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## A ROSE IS A ROSE...

Volunteer Rose Lai makes the world a better place.

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## CELEBRATE! CELEBRATE!

Betsy Q & Encore! kick off Brandermill's 25th Anniversary with fun for all.

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## CLOWNIN' AROUND

Clowns and the Easter Bunny draw a big crowd at the Easter Egg Hunt.

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## Pretty as a picture.

Parkway flowers make for a colorful welcome to Brandermill neighborhoods.

Photo by Wendy Parker

## Hearing on 288 plan could affect reservoir

By Wendy Parker  
Managing Editor

Residents who are concerned about protecting Swift Creek Reservoir from pollution are encouraged to attend the upcoming public hearing on the Route 288 plan. The hearing, before the Chesterfield County Board of Supervisors, is scheduled for Wednesday, April 14 at 7 p.m. in the public meeting room at 9901 Lori Road off Route 10.

Officials of Brandermill and Woodlake Community Associations hope residents will be present to show support for the environmental language in the plan, which is designed to protect Swift Creek Reservoir.

BCA Vice President Laurie Newill said, "The language of the plan as approved by the planning commission goes as far as legally possible to protect the reservoir. This doesn't mean

we can relax our vigilance in our care of the reservoir. The language is a direct result of cooperation among the BCA, WCA, HAL and the county planners." She added, "I hope the Chesterfield County Board of Supervisors will keep the environmental language in the plan."

Hands Across the Lake Co-Chairman Tom Pakurar also encourages residents to be present at the hearing. He said, "Strong environmental language is needed in the final plan to protect our drinking water and property values. We need to en-

sure existing environmental laws are strictly enforced and the necessary personnel are hired to achieve maximum reservoir protection for the long term."

*"This doesn't mean we can relax our vigilance in our care of the reservoir."*

Laurie Newill

Copies of the plan, as recommended by the planning commission and supported by the BCA and WCA, are available from the planning department. Residents may also view the plan by visiting the web site at [www.co.chesterfield.va.us/plan](http://www.co.chesterfield.va.us/plan).

Anyone with questions regarding the plan, may call Sara Habeck at 748-1055.

## Heron Pointe is proposed development

Wendy Parker  
Managing Editor

Representatives of a new development on Swift Creek Reservoir for empty nesters made a presentation to the BCA Board of Directors at its March work session.

Developers of Heron Pointe at Swift Creek plan to build 86 single dwelling units on 39.5 acres on Genito Road beyond Waterviews at The Reservoir just west of Woolridge Road. The land is currently zoned R-15 and was originally approved for 45 homes on three-quarter-acre lots.

According to Project Engineer Jeff Collins, the developers have filed an application with the county for rezoning to permit higher density. Collins said, in order to protect the reservoir, the development will have three BMPs or holding ponds to catch storm runoff. He said, "I can meet the .22 phosphorus level criteria in designing this project."

Planning Commissioner Russell Gullely said, "We'll have to look carefully at the density and efficiency of the BMPs." He noted that the zoning case will be in the Matoaca District and he is working closely with

Harry Marsh.

Partners Ann Duffer, Paul Galanti and O.B. Bucklen described the development as "a maintenance-free lifestyle" with landscaping, sidewalks and streetlights.

Community amenities will include a picnic pavilion with car access, a gazebo, walking trails, a boat access ramp and fishing pier.

The units, called villas, will have first-floor master bedroom suites, attached garages, rear or side patios and attic storage. The villas can be outfitted with handicapped-accessible kitchens and bathrooms.

## BCA members meet the candidates



Photo by Wendy Parker

Residents running for the BCA Board of Directors, from left, are: Roger Tuttle, John Hughes, Janet Joyce and Daniel Bryant.

By Harriet Coppins  
Copy Editor

*Editor's note: association members are reminded to cast their votes for the BCA Board of Directors before 7 p.m. April 19. The annual meeting is at The Brandermill Church.*

Meet the Candidates Night, sponsored by the Neighborhood Representative Council, took place on March 16 at The Brandermill Church. Approximately 35 residents attended the meeting which was conducted by NRC Chair Debbie Braun.

The candidates for the BCA Board of Directors are J. Daniel Bryant, John W. Hughes, Janet G. Joyce and Roger L. Tuttle. They were given the opportunity to make short statements about themselves before formal questioning began.

Dan Bryant said he has lived in Brandermill since 1992 and noted that his parents moved to Brandermill in 1976. He has seen many changes. He went to school in Richmond and the University of Virginia and taught in a high school in Africa. He is a research scientist. He feels that the Brandermill cycle is at the stage where many decisions must be made.

He said, "I worked last year as chairman of the Long Range Planning Committee and was a member the year before." He feels that studying the data gathered shows the direction in which Brandermill should be going. He said the community needs a capital plan and infrastructural improvement. "What we want for Brandermill is to improve property values," he concluded.

John Hughes said he is running for reelection because he has a commitment to the community. He has devoted time and energy, three previous years on the board and seven years as an active member of NRC and he does not want to stop now. He said, "I am excited about the future of Brandermill; the plans for Sunday Park and I would like to help facilitate the long range plan." He also noted that he is on the board of the Community Association Institute and the Chesterfield County Independent Development Authority. He gains knowledge from his work on the boards so he can "spend money wisely and work for the good future that lies ahead."

Janet Joyce said, "When I started work at The Village Mill, I was told I would learn more about Brandermill and the BCA than I would want to know. That knowledge should serve me well on the board." She thinks it is important to bring confidence back to the community to avoid controversies that are debilitating. She said it is important that a woman be elected to the board. She concluded by saying that residents are most concerned about property values and want to be assured that their properties will sell quickly.

Roger Tuttle said he had been an attorney for 42 years and his legal knowledge would help the board. He said he opposed the 20/20 Plan. Tuttle said, "There is a vast gulf between the board and members of the community. The board doesn't listen and if

it does, it discounts opposing opinions." He advocates community input and the community must be heard. He believes in term limits for board members; there should be only one term allowed to give potential leaders an opportunity to serve.

The following are highlights of the questions asked and the candidates' paraphrased responses.

*As a board director, if you believed that a particular decision or course of action was necessary for the benefit of the entire community, yet would be viewed as controversial or even unpopular, how would it affect your decision?*

Hughes: It's good to have people think differently. As a board member, I must have the knowledge and communicate the information to the residents.

Bryant: I would have a fiduciary responsibility to make the best possible decision. I would deliberately study issues and do what I thought was best.

Joyce: If the residents were against the course of action, I would suspect a lack of communication. More study and more information would be required.

Tuttle: I would make a random sampling of the community and get more input from the residents. Then I would do my best to persuade others. My job is to represent the community.

*What do you believe is the role of the NRC and will you support it and use it?*

Tuttle: I don't know how effective the NRC is. The board ignores the NRC. It was certainly not well used in the 20/20 fiasco.

Joyce: The NRC should be the link to the board. In the past, the relationship was adversarial but lately there seems to be more mutual cooperation. The structure of the system is great.

Bryant: The NRC is a resource and the board should be guided by it. The NRC is one of the best tools the board has.

Hughes: As a product of the NRC, I saw the NRC sponsor programs for the community to learn more about internal and external affairs. Sometimes the link between the NRC and the board is stronger than at other times. The NRC is the most important organization in the community.

*What is your assessment of the community's new proactive covenant enforcement policy? What changes, if any, would you make?*

Bryant: It's the positive way to go; looking for violations seems to be going in the right direction. The community's appearance was the number two issue in the survey done last year.

Hughes: We're on the right track. Having the staff out in the community is important. The letters to violators must be worded correctly.

Joyce: The residents clearly want the covenants enforced and the program should grow.

Tuttle: I stand four-square behind proactive enforcement with the caveat that it must be as courteous as possible.

"In the past there may have been selective enforcement depending on the relationship to someone on the board. It has to be a level playing field."

*What is your opinion of special assessments?*

Tuttle: The residents must be able to vote for any special assessments.

Joyce: There must be a referendum with lots of homework done ahead of time.

Hughes: In some cases special assessments are necessary.

Bryant: In a situation where the basic infrastructure needs attention, a special assessment may be necessary. At times it is necessary for special assessments and within the right and responsibility of the board.

*The BCA is a service organization. What will you say to residents who see no value in their assessment or object to paying for services or facilities they do not use?*

Bryant: The primary reason for the Long Range Plan is to affect property values positively. We have to think more holistically.

Hughes: It is a difficult question particularly for commercial people. It's about a sense of community. We have to look at the bigger picture.

Tuttle: Using the analogy, everyone supports the schools whether or not there are children in the family. We do it for the greater good and the funds will better the community.

Joyce: There are not too many people who don't feel the benefits of a special assessment, although maybe not in every program. What can we do for the commercial members? I'm looking at that.

*Should the BCA build anything on the site of the old Millwood School?*

Tuttle: We need to think carefully. The need for what we build must be demonstrated. There are also environmental issues involved.

Bryant: We must do it right. A need

See Candidates on page 8.

## QUICK Takes



Senator Steve Martin will speak at the NRC meeting at The Brandermill Church on April 13 at 7 p.m.



**BCA Board of Directors**

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

**WELCOME NEW RESIDENTS**

**COVE RIDGE**  
 Barbara Crossman  
**DEER MEADOW**  
 Allen Hale  
 P. Purks  
**FOX CHASE**  
 D. Moore  
**HARBOUR HILL**  
 Bill & Rebecca Kelly  
**MUIRFIELD GREEN**  
 Minda Tedesco  
**NUTTREE WOODS**  
 Angelo & Shelia Chatmon  
 Paul & Susie Mincey  
**PEBBLE CREEK**  
 Rob & Adena Teague  
 Gary Tolley  
**PLANTER'S WOOD**  
 Jan Moser  
**POPLAR GROVE**  
 Jim Bailey  
**QUAIL HILL**  
 Ben & Mara Woods  
**SHADY POINTE**  
 John & Elisabeth Chamberlain  
**SPINNAKER COVE**  
 Mike & Sharron Humenick  
**STERLING'S BRIDGE**  
 Doug & Susan Larson  
**THE OAKS**  
 Russ & Brenda Moore  
 Margaret Ann Stamey  
**THORNBRIDGE**  
 Michael Payne  
**TWO NOTCH**  
 Bob & Joelle Love  
**WINTERBERRY RIDGE**  
 Johnny Joyner

**ARB APPROVALS**

Bayport Landing - Patio wall  
 Harbour Ridge - New home  
 Huntsbridge - Accessory building  
 Huntsbridge - Storage shed  
 Long Shadow - Addition  
 Promontory Place - Sunroom  
 Sandy Brook - Four new homes  
 Shady Point - Fence  
 Steeple Chase - Play house  
 The Oaks - Doors  
 Walker's Ferry - Front porch  
 Winterberry Ridge - Deck  
 Winterberry Ridge - Addition

**COVENANT VIOLATIONS**

**FEBRUARY**  
 Violation letters sent 131  
 Violations resolved 37  
 Green cards issued 28  
 Green card resolutions 7  
 Hearing Panel Matters 10

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

**BCA Board Meeting**  
 BCA Office  
 April 12, 7 p.m.

**NRC Meeting**  
 The Brandermill Church  
 April 13, 7 p.m.  
 Senator Stephen Martin

**Route 288 Public Hearing**  
 County Board of Supervisors  
 Public Meeting Room  
 9901 Lori Road  
 April 14, 7 p.m.

**BCA Annual Meeting/Election**  
 The Brandermill Church  
 April 19, 7 p.m.

**Betsy Q Concerts**  
 Gardens at Sunday Park  
 May 2, 2 & 4 p.m.

**BCA Work Session**  
 BCA Office  
 May 3, 7 p.m.

**Much Ado About Nothing**  
 Shakespeare by Encore! Theatre  
 Gardens at Sunday Park  
 May 12, 7:30 p.m.

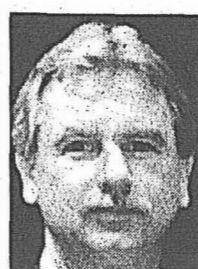
**Voice of the candidates: What is your number one concern for Brandermill?**



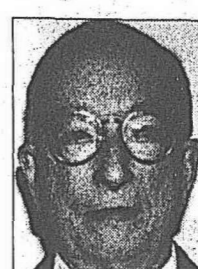
"For the board to go forward with the program of renewal."  
**Dan Bryant**  
 Birnam Woods



"To improve property values and to make sure if you want to sell your home, it will sell quickly."  
**Janet Joyce**  
 East Bluff



"To make sure your \$750,000 for the long range plan is spent correctly."  
**John Hughes**  
 Cradle Hill



"The board's responsiveness to the community and that the board will follow the direction of the residents in spending money."  
**Roger Tuttle**  
 Northwich

**Highlights of the annual report**

*Editor's note: a copy of the complete annual report will be available at the BCA.*

The BCA has continued to make considerable progress through the development of a community long range plan, covenant enforcement, reestablishing the health of the reserve fund, improving communications with the members and promoting responsible stewardship of the environment. Moreover, our participation and excellent relationships with local government continue to earn the BCA high marks and affects our ability to impact key community issues.

The recent selection of Brandermill as 1998 Community Association of the Year by the Central Virginia Chapter of the Community Associations Institute is indicative of our credibility and reputation for leadership and excellence. We earned this recognition through sound management and leadership on key issues within the region. Our participation as a Gold Sponsor for our local CAI Chapter indicates our dedication and leadership within the industry.

In spite of the controversy following the 20/20 Plan, association members had the fortitude and vision to continue planning for the future. As Brandermill celebrates its 25th Anniversary, we are at a critical juncture in this community's history and we have a unique opportunity to continue to learn from our experiences and build on our successes.

We continue to emphasize covenant enforcement. Our 80 percent resolution rate indicates that residents want to comply with the covenants once they become aware of them. Our newcomers' receptions have been very successful in welcoming and educating our residents.

We must find new ways to build a sense of community. Brandermill is more than a collection of housing units. The NRC's "Neighbors helping Neighbors" program is a perfect example of how to achieve this goal. Therefore, creating community within our neighborhoods can make a real difference in our appeal and ability to compete with newer developments.

The best sales persons for a community are its residents. Our responsibilities as managers, leaders and volunteers are to promote effective communications, care for our infrastructure, enhance our quality of life, preserve the environment and make wise decisions on behalf of the rest of the community—even when the decisions are difficult ones. We should view our

recent award as more than recognition of the past; it is the direction that we want to go.

A summary of our major accomplishments during this past year includes:

- The BCA was recognized by the CV-CAI Chapter as the 1998 Community Association of the Year.
- The BCA committees were reorganized. Seven standing committees with more than 100 volunteers serve their community.
- The Bill Barthlow Memorial project at the renamed BCA Sailing Center was completed.
- The BCA held an annual Board Educational Workshop.
- Our proactive policy on covenants enforcement has made a significant impact on the overall appearance of the community. Our resolution rate for violations has been more than 80 percent. The board also approved a revised covenant administration and enforcement policy that has made our procedures more clear.
- The BCA has continued to work with county officials on a host of issues. Our leadership in the formation of a community coalition regarding the proposed Route 288 Corridor Plan was instrumental in causing revisions to the environmental language of the plan designed to protect Swift Creek Reservoir.
- The BCA worked with local developers and county officials on several surrounding developments. These included three proposed developments at the intersection of Route 360 and Route 288 as well as other residential and commercial developments near Brandermill. The BCA Board and staff spent considerable time and effort on these proposed developments and were able to impact many architectural and environmental issues. One result was the agreement by the developers on two of the proposed projects to form an Architectural Review Committee (ARC) with participation by the BCA.
- We have formed the Commercial Representative Council (CRC). Made up of Brandermill commercial members, we are working on improving relations and communications with our commercial members as well

**MANAGER'S DESK**



**Mike Divita**

as exploring opportunities to enhance services.

• The board approved a revised Outdoor Storage Facility policy that will have a positive effect on the types and serviceability of items stored in the facility. The keys and lock for the facility will be changed this summer to improve security. In an effort to improve the appearance of the community, we have instituted a new program to have renters of boat t-racks and shoreline spaces repair and clean their boats.

• We have instituted Y2K planning for all office equipment and software and that should be completed by June. We are reviewing new software for accounting and covenants.

In the coming year, we will see the widening of Genito Road and Old Hundred Road. We will continue to work with state and county officials to ensure that these projects address the architectural design and safety concerns of the community.

We must remain vigilant in protecting the quality of water in the Swift Creek Reservoir. Citizen awareness and participation including other surrounding homeowner associations will be essential.

Our financial condition has continued to strengthen. Improved cash management will permit the BCA to make direct contributions to the reserve fund on a quarterly basis instead of waiting to the end of the fiscal year. As such, we have instituted a program of closely managing our expenditures in order to increase our cash position.

As stated last year, the health of the reserve fund should remain a top priority. Without a healthy and well-planned reserve fund, the association will be unable to provide the resources needed.

The recent approval of a special assessment will permit the community to complete five major projects and provide the financial resources needed to keep the community competitive. While special assessments should be avoided where possible, the community must ensure that its amenity package is competitive with other newer communities. Phase two of the community improvement plan will address the need for a community center. The loss of the BCC-owned community center will occur in the year 2000. Before such a decision is made, we will need to explore the use of other facilities as well as the desires of the community. The LRPC will begin to consider the second phase of the long range plan within the next few months. The Brandermill Church officials'

**BCA approves agreement with Inn**

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Brandermill Community Association Board of Directors was held at Brandermill Woods on March 15.

Directors Hughes, Massenburg, Miller, McSweeney, Newill, and Thacker, and Community Manager Divita were present. Director Healy was absent. The following is a summary of the minutes. Complete official minutes are available at the BCA.

**Member Voice**  
 Dr. Robert W. Cook requested that the board investigate Hearing Panel procedures, management issues, and dredging at The Landing at Commodore Point.

**President's Report**  
 The Commercial Representative Council met February 16. The community improvement plan was discussed as well as what could be done to add more value to the commercial members' assessments.

At the March 1 work session, representatives from the Heron Pointe development presented their plan. The density of the development and its effect on the reservoir are concerns of the board.

**Treasurer's Report**  
 In Treasurer Healy's absence, Community Manager Divita reported that the annual FY'98 audit was com-

pleted. He stated that as of February 28, the association is operating at \$40,000 under budget.

**Committee Reports**  
**Activities**  
 Mark Smith reported that the BCA 25th anniversary celebration will take place on July 18.

**Environmental**  
 The Chesterfield County Board of Supervisors will hold a public hearing on the 288 corridor plan on April 14 at 7 p.m.

**Finance**  
 On March 30, the committee will meet to review the FY '98 audit, choose a new chair and elect an additional person to the committee.

**Landscape**  
 The landscaping at the intersection of Brandermill Parkway and Genito Road is nearing completion.

**NRC**  
 Meet the Candidates Night is scheduled for March 16 at The Brandermill Church.

**New Business**  
 A motion was made and carried to approve the boat program and agreement between the Brandermill Inn and the BCA. Issues concerning security equipment and its placement were discussed.

Following a discussion on the Sun-

day Park loop road relocation, Community Manager Divita advised that the requested performance bond and certificate of insurance had been obtained by The Brandermill Church and would be delivered to the association.

A motion was made and carried to adopt the resolution approving the Sunday Park road relocation plans as corrected.

It was noted that the option on the Millwood School site begins with the recording of the formal agreement. The BCA is awaiting the return of the signed agreement by The Brandermill Church.

The election packages will be mailed March 19.

The Annual Meeting and elections will be at The Brandermill Church on April 19 at 7 p.m.

The next regular board meeting will be held on April 12 in place of the monthly work session.

**Executive Session**  
 For the purpose of discussing legal matters concerning a covenant violation, the board entered into executive session.

Upon returning to open session, a motion was made and carried to direct the community manager to work with legal counsel in resolving the greenhouse case in question.

**Much ado about garbage**

As stated in Part II, section 4 of the Brandermill Single Family Covenants: "Each lot owner shall provide a screened area to serve as a service yard and an area in which garbage receptacles, fuel tanks, air conditioning equipment, clotheslines, and other unsightly objects must be placed or stored in order to conceal them from view from the road and adjacent properties."

Residents are responsible for the timely disposal of household garbage and recyclables, whether they use a contracted service or haul to the transfer station on Warbo Road. If a trash collection service is contracted, garbage must be picked up from the screened service yard. Bagged garbage and/or receptacles are not permitted to be placed at the curb for pickup. Regardless of the means selected to dispose of garbage, all garbage should be placed in bags and the bags stored in proper receptacles with lids secured tightly.

Most garbage collection companies servicing Brandermill offer a bagged leaf pickup. The number of leaves and cost per bag varies from company to company. It is preferred that bagged leaves not be placed at the curb for pickup. However, it is not always practical or possible to store the leaves in the screened service yard. In this case, it is permissible for bagged leaves to be placed at the curb for pickup.

Brandermill does participate in Chesterfield County's curbside recycling service. Recyclables should be secured in the proper bin and the bin placed at the curb no earlier than 7 a.m. on the scheduled pickup day. The bin should be retrieved and brought indoors by evening.

I would like to express my personal thanks and appreciation to the BCA Board of Directors. The directors have worked as a team on some difficult issues and even when there were disagreements, they always labored to do what was in the best interest of the community. I will particularly miss Laurie Newill on the BCA Board. It has been a distinct pleasure to work with someone of her caliber and commitment.

As the community elects two new board directors, the continuing challenge for the new board will be to exert positive community leadership and direction. Their willingness and commitment to serve requires courage as well as sensitivity to the needs of the community.

Brandermill's strength lies within its volunteers and a commitment to build community. We need to involve each other in our community's future and come together as neighbors and neighborhoods. This requires a team effort and a willingness to participate, even just by staying informed. With an active and productive committee system and a board which is willing to meet the challenges of tomorrow, Brandermill will assure its place as one of the great community associations in the country.

Finally, I would like to take the opportunity to thank the BCA staff members. They are a loyal and dedicated group of individuals who serve the community, often with little recognition or appreciation. They have very demanding jobs and few understand their responsibilities. This past year, The Village Mill provided coverage of the BCA departments in an effort to familiarize residents with the staff members and what they do.

The BCA staff continues its pledge to do its very best in serving you and we look forward to another productive year. From management's perspective, we can only render our best professional advice, dutifully manage the resources of the community that we are charged with and recommend direction and policy. In the end however, the future of this great community is in the hands of the residents and property owners of Brandermill.

**COMMUNITY STANDARDS**



**Seth McMillan**

**May 1 is deadline to register boats**

Brandermill residents who have registered a boat at the BCA in the past should have received a statement the first week in April. Following payment, stickers will be sent to those residents who keep their boats in assigned spaces as well as those who keep their boats at home. Those who have a new boat to register may register now.

May 1 is the deadline for boat registration.

Residents are reminded that gas powered boats are not permitted on Swift Creek Reservoir.

To report the use of boats with gasoline engines on the reservoir, please call the Game and Inland Fisheries office at 1-800-237-5712. For other inquiries, call 367-1000 from 8:15 a.m. to 5 p.m. weekdays.

**1999 Boat Fees**

Beach	\$55
Boat on Trailer	\$55
Home Beach	\$55
Mooring	\$31
Lower T-Rack	\$31
Middle T-Rack	\$24
Upper T-Rack	\$19
Home Registration	\$ 7



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# Don't miss Brandermill's 25th anniversary special events



Betsy Q at the keyboard with her friends.

## Betsy Q performs live!

By Harriet Coppins  
Copy Editor

Betsy Q will kick off the BCA's 25th Anniversary entertainment series with free concerts in May. Betsy Q Forbes is a professional songwriter, musician and performer who possesses the rare distinction of delighting both children and their parents when she performs. Parents love the positive ideas her music sends and the youngsters, while absorbing the messages about ecology and safety, have a great

time listening to the catchy beat of her songs. On May 2, Betsy Q will be at the Gardens Pavilion for two concerts — one at 2 p.m. and one at 4 p.m. The concerts are free. Everyone participates at a Betsy Q concert; parents have been known to stand up and dance with their children. Betsy Q talks with the children, answers their questions and mingles with them during the performance. Bring a picnic basket filled with goodies and come out as a family to enjoy Betsy Q in concert.

## It's "Much Ado About Nothing" in Sunday Park

By Harriet Coppins  
Copy Editor

Last year, six actors from the Encore! Theatre Company's Richmond Shakespeare Festival set out on a mission: play all the roles in a Shakespeare comedy while making the performance exciting and fun for the audience.

The actors succeeded last fall and will succeed again when the company performs in honor of Brandermill's 25th anniversary at The Gardens Pavilion on May 12 at 7:30 p.m.

Brandermill Community Association is sponsoring the Sunday Park event.

The play is "Much Ado About Nothing" by William Shakespeare, of course, with contemporary staging and costumes and an approach that creates a magical evening for the whole family. For example, "Much Ado About Nothing" has a party scene that will have members of the audience on their feet. Would Shakespeare have approved?

Director Grant Mudge says, "You bet." He adds, "We want to stress that there's something everyone can enjoy, even people who don't 'get' Shakespeare."

Shakespeare's storyline is a simple one; two undeclared lovers meet. The lady in disguise challenges her lover to woo her as his mistress. Their courtship is carried on in masquerade until she is assured of his affection. She then discloses herself, and everyone lives happily ever after.

Making use of what they say Shakespeare intended — interaction — the Richmond Shakespeare Festi-



Photo by Eric Dobbs

No men in tights? Shakespeare cast members are front row, from left: Grant Mudge, Drew Micco and Sean Linsfors. Back row: Cynde Liffick, David Riddell and Michelle Leon.

val is enjoyable, up close, and live fun.

Members of the audience should not be surprised if the cast enlists their help and certainly their laughter.

If the weather cooperates on May 12 at 7:30 p.m., residents are asked to bring chairs or blankets. They might also bring a picnic basket and prepare to have a wonderful evening outdoors.

In the event of rain, the play show will go on, inside the pavilion.

Citing the wide appeal of the play, Mudge says, "We're all about making sure the audience has a blast."

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 V'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.



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### 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  $\frac{4}{2}$  total votes between 2 candidates. However, **NO ONE** candidate may receive more than  $\frac{2}{2}$  votes.
- Please record the number of votes you wish to cast for the candidates below.
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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.

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## Fourth of July celebration will be a blast

By Harriet Coppins  
Copy Editor

In honor of Brandermill's 25th anniversary, the Fourth of July celebration has been named the Silver '70s Salute. Plans are already underway for this special event and volunteers are needed to make it a great success.

Because the Fourth falls on a Sunday, the start of the parade has been scheduled for late afternoon — 4 p.m. The parade will begin at Swift Creek Middle School and proceed down Millridge Parkway to Sunday Park.

The Clan MacNeil Pipe Group, the Fife and Drum Corps, Color Guards and participating organizations will add excitement to the parade.

Sunday Park will be the setting of a terrific picnic with free hot dogs, watermelon and soda. Yes, we said "free," and the holiday fare will be served from 5 to 7:30 p.m.

In addition there will be music, clowns, face painting, balloon sculpting, sports, games, and caricatures. A spectacular fireworks display will be launched from Sunday Park over the reservoir beginning at 9:15 p.m. The boat parade will start at The Landing.

Now back to the world of reality: volunteers are needed to help decorate the pavilion, to cook hot dogs, serve sodas and to perform a number of other duties. It may seem early, but holiday festivities require special planning. Volunteers help make BCA events a success. To join in the fun, please call Dena Sindelir at 744-1035.



The popular Clan MacNeil Pipe Group will make a return appearance in the parade. Photo by Wendy Parker

## Teen Center board plans upcoming events

Bob Broomfield  
Teen Center Correspondent

The annual meeting of the Clover Hill Area Teen Center was held March 16 at the Community Center. The board of directors called the meeting to order and the slate of executive adult officers was unanimously elected to serve for 1999-2000. Youth elections will take place on Wednesday, April 14 at 7 p.m. at the Community Center.

At the meeting Co-chairman Bob Broomfield presented a review of the past year. Highlights included a review of the successful 1998 summer program as well as a recap of the distribution of funds raised by the Teen Center. Most notable of these gifts was to the Bill Barthlow Memorial for the plaque at the sailing center in Sunday Park.

CHATC was honored to participate in the Newcomers' Reception on March 17 held at the Gardens Pavilion in Sunday Park. Flyers were available and at least three interested families were added to the mailing list that evening.

Several upcoming monthly events were scheduled for the 1999 program. On Wednesdays, April 14 and May 19 social meetings will be held and are open to all teen club members and any teens who would like to learn more about CHATC. The format for both dates will be social time from 7 p.m.

to 8 p.m., including music, food, pool, and video games.

The social hour will be followed by a meeting until 8:45 p.m.

On Wednesday, June 23, CHATC will hold a free summer kick-off cook-out at the Community Center with hot dog dinners and soda. Plans call for a D.J., games, and lots of fun. The main focus of the cookout will be to welcome rising sixth-graders and introduce them to the Teen Center programs. All teens who attend can register for great door prizes.

The 1999 summer program will open Tuesday, July 6 at Swift Creek Middle School. The hours will be from 2 to 6 p.m., Monday to Friday, with

the last day being August 20. Eligible teens and interested adults are welcome to attend all Teen Center meetings and socials. CHATC is always in need of adult volunteers to give an hour or two.

For more information, please call Bob Broomfield at 744-5603 or Jo Owens at 744-7167.

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Flushing will take place in the Brandermill and Woodlake areas proceeding east along the Hull Street Road corridor to the Richmond city limits including areas just south of Hull Street Road.

During the first week of the program, the water lines in the area bounded by Hull Street Road, Spring Run Road and Qualla Road will be flushed. Included in this tract will be Winterpock Road and the Physic Hills area. Flushing will continue north across the county ending in Midlothian near the Salisbury subdivision. All flushing will be completed by Friday, May 7.

During this five-week period, flushing will take place between 10 p.m. and 6 a.m. Sunday nights through Thursday nights. During these times, some customers may experience discolored tap water, low water pressure, or on rare occasions, short periods with no water. In addition, residents may occasionally notice large volumes

of water flowing from fire hydrants during the evening hours.

Chesterfield County Department of Utilities administers a regular flushing program throughout the entire

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# Rose Lai makes the world a better place



Rose Chen Lai

exhibit is greater than the Faberge exhibit and people should plan on reserving a ticket to see the show," Lai said.

Without a doubt, Lai's days are busy ones. As a trained microbiologist, mother of two, former owner of a successful import/export business, Lai is used to busy days, busy nights, and busy hands. What is unusual about Lai is when she was given a chance to slow down, she found the energy to devote her talents to others.

"My greatest satisfaction comes from my involvement with Chesterfield County's Communities in Schools program," said Lai. "This is a nationwide mentoring program that provides an opportunity for community people to meet regularly with at-risk students. As a mentor, you provide support to the students, whether in playing a game, helping with homework, or simply just listening to them. By far, this has been my most humbling experience. You recognize

all that you have in your life and you see how your actions are so appreciated. This program provided me with my first face-to-face experience with someone less fortunate than I. I could see the transformation of my child before my eyes and it is by far the most satisfying thing I have ever done. It is very personal and very real," she explained. Lai has been asked to serve on the CIS committee. "I really believe in this program," she said.

There are people who say they want to help the world and then there are people who actually do something about it. Lai says she heard a calling from God and has answered that calling by involving herself in causes she truly believes in: helping Richmond's citizens through education in nature and art. As a mentor, Lai shows the communities' youth that if you believe in yourself, you can accomplish anything.

Volunteering is a precious gift to give to other people and Rose Lai is proof that actions do matter.

By Kris Risendal  
Staff Writer

If actions really do speak louder than words, then Rose Chen Lai of Seven Oaks is keeping her neighbors awake at night. Lai epitomizes the spirit of volunteering through her many activities with a variety of organizations around Richmond.

Fulfilling a lifelong yearning to devote her time and talents to worthwhile causes, Lai has spent the last three years dedicating her actions to making the world a better place. In the process, she has discovered both a newfound satisfaction with her everyday life and a greater appreciation for such simple treasures as a beautiful garden or the smile of child.

Building a natural resource for children has been a priority for Lai. As a member of the Board of Directors for the Maymont Foundation for the last three years, Lai has been involved in bringing to reality a larger, state-of-the-art nature center located at Maymont Park. In the final stages of a \$15 million capital campaign, the new 26,000-square-foot Nature Center is slated to open in June and Lai couldn't be happier.

"The new center is tremendously exciting," said Lai. "It promises an educational and interactive experience for everyone who visits, and will highlight our area's greatest natural resource, the James River." Lai is confident visitors will enjoy the beauty of nature on Maymont's more than 100 acres. "The new Nature Center should help put Richmond on the map. It's beautiful and it's free," said Lai.

As president of Ikebana of Rich-

mond, Lai understands flower power. "Ikebana is a generic term for Japanese flower arrangement," explained Lai. "Ikebana of Richmond is the only multi cultural organization in central Virginia and we have 140 members from across the state." The organization stimulates, cultivates and perpetuates the study of Ikebana and related arts and cultures of Japan.

According to Lai, throughout the year the group offers workshops and lectures on the ancient art of Japanese flower arranging. "Ikebana is a performing art form and it gives both the arranger and the people viewing it a great deal of tranquility," explained Lai. Meeting once a month from September through May, members of the organization use their talents not only for personal satisfaction, but to help others as well. "During the past few years, we have donated more than \$100,000 for the Japanese Gardens at Maymont," she said. Members exhibit their Ikebana arrangements each year during the Maymont Flower and Garden Show.

Traveling the globe from Japan to Egypt, Lai also serves on the multicultural council for the Virginia Museum of Fine Arts. "I was asked to be on the advisory committee on audience development for the Egyptian exhibit coming to the museum May 25 through November 28. Richmond is the only city on the East Coast selected as a site for this exhibit which is the largest collection of Egyptian art to come to the United States," she said. The exhibition will feature more than 200 objects ranging from nearly 5,000 years ago through the age of the pyramids. "This

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## March for the Parks on April 24

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sets performed by the local acoustic act GK's from the band Magnolia. Theatre Virginia is scheduled to perform "As You Like It" in the amphitheater and other activities will take place in the new Heritage building. As the largest walk event for America's parks, March for Parks raises awareness and funds for local, state, and national park projects. Held annually since 1990, March for Parks has grown to become America's largest Earth Day event. For information call 796-4494.

## Seniors can learn how to protect themselves

The Chesterfield County Police Department and Sheriff's Office, together with other local law enforcement agencies throughout the region, will host the Central Virginia Regional TRIAD conference for Senior Virginians on Thursday, April 22, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., at Southside Baptist Church, 6000 Ironbridge Road.

TRIAD, or The Right Information and Direction, is an organization that educates and protects the community's senior population. Its mission is to develop and implement policies and coordinate programs that help reduce criminal victimization of senior citizens. It also addresses quality of life issues and works to enhance the delivery of law enforcement and resource provider services to seniors.

The conference will feature guest speaker Attorney General Mark Earley and programs on topics such as independent living, telemarketing fraud, home repair scams and Medicare/Medicaid fraud.

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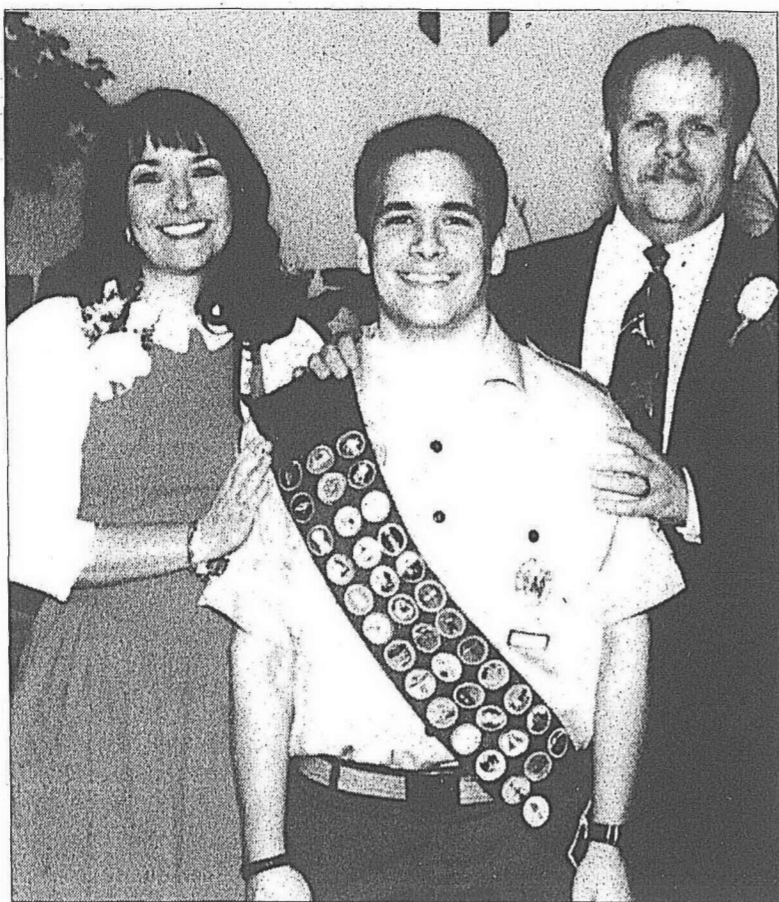
## Joshua Barnes earns Eagle rank

Joshua James Barnes, son of Richard and Charlotte Barnes of Pebble Creek, was awarded the rank of Eagle Scout in the Boy Scouts of America. Troop 806 formally presented the award to Barnes at an Eagle Court of Honor on February 20 at Woodlake United Methodist Church.

Barnes began his scouting career as a Cub Scout in Pack 890 which is sponsored by The Brandermill Church. After attaining the highest rank in Cub Scouting, the Arrow of the Light, Barnes joined Boy Scout Troop 806 sponsored by Woodlake United Methodist Church.

Barnes is a member of the Order of the Arrow and has held the troop leadership positions of historian, patrol leader, troop guide and assistant senior patrol leader.

At last count, Barnes had earned 37 merit badges. Only 21 are required to attain Eagle Rank. Barnes is a sophomore at Clover Hill High School and serves as the president of Woodlake United Methodist Youth Fellowship.



Proud parents Charlotte and Richard congratulate Eagle Scout Joshua Barnes.

## Senator Martin reviews legislation

Now that the 1999 Session of the Virginia General Assembly has drawn to a close, we should review our objectives and measure our success. In January I identified a number of common sense priorities. Among them were tax relief for working Virginians; improving education for our children; providing a cleaner environment for our families; and addressing both mental and physical health care needs.

We have remained true to our commitment to both effectively repeal the property tax on cars and trucks and phase out the sales tax on groceries. The sales tax was phased out even six months earlier than we originally planned.

Another priority was to return unrestricted lottery proceeds to localities, for K-12 education, which provides an additional \$245 million over the next year. In higher education we rolled back college tuition by 20 percent as planned.

We needed to fully fund the state's commitment to local law enforcement. We did it, with over \$98 million dollars in new revenue being sent back to our localities. We also succeeded in providing raises for all of Virginia's deputy sheriffs, bringing them more in line with other law enforcement personnel.

We wanted to do even more to clean up Virginia's waterways, and were able to do so by providing an additional \$34 million, raising the biennial increase to an additional \$71 million for various clean water projects across the state.

We were successful in getting several bills passed in the House and Senate, which were intended to assure quality care for Virginia's mentally disabled. These bills originated in my sub-committee of the Governor's Hammond Commission. We also provided an additional \$77 million for mental health needs, raising the biennial increase to an additional \$170 million.

A major priority this year was to build on our efforts of the 1998 ses-

sion to assure quality of care in a "managed care" environment. This year we passed legislation that provides for improved access to specialist, an expedited external review of coverage decisions, a consumer ombudsman within the state agency and expedited claims payment.



well. Despite our nearly one billion dollar surplus, the General Assembly still chose to issue additional debt. The General Assembly refused to adopt an amendment that required future excessive surpluses be returned to the taxpayers and failed to act on a provision to phase in education choice for children of low-income families.

I intend to keep up the fight. I will always treasure and respect the trust you have placed in me to represent you.

Senator Stephen H. Martin

Among our many successes was the preservation of local government control over the decision to extend or establish bus routes with their respective jurisdictions.

In so many ways, this session was a success, but there were failures as

*Editor's note: Senator Stephen Martin will speak at the NRC meeting at the Brandermill Church on April 13 at 7 p.m. The meeting is open to the public.*

## Back to normal



Photo by Joelle Ligon

Clover Hill Supervisor Art Warren is happy to announce Swift Creek Reservoir is full again at 177 feet above sea level. The reservoir reached its lowest level ever on December 18, 1998, measuring 172.3 feet.

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## Brandermill Woman's Club maintains busy calendar

Susan M. Humble  
BWC Correspondent

Fitness and feeling good were the topics of conversation at the March meeting of the Brandermill Woman's Club. Maria Beall, land fitness director of the Woodlake Aquatic Fitness Center, led the members through easy (looking) exercises, while nutritionist Denise Cochran spoke on healthy eating. Linda Stewart of About Face and Body Works Spa discussed the benefits of massage therapy.

Fashions from Ardleys were the highlight of the April meeting on Wednesday, April 14. Club members on hand to model the beautiful clothes were Vicki Alvarez, Joan Detwiler, Ann Doll, Helen Hibbard, Lois Miles, Sandy Petersen, Erna Serino, Norma Taylor, Eleanor Wargo, Millie Wyszynsky, and Terri Yancey.

Members who were nominated to serve on the new board for 1999/2000 were again presented and unanimously approved by the members present. They include Sandy Petersen, president; Nancy Bolton, vice president - programs; Susan Humble, vice president - membership; Jeanne Stutts, treasurer; Vicki Alvarez, recording secretary; and Lorraine Lauman, corresponding secretary. The installation ceremony for these new officers will be held at the meeting on May 12 at the BCC beginning at 10 a.m.

The special activity groups have had exciting and full agendas for March and April. The Antiques Group visited the new George Washington exhibit at the Virginia Historical Society Museum on March 29 and plan to visit the State Library of Virginia on April 26.

Bookies I read and discussed The Bear by James Curwood and will discuss London by Edward Rutherford on April 16. Bookies II reviewed Cold Mountain by Charles Frazier and It's All Over but the Shouting by Ricky Bragg will be discussed on April 20. The Garden Club had a beautiful day to drive out to Powhatan to Chadwick and Son's Orchid Farm in mid-March. Everything was in bloom and delighted everyone's senses of sight and

smell—chocolate smelling orchids. The Garden Club is off to a private garden full of azaleas on April 21.

The three bridge groups: day marathon, duplicate, and beginners/intermediates are in full swing with their weekly and monthly games.

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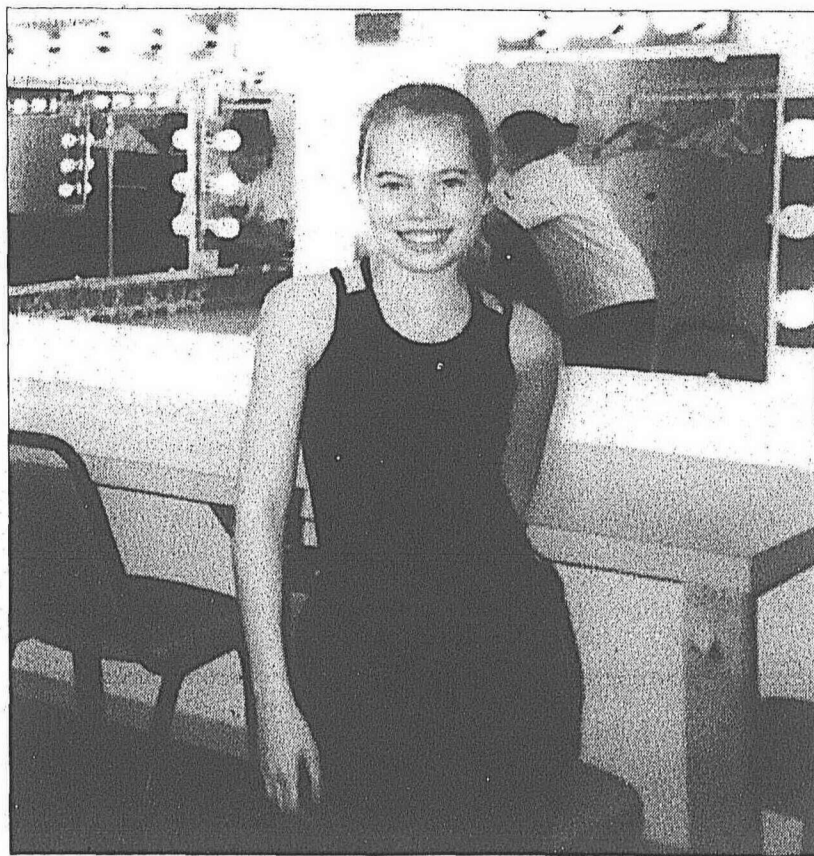
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# Area dancers put on a show for charity



Erin Steuber, backstage at the Grace Street Theater.

By Kris Risendal  
Staff Writer

It was a celebration and everyone was invited. Under the guidance of Liz Venini of Chesterfield Dance Center located in Market Square, seven dance companies took to the stage to perform two shows before a large audience at the Grace Street Theater on February 27. Billed as "Dance Festival 99," the show was the brainchild of Venini, who envisioned a special kind of festival that allowed dancers from difference dance companies an opportunity to work with each other.

"I wanted the children to experience the art of dancing without the pressure of competition," said Venini. "All the companies enjoyed putting on the show and are eager to return again next year."

The festival featured dancers from seven different companies, including Venini's Chesterfield Dance Center Dance Company, the Swift Creek Senior Dance Company, the Shuffles Dance Company, the Richmond City Dance Company, The Chesterfield County School of Ballet, and special appearances by the Avery Ballet, Jazz

Danz, De and Jena Wojdak.

Performing modern jazz and ballet, the dancers performed 22 different dance numbers. All proceeds from the event went to benefit charity.

"It was wonderful to see the different dance companies waiting in the wings and rooting for each other," said Venini. "It was also a great opportunity for many of the kids to get on stage and perform before a live and appreciative audience." Erin Steuber of Huntgate Woods was one such dancer who, after battling stage fright, dazzled the crowd and left the stage jumping for joy. "It was so thrilling to see her discover that she couldn't wait to dance. She did wonderfully," said Venini.

Planning is already underway for another dance festival next year.

For more information, call Liz Venini and the Chesterfield Dance Center at 763-0710.

Yard Sale signs are available at the BCA.

# NARFE meeting is April 14

The National Association of Retired Federal Employees Chapter 2265 will meet April 14, 9:30 a.m. to noon at Brandermill Woods.

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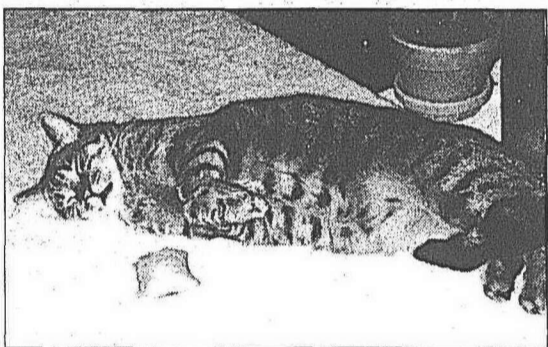
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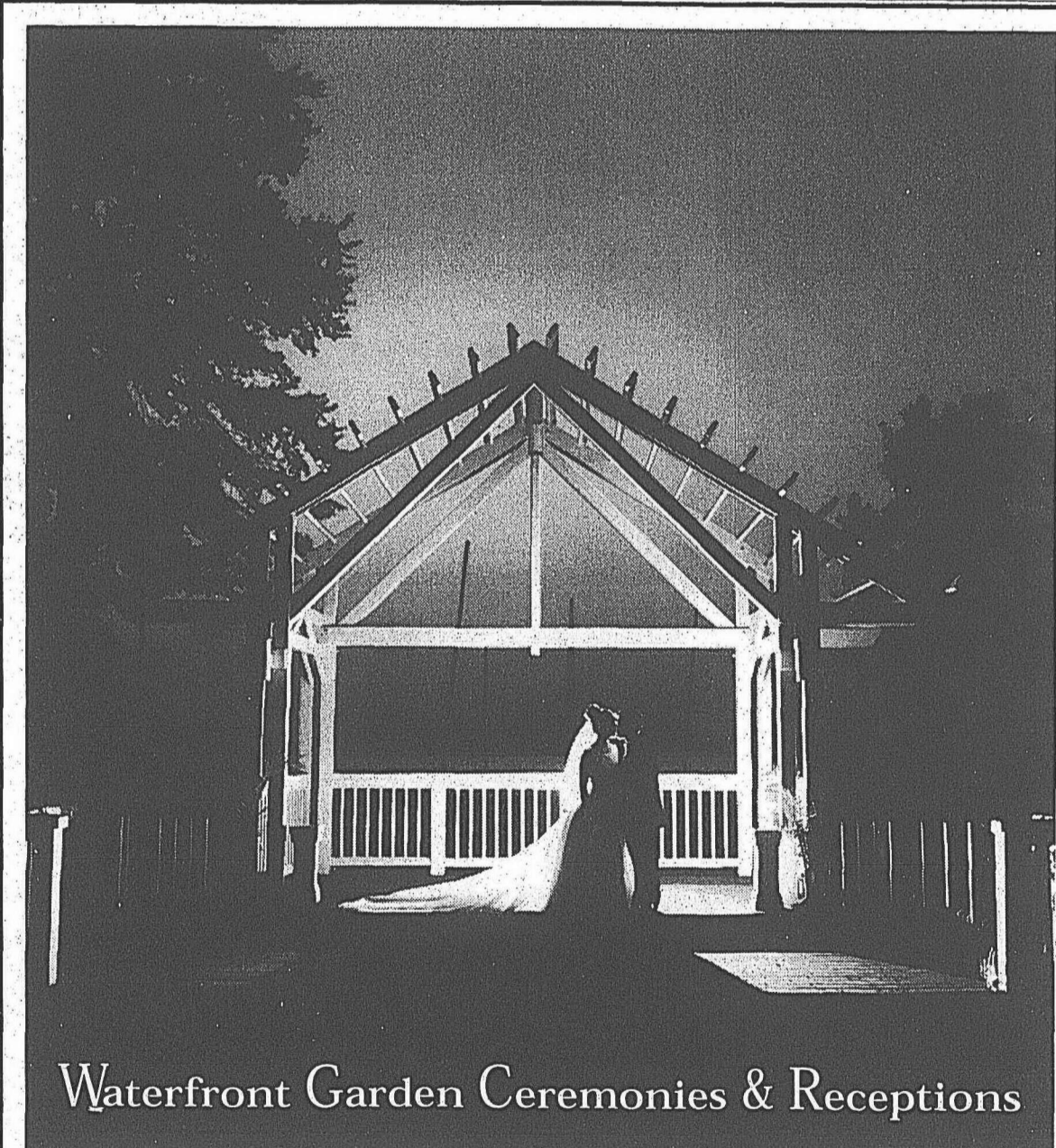
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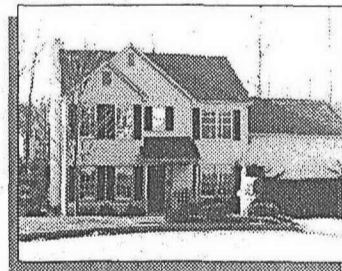
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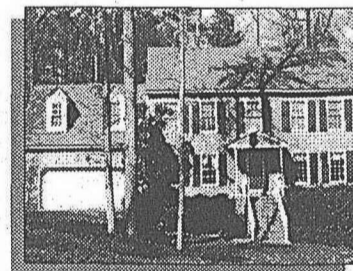


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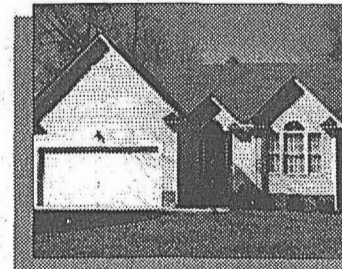
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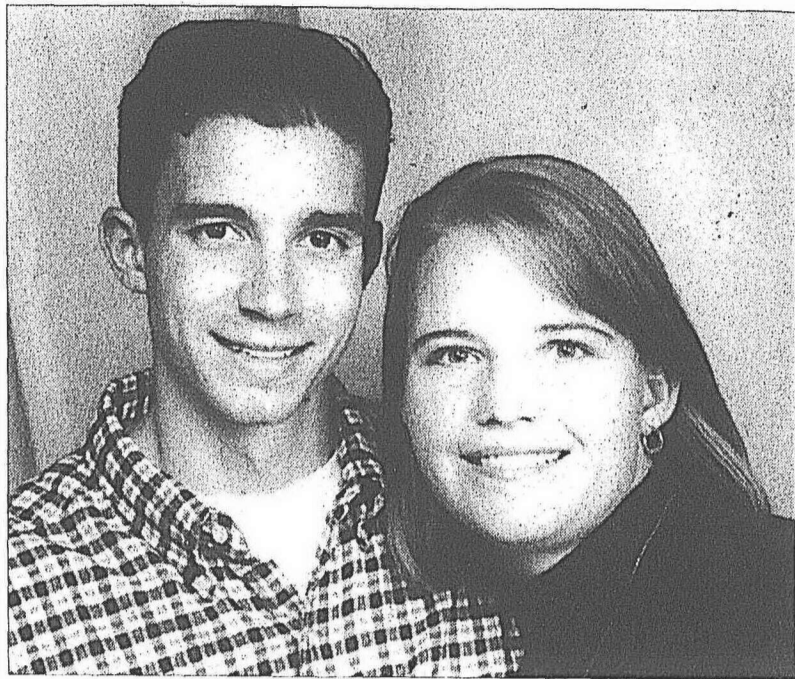
## Aimee Field will wed Sean Campbell

Dr. and Mrs. Richard D. Field of Gainesville, Fla. announce the engagement of their daughter, Aimee Leigh Field to Sean Colin Campbell, son of Mr. and Mrs. Colin F. Campbell of Timber Ridge.

Aimee Field is a 1997 graduate of the University of Virginia where she received a bachelor of arts degree with high distinction in psychology and linguistics. She is currently pursuing a doctorate in psychology at Emory University.

Sean Campbell is a 1996 graduate of the University of Virginia where he received a bachelor of science degree in commerce specializing in finance and marketing. He is currently employed as a financial consultant for Merrill Lynch in Atlanta, Ga.

A June wedding is planned at Saint Thomas More Catholic Church in Atlanta.



Aimee Field and Sean Campbell

## Marge Yanovitch wins award for play

By Harriet Coppins  
Copy Editor

Marge Yanovitch, a drama teacher at Midlothian Middle School and a resident of Huntgate Woods, was recently honored for innovation in education at the Excellence in Education Conference at Virginia Polytechnical Institute.

Her play, "Brake a Leg, but Don't Break a Serving Dish!" was one of 12 award winners selected from over 180 entries to the statewide competition. It combined the efforts of her drama classes as well as the departments of art, music, and work and family studies. The production proved to be not only fun for all the students, but also inspired their creativity, organizational skills and the ability to cooperate with others.

After agreeing that bullies are the bane of school halls, playgrounds, classrooms and buses, Yanovitch and her eighth-grader drama students decided to write a play about the effects of bullying. "Bully Busters" combines the students' experiences with information from the guidance counselors.

The play was first performed at Midlothian Middle School and then at several county elementary schools.

After seeing the play, many students who were victims have learned it is permissible to report episodes of bullying to their teachers. "Bullying is a major problem, not only in the schools, but everywhere," said Yanovitch. "Bullying is so devastating to the victim; it impacts relationships for a lifetime. First, we need to recognize what bullying is and does, and then we need to do something about it. We can change this problem, if parents teachers and students care enough to take a stand. If we are not part of the solution, I believe we are part of the problem."



Marge Yanovitch

## Egg Hunt raises \$3,000 for charity



Kids and clown enjoy the fourth annual Easter Egg Hunt.

### Candidates

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for a community center was not in the top five priorities in the survey. We have places to meet and we should wait several years before we make a decision.

Hughes: The survey indicated there should be a BCA presence in Sunday Park. There is a need to meet somewhere and we may need a community center. With the four-year option the church has on the parking lot, we have time to make a decision.

Joyce: I feel it is appropriate to buy the property. No, I don't feel we should put a community center there, but we should look at all the options.

What should the BCA do to improve communications?

Joyce: We could publish an interim issue of The Village Mill when necessary, get out more flyers and keep the messages coming again and again.

Hughes: We have The Village Mill, flyers, meetings, work sessions, websites, reader boards, and newcomers' reception. There's not much more we can do.

Tuttle: Steal a page from the politicians and do random sampling for feedback. A lot of money has been wasted by this board in failing to get more feedback.

Bryant: An invigorated NRC would be good. We have The Village Mill and a very good web site with a lot of information. Straw polls are expensive. A better way would be to make board meetings more attractive.

The following are highlights of some questions from the audience.

At what point does the board go to the community about special assessments? Should they be imposed?

Joyce: We go to the community when it's necessary for them to vote.

Bryant: We elect the board so the members have the responsibility to levy assessments. They have to do their homework, of course. The board cannot avoid taking the heat sometimes.

Tuttle: If you put me on the board, I'll listen.

Hughes: The Long Range Planning committee did a good job taking out the controversial issues. We have to consider Sunday Park, bathrooms and bike paths. It seems to me that \$6 a month is reasonable and fair.

What are we doing to protect the reservoir?

The candidates were unanimous in their desire to protect the lake.

Shrink swell soil is a continuing problem. Is there something the board can do?

Hughes: There's little the board can do. The situation was handled badly from the beginning. I don't know whether or not the county

should have done some counter-marketing.

Tuttle: I don't know if the board can do anything. It's not as great an issue as it's been presented. It's more a problem of the individual owner than the BCA.

Joyce: The last article I wrote for The Village Mill was on foundations. We can try to educate our residents.

Bryant: Bad foundations resulted from the engineering. I don't know if it's wise to produce a brochure on the subject now.

When a person resigns, should the board appoint someone to complete that term?

Tuttle: I'm against appointing friends to the board when an election was close.

Bryant: If there's insufficient time for a person to run and it costs more money for a special ballot, the wisest course is to appoint someone until the next election.

Joyce: I agree.

Hughes: Review of documents is a good idea. We could appoint someone to the full term or the remaining term, or appoint the person who was next on the ballot.

Over 1,000 people turned out for the Fourth Annual Easter Egg Hunt in Sunday Park on March 28. Proceeds from the festivities brought in over \$3,000 which will benefit Easter Seals Camp East.

Organized by the Swift Creek Junior Woman's Club, the event was co-sponsored by Brandermill Community Association, Richmond Insurance, SAFECO Insurance, and Southwest Printing.

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For information about Camp East or Swift Creek Junior Woman's Club, please call Caryll Quinn at 744-8863.

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## Garden Week at Maymont

April 18 - 24 - Maymont. See Maymont's celebrated gardens at their most splendid during Virginia's Historic Garden Week. The experience is enhanced with a visit to Maymont House decorated in all its spring finery or a tram tour of the entire estate. On Wednesday, a special shuttle bus will run to Maymont from the Garden Week tour sites. Group tours require advance registration. For more information on times and prices call 358-7166, ext 329.

## Stone Soup

April 18 - Chesterfield. A soldier or farmer at Henricus who had a wife to share life's experiences with was a lucky man indeed — especially if he was not a good cook. Join us for a demonstration of 17th century open-pit cooking, Henricus style. Recipes with modern instructions will be available for anyone hungry enough to try these dishes at home. For details and to register, call the Henricus Foundation, 706-1340.

## Sherwood Forest

April 17 - Williamsburg. Celebrate spring and the beginning of historic Garden Week with an afternoon tea and guided house tour. \$ 2 to 5 p.m. Sherwood Forest Plantation. 829-5377.

## Monumental Walking Tours

April 17 and 24 - Richmond. Following a Wickham House tour, participants will walk through the Wickhams' neighborhood to Monumental Church, the octagonal memorial built on the site of the tragic December 1811 Richmond Theatre fire in which 72 people perished, including Virginia's governor, George W. Smith. The tours will be accompanied by a Living History interpreter to give visitors an idea of what life was like in Court End in the Federal period. \$5 for visitors. For more information call Margaret Tinsley of the Valentine Museum at 649-0711, ext 322.

## Plantation Garden Party

April 18 - 24 - Williamsburg. Sample a springtime offering of plan-

tation cuisine and country gardens at three landmark plantations — Piney Grove, North Bend and Edgewood. \$. Reservations required. Noon to 3:30 p.m. Piney Grove at Southall's Plantation. 829-2480.

## Maymont's Herbs Galore

April 24 - Maymont. "Herbs Make Scents" at the 15th annual Herbs Galore festival. Take in the smells and discover new ways to use herbs in recipes and remedies from cooking demonstrations, garden walks, and seminars. The Marketplace on the Lawn will feature more than 40 plant and craft vendors. Admission is free, but fees vary for seminars which require advance registration. Call 358-7166 for free brochure.

## Apple Blossom Festival

April 28 - May 2 - Winchester. The festival features more than 30 events with nationally known celebrities from film, sports, music and literature who participate in the largest firefighters parade in the world, April 31 and in the Grand Feature Parade on May 1. \$ for some events. Hours and locations vary. 800-230-2139 or 540-662-3863.

## Trigon Champions

April 28 - May 2 - Richmond. Professional tennis greats Jimmy Connors, John McEnroe, and Andres Gomez return to Richmond to compete for \$150,000. Don't miss any of the action featuring singles and doubles matches. Special events include autograph signing, tennis clinics given by the pros and lots more. \$. Hours vary. Hermitage Country Club. 354-3048.

## Cinco de Mayo

May 1 - 2 - Virginia Beach. A "South of the Border" event featuring traditional Mexican dance, music and cuisine. Noon - 6 p.m. 24th Street Park. 757-491-SUNN or 80-VA-BEACH.

## The Deadliest Enemy

May 2 - Chesterfield. The greatest danger to new colonists in Virginia was not from the arrows and clubs, but disease. Come explore the health practices of the earliest English settlers. For details and to register, call the Henricus Foundation, 706-1340.

## Arts & Music Festival

May 8 - 9 - Colonial Heights. A family oriented arts, crafts and music festival attracting up to 200 exhibitors. Civil War relics and reenactors, food, cash awards and prizes. Saturday 10:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.; Sunday 12:30 to 5:30 p.m. Fort Clifton. 520-9390.

## Multicultural Festival

May 8 - 9 - Virginia Beach. A two day festival of "Harmony in Diversity" show casing performing artists, music, and dance from five continents. Includes an array of ethnic foods, crafts and folk art demonstrations. All day. 24th Street Park. 757-491-SUNN or 800-VA-BEACH.

# "Hay Fever" is a delightful getaway



Simon (Kevin Craft) plants a kiss on weekend guest Myra (Celeste Lynch) in "Hay Fever."

By Wendy Parker  
Managing Editor

All of us dream of getting away for a quiet weekend somewhere. Perhaps a lovely estate in the English countryside would be the ideal place.

That's what Noel Coward had in mind when he created the setting for his ever popular comedy "Hay Fever." But he couldn't leave well enough alone. In traditional Coward fashion, he threw in an eccentric family and a handful of weekend guests all planning to spend a weekend retreat in "the Japanese room" of the Bliss estate. Chaos ensued.

This delightful production of "Hay Fever," directed by George Black, is playing at TheatreVirginia now through April 24.

The exquisite stage setting was designed by Emily Beck.

Coward wrote "Hay Fever" based on a weekend visit to the country estate of the famed stage actress Laurette Taylor. Dorothy Stanley does a superb job of overacting in the role of the starlet, Judith Bliss. Don't worry, that's her job.

Brent Harris and Celeste Lynch are particularly fine in their roles as weekend guests and push Coward's "snooty English" to the limit. At intermission you'll catch yourself saying "Dahling, I could use a spot of tea," before heading back to see how the hoopla unfolds.

For ticket information, please call TheatreVirginia at 353-6161.

## Clover Hill Library Schedule

### Tuesdays

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### April 15

AARP tax preparation for Seniors, 1 to 5 p.m., call 739-7335 for an appointment.

### April 16

Friends of the Library Book Discussion Group, 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., call 739-3832 for information.

### April 26

Friends of the Library Book Discussion Group. Call 639-1081 for information.

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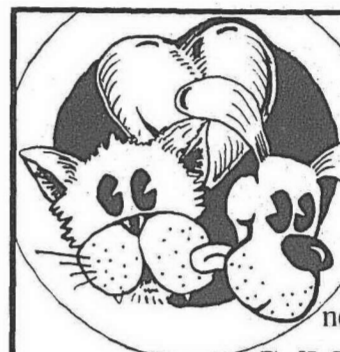
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# Swift Creek Elementary School families prepare for carnival festivities



By Cathy Maxwell  
School Correspondent

The Swift Creek Elementary School carnival is scheduled for April 24—rain or shine! The event features laser tag, moonwalking, fun games for all ages, food and drink. There will also be a yard sale, a book nook, and a jewelry treasure chest. All families are welcome. Carnival time is 1 to 4 p.m. at the school.

**SCES NEWS**



Sixteen Gator fifth-grade vocalists were honored to be asked to join the 180 member Chesterfield County Fine Arts Festival Elementary Chorus. Representing SCES are: Teri Dulong-Rae, Lauren Faszewski, Elise Garner, Kasha Gregg-Ferguson, Natalie Jacoby, Alex Kalata, Malorie Mackey, Alex Pagano, Khim Quang Tran, Jasmine Sadri, Kristen Stannard, Erin Steuber, Hannah Thornton, Monica Tuck, Jason Walters and Tim White.

Music is definitely in the air this spring. Kindergartners, first- and second-graders staged a pageant called "Make Music America" while fifth-graders danced Irish jigs in honor of St. Paddy's Day. Learning to make music is the goal of fourth-graders. They have been working with soprano recorders and recently performed for the PTA using keyboards. Third-graders are studying the four families of

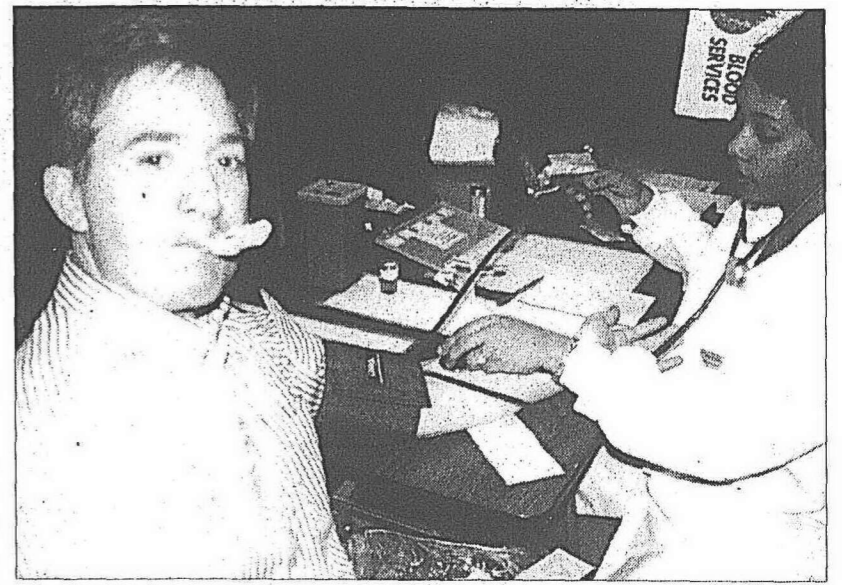
instruments in a symphony orchestra. They will also do an "interactive" listening session at the computer based upon Prokofiev's "Peter and the Wolf."

Assistant Principal Dreama Muller brought the luck of the Irish to the cafeteria on St. Paddy's Day when she played the role of an Irish storyteller. Few students recognized her in a green curly wig, but her story was a great lunchroom treat.

Third-graders learned basic economics in the oldest school of all—the marketplace. After studying supply and demand, advertising, cost and profit, the students took out loans from their teachers, produced and named a product, and set up shop in the cafeteria to sell goods to the second-grade classes. Meanwhile, the second-graders had been studying money counting and were ready to get a good deal. The third-graders finished the project by making a graph of each store's profit and then generously donating that money to a charitable organization.

The PTA's Silent Auction was a huge success. Close to \$10,000 was raised to help with school projects. We deeply appreciate the support of the community in helping our school.

**Kindergarten Registration**  
Registration for those children enrolling in kindergarten for the 1999-2000 school year at Swift Creek Elementary School will be held on April 29 from 9 a.m. until 7 p.m. in the school lobby. Those registering need to bring the child's state issued birth certificate and social security number along with a proof of residency such as a current utility bill or lease agreement. For more information, call 739-6305.



Principal Don Bechtel, cooperates with a thermometer in his mouth, as he donates blood during a recent Virginia Blood Bank drive.

Over 300 kindergartners through second-graders made "Music America" in honor of Music in Our Schools Month. **Indians:** Alexander Schuler and Chris Hudgins; **Eskimo:** Ryan Donaldson; **Hawaiians:** Katie Fairholm and Sterling Taylor; **train engineer:** Benjamin Denton; **farmers:** Kay Hall and Linsey Miranda; **angels:** Demi Morton and Colin Joyce; **cowboy:** Kenneth White; **cowgirl:** Megan Davis; **miners:** Elizabeth Sole and Sara Gandolfo. The extravaganza was directed by Music Specialist Joanne Sherman.

# Clover Hill students excel in Standards of Learning

By Kris Risendal  
School Correspondent

Clover Hill Elementary School's outstanding performance on the Standards of Learning test last year is evidence of just how motivated the children, teachers and parents are at CHES.

Fifth-grade students recently completed the writing portion of the test for the 1998-1999 school year, and in May, grades 3 and 5 will complete the required testing. Throughout the year, CHES teachers have worked hard to ensure that the children are prepared for the material. CHES students are on the fast track to success.

Fifth-grade student Kendall Snyder placed first at the county level in the

visual arts section of this year's Reflections program. Snyder competed against 29 other first place intermediate division school winners and was recognized at a ceremony held February 20 at Monacan High School. Snyder will compete at the regional level on March 21.

April promises to be a busy month at CHES. Kindergarten registration will be held April 29 from 9 a.m. until 7 p.m. at CHES. Current kindergarten parents are invited to a parent coffee with Principal Diane Smith on April 20 at 9:15.

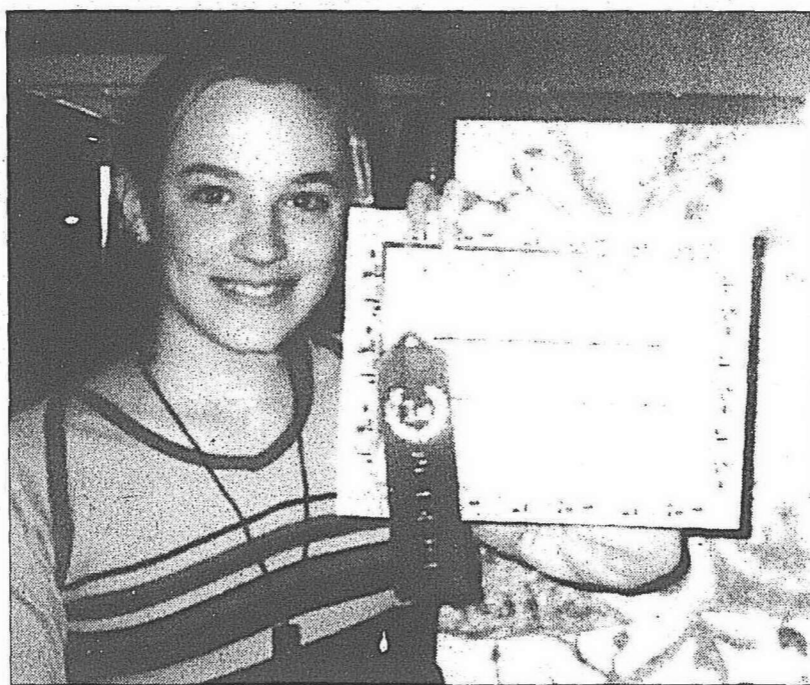
Spring pictures for all grade levels are scheduled for April 23.

The CHES spring jogging/walking club is back in action. Students in grades 2 through 5 are invited to jog in laps around the field at 7:40 a.m. before school on Wednesdays and Fridays. Laps will be tallied each week and a certificate will be awarded for every 10 miles a student runs.

The club will meet only if the temperature is at least 40 degrees at 6:45 a.m. Volunteers are needed to count laps for the runners and parents are invited to participate as well.

With June just around the corner, fifth-grade students at CHES are busy planning their end-of-the-year celebration to be held June 16. A fun-filled day is planned including rock climbing and a picnic.

In addition, a class field trip to Washington, D.C. is planned for May 7.



Kendall Snyder takes first place in the visual arts section of the Reflections program.

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## Academic team is fifth in state

By Melissa Kirchner  
Guest Correspondent

What happens when you combine hard work, positive attitudes and the desire to learn new information? Just ask any of the nine members of the 1998-1999 Clover Hill Academic Team, and you will learn that this year's team is experiencing more success than they ever thought possible.



The team opened the school year by placing second at the Dominion District Tournament thus qualifying for regionals.

"Qualifying for regionals was our first big step towards a successful year," senior Justin Morgan said. The team placed second at regionals and received a spot at the state tournament.

"The state competition has only been in existence for two years," sponsor Wilton Johns said, "and we've made an appearance both years." This year the Cavs took a re-

spectable fifth place in the state competition.

"I was extremely happy with the way things turned out at states," Morgan said. "We all worked really hard."

Along with its VHSL competition, the team has also competed in the state wide Challenge 23 program. "We competed against Courtland High School in the first round," senior co-captain Mike Dwyer said. "We actually won by the biggest margin ever in Challenge 23 history." With a win in the first round, Clover Hill qualified to compete again.

"I was really proud of the way we performed in the second round," Morgan said. "We stayed in control of the match the entire time."

On March 29, the Clover Hill academic team competed against Collegiate and a win would result in facing the Governor's School for the Challenge 23 title.

"The Governor's School has always given us a problem," sponsor Juanita Laswell said. "We have never beaten them before." According to the team members, this year could be different. "We have to take it one step at a time," Dwyer said. "No matter what happens, we've had a great year."

## Students are active in Read Across America program

By Amy Usry  
School Correspondent

In celebration of the birthday of Dr. Seuss, Clover Hill High School students participated in the second annual Read Across America event and shared their love of books. Read Across America is a combined effort of the National Education Association and the Virginia Education Association which came together to provide children with adult book readers.

On March 3, teacher Michelle Gitten's class invited area children between the ages of 2 and 5 to a reading extravaganza. The high school students read children's books to the youngsters. In addition, the children worked with a representative from Memories Galore, the scrapbook store in market Square, to create their own picture books.

The experience was rewarding for both age groups. "The kids seemed to enjoy the stories, and I enjoyed reading to them because of the joy I saw in their eyes," sophomore Jim Isaacs said.



Students of Michelle Gitten (back row, at right) class read to youngsters.

## Mr. Clover Hill is stand-up comedian

By Sarah Breeding  
School Correspondent

Dancing, singing, acting and playing musical instruments are just a few of the talents performed at Clover Hill High School on March 19 at the Mr. Clover Hill show.

Judged by a panel of parents and administrators, 10 male students competed in the categories of beach wear, talent, formal wear and question and answer sessions.

The Mr. Clover Hill participants were seniors Anthony Deese, Mr. New Dimensions; Bob Lunka, Mr. National Art Honor Society; Jason Minton, Mr. Senior Class; Patrick Mott, Mr. Golf; Justin Caron, Mr. DECA (an association for marketing); Alan Crist, Mr. Spanish Club; Jay McCall, Mr. Spirit Club; Mike Sullivan, Mr. Senior Advisory Council; Matt Nicholls, Mr. Baseball, and Michael Bryant, Mr. Junior Class.

Seniors Jeff Palazzola, Ashley Clement, Kevin Naughton and Beth Ratliff hosted the pageant, while drama teacher Ginger Gobble and her stage crew worked the sound, lights and stage props.

According to SCA Advisor Anne Domagalski, the show was a great success.

"Not only was the talent exceptional, but also all the work done behind the scene," Domagalski said. "Everyone worked together to produce a wonderful show."

For a period of two weeks, two hour practices were held after school to rehearse the Macho, Macho Man



Mike Sullivan

Dance. Senior Rainey Lacey choreographed the dance and worked hard to prepare the group for its performance not only through stage practice, but through home-practice videos as well.

"It was rewarding to see how hard the guys pushed themselves in practice," Lacey said.

The talent portion of the pageant opened with Caron's solo on the drums, which he composed and was followed by Deese's vocal, guitar and keyboard performance. Deese also composed his piece and was assisted on the bongo drum.

Bryant taped a softshoe act and Crist composed a song on the guitar, which he dedicated to his girlfriend. Lunka amazed the crowd with a magic

show and Nicholls also composed a song on the guitar, which he sang for all his friends at Clover Hill.

Sullivan entertained the audience with stand-up comedy and McCall performed a swing dance routine with the help of Mary Yanovitch.

Minton and Mott performed a dancing duo in a comical skit.

According to Minton the pageant and practice were time consuming yet it was worth the effort. "We all worked hard on the dance and even though it wasn't perfect, it was perfect for us," Minton said.

The final competition of formal wear, sponsored by Gingis Formal Wear, involved a model runway and the last question and answer session.

Seniors Kelly Canavan, Kara Cook, Sunlen Miller, Lynn Penterson, Britany Giddings, Kate Sampson, Erin Koch, Amy Usry, Katherine Zinder and Kristen Lanio escorted the gentlemen off the stage.

Sullivan was crowned King of the Hill after a difficult judging process. McCall placed second, followed by Nicholls in third.

The performance made a profit and drew a large crowd.

The audience, participants, hosts, judges and stage volunteers are commended by SCA for their hard work and the underclassmen are encouraged to get ready for next year.



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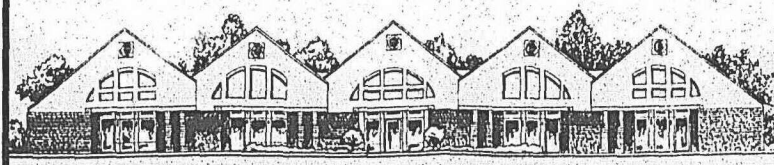


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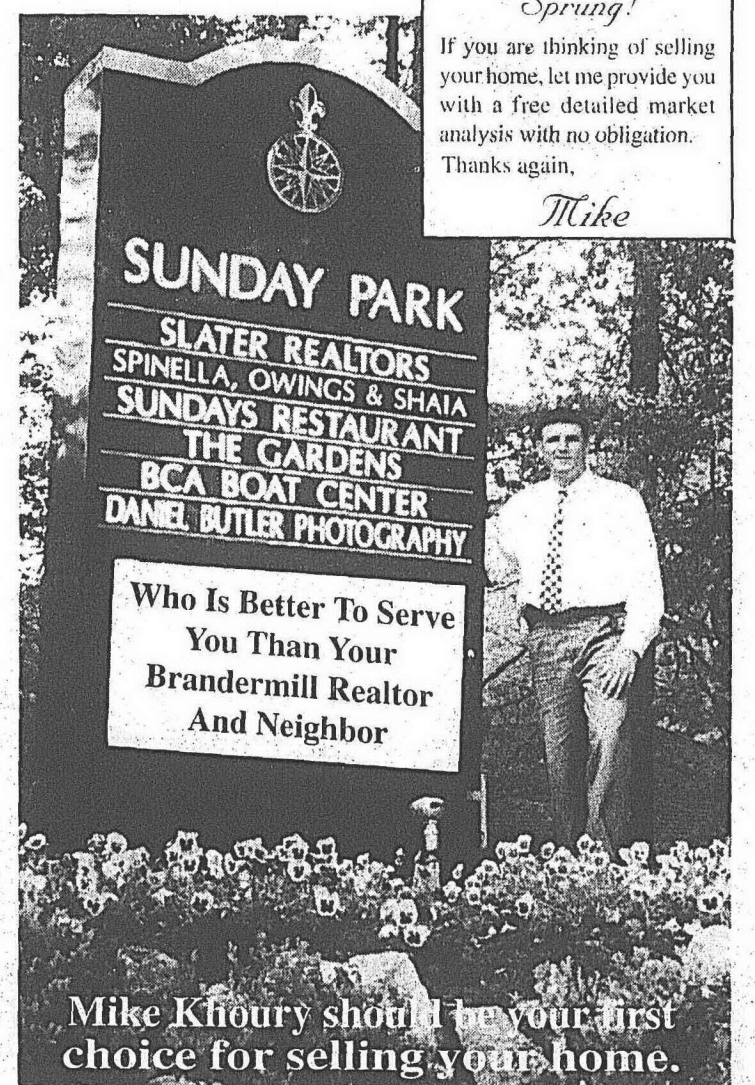


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## Swift Creek Middle School calendar is packed

By Linda Burns  
School Correspondent

The disappointment of being denied days off this winter melted away when spring break was extended an extra day. Getting to the heralded holiday was a challenge for many Swift Creek Middle School students with so many calendar commitments prior to their break.

The talent show in February inspired unique performances from students, with the "Swing Kids" capturing first place.

Creative language students enrolled in Spanish, German, Latin, Japanese and French showcased native foods and customs at the International Festival.

Engaging sights, sounds and smells greeted visitors as they entered the

transformed cafeteria.

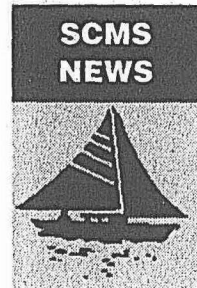
SOL testing got underway with the writing segment administered in March. Eighth-grade students applying to the Math and Science School at Clover Hill High School, Pre-IB (International Baccalaureate) program at Midlothian High School and the Governor's School devoted time to written and oral exams.

The annual Science Fair on April 1 meant overtime for many science students pushing to meet project deadlines.

Orchestra and band students played their best in the District III music competition and earned superior ratings from the judges.

The boys basketball team finished its season with a 5-7 record, just in time for soccer and track practices to commence.

The girls and boys track teams jump started their season with wins in the inaugural meet at Robious Middle School.



Basketball enthusiasts will be pleased to know that "Creek It Up" is almost here. This popular hoops program gives students an opportunity for three-on-three competition with their peers in the same grade. An organization meeting is scheduled for April 20.

Eighth-grade students returning to school on April 13 will be participating in the Challenge Discovery Out-

door Adventure. The program named CIRCLE (Community, Integrity, Respect, Collaboration, Learning and Energy) will culminate with rock wall climbing.

It's recycling time again. Following school tradition, students will haul garbage bags packed with soda cans to the parking lot on April 21 and 22 for the annual SCMS aluminum can drive. Assistant Principal Paul Martin said last year the school collected \$3,500 to \$4,000 providing money to purchase needed electronic equipment and microscopes for the science department.

Other events coming up this month at SCMS include: a cheerleader organizational meeting, April 15; a PTA dance, April 16; report cards, April 21; and a spring orchestra concert at Clover Hill High School, April 26.

## Kris Curtis is top speller

By Ed Blackwell  
Guest Correspondent

Kris Curtis, a Swift Creek Middle School seventh-grader did not hold his breath when it came to uttering the winning word in the school spelling bee. "B-r-e-a-t-h," spelled Kris, to become the Sailor spelling champion for 1998-1999.

The February 16 school final ended nearly a month of spelling competition for Swift Creek students. Classroom competition was followed by grade level and school bees directed by Kenneth Pittman. Grade level champions at Swift Creek Middle School were

Amanda Patterson in sixth grade and Dan Cheatham in eighth grade. Although coordinating the bees is hard work, to Pittman it's well worth the effort. He feels the bees provide "a chance for competition, tension, frustration, and elation — it's fun!"

Kris first won his class spelling bee, and then clinched the seventh-grade championship by spelling "molasses" correctly. He went on to represent the school in the county spelling bee at Bailey Bridge Middle School.

Spelling bees are sponsored locally by The Richmond Times Dispatch.

## Clover Hill team is part of envirothon

The third annual James River Soil and Water Conservation District's Envirothon took place on Thursday, March 25, at Pocahontas State Park. The Envirothon is a natural resource competition for teams of high school students.

The teams that participated in this year's competition were Clover Hill, L.C. Bird, Manchester, Monacan and Thomas Dale High Schools from Chesterfield County, and the Governor's School. Each team was

made up of five students, a coach and an alternate.

Participation in the Envirothon encourages life skills such as team-building, critical thinking, decision making, problem solving and communications skills.

The teams of students rotate through testing stations which cover the topic areas of soils, forestry, wildlife, aquatics and an environmental issue which this year was wildfire management. The students needed to

identify soil structure at a soil pit, measure and identify trees, analyze wildlife tracts and skulls, plus identify water quality through stream invertebrates. Along with topic area test-

ing, each team was judged on a wildfire management presentation.

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# Swift Creek Red wins division championship



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Front row, from left: Brianna Cella, Shannon Detwiler and Kerry Jussen. Back row: Coach Rob Maldonado, Marisa Maldonado, Courtney Reynolds, Lee Coleman, Laura Downing, Jasmine Sadri, Erin Bollinger, Amy Clingenpeel, and Coach Hal Downing.

By Marilyn Downing  
Special Correspondent

The Swift Creek Red, girls 9- and 10-year-old basketball team, recently concluded its regular season by bringing home a victory in every game, finishing at 10-0. The girls participated in the North Division of the Chesterfield Girls Basketball League, one of five divisions in this age group. With a complement of first year and experienced players, the girls fulfilled their goals of learning basketball fundamentals and enjoying the camaraderie of the team experience.

Led by high-scoring guard Lee Coleman and center Laura Downing, the team's trademark was a tenacious defense and all-round hustle. Guards Brianna Cella, Amy Clingenpeel, and Courtney Reynolds were instrumental in penetrating opposing defenses with their exceptional ball handling and passing skills. Forwards Marisa Maldonado, Shannon Detwiler, Kerry Jussen, Jasmine Sadri and Erin Bollinger displayed an iron curtain defense and uncanny rebounding skills. Cheered on by parents, the girls will not soon forget this incomparable season.

Although the season is over, the girls have one more event in which to participate. They plan to present the division championship trophy to Donald Bechtel, Swift Creek's Elementary School Principal.

# Rachel Gale and partner win championship in South Carolina

By Harriet Coppins  
Copy Editor

Rachel Gale, head tennis professional at Brandermill Country Club and her partner Sean Steinour of Richmond won the open mixed doubles championship by defeating Rick Witsken and Happy Ho in the South Carolina United States Professional Tennis Registry Symposium on February 20.

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4-27	Midlothian*	Home	4:00
4-29	James River*	Away	4:00
5-04	L.C. Bird*	Home	4:00
5-06	Manchester*	Away	4:00
5-08	JV Tour @ Midlo.	Away	10:00
5-11	Monacan*	Home	4:00
5-18/20	Dom. Dist. Tourn.**	Bird	TBA
*JV at opposite site at 4:00 **Varsity ***JV only			

### Softball

4-13	Manchester*	Home	4:00
4-15	Monacan*	Away	4:15
4-19	Prince Geo***	Away	4:00
4-23	Thom Dale***	Away	4:30
4-27	Midlothian*	Home	4:00
4-29	James River*	Away	4:00
4-30	Meadowbrook*	Home	4:00
5-04	L.C. Bird*	Home	4:00
5-06	Manchester*	Away	4:00
5-08	JV Tour at Midlo.	Away	10:00
5-11	Monacan*	Home	4:00
5-18/20	Dom. Dist. Tourn.**	Monacan	TBA
*JV at opposite site at 4:00 **Varsity ***JV & Varsity at Prince George			

### Girls Soccer

JV game time listed / Varsity plays 20 min. after JV

4-15	Manchester	Home	5:30
3-23	James River	Away	5:30
4-22	James River	Home	5:30
4-27	Midlothian	Away	5:30
4-29	L.C. Bird	Home	5:30
5-04	Monacan	Away	5:30
5-11	Manchester	Away	5:30
5-18/20	Dom. Dist. Tourn.**	Manchester	TBA
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### Boys Soccer

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

4-15	Manchester	Away	5:30
4-22	James River	Away	5:30
4-27	Midlothian	Home	5:30
4-29	L.C. Bird	Away	5:30
5-04	Monacan	Home	5:30
5-11	Manchester	Home	5:30
5-19/20	Dom. Dist. Tourn.**	Manchester	TBA
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### Track

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

### Boys Tennis

4-13	James River	Away	3:30
4-15	Huguenot	Away	3:30
4-20	Monacan	Home	3:30
4-22	L.C. Bird	Away	3:30
4-27	Manchester	Home	3:30
5-04	Midlothian	Home	3:30
5-10/13	Dom. Dist. Tourn.	L.C. Bird	

## Swim Team holds registration

By Kris Risendal  
Staff Writer

With summer just a few months away, the Brandermill Swim and Dive teams are once again preparing for another successful swim season. Registration is scheduled for April 25 from 1 p.m. until 4 p.m. at the Brandermill Country Club. Swimmers registering on that date will enjoy early bird discounted fees of \$50 for the swim team and \$90 for both the swim and dive teams. After May 1, fees will increase to \$75 for each swimmer and \$120 for both swim and dive teams.

The Brandermill Swim Team also

has announced its board of directors for 1999. Returning board members include John Franssen as president, Courtney Detwiler as vice president, Cathy Maxwell as treasurer, and Mary Kay Huss as uniform coordinator. The position of secretary remains open.

Returning as head coach is Tim Palazzola of East Bluff who is looking forward to an exciting and successful new season with the Brandermill Makos.

Anyone wanting to learn more about the Brandermill Swim Team may call Eileen Violante or Jennifer Burke at 744-1185 at the Brandermill Country Club.

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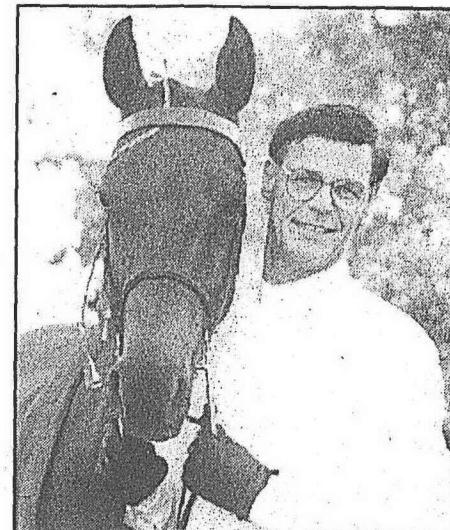


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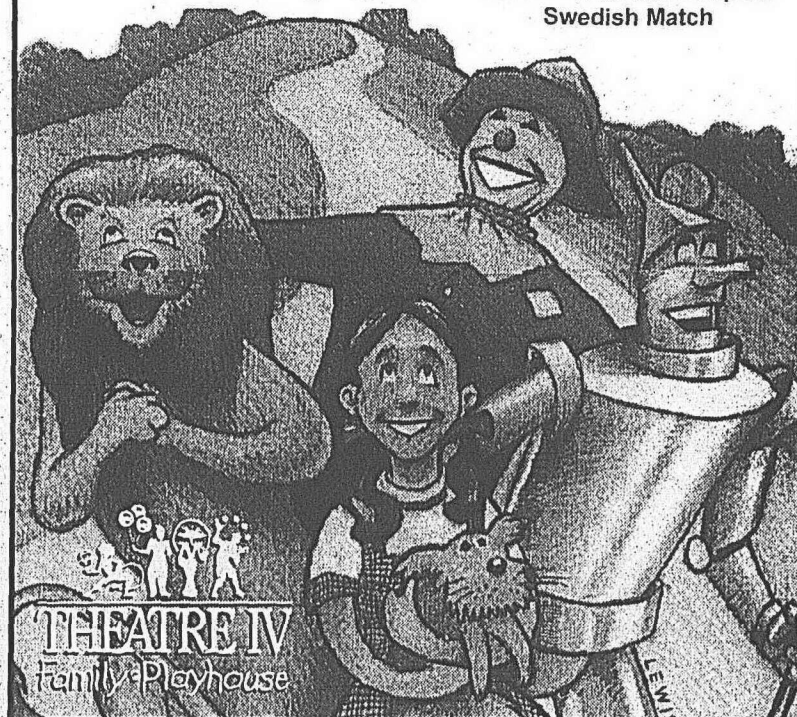
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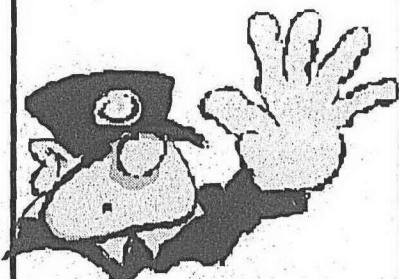
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## Inspirations Hair Design opens

By Kris Risendal  
Staff Writer

Inspirations Hair Design, a full-service hair salon, has opened in Market Square. Owned by Lauren Jacobs, the new salon offers its customers a complete array of salon services, including hair styling and coloring, manicures and pedicures, waxing, and organic treatments.

With four stylists, the salon specializes in making people look and feel great. "We are very excited about all we have to offer our customers," said Jacobs. "Besides offering such specialized services as chemical-free, damage-free color corrections, we are also very kid friendly and welcome children of all ages." A red sports car offers the younger children the perfect seat to get a hair cut. Toys and a play area ensure that children will have fun while their parents enjoy a visit to the salon.

The salon is open Monday through Friday, from 9 a.m. until 8 p.m., and on Saturdays, from 10 a.m. until 6 p.m. Appointment and walk-in customers are welcome. To make an appointment, call 744-7554.



Photo by Kris Risendal  
Lauren Jacobs puts finishing touches on a client's hair in the new shop.

## Brandermill Country Club will be under new ownership

As part of the Cobblestone Golf Group, Brandermill Country Club will be in the hands of new owners.

The Meditrust Companies announced that as part of the implementation of its comprehensive restructuring plan, it has entered into a definitive agreement to sell its Cobblestone Golf Group real estate and operations to an affiliate of ClubCorp, Inc. and American Golf Corporation for aggregate consideration. The transaction is expected to close by the end of the first quarter of 1999.

Since the announcement of Meditrust's comprehensive restructuring plan in November 1998, Meditrust has generated total sale proceeds of approximately \$1 billion.

Meditrust intends to use \$250 million of the proceeds from the

sale of Cobblestone to repay term debt due in July 1999. In addition, Meditrust has reduced the amount of its forward equity transaction with Merrill Lynch from \$277 million to \$92 million.

Based in San Diego, California, Cobblestone owns and operates golf courses in the United States, including 45 facilities in major golf markets in Arizona, California, Florida, Georgia, North Carolina, Texas and Virginia. The portfolio includes 13 private country clubs, 18 semi-private clubs and 14 daily fee courses.

Bob Kish, who started his new job as BCC general manager in December, said neither he nor any members of the club's board are free to discuss the sale until it is finalized.

## Career Tracks

Long Nghiem of Bayport Landing



has opened the Grass Hut in Shockoe Slip. The restaurant, which specializes in Amer-Asian food, is located at 3 South 12th Street.

Bayport Landing resident Gayle Walters has been notified that she will

receive the Diamond Award from the Richmond Association of REALTORS. The Diamond Award, the highest award given to realtors



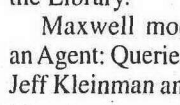
for 1998 net production of over \$4 million, places Walters in the top 2 percent of RAR agents. Walters is the principal broker of Gayle & Company REALTORS, Inc. in Market Square.

Authors Cathy Maxwell of Chimney House and

Tom DeHaven of Huntgate Woods participated in a writers' workshop at the main library in March. It was sponsored by Chesterfield County Public Library and Friends of the Library.



Maxwell moderated "Contacting an Agent: Queries and Proposals" with Jeff Kleinman and DeHaven spoke on "The Realistic Screenwriter."



DeHaven also gave a reading at the Virginia Festival of the Book in Charlottesville on March 28.

Editor's note: Have you recently been promoted, received a special award at work, or started a new business?

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## Society of CPAs offers last minute tax tips

Every serious investor knows that it costs money to make money. Fortunately, tax law allows you to deduct certain expenses that are associated with investments that produce taxable income. The Virginia Society of CPAs explains that you generally can deduct investment expenses as miscellaneous itemized deductions, to the extent that your total miscellaneous itemized deductions exceed 2 percent of your adjusted gross income. To qualify as an investment expense, the expenses you pay must be related to producing or collecting income or managing, conserving, or maintaining property held for producing income. Expenses attributable to rental property are deductible from gross income and not subject to the 2 percent floor. Here are some of the more common investment expenses that may be deductible on Schedule A, subject to the 2 percent limit.

### Accounting Fees

If you pay someone to keep track of your taxable investments, you may write off the fees you pay that individual.

### Trustee's Administrative Fees

Individual Retirement Account (IRA) trustee fees that you pay to maintain your IRA are a deductible investment expense, but only if you pay them by separate check. Fees that are deducted automatically from your account are not deductible.

### Travel & Transportation Costs

You may claim a deduction for

travel costs you incur to look after investments, or to seek professional advice from an attorney, accountant, trustee, or stockbroker, so long as you do not invest solely in tax-exempt investment vehicles (if you own investment property in a resort area, keep detailed records to show that the trip was necessary for checking your investment property and was not a vacation). Bear in mind that you may not deduct travel expenses associated with a trip to attend an investment or financial planning seminar, convention or meeting; nor may you deduct the cost of the seminar or convention itself.

### Legal Costs

Legal expenses related to investment activities are usually deductible as long as the lawyer's advice is related to the determination of your tax liability, tax planning or keeping track of taxable investments.

### Safe Deposit Box Rental Fee

You may deduct the cost of renting a safe deposit box, if you use the box to store stocks, bonds, or investment-related documents that generate taxable income.

### Subscriptions

You may claim a deduction for subscriptions to investment-related publications or services. You may not, however, write off in one year the cost of a multiple-year subscription. Subscriptions must be deducted one year at a time.

### Planner's Fees

If you pay someone to manage your

investments, you may deduct any amounts you pay for his or her services. You also may deduct custodial or service fees charged by a dividend reinvestment plan.

### Telephone & Postage Expenses

The cost of investment-related telephone charges, including the cost of cellular and long-distance calls are deductible miscellaneous expenses. You also may write off the cost of postage and supplies associated with your taxable investments.

Keep in mind that a taxpayer may not deduct the cost of an office at home unless his or her investing activities constitute a business. A dealer or trader in securities is considered to be in business, while an investor who uses a home office primarily for reading financial periodicals and reports, clipping bond coupons, and making investment decisions would not qualify for these activities are not the taxpayer's trade or business.

To calculate your deduction for

miscellaneous itemized expenses, add the total of your investment expenses to your other miscellaneous deductions such as unreimbursed business expenses and tax preparation and tax counsel fees. Then subtract 2 percent of your adjusted gross income from the total amount of these expenses. The Virginia Society of CPAs points out that some upper-income itemizers may be subject to an additional overall limitation on the deductibility of certain itemized deductions, including miscellaneous itemized expenses, taxes, home mortgage interest, and charitable contributions. According to tax law, the total of the group of deductions must be reduced by 3 percent of the amount by which your 1998 adjusted gross income exceeds \$124,500 (\$62,250 if married, filing separately). You should note that investment interest expenses, gambling losses, non-business casualty and theft losses, and medical dental expenses are not subject to the overall limit on itemized deductions.

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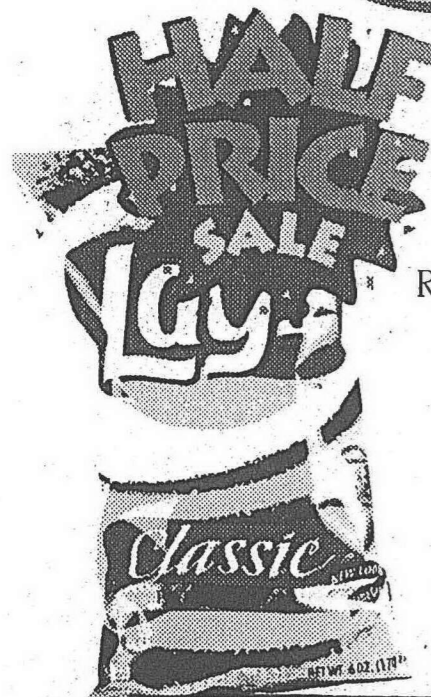
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Duke's Mayonnaise  
32 oz. size Regular  
Limit 2 With Additional Order!

**98¢**

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Lay's Potato Chips  
5.5 oz. bag  
Regular, BBQ, Or Sour Cream & Onion

**74¢**

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Western Style Pork Ribs  
W-D Brand 3 lbs. or more!

lb. **98¢**

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