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A ROAD WITH A VIEW



Bill Cantrell and workers tidy up after installing the new Sunday Park loop road. Resurfacing will be done following church construction.



GETTIN' INTO THE SING OF THINGS

Betsy Q kicks off Brandermill's 25th Anniversary with songs for all.

More photos on page 5.

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY



Brandermill signs sport the new 25th Anniversary seal.

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Emily, 4, Briar, 7, and David Crossley of Turtle Hill enjoy a day paddling on the reservoir. Don't miss out on the fun. If you don't have a boat, rent one from the Sailing Center.

Photo by Wendy Parker

By Harriet Coppins
Copy Editor

The joint effort of Brandermill Community Association and Old Dominion Adventures in their operation of the boat rental program proved to be so successful last summer that the two partners have agreed to continue the venture. Starting on Memorial Day weekend through Labor Day, residents may rent canoes, sailboats, paddle boats, sea kayaks, both solo and tandem, jon boats, and electric motors.

Last summer kayaking was extremely popular. According to Jay Lewis, owner of Old Dominion Adventures, sea-kayaking is one of the fastest growing water sports in the country. He says, "It offers the pleasure of gracefully gliding across the water with little

effort, has low impact on the environment and is accessible to all ages."

In addition to renting boats, Old Dominion Adventures will offer private instruction. The Richmond based company has been in the instructional business since 1990.

Lewis says he is looking forward to the second season of running the boating program in conjunction with the BCA. "We are expanding the number of boats, including paddle boats and also offering more electric motors," he said.

The number for the Brandermill Sailing Center is 744-7649. The center will be open Saturdays and Sundays from noon to 7 p.m. throughout the summer. The center will be open on Memorial Day and all holidays.

Membership elects Tuttle and Hughes



Photo by Wendy Parker

Members of the BCA Board of Directors, from left, are: Second Vice President C. Warren Massenburg, Treasurer George Thacker, Kathleen McSweeney, First Vice President Jack Miller, Kevin Healy, Roger Tuttle and President John Hughes.

By Wendy Parker
Managing Editor

Brandermill residents John Hughes and Roger Tuttle were elected to the BCA Board of Directors during the annual meeting at The Brandermill Church on April 19.

Roger Tuttle fills the seat of retiring board Director Laurie Newill and Hughes returns for his second three-year term on the board.

Once the polls were closed, Tom Koren, of Schutrumpf and Koren, announced the voting tabulation: John Hughes—2,331; Roger Tuttle—1,915; Dan Bryant—1,195; Janet Joyce—1,008. Koren said that there was the potential of 7,854 votes to be cast and 1,571 votes were needed to meet quorum.

According to Koren, an actual 3,545 votes were cast, or a 45 percent participation.

Following the annual meeting, the board elected its officers for 1999-2000: President John Hughes, First Vice President Jack Miller, Second

Vice President C. Warren Massenburg; and Treasurer George Thacker. Other directors serving on the board include: Kevin Healy, Kathleen McSweeney and Roger Tuttle.

During the annual meeting outgoing Treasurer Kevin Healy said, "Our financial position has improved since last year." He noted that to date, the BCA is \$55,000 ahead of budget and is working toward achieving a reserve fund goal of \$235,000.

Tom Koren reported that the reserve fund at the end of 1998 was \$213,000.

Community Manager Mike Divita thanked the outgoing board members for working together as a team. He offered special thanks to Directors Laurie Newill and John Hughes for their tireless work on behalf of Brandermill.

Board President John Hughes also extended his thanks to the BCA Board and the 100 plus volunteers who served on BCA committees throughout the year, donating their time and

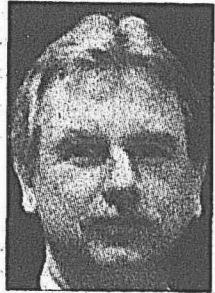
energy for the betterment of Brandermill. "Their hearts are in the right place," he said. (See volunteer thank you on page 2.)

Hughes also praised Laurie Newill for her years of dedication to Brandermill and expressed gratitude to the BCA staff. He said, "They all do a phenomenal job." (See County Resolution and President's Report on page 3.)

President reports state of the association

Editor's note: BCA Board President John Hughes presented his President's Report at the Annual Meeting on April 19. The following are highlights of the report.

It has been a pleasure to serve as president of the Brandermill Community Association during the past year. We have accomplished many things and I am particularly proud of Brandermill's selection by the Central Virginia Chapter of the Community



John Hughes

Associations Institute (CAI) as the 1998 Community Association of the Year. More than 140 community associations were considered and Brandermill was recognized as the best. This recognition by our peers says many things about our image, accomplishments and leadership in the industry and within the region.

The BCA Board of Directors has been instrumental in providing leadership on many important community issues. One of our primary objectives was to provide a more open community and to ensure that we do all we can to communicate with the residents and members.

One of my personal goals was, and continues to be to improve our sense of community. Our strength as a community must come from within. The BCA can only serve to facilitate socialization and administer the opera-

tional part of our community. The board can provide leadership and make decisions.

We need to recognize that property values begin at our front door and the covenants are there for our protection, not as our nemesis. Having a community that embraces our diversity and uniqueness sets us apart from living in just any subdivision. It is up to each of us to welcome new residents, meet and socialize with each other and create community within our neighborhoods.

We have made a concerted effort to make our board meetings more open and friendlier and we encourage members to speak out about their concerns. We have revitalized our committees and adopted policies and procedures that will provide for a more consistent and efficient form of community governance. We have made the BCA web site a priority and will be making more improvements in the future. The Village Mill, community reader boards and flyers, direct mail, community information and budget meetings, more resident involvement through our committees, and the NRC are some of the ways we let members know what is occurring within their community.

Our committees were reorganized this past year, and we have experienced a marked increase in resident participation and involvement. The

NRC has made significant strides in rejuvenating its organization and representation. The sponsorship of Meet the Candidates Night and community awareness programs have been particularly useful. The NRC's Neighbors Helping Neighbors program is a grass-roots idea that has proven to be very helpful in assisting selected residents who are experiencing difficult times. NRC members are to be commended for this effort.

Our commercial members play an important role in the BCA and they are an important part of our community. At times, they have felt separated from the rest of the BCA. We recognized this and formed the Commercial Representatives Council (CRC) to improve relations and to provide members with a greater voice. This effort has been welcomed by the participating commercial members.

Our relationship with the county is vital to Brandermill's future and has never been better. County officials have been responsive to our concerns and this is indicative of their leadership and respect for our community. Presently, they are working with us to address a number of issues such as the upcoming widening of Genito Road, proposed transmission towers, the

See President's Report on page 3.

"Our strength as a community must come from within."

John Hughes

Supervisors defer decision on Route 288 plan for 60 days

By Kris Risendal
Staff Writer

The Chesterfield County Board of Supervisors agreed to a 60-day deferral before making a decision on the portion of the Route 288 plan that will affect the Swift Creek Reservoir. A coalition made up of Brandermill and Woodlake Community Associations and Hands Across the Lake requested the deferral. This action will give surrounding communities and concerned environmentalists an opportunity to further study new information that is causing some concern about the long-term effects of Route 288 on the reservoir.

Former BCA Vice President Laurie Newill and Hands Across the Lake Co-chairmen Tom Pakurar and Betty Hunter-Clapp spoke before the Chesterfield Board of Supervisors on April 14 at the final public hearing on the Route 288 Corridor plan. Brandermill's Community Manager

Mike Divita was also present.

According to Newill, new information has surfaced which is causing concern for residents of Brandermill, Woodlake and members of Hands Across the Lake. The Route 288 Corridor plan and Upper Swift Creek plan currently call for up to 2.2 dwellings per acre. This is an average gross density which includes roads. It has been discovered that current calculations regarding acceptable phosphorous levels were made using one-half acre lot sizes, or a net density of two dwelling units per acre. The current zoning in the Upper Swift Creek plan translates into .39 acre lots sizes, resulting in a significantly higher density and greater potential for pollution to the reservoir.

Newill said, "When Mary Kramer's model was run using the current zoning of 2.2 units/acre, the results indicated that we may not be able to keep the reservoir at or below the maximum phosphorus level. Even if development is kept at or below full build out, there will be no room for error or miscalculation."

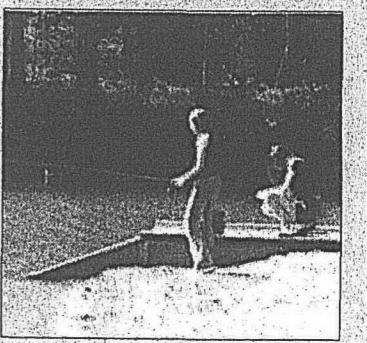
Newill reiterated that concerns about the impact on the reservoir, if the current 2.2 dwelling units per acre density remains, need to be resolved. However, the BCA remains supportive of the adoption of the rest of the proposed Route 288 Corridor plan.

Community Manager Mike Divita indicated that the coalition recently met with members of the county staff to discuss the matter. Follow-up meetings with Clover Hill Supervisor Art Warren and Matoaca Supervisor Renny Humphrey are scheduled.

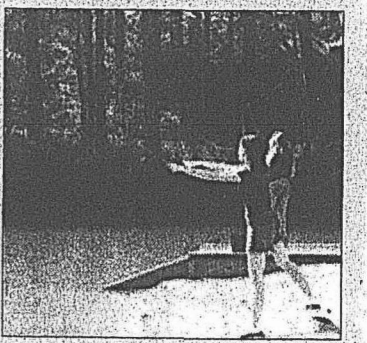
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Amanda White & Sharon Rettinger show you how.




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Cast the line.

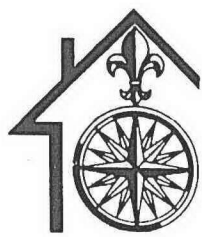


Hook a fish.



Reel it in.

Much Ado About Nothing
Shakespeare
by
Encore Theatre
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This Wednesday!
May 12 • 7:30 p.m.



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 Kevin Healy
 Kathleen McSweeney
 Roger Tuttle

**WELCOME
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- CARRIAGE CREEK
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- HARBOUR RIDGE
 Bill & Lisa Beitz
- HARBOURWOOD
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- HERITAGE WOODS
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- LONG SHADOW
 William Chadim
- OLD FOX TRAIL
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- SEVEN OAKS
 Gary Rowe
 Norma Rowe
- SHALLOWFORD LANDING
 C. A. Livesay
- SUTTER'S MILL
 Mark & Kathe Critchfield
- THE OAKS
 J. P. Norman

ARB APPROVALS

- Bayport Landing - New Home
- Bayport Landing - Front porch
- Chimney House - New Home
- Commodore Point - Addition
- Cove Ridge - Fence
- Crosstimbers - Addition
- East Bluff - Driveway
- Harbour Bluff - Roof & window
- Harbour Bluff - Screened porch
- Harbourwood - Propane screen
- Long Shadow - Fence
- McTyre's Cove - Propane screen
- Muirfield Green - Porch railings
- Nuttree Woods - Landscaping
- Old Fox Trail - Addition
- Promontory Point - New Home
- Regatta Pointe - Screened porch
- Sandy Brook - Two new homes
- Seven Oaks - Skylight
- Shady Pointe - Two new homes
- Shadow Ridge - Landscape plan
- Shallowford Landing - Siding
- Spring Gate - Propane screen
- Sterling's Bridge - Deck
- Sutter's Mill - New home
- Turtle Hill - Fence
- Winterberry Ridge - Garage

**COVENANT
 VIOLATIONS**

MARCH	
Violation letters sent	88
Violations resolved	74
Green cards issued	15
Green card resolutions	9
Hearing Panel matters	10

**UPCOMING
 EVENTS**

- BCA Work Session**
 BCA Office
 May 10, 7 p.m.
- Much Ado About Nothing**
 Shakespeare by Encore! Theatre
 Gardens at Sunday Park
 May 12, 7:30 p.m.
- BCA Board Meeting**
 Brandermill Woods
 May 17, 7 p.m.
- NRC Meeting**
 The Brandermill Church
 May 11, 7 p.m.
 Speakers: Lobbyists
 Charlie Davis & Mary Ann Curtin

Voice of the people: How do you feel about the Coalfield Road detour?



"My kids practice sports in that direction and it has been a little inconvenient. I know that the new road will be beneficial, however, and the detour isn't that much of a distraction."
Brad Coble
 Harbour Hill



"It's not that great of an inconvenience to me. I didn't realize, however, that the detour was permanent."
Vickie Frick
 Sterling's Bridge



"I have had no problems with the detour. I don't travel that way very often and the few minutes delay hasn't affected me."
Craig Nofzinger
 Swift Creek
 Animal Hospital



"At certain times of the day, the traffic is heavy making turns on and off Coalfield Road. This has caused some long delays and dangerous driving conditions."
Heather Joyce
 Chimney House



"I don't find the detour to be inconvenient. I think the improved road system will greatly enhance Brandermill's connection to the rest of the Richmond area."
Trish Cuenin
 Harbourwood

**Volunteers
 make a big
 difference in
 Brandermill**

We often hear that volunteerism is down in the U.S. However, more and more people are volunteering their time to make Brandermill an exceptional place in which to live.

Brandermill's strength lies within its volunteers and their commitment to "build a sense of community." We need to involve each other in our community's future and come together as neighbors and neighborhoods. With an active and productive committee system, the NRC and BCA Board, Brandermill is assured its place as one of the great communities in the country.

All members of the association owe a debt of gratitude to the many volunteers who have shared their time and talents. (See Thank You at right.) Without their dedication, Brandermill would not have achieved the distinction of being named "1998 Community Association of Year" by the Central Virginia Chapter of the Community Associations Institute. It also would not be the wonderful community it is today. Thank you volunteers.

**MANAGER'S
 DESK**



Mike Divita

Thank You Committee Volunteers!
 You make Brandermill a Special Place

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- Jack Miller
- Kathleen McSweeney
- Laurie Newill
- George Thacker

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- Millie Millar Ford
- Bob Gibbons
- Patti Moyer
- Cheryl Purdy

ARB

- Harold Davidson
- Hal Downing
- Jim Graybeal
- Bill Korth

CARB

- Jeff Lighthiser
- Ann Brooks
- Mary Broughton
- Graham Henderson
- Nanette Parsons

Environmental Committee

- Betty Hunter-Clapp
- Roger Comes, Vice Chairman
- Laurie Newill

Finance Committee

- Kathleen Bush
- Tom Spence
- Tom Herr
- Gwen Miller
- Neil Moran
- George Thacker, BCA Treasurer
- Mike Westfall

Hearing Panel

- Jenny Jones, Chairman
- Debbie Braun
- Mike Hurst
- Jack Miller, BCA Liaison
- Ernie Rowland
- John W. Hughes, Alternate

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- Joanne Henry, Co-Chairman
- Polly Pratt
- Angie Smith
- Audrey Vandereedt
- John Williams

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- Dick Cope
- Rick Franklin
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- Rich Johnson
- John Maguire
- Dennis Smith
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- Judy English
- Earl McKesson
- Ed Applequist
- Mabel Childress
- Mary Pforsich

CRC

Commercial Members

Senator Martin speaks to NRC reps

By Harriet Coppins
 Copy Editor

State Senator Stephen Martin, Chesterfield County Republican candidate running for re-election, spoke at the meeting of the Neighborhood Representative Council on April 13. NRC Chair Debbie Braun dispensed with all of the usual items on the agenda and intro-



duced Senator Martin. Senator Martin spoke of the tremendous growth in the county in the past 30 years. He was born in Bensley, the first subdivision in Chesterfield, and noted that when Cloverleaf Mall was built, "it seemed so far away." He said the people with vision were the ones who developed the reservoir. Martin noted that in the late 1970s, Brandermill wanted a tie to the area and agreed to the building of a road. Now the residents resent being over-taxed to travel the road and want to get rid of the tolls. Senator Martin said he feels Virginians are taxed too much and the

proposal to give 50 percent of the state's surplus back to the people, did not prevail. "Legislative choices must be tough" said the Senator, "because they institute good hard thinking." He was speaking mainly of tax relief on cars and tuition, and stricter laws on car emissions. When asked about state and local laws, the Senator said that local government has only the authority it is granted. He closed by saying, "The government that is closest to the people is best, but always we must assure constitutional protection."

Your property is due for a check-up

Each of us visits the family physician for a yearly check-up and the dentist every six months for preventive care. Unfortunately, it's too easy to put off the same type of maintenance check-ups for homes and yards, but it is equally as important to the health of our community. By notifying owners of the need for regular maintenance, our goal is to bring properties into compliance and prevent others from declining. Roofs and siding as well as other home maintenance issues that show only minor problems can quickly fall into disrepair. Expensive home repairs and an overall decline in property values

and neighborhood appearance are the end result. Unfortunately, too many properties in Brandermill already suffer from numerous problems. Bearing in mind that some neighborhoods in Brandermill are 25 years old, if little or no maintenance work has been done, properties can require major renovations. Water damage from leaking roofs, termite infestation from rotted wood and siding that has not been restained or repainted, and foundation problems from trees that have not been removed or pruned are but a few major problems. With increasing temperatures and hours of sunlight, it is easier to spend a little extra time assessing the home and yard. Shingles that are peeling or cracked should be replaced, as should rotting siding. Cracked, peeling or faded paint or stain should be reapplied. Any foundation cracks should be addressed as soon as possible. Trees within 10 to 15 feet of the foundation should be

removed as well as tree limbs that hang over the roof. Limbing trees up is an excellent way to increase air circulation and allow more sunlight without removing a tree. Warm, humid summer air and little sunlight fosters excessive mold and mildew growth on roofs and siding. Taking the time to do simple projects, little by little can lead to a showplace property. Removing excessive leaves from natural yards, adding mulch beds, planting grass, weeding driveways, adding additional gravel and landscape timbers, sprucing up a mailbox that might need painting are all examples of small improvements. When combined, these small improvements can make a big difference in property and neighborhood appearances. I encourage all residents to take pride in Brandermill's first 25 years, and coupled with initiative to perform regular property maintenance, we can enjoy another 25 years.

A Friendly Reminder:

- BEFORE YOU . . .**
- install a deck or fence
 - build a shed, garage or other accessory building
 - add a room or porch
 - change paint colors
 - make major landscaping changes
 - fell a tree
- You must make written application to the Architectural Review Board.
- Applications are available in the BCA office.



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Laurie Newill receives recognition



Photo by Kris Risendal

Clover Hill Supervisor Art Warren presents Laurie Newill with a resolution from the Chesterfield County Board of Supervisors.

By Wendy Parker
Managing Editor

The Chesterfield County Board of Supervisors awarded outgoing BCA Board Director Laurie Newill a resolution recognizing her years of volunteer work for the Brandermill Community Association and the Clover Hill District. Clover Hill Supervisor Art Warren presented the resolution to Newill at the April 29 board meeting.

The resolution highlighted Newill's public service, beginning with her work for the BCA as a board member from 1994 to 1999 and later as president and first vice president. It recognized her work on several BCA committees including: environmental, Fourth of July, playground and strategic planning. Newill was instrumental in developing the long-range strategic plan for Brandermill.

In a leadership capacity, Newill worked with developers on such projects as Faison Capital Development, Inc. and Home Depot, USA, Inc. Newill has represented Brandermill in promoting interests in several environmental issues: the Swift Creek Reservoir, amendments to the Upper Swift Creek plan, the BMP master plan and the Route 288 corridor plan.

The resolution stated that Newill is worthy of recognition and "represents the epitome of volunteerism."

President's Report

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Route 288 corridor plan, the proposed regional BMP master plan and several road repair projects within the community.

I thank County Supervisor Art Warren and Planning Commissioner Russ Gulley for their continuing support of Brandermill as well as providing leadership for Chesterfield County. In addition, the county staff members have always been professional and supportive.

Recently, the BCA Board approved by a majority vote the implementation of the first phase of a long range plan that will add needed improvements as well as protect the interests of the community. Although we recognize that there will be additional costs from the

members to fund these improvements, we have reduced the scope of our planning and shortened the period of the financial impact to a two and one-half year period. The Long Range Planning Committee deserves our appreciation for its efforts and hard work.

From a financial perspective, we have instituted a common sense plan to restore the health of the reserve fund. This effort includes better management of our operating cash to ensure a position of greater capacity to fund the reserves as budgeted. Last year, we exceeded our planned budgeted excess by approximately \$55,000. This will help in meeting our reserve fund's financial objective over the next three to five years.

The environmental health of Swift Creek Reservoir remains the number one priority for this community. Our ability to impact the proposed Route 288 corridor plan was noteworthy. The BCA was instrumental in the formation of a coalition of surrounding communities and Hands Across the Lake (HAL) that worked with the county to strengthen the environmental language in the plan.

I want to pay special tribute to outgoing BCA Board Director, Laurie Newill. Laurie has served as a BCA Board Director for the past five years. She has been an example of what volunteerism is about. Even though she faced many challenges, she consistently displayed an ability to keep

the BCA's best interests always as her number one priority. Her commitment to Brandermill and the BCA went beyond the regular twice a month meetings. Her uncanny ability to understand complex issues and represent the BCA will be sorely missed. Laurie has earned the highest respect and admiration from all who have worked with her.

Finally, I thank the spouses and families of our directors, committee members and other volunteers. We appreciate their support. We applaud our volunteers for their contributions to Brandermill, making it a community of which we can all be proud.

John W. Hughes,
BCA Board President

LOST A PET?
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Teen Center has been busy for many years

By Jo Owens
CHATC Co-chair

Editor's note: as we celebrate our 25th anniversary, it is a good time to reflect on the history of the community. Jo Owens has been involved in the teen scene for almost 20 years.

The facility, now known as the Community Center, was built with residents working together with developers. Many home builders donated their time, energy, building materials and financial support to the construction of the center, located behind the Brandermill Country Club parking lot. The grand opening was scheduled for Sunday, Sept. 14, 1980, with Cindy Woods serving as chairman. Prior to its opening, Anne Hill supervised a group of teens planting shrubbery along the side of the building, on the slope toward the golf course.

Bill Baker chaired the teen advisory board in 1980, with Lucy Trebour as secretary, Nancy Smith as treasurer and Marcia Harrigan as coordinator of the VCU graduate student program. Other members were Woody Traylor, Mons and Maureen Olson, Judy Fowler, Gary Smith and Mercy Lewis. In 1983, the name of the organization was changed to Youth Advisory Board. Barbara Sirry was chairman; Trudy Laidig, treasurer; Debbie Braun, secretary; and members were Sue Kirk, Karen Meltzer, Nancy Rider, Bruce Johnson, Beth Von Kauffman, Roger Comes, Ben Greenberg, Steve Bray, Stevie Wishnack, Gene Johnson, Mary Riley and Suzanne Jordan.

Many of the same activities: pool parties, an Easter egg hunt, can drive, and yard sales, that were popular in 1980 are still popular today. A flyer for the months of January and February 1981, promoted the movies "Nine to Five" and "Grease," a college aid program presentation by Dan Woods and the monthly art show at Greenwood School.

The center was open on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, with a paid counselor to supervise activities. A notation in the minutes shows that letters were mailed to all homes in the community with teenagers. There were 407 teens in the community from 274 families.

A budget for July 1, 1979 - 1980 shows revenue of over \$8000 and expenses including salary, rent, heat/lights, water and postage. Insurance was covered by the BCA. The Youth Advisory Board sponsored a telephone book cover contest, which was won by Kerri Young of Nuttree Woods. Brandermill was also represented on various county committees which were just getting organized, such as the Youth Services Commission and the Task Force on Substance Abuse.

The Youth Advisory Board no longer exists, but Clover Hill Area Teen Center will celebrate its fifth anniversary when the center opens in July at Swift Creek Middle School. This program is sponsored primarily with county funds, but extra events are sponsored with money raised by the teens. An adult volunteer board, comprised of residents, supervise the CHATC program. Chesterfield County Parks & Recreation also sponsors three other teen centers during the summer.

Area teens will enjoy active summer

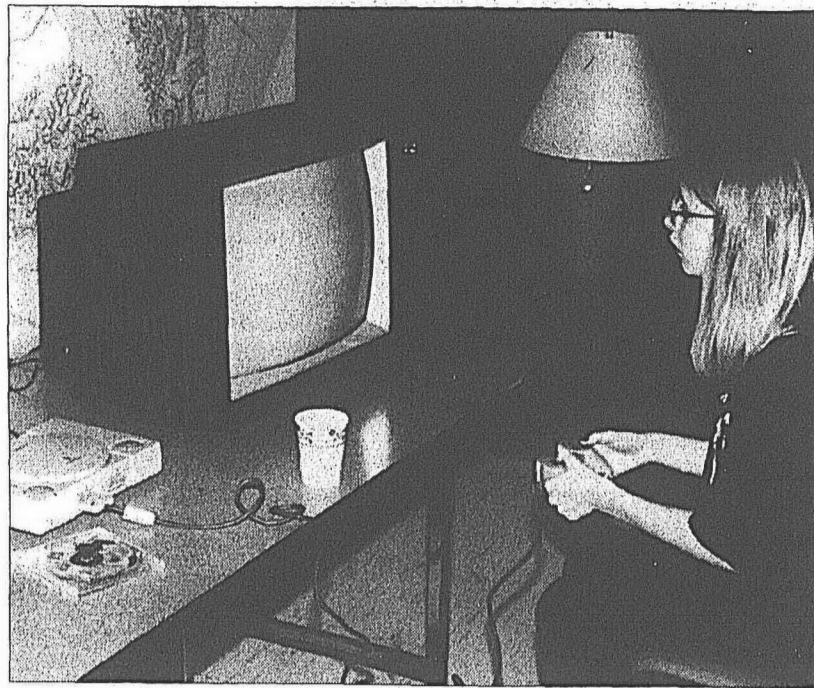


Photo by Bob Broomfield
Jessica Duval concentrates at the Teen Center Play Station.

By Bob Broomfield
CHATC Co-chair

The Clover Hill Area Teen Center held the first of three events combining a social hour and a business meet-

ing. The social hour from 7 to 8 p.m., included assorted snacks and beverages, pool, video games and music. The meeting portion of the evening from 8 to 8:45, covered several different topics: nominees for teen board

elections in May, special events for the summer program at Swift Creek Middle School and a discussion about the feasibility of a year-round teen center in the Clover Hill area.

Two more social business meetings are planned before the July 6 opening of the summer program at SCMS and both will be held at the Community Center building at the Brandermill Country Club.

On May 19 at 7 p.m., there will again be a social hour prior to the meeting at 8 p.m. Teen board elections will be held at this meeting.

A special cookout is scheduled for June 23 as a kick-off for the summer program and to introduce the rising sixth-graders to the teen center.

All the 12- to 18-year-olds are welcome to attend these events. It will be a great opportunity to meet the teen and adult boards of the teen center, learn more about the many activities, and have a good time. Parents and adults are also welcome. There will be sodas, hot dogs, salads, and lots of other tasty treats as well as fun, games and DJ Bob.

For more information about the Clover Hill Area Teen Center, please call Bob Broomfield at 744-5603 or Jo Owens at 744-7167.

Chesterfield County earns award of excellence

Chesterfield County, known as a leader among local governments for being one of approximately a dozen of the nation's nearly 3,500 counties to earn AAA bond rating from all three major bond rating agencies for its sound financial management, recently added "ACE" status to its list of accomplishments.

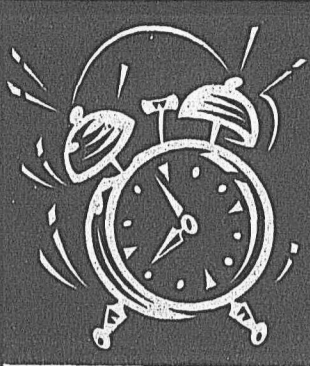
The ACE, or Award for Continuing Excellence, can only be earned after achieving the U.S. Senate Productivity and Quality Award, which Chesterfield earned in 1994. The ACE, an extremely coveted award, denotes continued excellence by an organization from the already prestigious SPQA level of attainment.

A team of examiners visited Chesterfield County March 2 and reviewed displays about the county's "Total Quality Improvement" program. Examiners also visited many county departments and spoke with employees about how the county provides the highest levels of service to its residents and how the county's strategic plans are developed and measured. The ACE examiners came from a variety of backgrounds in industry and government.

"This is a momentous occasion for all Chesterfield County residents, because once again, Chesterfield County government is recognized as among the very best in the nation in its dedication to providing our citizens with

the highest quality services in the most efficient manner," said County Administrator Lane B. Ramsey.

The ACE award was presented at a luncheon held at the Richmond Marriott on April 14.



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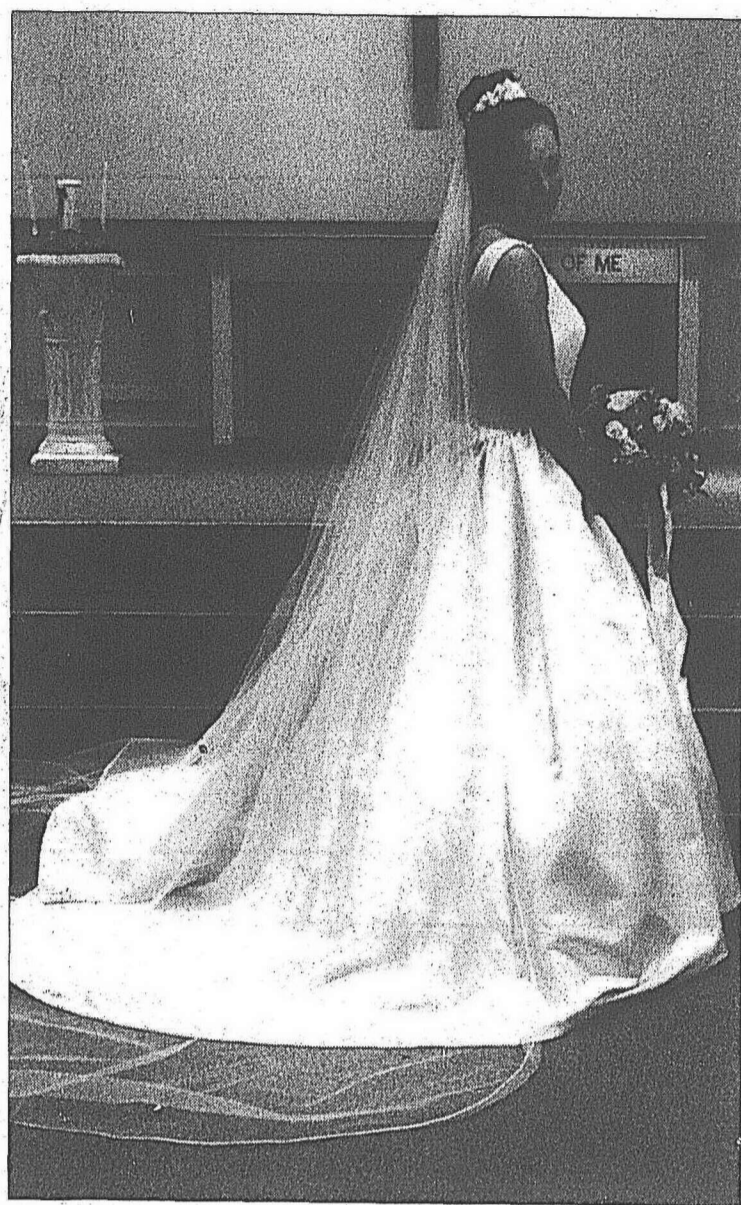
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Melissa Mason weds Christopher Robinson



Mrs. Christopher Robinson

Melissa Marie Mason, daughter of Cheryl M. and Thomas R. Mason of Long Gate Road, was married to Christopher Michael Robinson at Swift Creek Presbyterian Church on March 20. Dr. David Dwight officiated at the ceremony. The groom, a resident of Midlothian, is the son of Beverly H. Robinson of Richmond and Michael V. Robinson of Highland Springs.

The bride was given in marriage by her father. Her maids of honor were her sisters Jaime and Katie Mason. Her attendants were the groom's sister Heather Weber of Richmond and her cousins Bridget and Brittany Myers of Charlottesville. The flower girl was her cousin Amanda Myers also of Charlottesville.

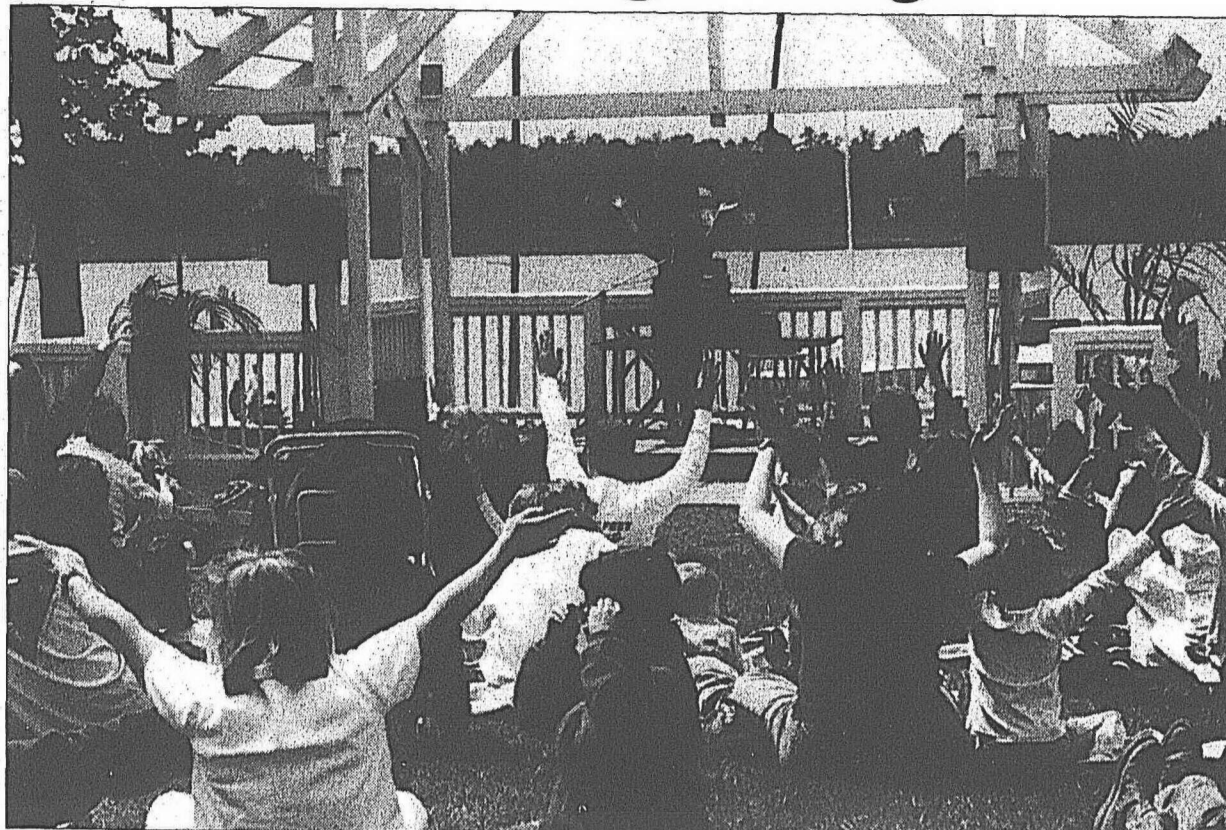
The ring bearer was the groom's nephew Skyler Weber of Sandston.

The groom's father served as his son's best man. Ushers were the groom's brother-in-law Scott Weber of Sandston, Brian Broadway of Richmond, Eric Pitts of Greenville, S.C., and Darol Timberlake of Charlotte, N.C.

There was a reception at Brandermill Country Club after the ceremony. Following a wedding trip to Florida, the newlyweds are living in Midlothian.

Mrs. Robinson is a graduate of St. Gertrude's High School and Coastal Carolina University in South Carolina. She is the assistant tennis pro at Robious Sports and Fitness Center. Mr. Robinson is a graduate of Clemson University and is the tennis director at Robious Sports and Fitness Center.

Getting into the sing of things



Photos by Wendy Parker

Betsy Q livens up the crowd during two concerts at The Gardens Pavilion in Sunday Park on May 2. Over 250 youngsters and adults attended the songfests, sponsored by Brandermill Community Association. At left, Betsy Q invites friends on stage.



Don't miss Shakespeare's "Much Ado About Nothing" this Wednesday at The Gardens at 7:30 p.m., another BCA event celebrating Brandermill's 25th anniversary. Rain or shine.

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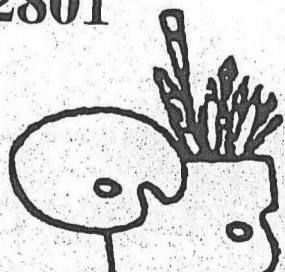
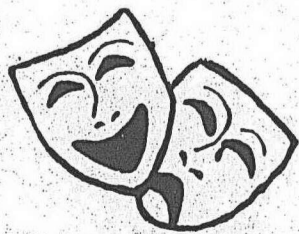
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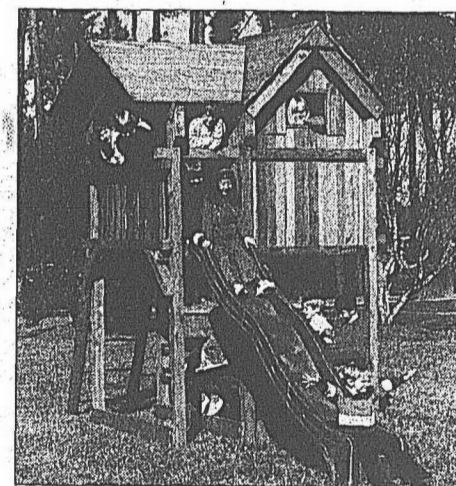
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By Kris Risendal
Staff Writer

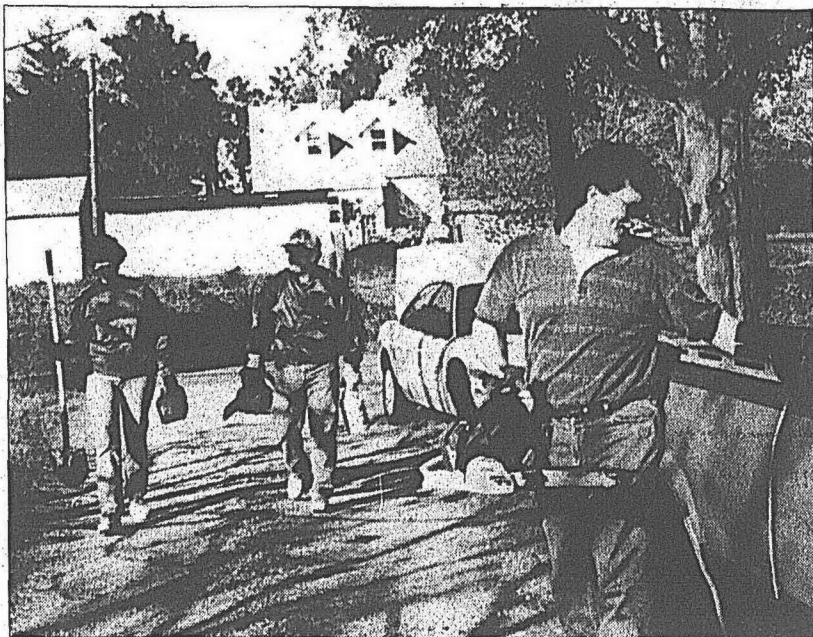
It's amazing what a little paint will do to a home. Pounding a nail, picking up trash, planting flowers or mowing the grass can truly make a house a home.

The Brandermill Rotary, a local civic club of men and women devoted to serving their community, recently undertook a project that helped a local couple regain their pride in their home. Care to Share, a new project sponsored by the Brandermill Rotary, helps homeowners who are physically and financially unable to keep up the condition of their homes, make the necessary repairs.

Rotarians, together with area high school students, donated their time, talents and supplies on Saturday, April 24 to help fix up a house belonging to a local elderly couple living on a fixed income. Recent medical problems had prevented the couple from keeping up the condition of their home.

The home was in terrible shape. Overgrown shrubbery nearly covered the front door, bags of trash lay everywhere, and a storage building was nearly falling down," said Irene Carnes, president of the Brandermill Rotary. "Although it was an overwhelming job at first, 25 hardworking volunteers worked all Saturday using chainsaws, hedge clippers and muscle to transform the house back into a home. You name it, we did it."

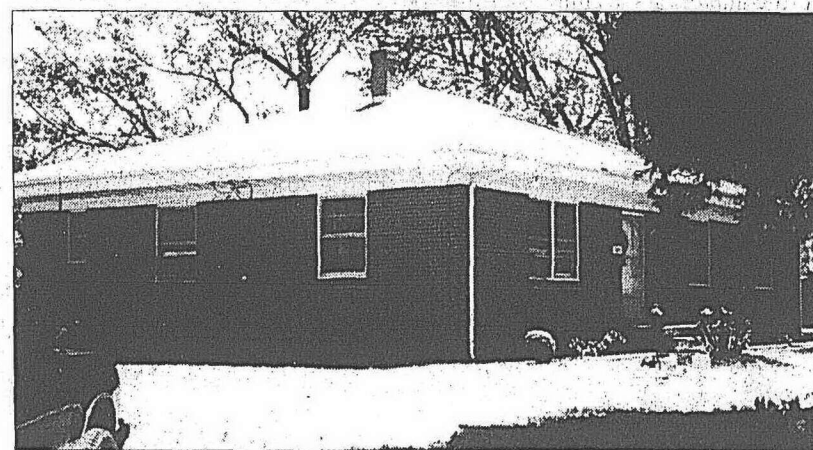
During the course of a year, the Brandermill Rotary does a variety of fund raising and other projects to help the community. In 1998, they donated more than \$30,000 to local charities. Care to Share is just one more way this group of concerned citizens can help disadvantaged members of the community. The Brandermill Rotary hopes to expand the program next year.



Above, Rotarians unload their tools to work on the overgrown home, at left.



Below, once the work is complete, the home looks radiant.



Check references before hiring contractors

By Harriet Coppins
Copy Editor

The Better Business Bureau warns that spring brings out a host of con artists posing as legitimate tree surgeons and landscapers. As one man at the bureau says, "If I put on a green cap and green shirt, I, too, could pass as a reliable and knowledgeable expert."

The spokesman at the Better Business Bureau says when in doubt call the bureau. Even if the person can offer recommendations, that's no guarantee that he carries adequate insurance.

A Brandermill resident called the BCA to report he and a neighbor "had been taken" by an individual posing as a landscaper. A deposit had been paid but the service was never rendered. The bureau spokesman says it is not unusual for the legitimate business man to ask for a deposit in advance but never pay for the entire job before it's finished.

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Brandermill Rotary will donate \$25,000 to local charities

On Thursday, May 13, the Brandermill Rotary Club will hand out checks valued at \$25,000 to 33 local charities, volunteer organizations, and scholarships.

The club will host its annual golf challenge and largest fund raiser on May 10, at the Brandermill Country Club.

In 1998, more than \$15,000 was raised through the golf tournament, and more than \$7,000 was raised through a co-sponsorship of the Midlothian Food Festival.

Proceeds from these events will be distributed to programs aimed at supporting families and children in the community.

A part of Rotary International, the Brandermill club was chartered in 1987 and consists of more than 60 business and professional leaders in the community.

Rotary is built on friendship, fellowship, high ethical standards in all vocations, and service above self.

The Brandermill Rotary meets every Thursday at 7:30 a.m. at the Brandermill Country Club. Guests are welcome.

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Nurse works in the spirit of Florence Nightingale



Rita Jablonski

By Kris Rlsendal
Staff Writer

On May 6, Florence Nightingale would have celebrated her 179th birthday. Across the country, during the Week of the Nurse, members of the medical profession honored Florence Nightingale and all nurses, past and present, who have dedicated their lives to helping people.

Rita Jablonski of Huntgate Woods exemplifies the exceptional qualities found in many of

Jablonski has devoted her career to helping people through nursing care.

With two master's degrees in nursing, Jablonski is an advanced nurse practitioner who clearly loves both teaching and her volunteer work at the Fan Free Clinic.

"While doctors often treat the disease, nurses are trained to look at the disease and its relationship to the person being treated and their environment," said Jablonski. "At VCU, I teach my students about people, communication and interpersonal relationships first. Then we teach about diseases."



today's nursing professionals. Whether serving as a volunteer nurse at Richmond's Fan Free Clinic, a non-profit clinic available to people with or without medical insurance, or as a full-time clinical assistant professor of nursing at VCU,

tion between the environment and its relationship to the health of a patient. "Early physicians never washed their hands, cutting open a cadaver and delivering a baby, without thinking twice of the cleanliness. Florence Nightingale saw that sick people shouldn't be together. So many people didn't make that connection," she said.

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Rita Jablonski

listen and ask questions when assessing a patient. "One patient came to the Fan Free Clinic with an ear infection. Only after I asked many questions did I find out he had a long history of mental illness and was being treated with a medicine that can cause hearing problems," she said.

As a volunteer at the clinic every Thursday, Jablonski sees many patients who otherwise may have fallen through the cracks. The clinic sees between 300 and 500 patients each month.

As a modern times Florence Nightingale, Jablonski is, for many people sick and scared, just what the doctor ordered.

Jablonski sees a great connection

Read Around the World is summer reading program

Chesterfield County public librarians will be visiting all elementary schools in the county to encourage children to "Read Around the World" by joining the 1999 Summer Reading Club.

Books to read for fun will be shown.

Also, Chesterfield County Southern States Stores will sponsor the

"read to feed" program this summer. For each child who reads 10 books or participates in 10 hours of reading, a homeless dog or cat from the Chesterfield County Animal Shelter will enjoy a meal. Preschool listeners as well as school-age children are welcome to join.

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Coping with Your Child's Behavior: The Preschool Years. Lectures, group discussion, demonstration and practice will be used to teach ways of effectively dealing with the typical challenging behaviors of early childhood along with improving parent-child communication. The course will run for seven weeks beginning June 3, from 7 - 8:30 p.m. in a central Chesterfield area.

For more information or to register call Robin Jones or Emily Tignor, 768-7204.

Stress and Anxiety Management. Designed to promote the development and use of practical skills for coping with stress and reducing anxiety in daily life. This seven week course will begin on June 29, from 7 - 8:30 p.m. in the central Chesterfield area.

For more information or to register call Whitney Kern at 768-7204.

Beyond Divorce. The class will

focus on managing the emotional impact of divorce and setting new directions as a single person. The course which is intended for recently separated (two years or less) men and women will run for 10 weeks beginning on June 23, from 7 - 8:30 p.m. in the Chesterfield Courthouse complex.

For more information or to register, call Karl Kalber or Diana Allin, 768-7204.

For Better or For Worse: A Course for Couples. Couples are

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For information or to register, call Robin Jones or Karl Kalber, 768-7204.

Concerts will be at Pocahontas Park

A new summer concert series will begin this spring at Pocahontas State Park's Heritage Amphitheater.

The series include performances ranging from a Shakespearean theater company to jazz musicians to the Richmond Symphony. The concert series is part of Chesterfield County's 250th Anniversary celebration.

For those events requiring a fee, admission is \$5 for adults, and free for kids 12 and under. A 10-program series

ticket package is available for \$20. A half hour before the concert, a reduction of the \$4 daily parking fee will be in effect.

Bring a blanket or lawn chair. Pack a picnic or purchase concessions at the concert. No alcohol or glass bottles are permitted. Pets must be on a leash.

For more information, call 748-1623.

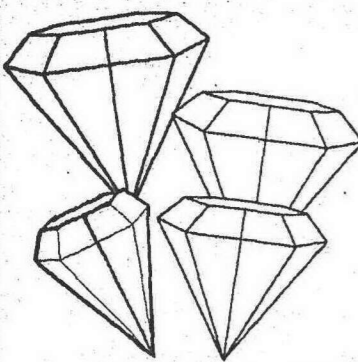
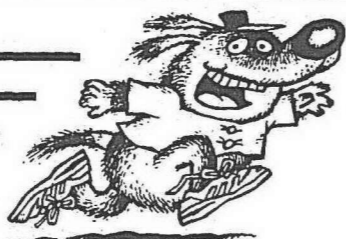
For ticket reservations, call Virginia State Parks at 225-3867.

NARFE holds meeting on May 12

The National Association of Retired Federal Employees, Chapter 2265 will meet May 12, 9:30 a.m. to noon at Brandermill Woods. Tammy Shackelford of Meals on Wheels will speak on volunteer opportunities and services provided by Meals on Wheels.

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May 14 - 16 - Glen Allen. St. Anthony's Church. For information call Father George Sebaali, 270-7234.

Spring Auto Expo
May 15 - 16 - Virginia Beach. Collector vintage and antique cars, trucks and bikes will be on display the entire length of the boardwalk. 11:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. (800)VA-BEACH.

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May 15 - Richmond. Celebrate Armed Forces Day by dancing to the music of the '60s and '70s. Dancing space is limited. Virginia Aviation Museum. \$ 7 - 11:30 p.m. For reservations call 236-3622.

Sky Watch
May 21 - Richmond. Join members of the Richmond Astronomical Society on the front lawn of the Science Museum of Virginia, as they share their telescopes for a look at the night sky (weather permitting). Free. 9 p.m. Call 367-6552.

Beach Music Weekend
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June 9 - Emporia. For information call Emporia-Greenville Chamber, (804)634-9441.

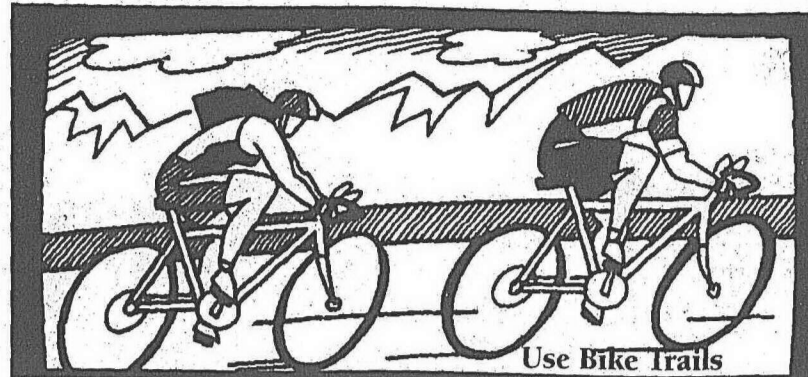
Community groups



Photo by Kris Risendal
Chesterfield County Board of Supervisors share cups of milk and milk mustaches with Junior Girl Scout Troup 841. The girls won a "Got Milk" photo contest. Stefanie Sempek and Sherry Nicole, front row, fourth and fifth from left, attend Swift Creek Elementary School.



Photo by Judy Boatwright
New officers of Brandermill Woman's Club, from left, are: Vicki Alvarez, recording secretary; Lorraine Lauman, corresponding secretary; Sandy Peterson, president; Susan Humble, vice president-membership; and Jeanne Stutts, treasurer. Not pictured is Nancy Bolton, vice president-programs.



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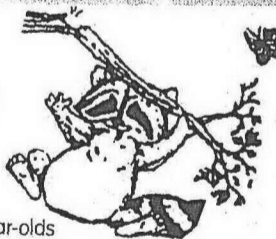


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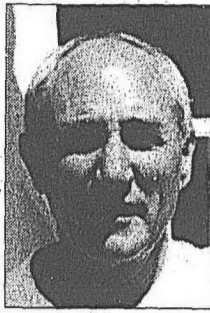
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Alan Chappell visits Brandermill and relates adventurous tales "down under"

By Kris Risendal
Staff Writer

Maybe it is his unmistakable Australian lilt that does it. Or perhaps it is just his healthy rugged looks, his deep tan, and his mischievous smile that makes a person certain that this guy could wrestle a crocodile if he had to, and win too. Giving Crocodile Dundee a run for his money is Alan Brian Chappell, a.k.a. "ABC" to the children he teaches, and "Dad" to his daughter, Fiona Marissa of Two Notch. Chappell, visiting from Australia for two months, is happy to weave stories of life in the Australian outback and to recount for anyone interested his own version of what "retirement" really means.



For much of his adult life, Chappell lived and worked as many Americans live and work: a steady government job, a steady paycheck, and the day-to-day promise of routine. For more than 35 years, that was fine. Then, one day, Chappell retired. And life just wasn't the same anymore.

"After retiring from my government job, I decided to try teaching," Chappell said. "For three years I taught young, unemployed people how to find work."

It was only after hearing about an organization called VISE or Volunteers for Isolated Student Education that Chappell found himself no longer retired and on his way to a new life as a volunteer tutor for Aboriginal children living in near isolation in the rough and wild Australian outback. Now, six years later, Chappell is reveling in his roles as teacher and writer.

As a VISE volunteer, Chappell lives with Aboriginal families for two months at a time, teaching their children reading, writing and basic arithmetic. According to Chappell, the cattle stations or ranches are vast properties often as large as 2,000 square

miles. "It is often an isolated slab of land about 40 miles wide and 50 miles long, just bush and wild cattle and horses. There are no fences, limited industry, and the nearest school is often 400 miles away," he said. Many of the children have never seen the inside of a schoolroom and the only education they receive is from their mother, their VISE tutor, or from lessons prepared by the School of Distance Education, which for one half hour every other day uses the radio to teach children specific lessons in math, English and science. "For two months each year, VISE tutors give each child an opportunity for concentrated lessons with a teacher," Chappell explained.

It is an interesting life that Chappell has now chosen. "The families I teach live in a different culture and have different expectations and lifestyles than most people," he said. "They still muster or roundup their cattle the old-fashioned way, with horses, and it is often 30 miles just to the front gate of a property. And to do that, you might have to cross a river swarming with crocodiles. I am not frightened of them, but I am wary," Chappell said grinning.

In the Australian outback, there is no winter or summer, just wet or dry. According to Chappell it is hot all year round. Rain is measured in feet from November through February.

Traveling through the bush is not for the fainthearted and with most roads little more than misshapen tracks in the earth, a sturdy four-wheel drive is as necessary as water. "The main lesson I have learned from my travels is that you can't fight the country. You should always carry enough food and water for a week, and bedding. If you get yourself into trouble, you stay put and camp until help arrives," said Chappell.

When not tutoring, Chappell does what any self-respecting man of the bush would do: he writes romance/adventure novels. He began writing five years ago and, with two novels already written and a third in the works, finds writing both a passion and an obsession for him. "I have always had stories in my head and I am enjoying putting them on paper



Alan Chappell works with Aborigines such as the woman above and the young girl at right.

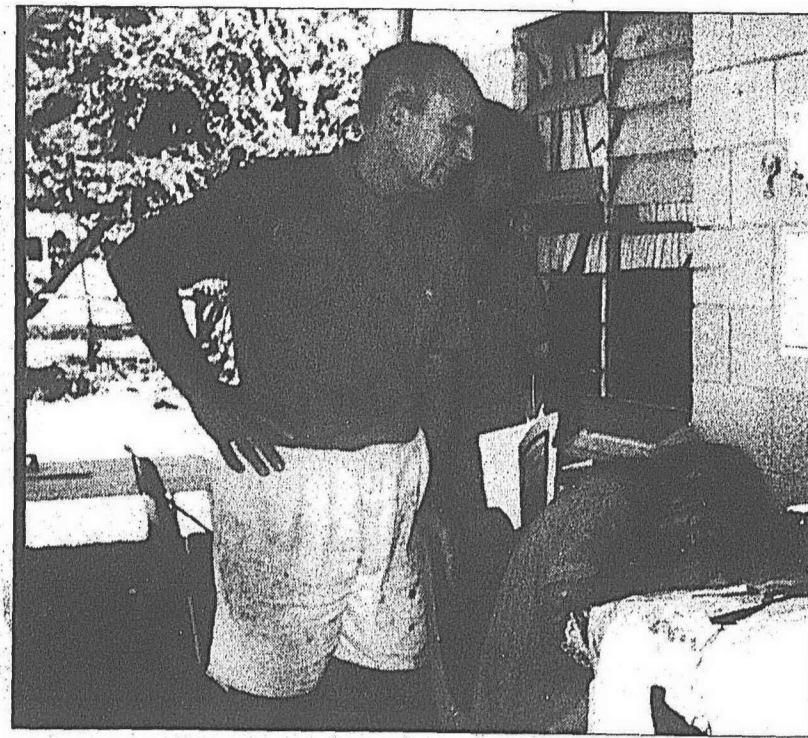
whether they are published or not," he said.

When not tutoring or writing romance/adventure novels, Chappell does what any self-respecting man of the bush does — he fishes, travels to Cape York at the very top of Australia to see the sights, eats fish and chips at seaside pubs, and, if invited, spends days at a time with a stranger who lives in a tree. "He told me he could teach me to catch some very large

baramundi and that's all it took," said Chappell.

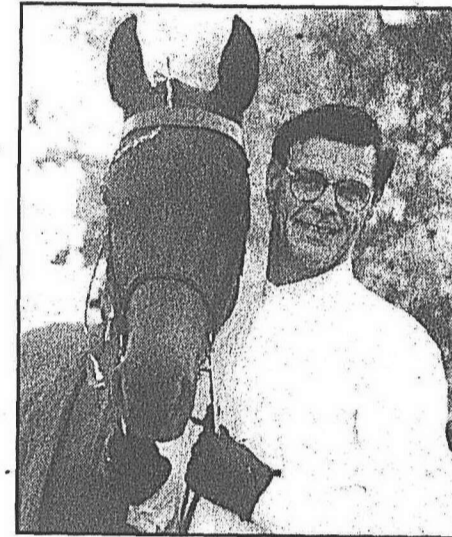
Having raised five children, Chappell is enjoying his "retirement" years. "I live in a house in New Castle that is on a lake. My front door is just three feet from the water and on most days, I fish, I swim, I may go shrimping or crabbing. And I write," he said.

And maybe wrestle a crocodile or two.



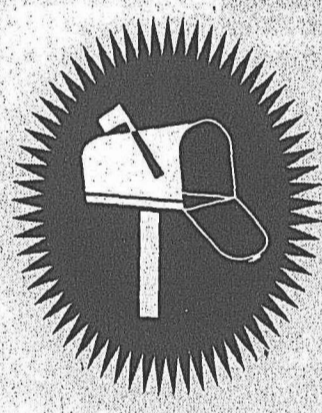
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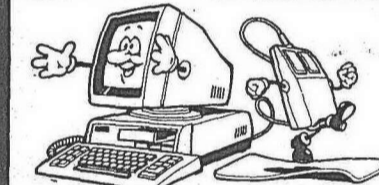
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SCMS students reach new heights

By Linda Burns
School Correspondent

Eighth-graders enrolled in physical education are experiencing new heights in a unique countywide program called CIRCLE (Community, Integrity, Respect, Collaboration, Learning and Energy) facilitated by Challenge Discovery Outdoor Adventure (CDOA). Based in Richmond, CDOA has offered team-building and adventure programs for groups in the community for 20 years. Students at Swift Creek Middle School welcomed CDOA to their school April 13 and gave the program rave reviews by the end of the week.

The highlight of CIRCLE was rock climbing, a maiden experience for many of the 175 participants. The challenge of scaling the 20-foot-tall mobile climbing rock required physical diligence but, more importantly, a teamwork mentality.

According to Kimberly Livingston, health and P.E. teacher at SCMS, the program focuses on four core values—responsibility, respect, honesty and accountability.

Livingston said, "It was exciting to see students work together and be accountable for each other. Most of the kids had never had the responsibility of belaying." (In rock climbing there is a climber and a belayer. The belayer protects the life of the climber by keeping the rope tight, preventing a bad fall.)

Livingston asked girls in her third period gym class for their feedback on the three-day challenge. The responses, ranging from fun, exciting, challenging, different and new, team work, and responsibility, validated Livingston's personal assessment.

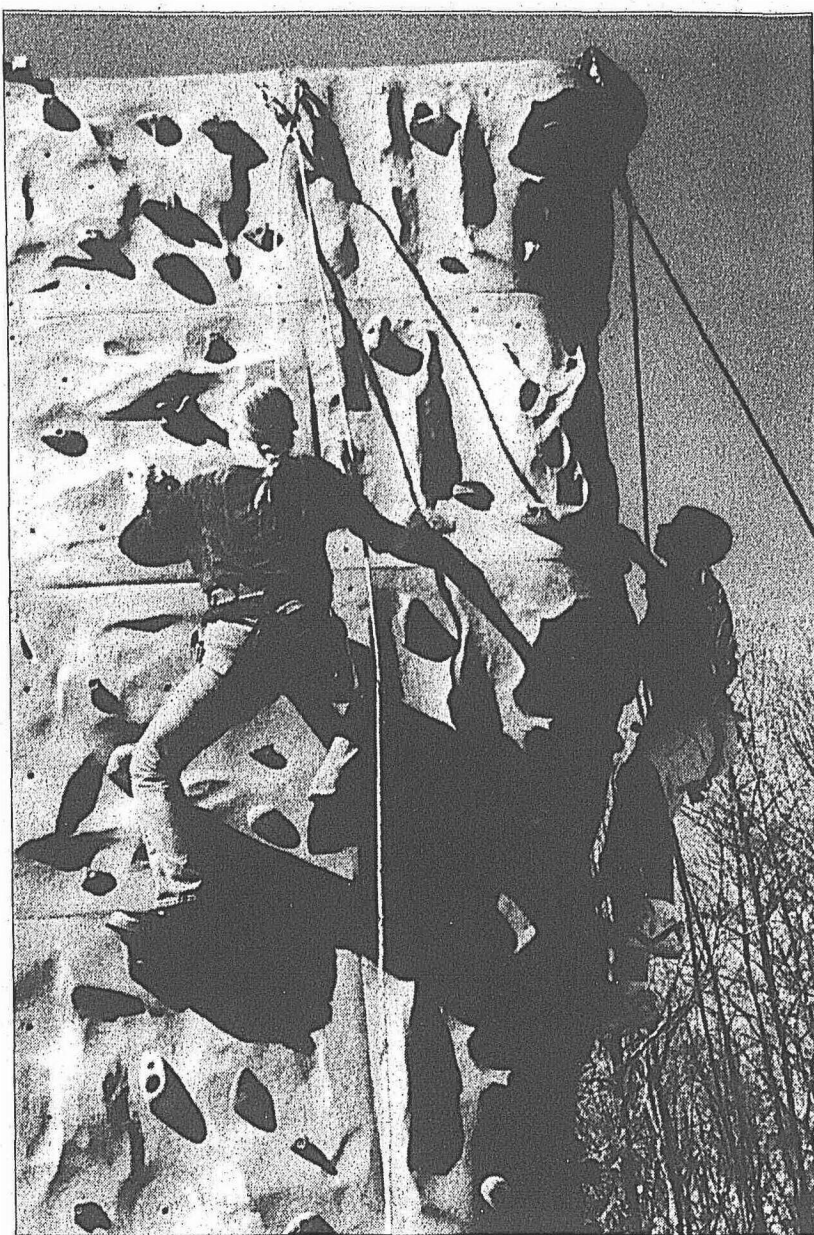


Photo by Wendy Parker

Julia Brenner, a German exchange student, and Michael Gibson near the summit at Swift Creek Middle School.

She is already looking forward to next year, and hopes the program can be expanded a day or two.

The regular track season ended on a positive note for both teams. The girls and boys squads had winning records: boys, 4-1; girls, 3-2. The

county track meet will take place on May 12 at Clover Hill High School.

Upcoming events at SCMS include: SOL testing, May 13-20; Creek It Up basketball, May 3-20; and the traditional eighth-grade dance, May 21.

Gators name favorite books

By Cathy Maxwell
School Correspondent

The vote is in and the Swift Creek Elementary Gators have named their top 10 favorite books of the 1998-1999 year. In honor of National Library Week, Library Media Specialist Carol Savage asked students in the third-through fifth-grades to name the books they enjoyed during the year. "Charlie and the Chocolate Factory" by Roald Dahl, "Bigger" by Mary Downing Hahn, "Hatchet" by Gary Paulsen, "Matilda" by Roald Dahl, "Bigger" by Patricia Calvert, "The Calvin and Hobbes Lazy Sunday Book" by Bill Watterson, "Poppy" by Avi, "The Animorphs Series" by K.A. Applegate, "Exploring the Titanic" by Robert Ballard and "Rapunzel" by Paul O. Zelinsky.

The list is posted at the Swift Creek website along with links to more information on these books. The site address is http://chesterfield.k12.va.us/Schools/Swift_Creek_ES/library/Top10. Also at the SCES website are animated gifts designed by the school's student artists.

The chess team of fifth-graders Nicholas Zehender, fourth-graders Benjamin Al-Mateen, Trevor Page, and Piyush Singh, and third-graders Nathan Kendler, Palmer Mebane, Erick Golden and Mark Golden took second place at the Governor's School scholastic chess tournament. In the primary division, Palmer Mebane received the fourth place individual trophy and Erick Golden received the first place individual trophy. Our students were among 42 from the state to participate in the tournament.

The Gators will be hosting a classroom of French students next year. The first planning meeting has been held. Host opportunities are open to families who have students in the third- or fourth-grade.

SOL testing is scheduled for May 13 through May 21. These tests will be given to third- and fifth-grade students. The guidance department and teaching staff are working together to prepare students.

The guidance counselors, Ann Anderson and Peggy Page, have been teaching a lesson on careers and jobs to the various grade levels. The unit will conclude with a Career Festival

Day scheduled for May 21. Adults from different career fields will visit the school and share their workday experiences with the children. We are always looking for community members with interesting careers to join us during this event. Anyone who would like to volunteer to be a career visitor may call the school guidance office at 739-6305.



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Clover Hill students get ready for SOL

By Kris Risendal
School Correspondent

With spring in full bloom and summer vacation just a few short weeks away, Clover Hill Elementary School students and faculty are busy preparing for the end of the 1998-1999 school year.

Standards of Learning testing for students in grades three and five will be held May 13 through 19, capping an intensive year of study and preparation by both students and teachers. The students can be proud of their many accomplishments this year in learning a vast amount of challenging material.

CHES fifth-grade students are preparing to say goodbye to CHES and their elementary school years. On May 7, students traveled to Washington, D.C. for a chance to visit the Franklin Roosevelt Monument and to tour various museums around the mall.

Family and friends will want to mark their calendars for the evening of Wednesday, June 9 when Nancy Crenshaw, CHES music specialist and the entire fifth grade will present an end-of-the-year musical extravaganza at Clover Hill High School.

A special day has been planned for fifth-grade students and their families following the morning graduation ceremonies on June 16. This very special senior day will include a catered lunch, a rock climbing wall, music and an obstacle course.

Third-grade student Kate Gibbs participated in the Rainbow Games held March 20 and 21. Gibbs won seven gold medals and was featured on Channel 12's "Kids Like You and

Me" on Saturday, April 3. It was a big month for CHES third-graders. Jordan Cosby won first place in the National Cheering competition held in Williamsburg on March 20.

The CHES book fair will be held May 21 through May 27.

It is a great time to purchase books to keep children reading all summer and to support your school.

CHES continues to dominate the chess world, placing fourth as a team at the Governor's School Scholastic Chess Tournament.

Fourth-grade student Jack Barrow competed in the high school section and scored three wins and a draw.

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College Credit Class discovers history "at home"

David Gunton, a 1995 graduate of Clover Hill High School and a former correspondent to The Village Mill, will be inducted into Phi Beta Kappa on May 14. An English major, Gunton will receive his bachelor of arts degree from The College of William and Mary on May 16.

Gunton is the son of Andrea Gunton of Birnam Woods.

Laura Pinnow has been chosen as the 1999 student commencement speaker for the College of William and Mary. Selected from 16 candidates, Pinnow will address the Class of 1999 at the May 16 ceremony. Pinnow, a 1995 graduate of Clover Hill High School, is the daughter of Paul and Ellen Pinnow of Watch Harbour Road.



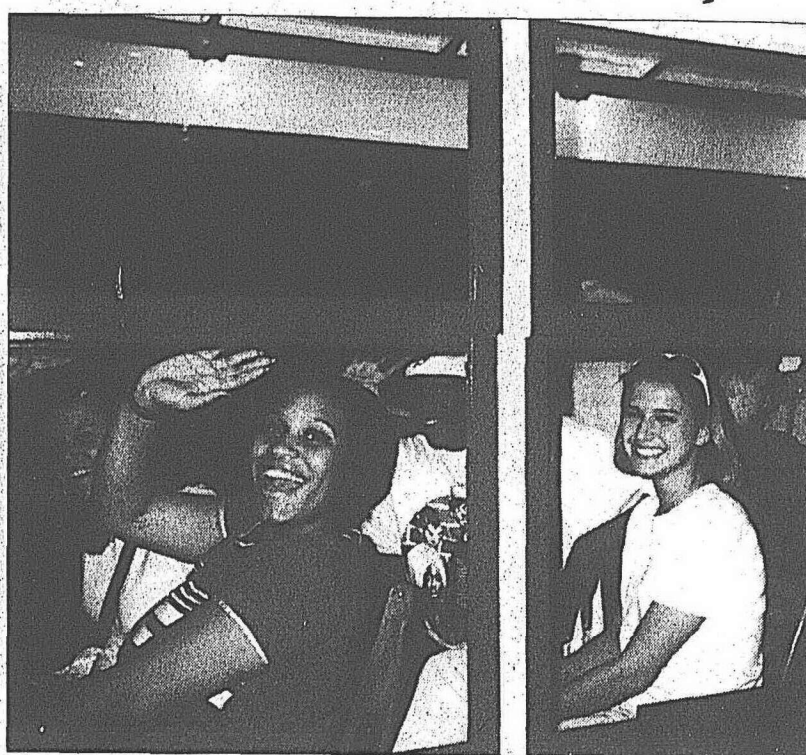
Pinnow knew in her junior year that she wanted to speak for the Class of 1999 at commencement. She didn't know exactly what she would say to her fellow graduates until she read "The Edge," an eight-line poem published in 1969 by Christopher Logue. Pinnow will have the opportunity to share the poem's powerful message with her fellow graduates.

"The poem is about a man leading a group of people," Pinnow said. "He says 'come to the edge,' and the group comes up with reasons why they shouldn't. Eventually, the man persuades them and when they get to the edge, he pushes them. The last line of the poem is 'and they flew.'"

Pinnow believes she and her classmates have been at the metaphorical edge from their first days at William and Mary. "During these past four years, each of our professors has acted as the man in the poem, calling us and encouraging us," she said. "And now, at our graduation, William and Mary, the institution, is calling us to the edge, and pushing us to take our next step."

The philosophy major is eager to assure her classmates that they are well prepared for what comes next in their lives.

After graduation, Pinnow will study law at the University of Richmond, and hopes to concurrently earn a master's degree in health administration at the Medical College of Virginia. After she has achieved her academic goals, Pinnow plans to work with an organization such as the Centers for Disease Control or the World Health Organization.



CHHS students enjoy visiting historical sites.

By Jim Albertson
Special Correspondent

Recently 27 Clover Hill High School United States history students visited Richmond area museums.

The students who have studied Virginia and U.S. history all year long were able to see where history was made in the Commonwealth of Virginia.

Many of the students are new to the Richmond area and had never been to the historic sections of Richmond. The students and parents took tours of the Virginia State Capitol, the Valentine Museum, The Wickham House, the Virginia Historical Society and a quick view of the White House of the Confederacy.

All of these museums reflect ideas and events that have helped shape the history of Richmond and the Commonwealth of Virginia.

The new wing of the Virginia Historical Society was especially impressive because of the size and creative ideas that were used to describe the history of Virginia.

High school talent abounds on stage

By Ashley Lilly
Guest Correspondent

Spring was a busy time for the Clover Hill High School drama department with two major productions, "Shakespeare 101" and "Clover Hill Live." Directed by drama teacher April Poland, "Shakespeare 101" focuses on an old college professor who has lost his passion for Shakespeare's works. "This production is a story of love rekindled," Poland said, "a musty, dusty college professor who has forgotten the magic of Shakespeare until Puck and his band of fairies hijack the class."

The drama department successfully divided its resources with "Clover Hill Live," a production much like "Saturday Night Live." Part of the idea for this play came from senior Kevin Sharpless and junior Travis Bacile, who asked drama teacher Ginger Gobble and chorus teacher Michael Berkley to direct it. "We took the idea of a comedic variety show and just kind of built on it," Sharpless said. "All of the skits were written by the students," Gobble said. A few of the skits included Bacile in "Quilting with Nana," junior Chris Mattera with "News," and junior Allison Mui in "Cooking with Juanita."

The show, performed in late March, proved to be a big hit, according to senior Lisa Cecchini.

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CHHS marching band performs at Disney World

By Katherine Zinder
Guest Correspondent

Ninety-three members of Clover Hill High School's marching band left on March 24 to demonstrate their abilities at Disney World's Magic Kingdom in Orlando, Fla.

Last fall, band director Steve Conley went through an intricate application process in order to be selected. After a long waiting period, Conley received a letter of congratulations and an invitation. Finally, the Cavs marched down Main Street USA playing songs "I'm Not Your Stepping

Stone" and "Last Train to Clarksville."

Conley was pleased as he wanted the marching band to perform at Disney World to receive more exposure. "I wanted to showcase their talents outside of Richmond," Conley said.

Students felt that the trip was a great reward for their efforts. "We worked hard toward this goal and saw it pay off when we marched down Main Street USA," drum major Yolanda Norton said.

"We had a great, responsible group of students," Conley said. "I am so proud of them."

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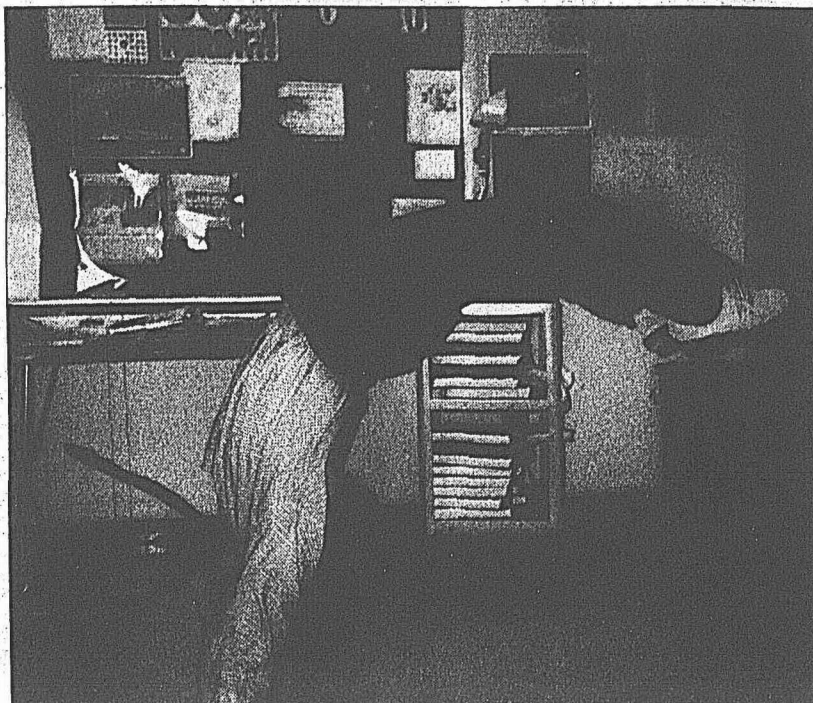
By Jim Albertson
Guest Correspondent

For several days, Japanese political science teacher Norry Terada was guest speaker at Clover Hill High School. The 30-year old resident of Tokyo is a member of the International Internship Program that sends teachers in various disciplines to many nations throughout the world.

Terada, formerly a stunt man in Japanese movies, spoke to several United States history classes and discussed: cultural differences, educational standards, World War II, and the economic situation today in Japan. Terada used a variety of teaching styles to reinforce his ideas.

Many of the students enjoyed Terada's sense of humor and appreciated his great insight on the Japanese point of view on many issues that have come between the United States and Japan over the last 60 years.

Terada discussed the many stereotypes that each nation has about the other. When Terada returns to Tokyo, he hopes to write a book on the educational differences and similarities in the United States and Japan.



Keith Bachman receives a geography lesson from Norry Terada. At right, Terada, demonstrating his talent as a former stunt man, performs a back handspring in class.



Students learn about marketing in Atlanta

By Alix Dumont
School Correspondent

A tour of the Coca-Cola museum, a chance to be on CNN's "Talkback Live" and tickets to an NBA game may not seem like the average field trip, but for more than 50 Clover Hill High School marketing students, these events shaped both a memorable and educational experience.



"Ms. Sparkman was very interesting," junior Beth Cowan said. "With the knowledge I gained about Hard Rock Cafe, I won a prize from her restaurant trivia game."

Later that day, students had the opportunity to tour CNN studios and participate in the taping of CNN's "Talkback Live." On the show, the students were given the opportunity to learn more about the conflict in Kosovo and to give their opinions. Senior Jason Minton was the only Clover Hill student to express his views on the air. "I was kind of surprised that of all the people there they chose me to talk, but I am glad that I got to say how I felt on national television," Minton said.

On the second day, the group took tours of the Coca-Cola museum and the Martin Luther King Memorial Center. "At both tours, we learned about how the marketing directors promote their museums," senior Erin McKee said. "It was cool, because I had never thought about how this was done before."

Many students agreed that the NBA game was the best part of the trip. Atlanta and Philadelphia went into overtime on a last-second shot made by the Atlanta Hawks. "The game was so exciting," senior Beth Ratliff said. "We were all going crazy when it went into overtime." Before the game started, the students listened to Dexter Santos, director of marketing for the Hawks, speak about his job and background.

"He was a very impressive man," junior Harrison Potter said. "He came from a tough situation and worked hard to become successful."

"I was having so much fun that I didn't even realize how much I was learning," senior Kristy McCracken said. "Mr. Martin, Mrs. Lukens and Ms. Rhodes did a really good job getting the whole trip together. The activities they chose were both interesting and educational."

On March 25, 180 students from various schools in Chesterfield County boarded a plane to take part in a four-day marketing excursion.

"We chose Atlanta to provide students who participated in the Orlando trip last year with something different," marketing teacher Tony Martin said. "Atlanta is a major metropolitan city that supplied many opportunities for the students to experience marketing concepts and principles firsthand."

The trip gave the students an idea of how marketing exists in almost every aspect of life. Teachers Tony Martin, Debbie Lukens, and Anita Rhodes organized the trip.

Everyday was packed with activities and provided little time for relaxation. The students would leave the hotel around 9 a.m. and not return until late at night.

"We were always so busy; it was impossible to even think about being bored. The teachers kept us on the move!" senior Jonathan Barrille said.

Immediately after landing in Atlanta, the students went to the Hard Rock Cafe, where they not only ate lunch, but also listened to a presentation by Natalie Sparkman, the marketing location specialist for the Atlanta Hard Rock.

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The racing season started with the first race on Saturday, April 17 under the direction of Vice Commodore Mike Myers. Many interesting socials and participation in the July Fourth celebration are planned for the summer season, including regattas and two full

racing series.

Sailing classes are scheduled for July 1 and 3 and July 8 and 10. There are two classroom sessions and two water/sailing sessions. Classes are open to all. It is not necessary to own a boat to take the classes. Call Commodore Buddy Whitfield at 744-5814 for class reservations.

Call Membership Chairman Sy Stein at 744-6892 to request membership information or an application for membership. Residents who do not own their own boats may join.

Amelia Armstrong wraps up outstanding college swimming career

By Harriet Coppins
Copy Editor

Amelia Armstrong, a graduate of Clover Hill High School, and a senior member of the Kenyon College Women's swimming team, was named to the GTE second team of scholar-athletes. She was also named to the Women's Fall/Winter At-Large teams.

Armstrong, one of the women's top distance swimmers, closed out her career as a 15-time All-American, a seven-time National Collegiate Athletic Association Division III event champion, and nine-time North Coast Athletic Conference event champion. She was named the conference's Female Swimmer of the Year in 1998 and 1999. Armstrong finished her career by claiming national championships in the 1,650 yard freestyle for the first time and in the 400 individual medley for the second consecutive year. She was also part of Kenyon's victorious 800 freestyle relay.

Amelia, the daughter of Carl and Barbara Armstrong of Fortune's Ridge, is a psychology major with a grade point average of 3.39.



Amelia Armstrong, center, with teammates.

International tennis players come to Brandermill

By Harriet Coppins
Copy Editor

Brandermill Country Club welcomed the tennis world when the Bloom Brothers \$25,000 Women's Challenger Tennis Tournament began play on May 9.

Matches and events running through May 16, are free and open to the public. According to tournament director John Hill, 75 percent of the players are from foreign countries due to the fact that Brandermill's clay courts are considered a great place to tune up for the French Open.

Hill explains that the participants build up points and that 90 percent of those players ranked in the top 50 in the world have gone through this process earning their points and elevating their ranking.

On Tuesday, May 11, the main draw will start at 10 a.m. and continue to 5 p.m. Everybody is invited to come to the welcome party planned for 5 p.m. to 8 p.m.

The main draw will continue Wednesday, May 12, through Friday, May 14, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. On May 14, there will be a match of special interest between Jessica

Steck, touring pro or Rachel Gale, director of tennis will participate. Another social occasion will take place at 5 p.m.

The semi-finals in both singles and doubles will begin at 10 a.m. on Saturday, May 15 and should conclude at 5 p.m.

The singles final will start at 10 a.m. on Sunday, May 16 followed by the doubles final. The matches will alternate starting with the singles.

Hill announced that following the tournament, the event sponsor will make a donation of unawarded money to the Special Olympics.

Anglers, get ready for fishing!

Saturday, May 22 has been selected as the date of the Brandermill-Woodlake Lions Club Spring Bass Fishing Tournament.

As in the past, the tournament will be held on Swift Creek Reservoir and will be open to two person angling teams who have a boat registered with either the BCA or the WCA.

Guest passes are available. A limit of 40 boats has been set. The entry fee is \$50 per boat with a \$500 first prize going to the heaviest four fish limit, \$100 going to the heaviest four fish limit caught by a father-son team and \$100 for the biggest bass caught. Additional cash awards as well as door prizes will also be given.

The Sunday Park boat ramp will serve as the starting location at 6:30 a.m. as well as the weigh-in site at 1:30 p.m.

Only electric motors are permitted on the lake and each boat must be equipped with some type of live well.

All fish are to be released following the weigh-in.

Fifty percent of the total entry fees is awarded in cash prizes with the other half to be contributed to the sight and hearing needs of the surrounding community. This includes financial support to such organizations as The Old Dominion Eye Bank, The Communication Center For the Deaf and Leader Dog Schools, as well as to purchase eyeglasses and hearing aids for those who could otherwise not afford them.

Entry forms which set forth the complete rules of the tournament may be obtained by calling Bruce Johnson at 744-1465.

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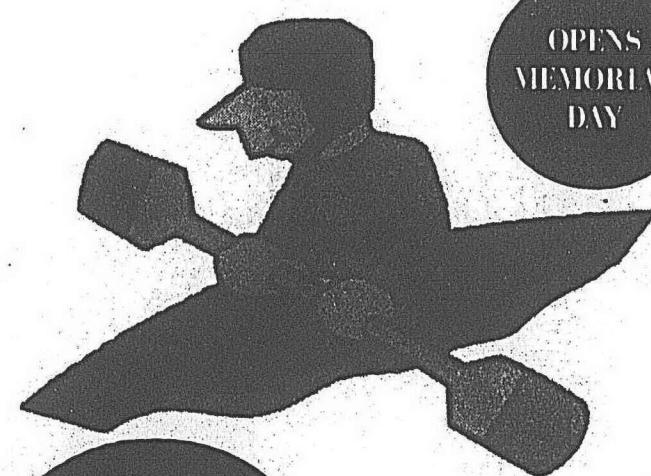
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Wolfpack intermediates capture division title

By Brad Coble
SCAA Correspondent

The boys 1999 Swift Creek Intermediate B-basketball team, the Wolfpack, consisting of 12-year-old boys, began its season with a heart-breaking loss to a stronger and older Midlothian team by a score of 37-36. The Wolfpack coaches: Tom Clark, Chris Connell, Brad Coble, and Josh Tarr, challenged their team to respond in a positive manner with hard work mixed with lots of fun. The Wolfpack did just that and won its next nine regular season games, winning the division title which included a 12-point win over the same Midlothian team that had beaten them earlier.

After being placed in the highest tournament bracket, the A/B combined tournament, the Wolfpack defeated a talented A team from Matoaca in the quarter-finals and beat another strong A team from Salem in the semi-finals. Both games were close battles. They then faced perennial champions and undefeated Chalkley in the championship game. After trailing the entire game, the Wolfpack came alive in the last three minutes with key defense and rebounding by Troy Hendrick, Jared Polchinski, and William Gregg. The game turned around with baskets by Chris Connell, Willie Grider and Casey Coble. These three consecutive baskets gave the Wolfpack their only lead of the game. It proved to be enough as the Wolfpack's tenacious defense held their opponents scoreless the rest of the way and were crowned champions by winning 28-26.

The Wolfpack was led by rebounders Paul Smith, Troy Hendricks, William Gregg, and Ricky Clayton; defense Willie Grider, Aubrey Cox, Jared Polchinski, and Chris Jolley; and guards Chris Connell and Casey Coble.



Wolfpack
Front row, from left: Willie Grider, Will Gregg, and Aubrey Cox. Second row: Casey Coble, Chris Connell, Jared Polchinski, and Chris Jolley. Third row: Paul Smith, Coach Tarr, Coach Clark, Coach Connell, Coach Coble and Troy Hendrick. Not pictured: Ricky Clayton.

After the game an emotional Coach Clark said, "If I could ever freeze a moment in time, this would be my moment. I truly love these kids." Coach Connell, the team's defensive coach, responded, "The kids truly bought into the fact that defense would be the key to our success. I am so proud of their hard work and dedica-

tion." Coach Coble added, "We all could learn a great deal from these young men. They just would not give up after being down in all three playoff games. This says a lot about their character." Finally, Coach Tarr said, "It's amazing how a gentle nudge at half-

time can motivate a bunch of 12-year-olds. Coaching these guys was a great experience for me." The coaches said the team would not have been such a success without the tremendous support of all the parents and family members as well as the vocal cheerleaders who attended all of the games.

SCAA recaps successful season of basketball

By Brad Coble
SCAA Correspondent

The 1999 Swift Creek boys basketball league finished the season with a record 17 teams and 185 players. Each team practiced and played very hard and completed successful seasons. The energetic and talented cheerleaders were instrumental in the season's success.

Special congratulations go to the following divisional winners: the Yellow Jackets in the Senior division; the Scrappers in the Intermediate A division; and the Wolfpack in the Intermediate B division who also won the county championship. The Junior A Hornets were 8-2 and finished second in their division as well.

Many thanks to all the coaches and volunteers who were so generous with their time and efforts. Special recognition goes to the head coaches: Danny Thomason, Donnie Frick, Greg Receptor, Carol Barnes, Keith Bartlam, Joe Moss, Tim Collins, Jay Brennan, Dave Nebera, Tom Clark, Greg DeFrancesco, Chris Remme, Dennis Pasquantino, Dick Meador, Jack Risendal, Tom Walsh, Jack Heyl, Terry Black, and Shaun Fleisher.

Due to the rapid growth of the boys basketball association, there is a dire need for one or two co-directors for the program. It is a very rewarding experience and an opportunity to give back to the community.

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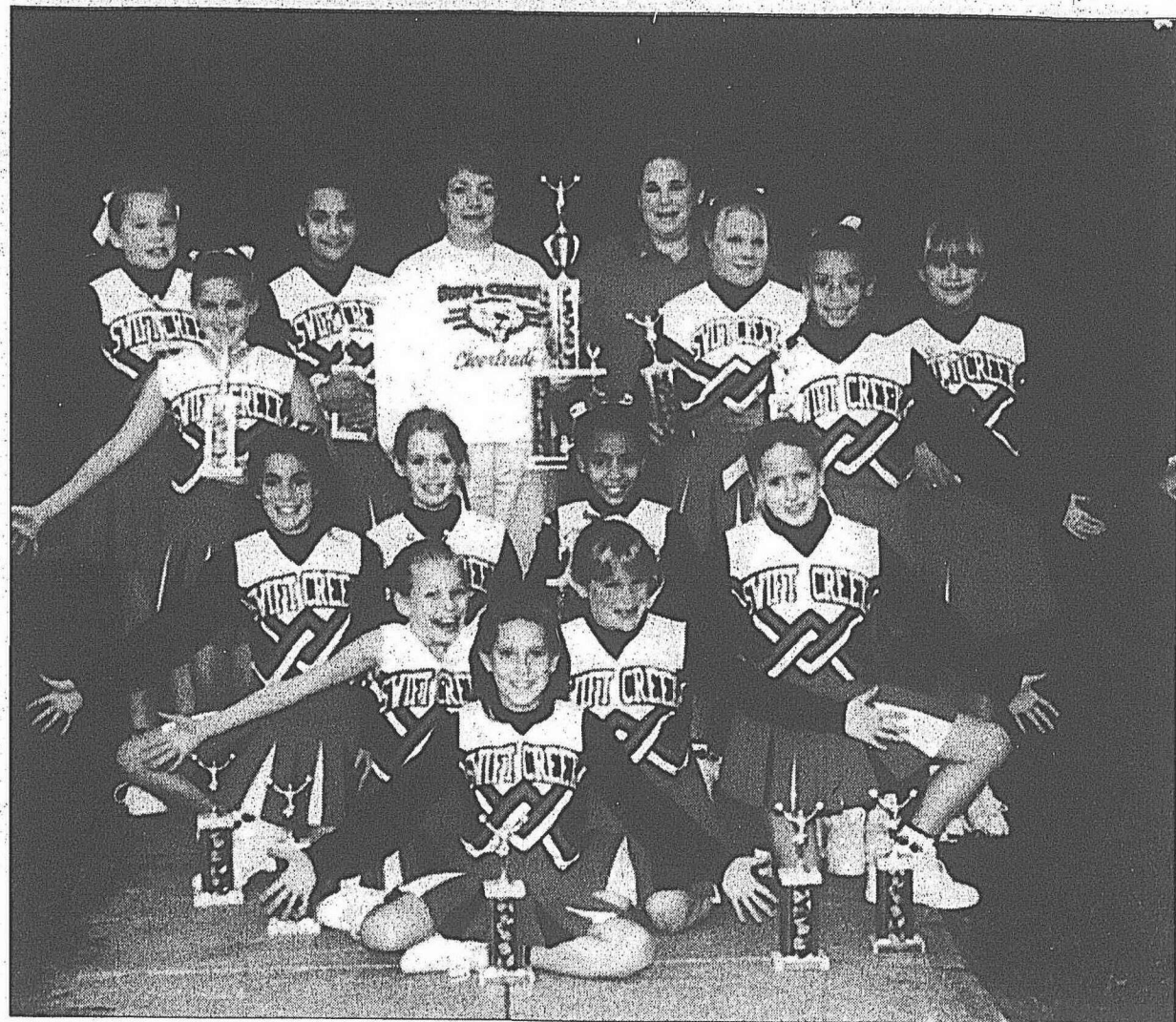
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Front row, from left: Ashley Judd, Jaimie Lee Quackenbush and Michelle Licata. Second row: Jessica Smith, Molly Weddington, Kaddie Horton, and Courtney Reynolds. Third row: Jamie Lubking, Amanda Wagner, Sponsor Tina Kalentzos, Connie Wimer, Coach Kari Detwiler, Lindsey Brinser, Sherri Nicole McLendon, and Courtney Wimer.

By Linda Quackenbush
SCAA Correspondent

All of the Swift Creek Cheerleaders had an outstanding season. Swift Creek minor, junior and senior football cheerleader squads performed at L.C. Bird High School and brought home the 1998 CCL Championship Title and first place trophies.

Kensy McGrath, a Clover Hill High School student and cheerleader, coached the minor squad. Kari Detwiler, a dancer and honor student at Swift Creek Middle School coached the junior squad, and Andrea Jenkins, a student and band member at Clover Hill High School coached the senior squad. Jenkins has been with the Swift Creek Athletic Association for eight years and has been a coach for the past five seasons.

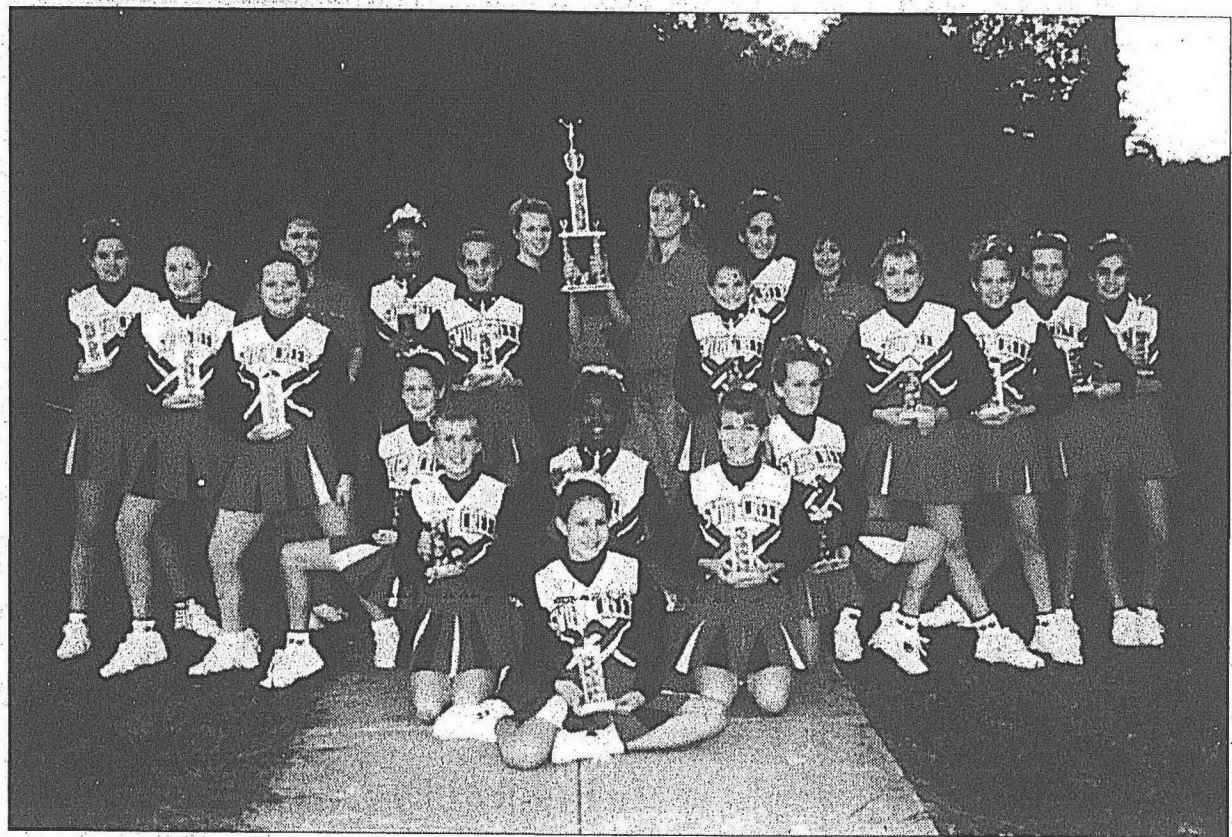
All the girls received trophies and each squad received a team trophy. The senior team trophy is displayed at Swift Creek Middle School.

The senior squad also won first place at the Fort Lee 10th Annual Cheer/Dance competition for its division. The day after the Fort Lee competition, the senior squad competed in the Virginia state competition which was held at the Robins Center. The squad received high scores which gave them the opportunity to compete at the Eastern Cheerleaders Association Invitational Championship.

The minor squad went on to compete at the CCL open competition and won first place again.

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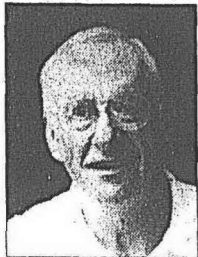
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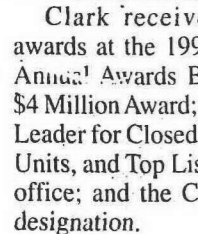
Quail Meadows resident Lance Pearson is looking forward to publication of his first mystery novel, "A Byte of Charity," due out next month.

The book is a mystery novel that includes financial intrigue and a little romance. The action takes place in Richmond and Charlottesville. The book will be available in area bookstores and Pearson will autograph books at a Barnes and Noble reception on Huguenot Road on June 4 at 7:30 p.m.

East West Realty recently held its 1998 Sales Awards Dinner. Bruce Misiaszek of Muirfield Green was named the 1998 Rookie of the Year.



Harbor Bluff resident Ellen Clark was named a Diamond Award recipient by the Richmond Association of Realtors. The Diamond Award, the highest designation awarded by RAR, honored realtors with sales volumes of over \$4 million in 1998. Clark is a realtor with Bowers, Nelms and Fonville, Long and Foster, located in Harbour Pointe.



Clark received the following awards at the 1999 Long and Foster Annual Awards Breakfast in March: \$4 Million Award; Top Producer, Sales Leader for Closed Volume and Closed Units, and Top Lister, Harbour Pointe office; and the Circle of Excellence designation.

A Taste of Italy opens in Genito Station

By Harriet Coppins
copy Editor

A Taste of Italy, an Italian restaurant and pizzeria, is a family affair. The Parlantis, originally from Palermo, Italy, opened the Genito Station restaurant in April.

Marianna Parlanti is the owner of the restaurant and Roy Parlanti, her husband, is the head chef. They have four children, three of whom work at the restaurant.

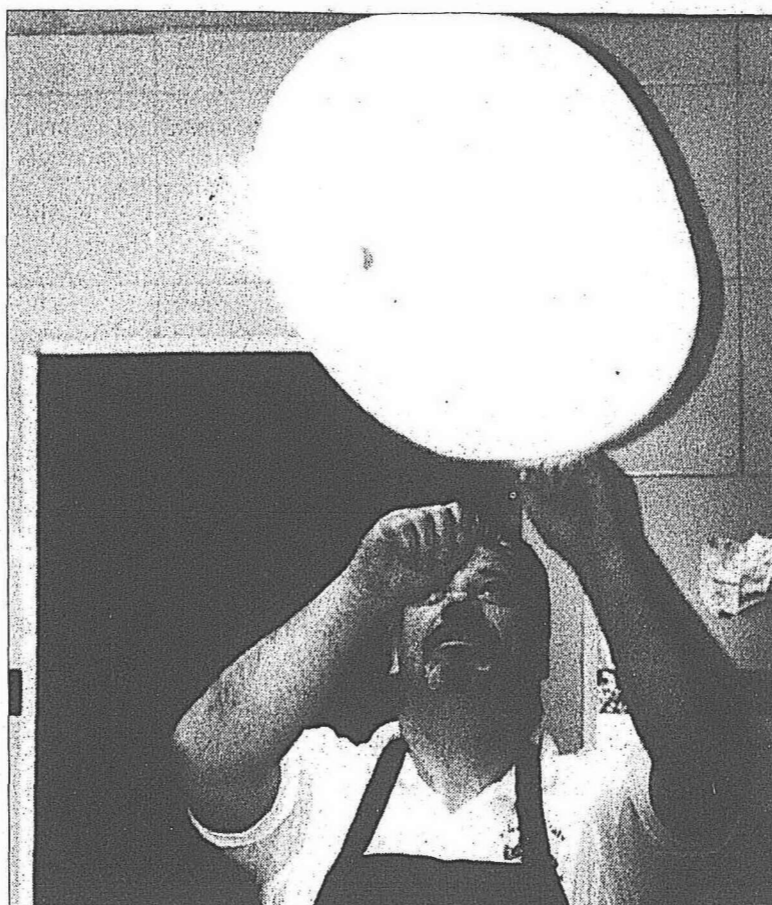
Parlanti says her husband had been the manager of Italian Delight on Jahnke Road and always dreamed of being the chef in his own restaurant. Now the dream has come true.

The restaurant features an eat in or take out policy at lunch and dinner. The menu offers a wide variety: appetizers, salads, pasta, pizza, subs, and main courses of veal, chicken and eggplant.

The restaurant also offers a catering service in the large banquet room. It is available for special occasions and seats 25 to 30 people.

The restaurant is open Monday through Thursday from 11 a.m. to 10 p.m., Friday and Saturday from 11 a.m. to 11 p.m. and Sunday from noon to 9 p.m.

The phone numbers are 763-1600 and 763-2400.



Photos by Wendy Parker

Chef Roy Parlanti demonstrates the art of making a pizza. Below, owner Marianna Parlanti and son Ray, Jr. relax for a moment in the new dining room.



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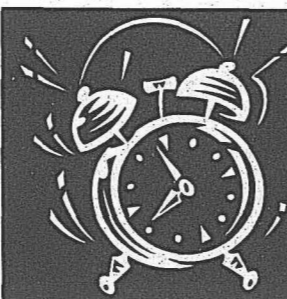
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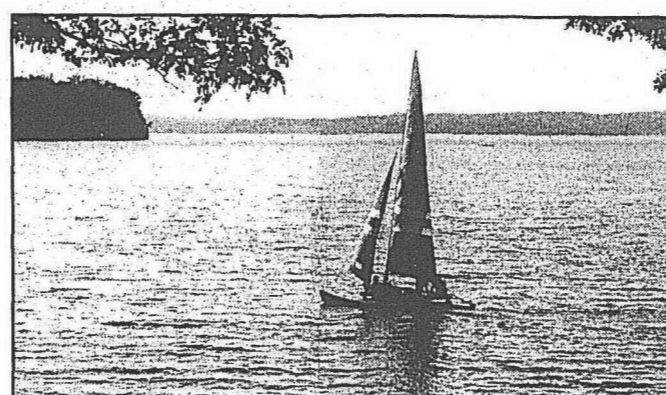


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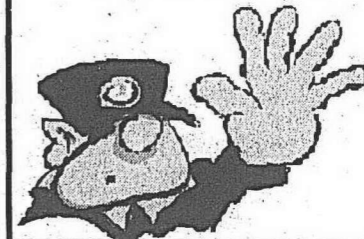


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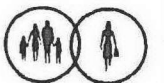
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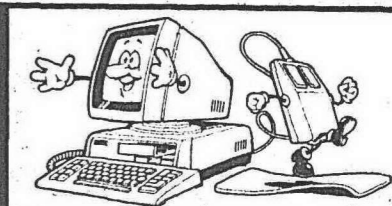
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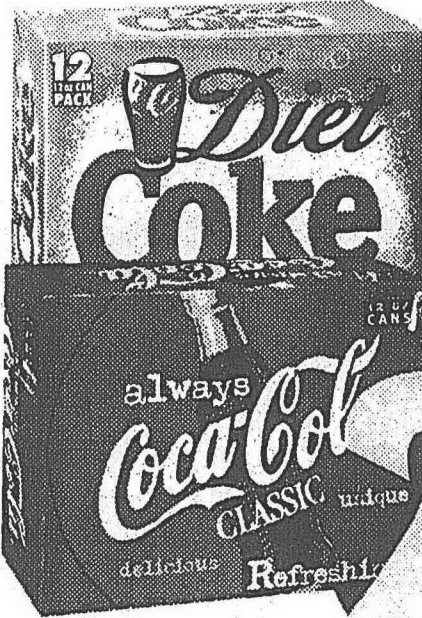
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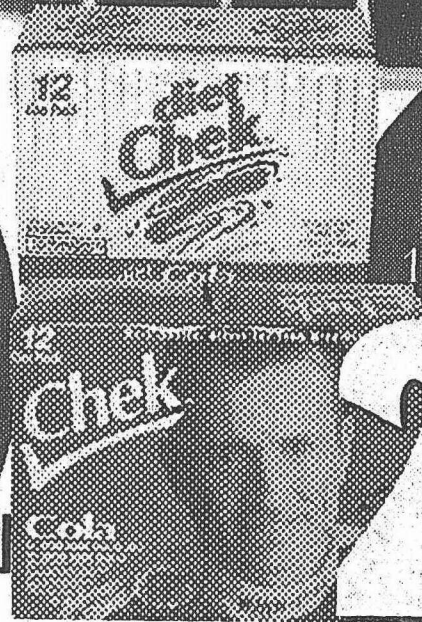


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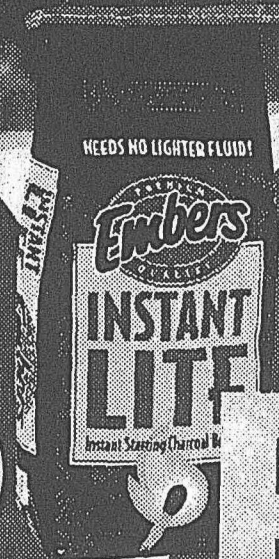


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