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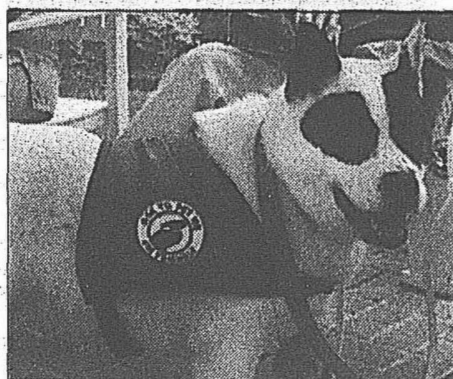
HOT STUFF FOR SALE



Don't miss out on the BCA-sponsored arts and crafts show September 27.

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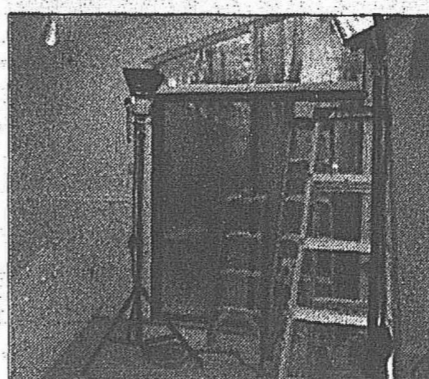
CARING CANINES



Sparky and other therapy dogs make life a little happier for nursing home residents.

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KEEPING UP WITH THE JONESES

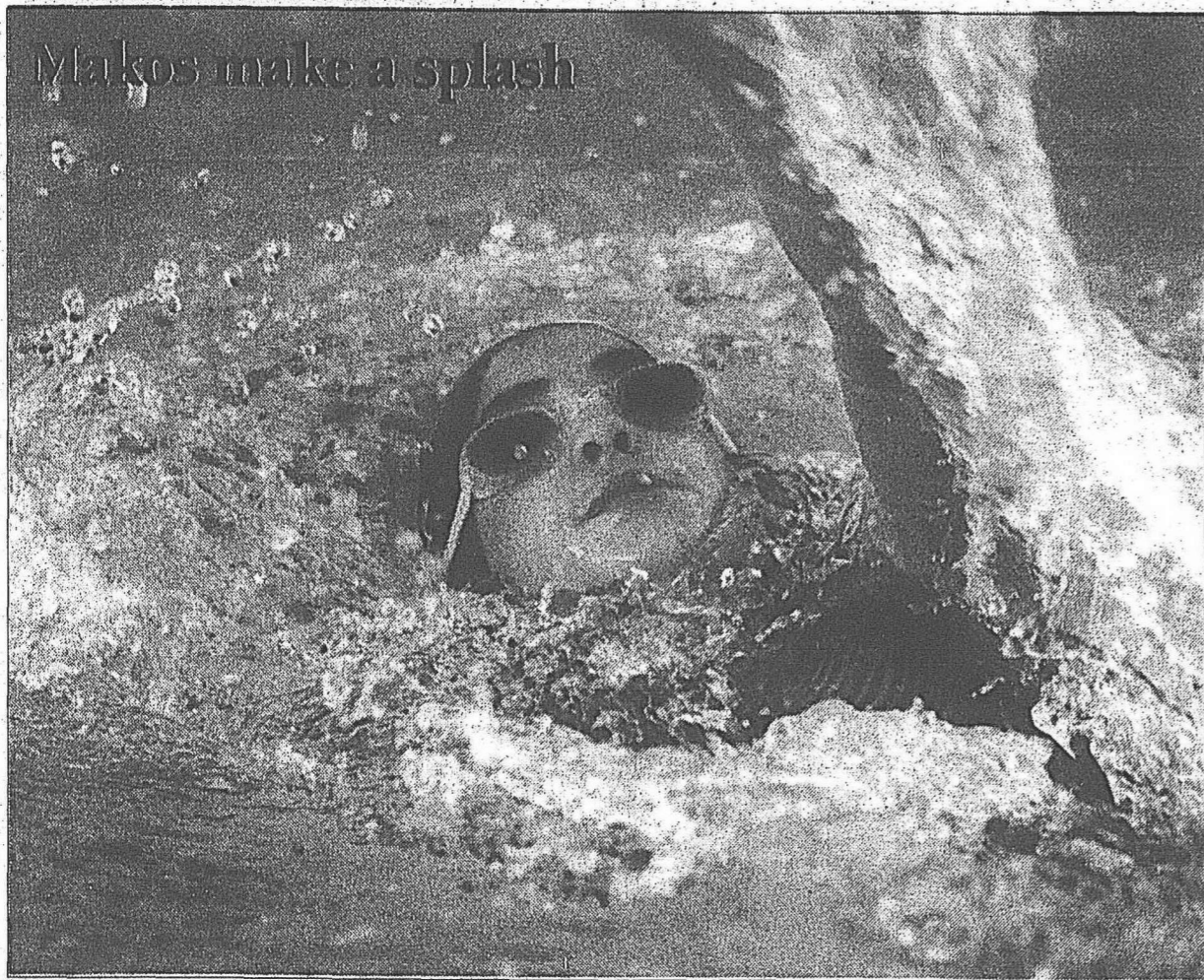


Redecorating is underway in two Brandermill homes to be featured on TV 8.

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Brandermill Swim Team wins the Division C championship and will advance to a new division next summer. (See story on page 12.)

"No Hunting" signs to be posted around reservoir

By Wendy Parker
Managing Editor
Woodlake Community Manager Terry Sheets, who initiated talks with community leaders about prohibiting hunting on Swift Creek Reservoir, is coordinating the purchase of "No Hunting" signs for the communities of Brandermill, Woodlake and Lake Pointe.

and The Landing at Commodore Point. At the April 23 Chesterfield County Board of Supervisors meeting, County Attorney Steve Micas advised county officials that they could not restrict the use of private property. Since the land under the reservoir is owned by 15 private owners, the board decided not to modify current hunting restrictions that ban hunting 600 feet from a residence. However, most of those owners agreed to post "No Hunting" signs to keep hunters away from heavily populated residential areas. The majority of the land is owned by Brandermill Devel-

opment Company. In addition to Brandermill's three signs, Sheets says two signs will be posted in Woodlake; 18 in Lake Pointe; and seven along Woolridge Road. The metal signs will be dark green with white letters: "No Hunting. Violators May Be Prosecuted For Trespassing." The copy on the signs will include contact information and a telephone number. Sheets says the signs will be made by Sign-A-Rama in Market Square. She hopes they will be installed by mid-September, before hunting season begins.

BCA Board supports use of one trash hauler

By Wendy Parker
Managing Editor
The BCA Board of Directors, at its July 14 meeting, voted unanimously to endorse one trash hauling service for Brandermill in order to ensure consistent service at reduced rates. Virginia Waste Services has agreed to offer Brandermill residents non-curb-side weekly trash pickup with a sliding scale discount as the number of customers increases.

money they will save." Residents who had been using county pickup services were in violation of Brandermill covenants and may no longer leave their trash receptacles at the curb. About 40 residents were using the service. A representative of Chesterfield County Solid Waste Management said residents can turn in their unused tags for reimbursement. They may be mailed in or be taken to suite 302 of the Chesterfield County Administrative Building at 9901 Lori Road, Chesterfield, VA, 23832.

gallon receptacles) and three bags of grass/leaves/yard waste. Currently, VWS has 190 Brandermill customers who will be included in the program.

Sliding Scale	
Households	Cost per month
Fewer than 250	\$16
251-500	\$15
501-750	\$14
751-1,000	\$13
1,001-1,500	\$12
More than 1,500	\$11

For more information and to sign up, please call Virginia Waste Services at 778-7900.

Will Swift Creek Reservoir make it to 60?

By Tom Pakurar
Special Correspondent
Reservoirs are expected to last about 60 years. The 60-year assumption is based on the use of conventional technology to convert reservoir water into safe drinking water. This could mean that Swift Creek Reservoir water may not be fit for drinking water after 2026.

use other technology to keep the reservoir as a viable drinking water source. Bryant may soon have to start thinking about dredging. Already the northern and western areas are visibly shallower. Recent rains have washed pollution and muddy runoff from new construction into the reservoir. If the sediment flows continue, Hands Across the Lake (HAL) estimates that there will be sufficient sediment to fill in 30 to 50 percent of the reservoir volume at watershed build-out.

quired tests. However, Swift Creek Reservoir was determined to be "of high susceptibility to contamination, using criteria developed by the state in its EPA-approved Source Water Assessment Program." Hazardous materials are being stored or transported in the watershed. To not increase hazards, it is important to assess what zoning changes are needed as new land is zoned and developed in the watershed.

See Reservoir on page 9.

West Nile virus hits Brandermill

By Lynda Raines
Copy Editor

A dead crow, found in Chimney House last week, has tested positive for the West Nile virus. This discovery drives home the seriousness of the infectious disease. In the past week, two more West Nile virus-infected crows were found close to Brandermill, one on Otterdale Road and the other on Northfield Road.

Shelton emphasizes that only about 1 percent of mosquito larvae carry the West Nile virus—but then again, it doesn't take long for the larvae to develop into adult mosquitoes. The species that is of most concern is the Asian Tiger mosquito. It is an aggressive biter, and has been known to carry the West Nile virus.

against West Nile virus is prevention and protection. The single most effective way to reduce the risk of high mosquito populations is to eliminate standing water. Wearing protective clothing and using insect repellent are also helpful.

- Eliminate standing water**
 - Clean gutters and downspouts regularly.
 - Dispose of cans, bottles, tires and containers that hold water.
 - Turn over plastic wading pools, wheelbarrows, and recreational items.
 - Fix dripping faucets and eliminate puddles from air conditioners.
 - Do not leave garbage lids upside down. Do not allow water to collect in garbage cans.
 - Clean swimming pools and aerate garden ponds.
 - Eliminate pockets of standing water by clearing debris from streams and creeks.
 - Prevent mosquito bites**
 - Wear long, loose and light-colored clothing. Long sleeves and long pants are best.
 - Use insect repellent products with no more than 50 percent DEET for adults and less than 10 percent for children. Do not apply to infants.
 - Spray repellent on hands and then apply to face.
 - Stay inside when mosquitoes are biting; mosquitoes are most likely to bite from dusk to dawn, but they can bite anytime.
- For more information log onto www.vdh.state.va.us. To report a dead bird, call 748-1610 or 751-4401.

Chesterfield County Biologist Amy Shelton, who recently spoke to neighborhood reps, says that the risk of humans becoming infected by the virus increases with the discovery of an infected bird. "Usually we find virus-positive mosquito pools in an area where a dead bird has been found," Shelton says. "Then the concern about human infection follows." Immediately after the discovery of the virus-infected crow in Chimney House, Shelton was dispatched to Brandermill to trap and diagnose mosquitoes and search for areas of standing water. Standing water is the ideal breeding ground for mosquitoes, and it takes only one bite from one infected mosquito to pass the virus along to birds, other mammals, and humans.

Shelton says she found several worrisome examples of standing water in Brandermill. "At one home, there were several large, empty plant pots that were nearly full of water," she says. "In just one of those con-

The fury of the storm



Awakened in the early morning hours by a severe thunderstorm, the Brandermill residents moved from their upstairs bedroom moments before a tree crashed through their roof. The August 5 storm caused damage from fallen trees in at least five Brandermill neighborhoods.

Residents are in store for tasty tasting in October

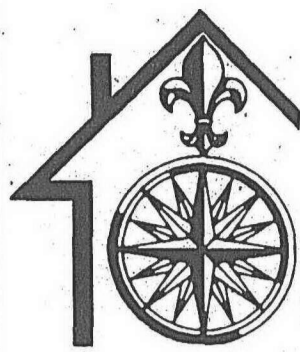
BCA Activities Committee members have been busy recruiting restaurateurs to participate in the first annual "Taste in Brandermill" in Sunday Park on Wednesday, October 8 from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.

restauranters promote the best of their restaurant menus. Discounted tickets are available for purchase in advance at the BCA office. Tickets are \$10 in advance, \$15 at the pavilion. Mark your calendar and watch for a list of participating restaurants in the next issue of The Village Mill.

For more information and to pay by credit card, please call 744-1035.

QUICK TAKES
Pretty but unsafe

The Fire Department asks that all house numbers on mailbox posts be visible in case of emergencies.



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

- BIRNAM WOODS**
- Anu & Shalini Upadhyaya
- COPPER HILL**
- Douglas Brooks
- CRADLE HILL**
- Justin & Jennifer Morris
- CROSSTIMBERS**
- Bill & Carrie Muidock
- DEER MEADOW**
- Mervin & Candice Boll
- GARRISON PLACE**
- Scott & Donya Heide
- Thomas Stone & Danette Thistle
- HARBOURWOOD**
- Alvin & Barbara Freudenburg
- HERITAGE WOODS**
- Timothy Wallace & Charlotte Cockrell
- Karen Ford
- Dick & Michele Werner
- HUNTGATE WOODS**
- Howard & Nancy Cullum
- MCTYRE'S COVE**
- Kewal & Debika Sareen
- Mervin Washington
- NUTTREE WOODS**
- Luis & Elbar Ramirez
- POPLAR GROVE**
- Thomas & Maggie Mereand
- QUAIL HILL**
- James Collier
- SHADOW RIDGE**
- Gary & Sue Wolver
- STEEPLE CHASE**
- Shawn & Penny Lemieux
- THE OAKS**
- Jay Shields

ARB APPROVALS

- Arrowood - deck
- Arrowood - shed
- Bayport Landing - screened porch
- Birnam Woods - water feature
- Commodore Point - sunroom
- Heritage Woods - driveway
- Heritage Woods - windows
- Nuttree Woods - garage
- Nuttree Woods - sunroom
- Promontory Pointe - addition
- Quail Hill - vinyl siding
- Rockport Landing - addition
- Shallowford Landing - awning
- Spring Gate - addition
- Tanglebrook - screened porch
- Turtle Hill - front porch

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UPCOMING EVENTS

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

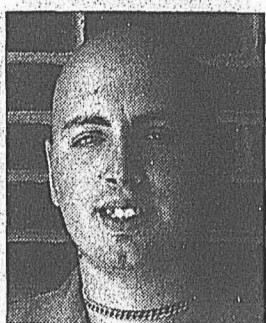
Arts & Crafts Show
Sunday Park
September 27
10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

A Taste in Brandermill
Sunday Park Pavilion
October 8
5:30 to 7:30 p.m.

Voice of the people: Are you concerned about the West Nile virus-infected crow found in Brandermill?



"I'm shocked that it's so close to home. People definitely need to take precautions."
Josh Hill
Cradle Hill



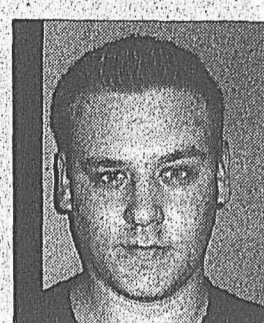
"Awareness is the most important thing."
Zach Hill
Cradle Hill



"I'm sure everyone is concerned. I'm making a planter out of my birdbath."
Olympia Ryder
Geneagles



"The mosquitoes have been terrible. We're adamant, vigilant about putting on spray with DEET before going outside. I have a can of it by every door."
Anne Giffilan
Poplar Grove



"We don't put water in the birdbath anymore. It's really hitting close to home."
Kyle Adams
Fox Chase

Directors endorse one trash hauler

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

The July 14, 2003 meeting of the Brandermill Community Association Board of Directors was held at Brandermill-Woods. Directors Giordano, Hughes, Livingston, Martin, Mast, Moldof and Rayfield and Community Manager Divita were present.

Member Voice
In response to a BCA-distributed flyer regarding curbside trash pickup in Brandermill, Lou Elsaesser of McTyre's Cove asked the directors to consider changing the covenants regarding curbside-trash pickup in the community.

President's Report
Those involved in the Learning in Retirement project have formed committees to plan and promote an open house scheduled for March 2004.

The 30th anniversary task force is planning 10 to 12 major activities.

Treasurer's Report
Director Livingston said the finance committee will meet July 25 to review the second quarter financials. The figures are currently showing a deficit of \$39,000, a variance of \$37,000. The marina rentals are currently \$11,000 below budget, and employer costs are \$16,000 below budget. The operating budget income is \$8,400 higher than projected.

Committee Reports
There were no reports received. Committee chairs will be reminded to submit their monthly reports.

Woodbridge Crossing
In response to a letter from the Woodbridge Crossing Condominium Association, the board discussed the historical problems the association faces: the pond near Nuttree Creek remains a problem for Woodbridge Crossing with regard to water quality and trash due to runoff from several surrounding neighborhoods flowing into the pond. The water quality remains poor to marginal with high algae growth during the spring and fall seasons that have also led to a mosquito problem. There are high levels of silt and the drainage pipes are in

need of replacing. Representing Woodbridge Crossing Condominium Association, Rick Carter said the water quality issues have progressed over a period of years and even though some action has been taken to control aquatic growth, more needs to be done. Woodbridge Crossing residents are requesting assistance from the BCA in the following areas: financial assistance to install aeration; clean up of flotsam & jetsam; and control of aquatic growth if aeration does not eliminate the problem.

The board recommended that help from the county might be needed with an objective to have the pond included in the regional BMP plan.

This issue is being tabled and will be placed on a future agenda.

Motions
Virginia Waste Management Services was one of nine trash hauling companies that Director Tony Giordano sent an RFP for a community pick up program. John Snead and Danny Barrett of Virginia Waste Management Services were the only respondents and they have been working with the BCA to prepare a program that would be financially beneficial to the Brandermill community.

An endorsement of Virginia Waste Management Services (VWM) constitutes a recommendation by the board of directors for residents to use Virginia Waste Management Services in order for residents to receive the proposed volume discount. The BCA would not be responsible for resolving trash hauling issues. All questions and concerns including the administration of the program will be the responsibility of Virginia Waste Management Services. Snead and Barrett stated they would advertise their services in The Village Mill.

Virginia Waste Management Services would prepare a calendar of pickup dates, with regard to trash, leaves, recycling, etc. Giordano and Snead will work out additional details.

A motion was made, subject to the terms of the VWM proposal, to have the BCA endorse VWM as the recommended trash hauler for Brandermill members. The motion was unani-

mously carried. A motion was made to approve the amended language of the BCA Shoreline Buffer Policy. The motion unanimously carried.

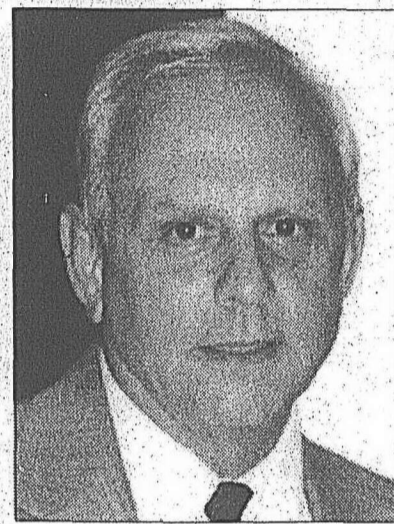
Bike paths vs. golf paths
Directors Hughes and Giordano met with officials of Brandermill Country Club in January 2003 to discuss issues with regard to the bike and golf cart paths. Prior to this meeting, the BCA Maintenance Director met with the BCC Maintenance Director and identified three areas of concern that cause the most problems for golfers and pedestrians.

Director Giordano suggested the BCA conduct a comprehensive survey. Community Manager Divita stated the board should be mindful that this is not the sole problem of the BCA and should be careful before committing its resources to solve the BCC's issues, especially when asking for financial help from the BCA and then in turn speak of arresting Brandermill homeowners who would trespass on BCC property. This issue is more than 25 years old and was created by the original developer of the community, and as long as there are intersecting trails, these issues will remain a concern. All board members agreed that the first step might be to place signage in the appropriate areas.

Rezoning
Director Hughes updated all board members on the NAPA case. The 1.02 acres of land fronting Hull Street Road near The Home Depot and adjacent to O'Charley's restaurant is zoned for industrial use. The property owner wants the land rezoned as commercial property. Director Hughes is asking for support from the board to have that particular land use reverted to commercial property. County staff is not in support of the rezoning, however; County Planning Commissioner Russ Gullely is in support of the application.

Announcements
Director Livingston congratulated Community Manager Divita for receiving his designation as a Master Community Manager from the Community Managers International Association.

Community Manager Mike Divita earns master designation



By Wendy Parker
Managing Editor

Community Manager Mike Divita has earned the Master Community Manager (MCM) designation awarded by the Community Managers International Association (CMIA).

To earn the MCM designation, a manager must complete coursework; teach; maintain certification; and be evaluated by one's peers. A Master Community Manager must have administered a large scale community association (over 1,000 units) for more than eight years. Divita, who has managed Brandermill Community Association since 1997, has been community manager of large scale associations for over 17 years. Through-

out his career, he has participated in numerous educational seminars and most recently he has taught courses at the Central Virginia Chapter of the Community Associations Institute (CAI). This past year, he served on the CAI Legislative Action Committee, which addressed community association issues at the local and state levels.

The MCM title accompanies Divita's Certified Manager of Community Associations (CMCA) and Professional Community Association Manager (PCAM) designations. According to Divita, there are over 220,000 community associations across the country; the CMIA is the umbrella organization that represents large scale association managers.

The objective of CMIA is to provide an environment for the exchange of ideas and member services, and to work with national and state organizations to improve the community association management profession. Networking opportunities are facilitated by conducting annual comprehensive workshops for community association managers in all the aspects of operating a common interest development. The association encourages standards of professional conduct to promote ethical conduct in management. Publicizing the community management profession and the benefits a professional manager can provide to homeowners and their communities are continuing activities of the organization.

Please leave open space open

COMMUNITY STANDARDS



Julann Talty

It may be tempting to just toss that pile of leaves or yard debris into the open space behind or adjacent to your property, but if everyone in Brandermill did the same, our open areas would quickly become an eyesore rather than

commercial properties. Open space provides a natural buffer between buildings and roads and increases the sense of residential privacy within neighborhoods. In some areas, open space provides land for utility easements and storm runoff.

Open space in Brandermill includes natural woodlands; landscaped areas; ball parks; playgrounds; traffic islands; and boat storage facilities. Approximately eight miles of shoreline along Swift Creek Reservoir and many miles of bike trails are also part of our open space.

an amenity. Using open space to discard leaves, tree limbs and grass clippings or allowing your pet to defecate along bike trails and other open space areas is no different than conducting these activities on a neighbor's property.

The majority of open space is maintained in its natural state for the enjoyment of all Brandermill residents and their guests. Activities that are permitted on open space include walking; bicycling; fishing; picnicking; badminton; and volleyball. Residents should remove play equipment from open space and leave the area unaltered and free of litter.

Brandermill was designed with over 480 acres of open space winding through and around residential and

Phone directory update forms are in the mail

The 2004 directory update forms were mailed August 9. If you did not receive or have misplaced your form, please complete this information and mail to: BCA, 3001 E. Boundary Rd., Midlothian, VA 23112. Please write "Directory" on the envelope. Deadline for receiving updates is September 6, 2003.

2004 BRANDERMILL TELEPHONE DIRECTORY UPDATE

Property Address: _____

Primary Listing: M/M Mr. Mrs. Ms. (circle one)

Last Name: _____

First Name #1 _____ First Name #2 _____ First Name #3 _____

First Name #4 _____ First Name #5 _____ First Name #6 _____

Home Phone # _____ Office Phone # _____ Children's Phone # _____

E-mail Address: _____

Secondary Listing (different last name than primary) M/M Mr. Mrs. Ms. (circle one)

Last Name: _____

First Name #1 _____ First Name #2 _____ First Name #3 _____

First Name #4 _____ First Name #5 _____ First Name #4 _____

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Artist's work is hot



Photo by Wendy Parker

Maria Hundley and son Jason work side-by-side on their art projects.

By Wendy Parker
Managing Editor

Maria Hundley's artwork is what some might call "hot." Her wood-crafted items are hot in the making and hot in the market. A traditional muralist and pen and ink artist, Hundley recently began working in a different medium—pyrography—after her husband gave her a woodburning tool. Pyrography is an ancient art form used by Egyptians and Indians in which a hot tool is used to burn an image onto wood.

Hundley traded in her ink pen for the burnishing tool, applied her rendering skills to wood instead of paper, and now her burnished and colored illustrations appear on wooden boxes, Lazy Susans, cutting boards and almost any type of furniture. Many of her pieces are commissioned work but they also are finding a market at local craft shows, festivals and shops. Hundley's work will be selling like hotcakes at the Annual Brandermill Arts and Crafts Show in Sunday Park on Saturday, September 26.

Hundley came by her new career in pyrography inadvertently. She had burnished a drawing of her mother's retirement home on a cutting board and had given it to her as a housewarming gift. That sparked an interest by Realtors in commissioned renderings of their clients' homes.

Beside the house renderings, most of Hundley's work is inspired by nature. She spends a lot of time in her garden, taking photographs of flowers in different stages of bloom. In ad-

dition to houses and nature scenes, Hundley personalizes cheese boards in the shape of a wine bottles for wedding gifts. She uses the couple's last name as the name of the winery and adds the wedding date.

To make her creations, Hundley either buys a wooden item and strips off the finish or sands a piece of wood her husband has cut. She first draws in pencil the image on the wood surface, then burns the lines with the hot burnishing tool. Next, she uses a special oil pencil to add color which sinks into the surface. Once it is dry, she applies multiple coats of varnish to seal and protect the image. Hundley says each piece takes about a day to complete. While most items range in price from \$20 to \$65, she says it is difficult to place a monetary value on her work. "It's a labor of love," she says. Sometimes she finds it hard to part with her work. "They become a part of you," she explains.

Hundley resides in Copper Hill with her husband Jay and six children: Elizabeth, Caroline, David, Tina, Taylor and Jason. Hundley says she does most of her work in the family room where the children have come to understand "mommy's working time." While her 12-year-old daughter critiques her work, the youngest is showing early signs of salesmanship.

At a recent craft show, Jason, 4, called after a shopper who visited Hundley's booth. "You can't leave," he said, "my mommy spent a lot of time working on that." Hundley has promoted him to marketing director.

Don't forget to register your watercraft

It is that time of year when the boat storage areas will be checked for current Brandermill registration tags. All boats were to be registered as of May 1. Most boat owners have complied, but there are always some who forget, lose their tag or just hope they will not get caught.

FROM THE CROW'S NEST



Gil Blake

The general rule for Brandermill residents is that only boats registered with Brandermill Community Association may be launched from association property including, but not limited to, Sunday Park, The Landing, Harbour Pointe or Waterside Park. This applies to all watercraft, including sailboats, canoes, kayaks, jon boats, paddle boats, pontoon boats, windsurfers, and inflatable boats. (See pages 7 and 10 of the blue pages in the Brandermill telephone book.)

Every year residents lose boats. Some are stolen; some are "borrowed" for a lark in the park; some are sunk; and some just float away. The good news is that many are found. However, some of the found boats have no registration tags and no identification to indicate to whom they belong. This year's found boats ranged from small paddleboats to a 22-foot pontoon boat.

If you haven't registered your boat, please do so. Dena Sindelir at the BCA office will be glad to assist you. If you haven't put your registration tag or yearly sticker on your boat, please do. It will make our summer inventory easier.

Until next time, fair winds.

Sailing lessons pay off



Photo by Gil Blake

Linda Kane, at left, and Carole Roper of Spinnaker Cove, recent graduates of the Brandermill Sailing Club sailing course, are all smiles after righting their capsized boat.

Clover Hill High School Arts & Crafts Fair

VENDORS NEEDED

When: Saturday, Nov. 1
9 a.m. - 3 p.m.
Where: Clover Hill High School
13900 Hull Street Rd.
One mile west of Brandermill
All proceeds benefit the Clover Hill High School Athletic Association.
For more information contact Vicki at
739-5383 via24fan@aol.com

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BCA Calendar of Events ***** 2003 *****

- ★ Sept. 27
Sunday Park
Arts & Crafts Show
10 a.m. - 5 p.m.
- ★ Oct. 8
Sunday Park
A Taste in Brandermill
5:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.
- ★ Oct. 22
Harbour Pointe Clubhouse
Newcomers Reception
7 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
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Lions Club continues charitable fund-raising



John Anderson passes the presidential gavel to Doug Crist.

By John Anderson
Special Correspondent

It is always exciting when the gavel is passed on to the new president for the year. Past President John D. Anderson, new Lions Clubs International Zone I Chairman, is relinquishing his presidency to president elect President Douglas A. Crist. New challenges requiring new ideas will be in the offing for Crist. His theme for the year is building on the past with

awareness and focusing on a prosperous tomorrow.

Crist runs his own business and is known for his leadership, creativity, and insightfulness. He is very enthusiastic about the new year and can't wait to put his personal stamp on the club. Other officers for the 2003-2004 year include: First Vice President Paul Minnow, Second Vice President Deb Kipp, Third Vice President John Granger, Secretary Steve Case, Treasurer Bob Monk and Lion Tamer

Howard Pritz.

The Lions have been assisting people with visual impairments since 1925, when Helen Keller challenged them to become "Knights of the Blind" in the crusade against darkness. Through the years their focus has come to embrace the hearing impaired, as well as those with diabetes, from which blindness can occur. Lions Club members give their time, skills, and resources to raise funds, both in their communities and internationally to address special concerns of the needy. A few recipients of contributions made by the Brandermill-Midlothian-Woodlake Lions Club have included: American Diabetes Association; Leader Dogs for the Blind; Hearing Foundation; Old Dominion Eye Bank; Prevent Blindness; eye exams and glasses; Chesterfield Fire Department; and Manchester Rescue Squad. Local fund-raisers have included the Brandermill-Woodlake Bass Tournament, peanut sales, Lions Swing for Sight Golf Tournament, the Fourth of July Car Show, and the well-known White Cane Days. There is something for everyone who wants to participate.

The Brandermill-Midlothian-Woodlake Lions Club meets every second and fourth Thursday of the month at the Brandermill Country Club. The month of October is designated as membership month, but anyone can join now. Membership is open to men and women. For more information, please call Membership Director Larrie J. Dean at 744-3087.

What's in store for Mothers & More

By Debbie Amos
Mothers & More Co-Leader

Mothers & More is a nonprofit organization dedicated to improving the lives of mothers through support, education and advocacy. It offers regular meetings, moms' nights out, mom and tot outings, playgroups and family events. For more information about the group and to RSVP, call Betsy at 560-5291 or visit the website at mamsouthside.tripod.com.

Wednesday, August 20, 10 a.m. to noon - Southside Mothers & More Mom/Tot Outing: Pool Party at Pocahontas State Park.

Thursday, August 21, 7:30 p.m. - Southside Mothers & More Mom's Night Out: Movie Night.

Thursday, August 28, 7:30 p.m. - Southside Mothers & More Meeting: Game Night and Swap. Place: Sycamore Square Town Hall.

Thursday, September 11, 7:30 p.m. - Southside Mothers & More Meeting: Fun and Educational Games for Kids. Place: Sycamore Square Town Hall.

Thursday, September 18, 10 a.m. to noon - Southside Mothers & More Mom/Tot Outing: Skate-A-Way.

Thursday, September 18, 7:30 p.m. - Southside Mothers & More Mom's Night Out: Rockwood Golf Center on Hull Street.

Thursday, September 25, 7:30 p.m. - Southside Mothers & More Meeting: Speaker from Madeline's House. Place: Sycamore Square Town Center.

CHADD support group meets on August 19

The CHADD (children & adults with ADD/ADHD) support group will meet at Bon Air Presbyterian Church, 9201 Huguent Road on August 19 at 7:30 p.m.

Contact CHADD at 423-6332 or www.ric-add.com

Brandermill Woman's Club offers "Bedlam of Fun"

By Judy Larkin
Club Correspondent

The Brandermill Woman's Club will begin its year at the Brandermill Country Club on September 10 at 9 a.m. Sign-ups for interested groups will begin at 9 a.m., and a continental breakfast and "Bedlam of Fun" meeting will start at 9:30 a.m. Participants are invited to come meet new and old friends and greet the new board officers.

October will be "Ladies Hat Day," and everyone is required to wear a hat of her choosing. Those who don't have a hat will be provided one by the vice

president. Hint: bring your own. A fashion consultant from SteinMart will present a program on this delightful accessory.

November will feature the used jewelry and book sale; the speaker will be announced at a later date.

The BWC is a nonfederated women's club of over 150 active members dedicated to encouraging friendships; social activities; and solidarity in the community. Residency in the neighborhoods of Brandermill is not required.

The BWC sponsors a wide variety of community service activities; offers a number of activity groups; and takes

tours to points of interest. The various activity groups meet in members' homes; at the Brandermill Country Club; or the Harbour Pointe Clubhouse.

The club year extends from September through May. Yearly dues are \$25, of which \$10 is earmarked for charitable contributions. Monthly meetings are held on the second Wednesday of the month at the Brandermill Country Club. A continental breakfast starts at 9:30 a.m., the meeting at 10 a.m. Please call Sheila Davidson at 897-8350 or Carolyn Mendel at 744-6353 for information or breakfast reservation.

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Negative story on Brandermill pools spurs responses

Editor's note: Community Manager Mike Divita and Buddy Whitfield respond to a story in The Observer. To the editor of The Observer:

I am always amused but never surprised at this [The Observer] paper's penchant for always finding the negative about Brandermill. Since arriving here nearly seven years ago, I can't seem to remember one positive article about this fine community of more than 12,000 people. The recent article about the capacity of Brandermill pools operating at 50 percent is technically incorrect as well as misleading. Brandermill pools are private pools and according to SwimMetro Management, Inc., Brandermill's pool management company, capacity guidelines are used only for public operated pools such as the City of Richmond. Interestingly enough, I spoke to Mr. Dudley Duncan, president of SwimMetro and he denies ever stating to The Observer any specific figures concerning the maximum capacity of Brandermill pools since they do not even apply.

When I was contacted by the editor of this [The Observer] paper, I cautioned him about using the capacity figure information in the way he was attempting to do. Evidently, this was ignored since using facts correctly and in the proper context is not important

when the desired story line is bent on being negative. We currently have 531 pool memberships, which is about seventy more than last year and from what I can tell a sizable number of Brandermill residents are enjoying the pools. So my question is, if the capacity figures are bogus and do not apply to Brandermill pools, what was the point of the article?

Mike Divita
Community Manager

To the editor:

I am writing in response to the misleading and negatively biased article on the Brandermill pools published in the July 16 issue of The Observer.

Contrary to what The Observer continually tries to portray, Brandermill is a wonderful place to live. The amenities are superior. The location is outstanding. Homes often sell within days for asking price. The community is well run. The board isn't mired in conflict, but discusses community affairs and makes decisions that improve our property values and quality of life. Board meetings are business-like, unlike the partisan and sometimes vicious meetings of past boards.

In contrast to the picture painted by The Observer, the pools are well attended, in great shape, and operated

better than ever. The BCA and SwimMetro are doing a great job running the pools.

Approximately 530 households belong to the pools.

This is an excellent membership for our second year of owning the pools and our first year of operating three pools. The swim team is operating very successfully. We had 96 swimmers and won all six meets and the championship for the division. Thanks go to Joe Savarie and all the kids and parents for a great season. By the way, the swim team coach is funded only to the extent that the team is unable to raise funds itself.

The photo published in The Observer was very misleading. Do you remember any sunny Saturdays in June? I don't, but maybe there were a few hours of sun. The picture was taken at a relatively slow hour for any pool and somehow missed the entire half of the pool where the children play. A similar picture to that of the Surreywood pool (full color on the

front page with lots of activity) could have been published but that wouldn't have served The Observer's negative purposes.

Contrary to what The Observer stated, there was no partnership between the BCA and American Family Fitness Center, which has no outdoor swimming facilities.

While The Observer hints that offering memberships outside Brandermill somehow indicates a problem, offering a limited number of memberships outside the community is a fairly standard practice of community pools.

The article implies that Brandermill has changed and that when children are gone communities don't need pools any more. We need pools to encourage families with children to move into Brandermill.

Opening the third pool was absolutely the correct thing to do. Thanks to the BCA, SwimMetro, and the BCA Board of Directors who made this wonderful swim season possible and improved the values of all properties in Brandermill.

I invite readers to come by and see for yourselves. Consider joining our pools or, better yet, move to Brandermill. We'd love to have you.

Worth H. (Buddy) Whitfield, Jr.
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Participants have a ball during a wine and jazz night at Harbour Pointe Clubhouse. Photo by June Rayfield

Summer is almost over, but it is not too late to enjoy some great activities and swimming at the Brandermill pools.

The final beach party of the season will take place at North Beach Pool on Friday, August 15 from 6 to 9 p.m. Cost is \$3 per adult.

Check out the pool bulletin boards for continuing Wacky Wednesday and Thumpin' Thursday activities including face painting, bingo, volleyball and swimsuit days.

All pools will be open on Labor Day from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m.

After September 1, St. Ledger's Pool will be the sole pool open on September weekends from noon to 7 p.m.

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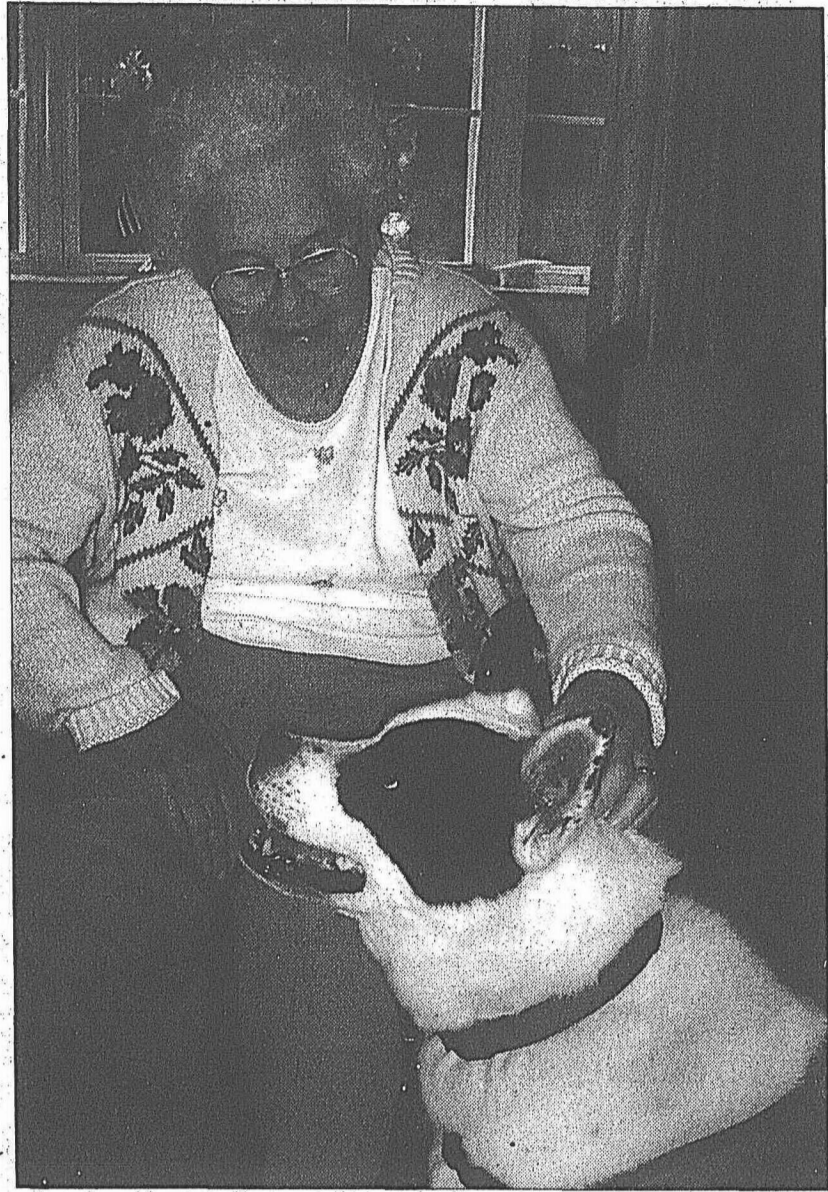
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Caring Canines offer unconditional love



Photos by Wendy Parker

Sweet-tempered Sparky pays a visit to Sybil Lively.

By Lynda Raines
Copy Editor

When Sparky visits The Healthcare Center at Brandermill Woods, most people can't keep their hands off him. "Your fur's soft as cotton," one elderly resident proclaims as she strokes the top of Sparky's head. Sparky sits patiently, happy to be the center of attention. He takes his job as a volunteer therapy dog seriously, and he loves the adoration that comes with it. Sparky is a real gentleman, too; he has, after all, passed a rigorous battery of testing that requires near-perfect behavior in order to become a registered therapy dog.

Sparky belongs to Mary and Bob Gregory of Quail Hill. Sparky and Mary have been volunteers with a program called Caring Canines for two years now. Sparky was adopted by the Gregorlys when he presented himself to them on the Outer Banks of North Carolina.

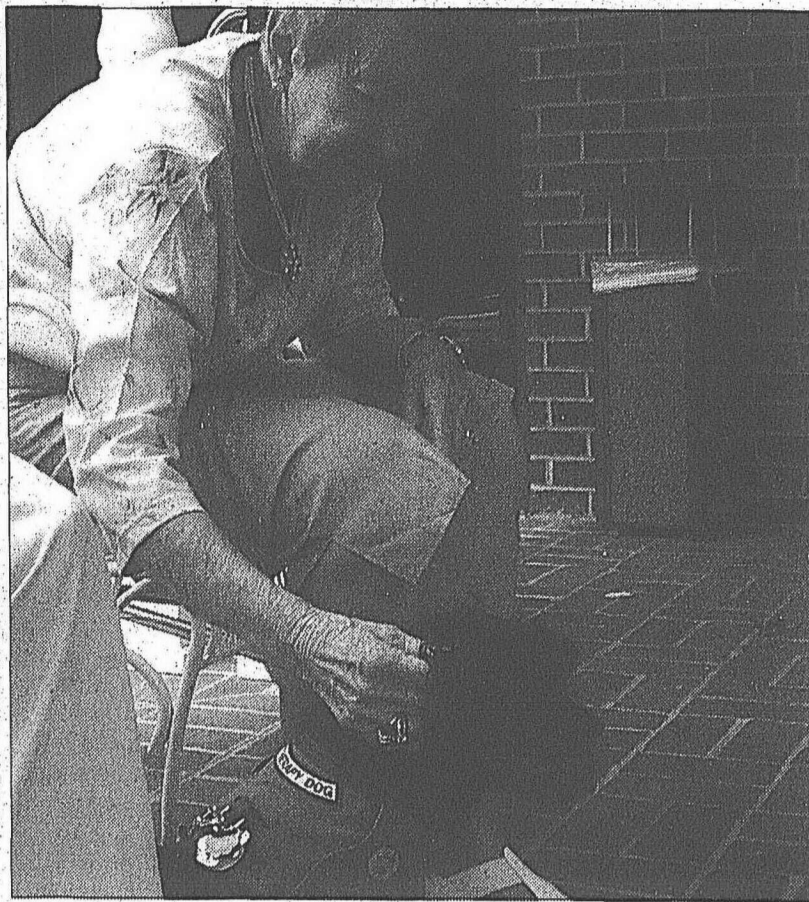
His mild, sweet temperament wooed the Gregorlys, and later, prompted an invitation from Donna Henley for Sparky to become a therapy dog. Henley, who founded Caring Canines, met Sparky while he was at doggy day care. "She thought

he would be a perfect therapy dog," Gregory says.

Henley formed the Richmond group of Caring Canines in September 1999. Today the volunteer service has over 50 therapy dogs that have passed the stringent certification requirements of Therapy Dogs International, Inc. (TDI). The dogs are both purebred and mixed; Sparky is an Akita mix.

In addition to the TDI certification, all the Caring Canine dogs are tested under the American Kennel Club's Canine Good Citizen guidelines. Some of the testing requirements include the dog's ability to accept a friendly stranger; sitting politely for petting; a well-groomed appearance; walking through a crowd; sitting down on command and staying in place; coming when called; and reactions to other dogs, medical equipment, and distractions.

Therapy Dogs International, Inc. was founded in 1975 by Elaine Smith, a California resident. While she was working as a registered nurse in England, Smith was drawn to the reaction the patients had to the visiting chaplain's dog, a golden retriever. After Smith returned to the U.S., she concentrated on making the concept of pet



PoohBear, a popular visitor at Brandermill Woods, gives special attention to resident Betty Baughman.

therapy in health facilities a reality.

Therapy dogs are much more than friendly visitors—they bring a measure of comfort and offer physical and psychological benefits that usually can't be found in modern medicine. Therapy dogs that visit senior centers, assisted living homes, or medical facilities offer emotional support and a brand of unconditional love that is welcomed and often eagerly anticipated by the residents.

It is known that interaction with therapy dogs can lower blood pressure, reduce loneliness and depression, and improve the sense of self-esteem and well-being of a person. Heart patients have a higher chance of surviving the first five years following surgery by having visits from therapy dogs, and people with physical disabilities have experienced greater motivation and use of motor skills as the result of time spent with therapy dogs.

Perhaps the greatest testament of the value of therapy dogs is the fact that they were used to offer comfort, reassurance, and emotional support after September 11 to survivors and rescue workers. Their very presence offers a measure of serenity.

A day at Brandermill Woods

Sparky and his buddy PoohBear, a silky black cockapoo who is a charter member of Caring Canines, make the rounds one Monday morning in mid-July at the Healthcare Center at Brandermill Woods.

On the lower level of the facility, several residents are beginning a bingo game. They pause, however, when Sparky and PoohBear trot up to the table. "Hey there," an elderly gentle-

man says, chuckling. Sparky moves in closer; he gets a soft pat on the head for his efforts.

On the upper level, Sparky and PoohBear begin their room-to-room visits. Gregory and Sparky visit Brandermill Woods often, so Sparky is a familiar face to most of the residents. "Come on in," is the phrase heard over and over.

PoohBear's owner, Allene Tyler, holds his leash and lets him lead the way. "Hi, would you like to see my dog today?" Allene asks a resident sitting in a wheelchair in her cheerfully decorated room. The lady smiles, shyly at first, nods her head, and PoohBear struts up to her. Tyler says PoohBear bonds with the residents quickly, that people are always delighted and excited to see him.

Outside on the front terrace, a group of residents and their visitors sit up and take notice of Sparky and PoohBear. "Come here," one resident says, holding out her hand. It's a contest to see who can call Sparky or PoohBear to their side first.

Gregory believes Sparky puts things into perspective for her. "Sparky gives me unconditional love and brings things back down to earth," she says.

One of her fondest memories of the magic that Sparky can bring to people occurred at Richmond's Children's Hospital on Brook Road. "We were visiting the physically handicapped children, and one little boy in a wheelchair wanted to walk with Sparky. I wasn't sure how it would work, I was sort of hesitant, but he did it. That little boy walked, with assistance, holding on to Sparky's leash."

Jenna Roberts gives locks of love for a noble cause

By Lynda Raines
Copy Editor

College seniors usually possess a self-absorbed tunnel vision as they make plans for their careers and lives after graduation. While Jenna Roberts, who graduated from James Madison University in May, was thinking about her future, she also had the desire to do something to help others. Cutting her long, dark, beautiful hair had been on her mind for a while. When a college friend suggested that she could do both—cut her hair and help someone else by doing so—Locks of Love came into the picture.

Locks of Love is a national, non-profit organization that provides hairpieces to financially disadvantaged children who are suffering from long-term medical hair loss due to diseases and medical disorders. Hairpieces and wigs are created from hair donated by individuals across the country.

Surprisingly, only 3 percent of the Locks of Love recipients have long-term or permanent hair loss as the result of cancer; the vast majority of patients undergoing a regular cycle of chemotherapy as a treatment for cancer will have complete re-growth when their treatments end. The 3 percent of the cancer patients helped by Locks of Love are on indefinite chemotherapy.

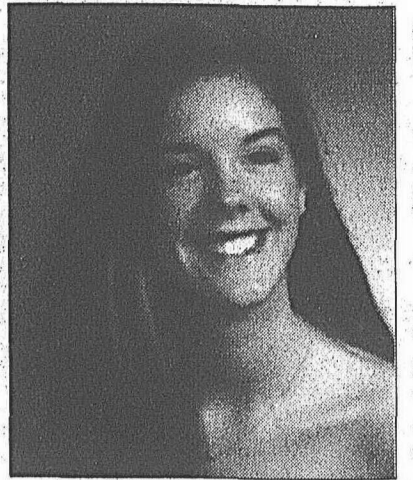
However, other devastating disorders such as alopecia areata, an autoimmune disorder which causes the hair follicles to shut down, can cause permanent or long-term hair loss in children. Alopecia areata has no known cause or cure.

Trichotillomania, another culprit of hair loss, is an impulse control disorder characterized by excessive, habitual hair-pulling. The average age of the onset of this disorder is 12 years. If the behavior continues long enough, it can cause permanent damage to the hair follicles, resulting in permanent hair loss.

Other causes such as genetic disorders, physical injuries, and severe burns account for permanent hair loss in children. In addition to the physical loss, many children experience low self-esteem and a negative self-image because of their physical appearance.

Locks of Love aims to improve the quality of life and restore a sense of dignity for such children.

The minimum length of hair that can be cut for a Locks of Love donation is 10 inches. Roberts, who had 12 inches of hair cut, says she likes her shorter style. "It's a big change, but I was ready for a change. And at the same time I was able to do something good for someone else."



Jenna Roberts, before and after.



Roberts had her hair cut at Ahead of Hair, a salon in Sycamore Square. "It's the only salon in Richmond that sponsors Locks of Love," Roberts adds. Ahead of Hair offers free hair cuts of 10 inches or more for Locks of Love donors.

Roberts, who lives in Seven Oaks, graduated from Clover Hill High School in 1999. She has worked at Sundays and The Gardens for the past six years. "Several of my co-workers at Sundays have donated their hair to Locks of Love," she says.

And there are other, personal reasons Roberts felt the need to share her tresses with others. "I've lost friends to cancer, and I felt like Locks of Love was an opportunity I had to jump on. I'd like to see what my hair looks like on someone else, too. It's nice to know that someone is benefiting from it."

Locks of Love has touched the lives of over 800 families. For more information, visit the website at www.locksoflove.org.

Roberts is moving on with her post-college life. She's landed a job as a teacher at an elementary school in Laurel, Md.

Some very lucky children in Maryland will greatly benefit this fall from the example set by Jenna Roberts. There is hardly a greater life lesson than giving of one's self to help others.

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Hank Manger re-creates ships from the past

By Lynda Raines
Copy Editor

Hank Manger has traveled the world. He tells tales about climbing mountains in Germany; visiting the beautiful city of Barcelona; and hunting jaguar, leopard, and gazelle in Africa.

These days, though, Manger spends his free time with a hobby that involves what can best be called "time travel." His passion for constructing model ships from other eras and small-scale Renaissance weaponry from Leonardo da Vinci's intricate plans is reflected throughout his home.

There are catapults, a guillotine, and other unique, centuries-old wartime inventions that unmistakably bear the da Vinci signature—and Manger's.

Manger always adds lagniappe—a bit of something extra—to his models. Maybe he felt the catapult needed a little more ornamentation, so he constructed the weights that counterbalance the ancient rock-throwing machine more artfully than was required in the plans.

The ships, the most time-consuming of Manger's creative projects, are tucked into bookshelves and prominently displayed throughout the Manger home. One, a meticulously crafted ninth-century Chinese junk with crimson sails, is encased in a glass box. The ship's colorful sails are another example of Manger's distinctive style.

Manger began constructing model ships in the mid-1980s, after receiving a kit as a gift. He estimates that he spends around 150 hours on each ship. "I have infinite patience with things," he says, "but not always with people."

Manger gave up using the ship kits because he felt restricted by them. "The instructions were too hard to read," he says. He now orders plans from a supplier and finds them easier to follow. Everything, each minute detail, is done with care—and patience.

The strips of wood that form the hull of each ship are cut and stained. The bow and stern are fashioned carefully and Manger even sews the ships' sails by hand. The decks of his ships are outfitted as they might have been in their day with miniature canons; intricate platforms, steps, and handrails; the complicated rigging systems, the masts and crow's nests. He has built war, trade, merchant and historical ships, all of them painstakingly assembled by a modern master to the strains of music from masters of long ago. Although he works alone, Manger doesn't work in silence. "Bach, Beethoven, Stravinsky," he says, "I like to listen to classical music while I'm making my ships." The music sets the mood for reminiscing and Manger's time travel.

There was the time, around 1955-56 when he was aboard a ship, traveling across the Red Sea near Ethiopia. "My ship passed a slave ship carrying Ethiopians, on its way to Saudi Arabia. It was quite a sight," he says. "The Ethiopian people are just so beautiful." But slaves, in the 20th century? "Yes," Manger says, "people may not know that it still exists in the world, but it does. I saw it; I saw the ship."

Manger and his wife, Ilona, who live in Shallowford Trace, share their home with three cats—Putzie, Sir Nigel, and Lilly. Putzie often hops onto Manger's worktable and watches him as he assembles his ships. "It's nice company," Manger says, strok-



Shipbuilder Hank Manger at his workbench.

Photo by Lynda Raines

ing Putzie.

What's next? "The Mayflower," Manger answers without hesitation. "And probably the HMS Beagle—Charles Darwin's ship."

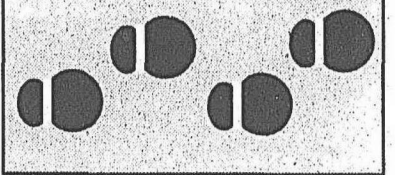
A few of Manger's ships are on sale at the Hampton House on Grove and Libbie Avenues. They bring a fair price—more than \$500.

But the value of a Henry Manger hand-crafted ship is priceless. After all, when he is sitting in his Brandermill home, beginning the process of fashioning the hull of a ship, his mind

may be thousands of miles and many years away.

There is the history behind each ship—carefully researched by Manger. Then there are the influences of the multi-faceted life he has led. His time as a professional hunter in Africa, an experience that brought him face-to-face with modern-day slave-trading, or the rich Spanish culture of Barcelona he would like to see again may indeed show up in the unique details found only in a Manger-built ship.

CAREER TRACKS



Marc Conklin of Quail Hill has been hired by Virginia Women's Center to manage the information technology and communication functions throughout the group's three locations. Conklin was most recently part of the network support team for Governors Gilmore and Warner. He has also worked for the Dare County Department of Social Services and operated his own computer consulting business. He is a graduate of East Carolina University.



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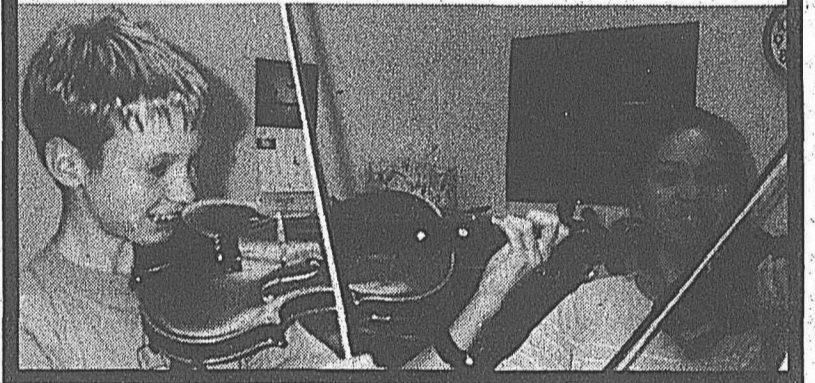
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Retiree Joan Groves realizes her dream of serving in the Peace Corps



Joan Groves' mural brightens the health center for young patients.

By Lynda Raines
Copy Editor

Sagegrove resident Joan Groves had taught science in Chesterfield County at Swift Creek and Midlothian Middle Schools for 20 years when she decided to retire in 2001.

"I had been a single mother for some years, but her three children were grown, and she felt it was time for her life to take another direction. Teaching had always been the answer to her need to help people, and in retirement, she wanted to continue to reach out to others.

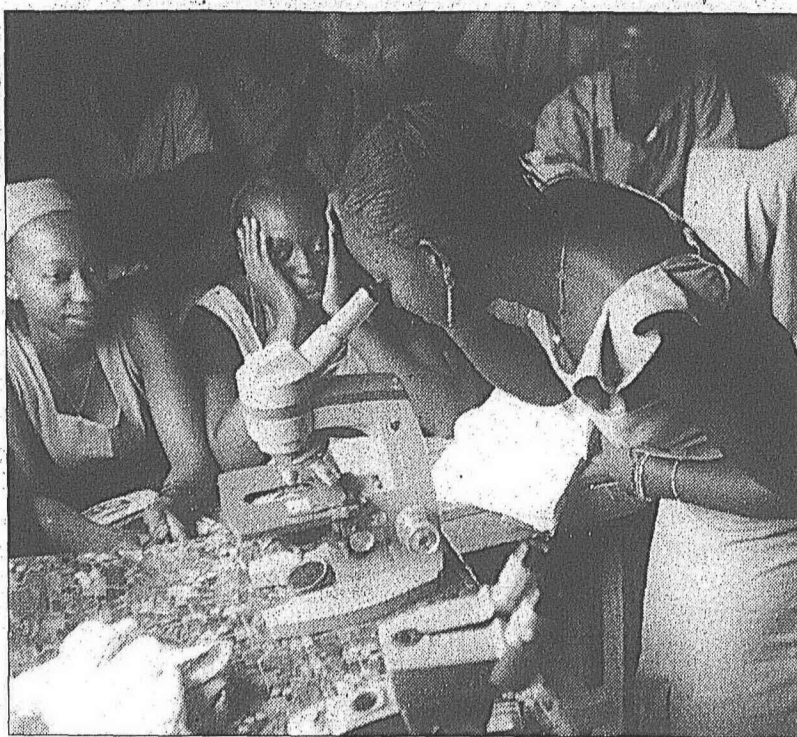
So, retired and in her late 50s, Joan Groves joined the Peace Corps in 2001. She says she never wavered in her commitment to serve abroad. "I was inspired even more after the September 11 tragedy. I felt joining the

Peace Corps was a chance for me to show the Muslim countries that Americans are good people and that we want to help other people in the world."

The Peace Corps was established in 1961 by President John F. Kennedy; its goal has always been to help people of the world's developing countries. Volunteers serve a two-year commitment and are paid a modest stipend for their work.

Volunteers may request where they would like to be placed but the decision as to where they will serve is ultimately up to Peace Corps officials. Groves was assigned to the West African country of Guinea.

"I was lucky in that I got my choice," Groves says. "To go to Africa had always been a dream of mine. I've always been moved by the plight of the people in Africa."



Microscopes donated by the University of Richmond bring students into the 21st century.

Groves says she is the only white person in the village where she lives and teaches and that she is the oldest Peace Corps volunteer in Guinea. At 57, she is a petite woman with delicate features, a peaches-and-cream complexion, but she possesses an inner strength that has allowed her to persevere in a harsh and foreign environment.

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And even the air can be hazardous—Groves wears a bandanna over her mouth and nose a great deal of the time because of the dust and exhaust from cars and trucks, and the smoke from burning trash.

The motto of the Peace Corps is "The toughest job you'll ever love," Groves agrees.

Her need to help other people is put to good use every day—whether it's in the one-room schoolhouse where she teaches algebra and geometry or helping the people in the village where she lives and works. Her other passion has been helping out in the health center, which is little more than a building where Guineans can go to seek the

most primary medical help. Groves felt the interior of the building was too dreary, too bleak, so she painted colorful murals on the walls. Every little improvement helps, she believes.

She also teaches her students about science—and only recently have they had the luxury of looking through microscopes, an educational tool that is usually taken for granted in the Western world. The microscopes were a gift from the science department at the University of Richmond. And more supplies are desperately needed. "I barely have the basics for my students," Groves says.

The schoolhouse has an old tire rim for a school bell; the classroom is packed beyond capacity, and Groves says it is next to impossible to adequately teach math without protractors, rulers and erasers.

On a recent visit home, Groves made a plea to the community for help with her school in Guinea. Many of the basic school supplies are considered extreme luxuries in Guinea; the funds are simply not available.

Contributions of school supplies are being accepted at The Village Mill office. Groves will be in Brandermill in December for her daughter's wedding, and can transport the items back to Guinea. Needed items include: pens (red, blue, green ink), pads of paper, paper clips, staplers, gum erasers, White-Out, metric rulers, markers, inkpads, reading glasses (+2 magnification), compasses, protractors, file folders, French books, story books,

young adult books, historical books, and any books that might improve her students' reading and writing skills. Groves says lap top computers are also needed.

On a personal note, Groves says she is in need of contact with people. "The mail is not reliable," she says, "but I can get to e-mail pretty often." To send a message, news, or a hello to Groves, e-mail her at joanybolony@hotmail.com.

After her daughter's wedding, Groves will once again return to Guinea to complete her assignment which ends in 2004.

"My goal is to then get on with the next phase of my life," she says.

Knowing what she does about the hardships of living and working in a developing country, Groves says without hesitation, she would do it again.

"Even though it's challenging and difficult," she says, "I had to do it."

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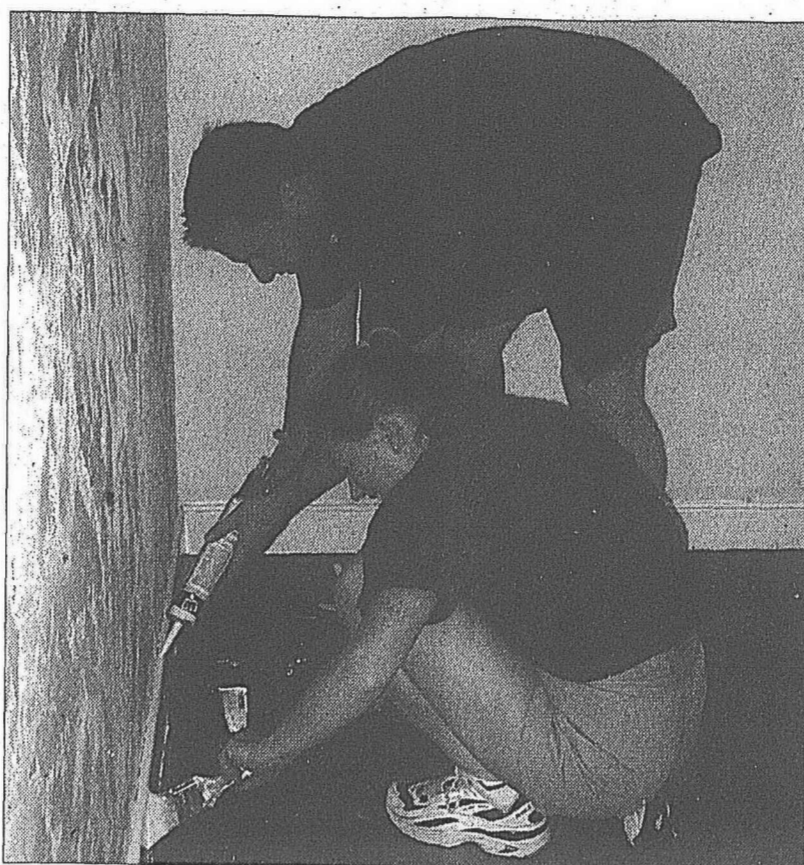
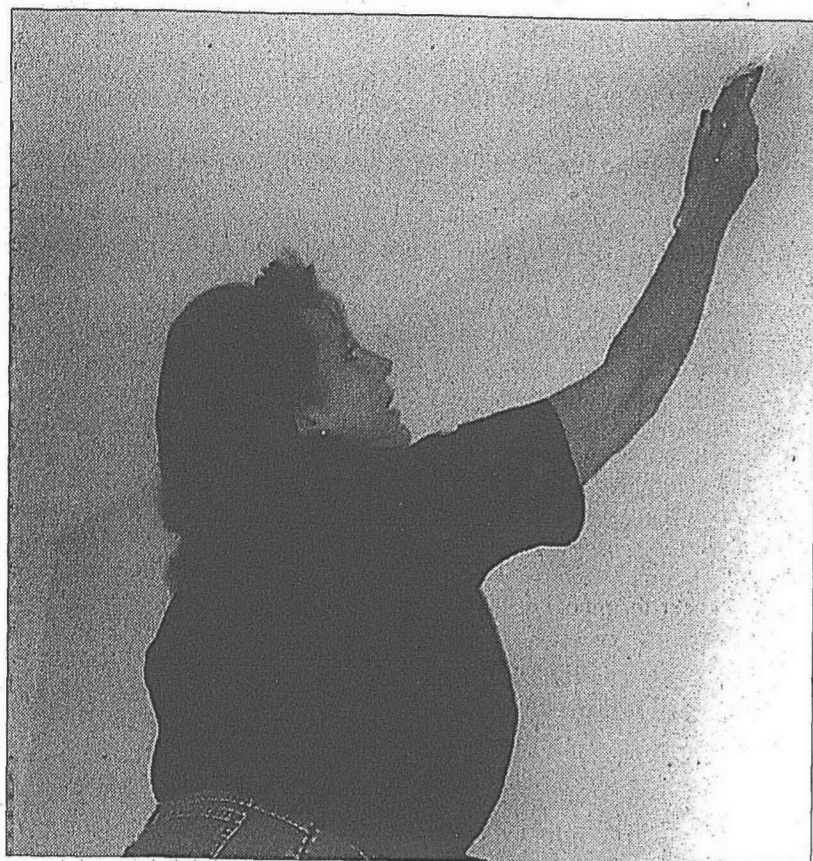
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Keeping up with the Joneses — neighbors redecorate



Cassandra Zimmerman goes to great heights to please her neighbors.

Kim and Jason Livingston pitch in to paint the Zimmerman's office.

By Wendy Parker
Managing Editor

Brandermill neighbors and their homes will be featured on a WRIC TV 8 special on August 22 from 8 to 9 p.m.

The Livingstons and Zimmermans applied to participate on the "TV 8

Decorates" show. According to Producer Michael Parks, the Hickory Nut Place neighbors were selected after Kim and Jason Livingston and Cassandra and Bruce Zimmerman each gave compelling reasons why they needed rooms in their homes transformed into offices.

Stuart Components donated its

construction and design services and Interior Designer Patty Groe worked with both couples in designing their neighbors' offices.

While the Livingstons stayed with in-laws, the Zimmermans and crew went to work clearing out the room, painting and constructing storage areas. The next week, the Zimmermans

went to the beach while the Livingstons worked on their home.

According to Parks, filming and redecorating took about two weeks for the two homes.

Tune in to Channel 8 on August 22 to see the reactions of the neighbors when they returned home to their fabulous new offices.

Award-winning photographer displays photos of creative women

Carlie Collier, a Richmond photographic artist, spoke at Brandermill Woods on August 11. Collier's award-winning collection, "Muses — a Tribute to Mature Women Who Live Creative Lives" will hang in the Brandermill Woods Clubhouse Gallery during the month of August.

The traveling exhibit, which celebrates the creativity of older women, has been shown across the Commonwealth of Virginia and abroad. Collier, who was featured on the cover of the March 2003 issue of *Fifty Plus* magazine, received bachelor's and master's degrees in fine arts from Virginia Commonwealth University. She has been the recipient of numerous awards and fellowships and has studied in Greece and Italy.

One of Collier's photographic subjects is Mary Ann Brandt of Five Springs. Brandt, a fellow at the Virginia Center for Creative Arts, educator, yoga instructor, former newspaper writer, and commercial artist, says her fine art finger painting pieces have "... been a sustenance for me. I just feel much more assertive and confident about being me."

Collier's portrait of Brandt and other "muses" will be on exhibit through August 27 from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. The public is invited to visit Collier's bold, inspiring portraits of women artists who are moving creatively through the aging process.

For more information, please call the Brandermill Woods Activities Department at 744-1173.



An expressive portrait of artist Mary Ann Brandt is part of the Brandermill Woods exhibit.

Social Security numbers will no longer appear on licenses

Virginia driver's licenses and photo identification cards issued July 1, 2003 and after will no longer display Social Security Numbers (SSN).

While DMV is still required to collect SSN from customers applying for driver's licenses, a new law prohibits the number from being displayed on the cards.

"It's a matter of personal security for Virginians," said DMV Commissioner D.B. Smit. "Many don't want their social security number on checks, ID cards or anything else that is frequently shared."

Since 1995, DMV has given Virginians the option of displaying either their SSN or a DMV-issued customer number on their driver's licenses or ID cards. Now, all customers applying for their first driver's license or an ID card, as well as customers renewing driver's licenses will be assigned a computer-generated number. If a cus-

tomers wishes to replace his or her SSN on his or her driver's license or ID card before time to renew, DMV will issue a new card with a new customer number for \$10.

Also taking effect on July 1, drivers with hearing or speech impairments may request DMV to indicate the impairment on their driver's licenses. Such indicators may be helpful to law enforcement during a traffic stop. A code on the front of the driver's license alerts the officer that the driver has a special designation; details of the impairment will be printed on the back of the license.

DMV encourages all customers to check the requirements for obtaining driver's licenses or registering vehicles before visiting a DMV office. Information is available on the DMV website at www.dmv.virginia.gov or by calling the agency's toll-free number at 1-866-368-5463.

Volunteers collect tons of trash along the James River

More than 550 volunteers made the 2003 James River Regional Cleanup on July 19 a success.

The cleanup covered more than 50 miles of the James River and was held at eight sites from Lynchburg to Charles City County, including sites in Chesterfield County.

Volunteers on shore and aboard boats collected more than 530 bags of trash, including recyclable and non-recyclable items.

James River Advisory Council members spend months planning the annual cleanup with the help of numerous cosponsors. For more information on how to get involved, please call Kimberly Conley at 748-1567 or visit the website at www.jamesriveradvisorycouncil.com.

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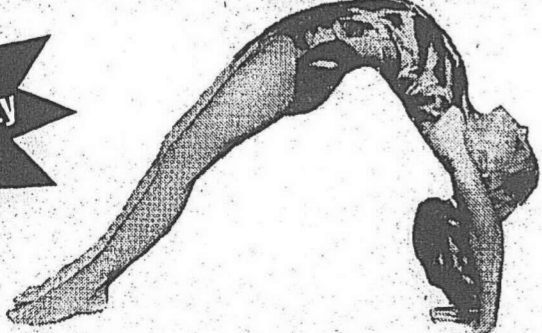



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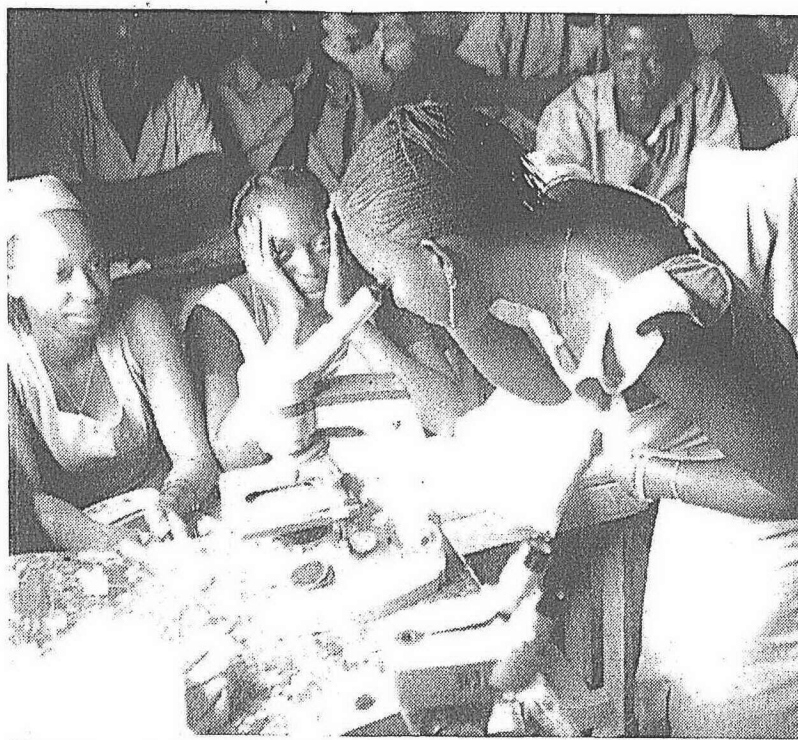


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The motto of the Peace Corps is "The toughest job you'll ever love," Groves agrees.

Her need to help other people is put to good use every day—whether it's in the one-room schoolhouse where she teaches algebra and geometry or helping the people in the village where she lives and works. Her other passion has been helping out in the health center, which is little more than a building where Guineans can go to seek the

most primary medical help. Groves felt the interior of the building was too dreary, too bleak, so she painted colorful murals on the walls. Every little improvement helps, she believes.

She also teaches her students about science—and only recently have they had the luxury of looking through microscopes, an educational tool that is usually taken for granted in the Western world. The microscopes were a gift from the science department at the University of Richmond. And more supplies are desperately needed. "I barely have the basics for my students," Groves says.

The schoolhouse has an old fire rim for a school bell; the classroom is packed beyond capacity, and Groves says it is next to impossible to adequately teach math without protractors, rulers and erasers.

On a recent visit home, Groves made a plea to the community for help with her school in Guinea. Many of the basic school supplies are considered extreme luxuries in Guinea; the funds are simply not available.

Contributions of school supplies are being accepted at The Village Mill office. Groves will be in Brandermill in December for her daughter's wedding, and can transport the items back to Guinea. Needed items include: pens (red, blue, green ink), pads of paper, paper clips, staplers, gum erasers, White-Out, metric rulers, markers, inkpads, reading glasses (+2 magnification), compasses, protractors, file folders, French books, story books.

On a personal note, Groves says she is in need of contact with people. "The mail is not reliable," she says, "but I can get to e-mail pretty often." To send a message, news, or a hello to Groves, e-mail her at joanyholony@hotmail.com.

After her daughter's wedding, Groves will once again return to Guinea to complete her assignment which ends in 2004.

"My goal is to then get on with the next phase of my life," she says.

Knowing what she does about the hardships of living and working in a developing country, Groves says without hesitation, she would do it again.

"Even though it's challenging and difficult," she says, "I had to do it."

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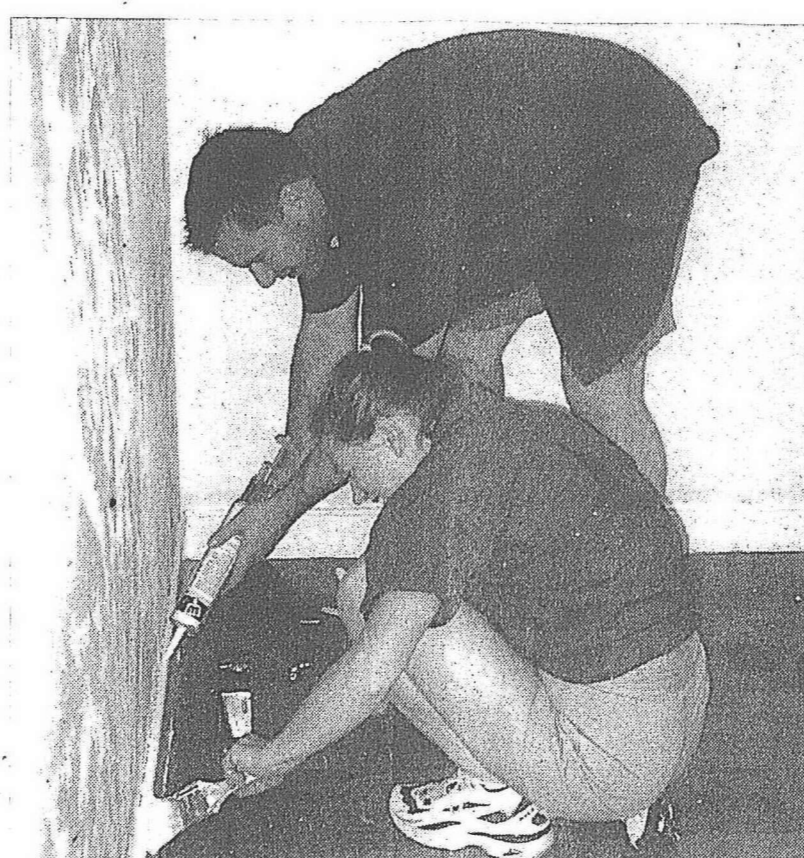
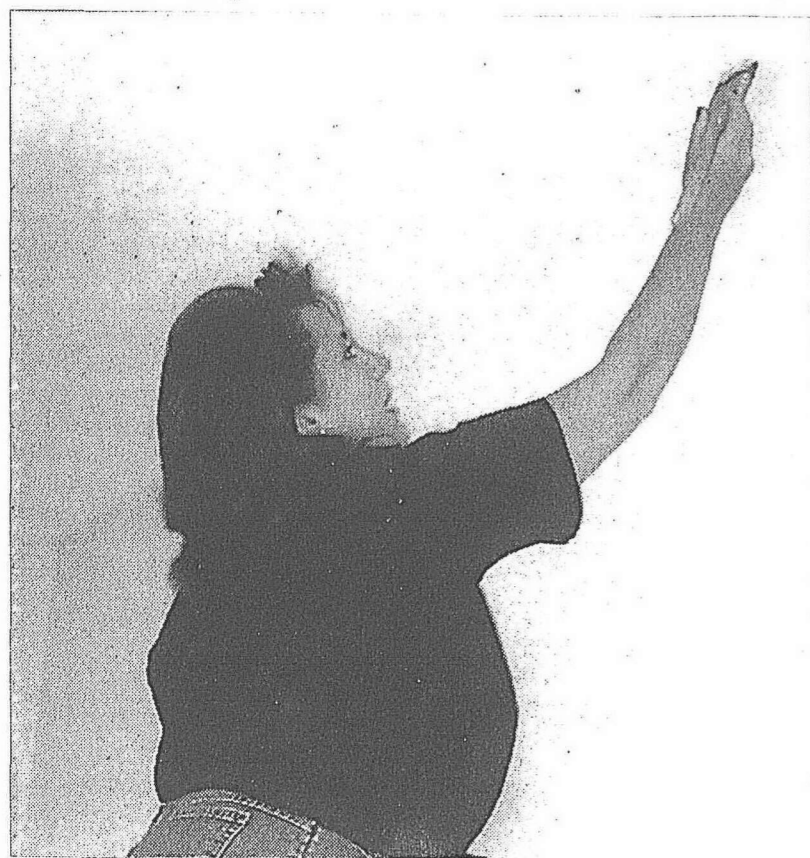
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Keeping up with the Joneses — neighbors redecorate



Cassandra Zimmerman goes to great heights to please her neighbors.

Kim and Jason Livingston pitch in to paint the Zimmerman's office.

By Wendy Parker
Managing Editor

Brandermill neighbors and their homes will be featured on a WRIC TV 8 special on August 22 from 8 to 9 p.m.

The Livingstons and Zimmermans applied to participate on the "TV 8

Decorates" show. According to Producer Michael Parks, the Hickory Nut Place neighbors were selected after Kim and Jason Livingston and Cassandra and Bruce Zimmerman each gave compelling reasons why they needed rooms in their homes transformed into offices.

Stuart Components donated its

construction and design services and Interior Designer Patty Groe worked with both couples in designing their neighbors' offices.

While the Livingstons stayed with in-laws, the Zimmermans and crew went to work clearing out the room, painting and constructing storage areas. The next week, the Zimmermans

went to the beach while the Livingstons worked on their home.

According to Parks, filming and redecorating took about two weeks for the two homes.

Tune in to Channel 8 on August 22 to see the reactions of the neighbors when they returned home to their fabulous new offices.

Award-winning photographer displays photos of creative women

Carlie Collier, a Richmond photographic artist, spoke at Brandermill Woods on August 11. Collier's award-winning collection, "Muses - a Tribute to Mature Women Who Live Creative Lives" will hang in the Brandermill Woods Clubhouse Gallery during the month of August.

The traveling exhibit, which celebrates the creativity of older women, has been shown across the Commonwealth of Virginia and abroad. Collier, who was featured on the cover of the March 2003 issue of *Fifty Plus* magazine, received bachelor's and master's degrees in fine arts from Virginia Commonwealth University. She has been the recipient of numerous awards and fellowships and has studied in Greece and Italy.

One of Collier's photographic subjects is Mary Ann Brandt of Five Springs. Brandt, a fellow at the Virginia Center for Creative Arts, educator, yoga instructor, former newspaper writer, and commercial artist, says her fine art finger painting pieces have "... been a sustenance for me. I just feel much more assertive and confident about being me."

Collier's portrait of Brandt and other "muses" will be on exhibit through August 27 from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. The public is invited to visit Collier's bold, inspiring portraits of women artists who are moving creatively through the aging process.

For more information, please call the Brandermill Woods Activities Department at 744-1173.



An expressive portrait of artist Mary Ann Brandt is part of the Brandermill Woods exhibit.

Social Security numbers will no longer appear on licenses

Virginia driver's licenses and photo identification cards issued July 1, 2003 and after will no longer display Social Security Numbers (SSN).

While DMV is still required to collect SSN from customers applying for driver's licenses, a new law prohibits the number from being displayed on the cards.

"It's a matter of personal security for Virginians," said DMV Commissioner D.B. Smit. "Many don't want their social security number on checks, ID cards or anything else that is frequently shared."

Since 1995, DMV has given Virginians the option of displaying either their SSN or a DMV-issued customer number on their driver's licenses or ID cards. Now, all customers applying for their first driver's license or an ID card, as well as customers renewing driver's licenses will be assigned a computer-generated number. If a cus-

tomers wishes to replace his or her SSN on his or her driver's license or ID card before time to renew, DMV will issue a new card with a new customer number for \$10.

Also taking effect on July 1, drivers with hearing or speech impairments may request DMV to indicate the impairment on their driver's licenses. Such indicators may be helpful to law enforcement during a traffic stop. A code on the front of the driver's license alerts the officer that the driver has a special designation; details of the impairment will be printed on the back of the license.

DMV encourages all customers to check the requirements for obtaining driver's licenses or registering vehicles before visiting a DMV office. Information is available on the DMV website at www.dmv.NOW.com or by calling the agency's toll-free number at 1-866-368-5463.

Volunteers collect tons of trash along the James River

More than 550 volunteers made the 2003 James River Regional Cleanup on July 19 a success.

The cleanup covered more than 50 miles of the James River and was held at eight sites from Lynchburg to Charles City County, including sites in Chesterfield County.

Volunteers on shore and aboard boats collected more than 530 bags of trash, including recyclable and non-recyclable items.

James River Advisory Council members spend months planning the annual cleanup with the help of numerous cosponsors. For more information on how to get involved, please call Kimberly Conley at 748-1567 or visit the website at www.jamesriveradvisorycouncil.com.

Visit Dutch Gap for a lesson in history

In August 1864, Union troops led by Gen. Benjamin Butler began the arduous task of digging a ditch that changed the course of the James River so they could avoid Confederate batteries.

On Saturday, August 16, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., reenactors will bring this massive engineering project to life through living-history demonstrations and other activities at Dutch Gap in Henricus Historical Park in Chesterfield County.

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Reservoir

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The Department of Conservation and Recreation issued its report in 2002 listing Swift Creek and Swift Creek Reservoir as "impaired" due to low oxygen levels in the water near the reservoir bottom. Low oxygen has been reported by utilities for about five years in the summer months.

In November 2002 HAI issued a report showing aerial photos and a large amount of pollution from construction activity on Route 288. The report estimated 4,000 pounds of phosphorus and 7,300 tons of sediment per 100 acres per year coming from new construction. HAI members are concerned that there are about 40,000 acres in the watershed scheduled for development. If sediment is not contained, the reservoir would lose 30 to 50 percent of its volume. Erosion and sediment control measures during construction need to be strengthened and landowners held accountable for restoration through dredging.

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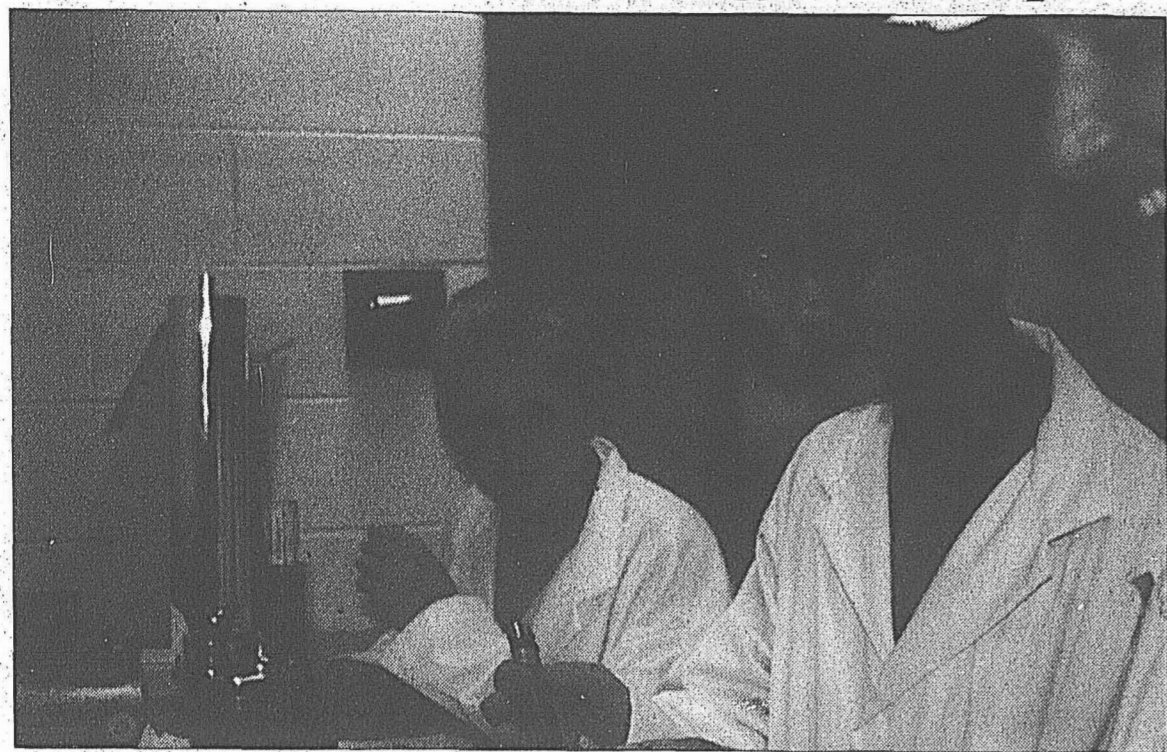
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SCMS students attend biology workshops



Students examine microorganisms in lab at Randolph-Macon College.

Nearly two dozen Governor's School students are discovering that bacteria can accomplish ordinary things such as making bread rise as well as great feats such as forming the building block of a lifesaving medicine.

The students are learning this through biology lab exercises at Randolph-Macon College in Ashland, and visits to other area

institutions. At Randolph-Macon College, the students saw through a microscope how the yeast microorganism makes bread rise as well as how bacteria turns sugar into wine.

The lab exercise, called "Microorganisms at Work," is part of a two week Governor's School summer program called Microcosmos that was put together for some of the brightest math and science students from 13 school divisions in the metro

Richmond area.

Designed and implemented by the Mathematics and Science Center, the emphasis of the program is examining and understanding the largest and smallest aspects of the environment.

The following students from Swift Creek Middle School participated in the event: Grant Albers, Lauren Pedersen, Laura Lee Sennewald and Austin Yang.

SCES students prepare for new school year

By P.J. Sperbeck
School Correspondent

What does a Swift Creek Elementary School Gator do during summer vacation? Swim, read good books, hang out with friends and travel with family.

What does a SCES Gator do to prepare for an exciting new year of school? Anticipate reunions with old friends, eagerly await those teacher assignment postcards, and stock up on school supplies.

Most of these activities are pleasant for a Gator. However, purchasing school supplies can be a grueling chore for parents, not to mention a strain of the monthly budget. The good news is that there are several ways to make this bitter task more palatable. Grade-level supply lists, provided with a student's end-of-year report card, indicate the items every Gator needs. If an active summer has caused the location of this list to "fade away" parents can find supply lists by logging onto Chesterfield County Public School website www.chesterfieldk12.va.us. Simply click on "find it quick," then click on "school supply lists," and finally go to "Swift Creek Elementary."

Many local merchants have copies of school supply lists for those who are on the way to shop for supplies and discover they have left the list at home. Gators who like to have all the work done for them may purchase prepackaged supplies at Hardwell Office Supply in Market Square. The owner will donate \$1 to SCES for each package purchased. Clever Gators can pick up their supplies with ease, and at the same time, help their school.

While traveling past their school



this summer, Gators may have seen "What Children Need from A to Z" on the marquee. From "A for Acceptance" to "Z for Zest," Principal Donald Bechtel, the teachers and staff of SCES have been diligently preparing for the 2003-2004 school year. As dedicated teachers focus on what Bechtel describes as "The Daily Three Cs," every Gator will feel "capable," "connected," and be given the opportunity to "contribute" to his or her educational experience.

Along with this positive learning environment, SCES will begin an English as a second language program (ESL). The school will host children who will enrich the SCES community and at the same time learn the English language. They are welcomed as the

newest Gators.

SCES has a proud history of a strong and active PTA. The 2003-2004 school year will be no exception. The New Student Orientation is planned for Thursday, August 28, at 1:30 p.m. Returning students and their families may visit their new classrooms at 2:30 p.m. The youngest Gators may participate in the kindergarten orientation on the evening of August 28 at 7 p.m.

Thanks go to countless volunteer parents and outstanding teachers. The Gators recognize that they are part of an exceptionally caring school. Gators are proud to be a part of a community where doing their best, respecting every student and looking forward to a new school year are for every Gator a "no-brainer."

SCMS coaches schedule sports physicals

By Debbie Hickey
School Correspondent

Another exciting school year is about to begin at Swift Creek Middle School. Sixth-grade students and new SCMS students should attend one of the orientations scheduled in August.

Those who want to try out for one of the many SCMS athletic teams are required to have a current physical form from their family physician on file, or medical personnel from Chippenham Sports Medicine will perform physicals at the school on Thursday, September 4, beginning at 2:30 p.m. The cost of the physical is

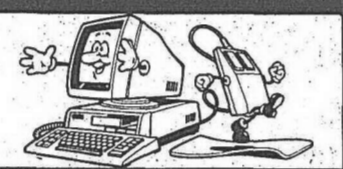
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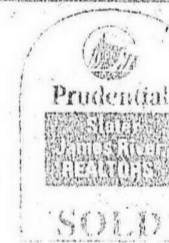
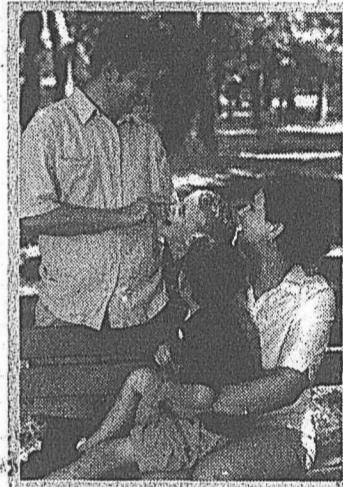
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Jessamyn Liu receives recognition from county supervisors



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Jessamyn Liu receives congratulations from Board Chairman Art Warren. The Chesterfield County Board of Supervisors awarded Liu with a resolution commending her on the completion of her first year at the United States Military Academy at West Point. She is the daughter of Victor and Reiko Liu of Stoney Ridge.

College Credit

Lindsay King earned honorable mention dean's list for the 2003 spring semester at Lynchburg College. King is a 1999 graduate of Clover Hill High School and a 2003 graduate of Lynchburg College with a bachelor of sciencedegree in health promotion. She is employed at Covenant Woods, a continuing care retirement community in Mechanicsville, as a recreation assistant. She is the daughter of Tara and

Kenny King of Shadow Ridge. Kara Adams is one of 21 students at John Tyler Community College who received scholarships totaling approximately \$11,125 by the JTCC Foundation, Inc. for the fall 2003 semester. The scholarships are awarded based on academic performance, programs of study and financial need. Adams is a nursing student and a resident of Sagebrook.

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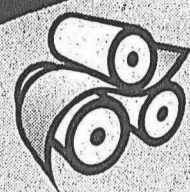
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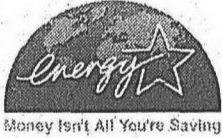
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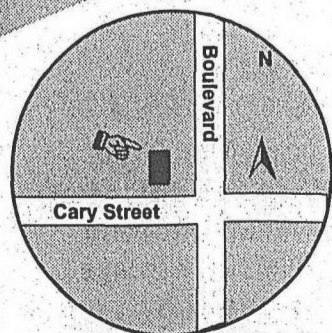
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Triumphant Brandermill swimmers advance to Division B next summer

By Kathie Duffer
Special Correspondent

Despite a two-hour storm delay on July 28 and dreary conditions on July 29, the Brandermill Makos Swim Team finished its season as the RMAL Championship winners.

During the award ceremonies at the Bon Air Community Pools, the Richmond Metro Aquatic League praised the Brandermill community for overcoming obstacles and working together to revive the pools and swim program.

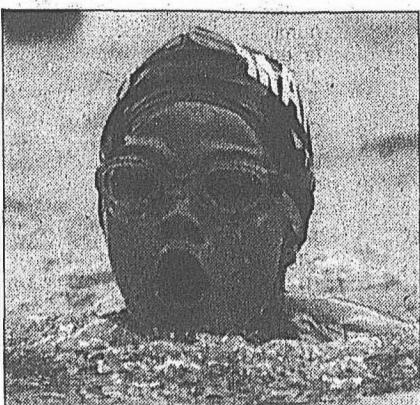
The swim team was presented trophies for winning the Division C regular season and for Top Points Winner in Division C at the championships.

The Makos finished its regular season 6-0, beating Surreywood, Shenandoah and Pocono/Greenfield. Out of 16 swim clubs, Brandermill finished fifth overall at the championships, beating all of Division C, Division B, and two Division A clubs. The win entitles Brandermill's 93-member team a place in Division B next summer.

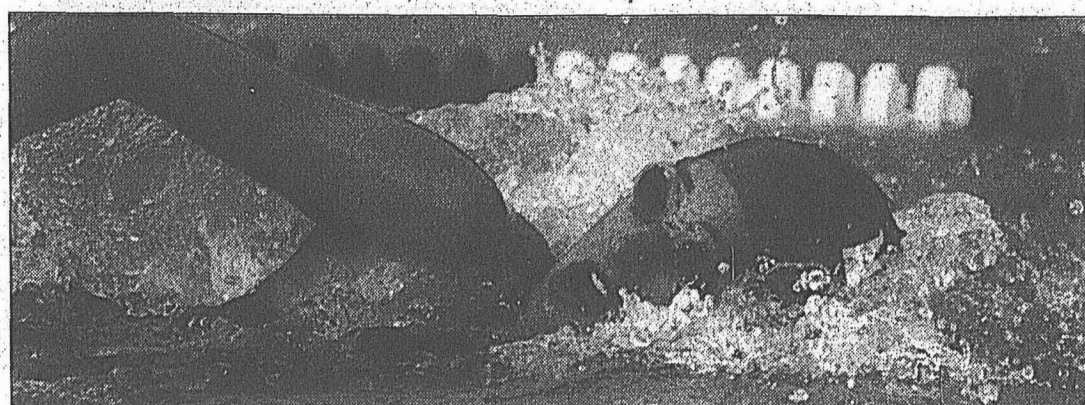
Congratulations go to all Brandermill swim team members for their successful season.



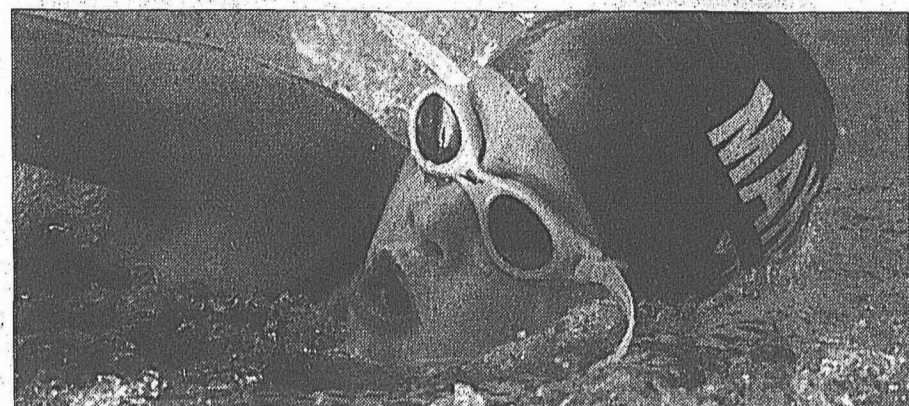
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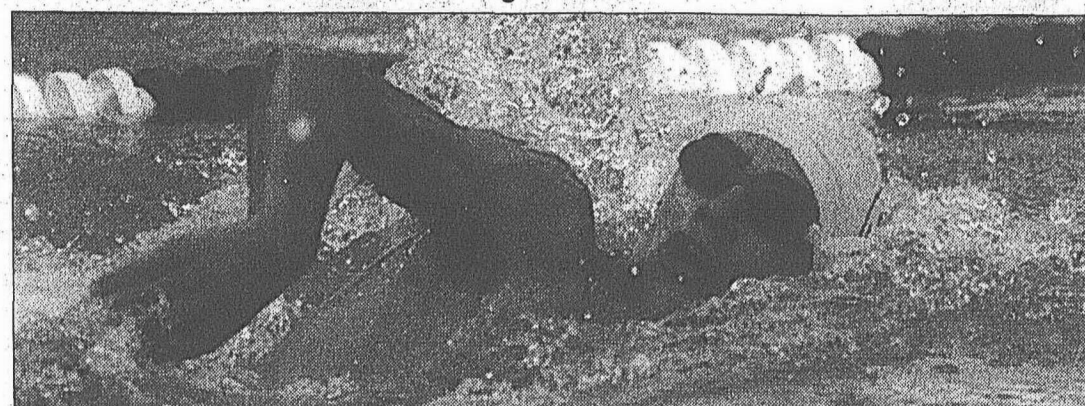
Stefan Thorpe



Fegan Hewitt



Rachel Rodgers



J. R. Joyce

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Brandermill RMAL Championship Results

Event 1 - Mixed 9 & 10 200-yd. Medley Relay (Gold Division) 4th place: Blake Sweetland, Colin Joyce, Emily Ernst and Melissa Heide

Event 3 - Boys 10 & under 100-yd. Int. Medley (Silver Division) 6th place: Colin Joyce

Event 5 - Boys 7 & 8 25-yd. Freestyle (Silver Division) 2nd place: McKinley Duffer

Event 7 - Boys 9 & 10 50-yd. Freestyle (Gold Division) 1st place: Blake Sweetland

Event 8 - Girls 9 & 10 50-yd. Freestyle (Gold Division) 7th place: Melissa Heide (Silver Division) 4th place: Emily Ernst

Event 9 - Boys 7 & 8 25-yd. Backstroke (Gold Division) 1st place: McKinley Duffer

Event 11 - Boys 9 & 10 50-yd. Backstroke (Gold Division) 3rd place: Blake Sweetland

Event 13 - Boys 7 & 8 25-yd. Butterfly (Silver Division) 2nd place: McKinley Duffer

Event 15 - Boys 9 & 10 50-yd. Butterfly (Gold Division) 1st place: Blake Sweetland

Event 16 - Girls 9 & 10 50-yd. Butterfly (Gold Division) 7th place: Emily Ernst

Event 17 - Boys 7 & 8 50-yd. Breaststroke (Gold Division) 1st place: Tommy Savarie

Event 19 - Boys 9 & 10 50-yd. Breaststroke (Silver Division) 2nd place: Colin Joyce

Event 20 - Girls 9 & 10 50-yd. Breaststroke (Silver Division) 3rd place: Melissa Heide

Event 22 - Mixed 9 & 10 200-yd. Freestyle Relay (Gold Division) 3rd place: Melissa Heide, Katie Hall, Blake Sweetland and Emily Ernst

Event 23 - Mixed 11 & 12 200-yd. Medley Relay (Gold Division) 4th place: Ryan Martin, Megan Cifers, Ashley Bottoms and Chrissy Smith 7th place: Alexandra Kosakowski, Dillan Joyce, Casey Hollman and Gena Kohler

Event 24 - Mixed 13 & 14 200-yd. Medley Relay (Blue Division) 5th place: Jessica Smith, Sara Ernst, Zachary Hamlin and Hunter Bottoms (Gold Division) 5th place: Leighann Simone, Kerry Jussen, Spence Brennan and Jonathan Bottoms

Event 25 - Mixed 15 & 18 200-yd. Medley Relay (Gold Division) 6th place: Lindsay Sweetland, Fegan Hewitt, J.R. Joyce and Matthew Risendal

Event 26 - Boys 11 & 12 100-yd. Int. Medley (Silver Division) 8th place: Ryan Martin

Event 27 - Girls 11 & 12 100-yd. Int. Medley (Gold Division) 2nd place: Ashley Bottoms (Silver Division) 2nd place: Megan Cifers 3rd place: Chrissy Smith

Event 28 - Boys 13 & 14 100-yd. Int. Medley (Gold Division) 2nd place: Hunter Bottoms (Silver Division) 1st place: Jonathan Bottoms

Event 29 - Girls 13 & 14 100-yd. Int. Medley (Silver Division) 6th place: Sara Ernst

Event 30 - Boys 15 to 18 100-yd. IM (Gold Division) 6th place: Matthew Risendal

Event 31 - Girls 15 to 18 100-yd. IM (Silver Division) 2nd place: Lindsay Sweetland

Event 33 - Girls 11 & 12 50-yd. Freestyle (Gold Division) 1st place: Ashley Bottoms (Silver Division) 8th place: Lindsey Hamlin

Event 34 - Boys 13 & 14 50-yd. Freestyle (Blue Division) 5th place: Hunter Bottoms (Gold Division) 1st place: Zachary Hamlin 2nd place: Jonathan Bottoms (Silver Division) 6th place: Brian Pearce

Event 36 - Boys 15 to 18 50-yd. Freestyle (Gold Division) 2nd place: Matthew Risendal 7th place: J.R. Joyce

Event 37 - Girls 15 to 18 50-yd. Freestyle (Silver Division) 2nd place: Fegan Hewitt

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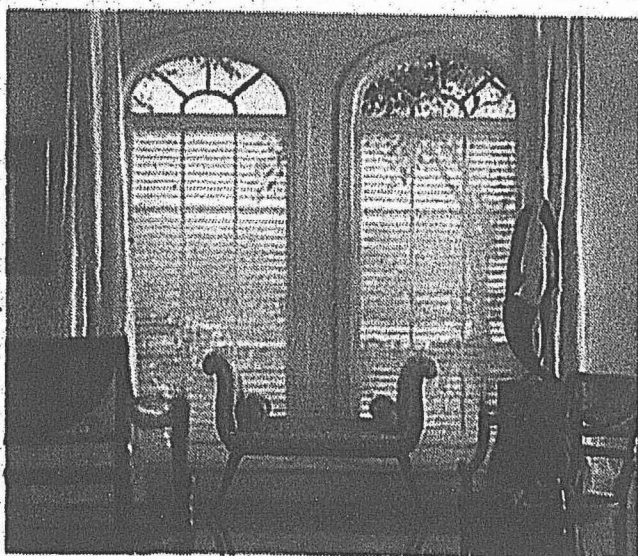
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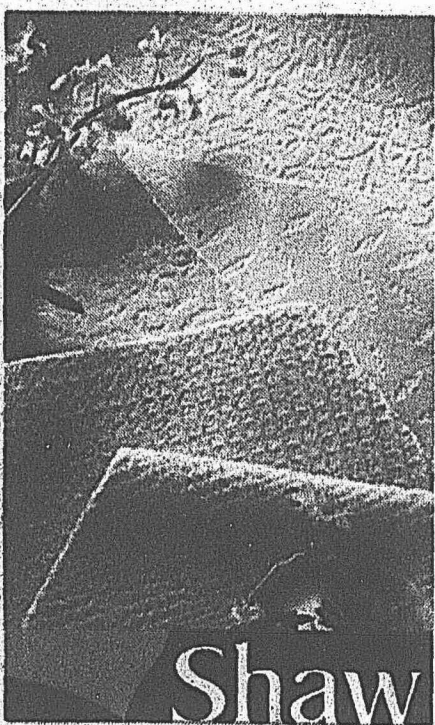


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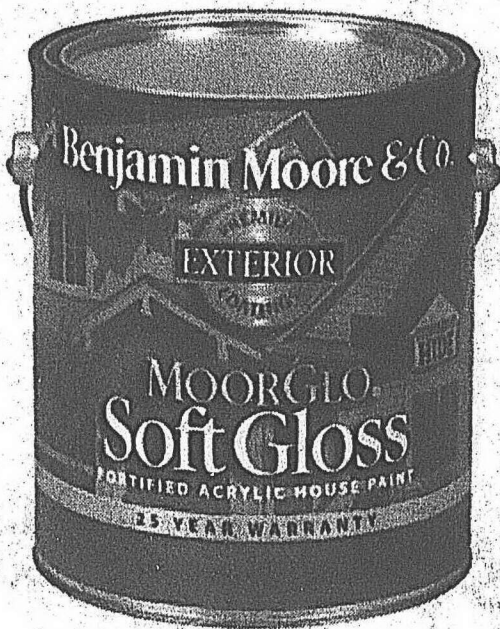
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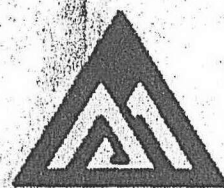
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