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Eileen Lu tries on traditional attire of Japan, where she is teaching.

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RAINBOW GAMES



Brenda Hatcher has special talent for helping those with special needs.

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BCA Board will implement long range plan

By Mike Divita
Community Manager

At the February 15 board meeting, the BCA Board approved the Long Range Planning Committee's proposed community improvement plan. The plan calls for completion of five projects over a two and one-half year period. The projects include adding more bike paths, acquiring the old Millwood School site in Sunday Park, repaving the loop road, constructing bathrooms in Sunday Park, replacing several aging playground structures and building a boardwalk in Sunday Park along the shoreline from the pavilion to the BCA Sailing Center.

The projects will be funded through a special assessment commencing July 1, 1999 through December 31, 2001 (10 quarters). The cost for each residential improved lot will be \$18 per quarter or \$6 per month which is in addition to the annual assessment. The special assessment will be added to the normal quarterly billing. A notice of the special assessment will be sent to all property owners in April.

After nearly a year of study and two community meetings, the Long Range Planning Committee made its final recommendations to the BCA Board. The board in turn spent several meetings discussing the proposal, the recommendations from the LRPC, the BCA Finance Committee and the comments received from the community.

The LRPC was made up of a coalition of residents who represented varying views on the former 20/20 Plan. Committee members included: Chairman Dan Bryant, Kathy Carbone, Roger Comes, Dick Cope, Rick Franklin, Jan Goodin, Rich Johnson, John Maguire, Dennis Smith, Sy Stein and Robert Strickland.

No BCA Board members served on the committee to assure independence. The LRPC worked tirelessly to develop a plan that was cost conscious and addressed the needs of the community. Not every aspect of the plan was wholly endorsed by every member, but in the end, the committee voted to send the final plan to the board for a decision.

From the onset, one of the primary objectives of the LRPC was to have a fair and open process, communicate the plan to the residents and obtain their input before rendering a final recommendation to the board. Nearly 80 residents attended two community meetings. While attendance was low in comparison to the 20/20 plan meetings, most of the comments received were generally favorable. The LRPC also sought to remove the more controversial aspects of the former 20/20 plan as well as to concentrate on infrastructure improvements rather than policy issues. The planning committee considered former plans and reports as well as discussing what we learned from the 20/20 plan. Funding issues were addressed by the BCA Finance Committee.

A view from the top



Photos by Robert Wilson

Russell Gulley gets a bird's eye view of the Watch Hill neighborhood and the reservoir from the Clover Hill water tower. At right, Gulley is outfitted in safety gear for the climb down.

By Wendy Parker
Managing Editor

For anyone wondering what Clover Hill Planning Commissioner Russell Gulley has been up to lately, it's about 150 feet.

Gulley and Utilities Employee Robert Wilson climbed the Clover Hill water tower next to the high

school on February 13 to check out the site for new communications equipment.

The planning commission has given approval to Triton PCS, Inc. to install communications panels on top of the tower in order to provide better cellular phone service in the area.

According to Gulley, there are

requests for at least five other locations to be outfitted with panels or communication towers. Gulley plans to visit each of the sites, including one proposed for the development of Greenspring adjacent to the Cove Ridge neighborhood in Brandermill. Gulley had previously denied permission for installation of a tower that would have been 400



feet from homes in Chimney House. Gulley, who was fitted with a safety harness, found the climb to the top of the Clover Hill tower exhilarating and the aerial view spectacular.

He could see into the backyards of Harbour Pointe homes and he said, "Swift Creek Reservoir is beautiful."

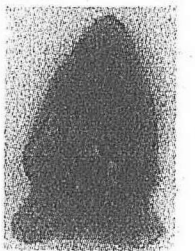
Indian relics go back thousands of years

By Harriet Coppins and Wendy Parker
Editors

Editor's note: in honor of Brandermill's 25th anniversary, this is the second in a series of articles on the history of the area.

Twenty-five years is a wink of an eye in the big scheme of things. When pioneering residents speak of "settling" the frontierland of Brandermill 25 years ago, they should be reminded of those who came before.

Projectile points and pottery shards discovered in the vicinity are proof that for thousands of years people have lived in the area now known as Brandermill. Archaeologists at Virginia Commonwealth University have identified a large number of



spear points, arrowheads and pottery shards found in Brandermill by a youngster. The collection of points ranges in age from 12,000 B.C. to A.D. 1600, most from the earlier periods. Indians in this area during the Paleo period (10,000 B.C. to 8,000 B.C.) comprised a small population of hunters and foragers. Later Indians moved toward the large rivers where they farmed the fertile land. This explains why the majority of the objects found date from earlier periods—land under Swift Creek Reservoir was formerly hunting ground.

It is well documented that Indians lived in Virginia at the time of the Jamestown settlement in 1607 and that Chief Powhatan, father of the legendary Pocahontas ruled over 30 tribes in this area. Two rival tribes, the Monacan and Appomattox Indians lived and hunted in what is now Brandermill.

Four years after Jamestown was settled, Sir Thomas Dale, the first governor of the colony, began to look for higher ground. He established the town of Henricus located on the James River. Tobacco became the backbone of the economy and planters were prevalent throughout the area. In 1749, the general assembly declared the county a separate entity and named it Chesterfield County in honor of Lord Chesterfield of England.

The recorded history of Midlothian began with the Indian massacres of 1622 which occurred about 50 miles up the James River from Jamestown. People started moving back to populated areas during the violence and a second Indian massacre in 1644 resulted in the building of forts in Petersburg and Richmond on the north side of the James River. Some 30 years later an armed colony governed by William Byrd was established on the frontier and by 1685, the Indians and settlers were at peace.

Unfortunately, peace was a tenuous condition and in 1700 hoping to ease the situation, Governor Byrd created a buffer zone between the white settlers and the Indians. To fill this zone, approximately 800 French Huguenots fleeing religious persecution were given land. They soon spread out from their original grant and settled in what is now Midlothian proper.

In 1709, Governor William Byrd reported some success with coal mines which started an economic boom. The coal mines in the Midlothian area are thought to be the oldest in America. Many of the miners had come from Scotland, specifically from areas known as East and West Lothian. They named the local mines Mid-Lothian.

The Chesterfield County railroad system emerged in the 1820s. The Southern Railroad began its operation of steam locomotives in 1851. After World War I, Midlothian became a summer resort for Richmonders who came for the fresh air and spring water. The second economic boom in Midlothian was the result of the timbering activities of Lea & Co. which created jobs. In 1907, Midlothian Turnpike was partially macadamized and the speed limit was set at 15 mph.

Four candidates run for the BCA Board of Directors

By Wendy Parker
Managing Editor

Association members are reminded to watch for their ballots for the BCA Board of Directors election which will be mailed March 19. (See sample ballot on page 3.)

Four residents are in the race for two seats on the board: J. Daniel Bryant, current BCA President John W. Hughes, Janet G. Joyce, and Roger L. Tuttle. Candidates will speak at Meet the Candidates Night at The Brandermill Church on March 16 at 7 p.m. and the annual meeting will be held at the church on April 19 at 7 p.m.

J. Daniel Bryant has been a resident of Brandermill since 1992. He is currently employed by Reynolds Metals Company. Previously, he was a manager in corporate research and a research scientist from 1987 to 1992 at Allied Signal Inc.

He is a graduate of the University of Virginia and holds a doctorate and a master's degree in materials science and a bachelor's degree in physics. He served in the Peace Corps in West Africa from 1979 to 1982 and received the Presidential Award for Voluntary Service in 1982.

Bryant's community service work includes membership on BCA Long Range Planning Committees from 1996 to the present. He is chairman of the current Long Range Planning Committee.

Bryant holds memberships and has served as an officer in The Metallurgical Society, Society of Automotive Engineers and the Virginia Academy of Science.

He lives in Birnam Woods with his wife Deborah and two children.

Bryant says, "My objective is to assist Brandermill in reaching its potential as a planned community. My experiences as chairman of Brandermill's Long Range Planning Committee have made me familiar with many of the issues we are addressing as a maturing community. I have seen the evolution of Brandermill from 1976, when my parents moved here as 'pioneers,' to the present.

"My hope is to bring my training as a scientist and technology manager to the service of the community.

"My major areas of interest are the enhancement of property values and the improvement in the quality of life afforded residents. These goals are to be achieved through a comprehensive plan for community renewal. Explicit infrastructural enhancements include an expansion of the path network (linking to our commercial centers); improved playgrounds for our children; and improved curb appeal for our potential neighbors."

John W. Hughes has been a resident of Brandermill since 1984.

For the past two years, he has been employed by Lincoln Financial Advisors.

Formerly he was employed by Paul Rever Financial Group and was a pilot and regional sales representative for Midwest Helicopter. He is a graduate of Stockton State College with a bachelor's degree in marketing. Military duty consisted of four years in the U.S. Army as a chief warrant officer and he served in Vietnam.

Hughes' community service work and organization memberships include: BCA 20th Anniversary Committee, 1994; July Fourth Parade chairman, 1995; NRC rep, NRC vice chairman—liaison to BCA Board of Directors; and BCA Hearing Panel member.

He has served on the BCA Board of Directors for three years, one year as second vice president, one as first vice president and he is currently president. He served on the Coalfield Road Widening Committee and the Genito Corridor Overlay Committee. He is a member of Hands Across the Lake, VFW, Brandermill Lions Club, and American Legion Post 186. Currently, Hughes is serving on the board of directors of the Chesterfield County Industrial Development Authority and the Central Virginia Chapter Community Associations Institute.

Hughes lives in Cradle Hill with his wife Lauren and their daughter. He says, "During my directorship I have served as second vice president, first

vice president and currently president. That experience, as well as being a member of the Board of the Central Virginia Chapter of Community Associations Institute and the Board of Chesterfield County Industrial Development Authority, has caused me to focus on what it takes to do the job. I am committed to helping my community through volunteering my time and energy.

"My major areas of community interest are building a sense of community while maintaining and enhancing all of Brandermill's amenities; protecting the water quality of the Swift Creek Reservoir; creating positive commercial growth, as well as addressing transportation issues in and around Brandermill."

Janet G. Joyce has been a resident of Brandermill since 1993. She was employed by The Village Mill as a staff writer for the past three years. Previously, she was a free-lance writer and desktop publisher for nine years.

Joyce is a graduate of Cornell University with a bachelor's degree in agricultural education. She holds a master's degree in education from Texas A & M University and has done doctoral course work in educational public relations at Texas A & M University.

She is an active member of St. Gabriel Catholic Church and the Greater Richmond Sweet Adelines.

In addition, Joyce serves as a volunteer at Clover Hill Elementary School and Swift Creek Elementary School.

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

Joyce says, "Having worked for The Village Mill for the past three years, I have the perspective of resident and BCA staff member. I believe I can see the big picture when looking at Brandermill today, having watched the BCA work from the inside out.

"I love Brandermill, I'm proud to be a resident and I want it to be the best it can be. I've watched people

serve this community with dignity and would like to follow their example.

"My major areas of community interest are maintaining and enhancing property values and providing the services that residents desire."

Roger L. Tuttle has been a resident of Brandermill since 1993. He has been a self-employed attorney-at-law for 41 years. He is a certified mediator/arbitrator by the Supreme Court of Virginia. Formerly, he was dean of the Law School and professor of law at ORU, in Tulsa, Okla. for six years.

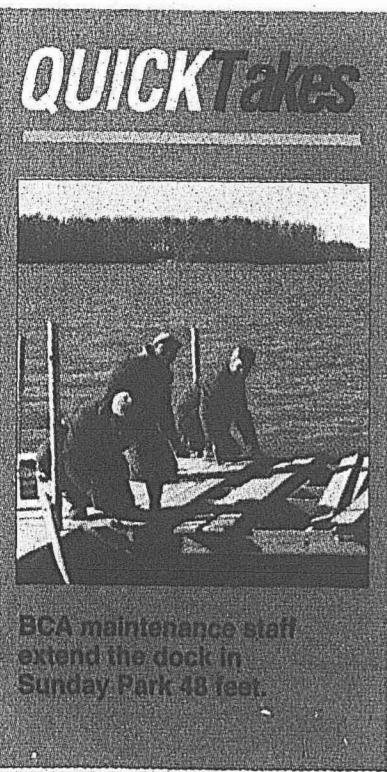
He holds a bachelor of arts degree from the University of Kansas where he was a distinguished military graduate. He received his juris doctorate degree from the University of Mississippi. Tuttle is a retired lieutenant colonel from the U.S. Army in military intelligence. He served 24 years including active and reserve duty. He is a decorated combat veteran who served in the Korean War.

Tuttle's community service work and organization memberships include: first president, Team of Progress, Richmond; Korean War Vets Association; Military Intelligence Corps Association; Army CIC Association; AFIO; Virginia State Bar; Mississippi State Bar; Oklahoma State Bar; American College of Legal Medicine; Who's Who in American Law; and he is an ordained elder at Swift Creek Presbyterian Church.

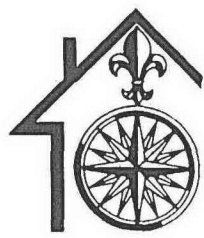
Tuttle lives in Northwich with his wife Beverly and their daughter.

He says, "As a trained and experienced attorney, mediator and arbitrator, I feel I have a broad range of general business and management experience to give counsel and direction to the solving of community problems and the identification of issues common to all Brandermill residents. I believe in open community government consisting of open decisions arrived at openly.

My major areas of community interest are fiscal responsibility; covenant enforcement; and long range planning for community betterment."



BCA maintenance staff extend the dock in Sunday Park 48 feet.



BCA Board of Directors
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 Laurie Newill, 1st VP
 Kathleen McSweeney, 2nd VP
 Kevin Healy, Treasurer
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 Jack Miller
 George Thacker

**WELCOME
 NEW RESIDENTS**

- COVE RIDGE**
 James & Vicki Quigg
DEER MEADOW
 Phillip & Madeline Samson
FORTUNE'S RIDGE
 Richard & Mary McDevitt
FOX CHASE
 Ronald & Kathy Ascher
 Hassan & Tami Benu
GARRISON PLACE
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THE OAKS
 Timothy & Jennifer Leach
 James & Rachel Massengill
TURTLE HILL
 David & Jennifer Wilson
WOODBIDGE CROSSING
 C. Harrison
 Robert Thompson

ARB APPROVALS

- Chimney House - Doors
 Ridge Creek - Garage and deck
 Sagewood - Fence
 Sandy Brook - Three new homes
 Seven Oaks - Fence
 Seven Oaks - Garage and deck
 Shady Pointe - Screened Porch
 The Oaks - Fence
 Winterberry Ridge - Addition

**COVENANT
 VIOLATIONS
 JANUARY**

Violation letters sent	146
Violations resolved	67
Green cards issued	26
Green card resolutions	14
Hearing Panel Matters	17

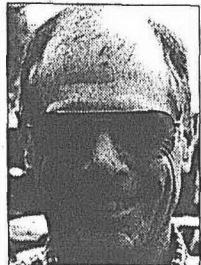
**UPCOMING
 EVENTS**

- BCA Board Meeting**
 Brandermill Woods
 March 15, 7 p.m.
- Meet the Candidates Night**
 The Brandermill Church
 March 16, 7 p.m.
- BCA Work Session**
 BCA Office
 April 12, 7 p.m.
- Easter Egg Hunt**
 Sunday Park Pavilion
 March 27, 11-2
 Raindate: March 28, 1-4 p.m.
- Newcomers Reception**
 Gardens at Sunday Park
 March 17, 7 p.m.

Voice of the people: What are your plans for home improvement projects?



"We've lived in this house for 20 years and the wallpaper is faded and it's '70s style so we're upgrading it with some new wallpaper."
 William Sumpter
 Nuttree Woods



"We're going to build a new home in Promontory Pointe."
 Wait Shugart
 Steeple Chase



"I told my husband, 'We have to get rid of the carpet in this room and as long as we're at it, let's put hardwood floors in the rest of the house.'"
 Nancy Bolton
 Harbour Bluff



"The house isn't perfect but it's all right. I'd like to work more in the garden."
 Cornelia Crocker
 Stoney Ridge



"I thought as I drove through the neighborhood the other day that I believe it's time to have a mailbox-painting party."
 Jenny Reggie
 Stoney Ridge

Board approves plan to relocate Sunday Park loop road

The BCA Board approved The Brandermill Church's plan to relocate the Sunday Park loop road. According to Pastor Reggie Tuck, construction could begin very soon. Notices have been sent to those immediate and most affected neighborhoods regarding the coming construction. But all residents should use extra caution in anticipation of the construction traffic on Millridge Parkway and within Sunday Park itself. The road relocation project could last for nearly a month. Church officials intend for construction of the sanctuary addition to begin this fall. Those plans have not yet been submitted to the BCA.

**MANAGER'S
 DESK**



Mike Divita

CRC
 The Brandermill Commercial Representative Council (CRC) met this month. The CRC is made up of approximately 50 Brandermill commercial members. J. Steve Erie who is a member of the Chesterfield Business Council presented an overview of the county's "Shop Chesterfield" initiative. The BCA has proposed a "Shop Brandermill" program to coincide with the county's efforts. You may have

seen the commercials on Comcast outlining the loss of tax dollars due to the fact that many Chesterfield residents work and then shop in Henrico County. Erie pointed out that by making an effort to shop and buy in Chesterfield, we can make a significant difference in the tax dollars that the county needs to pay for our services.

The CRC was also briefed on the Brandermill community improvement plan. The members present stated that while they have concerns with paying assessments versus extracting more value, they nonetheless applauded the board's decision to reinvest and make needed improvements within the community. As one commercial member stated, "When a community is 25 years old, you have to reinvest sometime." When the question of a referendum was raised, one of the larger commercial members stated that he was in support of the board's decision to move ahead because the improvements were clearly needed and would keep the community competitive. The CRC intends to explore ways to work with the BCA to maximize the value of their commercial assessment dollars. One idea was to facilitate the co-opping of services such as landscaping and security among the commercial members. The idea was enthusiastically embraced by the members.

County Survey
 Recently, County Supervisor Art

Warren spoke at the NRC meeting and his comments coincided with the issues addressed by the CRC. Warren talked about a recent citizen survey within the county. (See survey on page 3.) The results of the survey show that the county gets excellent marks for its quality of life, overall appearance, a place to raise children, environmental efforts, access to government county board officials and business climate and growth. Safety and security and our school system were also rated high except for concern at shopping centers. Traffic and road maintenance fared worse with only a 35 percent satisfaction rate and a predictable 71 percent dissatisfaction rate for toll roads.

One of the most telling comments from the survey was that only 24 percent of the citizens surveyed expressed a willingness to pay more taxes. While the question was admittedly open ended, this presents a dilemma for county officials who are struggling with the need to expand services and address school needs because of growth.

The tax base is simply having a difficult time keeping up with growth and accompanying demands for new services. Retaining tax dollars within Chesterfield County is one way of alleviating the burden. Attracting employment centers is also seen as important in order to create higher paying jobs and expand our residential tax base. The timing of the approval of the 288 corridor plan is important with

respect to the completion of Route 288.

Transportation access, land use planning, zoning, environment and quality of life issues will be key determinants used by business leaders in the selection of where to locate their new employment centers in the Richmond area. Chesterfield County's leadership in positioning itself to be competitive is prudent.

Boat Slips

In other news, we are making progress on the joint boating program between the BCA and the Brandermill Inn. The board should make the final decision this month. So far we have 11 residents who have made a security deposit and two more who have said they wish to rent a slip.

Anniversaries

Because Brandermill is celebrating its 25th Anniversary and Chesterfield County is celebrating its 250th Anniversary, the BCA Activities Committee is planning an exciting number of joint programs and events. (see ad on page 10.)

A parting comment—last month, I noticed the first robin to appear in my front yard. Let's see, that would have made it mid-February. Before I departed upstate New York two years ago to come to Brandermill, it would have been late April or May before such a sight was seen, not to speak of the annual bet with my neighbors when the last of the snow would melt from our cul-de-sac—usually in May. Now I know why "Virginia is for lovers."

Covenant enforcement is proactive

The Community Standards Department is charged by the BCA Board of Directors with the responsibility of maintaining the appearance of individual properties in Brandermill. We routinely drive through the community to check for items that may need correction.

Historically, the majority of this office's efforts have been concentrated on enforcement of those covenants addressing street scene appearance and architectural issues. Due to a more proactive position on covenant enforcement, residents have noticed a stronger, more positive covenant enforcement throughout all neighborhoods. Regular inspections of properties visible from bike trails has been a recent undertaking from this office. These efforts will concentrate on brush and debris as well as unsightly conditions.

Should you receive a green card or letter from this office requesting some work be done by a specific date and you cannot achieve compliance by the prescribed date, please simply telephone this office with an anticipated date. Covenant enforcement requires communication between this office and residents. We are here to help your community look its best and hope that you share that pride and responsibility.

**COMMUNITY
 STANDARDS**



Seth McMillan



Residents speak in support of LRP

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Brandermill Community Association Board of Directors was held at Brandermill Woods on February 15. Directors Healy, Hughes, Miller, McSweeney, Newill, and Thacker, and Community Manager Divita were present. Director Massenburg was absent. The following is a summary of the minutes. Complete official minutes are available at the BCA.

Member Voice

Jim Bolton, emphasizing the importance of purchasing the old Millwood School site and the creation of a community center, encouraged the board of directors to adopt the long range plan. Mary Beth Moss expressed approval of the LRP, particularly the bike trail improvements and encouraged the board to adopt the LRP rather than have a referendum.

Treasurer's Report

A motion was made and carried to accept and file for audit the 1998 fiscal year-end financial report.

**Committee Reports
 Activities**

Mark Smith reported that a combined Brandermill 25th Anniversary/Chesterfield County 250th Anniversary celebration with a concert by the Richmond Philharmonic along with other activities is being planned. The committee members have decided to

hold the July Fourth celebration on Sunday, July 4, with the parade beginning at 4 p.m.

Finance

The committee met on January 27 and reviewed the quarterly financials. Tom Koren has been contacted and Community Manager Divita and Accounting Manager Sharon Wanko are scheduling the 1998 audit.

Landscape

Community Manager Divita reported that the landscaping project for the intersection of Genito Road and Brandermill Parkway will begin soon. The Brickman Group has agreed to bill the project in three installments.

NRC

Debbie Braun was reelected as chairman. Meet the Candidates Night is scheduled for March 16 instead of March 9.

New Business

A motion was made and carried to approve the 1999 Annual Meeting/Election notice, directing the community manager to mail copies to all members in accordance with the corporation's declaration and bylaws was approved. It was also declared that those members entitled to vote at the annual meeting are those members whose names are recorded on the corporation's records as of March 1, except for those members in default of any obligation including the failure to pay any assessment if such default has continued uncured for a period of 10 days after written notice to property owner. However, if such default is cured before the annual meeting, the member's vote shall be restored.

It was decided to appoint Schutrumpf & Koren, P.C., the corporation's executor of the election for the 1999 annual meeting of members.

Legal counsel, Steve Delaney of LeClair Ryan, was present to discuss the filing with the county of the formal agreement between The Brandermill Church and the BCA regarding the Sunday Park loop road relocation. He pointed out that the Millwood property option period is in conformance with the letter agreement except that the time for settle-

ment has been changed from 30 days to 90 days. The resolution to approve the formal agreement was approved.

There was discussion regarding road construction, the warranty period covering the road and road run-off. Director Newill wanted assurance from the church that the BMP would capture road run-off and that the letter provided from the church did not address this question as previously requested. The response from the church was that it would try to capture the run-off from the road.

Jeff Lighthiser of Draper Aden Associates, an engineering firm representing the BCA, stated that the proposed specifications and plans were satisfactory. It was further agreed that the church will provide a one-year contractor's performance warranty on the new portion of the loop road commencing when the road is totally completed. Also, the church shall be responsible for repairing the new road during the construction period. The Sunday Park loop road relocation plans were approved as amended in the resolution.

A motion was made to approve and implement the first phase of the long range plan as submitted by the BCA Long Range Planning committee. The estimated cost is to be \$780,000 to complete five major projects over an approximate two and one-half year period. The consensus of the board was that the proposed plan would not be presented for referendum.

A motion was made and carried to levy a special assessment over a two and one-half year period at a rate of 24.65 percent of the annual assessment rate to begin July 1, 1999.

Executive Session

The following motions resulted from the executive session.

Community Manager Divita was authorized to engage counsel to initiate a lawsuit regarding a greenhouse in violation of architectural guidelines. A 5 percent merit increase in annual salary was approved for the community manager in recognition of his outstanding performance in 1998 and in anticipation of increased responsibilities and workload for 1999.

Newcomers: meet your neighbors on March 17

By Harriet Coppins
 Copy Editor

Brandermill Community Association will host a reception for newcomers on March 17, at 7 p.m. at the Gardens Pavilion in Sunday Park. The reception offers new residents an opportunity to meet other newcomers like themselves who are experiencing the task of enrolling their children into new schools; learning where the doctors' and dentists' offices are and finding a good grocery store. There is more, of course, and the staff of the BCA wants to help. All new residents are invited to attend.

They will meet the members of the BCA Board of Directors and BCA Manager Mike Divita who will welcome them and answer any questions about their new community. Also present will be the leaders of local clubs and organizations who will try to help the newcomers become better oriented. Refreshments will be served. The BCA hosts two newcomers receptions each year; the next gathering will take place in the fall.

For additional information, residents may call Director of Community Affairs Dena Sindelar at the BCA office. The number is 744-1035.

The 4th Annual Easter Egg Hunt
 at the
Sunday Park Pavilion
Saturday, March 27 • 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

3 Ongoing Egg Hunts • Bring Baskets
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Officials discuss planned growth for Chesterfield County

By Wendy Parker
Managing Editor

Clover Hill Supervisor Art Warren, Planning Director Tom Jacobson and Planning Commissioner Russell Gulley spoke to members of the Neighborhood Representative Council on February 9. The topic of discussion was planned growth in Chesterfield County.

Supervisor Warren began his remarks with a brief overview of Chesterfield County history which dates back to 1611 with the settlement of the City of Henricus, where Pocahontas met John Rolfe. The official founding of Chesterfield County was in 1749. In recognition of the county's 250th anniversary, Warren said he hopes to combine some cel-

ebrations with Brandermill's 25th anniversary.

Warren passed out a 1998 survey of county residents conducted by the Hay Group. (See survey this page.) He said county officials will use the survey to gauge their planning for the future.

Warren highlighted some of the county's accomplishments including the Triple AAA bond rating the county received, one of only 12 counties in the country. He said, "You don't rate that high without doing something right." He said safety concerns were a top priority in the shopping centers and schools. He noted that Providence Road now has its own police precinct and there is a police office at Chesterfield Towne Center. All county middle and high schools now have

resource officers on site.

He said county officials are doing more to protect Swift Creek Reservoir. On the issue of transportation, Warren remarked, "It is ironic to me that some are willing to spend \$17 million in tax dollars to expand bus service to Chesterfield County, when we have a program in place to provide transportation to job sites for individuals." He asked, "How many police officers and teachers could we hire for the same money? We could eliminate tolls on the Powhite Parkway for \$17 million."

Warren concluded his remarks recognizing the late Bill Barthlow, saying, "He is here in spirit." He added, "Bill did so much for the BCA and the NRC and he was an exceptional part of Brandermill."

Tom Jacobson, director of the

Chesterfield County Department of Planning, gave a slide presentation focusing on how the county plans to manage the expected growth of the county—100,000 people in the next 20 years. He noted that the citizen survey identified overdevelopment, traffic and spill-over crime as Chesterfield County's biggest challenges. He gave a brief overview of the county's growth from post World War II, when the baby boomers were born. He noted that there was an "explosion of development" in that period. It was difficult for county services to keep up with the rapid growth of subdivisions like Brandermill which "leap frogged" ahead without connecting utilities in place.

Jacobson said planning for the future is much more controlled now. He showed a map prepared by the planning department highlighting currently developed and future development areas. Outlying "green" areas represented land that will be left "for future generations to develop." Using the map as a guide, Jacobson said, will allow for more orderly development.

In 1989, the General Assembly gave Chesterfield County the ability to accept cash proffers from developers. Jacobson said this provides minimal financial help today. He said that every new house built costs the county \$6,600 in services: for schools, road and other improvements. In other words for every 2,000 homes, services will amount to \$13 million. However, cash proffers expected to be received by developers for those homes would amount to only \$1 million. While proffers help somewhat, Jacobson said it is obvious additional resources are needed to support new development.

Jacobson talked about the appearance of new development, particularly along U.S. Route 360. He noted that it is a goal of the planners to maintain the forested character of the area, requiring 50-foot buffers of trees between the road and commercial areas. Jacobson said, "Developers will not develop commercial areas like Market



Photo by Wendy Parker
BCA Board President John Hughes, at left, chats with Art Warren, Mike Divita, Russ Gulley and Tom Jacobson before the NRC meeting.

Square again. He said major stores want visibility."

Planning Commissioner Russell Gulley said, "Retail drug store owners no longer want their stores to be an entity of grocery stores. They want their own buildings and parking lots." Asked about the construction of an Aunt Sarah's Pancake House by Southshore close to the reservoir,

Gulley responded, "Zoning took place years ago and they have a right to build there."

Jacobson noted that officials of some communities, such as Virginia Beach and Albermarle County, concerned about overdevelopment and preserving green space, have raised money to purchase land and keep it in its natural state.

Chesterfield County Citizen Survey

A survey of over 2,500 randomly selected Chesterfield County citizens was conducted in 1998 by the Hay Group, a private independent company. The results of citizens surveyed in the Clover Hill District are below.

Overall county quality of life	93% good/excellent	7% fair	
Overall appearance and cleanliness	74% satisfied	9% dissatisfied	17% neither
Place to raise children	90% good/excellent	8% fair	1% poor
Efforts to protect the environment	67% right amount	10% too much	20% too little
Attracting new business	70% right amount	10% too much	20% too little
Access to the Board of Supervisors	73% satisfied	27% unsatisfied	
Safety from the danger of crime:			
Neighborhoods	80% safe	9% not safe	11% neither
Schools	65% safe	15% not safe	20% neither
Shopping Centers	49% safe	27% not safe	22% neither
Some high scores:			
Public schools	80% good/excellent	18% fair	3% poor
Emergency medical services	89% good/excellent	7% fair	2% poor
Police response time	85% good/excellent	4% fair	2% poor
Mixed results:			
Managed growth	42% just about right	57% need more	1% need less
Low scores:			
Road Maintenance	35% satisfied	33% ok as is	22% dissatisfied
Traffic flow	26% satisfied	33% ok as is	28% dissatisfied
Toll roads	12% satisfied	17% ok as is	71% dissatisfied
Willing to pay more taxes for more services	24% yes	49% no	27% not sure

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All Brandermill Community Association members are reminded to cast their votes in the upcoming BCA Board of Directors election on or before April 19, 1999. This year there are two seats open on the board. Each year many ballots are deemed invalid because they are unsigned or more votes are cast than the voter is entitled to cast. A homeowner who resides in the home may cast no more than two votes for a candidate.

Only numerals will be accepted on the ballots. No X's or √'s are permitted. Ballots must be signed to be valid. All ballots will be preprinted with an owner's

name, property identification number, address and the number of votes to which he or she is entitled. If the ballot is missing, a supersession ballot must be obtained at the BCA office. Commercial members, owners of more than one property and tenants have different numbers of votes. Ballots may be mailed to Schutrumpf and Koren, P.C. or dropped in the ballot box at the BCA. Tenants who registered with the BCA prior to March will receive ballots indicating the number of votes to which they are entitled.

Anyone with questions may call the BCA at 744-1035.



Proxy/Ballot for Annual Meeting of the Members Monday, April 19, 1999

Number of authorized votes per vacancy: $\frac{2}{2}$ Votes per vacancy x 2 vacancies: $\frac{4}{4}$ Total Votes

INSTRUCTIONS

- The proxy/ballot **MUST BE SIGNED**. Only one person needs to sign the proxy. An unsigned proxy will void the entire proxy/ballot. The number of votes to which you are entitled has been calculated for you based on the property or properties you owned as of March 1, 1999.
- There are 2 director positions to be filled.
- You may divide your 4 total votes between 2 candidates. However, **NO ONE** candidate may receive more than 2 votes.
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The above signed hereby appoints Schutrumpf & Koren, P.C., Certified Public Accountants, the attorneys-in-fact and proxies of the above signed to vote in the manner indicated above on the election properly coming before the meeting of the members of Brandermill Community Association, Inc., on Monday, April 19, 1999 at 7 p.m. at The Brandermill Church and any adjournment of such meeting, and hereby revokes any proxy heretofore given.

Please mail your proxy/ballot in the blue envelope provided or deliver your proxy to Brandermill Community Association, 3001 East Boundary Terrace, Midlothian, VA 23112, no later than 5 p.m. on April 19, 1999. The polls will be closed during the Annual Meeting on April 19, 1999. No proxy/ballots will be accepted after that time.

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

Sample Ballot



Students stand to "lose" if they "use"

By Janet Joyce
Staff Writer

Chesterfield County high school students with drug or alcohol violations will lose their parking permit for 365 calendar days. The punishment is part of "Use and Lose," an initiative aimed at combating substance abuse among students.

The new campaign was discussed at a February community meeting hosted by Clover Hill District Supervisor Art Warren. Its purpose is to focus on Chesterfield County Schools' zero tolerance policy and show students that inappropriate behavior has consequences, explained Kay Drew, assistant coordinator of student contact for Chesterfield County Public Schools. "We want them to know that using drugs and alcohol is not okay, that it is against school policy and against the law," she said. In addition to losing parking privileges, first-time violators are automatically suspended for 10 days and lose the right to participate in or attend any extracurricular activities for 45 days. An individual with a second drug or alcohol violation may be recommended for expulsion.

As part of the program, an extensive advertising campaign is being planned that includes large red, yellow and black signs with the slogan

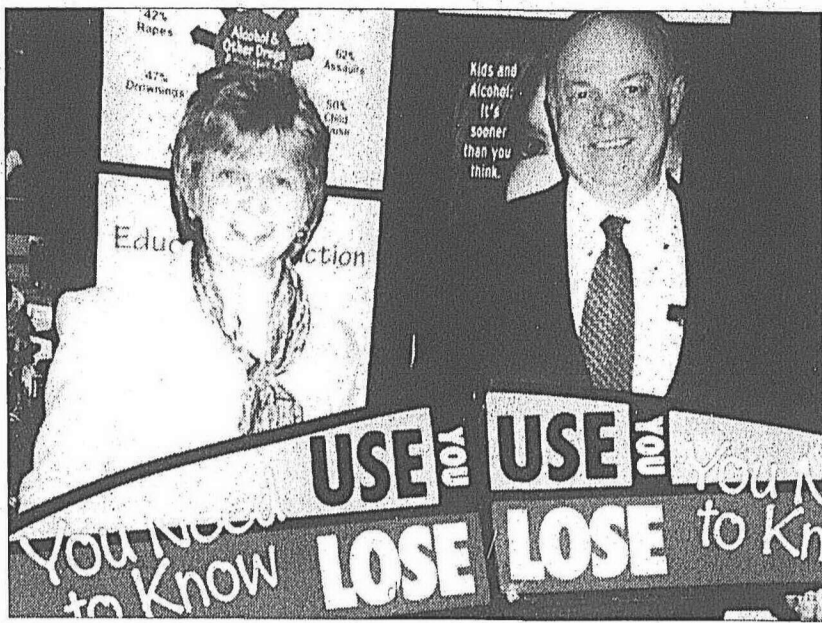


Photo by Janet Joyce
Kay Drew and Art Warren support the "Use and Lose" program.

"You Use - You Lose" that will be placed inside school buses. A "Use and Lose" sticker is also fastened to student parking permits as a constant reminder.

Initially, the program is focusing on high school students but Drew said it will expand to the other levels and may include surprise locker checks in middle school and some kind of club for students at the elementary level encouraging them to stay drug-free.

The program was developed by Substance Abuse Free Environment (S.A.F.E.) a community initiative supported by the Chesterfield Drug and Alcohol Abuse task force, Chesterfield Alliance for Drug Rehabilitation and Education (CADRE), Chesterfield County Youth Services, and the S.A.F.E. Resource Committee. It is funded in part by S.A.F.E. and Chesterfield County. For more information about S.A.F.E., call 748-3549.

Annual meeting for teen center is March 16

The Clover Hill Area Teen Center (CHATC) will hold its 1999 Annual Meeting on Tuesday, March 16 at the Community Center next to the Brandermill Country Club.

The meeting is open to the public and will begin at 7 p.m.

Elections for the teen and adult boards will take place that evening and a review of the past year will be offered.

Plans and activities for the 1999 summer and fall schedule will be discussed.

All area teens, grades 6 to 12, interested parents and adults are invited to attend to learn more about the many recreational and constructive opportunities available through CHATC.

For more information, please call Bob Broomfield at 744-5603 or e-mail at rdb13@firstsaga.com.

NARFE will meet at Brandermill Woods

The National Association of Retired Federal Employees (NARFE) Chapter 2265 will meet at Brandermill Woods Retirement Clubhouse on March 10, from 9:30 a.m. to noon.

The guest speaker is Jackie Richards, president of NARFE Chapter 1823 and author of "Charlie Dog Two and Mustard," a children's book which has received acclaim across the country.

All active and retired federal employees are invited to attend. Call Lewis M. Gee, 272-5049, or http://www.narfe.com/va/2265/index.html.

Lions Club holds Bland music contest

The Brandermill Lions Club will host its annual Bland Music Competition on Saturday, March 20 at 2 p.m. at The Brandermill Church.

The Bland Music Scholarship program was established in 1948 to assist and promote cultural and educational opportunities for the musically talented youth of Virginia. The contest begins at the club level and progresses to district then state wide competition. A few years ago, the Brandermill Lions Club winner took first place in the state competition. This year's contestants will be vocal or perform on piano or harp.

The contest is named to honor James "Jimmy" Bland, the Black composer who wrote over 700 American folk songs, including the stirring former state anthem "Carry me back to Old Virginy."

Richard Becker, Ann Bosch and Dr. Mamon Morrison will be the judges for the contest.

The Brandermill Lions Club is a service organization of 35 members dedicated to serving the visually handicapped and hearing impaired. The club meets twice monthly for a dinner meeting and is engaged in various fund raisers throughout the year.

Anyone interested in membership may call Lee Moreau at 744-4604. Please call Donald Trawick for Bland Concert information at 744-2585.

Resident is SCJWC hostess contestant

Sheryl Laudenslager of Sagewood will represent the Swift Creek Junior Women's Club as Hostess Contestant for 1999. The official hostess for Easter Seals will be announced at the Richmond Omni on September 25 at the Lee District Charity Ball. All the proceeds raised through this event will be used to build the speech and therapy center at Easter Seals Camp East.

For more information on the Swift Creek Junior Women's Club or the Lee District Charity Ball, call Caryl Quinn at 744-8863.

BCA and SCJWC host annual egg hunt March 27

By Harriet Coppins
Copy Editor

Timber Ridge resident Caryl Quinn, president of the Swift Creek Junior Women's Club, has announced the details of the Fourth Annual Easter Egg Hunt which is co-sponsored by Brandermill Community Association, SAFECO, Richmond Camera, Southwest Printing, and SCJWC.

The fun-filled festivities will take place on Saturday, March 27 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Sunday Park Pa-

vilion. The scheduled rain date is Sunday, March 28 from 1 to 4 p.m.

The fee is \$1 per activity. The hunts will be categorized by age. Children are asked to bring their baskets to fill.

In addition to the egg hunt, there will be face painting, a craft table and a jumping tent. Representatives from the police and fire departments will also be present to discuss various aspects of safety and the neighborhood watch program.

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Young teacher finds Japanese experience phenomenal

By Kris Risendal
Staff Writer

Students crowd around her desk, eager to look at the funny Japanese books, pictures, and toys covering the surface. The students trust their teacher with their most intimate secrets, and they are eager to talk and listen, to learn and share.

For their teacher, 22-year old Eileen Lu, teaching English to the 426 students at Maisaka Junior High School is both a challenge and a joy.

The daughter of Hank and Katie Lu of Chimney House and a 1998 graduate of the University of Virginia, Eileen Lu jumped at the chance to become an exchange teacher in Miasaka, a small Japanese fishing village of 12,000 people that overlooks the Pacific Ocean.

After seven months living away from home and adapting to a culture so different from her own, Lu has come to love living in the country known as the "Land of the Rising Sun."

According to Lu, teaching in Maisaka has been one of the most phenomenal experiences of her life. "It isn't the teaching itself, although I love



Eileen Lu at school with her Japanese students.

my students," she said, "but it is the rare opportunity I have to experience daily life on a very interactive level in a society and community that is so foreign to me."

With a Japanese teacher, Lu teaches English to 426 students at Maisaka

Junior High School. Learning their names has proven to be a challenging task. "By now," she said, laughing, "I know about 160 of their names. I could easily remember their faces, but names like Masataka, Hiromasa, Masayoshi, Hiroshi, Shiyo and

Yoshiyasu aren't as easy to remember as Bill, Joe, Mike and Sarah."

Despite the group-oriented, conformist nature of Japan, Lu enjoys a wonderful relationship with her students. As the youngest teacher at the school, and because she is very open with her students, Lu feels like she has become a big sister to many of the children who attend the school. In the beginning, the students were very hesitant to talk during class. They were accustomed to learning in a lecture style. Outside of class, it is totally different. She said, "The vice principal was amazed that a girl came to me to talk and ended up crying about unrequited love. It's what makes me realize that the students trust me," Lu said.

In Japan, teachers hold a very respected position in society and, according to Lu, play a much larger role in the lives of the children. "If a student gets in trouble for something like shoplifting, it is not unusual for the student's homeroom teacher to go to the police station to bail the student out, and then to take the student back to the store to apologize for such an egregious crime," Lu explained.

Most teachers work long hours; young, single teachers often work until 10 p.m. every night and on Saturdays. It's also considered rude for the younger teachers to leave before the older teachers leave.

"My job is very rewarding but quite exhausting," Lu said. "I feel like I am always on display here. I'm very thankful that I'm not stared at like some object, because I am Asian-American, and so I look like them. But

in a sense, I'm held to an even higher standard. I also am often asked to perform, whether it is playing the piano or performing a Japanese fan dance that I'm learning here," she said.

Lu relaxes by sometimes getting away on weekends or visiting friends, or by simply reading her many e-mail messages from friends back home in Virginia.

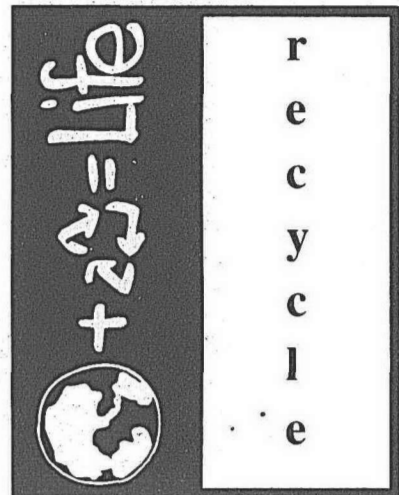
As an extrovert and someone who is quick to share her feelings, Lu also finds the Japanese culture difficult to understand. "At first, it was really exciting getting an insider's view into this fascinating culture. In Japan, there is what's called 'tatemae' which means the outer front, what you show to other people, and 'honne,' which is your true self, what Japanese don't usually show to people, sometimes not even to their own family members," Lu explained. "I can't always tell if people are saying what they really feel or just what they know is the right thing to say to me," she said.

Lu misses her family and friends. She is homesick for good pizza, Wal-marts, parks with plenty of benches to sit and read and not be bothered, central heating, movie tickets for just \$6.50, and "must see T.V."

Lu has decided to stay another year in Maisaka and continue the work she has begun. "It took a lot of praying and thinking, but I finally decided that I'm really making a difference in people's lives here, and I want

to further improve my Japanese. Besides, it has taken so much adjustment for me to survive here, that it would be a shame to pack up and leave after just starting to get the hang of things," she said.

On New Year's day of this year, Lu went to the beach to be one of the first in the world to see the new year's sunrise. "I felt like I was in a scene from 'City of Angels,' that movie with Meg Ryan and Nicholas Cage. It was so cold and windy that I could barely open my eyes, but the first piercing ray of sunlight, and the following warmth from the sun, made it all worth the wait," she said. For Lu, teaching in the "Land of the Rising Sun," makes life worthwhile and full.



Recycling newspapers helps animals



Photo by Janet Joyce

Julia Chilson at the recycling bin with her adopted pets.

By Janet Joyce
Staff Writer

Always an animal lover, Stoney Ridge resident Julia Chilson was surprised to find out that funding for the Chesterfield County Animal Shelter did not include a budget item for the animals' medical care. Although to date no animal has gone without needed care, often as a result of private donations, she was concerned that the situation could arise one day.

"The shelter is committed to either placing the animals for adoption or providing them with a home for life, so the potential need for medical care

is there," Chilson said.

Chilson wanted to help. She heard that there was a newspaper recycling bin at the shelter, the proceeds from which are used for the animals' medical care, so she started hauling her discarded newspapers. Located on Utility Road behind the old Chesterfield County Courthouse, it was a 20-minute trip which she was making on a regular basis. She thought, "Why should I have to drive way over there?"

A member of the Brandermill Woman's Club, Chilson suggested that the club sponsor a newspaper recycling bin at Market Square to benefit the shelter. Club members were enthusi-

astic about the project which Chilson volunteered to coordinate. She contacted South East recycling which had just started a program specifically targeted for charitable donations. Her next step was to get the BCA and Market Square property owners to approve. That accomplished, the bright red recycling bin was installed in December 1996 and that month, the first newspaper collection resulted in a donation to the shelter of \$7.50.

Since then, the project has grown steadily. In 1998, the recycling donation was more than \$544.20. Checks are automatically sent to the animal shelter and range from \$20 to \$65 each month. Although it doesn't sound like much, it buys a great deal of medical help for the animals because it's done on a wholesale basis.

Chilson said, "So much is being done with something we throw away. This works so well because the effort is so minimal. Now, all I have to do is call the recycling company each year to find out how much money was donated on behalf of the Brandermill Woman's Club."

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BRMC is rewarding for retired men

By William Turner, Jr.
BRMC Correspondent

According to its bylaws, the objectives of the Brandermill Retired Men's Club (BRMC) are: to make retirement more enjoyable and rewarding by promoting friendships and social activities within Brandermill and Woodlake; and to aid in the betterment of the community primarily through significant support of local and national organizations.

Its social and fraternal side is well known. BRMC members enjoy a host of activities that afford leisure and recreational opportunities to its approximately 245 members — golf, tennis, bowling, dinner dances, picnics, theater, and tours, to name a few. However, what may not be as well known is the club's ongoing emphasis in satisfying its second objective — contributing to the betterment of the community.

In addition to supporting such traditional community events as the annual Fourth of July celebration and Arts in the Park by providing members to man booths, cut watermelon and direct traffic, over the past four years the club has contributed more than \$17,000 to support a variety of community activities. The Brandermill Church, Camp Baker, Brandermill Fire Station, Chesterfield Volunteers, Christmas Mother, Clover Hill Library, Clover Hill High School, American Red Cross, Freedom House, Midlothian YMCA, and the BCA have each received financial contributions ranging from \$50 to \$1,500.

This financial support is made possible through BRMC member contributions and a whole host of member-supported activities: bake and peanut sales, yard sales, the annual Holiday Musicales, raffles, and as a result of members working at local businesses. The activities may vary from year to year, but the objective remains the same—raising money to contribute to worthy causes.

Each year the BRMC receives requests for financial support from many organizations. And each year these requests are considered by the club's Special Projects Committee. After review and analysis, the committee submits its recommendations to the BRMC Executive Committee for endorsement. Finally, the list of recipient organizations, and the amount to be donated, is presented to the general membership for final approval.

It is a system that works, and one that over the years has resulted in immense satisfaction both to the donor and to the recipient. The Brandermill Retired Men's Club—proving time and again that in a real sense retirement may be the most productive and rewarding time of all. It demonstrates, too, what is truly possible when neighbor helps neighbor.

Dinner Dance

BRMC members are reminded to attend the St. Patty's dinner dance at The Gardens Pavilion on Thursday, March 18 from 6 to 9 p.m. For information, please call Bob Flanagan at 744-6345.

Jim Kelly is BRMC president

By William Turner, Jr.
BRMC Correspondent

At the December general meeting, the Brandermill Retired Men's Club (BRMC) elected James "Jim" Kelly its 13th president.

Also named to head the organization during 1999 were Lou Seminare, first vice president; Robert Gibbons, second vice president; Forrest Clapp, secretary; and Don McEachron, treasurer.

Kelly says he is honored to have been chosen to lead the BRMC to the new millennium, and looks forward to expanding the club's already enviable programs. He says, too, that one of his main objectives for the year is to



Jim Kelly

improve the club's communications flow to the community. As an example, he cited his intention to coordinate the BRMC's activities with the Brandermill Woman's Club in order to avoid duplication or conflict with the BWC's programs.

After serving in Korea in 1952-1953, Jim migrated to Virginia and went to work for the Virginia Housing Development Authority. Jim was Director of Equity Investments when he retired after 20 years of service with VHDA.

Jim is past chairman of the "Making a World of Difference" campaign for the College of Human Resources and Education at Virginia Tech where he has worked in an advisory capacity for 18 years. He is also a member of the Brandermill Rotary Club.

Kelly and his wife, Sally, have lived in Brandermill since 1978. They have one daughter, and two grandchildren. The Kellys own High Meadows Horse Stables.

County calls for youth nominations

Chesterfield County Youth services is accepting nominations for the Outstanding Youth Award of Chesterfield County and the Outstanding Service to Youth Award. The annual awards ceremony will give recognition to those who contribute to their community through their outstanding voluntary service, and to adults who make significant contributions to youth through service in their community.

Teen nominees must be between 12 and 18 years old and have demonstrated courage, compassion and/or service. Nomination of teens who may not otherwise be recognized is encouraged. Adult nominees must be at least 18 years old and have demonstrated fortitude, sensitivity and/or service in working with youth.

The ceremony, hosted by the Youth Services Citizen Board, will be held at Manchester Middle School at 7401

Hull Street Road on April 29 at 7 p.m. Nomination forms can be obtained by calling Chesterfield Youth Services at 748-3549. Applications must be received by 5 p.m. March 18.

Heron Pointe is new community for retirees

Residents are invited to attend a meeting regarding Heron Pointe at Swift Creek, a planned retirement community to be located at 15201 Genito Road. The meeting will take place on March 28, at 2 p.m. at Gardens Pavilion in Sunday Park. There will be a display of the master site plan, street scapes, and house plans. Call Ann Duffer at 744-1737 for additional information.

Resident questions BCA process

Letter to the Editor:

One reason voter turnout tends to be so low is that we feel our leaders—at the community association, county, state and federal levels—don't want our input. During their campaigns the candidates tell us they want our opinions, but after the election they prefer their decisions to be relatively unfettered. A number of important state and county issues cry out for citizen input, but our local leaders deny us referenda on those issues.

Unfortunately, the same problem exists with the Brandermill board. The latest example occurred last month when the board bypassed direct community input and voted for a special assessment that obligates all 3,700 residential households plus commercial members to pay for the \$780,000 plan. Fewer than 20 persons reviewed the plan and informed residents at two sparsely attended community meetings. But my issue is not the plan; it's the process.

At one community meeting a member of the Long Range Planning Committee said that if there were a line item vote on each of the five parts of the plan, some parts might not pass because members would oppose those that do not afford each voter a direct benefit. I doubt that conclusion, but even if all or parts of the plan failed, that process is called democracy. We need more of it, not less.

According to the direct benefit argument, many Brandermill members would only vote their pocketbooks. Then how do you explain why in 1996 83 percent of Chesterfield voters approved a school bond referendum when only 42 percent of county households have children in the public school system?

The mostly likely reason the committee (which recommended a special assessment) and the board chose not to submit the plan to its members is they were concerned about a defeat or partial defeat. In my opinion our educated members understand the value of community which encouraged them to buy in Brandermill in the first place. A community vote not only is more democratic, it enables a faster healing

from the failed 20/20 vote by telling the members that the BCA Board wants and cares about their opinions.

For the past five years there has been discussion of polling the members on a variety of issues during the annual election vote—brief discussion without any action. Assuming unbiased questions on meaningful issues, this process could help reunite the community. Its implementation is long overdue.

Greg Pearson
McTyre's Cove

Community Manager's note: the board did not bypass community input but made a special effort to include residents of diverse opinions on the Long Range Planning Committee. In addition, two public meetings were held for community input at which about 80 people attended. News of the 'long range plan was given ample coverage in The Village Mill, by flyers and on the reader boards. Board members also received input from residents' phone calls. In addition, board members are elected officials and it is their duty to vote on behalf of association members.

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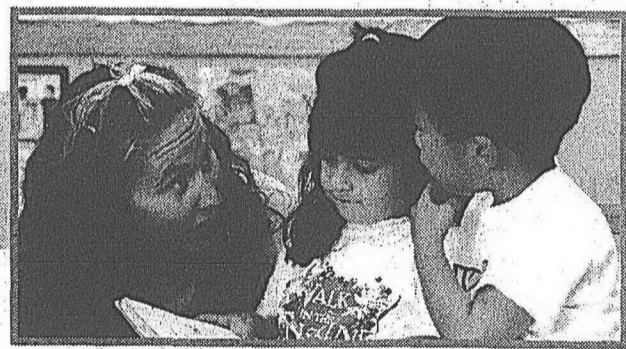
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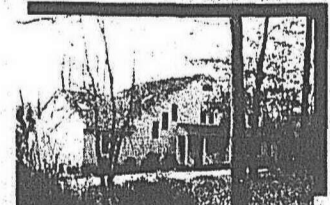
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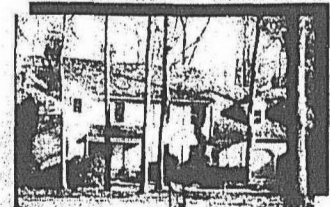
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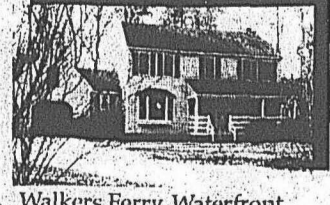
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Some improvements need approval, some don't

While most residents are aware that color changes, home improvements and fences require application and approval of the Architectural Review Board, there are numerous projects that do not need approval.

Property owners can limb up trees to improve air flow and increase sunlight which can reduce mold and mildew growth problems.

Property owners can cut trees. However, it is essential that this office be contacted prior to removing any tree six inches in diameter measured at a point two feet above ground level. While trees are vital to retaining Brandermill's wooded appearance, it is important that some trees be removed, particularly those trees within 10 to 15 feet of the foundation. Trees growing this close can do major damage to a foundation.

Decorative trees and shrubbery can be planted, as well as grass, flower

beds, mulch beds without ARB approval. Vegetable gardens can be established in rear and side yards. Landscape decorations can be installed. Small sections of decorative fencing are also acceptable, as are small lawn statues.

Driveways can be resurfaced without approval provided that the dimensions do not change and the surface is asphalt, concrete, or gravel.

Play equipment such as swing sets, tree houses, and trampolines can be installed in rear yards. Tree houses, forts, and playhouses must be under six feet tall and less than 36 square feet, otherwise these structures must be approved by the ARB.

DBS satellite antennae can be installed. However, in some cases they may be required to be painted or screened with shrubbery. Siding, trim, shutters, and doors can be repainted the same approved colors.

Let the sun shine in through new windows

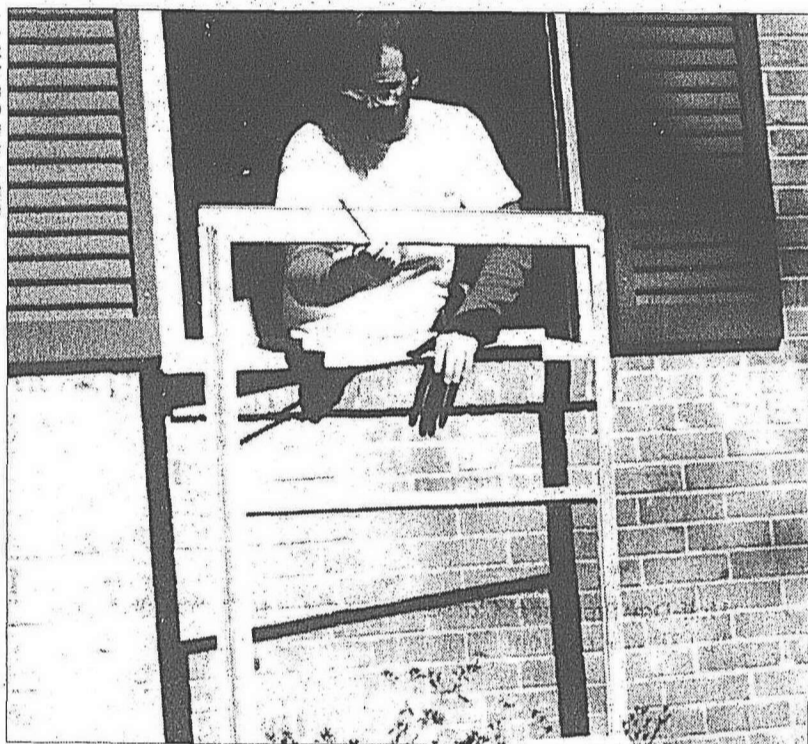


Photo by Kris Risendal

A worker prepares a home for new windows.

By Kris Risendal
Staff Writer

The decision to remodel a home is never easy. The planned chaos of installing new windows and doors brings both excitement and dread for most families. The beauty and efficiency of new windows may be overshadowed by homeowners' fears that they will be forced to live with gaping holes in the walls and in their wallets.

There is only one solution for people wishing to replace their windows and doors: choose your contractor carefully when selecting someone to do the job.

According to Arthur Mullian, owner of Regal Home Improvement Com-

pany in Richmond, people interested in window replacement should contract with someone who does this type of work all the time, someone who has his or her own work crews, and is fully licensed, insured and bonded.

"Hiring a professional to do the job will save you both time and money," Mullian explained. "Most window warranties require certified installers. If you install the windows yourself and later have a problem, you will have to prove to the manufacturer that it is not a labor-related problem."

New windows can provide homes with more than just a fresh new face. Custom windows that fit properly greatly add to the resale value of a home by improving both appearance

and energy efficiency. "Most replacement windows on the marketplace today are vinyl windows," said Mullian. "Vinyl is totally maintenance-free since it never needs painting. Most people use double pane windows that ensure efficient heating and cooling. Additionally, vinyl windows tilt for easier cleaning." Wood windows are porous, sweat and may bow.

Homeowners replace windows for a variety of reasons. According to Mullian, most window and door replacements are done to replace rotted wood or to change the appearance. Condensation between window panes is a signal that the window is not operating efficiently. Windows that are leaking or not operating properly should also be replaced.

Safety is also a concern for many

homeowners. "Replacing improper locks is important. Some new windows have six or eight locks," said Mullian.

Mullian recommends that homeowners replace windows and doors with ones that are custom fit. "A custom entry is the only way to go," said Mullian.

The most popular door used in Brandermill is the steel insulated entry door. The doors come with a wood tone finish or factory painted.

"If you decide to buy a door and prime and paint it yourself, be aware that the finish may not hold up as well as a factory-finished door," Mullian said.

Spend time wisely finding the best contractor for the job of replacing windows and doors and enjoy letting the light shine in.

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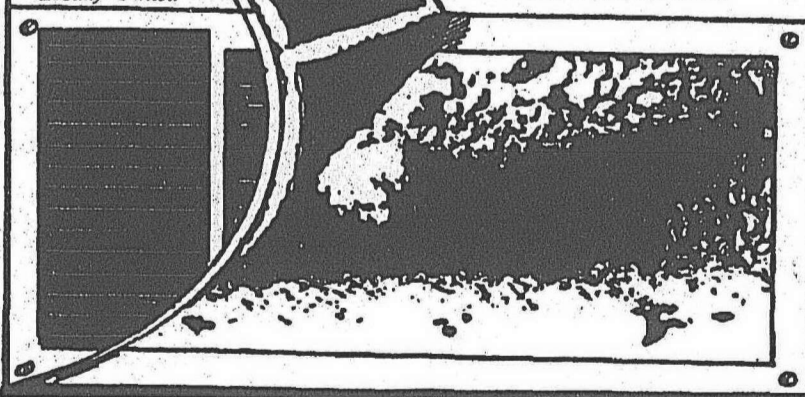
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Driveways give a first impression



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Workmen prepare to install a new driveway in Brandermill.

By Kris Risendal
Staff Writer

If a driveway is crumbling, nothing can help a home more than a single strip of asphalt. One thing is very clear: a driveway that is maintained and groomed reflects a community that cares about how it looks. Curbside appeal is crucial to the overall look of a neighborhood.

While asphalt remains the most popular choice of driveway for many homeowners, there are many different materials people can choose to achieve the look they want. Gravel, aggregate, concrete and brick are

some of the materials people choose to surface their driveways and walkways in Brandermill. Residents should tailor their choice of surfacing to their individual lifestyles. While concrete is long-lasting, it is also more expensive than asphalt. Gravel blends with the community's natural look, but loose stone may be tracked into the yard or home.

Seth McMillan, the BCA's director of community standards, reminds homeowners that only brown and grey river gravel are allowed as surface gravel in Brandermill. According to McMillan, Brandermill residents who

wish to change the surface of their driveways do not need approval from the Architectural Review Board; however, changing driveway dimensions does require advance approval. When using gravel, residents should take care to weed where necessary. Lining the driveway with timber and regrading and adding fresh gravel can greatly enhance and update the appearance of a driveway.

Homeowners should make sure that the look of their driveways fits the look of their homes and neighborhoods. A popular choice of driveway surfacing in Brandermill is asphalt. Of all the types of driveways, asphalt needs the most upkeep. If maintained, however, asphalt will stand up as well as the more expensive concrete and aggregate paved driveways.

While sealing a driveway is, at best, a dirty job, homeowners do not need to seal their driveway every fall and spring as many people believe. Driveways should be sealed only when cracks and crevices become noticeable. Too much sealing will lead to a buildup of a sealant which makes penetration to the driveway more difficult. Crumbling asphalt may require more extensive treatment. Remember, anyone with a pickup truck can come to the house with an estimate. Never hire someone for driveway repair who is offering material left over from another job.

When sealing an asphalt driveway with an oil-based product, make sure the temperature outside is at least 50 degrees. Oil-based products are preferred because they penetrate the driveway better, allowing the driveway to breathe.

Spring is the ideal time to examine driveways for curbside appeal. Does the driveway make the home look great? Even the most expensive driveway will not enhance the appearance of a home if it is not properly maintained.

Painting protects and enhances home



By Janet Joyce
Staff Writer

Paint. It can be an easy and inexpensive way to completely change the atmosphere of a room, and the first thing prospective buyers notice when they pull into the driveway. Whether inside or out, a fresh coat of paint can do wonders.

Exterior paint does more than just add to the aesthetic value of a home. Properly applied, paint protects the siding from decay caused by exposure to the elements. The location of a home as well as the severity of the weather

influences how often the exterior should be painted. In Brandermill, a paint job on masonite or composition board should last about five to six years and five to seven years on cedar siding.

Interior paint sets the mood of the room and protects the drywall. The selected colors can make a statement about your personality. You can make a room seem warm or cold, large or small. Dark colors on the ceiling can close a room in. A small room can seem larger with a bright white ceiling.

Two types of paints are on the market today, water-based and

oil-based. Water based paints are latex or acrylics and can be cleaned with soap and water. Oil-based paints require toxic solvents for clean up and solvent disposal can be a problem. Latex paints available today are superior to their predecessors and are comparable in quality and durability to oil-based paints.

Paint is often blended for its intended use. For example, some exterior paints include additives to combat environmental problems specific to certain geographic locations. Certain interior paints are specifically designed to withstand repeated washing, and would be ideal for a child's room. Paint professionals recommend the use of high quality materials and remind consumers to always research the products available to get the best value.

It is also important to remember that the investment in time, if you're a do-it-yourselfer, or money if you hire a professional painter, is just as great when using low or high-quality products.

Proper preparation of the surface is critical. Before painting, home exteriors should be power washed with a bleach solution to kill mildew and active and dormant mildew spores. If this important step is omitted, mildew can get trapped beneath a layer of paint and once it grows, can be nearly impossible to remove. Inside and out, gaps and holes need to be patched, loose paint removed and the surface smoothed before painting.

Brandermill residents are reminded that changing exterior colors requires approval from the BCA Architectural Review Board. Applications are available at the BCA office and colors are reviewed each Tuesday.

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Foundations need special attention

By Janet Joyce
Staff Writer

Seeing a crack in the foundation is enough to make an otherwise unflappable homeowner panic. It can be merely cosmetic, but it could indicate shifting of the house. Homeowners who see a crack should monitor it. If it closes after heavy rain and opens again during dry periods, it is probably indicative of foundation movement and should be addressed.

Kavie Thrift, vice president of Stable Foundations, explained that the key factor influencing foundations is the moisture content of the soil. Thrift said that clay soils common throughout central Virginia expand when they absorb water and contract when they lose moisture. Problems can occur when portions of the footer, the concrete base of the foundation, rests on one type of soil and part is on another type causing uneven movement as moisture content changes. Thrift noted that extreme moisture conditions such as this past year's drought, can affect houses 20-25 years old.

Homeowners living in areas where clay soils are

common can help keep the moisture content of the soil around their home constant by planting flowers and shrubs. Watering the plants adds moisture to the soil around the foundation. Another technique is to actually water the foundation by placing a soaker hose around the house during droughts.

Even in a worst-case scenario, foundation problems can be overcome by underpinning the house. In this process, a foundation specialist drills piers into the ground to a point where the soil is solid, 10 to 30 feet below the footer. A bracket is then attached to the pier and the footer. Using hydraulic jacks, the house is then raised to its original level. From that point on, the piers support the footer and moisture changes in the soil beneath it no longer cause it to shift. Thrift said that besides use as a corrective process, it can be employed in new home construction to prevent problems where uneven soil conditions are common.

In Chesterfield County, a test to screen for problem soil is required before construction of any new single-family home. If detected, an engineer's foundation design is required.

Mailboxes need painting

By Harriet Coppins
Copy Editor

If the mailbox in front of any house in Brandermill has been worn down by time, or bleached by the sun, or worse yet, has been struck by a car, that mailbox is going to detract from the overall cared-for look of the grounds. The plants and lovely flowering shrubs will not be the first items someone notices when driving or walking past that house. Let's face it, the unappealing mailbox will catch someone's eye faster than anything else on the property.

If the mailbox is a complete disaster, someone from the BCA maintenance department will replace the entire set-up for \$95. If only the metal mailbox needs replacing, the homeowner may pick up and install a new one at a cost of \$17. If the BCA maintenance employee installs the box, it

will cost \$27. A new name board is free if the homeowner installs the board. The BCA will even supply the nails. Other repairs are priced accordingly. A quart of mailbox paint is \$10 and can be picked up at the BCA office.

In addition, members of local Boy Scout Troop 800 will repaint the box for \$15. Call 744-2747 for details.

Whatever the situation, call Juli Talty at the BCA office at 744-1035 and tell her the problem. She will offer the solution, the cost and any other necessary details.

Don't let that mailbox stick out like the proverbial "sore thumb."



Wait for soil to warm up before planting annuals

By The Brickman Group, LTD.
Landscape Architects

As warm weather approaches, green thumbs start to itch. Gardeners are eager to plant their annuals. Most annuals should not be planted outdoors until the chance of frost is past and the soil is sufficiently warmed up. This can vary from late April to early May in Virginia.

While it is always tempting to try to get annuals planted in April when the daily temperatures are in the 70s and low 80s, this can be dangerous for warm season annuals that need warm soils along with warm air temperatures.

One only has to remember the spring of 1996 in the mid-Atlantic and Northeast regions when a warm, early spring prompted annuals to be planted early, only to have a late season frost on May 13 destroy some of the tender annuals such as Begonia and Impatiens.

While the list of annuals available to the gardening public is quite large, those that are able to give color from May to October make up a smaller list. Homeowners are more apt to choose some of the lesser used annuals that are more easily adapted to smaller flower beds and are best viewed from up close. This would include English Daisies, Bachelor Buttons, Alyssum, Portulaca, Forget-Me-Nots and Baby Blue-Eyes.

For larger displays on residential and commercial sites, annuals that give months of color and are able to withstand severe climate conditions should be used. A few of the more common annuals and cultural conditions needed for them to perform well are listed below.

Ageratum

This small annual is valued for its bluish flowers, a color that is not easily found in most landscapes. Ageratum is best used as a border plant, with two to three rows necessary to be effective. The blue flowers go well with pink Begonias and similarly colored Petunias.

Begonia

One of the most popular annuals is the Begonia due to its long blooming period, ease of maintenance and array of flower and leaf colors. Begonias are deserving of status in most planting situations. They need warm temperatures and should not be planted outdoors before the soil has sufficiently warmed.

Flowering Vinca

This annual is valued for its ability to withstand very dry soil conditions and full sun. Many new varieties of this annual have been developed in the last few years and have larger flowers in different color ranges. Vinca needs full sun and good air cir-

ulation in order to do well, and beds that are irrigated should be closely monitored to avoid overwatering.

Geranium

Geraniums come in many different colors and perform well in most areas that receive full sun. Geraniums are a higher maintenance flower since the old blooms need to be removed on a weekly basis in order to promote new blooms. Geraniums do not like to have their foliage wet as this encourages diseases of the leaves and flowers. Ivy-leaf Geraniums are a good choice for hanging baskets.

Impatiens

Impatiens are the most popular selling annual in this country. Impatiens offer color in the landscape for six months of the year in most areas. Although they prefer partial shade in most areas, they can be grown in full sun farther north when supplied with a copious amount of water. They have few insect or disease problems, but do tend to get "leggy" when planted in dense shade or too close together. The Super Elfin series is one of the most popular due to the dwarf habit and wide range of colors.

Marigold

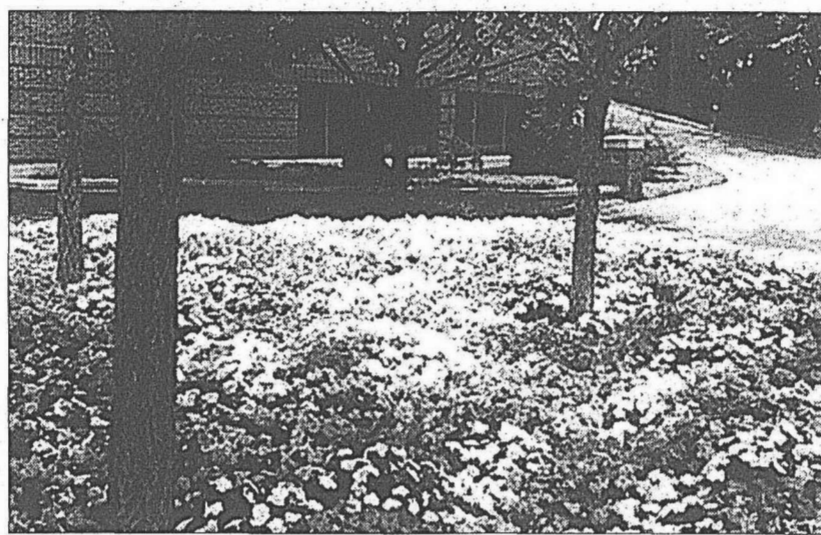
When you think of yellow annuals, the Marigold is usually the first plant that comes to mind. Marigolds need full sun and room to grow in order to do well. Although they have a long blooming period, insects and disease problems are not uncommon and can destroy entire plantings. Spider mites are the number one pest problem and they need to be closely monitored, especially if they are allowed to dry out. They are available in many different flower types and sizes.

Petunia

Petunias are available in about every shade from reds, to blue, white and even yellow varieties. Petunias prefer full sun and do not like wet weather and high humidity which causes them to become spindly and destroys the flowers. Petunias will provide more early color than any other annual, and look their best by early June. August can be a difficult month with the warm, humid weather and heavy rains, and plantings may need to be cut back and fertilized to rejuvenate them.

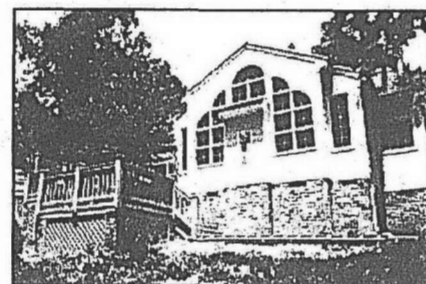
An exciting new Petunia is Purple Wave, a hanging basket variety that has proven to be outstanding for containers and pots. Another new petunia is Pink Wave which is a lighter pink color with a weeping habit.

Other annuals that are sometimes used for sunny conditions include Flowering Tobacco, Zinnia, Salvia, and Verbena. Remember that more variety of flowers is not always better, and that most plantings are more effective when limited to no more than two to three types of flowers.



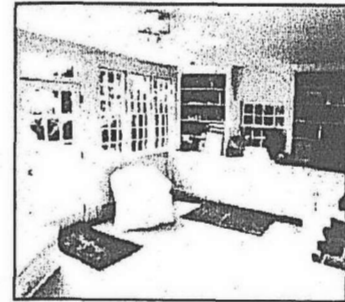
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Residents participate in county youth forum



Leigh Miles

By Linda Burns
Guest Correspondent

Brandermill residents Leigh Miles, Amanda Pickens and Pam Masters were among 149 attendees at the 1999 Community Youth Forum, "Say So," held at Manchester Middle School on February 11.

The forum is an annual event which brings young folks and adults together to talk about problems facing today's youth. Sponsored by Midlothian Kiwanis Club, Chesterfield County Youth Services, and Chesterfield Youth Services Citizen Board, this year's forum attracted a record turnout of young people. Sixty-six percent of the attendees were teenagers currently enrolled in Chesterfield County schools.

The forum was open to middle and high school students, as well as parents, educators, service providers, business people, clergy, elected officials and concerned citizens. Matoaca District Supervisor Renny B. Humphrey, Chief Judge Harold Burgess, Judge Frederick Rockwell and



Eighth-graders Amanda Pickens and Stewart Burns check out the literature at the Youth Services booth.

Photos by Linda Burns

Judge Jerry Hendrick from the 12th District Juvenile and Domestic Court, participated in the forum.

Director of Chesterfield Youth Services Jana Carter said, "One of the goals of youth services and the Youth Services Citizen Board is to provide opportunities for community participation and involvement. The community youth forum is one of the ways we accomplish this. Through the forum we learn more about community attitudes and get good ideas regarding how to address community concerns."

Participants were asked to select three discussion groups from a list of 10 choices. Some of the topics addressed in small group settings included: drugs and alcohol—reality versus myth; peers—friends or foes; guns, weapons and violence; strengths and challenges of Chesterfield schools; youth and the law; getting the most out of life; and, cultural diversity—the changing landscape.

The young people, who chose the topic on youth and the law were primarily in high school. Several stu-

dents reprimanded parents who try to be friends rather than authority figures to their teenagers. One young woman said she cannot believe how permissive many of her friends' parents are. She commented that so many parents overlook their responsibilities to be good role models. Another participant said she is amazed at how many parents make alcohol, cigarettes and money readily available to their children.

Cove Ridge resident, Amanda Pickens, who attends the center-based gifted program at Manchester Middle School, joined the small group discussion entitled, "Teen Relationships: Truth and Consequences." She said, "It was interesting to hear adults' perceptions of teenage relationships." Stewart Burns, an eighth-grader at Swift Creek Middle School, sat in on the same group. She said it would have been better if more high school students were there to reflect on the topic of teen relationships. For more information about Chesterfield County Youth Services, call Jana Carter at 748-3549.

CHHS students learn from Japanese businessman

By Tony Bredel and Sarah Breeding
Guest School Correspondents

The students in Japanese classes, as well as other classes at Clover Hill High School, have had the opportunity to learn the language and culture of Japan first-hand.

Norimichi Terada, a Japanese businessman, is one of three interns visiting the United States and Chesterfield County Schools.

The visitors are in schools three days a month, working with students of Japanese and speaking to other classes on topics concerning Japan and the U.S.

In classes, Terada provides the most assistance with the writing, grammar and pronunciation aspects of the Japanese language.

"He has done a wonderful job overseeing the classes and making sure the students have knowledge of the Japanese culture," Japanese teacher Marian Rogers said.

Because there is only one Japanese class per day, teachers have had the chance to request that Terada come into their classroom to speak to the students.

"Japanese students know about America, but we are introducing Asian culture, especially Japanese culture, to American people," Terada said.

According to Rogers, Clover Hill High School is fortunate to have Terada. Terada's background as a former teacher of politics in Japan has been beneficial to government students by providing them with knowledge of Japanese politics.

"Mr. Terada combines humor with a strong knowledge of the Japanese government," government teacher Billy Pritchett said. "I found him to be entertaining as well as enlightening."

Having Japanese visitors come into

class is not the only new approach to teaching Japanese this year.

The entire program is new, with classes being videotaped daily in Henrico and viewed the next day via satellite. The classes also have conversation days with South Carolina, in order to have some direct interaction with the language. The conversation days provide the students with the help that the videos cannot produce.

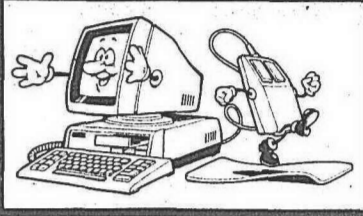
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Special thanks go to the Virginia Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control for its \$500 grant to the school supporting the prevention of under age alcohol use.

In addition to this grant, 92 families donated Ukrop's Golden Gift certificates amounting to \$61,877.24. The community feed-back is greatly appreciated. Donations are still being collected by Nancy Coggins. Her phone number is 744-8584.



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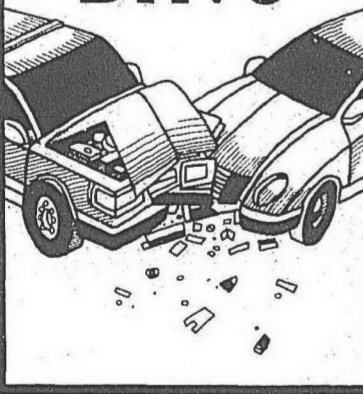


Students and adults enjoy a visit "down under." Seated, from left: Meggie Tucker, Careen Mansfield, Michele Greis and Clay Tyree. Standing: Jeff Austin, Erin Pollak, Gary Williams, Sarah Kirshberg, Dotsie Williams, Gary Williams and Michael Dean.

This summer Swift Creek Middle School teachers, Dotsie Williams and Robin Dodd, will be taking groups of students on two exciting international educational trips. The first departure will be in early July with destinations to six European nations: The Netherlands, Belgium, Germany, France, England, and Scotland. In early August a second group of students will be leaving for an adventure in New Zealand and Australia. There are only a few openings remaining for students to take advantage of these travel opportunities.

For information, please call Robin Dodd at 739-1916 or Dotsie Williams at 739-8790.

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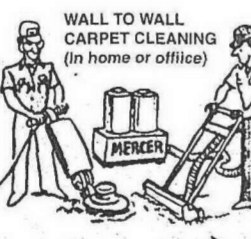
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Sunday & Monday, December 12 & 13 Holiday House Judging Contest
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CHES performers dazzle on stage



Photo by Kris Risendal

The "talent" waits for their turn on stage.

By Kris Risendal
School Correspondent

All that is needed are a stage, music, and a wildly cheering audience. And kids. Lots of them. Kids who dance, bang drums, play piano, perform magic, and sing. Now that's entertainment.

On February 24, Clover Hill Elementary School students proved they could dazzle on stage during the third annual CHES talent show and pizza dinner held at Clover Hill High School.

CHES students performed in 47 acts for an enthusiastic audience of teachers, family and friends.

In other news, fifth-grader Leslie Robertson's watercolor pencil composition was chosen to be on display in the General Assembly building.

Carson Skipper, Montana Sweet, Adam Benson and Jack Barrow continue to score wins on the CHES chess team. The team competed in the Dinwiddie Scholastic Chess Tournament on January 30.



Chesterfield County schools received their first report cards recently. The students, teachers, and parents can be proud of their accomplishments.

Parents and staff at CHES are not just thinking big these days. Some people are thinking small, as in Weight Watchers. Anyone interested in joining Weight Watchers can meet every Tuesday at 3:30 p.m. for weigh-in and a meeting.

Thanks to successful PTA fund-raising this year, new playground equipment has been ordered and will be installed later this spring.

Construction on the interior courtyard amphitheater will also begin this school year.

SCES students say "yes, ma'am"

By Cathy Maxwell
SCES Correspondent

"Gracious Gators" is the name of the new school program designed to promote good manners and courtesy. According to Assistant Principal Dreama Muller, students are identified as Gracious Gators when they are observed being kind to their peers and to adults. "These social skills (politeness, courtesy, kindness) are very important life skills." Muller hopes that by the end of school in June, all students in the school will have earned this recognition.

The first time out on the chess tournament field, the fourth-grade team of Benjamin Al-Mateen, Trevor Page, Piyush Singh, and Jonathan Davis took first place. Their third-grade counterparts, Palmer Mebane, Nathan Kendler, Erik Golden and his second-grade sister Christine Golden also took first place in their division. The Dinwiddie Scholastic Chess Tournament featured over 40 elementary school players representing eight school teams. Singled out for special mention was Nathan Kendler who won a first place individual trophy and Erik Golden who earned a second place individual trophy.

The date of the Annual Spring Carnival has been announced. On Saturday, April 24, the SCES playground will boast a Moonwalk, giant slide and a host of other fun games. There will



also be a yard sale. Times for the event are 1-4 p.m.

The after school enrichment program is underway. This program gives students a chance to learn a new skill like cooking, crafts, or juggling.

Now is the time for SCES students to start observing life and thinking about what they want to be when they grow up. The school's second Career Festival Day scheduled for May 21

will give them a chance to hear adults talk about what they do for a living. Guidance counselors Ann Anderson and Peggy Page are always looking for special guest speakers. If anyone has an interesting job to discuss with the children, contact the guidance office through the school office.

Finally, a big thank you goes to Den 3 of Boy Scout Pack 890 for the new river birch tree in front of the school.

SCES offers parenting program

By Cathy Maxwell
SCES Correspondent

Parenting is a difficult job, but help is available.

The local public schools often host parenting courses like the one in progress at Swift Creek Elementary School. Love and Logic™ is a six-week course that offers direction for families and teachers in helping children become more responsible.

"Research has shown that responsibility correlates with high school success more than any other factor," said SCES Guidance Counselor Ann Anderson.


Love and Logic originates from the Cline-Fay Institute in Golden, CO. Taught by trained staff, goals for the program include helping parents learn how to set limits without "waging war."

We usually do one parenting program a year," Anderson said. "It is open to all parents in the community and usually addresses issues that pertain to all age groups of children." Cost for the Love and Logic program is \$10 plus \$10 for materials.

Any area parents interested in having information on the next parenting program, may register with the SCES guidance office by calling the school at 739-6305 and leaving their name.

The Internet is also another good place for parenting information," added Anderson.

She said that study skill information sites like the one sponsored by Virginia Tech at www.vcc.vt.edu/stdysk/stdyhlp.html and The Loony Bin at www.geocities.com/athens/3843/index.html offer good information to parents on how to help children do better in school.



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Brenda Hatcher coordinates Rainbow Games

By Kris Risendal
Staff Writer

For many years, Brenda Hatcher of Poplar Grove has devoted herself to nurturing and educating children with special needs as a special education instructional teacher with the Chesterfield County school system. Her devotion to the positive development of youth is further evidenced by her work as coordinator and president of the board of directors of the Rainbow Games, a two-day athletic competition for physically challenged children held annually in Richmond.

Now in its 19th year, the 1999 Rainbow Games are being held Saturday, March 20 at the Arthur Ashe Center for track and field events and Sunday, March 21 at the Tuckahoe YMCA for the swimming competition. According to Hatcher, the Rainbow Games provide children of normal intelligence who suffer from physical or visual disabilities an opportunity to experience the thrill of athletic competition.

"The Rainbow Games are designed for kids who are not in the Special Olympics but who need to experience a form of athletic competition that is both fair and challenging," Hatcher said. "It is our hope that the children will learn that sports can be life-long activities that will benefit them for years to come. Our goal is for the kids to develop an interest in fitness that they will carry with them into adulthood."

Children ages 7 to 21 are eligible to participate in this statewide event. At this year's event, organizers expect approximately 100 athletes to compete in events in track, field and swimming.

The Rainbow Games are incorporated as a nonprofit organization and the games are staffed entirely by volunteers.

"This year, more than 200 volunteers will contribute their time and talents to making the games successful. Many of them are teenagers who serve as buddies to individual athletes. The teens are wonderful at encourag-



Brenda Hatcher

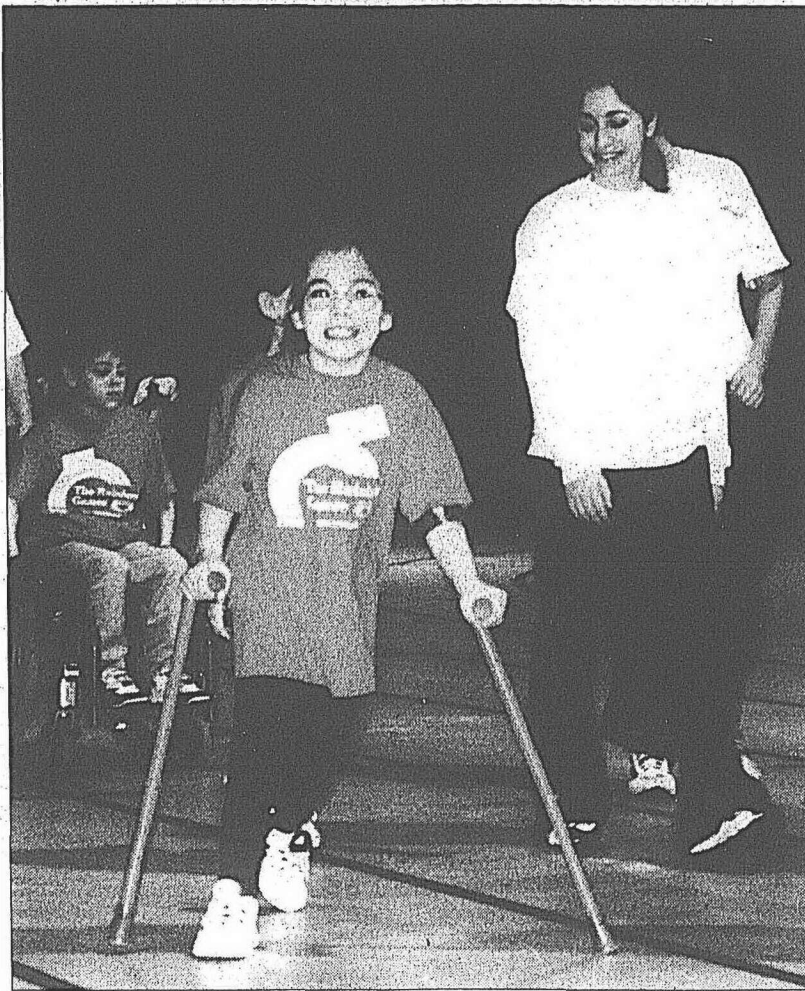
ing the kids in their events," Hatcher said.

Individual sports and team participation are encouraged at the Rainbow Games. Events such as a raft race, beeper ball and a sitting volleyball game are all highlights of the busy weekend.

"Beeper ball is new this year and it will be especially encouraging to our visually-impaired athletes," said Hatcher. "A beeper placed inside a ball will allow all the kids to play softball. Our sitting volleyball game was also a big hit last year." Dancing to the sounds of music provided by a disc jockey is also popular with athletes and volunteers alike.

Events in the 1999 Rainbow Games include the following: in track and field: the 60 meter, 200 meter, 800 meter and wheelchair slalom; the standing long jump, club throw, shot put, and softball throw; in swimming: the 13 meter swim, 25 meter backstroke, 25-meter freestyle, 50 meter freestyle, 100 meter freestyle and the raft relay. Medals are awarded according to the classification and age of the athlete.

"We invite everyone to come to this year's Rainbow Games and experience this exciting competition for themselves," said Hatcher. There is no



Volunteers and participants enjoy the Rainbow games.

charge for the athletes or spectators.

Opening ceremonies will begin on Saturday, March 20 at 9 a.m. with an Olympic parade. "Lieutenant Governor John Hagar will be on hand for

the festivities. Saturday's events should conclude around 3 p.m. The swimming events on Sunday will begin at 1 p.m. and last until 4 p.m.," Hatcher said.



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Wrestlers dominate districts

By Jonathan Lukens and Tony Bredel
Guest School Correspondents

The Clover Hill High School wrestling team has proven itself to be one of the elite in the district.

During the regular season, the Cavaliers did not reach their full potential. Due to this slight disappointment, the Cavs set their sights at dominating the Dominion District tournament: With inspired performances, the Cavs did just that.

Freshman Steven Colpo conquered the district championship in the 103 pound weight class with junior Tobin Walker doing the same in the 119 pound weight class.

Other wrestlers placing second in tournament competition were junior Jay Wolman (130), senior Robert Lunka (160), and junior Jeff Morris (215). This success has coach Mike Stefanko anticipating next season.

"I think that this year was a learning experience," Stefanko said.

Track

The indoor track team came into this season with some reasonable goals

based on the talent it possessed.

The girls team hoped to finish in the top three places at the district meet held on February 10. The team accomplished this goal finishing third with 69 points, just one point out of second.

"Senior Genevieve Keen really stepped up in the district meet to set the school record in the long jump at 18 feet and 3 inches," Mike Justice said. "She was key to the girls finishing where they did in the meet."

Justice says the boys had a more modest goal of having as many boys in the regional meet as possible. They qualified eight team members by placing in the district meet.

Helping the girls reach their level of success were surprising contributions from freshmen long and middle distance runner Dena Henderson and sprinter Christina Pearce.

The girls went into the regional meet in February expecting strong performances from seniors Genevieve Keen in the long jump, Jessica Lai in the high jump and 320 meters and Lauren Nussman in the 500 meters.

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Lady Cavs claim successful season

By Leslie Curnow, Liz Wiederholt and Katie Marsh
Guest School Correspondents

What do you get when you combine an abundance of talent, a dedicated coach and a winning season? Clover Hill High School's own girls varsity basketball team.

With a record consisting of 14 wins and eight losses, the talents of the Lady Cavs added up to a productive year. "Even though the season ended too soon, we know we worked hard every day and gave it everything we had," senior Jill Hunt said.

The season ended with a loss to Huguenot in the first round of the Dominion District tournament. The Lady Cavs had beaten Huguenot the week before at its senior night.

While all seniors had an exceptional season, two were honored with All Dominion District awards.

Katie Marsh was selected for first team All District for her fourth consecutive year, and newcomer Laura Hagwood was awarded an honorable mention. "Laura was such an asset to our team this year," Marsh said. "It was great to play with her."

Sophomore Lindsey Ballinger learned a lot about basketball from her teammates over the course of the season. "Being alongside such talented players has really helped to improve for next season," Ballinger said.

Coach Phil Villiot enjoyed working with the team this year. "The girls have really proven themselves as a team this year and have done a stellar job on the court this season," Villiot said.

Sophomores Chrissy Bowen and Sara Heyl also proved themselves worthy of playing time. Having begun the season playing second string, both players came into starting positions at mid-season. "At first, I felt really out of place because I was a sophomore, but as time went on, I accepted and enjoyed my role as a starter," Bowen said.

"The older players on the team really helped out the sophomores, I feel that their presence was definitely a great asset to the team," Villiot said.

Senior Keri Lake feels that this season presented her with many challenges, but lots of laughs as well.

"This was the most fun that I have ever had on any team I have been on,"



Photo by Ann Hunt

Front Row, from left: Seniors Alix Dumont, Amy Usry, Meaghan Farrell, Jessica Perry, Dana Toriello, Ashley Clayton and Katie Marsh. Back Row: Kate Hunter, Laura Hagwood, Alison Parsons, Shea Seagle, Jill Hunt and Keri Lake. Not Pictured: Cheerleaders Kim Dooley and Leigh Miles.

said Lake.

Cheerleaders

This March, roles will switch as the varsity cheerleaders find themselves center court as fellow Cavs cheer them on when they participate in the state cheerleading competition.

As a result of their third place finish in regionals, this is the first time cheerleaders representing CHHS will be competing at the state level.

With a small squad of only 14, the team is aware that winning is going to be harder for them; their voices don't sound as loud, and squads of 20 can build larger stunts. "Since we have the smallest squad, we have to constantly work on keeping our routine clean," senior Kate Hunter said.

The squad hopes to be successful at competition in March. "When all of us get together and pool ideas, we always come out successfully," senior Alix Dumont said.

Hard work pays off.

The Clover Hill High School step team can attest to this statement, for

even with limited facilities, the group of 10 girls and two boys has proven themselves capable of achieving success. "There is no other way to say it: These kids are just totally dedicated," English teacher and sponsor Pat Brashears said.

Practice time proved beneficial when the team placed fourth out of twelve teams in the division in which they competed.

The team that placed third, beating Clover Hill's squad by a slim margin

of three points, was an all-male, adult unit. "Even though at times I am like a drill sergeant (at practice), I have truly been so proud of this group," co-captain Kristin Cooper said.

Co-captain Charessa Pryor believes the group's consistent enthusiasm is the main reason the team has succeeded. "Sometimes it is time for practice to end, and everyone wants to stay later," Pryor said. "They have definitely shown enthusiasm for what we want to accomplish."

SCAA elects new board

By Steve Greer
Special Correspondent

Swift Creek Athletic Association members elected the 1999 Board of Directors at the annual meeting held on February 9. The new officers are: Greg DeFrancesco, president; Bobby Fulcher, vice president; Hugh Dibert, treasurer and Kris Risendal, secretary. The directors are: Donna Crouch, publicity; Jim Minor, baseball; Brad Coble, boys basketball; Hal Downing, girls basketball; Connie Wimer, cheerleading; Gene Sebia, football, and Bob Schumm, girls softball.

SCAA Board meetings are held on the second Tuesday of each month at 7 p.m. at Sergio's in Market Square.

Any member of the association is welcome.

Please check out the web site www.scaakids.org. There is information on girls softball, girls basketball, boys basketball, cheerleading, football, and baseball.

SCAA is a nonprofit organization that provides year-round youth athletic programs. All coaches and administration are volunteers and are entirely non-compensated. As an alternative communications medium, SCAA has also established an automated information hot line. The number is 744-9429. Callers listen to a menu and can make selections to receive current registration dates and other information on all sports.

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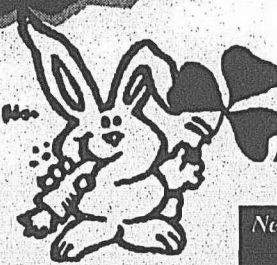
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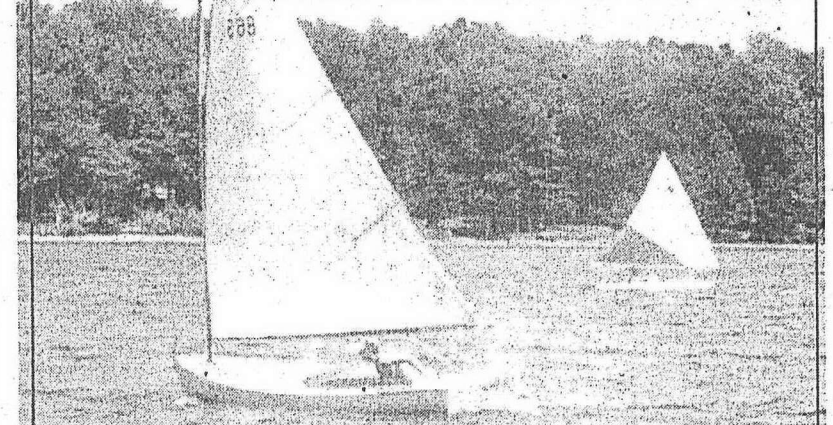
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Barone Insurance moves to business park

By Janet Joyce
Staff Writer

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The agency was formerly located in the Arboretum, and the move means owner Mike Barone is closer to his Autumn Woods home.

Barone specializes in insurance for individuals and families. The insurance he offers includes automobile, homeowners, renters, boat, personal liability and life insurance. The agency sells policies by Travelers Property Casualty, Celtic Life and Health, Golden Rule and others. He said, "Insurance is a commodity that everybody needs, and I'm happy to be able to provide it."

Barone explained that most of his business comes from referrals, satisfied customers who refer him to people they know. He notes that the only time people switch insurance agents is to save money or when they are dissatisfied with the way a claim is handled.

In the insurance business for more than 20 years, Barone said the best part of his job is when he can make



Mike Barone

someone's day. "I had a client who had a very nice car and because we offer a discount to individuals with multiple policies, I was able to get him basic renter's insurance plus the auto insurance for less money than just insuring the car," he said.

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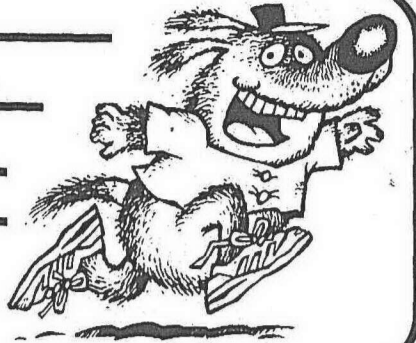
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Chesterfield Police are encouraging citizens to call the National Kidney Foundation of Virginia's Kidney Car Hotline at 231-0220. It will provide free towing and use the car to raise funds to help kidney patients throughout Virginia. Citizens who donate their unused cars and trucks also may be eligible for a tax deduction.

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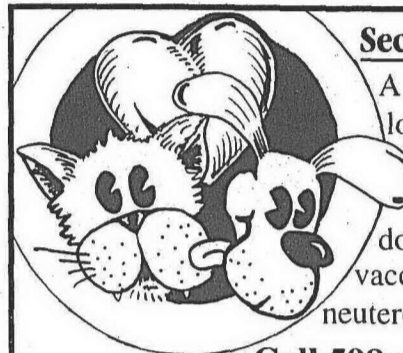


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By Harriet Coppins
Copy Editor

Dr. Walter Foliaco has joined the staff of Midlothian Primary Care located in West Village Green.

A native of Roanoke, Dr. Foliaco graduated from the University of Virginia and the Medical College of Virginia. He completed his residency at Chesterfield Family Practice and for the last year, he was chief resident.

Foliaco is a member of the American Academy of Family Practice and the American Medical Association.

Foliaco and his wife Gina are the parents of two girls, Catherine, 2 1/2 years old, and Jennifer, 1 1/2 years old. In his free time, Foliaco plays tennis and the violin.

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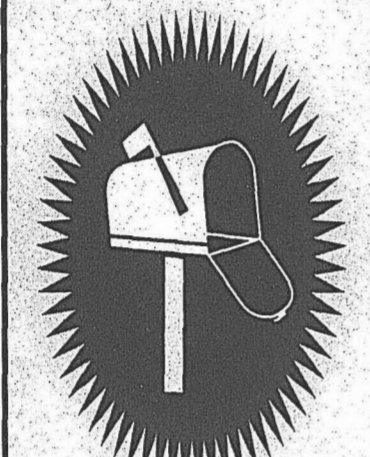
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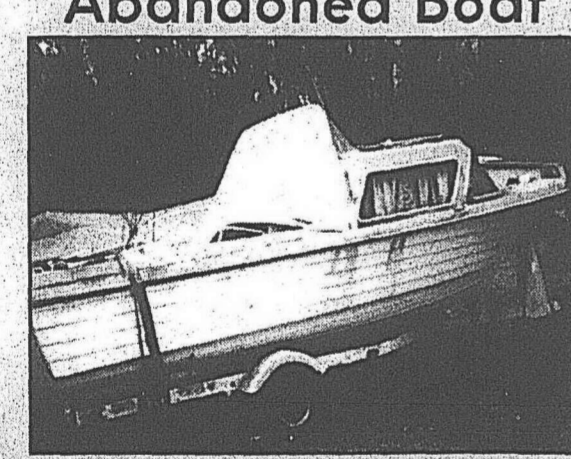
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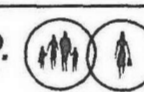





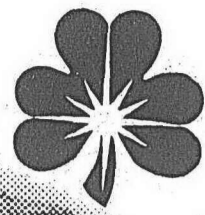
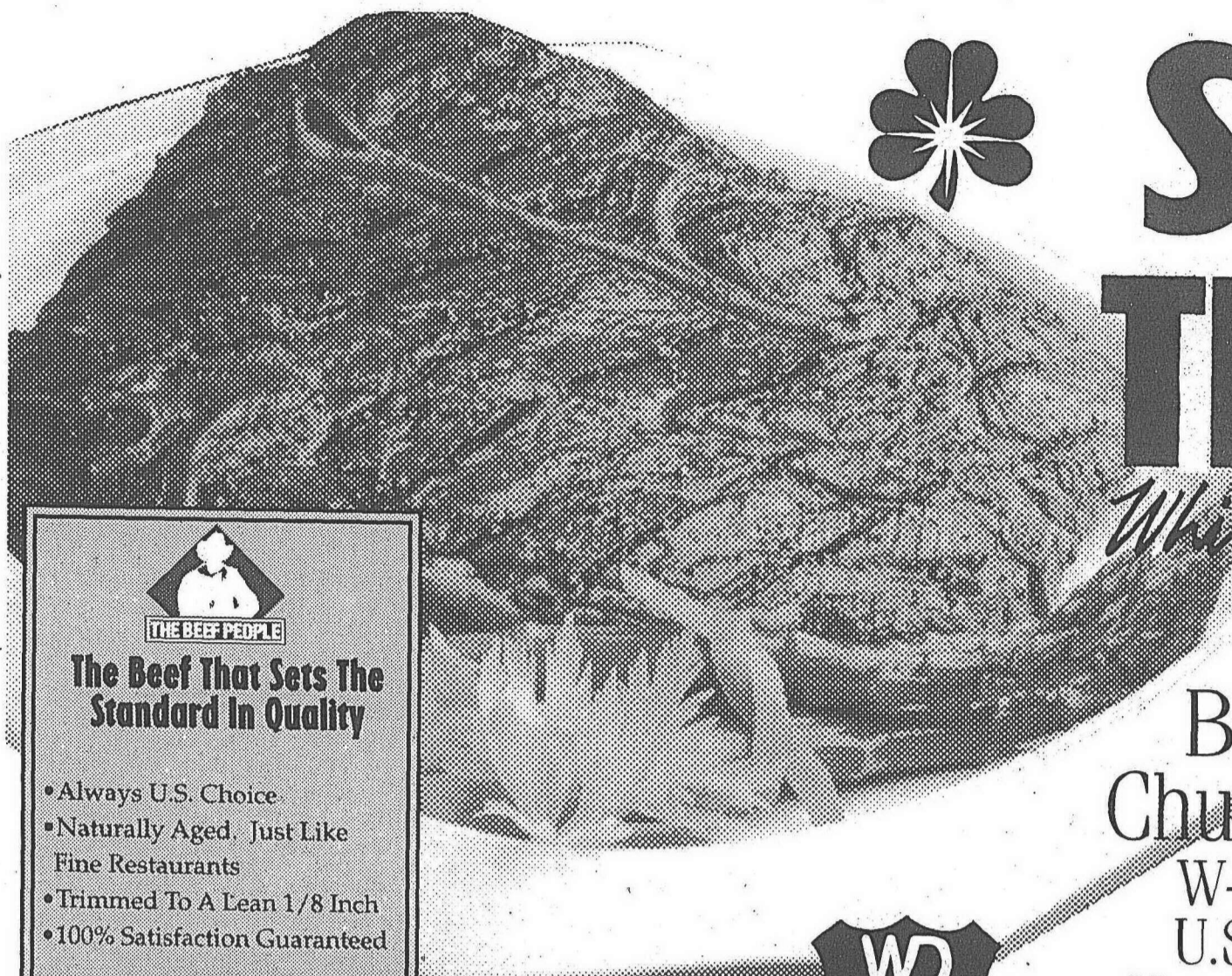
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- Trimmed To A Lean 1/8 Inch
- 100% Satisfaction Guaranteed

IT'S WHAT YOU WANT.™

Bone-In Chuck Roast
 W-D Brand
 U.S. Choice
 Naturally Aged
 Save Over \$1.00 Per Lb.!

\$1.18
 lb.



IN THE BAKERY!
 16 oz. size
Angel Food Cakes
\$2.50
 CLASSIC COMBINATION!

HARVEST FRESH

NO CARD REQUIRED!

Juicy Strawberries
 Harvest Fresh
 Red Ripe
 Save Over \$2.00 Per Pt.!

78¢
 pt.

Save Up To 82¢!

Merita Old Fashioned Bread
 24 oz. size

97¢

NO CARD REQUIRED!

HALF PRICE!

Regular Or Diet Chek Drinks
 12 pk./12 oz. cans
 Limit 8 With Additional Order!

4 / \$5

NO CARD REQUIRED!

Save Up To \$2.19!

Breyers Ice Cream
 64 oz. ctn.
 Limit 2 With Additional Order!

2 / \$5

NO CARD REQUIRED!

Save Up To \$1.31!

Pantene Pro-V Shampoo
 13 oz. size

\$2.88

NO CARD REQUIRED!

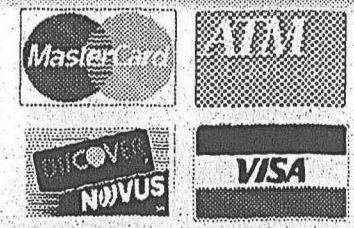
Save Up To 48¢ Per Lb.!

Fresh Fryer Leg Quarters
 W-D Brand Grade 'A'
 10 lb. bag or more!

28¢
 lb.

NO CARD REQUIRED!

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