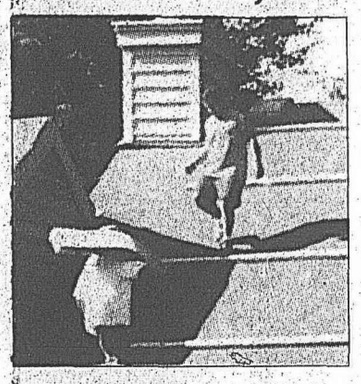
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Not one, but two SCES Chess Teams are state champions.

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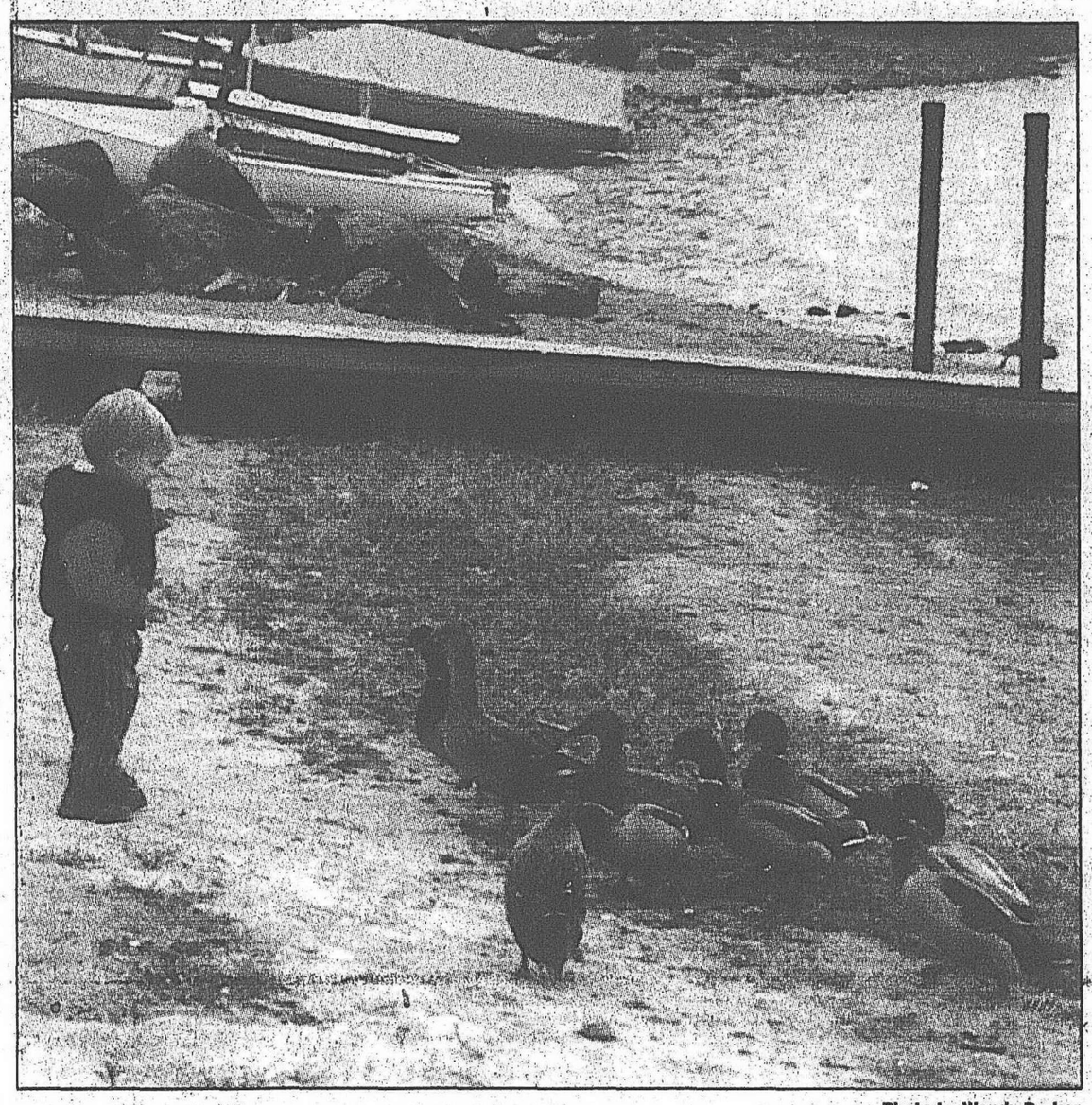


Photo by Wendy Parker

A youngster greets friendly ducks on the shoreline. Could hunters be as close as 600 feet away?

Sitting ducks: do they have a chance?

By Wendy Parker
Managing Editor

Chesterfield County Board of Supervisors Chairman Art Warren has asked County Administrator Lane B. Ramsey and County Attorney Steve Micas to look at adopting an ordinance to ban hunting on Swift Creek Reservoir within a one-half mile radius of residential subdivisions.

Currently, hunters are prohibited from discharging a shotgun within 600 feet of a dwelling. Some Brandermill and Woodlake residents have been upset by the sight and sound of hunting taking place at this distance from their homes.

"Hunting does not mix with residential areas," Supervisor Warren said, "and we need to move as quickly as possible to eliminate hunting on or around Swift Creek Reservoir."

On the Metro page of the February 24 issue of the Richmond Times-Dispatch, Woodlake Community Manager Terry Sheets is pictured at the edge of the reservoir feeding tame ducks. Sheets notes that although it is legal to hunt on the reservoir, she has been trying for two years to get county officials to prohibit hunting in a residential area.

"Hunting on a lake that is used 12 months out of the year and in such a heavily populated area," Sheets says, "is not safe anymore." On a secondary note, Sheets doesn't feel hunting tame ducks is fair game.

In a March 6 article in the Times-Dispatch, Hugh Cline and Bryan Winn who for the past five years have hunted from a jon boat in the reservoir, said, "We have every right to be there." Their spin is that they are helping manage the overpopulation of ducks.

Community Manager Mike Divita asked the BCA Board of Directors to consider supporting the initiative of the Woodlake community. The BCA Board will act on a motion pertaining to the hunting issue at its March 10 board meeting.

According to Art Warren, a hearing at the county public meeting room will be held Wednesday, April 9 at 7 p.m. in order to give county residents the opportunity to comment on this issue. "I am encouraging public participation in this important safety issue," said Warren.

Sheets says, "We expect some opposition."

Supervisors defer new development case

By Wendy Parker & Tom Pakurar
Managing Editor & Special Correspondent

On February 26 the Chesterfield County Board of Supervisors voted unanimously to defer for nine months a controversial zoning case allowing a new 235-acre, 350-home development called Fox Creek to be built near the intersection of Otterdale and Woolridge Roads.

Representatives of communities in support of the deferral were from: Brandermill, Ashbrook, Birkdale, Foxcroft, Foxfire, Summerford and Woodlake.

BCA Board President John Hughes said, "Brandermill supports all efforts by the county staff and its leaders to work toward solutions to manage growth. Our emphasis is to concentrate on the water quality issues that affect our reservoir and resolve ongoing transportation and educational concerns of our residents."

Marleen K. Durfee, spokesperson for the Foxcroft Taskforce for Responsible Growth, was pleased with the deferral. She said, "Legally, the board of supervisors can defer a case for up to 12 months. It deferred this case for nine months and can, if need be, for an additional three months." She added, "We will continue our efforts to work with county officials and branch out to include other communities and individuals for responsible growth."

Speaking to the deferral at the meeting, Hands Across the Lake Co-Chair and Brandermill resident Tom Pakurar presented the supervisors petitions from 800 residents that asked county leaders "to defer all zoning cases within the Swift Creek watershed for one year, so that the county's comprehensive plan may be revised to deal with the problems of density and infrastructure concerning roads, schools and utilities, and environmental concerns." Pakurar said this case would generate over 9,000 pounds of phosphorus pollution during construction (37 percent of the legal maximum in one year). He expressed concern that this case, when added to the 12,632 already-zoned homes in the watershed, would generate a 40-year supply of pollution that must be managed.

Pakurar also pointed out that the proposed 12,962 homes would generate an extra 124,000 vehicle trips per day on area roads and add at least 9,000 new students to already overcrowded schools. Supervisor Ed Barber explained that county officials were limited in what they could do. They only have the authority to enact legislation specifically granted to them by the General Assembly. The adequate public facilities ordinances (APFO) were again defeated by the state legislature this year. These ordinances, if enacted, would allow the county to time development to coincide with taxpayers' ability to pay for schools, roads, public safety and other necessities upon which development is dependent. Supervisor Barber encouraged action at the state level to see that the legislation is passed next year. In the meantime, the county can update the 12-year-old Upper Swift Creek Plan as requested by the Foxcroft task force. The county also can consider a lower housing density (e.g. R-25 or R-88) for future developments.

Pakurar asks, "How are we going to construct the approved 12,632 homes without polluting the reservoir? And how are we going to accommodate the extra students and extra traffic without bankrupting the county? Only one-third of the new home developers are offering cash proffers."

Is it a pool or isn't it a pool?

By Wendy Parker
Managing Editor

That was the question. During the February 24 board meeting, BCA Board members debated whether North Beach Pool should be renovated, left alone another year, or become a different kind of amenity.

At the end of the lengthy discussion, the board voted four to two with one abstention to begin renovation of the pool and to open the facility for the 2003 summer season. (See continued BCA Minutes on page 12.)

In December, the board agreed by a six to one vote to look at opening North Beach Pool if registration reached 400 memberships by February 15 and if renovation figures were manageable. Although registration by the deadline fell short of the targeted number by 36 memberships, the board majority carried the motion to open Brandermill's third pool.

Kicking off the discussion, Second Vice President Chuck Rayfield summarized his position: renovate now or it may be too late. The projected cost of renovating the entire facility falls between $265,000 and $275,000. The projected cost of repairing the actual pool structure including filters is $197,000. Speaking of further deterioration, Rayfield said, "I think waiting another year is a risky thing to do. By then it may be too expensive to renovate."

Some directors questioned the urgency of opening North Beach Pool this year. First Vice President Ed Moldof was concerned that the BCA had had only one year of experience in operating pools and this year a new management company will be on board. He said, "I'd like to see another year of running the pools ourselves." He added, "Two hundred and seventy-five thousand dollars is involved here. Our number one concern is the appearance of Brandermill and I'm thinking of alternative uses of the money."

Treasurer Jason Livingston said, "The usage does not justify opening a third pool." He took issue with voting on the pool decision without being given enough information. "I haven't seen any numbers," he said. "I don't know the marginal costs and at no point have we discussed reserves for any of the pools."

Director Elissa Mast said that should the community go to a universal pay system, [the approximate] $70 per year per household would generate enough funds to operate three pools. Director Tony Giordano agreed with universal access for community members but said, "We need a plan to get there." He noted there were alternative uses of the property to be considered. "It could open as a pool," he said. "We could try to sell the property, although it would require a three-quarter member vote, or make it into a park."

Director Kathleen Martin opened her discussion with the question, "Is it a pool or isn't it a pool?" Among the risks of waiting to open the pool, Martin cited rising renovation costs and the potential loss of members to competing facilities.

President John Hughes commended the board members for their healthy discussion and their willingness to deal with a difficult issue.

The culminating vote, 4-2-1, means Brandermill and area residents can enjoy three sparkling pools this summer.

Meet the BCA candidates on March 11

By Ann Hunt
Assistant Editor

The Neighborhood Representative Council will host Meet the Candidates Night at Brandermill Woods on March 11 at 7 p.m. The meeting provides a venue for candidates to speak about their reasons for running for the BCA Board of Directors. Two positions will be open on the BCA Board of Directors in April and to date, three residents have announced their candidacy: John Hughes, Tony Giordano and Bennie Torian. (See profiles on page 3.)

According to NRC Chair Robert Margolis, candidates will have five minutes to deliver opening remarks. A question and answer segment will follow. Five questions by NRC reps will be posed then the floor will be open for audience questions. Candidates will have two minutes each to make closing statements.

Ballots will be mailed to association members on March 21. Residents must be registered property owners in order to vote and anyone who has delinquent assessment accounts will not receive a ballot.

On the ballot this year is a referendum to approve deferral of any excess revenue to be applied against the subsequent tax year member assessment. Approval of the referendum is needed to prevent being taxed by the IRS on any surplus BCA income. (See sample ballot on page 3.)

The annual meeting will take place at Brandermill Woods on April 21 at 7 p.m. For more information, please call 744-1035.

There's no business like snow business



Photo by Wendy Parker

Industrious boys Rylan Spears and Matt Woodruff in Long Shadow take advantage of a snow day from school to make a little extra cash.

Have we seen the last of snow? Perhaps so. If not, BCA Maintenance Director John Barnard reminds residents why they might need to keep a shovel handy for clearing the entrances to their driveways.

The BCA follows Virginia Department of Transportation policies for clearing roads and cul-de-sacs.

According to Barnard, neighborhood streets in Brandermill have curb and gutter drainage.

"Snow is cleared as close to the curbs as possible," he says, "so that the snow melts and the water travels to the gutter and into the drainage system." This policy allows streets to dry more quickly.

Barnard adds, "It also helps to eliminate dangerous black ice which would occur if snow were piled in the centers of cul-de-sacs, left to melt, freeze again, and continually drain across the pavement to reach the gutter."

BCA Board of Directors

John Hughes, President
Ed Moldolf, 1st VP
Chuck Rayfield, 2nd VP
Jason Livingston, Treasurer
Tony Giordano
Elissa Gellis Mast
Kathleen Martin

WELCOME NEW RESIDENTS

AUTUMN WOODS
Angela Rodgers
COMMODORE POINT
Leonard & Susan Geneczko
COVE RIDGE
Greg Mitchell
CRADLE HILL
Bennie Torian
CROSSTIMBERS
Cory & Kelly Andrews
DEER MEADOW
Corine Haywood
FORTUNE'S RIDGE
Judith Brown
Jason Staylor/Brenda Winn
FOX CHASE
Mark & Amanda Charles
Albert & Mary Clough
David & Shannon Moffatt
HARBOUR HILL
Richard & Wendy Todd
HARBOUR RIDGE
Thomas & Jean Anderson
Chris & Janet Cookson
LAND'S END
Leah Gohlke
PLANTER'S WOOD
Clifford Briggs/Sonya Peters
POPLAR GROVE
McCarthy & Jacqueline Downs
SPINNAKER COVE
M. A. Adams
SPRING GATE
David Prybock
SUTTER'S MILL
Thomas & Wanda Nixon

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Copper Hill - screened porch
Cove Ridge - deck
Cove Ridge - vinyl siding
Crosstimbers - shed
Five Springs - new home
Huntgate Woods - driveway; patio
Old Fox - replacement windows
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Meet the Candidates Night
Brandermill Woods
March 11, 7:30 p.m.

BCA Home Improvement Session
Harbour Pointe Clubhouse
Yard Maintenance
March 13, 7 p.m.

BCA Wine Tasting
Brandermill Woods
March 18, 7:30 p.m.

BCA Home Improvement Session
Harbour Pointe Clubhouse
Tools & Equipment
March 20, 7 p.m.

BCA Board Meeting
Brandermill Woods
March 24, 7 p.m.

Newcomers' Reception
Harbour Pointe Clubhouse
March 26, 7 p.m.

BCA Home Improvement Session
Harbour Pointe Clubhouse
Exterior Maintenance
March 27, 7 p.m.

BCA Board Meeting
Brandermill Woods
April 7, 7 p.m.

Brandermill Volksmarch
Sunday Park
April 19, 8 a.m.

Voice of the people: *If you had unlimited funds, what improvements would you make to your home?*



"I would enclose my screened porch and put on a rec room."
Amber Lombardi
Timber Ridge



"Because of the humidity, I would add siding. It would be more cost effective in terms of maintenance."
Donna Herbert
Huntgate Woods



"I would add a third level to my home."
Tarrick Gray
Fox Chase



"I would put in insulated windows."
Kenneth Lowerie
Thornridge



"I would probably pave my driveway in exposed aggregate concrete."
Clyde Wilkins
Walker's Ferry

Board votes to open North Beach Pool

Complete official minutes are available at the BCA office.

February 3, 2003

The February 3, 2003 meeting of the Brandermill Community Association Board of Directors was held at Brandermill Woods. Directors Giordano, Hughes, Livingston, Martin, Moldof, Rayfield and Community Manager Divita were present. Director Mast was absent.

Minutes

Motions to approve the minutes of December 16, 2002, January 6, 2003 and January 22, 2003 unanimously passed.

President's Report

NRC Meeting took place at the Harbour Pointe Clubhouse. Stu Dodson was named first vice chairman (NRC liaison to BCA Board). President Hughes spoke with Ed Gerardo of Bon Secours. Bon Secours will resume construction of the St. Francis Medical Center near Brandermill.

Land Donation to BCA

J. B. Campbell would like to donate approximately 1.6 acres of heavily wooded hillside to the Brandermill Community Association, Inc. The acreage is on a tract located from the rear of the proposed office condominiums at Harbour Pointe to Swift Creek Reservoir near the RPA (resource protection area) line. Community Manager Divita asked for a consensus by the board to explore this proposal further. He pointed out that Campbell would pay the cost of a survey, etc.

Community Manager Divita explained that the primary benefit of accepting ownership of the land is the added environmental protection for the reservoir. The land is not suited for any other use.

Pool Update

A second flyer has been delivered to residents outside of Brandermill, and a third flyer was delivered to Brandermill residents on February 3.

Swim Team/Coach Discussion

Director Rayfield requested that the board reconsider the 4 to 3 vote at a past board meeting against supporting the swim team. The swim team is currently in search of a swim team coach and to date has $4,000 pledged with $2,000 actually received. Director Giordano stated that he had received $650 in pledges for the swim team.

Director Martin stated that the swim team coach contributes just as much as the BCA Sailing Center Manager and as such should be paid by the BCA.

Director Livingston stated that the board should include the swim team coach in the operating budget. President Hughes stated that including it in the operating budget would be the short fix and we should use commercial sponsorships.

Director Martin said the pool committee had formed a swim team subcommittee and President Hughes stated that it should have come before the board for a decision before forming such a committee.

Director Rayfield stated that the $3,500 would come from pool membership revenues. President Hughes explained that any additional donations should offset any BCA contribution.

A motion to allocate $3,500 to come out of pool revenues and for that to be decreased as it is reimbursed dollar for dollar from any additional donations was carried. Director Livingston voted against the motion.

North Beach Pool Repairs Discussion

Community Manager Divita gave an explanation of the current bid from Fountain Construction. The current bid is $198,000 versus the previous bid of approximately $176,000. Additional tile and concrete repairs were not included in the $176,000 bid. The $198,000 quote was specifically for the repair of the pool and excluded other repairs such as electrical, carpentry, roofing, painting, plumbing and landscaping.

Buffer Policy Progress Report

Director Rayfield said the buffer policy meeting at the Harbour Pointe Clubhouse was very positive. Approximately 14 residents attended the meeting that resulted in the recruitment of three new members for the environmental committee.

A revised draft for the buffer policy will be mailed out before February 18, 2003.

Community Manager Divita and Director Rayfield met with the CARB with regard to their role in the new buffer policy.

Pool Land Debt Refinancing Status

Community Manager Divita gave an update on the refinancing of the pool land debt. The original loan amount, $672,000 was secured at 8.5 percent interest over a three-year term. The refinancing of $394.000 with First Market Bank would be at 5.5 percent interest, for the balance of the remaining three-year term. First Market Bank agreed to extend a line of credit by $200,000.

Manager's Report

General property and liability insurance has been purchased from Resort Guard. The quote is higher than was budgeted. St. Paul Insurance Company no longer covers community associations and will not renew our coverage even with the BCA excellent "loss ratio."

The actual cost for coverage in 2002 was $47,658. The projected cost for 2003 was $59,452, but the actual quote received for 2003 was $68,723.

President Hughes stated that Brandermill should not reduce the umbrella coverage from $10 million. Director Giordano asked what CAI has to offer in regard to self-insurance.

Community Manager Divita stated that he had contacted the local chapter of CAI agencies/agents.

VDOT Meeting

Community Manager Divita met with VDOT Chesterfield County Resident Engineer Chris Winstead and Chesterfield County Transportation Director John McCracken. They stated that a recent traffic study indicates the intersection of Old Hundred Road and Millridge Parkway meets the minimum warrants for a traffic signal but budget limitations are currently a factor. Community Manager Divita stated that the accident history at the location speaks for the need of a signal and redesign.

New Pool and Environmental Committee Members

Director Rayfield said the pool committee has 19 new members and eight new members have joined the environmental committee.

The following minutes are not approved.

February 24, 2003

The February 24, 2003 meeting of the Brandermill Community Association Board of Directors was held at Brandermill Woods. Directors Giordano, Hughes, Livingston, Martin, Mast, Moldof, Rayfield and Community Manager Divita were present.

Member Voice

Dale Kohler commended The Village Mill on the timeliness of reporting the board minutes in the paper and on the website.

Minutes

Motion to approve February 3, 2003 minutes was unanimously carried.

President's Report
John Hughes

- Directors Mast, Livingston, Community Manager Divita and President Hughes met with leaders of The Brandermill Church. The meeting resulted in positive communication. Another meeting will take place in March.
- Meeting with John Cogbill to discuss regional pond plans and concerns about increased runoff involving Southern Land development in the Matoaca District. Ponds need to be installed before roads and houses are built. In the recent Fox Creek development and rezoning case, the county planning commission approved the development by a 4 to 1 vote. Clover Hill District Commissioner Russ Gulley was the dissenting vote. It is thought that the development will be deferred for one year by the board of supervisors. It was pointed out that retention ponds, which are different from regional ponds, are needed. Community Manager Divita pointed out that most of the runoff is post-construction as there is nothing to catch the runoff.

New BCA Operations Assistant Jane Pritz was introduced.

Treasurer's Report
Jason Livingston

- Highlights - 2002 Financial Statements — 12 months ending December 31, 2002, (unaudited.) Total revenue $45,000 over budget — a big component was the $15,000 over budget in advertising revenue for The Village Mill and the $12,000 in revenue for pool memberships. Expenses were also below budget in the area of employer costs — $18,000; electric bill under budget by $13,000. Concession expenses were over but revenue income was over so it was a wash. Snow removal and landscape were also under budget. Year ended with an excess of $251,390 or $118,109 over budget.
- Finance Chairman Tom Herr commented that everything for the year looked fine with cash available. Community Manager Divita was complimented on his managerial skills in keeping a balanced budget.

Committee Reports
ARB/CARB/Hearing Panel

Discussion centered around the need for comparison figures from past years; operational comparisons — one person versus two persons; proactive approach versus reactive approach; time spent in the field and time spent on paperwork, etc. It was suggested that Community Standards Director Juli Talty be present at a future meet

See minutes on page 12.



Photo by Randi Gellis
BCA Operations Assistant Jane Pritz

Jane Pritz joins BCA staff

In February, Brandermill Community Association staff welcomed Jane M. Pritz as operations assistant, a new position at the BCA. She assists Community Manager Mike Divita in supervising pool operations and the BCA office. In addition, her duties include coordinating the annual meeting, elections and other special projects.

"We are very pleased to have someone as experienced in community association management as Jane," says Divita. Pritz holds the Certified Manager of Community Associations (CMCA®) designation and is eligible to receive the Association Management Specialist (AMS®) designation.

Pritz hails from Pennsylvania where she attended Harrisburg Area Community College. She studied nursing and microcomputers.

Since 1997, Pritz has been employed by Community Resources of Virginia, a community management company in Waterford.

She has served as a community administrator, office manager and benefits coordinator. In her most recent position with Community Resources, Pritz trained and supervised administrative personnel and eight community managers. In addition to her management roles, she has experience in enforcing covenants, making payroll, taking minutes, and producing publications.

Pritz received an Award of Excellence from her peers at Community Resources in 1998 and 2001. She is a member of Community Associations Institute and has served as co-chairman of the programs committee and chairman of the membership committee. In 2001, the CAI presented Pritz with the President's Award for greatest contributions to Central Virginia Chapter of CAI.

Pritz and her husband Howard moved to Virginia in 1997. He is employed by Harry Ekloff and Associates. They make their home in Midlothian. In her spare time, Pritz enjoys walking, reading and traveling.

Of her new position with the BCA, Pritz says, "I am looking forward to working with the dedicated staff of the BCA. I really appreciate the opportunity Brandermill has afforded me."

New boating rules are in effect



Gil Blake

Swift Creek Reservoir is full of water and with the arrival of spring, there is the promise of a good year for boating.

As the weather warms and residents start fishing and cruising, please keep in mind that the high water has caused a lot of branches and debris to float into the reservoir. This can be hazardous to your electric motor propeller and cause some grief.

Also be on the lookout for unmanned boats. Several boats have broken loose from their moorings and have drifted to other locations. If you see an untethered boat, please report it to the BCA office at 744-1035 x 104

2003 Safety Regulations

Please be aware that the Virginia Department of Game and Fisheries has made extensive changes to the Virginia Boating Safety Regulations this year. These changes include new requirements for the use of personal flotation devices, vessel lighting, unsafe practices, safe speed, accident reporting and new registration and titling fees.

Copies of these new regulations are available at the BCA office, at your local boating equipment store or on the web at www.dgif.state.va.us. Game wardens patrol the reservoir and they will be checking boats for compliance.

The BranderBelle

The BranderBelle will be back in service in May. The boat has been in dry-dock for the addition of safety features and amenities.

It is not too early to start planning for a cruise on the reservoir. Spring is a wonderful time in Brandermill and the flowers and trees in bloom are especially beautiful when viewed from the water. Watch for dates and times of operation in the next issue of The Village Mill. For more information and reservations, call Community Services Director Dena Sindelir at 744-1035 x 104.

Brandermill Sailing Center

We will be back on duty at the sailing center at the end of May. Sailboats, canoes, kayaks, Jon boats with or without motors and pedal boats will all be available for your boating pleasure.

The Brandermill Sailing Club will be conducting sailing lessons during the last weeks of June and into July. This is an excellent opportunity for adults and children to learn how to sail.

Boat Registration

Boat registration time is approaching. It is not too early to register your boat at the BCA office. A registration sticker placed on your boat goes a long way in helping identify your boat if it is stolen, damaged or lost. Please add this chore to your spring boating preparation.

For a list of registration fees and boating regulations, turn to pages seven through 10 in the blue section of the 2003 Brandermill Telephone Directory. Until next time, we wish you fair winds.

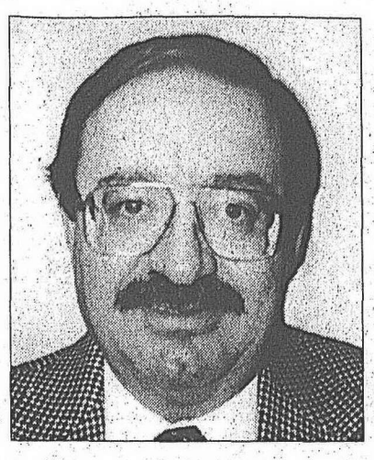
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Meet the BCA candidates



ANTHONY GIORDANO

Biographical Sketch: A resident of Brandermill since 1981. A physician in private practice in Chesterfield County since 1983.

Graduate LaSalle University, B.A. - 1970, Hahnemann University, M.D. - 1976, University of Rochester, Ph.D. - 1977.

Community service work and organization memberships: BCA Board of Directors, 2002 - present; Member, Brandermill Lions Club since 1983; Board of Directors, Chesterfield Baseball Clubs - 1989-1992; Board of Directors, Swift Creek Athletic Association - 1989-1995; Member, Swift Creek Athletic Association - 1988-1995; President, Swift Creek Athletic Association 1993-1995; Member, Virginia Society of Otolaryngology-Head and Neck Surgery (VSO-HNS) - 1982 - present; President, VSO-HNS - 1999-2000; Board Chairman, VSO-HNS - 2000-2001.

Lives in Regatta Pointe with his wife Lynnae and three children.

Remarks: I believe I can effectively help guide our community. I have in the past and will continue to research problems/questions and incorporate divergent points of view to arrive at solutions. These solutions are practical, beneficial to the greatest number of people and consistent with the organizational guidelines and rules within which I have had to operate. In cases where I have felt the organizational guidelines were inappropriate or unreasonable, I have attempted to amend them in a constructive fashion. My membership and participation in various community and professional organizations has frequently resulted in administrative and financial improvements as well as increased services to members without increased costs.

My major areas of community interest are adding value for being a member of the BCA. We can once again make Brandermill the best community in the eyes of its residents with the net effect that Brandermill will maintain and increase its prominence as a desirable location for those seeking housing and/or business opportunities in the Central Virginia area. I am also interested in preserving and improving the recreational and natural amenities provided by living in Brandermill. With the size of our community, we should be able to leverage the overall buying power of our members to improve services and decrease costs.



JOHN W. HUGHES

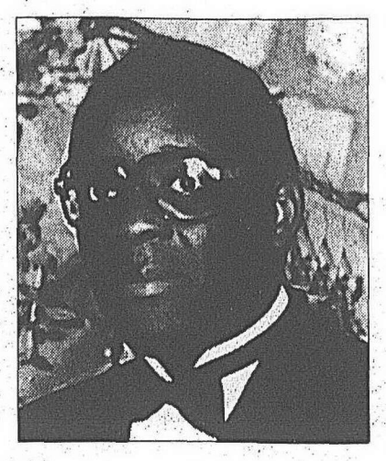
Biographical Sketch: A resident of Brandermill since 1984. Has worked in the insurance industry 11 years; independent insurance employee benefit specialist. Representative with Drake Hughes & Associates - 3 years. Formerly employed by Lincoln Financial Group, agent - 3 years; Paul Revere Insurance Group, agent - 6 years; Midwest Helicopter, pilot and regional sales rep - 4 years; B & G Helicopter, pilot and regional sales rep - 3 years. Graduate Stockton State College, BS in Marketing - 1974. Military Duty: US Army - 4 years, Chief Warrant Officer, Helicopter pilot, Vietnam Veteran.

Community service work and organization memberships: President of the BCA Board of Directors and 7-year member; July 4th Parade Chairman - 1995; NRC Rep, NRC Vice Chairman - Liaison to BCA Board of Directors; First Vice President and former President, Central Virginia Chapter of Community Associations Institute; Director, Chesterfield Industrial Development Authority; President, Brandermill Woods Foundations; Advisor, Richmond Friends of the Homeless; Memberships: Hands Across the Lake, BCA 20th Anniversary Committee - 1994, Coalfield Road Widening Committee, 360 Corridor Overlay Committee, VFW, American Legion Post 186.

Lives in Cradle Hill with wife Lauren.

Remarks: As an experienced member of the Brandermill Community Association Board of Directors for four terms and currently serving as president, I believe I have the knowledge and experience that qualify me for this position. For the past five years, I have been involved with the Central Virginia Chapter of Community Associations Institute. Last year I served as president and I am currently first vice president. I also serve as director on the Chesterfield County Industrial Development Authority. As a resident of Brandermill, I believe I should volunteer my time to my community. I understand the issues concerning residents and businessmen of Brandermill. My judgement of those issues will be unbiased and fair with the community's interest paramount.

My major areas of community interest are commercial growth and transportation issues in and around Brandermill, the protection of the Swift Creek Reservoir water quality and maintaining and enhancing all of Brandermill amenities.



BENNIE L. TORIAN, I

Biographical Sketch: A resident of Brandermill as of December 18, 2002.

Retired, formerly employed by the New York City Department of Corrections, Officer - 15 years.

Attended Nassau County College, Long Island, New York, Criminal Justice Major - 2 years.

Military Duty: US Air Force, Flight Line Specialist, Edwards Flight Test Center, California.

Community service work and organization memberships: Presently assisting the elderly of my church and working with senior students preparing them for graduation. Formerly a member of the Laurelton Block Association, Queens, New York; organizer of youth events during summer breaks.

Lives in Cradle Hill.

Remarks: Although I have worked most of my correctional career in a leadership capacity, I cannot honestly say I have any experience or expertise which would qualify me for directorship. I can say that I am available to learn. I wish to serve the community as a BCA Board Director because I am retired and I am fully available to perform all duties necessary to learn and complete the task.

My major areas of community interest are landscaping, garbage disposal and the removal of junk vehicles in driveways.

BRANDERMILL Community Association, Inc.

Proxy/Ballot for Annual Meeting of the Members • Monday, April 21, 2003

Number of authorized votes per vacancy: 2
2 Votes per vacancy x 2 vacancies: 4 **Total Votes**

INSTRUCTIONS

- The proxy/ballot **MUST BE SIGNED**. Only one person needs to sign the proxy. An unsigned proxy will void the entire proxy/ballot. The number of votes to which you are entitled has been calculated for you based on the property or properties you owned as of March 1, 2003.
- There are 2 director positions to be filled.
- You may spread your 4 total votes among more than 2 candidates. However, **NO ONE** candidate may receive more than 2 votes.
- Please record the number of votes you wish to cast for the candidates below.

Use ONLY NUMBERS on candidate votes. Use X or √ ONLY on referendum vote.

☐ **Anthony (Tony) Giordano** ☐ **John W. Hughes** ☐ **Bennie L. Torian, I** ☐ _____ **Write-in Candidate**

_____

☐ **Yes** ☐ **No** **REFERENDUM: To approve the deferral of any excess revenue to be applied against the subsequent tax year member assessment as provided by Internal Revenue Service (IRS) Ruling 70-604.**

"Resolved that any operating revenues over operating expenses for the years ending December 31, 2001 and December 31, 2002 shall be applied against the subsequent tax year member assessment as provided by IRS Ruling 70-604."
(NOTE: Approval of this Resolution is needed to prevent being taxed by the IRS on any surplus income.)

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Sample Ballot

Signature: _____ Date: _____

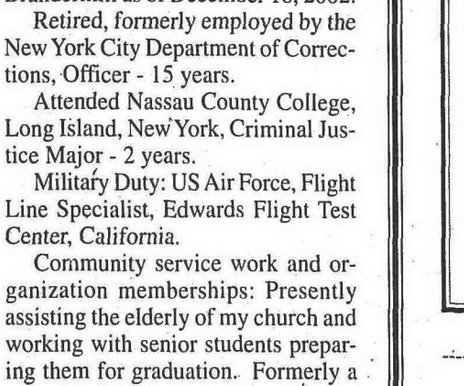
The proxy/ballot must be signed.

The above signed hereby appoints the BCA Board of Directors, the attorneys and proxies of the above signed to vote in the manner indicated above and in their discretion, on all matters properly coming before the meeting of the members of the Brandermill Community Association, Inc., on Monday, April 21, 2003 at 7 p.m. at Brandermill Woods and any adjournment of such meeting and hereby revokes any proxy heretofore given. Please mail your proxy/ballot in the blue envelope provided or deliver to Brandermill Community Association, 3001 East Boundary Terrace, Midlothian, Va. 23112, **no later than 5 p.m. on April 21, 2003.** The polls will be closed during the Annual Meeting on April 21, 2003.

Please mail or deliver your proxy/ballot whether or not you plan to attend the Annual Meeting.

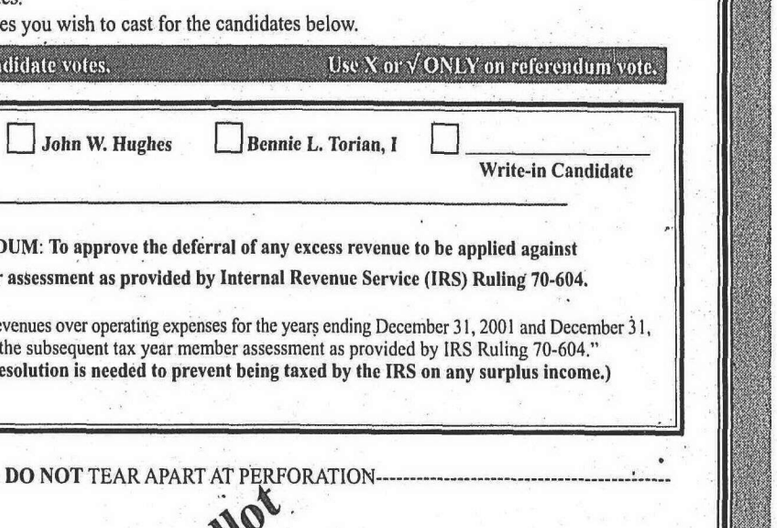
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Tiger Cubs visit The Village Mill

The Village Mill

February 10, 2003

Tiger Cub Scouts Pack 809 goes on field trips

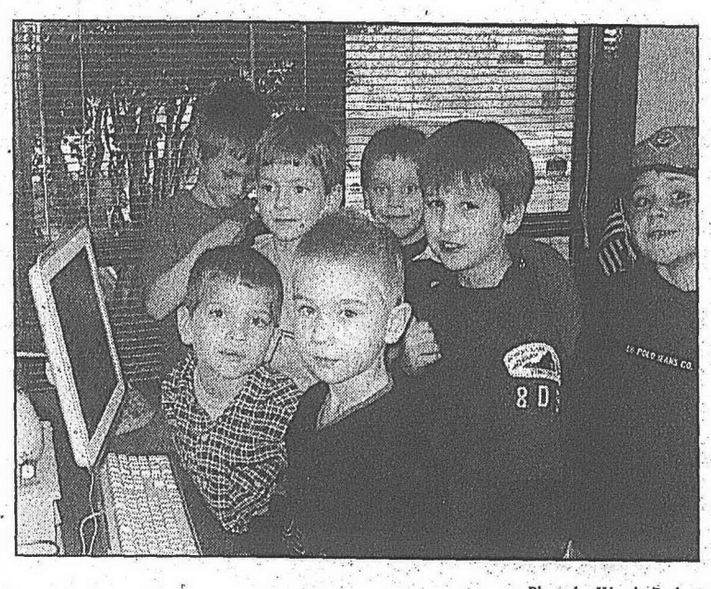


Photo by Wendy Parker
Michael, Bryant, Ryan, Alex, Sean, Jacob, and Coleman visit The Village Mill.

"I came in third in the pinewood derby race this year." Coleman Epps

"I came in first in the pinewood derby race in January. It was fun." Alex Gooch

"I went fishing. It was fun. I caught a salmon." And his dad said, "No you didn't." Bryant Fleischmann

"One time I went fishing and I caught a five-inch catfish. It was fun. I threw him back into the water." Jacob Novak

"We went to the old Chesterfield County Jail. A long time ago they kept bad peoples there. But no one was there now." Michael Bush

"My favorite thing about scouting was when I came in first place in the pinewood derby last year. I beat an 11-year-old." Ryan Reavis

"I made a blue car for the pinewood derby race. I came in first, second and third places." Sean Luhman

"I don't like coming to these scouting outings. It's boring." Harper Epps (sister of Cub Scout.)

Cub Scouts are selling popcorn
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Tiger Cub Scouts Pack 809 visited The Village Mill in February to learn how a newspaper is produced. They helped create their own newsletter (above) incorporating the basic elements of any newspaper: a flag; a headline, a byline, a cutline, copy with riveting quotes and, of course, advertising.

Chesterfield County offers variety of parenting classes

The Prevention Services Unit of the Chesterfield County Department of Mental Health/Mental Retardation/ Substance Abuse offers classes.

Coping with ADHD: A Parent Survival Program — Teaches parents about attention deficit hyperactivity disorder and behavior-management. Bon Air Baptist Church on Wednesdays, beginning March 12, from 6 to 7:30 p.m.

Getting to Know Your Child

An eight-week class for parents who want to learn more about the basic needs of newborns through the preschool years. Topics: achieving a close relationship, learning through play, handling challenging behaviors, and raising a secure child. Sessions at the Rogers Building, 6801 Lucy Corr Blvd., Room B114, on Wednesdays, March 26 through May 21 from 6:30 to 8 p.m. The class fee is $50.

Raising Sexually Responsible Children in a Promiscuous Society

Increase your effectiveness and lessen your anxiety when talking with your children about sex, dating and risky behavior. Class at Central Library on Tuesday, April 8, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. The workshop fee is $10.

To register for any class, please call 768-7204 or log onto chesterfield.gov.

Volksmarch

Continued from column above right.

Participants will receive a start card at the Sunday Park Pavilion. All participants must carry a start card that will be stamped at control points along the route. Hard candy will be available at control points as well as water for participants and their dogs. The finish point is at the pavilion.

The Brandermill Volksmarch is free. Participants, however, who would like a memento of their walk, can buy an official volksmarch patch that can be sewn on a jacket or framed. The cost is $6 for those who register by mail by April 16 and $7 after that date. Registration forms are available at the BCA office.

For more information, please e-mail Mark Smith at smithfamily3@juno.com or call 744-2747.

For more information on the sport of volksmarching, call Lee Lepus Volksverband President Dee Schrum at 768-0055, email dschrum4@comcast.net.

BCA cosponsors Volksmarch

By Wendy Parker
Managing Editor

It is time to break out the walking shoes, dab on a little sunscreen and get ready for Brandermill's first volksmarch, a noncompetitive 10-kilometer (6.2-mile) walk. A 5-kilometer (3.1-mile) walk is also open. The word volksmarch, loosely translated, means people's walk.

Cosponsored by Brandermill Community Association and Lee Lepus Volksverband, the event will kick off from Sunday Park Pavilion on Saturday, April 19 at 8 a.m. All Brandermill residents, young and old, (and dogs on leashes) are invited to participate in the walk along Brandermill's scenic trails. Participants in strollers and wheelchairs also are welcome. Everyone who completes the event is considered a winner.

Cove Ridge resident Mark Smith, who participated in many walks while serving nine years in the U.S. Army in Germany, says the premise of a volksmarch is as much about socializing as is it is about exercising. While overseas, he and his wife Susan and son Jordan joined thousands of walking enthusiasts from around the world in official volksmarches. Walkers who pay a small fee receive an official patch or medal for completing an event. The Smiths have dozens of patches and medals as proof of their participation and when they returned to the U.S., they continued their interest in the sport.

The American Volkssport Association (AVA), a network of 365-plus walking clubs, organizes more than 3,000 walking events per year in the U.S. In addition, there are 1,400 permanent trails called Year Round Events in the U.S. The AVA is a member of the International Federation of Popular Sports (IVV.)

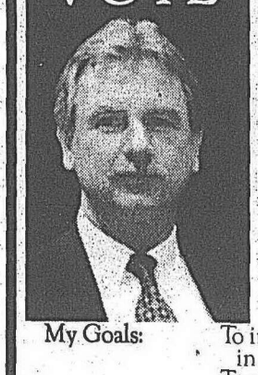
During the volksmarch, participants can go as fast or slow as they wish. They can run or power walk to benefit from aerobic exercise. Participants may stop, picnic, and sightsee along the way but walkers are encouraged to be off the trail by the 5 p.m. finish time. At a very easy pace, it takes most people about two and one-half hours to cover the course. Power walkers and experienced volksmarchers might complete the course in an hour and one-half or less.

See Volksmarch below left.



Susan and Mark Smith on a German Volksmarch in the 1970s.

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To understand the issues
To apply my judgment in an unbiased manner in making decisions
To put the community's interests first



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To build a sense of community
To maintain & enhance Brandermill's amenities.

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Mothers & More plan spring activities



Photo by Debbie Amos

Brandermill youngsters Carter Amos, Clayton Prevatte and Emma Layman receive a helping hand from Elizabeth Prevatte during a Mothers & More cookie decorating party.

Mothers & More is a nonprofit organization dedicated to improving the lives of mothers through support, education and advocacy. Mothers & More offers a sense of community to women altering their careers over the course of their active parenting years.

The Southside Richmond chapter offers socializing opportunities for moms, discussions, book clubs, playgroups, mom's night out events and more.

The chapter holds meetings at Sycamore Square Town Hall on the second and fourth Thursdays of each month from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m., unless otherwise noted.

The following evening programs are scheduled for March and April.

March 27 - Mothers & More Meeting: Your Parenting Questions Answered.

April 7, Monday — Seasoned Moms Group at the Huguenot Road Barnes & Noble.

April 10—Scrapbooking

April 17 — Mom's Night Out: Dinner & Book Swap at Uno's Pizzeria on U.S, Route 360.

April 24 — Speech Related Issues and Speech Therapy for Children

Playgroups are planned on the following dates from 10 a.m. to noon:

March 21 — Huguenot Park

April 16 — Children's Easter Party

April 18 — Sunday Park

Please call Betsy to RSVP for all events at 560-5291.

For more information about the group, please call Co-leader Debbie Amos at 744-2157 or visit the website at mamsouthside.tripod.com.

Girl Scout Council seeks outstanding leadership nominees

Girl Scout Commonwealth Council of Virginia, Inc. announces Teen Girls of Distinction, an awards recognition event that will honor 11th- and 12th-grade girls whose individual achievements set them apart as leaders in the community.

Nominees will be selected to represent one of the following 10 categories: advocacy/community service, athletics, technology, entrepreneur, leadership, liberal arts, math and science, religion, and Senior Girl Scout.

A nominations panel will select 10 girls, one representing each category respectively. Each nominee will be notified by the council and will be honored at the awards event on May 21 at The Country Club of Virginia. Among the honors to be presented is a scholarship for each honoree.

Nominees are not required to have been or currently be a Girl Scout and must attend school or reside in Chesterfield, Goochland, Hanover or Henrico Counties or the cities of Richmond, Petersburg or Colonial Heights. All registered Senior Girl Scouts in Girl Scout Commonwealth Council are also eligible.

Nomination packets are available through area public and private school guidance offices and online at www.comgirlscouts.org.

For more information, call Tamara Johnson, director of fund development, at 764-3346, or 1-800-472-6884, ext. 346, or visit the website.

Rotarians' goodwill extends overseas

By Fred Norman
Club Correspondent

Rotary is an organization of business and professional leaders united worldwide who provide humanitarian services and build goodwill and peace throughout the world.

The Rotary Club of Brandermill and its members support: The Chesterfield Christmas Mother, highway trash pickup on Genito and Old Hundred Roads, feeding the homeless, Interact Clubs at Clover Hill and Manchester High Schools and Swift Creek Middle School, Blessed Children which provides medical equipment to poor countries worldwide, the eradication of polio through the PolioPlus program, and The Guyana Project which provides in-country medical services.

The Rotary Club of Brandermill meets at Taylor's Restaurant in Market Square on Thursdays from 7:30 to 8:30 a.m. The weekly meetings include breakfast and programs of community interest.

For more information on the Rotary Club of Brandermill, please contact Fred Norman at 690-1497 or at Fred.Norman@CVConline.net.

Brandermill Woman's Club members get in style for spring

By Ann H. Gatz
Club Correspondent

The Brandermill Woman's Club will hold its next meting on March 26 at Brandermill Woods Retirement Center. For the March program, members will review and vote on the club bylaws and other business.

Club members will return to their regular meeting place at Brandermill Country Club for the April 9 meeting. The program will be a fashion show presentation by Steinmart, featuring the latest styles for spring and summer.

Meetings begin at 10 a.m. and lunches will be served at noon.

Luncheon reservations can be made by calling Mary Ann Scanlon at 639-5546.

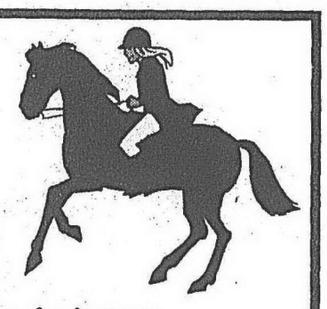
NARFE explores the history of American quilting

The National Association of Retired Federal Employees, Midlothian Chapter 2265, will hold its monthly meeting on Wednesday, March 12, at the Brandermill Woods.

Social and business meeting begins at 9:30 a.m., and a presentation by Sue Crowell on "American History Through Quilting" will start at 11 a.m.

For details or directions call Jim Bradley at 675-7191.

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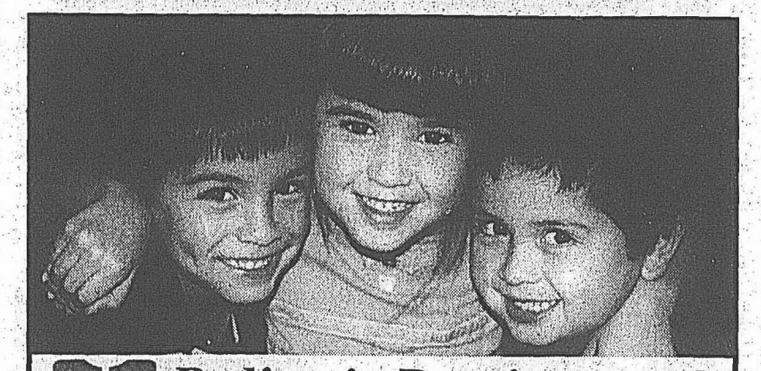


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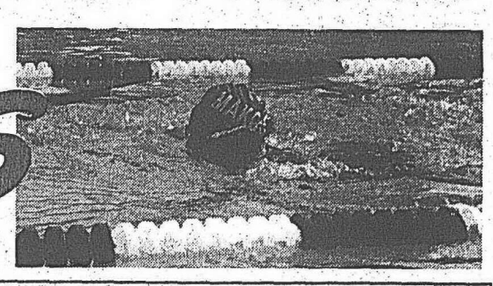
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Walkers raise funds to find M.S. cure

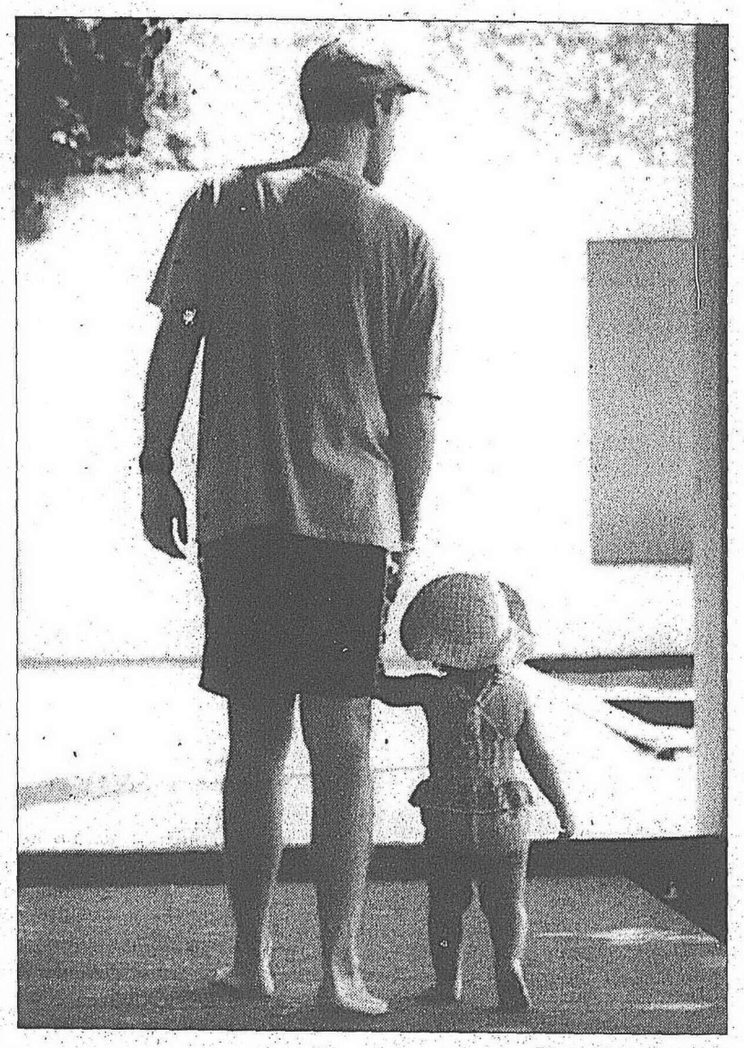


Photo by Randi Gellis

Chris Mast and daughter Ellie enjoy a walk together.

By Wendy Parker
Managing Editor

Imagine: you awaken on a beautiful spring morning and go through your normal routine getting ready for work.

You shower, shave, and pick out your clothes, but when you go to tie your shoes, as you always do, your fingers will not cooperate. Suddenly, you realize you have lost motor control of your arm.

This frightening scenario happened to Hickory Nut resident Chris Mast just a year ago. After anxious weeks of medical tests, Mast learned he had multiple sclerosis, a chronic disease of the central nervous system that affects the brain and spinal cord. Today, a third of a million Americans suffer from multiple sclerosis.

An MRI indicated Mast had inactive lesions and one active lesion on his brain. He takes injections of Betaseron every other day. After a few weeks, his symptoms went away.

"Sometimes," Mast says, "I forget I have the disease." But thousands of others suffer from symptoms as varying as extreme fatigue, double vision, blindness and paralysis.

There is no known cure for M.S. That is why employees, customers, and friends of Memories Galore in Market Square will be participating in the 2003 Multiple Sclerosis Walk in Richmond on Saturday, April 5.

"Our goal is to raise $25,000 for the Central Virginia Chapter of the National Multiple Sclerosis Society," says Mast's wife Elissa, vice president of marketing of Memories Galore.

Randi Gellis, sister-in-law of Chris Mast and West End manager of Memories Galore, is the walk captain. She invites Brandermill residents to "please join us in the M.S. walk." She says, "Each participant is asked to raise at least $25. We're doing this so we can be proactive in helping to find a cure for M.S."

The team slogan is "Memories Galore: making memories and making a difference."

Thanks to significant advances in research, the FDA has approved several treatments that may alter the underlying course of M.S. and early treatment is critically important.

To join the Memories Galore team, please call Elissa Mast at 744-6500 or email customer service@ersales.com.

County seeks nominations for youth awards

Chesterfield County Youth Services is seeking nominations for its 20th Annual Youth Awards program, cosponsored by Chesterfield County Youth Services Citizen Board and Midlothian Kiwanis Club.

Youth nominees must be residents of Chesterfield County, 12 to 18 years old, and have demonstrated courage, compassion, or service to their community or school.

Nominees for the award for adults who work with youngsters must be Chesterfield County residents over 18 years old who have demonstrated fortitude, sensitivity or service in their work with local children.

Nomination forms are available at county libraries, middle school or high school guidance departments, the lobby of the Chesterfield Administration Building and the Youth Services office. Forms should include specific examples of nominees' qualifications for nomination.

Forms and information about the awards and the criteria for nominations are also available at chesterfield.gov/humanservices/youthservices.

Completed forms must be returned to Youth Services by Friday, March 21, at 5 p.m. They may be mailed to Chesterfield County Youth Services, P.O. Box 40, Chesterfield, VA 23832, faxed to 748-1099, or e-mailed to youthservices@chesterfield.gov.

All nominees will be honored at a ceremony at L.C. Bird High School on Thursday, May 8.

For more information, please call Youth Services at 796-7100.

Department of Motor Vehicles reopens

The Department of Motor Vehicles has reopened the customer service center (CSC) on Johnston-Willis Drive that closed last fall due to budget reductions. Residents now have the option to choose between this CSC and the Chester DMV office.

"Ultimately, customers will have a variety of methods through which they can interact with DMV - in person, electronically or by mail," said DMV Commissioner Ab Quillian. "Although the DMV of the future will look different from the DMV of the past, we remain committed to world-class customer service."

In addition to restoring CSC service, DMV is establishing alternative service options including additional license agents, driver licensing travel teams and self-service centers located in CSCs.

Saturdays, Mondays and Thursdays are DMV's busiest days. In addition, most customers prefer to visit DMV in the mornings.

The agency encourages customers to visit DMV well before the end of the month when drivers' licenses and vehicle registrations expire. The best times to visit are in the middle of the month, Tuesdays or Fridays, and mid-morning or mid-afternoon. When planning a visit, please be prepared to wait for service.

Hours of operation for the Midlothian and Chester offices are:

Monday, Tuesday and Friday 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Thursday 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Saturday 8 a.m. to noon. The offices are closed on Wednesdays.

There are 24-hour extraTeller services at both locations.

For more information or for directions, visit the DMV website at www.dmvnow.com or call 1-866-DMVLINE.

Chesterfield libraries celebrate 100th anniversary

The Clover Hill Public Library is sponsoring the following special events in March.

March 13 - Paige P. Johnson, president of the Chesterfield branch of the NAACP, will present "Reflections on Tolerance and Freedom" from 7 to 8 p.m. Admission is free. Johnson served as coordinator of financial aid, affirmative action and equal employment opportunity at John Tyler Community College before his retirement in 1991.

March 22 - Chesterfield/Colonial Heights Families First will host an open house to introduce Family Resource Centers from 10:30 a.m. to noon. Enjoy stories by surprise readers, bookmarks and other gifts and refreshments.

The Family Resource Center is a special area in the library that contains books and videos about parenting and child development for parents and their children.

Children's books and videos also are available, as is a comfortable reading area for parents and children. Toys are available to entertain children while parents browse or read. For more information, please call Janet Baumgardner at 768-7941.

March 23 - The Chesterfield County Public Library System will hold a Children's Birthday Book Party in celebration of its 100th anniversary.

Elementary school children and their parents are invited to attend the party at Holiday Inn Select Koger South Conference Center, 1021 Center Blvd. from 3 to 5 p.m.

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Got big plans? Don't forget to submit ARB applications for OK



Julann Talty

Many residents will soon be starting a variety of home improvement projects. If your project includes any changes to the outside appearance of your home, an application for approval must be submitted to the Architectural Review Board.

Large projects, such as additions deck conversions, accessory buildings or exceptions to the general design guidelines require the approval of the ARB. Meetings are held on the second and fourth Tuesday of each month. The community architect and his assistant review applications for colors, fences and site stakeouts each week.

There are five general applications.

Color Approval

This form is used for changes in exterior colors on a home or for a new roof. For paint colors, the color name or number, the manufacturer's name and a color chip are required. For new roofs, the manufacturer's name, the color of the roof and the warranty are required.

Fence Application

Residents submit this form to apply for a fence or dog pen in a yard or for screening for boats, trailers, propane tanks and other mechanical equipment. A fence application must include a plat of the property showing where the fence or enclosure is to be located as well as a description of the style of fencing to be used, including the height.

Home Improvement Application

This form is used for many types of projects. These can include additions, sheds, deck extensions, replacement windows or doors, skylights, awnings and major landscaping. Depending on the type of project, this application may require a plat, floor plans and scale drawings of all elevations, dimensions and roof pitches as well as exterior materials and finishes.

Vinyl Application

Residents who wish to install vinyl siding must complete and submit this application with a sample of the vinyl in the color that will be used. The application includes the standards for vinyl installation in Brandermill as well as nominal wall thickness.

New Home Application

This includes all the paperwork required for the two-stage review process for new homes and the certificate of compliance to be completed by the community architect when the home is complete.

ARB requests may be submitted up until 4:30 p.m. the day before the meeting and must include all supportive drawings and information.

Residents should allow up to seven days after the review to receive a response. Verbal approvals are not granted.

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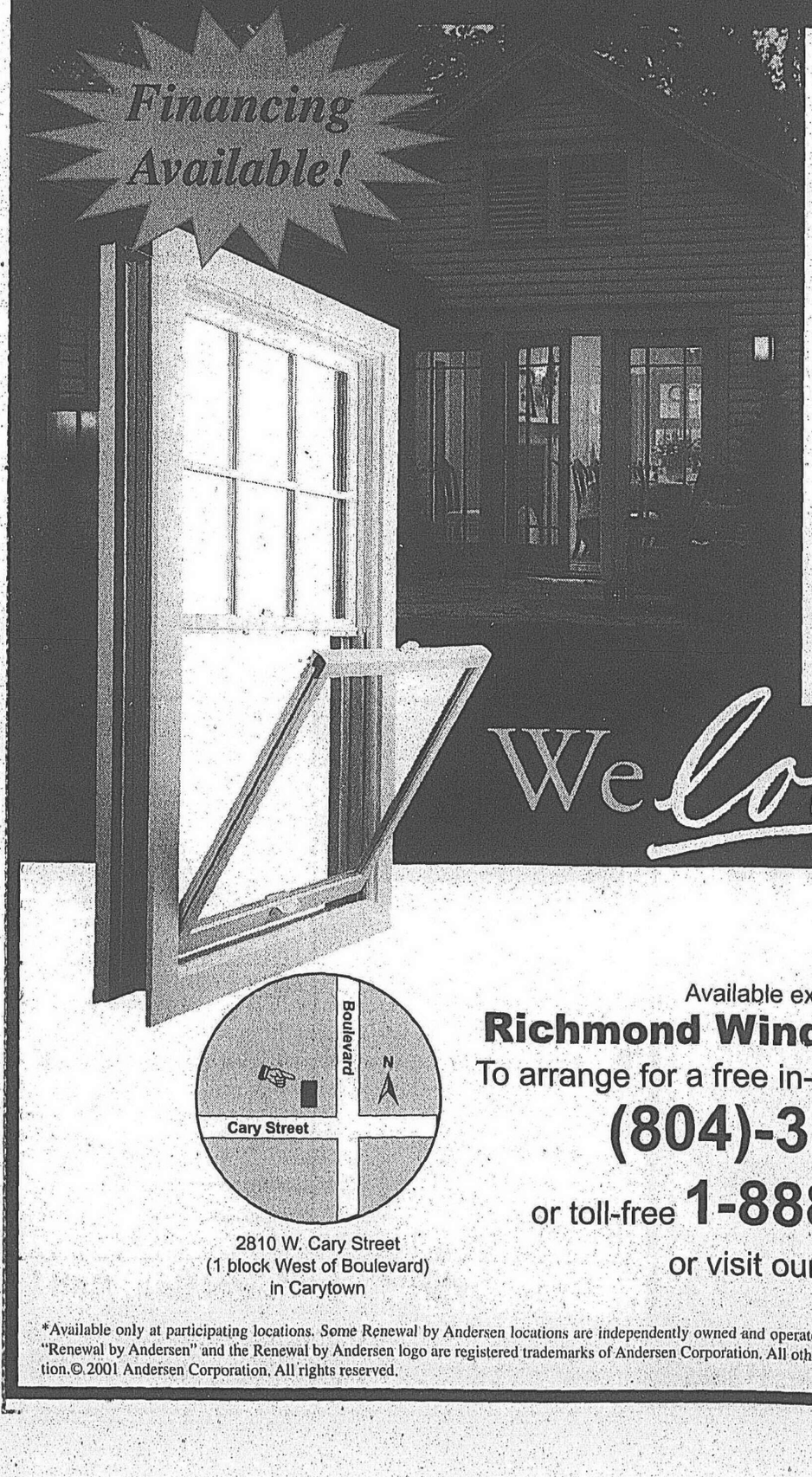
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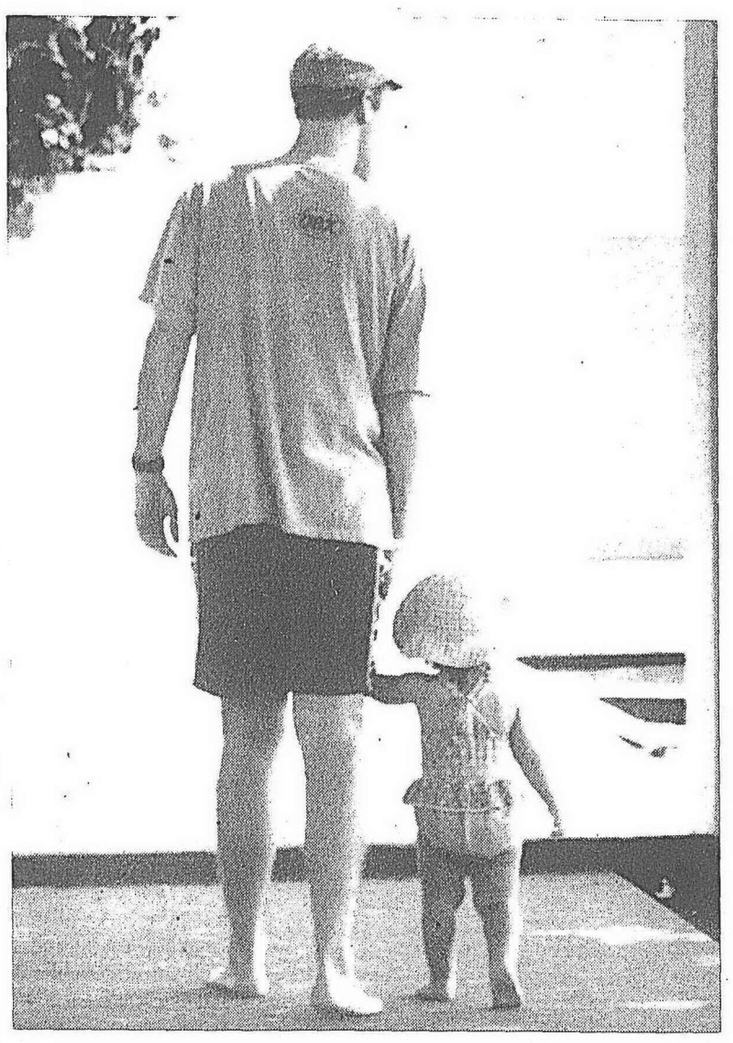


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Chris Mast and daughter Ellie enjoy a walk together.

By Wendy Parker
Managing Editor

Imagine: you awaken on a beautiful spring morning and go through your normal routine getting ready for work.

You shower, shave, and pick out your clothes, but when you go to tie your shoes, as you always do, your fingers will not cooperate. Suddenly, you realize you have lost motor control of your arm.

This frightening scenario happened to Hickory Nut resident Chris Mast just a year ago. After anxious weeks of medical tests, Mast learned he had multiple sclerosis, a chronic disease of the central nervous system that affects the brain and spinal cord. Today, a third of a million Americans suffer from multiple sclerosis.

An MRI indicated Mast had inactive lesions and one active lesion on his brain. He takes injections of Betaseron every other day. After a few weeks, his symptoms went away.

"Sometimes," Mast says, "I forget I have the disease." But thousands of others suffer from symptoms as varying as extreme fatigue, double vision, blindness and paralysis.

There is no known cure for M.S. That is why employees, customers, and friends of Memories Galore in Market Square will be participating in the 2003 Multiple Sclerosis Walk in Richmond on Saturday, April 5.

"Our goal is to raise $25,000 for the Central Virginia Chapter of the National Multiple Sclerosis Society," says Mast's wife Elissa, vice president of marketing of Memories Galore.

Randi Gellis, sister-in-law of Chris Mast and West End manager of Memories Galore, is the walk captain. She invites Brandermill residents to "please join us in the M.S. walk." She says, "Each participant is asked to raise at least $25. We're doing this so we can be proactive in helping to find a cure for M.S."

The team slogan is "Memories Galore: making memories and making a difference."

Thanks to significant advances in research, the FDA has approved several treatments that may alter the underlying course of M.S. and early treatment is critically important.

To join the Memories Galore team, please call Elissa Mast at 744-6500 or email customer service@ersales.com.

County seeks nominations for youth awards

Chesterfield County Youth Services is seeking nominations for its 20th Annual Youth Awards program, cosponsored by Chesterfield County Youth Services Citizen Board and Midlothian Kiwanis Club.

Youth nominees must be residents of Chesterfield County, 12 to 18 years old, and have demonstrated courage, compassion, or service to their community or school.

Nominees for the award for adults who work with youngsters must be Chesterfield County residents over 18 years old who have demonstrated fortitude, sensitivity or service in their work with local children.

Nomination forms are available at county libraries, middle school or high school guidance departments, the lobby of the Chesterfield Administration Building and the Youth Services office. Forms should include specific examples of nominees' qualifications for nomination.

Forms and information about the awards and the criteria for nominations are also available at chesterfield.gov/humanservices/youthservices.

Completed forms must be returned to Youth Services by Friday, March 21, at 5 p.m. They may be mailed to Chesterfield County Youth Services, P.O. Box 40, Chesterfield, VA 23832; faxed to 748-1099, or e-mailed to youthservices@chesterfield.gov.

All nominees will be honored at a ceremony at L.C. Bird High School on Thursday, May 8.

For more information, please call Youth Services at 796-7100.

Department of Motor Vehicles reopens

The Department of Motor Vehicles has reopened the customer service center (CSC) on Johnston-Willis Drive that closed last fall due to budget reductions. Residents now have the option to choose between this CSC and the Chester DMV office.

"Ultimately, customers will have a variety of methods through which they can interact with DMV - in person, electronically or by mail," said DMV Commissioner Ab Quillian. "Although the DMV of the future will look different from the DMV of the past, we remain committed to world-class customer service."

In addition to restoring CSC service, DMV is establishing alternative service options including additional license agents, driver licensing travel teams and self-service centers located in CSCs.

Saturdays, Mondays and Thursdays are DMV's busiest days. In addition, most customers prefer to visit DMV in the mornings.

The agency encourages customers to visit DMV well before the end of the month when drivers' licenses and vehicle registrations expire. The best times to visit are in the middle of the month, Tuesdays or Fridays, and mid-morning or mid-afternoon. When planning a visit, please be prepared to wait for service.

Hours of operation for the Midlothian and Chester offices are:

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For more information or for directions, visit the DMV website at www.dmvnow.com or call 1-866-DMVLINE.

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March 22 - Chesterfield/Colonial Heights Families First will host an open house to introduce Family Resource Centers from 10:30 a.m. to noon. Enjoy stories by surprise readers, bookmarks and other gifts and refreshments.

The Family Resource Center is a special area in the library that contains books and videos about parenting and child development for parents and their children.

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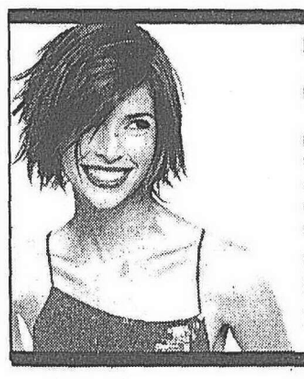
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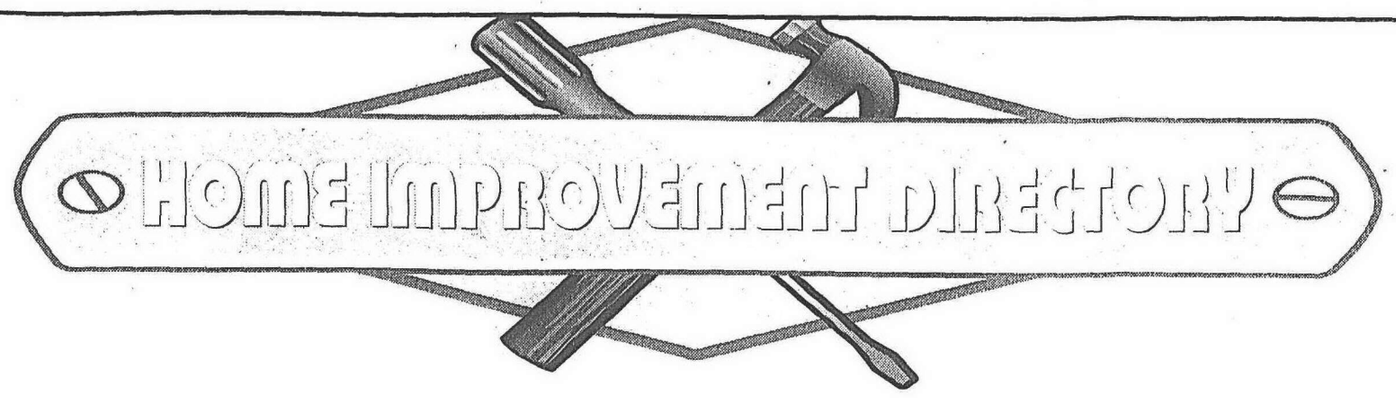
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Got big plans? Don't forget to submit ARB applications for OK



Julann Talty

Many residents will soon be starting a variety of home improvement projects. If your project includes any changes to the outside appearance of your home, an application for approval must be submitted to the Architectural Review Board.

Large projects, such as additions deck conversions, accessory buildings or exceptions to the general design guidelines require the approval of the ARB. Meetings are held on the second and fourth Tuesday of each month. The community architect and his assistant review applications for colors, fences and site stakeouts each week.

There are five general applications.

Color Approval

This form is used for changes in exterior colors on a home or for a new roof. For paint colors, the color name or number, the manufacturer's name and a color chip are required. For new roofs, the manufacturer's name, the color of the roof and the warranty are required.

Fence Application

Residents submit this form to apply for a fence or dog pen in a yard or for screening for boats, trailers, propane tanks and other mechanical equipment. A fence application must include a plat of the property showing where the fence or enclosure is to be located as well as a description of the style of fencing to be used, including the height.

Home Improvement Application

This form is used for many types of projects. These can include additions, sheds, deck extensions, replacement windows or doors, skylights, awnings and major landscaping. Depending on the type of project, this application may require a plat, floor plans and scale drawings of all elevations, dimensions and roof pitches as well as exterior materials and finishes.

Vinyl Application

Residents who wish to install vinyl siding must complete and submit this application with a sample of the vinyl in the color that will be used. The application includes the standards for vinyl installation in Brandermill as well as nominal wall thickness.

New Home Application

This includes all the paperwork required for the two-stage review process for new homes and the certificate of compliance to be completed by the community architect when the home is complete.

ARB requests may be submitted up until 4:30 p.m. the day before the meeting and must include all supportive drawings and information.

Residents should allow up to seven days after the review to receive a response. Verbal approvals are not granted.

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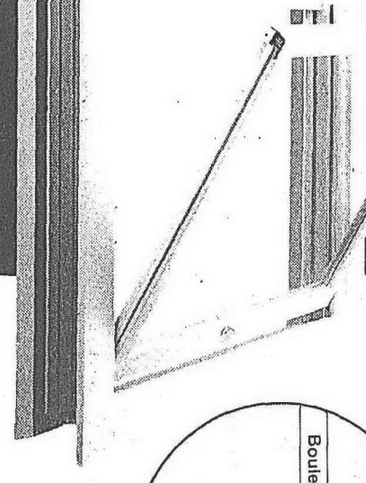


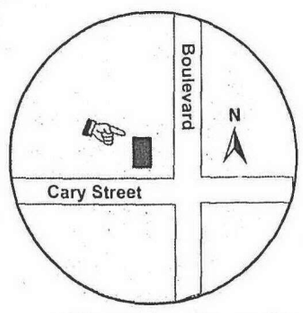
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What you need to know about windows

By Angela Lehman Rios
Special Correspondent

Homeowners generally look "through" windows, rather than look "at" them. However, if you are planning a renovation or considering ways to increase your home's value, windows deserve closer inspection. Their role in creating a comfortable, temperate environment and conserving energy is vital.

Studies suggest that an average home can lose 30 per cent of its heat or air-conditioning energy through windows. Likewise, the U.S. Department of Energy has calculated that one-fourth of all the energy used to heat and cool residential and commercial buildings is used merely to offset unwanted heat loss and gain through windows.

On a national scale, that translates into billions of dollars of wasted energy. On an individual scale, homeowners who do the math find that energy-efficient windows may pay for themselves in as few as two or three years.

"Nearly 60 percent of the window replacements we do are for energy efficiency," says Page Ewell, owner of Richmond Window Corporation. "The other 40 percent are for maintenance and esthetics."

Both major components of a window, the glass and the frame, contribute to its ability to keep heat in during the winter and out during the summer. Heat transfer can occur in four ways: conduction, convection, radiation and air leakage.

Conduction, or heat moving through solid materials, accounts for significant heat transfer.

Ideally, windows should conduct as little heat as possible. Manufacturers achieve this by making double- or triple-paned windows, with an optimum space of 1.3 to 1.6 centimeters between each pane. The trapped air impedes conduction, and the addition of an inert gas like argon or krypton further improves a window's efficiency.

Air is one of the best insulators, and if gasses are added, it raises the bar. Multi-pane, gas-filled windows also reduce heat loss by convection, or warm air currents.

This is particularly important in the winter, when warm indoor air cools upon contact with window glass. The cool air sinks, warm air rushes in above it, and you feel a draft. Because less heat is conducted through a gas-filled window, the glass itself is warmer and the self-perpetuating convection current is slowed.

When considering multi-pane, gas-filled windows, you should know that krypton outperforms argon but is more expensive. Also, multi-pane windows are more expensive and heavier than single-pane windows. However, their cost may be offset by the money they save in heating and cooling, especially if they are used on the sides of the house that get the most summer sun or winter chill.

Radiant heat transfer occurs when heat energy moves from a warmer body to a cooler body. In other words, heat moves from your rooms to the cooler windows. They absorb it and then radiate it to the even cooler outdoors. In the summer, the direction is reversed as outdoor heat is radiated inward.

Enter low-emissivity glass, or low-E for short. Glass is coated with transparent metallic oxides that reflect heat energy at longer wavelengths while still allowing shorter-wave visible light through.

By reflecting the sun's heat before it even enters the house, cooling costs are lowered; by reflecting interior heat back into the house, heating costs are lowered.

Manufacturers have developed different types of low-E coatings appropriate for different climates. Climate may also determine which pane of glass receives the coating.

A window's coating will affect its solar-heat-gain coefficient, or SHGC. You will see this measurement of efficiency expressed on window labels as a decimal between 0 and 1. Lower numbers keep heat out, ideal in hot climates. Higher numbers let heat in, a desirable effect in cold climates.

In a "swing climate" like in Virginia, an SHGC of .40 to .55 is recommended by Paul Fisette, director of the Building Materials Technology and Management Program at the University of Massachusetts.

According to Fisette, low-E coatings combined with argon-filled windows increase energy efficiency by almost 100 per cent over plain glass windows.

Finally, a large amount of heat transfer occurs by air leakage at windows. Here is where the window frame and its components have the limelight.

Most new window frames are vinyl-clad or aluminum-clad wood, though hollow vinyl frames are common as well. Wood and vinyl are the best materials because they conduct the least heat; aluminum is the least energy-efficient. The main energy-related drawback to vinyl is that it expands and contracts with temperature change and so will create air leaks over time. Light-colored vinyl is better in this regard than dark vinyl.

A good vinyl frame has durability and low maintenance. It should fit snugly and open and close easily.

Unfortunately, spacers—the material that separates multiple panes of glass—are commonly made of highly conductive aluminum, contributing to heat loss and condensation in winter. If possible, look for spacers made of stainless steel, plastic, foam or rubber.

There is a lot to consider when looking for energy-efficient windows, but you can begin rather simply by checking a window's R-value. This number measures resistance to heat flow, giving a snapshot of how the window will perform. A higher R-value means a more efficient window. R-values typically fall in the 0.9 to 3.0 range.

When you compare R-values, be sure the rating was calculated for the whole window, including the frame. Sometimes manufacturers will advertise R-values for just the center of the glass, which artificially inflates the value.

There is no question that you could spend a lot up front for the most energy-efficient windows. Most people end up choosing a reasonable compromise based on their own situation and priorities. But if you do the research and make an informed choice, you won't be throwing money out the window every time you pay your heating and cooling bill.

Skylights will light up your life

By Julane Johndrow
Staff Writer

Brandermill's heavily wooded lots pose a problem for residents who like more natural daylight in their homes. Skylights can be a good solution.

Tubular Skylights

A unique type of skylight is a tubular skylight. They can be installed in spaces a standard skylight cannot. For instance, a living room below a second story bedroom can benefit from a "light tunnel." It can be installed from the roof through a bedroom closet to bring daylight into a dark living room.

The lens at the top of the tube redirects low angle light downward while the highly reflective tubing brings the maximum amount of daylight into the space. Because the tubes fit between roof rafters, installation is relatively simple.

Jimmy Moorman of Solar Lighting of Virginia says he installs them in spaces that require a small light source providing a large amount of light. The tubular design comes in 10-inch, 14-inch and 21-inch-diameters to suit a client's needs.

Moorman became aware of tubular skylights while doing property management and government contracting. His family-owned company has carried a tubular skylight product for the last eight years. The fact that tubular skylights are one-third the cost of a conventional skylight, he says, is another reason so many people use them.

Traditional Skylights

Skylights lend a unique air to any room and are aesthetically pleasing. By letting natural light in, they fill rooms with warmth and a feeling of spaciousness. They are also highly functional by reducing the need for electric lighting. In cold weather, they help trim energy bills by adding natural warmth. Clear skylights can give an unhindered view to a starry night sky. Skylight frames are constructed of a rugged combination of metal, wood, and vinyl. The exterior frames tend to be aluminum-clad with a durable finish, while inside frames are often made of solid wood, plywood or vinyl. Although most homes have similar styles, there are a variety of available choices on the market: dome, flat, pyramid, round, hip ridge, ridge, polygon, lean to, and barrelvault.

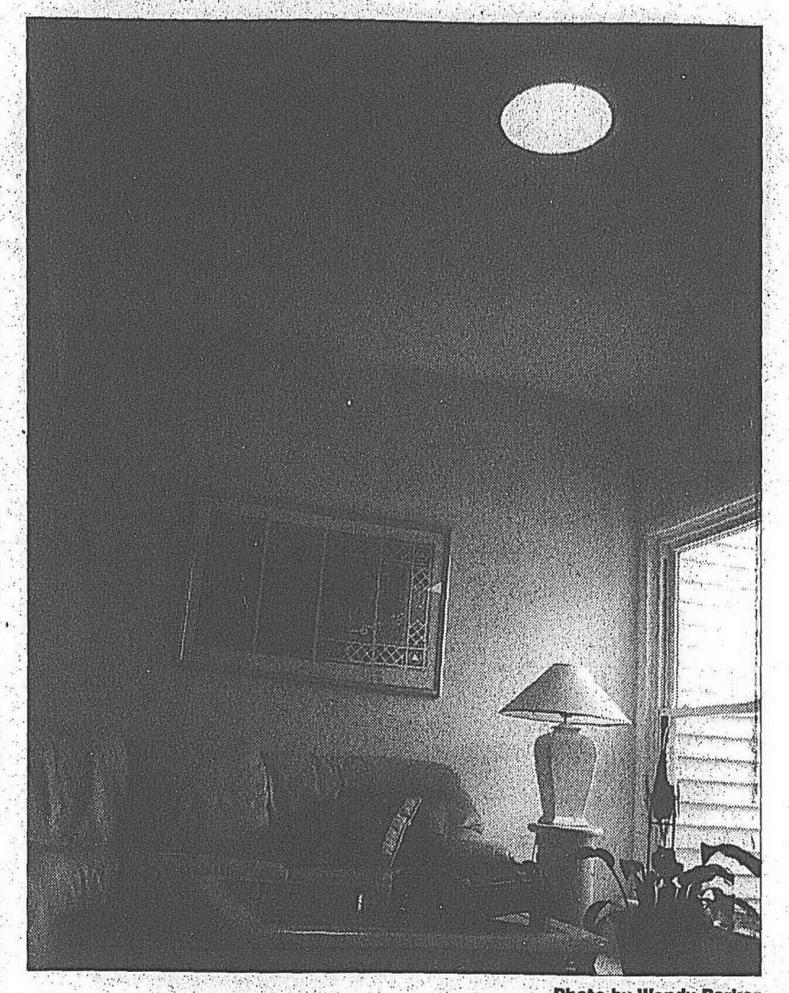
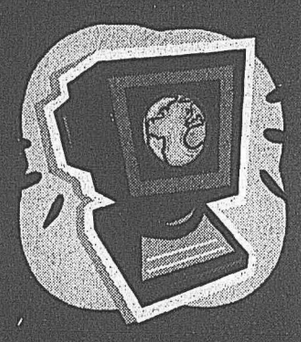


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This unique solartube skylight brings light from the roof, through an upstairs closet to a first-floor livingroom.

Some skylights are glazed with acrylic or polycarbonic, others with glass. Plastic windows are lightweight, economical choices. Their primary benefit is that they are less likely than glass to break. According to hometips.com, many people prefer glass because it doesn't scratch as easily as plastic and the skylights come in a larger variety of sizes and types. Glass is available in single, double or triple glazing. Energy-saving low-E glass or argon-gas-filled panes are available. For protection against ultraviolet (UV) rays, bronze-tinted or other UV-blocking glass is available to keep furniture and carpet from fading. Other options for eliminating or reducing the sun include built-in blinds, horizontal curtains or shades and UV-blocking insect screens.

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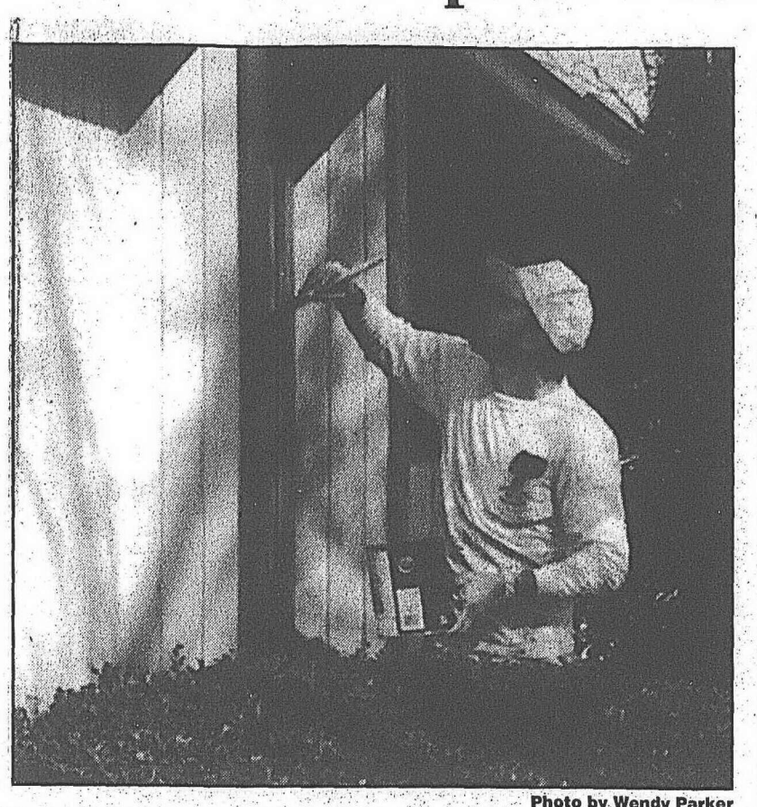


Photo by Wendy Parker

April and October are the best months in which to paint exteriors.

By Alex Mathers
Special Correspondent

A new coat of paint is one of the most affordable ways to improve the appearance of your home, both inside and outside.

Exterior Painting

According to Deborah Bryning, assistant manager with Virginia Paint & Design Center, one of the most crucial steps to any painting project is to begin with a dry, clean surface. Pressure-wash the outside of your home using a TSP solution commonly found at paint and hardware stores. This will remove dirt, pollen and mildew, so it won't bleed through your new paint job.

Be conscious of the season. Paint and stain perform better when they are applied during times of low humidity. April and October are generally the best times to apply exterior coatings.

Before starting, check the caulking around doors and windows. Recaulk if necessary. Look for rotted or damaged areas on your siding and repair these as needed.

Many homes in Brandermill have rustic, wood siding that requires either a semi-transparent or solid stain for protection from the elements. A semi-transparent stain brings out the grain of the wood, but it can only be reapplied for a period of about 10 years, because it doesn't block ultraviolet light from the sun. Subsequently, even if you seal your home with a semi-transparent stain every two years as recommended, your wood siding will still take on an aged, weathered appearance. A more durable solution is a solid stain that has a 5 to 8 year lifespan per application. Solid stains offer more protection from UV light and weather and they cover more irregularities on the exterior of your home.

For painted exterior surfaces, use a product similar in formulation to what is already covering the area. If your home was previously painted with a latex (or water-based) paint, use a latex product during repainting. The same applies to oil-based paints. For the best results, however, or if you are unsure of the type of paint used on your home, Bryning recommends first applying a primer coat to your home.

"We always recommend using a good quality primer and two top coats to give good adhesion and bonding," said Bryning.

Brandermill residents should remember that changing exterior paint colors requires approval by the BCA Architectural Review Board. Applications are available at the BCA office.

Interior Painting

Almost nothing changes the feel of a room quicker than a fresh coat of paint. The selection of colors, finishes and painting techniques are nearly limitless.

Interior paint generally comes in flat, eggshell, satin and semi-gloss finishes. Typically, Bryning recommends flat, eggshell or satin for walls; semi-gloss for trim; and flat on ceilings. Most interior paints now come in latex formulations.

"Latex is like the cure of all evils. It's low odor, easy to work with, easy to apply and retains its color," said Bryning.

Oil-based paints now are used less often since they are more harmful to the environment. Changes in their formulations, brought on by environmental concerns, have altered the performance of oil-based paints. So, while oil-based products are known for their durability, they also have gained a reputation for their pungent odor, slow drying time, and for their propensity to fade, crack and yellow. Paint companies now are developing new formulations including acrylics and alkyd-modified paints to take the place of oil-based products.

For interiors, the same rules apply for repainting as for exterior project. Use a latex paint over a latex paint; an oil-based paint over an oil-based paint. And make sure your surface is clean and dry to ensure good adhesion.

Using a good primer can give a solid base to your painting project, particularly if you're dealing with darkly tinted paints. If you are painting a light color over a dark color, applying a coat of primer is almost mandatory to ensure good coverage. A tinted primer coat is also recommended if you are painting a dark color over a light color to give a good base coat for smooth color adherence.

How to get rid of an unwanted guest — mildew

Indoor

April showers may bring May flowers, but they can also lead to a common household problem: a damp basement or crawlspace.

Excessive moisture in basements, crawlspaces and foundation walls can produce a number of damaging effects including structural rot and decay and high humidity levels throughout the home. Even small amounts of water or moisture can create the conditions for the growth of mold and mildew, which can be smelly, ugly and, if left unchecked, can cause masonry to crumble. That is why it is important to take care of water problems immediately to prevent damage before it occurs.

Fortunately, homeowners today can take advantage of new waterproofing technologies. Hardware stores and home improvement centers now carry mold and mildew-proof waterproofing paint to cure basement water problems. The product was developed to keep water out and mold and mildew away.

• First, clean the surface of dirt, grease and other contaminants that can prevent the waterproofer from adhering to basement or foundation walls. Remove efflorescence (a powdery white deposit found on many concrete surfaces) with muriatic acid or concrete etching solution and remove mold and mildew with a solution of bleach and water. If the basement is already painted, remove as much of the existing paint as possible and patch all holes and cracks, especially those that show signs of active water leaks.

• Liberally apply the first coat of the waterproofing paint using a thick synthetic brush or use a large nap roller to apply it to a small section of the masonry. Use the brush to work the coating into the pores of the masonry to produce a continuous pinhole-free film. The product can be applied to wet or dry walls, so there is no need to wait until the walls are dry. Apply a second coat.

The white finish can be tinted to off-white or other colors, so homeowners can transform a dingy, leaky basement into a beautiful living space. The product should prevent the growth of mold and mildew on the paint film for up to five years.

Outdoor

Mildew can make the exterior of your home look dirty and unattractive, and, if left unchecked, it can damage paint, wood and siding. Removing mildew used to mean days of scrubbing or power washing only to have it return the next year. Fortunately, those days are gone.

Thanks to new products specifically formulated to effectively kill mold and mildew and prevent it from coming back, there is a scrub-free way to a mildew-free home.

First determine if black spots on your house are dirt or mildew. Since mildew is usually black and can look a lot like dirt, do this simple test: apply a drop of household bleach to the discolored area. If it disappears, it is mildew.

Kill the mildew with a house cleaner that contains an EPA-registered mildewcide. Such a product kills mold and mildew and loosens dirt and stains without scrubbing or power washing. Unlike bleach alone, which can effectively kill mildew but also can damage wood, etch aluminum siding and damage shrubs, plants and grass, it is specifically formulated to kill mildew without damaging your home, yet it can be used near surrounding plants, grass and shrubs.

After killing the mildew, prevent it from coming back with a paint formulated to prevent its growth. Special paint, now on the market, prevents the growth of mold and mildew up to five years. It also resists cracking, fading, peeling and blistering up to 15 years.

Check out these new products at your local home improvement centers.

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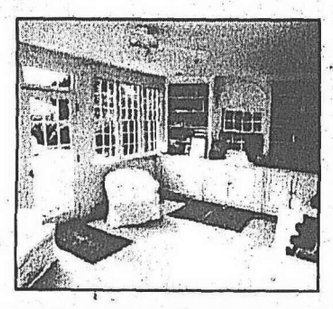


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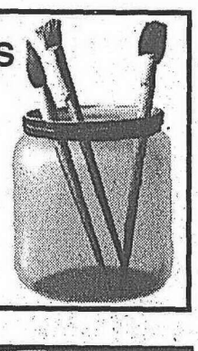


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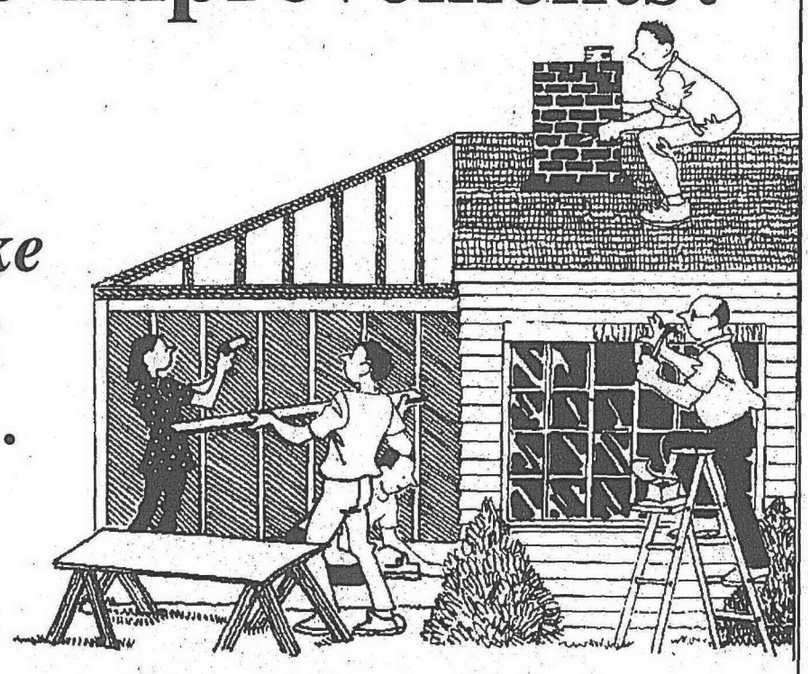


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Where did you put my shoe?

Become organized this spring.

By Ann C. Hunt
Assistant Editor

For some people spring means baseball or soccer. For others it means tilling the garden or mowing the lawn. But for the real spring enthusiast, spring means opening up windows, gathering cleaning supplies and clearing out closets and drawers — or at least hiring someone to do it. The following tips will help make spring organizing easier.

Start and finish one room at a time. This way you will see the accomplishments and will be encouraged to keep going. Pick the most dreaded room to clean first.

Decide what needs to be tossed, saved for a yard sale or given to charity. Charity donations provide taxable write-offs. Yard sales offer a couple of benefits — money in your pocket and the impetus for other family members to clean out their rooms.

The family room will see immediate improvement when you match toys, books and clothing with their owners. Make individual baskets available for each family member. Sort as you go and family members can be responsible for emptying their own baskets. Store videotapes and DVDs on shelves or in baskets and organize them by who watches them. Get a small basket for the remotes. Buy or make shelves for books, and put magazines in a basket.

Start sorting clothing in the bedrooms. Remember, this is where family members might want to try their hands at making money. There are different categories of clothing: in-season, out-of-season, out-of-style, five-fewer-pounds, and never-again-in-your-dreams. Start by getting rid of the out-of-style and never-again-in-your-dreams clothing. Move the out-of-season clothing to another closet or to the back of the closet. Underbed storage containers will hold sweaters. What is left? If it wasn't worn last spring, chances are it won't be worn this spring. Organize what remains by color and style. Do this with shoes and accessories, too.

Provide the children with colorful wooden boxes, deep-drawer dressers or underbed storage for their toys. Put pictures of clothing on their dresser drawers so the little ones can easily identify where their clothing should be put away.

Put baskets in the bathroom to organize medicines, soaps, toiletries and cleaning supplies. Those little wooden clementine boxes work well as organizers. Now is a good time to check for expiration dates on medicines and to discard them. If there are children or animals in the house, flush medicines down the toilet. Get rid of all those little scraps of soap and half-filled shampoo bottles. Relegate old towels to the cleaning supply box or throw them away.

The kitchen is a haven for dozens of wooden spoons, spatulas, saucepans, potholders and dishwashing detergents. Clear out what you don't need and move seldom-used items to higher shelves or to the back of the shelf. Use dividers for drawers and cupboards to make it easier to find what you need. Throw out old food and duplicates in the refrigerator and freezer. Buy containers for staples like flour and sugar, and bins for potatoes and onions.

Garages tend to be the storage area for holiday decorations, lawn and garden supplies, lawn furniture and sports equipment, anything but your car. Cabinets and shelving can take care of a lot of organizing. Labeled, inexpensive storage tubs keep things dry, clean and easily accessible. Also, well-placed hooks can be used for bicycles, garden tools, and lawn furniture. Keep cleaning supplies together and out of the reach of children.

Now that the house is organized, open the windows, turn on the music and get out those cleaning supplies.

√ Spring Check List

Now is the time to plan this year's attack on beautifying and maintaining lawns and homes. There are several steps people can take to improve and protect their homes.

√ Crawl underneath the house to check for winter damage. If there are signs of moisture, be sure to check the insulation for dampness which may indicate a problem. Also check for termite damage.

√ Clear dead leaves and debris from gutters in time for the spring showers.

√ If the house needs painting, do it now before the weather gets too hot or contractors become too busy. Check window sills and doorjambs for rotting wood before painting. Poke a screwdriver or chisel into the wood as a quick test for damage.

√ Say goodbye to winter doldrums and hello to color. Plan your spring planting. Mulch cuts down watering and improves the soil. Flowers and shrubbery add distinction to any home.

√ Furnaces were running all winter. Now is the time to change the filter and check for soot backup.

√ Residents who enjoyed warming themselves before a roaring fire this winter should have the chimney cleaned.

√ Anyone thinking of warmer days ahead will want to check freon levels in the air conditioning unit.

√ Reopen vents closed during the winter months.

√ Check attic and dead spaces for insects. It is not unusual to find them sharing comfortable living quarters.

√ Reseal the asphalt driveway if needed.

√ The secret behind a great looking lawn is a well-maintained mower. Make all necessary repairs.

Every spring, people talk excitedly about spring vacations. Now is the time to get excited about homes as well. Just follow the spring checklist.

Don't be ripped off by scam artists

By Ann C. Hunt
Assistant Editor

Warm weather will be arriving soon and with it will come door-to-door home repair solicitors. According to the Virginia Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services' Office of Consumer Affairs, spring is the season for itinerant contractors who promise a variety of home improvement services at cut-rate prices and often say, "We have just finished a job in the neighborhood." Older Virginians are particularly vulnerable to construction scams because many cannot do their own repairs.

The Virginia Department of Professional and Occupational Regulation (DPOR) offers the following advice for hiring a contractor.

• Deal with a licensed contractor who meets state requirements for expertise and performance. By hiring a licensed contractor, you are eligible for monetary relief from the Contractors Transaction Recovery Fund in case of improper and dishonest conduct. You can check a contractor's license status and any disciplinary actions taken since January 2002 at www.dpor.state.va.us or call the Contractors Board at 367-8511.

• Ask friends and neighbors for contractor referrals.

• Get written estimates from several contractors. Don't automatically choose the lowest bidder — ask for explanations on price variations among proposals.

• Insist on a detailed contract, including agreed-upon start and finish dates. Licensed contractors are required by law to provide a contract for residential work. You can print a sample contract from the DPOR website that includes minimum requirements.

• Don't rely on verbal agreements — get all guarantees, warranties, and promises in writing.

• Don't pay 100 percent of the bill until the work is 100 percent complete. Try to limit your down payment – a reputable contractor should be able to front the costs of supplies without a large sum of money from you. A deposit of one-third (30 percent) of the total cost is a good rule of thumb. Try to make payments during the project contingent upon completion of certain tasks – that way, if the contractor is behind schedule your payments are delayed.

Watch out for scams or an unlicensed contractor who solicits door-to-door; just happens to have materials left over from a previous job; pressures you into making an immediate decision; asks you to pay for the entire job up-front; accepts only cash payments; asks you to obtain the required building permits; or doesn't list a business number in the local phone book. If you suspect a scam call the DPOR Hotline at 367-2178.

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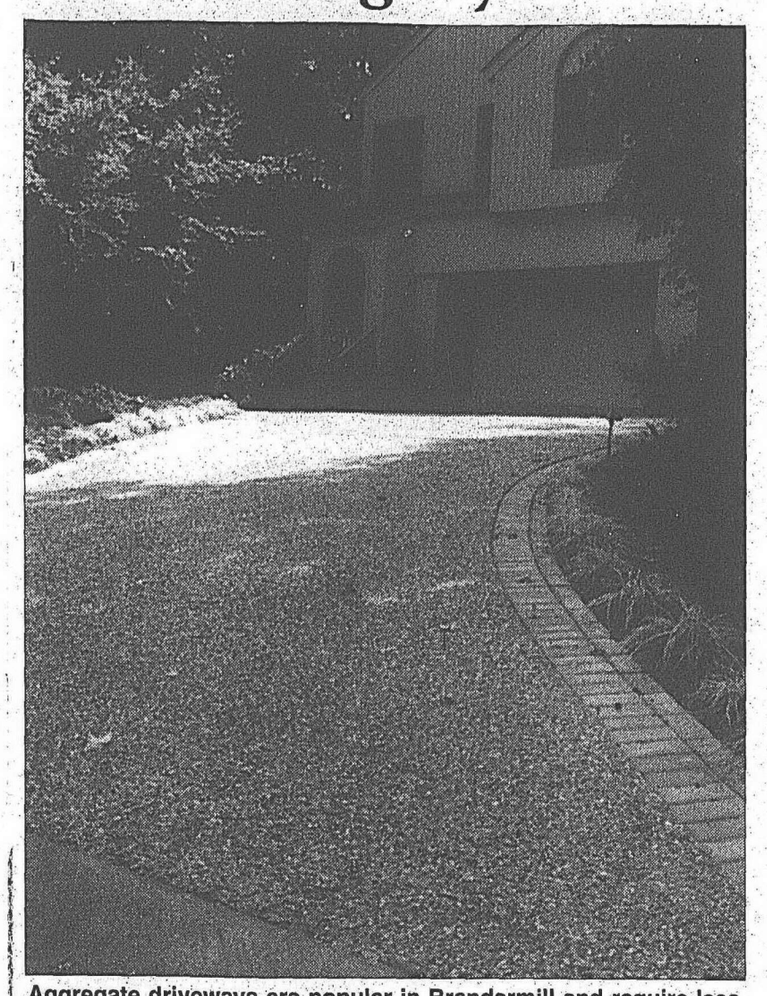
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How inviting is your driveway?



Aggregate driveways are popular in Brandermill and require less upkeep than asphalt.

By Kris Risendal
Special Correspondent

Nothing reflects the grace and presence of a beautiful home more than the welcoming detail of a well-maintained, attractive driveway. A driveway says, "Take me home." Its appearance is crucial to curbside appeal.

There are many different types of driveways: asphalt, gravel, aggregate, and concrete. Most homeowners choose the type of driveway best tailored to their lifestyle and the look of their home. Whether a homeowner chooses to pave a driveway or opts for the community's natural look, one thing is very clear: driveways that are maintained and groomed reflect a community that cares about how it looks.

Homeowners should ensure their driveways are properly maintained. Sealing, weeding where necessary, and lining driveways with timber all help keep a driveway neat in appearance and enhances the overall beauty of a home.

BCA community standards regulations require that only brown and grey river gravel are allowed as surface gravel in Brandermill.

Many people with gravel driveways find that gravel washes down onto the roads. Often times, regrading and bringing in fresh gravel can greatly enhance the overall appearance of a driveway. While Brandermill residents who wish to change the surface of their driveways do not need approval from the Architectural Review Board, changing driveway dimensions does require advance approval.

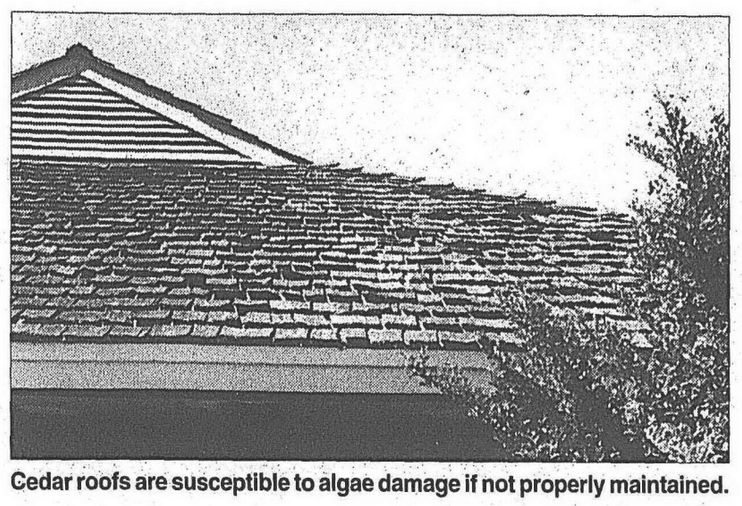
Of all the types of driveways, asphalt needs the most upkeep. If maintained, however, asphalt will stand up as well as the more expensive concrete and aggregate paved driveways. Driveways should be sealed when cracks and crevices become noticeable. While sealing provides a great deal of cosmetic appeal, too much sealing will lead to a buildup of sealant which makes penetration to the driveway more difficult.

The temperature outside should be at least 50 degrees before sealing an asphalt driveway with an oil-based product. Oil-based products are preferred because they penetrate the driveway better, allowing the driveway to breathe.

Even the most expensive driveway will not enhance the appearance of a home if it is not maintained. Curbside appeal is important to the overall beauty of the entire community.

Good maintenance keeps a roof over your head

By Kris Risendal
Special Correspondent



Cedar roofs are susceptible to algae damage if not properly maintained.

When thinking about adding beauty and charm to one's home while enhancing curb appeal, rarely does one think about replacing a home's roof. For most homeowners, a roof is something that keeps the rain and snow out, and the furniture dry. As Brandermill ages, however, more residents are finding that their roofs are nearing the end of their lives. With many homes nearing 30 years old, roofs are in need of repair, cleaning, or replacement. And early detection of roof problems can save homeowners from costly repairs and significant damage.

Asphalt shingles, including dimensional and architectural shingles, cedar shingles and shakes, metal tile, slate, and composite coverings are several types of roofing materials. Asphalt and cedar shake shingles are most common in Brandermill.

If asphalt shingles are beginning to crack or curl, or if shingles are missing or there is leaking into attic spaces, something should be done—and soon. With cedar roofs, homeowners may see algae damage as well as damage from weather conditions such as snow, rain and steep winds.

According to the Better Business Bureau, roofs should be inspected annually by roofing professionals; many roofing contractors provide inspection services free-of-charge.

Cedar roofs should last 30 to 50 years but moisture from the trees allows algae to build up, turning the roofs an ugly black. Good maintenance is the key to preserving the roof. Wood shingles should be cleaned every five to 10 years.

Residents should keep their roofs free of debris to prevent moisture from accumulating and damaging their shingles. The older the roof, the harder it is to have a roof professionally cleaned without damage to the shingles. An algae-resistant shingle that will retard or eliminate algae buildup is recommended.

The price of a shingle will determine a roof's life span and style. The most expensive is a metal roof, running from $600 to $900 per 100 square foot. In comparison, a typical dimensional asphalt shingle will run approximately $140 to $180 per 100 square foot. The least expensive is a basic 20-year 3-tab asphalt shingle, a flat shingle that, while protecting the roof, adds little to curb appeal. Coffey recommends investing in a thicker and heavier shingle, either dimensional or architectural, that offers the home more protection and personality. The lifespan of an asphalt roof is anywhere from 20 to 50 years, and it is an important investment for your home.

Acceptable roofing materials vary from neighborhood to neighborhood in Brandermill, so residents must receive permission from the BCA before changing the type of roof on their homes.

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A year after 9-11, life goes on

Richard Smith and daugher return to NYC

By Richard Smith
Special Correspondent

Editor's note: this is the last in a series of articles on Richard Smith's and his daughter Elena's experiences as volunteers in NYC following the attacks of September 11.

On September 9, 2002, Elena and I went back to New York. We stayed with her good friend Patience on East 81st Street, and spent time walking through Central Park.

Spending time doing "tourist" things seemed to be a good idea, but instead I found I wanted to retrace the streets in lower Manhattan that I had come to know. I wanted to see what was open, what was closed, and how life was returning to that part of the city.

I couldn't find the bridal shop that had been shattered and covered with ash. The Cuban restaurant never reopened. Many stores were shuttered with repossession notices on the doors. But life was coming back. Gateway Plaza was again advertising its apartments at astronomic rates. The sailboats were back in North Cove Harbor. And West Street was open to traffic.

During the ceremonies on 9-11, we stood for awhile and listened to the names being read. Then we slowly walked the perimeter of Ground Zero, now mostly open to the public.

On Broadway most stores were open, as they were throughout the city. As we sat in City Hall Park it seemed like a normal late summer day in New York.

The next night we went down to Liberty Street and looked through the wire-mesh fence directly into the gaping wound where the World Trade Center had been. It was an empty, almost sterile environment, an enormous empty space.

But then I remembered that almost 20,000 body parts had been taken from here, and only around 5,000 had been matched to individuals. Officials could not account for almost 1,500 people.

While we were in New York for the ceremonies, body parts were found on the roof of a nearby building. They were matched to a young woman who was missing. What were her parents told? I cannot imagine the horror.

I have no summary or wrap-up or tidy conclusion based on my experiences in New York. Thank you for reading this.

Prepare for the unexpected

Disasters come in many forms — ice storms, floods, tornados, house fires, and now terrorist threats. The American Red Cross, Richmond Chapter encourages people to prepare for the unexpected.

To develop a disaster plan, the Red Cross offers the following suggestions:

• Create an emergency communications plan. Choose an out-of-town contact your family will call or e-mail to check on each other should a disaster occur. Every household member, as well as your children's schools and your workplace, should have that person's numbers (home, work, pager, cell and e-mail).

• Establish a meeting place. Having a predetermined meeting place will minimize confusion. Be sure to include any pets in your plans.

• Assemble a disaster supplies kit. Prepare a disaster supplies kit in an easy-to-carry container such as a duffel bag or small plastic trash can. Include any first aid supplies (including prescription medications), a change of clothing for each household member, a sleeping bag or bedroll for each person, flashlights, a battery powered radio or television and extra batteries, non-perishable food, a can-opener, bottled water, matches and tools.

It is also a good idea to include some cash and copies of important family documents such as birth certificates, passports and licenses in the kit.

• Check on the school emergency plan of any school-age children in your household. Be sure that the school has updated information about how to reach parents.

• If disaster strikes, remain calm and be patient. Follow the advice of local emergency officials. Listen to the radio or television for news and instructions.

If your home is affected, check for damage using a flashlight. Do not light matches or candles or turn on electrical switches. Sniff for gas leaks, starting at the water heater. If you smell gas or suspect a leak, turn off the main gas valve, open windows, and get everyone outside quickly. Shut off any damaged utilities.

Confine or secure pets. Call the family contact. Do not use the telephone again unless it is a life-threatening emergency.

• If evacuated take along the disaster supplies kit, wear long-sleeve shirts, long pants and sturdy shoes, lock the house, use designated travel routes, and stay away from downed power lines.

For more information, call the local Red Cross at 780-2250.

Minutes

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ing to discuss the operation. .

Activities — Ed Moldof

Highlights: Home Improvement Series to begin on March 6 through April 3. Wine Tasting — March 18. Volksmarch — April 19. The Fourth of July subcommittee is working with Debbie Braun.

CRC — Elissa Mast

Meeting planned for May.

Environmental
Chuck Rayfield

Two community meetings on the Shoreline Buffer Policy were scheduled. The first meeting was held on February 18 and the next meeting will take place February 26. The committee is still working on making the policy more friendly. A report will be made at the March board meeting.

LRPC — Rick Franklin

The committee plans to send three long-range goals back to the board for implementation.

NAC — Pat Moldof

The committee is trying to promote "Taste of Brandermill" - four members of the group are approaching restaurants for participation. The event is scheduled for June 4. Shop Brandermill bags are a success. NRC reps have been delivering them to new residents.

NRC — Stu Dodson

Meet the Candidates night will be at Brandermill Woods on March 11, at 7 p.m. Plans are being made to conduct a Brandermill Youth Forum and a joint NRC/CRC meeting. Topics for future meetings: VDOT speaker on area road conditions and a community meeting on covenant education.

North Beach Pool Chuck Rayfield

• As of February 15, pool membership for 2003 was 364. Of the 364 members, 93 are new memberships and 260 are family memberships. It is expected that at least 150 more memberships will be received before the pools open. This would meet the goal of 500 to open North Beach Pool.

• In regard to renovations, not everything needs to be done the first year. Postponing the opening of North Beach Pool could result in an asset that cannot be fixed due to its deterioration. Waiting another year could be risky due to additional concrete damage, water leaking around lights, etc. Community Manager Divita commented that the condition of the pool will not get any better by waiting.

• Universal pool access was discussed. It was stated that approximately $70 per household would constitute universal access for three pools. It was agreed that the concept of universal access is the key, but only if three pools are opened. Debt service and the ability to open the third pool within 30 to 60 days was discussed. With a new management team in place and only one year of experience, it was suggested that the opening of the third pool be put on hold for another year. The need to see a budget was requested. Also the formation of a subcommittee to investigate universal access was recommended, with a date of 2005 as the beginning of universal access/universal pay.

• Renovations — Projected costs are between $265,000 and $275,000. Of this, $197,000 is strictly related to pool repairs. It was suggested that renovations be segmented over a two-year period, communicating to pool members why repairs are being segmented.

• Community vote — It was suggested to let the community vote on what to do with the pool. President Hughes suggested that this matter should be decided now if there was any serious thought of opening North Beach Pool this year.

• Motion was made to proceed with the renovation of North Beach Pool to open in May of 2003. Discussion: For the record Treasurer Livingston strongly objected to being pressured to vote on the matter of opening North Beach Pool. It is a hasty decision; the membership goal was not met. He stated he strongly objected in December 2002 and he objects now. Motion carried. For: Hughes, Mast, Rayfield and Martin. Against: Giordano and Moldof; Abstain: Livingston.

Annual Election
Bobbi Glenn

There are three candidates for two seats of the BCA Board. Meet the Candidates Night, sponsored by NRC, will be March 11, at 7p.m. Election packets to be mailed out March 21. The Annual Meeting is at Brandermill Woods on April 21, at 7 p.m.

Motion to approve the 2003 Annual Election notice was unanimously carried.

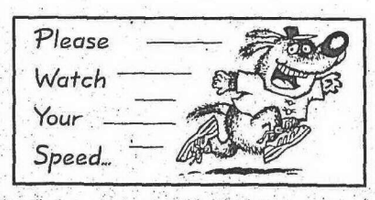
Motion to sell stock shares resulting from the 1999 demutualization of Standard Insurance (value $4,977.99) was unanimously carried.

Motion to credit liquidated funds of $4,977.99 to the capital improvement fund was carried. For: Giordano, Hughes, Livingston, Martin, Moldof and Rayfield. Abstain: Director Mast.

Manager's Report
Mike Divita

• Woodlake Community Association (WCA) has appealed to ban duck hunting on the reservoir . Community Manager Divita asked the board to consider supporting the WCA initiative. A motion will be prepared for the March10 board meeting.

• Propose BCA coordinate a joint meeting between Clover Hill District and the Matoaca District to prepare a position statement on issues affecting both communities. Item to be discussed at March10 board meeting.



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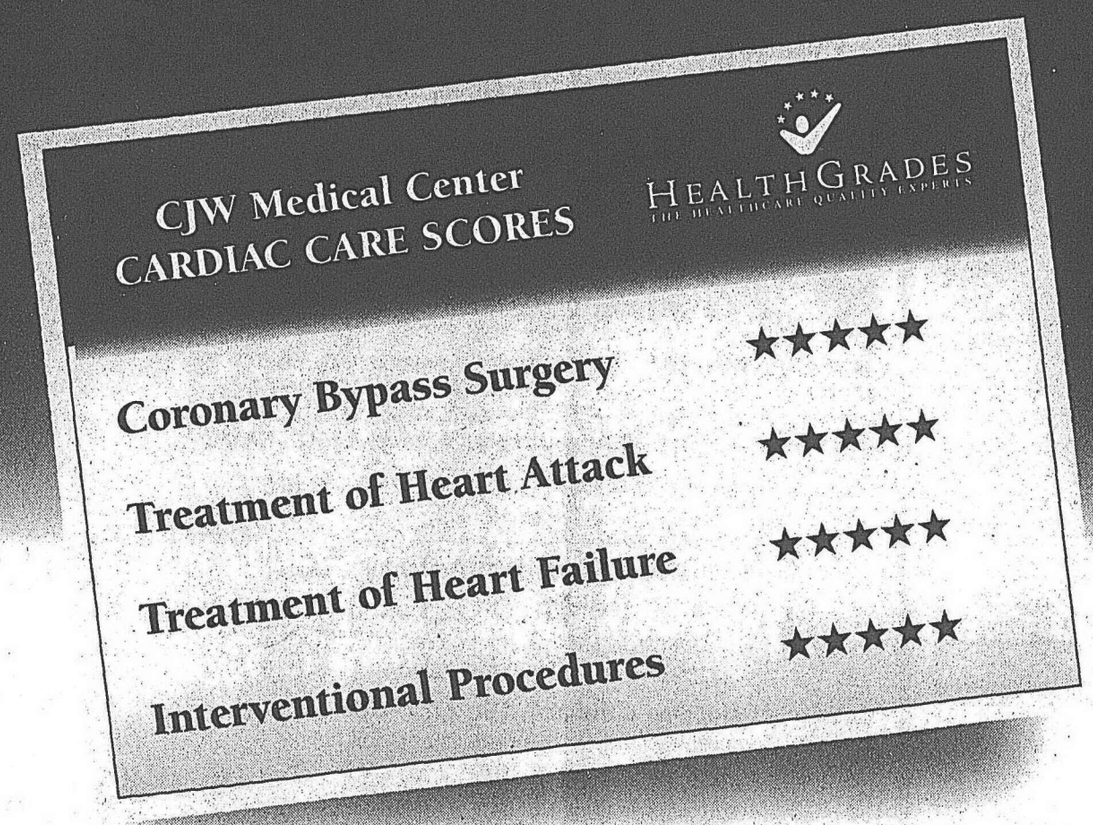
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A year after 9-11, life goes on

Richard Smith and daugher return to NYC

By Richard Smith
Special Correspondent

Editor's note: this is the last in a series of articles on Richard Smith's and his daughter Elena's experiences as volunteers in NYC following the attacks of September 11.

On September 9, 2002, Elena and I went back to New York. We stayed with her good friend Patience on East 81st Street, and spent time walking through Central Park.

Spending time doing "tourist" things seemed to be a good idea, but instead I found I wanted to retrace the streets in lower Manhattan that I had come to know. I wanted to see what was open, what was closed, and how life was returning to that part of the city.

I couldn't find the bridal shop that had been shattered and covered with ash. The Cuban restaurant never reopened. Many stores were shuttered with repossession notices on the doors. But life was coming back. Gateway Plaza was again advertising its apartments at astronomic rates. The sailboats were back in North Cove Harbor. And West Street was open to traffic.

During the ceremonies on 9-11, we stood for awhile and listened to the names being read. Then we slowly walked the perimeter of Ground Zero, now mostly open to the public.

On Broadway most stores were open, as they were throughout the city. As we sat in City Hall Park it seemed like a normal late summer day in New York.

The next night we went down to Liberty Street and looked through the wire-mesh fence directly into the gaping wound where the World Trade Center had been. It was an empty, almost sterile environment, an enormous empty space.

But then I remembered that almost 20,000 body parts had been taken from here, and only around 5,000 had been matched to individuals. Officials could not account for almost 1,500 people.

While we were in New York for the ceremonies, body parts were found on the roof of a nearby building. They were matched to a young woman who was missing. What were her parents told? I cannot imagine the horror.

I have no summary or wrap-up or tidy conclusion based on my experiences in New York. Thank you for reading this.

Prepare for the unexpected

Disasters come in many forms — ice storms, floods, tornados, house fires, and now terrorist threats. The American Red Cross, Richmond Chapter encourages people to prepare for the unexpected.

To develop a disaster plan, the Red Cross offers the following suggestions:

• Create an emergency communications plan. Choose an out-of-town contact your family will call or e-mail to check on each other should a disaster occur. Every household member, as well as your children's schools and your workplace, should have that person's numbers (home, work, pager, cell and e-mail).

• Establish a meeting place. Having a predetermined meeting place will minimize confusion. Be sure to include any pets in your plans.

• Assemble a disaster supplies kit. Prepare a disaster supplies kit in an easy-to-carry container such as a duffel bag or small plastic trash can. Include any first aid supplies (including prescription medications), a change of clothing for each household member, a sleeping bag or bedroll for each person, flashlights, a battery powered radio or television and extra batteries, non-perishable food, a can-opener, bottled water, matches and tools.

It is also a good idea to include some cash and copies of important family documents such as birth certificates, passports and licenses in the kit.

• Check on the school emergency plan of any school-age children in your household. Be sure that the school has updated information about how to reach parents.

• If disaster strikes, remain calm and be patient. Follow the advice of local emergency officials. Listen to the radio or television for news and instructions.

If your home is affected, check for damage using a flashlight. Do not light matches or candles or turn on electrical switches. Sniff for gas leaks, starting at the water heater. If you smell gas or suspect a leak, turn off the main gas valve, open windows, and get everyone outside quickly. Shut off any damaged utilities.

Confine or secure pets. Call the family contact. Do not use the telephone again unless it is a life-threatening emergency.

• If evacuated take along the disaster supplies kit, wear long-sleeve shirts, long pants and sturdy shoes; lock the house, use designated travel routes, and stay away from downed power lines.

For more information, call the local Red Cross at 780-2250.

Minutes

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ing to discuss the operation.

Activities — Ed Moldof

Highlights: Home Improvement Series to begin on March 6 through April 3. Wine Tasting — March 18. Volksmarch — April 19. The Fourth of July subcommittee is working with Debbie Braun.

CRC — Elissa Mast

Meeting planned for May.

Environmental
Chuck Rayfield

Two community meetings on the Shoreline Buffer Policy were scheduled. The first meeting was held on February 18 and the next meeting will take place February 26. The committee is still working on making the policy more friendly. A report will be made at the March board meeting.

LRPC — Rick Franklin

The committee plans to send three long-range goals back to the board for implementation.

NAC — Pat Moldof

The committee is trying to promote "Taste of Brandermill" - four members of the group are approaching restaurants for participation. The event is scheduled for June 4. Shop Brandermill bags are a success. NRC reps have been delivering them to new residents.

NRC — Stu Dodson

Meet the Candidates night will be at Brandermill Woods on March 11, at 7 p.m. Plans are being made to conduct a Brandermill Youth Forum and a joint NRC/CRC meeting. Topics for future meetings: VDOT speaker on area road conditions and a community meeting on covenant education.

North Beach Pool Chuck Rayfield

• As of February 15, pool membership for 2003 was 364. Of the 364 members, 93 are new memberships and 260 are family memberships. It is expected that at least 150 more memberships will be received before the pools open. This would meet the goal of 500 to open North Beach Pool.

• In regard to renovations, not everything needs to be done the first year. Postponing the opening of North Beach Pool could result in an asset that cannot be fixed due to its deterioration. Waiting another year could be risky due to additional concrete damage, water leaking around lights, etc. Community Manager Divita commented that the condition of the pool will not get any better by waiting.

• Universal pool access was discussed. It was stated that approximately $70 per household would constitute universal access for three pools. It was agreed that the concept of universal access is the key, but only if three pools are opened. Debt service and the ability to open the third pool within 30 to 60 days was discussed. With a new management team in place and only one year of experience, it was suggested that the opening of the third pool be put on hold for another year. The need to see a budget was requested. Also the formation of a subcommittee to investigate universal access was recommended, with a date of 2005 as the beginning of universal access/universal pay.

• Renovations — Projected costs are between $265,000 and $275,000. Of this, $197,000 is strictly related to pool repairs. It was suggested that renovations be segmented over a two-year period, communicating to pool members why repairs are being segmented.

• Community vote — It was suggested to let the community vote on what to do with the pool. President Hughes suggested that this matter should be decided now if there was any serious thought of opening North Beach Pool this year.

• Motion was made to proceed with the renovation of North Beach Pool to open in May of 2003. Discussion: For the record Treasurer Livingston strongly objected to being pressured to vote on the matter of opening North Beach Pool. It is a hasty decision: the membership goal was not met. He stated he strongly objected in December 2002 and he objects now. Motion carried. For: Hughes, Mast, Rayfield and Martin. Against: Giordano and Moldof; Abstain: Livingston.

Annual Election
Bobbi Glenn

There are three candidates for two seats of the BCA Board. Meet the Candidates Night, sponsored by NRC, will be March 11, at 7p.m. Election packets to be mailed out March 21. The Annual Meeting is at Brandermill Woods on April 21, at 7 p.m.

Motion to approve the 2003 Annual Election notice was unanimously carried.

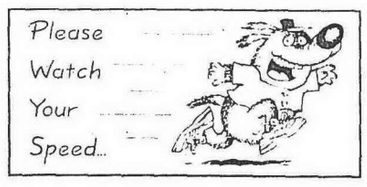
Motion to sell stock shares resulting from the 1999 demutualization of Standard Insurance (value $4,977.99) was unanimously carried.

Motion to credit liquidated funds of $4,977.99 to the capital improvement fund was carried. For: Giordano, Hughes, Livingston, Martin, Moldof and Rayfield. Abstain: Director Mast.

Manager's Report
Mike Divita

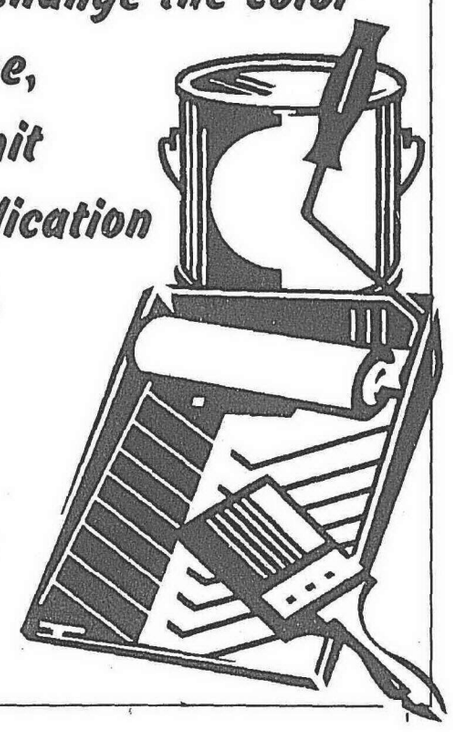
• Woodlake Community Association (WCA) has appealed to ban duck hunting on the reservoir. Community Manager Divita asked the board to consider supporting the WCA initiative. A motion will be prepared for the March10 board meeting.

• Propose BCA coordinate a joint meeting between Clover Hill District and the Matoaca District to prepare a position statement on issues affecting both communities. Item to be discussed at March10 board meeting.



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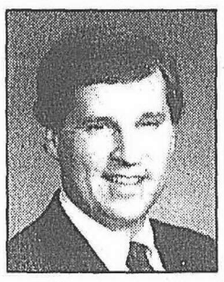
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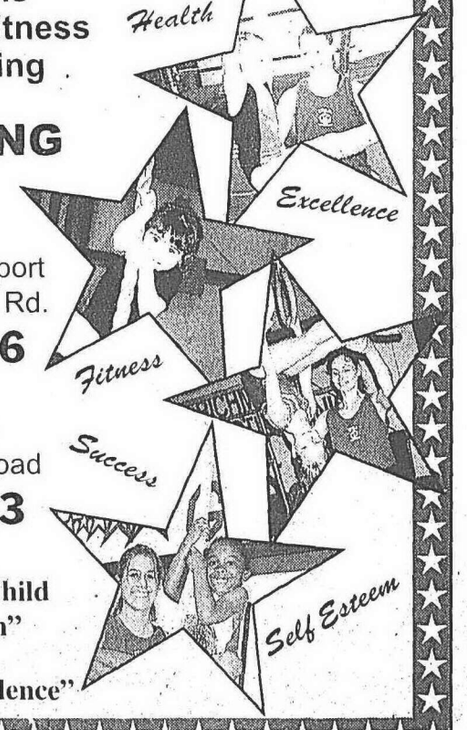
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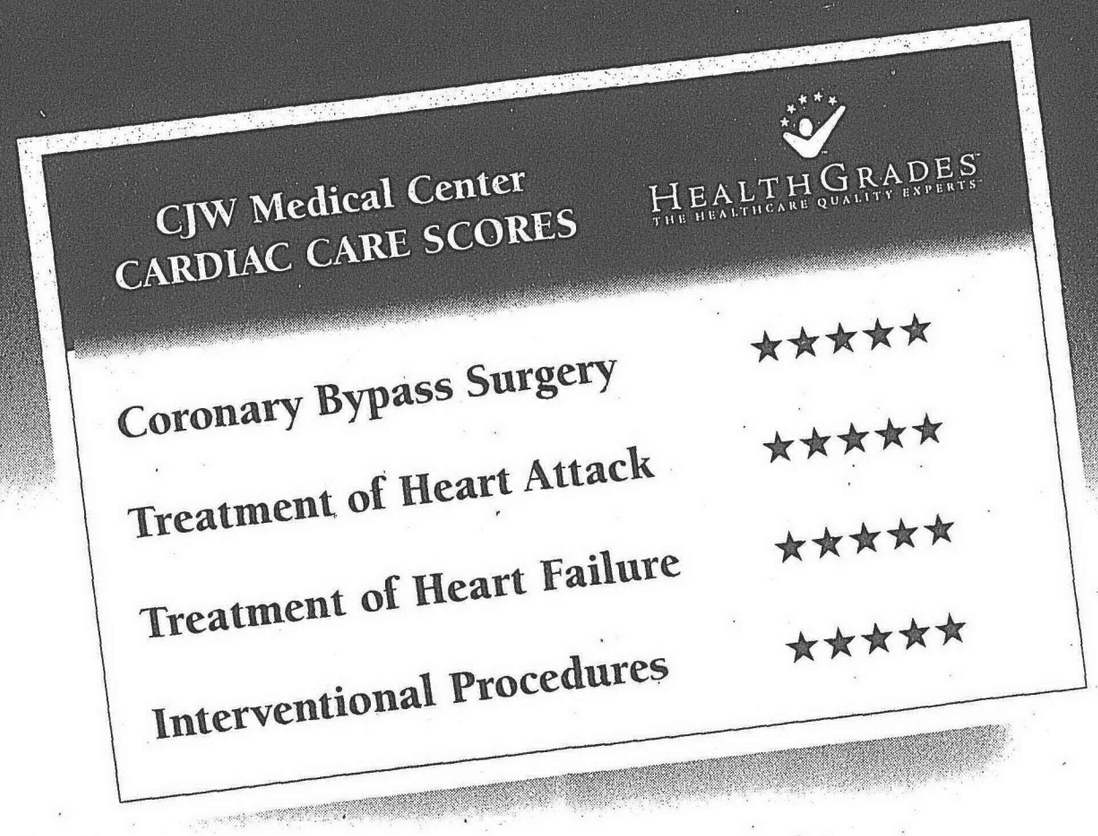
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Students prepare for Pyramid Concert

By Yvette Gohlke
School Correspondent

Every February Clover Hill Elementary holds its annual talent show. Thanks go to all the teachers, staff and especially CHES Principal Dianne Smith and Music Teacher Nancy Crenshaw for all their hard work in making the talent show possible.

The students have a great time performing for their classmates and families and the audience enjoys wonderful, entertainment. Every year the shows get better.

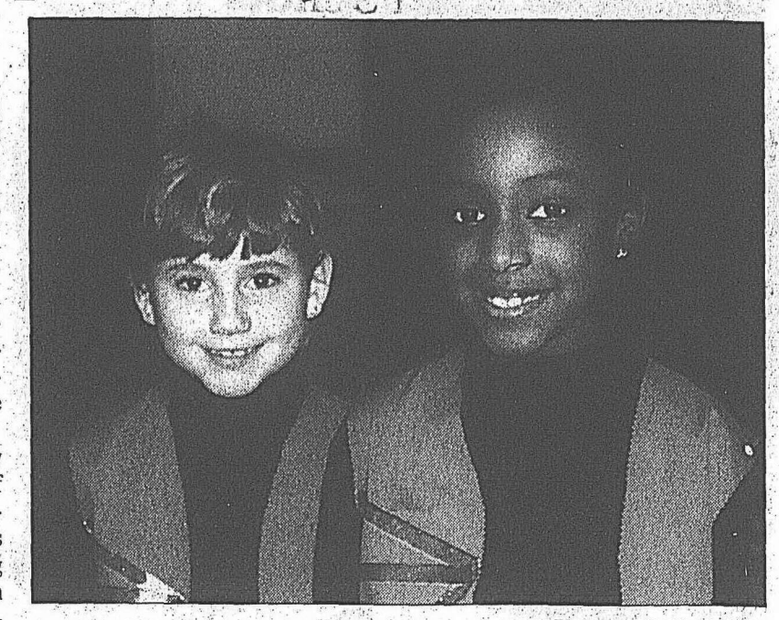


Photo by Yvette Gohlke

Lindsay Cashion and Mia Gibson show no stage fright as they prepare to perform in the CHES Annual Talent Show.

CHES NEWS

Students at CHES have some busy months ahead of them. The second-graders will be doing some hands-on science experiments with Magnet Makers. The students will learn about science and have fun at the same time.

Third-graders also will be doing some exciting experiments. They will participate in Cosmic Capes, a science experiment that involves launching a rocket.

Fourth-grade students will participate in a full day of historical activities. There will be demonstrations on Colonial rope making, shoemaking, spinning, weaving and silversmithing. The students will try their hands at these activities.

In March, first-graders and kindergarteners will see a live production "Jack and the Beanstalk," performed by Under the Oaks Production Company.

Thanks go to the PTA for sponsoring these programs.

Each year, CHES Music Teacher Nancy Crenshaw chooses 30 fifth-grade students to participate in the Pyramid Concert held at Clover Hill High School. CHES students will perform with students from Woolridge and Swift Creek Elementary Schools. This involves a lot of hard work for the students and Crenshaw.

CHES PTA again will be selling beautifully created flags as a spring fund-raiser. They make great Mother's Day gifts.

Phi Sigma Theta inducts Gary Williams

Gary D. Williams, Jr. has been awarded membership in Phi Sigma Theta National Honor Society at Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University. Phi Sigma Theta is a national honor society dedicated to recognizing and rewarding academic achievement in undergraduates at institutions of higher learning.



Williams, a 2002 graduate of Clover Hill High School, is attending the Pamplin School of Business at Virginia Tech, majoring in accounting and information systems with minors in international studies and global economics.

Swift Creek Middle School PTA collects donations for library

By Debbie Hickey
School Correspondent

SCMS NEWS

In 1979, the year Swift Creek Middle School opened its doors, a mouse was a critter the cat chased; a laptop was something upon which the cat contentedly curled; and a disk was something that slipped when you chased after the cat and mouse. In 2003, these words are now computer terms synonymous with the efficient running of homes, businesses, and schools.

For 23 years, the Library Media Center at Swift Creek Middle School has proudly provided meeting places for numerous academic and nonacademic functions for Brandermill, Woodlake, and the surrounding communities. After years of use, chairs and tables are worn. Computer workstations are not large enough to accommodate the computers, much less students at work. A goal of faculty and parents is to provide the community with a modern library that has an atmosphere conducive to serious work, yet one that also encourages a love of the library and leisure reading.

Many community business owners and community members already have made contributions. Others are invited to help and the school and community will be grateful. For those who choose to make a donation, an inscription, a dedication or a business name will be engraved on a plaque which will be affixed to each table, chair and stool that is sponsored. Charitable donations are tax deductible.

At the June 4, 2002 White House Conference on School Libraries, the concluding remarks by Keith Curry Lance, Ph.D., Director, Library Research Service, Colorado State Library, were forceful, indeed. He noted that research shows conclusively that school libraries are a powerful force in the lives of American children. The school library is one of the few factors whose contribution to academic achievement has been documented empirically, and it is a contribution that cannot be explained away by other powerful influences on student performance.

This is a wonderful opportunity for citizens to express pride in SCMS and the community. Involvement in this service will be immensely appreciated for years to come by the thousands of students, faculty and community members who use the Swift Creek Middle School Library Media Center.

The project list totals $50,362. Contributions being sought include funds for computer chairs, stools, research/study tables, computer tables, sofas, end tables, computer workstations, a circulation desk, paint and supplies and magazine shelving.

A full list complete with prices are available at the SCMS office or at lvaughn@chesterfield.K12.va.us. Contributors are encouraged to make checks payable to Swift Creek Middle School PTA and mail them to: Treasurer, SCMS PTA, Swift Creek Middle School, 3700 Old Hundred Rd., South, Midlothian, VA 23112. Print the name to be engraved on the plaque(s) on a separate sheet of paper and enclose with the check.

SCES Spring Carnival is better than ever

By Andrea Epps
School Correspondent

Do you feel as though you have scraped the windshield on the car far too much this year? How about those snow days? While kids love the winter weather, many parents are itching with spring fever.

March is the month for some exciting activities at Swift Creek Elementary School. It is "Music in Our Schools Month" with an array of musical features led by the talented SCES Music Director Joanne Sherman.

SCES NEWS

The "Youth Art Celebration" is in March as well as the talent shows. The Gator Gazette will post dates and times.

The carnival that was held on February 22 was one of the most successful ever. The rain brought in the masses and students and parents had a good time on the rides and eating cotton candy, which isn't as easy to make as it looks. The baskets for the silent auction were beautiful and almost everyone submitted a bid. Diverse themes ranged from relaxation, gardening, to car trips for back seaters.

The SCES spirit wear sale wrapped up on February 24. Be on the lookout for Gator-clad people in a few weeks.

Don't forget the SCES skating parties on the third Wednesday of each month.

Snow make-up days are hot topic at Clover Hill High School

By Kathryn Baystar
School Correspondent

Who ever thought that one word could drastically change the high school schedule? That word is snow and because of it, the superintendent is forced with the decision of how to make up the days that were missed. Suggestions such as extending the school year, extending each day by 15 to 20 minutes, or possibly taking days from spring break and Memorial Day weekend have been presented. Students at Clover hill High School have varying opinions on the subject.

CHHS NEWS

"I do not think we should have to make up the days because it is not our fault that they did not include enough bank days in the schedule," said Junior Zohra Wakilpoor.

Others agreed that extension of each day through the rest of the year was sufficient. "I think adding 15 minutes to the school day would be the easiest way with the least hassle, and we would not even really notice," said Senior Meaghan Carfrey. The inclement weather caused mayhem over the past few weeks for teachers and students; the SOL schedule was disrupted; grades for interims remain unfinished; and the debate for how to make up the days continues.

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Wiredscholar (Sallie Mae) is sponsoring a free workshop, "How to Pay for College," for local students and parents.

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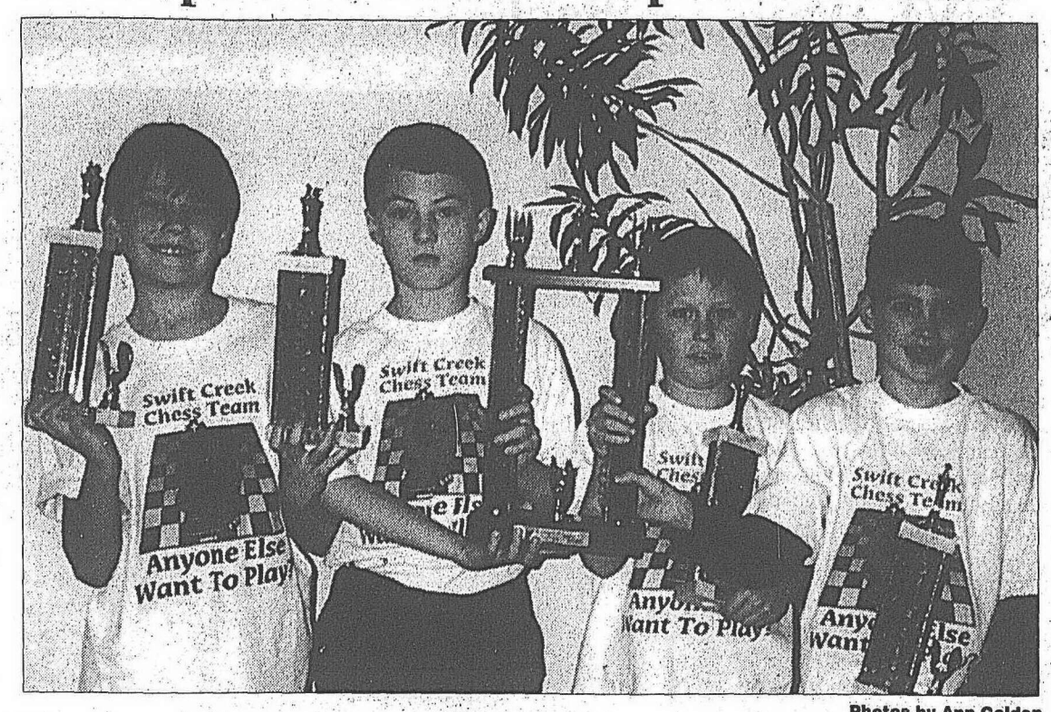
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SCES sports two state champion chess teams



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The undefeated team and Primary Four-Board State Champions are: Mark Golden, Derek Godwin, Cameron Kaufmann and Jerome Mueller.



Fifth-graders Connor Kaufmann, Brain Crossley, Eric Sawchak and Cody Talmadge take first place honors at the Virginia Four-Board State Chess Championship. The team is coached by Peter Hopkins.

By Ann T. Golden
Special Correspondent

The Swift Creek Elementary School Chess Team won first place at the Virginia Four-Board State Chess Championship in Fredericksburg on February 1.

The team included fifth-graders Connor Kaufmann, Brain Crossley, Eric Sawchak and Cody Talmadge.

Each player also won first place individually. Connor Kaufmann won for first board and Brian Crossley for second board. Eric Sawchak took third board and Cody Talmadge won fourth board.

The primary school team from Swift Creek Elementary School was undefeated and is the Primary Four-Board Virginia State Champions.

Each player also won first place individually on their board. second-grader Mark Golden won on Board 1, third-grader Derek Godwin on Board 2, second-grader Cameron Kaufmann on Board 3 and third-grader Jerome Mueller on Board 4.

Cindy Perry is the primary chess coach; and Peter Hopkins is the elementary chess coach.

Clover Hill High School athletic department initiates freshman girls basketball team

By Jessica Doyle
School Correspondent

As the 2003 basketball season comes to a close, the Clover Hill Girls Basketball Teams attribute their success to the leadership of new coaches. Varsity Coach James Wahrman, first-time coach for the Lady Cavs, had high hopes for the girls from the beginning.

"Our one goal was to come in and change the attitude that winning is possible through dedication, hard work, and working as a team," said Coach Wahrman.

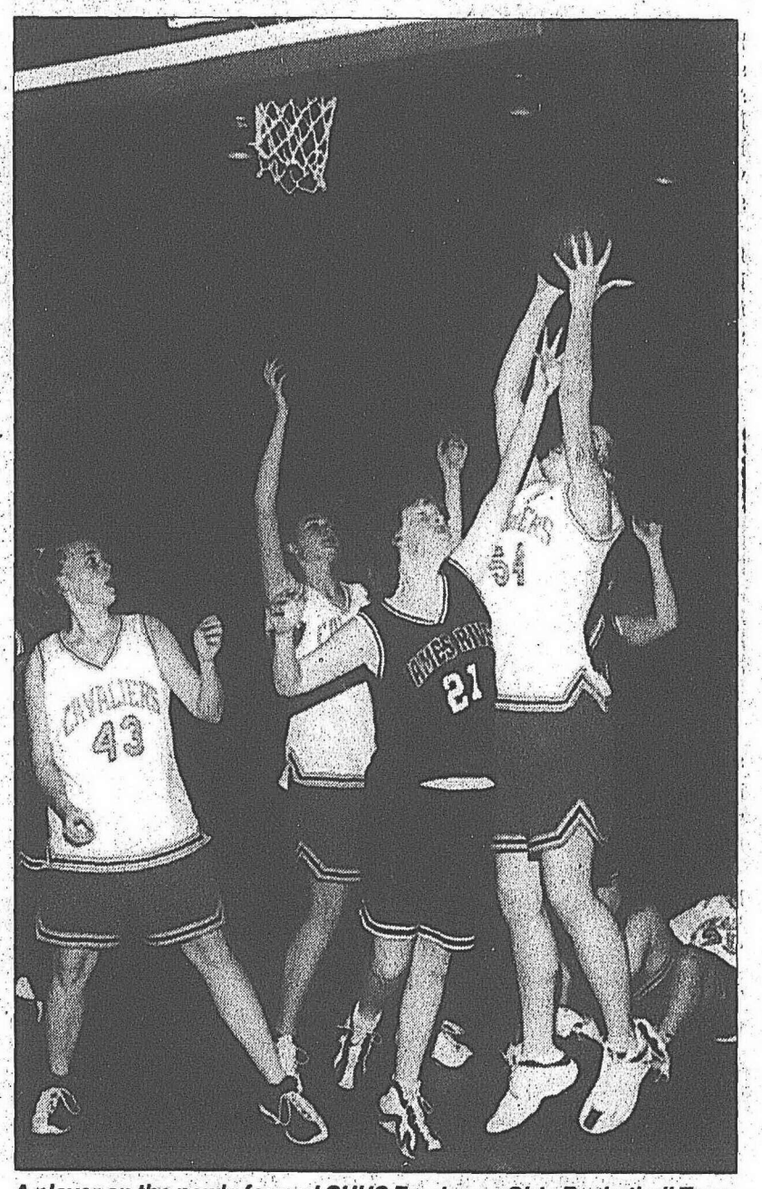
The varsity coach shared his expertise with the younger girls as well. He dedicated his time to helping them improve as a whole, rather than focusing his attention on just the varsity team. Back for her second year, J.V. Coach Judy Koscinski kept her girls strong with the help of Coach Wahrman.

"It was awesome to spend my senior year with wonderful teammates and a supportive coach," said Senior Co-Captain Miriam Upton. "Coach Wahrman knows a lot about the game and taught us a great deal."

Not only did the freshman team receive a new coach, the team was a new addition to the sports program. During the 2002-2003 season, a freshmen girls basketball team was offered for the first time ever and was coached by Caroline Clay.

Girls on all three teams improved their individual skills and their efforts as a team.

Although they were unable to boast the undefeated record they had hoped for, the girls always supported one another, and made lasting friendships on and off the court.



A player on the newly formed CHHS Freshman Girls Basketball Team goes up for a basket against a rival James River player.

Chesterfield County School Calendar

April 3	End of quarter
April 4	School in session*
April 5	SAT exams
April 14-18	Spring break



* Note: this is a change from original schedule

SWIFT CREEK MIDDLE SCHOOL
2003 SPRING SPORTS SCHEDULE

Boys & Girls Track

3-26	Providence	Home
4- 2	Manchester	Home
4- 9	Robious	Away
4-23	Bailey Bridge	Away
4-30	Midlothian	Away

Divisional track meet is week of May 5
County track meet is week of May 12

Girls Soccer

3-25	Chester	Away
4- 1	Manchester	Home
4- 3	Carver	Home
4- 8	Salem	Away
4-10	Falling Creek	Away
4-24	Bailey Bridge	Away
4-29	Matoaca	Home
5- 1	Providence	Home
5- 6	Robious	Away
5- 8	Midlothian	Home

Tournament play begins week of May 12

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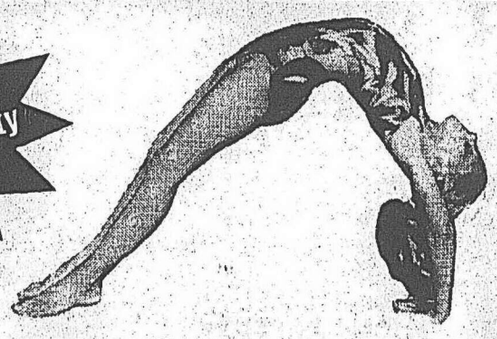


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SPRING SPORTS SCHEDULE

BASEBALL
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*JV game at opposite site
** Note time change
†† JV only

3-18	Prince George**	Away	4:30 p.m.
3-19	Thomas Dale	Home	
3-25	Monacan	Home	
3-27	George Wythe ††	Home	
3-29	Massaponax (Dbl)**	Home	10 a.m.
4- 1	Manchester*	Away	
4- 3	Huguenot	Away	
4- 5	Midlothian Tourn. ††	Away	TBA
4- 7	Thomas Dale	Away	
4- 8	James River	Away	
4-10	Midlothian	Home	

SOFTBALL
Games begin at 4 p.m.
*JV game at opposite site
** 4:30 p.m.

3-18	Prince George**	Away	
3-19	Thomas Dale	Home	
3-20	Amelia**	Home	
3-25	Monacan	Home	
3-28	Meadowbook	Home	
4- 1	Manchester	Away	
4- 7	Thomas Dale	Away	
4- 8	James River	Away	
4-10	Midlothian	Home	

BOYS TENNIS

3-20	Monacan	Away	3 p.m.
3-25	Douglas Freeman	Away	4 p.m.
3-26	Atlee	Away	4 p.m.
3-27	Manchester	Away	3 p.m.
4- 1	James River	Away	3 p.m.
4- 2	Prince George	Away	4 p.m.
4- 3	Midlothian	Home	3 p.m.
4- 7	L.C. Bird	Away	3 p.m.
4- 8	Monacan	Home	3 p.m.

GIRLS SOCCER
JV games times listed first
* Varsity only
** JV only

3-18	Prince George	Home	5:30 & 7 p.m
3-20	Thomas Dale	Home	5:30 & 7 p.m
3-25	Monacan	Home	5:30 & 7 p.m.
3-27	Douglas Freeman	Away	6 & 7:30 p.m.
4- 1	Manchester	Home	5:30 & 7 p.m.
4- 3	Hermitage*	Away	6 p.m.
4- 3	Huguenot**	Home	5 p.m.
4- 4	Mills Godwin	Home	5:30 & 7 p.m.
4- 8	James River	Home	5:30 & 7 p.m.
4-10	Midlothian	Away	5:30 & 7 p.m.

BOYS SOCCER
JV game times listed first
* Varsity only
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3-18	Prince George	Away	5:30 & 7 p.m.
3-20	Thomas Dale	Home	5:30 & 7 p.m.
3-25	Monacan	Away	5:30 & 7 p.m.
3-27	Douglas Freeman	Home	5:30 & 7 p.m.
4- 1	Manchester	Away	5:30 & 7 p.m.
4- 3	Hermitage *	Away	7:45 p.m.
4- 3	Huguenot**	Home	7 p.m.
4- 4	Mills Godwin	Away	5:30 & 7 p.m.
4- 7	Midlothian	Home	5:30 & 7 p.m.
4- 8	James River	Away	5:30 & 7 p.m.

TRACK

3-19	Monacan	Home	3:30 p.m.
3-29	Manchester Relays	Away	8:30 a.m.
4- 2	Manchester	Away	3 p.m.
4- 9	Huguenot/Geo Wythe	Home	3 p.m.

Walk-on player Karen Jaeger earns spot on UVA Women's Basketball Team

By Ann C. Hunt
Assistant Editor

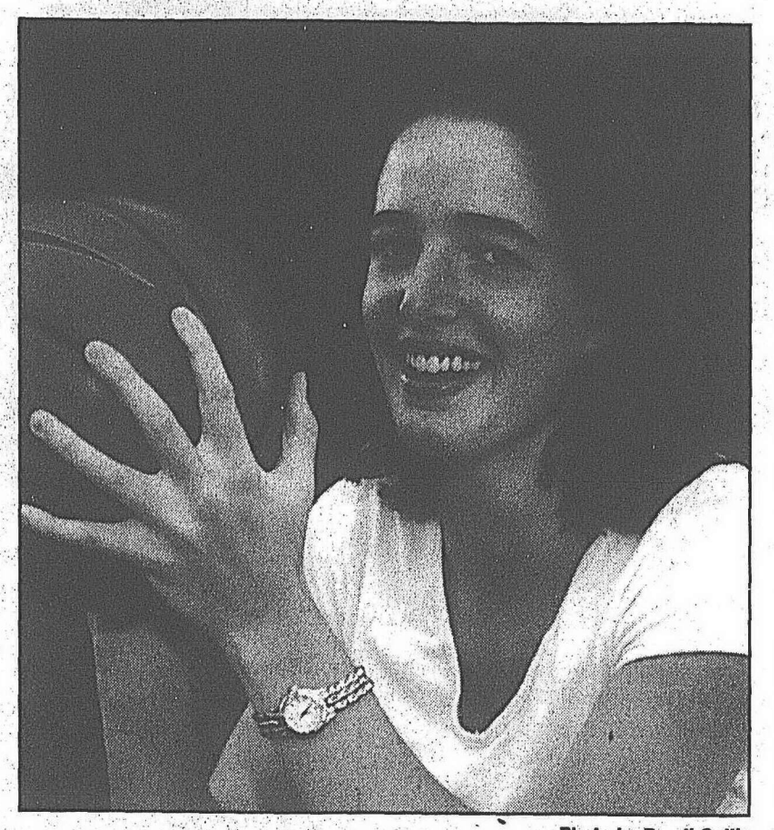


Photo by Randi Gellis
UVA grad student Karen Jaeger still has what it takes to play ball.

Karen Jaeger has been playing basketball since she was in the third grade at Swift Creek Elementary School. Now she plays for the University of Virginia Women's Basketball Team.

An outstanding forward for the Clover Hill High School Cavaliers, Jaeger took a different route to get where she is today.

Her first experiences with the game were the years she played with Swift Creek Athletic Association. By the time she enrolled as a sixth-grader at Swift Creek Middle School, she was playing for the SCMS Sailors.

After graduating from CHHS in 1998, Jaeger had no plans to continue with her basketball career in college. "I played some intra-mural and co-ed ball at UVA," said Jaeger, "but a friend living in my dorm talked me into trying out for club ball." Jaeger's friend, Tiffany Carney, played basketball for rival Midlothian High School, and competed against Jaeger while they were in high school. The girls tried out for club ball and no longer rivals, play on the same team.

During Jaeger's senior year at UVA she took a chance and tried out for a spot on Coach Debbie Ryan's women's basketball team. The tryouts lasted two weeks and during the final cut, two players were left on the court. Jaeger had made the cut.

"Karen made the Virginia basketball team because she is an extremely hard worker with all the right qualities of a great team player," says Coach Debbie Ryan. "She is the perfect teammate."

"I played about 40 percent of the season," said Jaeger. "The final game, against the University of North Carolina, was senior night. I started that game, but unfortunately, we lost."

Ryan says Jaeger is an exceptional defender and changes the energy on the court when she enters the game. "Karen is a fine athlete with speed to burn," says Ryan. "She exemplifies all that is good in women's basketball."

Jaeger graduated from UVA last year with a bachelor of arts degree in religious studies and a minor in English. Because she was on the team only one year, she was still eligible to play. Jaeger is now working on her master's degree in teaching secondary science with a focus on biology.

During a February game with Georgia Tech, Jaeger sprained her ankle and has not been playing. "I'm hoping that I'll be able to play in our final regular season game against UNC," she says, "but we should be eligible for post season play."

Karen is the daughter of Jules and Anne Jaeger of Seven Oaks.

Nine-Hole Golf Group starts season

The Nine-Hole A.M. Golf Group of Brandermill Women's Golf Association will meet at the Brandermill Country Club on Monday, March 31 at 9:30 a.m.

The group will play its opening scramble on Thursday, April 3, at 9 a.m.

Any Brandermill Country Club member who is interested in joining the group for golf and fun is welcome.

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Mira Pallotta is new director at Brandermill Woods Retirement Community

By Alex Mathers
Special Correspondent

Mira Pallotta has climbed the ladder of success. When she started working at Brandermill Woods Retirement Community in 1990, she was hired to help the accounting department on a part-time, temporary basis while she awaited another employment opportunity.

Now, 13 years later, she is the new executive director of the retirement community.

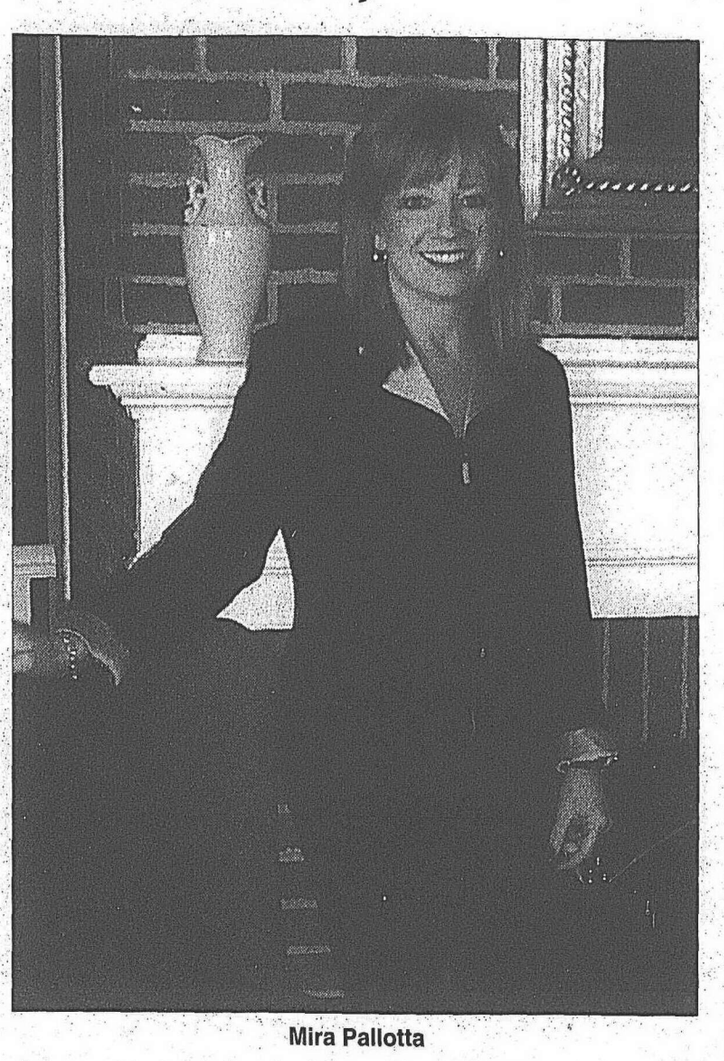
What began as a part-time job unexpectedly blossomed into a full-time career for Pallotta. Two weeks after joining the Brandermill Woods staff, another area healthcare provider made her a lucrative job offer. Even as a new hire, she had shown promise at Brandermill Woods. So, in an effort to keep her, Brandermill Woods management staff countered their competitor's offer with a full-time, permanent position. Their strategy worked.

Pallotta served as Brandermill Woods associate executive director of finance and human resources where she guided the retirement community through bankruptcy proceedings in 1993, and ever since has diligently worked to get Brandermill Woods back on solid financial footing.

As executive director, Pallotta oversees the general operation of the retirement community, which provides various levels of care and housing for the 55 and older population.

"I'll be looking at how Brandermill Woods can best serve the community and how to keep it new and competitive," said Pallotta.

Brandermill Woods' residents were Pallotta's biggest supporters when she was vying for the executive directorship. "Mira knows who we are and what we are" was the message several residents sent in letters of recommendation to the board of trustees.



Mira Pallotta

Last month, during a small reception, the board of trustees announced Pallotta's appointment to a room of cheering residents and staff members.

In that instant Pallotta realized, "This is the reason I've been here for 13 years. I am so appreciative of the staff and residents. I couldn't have done it without them and I still can't do it without them."

Brandermill Woods is managed by Cooperative Retirement Services of America. It is a non-profit entity, governed by a four-member board of trustees.

PRWeek nominates Breissinger as PR Pro

By Alex Mathers
Special Correspondent

Former Brandermill resident Julie Breissinger was recently named a finalist in PRWeek's "Young PR Professional of the Year" awards category. Breissinger is an employee-owner at Carter Ryley Thomas Public Relations and Marketing Counsel (CRT).

The award recognizes public relations professionals across the nation who have less than three years of experience in the industry and show outstanding promise in client relations, business savvy, creativity, industry knowledge and contributions.



Julie Breissinger

"It always sounds clichéd to say that it is an honor just to be nominated, but in this case it truly is," said Breissinger. "There are so many talented people out there, many of whom work in much bigger markets than Richmond. I am so, so grateful to CRT for allowing me to take risks, trusting me to always give it my best shot, and never once losing faith in me."

Breissinger joined CRT as an associate in January 2002, after interning on the agency's health sciences and corporate practice teams for six months.

She was recently assigned to one of CRT's largest accounts, the United States Centennial of Flight Commission, and is helping to coordinate national media coverage and events nationwide to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the Wright brothers' first successful flight.

In addition to her work at CRT, she works pro bono for Homeward, a Richmond advocacy group for the homeless, and volunteers for Best Buddies, an organization that strives to increase social opportunities for the mentally challenged.

Breissinger, a Clover Hill High School graduate, is the daughter of Jim and Linda Breissinger of Birnam Woods.

She graduated cum laude from James Madison University in 2001 with a bachelor's degree in speech communications.

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Avoid a tax audit and red flags at tax time

When it comes to income tax deductions the Virginia Society of CPAs say to keep in mind that too many deductions, as well as other problems like math errors, can attract the attention of IRS auditors.

Most returns are selected for audits by an IRS computer-generated program that compares the deductions claimed on the return to other returns in the same income bracket. To arrive at a DIF (discriminate function) score, the formula also considers the size of a family, how income is earned, and the location of where the taxpayer lives. For example, if the taxpayer reports an income of $60,000, lives in an exclusive neighborhood, has a family of six and claims $15,000 in mortgage interest, the IRS will probably want to have a chat.

How income is generated increases the likelihood of a return being selected for an audit. Self-employed workers have more opportunities to hide income and to transform personal expenses into business deductions. They can expect a higher level of scrutiny from the IRS.

In recent years, the IRS has enhanced its document-matching program, which compares the information sent to the IRS by taxpayers' employers, clients, and financial services providers to what is reported on a tax return.

Check W-2 wage statements and Form 1099s as soon as they are received to see if there are any discrepancies. Incorrect social security numbers on a tax return will result in the tax return being categorized as "not processible."

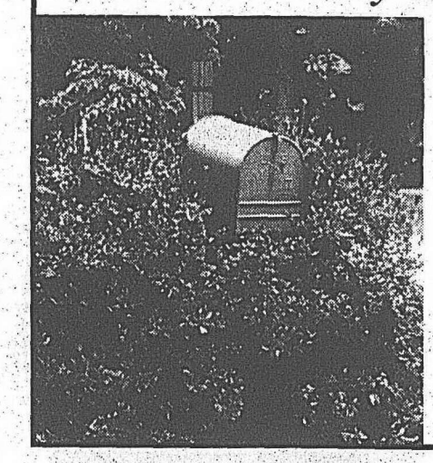
Verify the accuracy of the math. It is one of the easiest ways to escape a second look by the IRS.

Be careful about donations that are not in line with income. Have documentation incase the IRS asks for proof. If more than $500 in non-cash property is donated, it will be necessary to fill out Form 8283, Non-Cash Charitable Contributions, and attach it to the return.

Although the rules governing who can qualify for the home office deduction were relaxed in 1999, they are still complex and apply to only a limited number of employees. Carefully read IRS Publication 587, Business Use of Your Home, before deducting expenses associated with a home office.

CPAs emphasize that these precautions should not suggest that taxpayers avoid claiming legitimate deductions. On the contrary, take all legal deductions as long as there is supporting documentation.

A Friendly Reminder

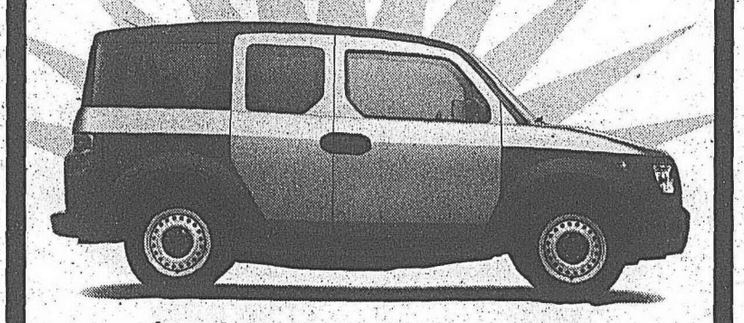


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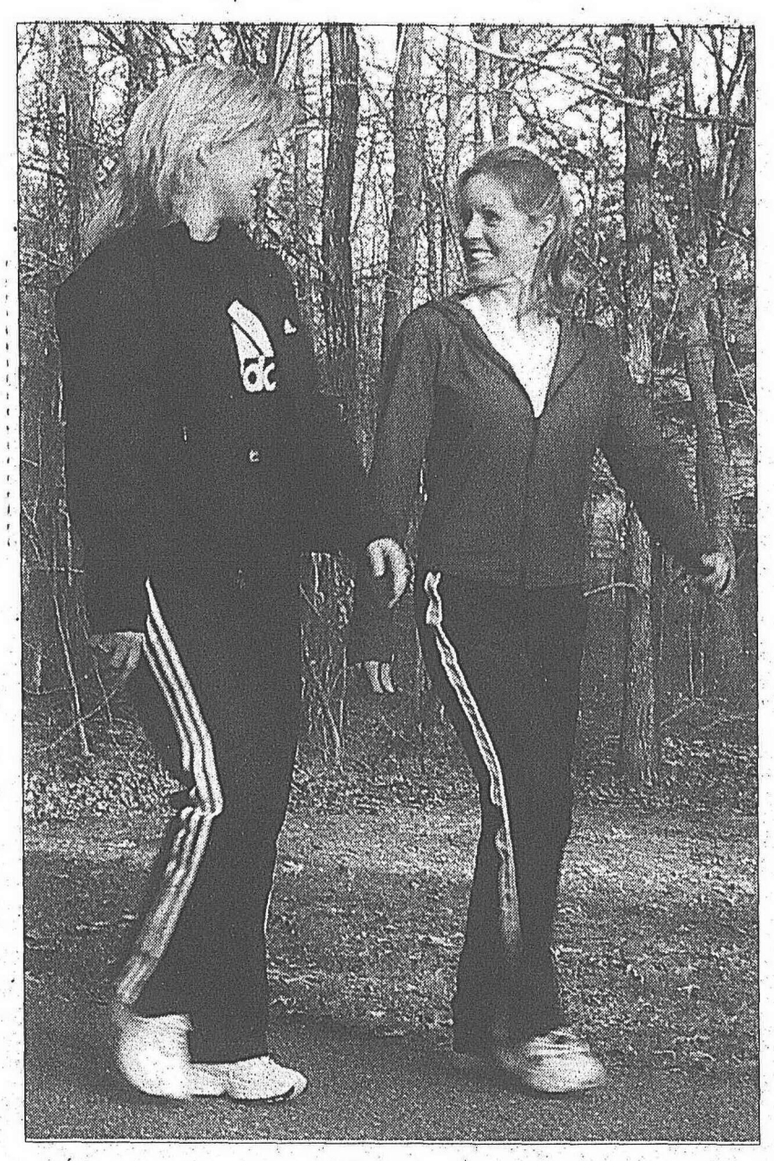


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Mindy Conklin and a client power walk in Brandermill.

By Alex Mathers
Special Correspondent

Mindy Conklin is getting back to basics. This month, she will close her Sycamore Square athletic shop, PersonallyFit, and dedicate herself exclusively to offering in-home fitness training.

Since 1996, PersonallyFit has offered the fitness conscious a mix of functional and trendy exercise apparel and gear. As a complement to the retail business, Conklin also provided in-home fitness training in addition to offering exercise classes at PersonallyFit and through the county parks and recreation department. Now that her shop's lease is expiring, she has decided to leave the world of retail and focus on the service aspect of her business. PersonallyFit will now be based out of Conklin's home in Turtle Hill.

PersonallyFit specializes in one-on-one training onsite at the client's home. Most of PersonallyFit's clients focus on strength training, but Conklin will also help them develop a cardiovascular program if one is needed. Incorporating power yoga into a fitness program is another alternative available through Conklin's partner, Sue Warren.

Conklin also works with a team of health professionals, including a registered dietician, physical therapist and massage therapist, to improve the overall fitness of each client.

"We're a different kind of training company," said Conklin. "We're client-centered and focused on total wellness."

In addition to in-home fitness training, Conklin will continue to offer classes through the county and business sector. She regularly teaches strength training, body sculpting and body conditioning courses. For women reaching menopause, she has developed a course called "Forty and Frustrated," which addresses special health issues during this stage of life.

Conklin is nationally certified through the American Council on Exercise and earned her master's degree in human development from Virginia Tech. She provided training through the YMCA and other fitness clubs for five years before launching PersonallyFit.

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Market Square practice specializes in psychological health of children

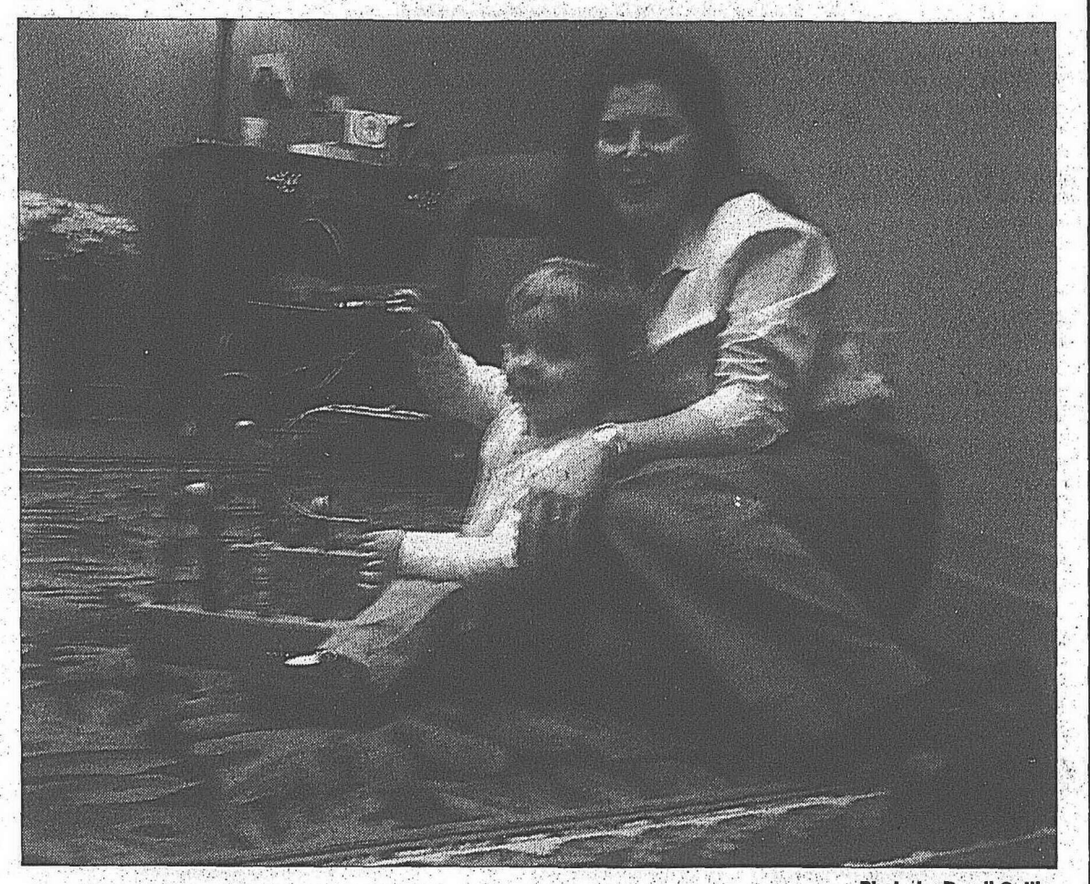


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Kathleen O'Keefe spends some time with her daughter at her Market Square office.

By Alex Mathers
Special Correspondent

Childhood isn't what it used to be. Children today are under intense pressure to succeed both academically and socially. Sometimes, the tension can be too much and the recent wave of suicides by Swift Creek Middle School students is evidence.

Brandermill parents now have a new place they can turn to when their children start showing signs of strain. Kathleen V. O'Keefe, a licensed clinical social worker, specializing in improving the psychological health of children and adolescents, opened her private practice this month in Market Square.

"I see myself as support – as a coach and a detective," said O'Keefe. "My approach is very playful and open. I use a lot of play therapy and art therapy to make it fun for the children."

O'Keefe's practice will treat children ages pre-kindergarten through adolescence, who are experiencing emotional difficulties including behavioral problems, anxiety, depression, grief and trauma and those suffering from behavioral disorders such as attention deficit hyperactivity disorder.

O'Keefe brings 10 years of clinical experience to her new practice. Having worked as an elementary school teacher in Henrico County for six years, she has a unique perspective. She is also a parent to three children ages 10, 7 and 2.

O'Keefe completed her master's degree in social work at Virginia Commonwealth University in 1993. She has since worked at the Richmond Behavioral Health Authority and Commonwealth Catholic Charities as a clinical counselor for children. She currently serves on the board of directors for Comfort Zone, a grief camp for children.

O'Keefe began accepting new clients on March 1. For more information or to schedule an appointment, call 928-4632.

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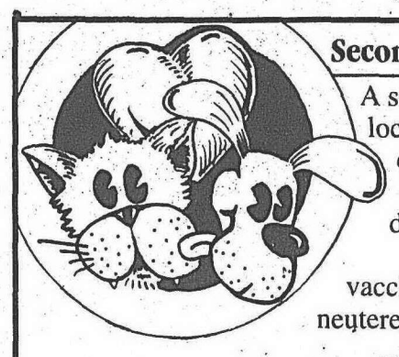
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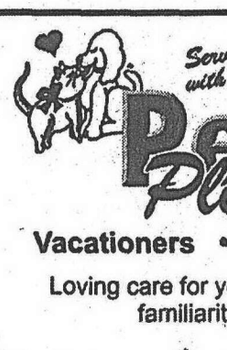


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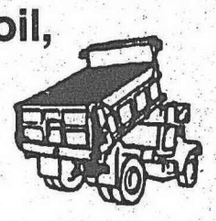


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