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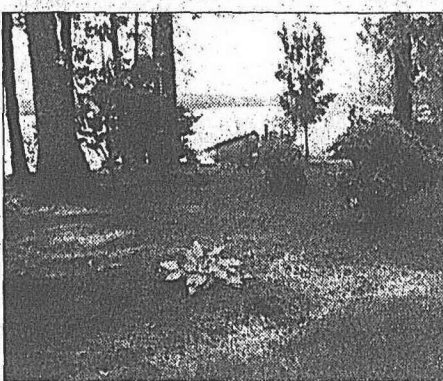
## OPENING SOON!



The Brandermill Pools will be happening places this summer.

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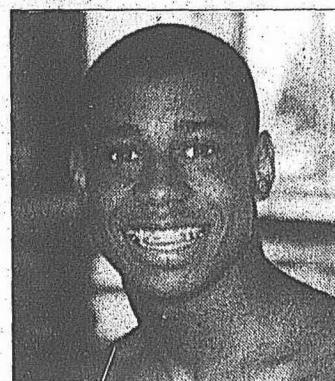
## IT'S A SHORE THING



The new shoreline buffer policy brochure spells out revised rules for waterfront property owners.

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## OLYMPIC DREAMS

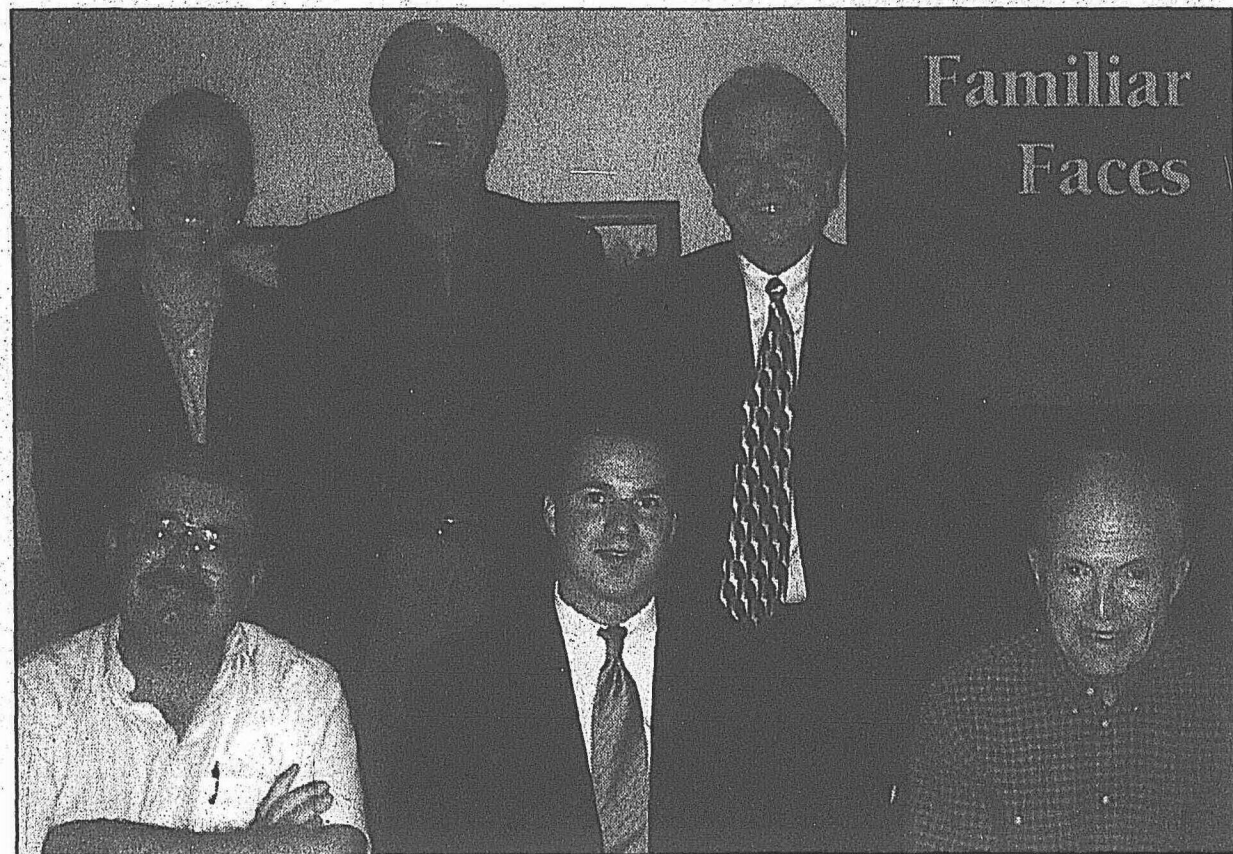


Daniel Dickerson has high hopes for his diving career.

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## Familiar Faces

Tony Giordano and John Hughes are reelected to the BCA Board of Directors. 2003 Board members, front row from left, are: Tony Giordano, Treasurer Jason Livingston and President Ed Moldof. Back row: Kathleen Martin, First Vice President Chuck Rayfield and John Hughes. Not pictured: Second Vice President Elissa Mast.

Photo by Wendy Parker

## Accidents nearly double in Genito area

By Wendy Parker  
Managing Editor

Continuing construction on Phase II of the Genito Road widening project means drivers must exercise extreme caution at the heavily traveled intersection of Charter Colony Parkway, Genito Road and Old Hundred Road. A recent traffic fatality is a tragic reminder that the area is a danger zone.

From 2001 to 2002, there was a 95 percent increase in traffic accidents in the area.

In 2001 there were 16 automobile accidents at or near the intersection, including six rear-end collisions. Another four accidents occurred a few hundred feet away at Waterford Lake Drive and two accidents at Watercove

Road off Genito Road.

In 2002, 24 accidents occurred near the major intersection of the construction area including five rear-end collisions.

A construction worker was struck and four rear-end crashes occurred at Fox Chase Lane.

In addition, eight crashes occurred at Watercove Road; four at Waterford Lake Drive and two at the intersection of East Boundary and Old Hundred Roads.

In response to an accident victim's letter, Kerry Bates, Chesterfield County assistant resident engineer with VDOT, said the intersection was reviewed by traffic engineering officials on the evening of February 4. VDOT project personnel then in-

stalled "Stop Here on Red" signs at stop bars throughout the intersection.

VDOT officials also responded to a recommendation to end confusing patterns of traffic entering and exiting the child care center and Genito Station Shopping Center off Old Hundred Road. An additional "Stop" sign, a "Stop Ahead" symbol and a "Watch for Turning Vehicles" sign were installed along Old Hundred Road.

Due to state budget constraints, construction of the project was halted last year in February. Construction resumed in June 2002 and according to Bates, "If the weather cooperates, construction is expected to be completed by August, significantly ahead of the contractor completion date of January 8, 2004."

## "No Hunting" signs will be posted in some areas

By Ann C. Hunt  
Assistant Editor

Several months ago, gunfire at daybreak sparked a controversy over hunters' rights on Swift Creek Reservoir versus residents' safety.

After a series of meetings with hunters, residents, and county officials, the owners of the property under the reservoir, now have the last word on whether hunting takes place on the water above their property.

Brandermill Development Company owns 90 percent of the land under the reservoir and Senior Partner Clem Carlisle says company officials are willing to prohibit hunting on their percentage of the lake. Woodlake Community Manager Terry Sheets has talked with the other landowners. The result: all but three of 15 property owners have agreed to ban hunting. Therefore, hunters and residents can expect to see "No Hunting" signs in most, but not all, areas of the reservoir.

The controversy began in January after Woodlake residents called Sheets to complain of early morning gunfire. Sheets called police who told her that there was nothing they could do. "The officer suggested that I write a letter to the Chesterfield County Board of Supervisors and asked to have the area declared a bird sanctuary," said Sheets, "and that is exactly what I did." Most complaints of gunfire came from Lake Pointe and Woodlake property owners near Goose Island, located on the reservoir near U.S. Route 360. Hunters favor the narrow stretch of water near the island. A few complaints regarding the gunfire have come from Brandermill residents over the years.

"The Brandermill Community Association Board of Directors voted unanimously to endorse the hunting ban," said Brandermill Community Manager Mike Divita. "Hunting in a residential area poses danger not only to residents but in the early morning fog, fishermen are also at risk."

A letter which supported an initiative to prohibit hunting on the reservoir was forwarded to Board Chairman Art Warren. A series of county meetings followed.

### April 9 Meeting

A public meeting was held to gather input from residents and hunters. An evenly split audience attended and

voiced differing concerns. In response, county officials proposed a one-half mile ban on hunting on the reservoir. Originally, supervisors discussed banning all hunting on the reservoir.

The current ban is 600 feet from a residence — not the property line. County Supervisor Renny Humphrey offered a compromise to the hunters of a 600-foot buffer from the shoreline.

### April 23 Meeting

The Chesterfield County Board of Supervisors, with the advice of legal counsel, decided not to modify current hunting restrictions on Swift Creek Reservoir. Due to the fact that there are 15 private owners of the land under the reservoir, it was determined that county officials could not restrict the use of private property.

### May 2 Meeting

Chesterfield County Attorney Steve Micas met with representatives of Lake Pointe Homeowners Association, Woodlake and Brandermill Community Associations, Brandermill Development Company; the Department of Game and Inland Fisheries; and the Chesterfield County Police Department. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss what options were available to communities following the county supervisors' decision on April 23 not to alter the current restrictions on hunting.

It was agreed that "No Hunting" signs will be placed in approximately 10 major locations around the lake — typically at boat landings. Brandermill Development Company will post the signs with assistance from the communities of Lake Pointe, Woodlake and Brandermill. It is not yet determined how the signs will be financed. In Brandermill, signs will be posted along the shoreline or possibly in the water at the Brandermill Inn, Sunday Park and The Landing at Commodore Pointe.

Micas is assisting with the specific language to be placed on the signs and Sheets is investigating what materials would be best suited for constructing the signs.

### June 27 Meeting

Enforcement of the ban will be discussed at the upcoming meeting. To date, any resident who makes a complaint about hunting on the reservoir, must appear at the magistrate's office to swear out a warrant.

## Busy intersection is site of fatal auto accident

By Wendy Parker  
Managing Editor

The Chesterfield County Police Traffic Accident Reduction Team continues to investigate a six-vehicle accident at the intersection of Charter Colony Parkway at Genito Road on April 24 at 9:54 p.m. that claimed the life of Mary Ellen Thompson, 53, of Quail Hill Drive. Her husband, William F. Moore, III, has been upgraded from critical to stable condition and remains at the Medical College of Virginia Hospitals.

Police said a 1998 Ford Expedition driven by David Decair, 34, of Quail Hill Court, was traveling southbound on Charter Colony Parkway when it struck the rear of Moore's 2000 Mercedes that was stopped for a red light.

The initial crash caused a chain reaction that sent the Mercedes into the rear of a 1999 Mitsubishi Montero, which struck a 1995 Chevrolet van. The van then hit a 2000 GMC van in the rear which in turn struck a 1985 Ford pickup truck.

Nine other individuals in the multi-vehicle accident were treated for injuries at local hospitals and were released.

The driver of the Ford Expedition has been charged with reckless driving.

In lieu of flowers, contributions in memory of Mary Ellen Moore may be made to the Organ Fund of St. Luke's Episcopal Church, 2245 Huguenot Trail, Powhatan, Va. 23139.

## NRC wants to hear from teens in Brandermill

Brandermill teens are invited to attend a teen forum at Harbour Pointe Clubhouse on Tuesday, May 20 at 7 p.m.

Teens, up to the age of 18, are welcome to enjoy free pizza and soda at the NRC-sponsored event.

Teens are also invited to give input on what types of activities they would like to have for their age group in Brandermill.

For more information or to RSVP, please call 744-0293.

## "The Phantom of the Opera" will be a jazzy production

Join your Brandermill neighbors for a "spine chilling" evening at The Gardens Pavilion in Sunday Park on Tuesday, May 20 at 8 p.m. for a free viewing of the early classic film, the "Phantom of the Opera."



Invite your friends and enjoy the free popcorn, but don't come expecting a silent, black and white movie. The film has been restored in Technicolor and will be accompanied by the Jimmy Sullivan Jazz Quartet which will heighten the suspense with some jazzy tunes.

Sponsored by Brandermill Community Association, the film stars Lon Chaney and is guaranteed to give you a few thrills—or at least a few laughs. Don't miss out on "The Phantom of the Opera," one of America's first ever horror movies.

## Police classify break-in and vandalism case a hate crime

By Wendy Parker  
Managing Editor

While Chesterfield County police are continuing the investigation of a break-in and over \$50,000 in vandalism to a home in Copper Hill, the BCA has issued a flyer announcing a \$1,000 reward offered by Crime Solvers for information in the case.

To make an anonymous report, please call 748-0660.

According to police, the incident occurred sometime between April 5 and 10 while the residents were away. The family returned and was shocked to discover their home had been ransacked.

Threatening epithets were spray painted on walls, leading police to deem the incident a hate crime.

"There are some people who are using the current sentiment against terrorism as an excuse to forward their prejudicial causes," Detective Kevin

Bacon said. The suspects spray-painted walls and floors with anti-Iran, anti-Iraq and pro-USA phrases. Most items of value were stolen and any remaining items including furniture, clothing, wall fixtures and cabinets, were spray-painted.

"Damage was so extensive," Detective Bacon said, "the responding officer reported he could not find a single item in the home that had not been overturned, broken, slashed or spray-painted."

A hate crime is defined by Virginia State code as, "any illegal act directed against any persons or their property because of those persons' race, religion or national origin," and the crime carries additional penalties for those who commit them.

On a television news interview, the dismayed homeowner who is neither Iranian nor Iraqi, said he and his family will move out of Brandermill. They are in temporary housing.



...in style

Photo by Dena Sindell

Allan Mills of Steeple Chase wears appropriate attire in Brandermill's first Volksmarch. About 100 participants joined the 10k walk. Out-of-towners commented on the beauty of Brandermill, especially along its scenic trails.

## Calling all neighbors - it's time to start planning for the Fourth

The BCA Community Service Director is looking for a few good float entries for the 2003 Fourth of July parade, as well as clowns, marching bands, antique cars, decorated bikes, and neighborhood entries.

This year, the parade theme is "Brandermill Salutes America the Beautiful." Three categories will be judged: best neighborhood; best individual or family unit; and best group.

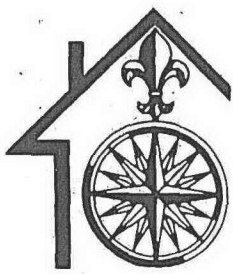
Neighborhood entries will be eligible for pizza party awards and neighborhood recognition signs. There are two categories

for neighborhood recognition: most original and most participants. Pizza parties, valued at \$75 each, will be awarded to the two best parade entries.

A special feature in this year's parade is the clown category. Clowns will be judged on costumes and presentation. The best clown and 12 friends will enjoy a one and one-half hour BranderBelle cruise.

Parade entry forms are available at the BCA office. For more information, please call 744-1035 x 104.





**BCA Board of Directors**  
**Ed Moldof, President**  
**Chuck Rayfield, 1st VP**  
**Elissa Gellis Mast, 2nd VP**  
**Jason Livingston, Treasurer**  
**Tony Giordano**  
**John Hughes**  
**Kathleen Martin**

## WELCOME NEW RESIDENTS

**BARNE'S SPRING**  
 Kevin & Sarah Holloway  
**CROSSTIMBERS**  
 Leo & Mary Frechette  
**HARBOUR BLUFF**  
 Charles & Patti Hubbard  
**HERITAGE WOODS**  
 Brent & Susan Fulk  
**MCTYRE'S COVE**  
 Don & Cissy Spivey  
**QUAIL HILL**  
 Richard & Karla Green  
**SEVEN OAKS**  
 Dixie Hathaway  
**STERLING'S BRIDGE**  
 Fred & Donna Finkbeiner  
**SUTTER'S MILL**  
 Edward & Vicky Wells  
**THORNBRIDGE**  
 Gus Gray

## ARB APPROVALS

Arrowood - driveway & walkway  
 Fortune's Ridge - pond  
 Fox Chase - awning  
 Huntgate Woods - screened porch  
 Long Shadow - doors & windows  
 McTyre's Cove - dormer  
 Old Fox Trail - doors & windows  
 Old Fox Trail - vinyl siding  
 Pebble Creek - deck  
 Pebble Creek - deck  
 Pebble Creek - lamp post  
 Poplar Grove - garage  
 Quail Hill - hot tub, deck & pond  
 Rockport Landing - sunroom  
 Shadow Ridge - addition  
 Steeple Chase - garage  
 Steeple Chase - windows & door  
 Sutter's Mill - vinyl siding  
 Timber Ridge - deck & arbor  
 Two Notch - stairs & deck  
 Walnut Creek - siding & windows  
 Winterberry Ridge - window & deck

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## UPCOMING BCA EVENTS

BCA Board Meeting  
 Brandermill Woods  
 May 19, 7 p.m.

NRC Youth Forum  
 Harbour Pointe Clubhouse  
 May 20, 7 p.m.

Silent Movie/Jazz Combo  
 The Gardens Pavilion  
 May 20, 8 p.m.

Opening Day  
 Brandermill Pools  
 May 24, 11 a.m. - 8 p.m.

Community Pool Day  
 For all residents  
 Brandermill Pools  
 Memorial Day  
 May 26, 11 a.m. - 8 p.m.

BCA Board Meeting  
 Brandermill Woods  
 June 2, 7 p.m.

Richmond Philharmonic  
 The Gardens Pavilion  
 Sunday Park  
 June 15, 6 p.m.

Fourth of July Festivities  
 Sunday Park  
 Parade 10 a.m.  
 Festivities 11 a.m. - 1 p.m.  
 Fireworks 9:15 p.m.

## Voice of the people: Which Brandermill amenity is your favorite and why?



"The bike trails. It is a pleasant way to exercise in Chesterfield County without putting your life on the line."  
**Neal Upshur**  
 Nuttree Woods



"We have been in Brandermill for a year and thoroughly enjoy the pools."  
**Donna Painter**  
 Autumn Woods



"The water. I like to do hand stands in the pool."  
**Otis Jones, 5**  
 Crosstimbers



"Playgrounds. Because I like to swing."  
**Nla Jones, 2**  
 Crosstimbers



"Bike trails. I like spending time with my kids walking on the trails, especially on nice spring evenings."  
**Shari Hayward**  
 Birnam Woods



"Bike trails. It is something we can enjoy as a family."  
**Jennifer Inman**  
 Turtle Hill

# BCA recognizes Betty Hunter-Clapp and Bobbi Glenn

The following minutes are a summary and have not been approved. Complete official minutes are available at the BCA office.

The April 7, 2003 meeting of the Brandermill Community Association Board of Directors was held at Brandermill Woods. Directors Hughes, Giordano, Livingston, Martin, Mast, Moldof, Rayfield and Community Manager Divita were present.

**Commercial Development**  
 The Commercial Architectural Review Board (CARB) is reviewing all development in and around Brandermill. Community Architect Doug Greene gave an update on the following projects:

- Property at the intersection of Charter Colony Parkway and Route 76 is zoned for commercial use, but there is currently no activity on development.

- Currently there is no development planned for the Waterford/Tredegar Properties.

- A branch of Southern Community Bank & Trust will be built at the front corner of the Winn Dixie parking lot on the corner of Genito Road and Charter Colony Parkway. The building will be uniform with the freestanding physicians' office located in The Village at Waterford Shopping Center. Driveway material will be used on the exterior of the building. CARB has requested that no freestanding parking lot fixtures be placed and that the owners provide parking for their customers.

- A fence has been erected along the Old Hundred Road property of Marval Marble, located at the intersection of Genito and Old Hundred Roads. It has been requested that their dumpsters be screened.

- A fence will be erected behind the BCA Maintenance shop to screen the yard from Genito Road.

- The Brandermill Country Club clubhouse interior and exterior are being remodeled and the kitchen area is being enlarged.

- The kitchen at Sundays is being expanded and a lower outside deck will be added. Landscaping will be used to buffer the deck from the bike trails. Other changes at Sundays include enlarging the restrooms, creating a new pavilion entrance, covering the deck in front of the pavilion, and remodeling the rear of the restaurant. The changes to the restaurant have caused parking concerns. CARB has requested that the owner of Sundays verify that he has received approval for the expansion from Chesterfield County. The only property that can be used for additional parking is owned by the BCA. Community Manager Divita said that if the parking lot were expanded, maintenance agreements would be put into place.

- Developers are investigating expansion of Joseph Craig Ltd. property in Market Square along Route 360.
- Construction of Holiday Inn Express continues. The exterior of the hotel is brick and driveway and monument-style signage is to be used. The request for lead-in signs is being reviewed by CARB.

- Brandermill Inn owners have plans for improvements, but nothing has been submitted to CARB as of today.
- The Harbour Pointe First Union Bank will be expanded and the Wachovia Bank is to be closed.

- Representatives of The Restaurant Company have submitted plans to CARB for a Fazoli's. Concept drawings for Arby's Restaurant are in progress. Both restaurants are to be located east of Harbour Pointe Village Shopping Center and are to be under the county ordinance and uniform with the metal and cedar shake roofs at the Commonwealth Centre.

- Town homes and condos are planned for the area behind the entrance at Harbour Pointe.

**Annual Audit**  
 Chairman Tom Herr reported that the overall audit went well. The audi-

tors and finance committee agreed there should be separate checking and general ledger accounts to assure that there is no commingling of funds. The auditors requested that cash be moved to the reserve account on a quarterly basis. It was recommended that the BCA capitalize only items in excess of \$1,000 in order to keep fixed assets under control. Auditor Tom Koren requested the board pass a general resolution permitting a re-class entry be done any time assets are purchased from the reserve fund and in turn, capitalized in the operating fund.

**Motions**  
 Community Manager Divita recommended approval of the three-year unsecured loan from a re-construction standpoint. The origination fee was placed on this loan because there was no fee on the original line of credit. The board requested that Community Manager Divita try to negotiate the origination fee, but passed the motion to authorize the board president to execute loan documents converting the existing line of credit to a three-year unsecured loan (amortized over 20 years) with Southern Community Bank & Trust.

- A motion to affirm or deny that family day care homes are compatible with residential uses as provided by the Brandermill covenants and to recommend approval or disapproval of the issuance of a conditional use permit by Chesterfield County was tabled until the May 5 board meeting.

Community Manager Divita questioned how strict the interpretation of the covenants is. The board members agreed that this issue would be brought before the board again so some resolution can be made.

The day care in question offers staggered hours as well as service to residents outside of Brandermill that will increase traffic into Brandermill and cause concern of residents. There is also concern that a conditional use permit would transfer with the property.

- The agenda for the BCA 29th Annual Meeting was unanimously approved.

- A motion to accept, subject to good title with warranty deed, the 1.6 acres of property as open space from J.B. Campbell, Ltd. was unanimously passed.

- The motion to Approve LRPC Member Cassandra Wright to review covenant files for LRPC statistical analysis of violations was unanimously carried.

**Manager's Report**  
 • Manager, Divita, President Hughes and Director Rayfield met with Hull Street Association in regard to Harbour Hill development and the Curtis 1000 Building.  
 • Divita, Hughes, Director Moldof and Clem Carlisle met to discuss the Swift Creek Reservoir hunting ordi-

nance. Brandermill Development Company, which owns 1,000 acres of land under the reservoir, is one of seven owners of the underwater property. A public meeting regarding hunting on the reservoir will be held April 9, 2003.

- A volunteer paint day is scheduled at North Beach Pool on April 19, at 9 a.m. The facility must be painted by April 30.

**Executive Session**  
 The board adjourned to executive session to discuss a personnel matter.

**Annual Meeting**  
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The 29th Annual Meeting of Brandermill Community Association was held at Brandermill Woods on April 21. Tom Koren of the accounting firm Schuttrumpf & Koren, P.C. announced the election results. Final tabulation of votes produced 2,264 votes for John Hughes, 1,997 for Tony Giordano and 622 for Bennie L. Torian, I.

The referendum to approve the deferral of excess revenue passed with 3,077 votes for the referendum and 76 votes against.

BCA Board of Director Officers for 2003 - 2004 were elected during the organizational meeting. Newly elected officers are: President Ed Moldof, First Vice President Chuck Rayfield, Second Vice President Elissa Mast and Treasurer Jason Livingston.

Koren stated the Brandermill Community Association was awarded an "unqualified opinion" on the December 31, 2002 audit.

**Committee Reports**  
**Landscape**

The report submitted by Chairman Bob Atherton stated the committee decided to forego the planting of fall flowers at each neighborhood in 2002 due to the drought. The committee is experimenting with evergreens and perennials rather than flowers at some neighborhood signs.

**Pool**  
 Director Rayfield reported North Beach Pool should be open by May 24, 2003. SwimMetro has been hired to manage the pools.

**Environmental**  
 The committee has been working to implement a buffer policy for residents with shoreline properties.

**Long Range Planning**  
 Rick Franklin said the completion of the Sunday Park restroom facility marked the end of the capital improvement project. The LRPC is now determining which SPTF goals to choose for a new five-year plan.

**Neighborhood Activities**  
 A sub-committee of the BCA Activities Committee was formed to help promote planned activities of that committee.

### Activities

Activities presented for 2002 included a children's play, Halloween party, a silent movie and jazz ensemble, wine tasting and an improv comedy performance.

**Neighborhood Rep Council**  
 The NRC sponsored programs on VDOT road construction updates, U.S. Route 360 commercial development, domestic violence, pool renovations, buffer policy, strategic plan and Meet the Candidates Night.

At the meeting, special recognition was given to the two retiring directors — John Hughes and Tony Giordano, and to Betty Hunter-Clapp of Shallowford Trace and retiring Administrative Assistant Bobbi Glenn.

Hunter-Clapp was recognized for her years of service on the BCA Environmental Committee and her work as former co-chair of Hands Across the Lake and as a member of the watershed committee was acknowledged.

"Dr. Clapp keeps the county and state on their toes," said Community Manager Divita. "She gives so much of her time on behalf of the watershed and the environment."

"The planet does have a limit, and we have got to protect the water," said Hunter-Clapp. "If you want to honor me and all the volunteers of HAL, then educate yourselves [on the environment]."

Bobbi Glenn was recognized for her years of service to the community. "Bobbi knows that the residents are the most important asset we have," said Community Manager Divita. "The community knows what a wonderful person Bobbi is and we recognize her 16 years of faithful service."

Glenn will be staying on in a part-time capacity to assist the community standards department.



Bobbi Glenn



Betty Hunter-Clapp



## Calling all teens.

The Neighborhood Representative Council will hold a teen forum at Harbour Pointe Clubhouse on May 20 at 7 p.m. to solicit opinions from teens on what sort of activities they would like to have for their age group in Brandermill.

Teens, up to the age of 18, are invited for pizza & soda & the opportunity to be heard.

For more information & to RSVP, please call Shalini Upadhyaya at 744-0293.



## BCA Calendar of Events

\*\*\*\*\* 2003 \*\*\*\*\*

★ May 20	The Gardens Pavilion	Silent Movie/Jazz Combo	8 p.m.
★ May 26	Brandermill Pools	Free Community Pool Day	11 a.m. - 8 p.m.
★ June 15	The Gardens Pavilion	Richmond Philharmonic	6 p.m.
★ July 4	SCMS & Sunday Park	Parade, Picnic & Fireworks	10 a.m. - 1 p.m. • 9:15 p.m.
★ July 23	The Gardens Pavilion	SPARC Performance	7 p.m.
★ July 26 & 27	Brandermill Pools	Free Community Pool Days	11 a.m. - 8 p.m.
★ Sept. 27	Sunday Park	Arts & Crafts Show	10 a.m. - 5 p.m.
★ Oct. 22	Harbour Pointe Clubhouse	Newcomers Reception	7 p.m.
★ Oct. 29	Harbour Pointe Clubhouse	Volunteer Reception	6:30 p.m.
★ Oct. 31	Market Square	Tots Halloween Fest	9:30 a.m. - 11 a.m.
★ Dec. 7	The Gardens Pavilion	Holiday Choral Concert	4 p.m.
★ Dec. 7 & 8	Brandermill	Holiday House Judging	6 p.m. - 10 p.m.



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# Ship ahoy! Brandermill Sailing Center opens on May 22

**Boats + Water = Fun!**  
The Brandermill Sailing Center in Sunday Park will open for the season on Thursday, May 22. The center will be open Thursdays through Sundays from 1 p.m. to 7 p.m. until the second week in September. Residents at least 18 years old can rent canoes, two-man kayaks, jon boats with and without motors, pedal boats and three types of sailboats. Boats are rented with all equipment including life jackets. (See rates below.)

FROM THE CROW'S NEST



Gil Blake

**Something's Fishy**  
The fish are biting and fishers are catching them. I use the term fisherman because lately, the gals have been catching their share of the fish. The docks at Sunday Park are being used for shore fishing and the ramps at Sunday Park and The Landing are in heavy use for boat launching.

The construction on Genito and Woolrich Roads has reduced public access to the reservoir, which has caused an increase of nonresidents using the facilities at Sunday Park, Harbour Pointe, The Landing and Cove Ridge. Residents who register their boats with the BCA will be issued a hang tag for their vehicles. This

tag should be exhibited when parking at the above locations. Security measures have been increased this year and violators of the use of Brandermill facilities and parking restrictions are subject to fines and towing.

Parking at Sunday Park has been expanded, but because it is shared by many groups, parking is limited. Trailer parking is limited to the overflow parking lot only.

## BranderBelle

The BranderBelle, the BCA pontoon boat, is now available for cruises. The captained boat operates out of Sunday Park seven days a week from 9 a.m. to 10 p.m.

Reservations must be made and paid for at least a week in advance. For information and availability, call Dena Sindelir at 744-1035 x 104.

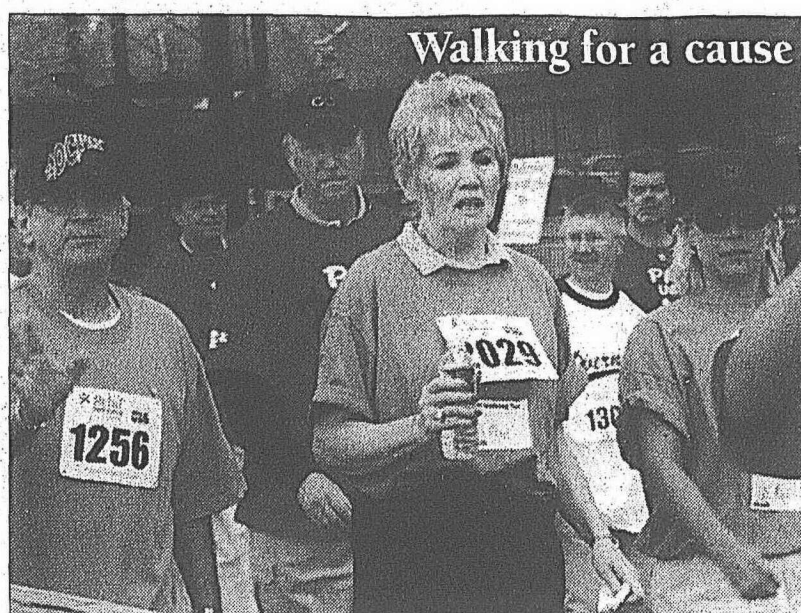
## Boats for Sale

Those who are interested in selling or buying a boat, can reach thousands of readers by placing a classified ad in The Village Mill. Please call Julane Johndrow at 744-1035 x 116. Then I will add the information to a list at the sailing center.

## Sailing Lessons

The Brandermill Sailing Club is once again offering sailing lessons in Sunday Park on June 12, 14, 19 and 21. See details in Sailing Club story on page 11.

We wish you a safe summer of fun on the reservoir and hope you will stop and visit us at the Brandermill Sailing Center. Until next time, we wish you fair winds.



Walking for a cause

BCA employees Bobbi Glenn, at center, and Sherry Johnson, at right, take part in the 2003 Multiple Sclerosis Walk. BCA employees contributed \$150 to the Memories Galore team which raised \$10,000 for the charity. Photographer Randi Gellis was team captain.

Photo by Randi Gellis

**Check it out!**  
The new and improved BCA web site!

**Living Water Inspirational**  
Christian Cards, Collectibles & Gifts  
4664 Commonwealth Centre Parkway (near Barnes & Noble)  
Hours: Mon-Fri 10 a.m. - 7 p.m. • Sat 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.  
763-4600  
Coupon expires 7/31/03

# BCA staff members discuss covenants at NRC meeting

Chairman Robert Margolis welcomed the NRC reps to the April 29 meeting.

Pat Moldof reported that "Taste in Brandermill" is off to a good start with at least 10 local restaurants planning to participate. She expects this event to take place sometime in June and hopes it will become an annual event.

Secretary Shalini Upadhyaya reported on the Brandermill Teen Forum which is set to take place at Harbour Pointe Clubhouse on May 20 at 7 p.m. Teens (up to the age of 18) are invited to participate in this meeting. Pizza and soda will be

provided.

Community Manager Mike Divita gave a wonderful presentation on the Brandermill covenants.

He started out by sharing the mission and vision statements of the Brandermill community and said that all property owners should take pride in their investments.

Community Standards Director Juli Talty explained the covenant enforcement process. Many residents asked questions. Regina Knapp of Planter's Wood wanted to put together a volunteer group that could help a resident with small tasks such as leaf removal.

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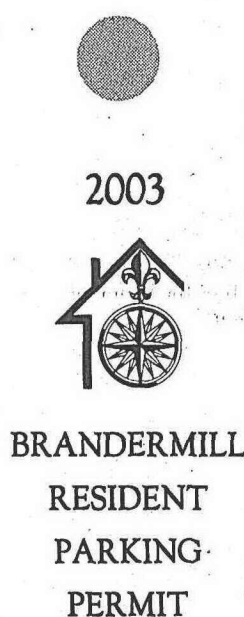
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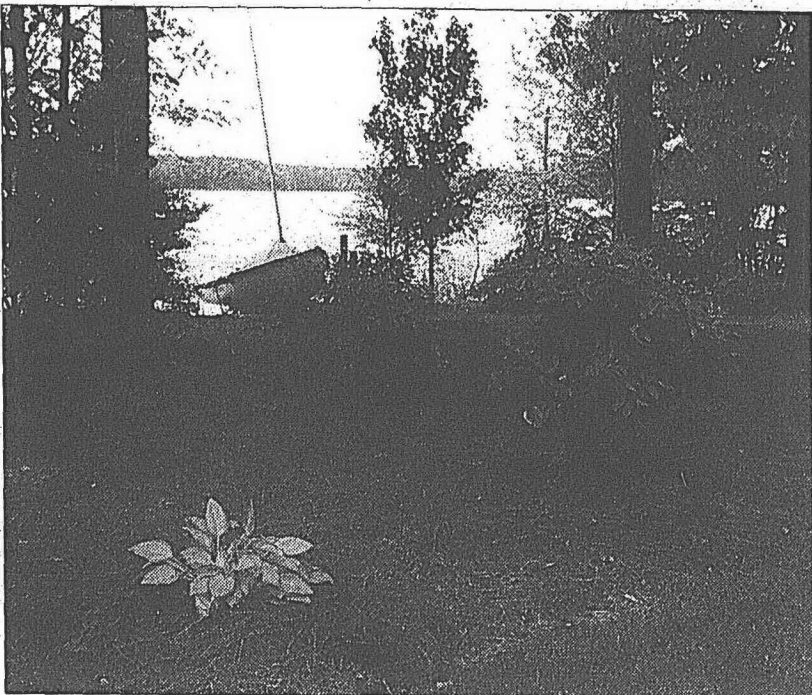
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New buffer policy offers advice to waterfront property owners



The model lot in Regatta Pointe is newly landscaped with approved shoreline plantings and pine straw mulch.

By Wendy Parker  
Managing Editor

After months of meetings of the BCA Environmental Committee with BCA staff, residents and county officials, the BCA Board passed a new shoreline buffer policy in March.

Brandermill waterfront property owners will soon receive by mail a brochure of the new shoreline buffer policy highlighting changes to the previous policy. In the past few months, waterfront residents have been invited to attend discussions aimed at refining the final policy. The final policy offers a number of options that will allow homeowners to protect their view, protect their property value and, at the same time, protect the reservoir.

To safeguard the county drinking water, the new policy restricts any mowing and use of chemicals including fertilizers and pesticides in the buffer area.

Property owners may choose to leave the BCA buffer area natural or with BCA approval, perform some degree of landscaping. The buffer area of a waterfront lot in Regatta Pointe has been prepared as a model for those who wish to landscape. In December, the BCA Board appropriated \$1,000 for professional landscaping labor for the project and the work was completed in January. To make an appointment to visit the property, please call the BCA office at 744-1035.

The new brochure includes specific guidelines for making any alterations in the shoreline buffer area. Highlights of the brochure follow.

**Shoreline buffer options**  
**No BCA approval required**

1. Leave the buffer area in its natural state.
2. Stop all maintenance, clearing and mowing to allow the buffer to return to its natural state.

**BCA approval required**

3. Achieve a filtered view through selective trimming.
4. Restore or landscape the buffer area with recommended native plantings and materials.

**Structures**

Existing structures in the buffer area must be removed or applied for by submitting an application to the Architectural Review Board within 90 days of notification of this policy.

- Permanent structures such as docks, decks, stairs, and walkways generally are not permitted.
- Bulkheads or retaining walls are

What's happening at the Brandermill pools?

Community Pool Day is free for Brandermill folks

By Jennifer Walker  
Activities Director

Summer is quickly approaching and we are hard at work getting the Brandermill pools ready for members. North Beach Pool renovations are well under way and the outcome is expected to be great.

Harbour Pointe and St. Ledger's Pools again will be beautiful and welcoming this summer season.

**Community Pool Day**  
**It's Free!**

Memorial Day, Monday, May 26 has been designated Community Pool Day. All Brandermill residents are invited to come out and enjoy a free day of swimming at Harbour Pointe, North Beach and St. Ledger's Pools.

**Summer Activities**

Several activities have been planned for members' enjoyment. Wacky Wednesday activities for elementary-aged children include puffy-paint sun visors, face painting, hula-hoop contests, and more. They will begin June 18 at St. Ledger's Pool and will run through August 27.

Thumpin' Thursdays, geared toward pre-teens, will be held at North Beach Pool beginning June 19 and will run through August 28. Pool basketball, pool volleyball, and obstacle courses are just a sampling of the pre-teen activities.



Pool Activities Director Jennifer Walker is planning a multitude of games, crafts and pool events for children and adults this summer.

As the summer draws closer additional information regarding pool activities will be posted on member bulletin boards at each of the three pools. Staff members are anticipating a great

summer season. All are invited to come out to enjoy the great Brandermill pools. It is not too late to join the pools. For membership information, please call the BCA at 744-1035.

Jennifer Walker is new BCA pool activities director

It's a perfect match. Two of Jennifer Walker's favorite things are children and summer. Recently hired as Brandermill pools activities director, Walker hails from Cape Cod where, she says, "summers are only two months long." For that reason, she is happy to be spending a full Virginia summer working with Brandermill children and adults.

She will coordinate Wacky Wednesday activities for youngsters at St. Ledger's Pool; Thumpin' Thursday activities for pre-teens at North Beach Pool; and other special events for adults and families. In addition, Walker will supervise concessions at St. Ledger's and North Beach Pools.

Walker graduated from Radford University in 1999 in media studies and currently is pursuing a master's degree in education at Mary Baldwin College. Upon graduation, she plans to teach in the primary grades. Walker lives in Brandermill with her husband David.

Walker says she is looking forward to working with all age groups but is especially fond of working with young children. "They are so eager to learn," she says. "They have the desire to explore the world."

Brandermill Community Association staff members welcome Walker on board for a great summer.

Brandermill Swim Team comes "home" to North Beach Pool

By Joe Savarie  
Special Correspondent

Members of the Brandermill Swim Team are excited about the fast approaching swim season. With the reopening of the North Beach Pool, the Brandermill Swim Team is finally coming home.

Registration fee is \$75. There is a special senior rate for those 15 years or older of \$35, but seniors must swim in three meets. Team members must be Brandermill pool members.

The Brandermill Swim Team belongs to the Richmond Metro Aquatic League Swim Association, which has divided the league into three divisions.

Brandermill will be in the C division and will swim only against the other three teams in that division. The winner of the division will move up to the next level for the next swim season. Swim team officials fully expect the Brandermill Swim Team to be swimming in the B level next year and competing with Woodlake and Bon Air teams in the years to come.

The championship meet will be held at Bon Air Pool on Monday, July 28 for the 10 and under swimmers and on Tuesday, July 29 for 11 and over swimmers.

Team and individual photos will be taken at North Beach Pool on June 19 at 9 a.m.

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Tues., July 15	Pocono/Greenfield	North Beach
Mon., July 21	Surreywood	Away
Mon., July 28	Bon Air	Championship 10-
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## Brandermill residents to appear on Channel 6 television

Former HAL Co-chair Betty Hunter-Clapp of Shallowford Trace and HAL Co-chair Tom Pakurar of Bayport Landing will appear on "Chesterfield Matters" as guests of Clover Hill Supervisor Art Warren.



Hunter-Clapp

Water Quality Administrator Joan Salvati and Chesterfield Director of Engineering Dick McElfish in discussing water issues. The show, in celebration of the 30th anniversary of the Clean Water Act, will air on Comcast Channel 6 every Thursday night in May from 8 to 8:30 p.m.



Pakurar

They will join HAL Co-chair Preston Cooper, Chesterfield County

## Transitions support group continues to help unemployed

By Fred Norman and Gayle Walters  
Club Correspondents

The Brandermill Rotary Club has teamed with The Brandermill Church to offer a support group, "Transitions," for those who have found themselves jobless or displaced due to company downsizing or just looking for a new career.

Selected club members will give a short talk about their job qualifications

and experiences and will assist attendees. (See schedule below.)

The Sunday evening meetings are open to the public and will run through the summer months at The Brandermill Church in the conference room at 6 p.m.

For more information on this program email Tom Earle at tearle@comcast.net or Gayle Walters at gayle@gayleandcompany.com or call Walters at 744-8100x12.

## Rotarians help needy children and many other charities

By Rick Bishop  
Club Correspondent

Brandermill Rotary Club members are assisting Bless the Children in its efforts to provide poor children in the tiny Caribbean country of Belize with book bags and school supplies.

The U.S. Navy is also helping with the book bag project by providing free transport of the bags and supplies.

With the help of the Brandermill Rotary members and other organizations, over 100 book bags will be shipped in time to be received prior to the beginning of the next school year.

On a more localized front, Brandermill Rotarians held a Silent Auction in conjunction with a Wine and Beer Tasting on May 3 at the Harbour Pointe

Clubhouse. Many local businesses donated gift certificates and products or services worth thousands of dollars.

Individuals and groups, in an effort to help, also donated unique, interesting auction items such as mystery dinner play tickets and mini-cruises.

On May 5, the annual Brandermill Rotary Golf Tournament once again was held at Brandermill Country Club.

Each year, hundreds of local businesses and individuals in search of a good time, coupled with an opportunity help, sponsor holes and contests — and provide players.

The proceeds from these fundraising events will be distributed to over 25 different community organizations at the Rotary's annual charity breakfast on May 13.

## BRMC sponsors theater outing at Barksdale as fund-raiser

By Walt Shugart  
Club Correspondent

The Brandermill Retired Men's Club invites community residents to a Barksdale Theatre production of Irving Berlin's "Annie Get Your Gun," on Thursday, July 24.

Those attending will enjoy a dinner beforehand at the theater. The outing will be a fund-raiser for local charities supported by the club.

The show revolves around Annie Oakley, an illiterate hillbilly with a knack for shooting guns. After being

persuaded to join Buffalo Bill Cody's traveling Wild West Show, she falls hopelessly in love with Frank Butler, the show's featured shooting ace. But when Annie eclipses Frank as the main attraction, she realizes she will have to make some hard choices if she wants to win the man she loves. The show opened on Broadway starring Ethel Merman as Annie in 1946.

Dinner will be served at 6 p.m. followed immediately by the show.

For ticket information, please see ad on page 3.



## TRANSITIONS SPEAKER SCHEDULE

- |         |                                   |
|---------|-----------------------------------|
| May 18  | Bill Snodgrass - Medical Sales    |
| June 1  | Bob Brown - Funeral Director      |
| June 8  | Dan Baker - PGA Golf Professional |
| June 15 | Bruce Misiaszek - Real Estate     |
| June 22 | Vic Hobson - Investment Advisor   |
| June 29 | Frank DeStefano - Architect       |

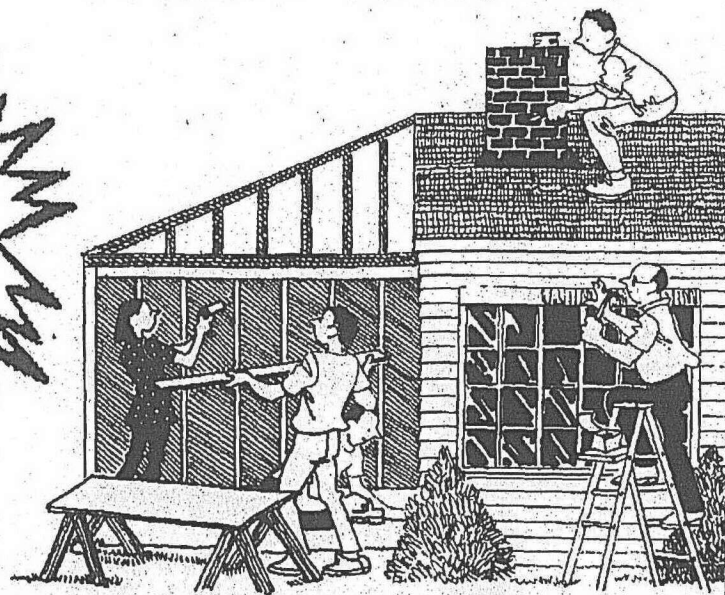
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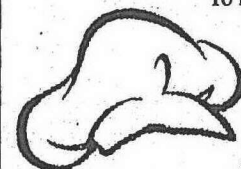
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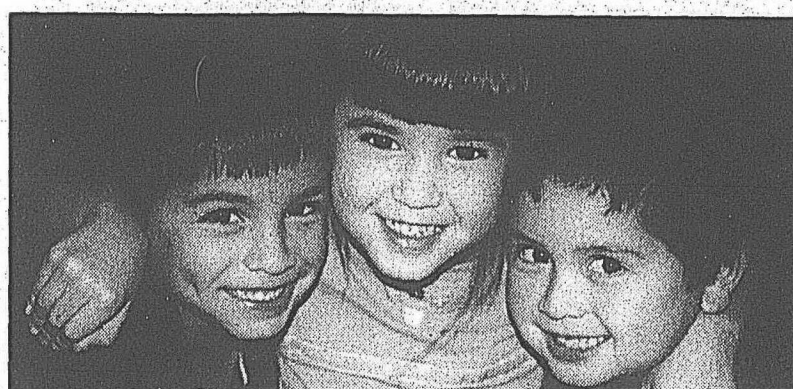
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## DEQ seeks input from individuals on water quality

The Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) seeks written and oral comments from interested people on the development of Total Maximum Daily Loads (TMDLs) for the Lower Appomattox River Basin and its tributaries.

The lower Appomattox River TMDL includes those counties that drain to the Appomattox from Amelia County to the City of Hopewell including Chesterfield County.

The subject stream segments are identified in Virginia's 1998 TMDL Priority List and Report as impaired due to violations of the state's water quality standards for bacteria, benthics, dissolved oxygen and/or pH. The bacteria impairments addressed in the lower Appomattox Basin include a 2.68 square mile, a 7.44 mile and part of an 80.60 mile segment on the Appomattox River; 5.28 miles on Nibbs Creek; 3.99 miles on Flat Creek; 11.19 miles on Deep Creek; 7.22 miles on West Creek; and 1.61, 7.09, and 2.18 mile segments on Swift Creek.

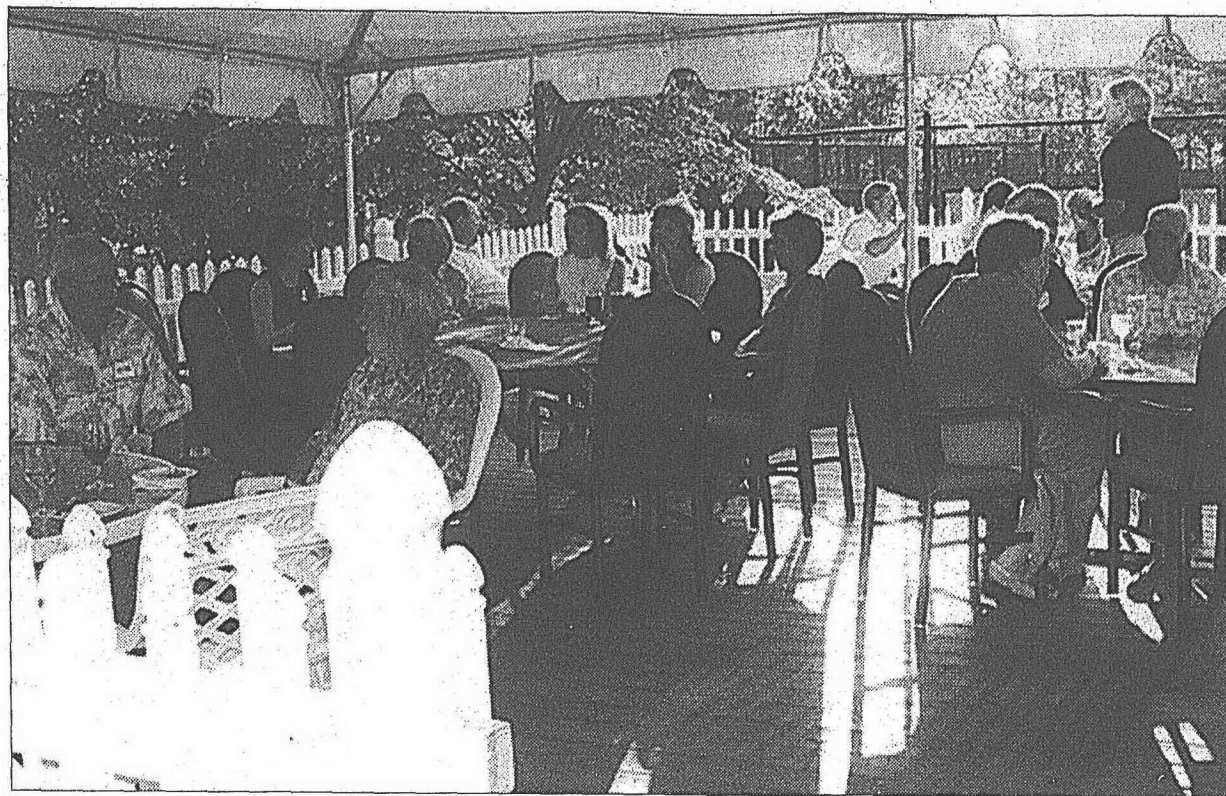
The dissolved oxygen and/or pH impairments include 16.54 miles on Deep Creek; 7 miles on Skinquater Creek; 1.61 and 7.09 mile segments on Swift Creek; Swift Creek Reservoir; 20.36 miles on Winterpock Creek; and 3.97 miles on Winticoma Creek. The Clean Water Act and the Code of Virginia require DEQ to develop TMDLs for pollutants responsible for each impaired water segment contained in Virginia's TMDL Priority List and Report.

The first public meeting on the development of the Lower Appomattox Basin TMDLs will be held on Wednesday, May 21, 7:30 p.m. at 10031 Iron Bridge Road in the Chesterfield County's Public Meeting Room.

The public comment period for this phase of the TMDL development will end on June 21, 2003. Information pertaining to TMDL development is available upon request or can be found on the DEQ's web site at <http://www.deq.state.va.us/TMDL>.

Written comments should include the name, address, and telephone number of the person submitting the comments. Questions, or information requests should be addressed to Denise Moyer, Department of Environmental Quality, 4949-A Cox Rd., Glen Allen, Virginia 23060, telephone (804) 527-5146, fax (804) 527-5106, or e-mail [damoyer@deq.state.va.us](mailto:damoyer@deq.state.va.us).

## Members celebrate first phase of BCC renovations



Country Club members enjoy the grand reopening.

By Lisa Cox  
BCC Membership & Marketing Director

A grand reopening celebration was held at Brandermill Country Club on April 29. Over 400 club members attended the event. Phase I renovations to the 27-year-old club included remodeling the interior and exterior of the clubhouse; landscaping the club grounds and expanding the dining room and lounge areas.

"I feel that the members of Brandermill Country Club have been ready for changes like these for a long time," says Bob Dewsbury, managing partner of Brandermill Country Club. "We hope to continue to provide our members with upgrades that will exceed their expectations."

Fred Thompson and Mary Schroll of Club Source Design were the Architect and Design consultant for the project. Their past projects in the area include Salisbury Country Club in Midlothian and Hermitage Country Club in Manakin-Sabot.

Phase II renovations of Brandermill Country Club will include resurfacing the existing hard and clay tennis courts and the addition of a fitness facility.

Brandermill Country Club was founded in 1976 as part of the Brandermill community.

Photo by Lisa Cox

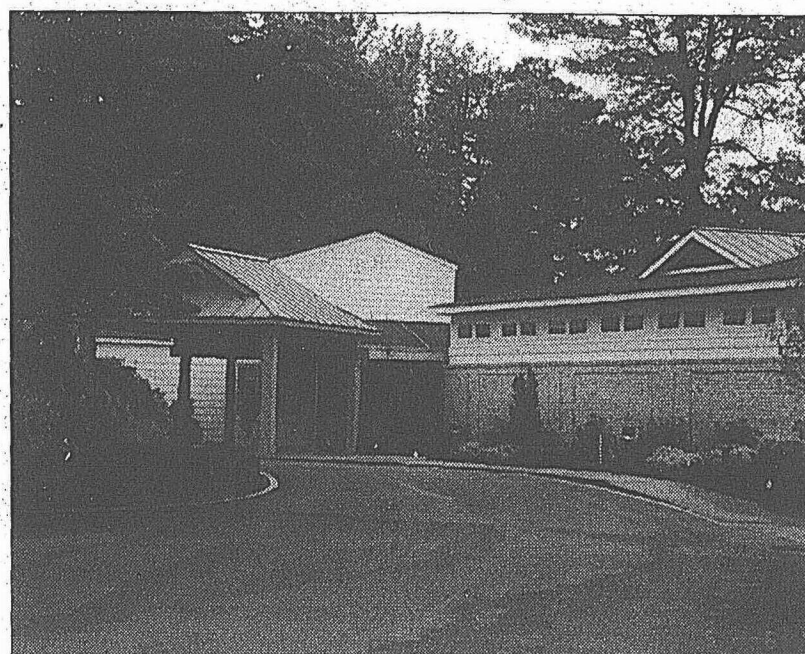
## Lions Club plans 25th anniversary celebration

The Brandermill Midlothian Woodlake Lions Club will celebrate its 25th anniversary at the Brandermill Country Club on June 6.

All former and current members of the Brandermill and Woodlake Lions Clubs and the rechartered Brandermill Midlothian Woodlake Lions Club are encouraged to attend.

Club members are asking for assistance in locating past members who have moved out of the area. They are also requesting the loan of newspaper clippings or other memorabilia associated with the club's history.

To make reservations or for more information, please call Larrie Dean at 744-3087, or John Anderson at 744-0581 or e-mail [dianejohnanderson@erols.com](mailto:dianejohnanderson@erols.com).



The Brandermill Country Club sports a new look.

Photo by Ann Hunt



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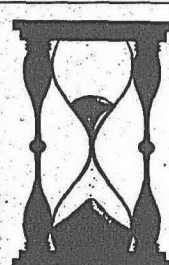
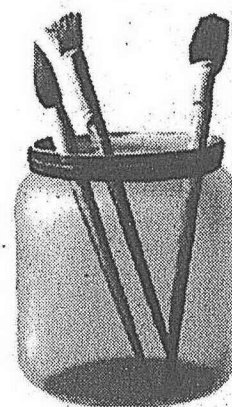
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The first public meeting on the development of the Lower Appomattox Basin TMDLs will be held on Wednesday, May 21, 7:30 p.m. at 10031 Iron Bridge Road in the Chesterfield County's Public Meeting Room.

The public comment period for this phase of the TMDL development will end on June 21, 2003. Information pertaining to TMDL development is available upon request or can be found on the DEQ's web site at <http://www.deq.state.va.us/TMDL>.

Written comments should include the name, address, and telephone number of the person submitting the comments. Questions or information requests should be addressed to Denise Moyer, Department of Environmental Quality, 4949-A Cox Rd., Glen Allen, Virginia 23060, telephone (804) 527-5146, fax (804) 527-5106, or e-mail [damoyer@deq.state.va.us](mailto:damoyer@deq.state.va.us).

## Members celebrate first phase of BCC renovations



Country Club members enjoy the grand reopening.

By Lisa Cox  
BCC Membership & Marketing Director

A grand reopening celebration was held at Brandermill Country Club on April 29. Over 400 club members attended the event. Phase I renovations to the 27-year-old club included remodeling the interior and exterior of the clubhouse; landscaping the club grounds and expanding the dining room and lounge areas.

"I feel that the members of Brandermill Country Club have been ready for changes like these for a long time," says Bob Dewsbury, managing partner of Brandermill Country Club. "We hope to continue to provide our members with upgrades that will exceed their expectations."

Fred Thompson and Mary Schroll of Club Source Design were the Architect and Design consultant for the project. Their past projects in the area include Salisbury Country Club in Midlothian and Hermitage Country Club in Manakin-Sabot.

Phase II renovations of Brandermill Country Club will include resurfacing the existing hard and clay tennis courts and the addition of a fitness facility.

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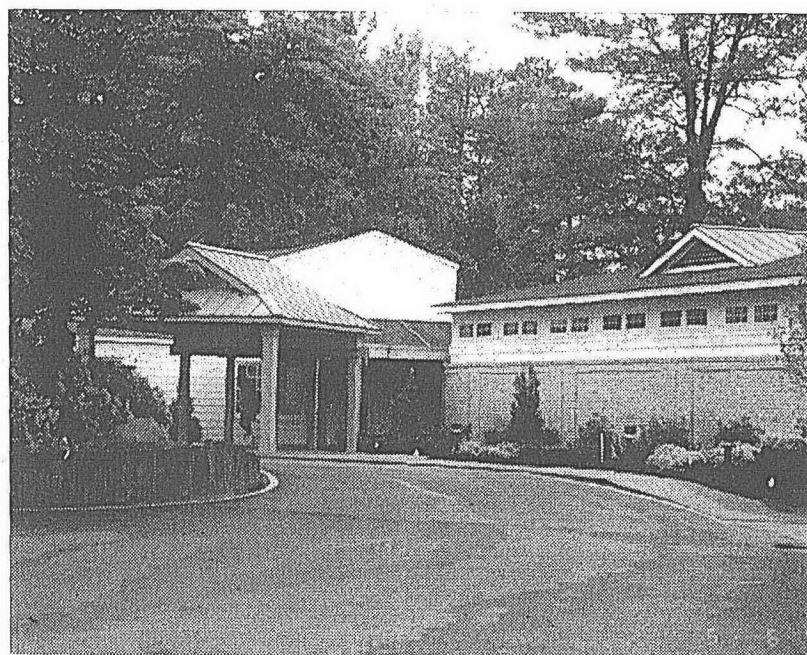
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The Brandermill Midlothian Woodlake Lions Club will celebrate its 25th anniversary at the Brandermill Country Club on June 6.

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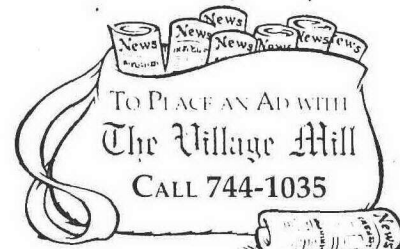
Club members are asking for assistance in locating past members who have moved out of the area. They are also requesting the loan of newspaper clippings or other memorabilia associated with the club's history.

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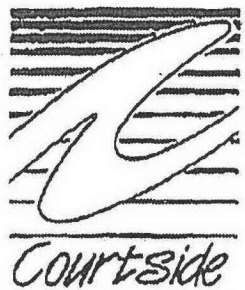
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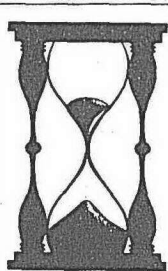
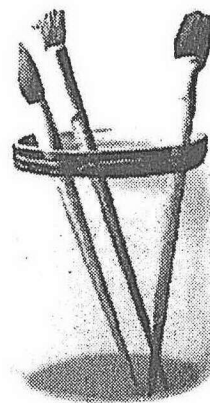
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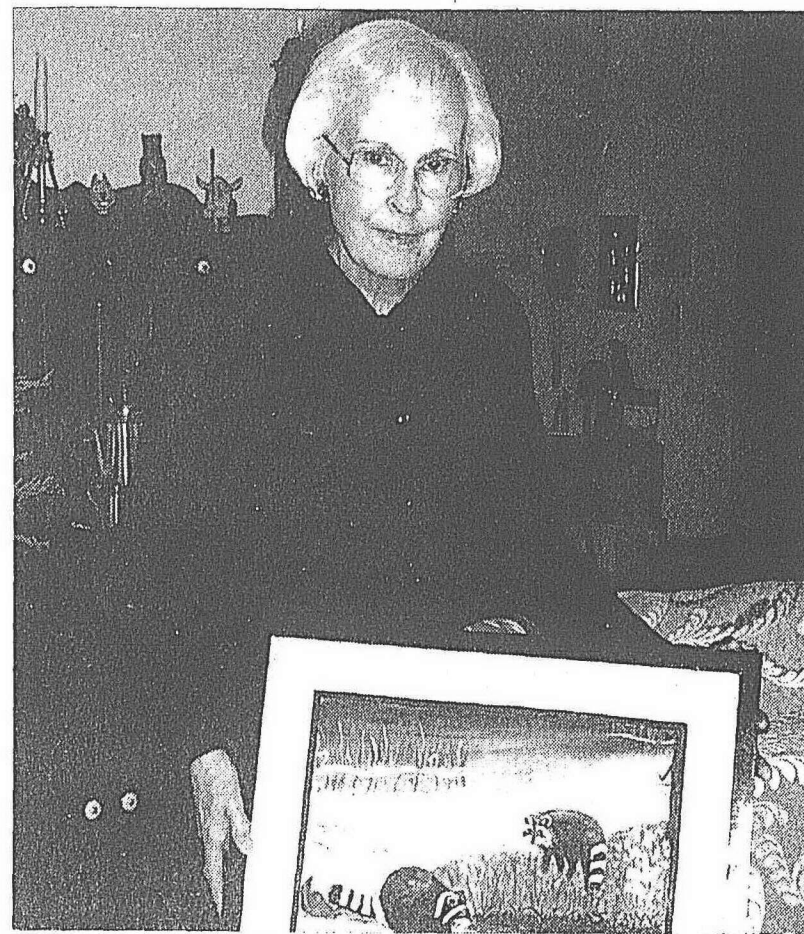
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LifeNet, a nonprofit organ procurement organization, donated the pins.

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## Letter questions building new neighborhood in wetlands

To the Editor:

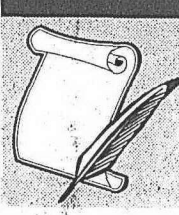
After reading your article about the development and building of the new neighborhood, Brandermill North, I have a few concerns. Being a homeowner of Birnam Woods, our home backs up to the woods on which this development is to be built. First, having a \$400,000 home backing up to our property may not be a bad thing for our property values. My concerns lie in the area in which it is to be built.

The area behind our home is wetlands. The ground on both sides of this area rises up, feeding water into creeks that flow into Swift Creek Reservoir. It is marsh-like in areas due to the fact that it is a watershed. This is also the reason that your article states that special permits are needed to build there for the fact that no one is supposed to build there. My home survey even shows the area as a flood zone.

As we all know there are many homes built around the reservoir. But

they are built with a buffer zone that helps keep contaminants, (home, lawn, auto), from filtering into our drinking water. It doesn't matter how many

### LETTER TO THE EDITOR



ways you explain it, you cannot build a buffer zone for homes in a watershed. Another area of your article that I found interesting is the board members themselves. While one member expressed "concern of sediment building in the ponds and other environmental issues during the construction of the new development" most comments focused on if it will have a park and how to bridge it to the rest of the community. How about discussing why you need to get special permits to build there? Why not discuss long-term water quality? Why not discuss why build homes in a watershed that feeds into our drinking water in the first place?

Short-term financial gains have a nasty habit of becoming long-term headaches.

Larry Ryan, Birnam Woods

## How sweet it is - mom and daughter perform together

Members of the Greater Richmond ShowCase Chorus received silver medals at the Sweet Adelines Regional Competition in Richmond on April 10 to 12.

Janet Joyce of East Bluff and Marge Maskery of McTyre's Cove perform with the group.

Among the 54 members of the Greater Richmond ShowCase Chorus are five youth members, ages 14 and 15 years old, who also won medals.

Jennifer Joyce, whose mother sings in the chorus, is an eighth-grade student at Manchester Middle School. "I can't wait to show off my 'new jewelry' to my friends at school," said Jennifer.

For a list of the chorus' public performances, check the calendar page of the website, [www.grcsings.com](http://www.grcsings.com).

Chartered in 1977, the Greater Richmond ShowCase Chorus is one of more than 750 choruses in Sweet Adelines International (SAI), an organization promoting music and performance education for women throughout the world.

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At left, Jennifer Joyce, and at back center, mother Janet Joyce.

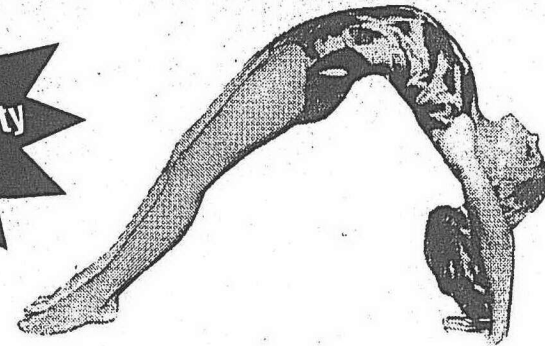
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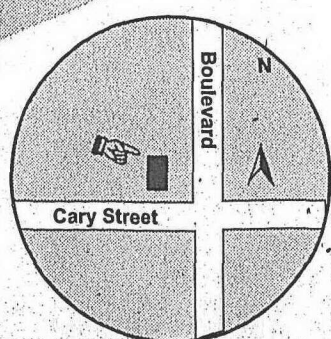
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## Fifth-graders top 3,500 students to win NASA competition

By Yvette Gohlke  
School Correspondent

Clover Hill Elementary School faculty and staff are proud to announce that for the second year in a row a group of fifth-grade students won the NASA Student Involvement Program.

Chelsea Biagioli, Kristen Petroza, Cassie Mahoney and Christopher Gupta won first place out of 3,500 students who participated.

Congratulations go to Dominic Bullano, Jenna Fottrell, Allison Weber and Chris Piszczatoski who came in third. NASA/NSIP is a national program that combines math, science, technology and geography through six competition categories. CHES students were judged and selected at the NASA Langley Research Center. Later this month representatives from NASA will be at the school to present awards to the winners and certificates to the fifth-grade students who participated.

Another fifth-grade student, Amy Aton, is making news. She was selected as one of the 10 finalists in the Richmond Braves Annual Bookmark Contest. She received four box

seats to the Diamond on Bookmark Day.

PTA officers remind community members how they can help CHES. Please remember to donate Ukrop's golden gift certificates to the school. Last year, Ukrop's gave CHES over \$1,000.

The PTA is still collecting General Mills' Box Tops. Please send them to the school. Those who have not visited [boxtopforeducation.com](http://boxtopforeducation.com) to sign up for a VISA card could be missing another way to help out CHES.

For each purchase made, CHES receives a 1 percent rebate. Earnings are over \$200 so far this year. Parents earn cash by shopping Box Tops for Education marketplace. Please check it out to help support the school.

Most importantly, parents can help support the school by remembering to join CHES PTA. Those who are new to the school or have misplaced the membership envelope and want to join may still do so. Membership goes to support important programs that the students enjoy each day. These include the accelerated reading program, student-framed artwork, the fall festival, school beautification, landscaping, safety, technology, after-school enrichment programs and many other ongoing programs.

For more information on membership, please call Holly Angel, PTA membership chairperson at 739-7556.

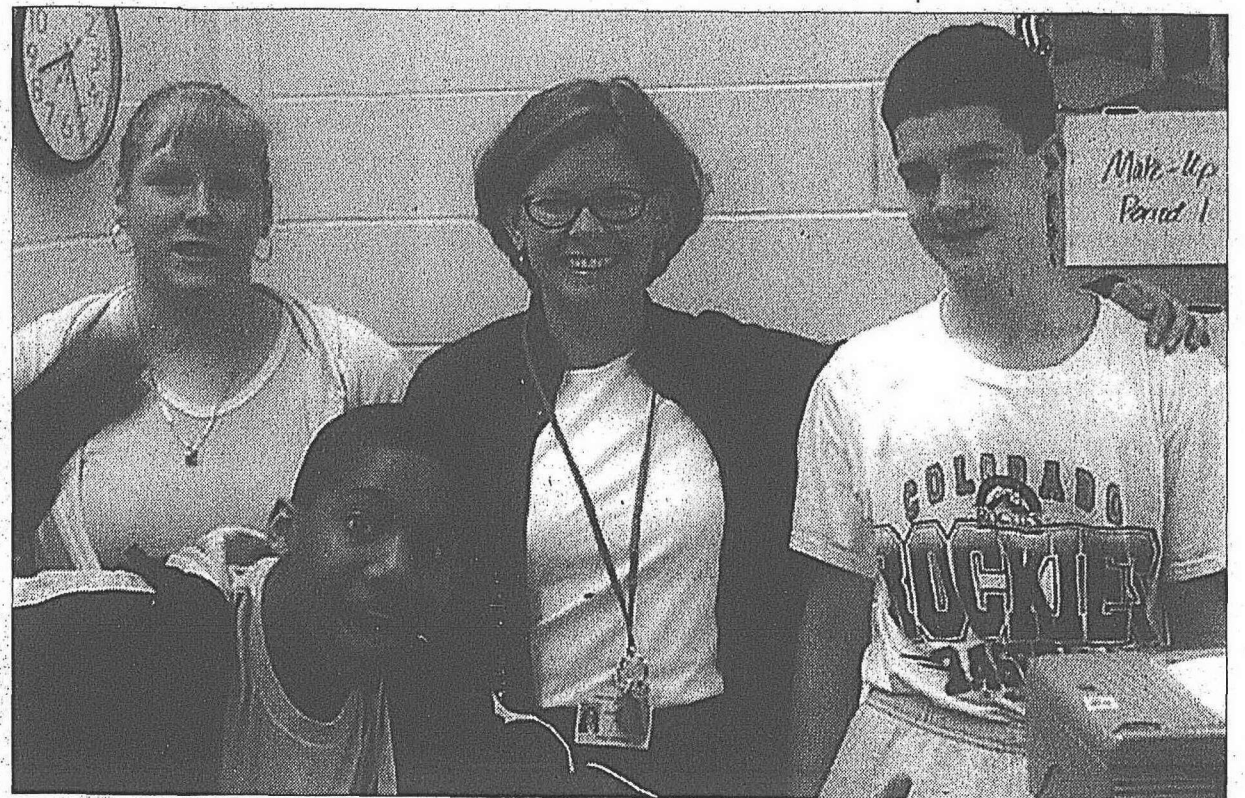
## Jenny Sweeney is SCMS Teacher of the Year

By Debbie Hickey  
School Correspondent

Jenny Sweeney is the Teacher of the Year at Swift Creek Middle School. Sweeney teaches 8th-grade math and English to students with special learning needs. She has taught for 23 years, three years in Henrico County and 20 in Chesterfield County, including nine years at SCMS.

Sweeney provides tutoring for SOL test preparation and she helps the science department and the alumnum can recycling project. In the past, she piloted the first collaborative teaching program for learning disabled students in Chesterfield County. She is a teacher mentor and has supervised six student teachers in the course of her career.

Sweeney believes her role in providing students with a good education engenders their ability to make positive choices in the lifelong learning process. Sweeney says, "Getting the best education possible now may help students learn to study for a test, or choose a candidate to vote for, or decide which car to buy. Convincing students to want to learn what their teachers offer everyday can be a real challenge. Asking to read ahead in a novel or wanting to do extra math problems are just small steps a student takes in this effort to learn more. At the middle school level, it is difficult to predict just how far our students will continue educating themselves. Yet, it is great to imagine how far some of them will go."



Students at SCMS enjoy spending time with Teacher of the Year Jenny Sweeney. From left: Elizabeth Bland, Ben Al-Mateen, Sweeney and Sean Doyle.

Eight-graders Amy and Emily Rosko and Rachel Kish will appear in the HBO movie "Iron Jawed Angels" which tells the story of women suffragettes in the 1920s.

When drama teacher Tasha Miller informed her drama classes that Liz Marks was casting for extras for her new HBO movie, the girls jumped at the opportunity.

Landing roles as extras, the girls discovered what it takes to be an actress. After time in wardrobe and makeup, they worked in freezing weather, shooting the same scene for 13 hours, all the while wearing shoes that were too tight.

Emily Rosko states, "It was a remarkable experience and it has left a positive mark on my life." Amy Rosko says, "That day will stay in my mind

forever, and so far, it has been one of the best experiences of my life."

Look for these future stars when HBO presents "Iron Jawed Angels."

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## CHHS Drama students spoof the Oscar Awards

By Kathryn Baystar  
School Correspondent

One last time before the end of the school year, the seniors of the Clover Hill High School Drama Department performed "Lights, Camera, Kansas!" The show was about an actress named Roxy who returns to her hometown of Ragweed, Kan. to host the Ego Awards, a spoof of the Oscar Awards. The play itself was a satire of Hollywood.

The cast, including seniors Tim Young, Brooke Lassiter, David O'Dell, Tabitha Wicker, Kiri Thompson, and Alex Caspero, rehearsed every day after school since the middle of March.

"Being in the Senior Show was a

### CHHS NEWS



great way for me to get a chance to perform before graduation," said Senior Alex Caspero. "I feel like my senior year is complete since the cast was very supportive of each other and we felt a sense of accomplishment after the show."

Although the storyline of the play itself did not receive good reviews from other students it was agreed that the acting by the participating seniors was incredible. The Drama Department will surely miss them next year.



Photo by Patrick Tandlor  
"Oh, you really like me!" says Alex Caspero upon receiving her award.

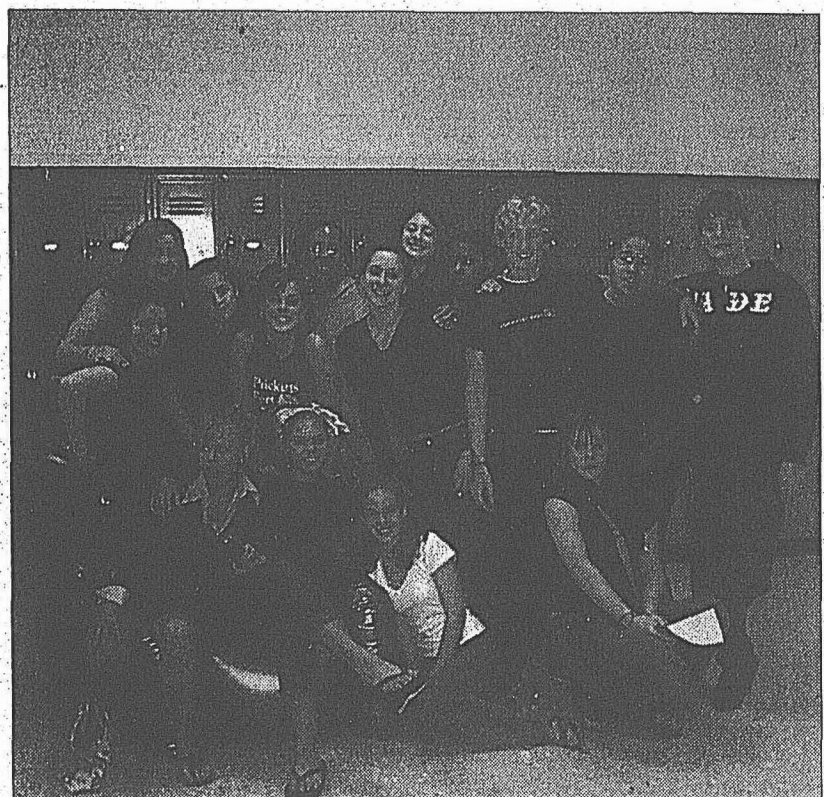


Photo by Patrick Tandlor  
The cast and crew enjoy a glamorous night at the Oscars.

## SCES students perform in annual talent show

By Andrea Epps  
School Correspondent

### SCES NEWS



April was an action-packed month for the Swift Creek Elementary School Gators. Talent shows held on April 22 and 24 were a wild success. There were 29 children with 21 acts in the first show and 47 children with 33 acts in the second show. The ticket sales raised \$872 for Operation American Necessities postage. Thanks go to Joanne Sherman,

Brent Smith and Laurie Newill for their hard work.

Operation American Necessities came to an end with the packing party on April 10. Volunteers packed 275 boxes in 45 minutes. Thanks go to all who helped.

Students received the first note of thanks from the troops, so boxes are getting to their destinations.

The French student exchange is running smoothly and the children are happy to be here. The welcoming ceremony was held in conjunction with the 20th anniversary celebration May 2. All the students joined hands around the school and sang. The picnic was a success as well. Gators dined outdoors and enjoyed the day.

Upcoming events will be announced in the Gator Gazette.

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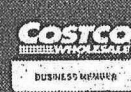
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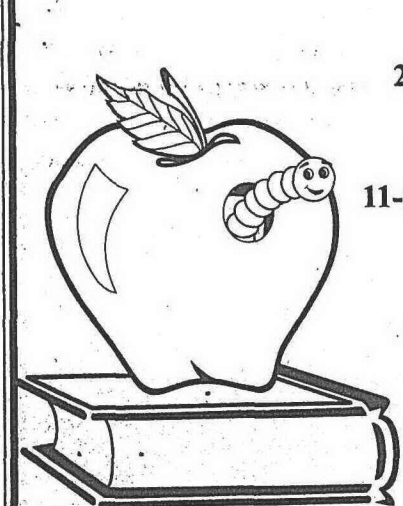
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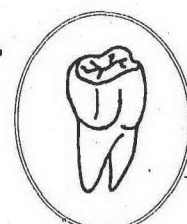
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## CHHS Baseball coach recruits middle school players

By Jessica Doyle  
School Correspondent

Overcoming obstacles proved to be the key bonding factor among the Clover Hill High School Boys Baseball teams.

Both junior varsity and varsity shared a major challenge: young, new players. Fourteen of 17 boys were an addition to the varsity roster, and the three returning players promoted team bonding in an effort to spark chemistry on the field. New players also worked hard in order to contribute to positive team karma.

"Coach always emphasizes being up and talking to support each other," said Sophomore Daniel Hunter. "The only way we are going to win is with teamwork. All for one and one for all."

The junior varsity team shared the same complication, but managed to warrant success. Not only did the team include new high school students, the team took on seven new middle school players, two of whom frequently moved up to varsity. This imposed a location challenge for the boys, which came as a result of attending different schools. However, they remained motivated to make the best of their season.



CHHS Varsity Boys Baseball Team put their heads together before the Huguenot game.

Players are doing more for the team and less for themselves," said Sophomore Jared Lewis. "It has made a difference in our success."

An obstacle unique to varsity however, was an unfortunate finger injury to Head Coach Tim Lowery, which occurred at the beginning of

the season.

"I have had many friends come to help me: Officer Miltenberger, Coach O'Hare, Assistant Coaches Zyglocke and Hegarty and Coach Jones," said Coach Lowery. "The team also rallied around to help do more work on the field."

While assistant coaches worried about the physical involvement

necessary to prepare the team, Coach Lowery focused on the offensive strategy.

"Even though there was a lack of returning players, both teams still showed incredible leadership capability," said Assistant Coach Richard Hegarty. "This camaraderie played a major role in the outcome of both seasons."

## Lions Club bass fishing tournament is May 17

By Bruce Johnson  
Special Correspondent

The Brandermill-Woodlake Lions Club's annual Spring Bass Fishing Tournament will be held Saturday, May 17.

As in past, the tournament will be held on Swift Creek Reservoir and is open to two-person angling teams.

A limit of 50 boats has been set. A \$600-first prize goes to the heaviest four-fish limit, \$100 to the heaviest four-fish limit caught by a father-son/daughter team and \$100 for the biggest. Additional cash awards as well as a door prize will also be given.

For entry information, please see ad on page 11.

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

at 1:30 p.m.

Only electric motors are permitted on the lake and each boat must be equipped with some type of live well. All fish are to be released following the weigh-in.

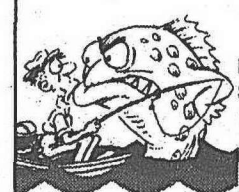
Fifty percent of the total entry fees is awarded in cash prizes with the other half to be contributed to the sight and hearing needs of the surrounding community. This includes financial support to such organizations as The Old Dominion Eye Bank, The Communication Center for the Deaf and Leader Dog Schools,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

Entry forms with the complete rules of the tournament may be obtained by calling 744-1465.

The deadline for entries is May 15.

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## Brandermill Sailing Club offers sailing classes



When they are not on the water, members of the Brandermill Sailing Club are busy cleaning up the beach area.

By Barbara Flores  
Club Correspondent

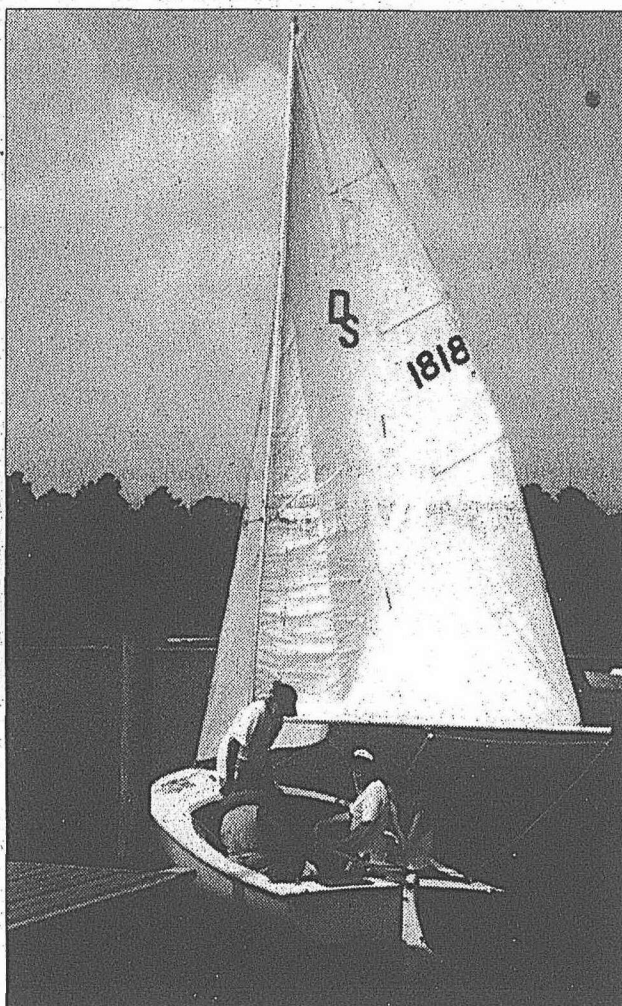
An energetic group of Brandermill Sailing Club sailors and family members met to clean up Sunday Park beach on Saturday, April 12. An abundance of shovels were used by the group in the boathouse area. Luckily, the sun was shining and the weather was relatively warm.

The first racing series will begin at Sunday Park on May 3 at 12:30 p.m. Crew members are always appreciated and guests are invited to watch the races. Many social events are scheduled

along with exciting sailing, regattas and picnics.

Sailing classes again will be offered the second and third weeks of June. Classroom dates are Thursdays, June 12 and 19 with rigging and water classes scheduled for Saturdays June 14 and 21. A party will be held for club members and new sailors at the home of Tony and Barbara Flores after class on June 21 at noon.

Registration for classes may be made by calling Tony Flores at 744-4890, Commodore Jim Willson at 744-9147 or the Sailing Center at 744-7649.



Tony Flores and friends enjoy a sail on Swift Creek Reservoir on Flores' sailboat "Day Sailor."

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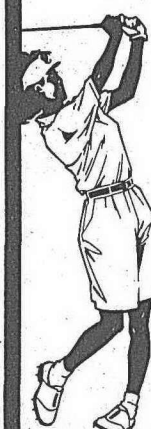
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## Daniel Dickerson aspires to dive in 2008 Olympics

By Alex Mathers  
Special Correspondent

Fifteen-year-old Daniel Dickerson is diving headfirst into a future that includes dreams of competing in the Olympics. Dickerson, of Watch Hill, recently won the Virginia State Independent Schools diving championship for his age group, and is currently training for the summer meet of the Junior Olympic Team. "I hope to dive in the 2008 Olympics," says Dickerson.

While many 15-year-olds are hanging out at the mall or going to movies with friends, Dickerson is either training or diving to training.

Four days a week, he makes a 240-mile round trip to Alexandria for three-hour training sessions with Bill York at York Dive Club. Practices include rigorous diving instruction, mostly on the three-meter board, and time on a complex trampoline rig that puts Daniel through dive movements before he actually takes the plunge into the water.

At St. Christopher's School where Dickerson attends as a freshman, he trains on the one-meter board with Doug Phillips, who also coaches divers at Collegiate and St. Gertrude. In fact, Dickerson is the dive team at St. Christopher's, since he is the only

diver at his school.

During the Virginia State Independent Schools Championship, Dickerson competed against 23 other divers in his age group at the University of Virginia on February 28 and March 1. After 11 dives, Dickerson came out on top of his division.

Dickerson's diving career began dramatically at the Brandermill Country Club when he was just six years old. He climbed the high dive to take his first plunge and the lifeguard whistled for him to come down, because he was too young. As he was descending the ladder, Dickerson slipped and broke his nose. Luckily, the accident didn't break his will to dive. Dickerson later swam for Poseidon, a year-round swim team, for nearly eight years before making the transition to diving. Dickerson chose diving over other sports because he says, "Not everybody can do it." Dickerson believes his talent is "a God-given gift."

Even though diving is his passion, Dickerson still finds time for other extracurricular activities. Formerly a member of the Richmond Junior Symphony, he is a violinist in the school chamber orchestra. Outside of school, he is active with Beth Ahabah Synagogue Youth Group. And he is also an honor student.

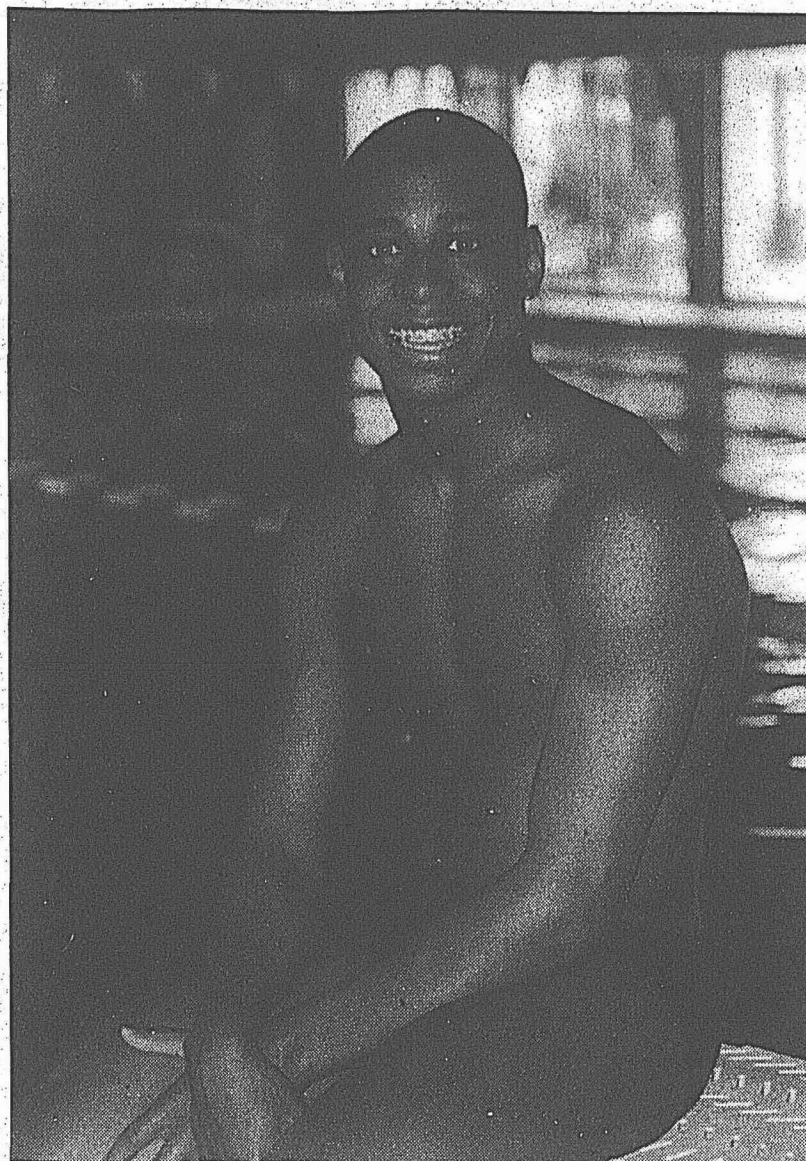


Photo by Wendy Parker  
When Daniel Dickerson is not traveling to Alexandria for training sessions, he practices at a local pool.

## Second Annual 5k Run for the Future benefits Lucy Corr Village

The Second Annual Lucy Corr Foundation 5k Run for the Future will be held in Chesterfield on Saturday, July 28 at 8 a.m. The race will begin and end at Lucy Corr Village.

Medals will be presented to winning runners in each category, and T-shirts are guaranteed for the first 300 runners to register.

Age groupings begin at 14 and under to over 65.

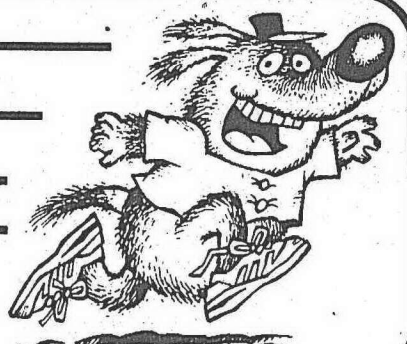
Co-chairmen Sam Moffett and Sonny Currin Jr. are in charge of the event that will benefit the Lucy Corr Foundation, a supportive group of the not-for-profit nursing home and assisted living facility.

The top male and female winners will each be awarded a \$250 cash prize.

A pre-registration fee of \$12 can be made through July 22. After that, and on the day of the race, the registration fee will be \$15.

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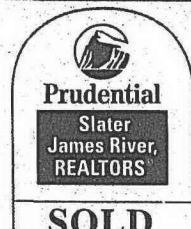
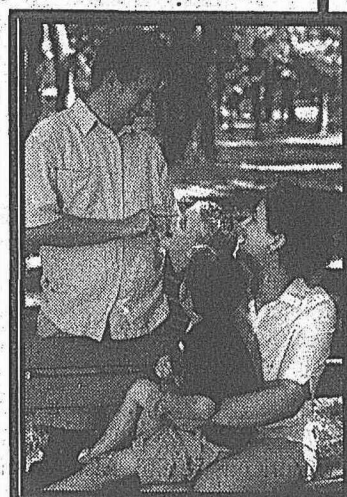
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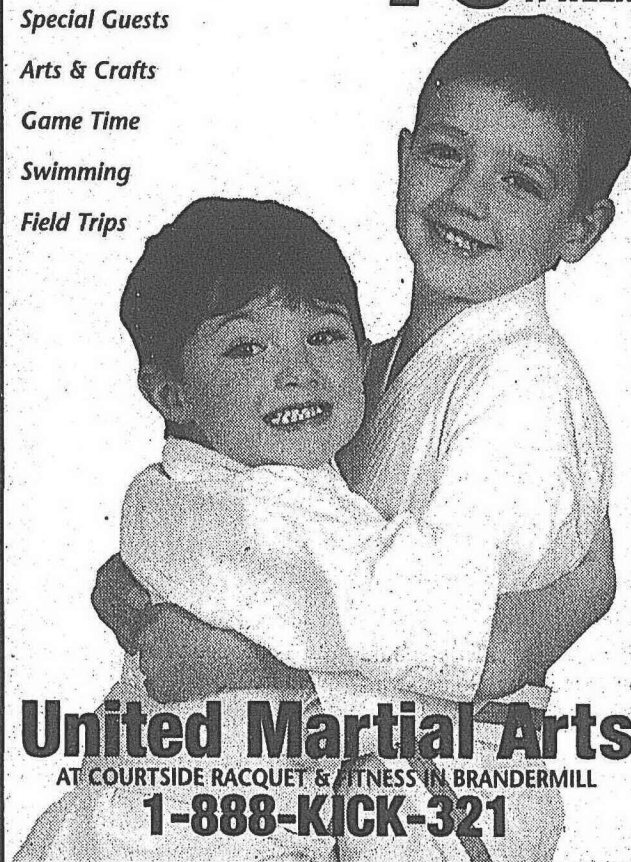
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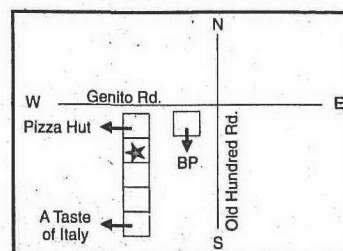
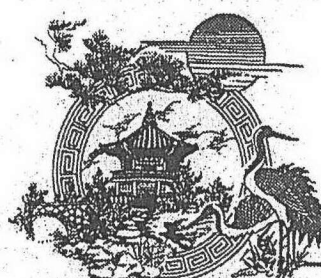
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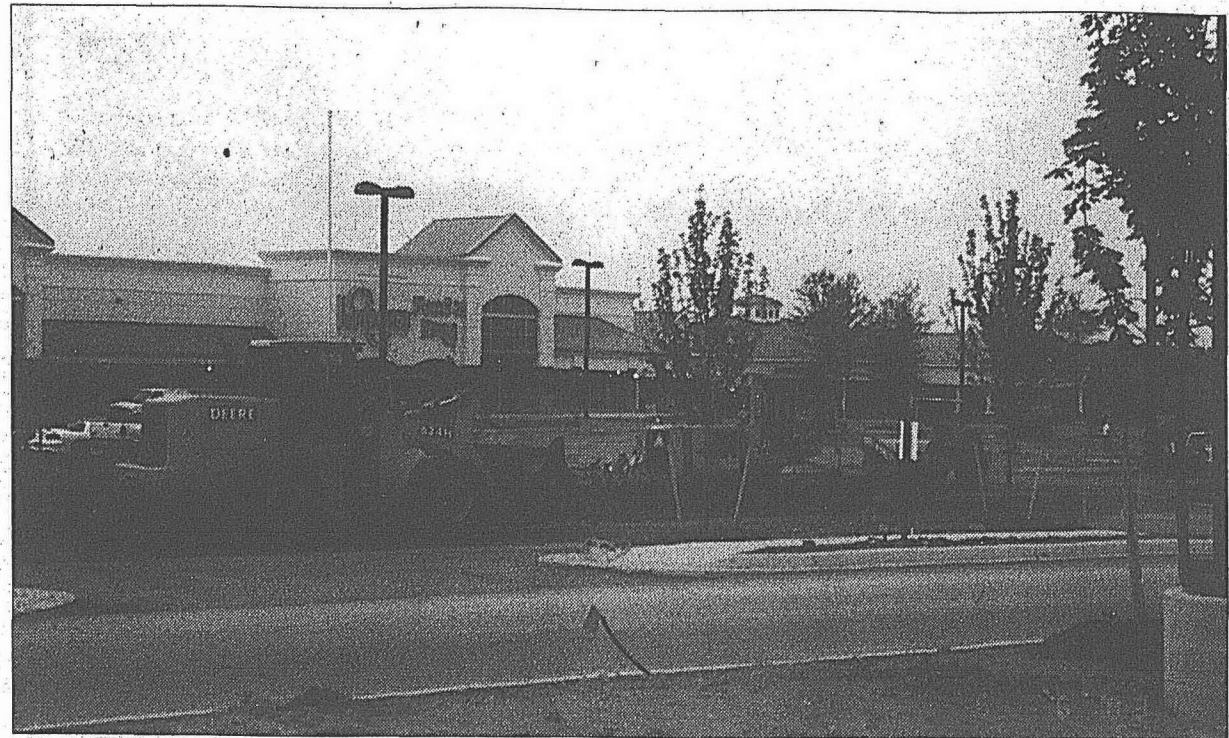
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## Construction is booming along U.S. Route 360



Heavy equipment operators work on parking lot at Kroger's in The Village at Swift Creek.

By Ann C. Hunt  
Assistant Editor

New construction along U.S. Route 360 has grown by leaps and bounds. Trees that provided a rural setting are

gone and now bright city lights are everywhere.

Since last fall, new turn lanes and traffic signals have been installed along U.S. Route 360 to the entrance of The Village at Swift Creek. TGI

Fridays opened in the center in March and was followed soon after by Panera Bread and Starbucks.

Red Lobster owners opened their restaurant two months ago and as of April, American Family Fitness is do-

ing business 24 hours a day.

The Village anchor store, Kroger, along with a freestanding gas station is nearing completion. At the western entrance to the center, construction on Cracker Barrel continues.

Owners of Topeka's Steakhouse, Coldstone Creamery, Lucca Trattoria, Fantastic Sam's and China Chen have announced plans to open restaurants in the center.

The clearing of trees and leveling of land behind the construction is on going. Representatives of the general contracting company, BET, hope to build a self-contained community with residential units as well as parks and bike trails. Crowne Apartments has plans to locate in this area.

Since last fall in the adjoining Commonwealth Centre, east of The Village at Swift Creek, Wild Birds Unlimited, Game Stop, Accents Unlimited, Shelia's, VA Nails, Living Water Inspirational, Kid to Kid and Kirkland's have opened for business.

The free-standing building in the center is home to Jersey Mike's Subs and Bev's Ice Cream.

Tropical Cafe, in Gold Crest Shopping Center, located at the entrance to the Commonwealth Centre, began serving customers last fall as well.

## United Martial Arts opens at second location in Courtside



Owner Charles Clary works with youngsters as young as 4.

By Alex Mathers  
Special Correspondent

United Martial Arts, now open at its second location at Courtside Racquet & Fitness Center at the corner of Charter Colony and Genito Roads Parkway, is offering a summer camp that blends the study of martial arts with great activities for kids. When summer is over, the camp will roll into an after-school program so participants can continue to reap the benefits of martial arts.

Transportation will be provided from local schools to Courtside.

Each week, there will be entertaining field trips and activities, including swimming, bowling, skating and arts and crafts, combined with martial arts instruction that builds character, focus and discipline.

The camp is open to children 5-years of age (or 4-year-olds if they will start kindergarten this fall) and up. Older children ages 12 and over, are

welcome and are usually given leadership roles among campers.

The study of martial arts is a great pastime for the entire family. One-hour classes are available each weeknight for adults and children in all levels of instruction.

United Martial Arts curriculum is firmly based in taekwondo with a blend of hapkido, ju jitsu and judo styles. Martial arts gives a cardiovascular workout while improving flexibility and teaching self-defense techniques. Mentally, it builds self-confidence, self-discipline and focus.

United Martial Arts is owned by Charles Clary, a fifth-degree black belt in taekwondo, who has been teaching martial arts for 15 years. Clary's company currently runs another location in South Hill, Va. and has the largest after-school program in Mecklenburg County.

For more information on United Martial Arts programs, call toll-free (888) KICK-321 and ask for Charles.

## Educate yourself against investment fraud scams

"No risks. Fast profits. Upfront money." If an investment opportunity is described in these terms, don't part with your money, advises the Virginia Society of CPAs.

Americans lose billions of dollars a year to fraudulent investment scams. The following advice from CPAs can help protect against fraudulent investment schemes:

- Be wary of high-pressure telemarketers. Telemarketing is a legitimate way for businesses to contact potential customers and this holds true for many investment firms as well. However, be wary of aggressive "cold" callers who tell you to "act now, before it is too late." High-pressure pitches are usually used to get people to buy an investment before they have had a chance to understand and research it. Chances are these individuals are trying to fill their own pockets with your money. The elderly should be particularly cautious. Some swindlers prey on older individuals eager to have someone to talk to.

- Make sure the investment is consistent with your needs. Be sure that any investment presented to you meets your objectives. Before you put your money on the line, consider whether the investment makes sense for your age, long-term goals, liquidity needs, and tolerance for risk. If you do not understand what you are being sold,

get professional advice or do not make the purchase.

- Take extra caution when investing over the Internet. The Internet can be an excellent resource for investors — but it also can be dangerous. The Internet makes it easy for fraudsters to make their messages look credible. Without spending much time or money, anyone can build a Website, send thousands of e-mails, and publish an official-looking online investment newsletter. While there certainly are legitimate ways to buy stock over the Internet, do your homework to be sure you are dealing with a genuine business engaged in a legitimate business venture.

- Know with whom you are dealing. Do not let appearances fool you. Fraud promoters often create the illusion of a successful business by renting office space, printing slick promotion materials, and issuing stock certificates. Never invest with an unfamiliar company until you have checked the Securities and Exchange Commission's EDGAR database at [www.sec.gov](http://www.sec.gov), or your state's securi-

ties regulator to make sure the company is properly registered or legally exempt from registration.

In addition, before you sign up with a broker, investigate his or her background by contacting the National Association of Securities Dealers, Inc. (NASD). You can call the toll-

free hotline at 800-289-9999 or visit the Website at [www.nasd.com](http://www.nasd.com) for information.

Be wary, too, of references provided by an unsolicited promoter. The person touting the in-

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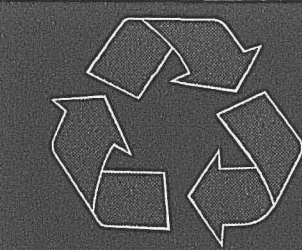
- Obtain written financial information. Before you invest, always obtain written financial information about the investment, such as a prospectus, annual report, offering circular, and financial statements. Take the time to read and understand these documents thoroughly.

*"Before you put your money on the line, consider whether the investment makes sense for your needs."*

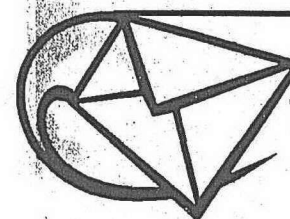
- Do not believe everything you hear. Bad information and false news reports are plentiful. Before you act on information from neighbors, friends or an unknown Internet source, verify the facts by visiting the company's Website or contacting its investor relations department.

- Stay in charge of your money. This is vital if you want to protect your financial future. Seek advice from a trusted financial advisor, such as your CPA, in developing an investment strategy that addresses your unique needs. Then, be sure to monitor your investments' performance regularly. Such vigilance is one of the most effective ways to protect yourself against fraud.

Ultimately, the best way to combat investment fraud is a strong defense, built on knowledge and a dose of skepticism.



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Imagine this scenario. Your wallet is stolen. You immediately report the loss to your credit card companies and banks. Your old accounts are closed and new ones are opened in their place. You promise yourself you will be more careful in the future and put the incident behind you — but not for long. A month later you get a late payment notice for stereo equipment you never bought, followed by a phone call from the bank regarding your overdrawn account. Then your mortgage application is rejected due to a poor credit history. Suddenly you find yourself a victim of identity theft, the act of stealing or using another person's name and information for personal gain.

Although it is nearly impossible to completely guard against identity theft, there are some steps that can be taken to protect your identity, credit and sanity.

- **Guard your Social Security number.** When Social Security numbers were first introduced in 1936, the public was assured that their use would be limited to Social Security programs. Unfortunately over the years, the Social Security number (SSN) became the most frequently used record keeping figure in the United States. Certain government agencies, such as tax authorities, welfare offices, and motor vehicle agencies, can require your SSN. The same holds true for employers, financial institutions and medical insurance companies. In most cases, you are not obligated to provide your SSN to private businesses such as healthcare providers. But be aware: a business can refuse to provide you services if you do not give them your SSN.

- **With the SSN so widely used, it is important to take steps to limit access as much as possible.** Make it a practice not to give out your SSN unless it is absolutely necessary or unless the requester makes an acceptable case of why it is needed. When practical, suggest alternatives such as your driver's license number. Finally, never carry your SSN card in your wallet or purse.

- **Review your credit card and bank statements and check the sequence numbers of new or re-ordered checks.** A missing credit card bill may mean an identity thief has requested a change of address on your account or that the bill has been stolen from your mailbox. This enables the thief to run up fraudulent charges and keep you in the dark about what is going on. A thief can steal your new check, using them to pay for items before you even realize you haven't received them in the mail.

- **Properly dispose of papers with sensitive financial information.** Shred or destroy copies of pre-approved credit or loan offers you receive in the mail and credit card receipts and statements. Identity thieves often pick through trash to capture financial information. The National Credit Bureau offers a toll-free number to opt-out of many pre-approved credit offers.

- **To lessen your exposure, call 1-888-567-8688.**

- **Once a year, order a copy of your credit report from one of the three**

major credit-reporting agencies — Experian (1-888-397-3742), Equifax (1-800-685-1111), and TransUnion (1-800-916-8800). All three agencies offer credit-monitoring services. These services alert individuals of any changes to credit reports including the opening of new accounts.

- **Maintain a list of your credit cards and the telephone numbers of the issuing companies so that they can be cancelled quickly if they are lost or stolen.** The simplest way to do this is to make photocopies of both sides of ATM and credit cards, as well as your driver's license, Social Security card, and passport. Keep the copies in a home safe or in a safe deposit box.

- **Be sure to use a secure browser when shopping on the Internet.** To be sure your information is secure during transmission, look for the "closed padlock" symbol typically found on the bottom of the seller's page. It is also a good idea to read the company's privacy policy to learn how it safeguards submitted data.

- **Never write your personal identification numbers (PINs) on your ATM card or a piece of paper in your wallet or purse.** Your birth date, portions of your SSN, street address, or phone number are risky PIN choices. Also, don't carry your bank account and investment account numbers or other sensitive financial information.

- **If you use online banking or financial services such as credit card bill review and payment, your user ID and PIN may be captured by malicious web bugs that have been surreptitiously planted on your computer from a web site you visited.** These bugs can capture your login information before the data is encrypted for transmission over the Internet. Personal firewall packages, available from a variety of companies can help prevent such activity.

- **Refrain from giving out information about your bank accounts, stock holdings or other financial information on the phone, over the Internet, or through the mail unless you have initiated the contact and know that you are dealing with a reputable company.**

**Stolen Identities**

As soon as you are aware that your personal information is being used fraudulently, you must take immediate action to minimize additional financial damage. First, contact your creditors to close your accounts.

Next, file a report with the police department in the jurisdiction where the identity theft took place and request a copy of the report. You may need to supply it to the banks or credit card companies where you have accounts. Also be sure to notify the fraud units at the three major credit reporting agencies and request that they flag your file as possibly being subject to fraud.

If you are a victim of identity theft that involves the U.S. Mail, call the Postal Inspection Service Office. If it is your SSN that has been used fraudulently, notify the Social Security Administration's Fraud hotline at 1-800-269-0271. It is also a good idea to call the Federal Trade Commission at 1-877-438-4338, the agency responsible for receiving and processing complaints from people who believe they may be victims of identity theft.

Identity theft is one of the fastest growing crimes in the U.S. It can

## Chang Sheng restaurant offers dining in and delivery

By Alex Mathers  
Special Correspondent

Chang Sheng restaurant recently opened next to Stuff's in the Village at Waterford Shopping Center, giving Brandermill residents yet another choice for ethnic cuisine.

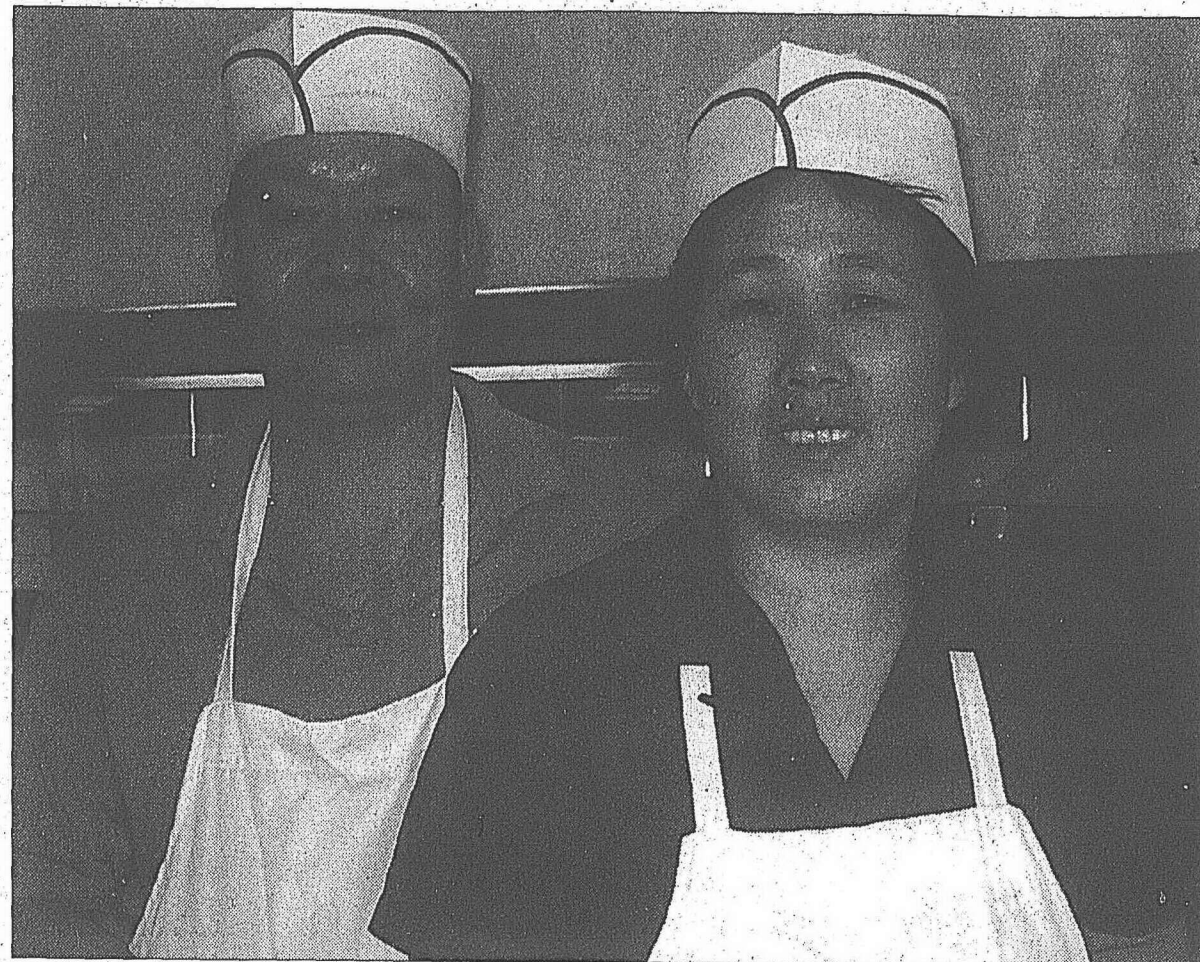
Chang Sheng offers a lunch buffet each weekday from 11:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Patrons can fill their plates with over 20 Oriental favorites. Soda and soup are included in the price. There are also individual lunch specials, all served with fried rice and soup or soda.

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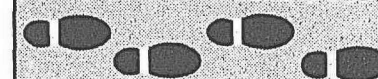


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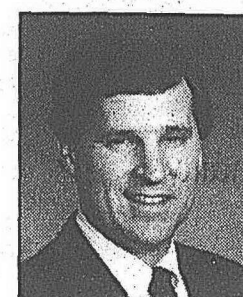
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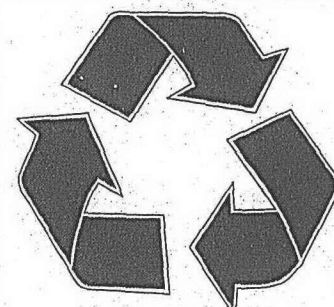
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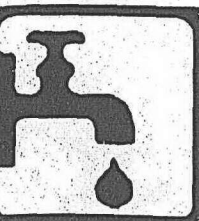
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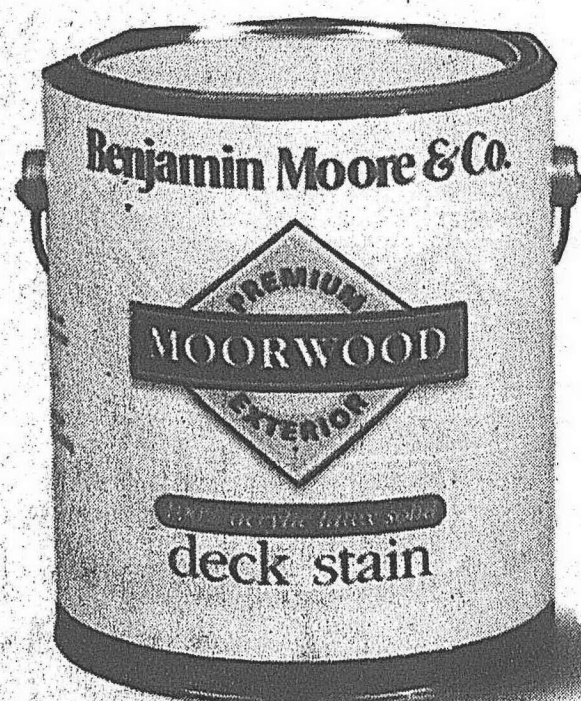
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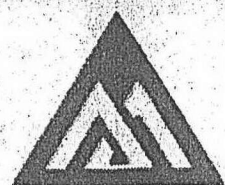
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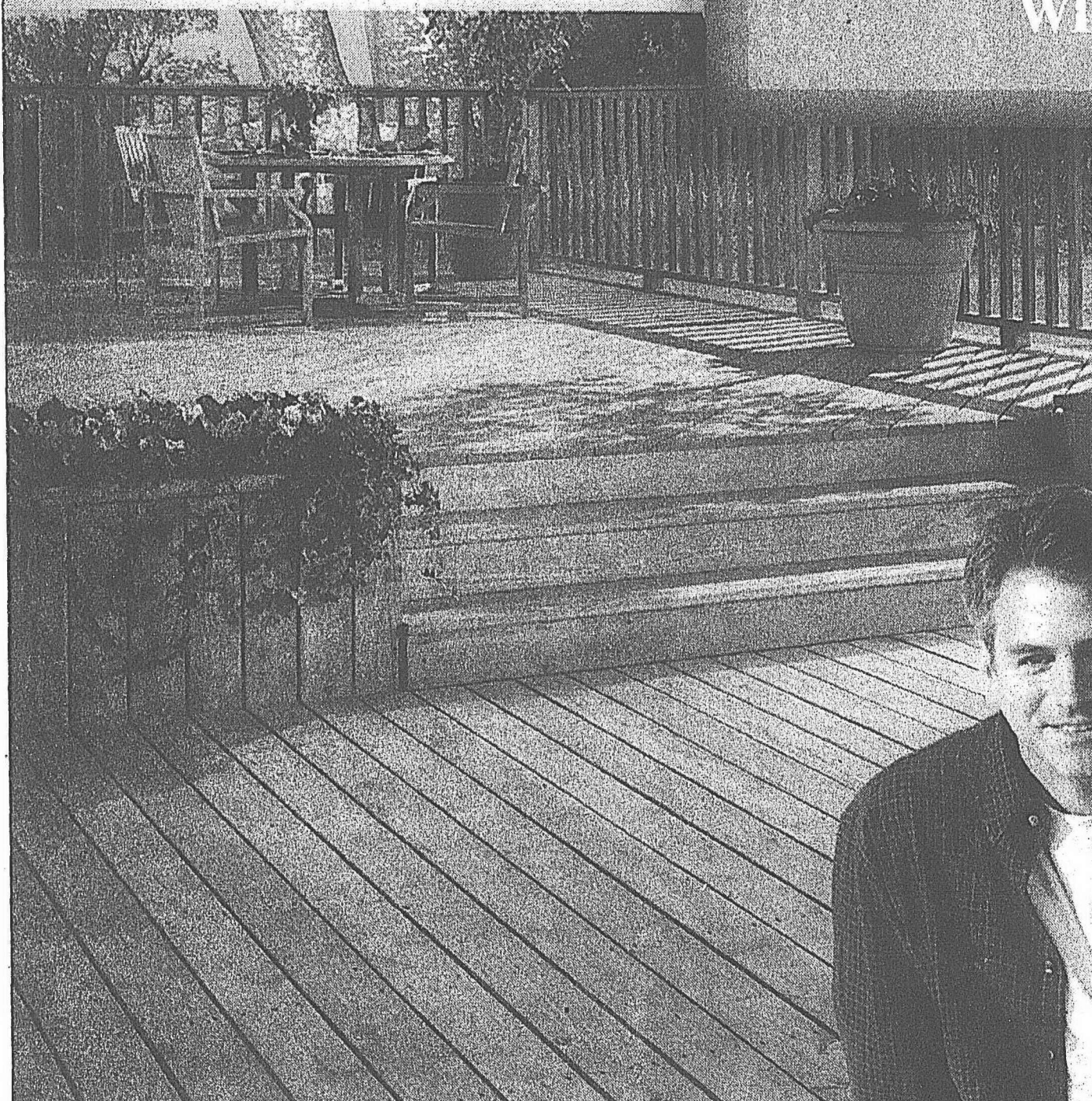
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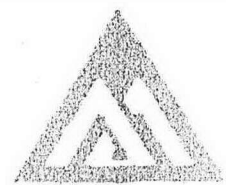
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