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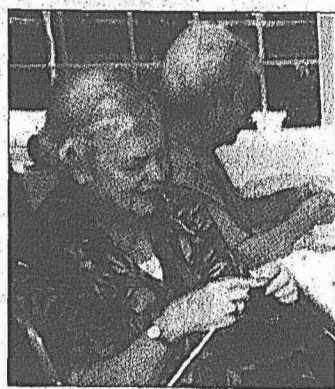
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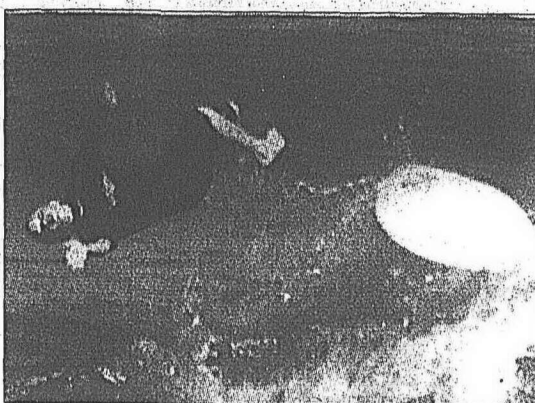
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WEB OF HOPE

Volunteers knit items for people in crisis around the world.

See page 5.



HE'S FLIPPED

Josh Swyers places in East Coast skimboard competition.

See story on page 8.

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Citizens hug a lake

Photo by Wendy Parker

By Kris Risendal
Staff Writer

Shortly after 2 p.m. on September 12, a horn sounded across the Swift Creek Reservoir and its message was heard loud and clear: protect the lake, Chesterfield County's largest public water supply. More than 40 boats were part of the giant "group hug" on the reservoir, sponsored by Hands Across the Lake. Enthusiastic supporters stretched almost a mile of yellow rope across the reservoir between North Beach Pool and Harbour Park in Woodlake.

"It was a wonderful day with plenty of sunshine and smiles on the boats, canoes, kayaks and sailboats that stretched across the lake," said Betty Hunter Clapp, a co-chairman of HAL and the event's organizer. "This event is something fun we could do to show our concern for this water resource. We want young people to realize that this is their battle too," she said.

Boy Scout Troup 890 tied eight sections of rope together, using barrel knots to make sure the rope stayed intact as it stretched across the reservoir.

Working to protect the reservoir from phosphorous and other pollutants is the primary goal of HAL activists. "It is important for residents to understand what is needed to protect the reservoir and to lobby county officials to enact a plan that will do just that," Hunter-Clapp said.

Reservoir Meeting
At a September 30 HAL meeting at the Woodlake Methodist Church, Joan Salvati, Chesterfield County's water quality administrator, presented an overview of a report by the environmental engineering firm CH2M Hill on how to best protect the Swift Creek Reservoir watershed.

"The Swift Creek watershed is 64.4 square miles and approximately 42,000 acres. Approximately 34,000

County," said Salvati. "With 19,000 acres left to be developed, assuming the watershed is fully developed in accordance with the county's land-use plan, this watershed management plan and maintenance program will ensure that this growth doesn't harm the reservoir as a water supply."

According to Salvati, the objectives of the plan include achieving post development phosphorous loading limits of .22 pounds per acre per year and ensuring that .05 millimeter per liter is never exceeded; minimizing the impact on streams and wetlands; and providing cost-effective, minimal long term maintenance. The master plan promotes the use of regional BMPs to help reduce pollution. "The whole plan is due to be completed during the first quarter of next year. Not only will we achieve its objectives, but we are excited about introducing new, innovative environmental technology as well," Salvati said.

BCA Board approves assessment increase

By Wendy Parker
Managing Editor

During the September board meeting, the BCA Board of Directors voted 5 to 2 to approve the proposed budget for the fiscal year 2000 which includes funds for an expanded in-house maintenance program.

In addition, the board voted 5 to 2 to levy a 3 percent increase in assessments. (See budget and president's comments on page 3.)

In a third action, the board voted to accept the bid from Aerations Plus to provide landscaping for the community. The BCA will resume mowing, turf management and litter pickup, duties handled over the last three and one-half years by The Brickman Group.

According to Community Manager Mike Divita, bringing increased maintenance duties in-house will give the BCA more control over special projects and will enable staff to resolve problems faster. Divita says over 40 maintenance projects in the community need attention and the new program will help address those areas. Projects include work on bridges, drainage problems, pruning, tree removal, and dock and deck repair.

Maintenance Director
Divita has named John Barnard maintenance director. He was selected over 30 applicants.

Barnard was BCA maintenance manager from 1985 to 1996 when the BCA Board downsized the maintenance department.

Barnard will assume his duties on October 18. He will then supervise the hiring and training of four new maintenance employees.

In addition to the maintenance department, Barnard will oversee the landscaping program with Aerations Plus.

Flood victims need help

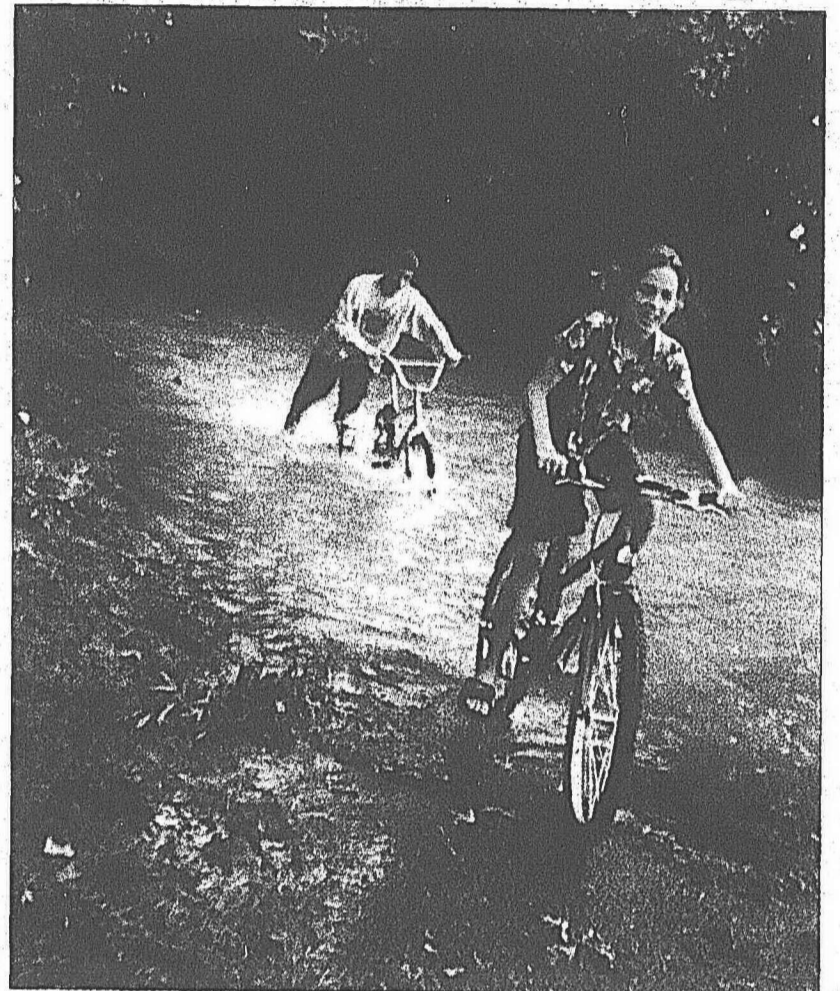


Photo by Mark Smith

While these Brandermill youngsters enjoy floodwaters in Cove Ridge, others in Virginia have lost their homes.

By Wendy Parker
Managing Editor

It is a well known fact that Brandermill and neighboring communities want to pitch in when disaster strikes. Volunteers of Adopt a Family will again collect new household items and cash for a family whose home and contents were destroyed in recent flooding. The family will be identified in the next few weeks.

According to Selby Jacobs, director of the State Recovery Disaster Task Force, the flooding from Hurricane Floyd is "unreal." He said the devastation stretches from the upper end of the Eastern Shore to Southeast Virginia. While the Red Cross and FEMA

step in to help with emergency items, Jacobs said, "There are so many families out there who need assistance. The need is not going to disappear."

In order to help victims, please bring donations of new household items to The Village Mill office on weekdays from 9 to 5 p.m. Checks may be made payable to Adopt a Family and dropped off at The Village Mill, the BCA or First Union Bank in Market Square.

For information, please call 744-1035 extension 104.

In recent years, Brandermill Adopt a Family has helped over a dozen families to recover from flooding and fires. All donations go directly to the victims.

Brandermill pioneers — where are they now?

By Linda Burns
Guest Correspondent

Editor's note: this is the first in a series of articles on people who contributed to Brandermill's inception.

Its beginnings were modest. The year was 1973. Headquartered in an abandoned ranch house on U.S. Route 360 where the Market Square sign stands today, the original cast of The Brandermill Group envisioned something for the community of Brandermill far more grandiose than its humble offices. Many company employees became charter residents of Brandermill and experienced growing pains from two points of views—that of developer and resident. Some pursued other livelihoods using their Brandermill training as a springboard for future careers. Others stayed and 26 years later, still draw their paychecks from East West Partners.

Harry Frampton, III, former Litchfield Bluff and Commodore Point resident, championed the Sea Pines resort concept and carried it to Richmond in the early '70s.

Working in River Hills, N.C., Frampton was invited to head up The Brandermill Group when The Sea Pines Co. purchased the land from Angus Powell. Frampton led the original team for the first decade of Brandermill's history. His positive attitude inspired early colleagues of the Brandermill project to persevere despite huge hurdles confronting the company. Environmental issues concerning development on a water supply; a recession and energy crisis re-

sulting in tighter lending practices; a zoning situation that Chesterfield County had never encountered; and perceived market rejection of a resort-like residential community in the "country" all stood in the way of The Brandermill Group's forward progress. Any one of these issues could have brought the project to an end if it hadn't been for Frampton's visionary leadership. In 1985 Frampton became president of East West Partners of Colorado where he develops condominiums, homes, resort communities, hotels and retail centers in the Beaver Creek area near Vail.

Gary Fenchuk, whose name is synonymous with East West Partners, was another off-spring of The Sea Pines Co. who caught the developer's bug while working on Hilton Head Island. He embraced the planned community notion and served as chief financial officer for The Brandermill Group in the early years. Upon Frampton's departure, Fenchuk became president of East West Partners of Virginia. He and his family currently live in Woodlake; their former Brandermill addresses included Litchfield Bluff and Shallowford Landing.

Hank Meyer has lived in the same Winterberry Ridge home almost as long as he has worked for the company. A 23-year resident and vice president of construction for

East West Partners, Meyer was on-site supervising the first bulldozer breaking ground in Brandermill in the early '70s and in Woodlake a decade later. He continues in that capacity today, overseeing the installation of roads, water and sewer for East West Partners projects. His current assignments are Hampton Park in Chesterfield County, River's Bend in Chester, and Gatling Pointe in Smithfield, Va.

Franny Simpson Powell, another transplant from the Sea Pines operation on Hilton Head joined the Brandermill team at the outset. A marketing specialist and native Richmonder, Powell began as Hilbert's apprentice and rapidly assumed the marketing directorship for The Brandermill Group. Twenty-six years later, Powell is senior vice president of East West Partners and the recipient of major marketing awards, both locally and nationally. Her marketing talents have been demonstrated in the communities of Brandermill, Woodlake, and Hampton Park. Powell has also played a dominant marketing role at Eagle Harbour, an East West Partners community in Jacksonville, Fla. Powell's father-in-law, the late Angus Powell, owned the timber land now occupied by the communities of Brandermill and Woodlake, and the Swift Creek Reservoir.

J. Roy Martin, former resident of Litchfield Bluff, was in charge of facilities construction in Brandermill. He oversaw the building of

pools, golf course, tennis courts, the clubhouse, Sunday Park buildings and other structures. Martin was killed in a car accident around 1985. A stone memorial stands today in memory of Martin and other past Litchfield Bluff residents, offering a place for quiet reflection.

Assistant to J. Roy Martin and construction supervisor, **Bob Harris** was among the pioneers of The Brandermill Group and made his home in several Brandermill neighborhoods including Three Bridges, Northwick and Regatta Pointe. Harris went on to become a contractor, building homes in the area.

Today Harris owns a home inspection company. He still calls Richmond home but he no longer lives in Brandermill.

Clark Plaxco packed his land planning resume and made the northern trek to Midlothian from Hilton Head to design the master land plan for Brandermill. As part of The Brandermill Group, Plaxco formulated the land plan for Brandermill and Woodlake before branching out on his own with The Planning and Design Collaborative, Inc. Two years ago, Plaxco designed the new land plan for Sunday Park to accommodate the expansion of The Brandermill Church. Plaxco has since moved to Mexico where he continues to work as a consultant.

The company enlisted **Lee Hilbert** to head up sales and marketing for Brandermill. He later directed sales and marketing efforts in Wintergreen before returning to Brandermill to be a salesman.

Hilbert moved on to become a principal with Bowers, Nelms and Fonville. He is currently president and a principal of Grubb & Ellis-Harrison and Bates, one of Virginia's oldest and largest commercial real estate firms based in Richmond.

Art Warren runs for board



is unopposed for the seat he has held for the past eight years.

Warren said he will "continue the progress the board has made in improving and funding quality education, reducing crime, and holding the line on

taxes by bringing about greater efficiency in local government."

Warren is the first supervisor to hold monthly neighborhood community meetings in the Clover Hill District. He was successful in setting more stringent county standards to protect Swift Creek Reservoir.

In addition, he initiated Swift Creek Fire Station and the Clover Hill Sports Complex.

Prior to his election to the board of supervisors, Warren served on the Chesterfield County Planning Commission and is a strong advocate for planned-managed growth.

Bon Secours gets first approval to build in CenterPointe

By Harriet Coppins
Copy Editor

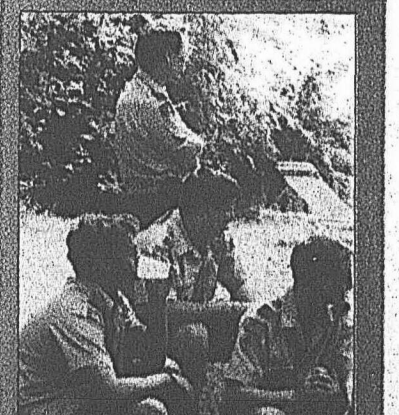
On September 21 the Capital Area Health Advisory Council voted seven to one to recommend approval of a plan to allow Bon Secours Richmond Health Systems to transfer 130 licensed beds from Stuart Circle Hospital to a new 40-acre campus in Centerpointe. On the day of the meeting, Bon Secours Vice President James Goss said, "The arrival of St. Francis Medical Center as a lower charge alternative to the two for-profit hospitals south of the James River will improve access to quality healthcare services in a growing corridor."

In addition, Goss said that St. Francis will "bring consumer choice and beneficial price competition" to residents living south of the James. He claimed that "healthcare costs for

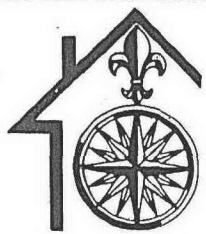
See Bon Secours on page 3.

QUICK TAKES

Tie a yellow rope



Scouts from Troup 890 help after extending a mile-long rope to help "Hug a Lake."



BCA Board of Directors
 John Hughes, President
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 C. Warren Massenburg, 2nd VP
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 Kevin Healy
 Kathleen McSweeney
 Roger Tuttle

**WELCOME
 NEW RESIDENTS**

Arrowood
 Denise FaJohn
 Barne's Spring
 James & Cindy Marshall
 Deer Meadow
 C. T. Wilburn
 Garrison Place
 J. Brian King
 Huntsbridge
 Ed & Cheryl Firestone
 Eric & Michelle Meyer
 Michael & Patty Spencer
 Long Shadow
 Tom & Helene Wagner
 Nuttree Woods
 Charles Smith/Michelle Toth
 Quail Hill
 Napoleon Cloud &
 Amanda Simons
 Sagewood
 Gabe & Eloisa Escalante
 Shady Pointe
 Calvin & Barbara Pearson
 Stoney Ridge
 David & Karen MacGill
 The Oaks
 Matthew & Susan Zontine
 Two Notch
 Dave & Tracey Embry

**ARB
 APPROVALS**

Chimney House - Driveway
 Cradle Hill - Accessory building
 Crosstimbers - Propane screen
 Deer Meadow - Ramp
 Fortune's Ridge - Patio
 Harbour Bluff - Landscape plan
 Harbourwood - Porch and deck
 Pebble Creek - Detached garage
 Quail Hill - Carport enclosure
 Sagewood - Paved driveway
 Shady Pointe - New home
 Shallowford Trace - Carport
 The Oaks - Accessory building
 Two Notch - Deck
 Winterberry Ridge - Garage
 Harbour Pointe - Patio

**COVENANT
 VIOLATIONS**

AUGUST

Violation letters sent 114
 Violations resolved 68
 Green cards issued 47
 Green card resolutions 16
 Hearing Panel matters 1

**UPCOMING
 EVENTS**

Newcomer's Reception
 Gardens Pavilion Sunday Park
 October 13, 7 p.m.

BCA Board Meeting
 Brandermill Woods
 October 18, 7 p.m.

NRC Meeting
 The Brandermill Church
 October 19, 7 p.m.
 Topic: Assisted Living Facility
 & First Union Bank in
 Harbour Pointe

Volunteer Appreciation
 Gardens Pavilion Sunday Park
 October 21, 6:30 p.m.

BCA Board Work Session
 BCA Office
 November 1, 7 p.m.

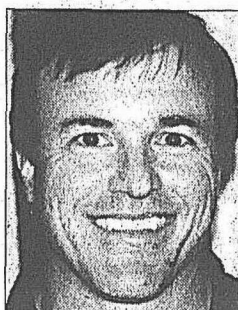
BCA Board Meeting
 Brandermill Woods
 November 15, 7 p.m.

Christmas Choral Concert
 Gardens Pavilion Sunday Park
 December 5, 4 p.m.

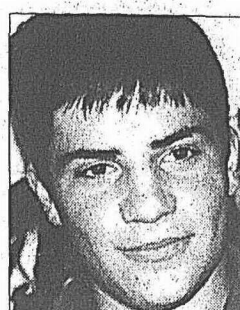
Voice of the people: How important is it to protect the health of Swift Creek Reservoir?



"Protecting the reservoir is vital because it is an important asset to the county as our water supply. We should do everything possible to keep it environmentally healthy."
 Susan Cruse
 Rockport Landing



"We believe water conservation is very important. The Swift Creek Reservoir is the only decent body of water in the Richmond metropolitan area and we need to hang on to it and protect it."
 Steve Noe
 Watch Harbour



"The health of the reservoir is very important seeing as we are drinking its water."
 Gary Wooldridge
 Promontory Pointe



"I think the health of the reservoir is important although I am not fully aware of all the issues surrounding the environmental impact of pollution on our drinking supply."
 Marilyn Downing
 Shallowford Landing



"Yes, it is important because it is such a beautiful lake and we all enjoy it and want to keep it that way."
 Wendy Waldhauser
 Huntgate Woods

In-house maintenance will expedite completion of projects

As many of you know, we have been reviewing our outsourcing contract for the past few months. Currently, the Brickman Group is doing all landscaping including mowing and litter pick-up. At the September board meeting, the BCA Board of Directors approved a proposal to bring a portion of this work back under the control of the BCA. We will continue to outsource the landscaping of flowers and perennial beds; however, the BCA will assume mowing, litter pick-up and turf management. I believe this shift in responsibility is a good balance between meeting our landscaping and maintenance requirements. Under the proposal, we will have more man-hours to address critical maintenance needs. Frankly, many projects within the community that are supposed to be done by our maintenance department are being deferred and our response to resident requests is often delayed. The estimated cost of the proposal will be about the same as the current outsourcing contract. John Barnard will lead our new maintenance department. Barnard was the BCA's former maintenance manager and has more than 10 years of experi-

**MANAGER'S
 DESK**



Mike Divita

ence with Brandermill. He will assume his duties on October 18 and his first priority will be to reorganize the department and to re-establish the BCA's equipment needs by the end of the year. The director of maintenance will oversee the landscaping contract and assist with planning other improvements in the community. More than 30 applicants were considered for the position. Operationally, things will be somewhat different than in the past. The maintenance department will be lighter and more mobile and our equipment density will reflect this new organization. The total number of full-time maintenance employees will be the same as it was before the decision to outsource in 1996. The Brandermill-based company, Aeration Plus, Inc. will assume the community's

landscaping responsibilities on January 1, 2000.

Some have expressed concern about returning responsibility for internal maintenance to the BCA. One of the first things I have pointed out to those who have attended several briefings is that landscaping and maintenance are two different matters. Maintenance includes bridges, docks, parks, drainage, play structures, tree removal, pruning, safety inspections, etc. while landscaping concerns flowers, perennials and turf. In my judgment, we sacrificed some of our maintenance capability for better landscaping. The sole purpose of this proposal is to shift our resources and dollars in order that we can provide better maintenance and response. We recognize that landscaping (flowers) belongs to an outside expert and this responsibility remains unchanged.

In other news, the BCA is nearing an agreement with the other property owners in Sunday Park that will address the paving and future maintenance of the Sunday Park loop road. Included in the proposed agreement is a new interior sign package that may be installed as early as next spring. If

accepted by all parties, it will be the first such agreement in Brandermill's 25-year history. Up until now, the ownership and maintenance responsibilities for the loop road have been a complicated issue. The BCA took ownership of the loop road two years ago and began discussions with the other owners. All of the owners cur-

rently participate in a general landscaping agreement for the loop road. The loop road will be repaved when The Brandermill Church completes its construction project.

Last of all, landscaping design plans are underway for the new entrance into Sunday Park as well.

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.

BCA Board approves 2000 budget

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Brandermill Community Association Board of Directors was held at Brandermill Woods on September 27.

Directors Healy, Hughes, Massenburg, McSweeney, Miller, Thacker and Tuttle and Community Manager Divita were present. This is a summary of the minutes. Complete official minutes are available at the BCA.

ARB Appeal

An Architectural Review Board decision to deny a resident's request

to place a fence on the side of the home resulted in an appeal to the BCA board. After an extensive discussion by the board concerning alternatives, guideline modification and the possibility of granting an exception with limitations, the board voted five to two to uphold the decision of the ARB.

President's Report

The community meeting for Fiscal Year 2000 budget was held Sept. 21 at The Brandermill Church.

The proposed assisted living facil-

ity to be located in Harbour Pointe will be discussed at the Oct. 4 work session. A public presentation will be made at the Oct. 19 NRC meeting at the Brandermill Church.

The letter exercising the BCA's option to purchase the Old Millwood School Site from The Brandermill Church was hand delivered Sept. 20.

Committee Reports

Activities

The Arts and Crafts Show took place on Sept. 25. There were 27 vendors and approximately 400 people in attendance. Encore! Theater will present "The Taming of the Shrew" on Oct. 8 at the Gardens Pavilion at Sunday Park.

CRC

Security and a BCA update are on the agenda for the Oct. 5 meeting at the Brandermill Inn.

Environmental

Joan Salvati will give an update on the regional BMP study at the Hands Across the Lake meeting Sept. 30, at the Woodlake United Methodist Church.

LRPC

The committee will meet late October or early November to begin work scheduling the community improvement projects.

NRC

Representatives of the NRC involved in the "Neighbor Helping Neighbor" program used the \$1000 donated by East West to do home repairs for selected neighbors in Brandermill.

Manager's Report

Community Manager Divita has been working on the proposed Fiscal Year 2000 budget, damage from recent hurricanes and the outsourcing proposal.

New Business

A motion to approve a five percent increase in the maximum annual assessment for Fiscal Year 2000 and levy a three percent increase in the Fiscal Year 2000 annual assessment for each property owner was approved by a vote of five to two.

A motion to approve the Fiscal Year 2000 annual operating and capital/reserve budgets was approved by a vote of five to two.

A motion to approve the landscape contract with Aeration Plus was approved unanimously.

The board entered executive session for the purpose of discussing legal and potential contract matters concerning a meeting with Sunday Park property owners.

If you've got a gripe. . .

Although the BCA has adopted a proactive approach regarding covenant enforcement, this office also responds to resident complaints of covenant violations. While not all residents are comfortable with "ratting" on neighbors, a simple call to the BCA may easily remedy the problem. When notifying this office of a covenant violation, the complainant is not required to provide his name, address or telephone number as all complaints are documented anonymously. However, specific information about the conditions on the property must be reported.

Any conditions on a property must be specifically referenced. Do not say, "The property appears run down, abandoned and a disgrace to the neighborhood." This statement is overly generalized and provides no specific conditions on the property. Therefore it is essential to provide accurate and detailed information. State specific issues such as faded siding, specific areas and types of litter, rusted mailbox, overgrown grass and weeds in driveways, and other pertinent information. Personal information, opinions, and hearsay have no bearing on covenant enforcement policies and procedures.

Having obtained specific conditions on a property, complainants must provide this office with a specific property address. Do not say, "The third house on the right after the sec-

ond turn, just past the brown house."

While we welcome and appreciate resident concerns and comments, misinformation and miscommunication abound from a lack of facts. We strive to respond to and resolve specific complaints. However, providing this office with inaccurate information does not assist in resolving a covenant violation. Should an anonymous caller have left the above described complaint, it would be difficult to resolve as this office could not have contacted the caller for additional information. The caller may ultimately develop the perception that the "BCA won't do anything about this property."

When this office receives specific conditions at a specific address, the property is inspected to determine if the alleged violations are infractions of the general covenants or design standards. Should a violation be confirmed, the property owner of record is contacted via letter with a prescribed compliance date. Should the condition not be corrected, the matter is forwarded to a hearing panel for further review. The Hearing Panel reviews the factual history of the violation and, in accordance with state law, may levy daily fines until the condition is rectified.

Unfortunately, this process may take up to three months and in some cases longer. Meanwhile, as the condition persists, residents may incorrectly perceive that the BCA is not responding to this violation. As the unresolved covenant violation is an ongoing legal matter, facts of the case may not be made public or disclosed to other parties. In some cases, the BCA may seek other legal alternatives in pursuit of covenant compliance. These options include injunctive relief and placing a lien on the property.

**COMMUNITY
 STANDARDS**



Seth McMillan

**Trash Removal Companies
 Leaf Pick-up**

Company	Phone	Free Bags per Week	Cost of Extra Bag per Week	Max. Bag Size
Budget Refuse	230-6193	3	\$1	39 gal.
Huguenot Refuse	794-1377	5	\$1	39 gal.
Waste Management	233-5052	10	\$1	39 gal.

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Sign up today to pay your assessments by MasterCard or Visa

Please return to the BCA

Name: _____
 Property Address: _____
 Credit Card #: _____
 Expiration Date: _____
 Signature (required): _____

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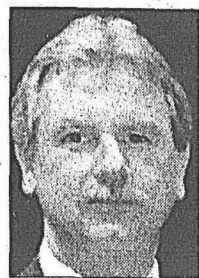
A message from the BCA President

By majority vote, the BCA Board of Directors approved the budget for Fiscal Year 2000, which begins January 1 through December 31, 2000.

Brandermill is home to nearly 14,000 residents and well over 100 businesses. Our 1700-acre reservoir, lush parkways, secluded neighborhoods and numerous amenities provide a quality of life second to none.

Some of the true strengths of a community association are its vision and willingness to do those things necessary to protect its future. Celebrating our 25th anniversary this year, Brandermill is an oasis in the midst of an economically booming region. Within the next several years, Brandermill will see its bordering areas filled with new roads and development. Brandermill will certainly play an important role as development comes, but we must also do those things internally that maintain our life style, environment and ultimately, the appeal of our community. In short, enhancing property values will continue to be a benchmark of success.

Enhancing our curb appeal and adherence to the covenants are equal partners in protecting property values. However, it is absolutely essential that we maintain our assets and infrastructure. We have begun to address our community's maintenance needs. For example, we have made a consider-



able effort to speed up repairs of our bike-trails (nearly two miles will be repaved this year) and we have plans to expedite repairs to other facilities as well. Major

improvements to our amenities are scheduled through the special assessment over the next three years. This represents our commitment to keep Brandermill a place you can be proud to call home.

Funding the needs of the community is an essential ingredient for our success. The budget for Fiscal Year 2000 will meet our reserve fund requirements and pay for the day-to-day operations. We have included a 3 percent increase in the annual assessment rate which was the minimum needed to meet our responsibilities to the community.

Beginning January 1, 2000, we will bring a portion of our maintenance back under the control of the BCA. We will continue to outsource the landscaping work (flowers and perennial beds) to an outside contractor. The cost to make this change is about the same as our current full outsourcing contract. However, with

our own maintenance crews, we will gain more control and flexibility which will enable us to make needed repairs and improvements. Many of these projects have been deferred over the past several years. However, deferring maintenance projects in order to save dollars is unwise and costs more in the end.

I thank the finance committee, the other volunteer committees and the staff for their efforts in preparing the budget and working to keep Brandermill the best community association in Central Virginia. I also wish to express my deepest appreciation to those residents who attended the community budget workshop and the community budget meeting and for their valued comments.

As your fellow neighbors and as elected board members, we often struggle with which choice or direction is best for the community. Our views are sometimes different, but each board member is committed to making Brandermill the very best it can be. My personal thanks go to all of them for their dedication and willingness to serve.

The future is bright for Brandermill.

Respectfully,
John W. Hughes
President, BCA

Brandermill Community Association Capital Budget & Project Summary FY 2000

Estimated Beginning Balance 1/1/00	88,092
Interest Revenue	4,500
Net Excess (from Operating)	138,766
SubTotal	231,358
Expenses:	
Bike Trail Resurfacing	(41,031)
Office Equipment	(4,760)
BCA Office-Asphalt Shingle Roof	(2,800)
Signs-Sunday Park Interior	(6,000)
McTyre's Cove Sun Deck	(3,000)
Irrigation	(20,000)
	(77,591)
Estimated Ending Balance 12/31/00	153,767

Maximum Annual Assessment Levy and Special Assessment for FY 2000

ASSESSMENT CATEGORY	Levy for the FY 2000 Annual Assessment (dollars)	Special Assessment (dollars)	Total Annual Assessment & Special Assessment
Assessment Increase %	3%		
Residential			
Improved	300.80	72.00	372.80
Apartments/Unimproved	224.60	53.80	278.40
Commercial			
Improved (Per square foot)	0.181		
Unimproved (Per Acre)	222.48	53.20	275.68
Self Maintained (Per Acre)	222.48	53.20	275.68
Unsubdivided Land	51.50		

Brandermill Community Association Operating Budget Comparison FY 2000

	Budget FY 99 B	Projected FY 99 C	Budget FY 2000 D	Proposed Increase/Decrease D-C
REVENUES				
Assessments	\$1,201,527	\$1,200,000	\$1,243,911	\$43,911
Other Income	235,063	282,003	245,350	(36,653)
TOTAL REVENUE	\$1,436,590	\$1,482,003	\$1,489,261	\$7,258
EXPENSES				
Employer Costs:				
Salaries	475,136	488,935	622,839	133,904
Contract Labor (Security)	53,000	55,000	53,000	(2,000)
Other (Benefits/Taxes)	101,295	96,126	135,953	39,827
Total Employer Costs	\$629,431	\$640,061	\$811,792	\$171,731
Equipment Expenses:				
Equipment Financing	0	0	32,060	32,060
Special Equipment Purchase	0	0	15,200	15,200
Maintenance & Repairs	6,010	5,000	6,750	1,750
Insurance	4,900	4,900	6,400	1,500
Leases	14,300	12,800	11,641	(1,159)
Other	12,750	12,200	21,341	9,141
Total Equipment Expense	\$37,960	\$34,900	\$93,392	\$58,492
Other Operating:				
Annual Elections	8,000	6,500	7,500	1,000
Architectural Review	22,855	23,500	23,575	75
Bad Debt Expense	5,700	9,000	7,500	(1,500)
Bank Charges	9,000	10,000	10,000	0
Collection Expense	3,200	11,000	7,000	(4,000)
Drainage	4,000	2,500	11,000	8,500
Gen. Repairs and Maint.	23,400	22,000	33,150	11,150
Insurance	14,000	14,700	15,000	300
Legal	22,500	30,000	30,000	0
Mailboxes	7,500	9,000	8,500	(500)
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Tree Removal	11,000	10,000	10,000	0
Utilities	27,700	27,000	30,284	3,284
Community Activities	27,100	27,000	23,500	(3,500)
Landscaping	305,800	305,800	54,140	(251,660)
Non Contract-landscaping	16,000	19,000	4,000	(15,000)
Other	57,275	100,950	43,554	(57,396)
Total Other Operating	\$658,965	\$715,950	\$425,353	(\$290,597)
Operating Contingency	19,895	3,000	19,958	16,958
TOTAL EXPENSES	1,346,251	1,393,911	1,350,495	(43,416)
NET EXCESS/(DEFICIT)	90,339	88,092	138,766	50,674

Brandermill's Home of the Month

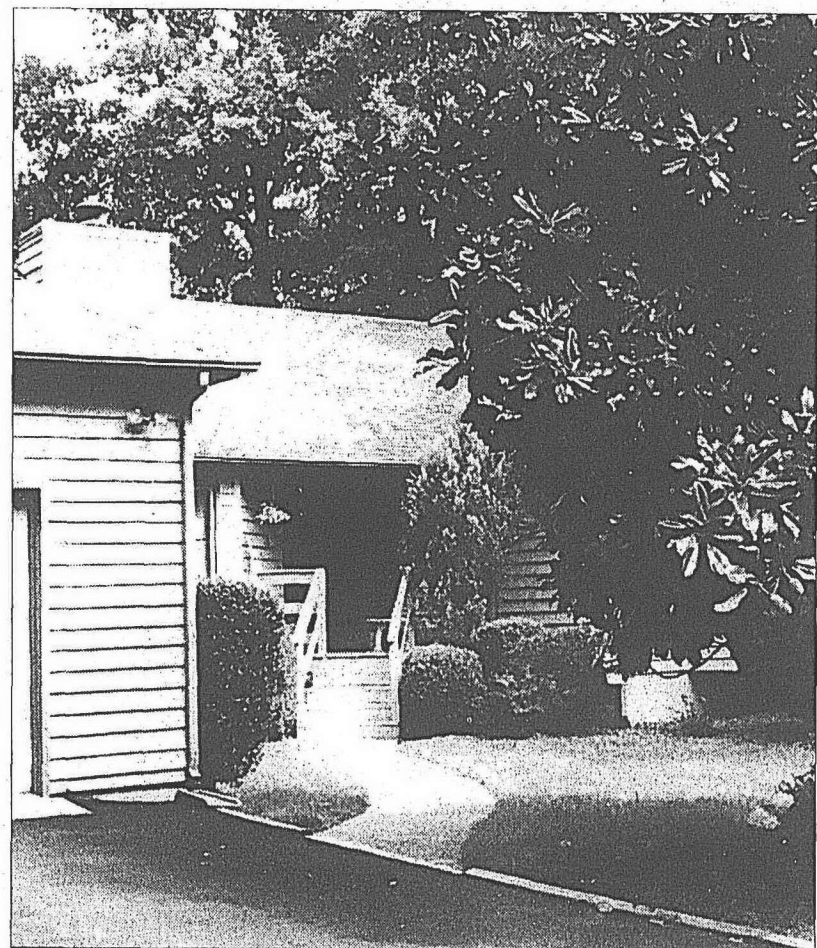


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Dorothy and Roy Smith are commended for their attractively landscaped and well-manicured yard at 14008 Copper Hill Road.

"It's got great curb appeal," commented one member of the ARB.

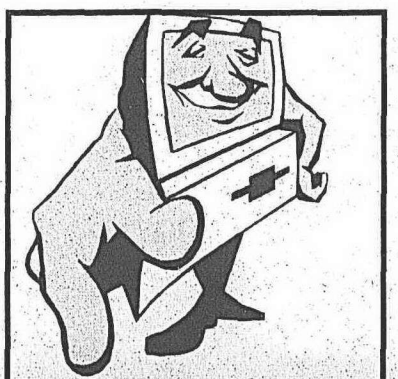
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patients and employers will be reduced by more than \$14 million per year after the medical center opens."

Following the meeting in September, the Capitol Area Health Advisory Council incorporated comments from the public and forwarded a recommendation on the Stuart Circle Hospital relocation application to the Central Virginia Health Planning Agency for its meeting on October 6. This non-profit organization coordinates health-care planning in the region. The final decision on whether to approve the project will be made by the Virginia Department of Health possibly in February. As Goss said, "The first meeting was merely a key step in a long series."

Mark Faust, director of communications for Columbia/HCA Healthcare Corporation said, "We were disappointed at the result of the September meeting but people should understand that the certification process will continue. The process is intended to determine if in fact there is a need for another hospital only six miles away from Johnston-Willis."



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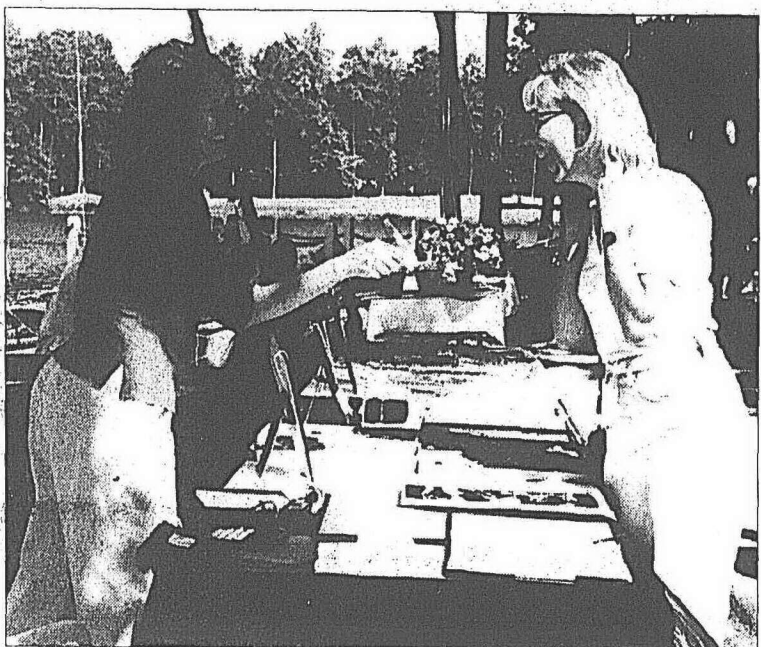
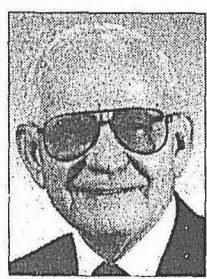


Photo by Dena Sindelfir

Sellers and buyers enjoy the BCA-sponsored Arts and Craft Show in Sunday Park on September 25.

John Cookson receives achievement award

The International Fraternity of Delta Sigma Pi presented its 1999 Lifetime Achievement Award to Dr. John H. Cookson. A 1955 initiate of the Gamma Rho Chapter at the University of Detroit, Mich., Cookson is active in the Central Virginia Alumni Chapter.



He has served in numerous fraternal capacities as a district director, alumni advisor and faculty advisor. Cookson received the Silver Helmet award in 1980 for 25 years of service

to Delta Sigma Pi, and was honored as the South Central Region District Director of the Year in 1998.

In addition to a lifetime of achievement with Delta Sigma Pi, Cookson's career has provided him a lifetime of experiences. Overseeing computer operations for 13 years with Garlock Corporation in Rochester, New York, he eventually joined the faculty and became the Director of the University Computer Center at Virginia Commonwealth University. Retired from VCU, he is a partner in a residential leasing company as well as a member of the board of directors for the Golden Strand Resort in Miami, Florida.

Cookson lives with his wife June in Heritage Woods.

Numerous club activities are open to women

By Lorraine Lauman
Special Correspondent

The Brandermill Woman's Club met at the Brandermill Country Club on Wednesday, October 13. Community awareness and the future growth of Chesterfield County were the topics discussed at the meeting. Guest Speakers were Art Warren, supervisor, Clover Hill District; Terry Sheets, Woodlake community manager; and Mike Djivita, Brandermill community manager.

Members are offered a variety of activity and special interest groups. Following is the October schedule:
Antiques Group will visit Pelham Park on October 25. Members will meet and carpool from Market Square at 9:30 a.m.

Bookies I discussion group will meet October 15 at 10 a.m. The book to be reviewed is "Greatest Generation" by Tom Brokaw. Bookies II discussion group will meet October 19 at 1:30 p.m. and will review "The Testament" by John Grisham.

Members of the Garden Club are invited to attend a social, October 20 at 1 p.m. at the Brandermill Community Center. Following the social, the guest speaker will be Kathy Griffin, from the Chesterfield County Extension Service. The topic will be "The Care of Perennials".

Beginner and Intermediate Bridge, Duplicate Bridge, Day Marathon Bridge, Film Critics, Investment Club, and Quilting Club are some additional activity groups offered to members. For further information about the groups and their activities, please call Melba Brodie, activity chair.

The holiday season is less than three months away, and Tours will be offering a trip on December 9. Members will be able to rediscover the charm of the holiday season in Bedford, Va. The trip will include a tour of Emerson Creek Pottery, lunch at Avenue One, a guided tour of

Bedford, and time will also be allowed for shopping. The cost is \$57.

On November 1, at 10:30 a.m., a coffee honoring new members will be held at the home of Susan Humble. The coffee will give new members a chance to meet the board members and other officers and volunteers of the club.

The November 10 meeting will feature "Decorating for the Holidays." The Brandermill Woman's Club will also welcome the 1999 Christmas Mother, Barbara McHale.

If you are new to the area, or would like additional information about the Brandermill Woman's Club, please call Susan Humble, vice-president membership at 796-4989. The club meets once a month and the cost of joining is \$25.

Flu shot clinics New section of Woolridge Road is now open to traffic

The Chesterfield County Health Department will conduct influenza vaccination clinics beginning Saturday, October 2, and continuing through Monday, November 22.

Clinics will be held at the Health Department, 9501 Lucy Corr Drive, and at various sites throughout the community.

On November 4, the department will offer vaccinations at The Brandermill Church from 8:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.

The vaccination clinic is open to the public. The cost of the influenza vaccination is \$10. Pneumonia immunizations also will be offered at a cost of \$14. Medicare, part B, will cover the cost of both vaccinations. Residents must bring their Medicare card for billing.

The vaccine is recommended for anyone who wants to reduce their risk of catching influenza. However, the health department advises that certain persons, including all persons age 65 or older, persons with chronic medical conditions or weakened immune systems, children 6 months to 18 years old on long-term aspirin treatment, women who will be past the third month of pregnancy during the flu season (November - April) and all health care workers, are at high risk for getting a serious case of influenza or complications and should be vaccinated.

For information regarding the clinic sites and dates, call 768-7499.

Chesterfield County and VDOT have made several improvements to relieve traffic congestion on Route 60 in the village of Midlothian by extending Woolridge Road and upgrading intersections.

Motorists can now access a new stretch of Woolridge Road.

The new section is a 1.5 mile four-lane roadway that runs between Coalfield Road and Route 60. Construction of the new section includes a new signal to facilitate traffic flow at Walton Park Road.

In addition, access to neighborhoods south of Route 60 has been greatly improved by the recent installation of a traffic signal and double left

turn lanes at Route 60 and Charter Colony Parkway.

Within a week or two after the new section of Woolridge Road opens, the traffic signal at Coalfield Road and Route 60 will be phased out. For the safety of motorists, a raised median will be installed at the intersection. By phasing this signal out, the entire traffic signal system throughout the Route 60 corridor from Courthouse Road through Winterfield Road will be coordinated, thus making the traffic flow more efficient through the village of Midlothian.

In the absence of a signal at Coalfield Road, motorists can use the new double left turn lanes on Route 60 at its intersections with Charter Colony Parkway and N. Woolridge Road.

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NARFE meets October 13

The National Association of Retired Federal Employees (NARFE) Chapter 2265 will meet at 9:30 a.m. to noon on October 13 at Brandermill Woods Retirement Community Clubhouse, 14311 Brandermill Woods Trail, Midlothian.

The speaker will be Ken Judy, DFC Alzheimers chair person. For further information please call Lewis M. Gee at 272-5049.

Residents knit "Web of Hope"



Photo by Wendy Parker

Brandermill residents enjoying their knitting session are, from left: Carol Kinghorn, Dorothy Waters, Helen Knowles, Kathryn Spencer and Margaret Butyn. Not pictured: Ann Cooper, Olivette Robinson and Collette Gmitter.

By Harriet Coppins
Copy Editor

When Carol Kinghorn of Fox Chase Drive saw an article in the paper about The Web of Hope, a group of volunteer knitters, she immediately called to offer her services. She says, "Even though I started knitting as a child, I'm not very good. I just wanted to help in any way I could." Kinghorn also noted that when her four children were small, she knitted an awful lot of mittens.

The women of The Web of Hope make knitted goods for people in crisis around the world. In 1994, the American Red Cross honored the group with the International Humanitarian Service Award, the first group in the United States to earn this prestigious recognition.

Over 17,000 knitted, hand sewn and crocheted garments have been sent to the needy in Romania, Bosnia, Moldova, and Russia. The Medical College of Virginia Premature unit has received caps and blankets and patients at the Veterans Affairs Medical Center have received lap robes. Shrugis, caps, scarves, and afghans have been sent to Eastern State Mental Hospital.

The Web of Hope volunteer knitters, stitchers, and crocheters meet in the arts and crafts room of Brandermill Woods. They get together on Wednesday at 10:45 a.m. and Kinghorn says although "we're a small group now, we hope to grow."

The Red Cross supplies wool and patterns, and people and shop owners also donate materials. At present the women are working on a group

project. One of the volunteers is sewing children's clothing and the knitters are making little animals to put in the pockets.

The flyer distributed by the American Red Cross asking for volunteers for The Web of Hope features a poem which includes this stanza: "When we lovingly share our hopes/ They wind together like multi-colored yarn so/ The world is a lovelier place for all."

Carol Kinghorn says she likes the line "...some hope to make their lives count for something," because that's her personal philosophy.

Anyone interested in becoming a part of The Web of Hope may call Nancy Ketner at 798-2027 or the Richmond Chapter of the American Red Cross at 780-2250. Dorothy Waters notes that sewers are welcome to join the group as well.

Maxwell makes NY Times list

By Kris Risendal
Staff Writer

As the saying goes, the cat is out of the bag. Once upon a time, only her family, neighbors, friends and, oh yes, the thousands upon thousands of fans who gobble up every historical romance she writes, knew the truth. Cathy Maxwell, Chimney House's resident best selling author, knows how to spin a tale. On August 29, millions more were let in on the secret. That was the day that Maxwell's latest novel, "Married in Haste" showed up on the New York Times Extended List, making her book that week's 33rd best selling book in the country.

As the author of seven historical romance novels, Maxwell is used to a certain amount of fame and publicity. "Making the New York Times list shocked me, however," said Maxwell, who explained that the list is compiled from the sales figures of books sold at bookstores across the country.

"Married in Haste" is Maxwell's seventh novel, and the first in a trilogy of books about three young women making their debuts on the marriage market in England during the Regency time period. Her boy meets girl books are romance novels supported by historical detail, carefully crafted characters, and, according to book reviews and her audience, exceptional dialogue.

As a busy wife and mother of three school-age children, Maxwell finds free time to write more difficult now that her writing career is firmly established. "Often the business side of writing takes up more time than the actual writing itself," said Maxwell, who had just returned from a week in Toronto attending a book conference. Maxwell usually begins writing at 4 a.m., completing 10 to 20 pages a day to keep pace with her ever-tightening deadlines.

In celebration of the author's appearance on the New York Times Extended List, the Maxwell's recently hosted a party for friends and family. With humor and humility, Maxwell thanked everyone attending for the gifts the Brandermill community has given her family. According to Maxwell, it is the gifts of friendship and love that inspires the love in all of her stories, earning her that coveted spot on the New York Times book list.



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Jennifer Miles marries Ivan Thomas

Jennifer U. Miles, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Willie Miles of Eastbluff Court, and Ivan C. Thomas, son of Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Thomas of Norfolk, were married on July 10 at First Baptist Church in Centralia. Dr. Wilson E. Shannon officiated.

The bride's father gave his daughter in marriage.

The bride's sister, Leigh Ann Miles, and Shunta Fouts, both of Midlothian, were the maids of honor. Attendants were Chandelle Allen of Richmond; Earlena Price of Brooklyn, N.Y.; Lanyea Willis of Sterling, Va.; and Alethia Wilson of Virginia Beach.

The bride's cousin, Aleisha Miles and Jasmine Richardson served as flower girls while the groom's nephew, Lawrence Thomas, Jr. was the ringbearer.

The groom's brother, Lawrence Thomas of Virginia Beach was the best man. Groomsmen were Melvin Anderson of Elizabeth City, N.C.; Keith Davis of New York City; Baron Payne

of Largo, Md.; and Dexter Richardson of Richmond. Music was provided by Edward Tabbanor and Tiffany Miller.

The bride wore a rum pink and ivory gown. She carried a bouquet of peach roses and rosebuds presented to her by a few of her closest friends during a special part of the ceremony.

Following the ceremony, a reception took place at the Bellwood Officer's Club with entertainment by Storming Norman.

After a wedding trip to Aruba the newlyweds are living in Chicago.

The bride received a bachelor of science degree in biology from Virginia Commonwealth University. She is presently a third-year medical student at Northwestern University in Chicago.

The groom has a master of arts education degree in guidance counseling from Virginia Commonwealth University.

He is a high school guidance counselor and basketball coach.



Mr. and Mrs. Ivan Thomas

Old fashioned barn raising?

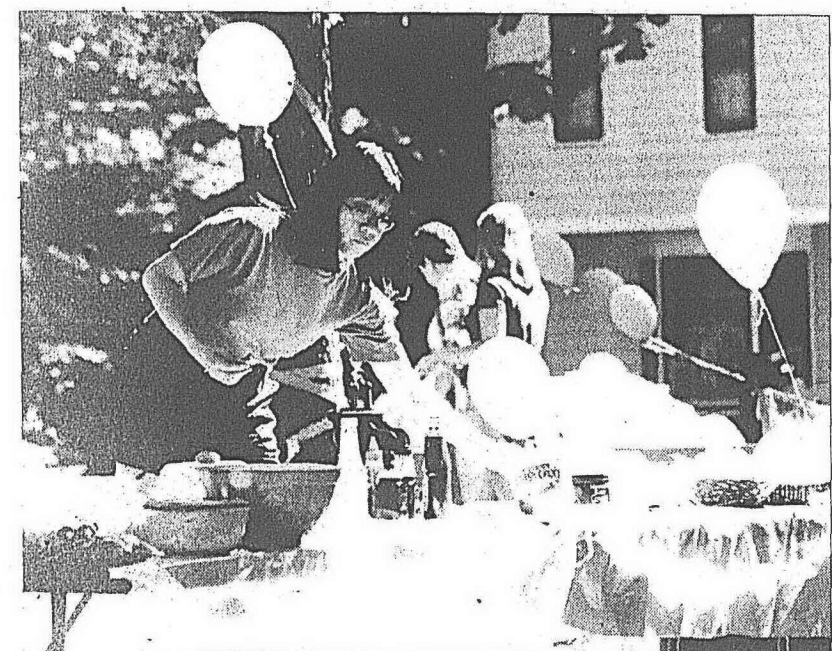


Photo by Kris Risendal

It's party time at the Lang house painting event.

By Kris Risendal
Staff Writer

For most people, painting houses is about as much fun as digging ditches or spreading tar on a hot, summer afternoon. Only someone with an uncanny ability to make even the most laborious chore seem fun would be able to pull off a party centered around paint cans and ladders. These Lang of Barne's Spring is just such a person; when faced with the seemingly impossible job of painting her home, she decided to throw a party, invite the neighbors, turn on the grills, and have a rip-roaring good time.

"In New Jersey, neighbors host house painting parties similar to a barn raising. It's a great way to get together with friends and neighbors and have fun while helping someone with a project that is too big to do alone," said Lang. "I don't know the first thing about house painting and I didn't want to do it myself."

What Lang does know how to do is host a party. Lang decided to throw a 1950's theme cookout and house painting party, inviting everyone in her neighborhood to bring a brush and join her for a busy day of food, music, games, prizes and, of course, painting.

Neighbors were asked to bring a dish to share, ladders, brushes, drop

cloths, and their dancing shoes. Children were invited to paint the shed while playing games "on the green" and participating in a drawing for a crisp \$100 bill. According to Lang, paint plopping wasn't the only activity for adults as well. Besides dancing to tunes provided by disc jockey Bob Bloomfield, lucky painters vied for a chance to win a \$100 gift certificate to Ruth Chris' Steakhouse and other prizes.

"I probably went overboard planning this party, but I really wanted people to have a ball. It wasn't just about saving money and getting my house painted. Years ago in Barne's Spring, we used to hold a fall and spring fling, where everyone would get together and have a really fun party. People have since moved in and out and I thought this would be a great way for neighbors to meet and get involved while having a great time," said Lang.

While the response to Lang's unique invitation was mixed, her enthusiasm for her novel idea of neighbors helping neighbors remains strong. Not only does her home look neater, but there just may be a few more waves of hello from neighbors greeting neighbors. And that is a job well done.

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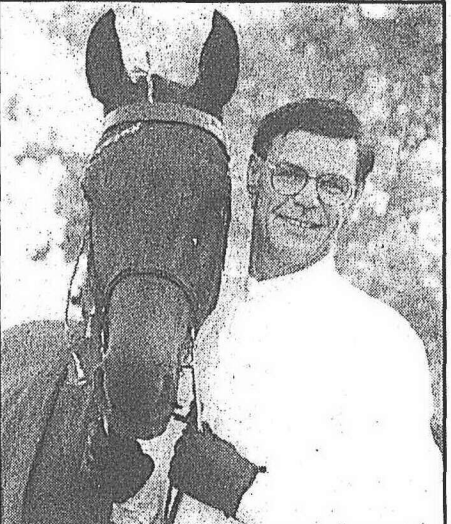
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Journey through learning begins

By Terri Lupien
School
Correspondent

Swift Creek Elementary School began its Journey Through Learning into the year 2000 with a new sign and a great deal of Gator pride. The school's new reader board welcomes 754 students this year, including 90 kindergartners and 110 other new students. The sign was installed over the summer and purchased by the PTA with funds raised last year.

Swift Creek Gators are especially proud of the school's performance on the Standards of Learning tests last spring. Last year's third- and fifth-grade students achieved the necessary passing rates on the SOL tests for the school to be designated as fully accredited by the state. To be fully accredited, an elementary school must have at least a 70 percent pass rate for all tests except third grade science and history. Fifty percent of third graders must pass the science and history tests. Only 6.5 percent of the schools in the state are designated as fully accredited.

Gator pride was also evident at the annual Summer Reading Celebration held on September 24. SCES's "Congratulations Gator" was on hand to celebrate with the 250 students who met the summer reading goal. Each of these students read or listened to someone read for 10 hours over the summer and turned in his or her reading log. The students each received a certificate of recognition and a special book as a reward.

SCES's Chess Club is meeting every other Friday morning before school. Students in third-, fourth- and fifth-grades gather to learn and play chess. Some students in the younger grades with chess playing experience also participate in this group. The chess team, coached by Peter Hopkins, is beginning its second year of competitive play. A chess tournament will be held at the elementary school on Saturday, November 13.

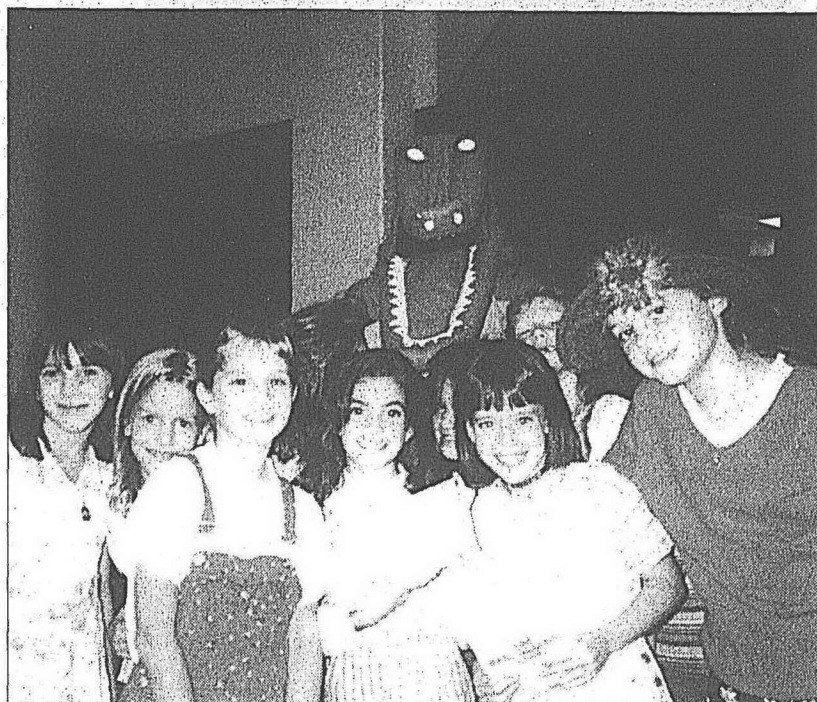
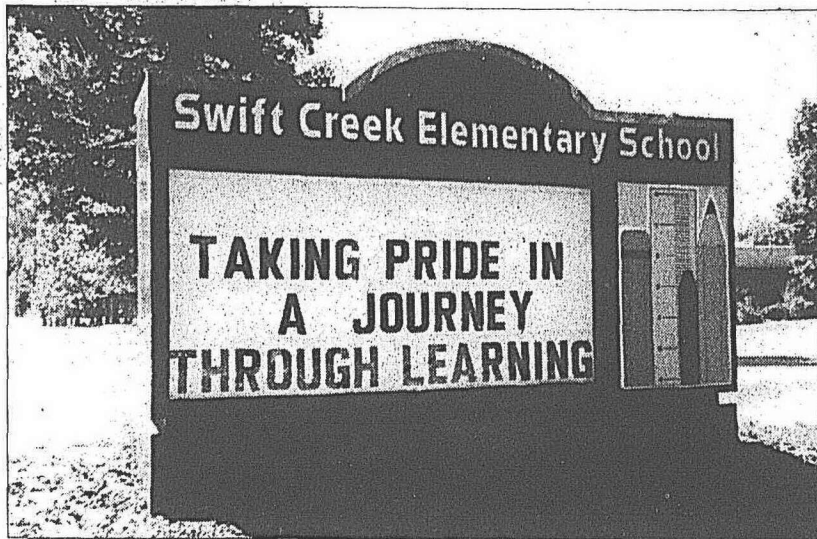
The PTA has several exciting events planned this fall. Vicki Cobb, author of many science books for children, will be visiting SCES on Friday, October 15. Cobb's award-winning, innovative books take science out of the classroom and into a child's world.

The Parade of Pumpkins will be held on Friday, October 29 from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. All SCES students are invited to attend this popular annual event.

This year the fall festival will feature a performance by the Chesterfield Dance Company that will dance to the song "Thriller." The next school skating party is at Roll-a-Rama on Thursday, October 28 at 6:30 p.m. Skating parties are a fun way to help support SCES.

There are many other easy ways to support the school. Newspapers and aluminum cans for recycling can be placed in the bin in the school parking lot. SCES also participates in the General Mills Box Tops for Education and Campbell's Labels for Education programs. Box tops or labels can be turned into the school. SCES PTA can be designated as the recipient of your United Way contributions and as the recipient of your Target Guest Card School Fund-raising Made Simple donations.

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Above, SCES students take pride in the school's new reader board. SCES students celebrate meeting their summer reading goals with the "Congratulations Gator." They are, from left: Catie Emma, Lindsay Thomas, Taylor Coyner, Megan Davis, Elizabeth Sole, Ashley Coleman, Madison Savage and Nicole Morton.

SCMS students to observe Red Ribbon Week

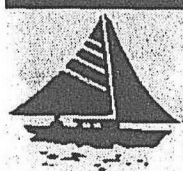
By Mary Kay McCall
School Correspondent

While many school children are planning Halloween celebrations and shopping for costumes, Swift Creek Middle School students will also be observing Red Ribbon Week during the last week of October.

Red Ribbon Week was proclaimed by the United States Congress in 1988, after parent associations across the nation joined together in reaction to the untimely death of a drug enforcement administration agent named Enrique "Kiki" Camerena. Agent Camerena was killed during a high level drug investigation and left behind a wife and three sons.

Red Ribbon Week features an annual campaign to provide an opportunity for students and faculty to join to-

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gether in showing their intolerance for drugs in our schools, businesses, and communities.

Each year, SCMS hands out red ribbons to all participants, and a school-wide activity is planned for each day.

Last year, 147 students gathered on the Field of Dreams and formed the words "No Drugs." An airplane flew over and provided a photo of the event.

During the successful campaign last fall, 536 students pledged never to use drugs.

The school goal this year is to exceed that number.

Student essay contest is statewide

The seventh annual America's First Freedom Student Competition becomes a statewide event for the first time this year. The competition, formerly held in the Greater Richmond, Tri-Cities, and Williamsburg areas, will expand to include all public and private high schools and all home-schooling regions throughout the Commonwealth.

The competition, hosted by the Council for America's First Freedom, offers high school juniors and seniors the opportunity to compete for a \$1000 first place cash award and a \$500 second place cash award. In support of the Virginia Standards of Learning, the event promotes historical thinking and increased awareness of current events, while giving students the opportunity to grow in persuasive writing and speaking skills or in their art expression technique.

Jay McCall of Harbourwood Road, first place essay winner, 1998-1999, noted, "Prior to my participation in the student competition...I was, rather naive when it came to the state of the world today. Reaching deep into the history of religious freedom in America, it was very evident to me that much of the peace and prosperity that Americans enjoy can be attributed to blanket toleration...This is religious freedom a key element in the miracle of democracy."

The Honorable Wilbert Bryant, Secretary of Education, Commonwealth of Virginia, and honorary chairman of this year's competition, said, "One of the greatest tools with which we can equip our students is a clear and powerful knowledge of the important liberties enjoyed by the citizens of the United States of America."

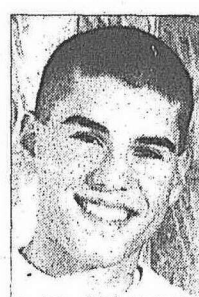
This year's entries will be developed around the theme, Religious Freedom - Cornerstone of Democracy. Students may elect to participate in either the essay category, the

oratory category, or the poster category. All entries are due by Friday, November 12.

Winning students will be honored during the January 14 - 16, 2000, Religious Freedom Day weekend of events held in Colonial Williamsburg and Richmond.

Interested high school juniors and seniors should get in touch with their guidance counselor or an English,

speech, drama, social studies, or art teacher for details and entry forms. Home-schooling students should get in touch with the Home Educators Association of Virginia or their regional director. Information may also be obtained by calling the Council for America's First Freedom office at 804-643-1786, caff@erols.com, or by checking out the Council web site, www.firstfreedom.org.



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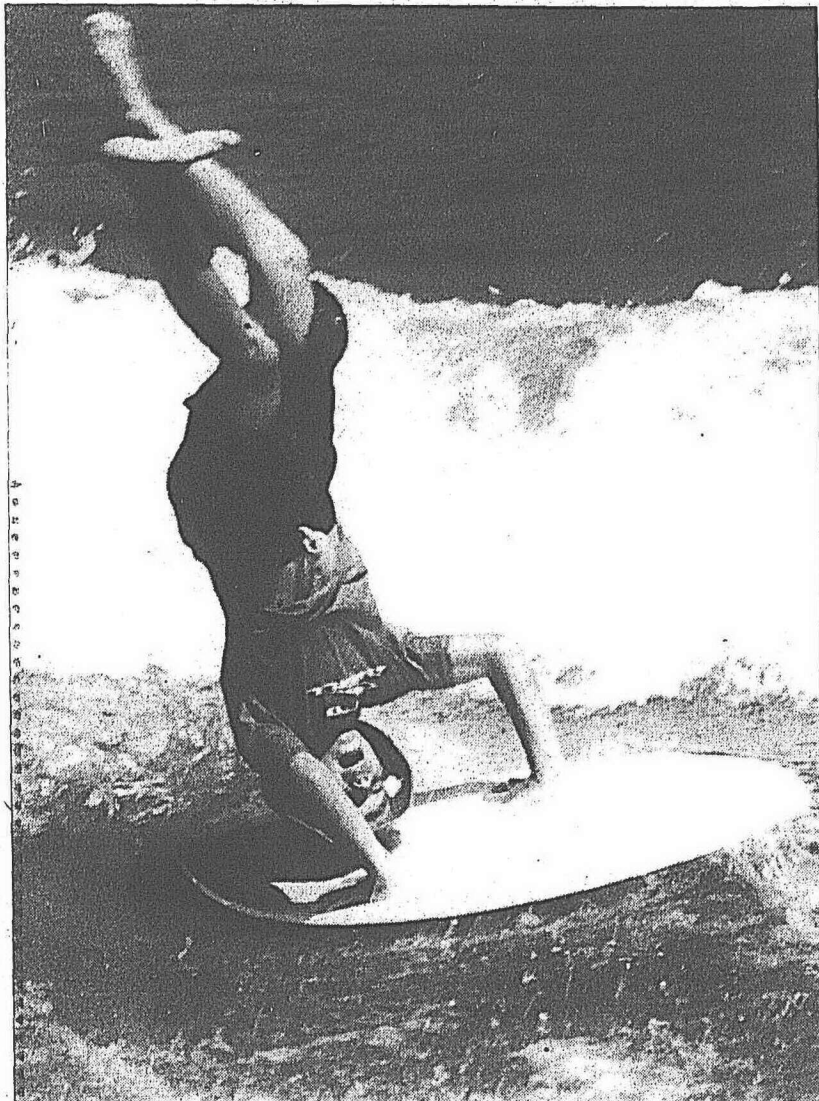
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Josh Swyers flips out on the skimboard circuit



Above and at right, Josh Swyers demonstrates his skimboarding skills.

By Kris Risendal
Staff Writer

There are two kinds of people in this world. There are those who enjoy the view, taking long scenic drives up the mountains, through the valleys, along the shoreline. And then there are those who enjoy the adventure of climbing to the top, navigating challenges left and right as they practice extreme sports played only by the daring. Josh Swyers, age 11, a resident of Sterling's Bridge and a fifth-grade student at Swift Creek Elementary School, is one of the daring. Swyers recently placed second in the age 11 to 13 junior division at the East Coast Skimboard Championships held August 28 through 30 at Virginia Beach.

According to Rick Swyers, Josh's dad, his son is a natural adventurer. "He wants to do everything: surfing, snowboarding, skateboarding. It wouldn't surprise me if he wanted to jump off cliffs or out of airplanes," he said, laughing.

Swyers began skimboarding when his parents spent two weeks camping at Seashore State Park in Virginia Beach three years ago. "I would spend all day skimboarding near the pier, which was closed to everyone but skimboarders," said Swyers. According to his dad, Swyers watched and listened as many of the older

skimboarders practiced their tricks. "Josh took gymnastics for five years, and he would practice his moves on the skimboard 12 hours a day," he said.

This past August, more than 100,000 people were in Virginia Beach to watch the skimboarding championship, which also included championship competitions in surfing and exhibition skateboarding.

"This was my first competition and I competed against 60 other kids," said Swyers, whose portfolio of moves includes such amazing stunts as front and backward flips with twists, headstands, and two and one-half turns, all on a board that resembles a miniature surfboard which skims the surface of the water. Swyers speaks as if mastering moves with such classic names as the "shove it" and a "rap" is easy, all this from a kid whose only fear when practicing them was of hitting the pier. "I like falling," he says, a requirement for all skimboard enthusiasts.

The East Coast Skimboarding and Surfing championships are one of three competitions sanctioned in the country. The other two are in California and Hawaii. "If I'm ever a millionaire, I'd like to go compete in California and Hawaii," Swyers said. Until then, Swyers will be working on some new skills. "My uncle is giving me a surfboard," he said.



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Lions Club hosts bass tournament

Saturday, November 6 has been selected as the date of the Brandermill-Woodlake Lion's Club's Fall Bass Fishing Tournament. As in the past, the tournament will be held on Swift Creek Reservoir and will be open to two-person angling teams who have a boat registered with either the BCA or the WCA. Guest passes are available. A limit of 40 boats has been set.

The entry fee is \$50 per boat with a \$50 first prize going to the heaviest four fish limit, \$100 for the biggest bass caught. Additional cash prizes as well as door prizes will also be awarded.

The Sunday Park boat ramp will serve as the starting location at 6:30 a.m. as well as the weigh-in site at 1:30 p.m. Only electric motors are permitted on the lake and each boat must be equipped with some type of live well. All fish are to be released following the weigh-in.

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

Entry forms which set forth the complete rules of the tournament may be obtained by calling Bruce Johnson at 744-1465. The deadline for entries is November 2.

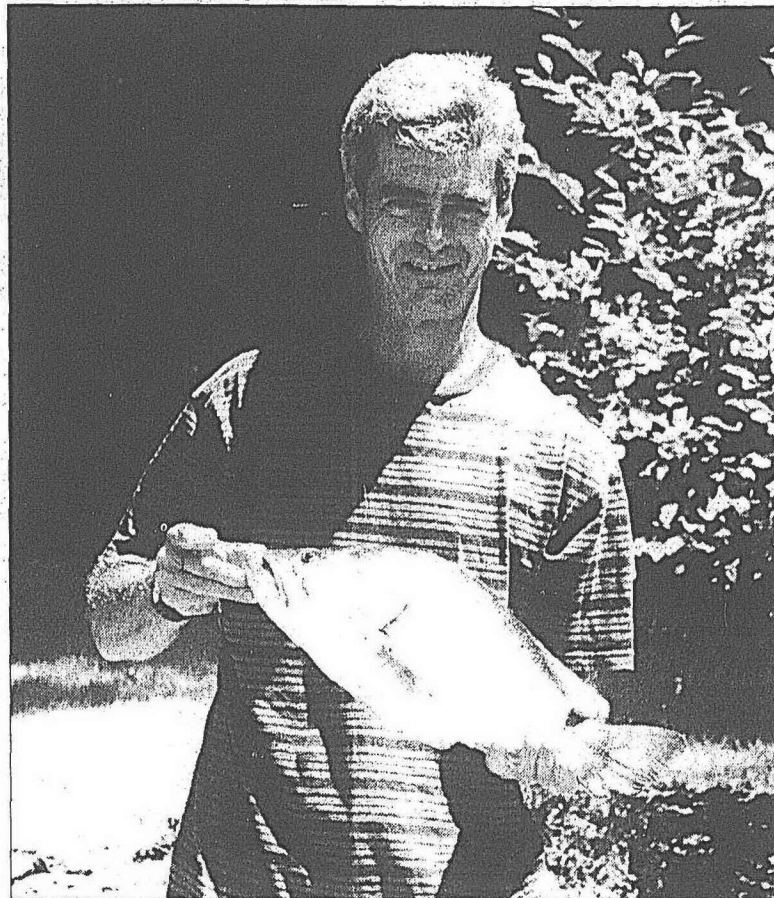


Photo by Kris Risendal
Pat Torpey of Rockport Landing shows proof of great fishing in Swift Creek Reservoir.

WAA holds basketball and cheering registration October 14 and 16

The Woodlake Athletic Association has announced the dates for those who want to register for basketball and cheerleading. The dates are: Thursday, October 14 from 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at the Clover Hill Elementary School cafeteria and Saturday, October 16 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Clover Hill Library meeting room.

To be eligible, boys and girls must live in the Clover Hill Elementary School zone. To play basketball, boys and girls must be 8 years old (by Janu-

ary 1, 2000) to 18, and cheerleaders must be 6 years old (by January 1, 2000) to 17.

A basketball uniform deposit of \$50 is required at registration as is a fee of \$20 for cheerleading registration. In addition, the estimated cost of a cheerleading uniform is \$75.

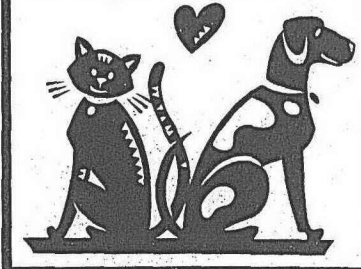
At first time registration, parents must bring copies of their children's birth certificates for the files. Also at

registration, boys and girls will need to be fitted for uniforms.

For more information about boys' basketball, call Dave Curtis at 739-5702 and for more information about girls' basketball, call Pete Lipowicz at 744-7217 or Doug Grosse at 739-7153.

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10-14	G. Wythe - JV only	Home
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Pam Manzi offers custom painting

By Harriet Coppins
Copy Editor

Artistic Avenues is the name Pam Manzi of Fox Chase has selected for her one woman business formerly known as Specialty Painting. Manzi is an artist who specializes in the custom painting of furniture, walls and accessories.

As an example of Manzi's artistic skill, she took an ordinary entertainment center and created an unusual piece. She faux finished all the walnut surfaces using the wall color of the room, then the trim color and then some deeper shades. She finished by adding a decorative three dimensional painting on the front of the piece.

Manzi works with several interior designers and incorporates her work and their plans for their clients' homes. As an example, she complemented an existing wallpaper by creating a hand-painted border.

Manzi says, "I like to break architectural boundaries."

She will frequently continue painting on to a ceiling, the molding, door frames and around corners. Her design may reflect any existing elements in the room. She notes that what sets her work apart "is my attention to detail."

Satisfied clients include the congregation of the Woodlake United Methodist Church for whom she painted the Garden of Eden in the main hall. She recently completed a carousel nursery for an as yet unborn baby, and the parents are delighted.



Photo by Wendy Parker

Pam Manzi custom paints a cabinet door. Below, an example of a mural.

For a couple in Bexley she placed realistically painted columns and urns in an art deco style bathroom.

Manzi says she can devise a decor

to fit any budget - large or small. Anyone who is interested, may call 744-3939 Monday through Friday at any time to arrange a consultation.

Affinity Group opens mortgage office

By Harriet Coppins
Copy Editor

Affinity Group Mortgage opened in Genito Station. There are 11 offices in Ohio and this branch is the first one in Virginia.

Terry and Bobbi-Jo Fleming are operating the local office. Terry has been in the mortgage business for 15 years. He has taught courses in Ohio, the most popular one was "How to Buy Property with No Money Down." In 1997 and again in 1998, Fleming won the award for Top Branch Office.

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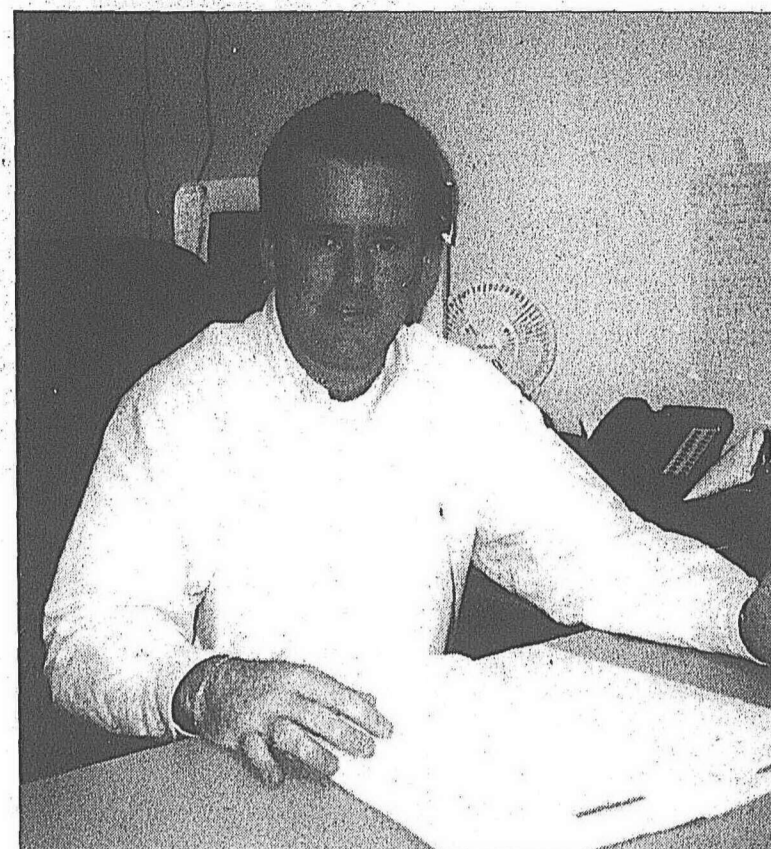


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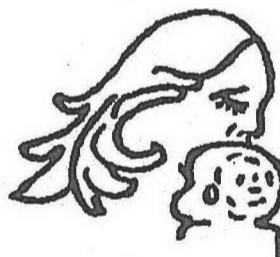
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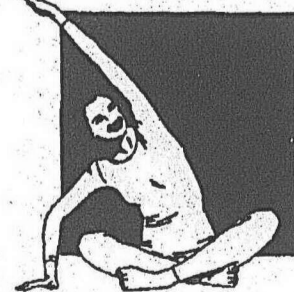


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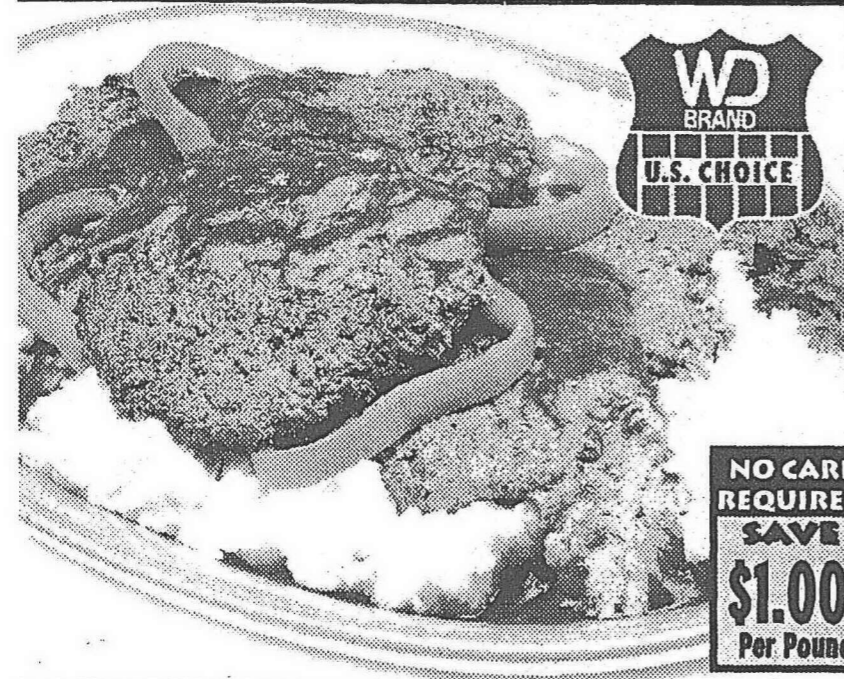
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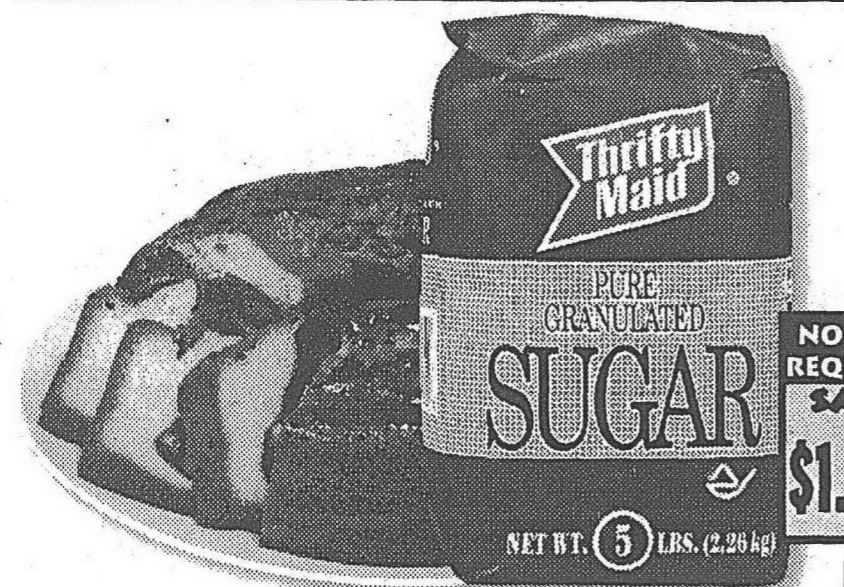
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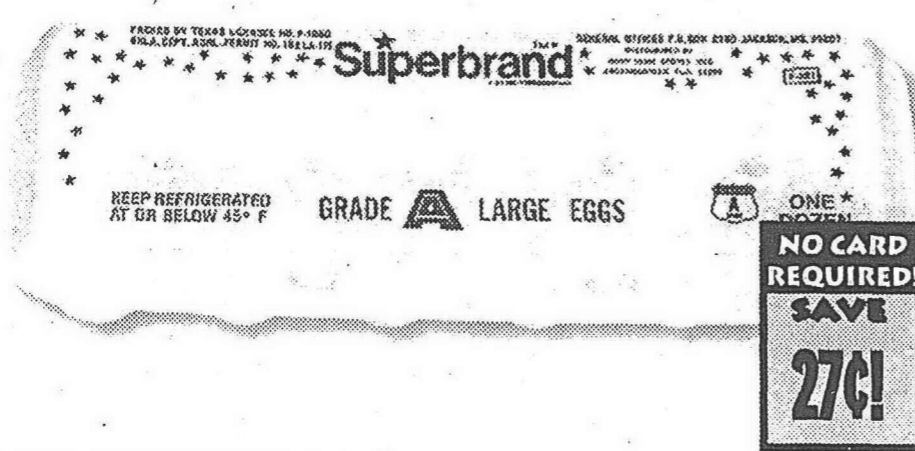


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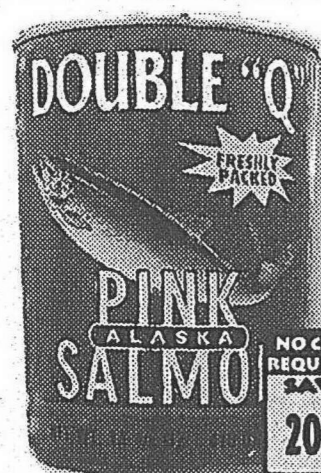
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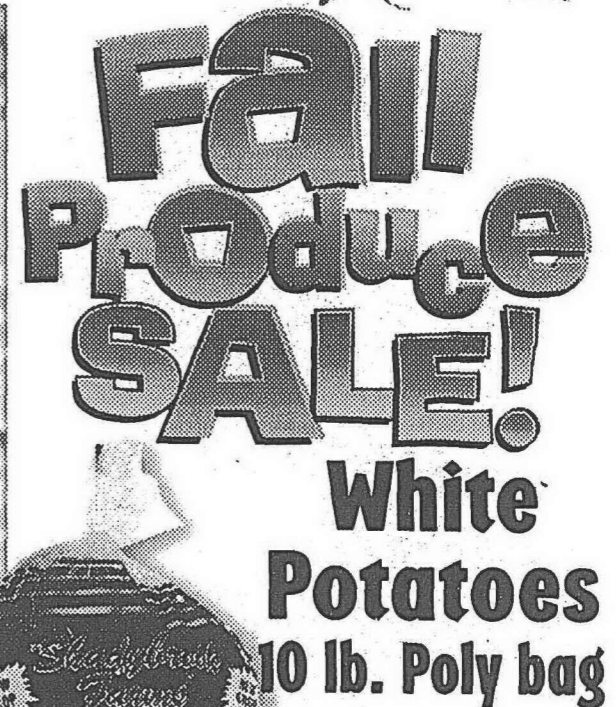
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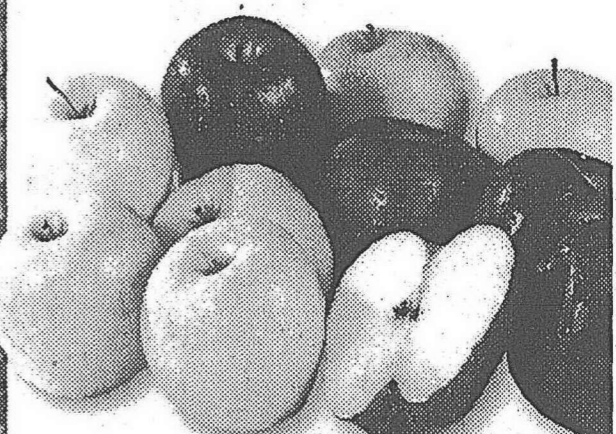
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