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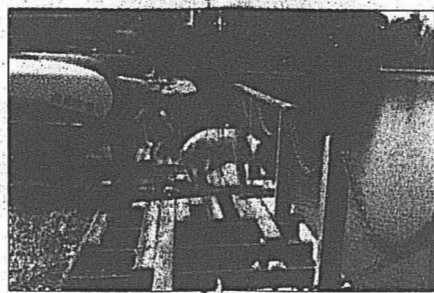
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WELCOME SWIFT CREEK FIREFIGHTERS

The public is invited to an open house at the new fire station in Waterford September 21 at 1:30 p.m.

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WHAT'S UP DOCK?

Much needed repairs are underway at the Harbour Pointe dock.

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Victory for Swift Creek Reservoir

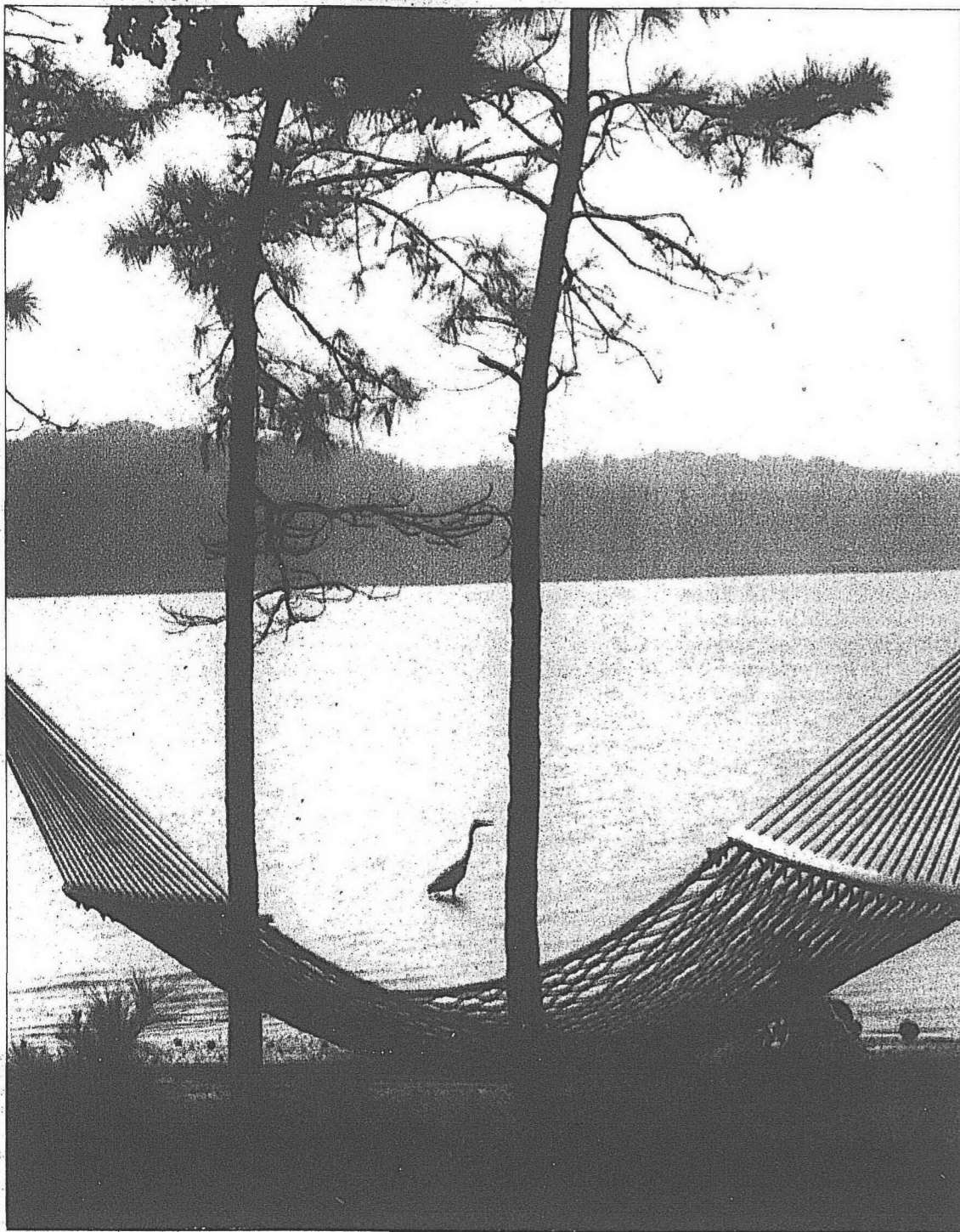


Photo by Wendy Parker

County action will help preserve Swift Creek Reservoir for years to come.

By Tom Pakurar, Cochairman
Hands Across the Lake

At its August 27 meeting, the Chesterfield County Board of Supervisors adopted the recommended watershed management strategies to save Swift Creek Reservoir from excess pollution and nutrients. Thanks to the efforts of community leaders, the Woodlake and Brandermill Community Associations, and several hundred residents sporting "0.22 NOW" stickers, the board vote was unanimous.

Key points of the plan include:

- An ordinance for the 0.22 phosphorus standard for

new residential construction was adopted and made effective as of September 15, 1997.

- An in-lake phosphorus level should not exceed 0.05 mg/l.
- Funds up to \$450,000 would be made available to develop a regional best management practice (BMP) master plan and recommended funding strategies for their capitalization and maintenance.
- Staff will provide supervisors updates every six months on the study progress and every three years on how well the watershed plan is working.

See Victory on page 8.

Directors reallocate \$400,000 for covenant enforcement in 20/20 plan

By Wendy Parker
Managing Editor

While members of the BCA Strategic Planning Committee (SPC) are wrapping up an intensive campaign to educate residents about the Brandermill 20/20 plan, the BCA Board of Directors voted to reallocate \$400,000 of the plan's funds to be spent on a "get tough" covenant enforcement policy over a five-year period.

At the same time, Brandermill Country Club Manager Doug Wayne said, "If the 20/20 plan does not pass, the club may look at other options including closing the three pools and applying for rezoning." He added, "Nothing has been decided, but it has been discussed."

SPC Chairman Tom Hourin said, "While there is lively debate over the community center and the pools, there is overwhelming support for a crack-down on repeat covenant violators." He noted that the reallocation of funds will not affect the overall cost of the plan. Hourin said, "We appreciate the community's united voice on the subject and we intend to respond with an

equally strong financial commitment to a proactive, rather than the historic reactive approach to covenant enforcement." Community Manager Mike Divita said, "The reallocation of funds is to bring standards where they belong, because of years of falling behind." The reallocation will divert funds from other areas of the plan including: \$130,000 from the contingency fund; \$50,000 from landscaping; \$25,000 from drainage; and \$195,000 by delaying the opening of the community center approximately six months.

According to Hourin, over 800 residents, or 20 percent of Brandermill families have attended at least one Brandermill 20/20 meeting. There will be a "Get Out the Vote" meeting on September 17 at Brandermill Woods at 7 p.m. Hourin says, "We want those who support the plan to attend the meeting and help telephone their neighbors."

Members of the association who have missed meetings and would like more information, may pick up a brochure summarizing the plan or a copy of the complete plan at the BCA. Also available for viewing at the BCA is the 170-page briefing book, prepared

by Robert Charles Lesser & Co. It includes the resident survey.

A group of residents calling themselves, "Advocates for a Better Brandermill Community" will hold a meeting at The Brandermill Church on September 16 at 7 p.m.

Kathy Carbone, a member of the group, has spoken out against parts of the plan at some of the neighborhood meetings and at the August BCA Board meeting. A flyer the group is distributing states, "We believe that swimming pools are an asset to Brandermill and should be supported by user fees. We want to vote yes for the amenities of 20/20 without the pools and community center; however, the ballot is not designed to allow a yes vote for the amenities without pools."

Community Manager Mike Divita said that the Robert Charles Lesser & Co. survey indicated that the community was almost evenly split on the pools issue. It revealed 42 percent of the residents surveyed were in favor of purchasing the pools, 40 percent against and 18 percent undecided. "He said we would have been remiss if we had not included the pools in the plan."

Twenty-two boats have been stolen

According to Chesterfield County Police Officer J.A. Andrews, 22 boats, at a value of over \$18,500, have been stolen from Brandermill and Woodlake since February. They include 19 canoes, a bass boat, a sailboat and a jon boat. Seven boats have been stolen from Sunday Park, six from The Landing in Commodore Point and two from the BCA storage lot.

Officer Andrews said only two boats have been recovered. Residents are encouraged to secure their boats with heavy chains and locks and to check them often. They are asked to report any suspicious behavior to the police.

A reward of up to \$500 is being offered for information leading to those responsible for the larcenies. Reports may be made to the BCA at 744-1035 or to Crime Solvers at 748-1278.

October 20 Referendum Meeting

The referendum meeting on Brandermill 20/20 will be October 20 at The Brandermill Church. Residents will be mailed a proxy/ballot around September 19. Residents are encouraged to mail in or drop off their proxy/ballots at the BCA office before 5 p.m. October 20. The polls will officially be closed on that date at 7 p.m. at The Brandermill Church. A recess of 15 minutes will be called to count final votes and the results of the referendum will be announced.

The proxy/ballot contains two propositions. (See sample ballot on page 4.) Members of the association are encouraged to vote for both plans. Members will be asked to mark their ballots with an "X" or check mark—not with a number. The number of votes to which each member is entitled will be calculated automatically. Proposition 1 will be a yes or no vote for

everything in the Brandermill 20/20 plan, including pools, community center and mortgage, etc. Because of the mortgage provision, Proposition 1 will require a 66.7 percent majority vote to be approved. Proposition 2 will also be a yes or no vote and will include everything in the Brandermill 20/20 plan including the acquisition of the pools but excluding the community center and mortgage provision. This proposition requires a simple majority of 50 percent or more to be approved. The referendum is for a special assessment and therefore the fees that would be collected for Brandermill 20/20 will be restricted to the purposes specified.

A 20 percent quorum of all of the eligible votes is required for an official vote.

Votes will be tabulated by Schutrumpf & Koren, P.C., certified public accountants.

Vandals destroy 17 mailboxes

By Harriet Coppins
Copy Editor

During the early hours of August 25 between midnight and 7 a.m. vandals damaged property in Three Bridges, Fox Chase and Quail Hill neighborhoods. According to officers Bowen and Hughate, the vandals haphazardly knocked about 17 mailboxes off their posts, twisted several around and in one case, took mail from a box and threw it in the street. They also knocked over the street sign at the entrance to Three Bridges.

A reward of up to \$500 will be made for information leading to the arrest of the vandals. Anyone who has information should call 744-1035.

REWARD
up to
\$500
for information
leading to the arrest
of vandals & thieves.
Call 744-1035.

360/288 development may begin soon



A conceptual rendering of the proposed shopping center.

By Janet Joyce
Staff Writer

CBL and Associates Properties, Inc. of Waltham, Mass. which plans to build a 600,000-square-foot shopping center at the northeast quadrant of the intersection of U.S. Route 360 and Highway 288 just south of the quarry, has confirmed that it has a commitment from Home Depot to be

the first major tenant.

CBL Vice President Mark Mancuso presented the revised plans to the BCA Board in August. CBL had solicited input from the BCA as well as from homeowners. BCA Vice President John Hughes applauded the effort saying CBL had made all the changes to which they had agreed.

The parcel currently is zoned primarily for industrial use. Bill

McCabe, assistant project manager for CBL, said the company plans to file a rezoning application in September.

Mancuso said construction will begin on one-half of the center immediately after the zoning changes are approved which could be as early as this year. He estimates construction will take between nine and 12 months.

BCA extends country club fan appeal

By Janet Joyce
Staff Writer

The Brandermill Community Association and the Brandermill Country Club have entered into an agreement that will extend the country club's appeal of the Commercial Architecture Review Board's ruling that fans erected by the BCC to control moisture on the golf course are not approved structures and must be removed. As part of the agreement, actions will be taken to find a mutually satisfactory resolution.

"Because of the sensitivity and potential for litigation, it's inappropriate to discuss the specifics of the agreement," said Community Manager Mike Divita. "We are closer to a solution than we were three weeks ago."

Divita noted that neither the BCA nor the BCC has given up any rights regarding the appeals process. "I realize that this has been a trying time for the affected homeowners and that it has taken much longer than I would have liked. The ultimate objective is to work out a solution that the BCA and the BCC can live with," Divita said. "We will conclude this matter in the next 60 days so that next season we won't be dealing with the same issues. I'm optimistic that we can avoid litigation."

FUN!Takes

Make a splash!



BCC and BCA invite residents to an open house splash at St. Ledger's Pool September 13 & 14 11 a.m. - 8 p.m. Free Swimming!

Fall Fling!



Dance to the Tunes of Suzy & the Naturals September 19 7 - 10 p.m. at the Pavilion in Sunday Park



BCA Board of Directors
Laurie Newill, President
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Tom Hourin, 2nd VP
Jim Bolton, Treasurer
Bob Herald
Charles Macfarlane
Jo Owens

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 Kim Seckman
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ARB APPROVALS

- Bayport Landing - Siding, new home
 Five Springs - New home
 Harbour Ridge - New home
 Heritage Woods - Boat screen
 Pebble Creek - Deck
 Promontory Pointe - New home
 Sandy Brook - New home
 Shadow Ridge - Screened deck, vinyl siding
 Shallowford Trace - Vinyl siding
 Tanglebrook - Deck addition

UPCOMING EVENTS

- St. Ledger's Pool Splash**
 September 13 & 14
 11 a.m. - 8 p.m.
- BCA Board Meeting**
 Brandermill Woods
 September 15, 7 p.m.
- Advocates for Better Brandermill Community Meeting**
 The Brandermill Church
 September 16, 7 p.m.
- Get out the Vote Meeting**
 Brandermill Woods
 September 17, 7 p.m.
- Fall Fling**
 Sunday Park Pavilion
 September 19, 7 - 10 p.m.
- BCA Work Session**
 BCA Board Room
 October 13, 7 p.m.
- NRC Meeting**
 The Brandermill Church
 October 14, 7 p.m.
- Referendum Meeting**
 The Brandermill Church
 October 20, 7 p.m.

VOICE OF THE PEOPLE: What do you think of the Brandermill 20/20 plan?



I believe that we have got to vote for 20/20—we don't really have a choice. I have three children and the pools are important to us; the bike paths are important to us, all the amenities are important to us and I support it fully!
Birdie Lighthiser
 Riverbirch Trace



I think that overall it's not touching the real problem we have which I think is the shrink/swell problem. A pool may help but I think it doesn't get to the root of the problem.
Victor Liu
 Stoney Ridge



I think Brandermill 20/20 is a wonderful plan. If you look around at the other subdivisions being built, they have amenities galore. These pools are going to be sold and I can just see them being bulldozed. I think buying the pools would really bring community spirit back.
Jenny Jones
 Turtle Hill



I think most of the things in 20/20 are good except for the pools and building the community center. If they would have had a third proposition on that vote I believe it would pass; otherwise I don't believe it stands much of a chance.
Wayne Moyer
 Cove Ridge



I think Brandermill 20/20 is trying to do a vast variety of things and will ultimately result in a vote that doesn't pass.
Bob Nastanovich
 Commodore Point



Overall, I think it's a very good plan. For people who have a swim/social membership at the country club, this is a substantial cost savings.
Meredith Robinson
 Carriage Creek



I'm not in favor of all of it. I think that there are certain amenities I would be for. I'd like to see a third option on the ballot instead of the proposed one and two—one that would let residents vote on the other improvements and amenities without including the pools and community center.
Jan Wise
 Spring Gate

BCA Board Minutes

The regularly scheduled meeting of the BCA Board of Directors was held on August 25 at Brandermill Woods. Directors Laurie Newill, John Hughes, Tom Hourin, Jim Bolton, and Bob Herald as well as Community Manager Mike Divita were present. The following is a summary of the board minutes. Complete minutes are available at the BCA office.

Member Voice

Lou Elsaesser, Kathy Carbone, and Jan Gooden addressed the board regarding the Brandermill 20/20 plan. Greg Pearson asked questions regarding the secrecy of the ballot and how referendum votes would be counted.

President's Report

The following actions were taken at the August 11, 1997 board work session. A motion was made and carried to change the Brandermill 20/20 referendum date to October 20, 1997.

A motion was made and carried to approve check signing authority to include all officers of the Corporation.

Committee Reports
Watershed

Betty Hunter-Clapp stressed the

importance of attending the board of supervisors meeting on August 27 as the .22 ordinance will be heard.

Finance

The committee has met three times and is reviewing proposals for the 1998 budget. A new budget format is being devised along with a new financial policy which will cause the financial committee to meet quarterly.

Legislative

A motion was made and carried to approve the appointment of Phil Quinn to the Legislative Committee.

Long Range Planning

Attendance at the neighborhood 20/20 meetings has been good. The last two neighborhood meetings will take place August 26 and August 27. A forum meeting has been planned for the September NRC meeting.

A motion was made and carried to reallocate \$400,000 of the 20/20 Budget to support a five year effort to increase the covenant standards in the community.

Second Vice President Hourin reminded the Board of a "Get Out the Vote" meeting on September 17 and

an information meeting with the NRC on September 9.

Manager's Report

The BCA Strategic Planning Committee met with Clarke Plaxco and Gary Scottow to discuss the Sunday Park land use plan being developed by Planning and Design Collaboratives.

The maintenance bay rehabilitation is complete.

Genito tunnel repairs have been completed. Quotes for Harbour Pointe tunnel repairs have been requested. The tot lot replacement equipment for Sunday Park has been ordered.

A BCA truck equipped with watering drum was in an accident on the morning of August 25. Brickman will defray the \$500 deductible. The truck was being used by Brickman to water landscaped areas.

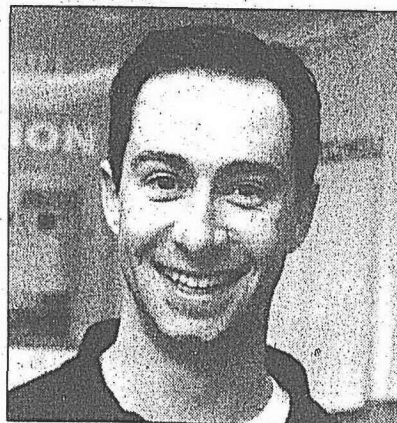
Canoes continue to be stolen. A detective has been assigned to the case.

Seth B. McMillan started work on August 11 as assistant to Community Standards Manager Karen Bracey.

New Business

A motion was made and carried to appoint Jim Bolton as treasurer.

Seth McMillan is community standards assistant



Seth McMillan

By Harriet Coppins
 Copy Editor

Seth McMillan joined the staff of the Brandermill Community Association as community standards assistant on August 11.

A native of Pulaski, Va., McMillan graduated from Virginia Commonwealth University with a bachelor of science degree in urban planning. He worked for the Richmond Times-Dispatch in the advertising department for eight years.

His responsibilities as community standards assistant include assisting Karen Bracey with administering covenants and restrictions and helping residents with their ARB applications and home disclosures. McMillan says, "I'm excited about getting involved in promoting the work of the community standards department and becoming acquainted with the staff and residents."

In his free time, McMillan likes to ride his bike and take his dog swimming.

Referendum Notice

All property owners and registered tenants as of September 2 were eligible to vote in the October 20 referendum.

Voting privileges were suspended for all delinquent accounts as of September 2.

Referendum ballots are scheduled to be mailed to all association members on or about September 19.

See Manager's Desk on page 13.

We will raise the bar for community standards

In a few weeks the Brandermill community will decide on whether the status quo or renewal will be its future. That really seems to be the issue and unfortunately, many opponents of the Brandermill 20/20 plan are focused on the pools and user fees. Let's get to the heart of the matter. Of the approximately \$19 per month in additional assessments for the entire plan, about \$6 or one-third of the plan's budget will be for the acquisition, repairs, operations, maintenance, insurance and capital reserve for all three pools. Another one-third will be for the community center and the remaining one-third is for everything else.

User fees were considered by the BCA Strategic Planning Committee but decided against for the following reasons. First, none of the lending institutions contacted will lend the BCA money if the principal method of payment for the debt is through user fees. Second, even if we were able to secure such a loan to derive enough revenue to pay the debt, the BCA would have to charge a substantial fee, preventing many families from affording these facilities. If there were a shortfall, the BCA would be required to make up the difference by increasing assessments for all property owners. In my view, the reliance on user fees would cause the association to become just another "country club" for those who could afford to join at the exclusion of those that couldn't. Some may say that is the way it should be. However, when the association owns

amenities, it has a responsibility to make them available to all residents. Our community should be proud of its diversity. It is a strength unless we decide to make it a weakness by economic separation. That isn't right and it isn't fair.

MANAGER'S DESK



Mike Divita

property." The very definition of common property is that every property owner has an easement to enjoy these properties. Some residents do not believe they should pay for an amenity such as pools, if they will not use them. It is the same age-old argument about our schools. "I don't have children in school. Therefore, I shouldn't have to pay school taxes." Yet as a community we benefit universally from a quality educational system. The same argument can be made about using the bike paths, etc.

Another objection that I have heard is that the BCA is unprepared to manage assets such as pools and a community center. Those of us who have chosen a career as a professional community association manager (PCAM), are fully capable of such responsibility.

I, as well as many of my colleagues, have successfully managed pools and community centers. Should the BCA take ownership of the pools, most likely we would outsource the maintenance and operations of the pools to a local swim management company, just as the BCC does now. The difference is that the BCA would turn the pools into an asset we can truly be proud of, because it is ours.

In addition, if there is one message that has rung out loud and clear in our 20/20 plan meetings, it is the issue of covenant enforcement. Consequently, the BCA Board has responded by reallocating funds within the 20/20 plan that proposes a five-year focus to "raise the bar" for the standards in the community. We, as you do, realize that without effective covenant enforcement and high standards of appearance, all the recreational amenities in the world are for naught. Because we have reallocated, not increased funds, the costs for the 20/20 plan remain unchanged. There are 10 strategies within the 20/20 plan. All of them work together in helping Brandermill regain what it was intended to be—the most liveable master planned community in the Richmond area.

Last of all, I have been asked if the proposed annual operating assessment will be increased. I believe there will be an increase, however the BCA Finance Committee has not completed its review of next year's proposed budget. The committee will review these recommendations during the next

...Life is but a dream

"Row, row, row your boat, gently down the stream; merrily, merrily, merrily, merrily, life is but a dream"...until a resident receives a notice of a covenant violation. There seems to be an increase in the number of boats being kept, unscreened, on residential properties in Brandermill. They range from canoes to fishing boats to sailboats to ski boats. There are even a few jet skis thrown in for variety. By all accounts, Brandermill residents appear quite drawn to the water, which is understandable given the Reservoir and the proximity of Lake Chesdin and the James River. I enjoy boating as much as the next person, but boats are becoming the bane of my existence. Why? Because many

residents seem to have overlooked the restriction specifically noted in the covenants pertaining to boats and other recreational vehicles.

To refresh everyone's memory, Part II, paragraph 5 of the Single Family, Garden Home and Multiple Family Covenants states in part: "Boats, boat trailers, campers, recre-

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Karen Bracey

ational vehicles, or utility trailers may be maintained on a lot, but only within an enclosed or screened area approved by the Company such that they are not generally visible from adjacent properties."

This restriction contains a two-pronged test. First, has the BCA, via the ARB, approved the proposed screening? Second, does the screening effectively prevent visibility of the object from adjacent properties? Failure of either test necessarily triggers a finding of a violation requiring corrective action by the property owner. The corrective action must be one of the following: erection of an approved screen or removal of the boat from the

See Standards on page 13.



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Swift Creek Fire Station opens at last

By Janet Joyce
Staff Writer

The Swift Creek Fire Station began service September 1.

Clover Hill Supervisor Art Warren has announced an open house to be held on Sunday, September 21 at 1:30 p.m. with tours and the official dedication of the building. The public is invited.

The station, located at the intersection of Water Cove and Genito Roads, houses two fire engines and one ambulance and is staffed by five to six full-time employees per shift plus volunteers.

Chesterfield County Fire Department Senior Battalion Chief Paul Shorter said, "We're happy to be providing complete service to the area."

The station was originally scheduled for completion in the fall of 1996 but encountered numerous delays.

The Swift Creek Fire Station will handle most of the calls from Brandermill with the Clover Hill Station continuing to respond to calls from the most southern portions of Brandermill near U.S. Route 360.



Firefighters and paramedics working out of the new Brandermill fire station are from left Kelly Pierce, Kip Lewis, Dee Whitlock, Keith Gwaltney and Louis Seay.

BCA plans to acquire Sunday Park loop road

By Janet Joyce
Staff Writer

The Brandermill Community Association Board of Directors has authorized Community Manager Mike Divita to negotiate for and acquire the Sunday Park loop road and adjacent parking areas. The road is owned by East West Partners and the cost to the BCA including all fees is expected to be between \$2,500 and \$3,000.

Divita explained that it is the intention of the BCA to form a road maintenance association with the other Sunday Park property owners, The Brandermill Church, Dan Butler Photography and Sundays Restaurant. "Right now there's no one besides East West that is responsible for road main-

tenance and East West has already indicated that it doesn't want the road," Divita said. "The BCA is the organization that is going to survive the owners of the other properties; therefore we should be in the position to solve mutual problems and to broker all the various interests of the owners."

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County recognition



Photo by Wendy Parker

Clover Hill Supervisor Art Warren presents former BCA President Jim Trent with a resolution recognizing his years of work for the Brandermill community. Sondra Trent looks on.

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Letters reflect varying opinions on the Brandermill 20/20 plan

Dear Editor:

Get Out The Vote-20/20 Plan! A difficult process when the subject of the vote is so nebulous. We, the residents, need to see a concrete version of the 20/20 plan as well as a concrete version of the land use plan for Sunday Park and the Peninsula and an explanation of how one impacts the other. Residents' understanding of the 20/20 plan seems to vary depending upon which meeting they attended. A written published (The Village Mill) version would eliminate the confusion. The split version—eliminating any projects that would require a two-thirds majority needs clarification. Does it save money or is it more costly in the long run. Is it a ploy to further a small faction's agenda?

I agree that our community needs some sprucing up—it definitely needs to have covenant enforcement. But we, as residents, need to know what we are buying. The package should be representative of the needs and wants of the majority. Please give us a clear, concise, easily understandable document to consider. Without that knowledge many will not vote, thus losing their voice. With a split package a great many voices will be lost and the agenda of a few will prevail.

Brandermill is a great community—we can make it greater—but only if we keep everyone fully informed and include all in the the decision making process.

Sincerely,
Esther L. Seminara
Hickory Nut

Editor's note: A summary of the key points of the plan can be found in the last three issues of The Village Mill. A brochure on the plan has been mailed to every member of the BCA. More brochures and copies of the complete, Brandermill 20/20 plan are available at the BCA office. The briefing book, prepared by Robert Charles Lesser & Co., contains 170 pages which include the resident survey. It may be viewed at the BCA during normal office hours. In addition, Community Manager Mike Divita and members of the Strategic Planning Committee are happy to answer any questions.

To the Editor:

Who ever came up with this 20/20 scheme to turn Brandermill into Club Med? If people had wanted this atmosphere they should have settled elsewhere. From past experience I can tell you that anyone who thinks the "about" \$19/month teaser increase will remain is one French fry short of a happy meal. This proposal looks like something that came out of Washington, D. C.

Sincerely,
Henry K. Manger Jr.
Shallowford Trace

To the Editor:

Since moving to Brandermill in 1993, I've been involved with the Neighborhood Representative Council as a representative, second vice president programs and president. In

March of this year, I joined the strategic planning committee.

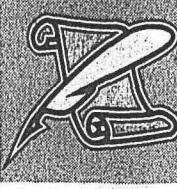
I believe in Brandermill 20/20. Why? It's not because the committee started with a resident survey that provided a demographic breakdown of the community by age, income, and number in each household. Or because we asked you for your priorities for improvements. Or because we asked questions like "What would you change about Brandermill?" And it's not because the survey had a 95 percent level of confidence or a +/- 4 percent margin of error. (Heck, media polls typically have a higher margin of error.)

It's because the results of the survey echoed what I've heard listening to the many suggestions and complaints expressed by our residents for the last several years. To me, this was the truest measure of the polls' accuracy, the committee's vision, and the likelihood for improving the quality of life in Brandermill.

I encourage all residents to get the facts before you vote. Don't rely on rumors. Brandermill 20/20 is based on facts. Call me and let's talk. See the results of the survey for yourself and read the original survey questions.

Yours truly,
Tom di Stefano
Whispering Oaks

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR



Dear Editor:

I read with interest the editorial comments on Brandermill's 20/20 plan in The Village Mill. My husband and I have lived in Brandermill for 10 years and we are concerned about what is best for our community. After careful consideration, we feel that although there are many good aspects to this proposal, it is not what is best for all.

When we first moved into our home, we chose not to join the swim/social program because we felt we couldn't afford it. This year, we talked again about joining in Brandermill. Even though we thought the cost was high, we felt we could at least pay for it. Then we recalled our one visit to St. Ledger's Pool and remembered how crowded it was. Whenever we drive by, we notice that it's not really a pool to swim in; there's just too many people. With the new proposal, everyone would be able to use the pools, so I think saying that they would be crowded would be an understatement.

My husband and I were able to join a nice pool this year for \$100 for the two of us. That was the total cost! It has not been crowded, and we have enjoyed spending several days there. I do not feel that it is right to ask all Brandermill residents to pay an increase in dues so that we can belong to pools that will be overcrowded. I read Mike Divita's article where he said that planned communities are in the business of recreation. Could you please ask him how many of them work out the cost of the recreation through residents' dues? I have talked to many

community associations and each one of them charged for a membership on an individual basis. If a good idea is based on what everyone else

is doing, let's take a closer look around us before we make a decision.

John and Jamie Calabrese
Deer Meadow

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Vote for two (2) propositions by marking with an "X" or "✓."
Please read each proposition carefully and cast your vote for each.

❖ PROPOSITION ONE (1)

EXPLANATION: This proposition will adopt the Brandermill 20/20 Plan and authorize the Board of Directors to implement all components of the Brandermill 20/20 Plan including (A) levy a Special Assessment to implement the Brandermill 20/20 Plan and (B) mortgage property in order to secure financing for the acquisition and improvement of three pool sites, the acquisition and development of a new park, and the construction of a multi-purpose community center. A 66.7% majority vote is required to approve this proposition.

To adopt the Brandermill 20/20 Plan and authorize the Board of Directors to levy a Special Assessment for each improved residential lot for a period of eleven (11) successive years beginning January 1998 in an amount not to exceed 88% of the Annual Assessment for 1997 to cover the costs associated with the adoption of the Brandermill 20/20 Plan including authorization to obtain a mortgage and financing for the acquisition and improvement of three pool sites, the acquisition and development of a new park, and construction of a multi-purpose community center. YES NO

The proportion of the Special Assessment to be paid by the owners of assessable property shall be equal to the portion of the Annual Assessment made for 1997. Accordingly, the maximum total cost of the Special Assessment per improved residential lot is \$234 per year (\$19.50 per month) and over eleven (11) years is \$2,574.

❖ PROPOSITION TWO (2)

EXPLANATION: If PROPOSITION ONE fails, this proposition will adopt the Brandermill 20/20 Plan and authorize the Board to implement all components of the Brandermill 20/20 Plan including the acquisition of three pool sites and the new park but excluding the construction of the multi-purpose community center and levy a Special Assessment as indicated below. A 50% majority vote is required to approve this proposition.

To adopt the Brandermill 20/20 Plan and authorize the Board of Directors to levy a Special Assessment for improved residential properties for a period of eleven (11) successive years beginning January 1998 to cover the costs of all components associated with the adoption of the Brandermill 20/20 Plan except for the construction of a multi-purpose community center. YES NO

The maximum annualized special assessment expressed as a percentage of the Annual Assessment for 1997 will be 86% for Year 1 (1998), 77% for Years 2 and 3 (1999-2000), 54% for Years 4 and 5 (2001-2002), and 36% for Years 6 through 11 (2003 - 2008). The proportion of the Special Assessment to be paid by the owners of assessable property shall be equal to the portion of the Annual Assessment made for 1997. Accordingly, the maximum annualized Special Assessment for improved residential properties over eleven (11) years is:

- \$228 per year (\$19.00 per month) - Year 1 (1998)
- \$204 per year (\$17.00 per month) - Years 2 - 3 (1999 - 2000)
- \$144 per year (\$12.00 per month) - Years 4 - 5 (2001 - 2002)
- \$ 96 per year (\$ 8.00 per month) - Years 6 - 11 (2003 - 2008)

The maximum total cost of the Special Assessment per improved residential lot over eleven (11) years is \$1,500.

Please vote for both propositions.

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Signature _____ Date _____

The above signed hereby appoints Schutrumpf & Koren, P.C., Certified Public Accountants, the attorneys and proxies of the above signed to vote in the manner indicated above and hereby revokes any proxy heretofore given.

The proxy/ballot must be signed. Only one person needs to sign the proxy. An unsigned proxy will void the entire proxy/ballot. The number of votes to which you are entitled has been calculated for you, based on the property(s) you own as of Sept. 2, 1997.

Please mail your proxy/ballot in the yellow envelope provided or deliver your proxy/ballot to the Brandermill Community Association, Inc., 3001 East Boundary Terrace, Midlothian, VA 23112, no later than 5:00 P.M. on Monday, October 20, 1997. The polls will be closed during a Special Meeting at The Brandermill Church at 7:00 P.M., Monday, October 20, 1997. NO proxy/ballots will be accepted after that time.

Please mail or deliver your proxy/ballot whether or not you plan to attend the special meeting.

More letters on the 20/20 plan

To The Editor:

We have lived in Brandermill for the past 10 years. We chose Brandermill because the beauty and amenities offered were superior to other area developments. During these past few years we have witnessed a decline in the upkeep of the community. Other area developments have surpassed Brandermill in what they offer to home buyers and current residents. We were very impressed with the 20/20 plan as a way of stopping this decline.

We are swim/social members of the country club, and are very upset with the present condition of the pools. Pool purchase and improvements are, however, only one part of the 20/20 plan. The more critical issue is the lessened appeal of Brandermill to home buyers. The 20/20 plan is an excellent opportunity for the community to upgrade its amenities. Some of these upgrades include a community center with indoor pool, gymnasium, and meeting rooms, bike path improvements, landscape beautification, etc. This will allow Brandermill home resale prices to increase at an acceptable rate.

Some people feel the extra assessment is not acceptable because they do not use the pools or are happy with the condition of Brandermill at this time. They need to realize that it will be very difficult to sell their homes to a family looking for the lifestyle many other communities now offer. We feel the extra \$19 a month is an insurance policy on our home and the community's value.

We appreciate the time and effort the BCA Strategic Planning Committee has put into this plan. We are very hopeful this plan will pass and help secure a positive future for Brandermill.

Donna and Joe Semonich
Deer Meadow

Open Letter To Board Members And Residents

I have been reading, with growing disbelief, the grandiose and unrealistic plans being formulated for the future rebirth of Brandermill.

First, let me say that I have no confidence in the cost figures that have been forecast for this "grand" project, based solely upon the totally unrealistic cost projects adopted for grounds maintenance—which not only exceeded, hugely, the "carefully" calculated costs, but also resulted in a very inferior property maintenance result, in all areas except those few conspicuous main arteries through the community. The standard answer to any complaint about sloppy or totally neglected maintenance has always been, "You must remember that we're very badly understaffed." Had the changeover been properly analyzed and professionally negotiated, there very likely would have been no change from our original method. However, this entire fiasco is another example of needless change for change's sake—with no regard for cost or esthetic appearance.

I have perhaps dwelt too long on this single—although important item. However, this is the first tangible result of the planning ability and results of this board's actions.

The other actions being proposed are equally probable to end in disaster. Let me simply list them with brief comments:

1. Acquire three old swimming pools. You cannot have received unbiased reports of the condition and potential useful longevity of these old pools. Maintenance, repair and replacement will be a staggering amount. Additionally, liability insurance and pool supervision will add a great deal to the total per member cost of \$19 which you project for all of the innovations you propose.

2. Building a gym with conference rooms, staff offices, an additional year-round covered pool, together with heat, a/c, and all types of necessary insurance, maintenance and operating costs, to include necessary staff, goes well beyond the very unrealistic figures you have projected.

3. Why do you feel it necessary to buy and improve the Sunday Park loop? This is a rustic and informal community. Those who want a formal, sophisticated suburban community should move to one. When you bought here, you did so because you liked the casual, wooded and rural atmosphere. Most of us still do!

4. Budget a professional marketing and advertising program to protect values. Ridiculous!!!! This is only done by the original developer and the original listing broker to promote quick volume sales. Values at Brandermill have not suffered. They are at the same proportion of sales price to assessment, as are all the other equivalent communities in Chesterfield County. Resale brokers who list and sell Brandermill homes will pay to attract buyers who want what we have to offer. They earn the commissions—it is their responsibility to pay for promotion.

It is indeed correct that Brandermill

is a mature community. It has matured gracefully, as its developers and home owners intended it to. Sure, we can plan some additional amenities for our residents of all ages, but let's not build a monument to the type of impulsive thinking that follows the radical philosophy of the very frightening "Baby Boomers" era, who wanted all things changed at once, regardless of practicality or realistic financial consequence.

Critically but sincerely yours,
Herbert R. Martens
Walker's Ferry Road

Dear Editor:

We support the 20/20 plan that the BCA board has endorsed. The Community Center can only bring this community together in a positive way. We need a common meeting place that meets the needs of all ages. This plan addresses the entire community, from the pools, to covenant enforcement, to the playgrounds, and more.

This comprehensive plan has long been overdue. The 20/20 plan will keep Brandermill competitive with the new residential neighborhoods in our backyard.

Phil and Caryl Quinn
Timber Ridge

Dear Editor:

I get to meet many of my neighbors because of my job. I welcome new folks to Brandermill and those that move within the Brandermill community. I have welcomed over 100 families to Brandermill since May 1997. I want to share a few observations I have made on how the 20/20 plan is being received by our newcomers.

Almost unanimously, our newest neighbors see the 20/20 plan as a necessity. They cannot fathom not making these improvements. They have just finished the purchasing process with the reasons they chose Brandermill still fresh in their minds. They know what attracted them: the schools, the lake, the golf course, the Landing, Sunday Park and the Brandermill lifestyle. Our newest neighbors have looked at Woodlake, Foxcroft, Deer Run, Brandy Oaks, Hampton Park, Birkdale and many other communities. Some newcomers would actually have been closer

to their work had they chosen other counties to live in. They did not pick at random...they searched the internet, the census, the Chamber of Commerce, the State Board of Education. One man in particular had chosen three houses, all in Brandermill, obtained financing, and knew all about the surrounding area through a virtual web site, before ever coming to Virginia.

Other folks are moving from Brandermill to Brandermill or Woodlake to Brandermill. Why? They really like the casual, "laid back" feel of Brandermill. However, that casual feel can quickly be perceived as apathy, even neglect when we have important issues like the 20/20 plan facing us. Whether you are for 20/20 or against 20/20 it is important to make an educated vote. Every vote will count. If you have concerns about issues that are not part of 20/20 but are a community concern, voice them to the BCA. If you have gifts you can share (marketing, planning, design, etc.) bring them to the table. If you don't want to become involved, don't have time, feel harried, it is OK. Frankly, that is how I feel. All I ask is that you become informed, vote and let those with the time and inclination put forth their energies to make the improvements. I ask you to empower your neighbors. Many of us in Brandermill may be laid back but we care about our community. Thank you for your time.

Michelle Zeitmyer
Welcome Wagon Representative,
Brandermill Area
"laid back" neighbor in Northwich

Dear Editor:

We support Brandermill's 20/20 plan. We believe it is vital for this community to maintain the bike paths and make them safe for residents of all ages to use. We believe we must promote our community to protect our property values. We believe the community must provide additional lighting for the security of our residents and their property. We believe it would be nice to provide recreational facilities such as upgraded parks for children and families to enjoy. We believe it would be nice to have a community center for all members of the community to use.

On the issue of purchasing the pools and upgrading them, soon our children will leave Brandermill to find their place in the world. However, we want the pools for other people's children. We want these children to know the

excitement, fun, and hard work of being on a swim team. We want children and families to have a recreational place to go. Do we think we need three pools? No. But we understand that to be fair to all members of our community, we must consider all three pools.

And last, we ask that all residents of Brandermill vote on the 20/20 plan whether it is a yea or nay vote. This is a referendum on our community. Are we truly a community, or one more subdivision off U. S. Route 360? Do we care about our neighbors, the businesses, and the schools around us? Do the businesses support us, our children, and our neighborhoods? Support our Brandermill community by voting.

Sincerely,
Cathy and Kevin Maxwell
Chimney House

Dear Editor:

As a resident of this community, I want it to be the best that it can be.

I therefore commend the board on its 20-20 plan with its needed upgrades to our overall quality of life.

We need accessible pools for all residents, a community center, well constructed jogging and bike paths, and above all, organized, structured activities for our youth. This neighborhood could help to raise its children.

Sincerely,
Yvette Ridley
Timber Ridge

To The Editor:

The chief concern I have heard about the 20/20 plan is from people who say they will be forced to pay for amenities they may not use. They seem to focus only on the purchase of the pools, ignoring other important elements of the plan, and say that if the pools were economically viable, the country club would not be trying to sell them.

If we think about it, we pay throughout life for things we don't directly use. Single or married, taxpayers without children pay for schools from elementary to university level. Non-drivers pay for roads and non-flyers pay for airports. Similarly, we pay for parks, museums, cultural

institutions, hospitals, fire and police protection, prisons and on and on, regardless of our level of direct use or benefit. But we all benefit from these things in some way as a com-

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Letters

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ment. Purchasers of homes enter into a contract with the association to provide certain services, preserve certain standards and maintain amenities for the common good. As with many worthwhile things in life, a community needs "preventive maintenance," not only of its current physical plant and amenities but also of its position in the marketplace. As we all know, maintenance too long deferred can cost more in the long run.

An association with roughly 4,000 homes has a great responsibility to its members and the community at large. It also has vast strength because of its numbers. This strength can permit it to make amenities viable that smaller communities can only dream of. Members can band together in the spirit of our barn-raising ancestors when we realize the community interest really coincides with our self interest, even if our horses never use the barn (read: we never put a toe in an association owned pool).

We can waste a lot of energy criticizing past actions or inaction by East West or previous boards. We can bemoan perceived shortcomings of Brandermill as a community. Or we can herald the great community we have and make an investment in improving it. The planning committee and the board of directors could have avoided the hard work and controversy inherent in a major undertaking like the 20/20 plan. Instead, they volunteered their time and great effort to put forth a vision for a future we can all be proud of.

I, for one, support them wholeheartedly.
Sincerely,
Michael Meagher
Huntgate Woods

To the Editor:

There has been considerable coverage in the press recently on the Brandermill 20/20 plan. Much of this has been negative. From the disparaging comments in the Richmond Times-Dispatch linking it oddly to one individual's problems with shrink soil, to the self-described and oft quoted "confusion" over the plan by BCA board member (and non-resident) Charles Macfarlane. Somewhere, I believe, the main point has been missed.

For most individuals, the single

largest investment in their lifetime will be their home. Like it or not, the value of that investment is tied to the neighborhood you live in. We can all do things to maintain or improve the value of our own homes individually. To improve a neighborhood requires joint efforts. Like a home, our neighborhood is also an asset, and money must be periodically spent on improving it or all our investment values will decrease. This was the main point that was being presented at the neighborhood meetings. It is not pools, soil or personal grievances, but protecting the value of our homes. If we can improve the attractiveness of our neighborhood as a place to live, all of us will benefit. Happily it can be while we are here, and when it is time to go.

For those with animosity towards the country club's handling of the pool issue (much of which I believe is well placed), don't let it cloud your view on what is again a community action. As with any voting issue, be informed on as many details as you can. Attend the meetings and ask questions. I think the investment in time will prove to you that this is an investment in money that we all should make.

Sincerely,
Neal Donaldson
Birnam Woods

To The Editor:

How lucky we are as Brandermill residents to be able to vote for what will be a boon for our community! After years of neglect and a lack of foresight, the current BCA Strategic Planning Committee has drafted and the BCA Board of Directors has approved a plan to keep Brandermill alive and thriving. Brandermill 20/20 addresses many of the needs and problems this community faces to attract families moving to the Richmond area. They include upgrading our drainage system and our bike paths as well as cracking down on covenant violations in a big way and providing a meeting place for all ages.

With any property, you have to spend money to maintain and enhance it; otherwise, over time it becomes rusty and rundown. We have already seen signs of rust in Brandermill because of its age and lack of maintenance. Some folks are fleeing to the shiny new Hampton Park, the newer Foxcroft or even Woodlake which is currently spending money on drainage problems and, which has an indoor pool.

The Brandermill County Club

(BCC) is selling those pools whether the BCA buys them or not. Any other entity that buys them will most likely fill them in and build more houses on those three prime sites because a heck of a lot more money is to be made on building and selling houses than operating pools three months a year. Then where do we go to swim? At the crowded, overpriced YMCA? Or Woodlake? Or Foxcroft? Wouldn't it be great for our children to go to school together and be able to meet and play with their friends at the pool, too? All of this for the price of a couple of video rentals a month or a pizza and beer.

As for you Brandermill residents who are also BCC golf and/or tennis members as I am, please realize that your club dues and BCA assessments are two separate issues. If you are concerned about your dues take it up with BCC Manager Doug Wayne and Cobblestone. Please don't take out your BCC concerns on your Brandermill neighbors by voting against Brandermill 20/20. The BCC is selling the pools no matter how you vote. If you can afford a club membership you can afford Brandermill 20/20.

Everyone in Brandermill would have use for the community center. Think of the bridge games going on while water aerobics classes for seniors are taking place in the indoor pool. Moms of young children could meet for playgroups or work out while their tots are safe in the playroom. The schools could hold their fund-raisers at the center and take class trips there. The BCA could host an arts and crafts show there. Can't you just see a string quartet performing there some night? I bet the Girl Scouts and Boy Scouts and the Brandermill Woman's Club and the Retired Men's Club might enjoy using the facility.

If you do have a real problem voting for the entire Brandermill 20/20, the BCA Board will be providing two propositions on the ballot; the first includes everything in the plan while the second proposition includes everything but the community center (eliminating year-round swimming at the indoor pool). If at the very least, please vote for Proposition #2, which will cost you about the same as half of a pizza and a draft per month. Without this plan, Brandermill will surely die, a slow death similar to that of old cities that did not reinvest in themselves.

A master planned community such as Brandermill, is by definition, a community that provides more than

the average municipality might provide in terms of amenities and recreational programs, at a cost to its residents. Community Manager Mike Divita's column in The Village Mill last month was right on as he talked about the purpose and privilege of living in a planned community versus not living in one. Such a bargain at about \$20/month.

Frankly, none of us who live in Brandermill can afford not to vote for Brandermill 20/20. We are all in this together. We might not like everything in this plan but there is something for everyone in it and it benefits us all. Everything we do as individual property owners affects each of our neighbors and what we do as a community affects each of us as home owners. Each of us wants our property values to go up. Each of us wants to live in safe and beautiful surroundings. But we can't continue to have these things happen unless we vote for the Brandermill 20/20 plan.

Sincerely,
Kate Hourin
Chimney House

To The Editor:

We the members and parents who have signed below are in full support of BCA purchasing and supervising the swimming pools in Brandermill. We have heard that the current "lap lanes" at St. Ledgers Pool will be enclosed if this acquisition takes place. The enclosure of the "lap lanes" will allow the swim team to practice year round.

We would like to submit a request that the diving boards also be enclosed to allow us to practice year round. This practice would not only enable us to become a better and stronger team, but would also promote our abilities throughout the community.

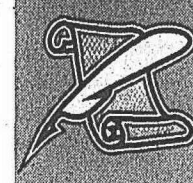
Please keep us in mind when any decision is made.

Sincerely,
The 1997 Brandermill Dive Team
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To The Editor:

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Sincerely,
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Cove Ridge

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ing into the 21st century. The Brandermill 20/20 plan will improve the community's amenities while it will also help to maintain and increase property values. The benefits of the plan will outweigh the minimal costs in the future. We support the Brandermill 20/20 plan and encourage other Brandermill residents to do the same.

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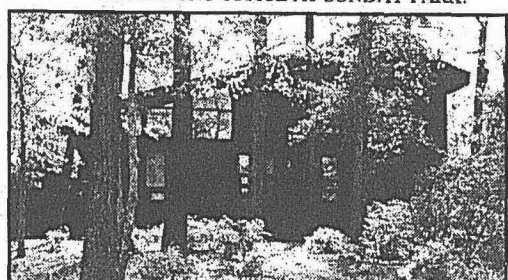
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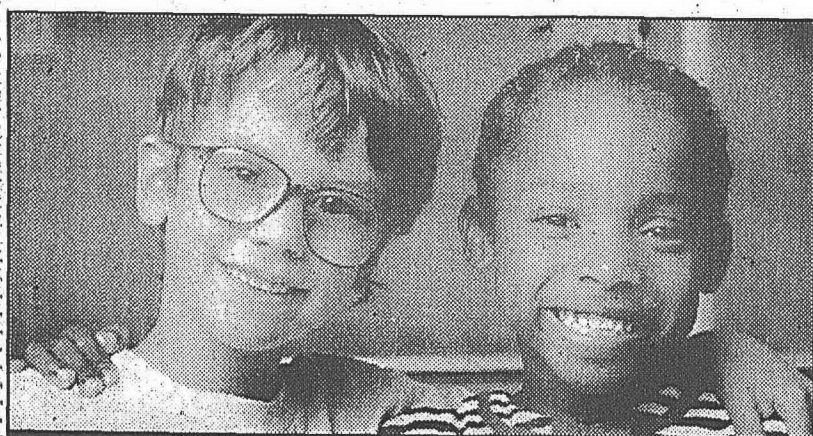


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Mr. and Mrs. Dean Fennessey

Melissa Jane Hackman, daughter of Barbara Flores of Brandermill and H. Thomas Hackman of Matthews, and Dean Christopher Fennessey, son of Jane Dorian of Mamaronek, N.Y., and Frank Fennessey of St. Croix, Virgin Islands took place on June 14 at The Cormorant Resort at St. Croix.

The Rev. Patrick Barsotti officiated at the double ring ceremony.

Betty Lou Nordstrom was maid of honor and Deborah Hackman served as matron of honor. Bridesmaids served Lisa Hugglen and Cindy Tyler. Greg Fennessey was his brother's best man. Groomsmen were Matt Spenser, Arlen Holmes and Dan Shogren. The couple's twin daughters Jillian Marie and Jessica Paige were flower girls.

The bride wore a floor length princess style gown of white satin. The bodice was adorned with hand beading, crystals and seed pearls. The veil was multiple tiers of illusion lace falling from a tiara of pearls and crystals.

After the ceremony there was a dinner reception at The Cormorant Resort Beach Club.

The bride graduated from Clover Hill High School and is employed by the Tylers of St. Croix. The groom is employed by Vi Mark Ships Chandlers. Following their wedding trip to Puerto Rico, the couple will continue residing in Christiansted, St. Croix.

Lara Norwood will marry Bryan Robertson

Mr. and Mrs. Larry R. Norwood of Atlanta, Ga., announce the engagement of their daughter Lara Rosamond Norwood of Raleigh, N. C. to Bryan Albert Robertson of Cleveland, Ohio. Robertson is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Alan D. Robertson of Winterberry Ridge in Brandermill.

Lara Norwood has a bachelor of science degree in both electrical engineering and biomedical engineering from Duke University. She also earned a master of science degree in biomedical engineering from Case-Western Reserve University. She is employed by Keane Consulting.

Robertson has a bachelor of science degree in mechanical engineering from Virginia Tech and a master's degree in mechanical engineering from Case-Western Reserve University. He is employed by Clamco Corporation.

The wedding will take place in Atlanta on November 29.

Community Manager will speak at Garden Club

By Jo Owens
Chairman, BWC Garden Club

"What's the garden plan for Brandermill?" is the topic for the September meeting of the Brandermill Woman's Club Garden Club. Community Manager Mike Divita will speak at the first meeting of the year at the Community Center on Wednesday, September 17 at 1 p.m. He will discuss future landscaping plans for Brandermill. A question and answer session will follow his talk.

Membership to the Garden Club is open to all members of the Brandermill Woman's Club and the annual dues are \$12. The club meets monthly during the club year. September through May, on the third Wednesday of each month, at 1 p.m. Guests are always welcome.

Chairman Jo Owens and Treasurer Melba Brodie will host the first meeting. The first order of business for the club year will be voting on the club's community service project. For the past two years, the Garden Club has provided landscaping on the islands at the entrance to the Swift Creek Middle School on Brandermill Parkway. Another project that the club anticipates continuing is the annual holiday treats to residents of the Brandermill Woods Health Care Center. Funds for these projects come from special craft projects made and sold by the members. Members are encouraged to bring ideas of possible crafts for consideration to the September meeting.

For more information please call Jo Owens at 744-7167 or Melba Brodie at 763-0385.

Brandermill Woman's Club invites new members

By Susan Humble
BWC Corresponding Secretary

The Brandermill Woman's Club is nonfederated and dedicated to encouraging friendships, social activities and solidarity in the community. Established in 1976, BWC currently claims over 200 members and invites all women reading The Village Mill to join them. Residency in the neighborhoods of Brandermill or Woodlake is not a prerequisite, nor is membership in Brandermill Country Club (BCC). BWC sponsors a wide variety of community service initiatives and offers a number of exciting activity groups as well as tours to places of interest within Virginia and neighboring states. The club year extends from Sep-

tember to June; dues are \$25 per year. Monthly meetings for the entire membership are held the second Wednesday at BCC. This year these meetings will begin at 10 a.m. with coffee and tea, followed by a brief business meeting and a variety of interesting programs. The programs for this year are as varied as the membership, and tentatively include a mystery writer, a financial advisor, a local historian, the Clover Hill High School choir, and BWC quilters. Members and their guests may stay for lunch after the program. Reservations must be made in advance of the general meeting and will cost about \$10.

The first general meeting of the 1997-1998 season of BWC will be

Wednesday, September 10 at Brandermill Country Club. Registration for the various group activities, including bridge, gardening, antiques, book review, investments, quilting and newcomers, will begin at 9:30 a.m. The featured guest speaker will be Richmond humorist, Glad Applegate, whose observations from people watching will be presented as "Smile, Chuckle and Laugh." Luncheon will follow at noon.

Anyone with any questions about the Brandermill Woman's Club may call President Ann Doll at 744-4138 or Vice President/Membership Judy Boatwright at 744-3255. Membership registration forms are available at the BCA office.

Parents can help prevent teen substance abuse

By Wendy Parker
Managing Editor

This is the first in a series of articles dealing with parents and youth and substance abuse.

Harbourwood resident Bobbie Gerold and her husband William have five grown children and eight grandchildren. They just married off their youngest child this summer. One might guess they have had their fill of parenting and children, but not so. Bobbie, after years of involvement in the community working on important youth issues, continues her crusade to empower parents to interact with their children for a drug-free world.

As past chairman of the Faith Community Task Group, a part of the Chesterfield Mobilization Against Substance Abuse, Gerold remains an active force in getting the word out on how parents can play a vital role in preventing their children from using drugs and alcohol. The group was instrumental in publishing a new handbook for parents entitled, "Just Say No and Beyond." The booklet is available at Brandermill Community Association. Gerold says, "Our goal is to empower parents." She believes this can be done if parents are provided the answers to tough questions as well as parents supporting each other and setting boundaries for their children.

After involvement with many youth symposiums, Gerold has come away with a clear message that teens want more parenting. When asked what they would do differently as parents, Gerold says, "Across the board, teens said they would establish boundaries and enforce discipline. Many kids have actually told me how easy it is to 'dupe' their parents. I know because I, too, have allowed that to happen at times with my own children while they were growing up—because parents so want to believe their children. Finding out that you, as a parent, may have been lied to, can be very painful." She said that teens believe many "punishments are a joke" because they know repercussions aren't going to be followed through by their parents.

Gerold reminds parents that the years of experimentation are the middle school years. She says, "Studies show when parents think their children are finally at the age when they need less supervision, it is the very time they need the most supervision." She adds, "Those parents need a wakeup call, because they don't see the problems with drugs and alcohol until high school."

Gerold first became involved with Parents for Drug Free Youth in 1984. She has been a member of the Drug



Photo by Wendy Parker

Bobbie Gerold helped create "Just Say No and Beyond" for parents.

and Alcohol Task Force since 1988 which was formed to investigate substance abuse issues in Chesterfield County and to advise the board of supervisors annually. She later became an active member of Commonwealth Alliance for Drug Rehabilitation and Education (CADRE). It was the Chesterfield Mobilization Against Substance Abuse task force that focused on the creation of the community mobilization project in collaboration with CADRE and Chesterfield County Public Schools to promote a drug-free Chesterfield County. Gerold says, "I have done a lot of things in my life

and none of them are as important as parenting." She says her devotion to ecumenism led her "to become involved with the Faith Community Task Force, because the churches are working together to make such a difference."

Other parts of the mobilization effort involve task groups in marketing, public policy and laws, youth activities, parent education, schools, and law enforcement. Staff support is provided by the County Office on Youth. Parents may contact the Office on Youth at 796-7100 for more information or to get involved.

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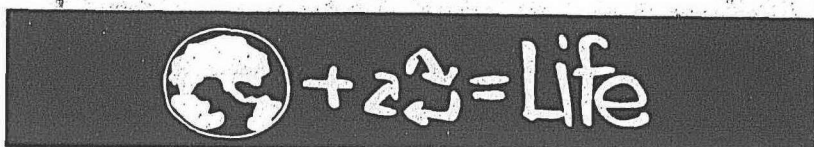
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CHES welcomes back students

By Mary Kay McCall
School Correspondent

Clover Hill Elementary School opened its doors to welcome more than 700 smiling young faces.



Dianne Smith, principal, and Kathy Sefrin, assistant principal, are pleased to welcome back kindergarten teachers Jean Bloebaum, Sherry Burleigh, Kathryn Farmer, Kathy Gupther, and Nancy Tuin; first-grade teachers Karen Geczi, Elizabeth Hatton, Barbara Jones, Jean Keene, and Cheryl Rudd; second-grade teachers Pam Cosby, Betsy Davis, Dorothy Harvey, Gloria Shilling, and Delora Stites; third-grade teachers Jacki Balint, Beverly Barker, Jodi Bullano, Diane Castleberry, and Donna Willett; fourth grade teachers Martha Gunther, Pam Haner, Mary-Ann Kirchberg, and Carole Marable; and fifth-grade teachers Hunter Beard, Gayle Harbison, Sue Nagel, and Sharon Perry.

CHES enjoys a dedicated Parent-Teacher Association and all families and friends are encouraged to support the PTA. New officers are: John

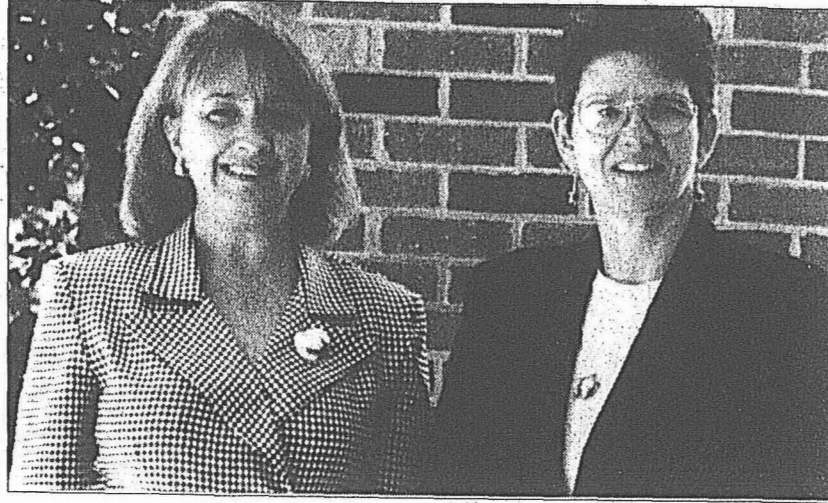


Photo by Mary Kay McCall
Principal Smith and Assistant Principal Sefrin anticipate another good school year at CHES.

Granger, president; Jo-De Davis, vice president-programs; Debra Hickey, Vice president-ways and means; Michelle Schap-pacher, secretary; and Terry Fitzpatrick, treasurer.

CHES fund-raising goals this year will combine efforts of the faculty, PTA, and the School Council called "Project Environment." To champion this effort, a new mascot will be unveiled, developing one of the school's inner court yards into a learning amphitheater and the second court yard into a science learning environment, complete with weather station, fish pond, and garden. Additional computers, updated soft-

ware, Internet access by all classrooms, and a Clover Hill web site are on this year's agenda. Plans are well underway for the second annual Fall Festival to be held October 26 at CHES. A parade, games, face painting, and an all new haunted trail will be for kids of all ages. To help with this event, please call Mary Kay Huss at 744-5682 or Elizabeth Fletcher at 739-8061.

Smith and Sefrin will be welcoming parents to CHES on two Back-to-School nights: September 17 for grades kindergarten through second and September 23 for grades three, four and five at 7 p.m. in the cafeteria.

The supervisors agreed that the developers should construct the BMPs. The issue of who will pay to maintain them will be decided in the future.

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would be a little bigger and a little deeper to trap more of the pollutants.

With regional BMPs, about 400 of the smaller BMPs would be eliminated and replaced with 55 regional facilities. Because of their size and design, regional ponds are more effective in removing pollutants.

The board funded the first steps to develop a BMP master plan for the region. This study should be complete within one and a half to two years.

CHHS adds new faculty for 1997-1998

By Brad Gunton
School Correspondent

Clover Hill High School opened this fall with new faculty members and a student population of 1,600.

This year is important as the graduation of the first full class of students from the Clover Hill High School Mathematics and Science Program will take place in June.

CHHS has added several new teachers to its staff. These include art teachers Sid Ames and Meredith Snyder, science teachers Cheryl Foley and Nancy Lee, French teacher Debbie Bartle, Latin teacher Joan Davidson, technical education teacher Todd Thaniel, and mathematics and science program teachers Curt Ramsdell and Kathryn Schueler. Other new staff members are guidance counselor Jane Hennesey, psychologist Pam Maze and mathematics and science program counselor Rebecca Copenhaver.

Special education teacher Jeanne Pearce, who previously taught at Clover Hill High School from 1991 to 1996, spent the last school year teaching the homebound and substituting. Now, she has returned to CHHS.

"Clover Hill is like a home to me," Pearce said.

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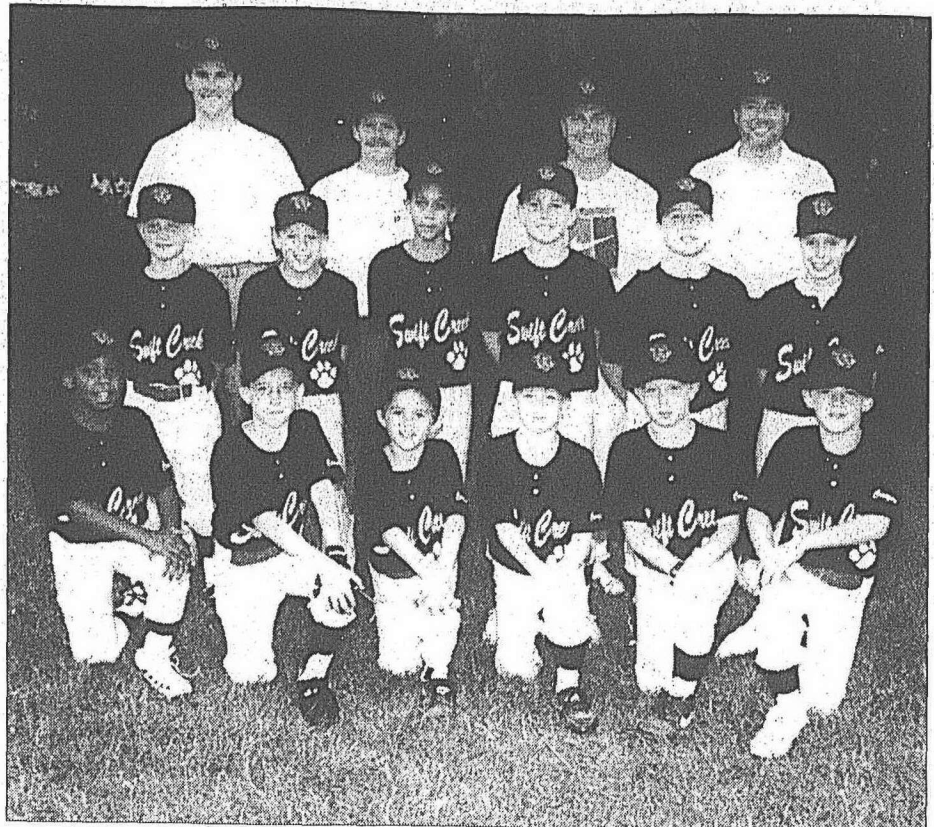
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By Steve Greer
SCAA Baseball Director

Swift Creek Athletic Association had another very successful season this year; one team went undefeated and two won division championships.

In the Yearling National League east division, the team finished a perfect 14-0 regular season. According to Manager Matt Carr, "The theme was fun and fundamentals. Each player on the team contributed a stellar play, a hit, stole a base, or made a key pitch.

The Stallion National League east division title also went to Swift Creek. Managed by Tim Collins and coached by Larry Anderson, the team enjoyed a 14-5 record. Manager Collins says, "They made all of the routine and tough plays they needed to make and never gave up."

John Tanner's Yearling team finished its season with an 11-3 record, consistently out-hitting, out-pitching, and out-hustling opponents.

Special recognition goes to Martin Bolls, Tim Jackson, Danny Hunter,

Wells Anderson, Jeremiah Sexton, Chris Loren, Ethan Wirt, Matthew Greer, Steven Reese, Brad Monk, and John Schmidt for their selection to the All-Star team in their respective age groups. JR Joyce received the "A Winner Never Quits" trophy for having the courage to come back from an 11-stitch baseball injury and get back on the playing field.

Retiring Baseball Director Steve Greer summarized the season. "Our teams were very successful this year. Winning is important, and it is a distortion to say it is not; kids will naturally be disappointed when they lose. But they have to learn from defeat because it is significant in a child's life. Baseball is about responsibility, teamwork, goal setting, and the joy of a simple game. It is too often the parents that take the fun out of it. I have appreciated the efforts of a talented few to support the program and hopefully make a difference in the lives of the children in our community."

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All-Stars win Chesterfield Invitational Tourney

By Steve Greer
Guest Correspondent

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CBC National Travel All-Stars
Front row, from left: Brad Monk, Ethan Wirt, BJ Allen, Steven Reese, Billy Tomlinson. Back row: Joey Swafford, David Violette, Mark Marcunis, David Woods, Chad Sadler, Matthew Greer. Not pictured: Eric Major, Mike Tonzola.

Brandermill players from Swift Creek Athletic Association, Ethan Wirt of Whispering Oaks, Brad Monk of Steeple Chase, Steve Reese of Deer Meadow, and Matthew Greer of Chimney House, made significant contributions to their tourney victory, as did the rest of the team.

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9/12	Thomas Dale(H)	7:30
9/19	Hopewell(A)	7:30
9/26	Huguenot(A)	7:30
10/3	L. C. Bird(H)	7:30
10/10	Monacan(A)	7:30
10/17	Manchester(H)*	7:30

JV/Freshman Football

9/10	Thomas Dale(A)	5:15/7
9/18	Hopewell(H)	5:15/7
9/25	Huguenot-JV(H)	7:00
9/27	Godwin-Fr.(H)	10 a.m.
10/2	L. C. Bird(A)	5:15/7
10/9	James River-Fr.(H)	5:15
	Monacan-JV(H)	7:00
10/16	Manchester(A)	5:15/7

Field Hockey

9/10	Meadowbrook(A)	4:00
9/11	Colonial Hghts(A)	4:00
9/15	Hopewell(H)	4:00
9/17	Monacan(A)	4:00
9/22	L.C. Bird(H)	4:00
9/24	James River(A)	4:00
9/29	Midlothian(H)	4:00
10/1	Manchester(A)	4:00
10/6	Thomas Dale(H)	4:00
10/13	Monacan(H)	4:00
10/15	L. C. Bird(A)	4:00

*JV games follow Varsity

Golf

9/10	James River(H)	3:30
9/16	Monacan(H)	3:30
9/17	Manchester(A)	3:30
9/18	Midlothian(A)	3:30
9/24	L. C. Bird(H)	3:30
9/25	James River(A)	3:30
10/1	Monacan(A)	3:30
10/2	Manchester(H)	3:30
10/7	DD Tour Birkdale	TBA

Cross Country

9/11	Bird/Mon@Mon	3:30	10/1	Hug/Wythe(H)	3:30
9/17	James River(A)	3:30	10/15	Mid/Man @Man	3:30

Girls Volleyball

9/9	L. C. Bird(A)	6:00
9/11	Manchester(H)	6:00
9/16	Huguenot(H)	6:00
9/18	James River(A)	6:00
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Girls Varsity-20 min after JV or Boys Varsity

Boys Volleyball

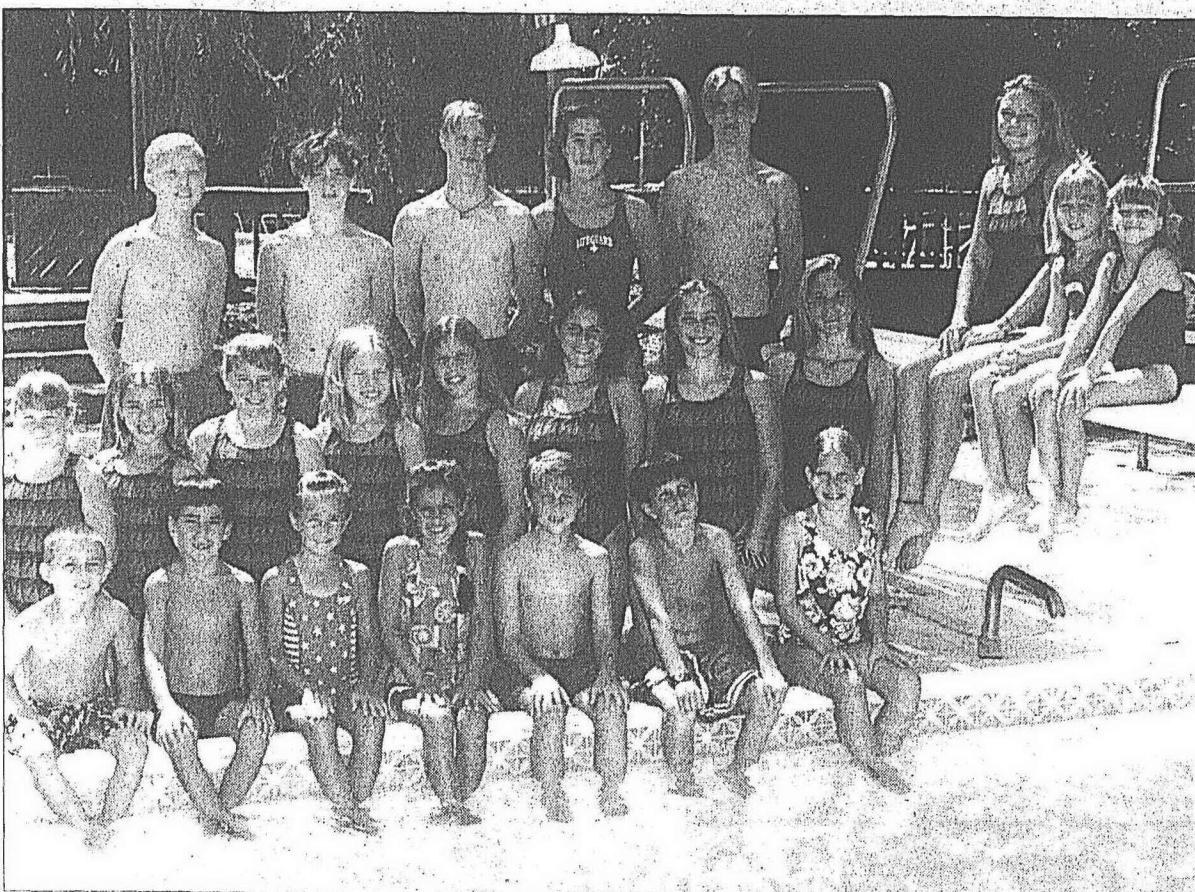
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Boys Varsity-20 min. after JV

Girls Tennis

9/9	Monacan(H)	3:30
9/11	Huguenot(A)	3:30
9/15	Manchester(H)	3:30
9/16	L. C. Bird(H)	3:30
9/18	Midlothian(H)	3:30
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Summer dive team enjoys stiff competition



By Kris Risendal
Staff Writer

Executing graceful and difficult dives, the Brandermill dive team enjoyed a successful 1997 season, beating several area teams including Evergreen, Surreywood and Shady Acres.

Coached by Kelly Williamson, the 25 divers practiced hard throughout the season, learning challenging new dives and perfecting their techniques.

"The kids were really great," said Williamson. "They all had such a wonderful attitude and it was really fun to work with them. I'm planning on returning next year as coach, and we hope more kids will join us. Diving is a lot of fun."

The Brandermill dive team placed eighth at the championship meet.

Front row, from left: Jason Minor, Jeffrey Quackenbush, Lauren Dunnam, Brittany Diaz, Trent LeBlanc, David Hudson, and Chauna Marconi. Middle row: Jaimie Lee Quackenbush, Allison Bodsford, Danielle Quackenbush, Erin Steuber, Danielle Behrman, Nicole Barone, and Laura Hudson. Top row: Matt Rodgers, Bart Carrique, Gideon Wolff, Melissa Kirchner, and Justin Wolff. Pictured, seated are: Coach Kelly Williamson, Kirsten Steuber, and Erica LeBlanc. Not pictured: Courtney Steuber, John Clark, Taresa Behrman, Bill Bolton and Danny Daggett.

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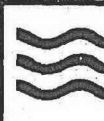


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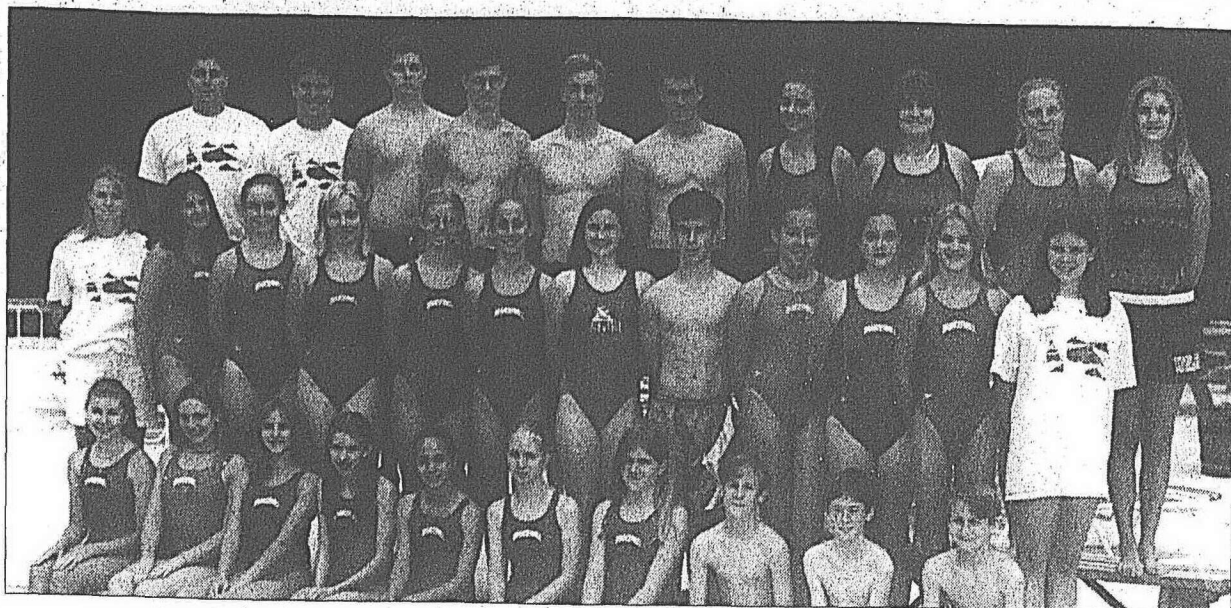
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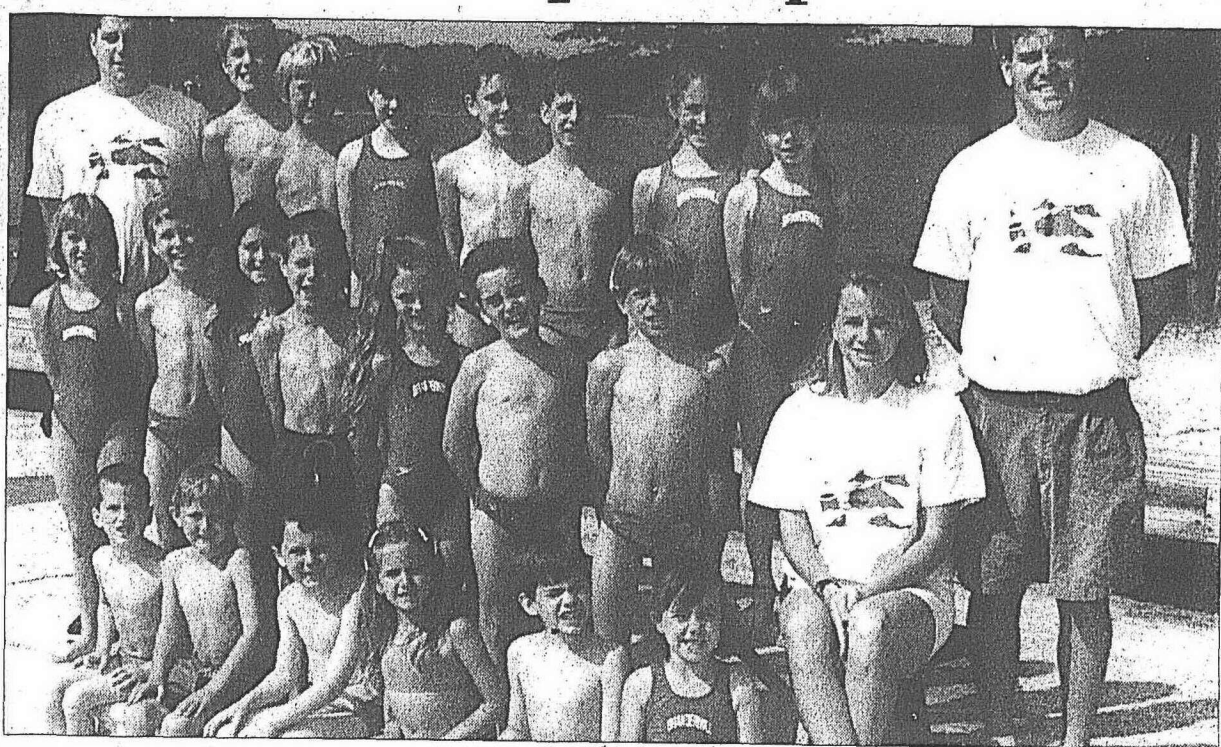
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1997 Brandermill swim team takes fourth place in championships



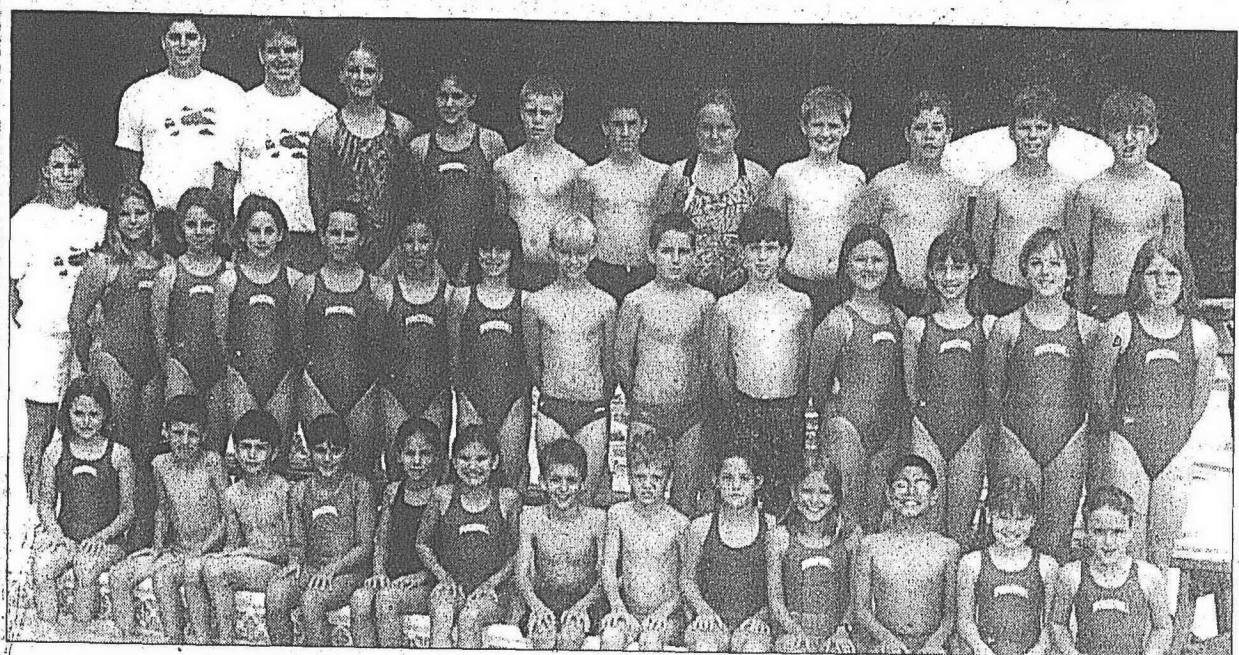
Seniors, Intermediates, Juniors

Front row, from left: Traci Franssen, Jacki Young, Jackie Privitera, Lauren Garrett, Hope Foerster, Kate Bourdow, Rebecca Conklin, Ricky Franklin, Kevin Peek and Andrew Franklin. Middle row: Coach Trista Reese, Sarah Wyman, Christen Short, Kristi Jones, Lauren Wall, Christine Pearce, Ann Hierholzer, Ben Hichak, Andrea Kohler, Lindsay Harris, Emily Cuenin, Sarah Hierholzer. Back row: Coach Rob Lasine, Coach Mike Mulsine, Alan Crist, Chris Hayden, Mike Jones, Justin Ballinger, Amy Usry, Suzanne Lagarde, Kara Cook and Christine Lagarde.



Mites and Mini-Mites

Front row, from left: Tyler Tupper, Dillan Joyce, Jack Hourin, Heather Cameron, Jonathan Garrett, Hillary Carr. Middle row: Grace Cuenin, Kevin Donaldson, Jessica Turner, Kerry Jussen, Kelley Losier, Brian Pearce, Coach Trista Reese. Back row: Coach Rob Lasine, Matthew Stankovich, Thomas Walsh, Kassie Hourin, Ian Carr, Patrick Dibert, Rachel Grider, Samantha Maxwell, Coach Mike Mulshine.



Juniors, Midgets

Front row, from left: Bridget Fitzgerald, Erik Risendal, David Harris, Kellye Semonich, Lauren Glass, Emily Dodds, J. R. Joyce, Matt Risendal, Emily Jessee, Jessica Dodds, Nicholas Cox, Colleen Smith and Courtney Reynolds. Middle row: Coach Trista Reese, Kiri Thompson, Jamie Eissler, Fegan Hewitt, Elisa Bailey, Amanda Ballinger, Lisa Pearce, Ben Cuenin, Tim Hichak, Richie Hayden, Lindsay Sweetland, Sarah Dibert, Kendall Snyder, Kelsey Allen. Back row: Coach Rob Lasine, Coach Mike Mulshine, Kelly Downing, Whitney Glass, Andrew Maxwell, Willie Grider, Katie Walsh, Gary Lagarde, D.J. Short, Andy Bender and Brent Kohler.

By Kris Risendal
Staff Writer

The Brandermill Makos swim team has proved once again that the little guy doesn't always finish last. Following a successful season, beating such teams as Granite and Smoketree, the Makos powerhoused their way to fourth place at the Richmond Metro Aquatic League championship meet held Wednesday and Thursday, July 16 and 17.

First-year coaches Robbie Lasine and Michael Mulshine spent long hours with the more than 120 swimmers who practiced much of the summer to compete with other area children in the popular sport.

"I really enjoyed the whole experience," said Lasine, who hopes to return next year. "We felt very welcome at Brandermill; the kids were great, the parents were helpful and we enjoyed a fairly smooth and successful season."

Parent volunteers play an important role in ensuring that the swim meets run smoothly, a massive coordinated effort guided by members of the Brandermill swim team board. Many thanks to President John Franssen of Walker's Ferry; Vice President Kathy Franklin of Huntgate Woods; Secretary Joanne Boor of Whispering Oaks; Treasurer Donna Lagarde of Bame's Spring; and Member-at-Large Courtney Detwiler. Congratulations Makos on another great season.

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Golf association makes Brandermill its home



Photo by Janet Joyce
Brandermill residents Jim Flore and Ed Simpson are eager to help junior golfers become more successful.

By Linda Burns
Assistant Editor

Golf enthusiasts may be interested to learn that the National Association of Golf Coach Educators (NAGCE) has established its headquarters in the Brandermill Business Park. Established in 1995, NAGCE provides school golf coaches with the necessary tools and training to teach the game to junior players. High school coaches throughout the country have long sought a structured program that would improve their effectiveness as instructors and strengthen their credibility in the eyes of their young proteges. Bill Madonna, co-founder of NAGCE and recognized as one of America's 100 best golf teachers by Golf Magazine says, "We are on the ground floor of providing a much needed service to junior golf coaches."

Two Brandermill residents, Ed Simpson of Harbour Ridge and Jim Flore of Timber Ridge, are heading up the association as program director and director of development. The original focus of NAGCE has expanded and now includes not only middle and high school coaches but physical education teachers, as well as community, club, park and recreation counselors.

While retaining its primary mission of helping golf instructors, NAGCE is committed to promoting more widespread accessibility to the game for all young people, and in particular, those youngsters whose level of playing prevents them from participating on school teams. Flore says, "Most high school programs focus on six kids who make the varsity team, leaving behind the other 30 kids who do not make the

cut. Our program looks at developing not only those six players but the others left behind, enhancing their opportunities to be more successful players."

Avid golfers themselves, Simpson and Flore applaud the enduring benefits the game of golf champions—life sustaining values such as honor, integrity, courtesy and respect. Flore points out, "It's the only sport you call a penalty against yourself."

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By Harriet Coppins
Copy Editor

Three new top level employees recently have joined the staff of Winn-Dixie at Waterford. Gina Morris has been named manager, Brad Mitchell is co-manager and Holly Shepherd is the new pharmacist.

Morris says she had worked for Winn-Dixie for 20 years, since she was 16. She is a graduate of National Business College in Roanoke where she majored in fashion merchandising. Morris, whose husband is also a Winn-Dixie employee, says, "My door is always open to customers. If there's a problem and I'm not here, I ask the customer to call me at home."

Co-manager Brad Mitchell, a 1994 graduate of Clover Hill High School, has worked for Winn-Dixie since he was 15 years old.

Mitchell says, "It's nice to see so many people I knew in school shopping in the store." He says he enjoys meeting new customers, too.

Pharmacy Manager Holly Shepherd worked for an independent pharmacy in Richmond and the tri-cities area for 13 years. A native of Biloxi, Miss., Shepherd graduated from the



Gina Morris



Brad Mitchell



Holly Shepherd

University of Mississippi Pharmacy School. She and her husband David, also a pharmacist, have lived in Nuttree Woods in Brandermill for nine years.

Manager Gina Morris says of Shepherd, "She is the most helpful manager I've ever met. She comes back to the store if there is a question about a prescription."

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Manager's Desk

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observed, what I see needs to be done and the commitment by the board to allow me to get them done. For those of you who are "on the fence," do we permit another opportunity to slip by? Do we remain complacent and permit the competition to sweep by us, only to ask the question, why didn't we see it coming? Folks, here is a reality check. Our competition has a ready-made set of recreational amenities for their residents and newcomers. And most, if not all, have pools and community centers. Our pool sites will be sold one day, and the last available land will be owned by someone else. We will not be able to go back. Another opportunity lost?

You have the right to oppose this plan. But please oppose it on the facts, not because of innuendo or suspicion. One person suggested that this plan was being "ram-rodged" by the board. That is simply not true. Some have attacked the data, suggesting it is misleading or incorrect. Not true. Some have said they don't trust the numbers, but they have never asked for details, which we have and can provide. Some have suggested that the BCA is using "scare tactics." Again, not true. Some question the funds spent on the plan. The research costs were much higher than originally thought. Why? Because as the planning process continued to unfold, it became clear that engineering data was needed on the pool sites and proposed community center in order to provide you with a high level of confidence that the plan was well researched and costed out.

Our consultants, Robert Charles Lessor & Associates, concluded that we have some problems—and we had better face up to them. They also concluded that the competition will "out-gun" this community unless we take a new direction. If we do not offer the kinds of recreational amenities that other master planned communities offer—we simply become less competitive. We already know that Brandermill homes sales list prices are lagging behind and that you are getting about 2 percent less than what you should be getting. Something is driving this. It is not one thing but a combination of factors. Recreational amenities are only a part of it, but a critical part. We can sit idly by and hope either things will somehow get better or change direction.

The value and competitiveness of this entire community are at stake. Will Brandermill cease to exist if 20/20 fails? The answer is certainly no. We will continue to bump along. But without reinvestment and a plan, our property values and quality of life will never keep up with the competition.

The community will be given the opportunity to vote next month—you will decide if the risk is worth the reward. Remember, if we refuse to spend \$19.50 per month to fund this plan over 11 years, we will lose the pool sites and the last significant land in Brandermill. Isn't that worth \$6 per month? Even if you disagree with certain portions of the plan, the plan is for the *entire* community. We are faced with increased competition and potential decline. When and what do we do about it? 20/20 may not be perfect, but it represents a comprehensive plan of 10 strategies designed to protect our quality of life and property values. And, if not now, then when?

Standards

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property. It's that simple.

Approvable screening for boats may be as simple as keeping a canoe in a garage or under a deck surrounded by lattice. Residents with larger boats have built fence structures. However, plans for a fence screen would have to be reviewed and approved by the ARB before being built. The size of one's lot will play a large part in the type of screen that might be allowed. Unfortunately, some lots are simply not going to be conducive to the construction of a boat screen. This is a factor residents need to bear in mind before considering a boat. The covenant requires screening generally not be visible from adjacent properties. This does not just mean from the street adjacent properties also include side and backyard neighbors' lots.

If an on-site boat screen is not possible, residents must store their boats elsewhere. The covenants are very clear and contain no exceptions. Residents are permitted to store boats and trailers in BCA owned areas such as The Landing or the storage lot, but available spaces are limited. Many residents are reluctant to store their boats in these areas because of security concerns. While I understand such concerns, residents need to realize it is not the responsibility of the BCA to provide storage for boats or other recreational vehicles. Many commercial storage centers are located in the area and may be the only option for some boat owners.






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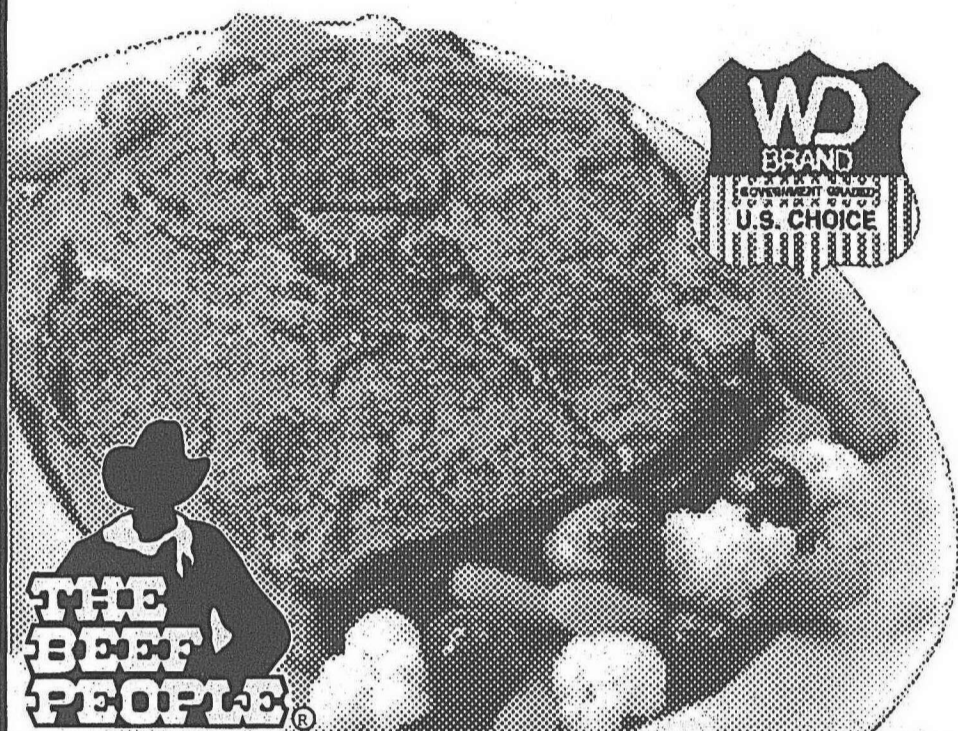
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Bath and Biscuit new owners operate

By Harriet Coppins
Copy Editor

Sherri Mesco and Cindy Hermann became the new owners of Bath and Biscuit at Market Square in July. They both have many years of experience in the business of taking care of pets and their enthusiasm and love of animals are evident.

Mesco has groomed dogs for nine years and, in fact, worked in the shop for Cindy Briggs, a previous owner of Bath and Biscuit, for eight of those years. She also served an apprenticeship at the Midlothian Animal Clinic.

Hermann worked for a veterinarian in the state of Washington for eight years. She returned to Virginia and while serving her apprenticeship at the Midlothian Animal Clinic, met Mesco and their meeting resulted in their present partnership.

Both owners are pleased that the staff in the Market Square store has remained almost intact. Katrina Caldwell and Sheila Rutherford are still there but Tilly retired and moved to Nags Head.

The shop offers pet grooming for large and small dogs and cats. Grooming includes bathing, nail care, ear cleaning, spraying and



Bath and Biscuit employees Kari Matz, Cindy Hermann, Sheila Rutherford, Katrina Caldwell and Sherri Mesco share a moment with one of their clients, Patty.

"lots of brushing." Pet supplies are also available.

Hermann says that they both love animals and she encourages any former customer to "come back

and try us again." Mesco is delighted to be at Bath and Biscuit. She says, "I always promised myself I would come back some day as an owner, and here I am."

The shop is open Monday through Friday from 7:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. and on Saturday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. The phone number is 744-7447.

Photo by Janet Joyce

Dr. Clark joins practice

By Harriet Coppins
Copy Editor

Dr. Jennifer Clark recently joined the staff of Chippenham Pediatric and Adolescent Medicine located in the Brandermill Medical Center.

A native of Knoxville, Tenn., Dr. Clark graduated from Carson-Newman College and the Medical College of the University of Tennessee. She completed her residency in pediatrics at MUSC Children's Hospital in Charleston, S. C. Dr. Clark was in private practice in Fort Myers, Fla., when her husband, an engineer, was transferred to this area.

Now the family which includes 10-year-old Matthew lives in Foxcroft.

Dr. Clark says, "I love interacting with young children and I am anxious to meet them and their families through my practice."



Dr. Jennifer Clark

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Cheryl Purdy transfers to CVB

By Harriet Coppins
Copy Editor

Cheryl Purdy has been named assistant branch manager/acting manager at Central Virginia Bank in Market Square. Purdy has been in banking since 1975.

In 1993 she began her career with Central Virginia Bank when she was made assistant manager of the Midlothian main office.

Two years later she was transferred to the Powhatan branch as an assistant manager until her move to the Brandermill branch.

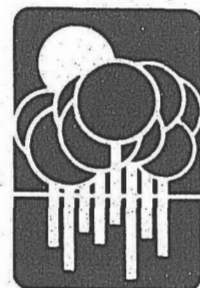
Purdy says, "It's a great pleasure to have the opportunity to work in Brandermill. I'm looking forward to meeting all our customers and I'm always interested in any comments or suggestions they may want to offer."

A native of Chesterfield, Purdy, her husband and 15-year old son reside in Powhatan.

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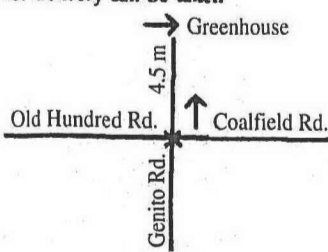
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