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## SILVER '70s SALUTE



Get out your flags and balloons and join in on the Fourth of July fun starting at 4 p.m. It'll be a blast!

## CONGRATS GRADUATES



Lauren Nussman is CHHS valedictorian.

See graduation stories on pages 11, 12, 13.



## IS IT A KEEPER?

It's a winner but not a keeper. Lions Club Tourny fishermen return their prize fish to the water.

See story on page 15.

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## Brandermill has history of honors

By Harriet Coppins  
Copy Editor

*Editor's note: as we celebrate our 25th anniversary, it is a good time to reflect on the history of Brandermill.*

Since its inception in 1974, Brandermill has been the recipient of many awards and citations.

In 1975, Brandermill and Chesterfield County received an Environmental Honor Award for excellence in land planning from "Environmental Monthly," a national publication.

Brandermill was selected as winner of the Grand Award in the 1977 Sensible Growth Design and Planning Awards Competition presented by the National Association of Home Builders. The award was based on Brandermill's concern for residents, the environment, good planning, and design practices.

In 1978, "Better Homes and Gardens" featured the award in several spring issues. The magazine emphasized the variety of housing, recreation facilities and education. It also noted the preservation of natural features, open space planning, and pedestrian paths and named Brandermill "The Best Planned Community in America."

Two years later in 1980, Brandermill won awards for Gleneagles, Sunday Park and the North Beach pool complex. The American Institute of Architects, Potomac Valley Chapter, honored Gleneagles, Sunday Park was recognized by the National Swimming Pool Institute's Design Competition in the pool category.

Brandermill Community Association was named "Association of the Year" by the Community Association Institute Central Virginia Chapter in both 1988 and 1989.

In February 1992, Brandermill was included in the book entitled "The 99 Best Residential Communities in America."

The community was recognized by Governor Wilder in 1993 for its relief work the previous year in aiding Florida victims of Hurricane Andrew. Brandermill participated in the Adopt a Family program.

The community was also honored with a resolution from the Richmond Relief Convoy for its work in providing emergency relief to the flood victims of Hannibal, Missouri in 1993.

Central Virginia Chapter of the Community Association Institute selected Brandermill as 1998 Community Association of the Year.

In 1999 the Chesterfield County Board of Supervisors recognized Brandermill Community Association for significant contributions to the quality of life enjoyed by those Chesterfield County residents living in Brandermill.

Given in recognition of leadership and vision on behalf of the community association's residents, this award also considers the advancement of sound business development and planning, environmental stewardship, and active participation with local government.

## Catchin' a cool breeze



Marc Wolman of Watch Harbour knows how to beat the heat.

Photo by Wendy Parker

## Officials plan to build new hospital

Bon Secours 150-bed facility could be close by

By Wendy Parker  
Managing Editor

Edward Gerardo, vice president of planning and business development of Bon Secours Richmond Health System, advised the BCA Board of Directors at its June work session that Bon Secours officials have filed a letter of intent with the State Department of Health to relocate a health care facility along the 288 corridor between U.S. Route 360 and Route 60.

Gerardo said initial plans call for the purchase of 30 to 45 acres on which to build a 150-bed community hospital and medical office building. He noted that several undisclosed locations are being considered.

About seven years ago, Bon Secours officials announced plans to build a surgery center at Centerpointe off Coalfield Road. Gerardo said that although a hospital in that location hasn't been totally ruled out, the option to purchase land in Centerpointe was dropped. Subsequently, Bon Secours built a surgery center on Iron Bridge Road.

Gerardo said the facility would provide surgical and emergency services and a women's center including obstetrics. He noted, "It would not be in the scope of Columbia-Chippenham Medical Center where heart surgery is performed."

According to Gerardo, the outpatient-oriented hospital would be com-

pleted no earlier than the latter half of 2002. He estimated the cost of the 200,000-square-foot facility would be around \$50 million. It could employ up to 800 people. Bon Secours currently employs 4,500 to 5,000 people.

Having already spoken to Woodlake Community Association Board of Directors, Gerardo asked the BCA Board to appoint a representative to an advisory board. He said officials are eager for community input and support. He noted that county officials, including Clover Hill District Supervisor Art Warren, "welcome the facility." Initial reaction of the BCA Board was favorable. Gerardo said a public hearing on the facility will be held at a local library in late September or October.

## CARB reviews plans for Waterford and Harbour Pointe buildings

By Wendy Parker  
Managing Editor

BCA Community Architect Doug Greene spoke to the BCA Board of Directors at its June work session regarding two proposed buildings in Brandermill.

**ABB Building**  
Greene said the Commercial Architectural Review Board approved site and design plans for a 102,000-square-foot office building in Waterford on June 1.

The plans were submitted by developers with Adecco Corporation for ABB Power Systems whose offices are currently located across from Brandermill in the Commonwealth Centre.

Greene said the proposed plans call for a four-story, rectangular-shaped building utilizing reddish brown and tan brick and blue-black glass. An es-

timated 500 parking spaces are included in the plans.

The proposed building would be situated on 7.49 acres of land next to the Waterford I building on the south-east side of the lake.

To date, the property acquisition has not closed.

Greene said issues of lighting and signage will be addressed by the CARB in the future.

**Medical-Dental Offices**  
Greene reported that plans for a one-story medical office building in Harbour Pointe Shopping Center have received a preliminary viewing by the CARB. The plans have been returned to the owner Harbour View Medical-Dental Associates, L.L.C. for more information and some revisions. According to Greene the proposed building will be on 2.08 acres on Harbour View Court behind BB&T Bank.

## Young man drowns in reservoir

Judson Andrew Duffee, 22, of Smoketree Drive drowned in Swift Creek Reservoir on May 18 after a canoe capsized.

He had been canoeing with two friends whose attempts to locate and rescue him failed.

Chesterfield County Police responded to a report of the drowning at 7:30 p.m.

The Chesterfield County Fire Department Scuba Rescue Team recovered the body about 30 yards from the shoreline at 10 p.m.

The Virginia Department of Game and Inland Fisheries, along with the Chesterfield County Police Department, continue to investigate the matter. No foul play is suspected.

Duffee was not wearing a life preserver while boating.

## Salute the '70s on the 4th

Harriet Coppins  
Copy Editor

The Fourth of July, Independence Day, is always a cause for celebration. This year there are even more reasons to celebrate as the county and Brandermill reach milestones. In honor of Brandermill's 25th anniversary, the Fourth of July festivities have been dubbed the Silver '70s Salute. To top it all off, in 1999, Chesterfield County reached the grand old age of 250.

Because the Fourth falls on a Sunday, the start of the parade is 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 parade marshal and Uncle Sam himself, will be in the parade as will the Fife and Drum Corps, and the colorful clowns Uncle Curt and Hugs. The Sing Out South Singers and Shasta the Magical Clown will delight spectators of all ages. Members of local organizations including military groups will parade as will local dignitaries.

As always, residents and their neighbors are urged to get together and build floats to enter in the parade. Youngsters on bikes are always welcome.

Volunteers will pass out balloons at the staging area and flags along the parade route and there will be loads of door prizes and food coupons for youngsters who participate in the parade. There will also be prizes for adult entrants.

Immediately following the parade, a variety of activities will take place

in Sunday Park. The members of the Brandermill Retired Men's Club will once again serve watermelon. There will also be free hot dogs and soft drinks through the generosity of local businesses.

During the celebration in Sunday Park, DJ Bob Broomfield will entertain with popular tunes. In addition, there will be face painting and games including baseball pitch and basketball hoops. Children may take pony rides and have their photos taken. Activities will be over at 7:30 p.m.

The Third Annual Brandermill Fourth of July Boat Show will take place starting at 8:15 p.m. The boats will proceed from The Landing at Commodore Point to Sunday Park. The fireworks display will begin approximately at 9:15 p.m. As an added touch of color and patriotism, the Fife and Drum Corps will parade along the bike trail in Sunday Park.

During the fireworks, members of the Clover Hill Area Teen Center will sell glow sticks.

With such an ambitious day and evening being planned, volunteers are needed for a variety of activities: to inflate balloons at the school early in the day, to man water stations along the parade route, to cook and serve hot dogs, to pass out soda, and much, much more. Please call Dena Sindler at the BCA office at 744-1035 to volunteer your time.

The BCA promises a glorious celebration for a glorious occasion. There are activities galore for the whole family. Just remember the new time - 4 p.m. will be the magic hour when it all begins.

## Heron Pointe rezoning raises concerns

By Wendy Parker  
Managing Editor

Developers of Heron Pointe, the empty nesters community planned for the north side of the reservoir on Genito Road, made a second presentation to the BCA Board of Directors on June 7. Engineer for the project, Jeff Collins, highlighted some of the conditions the developers plan to proffer including issues of density, landscaping, traffic and cash.

The developers are seeking rezoning of the 39.5-acre parcel. The initial plans include 86 single dwelling units. The land is currently zoned R-15 and is zoned for 45 homes on three-quarter-acre lots. Proposed Heron Pointe lots are 7,000 square feet and would require at least a 10-foot side yard and front yard, 20-foot back yard and a zero lot line on one side.

During the meeting, the issue of density was the major concern of BCA Board members. Former director Laurie Newill, who serves on the BCA Environmental Committee, and Betty Hunter-Clapp, Hands Across the Lake co-chairman, both addressed the density issue and the effects of run-off on the reservoir.

Although rezoning the land allowing for greater density of dwelling units, would fall under the environmental guidelines of the Upper Swift Creek Plan, the BCA appealed to the county last month to address the density inconsistencies in the Upper Swift Creek plan and the Route 288 corridor plan.

Director Roger Tuttle was adamant that the BCA could not support the rezoning of the Heron Pointe land in light of the position the board took on reduced density last month.

Community Manager Mike Divita questioned the basis of a formal opposition of the rezoning because "the application appears to satisfy existing county criteria." Newill advised the board members they have three choices, "You can oppose the rezoning, support the rezoning or do nothing."

## QUICKTAKES

### Fourth of July



Enjoy free hot dogs, drinks and watermelon after the parade in Sunday Park.

Parade	4 p.m.
Boat Show	8:15 p.m.
Fireworks	9:15 p.m.

## REWARD

BCA offers reward for info on vandalism

The BCA is offering an award of up to \$250 for information leading to the arrest and conviction of those responsible for vandalizing five neighborhood signs. Cost for the repairs will amount to \$2,600.

Someone scratched profanity into the surfaces and dented neighborhood signs at Poplar Grove, Sandy Brook, Two Notch, Barne's Spring and St. Ledger's pool. Some of the name plates will have to be replaced and three of the signs require total repainting.

The repairs will be made by Brooks Gray Sign Company. To make a confidential report, please call 744-1035.



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 Warren Massenburg, 2nd VP  
 George Thacker, Treasurer  
 Kevin Healy  
 Kathleen McSweeney  
 Roger Tuttle

**WELCOME NEW RESIDENTS**

- WOODWOOD
- Haywood
- PORT LANDING
- Janet Shelly
- BRNAM WOODS
- Bry & Kelly VanDyke
- FORTUNE'S RIDGE
- John Giglia
- Oliver & Maggie
- HARBOUR BLUFF
- Joey & Joyce Gabrielson
- BRISBRIDGE
- Bob & Cindy Rubenstein
- LONG SHADOW
- Levan
- Mike & Brenda Fedruk
- CHURCHFIELD GREEN
- Bob & Sharyn Jensen
- WICH
- David Walton
- THREE WOODS
- Mike & Melissa Donatelli
- Bob & Betty Donatelli
- DEAL HILL
- John & Cheryl Padgett
- WATERBIRCH TRACE
- Charles Sargent & Martha Spruell
- WAGWOOD
- Richard Chubb
- STONEY RIDGE
- Bob & Beth Bradner
- THE OAKS
- Tom & Angela Aygeros
- WATERBERRY'S GLEN
- Charlie & Angie Brown

**ARB APPROVALS**

- Wood - Gazebo
- Port Landing - Sun room
- Port Landing - New home
- Long Creek - Driveway
- Long House - New home
- Long Ridge - Fence
- Members - Storage shed
- Meadow - Storage shed
- East Bluffs Waterfall/Fountain
- Carlson Place - Fence
- Wingate Woods - Gazebo
- Bransbridge - Sun room
- Long Shadow - Siding
- McPate's Cove - Bat houses
- Poplar Grove - Circular Driveway
- Rockport Landing - Driveway
- Shallowford Trace - Front porch
- Spring Gate - Fence
- The Oaks - Storage shed
- Three Bridges - Driveway
- Finber Ridge - Garage
- Two Notch - Detached garage
- Waterberry Ridge - Addition
- Waterberry Ridge - Shed

**COVENANT VIOLATIONS**

APRIL	
Violation letters sent	162
Violations resolved	44
Green cards issued	105
Green card resolutions	51
Hearing Panel matters	8

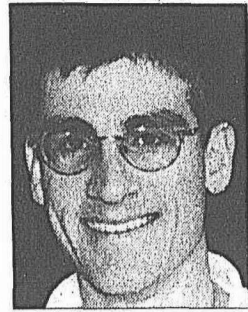
**UPCOMING EVENTS**

- NRC Meeting  
The Brandermill Church  
June 15, 7 p.m.  
Speaker: Ann Duffer  
Topic: Heron Point Development
- BCA Board Meeting  
Brandermill Woods  
June 21, 7 p.m.
- Committee Leadership Workshop  
Brandermill Woods  
June 28, 7 p.m.
- Ribbon Cutting Ceremony  
Brandermill Marina  
Brandermill Inn  
June 29, 6:30 p.m.
- Community Budget Meeting  
The Brandermill Church  
June 30, 7 p.m.  
Speaker: Mike Divita
- Fourth of July Festivities  
July 4, 4 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.  
Sunday Park
- BCA Work Session  
BCA Office  
July 6, 7 p.m.
- 25th Anniversary Celebration  
Gardens Pavilion Sunday Park  
July 18, 4 p.m.  
Richmond Philharmonic

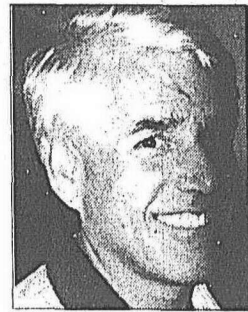
**Voice of the people: How do you feel about BCA special events like Shakespeare in the Park?**



"It was very lively and I think Shakespeare would have been proud. I think a lot of people missed out."  
 Liz Wierschem  
 Cradle Hill



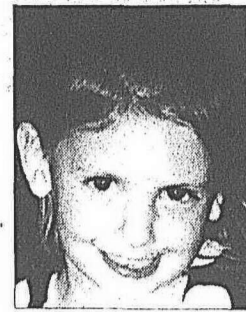
"It's just a nice evening. I hope you'll do more. We're looking forward to the Fourth and July 18th celebration."  
 Paul Wierschem  
 Cradle Hill



"I think it's a wonderful idea. Do it some more!"  
 Doug McElhinney  
 McTyre's Cove



"What a fun way to spend a beautiful evening. The actors were terrific and the sunset over the lake spectacular."  
 Jennifer McElhinney  
 McTyre's Cove



"I got a horn [from the actors]. I liked it when the girl sang."  
 Maggie Moyler, 5  
 Watch Harbour



"It's very generous of the association. It's a great opportunity to expose families to Shakespeare."  
 Charlotte Moyler  
 Watch Harbour

**What we have here is a lack of communication**

One of the more frequent statements heard from homeowners about their community association is communication, or the lack thereof. From my experience, it is the single most common concern expressed by owners. The fact that some residents believe their association doesn't communicate is worrisome but it may not be totally justified. Take for example a recent conversation I had with a resident about his perception that the BCA does not communicate or listen. In this instance, the resident disclosed that he had covered up his paper tube and therefore he did not receive The Village Mill or any of the informational flyers we send to residents. When asked why he does not read The Village Mill or come by the office to get a copy, his answer was that he doesn't read The Village Mill because it is controlled by the BCA. Well, I was stumped as to how to answer his objections because the issue with him

**MANAGER'S DESK**



Mike Divita

was not necessarily communication, but mistrust of the community association. For this resident, the community association had become the big bad wolf. When a resident becomes this turned off with his community association, there is usually an underlying issue. It could be a previous covenant related matter, or an unsatisfactory response to a maintenance issue or possibly a past decision by the board or management. Overcoming a resident's honest belief that the association is unresponsive or out of touch can be most difficult. The idea that the BCA is a stagnant organization without representation is simply a misconception. To the contrary, the BCA is a dynamic organization with new directors elected every year. The addition of new ideas adds vitality and serves as a check and balance for the association. Opportunities abound for residents to express their ideas and concerns and to learn more about the community.

In my judgement, the BCA does a very good job of communicating with residents. We can always do better of course, but communication is also a two-way street. Community information and budget meetings, BCA Board and NRC meetings, Newcomer Welcomes, The Village Mill, flyers and

our increased use of volunteer committees are just some of the ways we have attempted to communicate and receive input from residents. One of the most important ways we can maintain trust and improve communications is to provide an open and sound due process as part of our decision making and to involve the community where possible. Having an informed community is essential for an effective community association. For some, living in a planned community is still unfamiliar territory and the BCA remains a mystery to them. Our challenge will continue to be to reach out and provide as much information about the community as we can. Many good things are happening within the BCA and I encourage you to become more involved within your community, even if it is just reading the community newspaper.

I am not sure I convinced the gentleman mentioned above to change his mind and I am even less sure I persuaded him to remove the block from his paper tube. Recognizing he will not read this article, I would still hope that he might consider what we have accomplished in the last few years and realize that Brandermill's best days are yet to come. Could it be that Brandermill is still the best kept secret in Central Virginia?

**Directors to serve as committee liaisons**

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Brandermill Community Association Board of Directors was held at Brandermill Woods on May 17. Directors Healy, Hughes, Massenburg, Miller, McSweeney, Thacker, and Tuttle, and Community Manager Divita were present. This is a summary of the minutes. Complete official minutes are available at the BCA.

**President's Report**  
 A letter requesting that the Upper Swift Creek Plan be amended as soon as possible to reconcile the difference between the calculations and residential density used for the Route 288 corridor plan and the residential zoning permitted in the Upper Swift Creek plan is being prepared by Community Manager Divita and is being directed to Supervisors Art Warren and Renny Humphrey.

Community Manager Divita has drafted a letter to John McCracken, Director of County Transportation, supporting the addition of sidewalks to the proposed widening of Route 360

from the intersection of Old Hundred Road and Route 360 to approximately the intersection of Route 360 and Winterpock Road.

**Treasurer's Report**  
 Director Thacker reported that the first quarter financial statements and variance report were reviewed by the finance committee. No significant comments were noted.

**Committee Reports**  
**LRPC**  
 Community Manager Divita reported that the committee met on May 6 and discussed prioritizing projects within the plan. It was determined that after purchasing the land and paving the loop road, bike paths would be the number one priority.

**NRC**  
 The last meeting for the summer will be June 15. The meetings have been changed to the third Tuesday of the month and a new meeting format has been developed.

**New Business**  
 The following board directors were

appointed to act as liaison to committees:

- BCA Hearing Panel - Jack Miller and Roger Tuttle, alternate
- Commercial Representative Council - Kevin Healy
- Environmental - Kathy McSweeney
- Finance - George Thacker
- Landscape - Jack Miller and C. Warren Massenburg
- LRPC - Community Manager Divita, staff representative

**Executive Session**  
 For the purpose of discussing legal and contractual items, the board entered into executive session.

Upon returning to open session a motion was made by Director Tuttle to deny the resident's appeal, instructing the resident to remove the screen and window and to return the wall area to a condition acceptable to the Architectural Review Board on or before July 15. The motion was unanimously carried.

**BCA will hold Arts & Crafts Show in the fall**

By Wendy Parker  
 Managing Editor

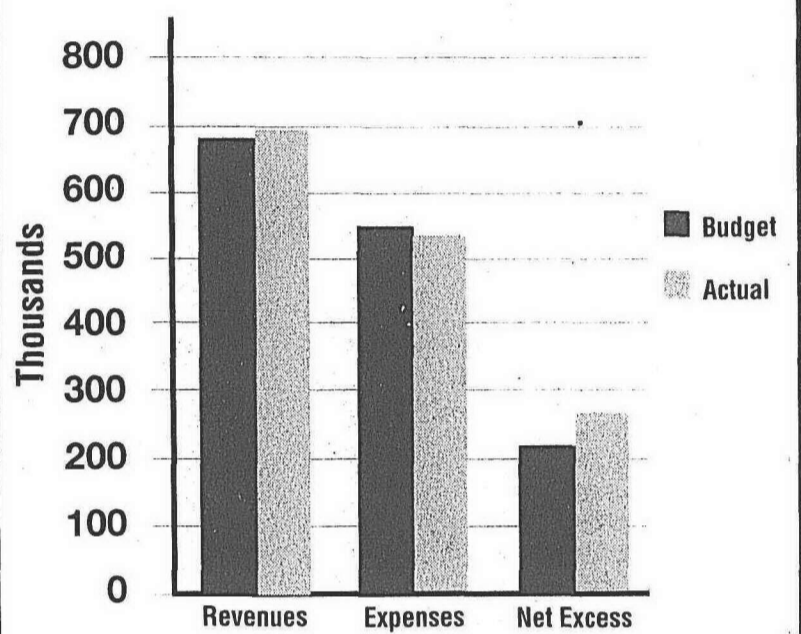
The BCA will once again hold a juried Brandermill Arts and Crafts Show in Sunday Park on the shoreline of Swift Creek Reservoir. The event will take place on Saturday, September 25 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Artists and crafters are invited to submit photographs or slides of their work. The entry fee is \$50. Categories for consideration are: oil, acrylic, watercolor, drawing, weaving, ceramics, leather, jewelry, woodworking, photography, stained glass, etc. Photographs or slides may be sent to Brandermill Community Association, 3001 E. Boundary Terrace, Midlothian, Virginia, 23112.

The annual show, which draws visitors from Brandermill and Richmond area communities, is free and open to the public. Outdoor entertainment will be provided and refreshments will be sold.

For additional information, please call Dena Sindelir at 744-1035.

**FY' 99 Operating Budget YEAR TO DATE VARIANCE REPORT**



Net Operating Excess Year to Date (YTD): \$41,895 Ahead of Budget

**NRC reps will learn about proposed waterfront development**

Heron Pointe Developer Ann Duffer will speak to the NRC at The Brandermill Church on June 15 at 7 p.m. regarding a proposed retirement community. The meeting is open to the public.

Heron Pointe, a 39.5 acre development proposed for the northside of Swift Creek Reservoir on Genito Road, is currently zoned for 45 homes. Duffer wants to build 86 villas for se-

nors. The site drains into the reservoir.

"The planning commission wants us to discuss environmental issues with the community," Duffer said.

As proposed, the villas would be 1,500 to 2,500 square feet selling in the \$155,000 to \$250,000 range. The NRC business meeting will begin promptly at 7 p.m. and end at 8 p.m.

**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.



**It's a sign of the times**

As stated in Part I, paragraph 4 of the General Covenants, "No signs shall be erected or maintained on any property by anyone including, but not limited to, the owner, a Realtor, a contractor or subcontractor, except with the written permission of the Company."

Section 55-513 B of the Virginia Property Owners Association Act provides authority for the BCA to require residents to face a hearing panel and levy charges up to \$50 for a one-time covenant violation. Unapproved signs posted throughout the community fall under these guidelines and are collected by this department as well as landscaping crews. Professionally made signs, such as lead-in signs are kept at the BCA office. Those signs made of cardboard, poster board, and construction paper are disposed of by staff.

**COMMUNITY STANDARDS**



Seth McMillan

Bearing this in mind, those signs tacked to street and stop signs advertising a yard sale, service, lost or found pet, are all a violation of the Brandermill Covenants. Yard sale signs are available at the BCA office with a refundable deposit. Residents who have a business service that they would like to advertise, will find that The Village Mill is a more appropriate and professional means of advertising. Lost and found pet signs, similar to the yard sale signs are available with a refundable deposit. In addition, anyone who has lost or found a pet, can call the BCA office with a description of the pet and a telephone number so that pets and owners can be reunited.

Property for sale signs are also restricted. Lots may have one for sale sign, and on weekends only, lead in signs may be placed on the parkways. At no other time are lead-in signs permitted on parkways.

It is permissible for contractors to display a company sign on site while work is underway. The temporary sign must be removed from the property at the completion of the project.

Should you have any questions regarding signs in Brandermill, please call the BCA office at 744-1035.



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## BCA will hold budget workshop for members of association

The BCA will host a community budget workshop at The Brandermill Church on Wednesday, June 30 from 7 to 8:30 p.m.

Community Manager Mike Divita will conduct the workshop to solicit input from residents and members about their community.

The workshop is designed to accomplish three objectives: To explain (1) the budget process, (2) future reserve fund and capital projects and (3) to gain information and ideas from residents about what they would like to see done in their community. Information gained from the workshop will be passed on to the board and appropriate committees for future consideration and planning.

Residents are encouraged to attend and bring their ideas and suggestions.

The finance committee will hold a community meeting on the proposed budget in August.

## What's up dock?



Photo by Wendy Parker

BCA employees, from left: Franklin Harris, Charlie Cashion, Dwayne Patterson and Garland Bannister launch one of the floating docks to be towed to the new Brandermill Marina at the Brandermill Inn. A few boat slips are still available. Please call 744-1035.

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## Leadership workshop is for committee members

The BCA will hold its first community leadership workshop on Monday, June 28 from 7 to 9 p.m. in the main conference room at Brandermill Woods. The event is for all BCA committee members and invited guests.

The purpose of the workshop is to begin planning to enhance and strengthen the relationship among committees, board, staff and community. The recommended initial community vision statement is: "Building community for the new millennium."

Topics for the workshop are:  
• community associations - how they work (or are supposed to work)  
• functions and roles of committees/staff/boards (to be or not to be)  
• community leadership (it comes in all forms and sizes)

- how to plan and conduct effective and productive meetings (sleepers or keepers)
- volunteer recruitment (quality or quantity)
- clubs and organizations (the hidden strength)
- committee terms (staggered/annual appointment, limited terms or forever and ever)
- community relations and communications (a never ending story)
- committee/board/staff communications (we are in this together)
- goal setting for committees/boards and development of annual plans (it is good to know where one is going)
- schedule for future planning

## New Rates for Picnic Pavilions



Sunday Park	\$15/4 hours
Waterside Park	Free
Harbour Pointe	Free
Call 744-1035	

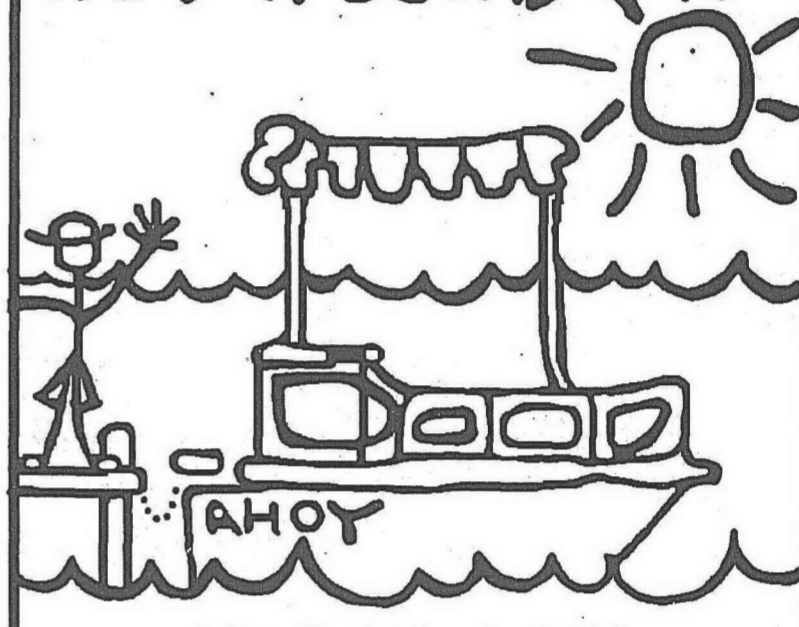


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Dan Woods, General Manager  
(20-year Brandermill resident)

## SAFE 'N SOUND



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# 25th

Happy Anniversary Brandermill  
Let's Party

Tuesday, June 29 ✂ Ribbon Cutting Ceremony  
6:30 p.m. ✂ Brandermill Marina at the Brandermill Inn

Sunday, July 4 ★ Fourth of July Parade  
4 p.m. - Swift Creek Middle School to Sunday Park  
5 - 7:30 p.m. - Festivities in Sunday Park  
9:15 - Fireworks

Brandermill's 25th Anniversary Celebration  
Sunday, July 18 ♪ Richmond Philharmonic  
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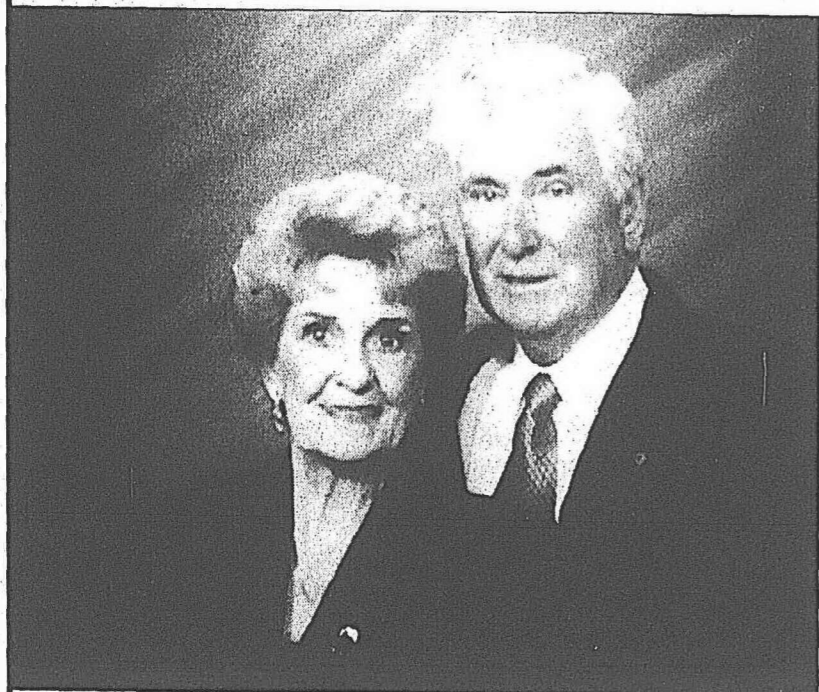
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## Saunders celebrate 50th anniversary



Helen and Bob Saunders

Helen and Bob Saunders of Sagebrook recently celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary with a gathering of 75 friends and family members at Birkdale Country Club.

The couple was married on June 4, 1949 at Our Lady of Lourdes Church in Lakeside.

The Saunders have lived in Brandermill since 1990.

They have three grown children, Kathleen Saunders of Philadelphia, Bridget Meyer of Virginia Beach and U.S. Navy Capt. Scott Saunders of New Orleans. The Saunders have five grandchildren.

When asked the secret to a long marriage, Bob Saunders laughed and said, "Both sides have to put up with a lot." He added, "It's been a happy 50 years."

## Letters address tolls and assessments

Dear Editor:

Thank you for your continued dedication to covering issues of public concern. I would like to take this opportunity to briefly clarify two points from Harriet Coppins' recent article. The article which was the result of comments I made to the Neighborhood Representative Council on April 13, left my position on two important issues somewhat unclear - the problems associated with local toll roads and the administration of the state's budget surplus.

We are working for eventual elimination of tolls on Powhite with success depending upon community outcry and the dedication of our elected officials. The more than \$200 million necessary to pay off the bonds will not come easy. Tolls are both inefficient and unnecessary, causing increased traffic congestion and air pollution, while redundantly taxing citizens who already pay for transportation needs at the pump in the form of a gas tax. While hard-working commuters from Chesterfield and Amelia bear the brunt of this toll burden, the gas taxes we pay help fund transportation projects in other parts of the state.

Concerning the states budget surplus, I believe the state's budget surplus should be returned to those who created it in the first place - hard working Virginia taxpayers. That's why I supported several efforts to require as much as one-half of any future budget surplus be returned to citizens in the form of tax relief.

I'm not concerned about any resulting fiscal stress that may come from such a commitment because fiscal stress dictates discipline. This forces legislators to make tough choices about funding only the most necessary and effective programs. At the same time, the return of such surplus revenues helps to slow the growth of state government. I will continue to work to see that providing tax relief to Virginians remains a priority.

Senator Steve Martin  
11th District

To the Editor:

Once again the board of the BCA decides to spend the members' money. Obviously no one learned from the 20/20 vote.

As a member on a fixed income, I am shocked and appalled at this stupidity. They should all resign in disgrace.

Don't listen to the members, just spend our money.

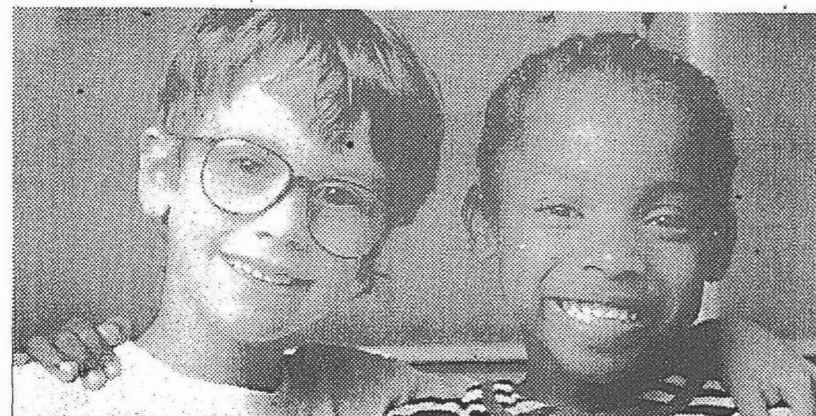
Very truly yours,  
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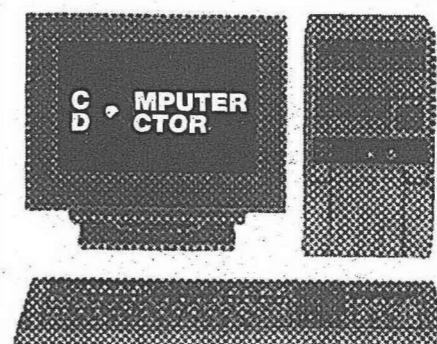
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### Four on a roll



The Weatherfords, Irl, Gail, Sarah, 5, and Alison, 3, pedaling a bicycle built for four, take a short cut through Brandermill to their Nuttree subdivision. Photo by Wendy Parker

### Mr. Smith goes to Armenia



Richard Smith, at right, takes a break with new friends in Armenia.

By Kris Risendal  
Staff Writer

Richard Smith of Walnut Creek is no ordinary guy. Sure, he has been a state employee with the Virginia Department of Juvenile Justice for more than 20 years, working hard at his job training correctional officers to deal with such topics as gangs, drugs, and

racism. It is his commitment to volunteerism that sets him apart. Last April, Smith traveled with a U.S. Department of the Treasury Enforcement Division/Technical Assistance Team to Armenia for a 10-day training trip. Smith was recruited to join other members of the law enforcement team in working with the governments of countries of the former

Soviet Union. "My job in Armenia was to work with the intelligence division, Department 6, very much like our CIA or Army, to help get them up-to-speed on research on the Internet. I helped link them up with local police departments in the United States, places such as Glendale, Calif. which has an enormous Armenian population. The training we provide helps them with the exchange of information about possible illegal activities," said Smith, who trained mostly former KGB agents on the use of the Internet.

According to Smith, Armenia is a very beautiful, if poor, country. He spent three days in the Armenian countryside, meeting people including the top photographer in the country. "Although Armenia is a major transportation route for drugs in Asia, it is wonderful and quite different to be in a country with minimal violence. It is very peaceful and calm in Armenia," Smith said.

Most members of the Technical Assistance Team are retired federal government workers, including employees of the FBI. "I was quite honored to be in the company of members of this team," said Smith. "Our intent is to get legislation in the books to prevent Armenia from suffering from the corruption found in Russia." Although back on U.S. soil, Smith is still in touch with his Armenian counterparts, volunteering his time and skills to help a small country with two hostile borders. "My job is to help get them hooked up and in touch with the rest of the world," Smith said, who hopes to travel with the team to Armenia again.

### Woman's Club elects officers

Lorraine Lauman  
Guest Correspondent

The last meeting of the Brandermill Woman's Club was held on Wednesday, May 12 at Brandermill Country Club.

Board members for the 1999-2000 season were installed. They are Sandy Peterson, president; Nancy Bolton, vice president - programs; Susan Humble, vice president - membership; Jeanne Stuts, treasurer; Vicki Alvarez, recording secretary; and Lorraine Lauman, corresponding secretary.

Names of the two Clover Hill High School students who received Brandermill Woman's Club scholarships were announced. Allison Pagani received a scholarship in honor of Pat White and Charessa Pryor received a scholarship in honor of Helen Sluss.

Out-going president, Ann Doll, entertained the club members by singing several songs and a few members went home with door prizes.

The Antique Group ended the season on May 24 with a tour of Tuckahoe Plantation, followed by lunch at The English Garden on River Road.

On May 21, the book groups toured the Newseum in Arlington, followed by lunch and an afternoon of shopping and sight seeing in historic Occoquan.

Day Marathon Bridge members met for a luncheon at Oscar's restaurant on May 6 and Duplicate Bridge members also ended their season at

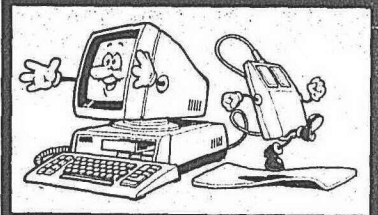
Oscar's on May 26. Beginners/Intermediate Bridge Group will continue to meet at Brandermill Country Club on Tuesdays. Lunch is served at noon to 1 p.m. followed by bridge from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m.

Garden Club members closed out their season with a luncheon at Fabulous Foods on Huguenot Road and on May 18, the Quilters enjoyed a luncheon at Polly Pratt's summer home on Lake Anna. Elaine Falstad demonstrated how to make a quilt.

Thanks to all the activity group chairs and their assistants. They called guest speakers, arranged tours, brought refreshments, and took the time to call the members and remind them of the meetings. All their hard work was appreciated.

Anyone interested in joining the Brandermill Woman's Club, or receiving more information may call Susan Humble, vice president - membership at 796-4989.

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### Hunters on reservoir are in violation

By Kris Risendal  
Staff Writer

Last winter, several Brandermill residents complained about the proximity of hunters shooting at geese from a boat on Swift Creek Reservoir. Complaints to the Chesterfield County police about possible illegal geese

hunting led to a covert operation by officials with the Virginia Department of Game and Inland Fisheries.

On February 13, game officials observed three hunters in violation of two federal hunting regulations: shooting from a moving boat and not purchasing the federal waterfowl stamp required of all waterfowl hunters. According to state Game Warden Milt Robinson, one individual paid the fine, while two pleaded not guilty. This past April, both hunters were found guilty of the violations charged.

In a second covert operation on February 15, the last day of goose season, another hunter was found in violation of the required federal water-

fowl stamp. He also was found guilty in court this past April.

"While none of the individuals charged was found to be shooting too close to residences or roads, it is important for people to know that they can call the Chesterfield police or us anytime they feel hunting laws are being violated," said Officer Robinson. "We welcome any information or concerns residents might have about possible violations."

Residents who believe a violation might be taking place may call the Chesterfield County police, the Department of Games and Fisheries at 367-1000, or the Games and Fisheries hotline at 1-800-237-5712.

### Coast Guard encourages use of life jackets

By Harriet Coppins  
Copy Editor

The United States Coast Guard Auxiliary wants everyone to heed the 1999 theme of its National Safe Boating Campaign: Boat Smart From The Start. Wear Your Life Jacket.

A life jacket, or a PFD (personal flotation device) is designed to keep the wearer's head above water and to help the wearer remain in a position that permits proper breathing. The average adult needs only seven to 12 pounds of artificial buoyancy to remain afloat.

When buying a PFD, check the label to make sure it is approved by the U.S. Coast Guard. It must fit well and be in good condition.

Give the PFD a trial test in shallow water to ensure its efficiency. Make sure all the children have properly fitting PFDs and that they wear them when boating.

PFDs are very important items of equipment. More than 90 percent of deaths in boating are from drowning. However, 80 percent of those drowning victims were not wearing PFDs. Don't take chances with your own life or the lives of your loved ones: Boat Smart From The Start, Wear Your Life Jacket.

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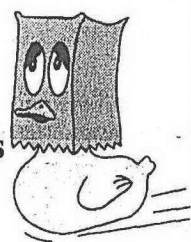
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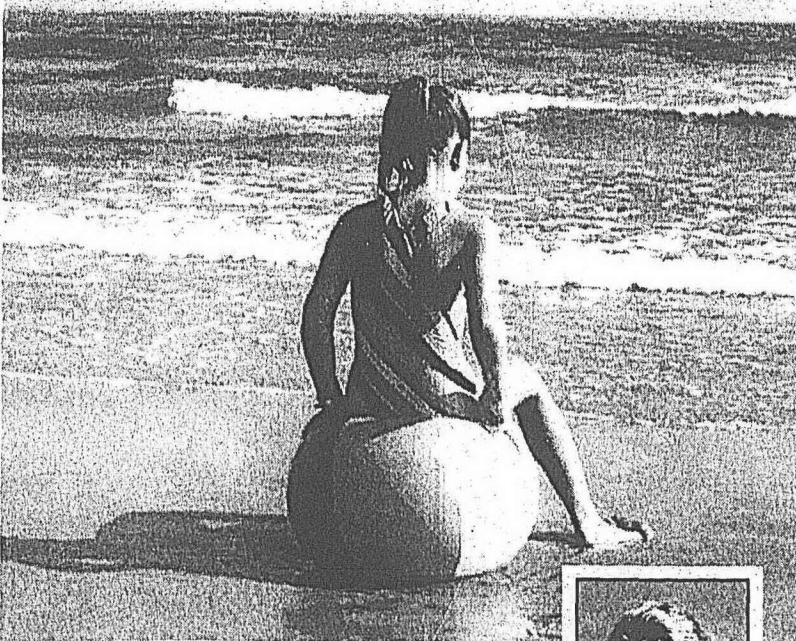
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# Silent heroes save lives — look at Gordon Conner



Gordon Conner is a picture of health at the golf tournament in his honor.

By Kris Risendal  
Staff Writer

The word "hero" is used loosely today. Heroes are people who jump the highest, run the fastest, star in the best

movies, and make the most money. Children look up to them, adulate them, want to be like them. The wind is shifting, however. More and more people are becoming aware of the silent heroes, those people who, through

courage and generosity, win more than just the big game. These heroes give the gift of life through an organ donation, and for patients like former Brandermill resident Gordon Conner, they are the true heroes of today.

Last June, Conner received a liver from one of these heroes. Today, he is enjoying a healthy life thanks to the selfless acts of the donor and the donor's family. "Doctors told me that without the transplant, I probably wouldn't have lasted more than a year," said Conner. "I was lucky. My operation was extremely successful, and although it took more than three months to fully recover, I was back to work after only a week in the hospital. People need to realize how big the need is for organ donors; thousands die each year while waiting on organ transplant lists."

Costs for Conner's life-sustaining medications run more than \$20,000 each year. "The cost of medication is very expensive. The medications are a life-long commitment and most insurance policies cover only \$2,500 of the annual expenses. I take about 16 huge pills every day," Conner said.

For Conner, there are other heroes in his life as well. Last month, a benefit golf tournament was held at the Brandermill County Club to raise money for Conner and the National Foundation for Transplants.

Many of Conner's friends and associates teamed together to plan the Living Legends Golf Invitational. Ninety-nine golfers participated in the tournament and more than 150 people attended the silent and live auction and buffet dinner which raised almost enough money to cover Conner's medicine for this year. Millie Millar Ford of Nuttree Woods spearheaded the silent and live auction. Tournament committee members included Lee Anne Schuler, Mike Wennener, Glenn

Richards, Dick Scott, Steve Menninger, Jennifer McElhinney, Doug McElhinney, Jim Pistano, and Dwayne Garner.

"People I have known over the years worked so hard to make this event a success," said Conner. "The tournament was hectic and fun, and we hope to have the tournament every year." According to Conner, the National Foundation for Transplants was set up to help people like him raise the money necessary to cover medications. Any money raised over Conner's needs goes to the foundation to help other people's expenses.

### Organ Donation

Last February, the Virginia Department of Motor Vehicles introduced a new initiative to increase the number of organ donors in Virginia. DMV clerks began asking customers, "Do you wish to become an organ donor?" Virginia's citizens have responded overwhelmingly, and the DMV has already surpassed its goal of signing up more than 100,000 donors this year.

Six million Virginians hold a driver's license or identification card and approximately 1.3 million have indicated their desire to be a donor.

"More people need to understand that there is a real need for organ donation. If you sit and think about it, you can't take it with you. When removing an organ, doctors are very careful to leave the body complete. And you will be giving life to someone," Conner said.

For Conner and other organ transplant recipients, organ donors and their families who give the gift of life are the true heroes. Anyone who wishes to learn more about organ donation can visit the DMV website at [www.dmv.state.va.us/webdoc/orgdon.htm](http://www.dmv.state.va.us/webdoc/orgdon.htm). The DMV also provides links to four important organ donation organization websites.

# "Grass Roots" program teaches residents about healthy lawns

The Chesterfield County Extension Office is offering Chesterfield homeowners personalized lawn management plans through its Grass Roots program. Grass Roots is designed to help homeowners have a healthy lawn from the ground up by providing individualized lawn management plans detailing appropriate fertilization and liming practices. The Extension's goal is to help county residents have attractive lawns without threatening water quality or wildlife.

The Extension currently has a crew of over 30 Master Gardeners who will visit home sites to sample soil, measure lawns, evaluate the turf, and assess the growing condition. Extension staff will then formulate a management plan for the homeowner based on site assessment and soil test results. In addition, homeowners will receive

four newsletters during the course of the following year to remind them of important lawn maintenance tasks.

Last fall was the first time this program was offered and approximately 200 county homeowners participated. These homeowners are now receiving the Grass Roots newsletter to help them follow through with lawn care this summer. A survey this spring indicated that the homeowners are excited with the results they are seeing. Said one resident, "Being new to this area, this program saved me a lot of time, frustration and money by showing me the proper way to start and maintain a lawn." Another remarked, "Our neighbors wanted to know our secret to our beautiful lawn. We told them about the Grass Roots program."

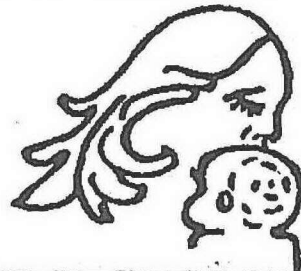
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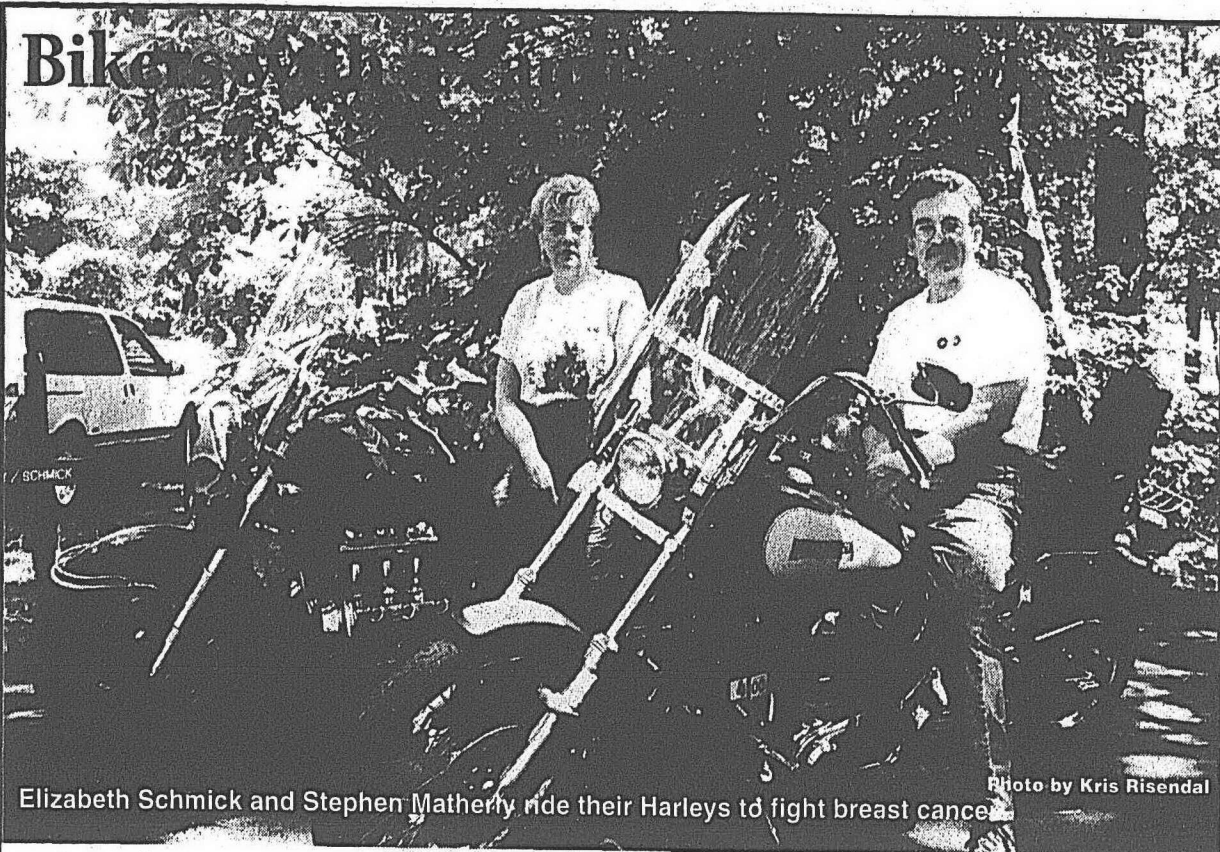
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**Bike**



Elizabeth Schmick and Stephen Matherly ride their Harleys to fight breast cancer. Photo by Kris Risendal

By Kris Risendal  
Staff Writer

Fonzie, move over. Cruising down Virginia's highways is a group of motorcycling enthusiasts who have more on their minds than biking. Leading the pack are Elizabeth Schmick and Stephen Matherly of Pebble Creek. Schmick and Matherly recently founded a non-profit foundation called Virginia Motorcyclists Against Cancer (VaMAC). The organization is dedicated to fighting cancer, particularly breast cancer.

"Many organizations raise money for cancer research, but few help the cancer patient directly," said Schmick. "We want to try and help breast cancer patients across the state with immediate needs not covered by insurance. This is where we will be focusing our efforts. We want to help improve cancer patients' quality of life while they fight this dreaded disease." Through fund raising and increasing awareness of the importance of early detection, Schmick and Matherly hope VaMAC will make a difference in the cancer fight.

Riding motorcycles to help fight cancer is not new to Schmick or Matherly. In 1996 and 1998, they rode with the National Pony Express Tour, a 15,000 mile motorcycle relay ride across the United States organized to raise money for breast cancer research. In 1998, the tour raised more than \$560,000 for the cause.

In addition, Schmick and Matherly partnered with Virginia's Massey Cancer Center to coordinate the Lady Killer Tour that raised \$70,000 for breast cancer research in Virginia.



"The 1996 tour changed my life," said Schmick. "It was an incredible experience to meet and ride with cancer survivors who struggle every day."

Since then, trying to help people with cancer has been a mission for Schmick and Matherly. "Almost 500,000 women each year are diagnosed with breast cancer and more than 44,000 women will die this year from the disease. In addition, more than 1,000 men each year are diagnosed with breast cancer as well. We hope in the future to be able to educate both women and men about the importance of early detection," Matherly said.

Both Schmick and Matherly want people to know that they don't have to ride a motorcycle to help. "We will accept all contributions, both in time and money," said Schmick.

Anyone interested in learning more about VaMAC or to make a contribution, may call Schmick or Matherly at 763-1993, by E-mail at lizbeth@richmond.infi.net or by writing VaMAC, P.O. Box 4336, Midlothian, Va. 23112.

**Resident helps needy in Dominican Republic**



Members of Woodlake United Methodist Church make a difference in the Dominican Republic. Susan Custer is at the far left.

By Harriet Coppins  
Copy Editor

Susan Custer of Stoney Ridge Road recently returned from a goodwill mission to the Dominican Republic and was overwhelmed by her experience. She said, "I naively thought that we were going to teach the natives, but they had more to teach us than we believed possible."

The idea for the trip began to take root after Dr. Hugh Helmsley, a member of the Woodlake United Methodist Church, had twice gone to Haiti with other church groups to help the impoverished people. He told the pastor Dr. Dennis Perry, "Our church can help, too," and a year ago, members of the congregation began to make plans. Instead of Haiti, the destination became Cambita in the Dominican Republic and Woodlake residents Pam and Bob Chase, Sue Scheffler and "T" Butz along with Emmanuel Austin and translator Mauricio Ramirez volunteered to accompany Helmsley and Brandermill volunteer Susan Custer. Each volunteer pledged to pay \$850 to cover individual expenses.

The Woodlake Methodist Church members, on the other hand, began to solicit money, children's clothing, school supplies, over-the-counter medicines, and tons of vitamins. They also purchased 2,000 prescriptions. The church members donated money for the construction of a church school for the Evangelical Church of Cambita.

The group, flying out of Dulles Airport, left for the Dominican Republic on Mother's Day. They arrived in Cambita and residents swarmed their van. "There was a warm, warm welcome," says Custer. Food was endless and the families in the village provided

for every need."

For four days the Woodlake Methodist Church volunteers worked in the medical clinic. In that short time, 600 people came through the doors suffering mainly from parasitic infections and malnutrition. Dr. Helmsley reattached one man's torn heel and treated another man's severe burns.

Meanwhile, another church group who had joined the Woodlake church members worked on building the local church school. Everyone was touched at seeing the people hammering reused nails they had saved.

On Saturday, the volunteers toured Santa Domingo and on Sunday, they attended two two-hour church services. On Monday, May 17 they

started their return trip home.

According to Custer, there was at least one volunteer who did not make the trip but did his part by staying home. Susan's husband, Jeff Custer, took the week off from work to take care of their two children, 6-year-old Brad and 4-year-old Anne. Jeff said he was as eager as Susan was to make the trip but knew her mind would only be at ease if he were home with the children.

Those who went to the Dominican Republic say they will never forget their experiences. Custer said, "They truly practiced their Bible teachings—everybody working for the same God. They had already learned the most valuable of all lessons."

**Friends of Libray honor volunteers**

The Friends of the Chesterfield County Public Library held its annual meeting on May 10. President Mary Ann Harmon presented award certificates for special contributions to the organization to nine volunteers who handle regular counting of the coin received through the copy vending service and the typewriter service which contribute the bulk of the county Friends' budget.

Among those recognized for outstanding service was Brandermill resident Ted Hunt—Clover Hill Library.

Popular author Dorothy Rice was the keynote speaker. She shared her experiences in writing poetry and

memoirs. Her most recent release is "The Seventeenth Child," a collaboration with her mother, Lucille Mabel Walthal Payne.

A report of the Friends' contributions to the library goals and plans for the celebration of the organization's 30th anniversary was included in a brief meeting as well as the election and installation of new board members. Elected to serve a three year term are Dr. Lynne Foreman and A.F. "Duff" Young.

Library director Dr. Robert E. Wagenknecht gave a briefing on the construction of new facilities at Chester and LaPrade libraries. He also

presented Friends' president Harmon with the 1999 Outstanding Friend award from the Virginia Public Library Directors Association.

The Friends of the Library is a non-profit, volunteer organization. Established in 1970, the Friends are dedicated to helping the library achieve its goals.

Public access equipment is made available by the Friends as well as many special purchases such as display racks, classic video tapes, CDs and additions to the book collection. The Friends have been one of the major sponsors of the Summer Reading Program.

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**The Boy Who Cried Wolf**  
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**Summer Discovery Camp Growing Up Green**  
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Advance registration is required. 358-7166, ext. 324.

## Piano students to perform in summer recitals



Rubie Gatlin with her Brandermill students: seated, from left: Garry Moore, Anna Rowe, Eliza Moore and Lauren Glass. Standing: Sarah Dibert, Chris Connell and Kevin Donaldson.

Brandermill piano teachers Rubie Gatlin and Rui Zhang will hold summer recitals for their Brandermill and area students this month.

Gatlin's students will perform an "Old Fashioned Concert in the Park" at Sycamore Presbyterian Church at 510 Coalfield Road on Saturday, June 19 at 6 p.m.

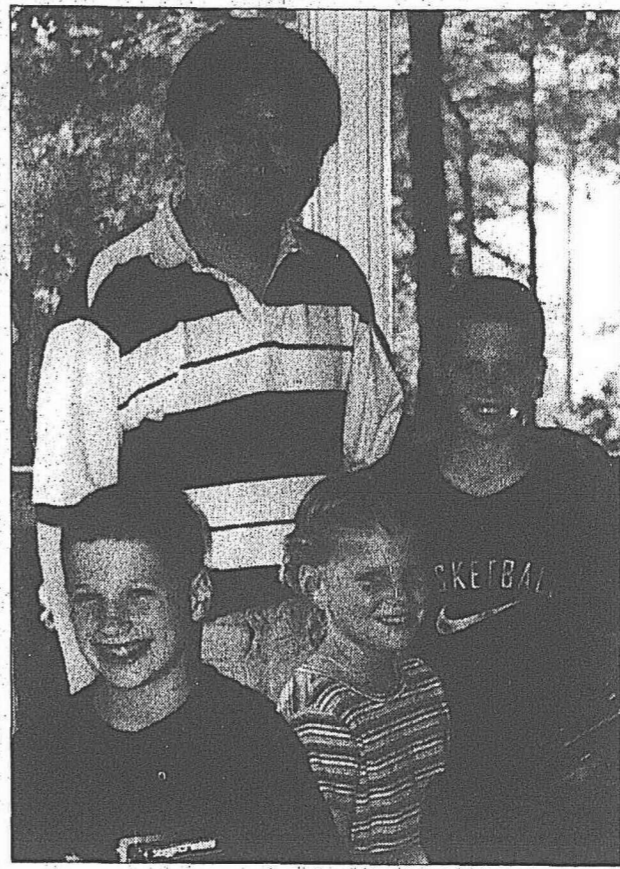
Students, dressed in boater hats and

sun bonnets, will perform solos and duets.

Rui Zhang's students will perform at Jordan Kitt's Music at 10040 Midlothian Turnpike on Sunday, June 20 at 2 p.m.

Both of the recitals are free and open to the public.

For further information, please call Rubie Gatlin at 744-1176 or Rui Zhang at 359-3484 or at the Market Square studio 763-0170.



Rui Zhang with students Erik, Molly and Matthew Risendal.

## For a taste of history visit Cite of Henricus

The 1611 Cite of Henricus, located in the 32-acre Henricus Historical Park, was the site of Virginia's second successful English settlement.

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The Cite, Visitors Center and Museum Store, featuring historic reproduction items, are open Tuesday through Sunday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. The historical park is part of the 840-acre Dutch Gap conservation area, which offers nature-oriented educational and recreational activities.

Henricus Historical Park is a partnership between The Henricus Foundation and the counties of Henrico and Chesterfield, with assistance from the City of Richmond. For additional information and to register for programs, call The Henricus Foundation, 796-2671.

Directions: Rt. 1-95 south to exit 61A (Rt. 10), bear right following Rt. 10 to Old Stage Road (Rt. 732). Go left on Old Stage Road to the intersection of Coxendale Road (at Virginia Power Station). Turn right and proceed east to Henricus Road. Turn right and proceed to park entrance.

## Parks and Recreation offers day camp

A new session of day camp has been added to the array of camps currently offered by Chesterfield County Parks and Recreation throughout the summer.

"The latest camp to be added to Parks and Recreation's offering is a half-day (morning program) called Summer Fun at Beulah Elementary," said Jerome Levisy, community recreation manager for Chesterfield Parks and Recreation. It runs from July 6 - July 16.

"We still have some openings available in many of our full-time camps that run all day," said Levisy. "We also have some availability left in our other morning and afternoon programs."

Openings are available for youth ages six to 12 at the following location: all-day camps at Reams Road Elementary School and Pocahontas State Park; morning camps at Hugue-

not Park, Alberta Smith Elementary and Etrick Elementary Schools; afternoon camps at Bellwood Elementary, Chalkley Elementary and Harrowgate Elementary Schools. "Camps that fit into just about every family's schedule was a primary goal we had in planning camp opportunities," said Levisy. "The range of activities includes everything from learning about sports and games to participating in water adventures such as boating, swimming and fishing to creating arts and crafts

projects," Levisy said. Chesterfield also offers therapeutic camps for teens and young adults through age 21 who have mental retardation or other disabilities. In addition, anyone with special needs can attend any camp by indicating the need for special accommodations when registering.

For costs and more information about summer camps and other youth and teen activities, call Parks and Recreation at 748-1623.

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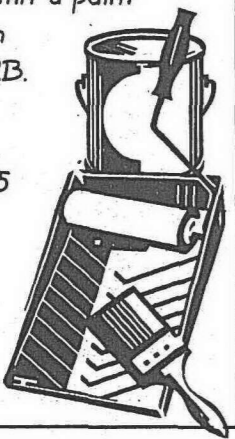
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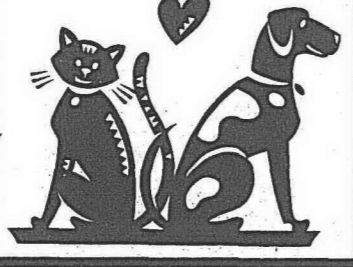


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# Warm Weather Warnings

## Avoid summer illness: grill burgers well

That backyard barbecue people may be planning this summer could turn into a trip to the doctor or emergency room, cautions the Virginia Department of Health. That is if they prefer pink to gray, rare or medium rare to well done in their hamburgers.

Last year 17 Virginians were confirmed with harmful E. coli infections in the days around early summer; three of them ill enough to require several days in the hospital. The culprit - improperly cooked burgers eaten at home and cooked on an outdoor gas or charcoal grill.

"Eating undercooked ground beef is the most common cause of illness from a harmful E. coli strain, O157:H7," says Elizabeth Barrett, DMD, MSPH, director of disease surveillance, investigation and control at the Virginia Department of Health. "Some strains of E. coli do not cause illness, but this harmful type of bacteria can cause bloody diarrhea, abdominal cramps and sometimes fever and vomiting. The most serious possible complication is hemolytic uremic syndrome (HUS)," Barrett says.

HUS, characterized by kidney failure and anemia, is potentially life threatening especially for children under 5, who are the most at risk.

"Outdoor chefs should be aware that grills may not distribute heat evenly and should take extra care that hamburgers, especially frozen patties, are well

done before serving," Barrett says. "Once ground beef has been cooked thoroughly, to a warm brown or gray center, it is safe to eat. The internal temperature of the meat should be at least 160 degrees, and the juices should run clear rather than pink or red," she says.

Symptoms of E. coli infection usually occur about two to four days after ingesting the bacteria. For some people symptoms may consist of only mild diarrhea or be non-existent.

Harmful E. coli bacteria are found in the intestinal tracts of infected humans and cows. Anyone having bloody diarrhea should seek medical attention. E. coli infection can be spread from one person to another for up to three weeks or more, but such a spread usually occurs within families or in daycare situations.

Good hygiene, including hand washing with warm water and soap after toileting or diapering when someone has diarrhea, can prevent the bacteria's spread.

Other tips from the health department to avoid E. coli infection with outdoor barbecue include: Refrigerate meat products. Never leave raw meats at room temperature. Carefully wash hands before and after preparing foods. Avoid cross contamination to other foods by thoroughly washing food preparation areas, such as counters and cutting boards. When at someone else's barbecue, if an undercooked hamburger is served, ask the chef to cook it some more.

## Inhaling Freon can kill

*Editor's note: this is a reprint of an article by Janet Joyce highlighting the dangers of inhaling Freon. Residents should be aware of the practice of some youngsters who attempt to get high on the inhalant.*

A local air conditioning service representative reports complaints by Brandermill residents that their air conditioners are being drained of Freon, the refrigerant used to cool the air. Some speculate that teens are opening the service valves on the units either as a prank, or worse, in an attempt to get the light-headed sensation associated with inhaling the gas.

Freon is the registered trademark of DuPont for any of a series of gaseous or low-boiling, inert, nonflammable derivatives of methane or ethane, used in refrigerants and solvents and as propellants in aerosol products.

The substance used in residential air conditioning units is known as Freon 22, contains methane and chlorodifluoro-ethane, and is considered a toxic substance. According to the material safety data sheet of the product, "inhalation of high concentrations of vapor is harmful and may cause heart irregularities, unconsciousness or death. Intentional misuse or deliberate inhalation may cause death without warning. Vapor reduces oxygen available for breathing and is heavier than air. Liquid contact can cause frostbite."

According to Dr. Khizar Wasti, director of the Virginia Health Department Bureau of Toxic Substances, Freon is an asphyxiant and the danger

occurs when oxygen is replaced by the fluorocarbon. Some immediate results of inhalation may include temporary nervous system depression with anesthetic effects such as dizziness, headaches, confusion, incoordination and loss of consciousness.

In addition to the potential health risk to the individual releasing Freon, just replacing the substance can cost a homeowner \$100 or more. Furthermore, if an air conditioning unit were to run without Freon and the compressor locked, the cost could be up to \$1,300 to replace the compressor.

Homeowners can purchase locking valves for their units or special devices that can detect when someone has tampered with a unit.

Freon is also one of the substances proven harmful to the ozone layer of earth's atmosphere and in 1992, a federal law was passed making it a felony to release Freon into the atmosphere. For that reason, businesses that service air conditioning units are required to use special recover systems to ensure that none of the gas is released. Violation of these regulations can result in fines of as much as \$10,000.

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## Watch out for bungee cords

Virginia ophthalmologists (eye doctors) are warning the public about the dangers of using bungee cords.

The Virginia Society of Ophthalmology recently released the results of a survey of members, disclosing that more than half of the ophthalmologists have treated patients with eye injuries that resulted from using bungee cords.

The colored elastic cords often used for holding luggage together or strapping items to the back of a car are dangerous when an individual aligns his eye along the tension line of the bungee cord. If the hooked end come loose, the end can snap back and

cause serious eye injuries.

The survey indicated that bungee cords cause a wide range of eye injuries. The most common was hyphema, which is a blood clot in the front of the eye. Corneal abrasions and commotio retinae, or swelling of the retina due to impact, were also common injuries. Retinal detachment, lacerations and lens dislocation were also reported.

"When more than half of the Virginia Eye M.D.s responding to this survey have treated injuries from using bungee cords, then there is a serious problem," said Kevin R. Scott, M.D., who conducted the survey. Scott

is a director of the Virginia Society of Ophthalmology. The mission of the Virginia Society of Ophthalmology is to advocate the best quality eye care through education, legislative efforts and community service. Additional information on eye safety can be found on the Society's Web site, [eyemd.va.org](http://eyemd.va.org).

## Buckle up and don't speed

Memorial Day weekend traditionally marks the start of the summer travel season when the potential for motor vehicle traffic crashes increases.

To date in 1999, Virginia recorded a 10 percent decrease in traffic fatalities. There were 179 fatalities in the first quarter of 1999, compared to 199 fatalities during the same time in 1998.

"We don't want a single number added to these totals," said DMV Commissioner Richard D. Holcomb. "With more people on the roads during summer vacations, there are more chances for crashes. But, almost all crashes can be prevented. We want

drivers to be alert, drive defensively and stay safe."

Motorists should follow the following tips every time they drive: Buckle up properly and make sure passengers do the same. Buckle infants and children in approved child safety seats and safety belts correctly. Remember that children are safer riding in the back seat. Obey all posted speed limits. Drive defensively and courteously. Aggressive driving behavior can result in injury and even death. Get plenty of rest before a trip and make frequent stops for rest. Never drink and drive.

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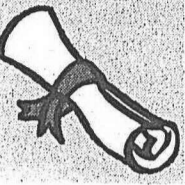
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### Brandermill students receive college honors

Amelia Armstrong, daughter of Barbara and Carl Armstrong of Fortune's Ridge, has been inducted into membership in Sigma Xi, a scientific research society at Kenyon College in Gambier, Ohio.

Nominations for membership are made by Kenyon faculty members on the basis of student achievement and promise in scientific research. Armstrong, nominated for her work in psychology, is one of 32 Kenyon students recently inducted into the society. A graduate of Clover Hill High School, Armstrong graduated in May from Kenyon.

#### COLLEGE CREDIT



Geoffrey Stephen Hamilton, son of David and Betty Hamilton of Planter's Wood, graduated on May 15 from Virginia Commonwealth University with a bachelor of fine arts degree in communication arts and design.

Lindy Parker graduated cum laude from Ohio University on June 12 with a bachelor's degree in telecommunications. She is the daughter of Wendy Parker of Winterberry Ridge.

Colleen Talty, a student in the School of Nursing at the University of Virginia, was named to the dean's list for the fall and spring semesters. She is the daughter of Frank and Juli Talty of Stoney Ridge and is a 1996 graduate of Clover Hill High School.

### Students to attend leadership forums on medicine

Two Brandermill students received the honor of being selected to attend National Youth Leadership Forums on medicine, one in Chicago and one in Philadelphia. They will be among a select group of outstanding high school juniors and seniors from every country who have met the qualifications required to participate in the forum.

David Keeton, son of Gloria and Jim Keeton of Hickory Nut Point, is scheduled to participate in the 1999 National Youth Leadership Forum on Medicine from June 20 to June 30, in Philadelphia.



Keeton is a senior at Trinity Episcopal High School. Keeton was selected because of his outstanding academic achievements and his interest in the profession of medicine.

Denecia Daniel will join her fellow forum students in Chicago for 10 days at some of America's most technologically-advanced medical institutions. Daniel is the daughter of Jacquelyn Daniel of Quail Hill.

Keeton and Daniel will examine state-of-the-art diagnostic tools and future medical specialties in detail, and will have the opportunity to study and learn from some of America's most distinguished medical leaders. Topics that will be discussed include breakthroughs in genetic research, cancer research, AIDS, sports medicine, neonatal and pediatric research, computers in the world of medicine, public health, clinical decision-making and bioethics.

The National Youth Leadership Forum is a nonprofit educational organization which sponsors highly specialized, career-oriented programs for outstanding secondary youth with demonstrated leadership abilities.

### Swift Creek readers go bananas



Director Joanne Sherman prepares students for the fifth-grade chorus spring concert.

By Cathy Maxwell  
School Correspondent

Students at Swift Creek Elementary School "went bananas" over reading. This past January, Principal Don Bechtel gave the students a reading challenge. If they could earn 6,000 points in the accelerated reading program, then he would wear a gorilla suit, eat bananas and read books to the classes. On June 10, he climbed into the gorilla suit when he discovered that students had met and even surpassed his challenge before the end of May.

#### SCES NEWS



Under the guidelines, children had to read a library book then take a comprehension test to check their understanding of the story. The difficulty of the book determined the number of points a child could receive. The points ranged from five to 12 a book. Teachers encouraged students to read by recognizing two, 10, 25, 50, and 100 point milestones along the way.

As if the principal in a gorilla suit weren't enough, third-grade students and teachers wore costumes on Ancient Civilization Day on June 11. The

classes studied Egypt, China, Greece and Rome as part of the Standards of Learning program. Teachers then devised a day of crafts, activities, foods, music, and literature representative of these cultures.

As part of the music program, SCES fifth-graders did their own composing. Each student worked on an original composition to be sung and/or played on a classroom keyboard. Several of the compositions were played for parents on Achievement Night.

Sixteen fifth-graders represented the school at the Chesterfield Fine Arts Festival in April. Students chosen to participate were Teri Dulong-Rae, Kasha Gregg-Ferguson, Malorie Mackey, Jasmine Sadri, Hannah Thornton, Tim White, Laruen Faszewski, Natalie Jacoby, Alex Pagano, Kristen Stannard, Monica Tuck, Elise Garner, Alex Kalata, Khiem Tran, Erin Stueber, and Jason Walter. Violinist Natalie Jacoby accompanied one of the choral selections.

Two long time teachers at Swift Creek Elementary will retire this year. First grade teacher Ann Crothers will leave teaching after 27 years in

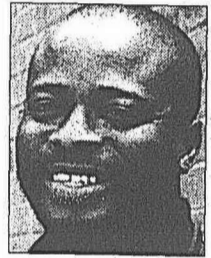


public education, twenty of which were in Chesterfield County.

JoAnna Buckner will retire after 37 years in Virginia public education. Ten of those years have been in Chesterfield County. She taught third-, fourth-, and fifth-grades.



School custodian Bruce Pollard has been recognized by Chesterfield County for saving the life of a Swift Creek Elementary student. Pollard noticed the fifth-grader choking on a chip during lunch. He rescued the boy by performing the Heimlich maneuver.



Pollard has been with the school for five years and is a great favorite with the children, parents, and staff. He is known for his efficiency, professionalism, and good humor, which has been tested a time or two when a retainer has been lost in the lunchroom garbage.

Summer vacation begins on June 17.

### CHES students highlight progress

By Kris Risendal  
School Correspondent

The end of the school year is always a momentous time for students, teachers and families. While the children are excited about swimming at the pool and catching fireflies, they are also aware that new experiences and challenges await them in just a few short months.

Literacy and Technology night held Wednesday, May 26 was a highlight for many CHES parents as they visited the classrooms and perused the students' writings and classroom projects. Students enjoyed showing off how their work has progressed from the beginning of the year to the end. The new courtyard and playground equipment were a big hit as well. Parents saw first-hand the many improvements made to CHES over the year.

New PTA officers for the 1999-2000 school year have been announced. Officers for next year are: Debbie Hickey, president; Jackie Petrozza, vice president of ways and means; Annie Stowe, vice president of programs; Ellen Byrne, secretary; and Peggy Holt, treasurer. Outgoing president John Granger was thanked for his tremendous efforts this year.

The senior day celebration and the

fifth-grade musical, "It's Saturday," held at Clover Hill High School capped off the students' elementary years. At the fifth grade celebration held June 16, students put away their books for a day of rock climbing, an obstacle course, and plenty of laughs.



The CHES spring book fair was a big success as students stocked piles of books for summer reading. Jenny Ownes, a librarian with the Clover Hill Public Library met with students on June 1 to explain the guidelines for the public library's summer reading program. Last summer, 119 CHES students completed the summer reading requirements. Students are invited to visit the library June 21 to pick up a reading log. Completed reading logs will be collected in September in the classroom and a summer reading celebration will be held for all students who complete the program requirements. Students also enjoyed Career Day on June 4, where parents and volunteers shared their experiences in the "world of work."

Eagle Scout Christopher Osterhout can be proud. Osterhout constructed an outdoor classroom at CHES that students enjoyed this spring. He also helped to build the weather station in the CHES courtyard, where ninth-grade CHES students conducted a weather session for CHES second-grade students in March. Osterhout's Eagle Scout honor ceremony was held June 12.

CHES families gathered to celebrate the end of the school year at the second annual CHES family picnic on Friday, June 11 at the Woodlake Pavilion. There were boat rides, ice cream, entertainment, and demonstrations by the Yo-Yo Man.

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### Residents serve in the U.S. military

James J. Quigley, a member of the 1994 class at Clover Hill High School, graduated from the United States Air Force Academy in June and was commissioned a 2nd Lieutenant. Lt. Quigley is going on to advanced officer training.



Quigley is the son of Ivette and David Quigley of Sutter's Mill Circle.

Jennifer Lastfogel will be inducted and sworn in as a midshipman at The United States Naval Academy, Class of 2003 on July 1, in Annapolis, Maryland.



Identified as a blue chip athletic and academic prospect, Lastfogel was recruited by the service academies of Navy, Army, and Air Force.

She plans to major in physics and

after receiving her commission, would like to be a marine corps aviator.

Lastfogel was home schooled through the University of Nebraska - Lincoln and Brigham Young University, earning an accredited honors diploma from the state of Nebraska.

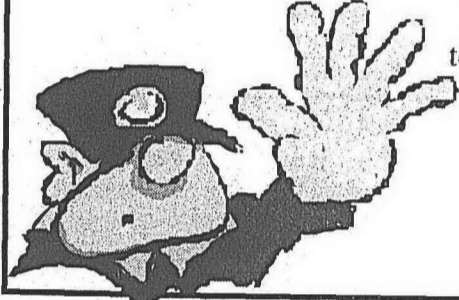
She has a statewide United States swimming top 10 ranking in several strokes. In addition, she represented Virginia on its short course and long course Eastern Regional Zone All Star Teams. She holds several team records and is a record holder in the Richmond Metropolitan Aquatic League. At the academy, she will be swimming on Navy's Division One Team.

Lastfogel's two brothers are currently serving in the Navy. Lt. Jeffrey Lastfogel, a Clover Hill High graduate and a 1995 graduate of The United States Naval Academy, is stationed in Little Creek, Virginia, serving as a beachmaster liaison officer. PO3 Michael Lastfogel, an electronic warfare specialist is serving aboard the USS Whidbey Island.

Lastfogel's sister Laura, a rising senior, is presently being recruited by The United States Naval Academy.

Lastfogel is the daughter of Ruth and Gene Lastfogel of Northwich.

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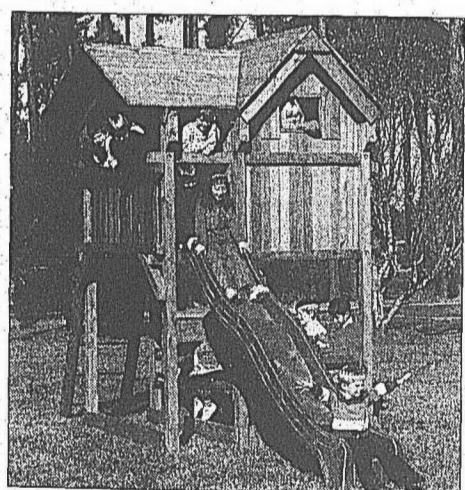
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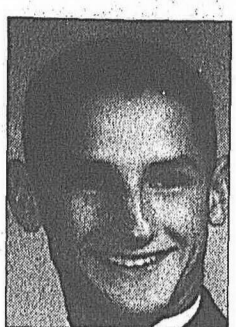
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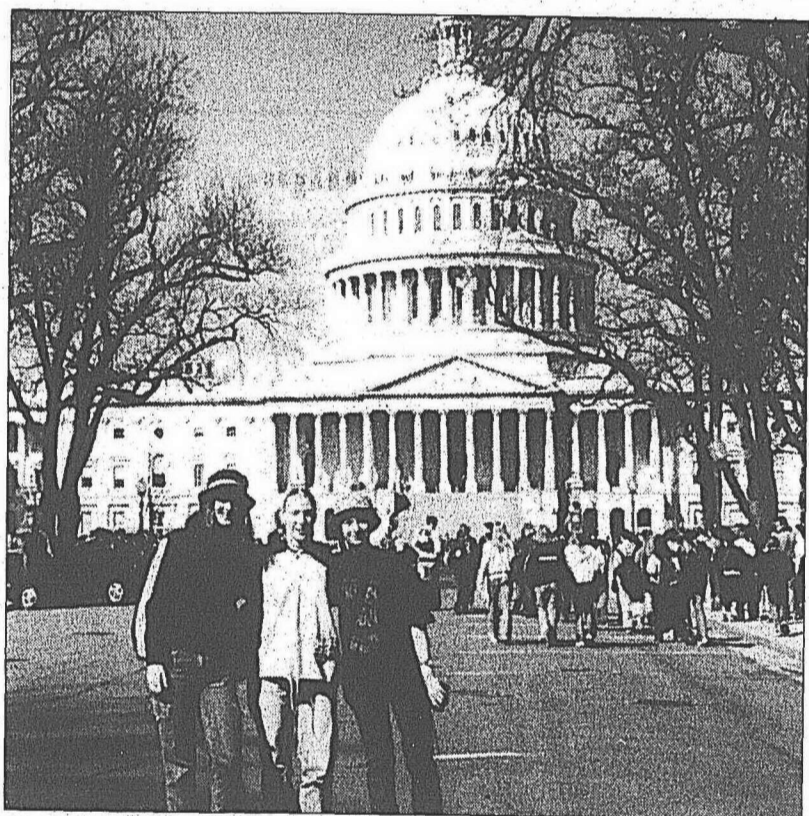
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## German exchange students see the USA



CHHS and German students pause in front of the Capitol.

By Allison Bailey  
Guest Correspondent

Forty-two German and American students participated in the GAPP, a German-American exchange student program. The German students' three week stay in the United States was a busy one. With trips to Washington, D.C., Jamestown, Williamsburg and Richmond, and parties, mall trips, and an All-American baseball game, the German students received a concentrated dose of American culture.

After school days with their partners interspersed with field trips and extracurricular activities, the German students enjoyed a week of spring break vacation. Some host families and their German students went as far north as New York or as far south as Florida for a different look at America. After a week of pure America, minus school, the verdicts came in.

"Everyone is so nice here, even if they don't know you, they'll come up to you and start a conversation. They wouldn't do that in Germany," agreed Teresa Baumgartner and Sandy Tannel, both German students.

Their American hosts, students from Swift Creek Middle School and Clover Hill High School and their parents also received a few lessons in German culture.

"It was definitely a big adjustment, but in the end we were like sisters," commented Marley Dickinson of SCMS about her German student, Julia Stiles. "It was so sad to see her go. I almost cried, but I'm looking forward to seeing her this summer."

Some lucky American students will go to Germany on July 9 to spend three weeks absorbing as much German culture as possible in Erlangen.

Wir haben viel Spaß gehabt! (We had lots of fun!)

## Teachers receive recognition for service

By Harriet Coppins  
Copy Editor

The Chesterfield Education Association recently honored three members of the Clover Hill High School staff for 25 or more years of service. Guidance counselors Amelia Hopkins and Fredia Malarkey and English teacher Patricia Brashears received pins commemorating their years of dedicated service. They were honored with a brunch by Sundays.

English teacher Patricia Brashears has been teaching for 27 years including 16 years at Clover Hill High School.

She has taught kindergarten through 11th grade in several different schools including William Monroe High School in Green County, Walton Middle School in Albermarle County and at Yeshiva Academy in Harrisburg, Pa.

Brashears has served as sponsor for the cheerleading, twirling, debate and step teams.

She has planned and implemented a variety of programs dealing with curriculum and evaluation. Brashears also does homebound tutoring and teaches night school.

She holds a bachelor's degree in English from Bridgewater College and a master's degree in education from the University of Virginia.

Amelia Nespoli Hopkins began teaching in 1972 as a life science teacher at Hermitage Middle School. She later taught Spanish at Midlothian High School where she was the sponsor of the Spanish Club and made sev-

eral trips to Spain and France with students.

In 1979 she transferred to Monacan High School and two years later she took an educational leave of absence to earn a master's degree in secondary guidance counseling. At Clover Hill High School she continued teaching Spanish until she became a full-time guidance counselor.

Hopkins trained and co-sponsored the peer facilitators, a group of students selected to help their fellow students adjust to high school.

A native of Portsmouth, she now lives in Richmond with her husband and two children.

Fredia Malarkey received her bachelor of arts degree in English from Lenoir Rhyne College in North Carolina.

Her first position was as a language arts / social studies teacher in Charlotte in 1970. She married three years later and moved to Raleigh where she taught for over four years. After a short stint in Orlando, Fla., the Malarkeys transferred to Richmond in 1980.

Malarkey earned her degree in secondary counseling at Longwood College and was delighted to receive a position as guidance counselor at Clover Hill High School where she had been teaching English.

Malarkey, Brashears, and Hopkins all say they are very satisfied with their careers.

They take pleasure in the achievements of their students and love to have them return as visitors after graduation.



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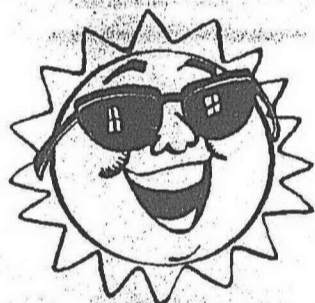
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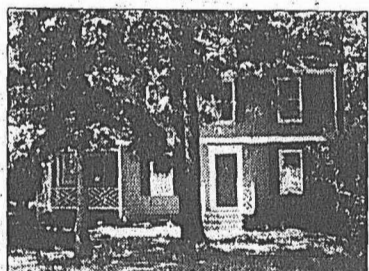
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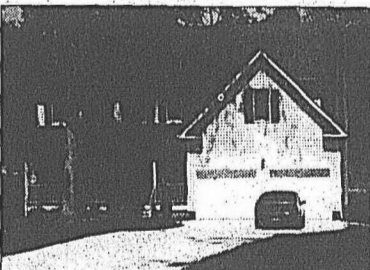
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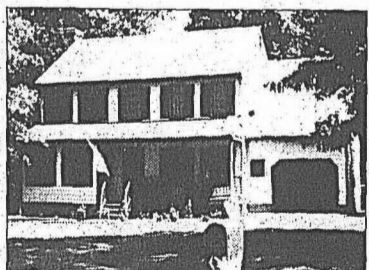
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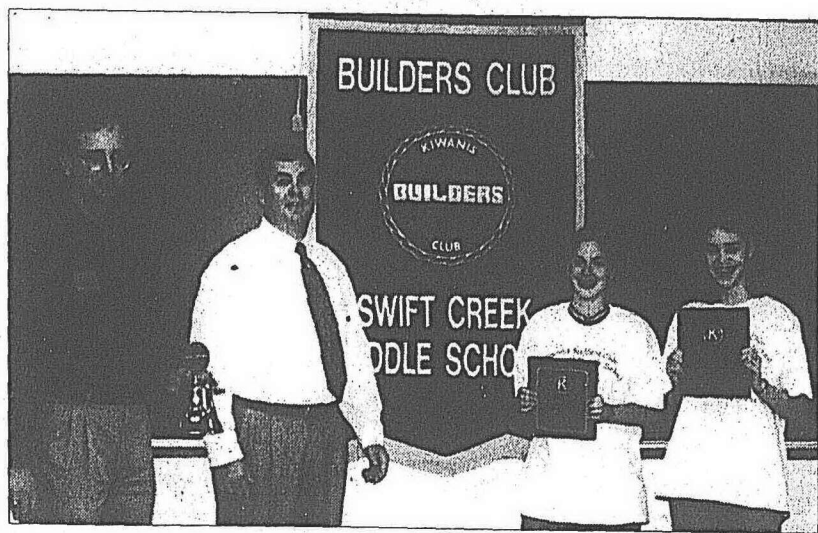
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# Middle School students wrap up busy year



From left: Kiwanis President Mark Dahlinger and Coordinator Tom Gays present plaques to Sarah Barkdull and Blaire Morgan for their 3-year service in the Kiwanis-sponsored Builders Club.

By Linda Burns  
School Correspondent

Students at Swift Creek Middle School are experiencing their own brand of "senioritis" as summer break beckons. May and June swept by with memories of band performances, field trips, Creek It Up basketball, SOL testing, SCA landscaping project in the Joy Brown Garden, the highly touted eighth-grade dance and year-end awards recognizing students for their outstanding accomplishments.



The annual aluminum can drive was a great success again this year yielding 13,000 pounds of aluminum, a 14 percent increase over last year's collection.

Thanks to the efforts of SCMS students, teachers and supportive parents, the science department received \$3,600 from Wise Aluminum which will be used to purchase new lab equipment.

A second check for \$100 was awarded to SCMS for ranking fourth in its Kids, Cans, Plus! recycling con-

test. The top collectors were: sixth-grader Erik Bernier, 185 lbs.; seventh-grader Margaret Ann Moore, 300 lbs.; and eighth-grader Heather Alexander, 167 lbs. These students received \$30 for their emphatic participation. Five classes achieved 100 percent participation from students.

Students in the sixth- and seventh-grades dressed down for field day in May. The events were conducted by Challenge Discovery Outdoor Adventure, a Richmond-based company that offers team-building and adventure programs for groups. The day began with standard team sports, including volleyball, basketball, soccer, and ultimate frisbee. The theme turned comical midway through the day when relays such as ball and spoon exchange, three-legged race, and tug of war highlighted the schedule of events. Kim Livingston, Health and P.E. teacher said the sporting events fostered friendly competition and good sportsmanship among the kids.

The last day of school is June 17 and the eighth-grade graduates will say goodbye to SCMS to pursue their high school goals this fall. Swift Creek's halls will welcome new sixth-grade and returning students on September 7, the opening day of the 1999-2000 school year.

## 1998-1999 Swift Creek Middle School Awards

	Grade 6	Grade 7	Grade 8	Special 8th Grade Awards
<b>Michelle Kao Award</b>	Matt Leahy	Ian Webb	Ashley Albers	<b>Presidential Award</b> (Straight As/three years) Ashley Albers
<b>Straight A Award</b>	Marta Cook Sarah Michalowski Timothy Peng Lindsay Wagner	Timothy Eckard Nicholas Peterfy Courtney Rodeheaver Amanda Slone Ian Webb	Ashley Albers Morgan Jones Ashley Mehrer Rebecca Sampson	<b>Principal's Award</b> Christina Kao
<b>Department Awards</b>	English Mathematics Social Studies Science Foreign Language Physical Education Fine Arts Career Development	Amanda Conner Paymon Khorrami Ryan Finnerty Timothy Peng	Courtney Rodeheaver Ian Webb Justin Connell Brad Nelson	<b>Michelle Kao Awards</b> for Outstanding Achievements
<b>Team Awards</b>	Ryan Bauer (Sea Gulls) Kendall Wallace (Sea Turtles) Austin Andress (Vikings)	Amanda Slone (Waveriders) Christine Cadigan (Voyagers) Courtney Rodeheaver (Sharks)	Marjorie Jacobs (Anchors) Heather Enders (Dolphins) Jessica Childress (Mariners) Ashley Mehrer (Navigators) Ashley Bacon-Ward (Surfers)	<b>Geometry</b> Ashley Mehrer  <b>Science</b> Ashley Mehrer  <b>Foreign Language</b> Ashley Mehrer  <b>Writing</b> Elise Clair  <b>Fine Arts</b> Allison Bailey  <b>Orchestra</b> Lauren Carpenter

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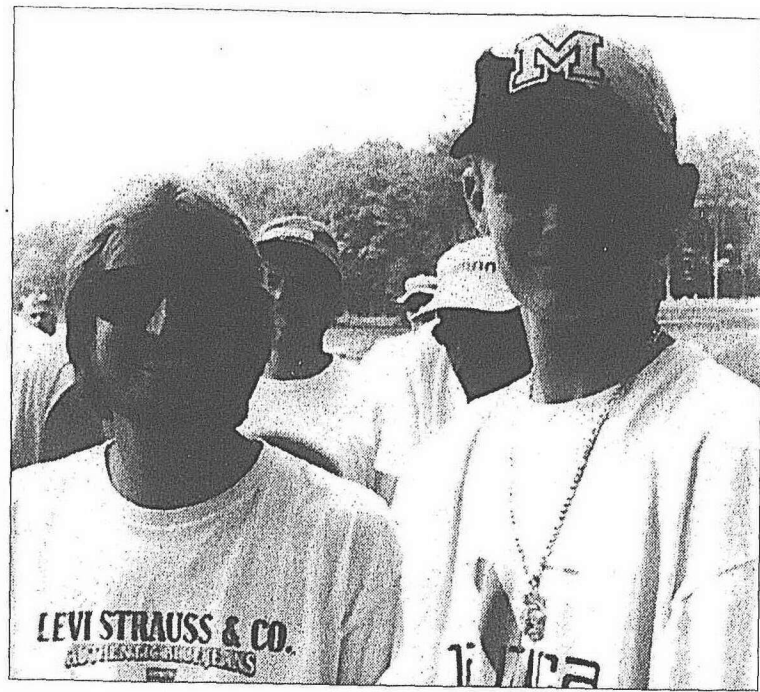
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A warm and sunny day greeted over 90 fishermen at the boat ramp at Sunday Park on May 22 for the 10th annual spring Brandermill-Woodlake Lions Club Bass Fishing Tournament. With temperatures in the high 80s at 1:30 in the afternoon, over 150 pounds of live largemouth

bass were weighed in and then released back into Swift Creek Reservoir, the site of the annual tournament.

First place honors in the four-heaviest-fish category went to the team of Hughes and Williams, who had a total of 15.5 pounds and won \$575.

Clay Williams, on the same team, caught the largest bass, 6 pounds, 7 ounces, and won \$100.

Second place finishers in the four-heaviest-fish category were Ball and Cameron with 11 pounds, 14 ounces, who pocketed \$290.

Smith and Smith placed third for their catch of 11.5 pounds.

The fourth place award went to the team of Farr and Tench with 10 pounds, 5 ounces of bass.

John Smith and his son Justin won the Father-Son category and a prize of \$100 for their catch of 11 pounds, 8 ounces.

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

Members of the Lions Club are planning a fall fishing tournament.

## Jill Hunt is all-star lacrosse player



Jill Hunt

Jill Hunt of Timber Ridge was one of two athletes from the Chesterfield Lacrosse Club selected to participate in the fifth annual Virginia High School All-Star Lacrosse Classic.

The selection, sponsored by the Richmond Area Chapter of U.S. Lacrosse, recognizes Hunt as one of the outstanding high school players in the commonwealth. This is her second year on the all-star team.

During the June 6 all-star game held at James River High School, Hunt scored three goals and made four assists.

Hunt, a senior at Clover Hill High School, will be attending James Madison University in the fall.

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## Career Tracks Start saving for retirement now

**George J. Duva**, managing partner of the Ernst & Young LLP, Richmond office, recently announced the finalists of the 1999 Virginia Ernst & Young Entrepreneur Of The Year program. Among the five finalists was Charles J. Anton, president and chief executive officer, Comtrad Industries in Waterford.

The EOY program is the country's preeminent program honoring leaders of emerging companies. Finalists will be honored and award recipients will be announced at an awards banquet in June.

**Barbara Perry** of Seven Oaks Road recently received the Sidney Supoenig Memorial Award at Steinway Hall in New York City. The award was given for her contribution in helping educate music students in both public and private schools during the past 25 years in New York, New Jersey, and Virginia. Perry is a former student of concert pianist Sidney Supoenig.

In 1955, while a student at Syracuse University, she won New York state's highest award in piano competition held at Carnegie Hall. Last year she presented eight programs in the Brandermill area featuring Midlothian students in piano and string ensemble concerts.

Quail Meadows resident **Beverley Henley** of Magic Special Events, recently earned Certified Balloon Artist status. Henley was one of 22 balloon professionals who successfully completed the series of written, oral, and practical CBA examinations in Chicago. The certification was administered by the Qualatex Balloon Network, a trade organization for balloon professionals. There are currently over 1,000 Certified Balloon Artist professionals worldwide.

Baby boomers beware. Retirement is closer than you think. And, to make matters worse, you may not be able to rely on the government or your employer to fund a secure retirement. There are several reasons for that situation reports the Virginia Society of Certified Public Accountants.

First, more and more companies are phasing out guaranteed pensions and shifting toward defined contribution plans such as the 401(k), where the plan's benefits depend on how much the employee contributes and how successfully he or she invests those contributions. Then there is the widely held belief that Social Security might not be around, at least not in its present form. Add to that the poor savings habits attributed to the baby boomer generation, and there is the need for some serious thinking.

The bottom line is that baby boomers had better start saving for retirement as though you mean it. The sooner you get serious about it, the better off you will be. By employing the following strategies, CPAs say, baby boomers still can achieve a level of retirement security.

Employer-sponsored 401(k) plans that boast tax-deductible contributions and tax-deferred earnings along with generous employer matches are the best hope for millions of baby boomers. If you don't do anything else, contribute every dollar you can, up to the maximum allowed. Also, be sure to make the most of your employer's match. Moreover, if your plan allows after-tax contributions, go for it. You won't get the deduction, but the tax-deferred feature of 401(k) plans means your money grows faster.

Numerous studies have found that employees tend to invest too conservatively. The challenge for boomers is to invest aggressively enough to

overcome a late start but not aggressively enough to seriously jeopardize their future. Most experts agree that with retirement 10 or more years away, you still can invest a substantial portion of your long-term retirement savings for growth in stocks, or stock mutual funds, as long as your portfolio is sufficiently diversified. Stocks are potentially volatile investments, but history has shown that over the long term they tend to be the most profitable. As you move closer to retirement, you can begin to move your funds into more conservative investments.

Traditional individual retirement accounts (IRAs) can provide a good foundation for your retirement savings program. Depending on your income and other factors, your contribution may be fully, partially or not at all deductible. In any case, CPAs point out that the greatest tax savings with IRAs is not in the initial IRA contribution, but in the tax-deferred compounding of interest. The same thinking holds true for Roth IRAs. While contributions to a Roth IRA are not deductible, they too accumulate earnings entirely tax deferred. The added benefit of the Roth IRA is that distributions in general are tax-free.

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You can expect a Social Security check when you retire, but it's likely that the benefit you receive will replace a smaller percentage of your income - and you're likely to find that more of your Social Security benefit will be subject to tax. For an estimate of how much you'll get when you retire, call the Social Security Administration at 800-772-1213 and ask for a

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CPAs caution baby boomers against becoming overwhelmed by what might seem to be an impossible goal. With personal discipline and wise spending, saving and investment choices, baby boomers still have enough time to secure a comfortable retirement.

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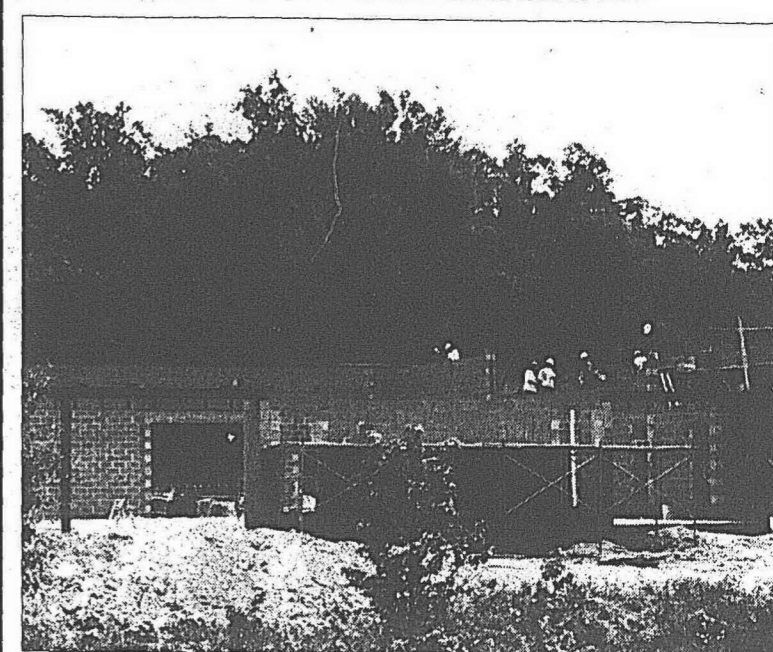
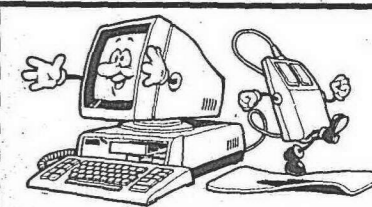


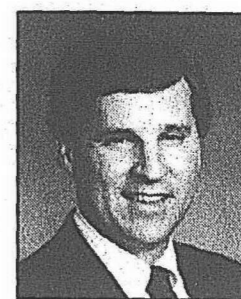
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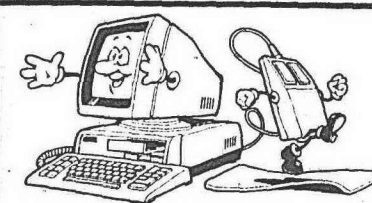


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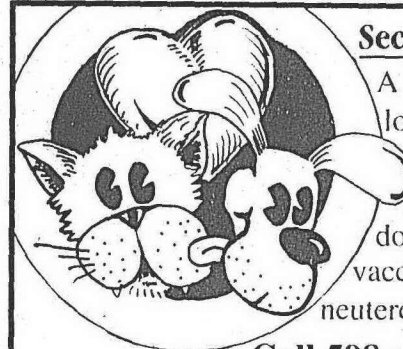
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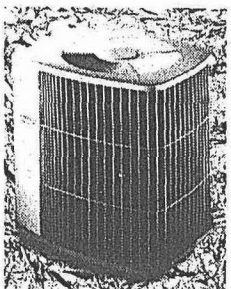


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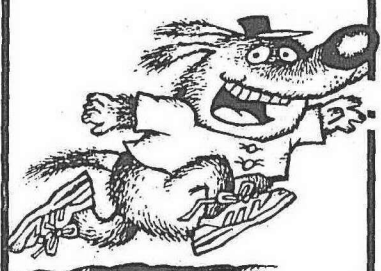
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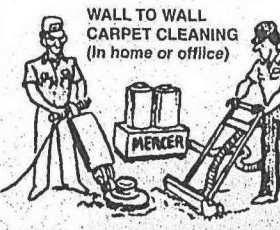
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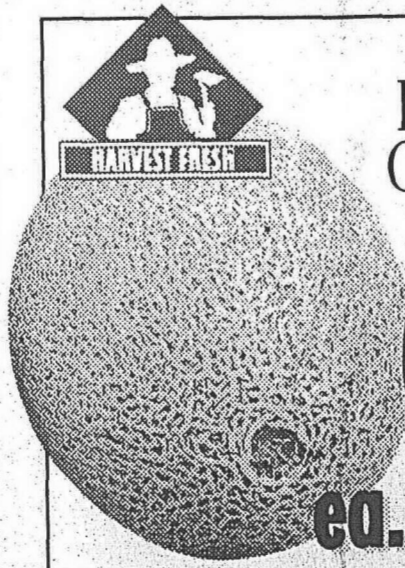


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