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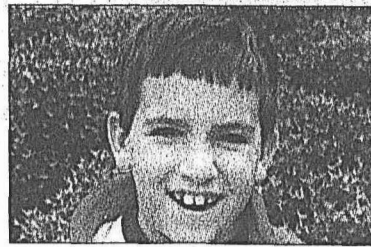


VOLUNTEER SPIRIT

Yvette Ridley receives honor for helping the elderly.

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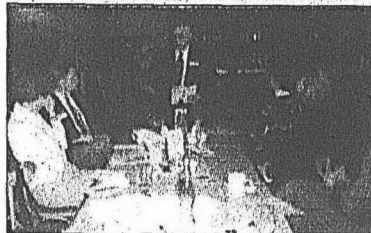
ALL I WANT FOR CHRISTMAS



Residents make out their wish lists.

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ASSOCIATION NETWORKING



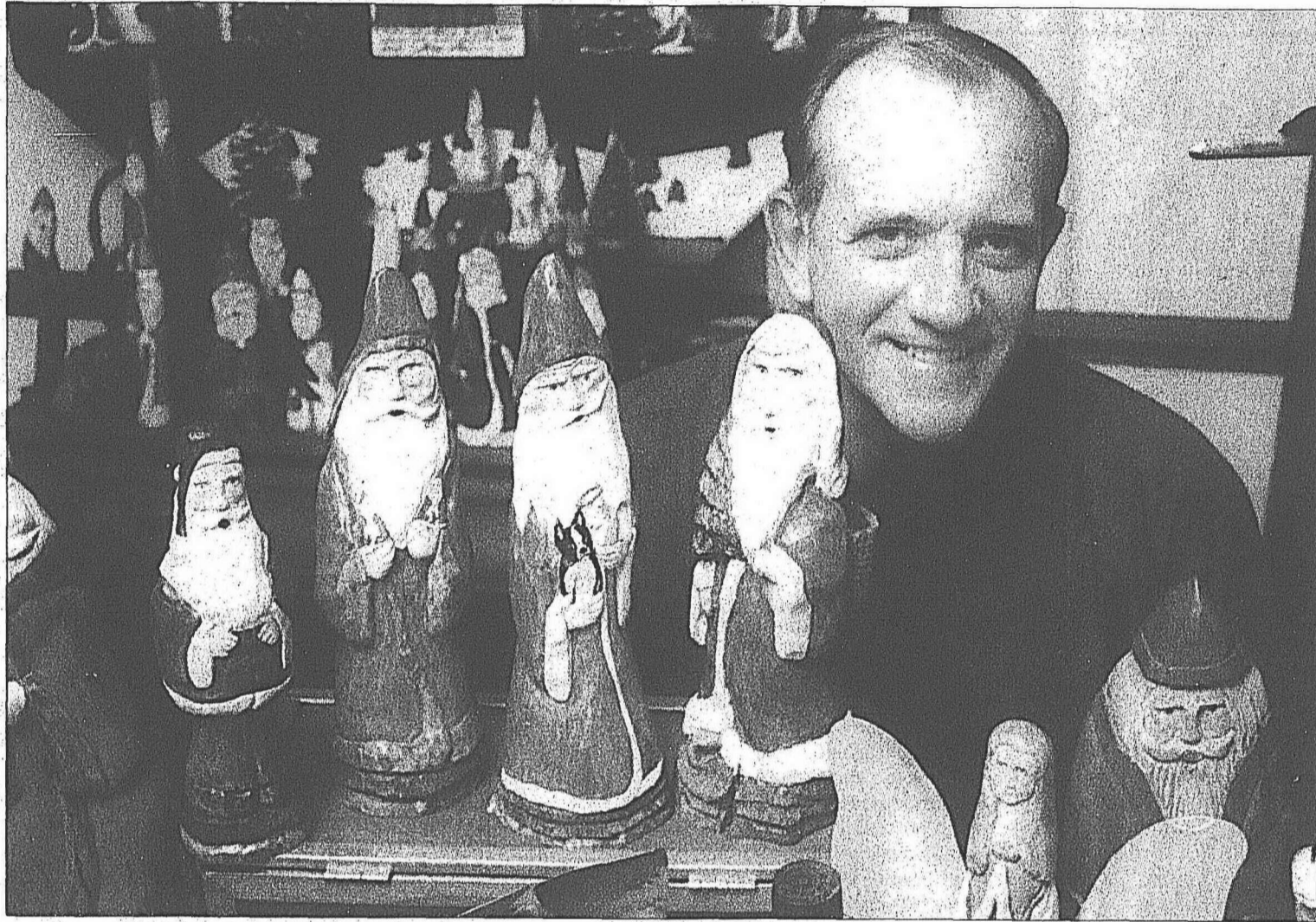
Local managers pool ideas at meeting.

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Santa's workshop — right here in Brandermill.



Jim Young of Quail Meadows is as busy as an elf making his hand-carved Santas for the holiday market. (See story on page 14.)

Three seats will be open on BCA Board next year

BY Wendy Parker
Managing Editor

Three seats will be open on the BCA Board next year and members of the association are encouraged to declare candidacy early. BCA Board President Laurie Newill said it will be a busy time for directors as they address area development, the Sunday Park land use study, covenant enforcement and other issues of importance in the Brandermill 20/20 plan.

Newill said she was disappointed that only three residents ran for the board last year. She is hopeful that association members will run for the board "not because they have an axe to grind, but because they care about what happens to the community as a whole. People who feel strongly about issues should get involved." Newill wants to remind members of the association that "when you sit on the board, you can't just represent one group or one opinion, you must represent the community as a whole." Newill, who is rounding out her second term, said serving on the board requires a large time commitment to attend at least two board meetings a

month, plus other meetings with county officials, committees and the Neighborhood Representative Council. She noted, however, that every director is not required to attend every community meeting but it is important directors be present at the monthly work sessions and board meetings.

Newill said serving on the BCA Board "can sometimes be frustrating but in the end it is worth it." She said it can be particularly rewarding "to volunteer your time and focus on the place where you live." She said board members must be willing to learn and do research and to make the best informed decision based on their research. "Board members work in the best interest of the community, but," she said, "you're not going to please everyone." She added, "What you give to the community, comes back 10-fold."

Nomination packets for prospective candidates can be picked up at the BCA and should be returned by February 13. The election will take place on April 20, 1998.

Turn on the twinkly lights!

Holiday House judging starts Sunday

By Harriet Coppins
Copy Editor

For Brandermill residents, it's not just "the season to be jolly," it's the season to be creative and constructive and participate in the annual BCA Holiday House competition. Decorating one's home is a wonderful way to extend season's greetings to neighbors and friends.

Judging for the Holiday House competition will take place on Sunday, December 14 and Monday, December 15

from 6 to 10:30 p.m. Residents who wish to have their decorated houses considered by the committee should have their holiday lights turned on during those hours.

Prizes will be awarded for the best use of natural foliage, most elegant, children's favorite, and best decorated multi-family dwelling. There will also be an award for the best decorated neighborhood and a grand prize.

Anyone who would like to volunteer to judge decorations should please call the BCA at 744-1035.

BCA questions traffic issues regarding Old Hundred Mill

By Linda Burns
Assistant Editor

Discussions have resumed at the Chesterfield County Planning Department among owner/developer Wayne Morris, concerned BCA representatives and county officials regarding the 92-acre parcel of land known as Old Hundred Mill. Plans for the proposed subdivision on the east side of Old Hundred Road across from Swift Creek Middle School were submitted to the planning department in June. In a July 29 letter, Planning Administrator Jane Peterson notified Morris that the county rejected the plan and addressed a number of issues concerning transportation, open space, environment and recreational facilities that needed to be resolved.

BCA President Laurie Newill expressed concerns over the proposed subdivision to Chesterfield County Planning Director Tom Jacobson in an October 27 letter in which she requested a meeting with county planners. Speaking on behalf of Brandermill Community Association, Newill voiced concerns about safety and traf-

fic, particularly in light of the subdivision's proximity to Swift Creek Middle School. She also questioned the quality and density of the proposed development and its compatibility with the Brandermill community.

Newill says, "My major concern is safety. With the potential for 2,000 additional car trips a day on Old Hundred Road and the location of the entrance to the new development tentatively sited across the street from the middle school bus loop, there are significant traffic concerns that need to be resolved."

Newill reiterated these concerns on November 10, when she, Community Manager Mike Divita and BCA Treasurer Jim Bolton met with Tom Jacobson and Jeff Lamson of the planning department and Louis Corde of the transportation department to discuss their concerns about the impact of the proposed subdivision on Brandermill.

Community Manager Mike Divita

said, "Because this development is considered 'old zoning' we have to recognize there are limitations as to what impact we can have. However, where we can influence this development in order to minimize traffic, quality and safety concerns—we will."

According to Newill, she posed a question to the transportation planners: "If you could do anything to make the intersection at Old Hundred Road and Old Hundred Mill entrance safe, what would you do?" The Virginia Department of Transportation and the Chesterfield transportation department will address that issue during subdivision review.

A preliminary meeting between Don Balzer, an engineer with Balzer and Associates, Jacobson and Lamson, of the planning department was held November 17. Balzer, on behalf of developer Morris, presented an alternative layout of the proposed subdivision which indicated potential road align-

ments throughout the development. These rough sketches were developed in previous meetings with the transportation department. According to Jeff Lamson, other issues discussed during the meeting were recreational areas, open space requirements, buffers, and zoning.

See Old Hundred Mill on page 16.

Brandermill gets coverage from two fire stations

By Janet Joyce
Staff Writer

Now that Swift Creek Fire Station Number 16 at Water Cove and Genito Roads is open, Brandermill is served by firefighters from two stations. Until recently, any fires occurring in Brandermill were responded to by the Clover Hill Fire Station Number 7, located on U.S. Route 360 just east of Clover Hill High School.

Station 7 continues to be the primary response unit for Harbour Pointe, and those Brandermill neighborhoods closest to U.S. Route 360 along Millridge Parkway up to and including Planter's Wood. Swift Creek Station provides secondary support for those neighborhoods.

Station 16 is the primary response unit for the remainder of Brandermill, with Station 7 providing secondary support for the neighborhoods south of Genito Road and Midlothian Station 5 providing secondary support for the Brandermill neighborhoods north of Genito Road.

Lt. Robert Rollston, in charge of the ladder truck for B shift at Station 7, explained that for structure fires, two engine companies and one truck company are routinely dispatched. One engine is from the secondary company, that nearest to the fire after the primary company. He explained that Stations 5 and 7 responded to the majority of calls that would now be handled by Station 16.

Rollston said Station 7 still covers the largest geographical area in Chesterfield County, although not the most heavily populated.

Firm will check out county EMS system

By Janet Joyce
Staff Writer

Chesterfield County Fire Department officials have commissioned the Maryland-based firm of David M. Griffith and Associates to conduct an evaluation of the county's emergency medical services system (EMS).

At the December 1 community meeting at Swift Creek Elementary School sponsored by Chesterfield County Board of Supervisors Chairman Art Warren, Deputy Chief Paul Shorter and Senior Battalion Chief Franklin Edwards explained that the study represents the first time in 10 years that the EMS system has been so thoroughly reviewed.

"We've made a lot of improvements since the last study," Shorter said. "The average response time within the urban corridor still needs to be improved." The corridor encompasses approximately 400 square miles and represents 93 percent of the county's population. He explained that the fire department's goal is to respond

to life-threatening emergencies in six minutes or less at least 90 percent of the time. That goal, he said, is currently achieved in only 49 percent of calls. "We've made a lot of progress over the past 10 years but still need to do more. For example, with the opening of the Swift Creek Fire Station, the response time to Brandermill Woods is now two to three minutes when it used to be eight to 10 minutes."

Another way fire department officials hope to reduce response time is the further incorporation of the Opticom traffic preemption system. Edwards explained that emergency services vehicles are equipped with a strobe that triggers the traffic lights to turn green. This allows the emergency vehicle to get through the intersection without having to slow down for red lights or wait for traffic stopped at a red light to clear. Besides the time it saves, Edwards said it also makes intersections safer for the occupants of

See EMS system on page 16.

East West offers land to association

By Wendy Parker
Managing Editor

The BCA Board will vote at its December 15 meeting whether to accept the gift of two parcels of land from East West Partners.

The two parcels include 3.8 acres located in the vicinity of Sterling's Bridge and Three Bridges neighborhoods and 2.7 acres of land near Muirfield Green and Nuttree Woods neighborhoods.

Community Manager Mike Divita inspected the two sites and noted they are heavily wooded parcels with extensive undergrowth and they contain creeks and wet areas.

The motion, to be addressed at the board meeting, will be whether to accept the gift of the parcels, which will be considered open space.

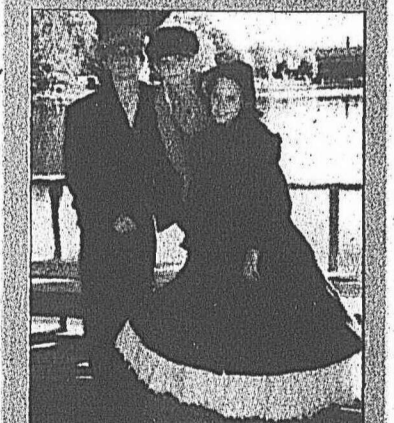
The transfer of the property will be subject to a survey and approval of legal counsel.

"My major concern is safety."

Laurie Newill

QUICKTakes

Stars are born



The Healy children and other Brandermill residents make acting debuts in TV movie. See story on page 14.



Pulitzer Prize winner William Styron autographs a book for McTyre's Cove resident Pam Masters at the dedication of the Virginia Authors Room at the Library of Virginia.



BCA Board of Directors
Laurie Newill, President
John Hughes, 1st VP
Tom Hourin, 2nd VP
Jim Bolton, Treasurer
Bob Herald
Charles Macfarlane
Jo Owens

**WELCOME
 NEW RESIDENTS**

- AUTUMN WOODS**
 Ken & Kristine Rieger
 Ricardo & Diana Rodriguez
- COPPER HILL**
 Gary & Sharron Ragland
- CRADLE HILL**
 Ed & Julie Vazquez
- CROSTIMBERS**
 David & Julia Waldeck
- DEER MEADOW**
 Justin Holden
 Randy & Billie Sugarman
- EAST BLUFF**
 Marc & Fabienne Chemla
 Dan & Sandy Riordan
- FIVE SPRINGS**
 Robert & Page Smith
- LAND'S END**
 Tommy & Elizabeth Baers
- QUAIL HILL**
 Janet Vogelgesang
- ROCKPORT LANDING**
 Ken Bradley
- SAGEWOOD**
 Raul & Blanca Alvarez
 Shawn & Marcy Baker
 Danny & Sharon Ellis
- SHADOW RIDGE**
 Scott & Kathie Barnes
 San & Mei Li
- THE OAKS**
 Glen & Andrea Turner

ARB APPROVALS

- Court Ridge - Deck
- Fox Chase - Hot tub
- McTyre's Cove - Florida room
- Nuttree Woods - Carport & boat screen
- Pebble Creek - Shed & addition, screen porch
- Riverbirch Trace - Sun room & rec room
- Walker's Ferry - Windows
- Watch Hill - Deck & gazebo
- Woodbridge Crossing - Gate

**COVENANT
 VIOLATIONS**

OCTOBER	
Reported Violations	52
Resolved	36
Green Cards Distributed	64
Resolved	41

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Holiday House Judging**
 December 14 & 15
 6 to 10:30 p.m.
- BCA Work Session**
 BCA Office
 January 12, 7 p.m. BCA
- NRC Meeting**
 The Brandermill Church
 January 13, 7 p.m.
 Sunday Park Land Use Plan
- Board Meeting**
 Brandermill Woods
 January 19, 7 p.m.

The BCA offices will be closed for the holidays from December 24 at noon through January 2. The offices will reopen on January 5 at 8 a.m. The Village Mill will be distributed the week of January 19.

**Happy
 Holidays
 from the
 BCA**



VOICE OF THE PEOPLE: What do you want for Christmas?



"I want a weekend alone in New York City without my husband and kids. I'd like to walk around until I'm exhausted; have a cappuccino at my favorite place; see a foreign film and eat one of those huge pastrami sandwiches at the Star Deli."
Sophia Katchis
 Timber Ridge



I want Laser Tag and what I really want is a Giga Pet; I've wanted one for a long time. And a basketball hoop. Those are the big things."
Cliff Rodgers, 7
 Harbour Bluff



"I want a boom box, a telephone, and CDs. The CDs I want are Matchbox 20 and Third Eye Blind."
Alette Lambert, 12
 Two Notch



"I want Barbies. Especially Movin' Groovin' Barbie and a big ball. A beach ball. A normal sized beach ball. And I want a bike. Not for the Barbie, for me!"
Amanda Riordan, 8
 East Bluff



"I'd like to see the elimination of disease and tragedy and conflict that harm the world. I'd like to wish everyone a wonderful, happy Christmas, and please, enjoy what we have right now because who knows what we'll have next year."
Gene Lastfogel,
 Northwich

BCA Board looks at area development

The following action was taken by the BCA Board at its November 3 work session. A motion was made and carried to accept the proffers by E & R Sales with the insertion of the word "Commercial" to precede Architectural Review Board in proffer 2.

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Brandermill Community Association Board of Directors was held on November 17, 1997 at Brandermill Woods. Directors Herald and Macfarlane were absent.

The following is a summary of the minutes. Complete, official minutes are available at the BCA.

Member Voice

Tom Pyron, a resident of Deer Meadow, expressed his concerns regarding covenant enforcement such as dogs running loose, rental property

and trucks parked on the street. Tom Boosinger, a resident of Chimney House, requested that the board establish a plan for leaf pick up for 1997. He suggested three plans: user fees; special assessment and reallocation of budgeted funds.

President's Report

President Newill expressed her concerns regarding the development of Old Hundred Mill: quality—it is zoned R12 with the smallest lots in county; and traffic—a concern for the impact on Old Hundred Road, the school and Brandermill Parkway.

Faison's proposed development at Routes 360 and 288. More defined guidelines and more detailed proffers have been requested by the BCA Board. The board is considering forming a 360 West committee.

Sunday Park Land Use Study

Clarke Plaxco of Planning and Design Collaboratives presented the proposed plan to the board at its November 3 work session. The next presentation will take place at the January 13 NRC meeting.

E & R Sales

The rezoning request will come before the Chesterfield County Planning Commission on November 18.

Treasurer's Report

A motion was made and carried to accept the treasurer's report.

Committee Reports

Watershed

Betty Hunter-Clapp commented on the request by Hank Meyer to use the BCA BMP as credit for Shady Pointe development cautioning the board that if such a credit were granted it could be precedent setting.

Teen Center

CHATC will offer a winter ski trip with The Brandermill Church youth and a trip to Washington, D.C., during spring break. Bob Broomfield will oversee the events with Dan Rucker assisting.

Colonel Brander's Haunted Forest took in \$1,500 with approximately \$600 in expenses. The profits will be split between The Brandermill Church Youth Group and CHATC. The next county meeting is Wednesday, December 10 at 7:15 p.m.

Manager's Report

Juli Talty, resident relations, is currently working on redesigning a new resident welcome packet.

Also under consideration are newcomers functions to be held several times a year.

Third quarter financials were reviewed at the November work session and copies are available for public review.

The financial policy will be ready for review by the finance committee in December and presentation to the BCA Board of Directors at their January meeting.

The 1998 BCA Board election will be highlighted in the December issue of *The Village Mill*.

Brandermill hosted a manager's breakfast for CVC-CAI managers in the area at Sundays Restaurant on November 14. Eight area managers were in attendance.

The ARB file scanning project is 43 percent complete.

The green cards being used to alert residents to possible covenant violations are providing resolution to issues before they become violations.

Progress is being made on the golf course fans issue but due to manufacturing and testing difficulties a solution has been delayed. A letter from the Brandermill Country Club's legal counsel will be discussed in executive session.

New Business

A motion was made and carried to accept Community Manager Divita's recommendation allowing East West Partners to use the existing BCA BMP as credit for the Shady Pointe development with the proviso that \$3,850 be allocated for plantings and an extended drainage program at Shady Pointe to be approved by the BCA watershed representative and the community manager.

A motion to accept two parcels of land adjacent to Nuttree Park upon site approval by the community manager as a gift from the Brandermill Development Company was tabled.

Director Bolton requested several items be placed on the December agenda.

A motion was made and carried to enter executive session for the purpose of discussing a legal issue. No action was taken in executive session.

**Take a little
 time out this
 holiday season**

I want to take this opportunity to wish everyone a happy Thanksgiving and a happy holiday season.

We are truly blessed to live in a such a great community and country. We sometimes forget just how much we have to be thankful for.

During the rush of the holidays, take time out for yourself. A specially planned quiet evening at home to enjoy family and friends can do wonders. Life is so hurried for most of us, we often don't have time to remember one day from the next. But with a little planning, we can make this season a special one to remember. If you plan on traveling during the upcoming holiday season, please be careful and drive safely.

From all of us at the BCA, we wish you a joyful, safe and memorable holiday season.

**MANAGER'S
 DESK**



Mike Divita

Got the itch to build? Here's ARB tips.

Living in a planned community such as Brandermill means many things to many people. For some, it means access to recreational amenities such as the lake and bike paths, while for others it involves adherence to specific rules and restrictions not found in other neighborhoods. Newcomers to planned unit developments may find the covenants frustrating, especially with regard to home improvements. Most people are not accustomed to seeking approval before adding a deck or porch, painting, or building a fence. Indeed, it does seem strange for grown adults to have to play "Mother May I?" before replacing a worn roof or putting a shed in the backyard. These requirements may seem cumbersome, but they do have a purpose: to ensure design integrity and conformity with the residential standards.

Part 1, paragraph 1. of the General Covenants provides the foundation for these requirements by stating in part: "No building, fence or other structure shall be erected, placed or altered ... until the proposed building plans, specifications, exterior color or finish, plot plan (showing the proposed location of such building or structure, drives and parking areas), landscape plan...and construction schedule shall have been approved in writing by the Company, its successors or assigns. Refusal of approval of plans, location or specification may be based by the Company upon any ground, including

purely aesthetic condition..."

As most residents know, the Architectural Review Board (ARB) is charged with the review and approval of home improvement plans. The community architect, Douglas Greene, chairs this board during its meetings held on the second and fourth Tuesday of each month. The BCA does not have a full-time architect on its staff, but does retain the services of a professional architect who comes to our office each Tuesday. While many applications submitted by residents can be reviewed rather quickly, others may not receive approval for a couple of weeks. It is this delay that often causes frustration on the part of the homeowner. Sometimes the delay is simply unavoidable; the ARB only meets twice a month and an applicant will simply have to wait until the next meeting. Other times, the delay might be due to an incomplete application or the homeowner not providing enough information for the ARB to make a decision.

The BCA tries to screen applications for completeness, but it is not

always possible to predict what the ARB will require. However, all applications should include the following information as it will greatly facilitate the review process:

- **Elevations** These are scaled drawings of the front, side or rear of a structure. It should show how the structure will look when built, including the materials it is made of, and if an addition to a pre-existing building, how it will look when "attached" to the old portion.
- **Plans** These are scaled drawings that show the arrangement of items or structures; the diagram is made as if you are looking down from above.
- **Site plans or surveys** A scaled drawing the location or boundaries of the residential lot, where the house is situated on the lot, and the distance to the front, side and rear property lines.
- **List of materials and finishes** This refers to what the item will be made of, such as cedar siding, color of stain to be applied, type and color of roof etc.

Taking the time to fully plan home improvements and submit appropriate paperwork may reduce headaches and misunderstandings. If residents have questions about what should be submitted or what an elevation should look like, just call our office. Someone in this department will be glad to show you examples of "perfect" applications and what is expected by the ARB.

**COMMUNITY
 STANDARDS**



Karen Bracey

Tom Hourin resigns

Second Vice President Tom Hourin submitted his resignation from the BCA Board effective December 1. Hourin, who was elected to a three-year term in April, has accepted a new job in Austin, Texas.

The consensus of board members at the December work session was to appoint a director to fill the seat. Members will consider several residents and a decision may be reached at the upcoming board meeting.

In a November 26 letter to BCA Board President Laurie Newill, Hourin said, "I have thoroughly enjoyed my brief tenure on the board and appreciate the camaraderie and friendship of all the directors." Hourin, who served as chairman of the BCA Strategic Planning Committee, thanked Community Manager Mike Divita and the BCA staff for "their good work."



Tom Hourin

He said, "Our time here will always evoke fine memories for us in years to come. I wish the best for Brandermill in the future; it is a very special community." BCA Board President Laurie Newill said, "I am grateful for Tom's contributions to the BCA. He did an enormous amount of work in the seven months he served."

**Community managers
 speak at CAI meeting**

By Wendy Parker
 Managing Editor

Area community managers, members of the Community Associations Institute (CAI), recently met for a breakfast meeting at Sundays to discuss association issues. Community Manager Mike Divita and former Community Manager Chris Wheeler spoke at the meeting. Director John Hughes, who was elected to the Central Virginia CAI chapter board, organized the event.

Community Manager Divita discussed the ups and downs of the recent Brandermill 20/20 referendum and he listed some of the steps other managers should consider when undertaking similar projects. After a conceptual plan has been designed, he said a budget should be prepared with a built-in contingency fund. A capital reserve study should be conducted and although an in-house survey of association members would save money, he recommended outsourcing the job to a credible firm. He advised getting the most input from the community as possible, stressing the need to involve real estate agents. He noted the results of the survey need to be presented to the community before "selling the plan."

He said the plan should be revised after it has been presented to the community if warranted. No matter what the final plan is, there will always be opposition. A manager's job is to ensure there is "process involvement and credibility of the research done."

Community Resources CEO Chris Wheeler, who manages 42 area communities, spoke about the educational programs at CAI national conferences. He also discussed trends in community association management.

He said many communities will be expanding their services for homeowners including home maintenance, grounds care on individual properties and financial services. He said there will be more frequent distribution of communications including newsletters. As the world moves more into the computer age, he said, associations will utilize the internet to provide web pages and residents will be able to download architectural review forms, association information and actually pay assessments over the internet. The marketing future of associations will become more hi-tech as well. Wheeler said PR presentations will include videos on CD rom. In summary Wheeler warned, "Communities cannot sit still; the next community is going to capture the new home buyers."

ARB and CARB need volunteers

There are openings on both architectural review boards for qualified volunteer members who can meet regularly. Interested residents should contact Doug Greene at the BCA office. Please call 744-1035.

The Commercial Architectural Review Board (CARB) meets on the first Tuesday of each month at 4 p.m. Applications for commercial project review should be received in the BCA office no later than noon on the Monday preceding the meeting.

The residential Architectural Review Board (ARB) meets on the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month at 4 p.m. Applications for residential project review should be received in the BCA office no later than noon on the Monday preceding the meeting.

Community Architect Douglas Greene and Norma Weidner, both of Design/Management Associates, are available for consultations on architectural review issues on each Tuesday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

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Operating Budget Summary Comparison

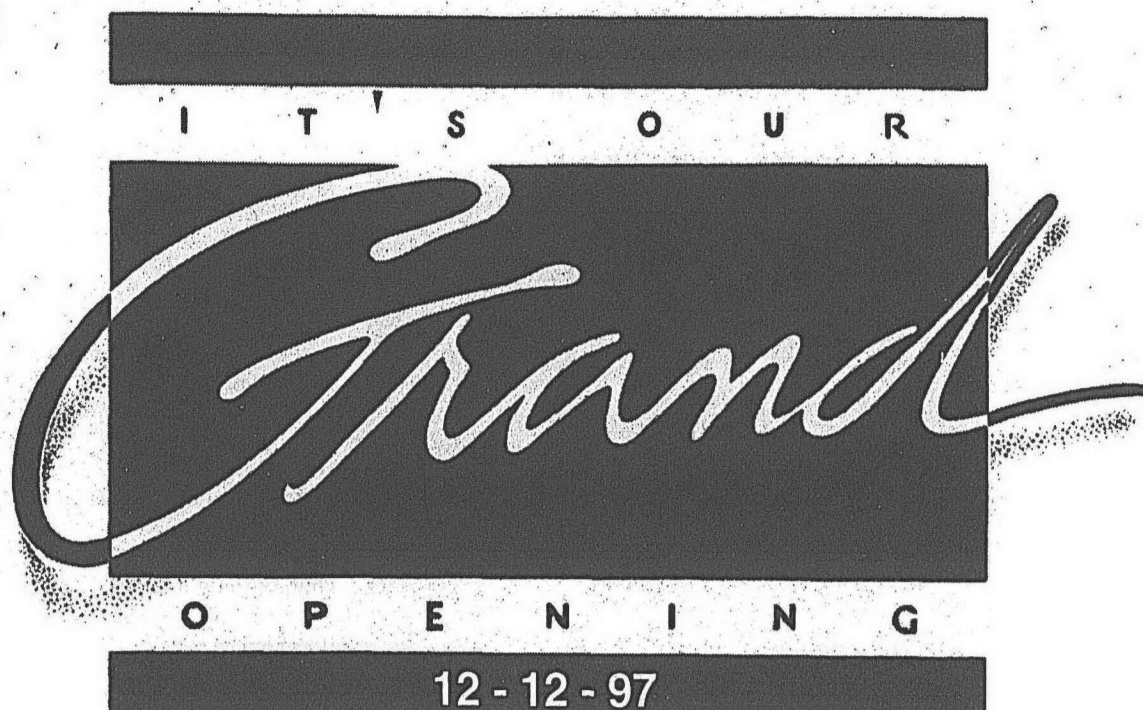
	Budget FY 97 B	Projected FY 97 C	Proposed Budget FY 98 D	Proposed Increase/ (Decrease) D - C
REVENUES				
Assessments-Regular	\$ 1,100,138	\$ 1,086,000	\$ 1,155,899	\$ 69,899
Violation-Fines Assessed	1,000	6,000	1,000	(5,000)
Finance & Late Charges	15,000	15,000	15,000	0
Interest Income	9,000	9,000	0	(9,000)
Advertising Sales-VM	92,500	84,500	86,625	2,125
Advertising Sales-Directory	60,000	65,670	60,000	(5,670)
Boat Rentals	500	765	1,000	235
Carpenter Shop (Signs)	0	71	0	(71)
Disclosure Packages	18,000	18,000	17,000	(1,000)
Mailbox	4,000	7,500	4,000	(3,500)
Miscellaneous	0	11,634	100	(11,534)
Maintenance (SP Loop)	7,568	3,500	4,667	1,167
Space Rental - Boating	20,000	19,790	19,500	(290)
Space Rental - Community	2,000	500	250	(250)
Space Rental - Heritage Fa	700	771	700	(71)
Space Rental - Pavilion	1,500	1,500	1,350	(150)
Space Rental - Storage Ctr	8,500	8,500	8,175	(325)
Subscriptions - VM	125	350	225	(125)
Arts & Crafts Show	1,200	0	1,000	1,000
Fourth of July	1,000	0	0	0
Spring Festival	3,000	3,980	0	(3,980)
Mid Week Oasis	0	0	0	0
Fall Fling	0	29	0	(29)
Holiday House	0	0	0	0
Brandermill Sweatshirts	0	400	250	(150)
Brandermill T-Shirts	0	450	250	(200)
Brandermill Hats	0	200	100	(100)
Space Rental-Maint. Bay	12,812	9,100	7,656	(1,444)
Brandermill Videos	0	50	160	110
Insurance Proceeds-Fire 9	0	0	0	0
Pumpkin Fest/15K Run	0	0	0	0
TOTAL REVENUES	\$ 1,358,543	\$ 1,353,260	\$ 1,384,907	\$ 31,647

	Budget FY 97 B	Projected FY 97 C	Proposed Budget FY 98 D	Proposed Increase/ (Decrease) D - C
EXPENSES				
Employer Costs				
Salaries	\$ 391,128	\$ 404,216	\$ 456,622	\$ 52,406
Car Allowance	4,800	0	0	0
Contract Labor	50,500	51,000	53,744	2,744
Education	5,500	2,600	6,500	3,900
Business Meetings	1,250	1,250	1,250	0
Employee Benefits	26,300	22,400	12,750	(9,650)
Insurance-Worker's Comp	6,959	3,750	5,930	2,180
Payroll Taxes	30,818	31,528	37,126	5,598
Other Employer Costs	100	524	100	(424)
Employer Pension Contrib	10,164	10,164	12,135	1,971
Total Employer Costs	\$ 527,519	\$ 527,432	\$ 586,157	\$ 58,725

	Budget FY 97 B	Projected FY 97 C	Proposed Budget FY 98 D	Proposed Increase/ (Decrease) D - C
Equipment Expenses				
Purchases	\$ 3,250	\$ 1,250	\$ 5,145	\$ 3,895
Leases	4,000	4,500	4,100	(400)
Rentals	850	850	850	0
Service Contracts	2,400	3,000	4,855	1,855
Maintenance & Repairs	7,250	7,250	7,500	250
Insurance	4,500	6,880	6,000	(880)
Fuel - Diesel	500	300	500	200
Fuel - Gasoline	2,750	2,200	1,750	(450)
Total Equipment Exp	\$ 25,500	\$ 26,230	\$ 30,700	\$ 4,470

	Budget FY 97 B	Projected FY 97 C	Proposed Budget FY 98 D	Proposed Increase/ (Decrease) D - C
Other Operating Exp				
Accounting Audit	\$ 4,000	\$ 3,874	\$ 5,300	\$ 1,426
Annual Meeting	11,500	6,852	8,000	1,148
Architectural Review	19,500	21,000	21,720	720
Bad Debts Expense	3,400	3,400	3,000	(400)
Bank Charges	14,000	9,000	10,000	1,000
Asphalt Repairs	3,000	0	1,500	1,500
B.O.D. Mtg & Workshop	1,000	1,100	3,500	2,400
NRC Meetings	750	500	400	(100)
Collection Expense	3,200	3,200	3,200	0
Commercial ARB	500	625	500	(125)
Committee Expenses	1,500	300	1,000	700
Data Processing	500	1,400	1,325	(75)
Dues & Subscriptions	3,600	2,400	1,025	(1,375)
Drainage	0	0	10,000	10,000
General Rprs & Maint	25,050	28,000	23,600	(4,400)
Insurance	14,800	12,250	13,000	750
Interest Expense	0	0	0	0
Irrigation Repairs	0	0	750	750
Landscaping	0	0	0	0
Legal	10,000	25,000	18,000	(7,000)
Mailboxes	6,000	6,800	6,000	(800)
Miscellaneous	500	750	800	50
Mileage Reimbursement	1,550	1,550	2,100	550
New Resident Packages	2,500	1,000	1,500	500
Off-Site Record Storage	650	602	0	(602)
Office Supplies	3,150	5,800	7,150	1,350
Postage & Delivery	14,050	14,050	13,750	(300)
Printing	46,650	42,000	48,650	6,650
Signs	2,000	26,000	18,800	(7,200)
Snow Removal	10,000	0	10,000	10,000
Supplies	7,900	8,000	3,000	(5,000)
Taxes & Licenses	4,500	2,000	4,500	2,500
Telephone	6,575	7,800	8,100	300
Town Meeting	1,000	50	0	(50)
Travel	1,000	0	2,000	2,000
Tree Removal	12,000	8,000	12,000	4,000
Uniforms	700	2,000	1,731	(269)
Utilities	44,900	32,800	30,600	(2,000)
Community Activities	22,500	23,245	17,525	(5,720)

	Budget FY 97 B	Projected FY 97 C	Proposed Budget FY 98 D	Proposed Increase/ (Decrease) D - C
Operating Exp. Cont'd				
Public Relations	\$ 5,000	\$ 4,000	\$ 3,000	\$ (1,000)
Reserve Study Update	0	0	5,300	5,300
Compensation Study	0	0	0	0
Sunday Park Loop Maint	11,000	7,000	7,000	0
Neighborhood Clean Up	0	0	0	0
Leaf Collection	15,000	7,500	0	(7,500)
OLM Inspection/Bid Prep	14,000	6,755	0	(6,755)
Brickman Contract	316,003	316,003	312,632	(3,371)
Non Contracted Work	10,000	15,000	13,000	(2,000)
Fire 1/4/98 Replacements	0	0	0	0
Total Other Operating	\$ 675,428	\$ 657,406	\$ 654,958	\$ (2,448)
Operating Contingency	\$ 18,427	\$ 72,388	\$ 19,077	\$ (53,311)
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ 1,246,874	\$ 1,283,456	\$ 1,290,892	\$ 7,436
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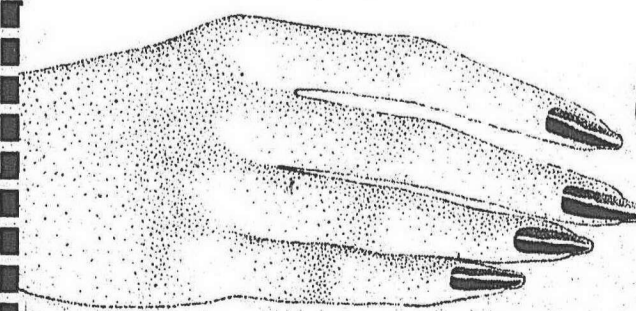
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Plans are underway for Genito Road development



Bernard Savage

By Kris Risendal
Staff Writer

Bernard Savage, president of Reservoir Development Corporation, the developer of Waterviews, a new neighborhood located off Genito Road on the northern end of the Swift Creek Reservoir, is planning a new single-family development to be built on a parcel of land located across from Waterviews on the north side of Genito Road.

Thirty lots will be developed for single-family homes in 1998.

According to Savage, the corporation has been granted access only to those 30 lots until the traffic issues on

Genito Road are resolved.

Plans for a new road to be built, extending Woolridge Road across Genito Road to the Powhite Parkway, will divert the increasingly heavy traffic traveling through Brandermill.

"The only question is when this road will be built," said Savage, "as construction of the road will be paid for by developers."

Firefighters from two stations cover Brandermill

By Janet Joyce
Staff Writer

Now that Swift Creek Fire Station Number 16 at Water Cove and Genito Roads is open, Brandermill is served by firefighters from two stations. Until recently, any fires occurring in Brandermill were responded to by the Clover Hill Fire Station Number 7, located on Hull Street Road just east of Clover Hill High School.

Station 7 continues to be the primary response unit for Harbour Pointe, and those Brandermill neighborhoods closest to Hull Street Road along Millridge Parkway up to and including Planter's Wood. Swift Creek Station provides secondary support.

Station 16 is the primary response unit for the remainder of Brandermill,

with Station 7 providing secondary support for the neighborhoods south of Genito Road and Midlothian Station 5 providing secondary support for the Brandermill neighborhoods north of Genito Road.

Lt. Robert Rollston, in charge of the ladder truck for B shift at Station 7, explained that for structure fires, two engine companies and one truck company are routinely dispatched. One engine is from the secondary company, that nearest to the fire after the primary company. He explained that Stations 5 and 7 responded to the majority of calls that would now be handled by Station 16. Rollston said Station 7 still covers the largest geographical area in Chesterfield County, although it is not the most heavily populated.

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Yvette Ridley receives honors for volunteer work



Yvette Ridley

Photo by Janet Joyce

By Harriet Coppins
Copy Editor

Brandermill resident Yvette Ridley recently received the Westminster-Canterbury Elder Service Award that is sponsored jointly by WTVR-TV6. The citation honors someone whose distinguished volunteer service has enriched the lives of older Americans. A check for \$1,000 accompanied the citation. Ridley divided the amount awarded to her and donated half to Capital Area Agency on Aging and half to South Richmond Senior Citizen Center on Hull Street Road.

Carolyn Raskind, director of public relations at Westminster-Canterbury noted that "for nearly 20 years, Ridley has ably articulated the problems and needs of older people to elected officials at local, state and national levels.

Magnolia Grange opens for holiday visits

Everyone is invited on Saturday, December 13, from 2 to 5 p.m. to see the 19th-century Magnolia Grange decorated in the grand festive tradition.

View antique toys of yesteryear from the museum collection in the new changing exhibit gallery. Visitors can complete their Christmas shopping list

She has identified problems, then devised and communicated solutions to those entrusted with the power to bring about change."

Barbara Lea-Kruger editor of Mature Life, publication of the Capital Area Agency on Aging says, "She is persuasive and knows the correct officials to approach."

At the presentation ceremony on October 28 in the Commons at Westminster-Canterbury, Charles Fishburne, vice president of news at Channel 6, spoke of Ridley's skills in isolating problems and presenting solutions. He added that Ridley lobbies three days a week during General Assembly sessions.

Ridley has had a varied career. She has been a mathematician at Langley Air Force Base, a psychology instructor, head of human services and pro-

grams, and a psychology adjunct and interim program head for human services, all at John Tyler Community College. She also taught at J. Sergeant Reynolds Community College and conducted workshops in parenting, stress management and human relations.

From 1988 to the present Ridley has been involved with the American Association for Retired People. She often represents that organization on special task forces including: levels of care for adult residences, elder abuse and neglect, establishment of regulations for home care providers, elders use and misuse of prescription drugs, the rights committee, and planning committees for the past two governors' conferences on aging.

In addition Ridley has worked for the American Red Cross and has been a member of the Chesterfield County Board and vice president for Human Resources in Chesterfield, Henrico and

Hanover Counties. She has also worked for the Children's Home of Virginia and was selected the Chesterfield County/Colonial Heights Christmas Mother in 1987.

Ridley has apparently volunteered wherever and whenever volunteers were needed including attending Democratic district, state and national conventions in 1984 and 1988 and was the co-chairman of the committee which elected Jesse Mayes to the Chesterfield County Board of Supervisors. She has given her time and expertise in various capacities to the Easter Seal Society of Virginia, Friends of the Library and National Association for Advancement of Colored People.

Closer to home, Ridley has been involved with the Neighborhood Representative Council for several years and is currently serving as secretary. Ridley and her husband Ike are the parents of three children. Ike, Yvette and her 103-year-old mother Elaine Brown live in Timber Ridge.



New post office will open in the spring Brandermill needs will be studied

By Kris Risendal
Staff Writer

The Genito Station branch of the Midlothian Post Office will open its new building at the corner of Genito Road and Hull Street Road in April.

The new branch, built because of the growing area population, will service all people living within the 23112 zip code.

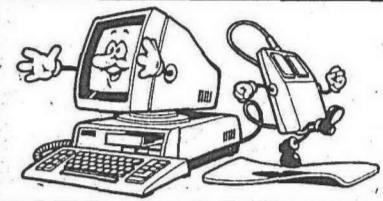
Area residents receiving mail within the 23113 zip code will continue to conduct business at

the Midlothian Post Office located at the Sycamore Square shopping center.

According to Postmaster Darryl Olin, the Brandermill post office at Market Square will remain open for at least six more months to see whether there is a need for both the Genito Station and Brandermill branches.

Office hours most likely will be Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. until 5 p.m., and Saturday, 9:30 a.m. until noon.

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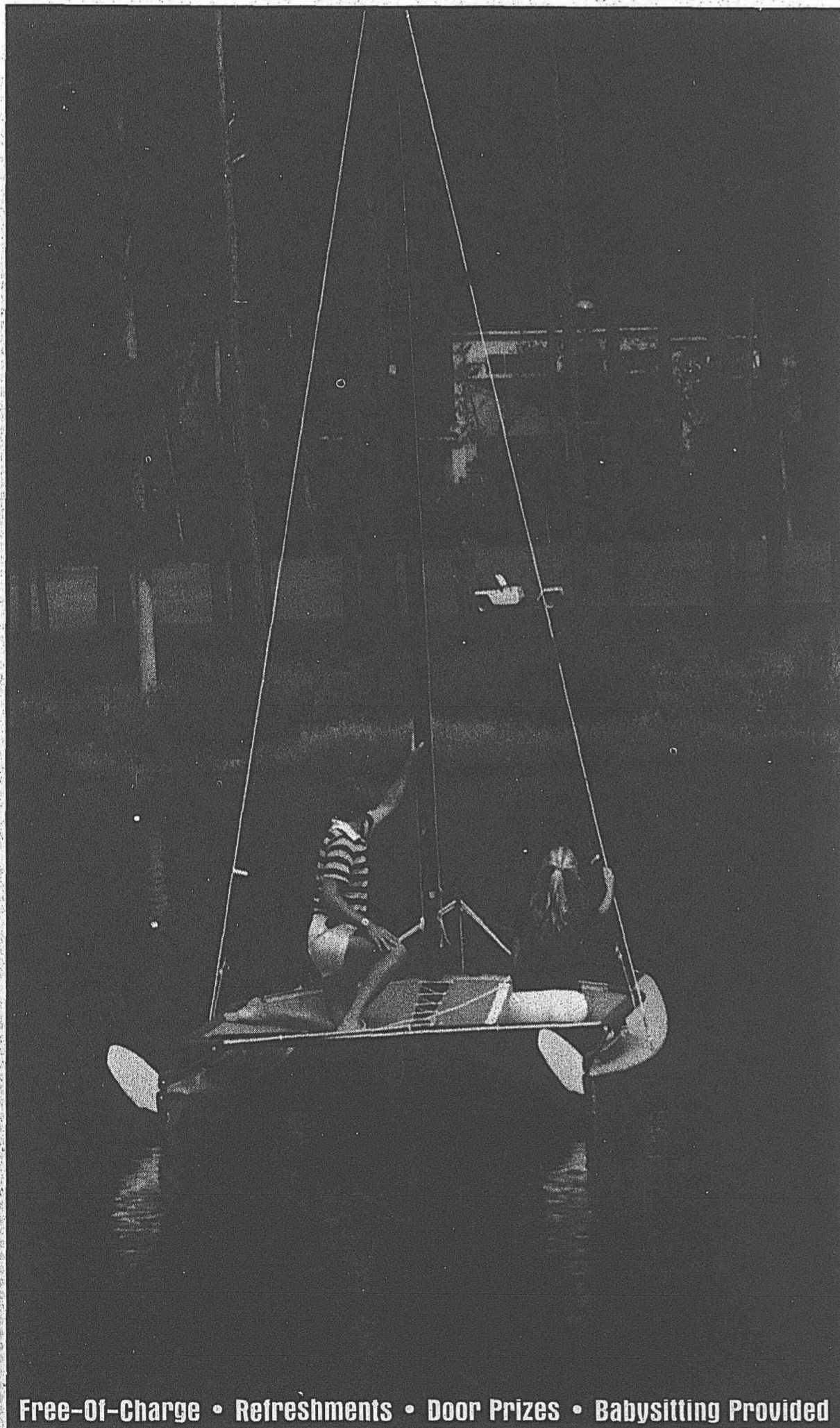
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Kristin Anne Carpenter, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. James V. Carpenter of Cumming, Ga., formerly of Poplar Grove, and Jeffrey Thomas Garell, son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Garell of Alexandria, Va., and Jacquelyn Garell of Sarasota, Fla., were married on October 4 at Westhampton United Methodist Church.

The Rev. James H. Hundley, minister of the church, officiated. Timothy Gay played the organ and vocal duets were sung by Laura Ciolek and Kevin Easton.

The bride was given in marriage by her father. The bride's sister, Kathleen Duty of Powhatan was matron of honor. Bridesmaids were Laura Ciolek of Richmond and Laura Roberts of Birmingham, Al. The bride's nephew, Tyler Duty, acted as ring bearer.

Matthew Scott of Richmond served as best man. Ushers were Kevin Foley of Herndon, Va., and Bill Evenson of Baltimore.

The bride wore a silk sheath gown with a detachable chapel length train and off-the-shoulder cap sleeves. The bodice, embroidered and edged with pearls, had a Basque waist complemented by a fingertip veil on a headband of pearls and silk rosettes. She carried a bouquet of white casablanca lilies, stephanotis and white roses.

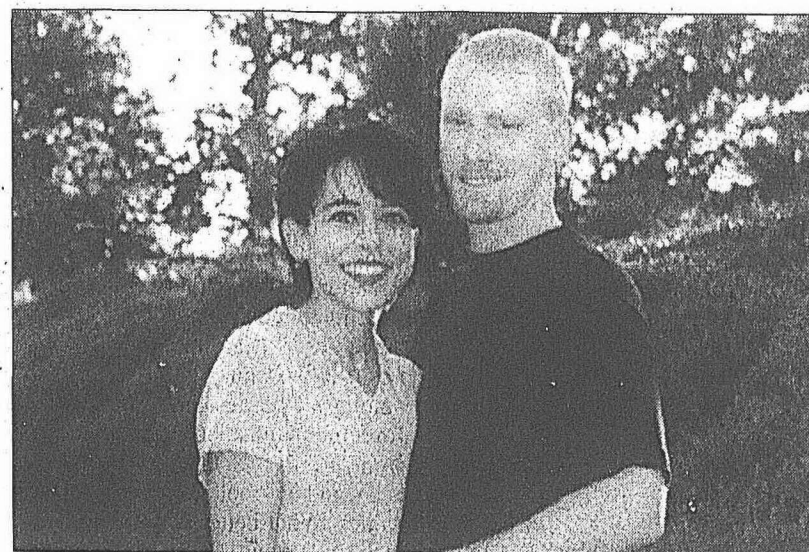
Following the ceremony there was

a reception at the Capitol Club.

The bride graduated from Clover Hill High School and has a bachelor of arts degree in English from Virginia Commonwealth University and will receive a master's degree in literature in December. She is employed part-time at the university.

The groom served in the United States Air Force for 12 years. He is a computer engineer and web site designer.

After a trip to Charleston, S. C., the couple is residing in Richmond.



Kimberly Goode and Todd Fudala

Kimberly Goode will wed Todd Fudala

Clyde and Kathy Goode of Moseley announce the engagement of their daughter Kimberly Anne Goode to Todd Steven Fudala of Richmond. Todd Fudala is the son of Roger and P. J. Fudala of Spring Gate Terrace.

Kimberly Goode is a graduate of Clover Hill High School and was a student at North Carolina State University for two years. She is currently attending Virginia Commonwealth

University and is an insurance agent with the Hyatt Agency.

Todd Fudala also graduated from Clover Hill High School and is attending Virginia Commonwealth University. He is an application programming engineer with Crestar Bank.

The couple will be married on September 5, 1998.

The wedding will take place at the Goode's family farm.

Xmas Mom still needs toys

By Wendy Parker
Managing Editor

It's not too late to get into the spirit of giving and make Christmas a special day for a needy child. The 1997 Chesterfield-Colonial Heights Christmas Mother will be accepting donations of new toys, clothing and checks up until December 15. Used clothing is not accepted. The drop off center for items is at the Chesterfield County Fairgrounds across from L.C. Bird High School on Courthouse Road ex-

ten-
sion.

Last year, the Christmas Mother Committee, along with over 250 volunteers, helped approximately 5,000 individuals and purchased gifts of food, clothing and toys amounting to \$50,000.

Anyone who is interested in helping may call Coordinator Sarah Tatum at 748-1183 or 751-4657. Office hours are 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday. Donations may also be mailed to P. O. Box 2500, Chesterfield, Va. 23832.

CHHS chorus to sing for BWC

By Susan Humble
BWC Secretary

The Brandermill Woman's Club holiday meeting and luncheon will take place on Wednesday, December 10 at the Brandermill Country Club. Coffee will be served at 10 a.m. and the business meeting will commence at 10:30 a.m. A concert by The Acropolis, a group of 25 madrigal singers from Clover Hill High School will begin at 11 a.m. with a program of seasonal holiday songs. They will be under the direction of CHHS Choral Director, Michael Berkley.

Everyone is invited to attend, but advance reservations for both the concert and luncheon are required. Women who are not members of the Brandermill Woman's Club, but would like to attend the concert and/or the luncheon should call either Joan Mack at 744-1919 or Millie Wyszynski at 739-6971.

John Bryan, director of Virginia Commonwealth University's School of the Arts will speak on "The James River in Richmond" at the January 14 meeting. Richmond is the nation's only metropolitan area with a white water river containing Class V rapids, making it suitable for both kayaking and boating. Bryan has written a book about the James, and he will speak about and show a video of the picturesque river. Everyone is invited to stay for luncheon following Bryan's talk. Reservations must be made by Friday, January 9, by again calling Joan Mack or Millie Wyszynski.

The Brandermill Woman's Club would like to remind everyone that it is receiving donations of baby care items at each of the monthly meetings, which are taken to the Crisis Pregnancy Center in Richmond. Eight baby quilts made by members of the Brandermill Quilting Club were donated at the November meeting.

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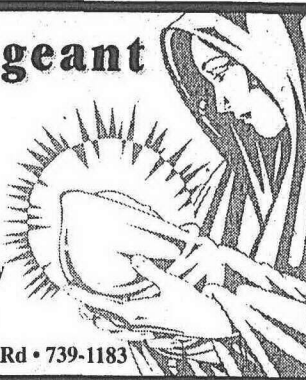
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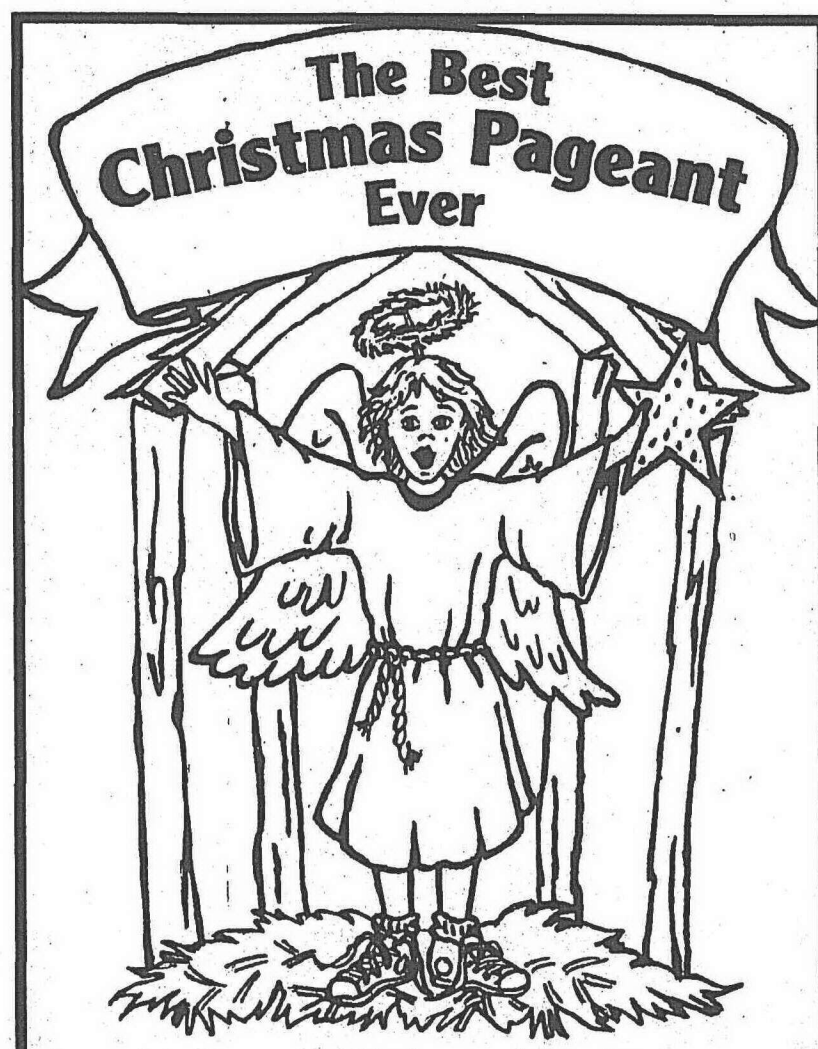


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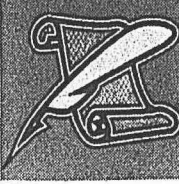
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Letters address the BCA budget and the 20/20 plan

BCA Budget

To the Editor:
Let me see if I've got this straight: the Brandermill board increases our residential assessment 5 percent for 1998 and deletes \$15,000 for leaf collection from the budget, meaning that residents will have to pay the county from \$38 to \$50 for leaf removal. And on the same page of the newspaper announcing the increased assessment is a plea from Karen Bracey not to use open space to dump leaves. Tell me, isn't this the same board that spent more than \$70,000 trying to force three obsolete swimming pools on us?

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR



I bought a home in Brandermill two years ago because I like the rustic look, the wooded lots, and the hiking trails. I was not looking for a fancy, new house with expensive amenities that I would not use. I was assured that the community association collected leaves if they were raked to the curb. For two years this worked well. Now the board says it is more important to pay a private landscape company inflated dollars to plant flowers around the street signs than it is to assist homeowners in disposing of leaves.

As approved by the board on October 20 the 1998 budget hides over 17 percent of total expenditures, a quarter of a million dollars, as "Other Employer", "Other Equipment", or "Other Operating" expenses. If the \$134,231 allocated for "Other Operating Expenses" is intended for specific expenses, they should be spelled out in the printed budget, just as the \$13,000 for insurance is. If this line item is a catch-all for unanticipated expenses as they arise during the year, it seems to me \$15,000 could be found for leaf collection. After all, they found \$71,477 in 1997 for consultants and an ill-fated referendum.

Tom Martin
Three Bridges

Editor's note: Community Manager Mike Divita responds to the above letter: The decision to eliminate leaf pickup from this year's and next year's budgets was based on the state of the 1997 fiscal year operating budget and the capital reserve when I arrived last February. Cost centers had to be reduced in order to minimize the operating budget shortfall of the excess funds scheduled for the capital reserve. It was also based on the unexpected 100 percent cost increase by The Brickman Group for the leaf pickup service. The bid increased from \$15,000 to \$30,000 after the pilot program revealed the pickup was more labor intensive than anticipated. The decision was also based on the fact that the county provides a leaf pickup service and it has reduced the cost to residents to make it more affordable.

The BCA covenants do not permit the dumping of yard waste on open space. Whether the BCA or the county provides leaf pickup service does not change the obligations of homeowners to abide by the covenants.

The 20/20 plan was a major undertaking to address many issues facing the community, including the possible acquisition of three pools. A total of 10 different strategies was addressed. The major costs of the plan included fees for outside consultants, site plan analyses, capital reserve and maintenance studies and expenses for the referendum. Costs of the study increased when it became evident during the

See Divita on page 16.

20/20 Plan

To the Editor:
Congratulations to the residents of Brandermill for their landslide defeat of the 20/20 plan. It is time to continue the business of making a better Brandermill community.

Embedded in the numerous disagreements regarding the 20/20 proposal is the conspicuous agreement among all parties that covenant enforcement must be strengthened if Brandermill is to enhance its appearance, and by implication, its property values. What better way to "reinvest in the community" than to review and possibly revise some of the covenants? To this end, Mr. Divita, the community manager, has taken some positive steps in hiring additional personnel and in changing the procedure of reporting covenant violations from reactive to proactive. Additionally, enforcement has been strengthened by the ability to levy fines and to collect them in court. Unfortunately, these changes have not yet appeared in the leaflet regarding covenants available at the BCA office or in the summary of the covenants in the BCA phone book but will probably be done soon.

Karen Bracey, the staff person in charge of covenant matters, writes that one very common violation that is nearly impossible to trace is the dumping of leaves, grass clippings, tree branches, etc., onto common spaces. Leaf collection for this year was eliminated from the BCA budget but is available from the county for the outrageous fee of \$50 per occasion. Residents who choose not to use the county service will probably dump their leaves and brush where they should not. As long as there is no BCA service for routine leaf and brush collection, dumping by residents will continue and contribute to a shabby appearance and a waste of staff time. One hopes that the cancellation of leaf pickup does not indicate that only lip service is being given to a large problem. Residents are not unwilling to pay the reasonable amounts this service would cost.

Another needless covenant problem is with painting mailboxes. Excessive time is consumed pursuing violators on a relatively minor matter. An easy solution, since all the mailboxes are identical and need to be painted the same color, is to outsource the painting such that every mailbox is repainted every few years. The BCA could probably negotiate an attractive price for this service. True, this is an additional expense, but it frees up the costly time of staff and the mailboxes no longer look shabby.

Our covenants are in need of re-

view and possibly revision. This might be accomplished by Miss Bracey's publishing an invitation in The Village Mill to all residents to mail her their suggestions for revision of particular covenants. Among those who do respond there probably will be some very useful suggestions.

One clear interpretation of the vote on the 20/20 plan is that the BCA Board was woefully out of touch with the sentiments of the community. Future planning must incorporate some mechanism for probing the pulse of the community which the board should want to take into account before making its decisions. The form that this mechanism takes will require much discussion when the planning committee resumes its activities. I, for one, look forward to that discussion.
Sol Goldberg
Northwich

School Redistricting

To the Editor:
Why did we come here in the first place? Brandermill offered us peace and beauty, natural surroundings, quiet solitude, a restful atmosphere, a home away from endless crowds, a chance to do what we want to do when we want, a chance to BE.

We don't seek competition; that's for all those so-called civilized places with grandiose buildings and asphalt and big bank loans.

Let our children enjoy the lake, fishing, walking in the woods on the trails, see butterflies and birds, all the wonders of nature.

Many residents don't want to leave this beautiful place. They move within the community, all because of the love of a natural setting and privacy.

Those who want more know where they can get it, but just give us peace as it is here in Brandermill. (I think the people have spoken.)

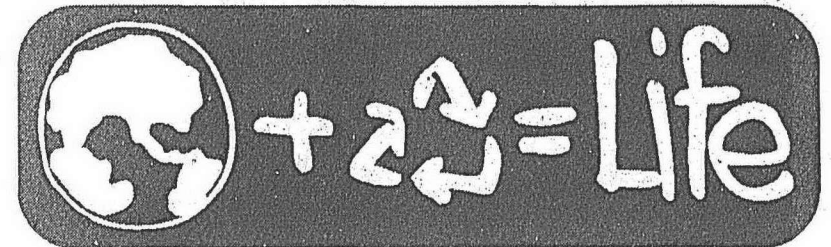
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Happily,
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Nancy Torrence
Court Ridge

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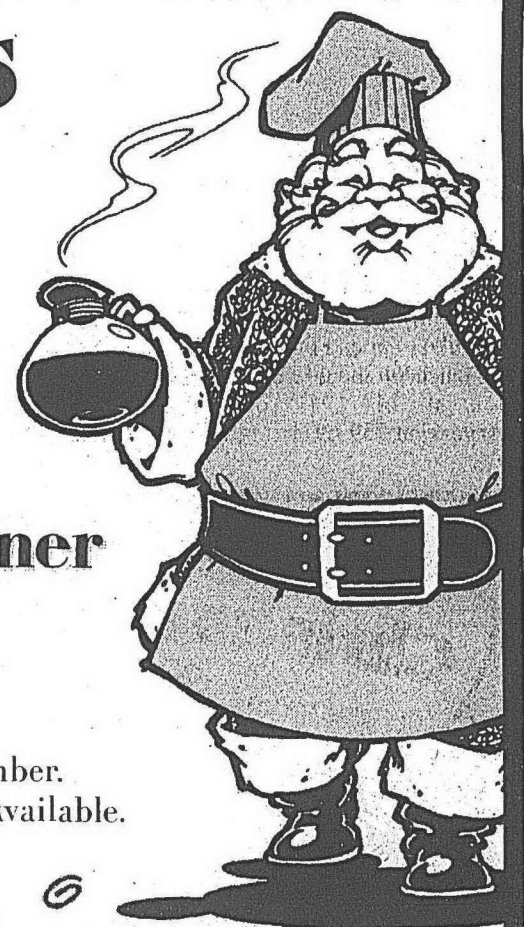
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Brandermill stars are born



From left: Kyle, Colin and Page Healy step back in time in their vintage costumes.

By Kris Risendal
Staff Writer

It was a modern day dilemma with old world charm. How does one gracefully climb into the front seat of a Volvo, drive to a convenience store on Cary Street and buy film, all while wearing a hoop skirt, petticoat and a nineteenth century gown? Peggy Healy of Huntgate Woods and Dena Sindelir of Walnut Creek discovered just how flexible a hoop skirt can be when the magic of Hollywood came to Richmond during the filming of the Hallmark Hall of Fame movie, "The Love Letter."

Starring Jennifer Jason Leigh and Campbell Scott, the movie was filmed in Richmond, including scenes at the University of Richmond pond and at Richmond's capitol.

Set in both the 1860s and in contemporary times, Richmond proved the ideal place to film the love story. All



Photo by Kris Risendal

Superstars, from left, are: Ron Doering, Dena Sindelir, Colin, Peggy, Page and Kyle Healy.

that was missing for the cameras to roll were a few props and extras, namely gorgeous wooden boats, cute children, beautiful women and handsome gentlemen. That's when Hollywood came knocking at Brandermill's door.

It began with a phone call from the movie's props director to the BCA. Producers were searching for old wooden boats to be used in scenes set on the UR pond. The boats needed to appear as though they had been built in the 1860s. "When I took the call, I remembered that my neighbors, Bud and Pat Hirsch, have a beautiful boat that sounded exactly like what they were looking for," recalled Sindelir, who works at the BCA. "I also gave them Kevin and Peggy Healy's name, because I knew they had an old-fashioned wooden sailboat hanging in the loft at their restaurant, Sundays."

The movie makers were thrilled with Sindelir's suggestions, so thrilled in fact, that they asked her if there was anything they could do for her in return. "I jokingly said, 'You can make me a star' and laughed," said Sindelir, never believing that in just a few short weeks she would be dressed from head to toe in nineteenth century finery including petticoats, hoops, and a bonnet.

Sindelir was joined on the sets by Peggy Healy and her three children, Kyle, Paige, and Colin, and Ron Doering of Commodore Point, whose sculling skills made him a natural for a 19th century rowing scene. The Brandermill cast enjoyed an exciting day of Hollywood film making.

At the pond, Sindelir and Doering enjoyed a beautiful

See Stars on page 9.

Jane Walker launches writing career

By Harriet Coppins
Copy Editor

When Jane Walker wrote a book about antiques for her children four years ago, she had no idea she was opening the door to a wonderful new career. Now she is awaiting the 1998 publication of her biography of John Tyler and the 1999 publication of her biography of John Quincy Adams. The book on Tyler will be published by MacDonald and Woodward Publishing Company which gears its books for the tourist trade. The book on Adams will be published by Enslow Publishing Company and is aimed at the young reader.

Walker's book about antiques was called "The Aunties" and through the ideas and thoughts of these eccentric school teachers, the children gained information about antiques which had been in the family for generations and would some day belong to the children. Robin told her teacher about her mother's book and the teacher thought the topic was very interesting and advised Walker to look into having it published.

Walker contacted the Society of Children's Book Writers and Illustrators. She was told that anecdotal books are difficult to market and she would do well to practice writing straight nonfiction in preparation for improving "The Aunties."

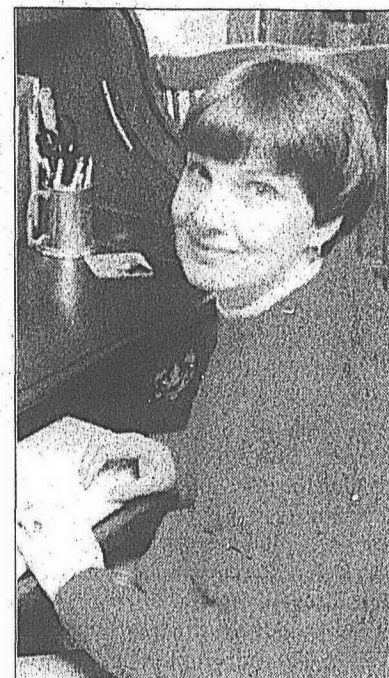
With this advice in mind, Walker visited Sherwood Plantation and decided to focus on a biography of John Tyler. There seemed to be no other books about him and she thought it very interesting that he was the first president to marry while occupying the White House. While she was engaged in this endeavor, representa-

tives of Enslow Publishing contacted her and said they wanted a book about a more popular president, John Quincy Adams. It turns out that Adams is a descendant of Walker's mother and her grandmother had been the secretary/church historian for the Church of Presidents in Quincy, Mass., to which Adams had once belonged.

Walker attended conferences, did a great deal of research, and even discovered a poem written by Abigail Adams when she was a child.

Walker says she has become very involved in the lives of her subjects. She notes that in spite of the fact that Tyler was a soft-spoken Southerner and Adams an opinionated, ill-mannered Northerner, they were both American patriots. Walker says, "Many times the best stories are based on real events and so history often tells a good story."

Walker, her husband Rex, and children Robin and Stephen live in Chimney House.



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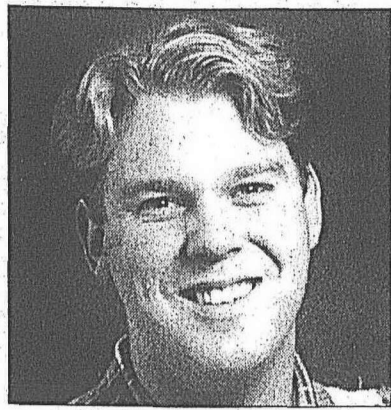
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Clay Jackson realizes acting dream



Clay Jackson

By Kris Risendal
Staff Writer

When the lights dim and the curtains rise, and a hush falls over an excited audience, Clay Jackson, the son of Earl and Robin Jackson of Riverbend Trace, is the happiest. That is when Jackson, a member of a traveling troupe of actors with Theatre IV in Richmond, steps into a role and becomes someone else, playing a character for the enjoyment of the audience. Whether playing Harold Hill in "The Music Man" or the father in "Hansel and Gretel," Jackson sheds his own personality and eases into the new skin of the character he plays.

Jackson is currently appearing in Theatre IV's children's Theatre musical production of "Twas the Night Before Christmas."

"I play Clement Moore, the author of the poem. In this musical, we tell a story about how Mr. Moore came to write this famous Christmas verse," said Jackson. The troupe is traveling to elementary schools and theaters in Virginia, Maryland, New Jersey and New York, performing eight to 10 shows each week. Local performances included shows at Matoaca and Bellwood Elementary Schools.

A 1997 graduate of North Carolina Wesleyan College, Jackson majored in theater and performed in such school productions as "The Music Man" and "Annie Get Your Gun." For several summers, Jackson honed his acting skills by performing musicals in Galveston, Texas.

The auditioning process seems daunting.

"I auditioned for Theatre IV in

Miami at the Southeastern Theater Conference," explained Jackson. "It is a huge conference where actors audition before 100 different theater companies all in one room. If a company is interested in you, they call you and you audition for them again. Then you wait for two or three weeks to see if they liked you enough to hire you."

Richmond's Theatre IV liked him enough. Beginning last September, Jackson traveled with the troupe during its production of "Hansel and Gretel" to states as far away as Wisconsin, driving more than 10,000 miles before Thanksgiving.

In January, Jackson will join other aspiring actors in achieving further success under the bright lights by moving to New York City. Jackson plans on working for a catering company and auditioning during the day. Although he is mainly interested in theater, Jackson is looking for the big break anywhere good acting jobs are offered.

Jackson recently performed in Theatre IV's production of "Twas the Night Before Christmas" at two Chesterfield County schools.

Calling all writers and artists

Chimney House resident Cathy Maxwell is interested in forming a guild of writers and artists in Brandermill. The guild would be open to established artists and serious students of the arts. The goal of the guild would be to provide a forum for community artists to network and communicate with each other. If the interest is present, the guild could also serve to promote the arts in Brandermill.

"Brandermill has numerous writers, painters, potters, musicians, and craftsmen. It would be great for all of us to have the opportunity to meet each other," Maxwell said.

Maxwell will host an open house Sunday, February 8 for those interested in participating in a guild. For more information, contact her at 744-3376.

There are great choices among holiday productions

By Wendy Parker
Managing Editor

Theatergoers have a great selection of shows to choose from this holiday season. Theatre IV is offering "The Best Christmas Pageant Ever," based on the novel of the same name. Adults and children will love the chaos the Herdman children create in the annual church pageant. Their interpretation of the nativity brings a special meaning to the Christmas story. Call 344-8040 for ticket information.

Justine A. De Voe of Barne's Spring will perform in the Richmond Ballet's presentation of "The Nutcracker" at the Carpenter Center. This marks the fourth year that De Voe, who attends Swift Creek Middle School, has participated in the ballet. This year she is a confectioner and last year she was Mother Ginger. For tickets, please call 262-8100.

Don't be surprised to hear folks humming more than the usual Christmas carols this season. Cole Porter tunes are going to be heard everywhere: at the mall, on crowded elevators and in the endless lines at the post office. Why? Because Barksdale Theatre's 20th anniversary production of "Red Hot and Cole" is playing now through January. Seniors and baby-boomers, who grew up listening to 78 records of Porter tunes, are already leaving performances singing "Night and Day," "I Love Paris," "Anything Goes," and "Begin the Beguine," just a few among the dozens of the composer's hits on parade.

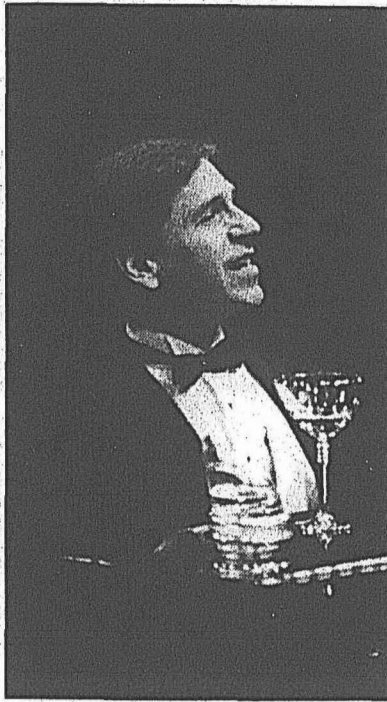
The musical, written by Muriel McAuley, Artistic Director Randy Strawderman, and James Bianchi who stars as Porter, spans 43 years of the composer's life. It is depicted in a long-running, lavish party around a baby grand piano. Strawderman, who conceived, directed and choreographed the original production, has plenty to smile

Stars

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fall day in Healy's wooden sailboat and a sculling boat. "We spent a couple of hours paddling a leaky boat," Sindelir said, laughing.

Healy said, "The children were adorable in their costumes and the camera crew ended up using the kids in several scenes, one where they run up and down the hill, throwing a ball. I got to eat ice cream. The kids have



James Bianchi, as Cole Porter, in "Red, Hot and Cole."



David Bridgewater, Allan Hickie-Edwards and Joe Inscow are convicts on a special mission in "My Three Angels."

about. His show is coming home after running in over 125 productions around the world over the past 20 years.

Catherine Shaffner shines as Elsa Maxwell, the "hostess with the mostest," as does Jennifer Thomas as the Parisian performer, Bricktop. Bianchi warmly reprises his original role of Porter. Audience members will especially enjoy the dance numbers, ingeniously choreographed by Strawderman for theater-in-the-round.

If you want to get in the spirit of the season, go to Barksdale. Cole Porter melodies are beautiful, memorable, and contagious—they "get under your skin." For performance times and ticket information, call 282-2620.

For a different twist to the traditional holiday fare, "My Three Angels" is playing at Theatre Virginia through December 20. Don't look for the usual snowy setting with carolers

coming a-caroling. Instead the temperature on Devil's Island, where the story takes place, is over 100 degrees and three convicts come a-calling.

The play, set in the early 1900s, tracks the travails of a poor shopkeeper and his family who are threatened by the Scrooge-like uncle. The three prisoners, serving life sentences, intervene in their own special manner, to set the


story straight. David Bridgewater, Allan Hickie-Edwards and Joe Inscow play the charming trio. Directed by George Black, the three actors demonstrate their remarkable versatility on stage and theatergoers will recognize them from many Richmond productions. For a top-notch production with a different Christmas theme, call 353-6161.



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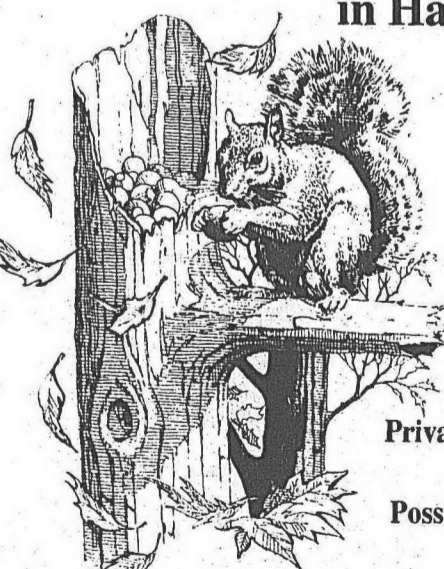
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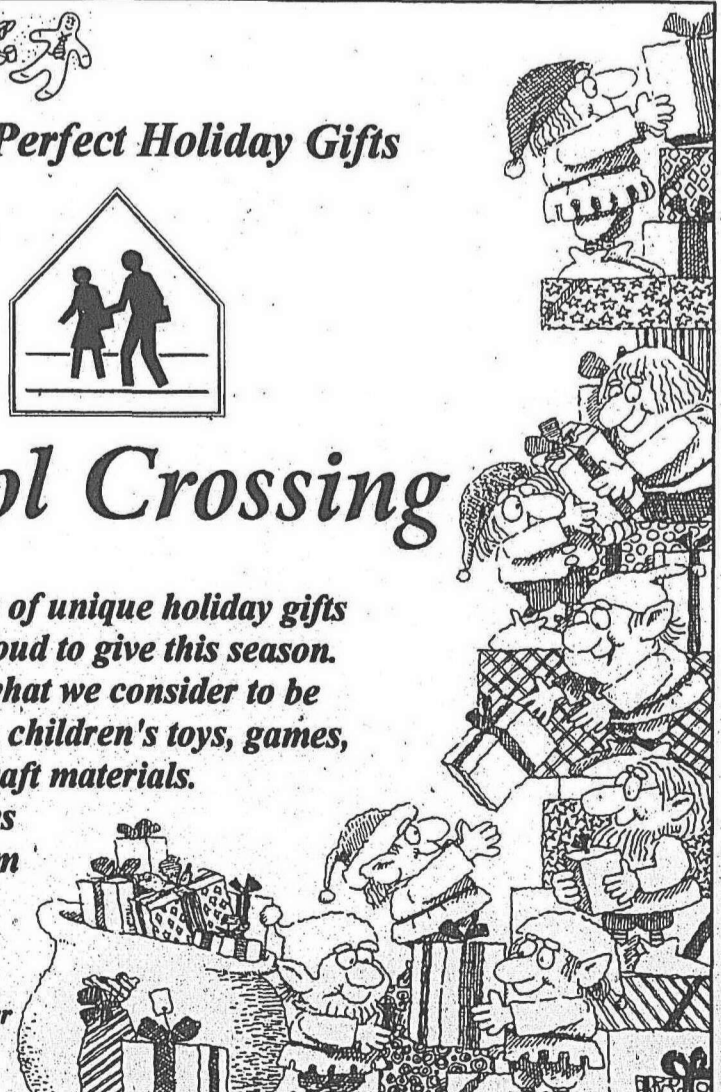



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CHES students and staff swing into holiday mood

By Kris Risendal
School Correspondent

Too tired to rock around the Christmas tree, shop, sing carols, or bake all those yummy holiday edibles? Students, parents and staff at Clover Hill Elementary School are busily planning a December holiday season that will keep even the scroogiest of Scrooges smiling and clicking their heels. Parents should plan on attending CHES's annual Holiday House on Saturday, December 13 from 9 a.m. until 2 p.m. Children can shop for that perfect present for friends and family at the CHES Holiday gift shop located in the school gym. Affordable kid-priced items will be for sale, so everyone is encouraged to bring wallets and Christmas lists and have fun.

Too hungry to shop? A delicious pancake breakfast with Santa Clause will be served from 9 a.m. until noon. The menu includes pancakes and sausages. Children will love slurping syrup while telling Santa their Christ-

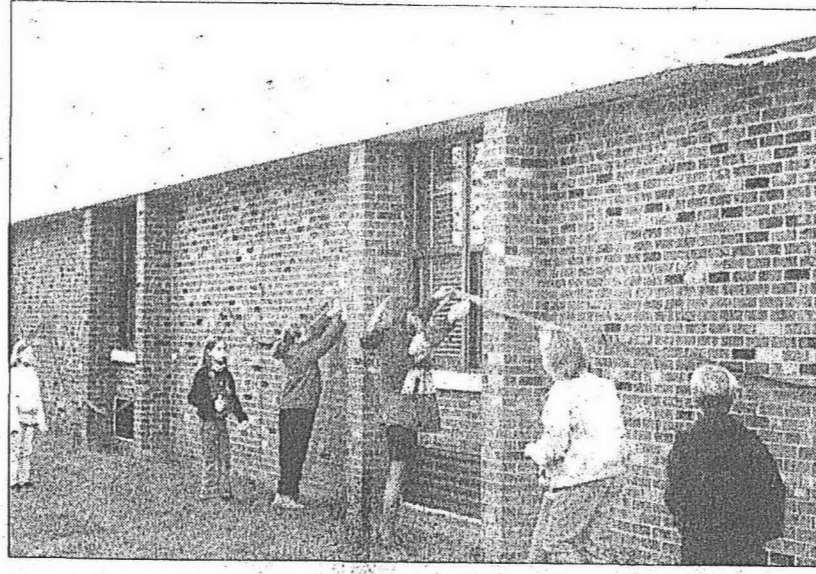
mas wish list. A photo with Santa will help parents remember the moment for years to come.

While the children are busy shopping in the holiday gift shop, parents will enjoy the silent auction held in the cafeteria. A variety of unique and different gifts will be available.

For more information about the CHES Holiday House, call coordinator Karen Bell at 739-8851.

Celebrate the holiday season with CHES second graders at the annual holiday program. The children have been working hard getting ready for their holiday musical performance of "The Mice Before Christmas." Three performances are planned: Tuesday, December 9 at 9 a.m.; Wednesday, December 10 at 9 a.m.; and the PTA performance on Wednesday, December 10 at 7 p.m. The fifth-grade chorus will join the second grade classes during its morning performances and will sing a few choral selections.

The CHES Book Fair is scheduled for the week of December 8. Students may shop during their regular library period. Parents may shop with their children on Wednesday, December 10 from 2:45 p.m. until 7 p.m. and on Saturday, December 13 from 9 a.m. until 2 p.m. during the CHES Holiday House. Students may also shop on Monday and Tuesday, December 15 and 16, during the school day when it



CHES students participated in Red Ribbon Week, October 23 through 31. Fourth-grade students wrap the school with a red ribbon symbolizing their dedication to being drug free.

is convenient with their teachers. CHES receives 45 percent profit from the book fair in addition to materials from the fair or the Troll Book Fair Company's instructional materials catalog.

Congratulations also to Donna Willet for being elected to represent CHES as the 1997-98 Teacher of the Year. Willet was recognized at the November 11 school board meeting for her

talents in leadership, communication and instruction.

The CHES Math Hall of Fame began in November for grades four and five, and is already a huge success. The program is designed to improve the performance of students in basic math facts. In February, grades one, two, and three will begin the challenge. The program is optional; however, students are urged to participate.

CHES NEWS



Sounds of music deck the halls at SCMS



Photo by Fannie Joost
Sixth-grader Anna Hudgins leads a group of Swift Creek Middle School classmates in a number from "All That Jazz."

By Fannie Joost
School Correspondent

"Showtime" is one of the new enrichment classes held after school at Swift Creek Middle School. Ginger Gobble instructs the students on writing, staging and producing skits from popular TV shows and commercials. At the end of the six week class a show will be presented to the parents.

Beginning in January, several new classes will be offered to all students. On Saturday, November 15 approximately 250 Chesterfield County Middle School students performed a concert at Midlothian Middle School.

This Chesterfield All-County contingent was comprised of select seventh- and eighth-grade students playing violins, violas, cellos and string bases.

Joseph Wargo of Swift Creek Middle School chaired the event.

Swift Creek's orchestra broke all records by sending 50 students to this year's All-County Orchestra.

Several seventh- and eighth-grade students from SCMS have been selected for the All-County Chorus.

Seventh-graders are Kelli Howerton, Kathryn Baster, Tammy Ludlam and eighth-graders are Jeremy Wiener, Gursit Singh, Elizabeth Garrett, Meghan Rucker, Rachel McCray and Stephanie Wagstaff. The district chorus will be presented February 13 and 14 at James River High School.

A course, "Parenting Your Young Adolescents": The Jekyll and Hyde

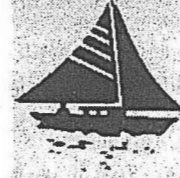
Years, designed for parents of middle schoolers (ages 11-14) will be offered this year at school.

For more information call Karl Kalber at 768-7204.

Upcoming events are: December 9-sixth-grade chorus, seventh- and eighth-grade band concert; December 10-sixth- and seventh-grade orchestra, eighth-grade chorus; January 21-sixth-grade orchestra winter concert; and January 24-sixth-grade band concert.

All shows are scheduled at 7 p.m.

SCMS NEWS



Chesterfield County School Calendar

December 22-January 2
January 19
January 30

February 16

April 3
April 13-17
May 25
June 16

Winter Break
Holiday
Teacher Work Day
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Student Holiday
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Swift Creek Elementary presents "The Nutcracker"

By David Gladstone
School Correspondent

'Tis the season for sugar plum fairies, waltzing flowers and other candy delights. These were featured in Swift Creek Elementary School's annual holiday performance of "The Nutcracker," on December 9 and 10. The production, a tradition for third-graders at SCES and considered by teachers and parents as a rite of passage, was carried on by SCES new music teacher, Joanne Sherman.

Sherman was assisted by third-grade teachers and parent volunteers, who helped with costumes, scenery and choreography. The student leads included: Kelley Losier as the Nutcracker; Jericha Dion as Marie; Dylan Moses as Fritz; Evan Rowe as the judge; Claire LaSure as the lead flower; and April Ann Dais as the Child.

The fifth-grade 72-member chorus led by Joanne Sherman has scheduled

a number of performances which include: Brandermill Woods Retirement Center on December 12, Swift Creek Elementary School, for family and friends, on December 15; Chesterfield Towne Center on December 16 and Swift Creek Elementary School, for the student body and staff, on December 19. Selections will include seasonal music in the holiday spirit.

Members of SCES PTA, who have been working to improve the school's baseball field, wish to offer special thanks to several volunteers for projects recently completed on the field. Rob Pearson, a senior at Clover Hill High School, working on his Eagle Scout badge, decided to make his project the improvement of the safety fence lead in front of the players' benches. He was assisted by Sam Rodgers, Danny and Matt VonSchuch and Rob's father.

Another project included the addition of new bleachers and players' benches. The bleachers and benches were built by Tim Reynolds, Chris Remme, Bobby Fulcher and Steve Greer. The lumber and hardware for the project were obtained by SCES parent Tom Clark through a donation from his firm. Swift Creek students and staff are very grateful for all the volunteers' hard work on the ball field.

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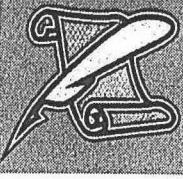
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Tragedy spurs appeal from superintendent and police chief

Editor's Note: The following letter is addressed to the members of the community.

Most of us in the community of Chesterfield care deeply about our young people and our caring extends to the children of our neighbors. As a community, we place great value on faith and family. The tragic, senseless loss of life and the injuries to several young people that occurred over the weekend of November 14, serve as a loud call to all of us. As we extend our sympathy and prayers to the families of those affected by this violence, we must be even more vigilant in the supervision of our young people. It is our responsibility as caring adults to protect and guide them.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR



We must all take responsibility for our actions and, as adults, we must maintain control of the behavior of the young people in our care. Please know that hosting, sponsoring or merely condoning parties for our young people do involve responsibilities to the community at large. We are advising that if anyone, adult (parent) or juvenile, permits such a party to get out of control, or if there is alcohol or drug use, that individual is subject to arrest and may be ordered to appear in court and could possibly face a year in jail. We do not want this to happen to you.

You should be aware of violations that police officers routinely encounter when called to large, unruly parties. This list represents only a summary of public order laws which have been enacted to maintain peaceful, safe and quiet neighborhoods. The list does not include crimes of violence which can result if a party becomes uncontrollable because of lack of parental oversight or failure to notify the police department.

Alcohol Related Offenses: purchasing for another who is under age;

drinking in public; drunk in public; fraudulently using driver's license to obtain alcohol; and contributing to the delinquency of a minor.

Juvenile Offenses: curfew violations; possession of tobacco; illegal possession of alcoholic beverages; display or possess a false or altered driver's license.

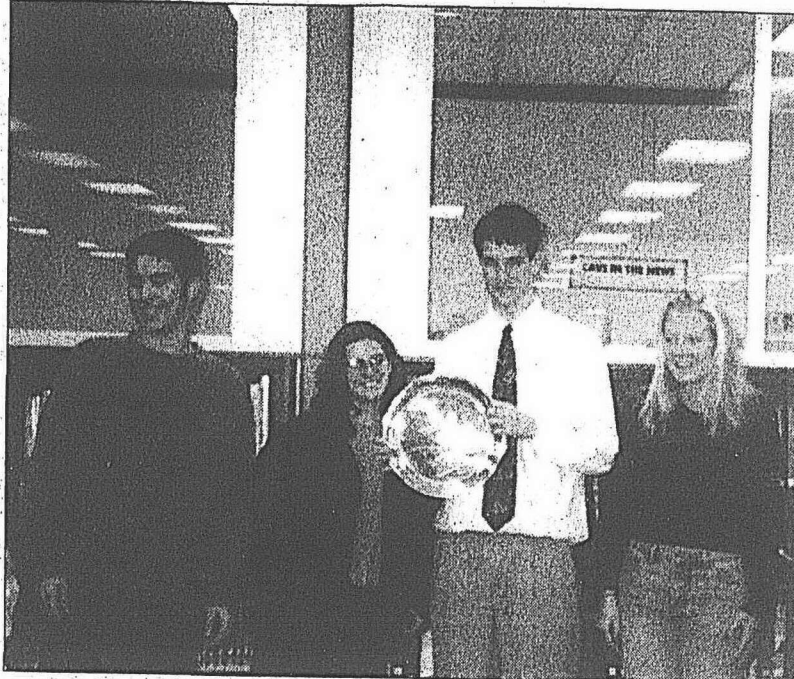
General Offenses: possession of marijuana or other illegal substances; curse and abuse; profane swearing in public; disorderly conduct; bonfires or large fires; display of fireworks; unnecessary noise, unnecessary noise associated with musical devices outdoors; parking violation; stopping the vehicle of another on a public highway; obstruction of justice.

In conclusion, we are asking that all students refrain from hosting or attending a party where there are no responsible adults present. To the parents, we are requesting that you continue to reinforce social responsibility with your young people, and as concerned citizens, that you notify the police department when you observe behaviors or activities in your neighborhood that are unusual or illegal. Please take this opportunity to talk with your young people about the dangers inherent in such gatherings, how to avoid these dangers, and what to do when they are faced with peers who are participating in illegal activities or who are otherwise out of control.

The police department and the school board understand that the cooperation of citizens and students is essential to maintain civility and safety in our community and schools. One lesson from this tragedy is the need for greater individual responsibility and a strengthened bond among family, school, law enforcement, church and community. We thank you for your valuable assistance in protecting our young people and our community.

Sincerely,
Colonel Carl R. Baker,
Chief of Police,
Chesterfield County
William C. Bosher, Jr.,
Superintendent of Schools,
Chesterfield County

Clover Hill High School hosts British students



British students, at left, present a silver plate as a goodwill gesture to CHHS students, John Fernandez and Beth Ratliff.



Visiting exchange students converse with students between classes in the halls of Clover Hill High School.

By Brad Gunton
School Correspondent

Clover Hill High School students had an opportunity to learn what life is like on the other side of the ocean when 40 British students and three British teachers visited the United States in mid-November.

The exchange program between CHHS and John Leggott College of Scunthorpe, England, began last school year when Principal Jacqueline Wilson visited the British school in January. Her trip was followed by teachers Elizabeth Anderson-Wood and Eloise Coffey traveling to England followed by a visit from John Leggott teacher Jane Dowd and principal David Linnell. This latest exchange marks the first time that students have traveled as well.

The students who came to America were in the equivalent of their senior year of high school.

Reasons for the British students wanting to experience America varied, but many came to compare it to what they had heard or imagined.

"I wanted to see if everything re-

ally was bigger and better," Paul Rounce said.

The size of American towns was but one of many differences to which the British had to adjust. The schedule alone held several variations; British school days start later, students there have a lunch period that is twice as long, and the focus is on three or four classes, allowing the students to go into greater depth. They also follow a national curriculum in England, so that instead of weekly quizzes or tests each student takes a final exam at the end of the year, on which their grades are based.

Another area that the British found amusing was American lingo. They were confused by double negatives and phrases such as "my bad" and "write me back." Some students were also surprised by items many Americans take for granted.

"What is this cheese in a can?" asked Paul Root. "There's probably no cheese in there, just a mass of toxic goo."

In addition to attending Clover Hill High School, the British visited Washington, D. C., Virginia Commonwealth University and Imperial Chemical Industries (ICI), the corporation which is sponsoring the exchange. To complete the American experience, students stayed with a Clover Hill family during their trip. Senior Jenni Cadigan found that host-

ing a British student was both entertaining and educational.

"I've learned so much about their culture, and it's been fun having her try different things and seeing the difference between the languages," Cadigan said.

Students were not the only ones to gain from the exchange. One of three adult chaperones, teacher Derek Denby was given the opportunity to teach Dr. Lloyd's AP chemistry class. "They were brilliant," said Denby of the American students. "They were very alert, and I liked the way we could interact with each other."

Clover Hill will further the exchange in the spring when 10 students and two teachers will travel to John Leggott College. Coffey is looking forward to the opportunity for students to grow culturally.

"I think it is good for us to become well-acquainted with people from another country and to create a friendship that is beyond borders."

Wilson agrees with Coffey and is excited that the students will have the chance to appreciate a different culture.

"I think it will help them to better understand people from another country, rather than trusting the stereotypical perceptions that they have of each other," Wilson said.



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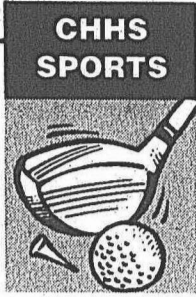
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Clover Hill High School athletes enjoy successful fall season

By Jeanne-Marie DeStefano
School Correspondent

The Clover Hill High School boys cross country team had a successful season this year, finishing with a district record of three wins to three losses. The team placed fourth in the district, fourth in the district tournament, and eighth in the region. Senior Jason Williams and freshman Ed Altman received all district team honors. Williams was also all academic in the district. "Next year we'll be losing Jason Williams, Tim Ruch, and Mike Jones" remarked Coach Averill, "but that just means that we will be able to push each other further."



The girls cross country team at CHHS also did well this season, advancing to the state wide competition in Great Meadows, Va. The girls had a record of seven wins to one loss, placed second in the district, third in the district tournament, fourth at regionals and ninth at states. Senior Karen Jaeger and junior Jessica Lai received all district team honors.

Karen was also all academic in the district and the region. Jessica was all academic for the district. Coach Averill sums up the season best, by saying, "This year's team worked hard and had fun everyday."

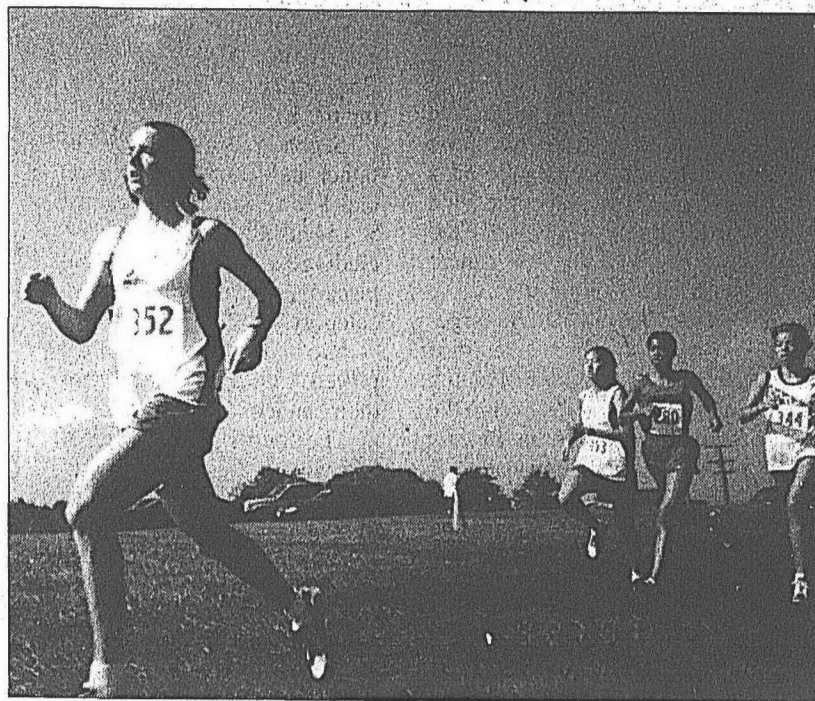
Clover Hill's girls and boys varsity volleyball teams concluded impressive seasons this fall, both winning the district and placing in the region.

The girls varsity volleyball team won the district championship with a record of 12 wins and no losses, and placed second in the region. Individual players were recognized for their achievements on the court. Junior Lauren Nussman and seniors Adrienne McDonough and Leah Sebetic were all named to the first team all district as well as the first team all region.

Lauren Nussman was also named district player of the year. Next season looks bright because of the many talented junior varsity players who are going to be moving up to varsity.

The boys varsity volleyball team, led by Coach Eliasek, won the district for the fifth straight season, and it also won the regional title for the third year in a row. The boys had a regional record of 22 wins to no losses, and a statewide record of 22 wins to one loss.

Coach Eliasek led the boys to the state semi-finals, where they placed



Clover Hill High School's Karen Jaeger runs ahead of competitors in the cross country state meet at Great Meadows.

in the top two in the state. Three seniors received special recognition this year: Brian Barefoot, Sharven Taghavi and Bryan Orme. Brian Barefoot was named player of the region and player of the district and was named to the first team all region and first team all district. Sharven Taghavi was named to first team all district and second team all region. Bryan Orme was

named to second team all district. The coach of the team, Coach Eliasek, also received special recognition, receiving coach of the district and coach of the region awards.

The CHHS golf team finished its season this year with one of its best records in over 20 years. The team won 19 matches, tied one, and had no losses, resulting in the district title for

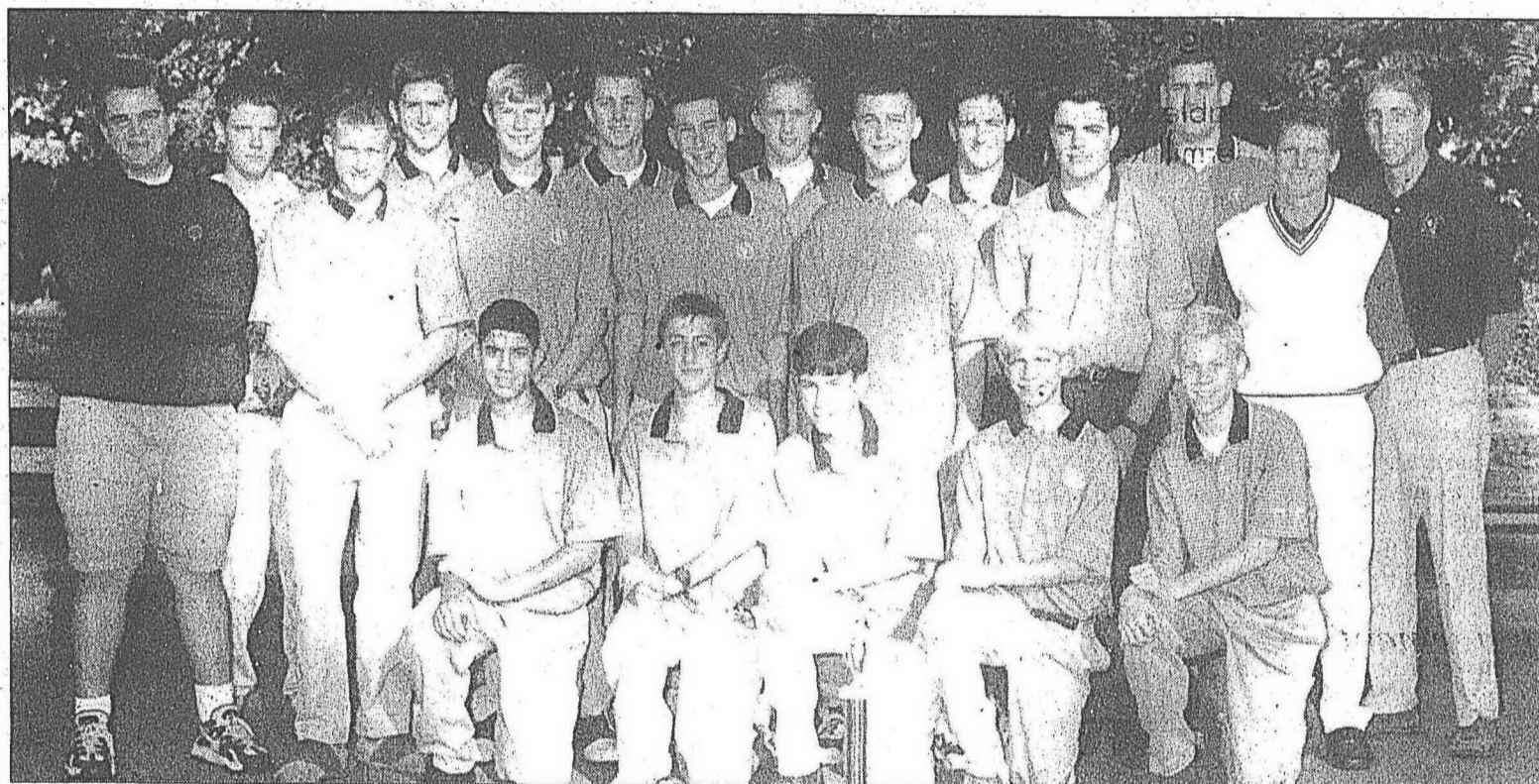


Members of CHHS girl's cross country team are front row: Kathryn Talbot. Second row, from left: Amy Altman, Emily Cuenin, Christina Kwan, Karen Jaeger, Mallory Mathews, Ashley Morton, and Jessica Lai. Back row: Brittany Rhoney, Katie Savage, Amy Zajick, Almee Palumbo, Rachel Schendel, Lindsay Champion and Gina Spontarelli. Not pictured: Rebecca Neil, Nancy Brothers, Cady Condyles and Amanda Kraines.

the third straight year in a row. The team also did well in the district and regional tournaments, placing third. "The highlight of this season came in the last match when we beat the four time state champions, Mills Godwin, by six points," stated Coach Alberston. Two of the team members qualified for the state team: senior Matt Gray and junior Derrick

Wagstaff. Junior Patrick Mott was all academic in the central regional tournament, as was Kirk Stoldt, who was also all academic in the district tournament. Matt Gray was the team's MVP the second time in four years. Matt is the only CHHS student to play in the state tournament four consecutive years. The Coaches Award went to Patrick Mott.

Clover Hill High School Golf Team



Front row, from left: Barrett Boyance, Kevin Johnson, Don Frick, Brian Roberts, Kent Holubar, Pro Eric McGraw, and Coach Jim Alberston. Back row: Larry Atwood, Jeff Aden, Ted Limmer, Wes Thomason, Jonathan Kready, Chris Rogge, Harvey Huffstetler, Derrick Wagstaff, Brian Lipas, Jim McCrone, Kirk Stoldt, and Matt Gray.

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12/12	George Wythe	A	5:45/7:30
12/16	Midlothian	H	5:45/7:30
12/19	Monacan	A	5:45/7:30
12/26-29	Bookjammin Hoops Tour Lake Braddock H. S.-Burke		
1/6	James River	H	5:45/7:30
1/9	Huguenot	H	5:45/7:30
1/13	Manchester	A	5:45/7:30
1/15	Colonial Heights	A	5:45/7:30
1/16	L. C. Bird	A	5:45/7:30
1/20	George Wythe	H	5:45/7:30
1/23	Midlothian	A	5:45/7:30
1/29	Thomas Dale	A	5:45/7:30
1/30	Monacan	H	5:45/7:30

Girls Basketball

12/9	Thomas Dale	A	5:45/7:30
12/11	George Wythe	H	5:45/7:30
12/16	Midlothian	A	5:45/7:30

Girls Basketball (continued)

12/18	Monacan	H	5:45/7:30
12/19-20	Insync Tour, Robins Center		TBA
1/6	James River	A	5:45/7:30
1/8	Huguenot	A	5:45/7:30
1/13	Manchester	H	5:45/7:30
1/15	L. C. Bird	H	5:45/7:30
1/20	George Wythe	A	5:45/7:30
1/22	Midlothian	H	5:45/7:30
1/23	Hopewell	A	5:45/7:30
1/29	Monacan	A	5:45/7:30

Wrestling

12/10	Midlothian	A	6:00/7:30
12/12-13	Clover Hill Invitational	H	TBA
12/17	George Wythe	H	6:00/7:30
1/7	James River	A	6:00/7:30
1/14	Manchester	H	6:00/7:30
1/21	L. C. Bird	A	6:00/7:30
1/24	L. Davis/Bethel/Culp	LD	TBA
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Lions Club fishing tourney hooks 48 participants



John Hughes and Bruce Johnson verify Bryan Burmaster's prize-winning bass at the weigh-in.

By Bruce Johnson
Guest Correspondent

Cloudy weather but good fishing conditions greeted a field of 48 people in the First Annual Brandermill Lions Club Fall Bass Fishing Tournament on Saturday, October 25.

Over 75 pounds of large-mouth bass were weighed in at the Sunday Park boat landing and then released back into the Swift Creek Reservoir, the site of the annual tournament.

First place honors went to the team of Darrell Hobson and Bryan Burmaster who had a four fish total of 15.3 pounds. The largest fish was caught by Bryan Burmaster and weighed 7.5 pounds.

Hobson and Burmaster won \$270 for first place in the heaviest four fish category.

Burmaster won \$70 for catching the largest fish.

Second place finishers, the father and son team of Nelson and Sean Marshall, pocketed \$145 with 10.8 pounds total including a seven-pound fish that placed second in the largest fish category.

Ricky Farr and Jeff Ball placed third and won \$70 for their catch of 10.2 pounds.

The fourth place award of \$45 went to Michael Rafferty and Jack Smith with 8.9 pounds of bass.

All proceeds from the Lions Club tournament go to aid the sight and hearing impaired in the local area.

The tournament director was Bruce Johnson with John Hughes serving as deputy.

Chesterfield County courts will be lit this winter

The winter light schedule for the following Chesterfield County parks will be observed between December and March 15.

Tennis court lights will stay on until 9:30 p.m. each evening.

Basketball court lights will stay on until 9 p.m. each evening in the winter.

Tennis and basketball courts lights will be turned off at all other county facilities from December 1 through March 15.

Tennis	
Point of Rocks Park	3 courts
Iron Bridge Park	2 courts
Matoaca Park	3 courts
Rockwood Park	3 courts
Midlothian Middle	3 courts

Basketball	
Point of Rocks Park	
Iron Bridge Park	
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Courtside offers free fitness seminar for women

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Armstrong wins in college swim meet

Amelia Armstrong, a junior member of the Kenyon College women's swim team, recently competed in a swim meet against Ohio University. Kenyon College in Gambier, Ohio is a division III member of the National Collegiate Athletic Association.

Armstrong, the defending national champion in the 500 free, won the event in a time of 5:08.99.

A seven-time All American, Armstrong also placed first in the 1,000 free (10:30.8)

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

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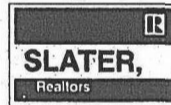
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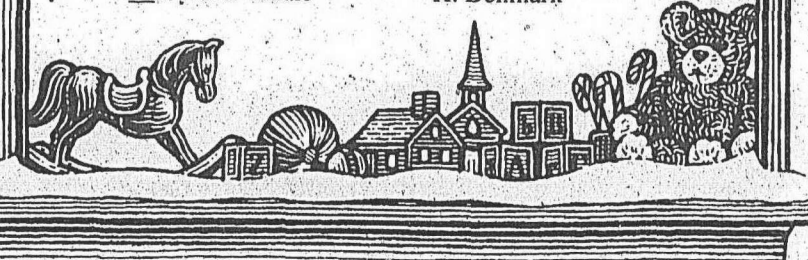
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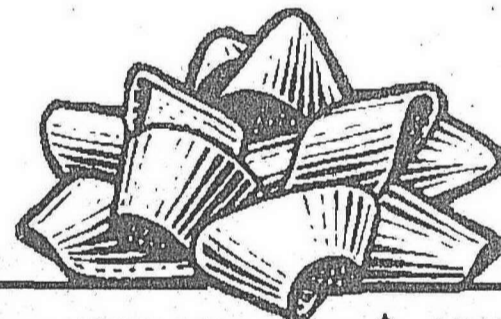
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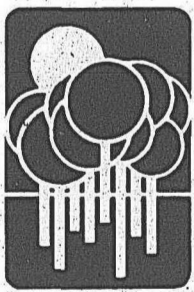
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Santa's workshop is right here in Brandermill

By Harriet Coppins
Copy Editor

Quail Meadows resident Jim Young is wrapping up another successful season of marketing his popular hand-carved wooden Santas. Young says he started carving his Santa Clauses on Christmas of 1984 "for all the wrong reasons." He and his wife Candy are the parents of two girls who on that Christmas Day were 5 years-old and 3 years-old. Young says the girls had unwrapped all their gifts in a frenzy, not even pausing to admire anything their exhausted parents had so carefully selected and so carefully wrapped. After they left the room, Young says he felt angry and frustrated. He looked over at his wife's collection of Santas and thought, "I can carve as well as that."

He went out to the garage, picked up some leftover lumber from summer when he had enlarged the deck by himself and began carving. He says he started at 10 a.m. and spent the entire day without a break. His wife's parents were expected at noon but he never stopped working until around midnight. He used old chisels and screwdrivers he forgot he owned and when he finished carving he discovered some old paint. He painted the Santa in the traditional colors and finished him off with bright blue eyes.

It was midnight of Christmas Day when he put down his carving. When Candy saw his handiwork that morning she couldn't believe he had done such

wonderful work. She later sold that original Santa for \$85 at Woodlake's first craft show in July, 1985.

Young, who is an insurance examiner with the State Corporation Commission enjoys doing carpentry. During summers when he was in college, he worked as a carpenter for a building contractor. More recently he had built a cabinet for his TV and stereo. He also made jelly cabinets out of pine which his wife stained in a variety of colors, and sold.

Now Young concentrates on his Santas and each Santa is unique because the customers supply the wood. The wood is frequently from their last year's Christmas tree, their own or any tree that has sentimental value. The custom-made personal order Santas are sold under the name of K. Arthur Originals. Young says that was his code name when he was in the United States Army Special Forces in Vietnam. K. Arthur Originals is an apt name for Young's carvings since he says, "I 'romance' the wood." Each piece is personal and may be accompanied by pictures and information.

Governor Allen's Santa Clause is extremely personal and could only belong to him. Santa's bag contains an elephant which is carrying a football and carved across the pedestal are the words, "Yes, Virginia, Santa is a Republican."

Young says he has to admit he is enjoying his allotted "15 minutes of fame." His carvings have led to another avenue of recognition for Young. Recently, a client, who is



Photo by Janet Joyce

Jim Young inspires others during the holiday season with his hand-carved wooden Santas.

the author Susan Wallace from Fort Worth, Texas, sent him a copy of her latest book, *Love and War: 250 Years of Wartime Love Letters*. She had researched letters from men who served in the country's wars. Featured were letters to the wives of famous men including George Washington, Alexander Hamilton,

Robert E. Lee and . . . Jim Young. His letters were to Candy when he served in Vietnam and he says, "I got more pages than Washington."

Young should not be surprised at his growing reputation as a fine craftsman turning out a unique product. He's had a show at Williamsburg; his products were

sold at the Museum of American Folk Art in New York; and are shipped to sell in other countries.

Jim and Candy, a fifth-grade teacher at Alberta Smith Elementary School, live in Quail Meadows with their two daughters who, inadvertently started the whole thing.

Real estate fair features Mike Divita

The public is invited to a real estate fair at Brandermill Country Club on Thursday, January 22 from 7 to 9 p.m. The fair, sponsored by East West Realty, has been designed to inform residents who live in communities surrounding Swift Creek Reservoir about issues that affect them. The fair will feature speakers from the Swift Creek area. The speeches will be followed by an open forum where visitors can obtain information from specialists.

The presenters will include: John McCracken, director of transportation, Chesterfield County Highway Department, who will speak on highway developments for the Swift Creek area; Mike Divita, manager, Brandermill Community Association, whose topic will be "Looking Ahead—the Next 12 Months;" Brandon Beswick, mortgage lender, GMAC Mortgage Corporation, who will discuss economic trends; Bob Harris, president, Realty Technologies, will give pointers on preparing a home to sell; Bill Stanley, vice president of sales and marketing for Teal Homes will speak on new products in housing and the active adult market; Craig Harris, attorney with Spinella, Owings & Shaia will discuss legal issues in real estate; and Bill Earman, general manager, East West Realty, will talk about residential growth in the Swift Creek area.

The Swift Creek Real Estate Fair is open to the public and is free of charge. Refreshments, door prizes and complimentary babysitting will be provided. For more information contact Kathy Dick at 739-3800.

Career Tracks

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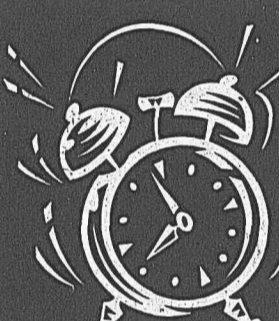
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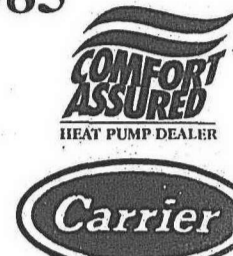
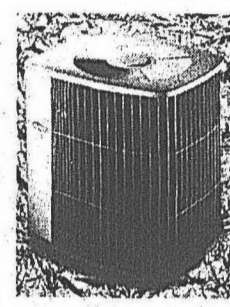


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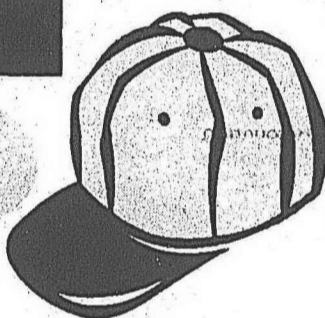
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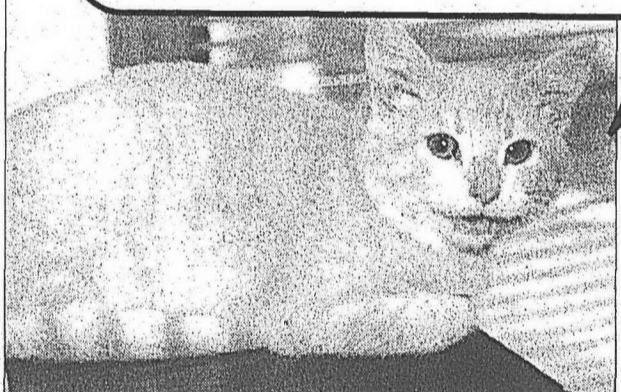
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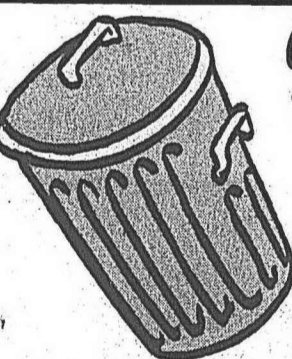
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Old Hundred Mill

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Lamson says, "A resubmitted application for the Old Hundred Mill property will be expected to conform with recommendations from the county subdivision review staff." Lamson points out that the planning department's primary concerns regarding provisions for open space and recreational facilities have yet to be resolved by the developer. Transportation issues include: access of the subdivision entrance at Old Hundred Road; the right of way dedication on Old Hundred Road; and a required 200-foot setback from Route 288.

The original zoning for the Old Hundred Mill property allows for a total of 276 single family homesites and the developer has requested permission for 274 units. According to Lamson, the number of units likely will be less than the requested 274 when open space and set back requirements are accommodated.

A revised plan from the developer is expected to be forthcoming but Lamson says, "No indication was given to us as to when that will be."

EMS System

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the emergency services vehicles as well as for the other drivers.

The Opticom system was introduced two years ago and Edwards said it may be four years before all vehicles and all intersections in the county are properly equipped. He noted, "The county is committed to retrofitting the existing traffic signals as part of its capital improvement plan but it's expensive. All new traffic lights have the equipment which is either paid for by VDOT or the developers putting in the lights."

The fire department operates five ambulances and five others are operated by volunteer rescue squads from 6 p.m. to 6 a.m. during the week and by the fire department during the day on weekdays and 24 hours a day on weekends. All firefighters are emergency medical technicians and 90 percent of fire stations have advanced life support positions. All fire engines as well as ambulances are equipped with emergency medical equipment.

In addition to reducing response time, the consultants have several charges including maintaining the volunteer programs, providing quality emergency medical care and working within managed medical care programs. During the four-month study, the consultants will review department statistics, interview fire department and volunteer rescue squad personnel, ride along with emergency service units and visit the communication center. At the conclusion of the study, which will cost \$47,700, a report will be presented to the board of supervisors along with recommendations for the future of Chesterfield County's emergency medical services program.

Chairman Warren said, "We have one of the finest fire departments in the state of Virginia right here in Chesterfield County. I am confident that the study will result in improved response time and improved efficiency in the delivery of emergency services."

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nearly one-year planning process, that more information and particularly a detailed site analysis, accurate construction estimates and a capital reserve study of the proposed community center and three pool sites would be needed. It was important to the BCA Strategic Planning Committee and the BCA Board that the community should have accurate and credible financial and operational information before asking members to vote on the plan. The alternative would have been to submit a plan to the community that was not fully researched and costed out. The referendum provided the community the opportunity to vote on the plan.

The 1998 fiscal year budget does not "hide" expenditures. For brevity reasons, a number of line items were consolidated in the budget submitted to the community. The BCA Finance Committee presented the budget during the September 30 public meeting. For the sake of clarity, all the budget line items appear on page 3.

A "five-year plan" to restore the health of the community's capital reserves has been presented to the BCA Finance Committee and the BCA Board of Directors and was also presented to the community on September 30. Residents are encouraged to contact me for more information.

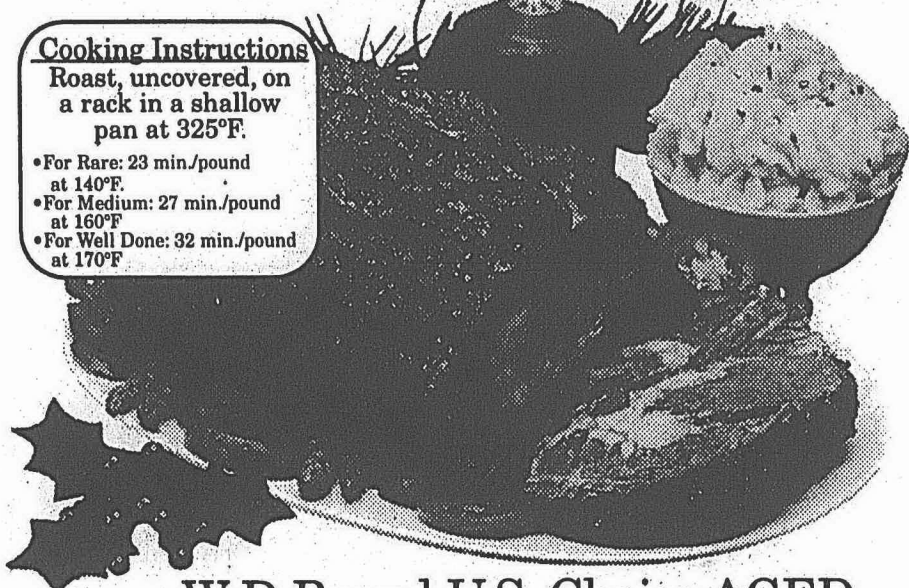


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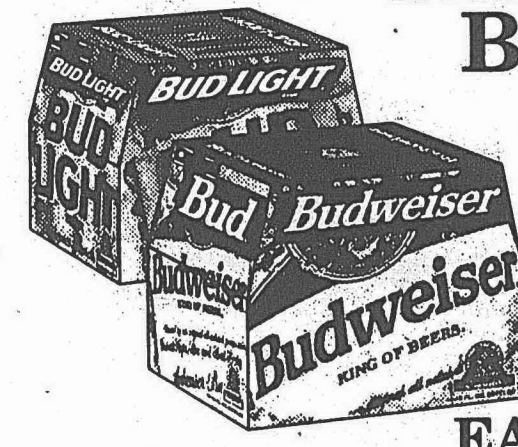
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