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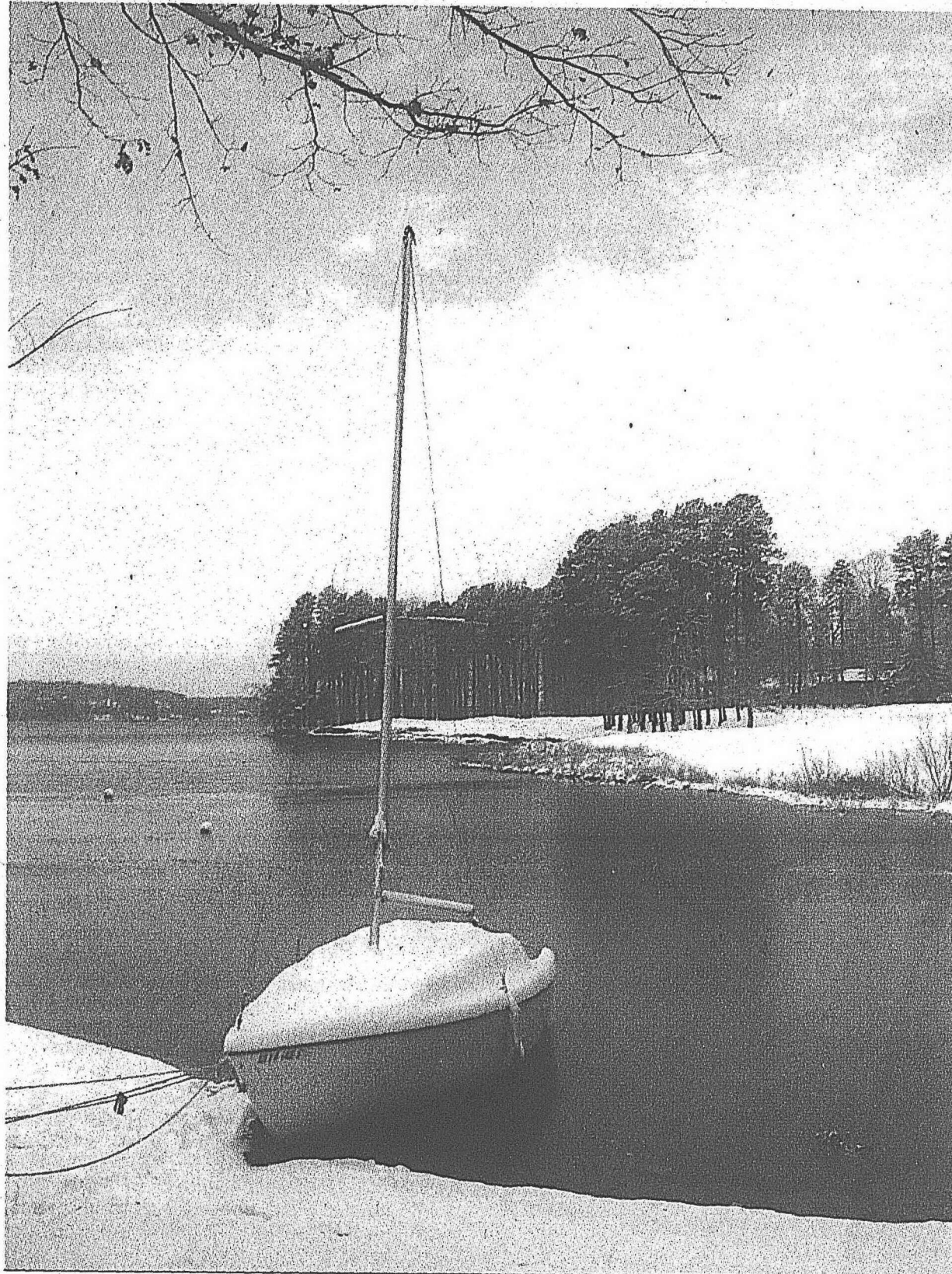


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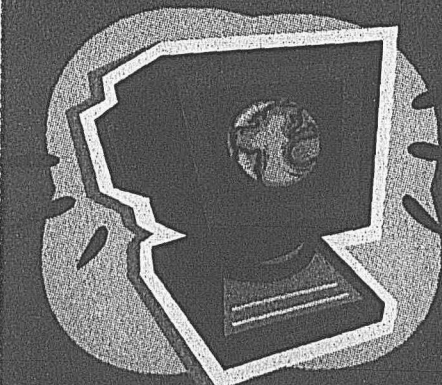
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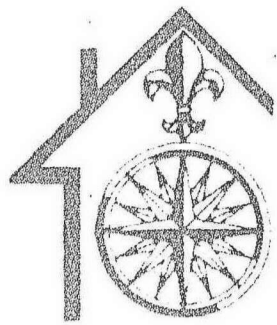
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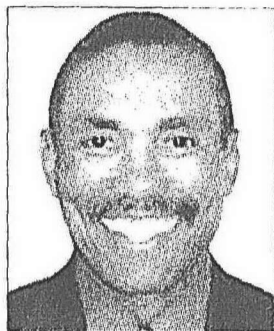


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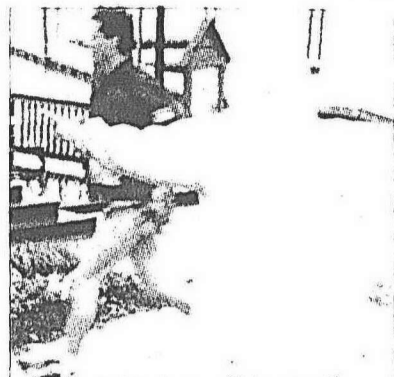
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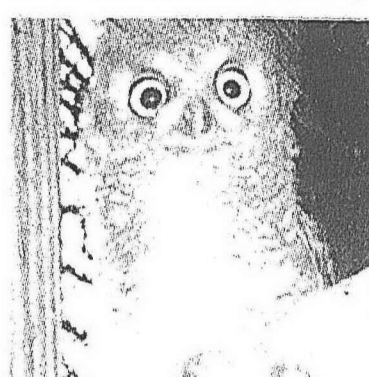
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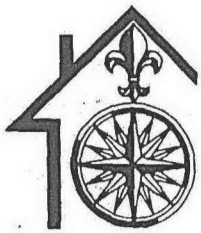
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- Chuck Rayfield, 2nd VP
- Jason Livingston, Treasurer
- Tony Giordano
- Elissa Gellis Mast
- Kathleen Martin

**WELCOME NEW RESIDENTS**

- East Bluff
- Ronald & Leslie Applegate
- Huntgate Woods
- Aleksei Oukolov & Pamela Deligianni
- Seven Oaks
- Laans & Colleen Hokanson
- Shallowford Trace
- Alexander & Judith Walker
- Whispering Oaks
- David & Ginny Wescott
- Woodbridge Crossing
- Eveline Fontana

**ARB APPROVALS**

- Quail Hill - front porch
- Rockport Landing - stakeout
- Poplar Grove - vinyl siding
- Poplar Grove - garage
- Long Shadow - windows

**COVENANT VIOLATIONS**

- Courtesy Notices Issued 19
- Violations Issued 32
- Disclosure Inspections 8
- Architectural Applications 14

**EVENTS**

- BCA Board Meeting  
Brandermill Woods  
February 17, 7 p.m.
- Shoreline Buffer Policy, Meeting  
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February 18, 7 p.m.
- NRC Meeting  
Harbour Pointe Clubhouse  
February 25, 7 p.m.
- Shoreline Buffer Policy Meeting  
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February 26, 7 p.m.
- BCA Board Meeting  
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March 3, 7 p.m.
- Meet the Candidates Night  
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- BCA Home Improvement Sessions  
Harbour Pointe Clubhouse, 7 p.m.  
March 6 - Lawn or No Lawn?  
March 13 - Yard Maintenance
- BCA Wine Tasting  
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March 20 - Tools & Equipment  
March 27 - Exterior Maintenance  
April 3 - Major Exterior Issues

**Voice of the people: Are you looking forward to six more weeks of winter?**



"That's what the groundhog says and it does not bother me. I'm from snow country—Cleveland and Canada."  
Robert House  
Cove Ridge



"I don't want it to be winter anymore. I would like it to be spring for my birthday on March 6."  
Stephanie Sugarman, 10  
Deer Meadow



"Coming from Colorado, I don't mind. The winters here are a lot more comfortable."  
Arlene Tabor  
Barne's Spring



"I want it to get so hot I can go swimming at the pool."  
Colin Ryan, 3  
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"I'm hoping it doesn't snow anymore. I am trying to get a motorcycle and I can't get it until winter is over."  
Bryan Bacon  
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**New committee to discuss commercial land classification issues**

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**December 16, 2002**

Directors Giordano, Hughes, Livingston, Martin, Mast, Moldof and Rayfield and Community Manager Divita were present.

**Member Voice**

HAL Co-chair Tom Pakurar spoke of the importance of controlling new construction in the Swift Creek Reservoir area and encouraged the BCA board to establish a liaison with Chesterfield County. He said a petition has been prepared to delay construction until regulations are brought into compliance with state regulations.

Buddy Whitfield, BCA Pool Committee member, introduced SwimMetro co-owners Dudley Duncan and Kurt Schuster. SwimMetro will manage the BCA pools for 2003.

Nuttree Woods resident Stuart Dodson requested that the pool operations be paid for without a special assessment or with funds from the general budget.

**President's Report**

Community Manager Divita was welcomed back from medical leave. President Hughes suggested an update of Chesterfield County zoning cases be put on the BCA website and/or in The Village Mill. Community

Manager Divita said this would involve additional man hours, but would be investigated in 2003.

**Treasurer's Report**

Treasurer Livingston reported year-to-date revenues are \$49,000 above budget and expenses \$31,000 under budget. There is currently a surplus of \$80,000. Community Manager Divita said the Sunday Park bathroom and boardwalk project was over budget by \$20,000 and that the operating contingency fund had been used to cover the over-run.

**Committee Reports Activities**

Committee members met with NRC reps to brainstorm neighborhood activities. It was decided to look into a series of home improvement seminars and a "Taste of Brandermill" involving Brandermill restaurants. The committee plans to have another activities calendar produced and distributed to residents.

**CRP**

Director Mast said a meeting is planned for late February.

**Environmental**

Betty Hunter Clapp submitted her letter of resignation from the committee to the board. Director Rayfield volunteered to act as interim chair of the committee through the period of the enactment of the buffer policy.

**LRPC**

Director Rayfield reported that Interim Chairman Rick Franklin had signed on three new committee members — Gayle Walters, Paul Robinson

and Cassandra Wright. NAC Director Moldof said 80 new resident bags had been given out.

**NRC**

NRC Chairman Robert Margolis requested a panel of board members to discuss the buffer policy, strategic plan and area development at the January NRC meeting. Directors Hughes, Moldof and Rayfield will make up the panel.

**Motions**

A motion to approve the vision mission and goals of the strategic plan was made and unanimously passed.

A motion to proceed for a March implementation of the shoreline buffer policy was made and unanimously passed.

Two public meetings will be held in February on the policy.

A motion to approve \$1,000 for landscaping labor on the shoreline restoration of a model yard was passed by a vote of four to three. Directors Hughes, Martin, Moldof and Rayfield voted for the motion, and Directors Giordano, Livingston and Mast voted against.

A motion to open North Beach Pool, contingent upon a marketing effort to obtain 400 memberships by February 15, repairs and renovation, was passed by a six-to-one vote. Director Mast voted against the motion.

**Executive Session**

During executive session it was decided to direct legal counsel to research a legal issue involving covenant

enforcement; authorize President Hughes to sign the modified contract with SwimMetro; and authorize legal counsel to pursue a breach of contract collection matter.

**January 6, 2003**

Directors Giordano, Hughes, Livingston, Martin, Moldof and Rayfield and Community Manager Divita were present. Director Mast was absent.

**2003 Pool Membership**

Director Rayfield met with The Village Mill Managing Editor Wendy Parker to arrange for membership information and registration forms to be mailed to the community. A second mailing will go to families outside the Brandermill area in the 23112 zip code.

Director Rayfield said he had arranged for a partnership with Courtside Racquet & Fitness Center and was looking into other businesses.

President Hughes said the swim team has a goal of raising \$7,500. To date commitments have been made, but no money has been received.

Community Manager Divita met with Fountain Construction and is re-evaluating the North Beach Pool repairs. Information should be available for the January 21 board meeting.

**Referendum**

Director Giordano discussed the spreadsheets that reflected several options for addressing commercial assessment concerns. Community Manager Divita discussed establishing a negotiating team to develop a strategy and to determine the issues to be placed on the 2004 ballot. It was agreed that the overall goal is voter equalization between commercial and residential members.

**Manager's Report**

Community Manager Divita presented the new full-color Brandermill map to the board. The maps are being mailed to residents. The 2003 Brandermill Telephone Directory has been delivered to all unblocked paper chutes.

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Bill Fairweather is a new member of the environmental committee.

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HAL Co-chair Tom Pakurar addressed the board concerning area construction and its effects on Swift Creek Reservoir. Pakurar stated that

Chesterfield County Supervisor Art Warren has been a strong advocate of pollution control and requested the support of the board in the form of a 150-signature petition for the re-election of Warren. Community Manager Divita recommended that the board remain apolitical.

Two Notch resident Richard Sheldon expressed concern regarding an article in The Observer which covered the December 11, 2002 Strategic Plan Task Force report. President Hughes said the article did not convey the essence of the meeting.

**President's Report**

President Hughes thanked Community Manager Divita for time spent at the county planning meeting on January 21. Hughes reported that the developer's plan was approved with a four to one vote. The developers will now have their plan go before the board of supervisors.

**Committee Reports**

**ARB/CARB/Hearing Panel**  
Community Manager Divita reported a decline in the volume of covenant violations being reported, citing staff reduction. There are plans for an additional staff member in the covenant enforcement department.

**Environmental**

Director Rayfield said they are moving forward with the proposed buffer policy. Community Manager Divita thanked Tom Pakurar, Betty Hunter Clapp and Director Rayfield for their efforts in developing the plan. Rayfield said the demo property and open space had been planted and will be ready for viewing in the spring.

**Finance**

Community Manager Divita reported that Accounting Manager Darlene Anthony has met with Finance Committee Chair Tom Herr and BCA Auditor Tom Koren of Schu-trumpf & Koren, PC. The annual audit will take place at the end of January.

**Landscape**

Community Manager Divita stated the committee would be meeting soon to discuss spring planting. Director Martin suggested that the LRPC and landscape committees work together. Director Giordano suggested irrigation be investigated.

**LRPC**

The committee met on January 8 to discuss the strategic plan. Each of the goals set forth by the SPFF will be studied. It is recommended that a marketing/communications committee be formed. The LRPC will continue to meet until the plan is developed. It was suggested that a charter be formed for the newly proposed marketing committee. Director Martin volunteered to work on a charter.

**NRC**

Stewart Dodson is the new NRC liaison to the board of directors.

See minutes on page 14.

**Our committee members are heroes**

Volunteers are an integral part of the success of Brandermill and have been since 1974. The need for volunteers in our community remains as important today. During the recent strategic planning meetings, a number of your neighbors gave up two Saturdays and an evening to meet and work for a better Brandermill.

Other committees meet monthly to assist the BCA staff and board in their particular areas of interest. I consider our committee members heroes and they deserve our deepest appreciation. Giving back is one of the most rewarding things we can do to better our community.

This month we are featuring Brandermill committees and their charges. (See story on page 3.) There is always a need for more help and new volunteers are welcome.

**Traffic**

We have held discussions with VDOT about the traffic situation, including safety concerns around the Genito Road construction project.

We are told that construction is ahead of schedule and may be com-

**MANAGER'S DESK**



Mike Divita

pleted as early as this summer. Also, VDOT is studying the possibility of a traffic signal at the intersection of Millridge Parkway and Old Hundred Road. The engineering design will determine cost and if funds are available in the short-term or must become part of a long-term funding plan.

**Buffer Policy**

The new proposed buffer policy has been sent to all shoreline property owners and we have met with a few interested residents for their initial reaction in preparation for two open community meetings on February 18 and 26 at Brandermill Woods.

Based on comments received, the BCA Environmental Committee and BCA staff have modified the policy, which will be sent to the waterfront

property owners before the meetings. Where are the BMPs?

The BCA continues to express deep concern to the county over the lack of funding for the regional BMP (holding pond) plan. While funds for their construction is to come from developers as development begins, there is a delay in accruing sufficient funds to build them. Therefore, construction is still taking place allowing sediment and runoff to enter the reservoir. The BCA and other interested groups have been discussing this situation with county officials to see if a stop-gap measure can be arranged to address this issue.

Clover Hill Planning Commissioner Russ Gulley and Clover Hill Supervisor Art Warren have been very supportive of the BCA and other local organizations that have expressed similar concerns.

Last of all, I wish to express my personal thanks to the many members of the community, the BCA Board and staff for their support during the period I was out on medical leave. It was deeply appreciated.

**Oh, say can you see what so proudly we hail?**

As our country finds itself in critical times with thousands of troops deployed overseas, many residents wish to express their patriotism by displaying the American flag. The Independence Hall Organization offers the following guidelines for displaying the flag.

When the flag of the United States is displayed from a staff projecting horizontally or at an angle from a window sill, balcony or front of a building, the union (stars) of the flag should be placed at the peak of the staff unless the flag is at half-staff.

When displayed against a wall, the union should be uppermost and to the flag's own right — the observer's left. When in a window, it should be displayed the same way, with the union or blue field to the left of the observer in the street.

When festoons or drapings are desired, bunting of blue, white and red

should be used, but never the flag. The flag should never touch anything beneath it such as the ground, the floor or water.

When a patriotic effect is desired, it is suitable to display the flag 24 hours a day if properly illuminated during the hours of darkness.

The flag should never be worn as an article of clothing and should never have words on it. The lapel flag pin should be worn on the left lapel near the heart.

The U.S. flag should be at the center and at the highest point of the group when a number of flags are grouped. International usage forbids the display of the flag of one nation above that of another nation in time of peace. It is acceptable to display historic flags with fewer than 50 stars. The fringe on a flag has no particular significance and contrary to some popular belief, the fringe does not indicate martial law or that the Constitution does not apply in that area.

When a flag is no longer suitable for display, it should be destroyed in a dignified way, preferably by burning. Local VFW Chapters and the Elks Lodge may be able to provide assistance.

**Do You Know?**

1. Who cut the American flag into pieces and was honored for doing it?
2. Is it ever appropriate to fly the flag upside down?
3. The American flag first flew over a foreign fort in what country?
4. A vexillologist is an expert in what?

**Answers**

1. Robert Peary, who left pieces of the flag scattered at the North Pole.
2. Yes, but only in an emergency to summon help.
3. Libya — over Fort Deme, on the shores of Tripoli.
4. The history of flags.

For more information, log onto: [www.ushistory.org](http://www.ushistory.org)



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**BCA sponsors home & garden sessions**

Brandermill Community Association will host a free educational series on lawn, landscape, and home improvement for Brandermill residents.

According to BCA Activities Committee member Patrick Murphy, coordinator of the sessions, knowledgeable instructors from Home Depot will present five sessions at the Harbour Pointe Pool Clubhouse on consecutive Thursdays from 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

**March 6**

**Lawn or No Lawn?**

The pros and cons of maintaining a lawn; an overview of lawn care and landscape layout; and starting a lawn from scratch — top soil, seeding, fertilizing and applying lime.

**March 13**

**Lawn & Yard Maintenance**

Calendar of care for spring and fall; spring plants; transplanting shrubs; the proper use of chemicals; and mowing, mulching and trimming.

**March 20**

**Tools & Equipment**

Hand tools, power tools and mowers, and maintenance of power tools.

**March 27**

**Exterior Maintenance**

Powerwashing and painting; cleaning, staining and maintenance of decks; fence maintenance; and covenant guidance.

**April 3**

**Major Exterior Issues**

Replacing roofs, windows, fences and gutters; and what you can do yourself or when outside contractors are advisable.

**Volunteers, we need you to make a difference**

The committees of Brandermill are made of volunteers interested in serving and bettering their community. They provide valuable experience, insight and advice to the board and management. Each committee is sanctioned by the board and is responsible for a specific area of interest as outlined in their organizational charter. There is no better way to serve your community than becoming a volunteer of one of our committees. To make a difference, call 744-1035.

**Activities Committee**

The committee meets to develop special events and activities for all age groups. Chairman Ed Moldof

**Residential Architectural Review Board**

The ARB reviews and approves all residential applications for improvements (including new construction), alterations or modifications on a property.

**Commercial Architectural Review Board**

The CARB reviews and approves all commercial applications for improvements (including new construction), alterations and modifications on a property.

**Commercial Representative Council**

The CRC represents the interests of the Brandermill commercial members. Chairman Elissa Mast

**Environmental Committee**

Monitors all environmental issues that may affect the community with emphasis on the water quality of the Swift Creek Reservoir. The commit-

tee is heavily involved with other local environmental groups and community organizations as well as county and state agencies.

**Finance Committee**

The committee assists management and the board by reviewing and recommending approval of the annual budget. They coordinate with the auditor for all audits and review their findings with the board. The committee also reviews the community's financial policies, reports, investments and long-range financial plans. Chairman Tom Herr

**Hearing Panel**

Meets on a regular basis to resolve covenant violations.

**Landscape Committee**

The committee works with the staff and landscaping contractor to help beautify the community and its curbside appeal. Chairman Bob Atherton

**Long Range Planning Committee**

As the name implies, the LRPC committee develops and recommends long-range plans for improving the community's amenities, infrastructure and quality of life issues. Interim Chairman Rick Franklin

**Neighborhood Activities Committee**

This committee welcomes new residents and works to enhance the experience of living in Brandermill by promoting a sense of community within each neighborhood. Chairman Pat Moldof

**Neighborhood Representative Council**

The NRC is a resident led organi-

zation where neighborhood issues are addressed. Informational programs on important topics are routinely scheduled. A "Neighbors Helping Neighbors" program assists local residents. The NRC is an essential part of the community. Chairman Robert Margolis

**Pool Committee**

The Pool Committee is responsible for working with the staff and the pool management agent for a successful pool operation. The committee reviews the pool programs and policies and makes recommendations to the board, staff and management. Chairman Chuck Rayfield

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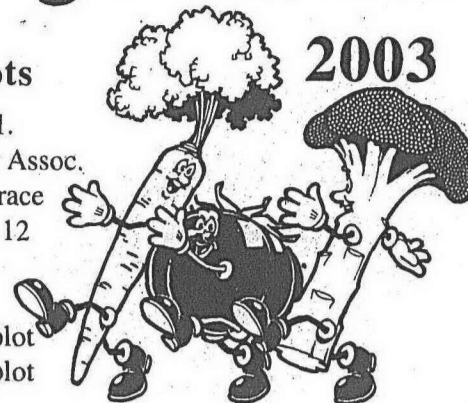
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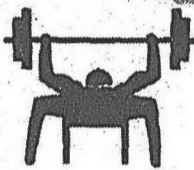


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**Neighborhood Rep Council holds election of officers**

At the January 28 meeting, Nominating Committee Chair Bob Gibbons announced the nomination of the new NRC Board members. The following members were elected by unanimous vote. Chair Robert Margolis, First Vice Chair (BCA Liaison) Stu Dodson, Second Vice Chair (Programs) Pat Moldof, Secretary Shalini Upadhyaya, and Treasurer Jean Fiaux.

The meeting focused on a "Sneak Peek at Brandermill for 2003." BCA First Vice President Ed Moldof discussed the BCA Strategic Plan.

BCA Second Vice President Chuck Rayfield described the buffer policies and the possible opening of the North Beach Pool.

BCA President John Hughes discussed the Central Virginia Chapter of the Community Associations Institute.

The next NRC meeting will take place at Harbour Pointe Clubhouse on February 25 at 7 p.m.

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## Superintendent Cannaday speaks of education challenges

By Chan Moulton  
BRMC Correspondent

The distinguished guest speaker at the Brandermill Retired Men's Club meeting on January 9 was Dr. Billy Cannaday, superintendent of schools for Chesterfield County. Cannaday received an undergraduate degree from Virginia Tech, a master's degree from Hampton University and a doctorate in education also from Virginia Tech. He has gained a reputation for courage and creativity in dealing with today's problems in educating children.



Dr. Cannaday

Cannaday said the challenge of educating all the children at least through the 12<sup>th</sup> grade drives the county's school system. Given current demographic trends, meeting this challenge is critical. In 20 years, there will be an equal number of people over and under 40 years old in the United States. Young people must not only replace much of the current workforce

but also support the older generation. He explained that the county is trying to improve graduation rates by formulating student achievement goals that include multiple teaching modules to fit student needs; hiring and keeping the most highly qualified teachers; and giving students a more comfortable learning environment. He stressed the need for students to acquire technical and language skills to become competitive with young people from other countries.

In closing, Cannaday outlined the core values Chesterfield County school system officials expect students to practice: respect for self and others, honesty, and responsibility and accountability. Cannaday emphasized that these values must be continually reinforced.

At the next BRMC meeting on March 6 at 10 a.m., local resident John Lenza will speak about the history of the Christian and Muslim conflict. Lenza, a retired lieutenant colonel in the U.S. Army, served in Europe and Asia. He is currently a graduate student in history at VCU.

Lenza says, "The current conflict in the Middle East involves more than just religious matters."

For information about joining the Brandermill Retired Men's Club, please call President Ed Moldof at 763-3285.

## Special rules apply to drivers under 20 years of age

The National Transportation Safety board (NTSB) issued new recommendations for provisional driver's licenses that place a number of restrictions on teen drivers. These include limiting late-night driving and allowing only one passenger under the age of 20 in the car unless an adult driver is supervising.

Since July 1, 2001, Virginia licensed drivers under age 18 are not allowed to drive between midnight and 4 a.m. in most cases. Also, teen drivers are restricted to the number of passengers under age 18 who may travel with them (one passenger if the driver is 16; three passengers if the driver is 17). Passenger restrictions do not apply to family members.

The NTSB also recommended that the supervising driver accompanying teens holding a learner's permit be at least 21 years of age. Virginia passed this law in 1996; however, the supervising driver can be 18 if he or she is the driver's legal guardian, brother, sister, stepbrother or stepsister.

According to NTSB, traffic crashes are the leading cause of death of teenagers. In 2000, 149 young drivers between the ages of 15 and 19 were killed in Virginia; in 2001, the number dropped to 118.

For a complete list of Virginia teen driving laws, visit the Department of Motor Vehicles website at [www.dmvnow.com](http://www.dmvnow.com).

## Mothers & More members meet for fun and education

Mothers & More is a nonprofit organization dedicated to improving the lives of mothers through support, education and advocacy. For more information about the group, please call Co-leader Debbie Amos at 744-2157.

To RSVP each meeting, please contact Betsy at 560-5291 or email [mamsouthside.tripod.com](mailto:mamsouthside.tripod.com).

February 25, 10 a.m. Mothers & More Mom/Tot Outing: Chuck E. Cheese — Midlothian Turnpike.

February 27, 7:30 p.m. Mothers & More Meeting: Improve Your Memory — Sycamore Square Town Hall.

March 3, 7:30 p.m. Mothers & More Seasoned Moms Group— Barnes & Noble on Huguenot.

March 11, 10 a.m. Mothers & More Mom/Tot Outing: Children's Museum — West Broad St.

March 13, 7:30 p.m. Mothers & More Meeting: Personal Chef & Recipe Swap — Sycamore Square Town Hall.

March 20, 7:30 p.m. — Mothers & More Mom's Night Out: Bowling.

March 21, Fri 10 a.m. to noon - Mothers & More Playgroup and pizza — Huguenot Park.

March 27, 7:30 p.m. — Mothers & More Meeting: Your Parenting Questions Answered — Sycamore Square Town Hall.

## County assessments should reflect fair market value

The staff of Chesterfield County Department of Real Estate Assessments is prepared to assist property owners who have questions about their latest property assessments.

Property owners recently were sent assessment notices if the assessed values of their properties changed, or for any new properties sold.

Assessments of real estate are a direct reflection of the real estate market, which is currently strong in Ches-

terfield County. State law requires that localities assess taxable real estate at 100 percent of the fair market value, or the amount for which property would be expected to sell in the open market.

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Recycling is a way to keep much of this trash out of landfills. Recycling's benefits include creating jobs, reducing the cost of trash disposal and protecting the environment by reducing pollution, greenhouse gas emissions and saving energy and natural resources.

This helps to maintain a sustainable relationship between economics and stewardship for our environment. Not only does recycling have environmental and economic benefits, but it is also part of Virginia law. In Virginia, each locality is required to recycle 25 percent of all trash.

The 13-member jurisdictions of the Central Virginia Waste Management Authority (CVWMA) have been meeting Virginia's recycling goal.

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Drop-off recycling is also available throughout the region at 49 convenient sites located at schools, fire stations, shopping centers and transfer stations.

Another large contributor to the rate is the CVWMA yard waste program. Over 80,000 tons of leaves and yard trimmings become rich soil amendments each year.

Congratulations and thanks go to everyone who reduces, reuses and recycles.

**Please Recycle**

## Bring a brown-bag lunch and learn some history

The Chesterfield Historical Society will offer lectures by museum and educational professionals at Castlewood, 10201 Iron Bridge Road. The lectures begin at noon and are about 45 minutes long. Participants are invited to bring a brown-bag lunch. Admission is \$5 for non-members and \$3 for members.

On March 12, Dan Weiskotten of the Chesterfield Historical Society will present "The Beattie Murder, 1911," dubbed at the time as the crime of the century by Richmond newspapers.

On March 19, Dennis Farmer will narrate "Four Hundred years of Chesterfield Fashion." For more information, please call 777-9663.

## BWC members will check out hair style trends

By Ann Gatz  
Club Correspondent

The Brandermill Woman's Club will hold its monthly meeting at Brandermill Woods Retirement Center on February 26 at 10 a.m.

The program, "Are You Style Conscious and Do You Want to Look your Best in 2003?" will be presented by Gloria Rose of His or Hers Salon & Spa. Rose will demonstrate hair trends for 2003.

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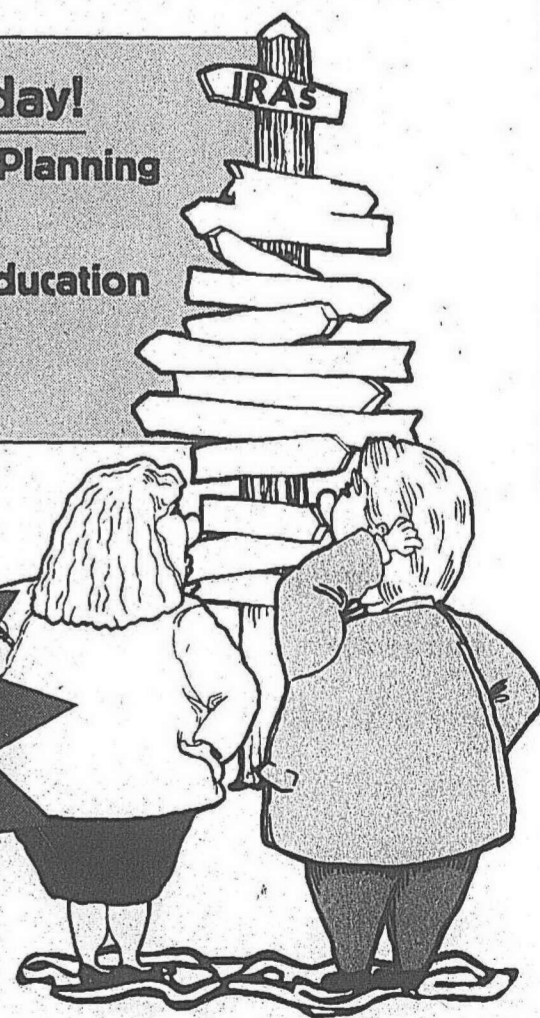
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## You're invited to a wild baby shower



Photo by Wendy Parker

Little critters such as Huey and Dewey, displaced baby screech owls, were cared for by wildlife rehabilitators then returned to the woods of Brandermill to live happily ever after.

Area Rehabbers Klub (ARK), a nonprofit organization consisting of individual wildlife rehabilitators, invites the public to help local wildlife in need by attending a Wild Baby

Shower. The event will be held at Bird Watchers in the Commonwealth Centre on March 1 from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. Bird Watchers is owned by Malinda Wetsel of Seven Oaks.

ARK is a group of volunteer wildlife rehabilitators in the Richmond area. Last year, ARK took in over 1,500 animals that were injured or orphaned and would have had little chance of survival without care. Many expenses come out of the pockets of individual rehabilitators.

As "baby season" approaches, support from the public is essential for rehabilitators to be able to care for the wildlife that will be in need of medical attention.

Here is how the shower works. Please select a gift for the wild babies from the list of needed items. The organization is registered at Target and Wal-Mart (under ARK).

Come to the shower party at Bird Watchers and join in the fun with cake, door prizes and lots of baby pictures.

Real wildlife will be partying there, too.

Or, for those who would like to donate but are not party animals, gifts can be dropped off at convenient drop-off spots anytime.

Donations can be dropped off prior to the event at Bird Watchers, Wild Bird Center in the West End, Wild Birds Unlimited in Richmond, or the Children's Farm at Maymont.

For additional information, please visit the wish list on website [www.welcome.to/arkva.com](http://www.welcome.to/arkva.com) or call 598-8380.

## Alyssa Leacock weds Kristopher Waldhauser

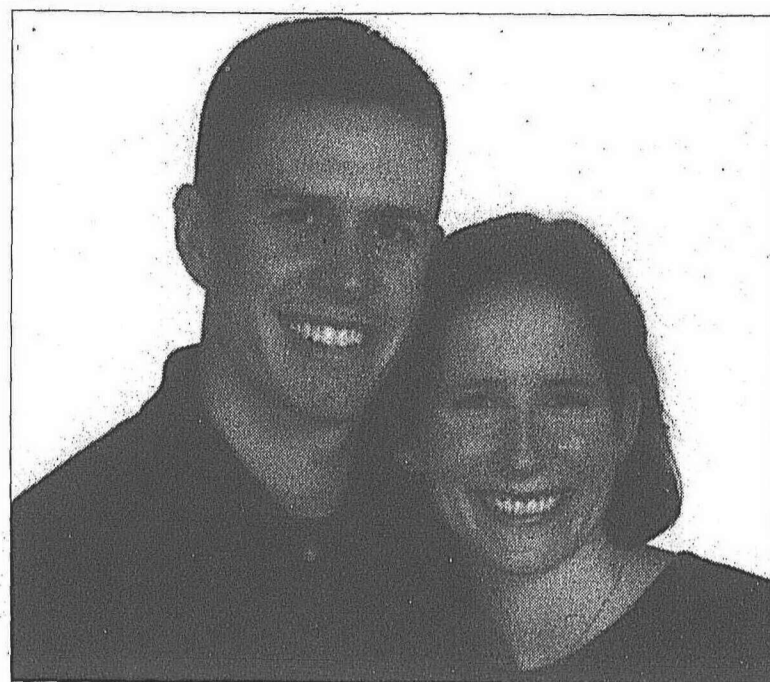
Alyssa Marie Leacock and Kristopher John Andrew Waldhauser were married at Sunday Park on December 27, 2002. Justice of the Peace Mike Wessel performed the ceremony.

The bride is the daughter of Brian and Judy Leacock of Vinton, Va.

She is a 2002 graduate of The College of William and Mary and is a second lieutenant in the U.S. Army stationed at Fort Rucker in Dothan, Ala.

The groom is the son of Gregg and Wendy Waldhauser of Oak Springs.

He is also a 2002 graduate of The College of William and Mary and is a second lieutenant in the U.S. Army stationed at Fort Knox, Ky.



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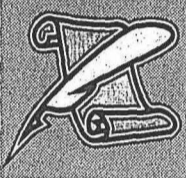
## So are the bike trails for cyclists?

As a resident of Brandermill and an avid cyclist, I have noticed your paper pushes the use of the paths in the area for cyclists. I would think that before constructing the paths that surveys had been taken to see in what ways the paths are being used. After 15 years I have noticed that there is a high volume of walkers and people pushing baby strollers, all at slower speeds. As you are aware, the paths in Brandermill are neither straight nor wide, and feature many blind curves. Passing a couple or a person walking his/her baby requires leaving the path, even as a walker. The speeds that many cyclists achieve, even those of younger age, is not compatible with our current path network. For myself, and many of the cyclists who enjoy living in Brandermill, riding our bicycles is not safe on the path system.

Perhaps it would be more prudent for the safety of all to install bike lanes to our current road way. Thank you.

R. Jones  
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Community Manager Mike Divita responds. Although we do refer to the trails as "bike trails" they are really multi-purpose trails for pedestrians, joggers, as well as cyclists. When

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originally installed by the developer, they were designed as quite narrow, about 4.5 feet wide. Certainly they are not designed for higher intensity uses or higher speeds. When laid out (both old and newer trails), a great deal of thought went into preserving trees and buffers; consideration was not so much for the rate of speed. The very design of the trails through woods and along the parkways and in neighborhoods demands slower speeds on most sections.

VDOT has been asked about bike lanes, but the current road width is not sufficient for both uses and would be cost prohibitive to retrofit existing roads for such purposes.

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# 9-11 volunteers help victims cope with tragedy William Welsh Wittmer passes away

By Richard Smith  
Special Correspondent

*Editor's note: this is the fifth in a series of articles on Richard and Elena Smith's experiences in NYC following the attacks of 9-11.*

Manhattan Island is surrounded by piers, some in heavy use, some not. Pier 94 before 9-11 was used as an exhibition center, for fashion shows, car shows, whatever needed a large space for display. After September 11, Pier 94 became a focal point of grief and desperation. It was divided into two sections, one for those who had lost family members, the other for those who had been injured, had lost work, or who had otherwise suffered because of the tragedy.

On the first day it opened, we were unprepared and overwhelmed. The line of applicants backed down the street for a half mile. We were not organized and the entry into the applicant assistance area quickly became chaotic, as people fought each other to get inside. People in line fainted and had to be taken away for medical care.

In addition to the tragedy that individuals had already suffered, we added to their despair. None of us were proud of the way things went that first day. But the next day the lines were better organized, and within a week we had at least established some degree of comfort in the waiting process, with tents, chairs, hot coffee in the morning (my heartfelt thanks to the Red Cross), and some human contact.

It became my job to get there first, usually around five a.m., and start setting up for the day's applicants. Always there were people there before me, applicants who had arrived at midnight or two a.m. and waited to be first in line. Hundreds more would arrive by six or seven a.m. I would speak to everyone I could, trying to offer some understanding words or just be there to listen.

In Pier 94 you could find every relief and assistance agency the city offered, and most national agencies as well. The main organizations were the Red Cross, the Salvation Army, and Safe Horizon, New York's agency for the provision of direct assistance. Valid applicants could get immediate help in the form of checks or vouchers. In the early days, money was given sometimes without complete verification; later a more thorough investigation would be done.

In addition to the dozens of helping agencies, there were therapists (psychological and massage) available. We frequently identified people in the lines who were stressed beyond their personal limits, and we could get

help to them quickly, taking them back to a quiet area. At times we had to deal with hostile individuals who could not stand the long wait that was required. It was my job to be the first responder to these individuals, and most of the time a quiet conversation could resolve the issues they had. A few times we had to call in law enforcement officers, who were usually just a few yards away.

In the afternoon I would move from the entry team, and interview people who had been through as many agencies as they could reach. In the early days it would take four or five return trips for an individual to reach all of the agencies. Later this would improve, but with hundreds of new applicants arriving each day, the numbers never seemed to decrease.

The emotional intensity at Pier 94 was unceasing. If I hadn't been called several names by sunrise I knew it would be a relatively calm day, but a typical day would involve numerous acts of desperation, throwing things, threats, insults, hysteria, all normal reactions to the conditions in which these individuals found themselves. Stockbrokers, limousine drivers, lawyers, investment analysts, waiters—all were desperate. Their lives had been torn apart by the explosions at the World Trade Center. They were struggling to find their way.

On the other side, just a few feet away, those who had lost family members would enter their own special section. Inside was a quiet carpeted space, with many counselors offering prompt attention and special care. Our side was more like a factory, a processing center for the thousands of applicants who had suffered losses almost as great as the family members.

"Did you lose a lot of friends?" I asked a waiter from Windows on the World. He did not answer "a lot," or "dozens," but "eighty-four."

"Here are pictures of my apartment," said a young woman. She was professionally dressed, but frantic. "Look," she said. "Look, everything is gone." She opened her black leather briefcase and started to drop everything. "It's all gone," she said. "I have no home to go to." She began to cry. I quickly motioned to Iris and Aldijana, and they rushed to her side and embraced her. For the moment, that's all that we could do.

A man began to plead with us, suddenly desperate after standing in line for hours. I called for Li, who listened to him for a moment, then turned away. "He's speaking Mandarin," she said. "I only speak Cantonese. Let me get Shu." We finally learned that the man had left an important paper be-

hind. I gave him a special pass to get by the lines when he returned.

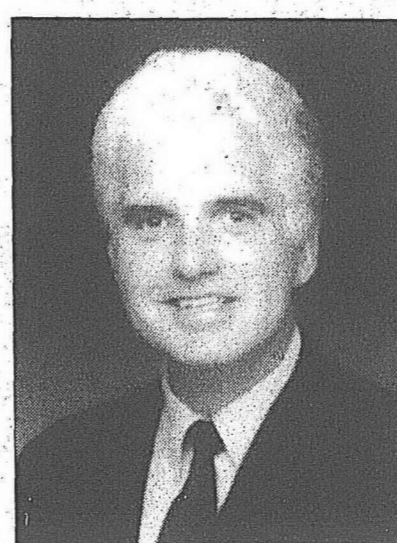
People with therapy dogs asked permission to go down the line, and we welcomed them. They led their large golden retrievers, their labs, and their small pocket-size dogs into the crowd. Wherever they went, there is a settling, a relaxing of the tension in the air. People would kneel and hold the dogs closely to them.

Thousands of people walked by us, some angry, some resigned, but all of them focused on rebuilding their lives. It is said that New Yorkers are tough and resilient. To that I would add compassionate.

On December 15, I left New York and flew to South Africa to be with my oldest daughter on her birthday. When I returned to New York, Pier 94 was closed and an automobile show was in progress. I worked as a volunteer for the Red Cross at the Chambers Street Disaster Assistance Recovery Center, then was asked to help at Centre and Worth, where I was a representative of the three major assistance agencies and had the authority to give direct financial assistance to applicants.

After a month there, and with the centers closing and reorganizing, I felt it was time to leave. I was offered full-time work but felt that what needed to be done, was best done by New Yorkers. I had spent four months in New York, working hard, eating too much, and sleeping on sofas, YMCA bunks, and beds of questionable sanitary standards in no-star hotels. It was time to get back to the mountains.

Most of my memories are from the Ground Zero area and Pier 94. Later, after I had left New York and had been called back, those of us who worked together at Pier 94 shared a special bond. The 14-hour days, the exhaustion, the tension, were partly forgotten, and what we remembered was the rebuilding of individual lives.



Bill Wittmer

William (Bill) Welsh Wittmer, III died October 30, 2002 at his Shadow Ridge home in Brandermill, at the age

of 54. He was born December 9, 1947 in New Jersey, where he spent his childhood and went on to earn his bachelor of science degree.

He served in the United States Air Force for four years and was stationed in Vietnam. After returning from his tour of duty, he met his wife, Elizabeth, and they were married December 4, 1971.

Bill Wittmer operated his own accounting practice and worked as a CPA in New Jersey, Florida and Virginia. He then joined his wife in the real estate business, where they worked for 12 years as the team "Mr. and Mrs. Real Estate." In 1998, after the first appearance of cancer, they concentrated their attention on family and fighting cancer.

Bill Wittmer treasured time with his family and being a part of the lives of his grandchildren. He also enjoyed

studying scripture. He was a member of Patterson Avenue Seventh Day Adventist Church in Richmond. Wittmer will be remembered for his love of life, his sense of humor and his devotion to family.

He is survived by Beth, his loving wife of almost 31 years; daughter Holly and son-in-law Larry Hale of Martinsville, Va.; son Bill and daughter-in-law Judy Wittmer of Richmond, Va.; and son Scott and daughter-in-law Sarah Wittmer of Cumberland, Va.; grandchildren Lauren and Emily Hale; Elizabeth, Jeremiah and Mary Wittmer; and Jessica and Heidi Wittmer.

A memorial service was held at Patterson Avenue Seventh Day Adventist Church on November 2, 2002 and burial service with full military honors was held on November 4, 2002 at Amelia Veterans Cemetery.

*"The emotional intensity at Pier 94 was unceasing."*

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## Bridget Fitzgerald serves as page in General Assembly

By Debbie Hickey  
School Correspondent

Swift Creek Middle School eighth-grader **Bridget Fitzgerald** is serving as a page in the Virginia House of Delegates during this session of the General Assembly. Each year the Speaker of the House of Delegates appoints 30 youngsters ages 13 and 14 from across the Commonwealth to serve as House pages. There is an application process, which includes writing a paper, and interviewing the local delegate. Bridget interviewed with Delegate Lee Ware. All delegates are allowed to send two names forward to the Speaker of the House for consideration. The General Assembly began the second Wednesday in January and will run until February 22.

Bridget lives with her parents, Ellen Byrne and Mel Fitzgerald, and two younger brothers, John and Tyler in Watch Harbour. In addition to being an honor student at Swift Creek Middle School, Bridget swims year round for the Woodlake based swim team Betta, plays recreational softball and basketball. She also plays the cello and has been selected for the Central Regional Orchestra.

## Cavalier Players perform "Cheaper by the Dozen"

The Cavalier Players of Clover Hill High School will present the play, "Cheaper by the Dozen," based on the novel by Frank Gilbreth, Jr. The cast, directed by Marcia Marsh will perform at Clover Hill High School on Friday, March 7 and Saturday, March 8 at 7 p.m. Admission is \$5 per person and tickets will be available at the door.

ence and an educational opportunity. Pages assist the members of the House of Delegates, the House Clerk's staff and other legislative staff in the daily duties required for the successful operation of the House of Delegates during the session. Duties include collating of bills, performing errands for members and staff during each day's floor session and at committee meetings.

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Bridget interviewed with Delegate Lee Ware. All delegates are allowed to send two names forward to the Speaker of the House for consideration. The General Assembly began the second Wednesday in January and will run until February 22.

Besides being a great honor, serving as a page is a wonderful experi-

## College paperwork occupies seniors and counselors

By Jessica Doyle  
School Correspondent

The word "senior" is synonymous with college, and with spring fast approaching most of the Clover Hill High School senior class is absorbed with college and scholarship applications. While some students applied for early decision for admittance, others could not

decide among schools and applied to several. Still others made a different decision.

"I want to serve my country," said Senior Ryan Mehaffey, who chose to enlist in the U.S. Army before going to college.

Seniors, however, are not the only ones who are busy. Guidance counselors also rush to meet deadlines. Mid-year reports have to be sent out to every school to which each student applied. Counselors also have to follow up on the applications with school admissions officers.

"They call me at home," said CHHS Guidance Counselor Jane Hennessey about admissions officers.

"The phone lines are too busy at the school, so I give them my home number."

During the application process there is a seemingly never-ending list of tasks to accomplish. First a student has to decide where he or she wants to apply to college, researching information on various schools and its programs. Second, he or she needs to fill out the necessary applications and usually this includes writing one, if not several essays.

Once an application is finished and has been sent in the mail or on-line, every student then starts the waiting process.

"The waiting is definitely the hard

part," said Senior Kiri Thompson. "Once you hear back and you know whether you got in or not, it feels like a huge weight has been lifted off your shoulders, and you can actually relax."

Students, or more often than not, parents, worry about the cost of tuition, room and board and books. Financial aid and scholarship applications almost guarantee another stack of forms to complete, essays to write and more waiting.

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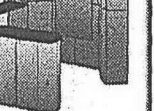
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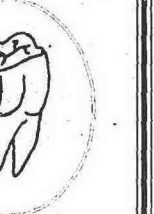
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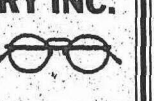
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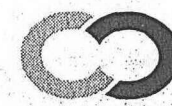


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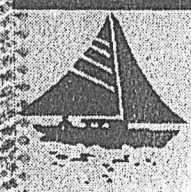
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creativity.

This year's theme, "Signs of Courage," allowed students to express their creativity in the areas of literature, visual arts, and photography.

Judging was based on artistic merit, creativity, and interpretation of the theme, and followed the rules established by the National PTA Reflections Program.

The first place winners were: photography — John Jacob Nay; literature — Jessica Rymer and visual arts — Collin Granger.

Reflections is a national PTA-sponsored arts recognition and achievement program designed to encourage student's individual



Participants in the "Signs of Courage" Reflections Program from left, are: Sarah Faszewski, Alexa Durnwirth, Dan Koon, Janine Graziano, Jessica Rymer, Kendall Baker, Mallory Barkdull and Lindsey Ferrar. Not pictured are first place winners: John Jacob Nay and Collin Granger.

## Clover Hill High School step team captures state fair title

By Kathryn Baystar  
School Correspondent

This year has been very successful for the Clover Hill High School step team, Chaos. But with half the team consisting of seniors, the continuation of this success is a lingering question.

At the 2002 Virginia State Fair they competed against 12 other step teams and captured the first place title. "When we competed at the state

fair the crowd kept yelling disparaging remarks and insults at us," said senior stepmaster Ronald Forbes. "I think they actually helped us because it made us want to win and prove to them that we could do it."

Chaos also performs at home basketball games and the annual pep rally and numerous other step competitions.

Other influential seniors include Gavan Rush, who helps choreograph step routines and Ashley Bacon-Ward, step team captain, who leads the ever-growing team.

The team's accomplishments will be hard to match in the next year without the influence of the graduating senior steppers.

### CHHS NEWS



## Many thanks go to Clover Hill Elementary School volunteers

By Yvette Gohlke  
School Correspondent

Clover Hill Elementary School students and parents had a wonderful time this winter at the annual Santa breakfast. Thanks go to all the teachers and staff at CHES for serving breakfast. The students had a great time shopping for gifts at the Holiday House held in the gymnasium.

Thanks go to Chris McBain and Julie Wheeler who organized this event. Parents found great gifts at the silent auction and used book sale. Thanks go to Michele Bedsaul and Lucy Watson who coordinated the silent auction and to Lisa Seiler who organized the beautiful baskets filled with items donated from children in each of the classrooms.

Thanks go to Karen Lyon and Ellen Byrne who put together the used book sale. Thanks also go to all the parent volunteers and the Key Club students from Clover Hill High School who helped.

January 21 was Fitness Night at Clover Hill Elementary. Every year CHES physical education teacher Karen Patterson holds a fitness night for fourth-graders and their parents. Patterson uses an obstacle course set

up around the gym and also tests the students on their knowledge of Virginia History by incorporating Virginia SOL questions into the course. A yoga instructor taught yoga fundamentals in the cafeteria. The children received CHES water bottles, Virginia maps and bumper stickers. Two lucky students won passes to Colonial Williamsburg. Bodies as well as minds had great workouts.



Lots of exciting events are in store for students this month. All are welcome to participate in the annual talent show. It is a wonderful event and special thanks go to Principal Diane Smith for making it a tradition at CHES.

Once again the Science Museum of Virginia will hold after-school enrichment programs at CHES for the students. These are wonderful programs that bring together science and fun. Parents should sign up their children for this great educational experience.

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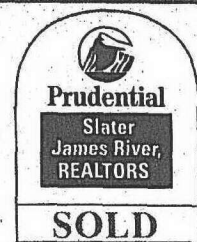
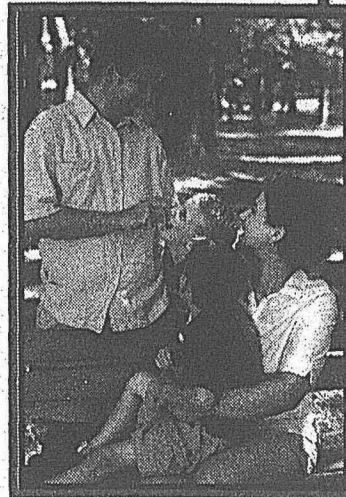
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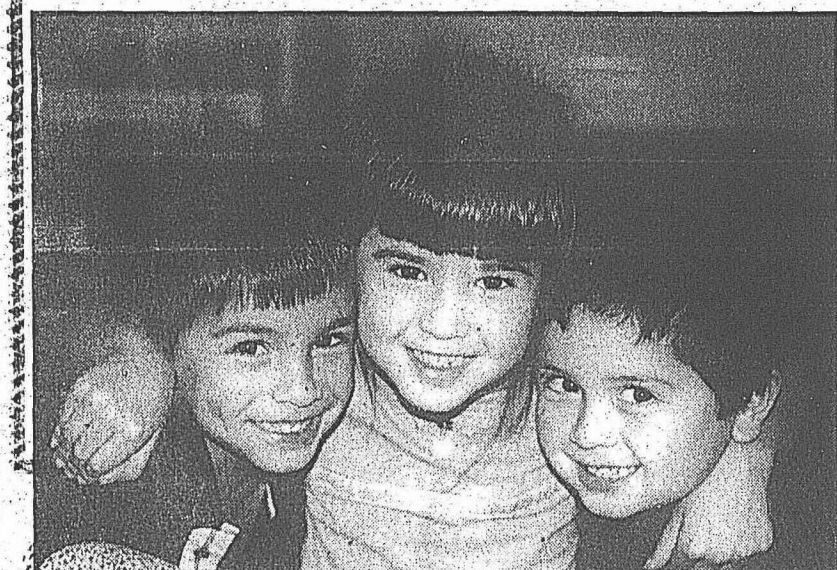
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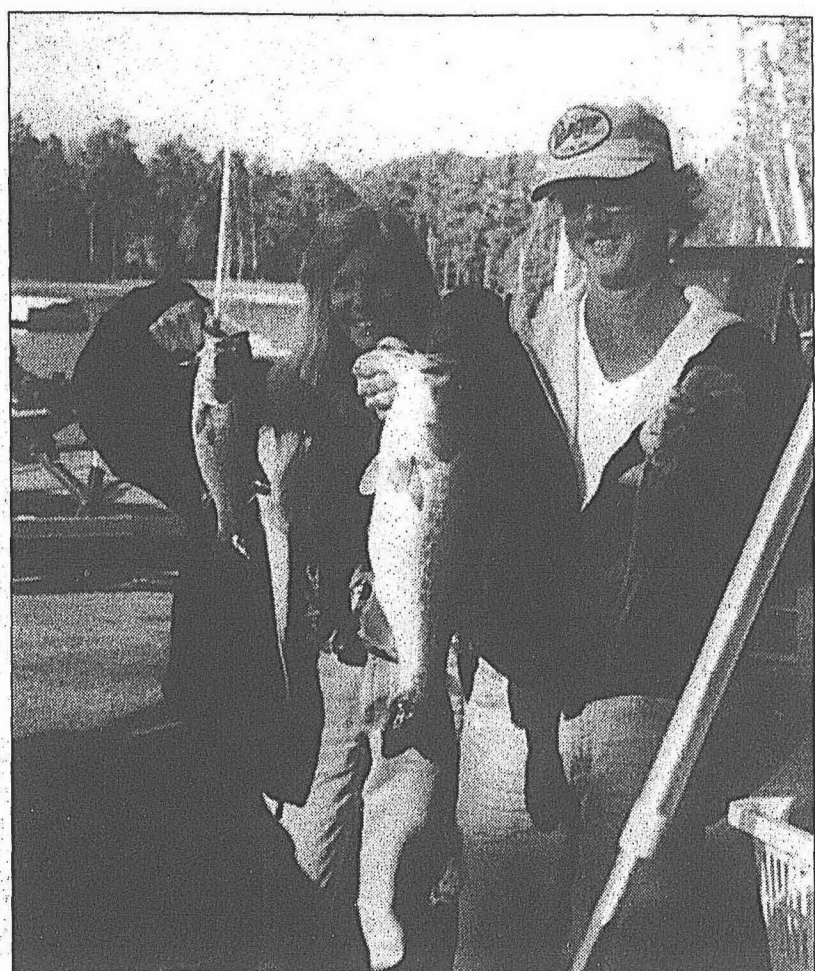
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## Lions Club sponsors March 1 bass fishing tournament



Ricky Farr and Joanne Toney weigh in their catch of the day.

The Brandermill/Woodlake Lions Club will once again sponsor a bass tournament on Saturday, March 1, from 6 a.m. to 2 p.m. Anglers will meet at the Sunday Park Boat Ramp and launch their boats in Swift Creek Reservoir.

Prizes are based on 40 boat entries; 50 percent of fees are contributed by the Brandermill/Woodlake Lions Club to help the sight and hearing impaired, of the surrounding community.

### Prizes

Prizes are awarded for the heaviest catch, maximum four bass per boat.

First prize — \$600; second prize — \$300; third prize — \$120; fourth prize — \$60; father-son/daughter — \$100 (child must be 16 years old or younger; largest fish — \$100. Door prizes also will be awarded at weigh-in.

### Tournament Rules

- Each boat must be equipped with a live well or cooler large enough to keep four bass of legal length (12").
- Dead fish may be weighed in with

a 5-ounce penalty per dead fish.

- Artificial lures only. No live bait.
- Registration begins at 6 a.m. at Sunday Park Boat Ramp. The tournament starts at 7 a.m. Weight in is at 2 p.m. sharp. There is a 1-pound deduction for each minute late. After 2:05 p.m., contestants will be disqualified.
- All live fish are to be released, trophy excepted.
- Tournament to be held rain or shine. Sponsor reserves the right to cancel, temporarily suspend or shorten duration of tournament due to severe weather.

- Only four bass per boat may be weighed in. This rule is in effect in order to keep more fish alive, considering the limited size of live well/coolers utilized.
- Trolling is allowed; however, only one rod per angler may be used at one time.

- Boats with power motors are permitted only if the lower unit is kept out of the water and the fuel line is disconnected or the propeller is removed.

## Brandermill is site of Strength and Stride Race

By Kris Risendal  
Special Correspondent

This March, runners again will make an 8K run along the scenic trails and roads of Brandermill — approximately five miles of hard running. Runners will be participating in Virginia's second Strength and Stride Race.

Brandermill Community Association, PersonallyFit, Courtside Racquet and Fitness Center, and Runner Bill's sponsor the athletic competition.

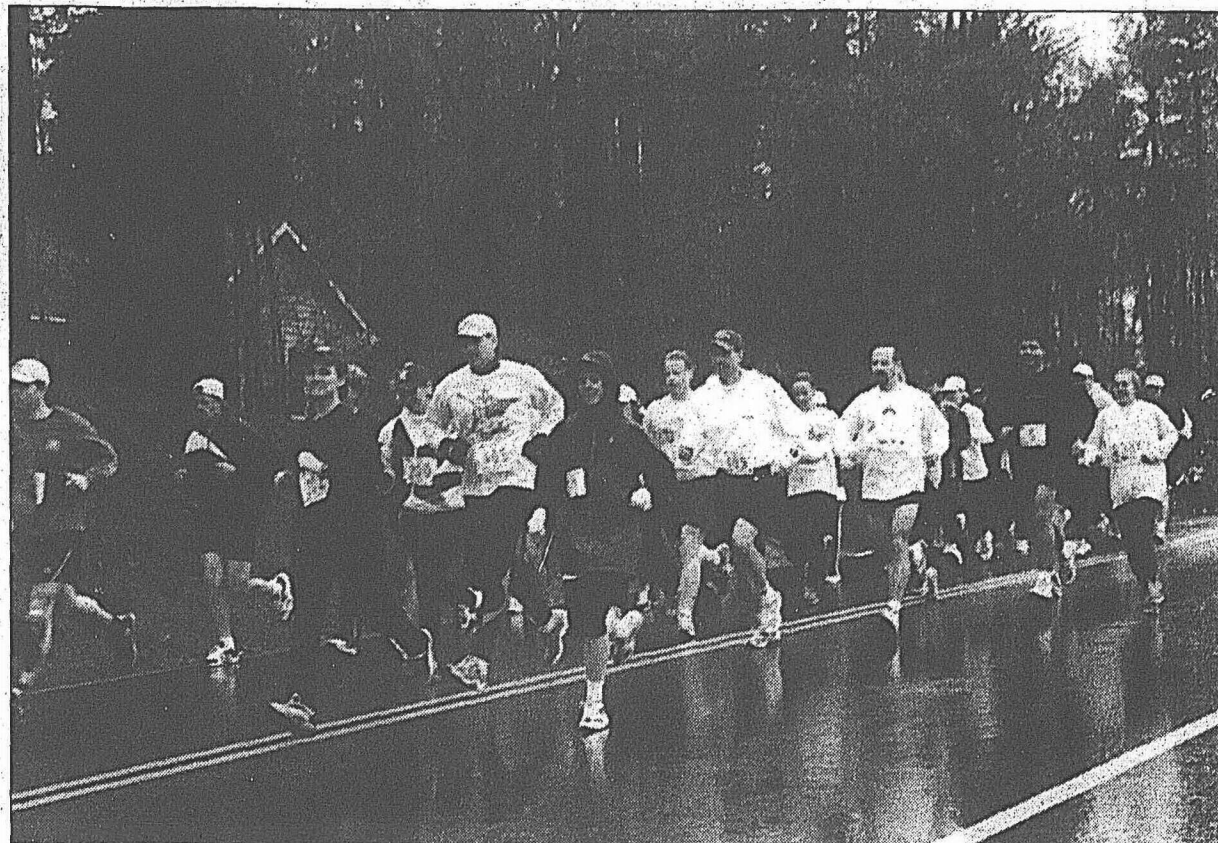
The two-day event will take place Saturday, March 8 at Courtside Racquet and Fitness Center, and on Sunday, March 9 at Sunday Park.

On Saturday and Sunday mornings, race participants will have the opportunity to take minutes off their race time by performing pull-ups and bench presses based on their body weight. The total number of repetitions accumulated will equal the minutes deducted off of their race time.

"Despite the terrible weather last year, we had about 150 runners," said Courtside Manager Jennifer McElhinney of McTyre's Cove. "Everyone said how impressed they were with the Brandermill community and Sunday Park."

While the strength portion of the race is optional, participants are encouraged to take advantage of the strength competition.

Awards will be presented to the overall male and female, male and female masters, the top corporate team, the top family team, and the top three finishers in each age group.



Runners race for charitable cause.

Photo by Wendy Parker

According to Race Director Mindy Conklin, owner of PersonallyFit, all race proceeds will benefit Court Appointed Special Advocacy (CASA), a non-profit organization located in Brandermill that provides volunteers to serve as legal advocates for abused children going through court proceedings.

Registration by mail will be ac-

cepted through February 26. Registration forms are available at the BCA, Courtside Racquet and FitnessCenter, PersonallyFit, and Runner Bill's and can also be downloaded from the Richmond Road Runners' website, www.RRRC.org.

Pre-registration entry fees are \$15 per person or \$75 for each team or family. After March 1, race day fees are \$20 per individual and \$100 for

team or family. Checks should be made payable to PersonallyFit, LLC and mailed to: 1320 Sycamore Square, Midlothian, Va. 23112.

The strength competition will be held at Courtside from noon until 6 p.m. on Saturday, March 8 and from 9 a.m. until 11 a.m. on Sunday, March 9. The 8K race will be held Sunday afternoon at 2 p.m. at the Sunday Park Pavilion.

## Sagewood resident opens weekly baseball school for youngsters

Ken Neuhaus of Sagewood, will open his Central Virginia Baseball School at the Midlothian High School baseball complex on March 2.



Ken Neuhaus

Neuhaus also teaches private lessons and runs year-round baseball camps

and clinics. Neuhaus is an assistant coach at Meadowbrook High School. He served as head coach at Bethel College of Minnesota for the past 14 years, leading the program to a number nine national ranking in his second season.

He holds a master's degree in education from Southern Illinois, an international studies certificate from the University of Copenhagen, Denmark and a bachelor's degree in history with a minor in coaching from Wisconsin-Eu Claire, where he played as an infielder.

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School Correspondent

This year has been very successful for the Clover Hill High School step team, Chaos.

## CHHS NEWS



At the 2002 Virginia State Fair they competed against 12 other step teams and captured the first place title. "When we competed at the state

fair the crowd kept yelling disparaging remarks and insults at us," said senior stepmaster Ronald Forbes. "I think they actually helped us because it made us want to win and prove to them that we could do it."

Chaos also performs at home basketball games and the annual pep rally and numerous other step competitions.

Other influential seniors include Gavan Rush, who helps choreograph step routines and Ashley Bacon-Ward, step team captain, who leads the ever-growing team.

The team's accomplishments will be hard to match in the next year without the influence of the graduating senior steppers.

# Many thanks go to Clover Hill Elementary School volunteers

By Yvette Gohike  
School Correspondent

Clover Hill Elementary School students and parents had a wonderful time at the annual School Carnival. Thanks go to all the teachers and staff at CHES for service to the community.

Thanks go to Chris McBain and Julie Wheel who organized this event. Parents donated great gifts at the silent auction and a book sale. Thanks go to Julie Bedard and Lucy Watson who coordinated the silent auction and to Lisa Seiler who organized the beautiful baskets filled with items donated from children in each of the classrooms.

Thanks go to Karen Lyon and Ellen Byrnes who put together the use-a-book program, also go to all the parent volunteers and the Key Club students from Clover Hill High School who helped.

January 23rd was Fitness Night at Clover Hill Elementary. Every year CHES physical education teacher Karen Burt holds a fitness night for fourth graders and their parents. Parents are invited to the course set

up around the gym and also tests the students on their knowledge of Virginia History by incorporating Virginia SOL questions into the course.

## CHES NEWS



Two lucky student won passes to Colonial Williamsburg. Bodies as well as jobs had great workouts.

Lots of exciting events are in store for students this month. All are welcome to participate in the annual talent show. It is a wonderful event and special thanks go to Principal Diane Smith for making it a tradition at CHES.

Once again the Science Museum of Virginia will hold after-school programs at CHES for the students. These are wonderful programs that bring together science and fun. Parents should sign up their children for this great educational experience.

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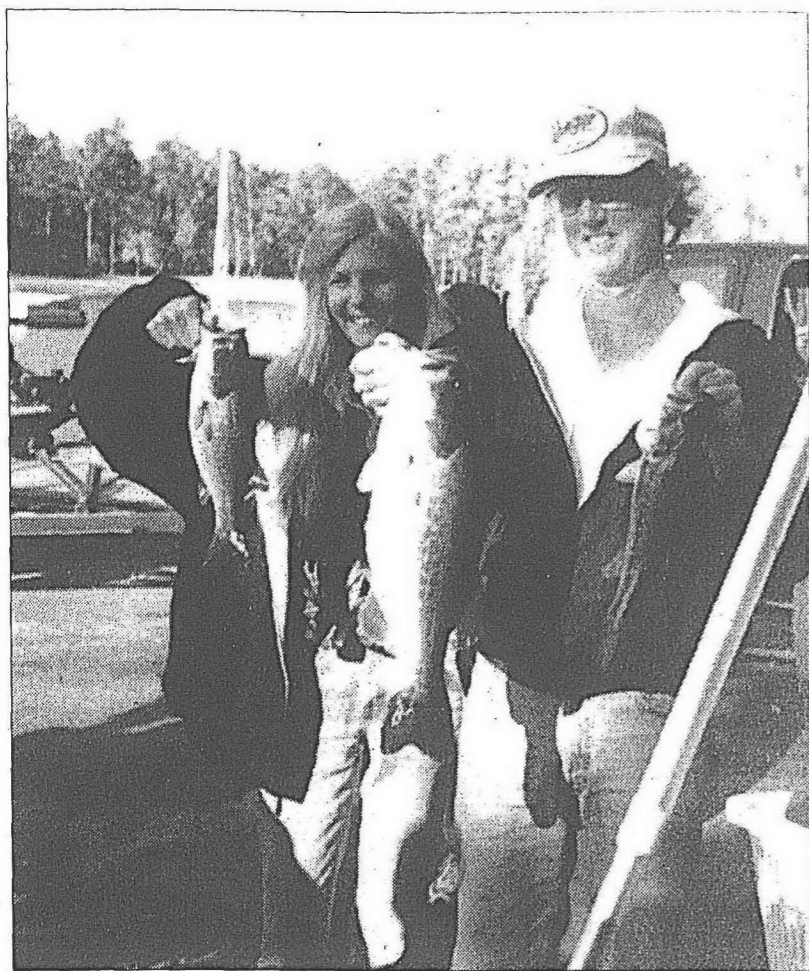
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## Lions Club sponsors March 1 bass fishing tournament



Ricky Farr and Joanne Toney weigh in their catch of the day.

The Brandermill/Woodlake Lions Club will once again sponsor a bass tournament on Saturday, March 1, from 6 a.m. to 2 p.m. Anglers will meet at the Sunday Park Boat Ramp and launch their boats in Swift Creek Reservoir.

Prizes are based on 40 boat entries; 50 percent of fees are contributed by the Brandermill/Woodlake Lions Club to help the sight and hearing impaired of the surrounding community.

### Prizes

Prizes are awarded for the heaviest catch, maximum four bass per boat.

First prize — \$600; second prize — \$300; third prize — \$120; fourth prize — \$60; father-son/daughter — \$100 (child must be 16 years old or younger; largest fish — \$100. Door prizes also will be awarded at weigh-in.

### Tournament Rules

- Each boat must be equipped with a live well or cooler large enough to keep four bass of legal length (12").
- Dead fish may be weighed in with

a 5-ounce penalty per dead fish.

- Artificial lures only. No live bait.

- Registration begins at 6 a.m. at Sunday Park Boat Ramp. The tournament starts at 7 a.m. Weigh in is at 2 p.m. sharp. There is a 1-pound deduction for each minute late. After 2:05 p.m., contestants will be disqualified.

- All live fish are to be released, trophy excepted.

- Tournament to be held rain or shine. Sponsor reserves the right to cancel, temporarily suspend or shorten duration of tournament due to severe weather.

- Only four bass per boat may be weighed in. This rule is in effect in order to keep more fish alive, considering the limited size of live well/coolers utilized.

- Trolling is allowed; however, only one rod per angler may be used at one time.

- Boats with power motors are permitted only if the lower unit is kept out of the water and the fuel line is disconnected or the propeller is removed.

## Brandermill is site of Strength and Stride Race

By Kris Risendal  
Special Correspondent

This March, runners again will make an 8K run along the scenic trails and roads of Brandermill — approximately five miles of hard running. Runners will be participating in Virginia's second Strength and Stride Race.

Brandermill Community Association, PersonallyFit, Courtside Racquet and Fitness Center, and Runner Bill's sponsor the athletic competition.

The two-day event will take place Saturday, March 8 at Courtside Racquet and Fitness Center, and on Sunday, March 9 at Sunday Park.

On Saturday and Sunday mornings, race participants will have the opportunity to take minutes off their race time by performing pull-ups and bench presses based on their body weight. The total number of repetitions accumulated will equal the minutes deducted off of their race time.

"Despite the terrible weather last year, we had about 150 runners," said Courtside Manager Jennifer McElhinney of McTyre's Cove. "Everyone said how impressed they were with the Brandermill community and Sunday Park."

While the strength portion of the race is optional, participants are encouraged to take advantage of the strength competition.

Awards will be presented to the overall male and female, male and female masters, the top corporate team, the top family team, and the top three finishers in each age group.



Runners race for charitable cause.

Photo by Wendy Parker

According to Race Director Mindy Conklin, owner of PersonallyFit, all race proceeds will benefit Court Appointed Special Advocacy (CASA), a non-profit organization located in Brandermill that provides volunteers to serve as legal advocates for abused children going through court proceedings.

Registration by mail will be ac-

cepted through February 26. Registration forms are available at the BCA, Courtside Racquet and Fitness Center, PersonallyFit, and Runner Bill's and can also be downloaded from the Richmond Road Runners' website, www.RRRC.org.

The registration entry fees are \$15 per person or \$75 for each team or family. After March 1, race day fees are \$20 per individual and \$100 for

team or family. Checks should be made payable to PersonallyFit, LLC and mailed to: 1320 Sycamore Square, Midlothian, Va. 23112.

The strength competition will be held at Courtside from noon until 6 p.m. on Saturday, March 8 and from 9 a.m. until 11 a.m. on Sunday, March 9. The 8K race will be held Sunday afternoon at 2 p.m. at the Sunday Park Pavilion.

## Sagewood resident opens weekly baseball school for youngsters

Ken Neuhaus of Sagewood, will open his Central Virginia Baseball School at the Midlothian High School baseball complex on March 2.

The weekly sessions offer opportunities for area youth to grow and develop through the game of baseball.

Neuhaus also teaches private lessons and runs year-round baseball camps

and clinics. Neuhaus is an assistant coach at Meadowbrook High School. He served as head coach at Bethel College of Minnesota for the past 14 years, leading the program to a number nine national ranking in his second season.

He holds a master's degree in education from Southern Illinois, an international studies certificate from the University of Copenhagen, Denmark and a bachelor's degree in history with a minor in coaching from Wisconsin Eau Claire, where he played as an infielder.

For more information, please call 744-4353.



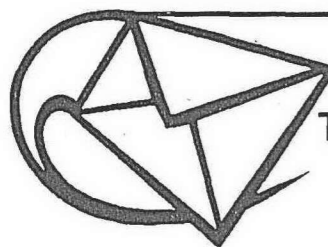
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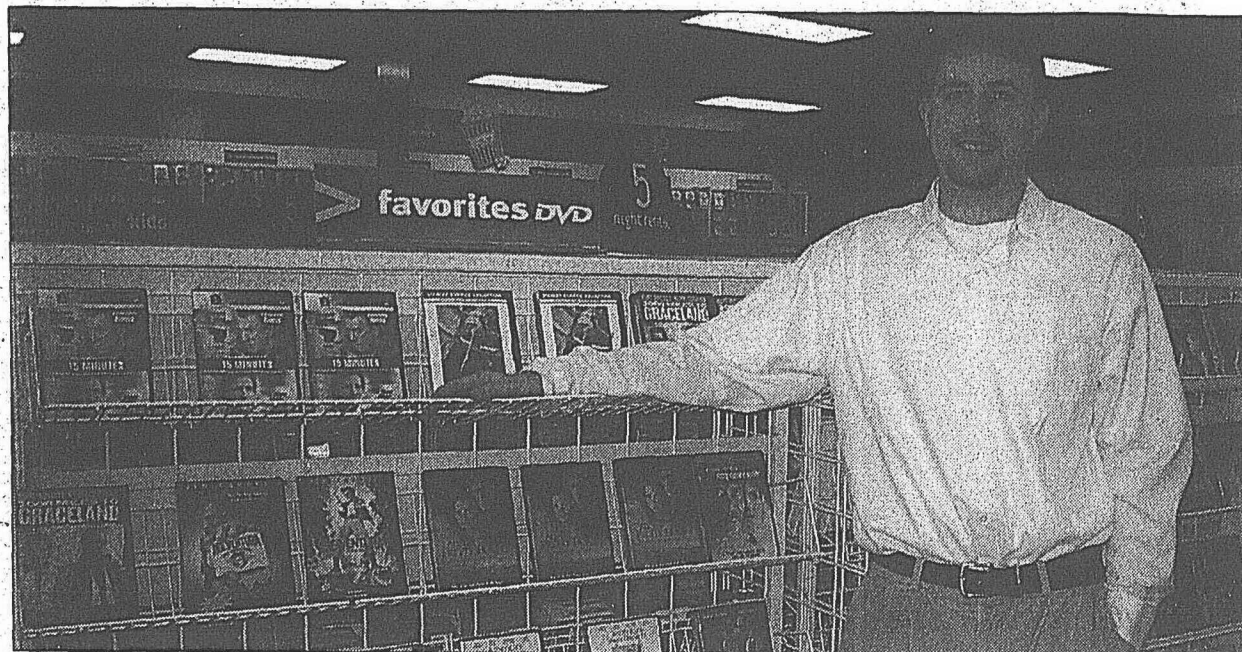
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## Movie Gallery opens in Waterford



Movie Gallery Manager Nicholas Holt

Photo by Randi Gellis

By Alex Mathers  
Special Correspondent

The cold winter months are a perfect time to snuggle down on the sofa with a tub of popcorn and watch a great movie.

Now, Movie Gallery is bringing the hottest new titles to Brandermill. The new business is located next to Winn-Dixie in The Village at

Waterford Shopping Center.

Movie Gallery officials bought out rival Movie Time last year.

After renovation, Movie Gallery opened in November with all-new management and staff. The manager is Holt Nicholas.

The new store carries more than 9,000 VHS, DVD and video game titles. New releases hit the shelves each Tuesday and for \$99, a one-day

rental can be extended to five days.

Movie Gallery offers money-saving promotions and specials, including the Real Players Program that gives customers a free rental for every 12 rentals. Each month new specials are offered.

Movie Gallery is open Sunday through Thursday, 10 a.m. to 11 p.m. and on Friday and Saturday, 10 a.m. to midnight.

## Marlyn Jones & Associates expand to offer full array of financial services

By Alex Mathers  
Special Correspondent

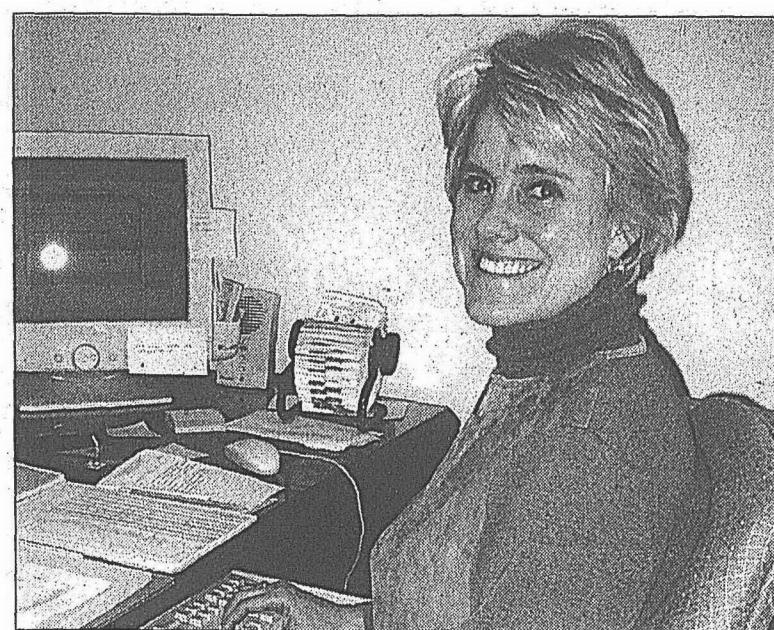
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cial needs, including financial statements, accumulation needs, survivorship income, planning for your child's college education, financial independence needs, asset allocation and other income needs," said Jones.

A Woodlake resident, Jones, a certified public accountant, has over 20 years of experience in accounting and

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Set up an automatic investment plan. Many mutual fund companies will arrange to deduct \$50 or more from your bank account each month and deposit it into a mutual fund account. With this systematic approach, sometimes called dollar cost averaging, you buy more shares when prices are low and fewer shares when prices rise. The net result is that your total investment cost is averaged over time.

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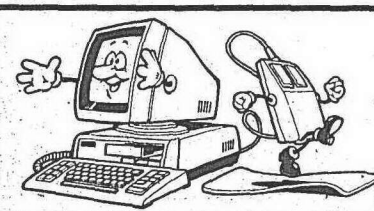
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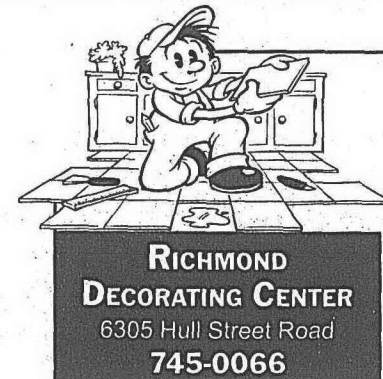
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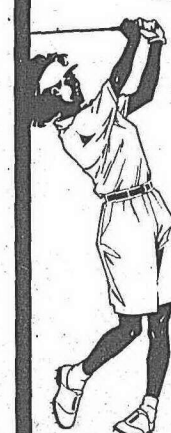
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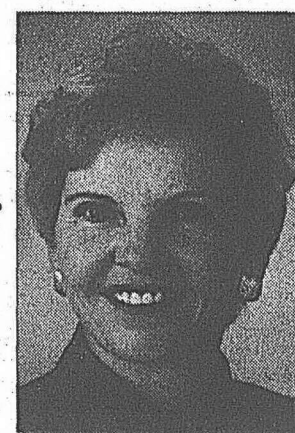
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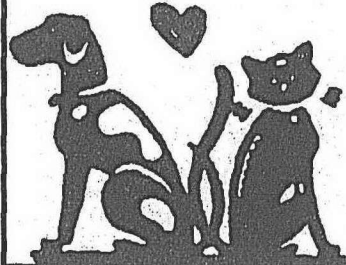
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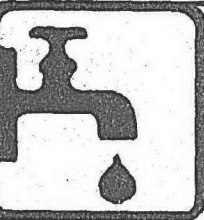
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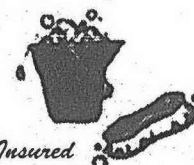
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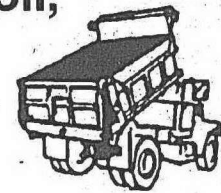
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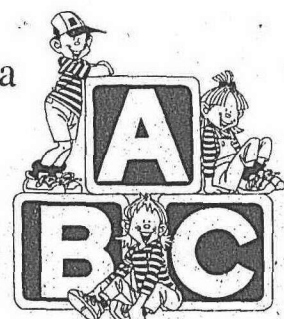
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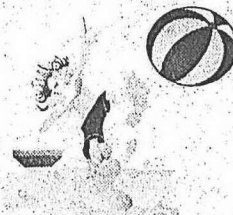


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**Minutes**

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**Pool**

Director Rayfield reported the pool information and registration forms have been mailed to Brandermill residents and the outside Brandermill mailing will go out next week. A flyer will go out the first week of February. The committee is calling everyone who was a member in 2002. President Hughes asked Director Rayfield to explain the Courtside membership that is offered on the pool membership letter. Director Rayfield said he had negotiated with Courtside Manager Jennifer McElhenny on his own. The \$100 regularly priced membership would be discounted \$25 by Courtside and \$25 would be paid by the BCA for any Brandermill resident pool member wishing to join Courtside. The total cost to the resident would be \$50 for a summer membership.

**Executive Committee**

A motion was made and unanimously passed to approve the formation of an executive committee of the board of directors for the purpose of discussing potential referendum issues with commercial property owners and land classification issues with Brandermill Woods. The committee would include Community Manager Divita and Directors Giordano, Livingston and Mast.

**Pool Land Refinancing**

Community Manager Divita and President Hughes met with officials at First Market Bank to discuss refinancing the pool land. A reduction of the interest rate on the fixed rate, unsecured loan is expected. If agreed upon, all association banking will be moved to First Market Bank.

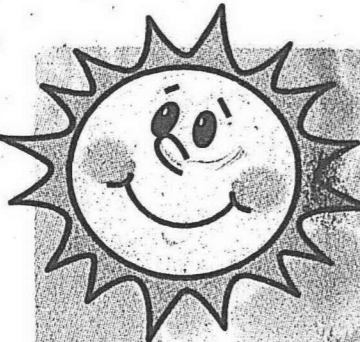
**Annual Meeting**

A motion was made and unanimously passed to set Monday, April 21, 2003 as the Annual Meeting date.

**Manager's Report**

The new BCA website is up and running.

President Hughes thanked The Village Mill Managing Editor Wendy Parker and her staff for providing an Community Manager Divita informed the board that Administrative Assistant Bobbi Glenn would retire in April following the Annual Meeting. Interviews for the new position have begun.





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