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HOME IMPROVEMENT

Next month's special section will feature great tips and contractor information.



WINNING STREAK

SCMS basketball players are on a roll.

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SPECIAL HONOR



Tom Pakurar receives recognition for volunteer work.

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Brandermill celebrates 25 years of history

A '70s aerial photo reveals the vast forested land that became Brandermill. Left of center is the Sunday Park peninsula; at right, U.S. Route 360.

By Harriet Coppins
Copy Editor

Editor's note: as we celebrate our 25th anniversary, it is a good time to pause and reflect on the history of the community. Throughout the year, The Village Mill staff will cover important events and the people who made the dream of Brandermill a reality. Join in the celebration of 25 years: Brandermill shines in '99.

Brandermill is situated on land originally owned by Lea Industries which belonged to the Powell family of Richmond. In 1969 the family sold Lea Industries to Sperry and Hutchinson, retaining the timberland in Chesterfield County. A new subsidiary, Chesterfield Land and Timber Corporation was then established to manage this land with the idea of eventually developing it. Angus Powell, who had visited the planned communities of Reston and Columbia, was the corporation's first president.

After deciding to build a 700-acre reservoir on its land near Route 360, CL&T entered into an agreement with officials of Chesterfield County who wanted a more economical source for their water supply which they had been purchasing from the city of Richmond. CL&T gave the county an easement to use the water. The company also donated 1,200 acres of land and contributed several hundred thousand dollars to clear it and provide engineering services. The county then purchased 500 additional acres, so that the lake covered an area of 1,700 acres. CL&T retained fee simple ownership of its 1,200 acres which entitled

it to all recreational and other normal ownership rights with the provision that the activities occurring on the land not damage the water supply.

In 1970 CL&T consulted with Reynolds, Smith and Hills, an architectural firm from Jackson, Florida to develop a plan for a community to be called Swift Creek. For two years, the new partnership worked at obtaining zoning and sewer commitments from Chesterfield County. In 1972, the Sea Pines Company of Hilton Head Island, South Carolina, desiring to expand its residential activities, bought RS&H's 50 percent ownership along with CL&T's 40 percent. CL&T remained as a 10 percent partner. In 1976, four enterprising individuals formed The Brandermill Group (later to become The Brandermill Company and then East West Partners) and took over the Sea Pines' interest in the project. The original partners included Harry Frampton; the late J. Roy Martin, III; Clarence Lupton and Gary Fenchuk. Shortly after its formation, Roger Perry joined the group when Lupton left. In the late 1970s Max Gardner became a partner. During the planning and developing phase of the new community, Equitable Life Assurance Company made a major long-term commitment of \$15 million to finish the project.

The planned community was no longer called Swift Creek. It became known as Brandermill, named after John Brander who in the 1800s owned and operated a large milling complex and bake house. These buildings were located in the southeast section of Chesterfield County on Brander's Bridge Road. They stood on the north

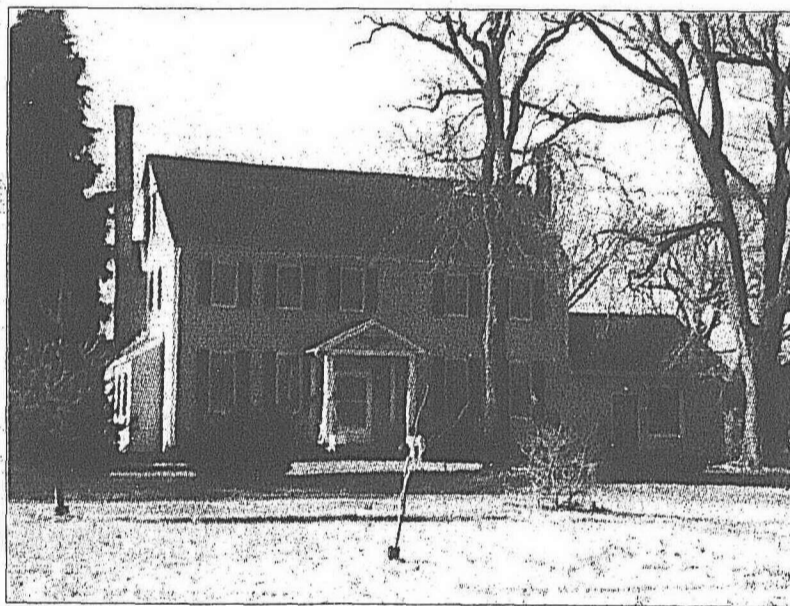


Photo by Cindy Kirk
John Brander's home, "Poplar Grove," still stands on Brander's Bridge Road.

side of Swift Creek near his family home, Branderburg. The two-story frame house, one of the largest federal-period structures in the county, still stands about a mile from the old mill site and since the middle 1900s has been known as Poplar Grove.

One major problem remained to be solved. When the Brandermill management team made application to the county to modify the existing zoning and sewer commitments, the issue of public use of the Swift Creek Reservoir and the possible threat of environmental damage created an enormous controversy. Would the development of Brandermill adversely affect the county's water supply?

After months of emotion-filled

hearings, a task force comprised of Virginia Polytechnic Institute professors, reported that the development would not damage the water. In addition, when the Environmental Protection Agency arrived at the same conclusion, the way was clear for the Chesterfield County Planning Commission and the Board of Supervisors to give unanimous support to the creation of Brandermill.

Finally in the summer of 1974, construction was started and in July 1975, the Sunday Park complex was underway. The first two "pioneering" residents of Brandermill moved into their homes in 1975—the Davis family on Winterberry Ridge and the Clapp family on Old Fox Trail.

Annual elections will take place April 19

By Wendy Parker
Managing Editor

Residents are reminded that elections for the BCA Board of Directors will take place on April 19. Ballots will be mailed to association members on March 19 and owners of rental property must register their tenants for voting privileges by March 1.

Association members will be voting to fill the seats of President John Hughes and Vice President Laurie Newill whose three-year terms will expire. Prospective candidates were to have picked up nomination packets and returned them by February 8. At press

time, four residents have picked up packets: Daniel Bryant, John Hughes, Janet Joyce and Roger Tuttle.

Candidates will have the opportunity to speak at Meet the Candidates Night at The Brandermill Church on March 9 at 7 p.m. In addition, their profiles will be featured in the March issue of The Village Mill.

The elected candidates will serve three-year terms joining current board members: Kevin Healy, Jack Miller, Kathleen McSweeney, C. Warren Massenburg and George Thacker.

For more information regarding the election, call a board member or call the BCA at 744-1035.

Remember to get approval before making improvements

If you want to make any exterior modifications to your Brandermill home or business this year, remember to obtain architectural approval in writing from the association before you start. Application forms are available at the BCA office. Below are the review schedules for the residential and commercial architectural review boards for 1999.

The Residential Architectural Review Board (ARB) meets on the second and fourth Tuesday of every month at 3:30 p.m. in the BCA board room. The ARB reviews all applications for home modifications, additions, sheds, garages, or other major improvements to your property. Applications for review must be received in the BCA office by noon on Monday before the meeting in order to be included on the agenda.

Professional support to the ARB is provided by Design/Management Associates, Inc. (DMA), a Richmond architectural firm. Applications for changes in house colors and for fences

can be approved by DMA on any Tuesday. Architect Doug Greene and his associate Norma Weidner are available for meetings with homeowners on Tuesdays between the hours of 10 a.m. and noon. They will be happy to assist you with questions about architectural review or design issues. Call the BCA office to make an appointment.

The Commercial Architectural Review Board (CARB) meets on the first Tuesday of each month at 4 p.m. in the BCA board room. Applications for review must be received in the BCA office no later than one week prior to the meeting date in order to be included on the agenda. Commercial property owners may also meet with DMA for preliminary reviews, discussions or questions, on Tuesdays between the hours of 10 a.m. and noon. Call the BCA office to make an appointment.

Association approval is also required for cutting down trees larger than six inches in diameter. Call the Community Standards Department at the BCA office for approval.

Residents view long range plan in special meetings

By Harriet Coppins
Copy Editor

Approximately 50 residents were present at the public meeting to review Brandermill's long range plan on January 26 at The Gardens Pavilion in Sunday Park. Dennis Smith, president of Harbour Pointe Association, moderated the meeting and Roger Comes, vice chairman of the long range planning committee, presented the proposal. Community manager Mike Divita and board members John Hughes, Laurie Newill, Jack Miller and Kevin Healy were present.

Comes explained that the BCA Board had accepted the plan for review and the purpose of the residents' meetings was for the board to hear comments, ideas and suggestions.

Using a projector, Comes discussed aspects of the plan: extended bike paths; playgrounds and tot lots; the Sunday Park improvement plan including acquisition of the old Millwood School site, paving and a boardwalk.

He explained the charge of the committee which was "to identify needed community improvements and suggest implementation strategies which will lead to the betterment of the Brandermill community." He said, "The mission statement of the committee was to develop strategic planning to preserve and protect property values, to improve the quality of life and to enhance the beneficial interests of the community."

He also emphasized the committee was not addressing areas outside its jurisdiction—roads, water, and maintenance—but that the committee was addressing only community improvements.

He noted that LRPC members are a diverse group, some who favored the 20/20 plan and some who were opposed. The first topic was improving walkways and bike paths. The proposed extensions and improvement to the paths are to provide access to recreational amenities, to Swift Creek Elementary and Swift Creek Middle Schools, to dominant retail

centers in Brandermill and more.

Doug Wayne stood and said "I live in Harbour Pointe and I ask where are the bike paths that tie Brandermill to Harbour Pointe, and for that matter, the playgrounds in Harbour Pointe?"

First Vice President Laurie Newill responded by saying that the existing playground belongs to the Country Club and a previous attempt to join bike paths with Brandermill was prohibited.

Nancy Bolton asked why there was no mention of a community center in the presentation. Comes replied that phase two of the plan will address that issue and others.

When Comes began discussing the idea of a boardwalk along the shoreline adjacent to the Sunday Park Pavilion and BCA sailing center recreational amenities, Pat Murphy questioned the need for a boardwalk. He also asked if there was an overwhelming demand for playground equipment.

Divita explained that the playground equipment was outdated and

Comes defended the boardwalk plan by noting the erosion near the pavilion and the need for greater safety.

Lou Elsaesser asked about the possibility of repairing drainage problems. Comes explained that was not a charge of his committee but rather of the maintenance department.

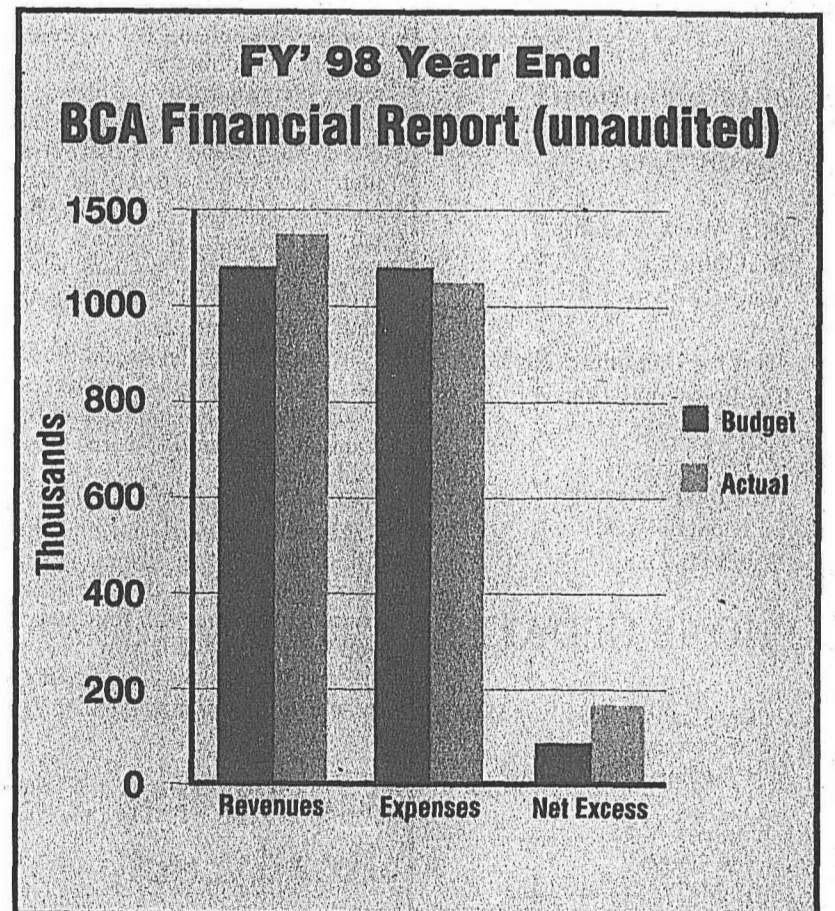
Pat Goldberg was concerned about the noise with a boardwalk so close to the water and the kind of restrooms that would be installed.

Comes said the facilities would be substantial and the ARB would have to approve them.

Bill Julian asked "What is the plan for church parking after the church expansion?" Director Kevin Healy replied that there are at present 251 spaces; after expansion there will be 280. The county requires a certain amount for buildings.

Pat Bailey said the overall plan was fine but was concerned that the boardwalk might not be structurally sound enough to hold large amounts

See long range plan on page 6.

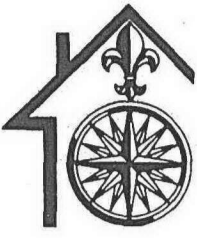


QUICK TIPS

Don't forget to vote!

Meet the Candidates
The Brandermill Church
March 9, 7 p.m.

Annual Election
The Brandermill Church
April 19, 7 p.m.



BCA Board of Directors

John Hughes, President
Laurie Newill, 1st VP
Kathleen McSweeney, 2nd VP
Kevin McTyre, Treasurer
C. Warren Massenburg
Jack Miller
George Thacker

**WELCOME
NEW RESIDENTS**

BIRNAM WOODS
Tom McCollum
CHIMNEY HOUSE
Jim & Melanie Dempsey
DEER MEADOW
Ken & Angela Whitehurst
GARRISON PLACE
Amy Deutsch
HERITAGE WOODS
Betty Rothgeb
HUNTSBRIDGE
Eric & Debi Middleton
PEBBLE CREEK
Adele Pritchett
REGATTA POINTE
Jeff & Ellen Wallace
RIDGE CREEK
Michael Wright
SAGEWOOD
Scott & Jennifer Marshall
Don & Louise Yuntz
THE OAKS
Loretta Olsen
THORNBRIDGE
Gregory & Sandra Frank
WATKIN'S GLEN
William Fouts
Mary Helen Janiga

ARB APPROVALS

Deer Meadow - Fence
Fox Chase - Fence
Harbour Bluff - New home
Heritage Woods - Screened porch
Huntsbridge - Deck
Long Hill - Front porch
McTyre's Cove - Screened porch
Northwich - Carport
Quail Hill - Deck & porch
Regatta Pointe - Screened porch

**COVENANT
VIOLATION**

DECEMBER
Violation letters sent 119
Violations resolved 63
Green cards issued 85
Green card resolutions 50
Hearing Panel matters 0

**UPCOMING
EVENTS**

BCA Board Meeting
Brandermill Woods
February 15, 7 p.m.

BCA Work Session
BCA Office
March 1, 7 p.m.

Meet the Candidates Night
The Brandermill Church
March 9, 7 p.m.

BCA Board Meeting
Brandermill Woods
March 15, 7 p.m.

PHONE UPDATES

Coller, Alan P., M/M744-5225
Tim & Barbara
3001 Sterling's Bridge Place

Elliot, Jerry, M/M.....763-4356
Jerry & Ginger
13916 McTyre's Cove Lane
(Samuel Guzman)

Forberg, Fred C., M/M.....744-7522
Fred & Mary
3705 Muirfield Green Court

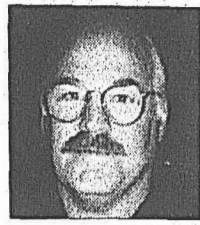
Hopkins, Max M/M744-9226
Max & Carolyn
13 Muirfield Green Lane

Sitler, David K., M/M.....744-4546
David & Lorraine
13912 Shadow Ridge Road
(Nicole, Andrew)

Suarez, P.744-0242
13607 Northwich Drive
(Scott)

Vilcheck, Robert J., M/M..763-0526
Robert & Mary..... O:748-1808
14005 Whispering Oaks Road

Voice of the people: What do you think of the new long range plan?



"To me, the long range plan looks quite good. I think there has to be more resident confidence in both the information about the plan and other regular maintenance issues."
Steven Lowrie
Poplar Grove



"I like the long range plan with one exception. I have concerns about the location of the boardwalk. I think it's going to be a high maintenance item and I think they need to take a long hard look at it."
Jim Graybeal
Northwich



"I think it's a good plan and I think it's time we did something because the Brandermill community just doesn't seem to have the appeal to prospective buyers that it once did."
Carolyn Belgrad
Harbour Hill



"I agree with the items mentioned but I feel that younger families need to have their input. The lowest budget area is for children, which is playgrounds, but maybe there needs to be some additions to the plan."
Kimberly Morse
Winterberry Ridge



"I think we need to buy the Millwood School property because the area is limited and I support the extension of the bike paths because I'm a walker. I'd like to learn more about the other parts of the plan."
Bonnie Wodrich
East Bluff

COMMUNITY STANDARDS



Seth McMillan

Trees are one of Brandermill's most abundant natural resources, but you know what they say about too much of a good thing. As Brandermill has grown and matured over the past 20 years, so have the trees. Where 20 years ago a tree next to a house or deck was a small sapling, today it towers over the house and sways in storms. Root networks within 10 to 15 feet of a foundation can cause severe foundation problems that are expensive to repair. Cracking, leaking, and uneven settling are only a few major problems that can be attributed to trees too close to a house. In addition, numerous trees looming over a house exacerbate mold and mildew growth on exterior siding and roofs.

As stated in Part II, section II of the General Covenants, tree removal is restricted in that: "No trees measuring six inches or more in diameter at a point two feet above ground level may be removed without the written approval of the Company. Approval for the removal of trees located within 10 feet of the main dwelling or accessory building or within 10 feet of the approved site for such building will be granted unless such removal will substantially decrease the beauty of the property."

Although the BCA has somewhat relaxed the tree cutting policy realizing that some trees must be removed for the greater health of other trees and property as a whole, clear cutting continues to be prohibited. While those properties in heavily wooded neighborhoods may be permitted to cut trees, wholesale clearing will not be permitted as it would substantially change the context of the neighborhood.

Should you decide that tree removal is necessary, please call this office prior to removing any trees as required by the covenants. Trees should be marked clearly with tape or ribbon, and if approved, you will be given a copy of authorization for your records. A copy is kept on file in this office. In addition, not enough can be said for contracting a reputable tree removal service and it is always wise to shop around.

Community associations can get results

I thank all of the residents who have taken the time to attend the two community meetings regarding the proposed long range plan submitted by the Long Range Planning Committee. Your input and comments are a valuable part of the decision making process. Brandermill is at a point in its history where some form of reinvestment is necessary. I think there is a consensus on that point by the majority of you. I also wish to extend my deepest appreciation to the committee for the time it has taken from work and families to meet over the past several months to deal with some very difficult issues. The committee is a diverse group of your neighbors who came together to work for a better Brandermill.

Community associations are a successful phenomenon in America. Their success is driven by property owners who share a common interest in preserving property values and their quality of life.

While each is different in architecture, amenities or demographics, community associations are similar in their desire to promote community and a sense of belonging to something special. Different communities have varying expectations of their association. Brandermill is an extremely active community. Our influence is felt well beyond our borders and this has enabled us to affect legislation that impacts us directly—the Swift Creek Reservoir or the architectural design and land use plans of nearby commercial development are prime examples. Few residents realize the benefits of this influence and participation directly, but it is there and for good cause. New board directors are often surprised at the level of this involvement and their ability to impact the future of their community.

Here is a prime example of how your community association can help you. Anyone who lives in the Quail Hill or Fox Chase neighborhoods understands the terrible shape of many of the roads there; some are actually unsafe. The residents have complained to VDOT and some effort has been made to address the problem, albeit inadequately. The problem is that years ago the underground utilities were installed incor-

rectly, leading to the roads' deterioration. VDOT is not responsible for repairing the county's utility system. Confronted with this situation, we enlisted the aid of our Clover Hill Supervisor Art Warren. The morning we called Supervisor Warren, he organized a meeting for that afternoon at the BCA office with officials from VDOT and the county utilities and the transportation departments. The result of that meeting is that both agencies have promised to deliver a joint plan to address the problem this spring. The BCA provided a map of the locations that needed repairs. Had it not been for our close relationship with the county, VDOT and Supervisor Warren, with what degree of urgency would our requests have been received? Would we have been successful in enlisting the aid of Chesterfield County Planning Commissioner Russ Gulley to relocate a proposed transmission tower at our back door? Would the planning commission have seriously considered addressing our environmental concerns that directly affects our drinking water supply in the proposed Route 288 corridor plan?

The BCA cannot fix every problem. But when we can assist homeowners and work for the betterment of the community, we do try. It is true we have some catching up to do on the

maintenance and replacement of our infrastructure, but I am very optimistic about our ability to resolve many of these issues within the next two years. As residents you deserve the biggest bang for your assessment dollar we can provide. But pinching pennies is not always a sign of a healthy community either. Sometimes the old saying "you get what you pay for" is true. Often I hear concerns that our assessments are too high or why have they been increased. Yes, no one will dispute that every dollar counts. However, if we are to compete in the coming housing market, reinvestment is a fact of life and a necessity for survival.

Many Brandermill residents are involved in their community which is a sign of vitality and community strength. We have reactivated our committee system to include more residents in the decision making process of the community. Your neighbors are participating in ever greater numbers and in some cases we actually have a waiting list for certain committees. Where some communities are hard pressed for volunteers, Brandermill is defying a national trend of decreased volunteerism. Our recognition by the Central Virginia Chapter of the Community Association Institute as the best community asso-

See Manager's Desk on page 3.

Community manager sets goal to rebuild reserve fund

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Brandermill Community Association Board of Directors was held in the conference room at the BCA office on January 25, 1999. The following is a summary of the minutes. Complete official minutes are available at the BCA.

Member Voice

James M. Bolton, Harbour Pointe resident and former BCA Board director, commended the board and the LRPC on the long range plan. He said that he was pleased to see that a community center was a part of the plan, but expressed concern that it was not part of Phase I. He reminded the board that the existing community center would revert to the country club within 14 months.

Before calling the meeting to order, President Hughes recognized Doug Wayne, NRC liaison, and Bill Johnson, Brandermill Retired Men's Club liaison.

President's Report

Director Newill attended the Chesterfield County Planning Commission hearing on the Route 288 corridor plan along with Tom Pakurar and Betty Hunter Clapp. Newill spoke to the planning commission on behalf of the BCA and WCA. The

plan was tabled.

Community Manager Divita, Tom Pakurar, Betty Hunter Clapp and Joan Salvati, Chesterfield County water quality manager, met with the engineers to discuss the master plan regional ponds. Final plans are to be completed by December 1999. Newill pointed out that regional ponds will not service the 288 corridor. VDOT has its own system in place and it is currently catching 99.8 percent of runoff from roadways.

The proposed Triton Communications tower has been put on hold. Another site is being considered.

There were approximately 30 residents in attendance for the NRC meeting concerning the Sunday Park loop road relocation and proposed expansion of The Brandermill Church. Pastor Reggie Tuck and Harley Joseph, the engineer in charge of the road relocation, made presentations.

The extension of the six-month option to buy the old Millwood School site will be discussed at the board meeting. Director Newill asked that the plans for relocating the road be presented to the CARB for approval.

Treasurer's Report

The 1998 financial statements will be reviewed by the finance commit-

tee at its January 26 meeting. Community Manager Divita stated that as of December 31, 1998 there was a budget excess of \$67,000 making a total cash balance of \$161,000.

Community Manager Divita stated that his goal for the future was to make a cash contribution to the reserve at the end of each quarter.

Committee Reports

ARB/CARB Hearing Panel
Seven cases were scheduled for hearing in January; one was resolved before the panel met. A motion was made and carried to approve the community manager as an alternate to the hearing panel.

Activities

The activities committee will meet January 28 to discuss the upcoming BCA 25th Anniversary, Chesterfield County 250th Anniversary and the Fourth of July festivities.

Landscape

Community Manager Divita reported he had talked to Bill VanBuskirk regarding deferred billing for the committee's spring planting request and he is willing to spread payment for the project over a six-month period.

Long Range Planning

Public meetings concerning the

proposed long range plan are scheduled for January 26 and February 3. Roger Comes, vice chair of the committee, will be the presenter and Dennis Smith the moderator. Community Manager Divita pointed out that all commercial property owners had been sent a letter regarding the upcoming presentations. The Commercial Council is scheduled to meet February 16 at Brandermill Woods at which time they will be given an overview of the plan.

New Business

A motion was made and carried to approve the appointment of Michael Westfall to the finance committee.

A motion was made and carried to approve the Administration and Covenant Enforcement Policy.

A motion was made and carried to approve the Outdoor Storage Facility Policy.

A motion was made and carried to approve amendment to Article IX, of the Bylaws titled "Books and Records of the Corporation" as stated in the following resolution: Subject to the provisions and conditions set forth in the Virginia Property Owners Association

See minutes on page 5.

NOTICE

**The cut-off date
for
property owners
to register their
tenants for
voting privileges
in the
annual election
is
March 1, 1999.**

**Gardners!
Ready, set,
rototill, register**

It is time to sign up for the 1999 spring and summer gardening season.

Any resident who worked Heritage Farms garden plots in 1998 will be given priority to sign up for those same plots before Monday, March 2. The resident must complete the form and drop off payment for the plots.

Those residents new to Heritage Farms must register at the BCA office starting March 2 and plots will be assigned based on availability.

The yearly use fee for a 10 foot by 10 foot plot is \$5 and a 10 foot by 20 foot plot is \$9. There are a limited number of plots available at this time.

If anyone has questions, Dena Sindelir will be available at the BCA office Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Heritage Farms

BCA Garden Plots

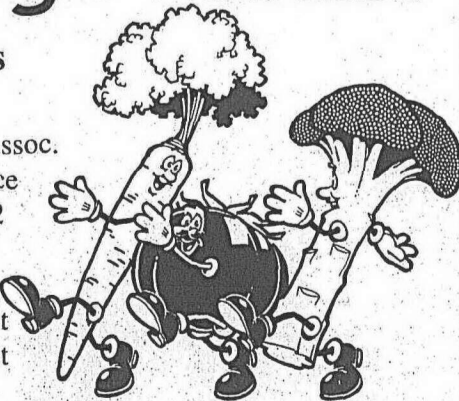
Please return by March 1.
Brandermill Community Assoc.
3001 East Boundary Terrace
Midlothian, Virginia 23112

Please include:
\$5 for each 10' x 10' plot
\$9 for each 10' x 20' plot

I would like the same plot(s) as 1998 _____
I would like to be assigned _____ 10' x 10' plot(s)
I would like to be assigned _____ 10' x 20' plot(s)

The plots are assigned for the period between March 1, 1999 and March 1, 2000.

Name _____
Address _____
Daytime Phone _____
Enclosed check made payable to the BCA for \$ _____



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How the BCA works for you

The Village Mill staff keeps the community informed



The Village Mill staff, standing from left, are: Harriet Coppins, Janet Joyce, Ann Hunt, Kris Risendal and the only one working, Wendy Parker. Not pictured: Denise Skellett.

By Harriet Coppins
Copy Editor

The staff of The Village Mill consists of six employees: managing editor, copy editor, production assistant, two copy writers, and graphic designer. Only the managing editor's position is full-time, while the rest of the staff works part-time.

Wendy Parker, who in May will celebrate her 10-year anniversary as the managing editor of The Village Mill, not only writes and edits articles, but is responsible for the execution and management of the paper's annual budget and for the sale of all advertising. Parker hires and trains staff members, coordinates volunteer contributors, and assigns stories and photo shoots. Reporting directly to the community manager, she attends and reports on many board and community meetings. In addition, Parker plans and

oversees the sale of advertising and printing of the annual Brandermill Telephone Directory and the BCA website. She is also responsible for other BCA publications including community flyers, brochures and press releases.

Parker has a bachelor of fine arts degree from Ohio University. She is currently in her second year of graduate school at Virginia Commonwealth University where she is pursuing a master's degree in English. Before being appointed to her present position, Parker worked in the field of public relations and was a free-lance artist and writer. She has had a children's book published as well as articles and stories in national magazines.

Parker, a resident of Winterberry Ridge, has a son and daughter who attend college.

As copy editor, Harriet Coppins conducts interviews, attends meetings

and contacts contributors as needed. She writes articles and edits and corrects all copy. She proofs for errors in the original writing and again when the pages are laid out. She also writes headlines and captions as needed.

Coppins has been a resident of Brandermill for 18 years and on the staff of The Village Mill for 12 years. She moved to Brandermill to retire but obviously, the plan changed. She has a bachelor of arts degree in English and a master of arts in teaching from the State University of New York. Coppins taught eleventh- and twelfth-grade English for 12 years in Johnson City, N.Y.

Production Assistant Ann Hunt joined The Village Mill staff in August, 1998. During production and publication weeks, Hunt is in charge of classified ads and also assists in all aspects of preparing the paper for publication. She enters copy, proof reads

and makes corrections. She is responsible for preparing the billing, bulk mailing, maintaining office supplies, sending out media packets, other correspondence and faxes as needed. She processes all new advertising contracts and assists customers with ads. She also devotes a great deal of her time working on the production of the Brandermill Telephone Directory.

Hunt, her husband, Curt, and children live in Timber Ridge.

Kristine Risendal and Janet Joyce have been on the staff as copy writers for three years. Their responsibilities include conducting interviews, attending meetings and various functions, and writing news and feature articles. They often take photographs to accompany their material.

Risendal has a bachelor of arts degree in communications from Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University. She was a free-lance writer for several businesses and director of communications for Home Builders Association of Virginia, and was responsible for a monthly magazine, "Footnotes." When she worked for American Public Transit Company and Peoples Life Insurance Company in Washington, D.C., she wrote press releases and was responsible for the company's newspapers and coverage of national and local meetings.

Risendal and her husband Jack, and three children live in Rockport Landing.

Janet Joyce graduated from Cornell University with a bachelor of science degree in agriculture. She also has a master's degree in education from Texas A & M. At Cornell, Joyce worked for Instructional Materials Service where she developed teachers' materials for secondary schools. At Texas A & M, she worked for the Free Enterprise Center as the publications director. She was also a photographer for the university news service. While living in Michigan, Joyce was a free-lance writer and now in Virginia does desk top publishing.

Joyce lives in East Bluff with her husband John, and two children.

Graphic designer Denise Skellett joined the staff of The Village Mill in September. She designs ads for the newspaper and the Brandermill Telephone Directory, and updates the

website. She also designs flyers and works on special projects for the BCA. Skellett is the sole proprietor of Personal Computing Limited in Richmond. She provides graphic designing, programming, and consulting.

She has associate degrees in medical office assistance and computer science. She was an administrator at Singer Link in New York before moving to Virginia. She lives in Chesterfield with her husband and two sons.

CATHY MAXWELL

"CATHY MAXWELL CAN'T BE BEAT!"
Jill Barrett, author of Wild

Because of You

Because of You,
Cathy Maxwell's
latest historical
romance is
available now.

B. Dalton Bookseller
Waldenbooks
Barnes and Noble
Winn Dixie
Books-a-Million

YOU'RE INVITED

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Our financial condition is much brighter this year than in the past two years. Understandably, the assessment increases have helped greatly, but we are also on the right path in reestablishing our financial health.

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Sunday, May 2 Betsy Q Children's Concert
2 & 4 p.m. (2 concerts) - Gardens Pavilion Sunday Park

Friday, May 12 Shakespeare Theatre
"Much Ado About Nothing"
7:30 p.m. - Gardens Pavilion Sunday Park

Sunday, July 4 Fourth of July Parade & Festivities
4 p.m. - Swift Creek Middle to Sunday Park
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Brandermill's 25th Anniversary Celebration
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Brandermill Sailing Club Regatta

Sunday, August 15 Moonlight Serenaders
6:30 p.m. - Gardens Pavilion Sunday Park

Wednesday, September 15 Chesterfield County Community Band
7 p.m. - Gardens Pavilion Sunday Park

Saturday, September 25 Brandermill's Fine Arts & Crafts Show
10 a.m. - 5 p.m. - Sunday Park

Friday, October 8 Shakespeare Theatre "Taming of the Shrew"
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Tom Pakurar receives DuPont honor

Hands Across the Lake benefits financially



At center: Thomas Pakurar and Betty Hunter Clapp accept awards from DuPont Vice President David Pang and Plant Manager Mike Mayberry.

By Wendy Parker
Managing Editor

When DuPont officials recently honored Tom Pakurar for his volunteer efforts, the organization he co-chairs, also benefited. Hands Across the Lake (HAL) received \$1,000 from Dupont and Co-chairman Pakurar and Betty Hunter Clapp were on hand to accept the donation.

Pakurar, of Old Fox Trail, was among six other DuPont employees recognized for their charitable work at a reception on January 26.

During the award ceremony, Pakurar was commended for his many hours of work in promoting the health and life of Swift Creek Reservoir. The master of ceremonies said, "Under Tom's leadership, this all-volunteer organization has become a strong, persuasive voice in moving Chesterfield County leaders to adopt laws and policies that will assure better quality and quantity of drinking water in future years."

Pakurar thanked the Dupont Company for its donation to HAL. He said, "This is a most innovative way to align financial support of local charities with em-

ployees' volunteer efforts. We would like to use this money to establish a website, serving the students and community as an educational resource on water quality.

Pakurar said, "I also thank Mike Divita, Terri Sheets, John Hughes, Laurie Newill, and the BCA and WCA leadership for galvanizing community support."

Pakurar noted that in the early '90s, Chesterfield County officials were not focused on the management of water quality. Pollution had caused the closing of a three million gallon per day drinking water plant. Zoning decisions were made without the benefits of water quality goals or management policy.

He said, "Because of the tremendous community support, the county today has a water quality administrator and three assistants, as well as laws, policies and monitoring to protect our drinking water sources."

He added, "I also wish to thank the many developers, business people, the Chesterfield Business Council and the many community volunteers for helping and supporting a community approach to managing its water resources."

Columnist Jann Malone speaks at BWC

By Susan Humble
Correspondent

More than 30 new members of the Brandermill Woman's Club were treated to a luncheon at the Club House at Arbour Landing in Chester on Wednesday, January 20. This annual event was co-hosted by Judy Boatwright, vice-president for membership and her daughter, Robin Stewart. All the club officers contributed a dish to the pot luck buffet.

The entire BWC membership was in for a special treat when Richmond Times-Dispatch columnist Jann Malone spoke about "coping with the curve balls of life" at the February 10 general meeting. The March 10 program will feature Maria Beal, aerobics director of the Woodlake Aquatics Fitness Center, who will give instructions on how to be fit in 1999. As always, advance reservations must be made by Friday, March 5 by calling Joan Mack at 744-1619.

Brenda, The Glass Lady, will visit the Antiques Group on February 22 at the Brandermill Community Center. Members and their guests are encouraged to bring glassware or china for Brenda's comment.

'Bookies I will be discussing "Tuesdays with Morrie" on February 19, while Bookies II will mull over "Perfect Storm" on February 16.

The Garden Club has again invited Al Brockwell from Spring Gallery Florist to share his creative talents with both silk and fresh floral arrangements on February 17 at the Brandermill Community Center.

The BWC Socials Group will participate in a Valentine's Day wine and cheese tasting course. A trip to a dinner theater in Alexandria is being planned by the Tours Committee. Bridge, investment club, and quilters meet monthly at various members homes. Please call Yoshi Noji at 739-7842 for more specific information.

It is never too late to become a member of the Brandermill Woman's Club. All women reading The Village Mill are invited to call Judy Boatwright at 744-3255 for information. Association with the Brandermill Country Club is not a prerequisite for joining.

Brandermill Woman's Club Community Service Chair Lois Miles has been very busy this year. She and other club members have visited yard sales



The Corduroys, students at Clover Hill High School serenade BWC member Lois Miles during a recent meeting.

all over Chesterfield in their quest for items for the Chesterfield Battered Women's Shelter and the Crisis Pregnancy Center of Richmond. She has been overwhelmed by the generosity of local businesses which have donated cases of diapers to these cen-

ters on behalf of the BWC. Miles has also made sure that the BWC's donation was made to the Chesterfield/Colonial Heights Christmas Mother fund and saw that Ukrop's gift certificates were ready to be distributed to families in need.

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Lions Club holds auction

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The Brandermill-Woodlake Chapter of International Lions Clubs will be conducting a silent auction at the Gardens Pavilion at Sunday Park on Friday, March 5 at 6:30 p.m.

According to Lion David Nelson, the proceeds of this event will fund approximately a dozen charitable causes supported by the local chapter. The focus is to help the needy sight- and hearing-impaired. Two such programs, he explained, are the recycling of used eyegare and hearing aids for those who cannot afford them.

The objects available for the silent auction will fall under two categories: genuine objects d'art and merchandise and services such as free restaurant meals, a new FAX machine, a package of tanning salon visits, etc.

Among the objects d'art is a watercolor by area dentist and philanthropist W. Baxter Perkinson, Jr. Others include works by celebrated artist P. Buckley Moss, Beverly Purdue Nida, and John P. MacLeod.

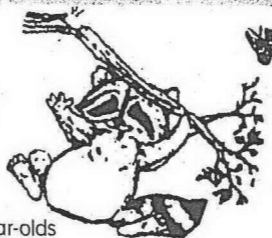
Included in the price of \$10 tickets will be two drinks and catered hors d'oeuvres. Music will be provided, as well as plenty of good conversation.

The Brandermill-Woodlake Lions Club was founded 20 years ago, and meets on the second and fourth Wednesday of the month at 6:30 p.m. at the Brandermill Country Club. Membership is open to both men and women. For silent auction tickets or information about this local service organization, call David Nelson at 379-0971 (w) or 794-6259 (h).

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Director asks for input

Fellow Residents;

It has been almost one year since I had the privilege of being elected to serve as your representative to the BCA. The premise of my campaign was that of communication. It was my belief that the board of directors of the Brandermill Community Association was not truly representing the voice of the community. Since my election, I have spoken to a great number of you, both in person as well as by phone. These conversations seem to indicate that the situation, while it has improved, still has a way to go. I have not had conversations with any where near a majority of those who cast the 2,600+ votes to elect me, but from the tones of those to whom I have spoken and knowing something about their influence and their circle of associates, it is not too presumptuous of me to say, that, while things are better, all is not well in "River City."

The board is a diversified group, with diversified ideas. Some of the suggestions and ideas which are eventually expounded upon and become realities have the benefit of hours of discussion and then input from one or more committees. This is true of the new expansion plan put forth by the Long Range Planning Committee. The planning committee was established to include community members who were both for and against the defunct 20/20 plan and is chartered to develop a long range plan of community improvements. These improvements will be beneficial and complimentary to the Brandermill theme. The main idea is to have a capital spending program which will add market appeal while at the same time maintain and improve property values of the community. It is my belief that this plan is a start in that direction.

It is my feeling that the Long Range Planning committee has done an excellent job of identifying capital projects which when completed will assist in the betterment of our community. The concerns that I have regarding this plan and for which I need your input are the ultimate cost to the individual homeowner and the trend it may be setting for future assessments. The board will be voting on this plan in the near future, and I would

like to be sure of the way the residents view the overall plan and the proposed special assessment.

To me, a long range plan is five to seven years and you take an annual look to see if the once number one priorities are still number one; maybe they are not even on the list at this time. Some of the residents to whom I have talked believe the acquisition of the former Millwood School property is something which must go forward. This is also my belief, if for no other reason than to protect the pristine nature of Sunday Park from commercialization. This particular expenditure is one which should go forward. The cost of this project including some re-paving is estimated at approximately \$167,000 for the 2.3 acres involved. This is a very attractive price for this particular piece of real estate.

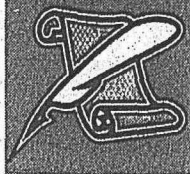
I heard some pros and cons on the other four items contained in the plan, but I really do not have enough input from you to cast an intelligent vote which would be representative. I have heard some comments at the January 26 public meeting and while they were generally in favor of the planning committee's work and thought that an excellent job had been done, I did not feel that comments on the overall plan were sufficient to judge. There were comments on individual elements and even a good number on the second phase of the plan but not enough for me to feel comfortable.

Please let me have your input on this plan, and on other concerns or areas which may be before the board in the future.

Brandermill needs your voice as a community volunteer. This will help assure that we have fresh ideas and new voices in the governing of this community. If you want to make yourself heard run for one of the director spots which are open or you can join your Neighborhood Representative Council and make sure that your neighborhood's voice is heard. It only takes a little time and dedication to assure that Brandermill stays the place "You can't wait to get home" to. Get involved, stay involved and then you can be safe in knowing that your monies and values are being properly cared for. I cannot do my elected job unless you give me feedback. I am available by telephone, 744-2647, or snail mail as well as e-mail for those of you who wish to communicate by computer, jack.miller@alliedsignal.com.

Sincerely,
John H. (Jack) Miller, III, P.E.
Timber Ridge

LETTERS



Cifelli challenges residents to help neighbors



Kim Cifelli

By Kris Risendal
Staff Writer

Kim Cifelli of Garrison Place is issuing a challenge for all able-bodied Brandermill men to step up to the plate and help other members of their community. Brandermill's new neighborhood assistance program for residents unable to maintain their homes and yards due to disabilities or financial difficulties is in need of able-bodied men willing to donate an hour or two of their time to helping residents with heavy lifting and yard work.

"The success of this new program has been overwhelming," said Cifelli. "The program has really taken off thanks to the generous responses we have received from contractors and other volunteers. Many women have responded to our requests for help, but we are still in need of people able to help with heavy lifting. We'd rather not pay a contractor when all the job might require is someone hauling some yard debris to the dump," she said.

The Neighborhood Assistance Program sponsored by the Brandermill Neighborhood Representative Council assists residents in need by providing them with volunteers willing to complete jobs at reduced rates. Cifelli visits each resident who requests help from the program to assess what work needs to be done. "It was our hope to get enough volunteers on our list to help with any kind of job, from raking leaves to repairing roofs," said Cifelli. "To date, our volunteers include two roofers, four carpentry contractors, a tree removal company, and a person who seals and repairs driveways."

Neighbors helping neighbors is the key to the success of this new program. Residents willing to participate in the neighborhood assistance program or is in need of assistance themselves, can call Kim Cifelli at 744-4830. "I really hope that more people will become involved in this wonderful community program. It doesn't require a lot of time and it is a worthwhile way to help your neighbors," Cifelli said.

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A motion was made and carried to enter executive session for the purpose of discussing an ARB appeal.

The board returned to open session.

A motion was made and carried to affirm the ARB's decision regarding the scale and dimensions of a proposed driveway as stated in its December 9, 1998 approval letter.

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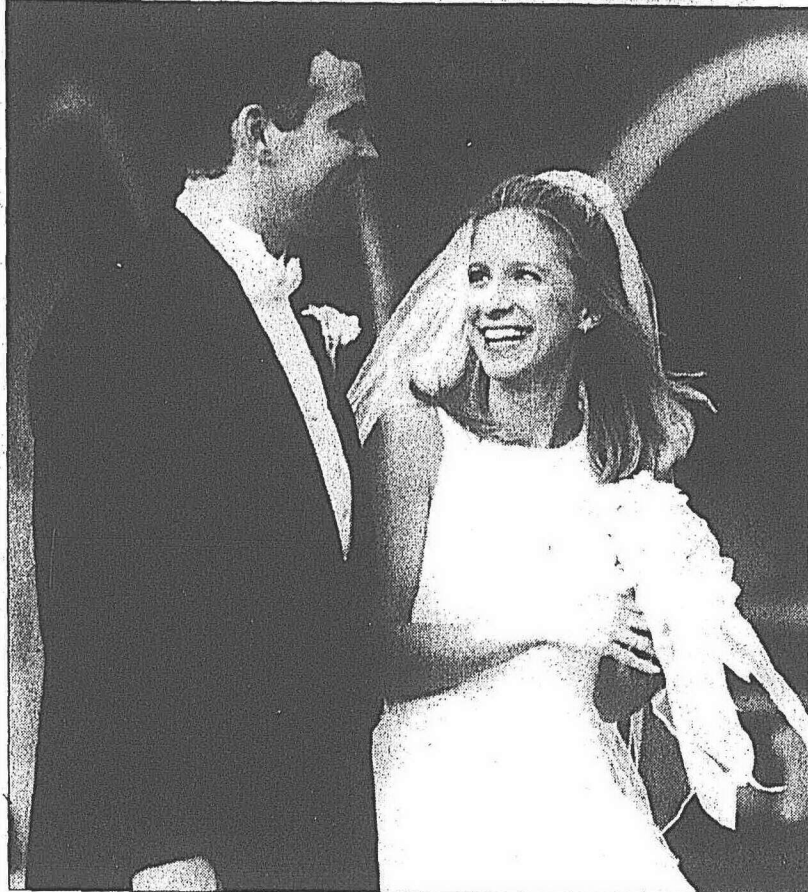
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Melissa Malek and Timothy MacAleese exchange vows



Mr. and Mrs. Timothy MacAleese

The marriage of Melissa Lynn Malek, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Joseph Malek of Timber Ridge to Timothy Sean MacAleese, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles MacAleese of Centerville, Mass. took place on Saturday, November 14, at St. Bridget's Catholic Church.

The Rev. Bryan Parrish of St. Paul Parish, Wellesley, Mass., a friend of the groom, presided at the 3 p.m. nuptial mass.

The bride was given in marriage by her father. Lisa Anderson Gatewood of Arlington, Va., was the matron of honor. Bridesmaids were Mary German Manley of Cupertino, Calif., Elissa Mast of Midlothian, Jennifer Shepherd of Atlanta, Ga., Katie Smith of Mount Laurel, N.J., and the groom's sister, Elizabeth MacAleese of Norwood, Mass. Junior bridesmaids were Courtney and Jenna Gallo of Boynton Beach, Fla., cousins of the bride.

Duncan Macallister of Marston Mills, Mass. and Mathew Baldasaro of Cotuit, Mass. were the best men. Groomsmen were the groom's brothers Dennis and Stephen MacAleese of Centerville, Mass., the bride's brother Christopher Malek of Pasadena,

Calif., and Eric Deehan of Norwood, Mass.

The scriptures were read by Lindsey Mecca, a cousin of the bride, of Midlothian, and Adam Smith of Washington, D.C. The prayer of the faithful was given by Kathleen Phillips of Arlington, Va.

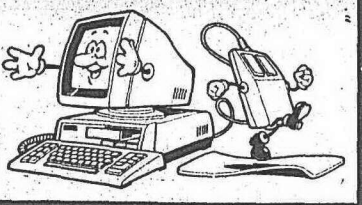
A dinner reception was held in the West Ballroom of the Country Club of Virginia with music by Power Play.

The bride graduated from the

McIntyre School of Commerce, University of Virginia. The groom graduated from Babson College and earned his CPA. The bride and groom both received master of business administration degrees from the Darden Graduate School of Business Administration, University of Virginia.

After a honeymoon in Anguilla and St. Martin, the couple is residing in Manhattan.

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Long range plan

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of people—especially at the Fourth of July festivities. He was also concerned about the wear and tear of the boardwalk.

John Hughes said no one is allowed on the peninsula during the fireworks display. Jack Miller said these are conceptual ideas that need approval.

Jerry Elliott asked what has been done regarding environmental issues all through Sunday Park.

Newill said the church has a large sand filter in place which will drain and filter far more effectively than at present.

Greg Pearson commented that many people did not want the entire 20/20 package. This would be a big opportunity for the committee to vote item by item.

Jim Bolton commended the board but noted that when the community center reverts to the Country Club in 14 months, the community will lose a very important facility.

Comes said he was in total agreement and the issue will be addressed.

Ted Weist said he was thrilled with the whole project.

Doug Wayne was concerned about the commercial vote if the plan goes to referendum.

Divita said that the commercial vote is 18 percent of the total membership and it is difficult to know what commercial members would do. Dennis Smith pointed out that the bike paths will lead to business areas which commercial members would like.

Comes reminded the residents that there does not have to be a referendum on this proposal. The board needs only "to accept it and it will go."

Jennifer Pruitt weds Scott Whirley

Jennifer Lillian Pruitt, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert L. Pruitt Jr. of Chesterfield County and Kenneth Scott Whirley, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. Christian Nuckols of Barne's Spring, and of Kenneth Whirley of Chesterfield County, were married on October 28 in Gatlinburg, Tenn.

The Rev. Dennis Allen Callwell officiated.

The bride wore a floor-length sleeveless gown of cream with a scooped-neckline and brocade bodice. The bride designed and made her own bouquet of peach colored roses.

After a two-week wedding trip to the mountains of Tennessee and North Carolina, the couple is residing in Chesterfield County.



Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Scott Whirley

Toddler playgroup meets in Sunday Park

Brandermill area toddlers and moms participating in a Tuesday playgroup at the Sunday Park pirate ship playground enjoy fresh air, fun activities, and meet new friends, including many ducks.

The play group has a new meeting time — 11:30 a.m. on Tuesdays. Some participants may also meet again on Thursdays at 11:30 a.m.

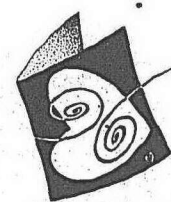
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Becoming a Homeplace

February 17 - Richmond. Keith Egloff traces human change in Virginia through 16,000 years before the arrival of the English at Jamestown in 1607. See how artifacts changed through time and hear how culture evolved from simple bands to complex chiefdoms. Noon at the Pusey Museum Shop, Virginia Historical Society, 428 N. Boulevard. Fee: 358-4901.

Virginia's Past Today

March 3 - Richmond. This photography exhibit by Chiles T.A. Larson documents the Old Dominion's rich and enduring heritage. Among his subjects are ponies of Assateague Island, VMI, the thoroughbred tradition, and the still present legacy of the Civil War. Larson will also be available afterward to sign the book that accompanies this exhibit. Noon at the Pusey Museum Shop, Virginia Historical Society, 428 N. Boulevard. Fee: 358-4901.

Great Gardening: Rose Pruning Workshop

March 3 - Maymont. A rose by any other name would smell as sweet...or would it? Maymont's roses are special; they bloom from May through late fall, and they were still vibrant with color this past December. Peggy Singleman, Maymont's manager of horticulture, reveals the secrets of the Italian Garden roses during the rose pruning workshop from 9 a.m. to noon. The workshop begins in Maymont's Assembly Hall with a brief discussion of proper rose care. Participants then move to the Italian Garden for hands-on experience pruning roses. The program is beneficial for beginning rose enthusiasts and experts alike. Participants should dress for the weather and bring secateur-type hand clippers. The program fee is \$15 (\$12 for members) and advance registration is required. Maymont is located at 1700 Hampton Street and free parking is available. To register, call Maymont at 358-7166, ext. 310.

Bone Voyage

March 6 - Maymont. No bones about it! Skulls, skeletons, fossils and live wild animals are the tickets to this "Bone Voyage" at Maymont's Nature Center at 10 a.m. Children will get an inside look at animals as they assemble a skeleton, learn clues to identify an animal from its bones and snack on fossils. Afterwards, there's a dig to uncover animal remains. The program fee is \$10 (\$8 for members) and advance registration is required. Call 358-7166, ext. 324.

Discover Maymont House

March 13 - Maymont. Have you ever slept on a swan? Does a lion live in your fireplace or a tiger stalk across your mantel? Designed to engage young visitors, 5 - 11 year olds are offered a chance to encounter all the wonderful animals who inhabit Maymont House and learn what it was like to live 100 years ago. The program fee is \$2 per person and advance registration is required. Call 358-7166, ext. 329.

Victorian Bell & Boilers: Domestic Technology

March 20 - Maymont. Maymont House, the home of Major James H. and Sallie May Dooley, provides an excellent case study for an examination of the era that introduced electric lighting, central heat and telephones into the home. A special two-hour tour will examine the fascinating advances in domestic technology at the turn of the century. Visitors will have the opportunity to see one of the first residential elevators in Richmond. The fee is \$6 (\$4 for members) and advance registration is required. Call 358-7166, ext. 329.

George Washington: Virginia Planter and Patriot

March 24 - Richmond. William M.S. Rasmussen takes you on a walk in young George Washington's footsteps. Following Washington's death 200 years ago, his virtues were so fondly celebrated that the real man was soon lost to mythology. Discover the real Washington in the exhibition "George Washington: The Man behind the Myths." This gallery visit looks at the private life of the colonial planter to the public life of the patriot who won the Revolutionary War. Noon at the Pusey Museum Shop, Virginia Historical Society, 428 N. Boulevard. Fee: 358-4901.

Brandermill's oldest resident dies at 104

Elaine Hucles Brown, 104, the oldest resident in Brandermill, widow of the late George W.C. Brown, and daughter of the Late Henry Boyd Hucles and Ruth Brown Hucles, died January 10 in her Timber Ridge home. She was a native of Charles City and a member of Bank Street Memorial Baptist Church in Norfolk.

She was identified among those in the Norfolk Federation of Parent-Teacher Leagues who promoted the revival of the plan to establish a Junior College Division of Virginia Union University in Norfolk, now Norfolk State University.

She attended Fisk University, Virginia Union University (extension division), and Hampton Institute (University).

Mrs. Brown was honored by Virginia Union University "for leadership and dedication to the cause of higher education," by Delta Sigma Theta Sorority as an outstanding Woman of the Year, and by Omega Psi Phi Fraternity.



Elaine Hucles Brown

The Virginia Department for the Aging named her "a valuable resource to society" and gave her the Commissioner's Award. She was recognized in 1986 as one of the oldest living members of the class of 1911 of Virginia State College (University). In 1995, the Virginia Department of Aging designated its annual Centenar-

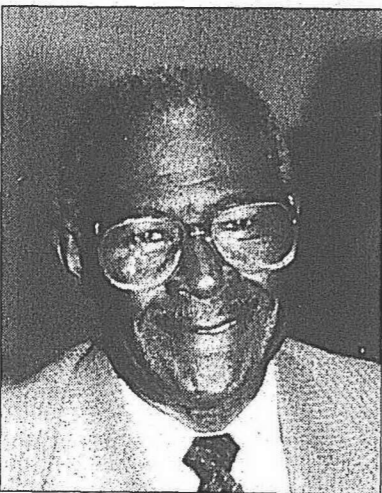
ian Award as the Elaine Hucles Brown Centenarian Award. Mrs. Brown was the first recipient.

Her memberships included: Planned Parenthood of America (Norfolk), Women of Political Action, Tidewater Area Council for Community Improvement (TACCI), Y.W.C.A., The League of Women Voters, Federation of Colored Women's Clubs, and the Women's Clubs of Norfolk. At Bank Street Memorial Baptist Church, she was a member of the September Birth Month Club, the Golden Heirs, and the Elizabeth Clarke-Nannie Hughes Missionary Circle.

She was predeceased by her daughter, Ruth Brown Blair, and son-in-law, Garnett E. Blair.

Her surviving children are Yvette Brown Ridley, George W.C. Brown, Jr., and Laura Gray Brown. She is also survived by eight grandchildren, six great-grandchildren, and numerous nieces and nephews.

Isaac Ridley Sr. dies at age of 80



Isaac Ridley Sr.

Isaac Ridley Sr. died January 19, at his Timber Ridge home. He was 80 years old.

The second youngest of eight children, he attended public schools before working his way through Hampton University, graduating in 1941. While there he co-founded the Hampton Chapter of the Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity. Ridley also received a master of science degree at Virginia State University and pursued additional studies at the University of Illinois, the University of Maryland, and Antioch College.

He married Yvette Brown on Feb-

ruary 26, 1944 and for the next 10 years worked at Hampton Institute as an electronics instructor. During the early 1940s he was responsible for building and operating the first FM radio station in the United States on the Hampton campus.

During those years Ridley also worked as a radar and communications supervisor at Langley Air Force base, where he won the Civilian of the Year Award in 1957. That year the family moved to Petersburg and Ridley became a professor of electronics at Virginia State University where he worked until he retired 26 years later.

Ridley joined Gillfield Baptist Church and served for 24 years on the board of trustees, 12 years as chairman. One of the great joys of his life was singing in the Gillfield choir as a featured tenor.

A lifetime member of the NAACP, Ridley served the organization in many capacities: Hampton Branch president, Virginia State president 1974 - 1978, and as a member of the NAACP National Board of Directors for more than 20 years. He also served as interim executive director of the Virginia NAACP. He believed that this country and the world need a strong NAACP, and considered it a beacon pointing the way to full citizenship and human dignity.

Ridley also served on the National Board of the American Baptist Churches, U.S.A., as vice president of the Board of International Ministries and as chairman of the business and finance committee of the B.O.I.M.

Loved by everyone who knew him, Ike Ridley always had a smile, a kind word and the latest joke to share with a friend. He was a warm hearted and giving man who will be missed by his family, friends, and community.

Ridley is survived by his wife Yvette; son, Ike Jr. of Washington, D.C.; two daughters, Elaine Tisdale and Helen Ridley both of Jacksonville, Fla.; brother, Johnny Ridley of Brooklyn, N.Y.; sister, Virginia Hatch of New Bern, N.C.; and many loving nieces, nephews, and cousins. He will be missed by his six grandchildren: Kimani Ridley, Yvette Tisdale, Steven Beatty, Warren Green, Marshall Green, and Marque Green, and his devoted daughter-in-law Rosie Grant.

The family requests that those wishing to make contributions to Ike Ridley's memory consider the NAACP, Hampton University or Gillfield Baptist Church.

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Zach Bartlam gets special attention from classmates for his winning yearbook design.

By Cathy Maxwell
School Correspondent

For those with Internet access, the Gator website is the place to be. Webmaster and art teacher Michael

Gettings designed the site at www.chesterfield.k12.va.us/schools/Swift_Creek_ES using students' artwork for graphics. Featured right now in the Art Gallery is a project by the fifth-grade class of CD package designs

and the 1998-1999 winning yearbook cover by Zach Bartlam, a fifth-grader.

The website has become a component of the school's curriculum. It posts such useful information as a calendar of school events and information about the staff, school programs, and a list of the Swift Creek Gators' top 10 favorite books. School Librarian Carol Savage says the list will be updated in April during National School Library Week. Third- to fifth-grade students will vote on their favorite books. The books with the most votes will make the top 10.

Principal Don Bechtel announced that the SOL tests for third- and fifth-graders will be given in May this year. He said that the fifth-grade writing portion of the test will be given on March 8 as originally scheduled.

Plans are underway to make the PTA's Silent Auction the best ever. The event will be held on March 12 at the Brandermill Inn. All of the great favorites: gift certificates, vacation

packages, sports memorabilia, and class gift baskets will be there. This year there will be an added feature as a local auction house is allowing the PTA to auction off furniture on consignment.

Michael Gettings, a former radio personality and now an art teacher, will be the master of ceremonies for the night.

Blood Drive

To help combat the critical blood shortage throughout the state, Swift Creek Elementary School and the Virginia Blood Services are teaming up on Monday, March 22 from 3 to 7 p.m. Brandermill residents can donate blood at the school.

The event will have a festive air. PTA Chairperson Kathy Barnes says dinners-for-two will be raffled off to donors, and there will be special giveaways for children of parents who give blood. Some of the children will also assist the drive by serving orange juice and cookies to donors.

Virginia Blood Services representative Marsha Robinson will underscore the importance of this drive by talking to fourth- and fifth-grade classes about how lives will be saved with the donated blood.

A person must be 18 years of age and weigh over 110 pounds in order to be eligible to donate blood. Private screening will be provided.

CHES students will perform in talent show

Kris Risendal
Staff Writer

While many people may be singing the winter blues, students at Clover Hill Elementary School will soon be singing a different tune. The children are practicing singing and dancing in preparation for the return of the popular CHES PTA Talent Show scheduled for February 24 at 7 p.m. at Clover Hill High School.

This third annual event offers a great way for the children to show off their many talents.

Congratulations to the following students who have earned membership into the CHES Math Hall of Fame. Fourth-grade students include: Angela Kalaris, Rashelle Parks, Emily Moeller, Nicole Ferreria, Brittany Jacques, and Katrina Shilling. Fifth-grade students include: Jasmine Reeder, Giulian Welsh, Jackie Newman, Hanna Herbst, Jaimie Eissler, Douglas Hill, and Matt Estep.

Students and parents interested in nominating a CHES teacher for a R.E.B. Award for Teaching Excellence can obtain a nomination form from the school office. This award recognizes teachers teaching in the metropolitan Richmond public school systems who have distinguished themselves by their inspiring classroom performance. Fifteen award recipients will receive grants ranging from \$2,000 to \$10,000 to support professional development activities. The deadline for nominations is by 5 p.m. on March 5.

Anyone wishing to enjoy fine art while dining out may want to travel no farther than Stuff's Restaurant in the Waterford Shopping Center. Several talented fourth-grade students are displaying radial weavings done in art class.

The CHES chess team participated in the Henrico Scholastic Chess Tournament on January 9; more than 100 students competed in this challenging competition.

Members of the CHES chess team include: Carson Skipper, Brent Waldrup, Ryan Marr, Lindsey Marr, Jack Barrow, Adam Benson, Stephanie Benson, Sarah Clementson, and Luke Clementson.

Jack Barrow won fourth place in the twelfth-grade and under section. Luke Clementson won fourth place in the sixth-grade and under section. The team of Luke Clementson, Ryan Marr, Adam Benson, and Stephanie Benson won the third place team trophy.

In the third-grade and under section, Brent Waldrup won third place and Carson Skipper won fifth place. The team of Brent Waldrup, Carson Skipper, Sarah Clementson, and Lyndsey Marr won the first place team trophy. Congratulations to all the members of the CHES chess team.

Standards of Learning will challenge students

Editor's note: The Standards of Learning (SOL) program has just finished its first year. In the next month, public school parents will receive a "report card" on the results of the first year of tests. Cathy Maxwell interviewed Swift Creek Middle School Principal Thornton Carter about the meaning of these test results.

First, what is the SOL program?
The SOL program was developed to ensure that all school children in Virginia are being taught what they need to know. The tests are given in the third, fifth and eighth grades and then at the end of each course year in high school.

What do they mean to our children?

They mean that our children will be continuously tested for knowledge retention. It will no longer be enough for a student to pass a test and then forget the material. The child must pass the SOL too. This isn't a bad thing. We want students to have a mastery of information. We don't want to produce students who have to take remedial courses during their freshmen year of college because they didn't learn the material during their previous years of study.

What information will parents be given?

Soon public school parents will receive two "report cards." At first, it's going to be an overload of information. One will focus on how their student did along with more information about the school than we've ever had before. This information will include statistics on how many absent days teachers took, how many students have subsidized lunch, how the school ranks with other schools in the county. But what will really interest parents is how their child performed individually and in relation to other students at the school. The second report card will compare our school to the other schools in the state. By the way, this is information on the 1997-98 school year.

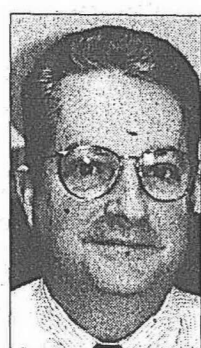
What will the report card tell parents?

That the schools are doing a good job. The average is in the 50th percentile, but as a school, SCMS's averages are in the 70th percentile. In Chesterfield County this ranks us third after Robious and Midlothian Middle Schools. This high score reflects the good elementary schools in the area and the proper instruction the kids are receiving here. Good information I can share now which will be on the report cards is that the achievement levels outlined in the Stanford testing scores are being exceeded. We can boast of an 87 percent percentile in math and an 81 percent in English. The only area that concerns me is social studies. I feel the low score in social studies is because our students had the course only half the year last year. However, the new seven period program should correct those scores. In fact, I will state now that next year we will have a passing rate in social studies of 70 percent.

Is your staff teaching to the SOL?

We are taking a proactive approach to SOL while not making everything SOL driven. Our curriculum was pretty inclusive to begin with so it was not a big shift.

What should parents be aware of about these tests?



Thornton Carter

Parents should know that SOL scores will be a deciding factor for high school graduation starting with the class of 2004 or this year's seventh-graders. These kids will be the first group required to have "verified credits" to earn a high school diploma.

What is a verified credit?
In certain high school courses, the student must pass both the course and the SOL test at the end of it. In the future, two types of diplomas will be awarded determined by the number of verified credits a student has. A standard diploma requires six verified credits. An advanced studies diploma will call for nine verified credits.

Was the SOL program developed because school isn't hard enough for students?

On the contrary, school is harder than ever before. The level of math my middle school students have today is far more advanced than the math I had in school. There is so much more knowledge these children should know.

But won't SOL deter some children from going on to college or penalize children who don't test well?

All kids will be able to go on to a college of some type. The purpose of SOL is to see that they are prepared. And yes, it is going to be important that the kids learn how to take these SOL tests and know the material. There will be remedial classes just as there are for the literacy test. When all was said and done, only one student in the whole county didn't pass the last literacy test.

What should parents look for on the SOL report card?

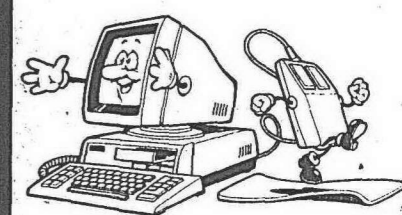
See where your child is in relation to the average score. For example, if a child is "average" according to the Stanford tests but he scores 70 percent in a 50 percentile level subject, things are great. But if the child's Stanford achievement rate is 90 and he is scoring 70 on the SOL or if he scores below the mean, maybe there is a problem. In either case, a parent should have a meeting with the child's teachers.

What if a parent isn't certain how to interpret the results?

Call me here at the school. I am more than happy to help interpret the results and I'm serious about that. I want to sit down with parents and ex-

plain the test results. I want parents to understand how their student is doing and what we can both do to help the child. Good education is a partnership, a triad actually, between the child who wants to learn, the teacher who develops the program, and the parent who supports and monitors the student. Here in middle school, we offer two levels of instruction: honors and C-level, and the only difference between them is the degree to which the child is expected to perform. SOL is here to stay and we want our students to be successful.

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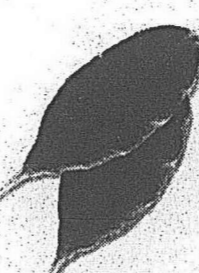
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Clover Hill undergoes construction

By Sarah Breeding
School Correspondent

After Christmas break, Clover Hill High School families may have noticed the expansion construction beginning in various places at the school.

The new reconstruction includes expansion to the athletic field house, office and library; redesigning of the orchestra, drama and technology education rooms; and landscaping of the front office and trailer areas. Construction will be completed in phases throughout the remainder of the school year and the summer of 1999.

The first phase of the improvement process began over Christmas vacation, remodeling of the front office and athletic field house, which the administration hopes will be completed in time for this year's graduation.

In early May the front office will be relocated to the newly constructed office area. This move will allow additional space for expansion of the school library which will offer the student body a larger variety of resources. The larger library will also allow extra space to install a computer lab. The library staff hopes to purchase around 30 new computers, desks and chairs for use in the lab. The work on the library will take place during the second phase of the improvement process and will be completed by the 1999-2000 school year.

The Haley Construction company has tackled the renovations with its first priority to meet the school's needs. According to Assistant Princi-



Photo by Janet Joyce

Crews work around student activities at the school.

pal Jim Dyk, communication between the school administration and Haley Construction Company has allowed for consideration to the students and school.

"Each member of the company I have spoken with seems mostly concerned with not disturbing any academic or other school activity," Dyk said.

In addition to inside renovations, the exterior of the school will receive new landscaping with the help of the PTSA. Flower beds will be planted in the front courtyard and near the tennis courts, and trailers will have painted doors and stained decks.

In response to the increase of

morning traffic, school Resource Officer Mike Catron, developed a new traffic pattern which was also put into action following the Christmas break.

According to Dyk, the new traffic pattern was long needed and conveniently installed with the first phase of reconstruction.

"The new pattern is working out great and was so beneficial at the time of the construction," Dyk said.

Front office secretary Bonnie Haller believes the reconstruction is a great idea.

"Once the construction is completed, Clover Hill will have improved facilities that the student body can be proud of," Haller said.

Lecturers offer thrilling tales

The Chesterfield County Department of Parks and Recreation will present the annual Winter Lecture Series which brings lecturers from all over the world to discuss their travels or unique experiences. All lectures are free and open to the public.

Lectures will take place at 7:30 p.m. at Manchester Middle School, 7401 Hull Street Road. The exception is the Banff Film Festival, which begins at 6:30 p.m. at the Holiday Inn Select Koger South Conference Center, Midlothian Turnpike. The Winter Lecture Series is made possible through the financial support of E.I. duPont de Nemours and Co., Inc. and the Holiday Inn Koger Center.

Feb. 18 — Historical Impressions Journey Back in Time. Begin Chesterfield's 250th year with a portrayal of the area's history and "meet" people from the past: an indentured servant from Bermuda Hundred who tells of the dreams, hardships and peril of the new land in the year 1620; a marine serving in the Virginia State Navy in 1781, as he reflects on the recent revolution; and an area civilian who talks about the hard years of the Civil War in 1862. The interpreters, members of Historical Impressions, a local group dedicated to remembering the past and sharing it, will be dressed in period clothes and make their presentations in the first person. Their presentations will be moderated by a narrator.

March 2 - Fred Haise — Race for

the Moon. Join astronaut Fred Haise as he shares his memories and slides of the Apollo program in celebration of the 30th anniversary of the first manned lunar landing. Haise, who began his career with NASA in 1959 as an aeronautical research pilot, was a pilot in 1963 and an astronaut at Johnson Space Center in 1966. He served as a back-up crew member for the Apollo 8, 11 and 16 missions and flew as the lunar module pilot on the aborted Apollo 13 mission. His NASA career continued as commander of the Space Shuttle Enterprise for five flights in 1977.

Haise's many awards include the Presidential Medal of Freedom and the NASA Special Achievement Award. He is an associate fellow of the American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics, fellow of the Society of Experimental Test Pilots and fellow of The American Astronautical Society.

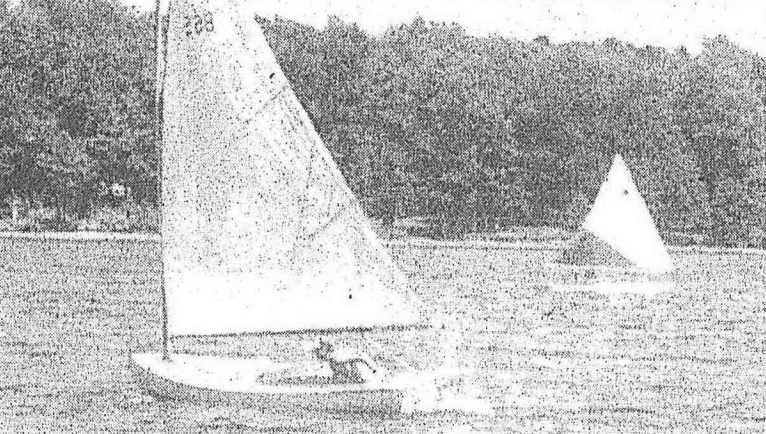
March 18 — Banff Festival of Mountain Films. This popular festival of mountain films has been celebrating the spirit of adventure for 23 years. Each November, adventure enthusiasts flock to Banff, Canada, to

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By Amy Usry
School Correspondent

Clover Hill High School was recently honored as the Best Kept School in Chesterfield County.

This school year, David Jones, the director of Customer Services, created an award for quality control in high schools. Throughout September, October, and November, all the high schools in the county were inspected. Thanks to the tremendous efforts of the CHHS custodial staff, which includes six nighttime and three daytime workers, CHHS outswept the competition.

"Our staff really deserves this award," Assistant Principal Jim Dyk said. "They are the best and they put out

their best at all times." In addition to their regular hours, the custodial staff members also work on weekends, holidays, over spring break and throughout the summer to ensure the school is kept in dazzling condition.

The students appreciate the custodians' friendly attitude as well as their dedication to their janitorial duties. Senior Jessica Perry said, "Mr. Pollard is always there to flash a smile or make someone else smile." According to Mr. Pollard, he enjoys the students as well. "Interaction with my students is my favorite reward," Pollard said.



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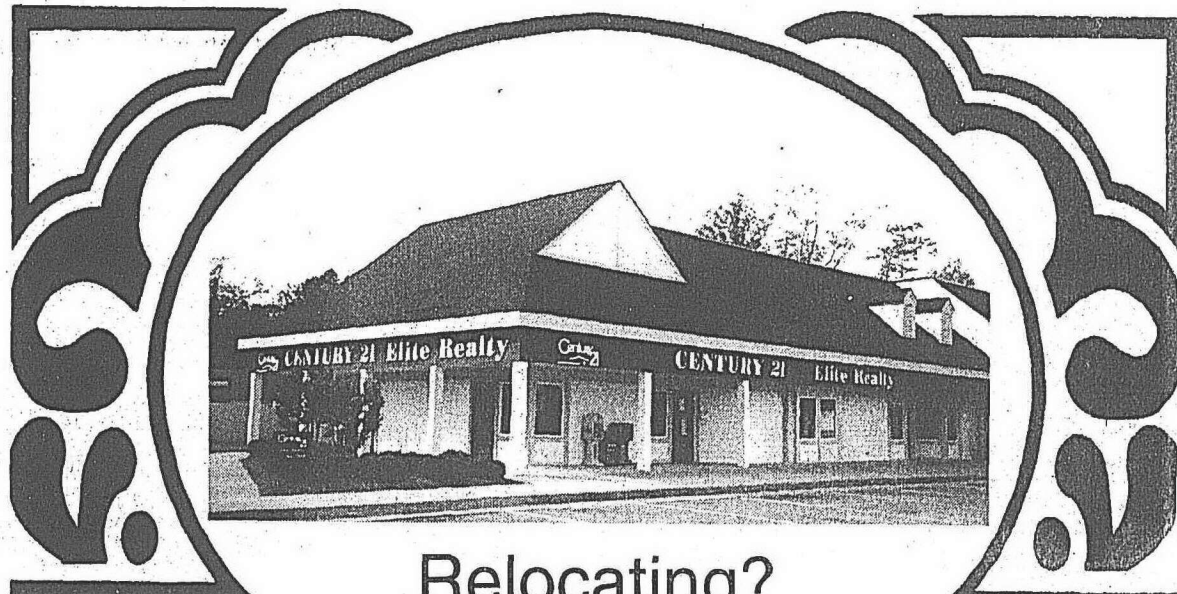
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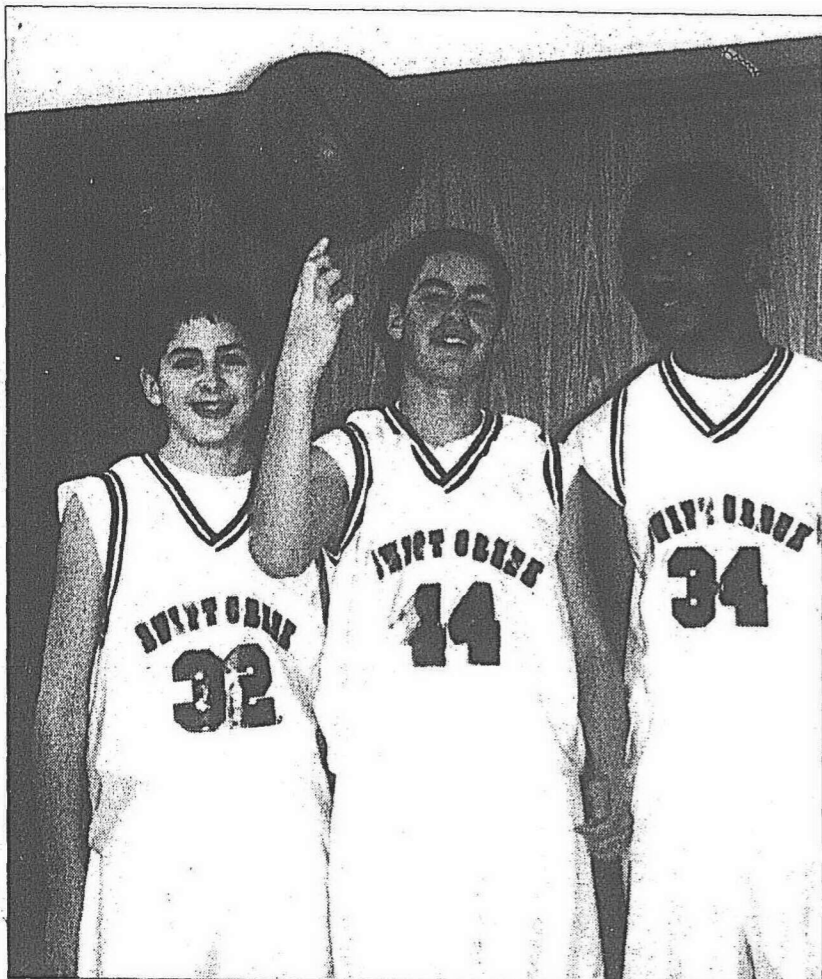


Photo by Cathy Maxwell
Eighth-graders Andy Machek, Brandon Zielinski and Jamar Goode lead the winning SCMS basketball team.

SCMS is on winning streak

By Cathy Maxwell
School Correspondent

Swift Creek Middle School Coach Matt Wicichowski hopes to continue the winning ways established by three-year veterans Jamar Goode, Andy Machek, and Brandon Zielinski. The Sailors have scored victories over Robious and Bailey Bridge Middle Schools making the most of a home court advantage.

Free admission has given the team a capacity crowd and the team has responded by playing its best. Other members are: Josh Albert, Zack Bland, Jared Dillon, Aaron Duignam, Jamal

Harris, Paul Johnson, Charlie Machek, Patrick McMillan, Patrick Nebera, D.J. Short, Jesse Tarr, Chad Taylor, Scott Wiley, and Greg Wolfhope.

"My boys are great!" Wicichowski says. "Right now we are two and two with six games left."

The middle school basketball season will end February 16 to be followed by the county middle school tournament held at Clover Hill High School. The final four will be played on February 25 and the finals on Saturday February 27.

"I hope to see everyone at the finals," Wicichowski said. "Our children are up to good things!"

Swift Creek Middle School offers sports for everyone

By Edward Blackwell
Correspondent

No one should ever be deluded that there is only one game in town at Swift Creek Middle School. Certainly everyone knows about the traditional interscholastic sports like basketball and soccer, but how about less traditional sports like archery and whiffle-softball? At SCMS students can participate in these too. They are called intramurals.

Intramurals are played within the school — SCMS students compete among themselves, with an emphasis on participation. From Tom Robertson's archery to Joanne Zickerfoose's tennis to Mike Justice's football, it's evident that SCMS students love a variety of sports.

Robertson's archery intramurals last fall had approximately 30 participants who learned both skills and safety. The intramurals culmi-

nated with a pizza party.

Robertson's whiffle-softball intramurals also culminated with food -- breakfast. These intramurals were the first before-school intramurals at SCMS. Robertson's 20 participants had lots of fun, and who knows, even may have produced a McGwire or Sosa.

Meanwhile, swings of a different nature were taking place in the afternoon. Zickerfoose ran the tennis intramurals, in which sixth-grader Jordan Bakos achieved a triple crown: first place in a single elimination tournament, a round-robin tournament, and on the boy's tennis ladder. For the girls, Lindsay Baxter won the single elimination tournament, while first place in the round-robin and the ladder went to Natalie Albers.

In addition to coaching flag football intramurals, Justice sponsored in-line skating. However, there was still room for interscho-

lastic sports at SCMS as well.

Coach Phil Villiott's Lady Sailors sparked by leading scorer Stewart Burns, achieved the quarterfinals of the county basketball tournament.

In cross country, coached by Robertson and Kim Livingston, both teams achieved 4-1 records and second place in the county meet. John Terrell and Lindsay Lubking were MVPs. And who can forget Jordan and the boys soccer team's brilliant 12-0-1 record, which included a semifinal overtime thriller? MVP and scoring honors went to Chris Armstrong.

Some type of exciting sports action is always taking place at Swift Creek Middle School.

For information on how SCMS students can participate, call the P.E. department at 739-6315.

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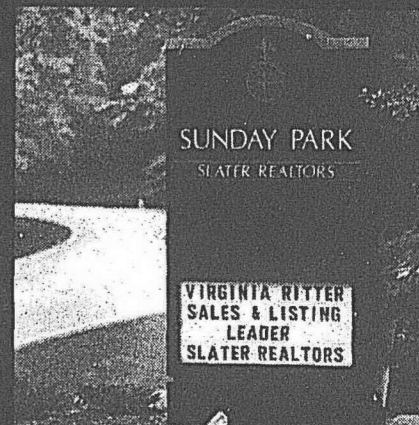
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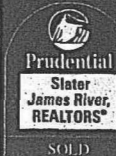
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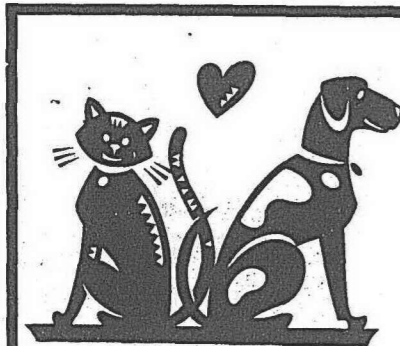


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John Thacker wins Coach's Award



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Coach Tom Farrar presents his award to John Thacker.

John Thacker has won the Coach's Award for junior varsity football at Randolph-Macon Academy for the 1998-1999 school year.

Thacker, a sophomore, served as offensive tackle for the team.

In addition, Thacker was named to the Kitty Hawk Society for top grades in Air Force subjects at the academy.

He is the son of George Thacker of Seven Oaks.

The Randolph-Macon Academy, founded in 1892, is the nation's only co-ed boarding school with an Air Force Junior ROTC program. It is located in Front Royal, Va.

Baseball tryouts for SCAA are March 6

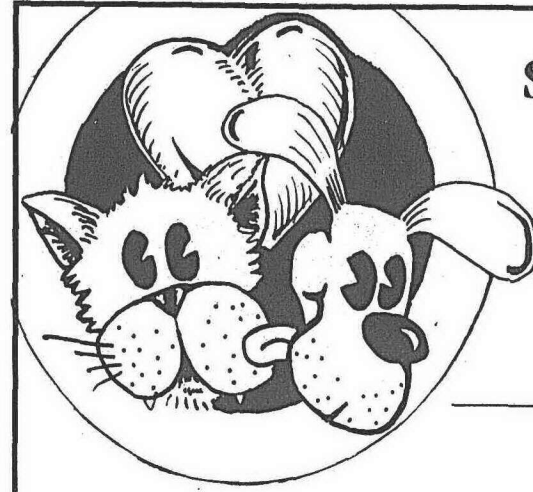
The Swift Creek Athletic Association will hold baseball tryouts at the Swift Creek Middle School on Saturday, March 6.

For more age specific information, please call the SCAA information line at 744-9429 or visit the website at www.scaakids.org.

Registrants should bring a copy of the child's original birth certificate to leave on file.

The SCAA belongs to the Chesterfield Baseball Clubs (CBC), which provides leagues for ages 5 through 16, and is formed by community-based teams.

Children who go to school together play together and compete with other associations from Chesterfield County.



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Baseball

3-12	Prince Geo*	Away	4:30
3-16	Thom Dale*	Home	4:00
3-18	Geo Wythe***	Away	4:00
3-20	Rappahannock**	Away	11:00
3-23	Huguenot**	Home	4:00
3-25	Midlothian*	Away	4:00
3-30	Jms River*	Home	4:00
4-01	L.C. Bird*	Away	7:00
4-07	Skyhawk Tour**	Away	TBA
4-08	Skyhawk Tour**	Away	TBA
4-13	Manchester*	Home	4:00
4-15	Monacan*	Away	4:00
4-20	Geo Wythe***	Home	4:00
4-22	Huguenot**	Away	4:00
4-23	Thom Dale***	Home	4:00
4-27	Midlothian*	Home	4:00
4-29	Jms River*	Away	4:00
5-04	L.C. Bird*	Home	4:00
5-06	Manchester*	Away	4:00
5-08	JV Tour at Midlo.	Away	10:00
5-11	Monacan*	Home	4:00
5-18/20	Dom. Dist. Tourn.**	at L.C. Bird	

Softball

3-12	Meadowbrook*	Away	4:00
3-16	Thom Dale*	Home	4:00
3-18	Prince George**	Home	4:00
3-25	Midlothian*	Away	4:00
3-30	Jms River*	Home	4:00
4-01	L.C. Bird*	Away	7:00
4-13	Manchester*	Home	4:00
4-15	Monacan*	Away	4:15
4-19	Prince Geo***	Away	4:00
4-23	Thom Dale*	Away	4:30
4-27	Midlothian*	Home	4:00
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Girls Soccer

JV game time listed / Varsity plays 20 minutes after JV game

3-16	Freeman	Home	5:30
3-18	Thom Dale	Away	5:30
3-23	Ukrop's Tournament**	TBA	
3-24	Ukrop's Tournament**	TBA	
3-26	Midlothian	Home	5:30
3-30	L.C. Bird	Away	5:30
4-01	Monacan	Home	5:30
4-15	Manchester	Home	5:30
3-23	Jms River	Away	5:30

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4-29	L.C. Bird	Home	5:30
5-04	Monacan	Away	5:30
5-11	Manchester	Away	5:30
5-18/20	Dom. Dist. Tourn.**	at Manchester	TBA

**Varsity only

Boys Soccer

JV game time listed / Varsity plays 20 minutes after JV game

3-12	Clover Hill Classic**	Home	6:00
	Clover Hill vs. Kempsville		8:00
	Manchester vs. Woodbridge		8:00
3-13	Clover Hill Classic**	Home	10:00
	Clover Hill vs. Woodbridge		Noon
3-16	Freeman	Away	6:00
3-18	Thom Dale	Home	5:30
3-23	Jms River	Home	5:30
3-25	Midlothian	Away	5:30
3-30	L.C. Bird	Home	5:30
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5-04	Monacan	Home	5:30
5-11	Manchester	Home	5:30
5-19/20	Dom. Dist. Tourn.**	at Manchester	TBA

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Track

3-24	Monacan	Home	3:00
3-31	Geo Wythe	Home	3:00
4-14	Manchester	Home	3:00
4-21	Jms River	Away	3:00
4-28	L.C. Bird	Home	3:00
5-05	Huguenot	Away	3:00
5-12	Midlothian	Away	3:00
5-18-19	Dom. Dist. Tourn.	at Clover Hill	TBA

Boys Tennis

3-16	Freeman	Away	3:30
3-17/18	J.R. Tucker Tourn.	Away	TBA
3-22	Monacan	Away	3:30
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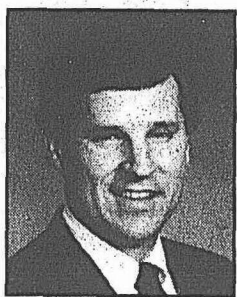
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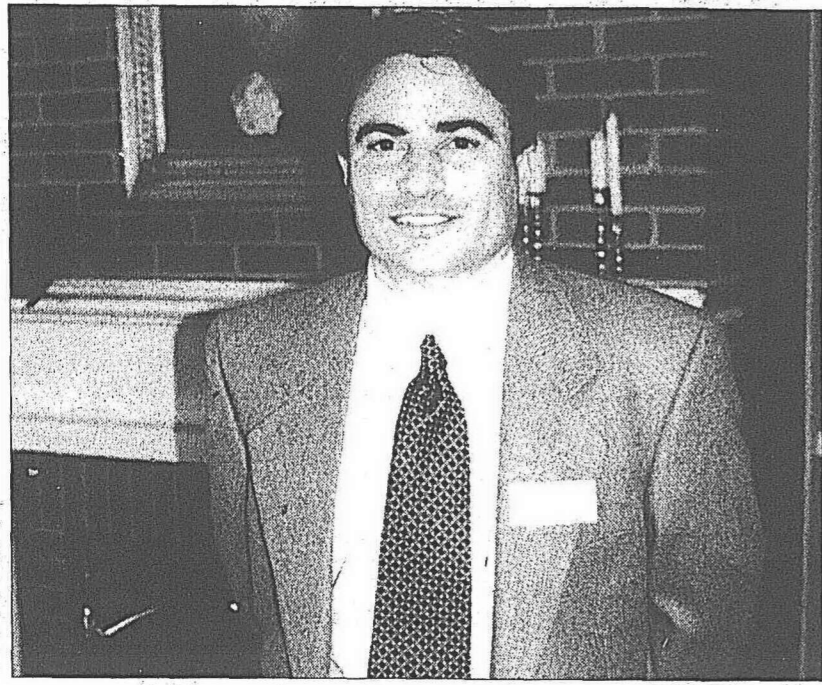
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Manager David Murllette

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By Harriet Coppins
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Ownership of Brandermill Woods Retirement Community has changed hands and its debt has been restructured. David Murllette, manager of the retirement community says, "For the last couple of years our debt was so large that our financial structure could not generate enough money to cope with the situation."

As part of the reorganization, the board members of the corporation have been replaced by six members of the Health Center Commission, the same board that oversees the operation of Lucy Corr Nursing Home. Even though their boards are identical, Lucy Corr Nursing Home and Brandermill Woods will remain separate entities.

Brandermill Woods opened in 1987 and has 197 independent-living

apartments, a 60-bed nursing home and a 60-unit assisted living facility. Murllette says there is a waiting list for the independent living facility, and The Chesterfield, the assisted living facility, reached its capacity in the spring of 1998. The nursing home has a high occupancy, also.

Murllette stresses the fact that Brandermill Woods is a unique community that offers a continuum of living. People can move into the community and maintain the same level of involvement as they did at home, but with the service and amenities that are available.

He noted that last year could have been very difficult but "residents were supportive and understood the financial situation." He says, "I am extremely happy and satisfied with what has taken place with the commission's reconstituting the board and I look forward to what the future holds."

Career Tracks

New resident John Sonner of Sutter's Mill is the manager of the new Friendly's Restaurant at Deer Run.

Romance novelist Cathy Maxwell of Chimney House was featured in the "Enterprise Virginia" magazine in a column entitled, "If I Were Governor."

Maxwell was asked a number of questions including, "What would your first act as governor be?"

She answered, "Reinstate the car tax. Well, that shot my chances of being elected. I don't advocate new taxes, but I hate losing needed tax moneys for public school repairs, poverty prevention and health programs."

Two nail salons are open for business



Tap Kieu and Tammy Vu offer nail services.

Photo by Kris Risendal

By Kris Risendal
Staff Writer

Glamour Nails, a full-service nail salon once located in Genito Station, has relocated and is sharing salon space with stylists at A Positive Image beauty salon. Owner Tap Kieu offers his customers a full-line of nail services including acrylic, gel and silk wrapped nails. Kieu also does professional manicures and pedicures.

Glamour Nails is open Monday through Saturday from 10 a.m. until 7 p.m. by appointment. Walk-in customers are also welcome. Anyone wishing to make an appointment can call Kieu at 763-0132.

Kieu is enjoying a little friendly competition across the street at his former Genito Station Glamour Nails site. A new nail salon, Fashion Nails, owned and operated by his goddaughter, Tammy Vu, has opened, offering customers the same quality nail care offered by Kieu.

"It is all in the family and we enjoy working near each other," said Kieu.

Vu offers her customers full-service nail care and waxing services. The nail salon is open Monday through Saturday from 10 a.m. until 8 p.m.

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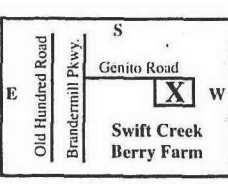
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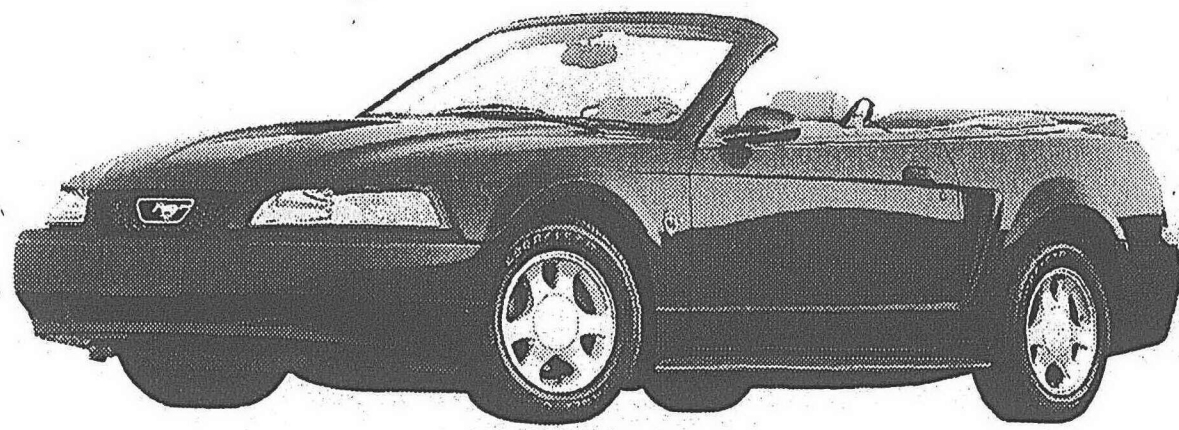
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