons for the residents. They keep the neighborhoods informed, give input to the BCA Board and above all, said Divita, "they love their community."

Divita spoke of his own responsibilities to the residents and the board. He said his role is "to promote cohesiveness and eliminate turbulence and tension." Divita said one of his duties is "to help the board keep a sense of balance, to carry out the board's decisions and to train the staff."

Divita said he would not be surprised if only 20 to 25 percent of the homeowners are in tune with the development, plans, and operations of Brandermill. How to reach the rest of the population, he admitted, is the big question.

Divita would like all residents to understand that the "covenants are protection" and that the BCA is on their side. He cautioned that "grapevine information" can cause misconceptions and suggested that residents have to stay informed. If they have a problem or question, they should call him or a board member.

Divita noted the difference between leadership and management. He said, "You manage resources, you lead people." In the final analysis, Divita concluded, "The BCA Board has the ultimate responsibility to maintain property values and represent the entire community."

**NRC Minutes**

The NRC meeting was held on April 8.

**Member Voice**

Berg Hanson expressed his concern over the outsourcing of the landscaping function. While he thought it was a good idea when it was expected to save money, he is disappointed with the outcome.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Tom di Stefano.

**Membership Report**

Membership reported 14 neighborhoods represented. A quorum was present. Another ad will appear in The Village Mill to recruit reps.

**Secretary's Report**

Karen di Stefano reported that February minutes were mailed to all reps. The March meeting was Meet the Candidates Night.

**BCA Liaison Report**

Tom di Stefano reported for Jenny Jones since he presented an interim report of the NRC at the March BCA Board meeting. His report covered the NRC's activities since September and the plans for the next few months.

Playground work will be delayed until after the strategic planning committee makes its recommendations.

The properties committee now has three members, one NRC member (Bill Barthlow), and an at-large member. Anyone interested in the at-large position should contact Jim Bolton.


The 288 extension and its effects on Brandermill were discussed. The board sent a letter to Art Warren supporting a toll-free road.

The landscaping committee has been reinstated for a term of one year.

A pool advisory committee has been formed to investigate issues.

BCA accounts receivable is \$56,000. Community Manager Divita is taking action to reduce this by

See NRC Minutes on page 18.



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# Consultants meet to study Brandermill Country Club fan issue



Photo by Janet Joyce

Consultant Kathleen Kondylas takes decibel and frequency readings from one of the fans in question.

By Janet Joyce  
Staff Writer

Country Club Manager Doug Wayne, Greens Superintendent Andy Woolston, consultants Dr. Richard Cooper and Kathleen Kondylas, and Community Manager Mike Divita met to inspect the Brandermill Country Club golf course, and in particular, the fan on the seventh green, in a cooperative effort to find a solution to the controversial issue of golf course fans.

Before the site tour, members of the BCA pool/golf course advisory committee, Bob Brody and Scott Friedel, met with Divita, Cooper and Kondylas. The BCA Board established a pool/golf course advisory committee with the cooperation of the country club, to improve communications between the BCC and BCA. "The fans just happened to be the first issue they've had to deal with," Divita said. "I wanted to provide them the opportunity to be involved with the investigation and to share with the consultants any concerns that they had."

Cooper, hired by the BCA, is an associate professor of crop science specializing in turf grass management at North Carolina State University. The purpose of his investigation is to confirm or deny the BCC's assertion that it needs the fans in order to maintain the golf course. He is expected to make his recommendations within the next few weeks. The Brandermill Country Club has stated that it will not hire its own turf grass consultant. Kondylas is a field engineer for BRD Noise and Vibration Control,

Inc. a Pennsylvania-based company specializing in noise reduction. She has been instructed to evaluate the noise produced by the fans and to make recommendations regarding noise abatement. During the tour, she took decibel and frequency readings at various distances from the fans. "If it turns out that the fans are necessary then I

*"I'm optimistic that we'll have a successful conclusion..."*

Mike Divita

will present numerous options for quieting the fans," she said. "I'm optimistic that we'll have a successful conclusion to this issue," Divita said. "I can't say that we'll make everybody happy but it's my sense that we'll be able to come up with a compromise."



Photo by Janet Joyce

From left: Doug Wayne, Richard Cooper, Mike Divita and Kathleen Kondylas discuss solutions to the fan problem.

## Committee continues strategic planning

By Janet Joyce  
Staff Writer

The BCA Long Range Planning Committee spent April 11 and 12 at the Brandermill Inn and Conference Center for a strategic planning retreat.

At that time, members studied economic, market and resident survey data and evaluated options for Brandermill's future.

The retreat was coordinated by Tom Hourin, committee chairman,

and was facilitated by Gregg Logan, a strategic planning consultant with Robert Charles Lesser & Co., the firm that conducted the recent survey of residents.

Based on interviews, Logan identified the 11 areas of concern including recreation, communications, marketing, covenants, and the natural environment. Hourin said there were enthusiastic discussions of all issues and that he is very pleased with the committee's performance and expects

its report to be well-received.

Hourin said, "The strategy will be a plan for restoring Brandermill's unique position in the Richmond market and protecting that position for many years to come, to the benefit of all Brandermill property owners and residents."

Hourin said he hopes to have Logan's final report by early June and to start introducing the long range plan to the community at a public meeting on June 10.

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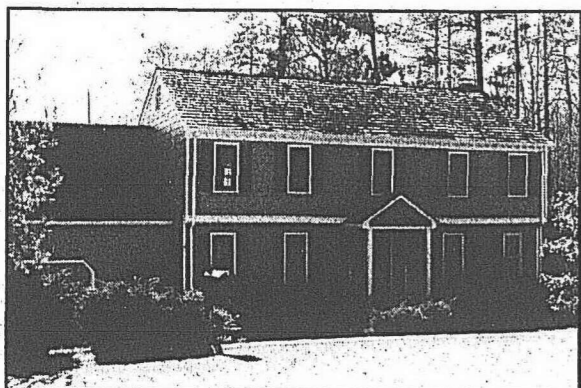
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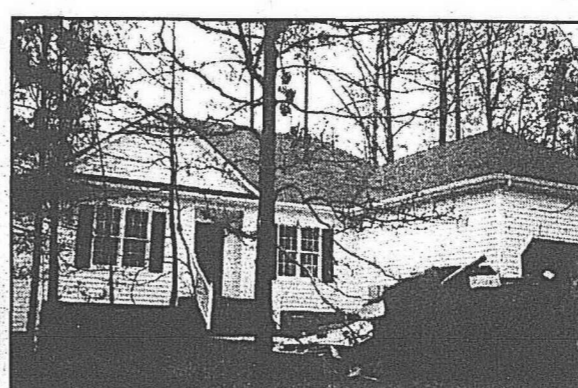
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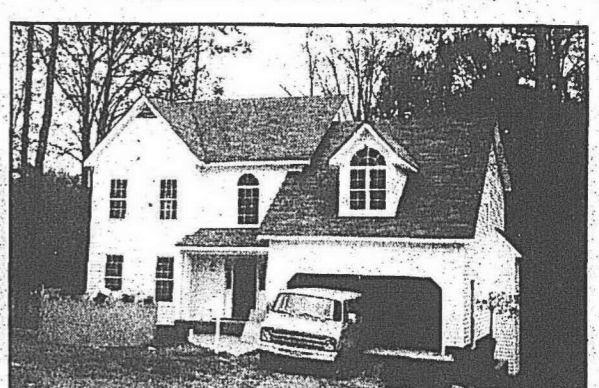
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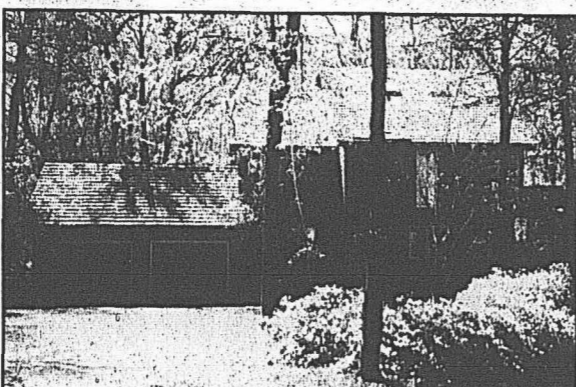
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## Public wants protection for reservoir

By Tom Pakurar, Co-chairman  
Hands Across the Lake

The Chesterfield County Planning Commission met May 1 to publicly discuss the goals and protective measures for Swift Creek Reservoir as recommended by the county's watershed management committee. This was the first time for public comment; previously the planning commission discussed the recommended measures in three work sessions where public comment was not solicited. Before the evening was over, every planning commissioner and public speaker reaffirmed the two major reservoir goals: that in-lake phosphorus concentrations must stay below 0.05 mg/l and this goal should be achieved by reducing the allowable post development phosphorus loads for new development from 0.44 to 0.22 lb./acre/year.

Much discussion ensued about how to pay for the extra \$300 per lot for this protection. The watershed committee had recommended "that where appropriate, public monies be made available for any or all of the strategies listed above." The watershed committee did not make any more specific funding proposals because that recommendation would have been outside the committee's charter granted by the board of supervisors; the committee also thought that funding options was a political process to be debated in the public forum.

At the end of the discussion, the planning commission charged the county staff with presenting more detailed funding options at the June 17 workshop. These options would then be publicly discussed at the July 15 planning commission meeting.

Studies by Dr. Leonard Smock, University of Richmond, have determined that phosphorus is the limiting nutrient for this reservoir. The current phosphorus concentration in the reservoir is about half of the recommended 0.05 mg/l limit. As more runoff occurs from new development, it would be expected that this additional load would increase the in-lake phosphorus concentration past the limit to where algae blooms occur and taste and odor problems would make water treatment very expensive. The 0.05 mg/l limit is recommended by the Department of Environmental Quality for all lakes and reservoirs in Vir-

ginia; the limit also applies to lakes and reservoirs across the county.

This concentration is a defined limit and can be measured by many water quality laboratories in the country. Chesterfield County has invested in sophisticated instrumentation to take samples automatically so this analysis can be performed routinely.

Questions were asked at the hearing whether Brandermill and Woodlake subdivisions could be retrofitted with best management practice (BMP) technology to reduce phosphorus loads from the streets, parking lots, driveways and other impervious surfaces.

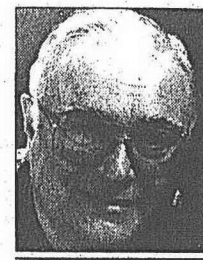
Within the last two years, a check dam and two BMPs have been built in Woodlake and they are working properly. The watershed committee investigated the retrofit possibilities for both Brandermill and Woodlake.

It soon discovered that of all 55 potential sites recommended by a consultant, none had sufficient space to construct a BMP and maintain it. Land that is privately owned would have to be used for this purpose in addition to community owned land.

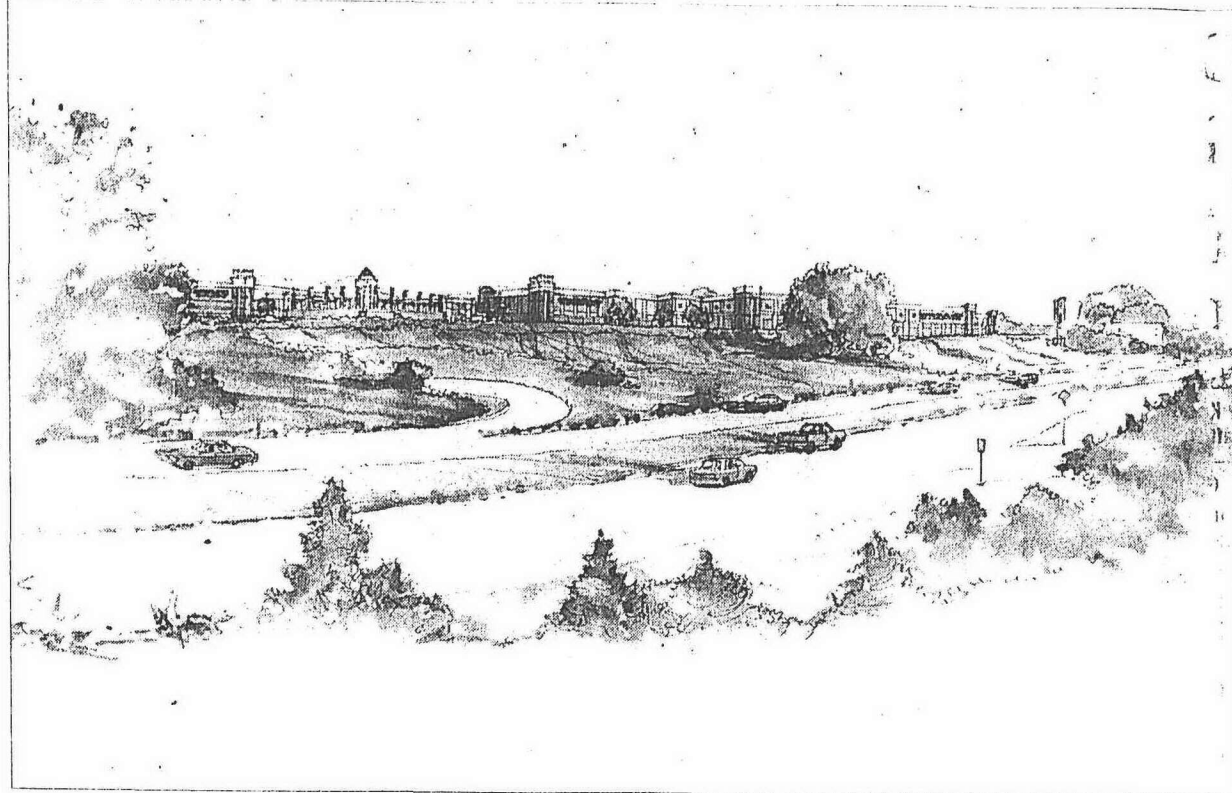
The watershed committee felt that sufficient phosphorus could be eliminated from other sources so as not to need the retrofit option.

A BMP is a pond that is built for a specific location that will detain storm water for at least 36 hours and allow the phosphorus and suspended solids to settle out and not enter the reservoir. BMPs must be used to achieve the current phosphorus standard required to protect the Chesapeake Bay.

The watershed committee recommended that the current standard be reduced in half to 0.22 lb./acre/year and that regional facilities be used where appropriate. This information and standards are used in the design of a subdivision and determines the size of the BMPs needed to trap the phosphorus. It is anticipated that the number of BMPs will not increase; only their size will increase to be more effective.



Tom Pakurar



Architects of Faison of Bethesda, Md. are working on a conceptual perspective of the proposed Commonwealth Centre. Patrick Coggins, director of design and construction, stresses the design is subject to changes according to tenants' plans and engineering requirements.

## Plans are underway for development of Routes 360/288 quadrant

By Janet Joyce  
Staff Writer

Take a good look at the intersection of U.S. Route 360 and Highway 288. As three developers scramble to establish a commercial presence there, the landscape will change from trees and shrubs to shopping centers and apartments. Plans for the area include a 450-unit apartment complex, shopping centers, movie theaters and a home improvement super store.

The 360 Capital Partnership project will utilize more than 220 acres southeast of the intersection. James Theobald, attorney for the partnership, explained that the southern portion of the property will be used for townhouses and apartments to be constructed by Security Capital Atlantic Corporation. The remaining land bordering U.S. Route 360 has not been sold so the nature of the businesses is unknown. Part of the plan includes a new public road that will run north and south from U.S. Route 360 to a buffer at the back of the shopping area.

Some of the proffered conditions to 360 Capital Partnership's zoning request, which was approved by the Chesterfield County Board of Supervisors on February 26, are to notify the community manager of Brandermill Community Association of all site plan submissions to the county and that multi-family townhouse units shall be similar in appearance to Cross Creek, Woodlake Village or Hunter's Chase apartments. Elevations for the apartment complex had been submitted but are still evolving said Theobald.

Development of the area to the northeast, adjacent to the quarry, is being planned by CBL & Associates Properties for 500,000 to 600,000 square feet of retail space. CBL Attorney John Easter said, "There has not been anything filed with the planning department yet. We have had one preliminary meeting with some representatives of the BCA. It was just in the very broadest sense of what we're thinking of doing to get some feedback as to what kinds of issues would be of concern to Brandermill residents." Easter said that preliminary plans include apparel

stores, a movie theater and specialty retail such as book stores on the 75-acre property. Easter said he thinks there is a lot of competition to develop retail space at the intersection of Route 288 and U.S. Route 360 but that it won't happen all at once.

"I don't think all of this development is going to happen in the near future just because there isn't enough demand for it. If we go ahead with our project I think we'll be substantially complete before the year 2000," he said.

Faison is the developer planning the Commonwealth Shopping Centre on the southeast quadrant of the intersection. Its plans also include specialty retail space and movie theaters. Patrick Coggins, the director of design and construction for Faison, showed a preliminary site plan to BCA directors but said that nothing is definite yet. "At this point in time we are in negotiations with a lot of tenants and which tenants participate will ultimately affect the final con-

figuration of the plan. Our interest is in getting the rezoning approved and the site planning done as soon as possible. We will be applying for rezoning soon," he said.

Planning Commissioner Russ Gulley questioned the need for as much retail space as the completion of all three proposals would provide but added that an over-abundance of competition is not a valid reason to reject a rezoning request.

Representatives of all three developers will meet with the Neighborhood Representative Council on Tuesday, May 13 at 7 p.m. at The Brandermill Church to discuss their plans with residents. "I strongly encourage Brandermill residents to come to the NRC meeting so that I can hear their opinions relative to all this proposed development," Gulley said. He added that community input will help the planning commission by suggesting conditions that may be imposed by the county before rezoning requests are granted.

"We will be applying for rezoning soon."  
Patrick Coggins

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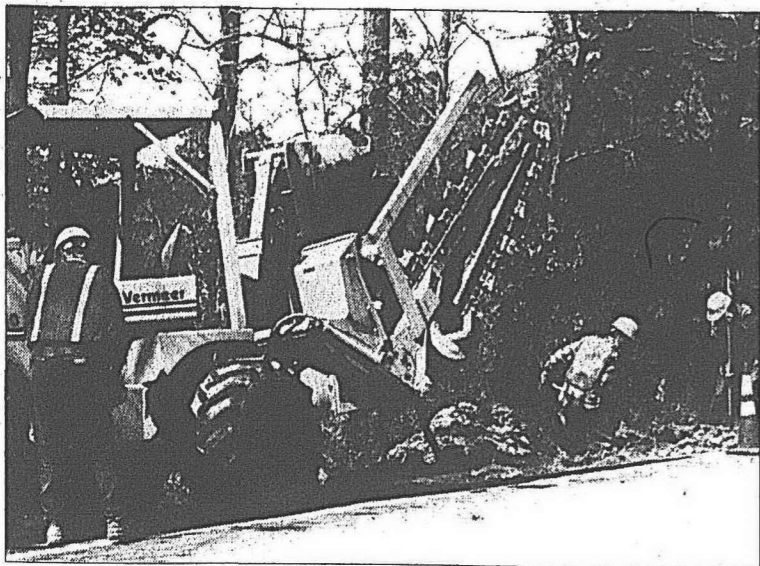


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Comcast Cablevision is installing numerous "cat houses" throughout the community. They house fiber optic equipment. Some highly visible cat houses may be screened.

## Commissioner Gulley holds quarry meeting

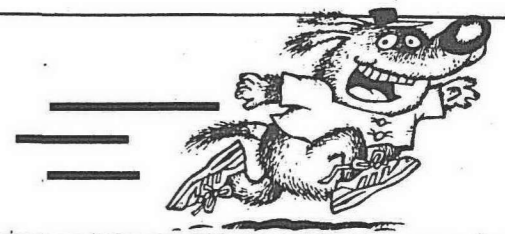
By Kris Risendal and Wendy Parker  
Staff Writers

Clover Hill Planning Commissioner Russell Gulley announced a public meeting on the Warbro Road rock quarry expansion. The meeting will be held at Swift Creek Middle School on May 22 at 7 p.m.

Martin Marietta Aggregates (MMA) is seeking to expand its quarry operation located south of the landfill and north of U.S. Route 360. MMA is proposing the relocation of its crushed stone and asphalt plants from the current site to facilities on eight acres owned by Irvin Horner. The company would then expand its quarry pit at its current site, allowing for closer-to-surface blasting.

Gulley plans to reveal the proffers offered by MMA at the meeting. Chesterfield County Planning and Transportation Department officials will be present. In addition, Gulley expects to introduce experts to speak on the reduction of intensity blasting, representatives from the Virginia Department of Mines and Minerals and from the concrete operation. Gulley said that residents who have specific concerns, should call him in advance of the meeting so he may arrange for the appropriate authorities to be on hand to answer questions. He may be reached at 794-7105.

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## Planning commission grants landfill request

By Janet Joyce  
Staff Writer

Despite public hearings dominated by citizens who spoke vehemently against the expansion of the Shoosmith landfill, the Chesterfield County Planning Commission voted to grant the requested conditional use for landfill. The request will be considered by the Chesterfield County Board of Supervisors at its May 13 meeting.

The existing Shoosmith landfill opened in 1976 and comprises 200 acres located southwest of Ironbridge and Lewis Roads. Shoosmith plans to open a landfill on 264 acres adjacent to the existing one, most of which is currently the site of a quarry operated by the Tarmac Corporation.

Tarmac leases the land from Shoosmith.

Planning Commissioner Russell Gulley said that the commission's approval includes the conditions that Shoosmith will allow Chesterfield County to detail the water monitoring plan and take corrective action should a violation occur, and a stipulation that no out-of-state trash would be ac-

cepted.

Gulley also said that the commission listened carefully to area residents' concerns about property values, health and safety, and odor. "The Northern Area Landfill has not decreased Brandermill property values," said Gulley. "The county used land adjacent to the landfill for three adult softball fields and we would not have done so if we thought there were any safety hazard," he added.

Gulley also said that the commission is confident that health, safety and welfare concerns of citizens are adequately addressed by DEQ requirements which are much more stringent than they were years ago. Gulley said residents are still negotiating proffer conditions concerning odor control and other issues they feel require further consideration.

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Registration for potential bone marrow donors will take place Saturday, May 17 at Woodlake United Methodist Church from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. To register as a potential donor in the National Marrow Donor Program, one must be 18 to 21 years of age.

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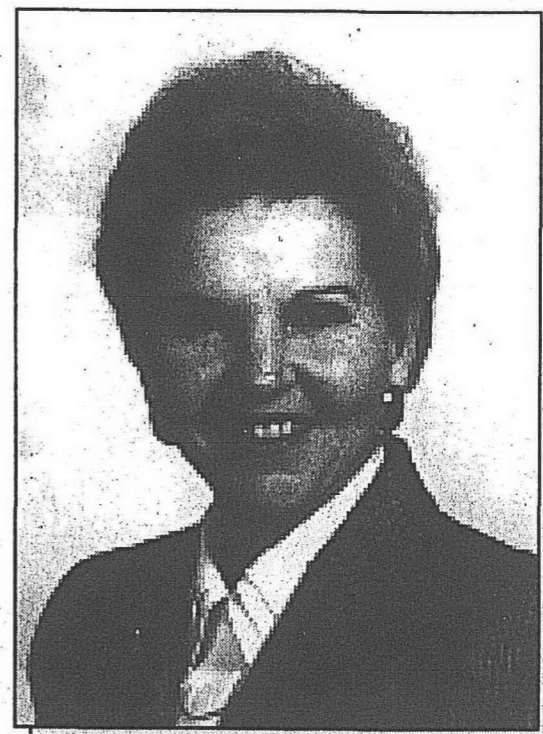
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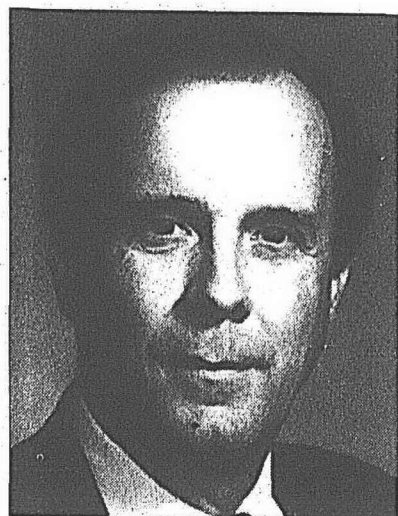
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## Delegate John Watkins seeks ninth term



Delegate John Watkins

Delegate John C. Watkins announced that he is seeking reelection to a ninth term in the House of Delegates from the 65th District.

Watkins, of Midlothian, represents part of Powhatan County and the western part of Chesterfield which includes Brandermill.

### Local Issues

Regarding water quality concerns, Watkins said, "It is extremely important that Chesterfield County develop an adequate sedimentation system to ensure that Swift Creek Reservoir does not continue to in-fill and to provide a natural filtering system for phosphates and nitrates."

Watkins has expressed opposition to increased tolls on roads for Ches-

terfield County residents. He said, "There are alternatives other than the expenditure of \$24 million to put in place an electronic vehicle identification system." He believes that a toll system "combined between the extension and the RMA could alleviate the main barrier toll just east of Chippenham if both systems worked together."

Watkins, a Republican, has served in the House of Delegates for 16 years. He is a member of the following committees: corporations, insurance and banking, finance, privileges and elections. In addition, he serves on the coal and energy commission.

In making his announcement Watkins stated, "It has been a privilege

and honor to represent the citizens of Chesterfield and Powhatan in the House of Delegates. My goal is to see that the quality of life in this region is maintained and that our jurisdictions work together for a better community."

A graduate of Virginia Tech and currently serving a term as president of the Southern Nurseryman's Association, Watkins is president of Watkins Nurseries in Midlothian. He is a member of the Midlothian Rotary Club, Chesterfield Business Council and American Legion Post 186.

Watkins and his wife, Kathy, have three sons.

## Supervisor Art Warren acknowledges public awareness

Dear Editor:

Thank you for the coverage you provided in recent weeks on the subject of the Richmond Metropolitan Authority and the issue of proposed toll increases.

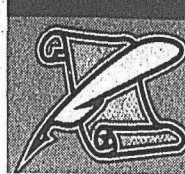
The reporting you did greatly increased public awareness and encouraged our citizens to go before the RMA board and

express their opinions.

As a result, the RMA has deferred a decision for six months, during which time we can explore other positive and equitable solutions to this matter. Thank you for your citizen-focused reporting efforts on this issue.

Sincerely,  
Arthur S. Warren, Chairman  
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### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR



## Watkins issues General Assembly report

In his General Assembly report, Delegate John Watkins, 65th Legislative District, noted that "he hoped to bring attention to some of the issues that he personally addressed through legislation, and also some issues that he felt were important to the citizens of Chesterfield and Powhatan."

### Business

The business professional and occupational license tax, which is levied on the gross receipts of a business, regardless of whether a profit has been made, is one of the most regressive taxes in the Commonwealth. Watkins insisted that a BPOL tax and a license fee not be levied on the same gross proceeds. The legislature agreed.

### Ethics

Watkins introduced two bills dealing with ethics. Disclosure statements for gifts from lobbyists and reporting are the subject of HB 2089. He said, "I was pleased to be able to carry this bill for Governor Allen which requires more detailed information on entertainment event expenses." This legislation would require lobbyists to report the names of legislative and executive branch officials when entertained in groups of fewer than 10.

Another ethics bill Watkins carried was HB 2090 which would require public officials to disclose gifts and entertainment with a value greater than \$100 instead of \$200. The bill would also require annotations of levels of

compensation received from businesses represented before government or for services provided for specific categories of business.

### Local Issues and Taxes

HB 2315 will allow Chesterfield to require the owner of occupied residential property to cut the grass or lawn area of less than one-half acre when growth exceeds 12 inches in height; or may have the grass or lawn area cut with the costs chargeable to the owner of the property.

Legislation, HB 2734, allows localities to adopt ordinances prohibiting possession of pagers or similar communications devices on the grounds of any school. This makes it a local option rather than a state mandate.

### Cable TV

HB 2888 adds the provision that fees charged by counties, cities or towns to franchised cable television providers in connection with easements shall not exceed the amount of such fees in effect as of February 1, 1997. These fees are allowed solely on a nondiscriminatory basis.

### Real Estate

The Consumer Real Estate Settlement Act, SB 1104, requires that persons engaged in the conduct of real estate settlements as settlement agents must be licensed or authorized as an attorney, a title insurance company, title insurance agent, real estate bro-

ker or a financial institution or a subsidiary or affiliate of such financial institution. Real estate sales contracts would have to inform the consumer that legal advice can only be provided by attorneys.

### Education

Civil immunity for teachers under certain circumstances are outlined in SB 1008. The bill absolves the teacher of any liability for any civil damages for any acts or omissions resulting from the supervision, care or discipline of students when such acts or omissions are within the teacher's scope of employment and are taken in good faith in the course of supervision, caring for or disciplining students.

HB 2504 grants immunity from civil damages to public-school teachers when acting in good faith within their scope of employment while supervising, caring for, or maintaining discipline of students, unless the acts or omissions were the result of gross negligence or willful misconduct.

HB 1877 authorizes teachers to remove disruptive students from their classes under certain circumstances. A teacher must notify the principal or his designee of the disruptive behavior at least three times before issuing an order to remove the student. Notification involving the principal, the student and the parents are provided in an effort to alert all concerned of the potential consequences of such behavior if contin-

ued.

HB 1936 requires that students who have been suspended for more than 10 days, or excluded or expelled from school attendance attend the local or regional alternative education program which serves the school division for the duration of such suspension, exclusion, or expulsion. This bill is a recommendation of the standing subcommittee on school dropout prevention.

HB 1987 prevents a teacher from being disciplined if the teacher refuses to perform non emergency health-related services for students.

Delegate Watkins also introduced legislation dealing with the environment, restricting and other aspects of business.

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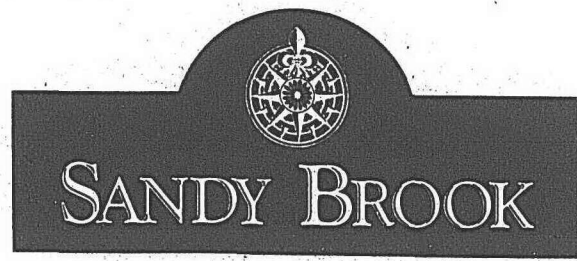
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## Brandermill Garden Club beautifies Brandermill

By Harriet Coppins  
Copy Editor

The goal of the Brandermill Garden Club has always been to help in the beautification of the community.

This year, due to a Christmas Bazaar and the sale of hand-made bridge cloths, there were sufficient funds to continue its project—planting dogwoods, rhododendrons, azaleas, and daylilies along the island on Brandermill Parkway.

Generous donations from the Brandermill Woman's Club and matching funds from the BCA made this year's garden project a great success. In addition, Bill Van Buskirk's professional advice was indispensable and the help with the planting by The Brinkman Group was greatly appreciated.

Master Gardener, Audrey Vandereedt with the help of another club member, Rebecca Ritter, has supervised the planting of these areas since last fall.

They have also undertaken the purchase of a fountain bird bath that the Garden Club will donate to the Joy Brown Memorial Garden at Swift Creek Middle School. The garden was



Rich Pierce, of the The Brickman Group, gets expert advice from members of the Brandermill Garden Club: Millie Wyszynski, Audrey Vandereedt and Rebecca Ritter.

Photo by Wendy Parker

scheduled for dedication May 9.

Under co-chairmen Mildred Wyszynski and Jane Hansen, 1997 was a busy year for the club. One of the main activities was a bus trip to the

Daffodil Festival in Gloucester and another was a visit with Mildred Gillespie, the garden advisor from Channel 12.

The Garden Club meets the third

Wednesday of the month at 1 p.m. in the Community Room. A pot luck luncheon is planned for the May meeting to celebrate the election of officers and close out the year.

## Brandermill Woman's Club to tour Wilton House

By Violet Bauch  
BWC Correspondent

The Brandermill Woman's Club will meet on Monday, May 19 for a tour of Wilton House. A short club meeting and installation of new officers will also take place at Wilton House.

Resident Charlene Ward will serve as head docent and arrange for details of the visit.

The club will provide transportation and busses will leave Market Square at 9 a.m. The return trip is anticipated about 2 p.m.

Unfortunately, there are no seats available on the bus. Members may make their own arrangements and meet at Wilton House.

## Welcome League meets May 21

The Chesterfield Welcome League will meet May 21 at 9:30 a.m. at the Woodlake Methodist Church. Guests are welcome. For babysitting and club information call Linda at 271-6173.

## Book & author dinner

The First Annual Book and Author Dinner sponsored by the Friends of Clover Hill Library will take place on Friday, May 30 at The Brandermill Inn.

Highly acclaimed author Jody Jaffe will be the guest speaker. Jaffe is known for her work as



Jody Jaffe

a writer of mysteries, and was part of the team that won the Pulitzer Prize for a series of articles on Jim and Tammy Baker and the scandal at the PTL Ministries. Her mystery novels include "Horse of a Different Killer" and "Chestnut Mare, Beware."

The admission charge for the event includes a cocktail party, dinner, a speech by the novelist and a book signing. Reservations are required by May 22. Please call Lori Purcell at 639-1081 or Nan Bradley at 739-8774.

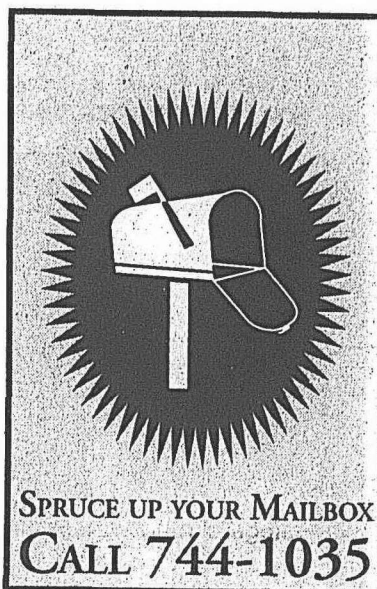
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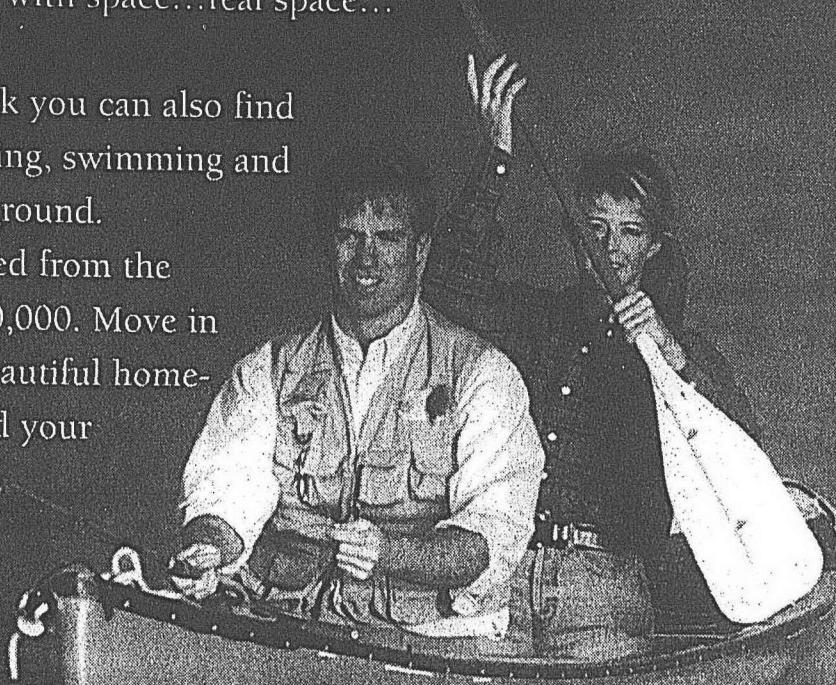
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# CHEF'S PANTRY



**Chef Chris Tomlin**

Chef Chris Tomlin started his culinary career washing dishes at Crab Louie's while in high school to earn money for his first car. Though planning to be an accountant, Tomlin discovered that he had a knack for cooking and was soon promoted to kitchen supervisor. He studied culinary arts at Johnson-Wales University where his courses in restaurant management were as close as he ever came to accounting. He has worked at The Wineshop Bistro, Ruth's Chris Steak House and was the banquet and catering chef at the Brandermill Inn before becoming Executive Chef this past February. Tomlin says he loves the creative aspects of his career. "If I don't create a new dish every single day, I feel like I haven't accomplished anything," he said.

Tomlin said he redid the menu at the Brandermill Inn almost two months ago. He said his goal was to upgrade it and make it more elegant, using a greater variety of meats including lamb and veal, adding lobster and limiting the fish to salmon and a catch of the day. He says he plans to change the menu, if not seasonally, at least twice a year to take advantage of seasonal foods. "I'm a great believer in the quality of the food is only as good as the raw ingredients. I like to use what's around seasonally," he said. Chef Tomlin's gazpacho is not currently on the menu but he said it will often be the soup of the day throughout the summer. The Richmond Times-Dispatch has called Chef Tomlin's gazpacho "the best on the East Coast."

## Brandermill Inn Gazpacho

- 3 pounds ripe tomatoes
- 2 medium-large cucumbers, peeled and seeded
- 2 carrots, peeled
- 2 green peppers, remove ribs and seeds
- 1 red onion, peeled
- 1/2 cup sweet sherry
- 1/2 cup cider vinegar
- 1/2 bunch fresh basil leaves, snipped
- salt to taste
- tabasco, 2 dashes
- 1 tablespoon sugar
- sour cream - optional
- 2 tablespoons garlic, chopped finely

Peel, seed and core tomatoes. (Peeling is easily done by boiling water, cutting out the core, scoring the bottom and placing the tomato in boiling water for 30 to 45 seconds. Be careful not to cook the tomato. Plunge it immediately into an ice bath and the skin will come off easily. Cut crosswise and carefully scoop out the seeds.) Place each vegetable in a food processor and chop until it is in 1/8-inch pieces. Place all ingredients except sour cream in a mixing bowl. Allow them to sit in a refrigerator for four to six hours. Overnight is ideal. Serve with a dollop of sour cream on top.

## Patrick Liu wins first prize in music contest

By Harriet Coppins  
Copy Editor

Jim Murphy, second vice president of the Brandermill Lions Club, recently announced that Patrick Liu won first prize at the club level of the Annual Bland Music Competition. Liu performed on the piano.

The contest begins at the club level and progresses to district and then statewide competition. Liu could not compete further because of college visitation commitments.

The Bland Music Scholarship Program was established in 1948 to assist and promote cultural and educational opportunities for musically talented youth in Virginia. The contest is named in honor of James "Jimmy" Bland, the composer who wrote 700 American Folk Songs, including "Carry Me Back to Old Virginia."

Judges at the March competition were: Suzanne Bunting, chair of the Music Department at the University of Richmond; Weigang Li of the Shanghai Conservatory and a former teacher at the Juilliard School; and Keith Sacra, a classical guitarist and former winner of the Virginia VMTC Concerto Competition.

Patrick, the son of Victor and Reiko Liu of Stoney Ridge Road, has promised to play at the Brandermill Lions Club Christmas concert in December.



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## Commuters

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downtown Richmond would be \$3.50. A Brandermill resident commuting downtown five days a week, 48 weeks out of the year would pay \$840 annually in tolls alone.

A major part of the RMA's proposal is the introduction of electronic toll collection (ETC) at the Powhite Parkway Plaza. Commuters would have a transponder installed behind their rear-view mirror that would automatically withdraw the toll from an established account when they pass special equipment at toll booths. Installing the transponder would cost between \$30 and \$35. The plan also calls for gate-free express lanes whereby specially equipped vehicles could pass under sensors without reducing speed. That portion of the plan is contingent on the use of electronic surveillance of motorists to ensure payment of the tolls, a practice which is currently prohibited by Virginia state law.

Both Foster and Goode said that before the April 21 forum, they would have voted to go ahead with the plan and raise the tolls. They said they were being pressured by elected officials to solve the traffic congestion quickly and to implement ETC in time to coordinate efforts with VDOT which is planning to install ETC on the Powhite Extension in the near future. At the beginning of the meeting Foster said, "Right now, all I've heard formally is that they want us to do something that we cannot do; do it with no money but get it done." He was referring to a letter from Chesterfield County Board of Supervisors Chairman Art Warren, and to a resolution passed by the 1996 General Assembly, sponsored by Delegate John Watkins, requesting the expedient solving of the traffic problems and implementation of ETC. Watkins later explained that the resolution was introduced partially at the request of the Brandermill and Woodlake Community Associations. Speakers offered solutions that included paying off the bonds completely with a sales or property tax increase, and cooperating with VDOT to combine toll collection efforts. Another option was the use of federal funds. The RMA declined \$2 million in federal funds in 1994 citing that the money came with too many strings attached. After the meeting, Jenkins said, "We realize that Chesterfield County residents are against tolls; we're against tolls. But I think that Delegate Watkins and Supervisor Warren, the folks who had gone on record in writing saying that we should move as expeditiously as possible are now saying, 'take a little longer look and if this means that you're not in synch with VDOT or that it's going to be a little longer backup, that we understand and we're not going to beat you over the head.'"

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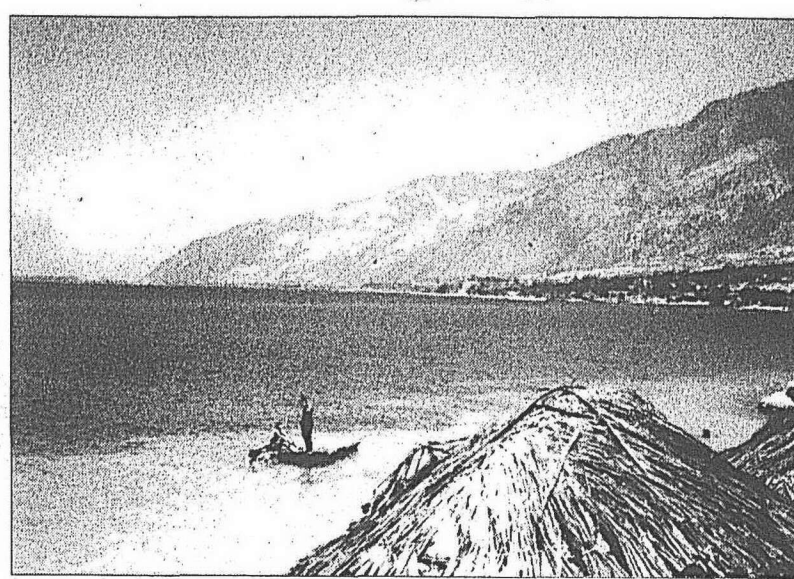
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# The Brandermill Church members take medical aid to Haitian people



Photos by Cathy Kirkland

At left: Dr. Carl Armstrong cares for a young patient in a makeshift examination room. Above: students at the Christian school welcome the Brandermill visitors. Above, right: members of the team from Brandermill take an occasional break to enjoy Haiti's beaches.

By Kris Risendal  
Staff Writer

It is a city of 400,000 people jammed into two dusty, dirty square miles in the poorest country in the Western Hemisphere. Cite Soleil is a suburb of Port au Prince, the capital of Haiti in the Caribbean. With its thatch roofed concrete block homes, dirt roads, and standstill traffic, Cite Soleil defines poverty at its worst. And still its people smile.

"People are everywhere, but no one seems to be going anywhere," said Cathy Kirkland of Quail Meadows.

She was part of a 10-member medical outreach team of The Brandermill Church which traveled to Haiti in April. "Yet, even with all the devastation and poverty, the unemployment and hopelessness, everyone is wearing what I call the 'Haitian smile.' They are happy people who show a lot of love and take care of their babies the best way they can."

The Brandermill Church volunteers traveled to Cite Soleil under the direction of Haiti Outreach Ministries, a nonprofit organization whose goals are to introduce Christianity to the Haitians of Cite Soleil, and to provide its people with a medical clinic and a Christian school.

The Brandermill Church medical team was led by Dr. Eric English, an emergency room physician at Chippenham Medical Center, and included Dr. Harold Binhammer, a family physician and a resident of Harbour Pointe; Dr. Carl Armstrong of

Fortune's Ridge, who is director of the Amelia Health Department; three nurses: Cathy Kirkland, Kim Steuber of Huntgate Woods, and Jean Morgan of Shallowford Landing; Ed and Laraine Gallagher of Shadow Ridge, Erna van den Nieuwenhuizen of Commodore Point, and Jane Peterson.

The group left Richmond on April 18 and returned April 26. Once the team members arrived in Cite Soleil, they set up three makeshift examining rooms — picnic tables and sheets hung for privacy — and a pharmacy. The doctors, who had interpreters when assessing the more

than 100 patients seen each day, prescribed medications and treatments. Most patients walked away with an average of four prescriptions, dispensed from the two dozen boxes of supplies. Medical supplies and basic hygiene products were donated by members of the Brandermill community and pharmaceutical companies. The Lions club donated over 600 pairs of glasses.

"The children get only one meal a day, a meal of rice and beans cooked over coal on the dirt floor at the Christian school. When one class finishes eating, their leftovers are scraped together and served to the next class," Kim Steuber said. Dehydration and anemia were two common ailments seen. Poor nutrition was the culprit in most cases, although several people were seen with major injuries which had been left untreated.

"We washed the wounds, stressed to them the importance of keeping cuts

clean and dry, and bandaged them," said Cathy Kirkland. With so many people living in each house, sanitation is a big problem in Cite Soleil. "Families would need to sleep in shifts, as their homes were no bigger than my half bathroom," said Kirkland.

During her stay, Kirkland also administered pregnancy tests and gave injections. Kim Steuber, Loraine Gallagher, and Erna van den Nieuwenhuizen worked in the pharmacy dispensing medication.

Dental hygienist Jean Morgan cleaned and polished the teeth of more than 50 patients. She supplemented the work of the three doctors. Jane Petersen, assisted by Ed Gallagher, provided fluoride treatments to over 300 children.

The Brandermill Church team stayed at the Coconut Villa in Port au Prince. Located five miles from the Christian church, the accommodations were adequate, not glamorous. "This wasn't the Holiday Inn," laughed Kirkland. "Several people adopted spiders as pets and we found roaches in our bureau drawers."

Personal safety was never a concern for the volunteers, although Haiti Outreach Ministries provided them with a bodyguard. "Our only concern was with the incredible amount of traffic, with tap taps, Haitian taxis, careening madly around potholes. There would be a three-lane road with five lanes of traffic," said Kirkland, describing their travel adventures.

Tired, exhilarated, and proud, define the emotions on the return trip home. This was a trip that I would definitely take again," said Kim Steuber. "People were so friendly, hugging us and touching us, that I got the feeling that they thought if they

touched us, they would be saved. It was incredible."

My most lasting memory," Steuber added, "is when a classroom of fourth grade students sang 'Thank you for coming to save us,' and I cried."

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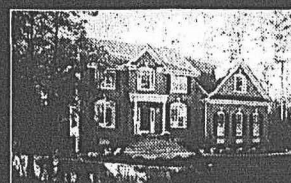


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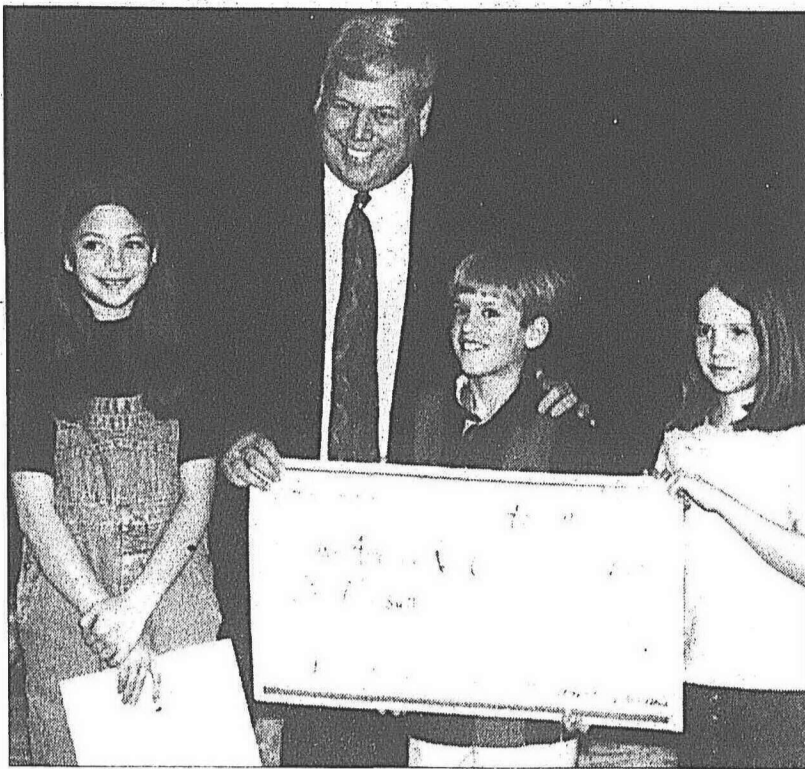


Photo by Mary Kay McCall

Heath Rada accepts a check for \$1,000 on behalf of the American Red Cross. CHES presenters are, from left: Lindsay McCray, John Skinker, and Lauren Stephan.

## CHES helps flood victims

By Mary Kay McCall  
School Correspondent

A bevy of beautiful voices filled the auditorium at Manchester High School on April 13 as the Clover Hill Elementary School chorus joined other elementary schools in Chesterfield County to perform at the annual Fine Arts and Technology Festival.

Hundreds of impressive works of art from sculptures and paintings to prints and crafts were also exhibited throughout the weekend at the festival by talented students from kindergarten through high school, including CHES.

Clover Hill Elementary School students have been busy recently doing chores and extra duties to earn money for a worthwhile purpose.

After seeing the devastation caused by the recent flooding, the CHES faculty discussed ways that pupils could be involved in helping our fellow countrymen.

Collections for a flood fund began on March 19 and ended on March 27. These efforts by CHES students resulted in a check for \$1,000 being presented at the school in April to Heath Rada, chief executive officer of the Greater Richmond Chapter of the American Red Cross.

Donna Willett, CHES third-grade teacher, spearheaded the drive on behalf of the faculty and thanks parents for allowing their children to participate in this worthy project.

Another successful session of the Clover Hill Elementary School chess club has concluded for the year as students in grades two through five en-

joyed friendly competition and tournament play under the tutelage of Peter Hopkins. PAGE (Parents Advocating Gifted Education), which sponsors the club for all students, wishes to thank Hopkins for his weekly visits and Bev Moss for her efforts as coordinator.

Beads of sweat were seen forming on more than a few good-natured CHES parents as they hopped and stepped and pushed and pulled at the annual PTA family fun and fitness night. Karen Patterson, CHES physical education instructor, made sure all participants increased their heart rate with a program guaranteed to provide fun and burn calories at the same time. Many thanks to the student volunteers who served as station activity leaders and to Judy Anderson and Judy Piermarini for their aerobics and stepping expertise.

Mark your calendars for Wednesday, May 14 and bring the whole family to Clover Hill High School at 7 p.m. for the fifth-grade end-of-the-year extravaganza entitled "Whole Lotta Faintin' Goin' On."

Nancy Crenshaw, CHES music specialist, promises a musical evening to remember, so take advantage of this opportunity to celebrate the conclusion of elementary school for our fifth-graders as they show off their talents and enthusiasm.

Two additional performances of the fifth-grade musical will be held at CHES on Tuesday, May 13, at 9 a.m. for grades K, 1, and 2 and on Wednesday, May 14, at 9 a.m. for grades 3 and 4. Parents are welcome to attend.

Other dates of interest this month include a two-hour early release on Wednesday, May 14; interim report cards on Thursday, May 15; a School Council meeting on Tuesday, May 20; and school holidays on Friday, May 23 and Monday, May 26 in honor of Memorial Day.

## SCES wins recycling contest

Since November, 25 Chesterfield County elementary schools have been participating in a recycling contest sponsored by the Keep Chesterfield Clean Corporation.

The purpose was for the schools to collect the most aluminum cans and newspapers.

Three schools have been named winners and have been awarded checks for \$400.

In the small school category, Swift Creek Elementary School collected an average of 89 pounds per student.

In the medium school category, Beulah Elementary collected an average of 79 pounds per student.

Of the largest schools, Manchester Middle School collected an average of 27.5 pounds of aluminum and newspaper per student.

Overall, 25 schools collected 341 tons of newspaper and four tons of aluminum cans over the five month period. Southeast Paper Recycling Company collected the materials from the schools for processing.

## Swift Creek Elementary raises \$5,500

By Kris Risendal  
Staff Writer

With spring in full bloom, Swift Creek gators have plenty to cheer about. More than \$5,500 was raised at the third annual SCES silent auction held April 18. The children are cheering because a new piece of playground equipment will be purchased from the proceeds of this year's successful fund-raising activities.

The students voted on a number of new items and the grand winner was a circular horizontal ladder. Thanks go to all the parents who attended the auction for their support of the final fund-raiser of the year. A special thanks to auction co-chairmen Kate Hourin and Sheri Brooks and their team of parent volunteers for making the auction such a huge success.

The Fifth-Grade Spring Program was held April 23. Fifth-graders showcased their accomplishments in music and physical education during the sports/music extravaganza held before students, parents and guests.

SCES NEWS



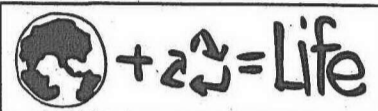
The public is encouraged to attend the Spring Carnival at SCES to be held, rain or shine, on Sunday, June 1 from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.

Members of the fifth-grade chorus represented SCES at the Chesterfield County Fine Arts Festival held at Manchester High School on April 13. Congratulations go to the following students: Courtney Bush, Mandy Ballinger, Brienne Collins, Marilee Dobbs, Lindsay Fraser, Renee Haedrich, Chris Halbleib, Sabrina Herring, Kristin Johnson, Tania Kalentzos, Mabry Montgomery, Ashley Phelps, Alex Powers, Rebecca Smith, Stephanie Stanton, Rachel Swyers, Lindsay Tierney, Danielle Quackenbush, Christopher Wagner, Katie Walsh, and Katy Zeller.



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Third-graders hunt for shark's teeth on a field trip to Pope's Creek, George Washington's birthplace on the Potomac River.



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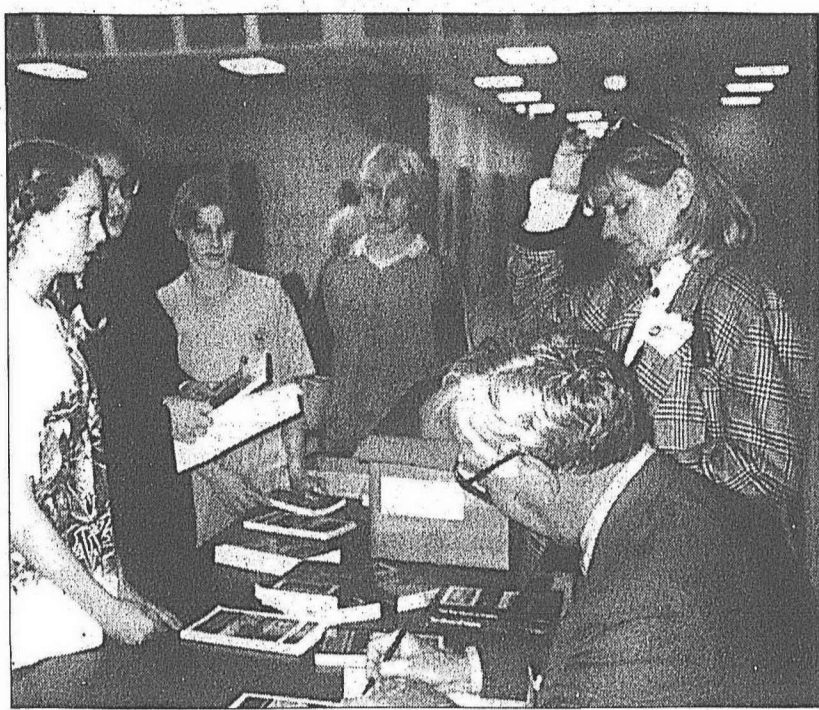
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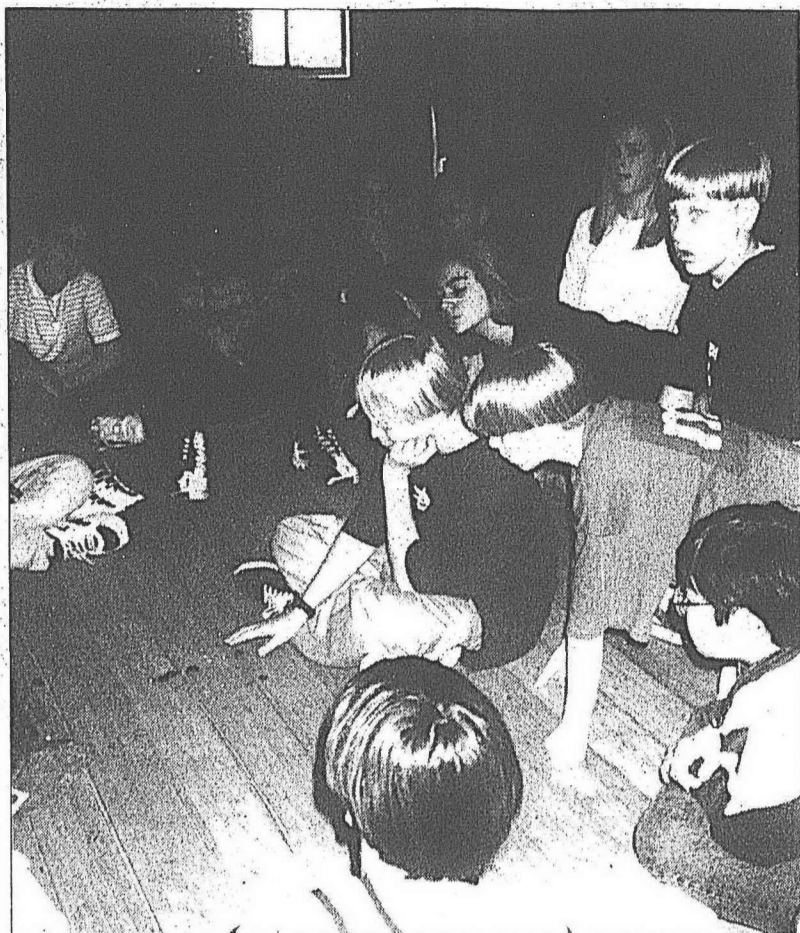
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# Guest author L. B. Taylor Jr. speaks to Swift Creek Middle School students



Author L. B. Taylor Jr. autographs copies of his books for SCMS students.



Martin Polvi tries his hand at a colonial game in Williamsburg as while classmates wait their turn.

By Ernestine Armstrong  
School Correspondent

Students at Swift Creek Middle School were treated to some celebrity attention recently when nationally recognized author, L. B. Taylor, Jr. visited the school. After a discussion on his publications and research, he personally autographed copies of his regional Virginia ghost books.

As a culminating event, the Scuba team at SCMS traveled to Williamsburg and participated in a guided tour and activities. The students had been studying Colonial America.

At the March luncheon meeting of the Brandermill Woman's Club, the SCMS orchestra received the BWC 1997 Community Achievement Award. Orchestra Director Joseph Wargo, Principal Thornton Carter, and Keith Bachmann, were treated to lunch at the presentation. The award was presented to the orchestra for "its outstanding contributions to the arts and quality of life of our community."

Wargo has been the orchestra director at SCMS for the past 16 years. During this time, the size and quality of the orchestra has grown considerably. The orchestra consistently receives superior ratings at the annual VBODA festival and sends record numbers of students to all-county and central regional orchestra events.

Many of the students are also members of the Young Performers Program (youth orchestras) of the Richmond Symphony Orchestra.



The orchestra's repertoire is varied. It plays the classics and performs fiddle tunes, pop and rock music, jazz, and movie themes. The orchestra performs regularly at PTA and community events.

Wargo is a music education graduate of Mansfield University, Pa., and has done graduate studies in string pedagogy at Ithaca College, N.Y., University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point, and UCLA. Outside of teaching, Wargo performs as a violist with the Richmond Symphony Orchestra and conducts the RSO String Sinfonietta.



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# CHHS students take part in model U.N. program

By Julie Breissinger  
School Correspondent

Thirty Math and Science School students from Clover Hill High School were given the opportunity to participate in the Model United Nations Program.

The Model U.N. was designed 52 years ago to reenact meetings of the United Nations for those students who have a desire to learn through a hands-on approach. At the conference, pairs of students represent ambassadors from the 184 U.N. member countries. They research, debate, negotiate and find solutions to critical issues that are relevant to the U.N. today.

"It felt kind of weird because we had never been [to the Model U. N.] before," junior Jeff Pristera said. "We did well and we got to see [the process] from different angles."

This is the first year the program has been offered to the students at CHHS. The program is sponsored by government teacher Amanda Mills, who feels that it provides students with the opportunity to interact with other students.

"I participated in the [Model] U. N. when I was in high school and loved it," Mills said.

Twenty-three students participated in their first Model U. N. Conference in early February at Old Dominion University. The topics they discussed included terrorism in Libya and nuclear weapons.

The participating "ambassadors" were recognized with a formal plaque with the names of their countries and their representatives. They then devised a solution that was presented and voted upon by a committee.

Juniors Pristera, Clint Davis, Alison Hurdle, Eric Song and Jennifer Valentine were among the leaders chosen to attend the conference.

A second conference was held in early April at the Stewart School, a private school in the West End. Clover Hill High School sent 22 juniors and eight sophomores for the small, two-day conference to discuss terrorism and a transfer of conventional arms.

As a result of the Model U. N., students gain knowledge as well as other benefits.

"The students become better leaders and enjoy the decision-making process and then see the consequences of their decisions," Mills said.

### CHHS NEWS



#### Cavs Market Skills

After placing high at the district and state levels, junior Andy Andreasen is eager to travel to the national marketing competition in Anaheim, Calif., this May.

Andreasen was one of 10 Clover Hill High School students to reach the state level and one of seven to win an award there. The competition began in February with district com-

petition with Clover Hill High School competing against students from James River, Midlothian, Monacan and Amelia high schools.

Several students were then chosen to compete against over 900 students at the state competition in Williamsburg.

These students include: seniors Kim Akins, Dan Latham, Chandra Montague and Gina Moore; juniors Andreason, Kristen Cowan and Lauren Hahn; and sophomores Jonathan Barille, Krista Hardison and Avi Kaza.

Andreason placed fourth in restaurant marketing and quick service at the state level. He was required to look at an invoice and order form, compare the two and role play the situation. He then had to try to sell a new food item to business owners and market the product to the community.

Andreason is now working with marketing teachers Tony Martin and Debbie Lukens in order to prepare for the upcoming competition.

## CHHS drama students perform "The Man Who Came to Dinner"



Senior Tim Palazzola, who played the lead Sheridan Whiteside, receives balloons from an admirer on closing night.



Junior Laura Burns and the other ice queens sing for the audience at intermission time.

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# CHHS students travel to France and Costa Rica

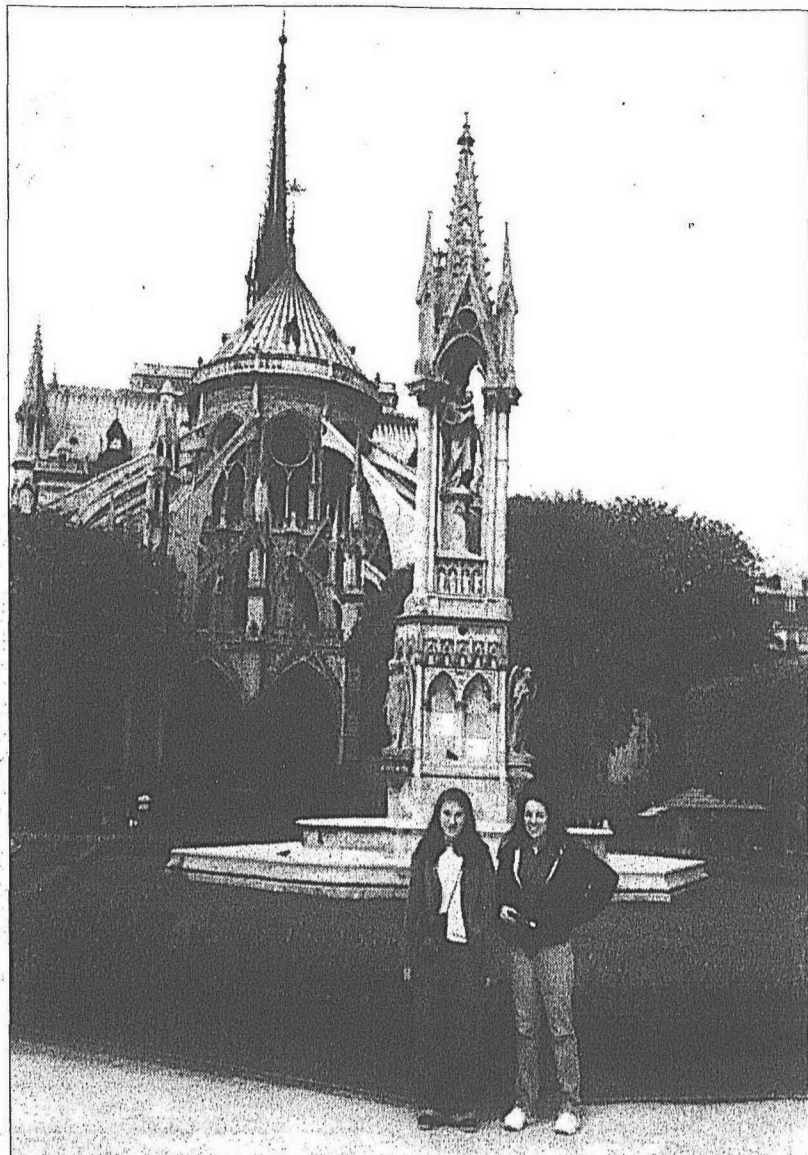


Photo by Sarah Pinsky  
Clover Hill High School juniors, Laura Burns and Shannon O'Shea visit Notre Dame.



Costa Rican police officers flank visiting students from Clover Hill High School. They are, from left: Brooke Neace, Adrienne Wilson, Erin Wood, Amanda Winfield, Jackie Young, Lina Polvi, and Sarah Carey. Not pictured: Michelle Daniels and Linda Young.

Language students from Clover Hill High School enjoyed an international spring break with trips to France and Costa Rica.

French students and guests spent nine days savoring the sights of France, Italy and Switzerland. Their itinerary commenced in Paris where they visited Notre Dame, Arc de Triomphe and the Eiffel Tower.

From Paris the group of 18 students and five adults journeyed to Versailles and then on to Nice via an overnight train.

After experiencing the Riviera and the resort principality of Monaco, the travelers headed to the Swiss Alps and Lucerne, Switzerland.

Nine Spanish students sojourned to Costa Rica, experiencing the culture and lifestyle.

"Although Costa Rica is very Americanized, there were plenty of chances for us to see first-hand how the people there are different from us," says Erin Wood, a junior at Clover Hill High School.



CHHS French trip participants are, front row, from left: Ceccily Bednash, Patrick Johns, Shusuke Inoue, Ashley Clement, Jane Nelson, Shannon O'Shea, Dawn Henderson.

Second row, from left: Jason Wallace, Grant Semon, Leigh Anne Epperson, Gordon Walker, Robin Walker, Maya Lee, Morgan Mahan, Jessica Dougherty, Jessica Moore, Carmen Gragnani, Bec Nelson and Katherine Zinder.

## Students write winning essays

"Books Are Friends," an anthology of winning essays and noteworthy works from a contest in commemoration of the 25th Anniversary of The Friends of the Chesterfield County Public Library was recently produced as a public service by Bell Atlantic.

Shauna Williams-Farrell, a senior at Clover Hill High School, won a first prize of \$500 for her essay on "Night," the novel by Elie Wiesel.

Cameron Baughn, a fifth-grader at Clover Hill Elementary School, received a first prize of \$100 for an essay in which he discusses how books

are his friends.

Kestra R. Miller, a senior at Clover Hill High School, wrote a short essay about Maya Angelou which was included in the Notable Excerpts section of the anthology.

Christina Gerhard, a 10th-grader in the Math and Science High School at Clover Hill High School, was also included in the Notable Excerpts section. She reviewed "If Wishes Were Horses" by Loretta Gage, D.V.M. and Nancy Gage.

Meg Olson, a sixth-grader at Swift Creek Middle School, was also included in the Notable Excerpts as was Tyler McCall, a seventh-grader at Swift Creek Middle School. Christopher Morgan and Katie Johnson, eighth-graders at Swift Creek Middle School were also included under Notable Excerpts.

Included in grade five Notable Excerpts were Nashid Ibn Ali, Misha Heller and Vasili Uspensky—all students at Clover Hill Elementary School.

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## Armstrong wins at national swim meet

Amelia Armstrong, a sophomore at Kenyon College in Ohio, won the 500 freestyle event at the NCAA Division III Swimming and Diving Championships at Miami University, Oxford, Ohio.



It was her first victory in the event and the first for Kenyon since 1993. Her time was 4:57.38.

Armstrong also placed first in the 800 freestyle relay (7:36.27).

In other events, Armstrong was the national runner-up in the 1,650 freestyle (16:59.21) and 200 butterfly (2:08.22) and third in the 400 IM (4:27.40).

Armstrong, a graduate of Clover Hill High School, is the daughter of Carl and Barbara Armstrong of Fortune's Ridge Road.



Amelia Armstrong waits her turn to compete at swim meet.

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## Brandermill Sailing Club prepares for new season



Above, from left: Don Haller and Graham Henderson clean up the beach. At right, Sailing Club officers: Worth Whitfield, secretary; Bill Barthlow, past commodore; Graham Henderson, commodore; Tony Flores, director at large; and Don Haller, vice commodore.



The Brandermill Sailing Club met on a rainy April 12 for its annual beach cleanup. Members rescued several boats which were in danger because of the high winds and rain. However, the weather did not dampen the spirits of the cleaning crew.

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U10	May 28 & May 30	5:45-8 p.m.
U11	May 28 & May 30	5:45-8 p.m.
U12	June 2 & June 5	5:45-8 p.m.
U13	May 27 & May 29	5:45-8 p.m.
U14	June 2 & June 5	5:45-8 p.m.
U15	May 31	12 Noon-2 p.m.
	June 5	5:45-8 p.m.
U16	May 31	10 a.m.-12 noon
	June 2	5:45-8 p.m.
U17-19	May 31	12 noon-2 p.m.
	June 5	5:45-8 p.m.

### Girls travel team tryouts:

Clover Hill Elementary School		
U10	May 27 & May 29	5:45-8 p.m.
U11	May 28 & May 30	5:45-8 p.m.
U12	May 27 & May 29	5:45-8 p.m.
U13	May 28 & May 30	5:45-8 p.m.
U16-U19	May 31	10a.m.-12 noon
	June 2	5:45-8 p.m.
Swift Creek Middle School		
U14	May 27 & May 29	5:45-8 p.m.
U15	May 28 & May 30	5:45-8 p.m.

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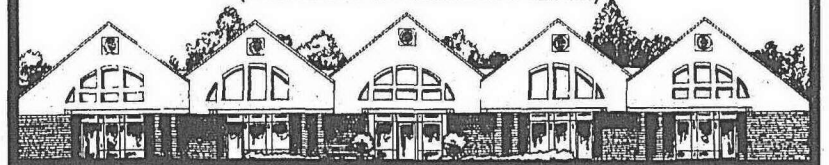
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# Clover Hill High School hosts Russian soccer team

By Brad Gunton and Kris Risendal  
School Correspondent and Staff Writer

For 10 days last April, American and Russian high school students forgot their differences in language and culture, and simply enjoyed the game of soccer. Through the efforts of Pangaea, Inc., a nonprofit organization that develops cultural athletic exchanges between American and Russian high school students, 12 Clover Hill High School and Manchester High School girls enjoyed hosting 12 Russian girls, two women coaches and two chaperones in a whirlwind trip of soccer, sightseeing, and shopping. Along the way, friendships were made and cultural bridges were crossed.

Members of the Russian team stayed with students and faculty from Clover Hill High School.

It was a very interesting experience to have them living with me," physics teacher Craig Nunemaker said. "I even taught them how to play pool."

"It was such a wonderful experience for all of us," said Liz Kirchner of Winterberry Ridge. "As a host family, my daughter Amy discovered how quickly differences fade away. The girls arrived from Moscow tired,

scared and overwhelmed. Soon they were laughing together, playing soccer together, and not needing the dictionaries so much," she said.

According to Barbara Salkin, president of Pangaea, Inc., the goal of the exchange is to bring high school students together and introduce them to each other's way of life. "Our slogan is 'One Earth/People Together' and we strive to educate Russian and American youths," said Salkin.

Pangaea's partnership with the Russian Ministry of Education and its 3,300 Children's Sport Schools of Olympic Reserve, began in 1990 and provides eight or nine exchanges each year with American high schools focused in the mid-Atlantic states. "Our organization opens international doors for kids not necessarily academically high achievers," Salkin said. The visiting Russian teens represent a socioeconomic cross section of their country, as are youths that participate in sports at most American high schools.

Following each Russian visit, American youths travel to Russia to experience life in that country.

"The Russian sports system is very different from ours," explains Salkin.

"After attending high school all day, Russian athletes then attend sports school at the end of the day, often practicing for two or three hours, six days each week."

During their visit to Richmond, the girls played exhibition

soccer games at Douglas Freeman, Manchester and Clover Hill High Schools. The games did not resemble the typical American ones, since the rules of soccer in Europe differ significantly from those in the United States.

"The game was very different since they have never played here," senior Kim Akins said. "It was very interesting to see the way they played."

The Russian girl soccer players and their American hosts also enjoyed visiting Williamsburg, the Virginia Science Museum, the Richmond Zoo,

*"My daughter discovered how quickly differences fade away."*

Liz Kirchner

The Richmond Times-Dispatch, and the Virginia Capitol, to name just a few places highlighted on their busy itinerary.

"While our visitors loved watching television, particularly MTV, they seemed to enjoy shopping above all else," said Kirchner, with each student taking delight in the vast selection and quality of products from which to choose. "Their favorites were jeans and sneakers, with each girl purchasing items for family and friends back home," said Kirchner. Each girl also returned home to Russia with a new soccer uniform donated by area businesses.

Students from the Richmond area will travel to Russia next year as part of this exchange. Both teams agree on the highlight of this year's soccer exchange. "Without a doubt, it is the camaraderie that is found between the kids," said Salkin. "Language barriers fall away and we all really communicate."



Russian soccer team sample some Virginia history at the State Capitol.

## Soccer team kicks off season

By Brad Gunton  
School Correspondent

Both the boys and girls teams at Clover Hill are having successful years on their own. Despite losing seven of their 11 starters from last year, the boys team is extremely optimistic about this season.

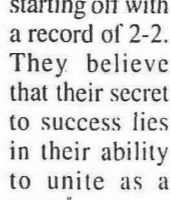
"We lost all of our defensive starters, but we still believe our offense is just as dangerous as last year's and that is what will carry us through the season," junior Shayne Visnich said.

The team last year was only seconds away from capturing the state title. This year, the players hope to return to their level of excellence.

"Our main goals are to defend our district title and return to regionals," coach Mike Anderson said. "After we achieve these goals, we will have

enough confidence to hopefully reach and do well in the state tournament."

The girls are also looking for a good year, starting off with a record of 2-2. They believe that their secret to success lies in their ability to unite as a team.



"Being united on the field as well as off helps us to bond and play better during games," senior Megan Roberts said.

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Russian soccer players take a breather during their 10-day visit.

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**Marie Bott** of Timber Ridge received the bronze award for \$1 million in sales.



According to President **Earl Jackson** of Riverbich Trace, Slater Realtors at Brandermill has consolidated some of its administrative functions such as record keeping with its headquarters in Bon Air.



Residential sales staff will remain at the Sales and Information-Center in Sunday Park.

**Doug McElhinney**, in conjunction with an investor group, has opened Mega office furniture in the old Circuit City building on Midlothian Turnpike. Mega also purchased the Office Furniture Plus stores in Richmond and Tidewater. He resides with his wife in McTyre's Cove. They have two sons.



American Home Funding, Inc., a residential mortgage lender, has named **Gregory Cuenin** vice president and manager of its Richmond branch office. Cuenin lives in Harbourwood with his wife Tricia and children Emily, Ben and Grace.



## Law firm locates office in Sunday Park

By Harriet Coppins  
Copy Editor

Spinella, Owings & Shaia, P.C., attorneys at law will open a new office on May 15 in Sunday Park, across from Sundays Restaurant. The address will be 4600 Millridge Parkway.

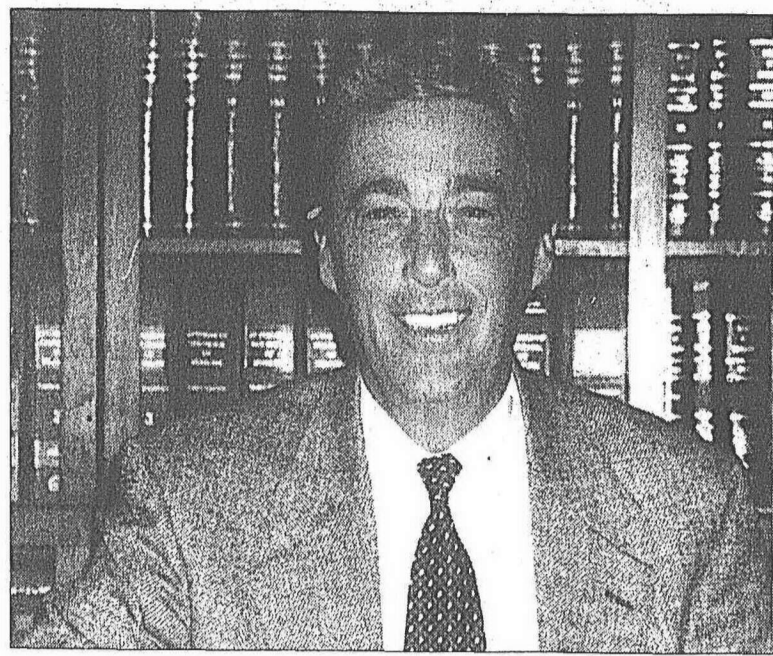
The firm which was formed over 40 years ago has an office in the West End at 8550 Mayland Drive.

Many of the firm's clients live in the Brandermill area, and an additional office in Sunday Park will allow the firm to provide convenient and professional legal services to residents and businesses in the geographic area.

Spinella, Owings & Shaia, P.C. is a medium-sized, general practice law firm whose attorneys specialize in most areas of the law.

The firm is proud of its reputation in the legal community and represents clients in the areas of personal injury, residential and commercial real estate, business and corporate law, estate planning, tax planning, civil and criminal litigation, domestic relations, health care, traffic matters, bankruptcy, and creditors' rights.

Craig Harris, one of the firm's partners, has been a Brandermill resident since 1978. He and his wife Mary Mack and children Sam and Kelly are residents of McTyre's Cove.



Craig Harris at his desk in his new office at Sunday Park.

## Accent on Hair has new manager



Traci Chisholm is the new manager at Accent on Hair.

By Kris Risendal  
Staff Writer

Accent on Hair, a family hair salon located in Market Square, has a new manager.

Traci Chisholm, a former military police officer, has worked in the hair care industry since she was a teenager. "I have worked as a receptionist, a shampoo girl, and an apprentice," said Chisholm.

As manager, Chisholm has created a new, more modern look for the Market Square shop.

Under the direction of Chisholm, Accent on Hair has changed its image inside as well as outside. With classic new furnishings, and a brighter, more updated look, the salon appeals to the entire family.

With six employees, Accent on Hair is a full-service hair care center, providing hair care, nails, tanning and waxing.

Accent on Hair is open Monday through Thursday, 9 a.m. to 7 p.m.; Friday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Saturday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.; and is closed on Sunday.

### Vandals

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\$500 reward for information. The BCA offers rewards up to \$500 leading to the arrest of individuals to BCA property. The commercial members offer rewards for information regarding vandalism to commercial or residential property. Crime Solvers also offers rewards. The Crime Solvers telephone number is 748-0660. To make confidential reports regarding vandalism to BCA property, please call 744-1035.

### Members

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claimed it has been tax exempt since 1991. It claimed it should not be assessed and asked for reimbursement of past assessments. In an agreement worked out between the attorneys of SLC and the BCA the day before the election, SLC will no longer claim exemption from future assessments but the BCA will reimburse SLC one half of its original claim, \$88,792 with 6 percent interest over the next 10 years. This will amount to a credit of \$2,968 from SLC's assessment of \$12,660 each quarter.

The agreement also stated that SLC would not vote in the 1997 election but will be permitted to vote as a commercial unit in the future since the amendment passed. In addition, SLC will indemnify the BCA from any loss arising from a claim that SLC's votes or voting status were not correctly calculated. SLC will also be given self-maintained status subject to the conditions required.

After the annual meeting the new board met and elected officers.

Laurie Newill—President  
John Hughes—1st Vice President  
Tom Hourin—2nd Vice President  
Charles McFarlane—Treasurer  
Mike Divita—Secretary

Following the election of the new officers, the board voted to ratify the actions of the previous board. In addition, board members agreed to hold their work sessions the second Monday of each month at the BCA at 7 p.m. Board meetings will continue to be held the third Monday of each month at Oscar's at 7 p.m.

Koren noted that only six ballots were deemed invalid—five for being unsigned and one for casting cumulative votes.

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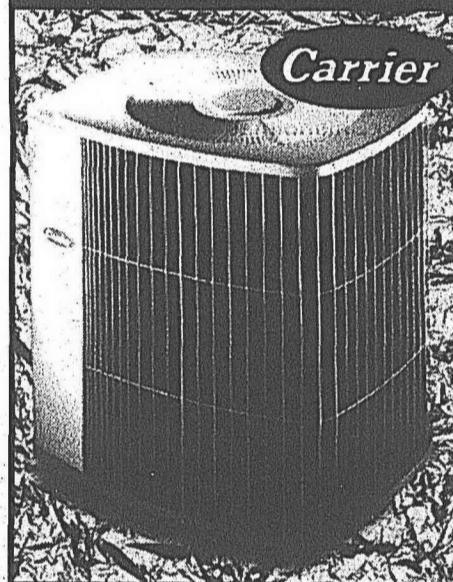
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been settled.

In partnership with the other owners, an agreement has been worked out to develop a master plan for Sunday Park to ensure optimum use of this beautiful site to the best advantage of all the community.

The purchase of the neighborhood swimming pool properties is now under consideration. I am hopeful this decision will be made shortly.

A nationally recognized firm has been employed to assist in the development of a long range strategic plan for Brandermill.

A closer, more-effective working relationship with the county government has been developed.

The BCA has sought to preserve, protect and enhance not just our property values, but also our lifestyle. I can visualize a community that, like anything of true beauty, grows more attractive with the passing of time. To accomplish this we will need good leadership, good planning and intelligent allocation of resources. In my view we must: improve and upgrade our landscaping; maintain and improve our current amenities, and develop new ones such as our lakefront; insist on strict covenant enforcement; utilize our strength of numbers and influence to better enlist the aid of government in achieving our goals; and achieve broad support and sharp focus through adoption of a well conceived long range strategic plan.

We can accomplish these things within the confines of a reasonable assessment structure.

We have something special in Brandermill. I offer best wishes to the incoming board and the staff in their efforts to continue moving us forward.

**NRC Minutes**

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approximately \$10,000. He will also be issuing budget variance reports.

**Treasurer's Report**

The BCA's first quarter report has not yet been distributed. Barthlow pointed out that this year's budget reinstated the \$1,000 for printing.

**Old Business**

**Strategic Plan Committee**

The committee is working with the Lesser firm on the survey. The original presentation from the company was less than desirable. Community Manager Divita wrote a letter requesting improvements in areas of the report: detailed demographics, response vs. age or income, real estate competition in the area, and effects of transportation development on Brandermill. The new report was received and discussed in a two-day work session by approximately 20 members of the committee. The committee will report to the community in the future.

**Nominating Committee**

The nominating committee consists of Angie Elliot (chair), Jane Mays, Bill Barthlow, and Bob Bradford. The committee will present the slate at the May meeting. Voting will take place at the June meeting which will also be the annual family picnic.

**Bylaws Change**

A motion to adopt the resolution to change the bylaws passed unanimously.

**New Business**

Art Warren wrote to the NRC about the proposed increase by RMA on the Powhite Parkway.

The corner of Route 288 and U. S. Route 360 will be developed in the near future. At the May 13 meeting, there will be representatives from the board of supervisors, planning commission, VDOT, the developers, and others.

The BCA Public Relations Committee is organizing a Home Parade and Spring Fest for May 18. Yvette Ridley, representing the NRC at the planning meetings, pointed out that the event is BCA-sponsored. (See page 1.) Volunteers may call Renee at the BCA at 744-1035.

The NRC reps were asked by Chairman di Stefano to be a vital part of this festival. He reported that the NRC is working with the BCA to make trash bags available at all the reps' homes for community members to use in sprucing up neighborhoods.

**Program**

Tom di Stefano introduced Community Manager Mike Divita. (See page 2.) Divita introduced Debbie Braun, chairman of the Fourth of July activities. The theme this year is Futuristic Fourth. Braun encouraged reps to volunteer to help.

Jack Murphy, Chesterfield County police officer, announced that arrests have been made in the vandalism cases at Swift Creek Middle School and Brandermill Country Club.

Traffic control concerns are being addressed within Brandermill by VDOT. New 25 mph signs have been posted in Planter's Woods, Nuttree, and Quail Hill.

**Next Meeting**

The next regular meeting of the NRC will be May 13, 1997 at 7 p.m. at The Brandermill Church.

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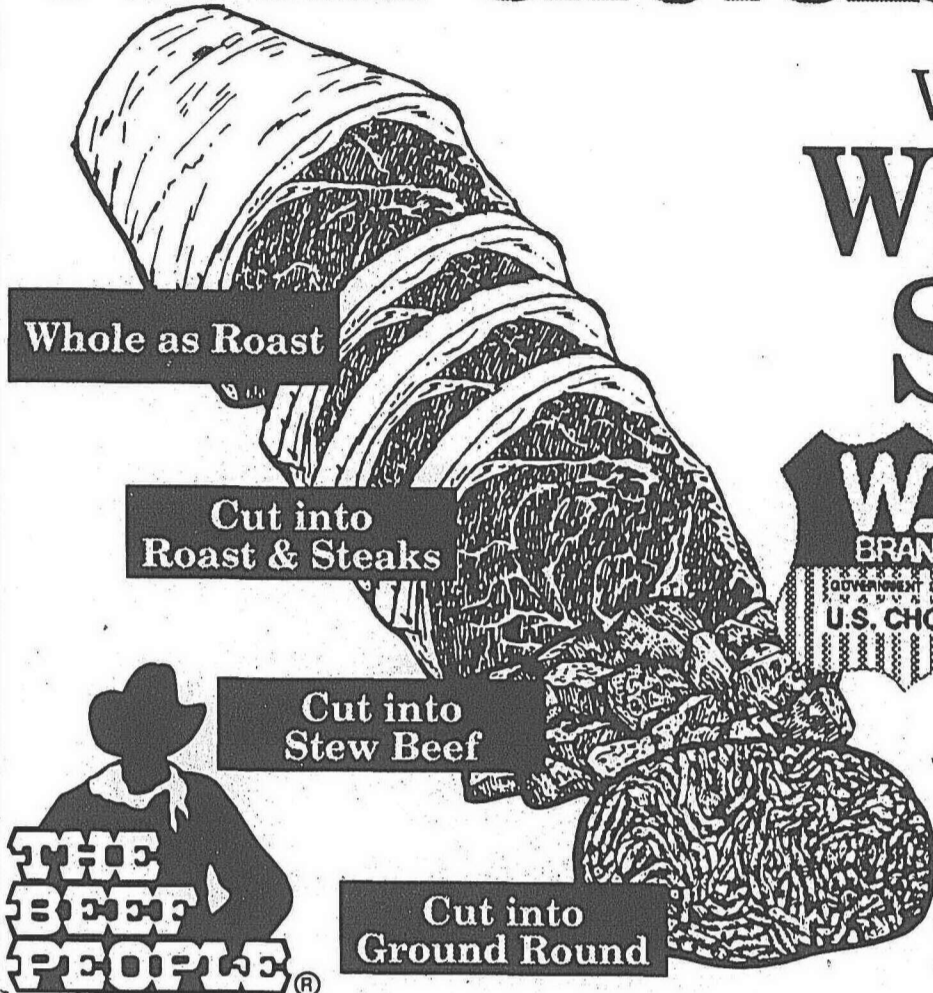
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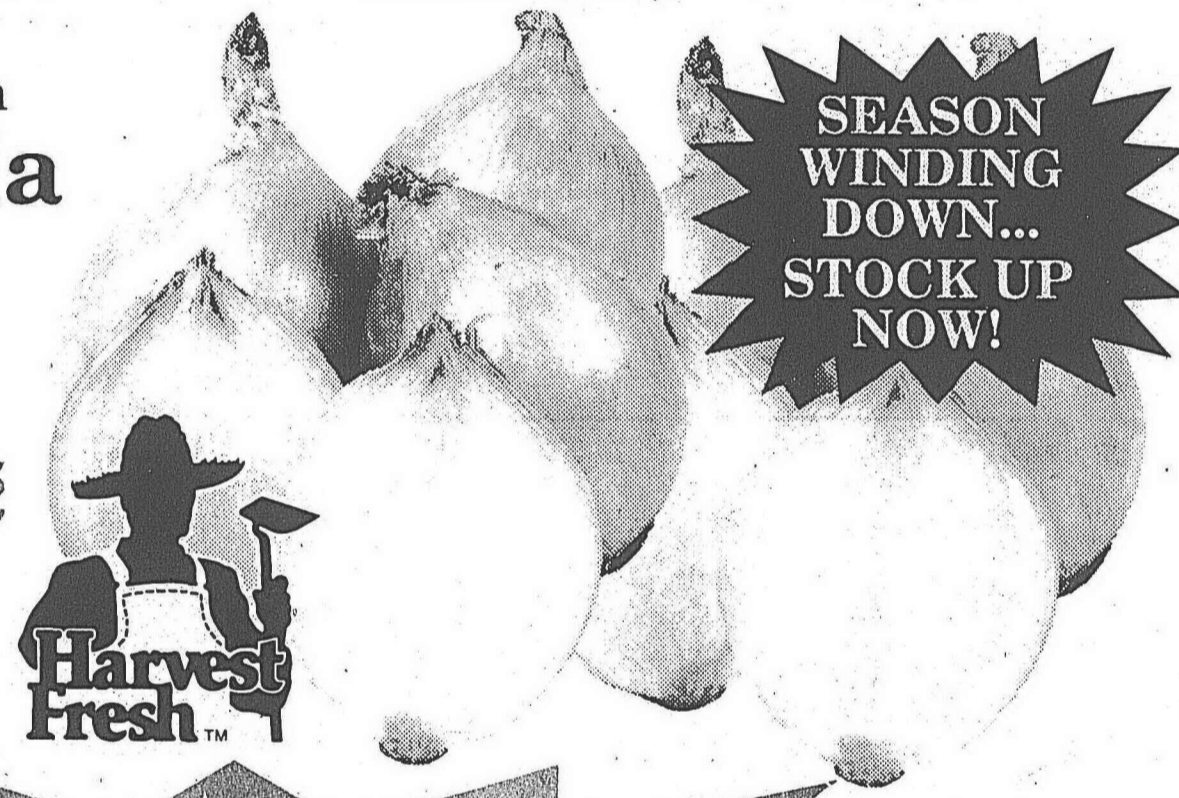
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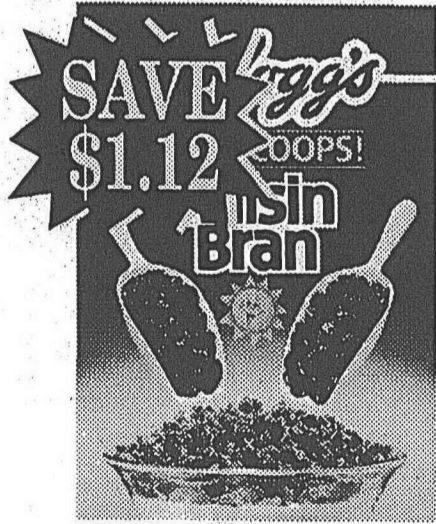
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