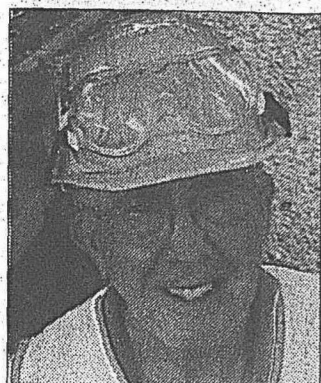


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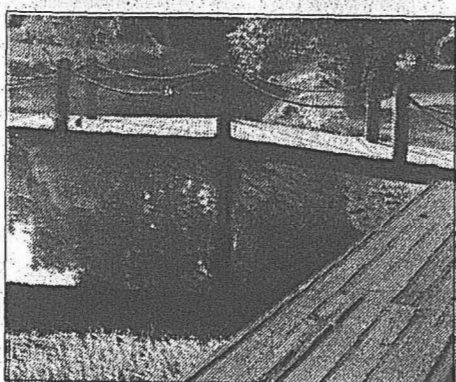
DISTASTER DUTY



Gil Blake graduates from pilot class for Community Emergency Response Team.

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TROUBLED WATERS



Woodbridge Crossing residents seek relief for pond problems.

See BCA Minutes on page 2.

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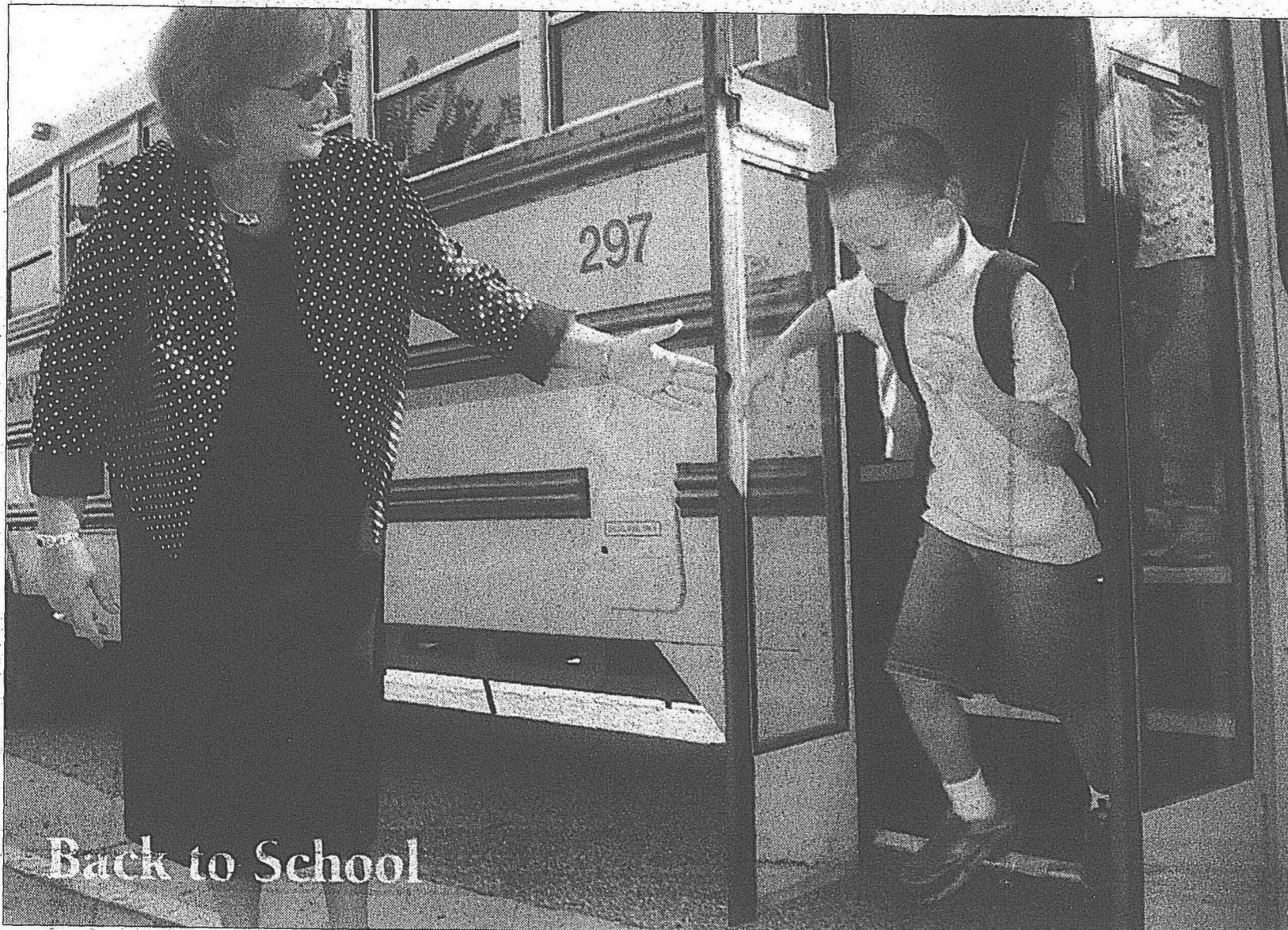


Jennifer Crawford believes teaching children with autism is her fate.

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Back to School

Logan Millar, 7, of Muirfield Green receives a helping hand from Debi Melland, instructional consultant of gifted education at Swift Creek Elementary School, as he heads for second grade. (See school news starting on page 8.)

Landscaping and seeding will wrap up Genito Road projects'

By Wendy Parker
Managing Editor

At last, the Genito Road widening project is nearly complete. According to VDOT Engineer Kerry Bates, VDOT officials "did a partial acceptance of the project" on August 29.

After months of confusing traffic patterns and an increase in accidents, all lanes of travel are now open and functioning.

"We still have a few items left before the project is actually completed," says Bates. The remaining work includes: landscaping similar to that of the first phase of the Genito

Road project; final seeding of the entire project; and completing a punch list. According to Bates, "landscaping must take place during the prime planting season, probably in October. Seeding will be done following the landscaping."

"There should be very little impact to traffic," says Bates, "only occasional short-term lane closures as necessary."

Key Construction Company, Inc. served as the contractor. The estimated cost of the project is \$8,431,217 which includes increases for unsuitable material, additional traffic control items, and a claim settlement for utility delays.

What's happening in Brandermill?



Photo by Lynda Raines

Mary Jo and Earl McKesson participated in Brandermill's first arts and crafts show in 1977. They will be selling their work at this year's show in Sunday Park on September 27 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. (See story on page 3.)

More BCA-Sponsored Events

BCA Budget
BCA Finance Committee Chairman Tom Herr will present the proposed 2004 community budget at the Harbour Pointe Clubhouse on Monday, September 29 at 7 p.m. All association members are invited. The proposed budget goes before the BCA Board at its September 8 meeting.

Food Fest
A Taste in Brandermill, a food fest scheduled for October 8, has been cancelled. BCA Activities Chairman Ed Moldof said the event will not be held since fewer than a dozen restaurant owners agreed to participate.

Musical Revue
Side by Side by Sondheim, an uplifting musical show, will fill in the gap for BCA fall activities.

The musical revue will be performed by The Richmond Theatre Ensemble at the Gardens Pavilion in Sunday Park on Thursday, October 23 at 7:30 p.m. The event is free.

Halloween Fest
The Annual Halloween Fest in Market Square will take place Friday, October 31 from 9:30 to 11 a.m.

Watch for details of upcoming events in the October issue of The Village Mill.

Construction projects runoff feeds reservoir

By Tom Pakurar
Special Correspondent

Have you noticed the muddy water in Swift Creek Reservoir this summer? You may ask, "Is this normal?" No, it is not normal. Many residents are calling the mud-laden runoff entering the reservoir the worst pollution in over 17 years. The runoff is coming from the Woolridge Road sewer line project. It is coming from the new Watermill Parkway, connecting Woolridge Road to Old Hundred Road near the Watermill Subdivision. And it is coming from four of the seven tributaries feeding Swift Creek Reservoir where new construction is taking place. The runoff not only fills in the reservoir, it carries much phosphorus which will kill the reservoir as a drinking water source.

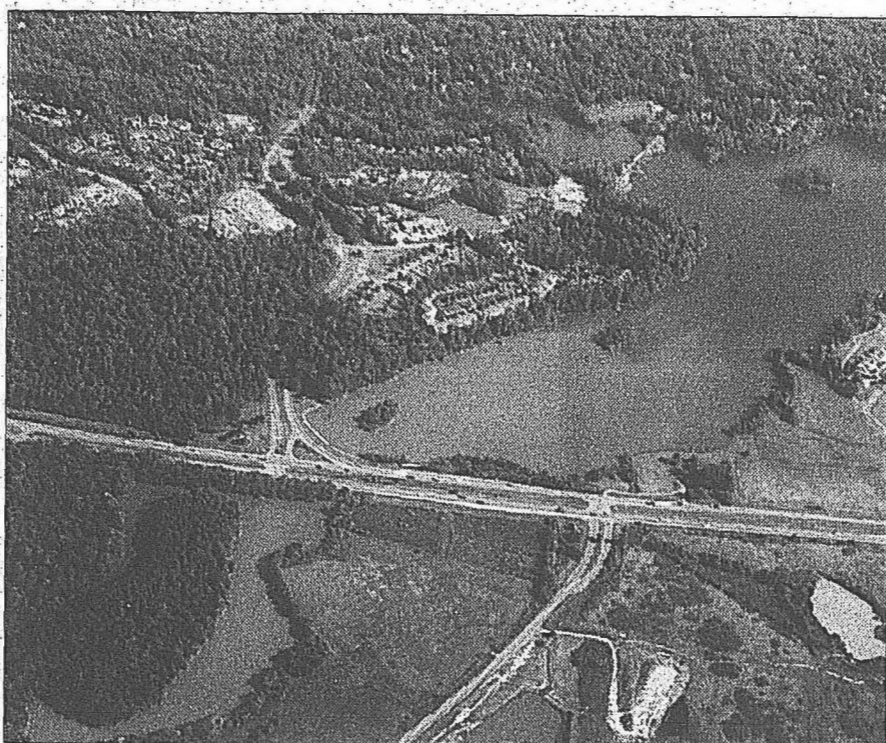
Aerial photos document the extent of the pollution on August 6. One-third inch of rain fell at the water treatment plant several days before. The first photo, taken over U.S. Route 360 at the entrance to Woodlake, shows a muddy Dry Creek bringing sediment into the reservoir and causing a brown discoloration past the second island. Additional pollution, a lighter color, is coming from West Branch, discoloring the Woodlake boat storage area and the third island.

After these photos were taken, county officials installed a new yellow turbidity curtain where Dry Creek enters the reservoir. If the curtain is successful, residents would see reduced sediment in the reservoir. However, present law only requires that erosion and sediment devices be installed; the law does not include performance standards to require that the erosion control devices actually work.

At press time, county officials had not responded to a request by Hands Across the Lake officers to keep more pollutants at the source.

The second photo shows the causeway at Genito Road, where a yellow turbidity curtain was installed last fall. It shows that this curtain has changed the sediment flow patterns into the main reservoir body. Only the finely divided sediment and silt appears to pass through the pollution barrier. The 50-acre portion of the reservoir adjacent to Cove Ridge in Brandermill has been turned into a 68-million-gallon sediment basin.

Those who see excessive silt or hazardous materials entering the reservoir or who are concerned about other water quality problems can call county officials.



Photos by Tom Pakurar

Creeks by U.S. Route 360 at the entrance to Woodlake carry pollution into Swift Creek Reservoir.



Pollution is evident in the 50-acre portion of the reservoir north of Genito Road and adjacent to Cove Ridge in Brandermill.

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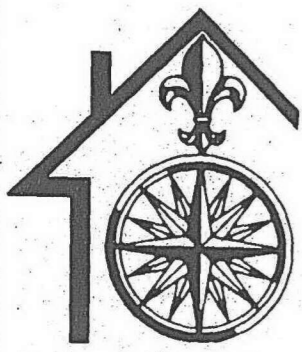
- Emergency Run-off Hotline.....717-6161
- Run-off Problems.....748-1035, 748-1028
- Other Water Quality Issues.....751-4665
- Water Taste & Odor Problems.....744-0168
- County Utility Project Problems751-4340

QUACKTAKES

Ducks on the Deck



Huey, Louie and Dewey are looking for cool chicks at Sundays.



BCA Board of Directors

- Ed Moldof, President
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- Elissa Gellis Mast, 2nd VP
- Jason Livingston, Treasurer
- Tony Giordano
- John Hughes
- Kathleen Martin

WELCOME NEW RESIDENTS

- BARNE'S SPRING**
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- COMMODORE POINT**
Mary Boyce
- DEER MEADOW**
Matthew & Sarah Hyatt
Mike & Shannon Saweikis
- EAST BLUFF**
Jerry & Pat Inge
- GARRISON PLACE**
Joseph & Amy Brown
- GLENEAGLES**
John & Sarilee Tobiaz
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- HUNTSBRIDGE**
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- THREE BRIDGES**
Maryhelene Ellison
- TURTLE HILL**
Kent & Pamela Saunders
- WOODBIDGE CROSSING**
Ned Caldwell

ARB APPROVALS

- Autumn Woods - deck
- Bayport Landing - deck extension
- Birnan Woods - home addition
- Copper Hill - deck extension
- Garrison Place - vinyl siding
- Huntgate Woods - siding/windows
- Huntsbridge - sunroom & pond
- Long Shadow - sunroom
- Nuttree Woods - screened porch
- Pebble Creek - deck & patio
- Promontory Pointe - addition
- Regatta Pointe - pond
- Sagewood - vinyl siding
- Turtle Hill - sunroom, deck, hot tub
- Winterberry Ridge - putting green

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- BCA Board Meeting
Brandermill Woods
September 22, 7 p.m.
- Arts & Crafts Show
Sunday Park
September 27
10 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- Community Budget Meeting
Harbour Pointe Clubhouse
September 29, 7 p.m.
- New Residents Reception
Harbour Pointe Clubhouse
October 22, 7 p.m.
- Musical Revue
"Side by Side" Sondeheim
Gardens at Sunday Park
October 23, 7:30 p.m.
- Volunteer Appreciation
Harbour Pointe Clubhouse
October 29, 6:30 p.m.
- Tot's Halloween Festival
Market Square
October 31, 9:30 to 11 a.m.

Voice of the people: Are you going to the Arts & Craft Show in Sunday Park on September 27?



"I have been in the past and I am looking forward to going this year. The jewelry is way cool."
Gena Kohler, 13
Shadow Ridge



"We go to the show every year. I like to find the 'one-of-a-kinds.'"
Cheryl Adams
Three Bridges



"I have heard about the show and I am going this year."
Rue Southall, 9
Barne's Spring



I have not been before but I know several people who have exhibited there and I would like to attend this year."
Richard Rogness
Autumn Woods



I have been to the show at least for the past five years. I bought a ring there two years ago and I am still wearing it. I'm excited to go this year."
Rachel Rodgers, 16
Shadow Ridge

Woodbridge Condo Association members request help for pond issues

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

The August 18, 2003 meeting of the Brandermill Community Association Board of Directors was held at Brandermill Woods. Directors Giordano, Livingston, Martin and Moldof and Community Manager Divita were present.

Member Voice

Brandermill Swim Team President Joe Savarie said the swim team dominated the season by winning all but two meets. There were 95 swim team members and the pool committee noted a 7 percent increase in pool memberships from last year. Savarie presented two trophies and two plaques from the swim team to the board of directors, the community and supporters of the 2002 and 2003 seasons.

A letter of acknowledgment from the board will be sent to all 2003 swim team sponsors.

John Brook said that neighborhood signs are in need of washing, repair and replacement. He requested that a protective coating be put on the signs.

Community Manager Divita said the BCA Maintenance Department can have the signs washed by the end of September. A survey of all signs will be done to see which are in need of repair or replacement.

Treasurer's Report

Director Livingston stated that BCA Finance Committee Chairman Tom Herr would like to discuss the

2004 budget at the September 8 board meeting. Community Manager Divita said the 7-month financial statements would soon be ready for review. A community meeting to present the 2004 budget needs to be scheduled.

Director Giordano asked to review the reserve study information prior to seeing the budget. Community Manager Divita is in the process of having corrections made to the reserve study. Board members agreed to wait until the corrections are made before they make a final determination concerning the budget.

Director Livingston thanked Accounting Manager Darlene Anthony for all of her hard work and dedication to the finance committee.

Committee Reports

Activities - Meeting again in September for Fall 2003 activities.

NAC - Need more involvement for the Taste in Brandermill to take place.

Reservoir Hunting Signs

Community Manager Divita reported on the hunting ban on Swift Creek Reservoir.

Woodlake Community Association, sponsor of the hunting ban on the reservoir is having problems with hunters on the lake. County attorneys have recommended the Chesterfield County Board of Supervisors not approve more stringent hunting regulations over the reservoir and leave this issue to the landowners. The BCA along with several other surrounding property owners will sign an agreement with the Brandermill Development Company which owns most of

the land on the bottom of the reservoir. The agreement will give property owners the authority to enforce "No Trespassing" signs placed around the reservoir. Signs posted on BCA property will contain the BCA phone number to report violators. It will then be up to the board to file a complaint against the individual. Follow up on a complaint will be based on official police reports. Residents may also file a complaint with the county against hunters who violate the ban.

A motion was made and carried to place the BCA name and contact number on Brandermill property signs.

Woodbridge Crossing

Community Manager Divita summarized past meetings with representatives of Woodbridge Crossing Condominium Association as well as discussions concerning the use of their BCA assessments. Some condominium association members do not understand how their condominium assessments differ from BCA assessments.

The Woodbridge Crossing Condominium Association has requested help from the BCA in keeping a small pond clean. The pond is located on Woodbridge Crossing Condominium Association property, which is private property.

The pond receives drainage and runoff from several surrounding neighborhoods and streams, and the condominium association has been left with the responsibility of removing the litter and trash from the pond as well as the other effects from runoff and

lawn fertilizers such as algae and weeds. The condominium association has stated that it is unfair that it has been left with this responsibility when the source of the problem (pollution and debris) comes from areas outside its control. Representatives are requesting the BCA become involved in assisting them to resolve this problem and continuing expense.

Community Manager Divita stated that the single largest question the board would have to answer is the use of BCA general assessments to assist with the maintenance of what is essentially private property. The BCA does not maintain private property and to do so would require an exception that could be fully supported and justified based on the facts and circumstances.

Community Manager Divita spoke with Chesterfield County Director of Environmental Engineer Dick McElfish who stated that the Woodbridge Crossing pond does not qualify as a BMP. President Moldof requested more information before deciding if the BCA would be inclined to assist with the pond issues. President Moldof wants to explore all options before considering how to best handle the pond issue, including a political resolution by the county if necessary. The Woodbridge Crossing Condominium Association is currently setting aside \$5,000 a year to address pond issues. One item that was requested from the BCA was to help with funding a water aeration fountain device to help with water quality and

aesthetic issues. Rick Carter, representing Woodbridge Crossing Condominium Association, indicated that they are exploring obtaining grants in lieu of making the pond a county BMP and would clarify pricing on water aeration devices. He was asked to provide a specific request of what the condominium association wants from the BCA.

Community Manager Divita wanted to make clear that based on all of the comments made during this discussion that the BCA would defer any action until Woodbridge Crossing Condominium Association clarified its request and strategy. Carter concurred indicating he would remain in contact with the BCA.

BCA 30th Anniversary

The task force met July 30 to work on a structured plan for the anniversary. A number of projects will take place year-round and seminars will be held to educate residents. Marketing remains a key aspect in this project. The structured plan will be in place by January 1, 2004.

Golf Cart Path

Community Manager Divita will meet with representatives of Brandermill Country Club on August 19. He will have more information for the BCA Board after the meeting.

Manager's Report

The expansion for the community standards office has begun and is scheduled for completion in 45 days. Hiring of the new full-time person for that department is on hold until the office expansion is completed.

Board endorses one trash hauler

By Wendy Parker
Managing Editor

Virginia Waste Services, Inc., a family-owned and operated company located in Chesterfield County, has proposed to supply residential waste collection and disposal services utilizing a discounted rate structure for the Brandermill community.

The greater number of participating residents, the lower the cost of pickup. (See rate chart.)

Although the BCA Board voted unanimously at its July 14 meeting to endorse one trash hauling service for Brandermill, residents are free to use any trash hauler they prefer. Residents are reminded, however, according to the Brandermill covenants, no curbside pickup of trash is permitted and trash receptacles must be kept in a screened area. Howard Heltman of the Chesterfield County Department of Waste and Resource Recovery says because of BCA restrictions, the county will no longer provide curbside pickup in Brandermill of household trash, yard waste, and bulky waste such as brush, appliances and furniture. The VWS proposal, however, will not affect the recycling program already in place in Brandermill.

According to Virginia Waste Services Sales Manager John E. Snead, from October 15 through January 15 of each year, VWS will collect up to five bags of leaves or yard waste per household per collection period at no additional charge. VWS will collect up to three bags all other times of the year. Additional bags will be collected for \$.50 each. Each resident who subscribes to the service will receive a printed collection day schedule.

VWS will provide roll-off container service at 25 percent off its normal rates for neighborhood cleanup

programs within Brandermill. In addition, VWS will provide a 30-cubic yard dumpster free of charge twice annually for residents of Brandermill to dispose of bulky items such as furniture. A third dumpster will be provided annually free of charge for disposal of live Christmas trees. VWS also will provide free front-load container service at the BCA maintenance area and roll-cart service at the three swimming pools during the summer.

VWS will provide the BCA a monthly report referencing the total active participation in the program.

VWS Monthly Rates

Service for weekly backyard residential waste collection per household of two 45-gallon or three 32-gallon receptacles.

Up to 220 households	\$16
221 - 500 households	\$15
501 - 750 households	\$14
751 - 1,000 households	\$13
1,001 - 1,500 households	\$12
More than 1,500 households	\$11

Rates will be \$1 less per month for those residents who prefer collection services once every other week. Rates will increase \$4 per month if VWS supplies a 95-gallon roll cart.

County sanitation department schedules fall leaf pickup

The Chesterfield County Department of Sanitation will collect bagged leaves which are left at the curb or loose leaves raked to the curb for a fee. (See rate and schedule below.)

To arrange for leaf pickup by the county, please call 748-1297.

Do not place leaves in drainage ditches, on streets or on BCA open space. The BCA Maintenance Department

does not collect leaves.

Some local trash haulers offer special leaf pick-up programs. Call your private trash hauler to check on service and fees. Under no circumstances are leaves to be dumped or placed in drainage areas or on BCA open space.

Check the BCA Telephone Directory or The Village Mill advertisers for leaf pickup services.

Chesterfield County Leaf Pickup

Rates & Schedule

Leaf Pickup \$.75 per 40-gallon bag Requires yard waste tags	Leaf Vacuum Leaves raked to the curb \$100 per visit
Leaf pickup (bag & vacuum): November 24 - December 5 January 19 - 30	Call by: November 14 January 9

A sign is a sign is a sign

Each weekend, and on many weekdays as well, signs advertising yard sales, homes for sale and for rent, and notices about lost pets, business services, or after-school activities seem to appear out of nowhere throughout our community.

Our general covenants state, "No signs shall be erected or maintained on any property by anyone including, but not limited to, the owner, Realtor, a contractor or subcontractor, except with the written permission of the Company." Therefore, unapproved signs posted throughout the community are removed on a regular basis by BCA staff. Professionally made signs are kept at the BCA offices for at least 24 hours and signs made of cardboard, poster board, and construction paper are disposed of by the staff.

Approved yard sale signs are available at the BCA for a refundable fee. These signs may be placed at the entrance to a neighborhood on Fridays and Saturdays. They may not be placed at the main entrances to the community or in islands or flower beds along the parkways. Similar signs are available for a lost or found pet.

A single For Sale or For Rent sign is permitted at any time on a lot. A lead-in sign is permitted at the entrance to an individual neighborhood Fridays through Sundays. Again, however, these signs should not be placed in islands or flower beds along the parkways and they must be removed by Sunday evening.

It is permissible for contractors to display one sign in front of a home where work is underway. The temporary sign must be removed as soon as the work is completed.

Commercial signs on buildings, including banners, are considered on a case-by-case basis by the community architect and the Commercial Architectural Review Board.

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Arts & Crafts Show to feature work of long-time residents

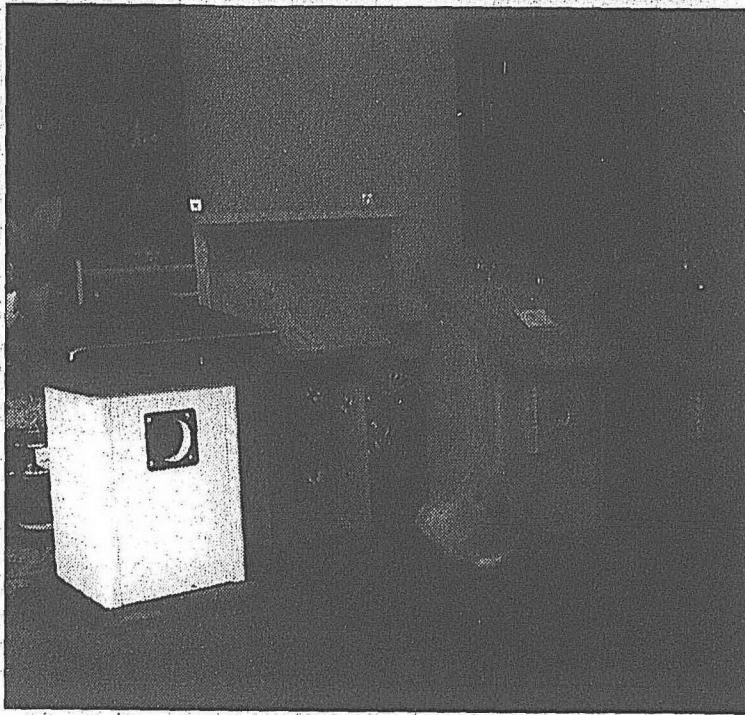


Photo by Lynda Raines

Birdhouses and bat houses are among Earl McKesson's creations.

By Lynda Raines
Copy Editor

Earl and Mary Jo McKesson of Winterberry Ridge were the third family to move into Brandermill in 1976.

They were also participants in Brandermill's first Arts and Crafts show in 1977. The McKessons still live in Winterberry Ridge, and on September 27 they once again will participate in the annual Brandermill Arts and Crafts show in Sunday Park. The event takes place from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Earl McKesson will showcase his extraordinary birdhouses made of Western red cedar, accentuated by copper roofs. The birdhouses are made according to the specifications of the National Audubon Society. McKesson also makes butterfly houses and bat houses. Bat houses? "Yes," he says. "They're sealed in a special way so that they will be very warm inside. Bats like it warm," he adds. The bat houses actually have an environmental function—bats are an important natural resource in that they are predators to yard and garden pests; they can catch hundreds of mosquito-sized insects in a mere hour. Bats sometimes have trouble finding a home, and the bat houses offer an ideal alternative and promote bat conservation.

The bird, butterfly, and bat houses are reasonably priced and there are several styles from which to choose.

The McKessons are avid travelers; the clam baskets found in Maine

are what influenced Earl's decision to try his hand at making slatted wooden baskets similar to the ones he saw there. "I use a fir wood for them," Earl says. The baskets come in graduating sizes.

While her husband works on his wooden projects, Mary Jo stays busy with her own creative endeavors. This year she will offer beautiful hand-knit scarves. She knits them with "eyelash" yarn, which gives them an unusual feathery, glamorous appearance. "And they're stretchy and durable," McKesson says. The scarves come in fall colors as well as festive holiday tones.

The McKessons at one time traveled to craft shows to sell their creations. Now, however, they want to make the most of their retirement. Their daughter Mary Clare is grown and living in Alexandria, which leaves them with time to pursue their passion: visiting the nation's lighthouses. "We've seen almost all the lighthouses in the U.S. We've been to Canada, Labrador, and Newfoundland, too," the couple says.

The proof of their lighthouse-seeking adventures is evident throughout the McKesson home; their collection of miniature lighthouses can be found in nearly every room. Even the wallpaper in the kitchen has a lighthouse pattern. "We belong to the Chesapeake Lighthouse Society," they say, "and we'll eventually get around to seeing every lighthouse in the country. We're close to it."

BranderBelle cruises through October

Another summer is almost past and the Brandermill Sailing Center has closed for the season. We thank all of you for your patronage and friendship. We are especially thankful for the new sailors who joined us this year. It was a joy to help them learn the ropes and watch their progress through the summer.

Tony Flores and Brandermill Sailing Club members once again donated their time and talents to teaching the art of sailing. Anyone who wants to learn should call Jim Willson at 744-9147 to set sail on a life-long adventure.

Not to be outdone, the captains of the good ship BranderBelle have had a good summer, too. They are looking forward to cruising the lake with you

FROM THE CROW'S NEST



Gil Blake

so please don't delay making your reservations.

For information and booking dates, please call Dena Sindelir at the BCA office at 744-1035x104.

Until next time, fair winds.

until the end of October. Take advantage of the cooler weather and enjoy the beauty of Brandermill in the fall as seen from the deck of the BranderBelle.

We require a week's notice to schedule our captains,

BranderBelle

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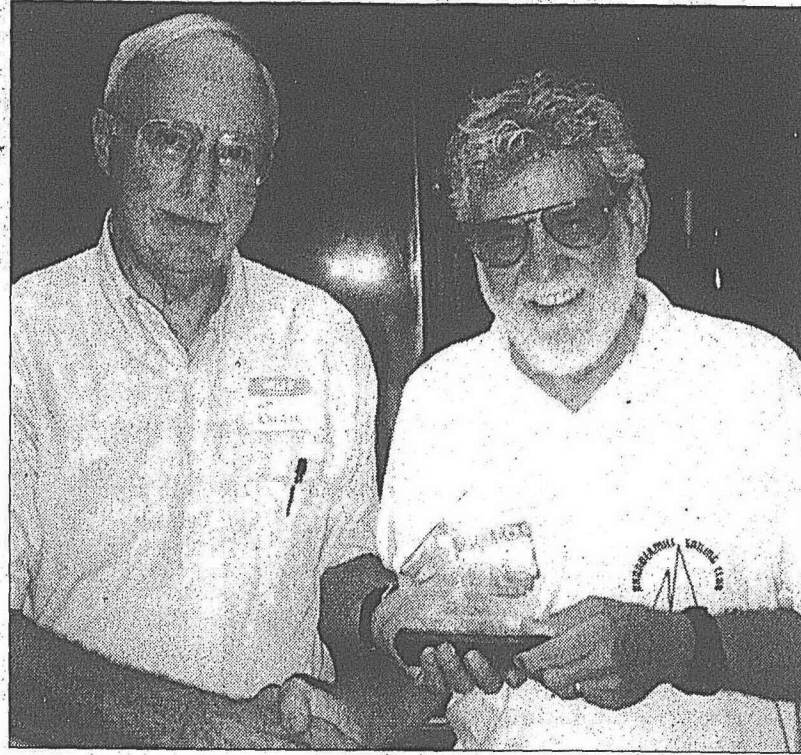


Photo by Barbara Flores

Commodore Jim Willson salutes Tony Flores.

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Barne's Spring	Doug Camp	Planters Woods	Regina Knapp
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Brandermill Wds.	Joan Bernick	Quail Hill	Sy Stein
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Copper Hill	Roger Comes	Regatta Pointe	Elinor Marshall
Cradle Hill	Shalini Upadhyaya	Ridge Creek	Hans Josephsen
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Five Springs	Israel Cavazos	Sagewood	Cheri Sullivan
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Gleneagles	Joan Keenan	Shady Pointe	John Chamberlain
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Harbour Ridge	Theo Collins	Sterling's Bridge	Pat Moldof
Harbour Ridge	Rodger Connelly	Stoney Ridge	Pat Striker
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Litchfield Bluff	Ted Hunt	Thornridge	Susan Dillard
Litchfield Bluff	Beity Waller	Three Bridges	Jack Horning
Long Hill	Elizabeth Bottoms	Timber Ridge	Jean Miller
Long Shadow	Bob Hunt	Turtle Hill	Bernadette Reilly
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BCA Calendar of Events 2003

Sept. 27 Sunday Park	Arts & Crafts Show 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Oct. 22 Harbour Pointe Clubhouse	Newcomers Reception 7 p.m.
Oct. 23 The Gardens Pavilion	Sondheim Musical Revue 7:30 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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Charitable Lions seek new members



New Lions Club members Lois Ellis, at left, and Nancy Greenfield at the annual picnic.

By Larrie Dean
Club Correspondent

The Brandermill-Midlothian-Woodlake Lions Club will host a prospective member picnic at the Harbour Pointe Clubhouse on Thursday, October 9. Any community member interested in helping others through a ser-

vice organization is strongly encouraged to attend. This event will provide an excellent opportunity to meet current club members and learn how Lions carry out their motto of "We Serve." Anyone who would like to attend should call Larrie Dean at 744-3087 or Doug Crist at 379-0038. The Brandermill Lions Club was

chartered in 1978. The men and women of Brandermill and our sister community of Woodlake have enjoyed the camaraderie of good friends while serving others. Members take great pride in having helped establish two activities that assist the deaf and hard of hearing in Central Virginia. The Community Center for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing and the newer Central Virginia Lions Hearing Aid Bank provide hearing aids, sign language classes, a newsletter and numerous other services. Eye examinations and glasses have been provided to school children and others in need. Thousands of eyeglasses have been collected and recycled. Used eye glasses may be dropped off at the BCA office during normal business hours.

Lions Club meetings are a healthy mixture of education and good fellowship. Presentations at the meetings cover a wide range of topics such as the history of Chesterfield County and county planning. Many meetings are devoted to topics associated with the Lions' primary mission of helping individuals with sight and hearing impairments. Members and their guests attend plays at Swift Creek Playhouse, go for cruises on the Annabel Lee, hold golf outings and evenings of bowling and pizza.

"There is something for everyone's interests who wants to participate," says President Doug Crist. "The main thing is to have fun doing it."

Women's League is social and service club

The Chesterfield Women's League, a local service and social club, will hold its first monthly meeting following summer recess at the Bethia United Methodist Church on Wednesday September 17. New members are welcome.

At the meeting a representative from Michaels will demonstrate "Creating Wreaths and Taking the Mystery out of Bow Making."

Founded in 1973 to extend hospitality, fellowship and community awareness to women residents throughout the county, the Chesterfield Women's League meets on the third Wednesday of the month, September through May, at the Bethia United Methodist Church, 10700 Road in Chesterfield from 9:30 a.m. to noon. Babysitting is available at a nominal fee.

Invited speakers regularly discuss subjects of interest to the members and topics can range from money management information to child psychology hints. The club's current social activities include such interest groups as: book discussion, bridge, bunko, sit and stitch, scrapbooking and girls day out.

For additional information, please call Carol Stearns at 739-4365 or Dottie Parker at 639-1936.



From left: Community Services Chairperson Nery Flaux of Harbour Bluff, President Carol Stearns, Ann Chaffins of Jackson-Field 11th House, and Treasurer Heather Venaglia. Club officers present a check for \$2,500 to benefit a home for adolescent women preparing for independent living.

Rotarians help ready kids for school

By Rick Bishop
Club Correspondent

On August 28 The Brandermill Rotary Club, in participation with the YMCA, helped less fortunate area children shop for school supplies and new clothing.

Bright Beginnings, conceived by the YMCA, was established to ease the worries of youngsters who otherwise might be distracted from their work with concerns over not having suitable shoes or the requisite supplies for school.

Rotarians and youngsters met at the Target in Commonwealth Centre to shop for school necessities. The outing, an extremely rewarding experience for the participants, was designed to allow the recipients to choose their own purchases. The shopping spree generally yields for each child: two

new outfits; new underwear and socks; a pair of new shoes; a sweater or jacket; a backpack and school supplies including pens, pencils, paper, and notebooks.

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vision to the spirit and mission of Rotary International. Each year, the Brandermill Rotary Club raises approximately \$30,000 through various fund-raising efforts and 100 percent of those funds are distributed to over 30 different local organizations or deserving programs.

Club members meet for breakfast at the Brandermill Country Club on Thursdays at 7:30 a.m. A presentation is given at 8 a.m., with adjournment at 8:30 a.m.

For more information on the Brandermill Rotary Club, call Fred Norman at 690-1497 or visit www.rotary.org.

NARFE sponsors fund-raising golf tournament

National Association of Retired Federal Employees, Midlothian Chapter 2265, will hold its next meeting at the Brandermill Woods meeting room on Wednesday, September 10 at 9:30 a.m. The guest speaker will be from the Chesterfield Hospice organization.

Golf Tournament
NARFE Chapter 2265 is sponsoring a golf tournament on Friday, October 10 at the Birkdale Golf Club. All proceeds will be donated to Alzheimers Research. Participants are invited to come before noon and stay for an afternoon of golf and a catered cookout afterward. Last year's tournament raised over \$3,000 for the worthwhile cause. The event is not limited to retirees; all are welcome.

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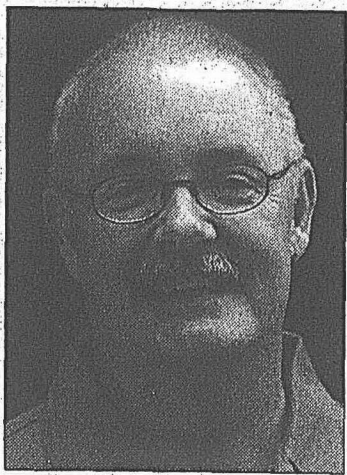
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Clover Hill District candidates run for Chesterfield County Board of Supervisors



Mark Tubbs
Evergreen Subdivision

Resident of Chesterfield County: 25 years
Spouse: Billie B. Tubbs **Family:** Three daughters, ages 19,16 and 13
Current Occupation: Director, Regulatory and Government Policy, Columbia Gas of Virginia
Political Affiliation: Independent
Education: Associate Degree in Science, Eastern Shore Community College - 1973
 Bachelor of Science Degree in Animal Science, VPI & SU - 1975
 Master of Business Administration Degree - Averett University - 1997
Community Service:
 • Member, Deacon, Past member of Board of Deacons and Personnel Committee of Winfree Memorial Baptist Church
 • PTA and PTSA: Past Board Member of Evergreen Elementary School - 5 yrs.
 Midlothian Middle School - 3 years
 Midlothian High School - 6 years
 Past President of Midlothian Middle School - 2 years
 Midlothian High School - 1 year



Art Warren
Bexley Subdivision

Resident of Chesterfield County: 19 years
Spouse: Linda McCubbin Warren **Family:** Three children and two grandchildren
Current Occupation: Manager of Radiological Emergency Response Planning for the Virginia Department of Emergency Management
Political Affiliation: Republican
Education, Degrees and Institutions: Master of Science in Planning, University of Tennessee
 Bachelor of Arts in History, High Point College
Community Service:
 • Member of The Virginia Association of Counties Board of Directors
 • Past chairman of The Richmond Regional Planning District Commission
 • Serves on Congressman Cantor's Homeland Safety and Security Council
 • Represents Chesterfield County on the Virginia Coalition of High Growth Communities
 • Member of the Chesterfield Business Council
 • Past chairman of the Metropolitan Planning Organization.

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Mark Tubbs

What must be done to protect Chesterfield County's drinking water source, Swift Creek Reservoir?

It is absolutely essential to preserve the quality of the reservoir. Our first priority must be to scientifically ascertain the health of the reservoir by measuring such parameters as biodegradable oxygen, nutrient loads (nitrogen and phosphorus), and sedimentation rates. Once the data is collected and analyzed, immediate and specific water quality and land management decisions can be made to achieve the critical goal of protecting our drinking water.

As Clover Hill supervisor, I have worked diligently to protect the reservoir by lowering the density of residential development in the watershed; significantly reducing allowable levels of phosphorus pollutants entering the reservoir; adopting stringent water quality standards; and establishing monitoring stations on reservoir tributaries. I will continue to protect the reservoir.

If state budget constraints continue to limit roadwork, what can Chesterfield County do to alleviate traffic congestion?

Innovative funding mechanisms need to be explored as well as public/private partnerships. Decisions must be made that protect our neighborhoods and expedite traffic flows on our primary roads.

I support requiring high growth areas to address infrastructure before new development is approved. I also support completing the Powhite extension from Genito Road to Route 360 west of the Woodlake Subdivision. This should be a non-toll road built through smart-growth investment strategies.

What can be done to control urban sprawl in Chesterfield County?

The Board of Supervisors current haphazard approach to development only serves to promote sprawl. Continuous critical evaluation of the comprehensive plan, subdivision ordinance, and the establishment of clear, consistent planning processes are the best ways to control sprawl and manage the development process.

I have been proactive in addressing sprawl by working with county officials to develop strategies to protect greenways and conservation areas; discouraging residential development where adequate public facilities do not exist; and phasing the timing of new residential subdivisions.

Who should pay for the infrastructure of new development in Chesterfield County and why?

Our infrastructure has been overwhelmed because of poor planning. We need to ensure good consistent planning so that infrastructure is in place and available before growth occurs. Different infrastructure needs may require different funding mechanisms that include project specific solutions.

I have consistently taken the position that new development must pay for itself. Existing taxpayers should not foot the bill for future residential development nor should existing taxpayers subsidize new development. I also believe infrastructure must be addressed before new development is approved.

How can Chesterfield County ensure sufficient funding for schools and parks?

The county has a self imposed bonding cap of 8.5% of general fund revenues in order to maintain its AAA bond rating. As long as this target is met, the county can meet existing needs and both short and long-term financing requirements without increasing the real estate tax rate.

The county's Triple A bond rating enables us to continue to borrow money at a low rate to build schools and parks at a lower cost than surrounding localities. Bond money will fund: building two new high schools to replace Clover Hill High School; converting CHHS into a middle school; and adding classrooms at Bailey Bridge Middle School.

How can Chesterfield County attract businesses with more high-paying jobs?

Chesterfield must be open for business. The Board of Supervisors must create a climate that welcomes and assists new businesses and encourages existing county businesses to expand. Appropriate commercial development will boost our tax base and ensure that families in Chesterfield continue to live in a first class, low tax community.

Due to a favorable business tax rate, Chesterfield has enjoyed significant job growth. In the past five years alone we have created 13,431 new jobs and 600 new businesses. We will continue to attract new investment by maintaining a competitive business tax rate and effective economic incentives.

What needs to be done to combat illegal drug use in Chesterfield County?

Programs such as D.A.R.E. (Drug Awareness Resistance Education) must be continued in our schools. We also need to make sure that our police force has the resources necessary to keep our schools, neighborhoods and playgrounds drug and violence free.

I will continue to support the funding of programs such as school resource officers who provide a police presence in all middle and high schools. We will continue to establish police precincts throughout the county to provide more visibility and reduced response time. I support the existing educational programs in our schools that encourage parental involvement.

What needs to be done to reduce crime in Chesterfield County?

We need to work with our police department to ensure they have adequate funding. To supplement this effort, we should also encourage programs such as neighborhood watch, the National Night Out and community policing.

Chesterfield has lowest crime rate per capita in the region and the best rate for apprehending criminals. Our court system is strong in putting criminals behind bars. I am committed to working with police officials to lower the crime rate further by providing funds for police training facilities, additional officers, and expanding satellite police precincts.

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Ducks, ditches and disgust

Editor's note: Letters and responses were edited for length.
To the editor:

On a walk with my granddaughter, we noticed a female mallard duck acting strangely. What I did not realize until I got closer was that the duck had not only become entangled in fishing line, but had the hook from the line embedded in its neck. There was at least 40 feet of monofilament line attached to the embedded hook. It was dragging this line through rocks and boat moorings and was finally stopped cold by the tangled mass. I was able to calm the duck and managed to get hold of her, removed the multi-barbed hook, not without spilling a bit of blood, both duck and human, but at last she was free, and will hopefully heal in time.

I'm writing in hopes that you'll alert all of our fishermen to the dangers of snagging an unwanted catch. Accidents happen, but someone knew that they'd caught this duck, and cut the line for it to flounder. A real fisherman respects all of nature and takes care to do no harm to any living things.

We're all lucky to live in a beautiful place. Let's try to take care of it and all of its creatures. If you fish in the lake don't use multi-barbed hooks, they do damage to the fish; and if you do accidentally snag a duck or turtle, don't just cut the line and assume that Mother Nature will take care of the animal. Take responsibility and make it right, somehow, some way.

Bob Huesman
Court Ridge

Editor's note: Thank you, Mr. Huesman, for taking care of one of our Brandermill residents.

To Whom It May Concern:

My husband and I have resided in Brandermill for the past 12 years and thus far have enjoyed living in the community and have been pleased with the maintenance services within Brandermill.

While traveling to work this morning I noticed many areas in Brandermill are holding water in low-lying areas due to the significant rain fall which our area has received.

My concerns are both a health issue as well as visual appeal in Brandermill. With the threat of the West Nile virus may I suggest that the maintenance director and department drive thru Brandermill and perform visual inspections to see what can possibly be done to improve this situation.

Cordially,
Wendy Metallo
Two Notch

Community manager's note: We do clean many of our drainage areas as time permits. I am sure you can appreciate we are dealing with nearly 3,000 acres and with the heavy rainfall, this has been made more difficult to manage. With only nine maintenance personnel we simply do not have the resources to correct many drainage problems. Some of the drainage areas are located in low lying areas and some areas do not belong to the BCTUBBS. We have asked VDOT to do more in cleaning roadsides but it is affected by a lack of resources as we are. We are pressing VDOT and Colonial Pipeline to clean up two specific areas this summer.

Once it stops raining, many of the areas dry up in two or three days. The ones that don't are the ones we need to look into. Many streambeds and ditches that hold water after a storm are not really threats for mosquitoes since they have been routinely flushed out by summer storms which prevent breeding. The standing ponds of water left over several days can become breeding areas. According to county biologist Amy Shelton, the largest threat for mosquito breeding is around the home such as clogged gutters, flower pots and dishes, etc.

Editor's note: this letter was sent to the publisher of The Observer.
To The Observer:

I was again disgusted by your paper's attempt to denigrate Brandermill in your recent article on our pools. The article was filled with half-truths, beginning with the photograph that was taken when there were few members present. North Beach Pool has been well attended this summer, as photographs taken at other times would attest.

This article attempted to apply criteria used for public pools to a membership entity. Brandermill pools are supported by the members who pay annual fees for operation of the pools. We are very pleased that there are not 500 to 600 families per pool. Does Mr. Pearson view overcrowding as a goal for private pools?

Those of us who have worked very hard to save our pools are proud of our accomplishment. Residents volunteered time and effort to bring our pools back to standard. We are proud of the efforts of Community Manager Mike Divita and responsible members of our board, whose leadership has given us three of the finest pools in the areTubbs: North Beach and Harbour Pointe are beautiful settings. Many are not aware that North Beach Pool won a Better Homes and Gardens award as one of the best-designed pools in AmericTubbs: It would have been a tragedy to bury these community assets.

I thank you for pointing out the opposition of Jason Livingston to our efforts to open North Beach Pool. He ran for the board soliciting the support of the near 70 percent of residents who were in favor of saving our pools and then twice voted against opening North Beach Pool. We need to be reminded of this.

Mr. Pearson will be shocked to learn there are many happy Brandermill residents who would not live anywhere else. There is no other community in the Richmond area that offers the natural beauty and wonderful amenities of our fine community.

Dr. Mel Burton
Shallowford Landing

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County classes prepare parents for their job

The Prevention Services Unit of the Chesterfield County Department of mental Health, Mental Retardation and Substance Abuse has scheduled the following parenting classes.

Getting to Know Your Young Child Parents may learn more about the basic needs of young children, newborn through the preschool years. This class will cover learning through play, handling challenging behaviors, child development and parenting a secure and confident child. Eight sessions will be held at the Chesterfield Community Services Board, Rogers Building, on Tuesdays beginning September 16, 6:30 to 8 p.m. The fee is \$50.

Parenting Your young Adolescent, "The Jekyll and Hyde Years" For parents of early adolescents, 10 to 15 years old, this class emphasizes development, effective communication, relationship enhancement, conflict reduction and behavior management. Six sessions will take place at Chesterfield Towne Center on Mondays, beginning October 6, 7 to 9 p.m. The fee is \$55.

Parenting Your Child with ADHD This seven-session course for parents or caregivers of children with ADHD is designed to help parents gain a better understanding of the disorder and learn effective behavior-management techniques. Sessions will be held at Southside Church of the Nazarene on Courthouse Road beginning Tuesday, October 14, 6:30 to 8 p.m. Class will not be held on November 11 and 25. The fee is \$55.

For more information or to register for any of the above classes, please call 768-7204.

Gil Blake serves on emergency response team

By Wendy Parker
Managing Editor

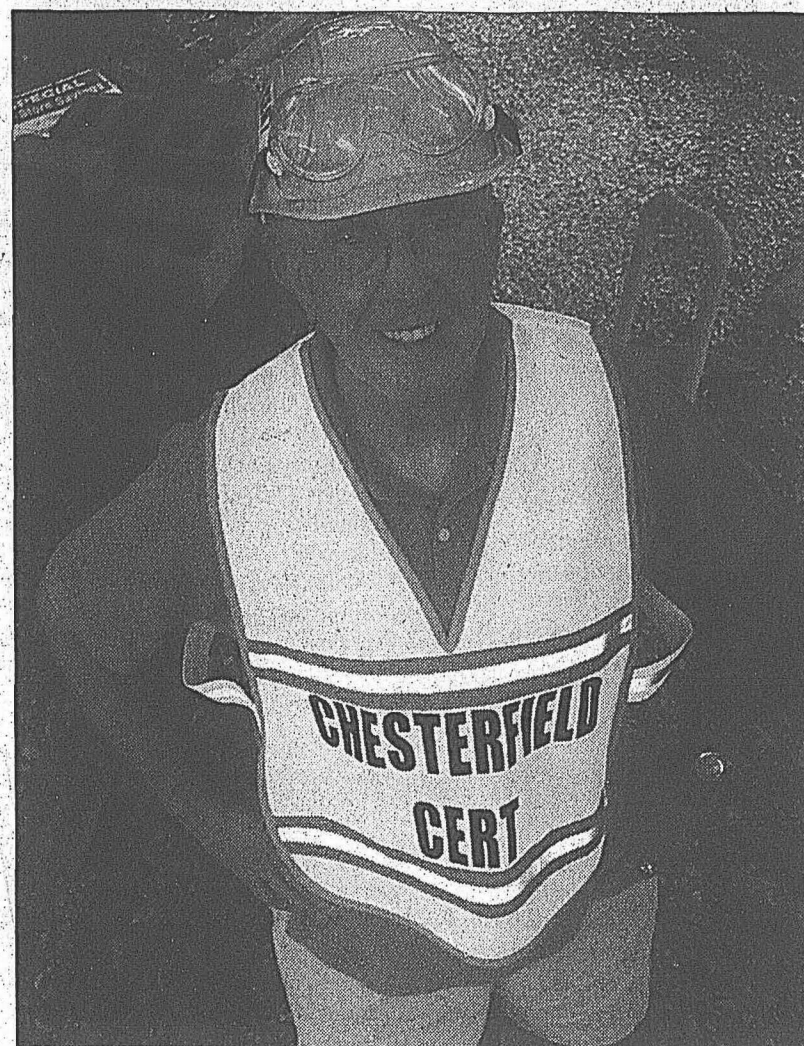
Gil Blake of Commodore Point was among 11 volunteers who graduated in the first class of the Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) under the Chesterfield County Office of Emergency Management on August 16.

The course is designed to train community team members how to provide immediate assistance to their neighborhoods during times of catastrophic disasters. Members of the pilot class were from throughout Chesterfield County including seven participants from Woodlake.

"In a nutshell," Blake says, "we were trained to be the first neighborhood responders in case of a natural or other disaster severe enough to tax the professional emergency response organizations." Training included disaster preparedness and medical operations; light search and rescue operations; disaster psychology; and CERT organization.

"In order for this county-sponsored program to be effective," Blake says, "we will need volunteers from as many neighborhoods as possible. It will be these volunteers who will form emergency teams that will provide the scene survey of damage, perform triage and set up command centers for treatment of victims until professional help arrives." According to Blake, a second class is underway and future training classes will be offered on responding to terrorism.

Those who are interested in forming a response team for their neighborhood should call J. Amy Davis, CERT coordinator with the Chesterfield County Department of Fire and



Gil Blake

Photo by Randi Gollis

EMS, at 768-7409 for information. Davis is available to give presentations to church and civic groups on the CERT program and its goals.

Health fair is September 12

Brandermill Woods will host a mini-health fair at The Healthcare Center at the Chesterfield on Friday, September 12 from 10 Tubbs:m. to noon.

The fair will include booths from various agencies and clubs, including the National Alzheimer's Association Safe Return Program, massage therapists, and home health agencies.

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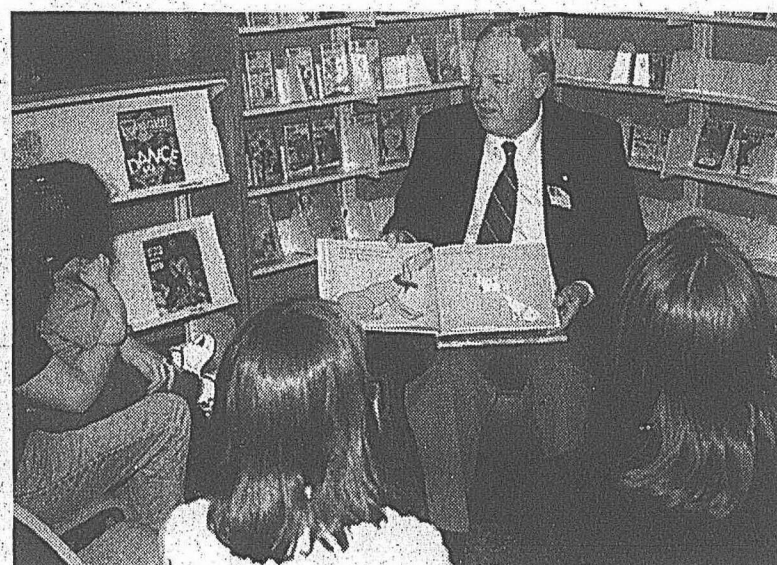
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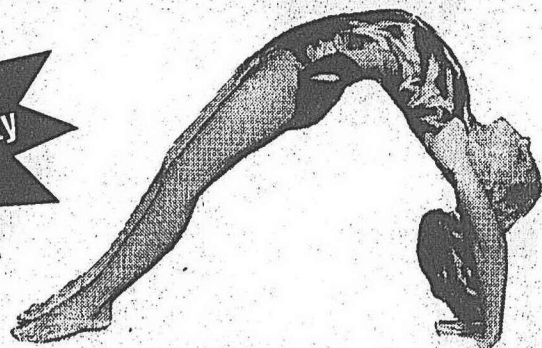
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Carole Haas moves forward from grief

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By Lynda Raines
Copy Editor

Carole Haas of Shallowford Trace is committed to giving back what was so freely given to her—the gift of helping another heal after a devastating loss.

Incomprehensible grief following the sudden death of Haas's husband Bill in October 2002 nearly closed down her own life. "I would walk outside and not remember where my mailbox was," Haas says.

Bill and Carole loved to travel, especially to her ancestral home of Scotland. They were in Scotland in the fall of 2002 when Bill became suddenly and seriously ill. The couple quickly returned home to Richmond, where Bill was diagnosed with the unthinkable: leukemia. "Four weeks later he was gone," Carole says.

Married for 31 years, Bill and Carole made beautiful music together—literally. Both accomplished musicians, they produced a CD, "Reach for Tomorrow," in 1999.

Their music's message is based on their life principles: we need each other; and we need to be part of something greater than ourselves. The CD was a culmination of over 25 years of performing for a variety of religious and community groups. Many of the Haas' performances over the years were charity fund-raising events.

Haas says she made it through the days and weeks immediately following her husband's death because she was surrounded by a "wall of women." Friends and relatives poured into her life, consoling and loving her; there were many phone calls from relatives in Scotland. But the healing process, walking through the frightening tunnel of grief is a long, lonely journey.

Haas says after her family and friends had pulled her through the darkest part of that tunnel she continued to seek help for her all-encompassing grief. "I went to counselors, widows' groups, and doctors, who wanted to give me pills. The main problem I found was that none of them wanted to talk about a sense of direction for my life," Haas says. "They were content to stay in the moment of grief. But I knew that in order to survive I had to have a plan that would let me grow from the grief, not just sit in it." But realizing what she had to do and knowing how to do it, how to move forward, were two different things.

And then she remembered Avalon Center. "I was familiar with Avalon, but I had never needed it because I had Bill," Haas explains. "I was in desperate need of a safe place where I could be completely vulnerable, and Avalon gave me that."

Avalon Center, located in Governor's Square at 9828-E Midlothian Turnpike, serves the needs of the spirit, the mind and the body. It was founded in June 2001 by Chic Katherman. Katherman's and Avalon's philosophy are grounded in ancient knowledge that emphasizes natural, responsible healing. "As a society, we are so stressed and overwrought that we rob ourselves of our creativity," Katherman says. "We are



Carole Haas

Photo by Randi Gollis

a quick-fix society." The services offered at Avalon Center include: acupuncture, chiropractic, hypnotherapy, yoga, psychotherapy and therapeutic counseling. The massage therapy and healing touch services are numerous: from Swedish massage, reflexology, to Reiki.

"Reiki facilitates healing through touch," Katherman explains. "It works by connecting the physical, spiritual and mental—body and soul."

"Our services are for women, men, couples, teens—anyone who wants to improve the quality of their mental, physical, and spiritual life," Katherman adds.

After Haas had become involved with Avalon, she realized it wasn't enough for her to continue to take from it. "I had to give back," she says. "I had grown through the healing process that Avalon gave to me, and I wanted to see what had happened to me happen in others." And so she became a certified crone.

"Crones are crowned women of age," Haas explains. "Crones are associated with wisdom—the wisdom that only comes with age and life experience." In June, Haas conducted a workshop at the center for women over 50, "Celebrating the Crone: Wisdom Speaks".

In the workshop, she encouraged women to find and celebrate their individual voices through discussion, sharing and renewal. "Women of age must begin to realize their inner beauty and strength," Haas says.

Haas believes the power women have to help heal other women is invaluable. With this in mind, she developed a Creative Healing workshop based on her experience in working her way through what felt like insurmountable grief.

Haas credits Avalon Center with helping her find her own strengths and

perpetuate her healing, which she believes is an ongoing process. "Moving forward is the only direction for me to take," she emphasizes. "Right after Bill died, so many of my relatives in Scotland called and reminded me to remember who I was."

"I'm a descendant of Clan Douglas," she says, "and the motto on the Clan Douglas crest reads, 'Forward.'"

For more information about Avalon Center, please call 560-7675 or e-mail Avalon Center at frontdesk@avalonrichmond.com.

CROP Walk is back in Brandermill

By Lorraine Weatherford
Special Correspondent

After a 12-year absence the Chesterfield CROP Walk returns to Brandermill on October 19.

Walkers will take to the Brandermill bike trails for a three-mile hike which begins at the Sunday Park Pavilion at 1:30 p.m.

The Chesterfield CROP Walk is sponsored by Church World Services, an ecumenical, humanitarian aid and relief agency that supports the grassroots, hunger-fighting development efforts of CWS partner agencies in more than 80 countries.

When CROP began in 1947, the name was an acronym for the Christian Rural Overseas Program; its primary mission was to help Midwest farm families to share their grain with hungry neighbors in post-World War II Europe and Asia:

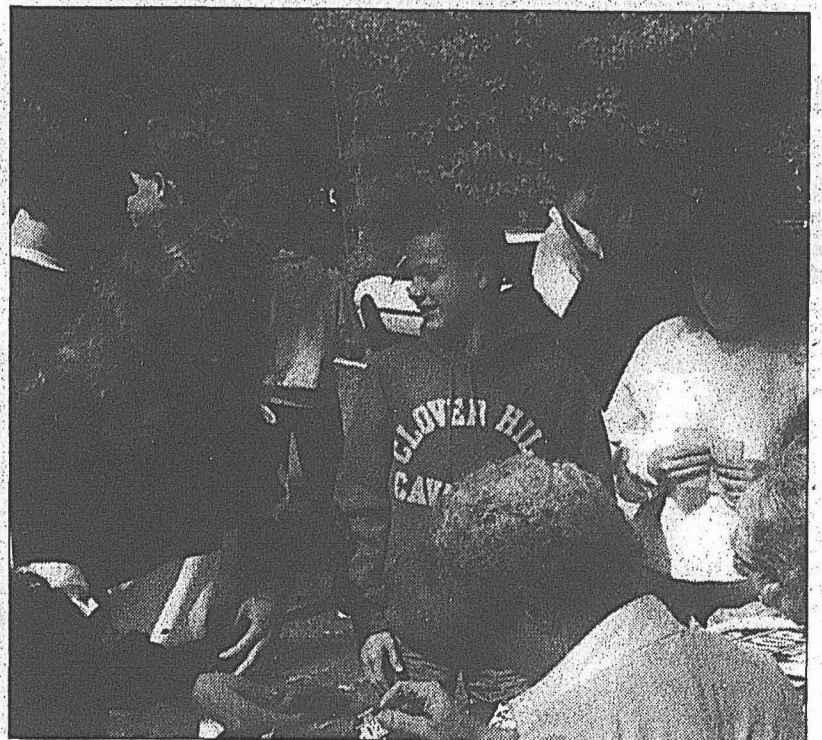
Twenty-five percent of money raised from the Brandermill walk will remain in Richmond helping three agencies: Freedom House, Richmond Friends of the Homeless and Pennies from Heaven.

The CROP Steering Committee members have been recruiting church members, Scout troops, and Indian Guide and Indian Princess groups. The walk is stroller and family friendly.

The committee members hope many Brandermill residents also will support the walk.

Checks payable to CWS/CROP will be collected before the walk and turned in on walk day.

Those who want to walk or make a donation to the CROP Walk should call Lorraine Weatherford at 744-2962 or Angie Craig at 744-0849.



A scene from the past: 12 years ago, lots of walkers sign up for the fund-raising event.



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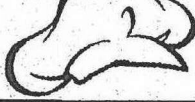
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CHES faculty and students welcome new principal

By Leathle Gibson
School Correspondent

Clover Hill Elementary School is off to a great start this school year. CHES faculty and staff welcomed 780 students for the 2003-2004 school year. Students and parents welcomed some changes and new faces in staffing this year. Amy Boshier was promoted from assistant principal to principal, and Mike Crusco Jr. is the new assistant principal. The new teachers and staff for this year include: Kristin McDonald, fifth-grade; Mary Dean and Naoma Jenkins, exceptional education; Kim Paquette, speech; Debbie Woodward, ECSE; Dorothy Spence, instructional assistant, and Kaye Proctor, cafeteria manager.

Picnic will be at the soccer fields behind the school, on September 12 from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.

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6:30 to 8 p.m.

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September 25

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September 30

CHES NEWS



Band members seek Tag Day donations

The Clover Hill High School Marching Band members will be out in force collecting donations for their annual Tag Day on Saturday, September 13.

Several county high schools have tag days to raise funds for sheet music, instruments, uniforms and competition travel. The CHHS band has two competitions scheduled for October.

Last year the band performed at Disney World in Orlando, Fla., and the previous year traveled to London, England for the Royal New Year's Eve celebration.

All donations to the marching band are greatly appreciated.

CHHS NEWS



CPAs offer financial advice to college students

The Virginia Society of CPAs recommends that parents prepare their college-bound children for the rigors of managing a budget by discussing monetary issues openly and teaching them the basics of personal finance.

To avoid misunderstandings, be up front about which college expenses you will cover and which the child will be expected to pay. Once in agreement, decide on a plan for disbursing the funds.

Monthly payments typically work best. Students given a large lump sum at the beginning of the semester may be tempted to spend the entire amount in the first few months.

Be clear that when the money runs out, unless it is an emergency, you will not cover the shortfall. Otherwise, the child will never learn to live on a budget.

College life is full of opportunities to spend. Encouraging children to develop a budget will help them maintain control of their money and limit spending.

The child should list all sources of monthly income and develop a list of estimated expenses for the same time period.

Realistically identifying living ex-

penses in advance can be tricky. Budgets need to be flexible and can be revised after the first month or two.

Credit card companies aggressively target college students. Discuss the pros and cons of using a credit card. To be on the safe side, have the child use a debit card for everyday expenses and reserve a credit card for true emergencies.

Debit cards offer the convenience of a credit card, but are limited to the amount of money in the student's bank account.

It is usually a good idea for a student to open a checking account in the area where the school is located. Locate a bank that offers free or low-fee checking for students and has several convenient ATM locations. This re-

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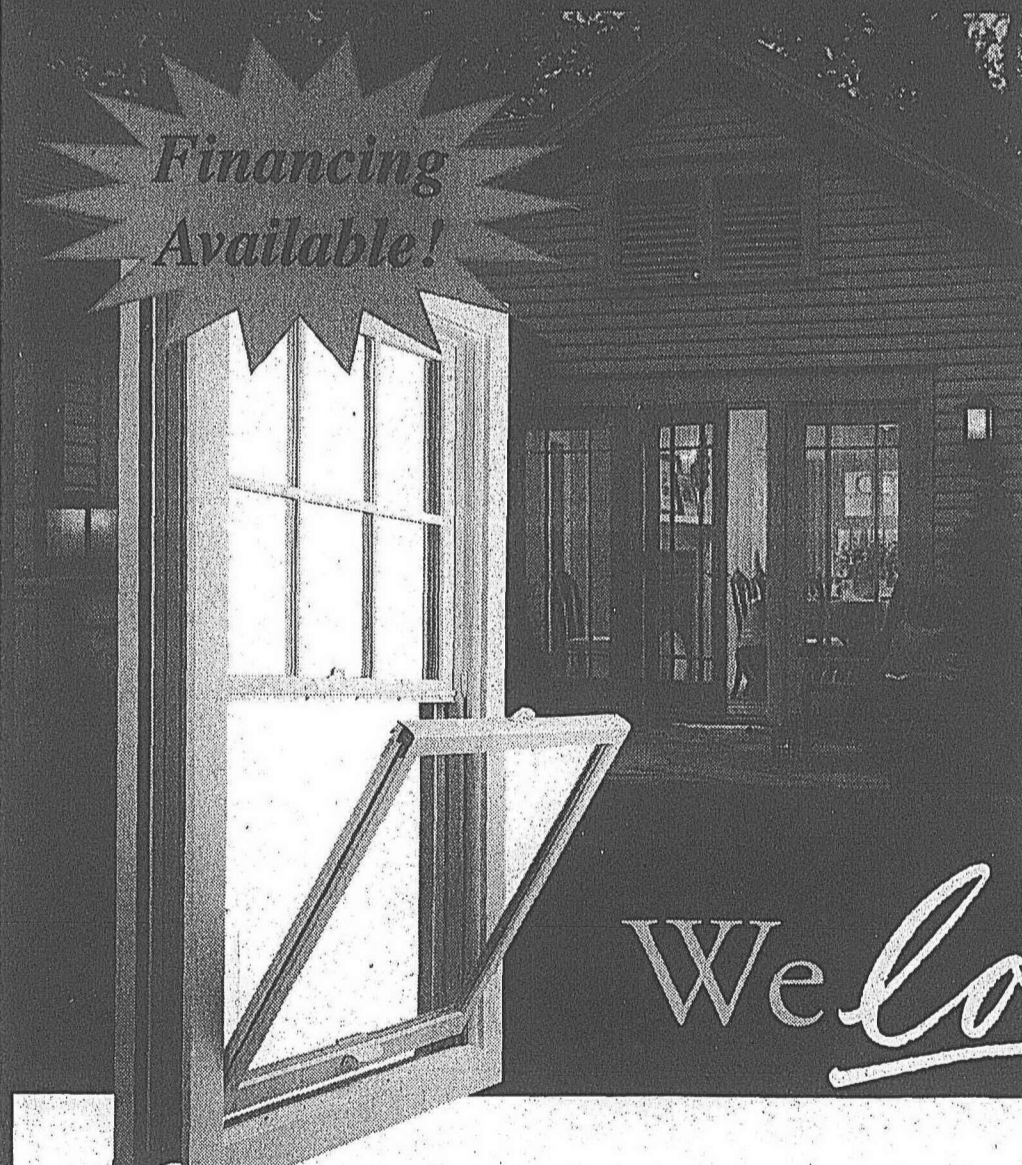
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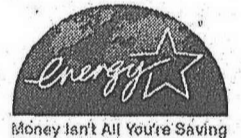


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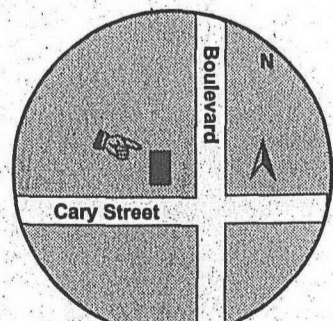
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CHES faculty and students welcome new principal

By Leathie Gibson
School Correspondent

Clover Hill Elementary School is off to a great start this school year. CHES faculty and staff welcomed 780 students for the 2003-2004 school year. Students and parents welcomed some changes and new faces in staffing this year. Amy Boshier was promoted from assistant principal to principal, and Mike Crusco Jr. is the new assistant principal. The new teachers and staff for this year include: Kristin McDonald, fifth-grade; Mary Dean and Naoma Jenkins, exceptional education; Kim Paquette, speech; Debbie Woodward, ECSE; Dorothy Spence, instructional assistant, and Kaye Proctor, cafeteria manager.

CHES Family Back-to-School

CHES NEWS



Picnic will be at the soccer fields behind the school, on September 12 from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.

Back-to-School Nights

6:30 to 8 p.m.

First Grade
September 9

Fifth Grade
September 16

Third Grade
September 17

Fourth Grade
September 23

Second Grade
September 25

Kindergarten
September 30

Band members seek Tag Day donations

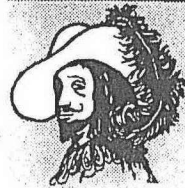
The Clover Hill High School Marching Band members will be out in force collecting donations for their annual Tag Day on Saturday, September 13.

Several county high schools have tag days to raise funds for sheet music, instruments, uniforms and competition travel. The CHHS band has two competitions scheduled for October.

Last year the band performed at Disney World in Orlando, Fla., and the previous year traveled to London, England for the Royal New Year's Eve celebration.

All donations to the marching band are greatly appreciated.

CHHS NEWS



CPAs offer financial advice to college students

The Virginia Society of CPAs recommends that parents prepare their college-bound children for the rigors of managing a budget by discussing monetary issues openly and teaching them the basics of personal finance.

To avoid misunderstandings, be up front about which college expenses you will cover and which the child will be expected to pay. Once in agreement, decide on a plan for disbursing the funds.

Monthly payments typically work best. Students given a large lump sum at the beginning of the semester may be tempted to spend the entire amount in the first few months.

Be clear that when the money runs out, unless it is an emergency, you will not cover the shortfall. Otherwise, the child will never learn to live on a budget.

College life is full of opportunities to spend. Encouraging children to develop a budget will help them maintain control of their money and limit spending.

The child should list all sources of monthly income and develop a list of estimated expenses for the same time period.

Realistically identifying living ex-

penses in advance can be tricky. Budgets need to be flexible and can be revised after the first month or two.

Credit card companies aggressively target college students. Discuss the pros and cons of using a credit card. To be on the safe side, have the child use a debit card for everyday expenses and reserve a credit card for true emergencies.

Debit cards offer the convenience of a credit card, but are limited to the amount of money in the student's bank account.

It is usually a good idea for a student to open a checking account in the area where the school is located. Locate a bank that offers free or low-fee checking for students and has several convenient ATM locations. This re-

duces out-of-network ATM fees.

Finally, every college student should know how to balance a checkbook. It is a tedious job, but it is cheaper than bouncing checks.

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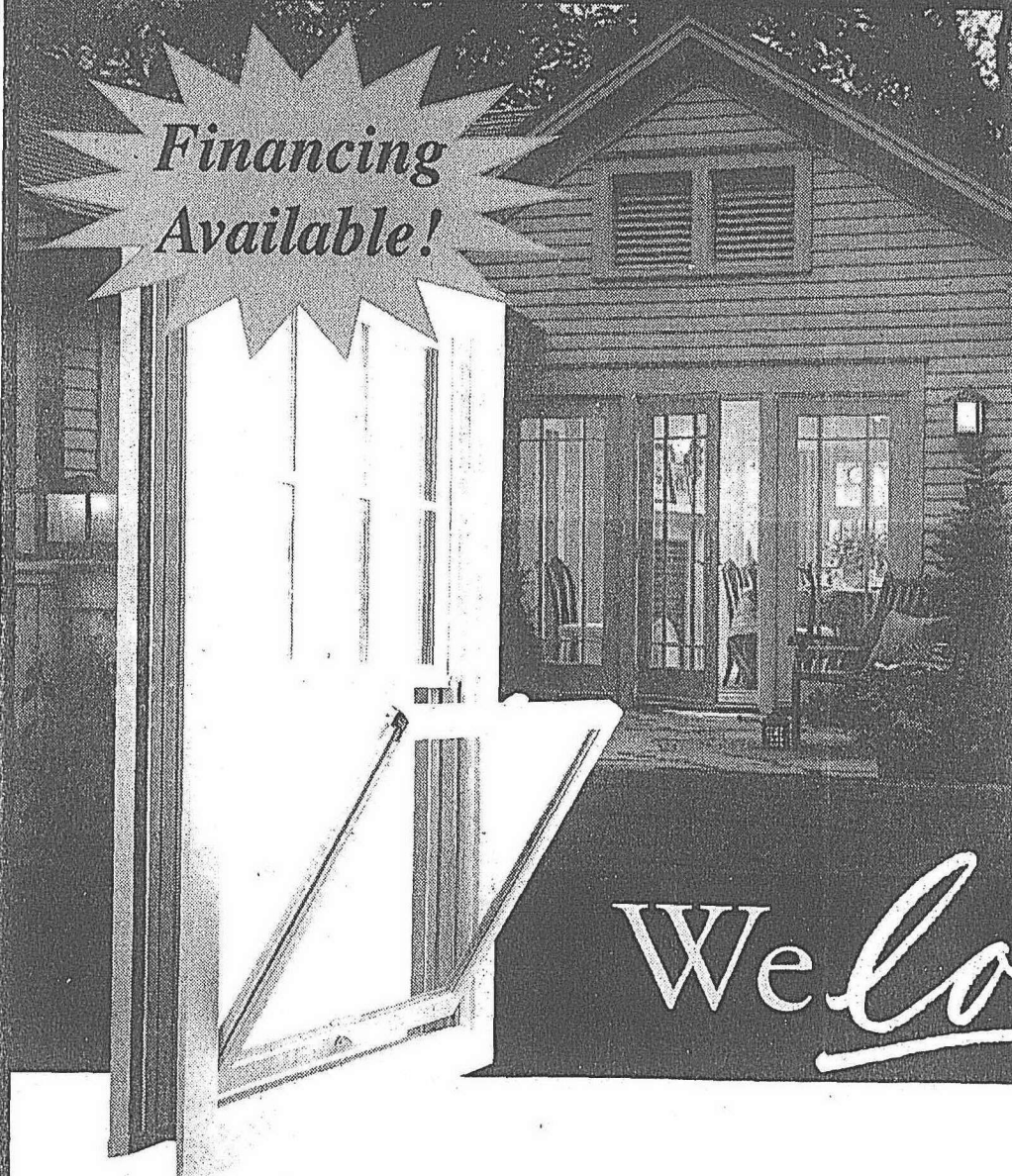
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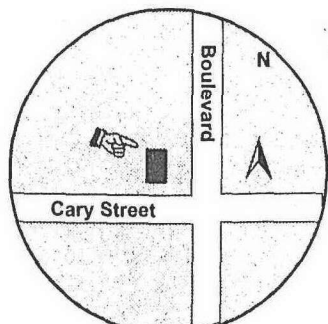
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CHHS students visit Germany



Clover Hill High School students tour a museum in Erlangen, Germany.

By Jim Alberston
Special Correspondent

Several Clover Hill High School students traveled all over Germany from July 12 to August 4 as part of the German-American Partnership Program (GAPP), a cultural exchange between Chesterfield County and Albert Schweitzer Gymnasium School in Erlangen, Germany. Elke Blecher, a German teacher at Swift Creek and Manchester Middle Schools, coordinated the program. The students stayed with host families and became involved with

many of their customs and traditions. While there, CHHS students at-

tended school for several days and participated in presentations on American lifestyles and culture for students at Albert Schweitzer School.

Students also competed in basketball and other athletic events between the

two schools in an atmosphere of sportsmanship and friendship.

The CHHS students went on several guided tours in Erlangen, Nuremberg and Munich visiting museums and learning about German history and culture. They visited Prague in the Czech Republic and stayed overnight in a youth hostel.

Some students had the opportunity to travel to Berlin, the Alps, and northern Italy with their host families.

GAPP students from Erlangen are expected to visit Chesterfield County in March 2004.



Athletic Director seeks Hall of Fame nominations

An Athletic Hall of Fame is being established at Clover Hill High School. According to CHHS Athletic Director Ted Salmon nominations for the hall of fame are being accepted until October 15.

Athletes, coaches or those who have made outstanding contributions to the athletic history at CHHS are eligible for nomination.

A committee consisting of CHHS administrators, active and retired coaches, teachers and community members have established the bylaws and eligibility standards

for nominees. A committee will review the nominations and select individuals for the first inductions into the CHHS Hall of Fame. Inductees will be introduced at the varsity boys basketball game on February 6, 2004.

Nomination forms are available at Clover Hill High School or online at the Clover Hill High School web page at www.chesterfield.k12.va.us/Schools/Clover_Hill_HS.

Athletic foundation seeks young baseball players

Coast to Coast Athletics is recruiting Virginia youth ages 11 to 18 to represent the USA in international baseball competition in Puerto Rico and Australia. Outstanding amateurs, selected nationwide, will compete against international all-star teams during the 2003-2004 winter, spring and summer school breaks.

Coast to Coast Athletics players are managed by a staff of top college coaches and pro scouts who provide participating players with a unique perspective on what it is like to play at the collegiate and professional level.

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Midlothian YMCA will host Rainbow Olympic Games

The Rainbow Olympic Games is a statewide athletic competition for youth between the ages of 7 and 21 with physical and visual disabilities who have a normal level of intelligence.

The games will be held on September 13 and 14. Track and Field events will be held at the Arthur Ashe Center on Saturday from 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Swimming events will take place at the Midlothian YMCA on Coalfield Road on Sunday, from noon to 3 p.m.

The events include the 60-meter run, 200-meter run, and wheelchair slalom. Field events include the standing long jump, softball throw, club throw, and shotput. Swimming events include the 13-meter swim, 25-meter swim, 25-meter backstroke as well as 25-, 50-, and 100-meter freestyle.

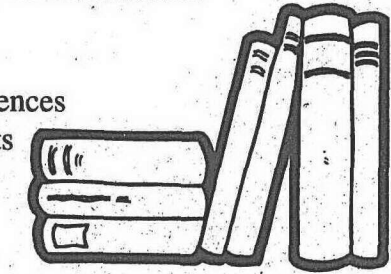
The Rainbow Olympic Games was incorporated as a non-profit organization in 1992. A board of directors governs the organization and a committee of professionals, parents, and interested persons in the metro area plan the games each year.

There is no charge to the athletes or the spectators. Funding comes from businesses, civic organizations and individuals in the community.

Participants may receive registration information by calling 599-5782 or visiting the website at www.rainbowolympicgames.com.

Chesterfield County School Calendar

October
13 Parent/teacher conferences
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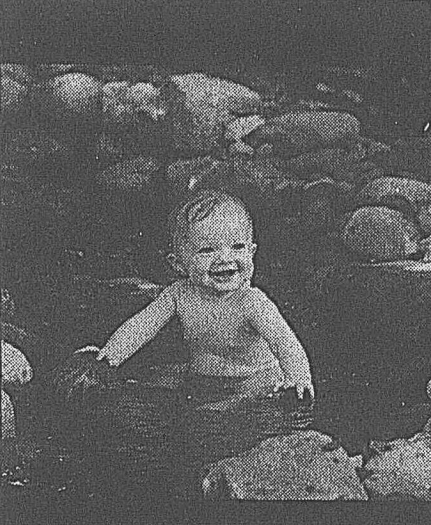
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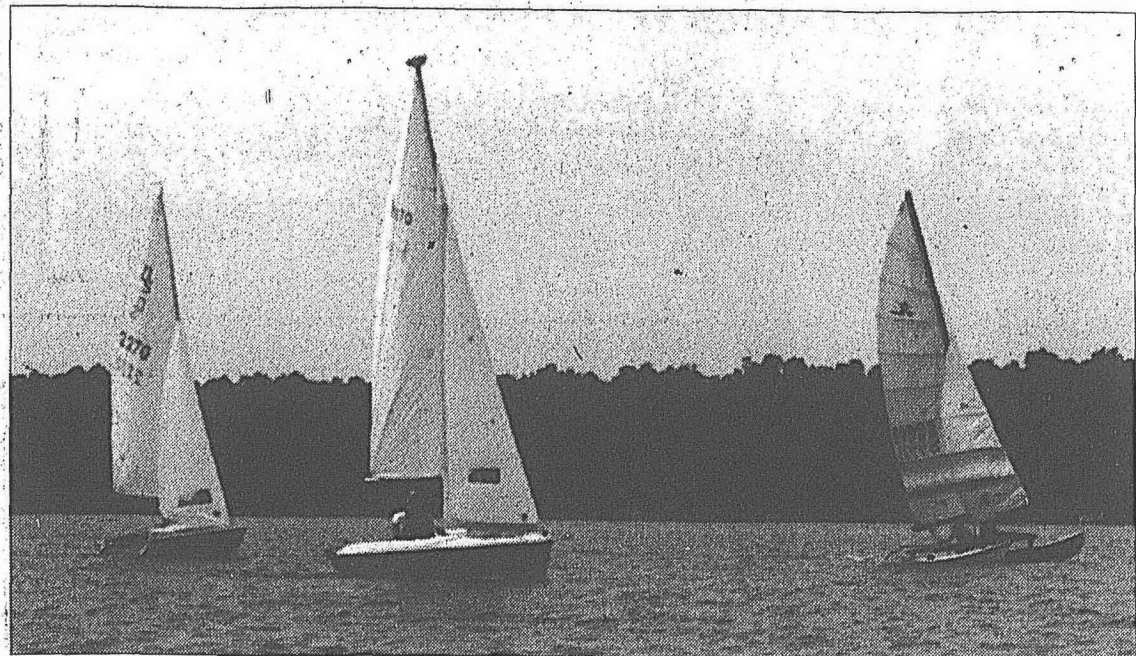
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Sailing Club members schedule fall races



Sailors enjoy friendly rivalry during first racing series.

Photos by Barbara Flores

By Barbara Flores
Club Correspondent

The Brandermill Sailing Club held its annual picnic and summer membership meeting at the home of Ron and Reggie Doering on August 9. At the meeting racing trophies were awarded to the three winning sailors of the first racing series:

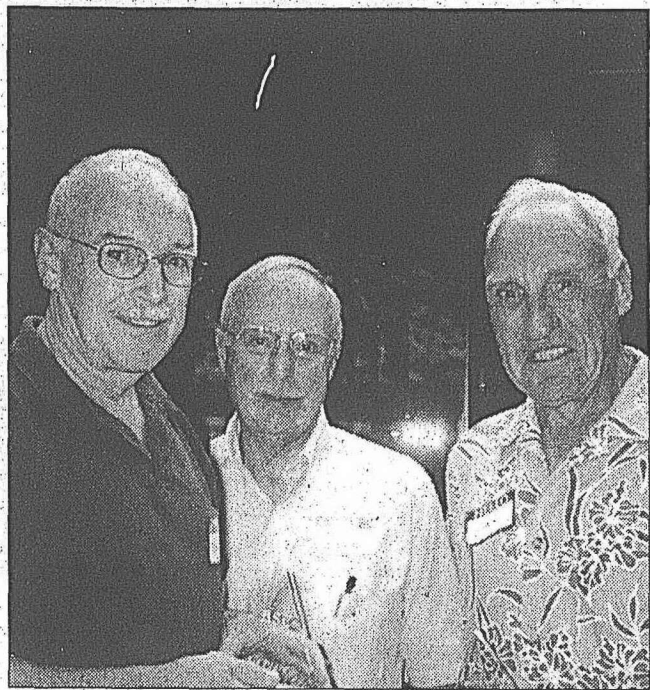
Preston Cooper, first place; Miguel Chucca, second place; and Ron Doering, third place.

A special recognition award was presented to Tony Flores for his contributions to the club and to the community through his sailing classes.

The second racing series has started and will end in October. The Commodore's Picnic is scheduled for October 20 and a Frostbite Regatta and Chili Cook-off are scheduled for October 18 and 19.

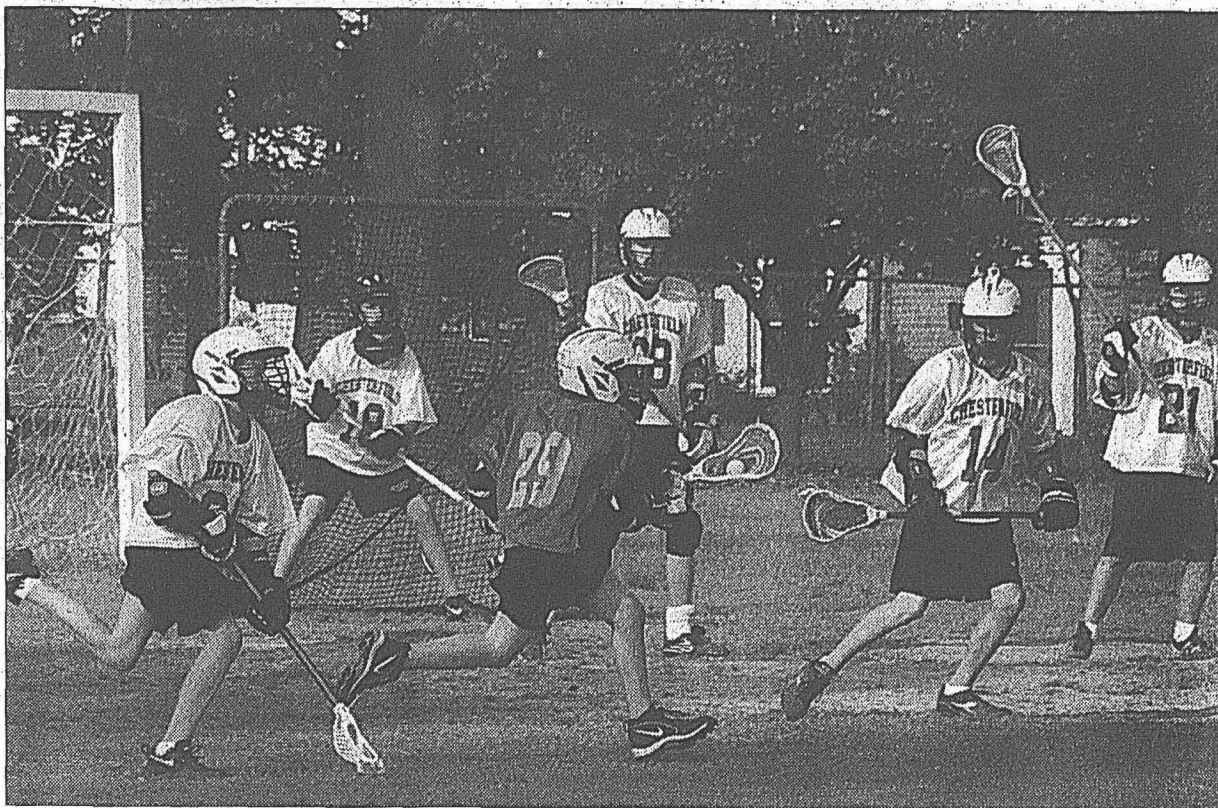
It is not necessary to own a boat to be a member of the Brandermill Sailing Club. Dues are minimal and socials are many.

For information or to join the club, call Membership Chairman Buddy Whitfield at 744-5814 or Commodore Jim Willson at 744-9147.



Commodore Jim Willson is flanked by winners of the first racing series: Preston Cooper, first place; and Ron Doering, third place. Not pictured is second place winner Miguel Chucca.

Chesterfield Lacrosse Club selects All-Star Team



Chesterfield Lacrosse Club

By K. G. Braun
Special Correspondent

Chesterfield Lacrosse Club along with Chesterfield County Parks and Recreation have expanded the middle school lacrosse program.

Six middle school boys lacrosse teams representing 158 players from Swift Creek, Midlothian, Robious, Manchester, Bailey Bridge, Carver, Providence, Salem Church and Chester Middle Schools recently challenged each other to matches this spring. This has created an excellent feeder system of high school lacrosse players.

The teams also competed against Hampton Roads Lacrosse Club, the West End Middle School Lacrosse Club, Liberty Middle and Chickahominy Middle Schools and area private schools including St. Christopher's, Collegiate and The Steward School.

Several select teams will be traveling to Baltimore Md., Pikesville, Md. and Greensboro, N.C. for tournament games.

Selected to the East All Star Team are Swift Creek Middle School stu-

dents Will Rigenbach and Brent Beswick — defense, Eric Early and Kyle Boldizar — midfield, and J.P. Schaedel, Brian Pearce and Logan Moore — attack. Neal Flatt and Jeff Godsey coach the team.

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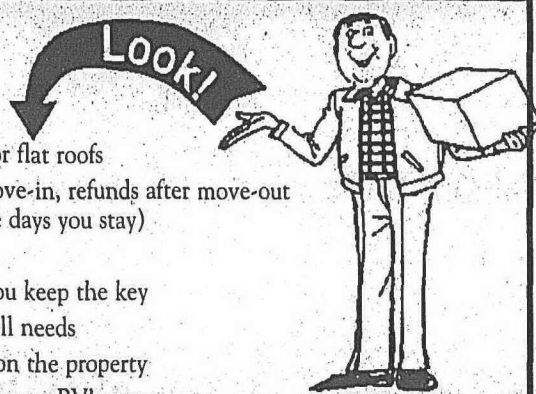
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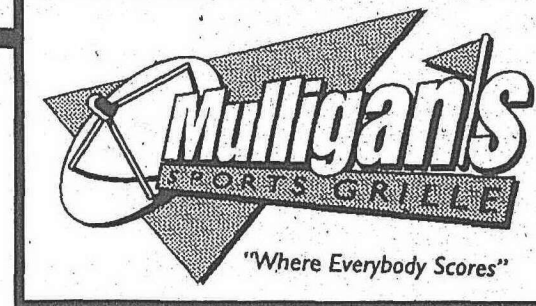
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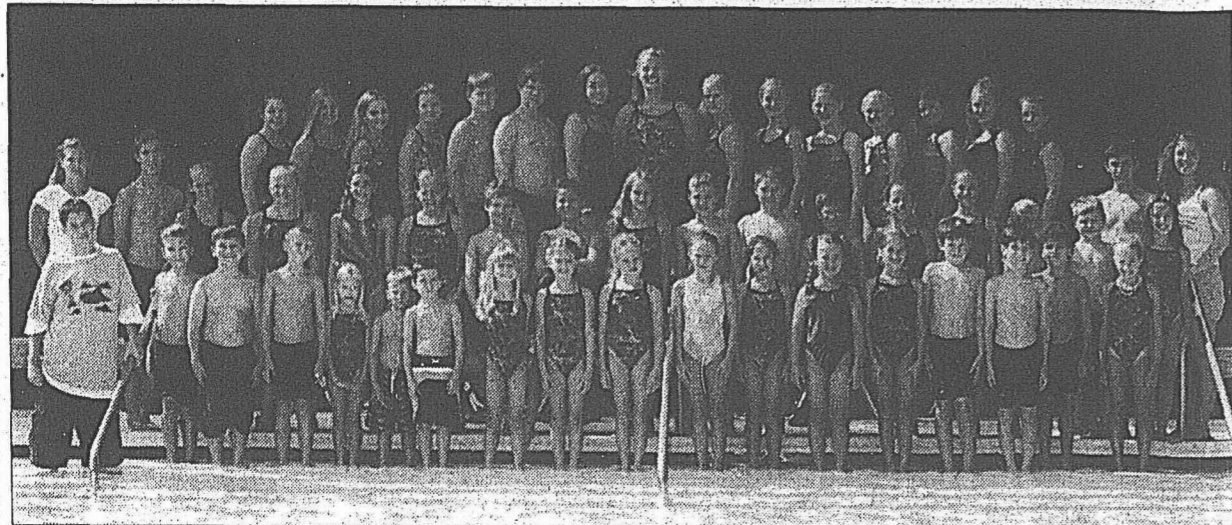
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Brandermill Swim Team wins Division C



2003 Brandermill Swim Team

The Brandermill Swim Team finished its regular season 6-0. Its placement at the championship meet entitles the Makos a place in Division B next summer.

Swim team members in alphabetical order, are: Erin Bollinger, Ashley Bottoms, Hunter Bottoms, Jonathan Bottoms, Jonathan Braun, Jordan Braun, Spence Brennan, Courtney Burkholder, Louis Campbell, Megan Campbell, Matthew Cavazos, Nicole Cavazos, Megan Cifers, Chanel Dennis, Laura Downing, McKinley Duffer, Jessica Emery, Emily Ernst, Lauren Ernst, Sara Ernst, Megan Glass, Alex Gooch, Kelly Gooch, Claire Goode, Julia Goode, Jason Hall, Katie Hall, Lindsey Hamlin, Zachary Hamlin, Melissa Heide, Michael Herbert, Madison Herbert, Shannon Herbert, Fegan Hewitt, Casey Hollman, Heather Jaszewski, Colin Joyce, Dillan Joyce, J.R. Joyce, Justin Joyce, Kerry Jussen, Katie Kill-pack, Brent Kohler, Gena Kohler, Alexandra Kosakowski, Laurent Kosakowski, Sam Labbate, Ashley Lindsey, Alex Lombardi, Lucas Lombardi, Spenser Love, Erin Luhmann, Sean Luhmann, Ashley Martin, Ethan Martin, Ryan Martin, Rebecca McDevitt, Brylee McFadden, Megan McGrath, Mary Kate McLenagan, Eleanor Mills, Olivia Mills, Eric Most, Erin Nantz,

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BCA President Ed Moldof congratulates Stephen Savarie and members of the Brandermill Swim Team for a successful season.

CLOVER HILL HIGH SCHOOL 2003 FALL SPORTS SCHEDULES

Cross Country

Meets begin at 3:30 p.m.
9-10 Midlothian H
9-17 Monacan A
9-24 Huguenot/GW H
10-1 Manchester A
10-8 James River H

Field Hockey

JV games follow varsity
* JV plays before varsity
** Varsity only
9-10 Monacan A 4 p.m.
9-12 Hopewell** A 4 p.m.
9-15 Thomas Dale H 4 p.m.
9-17 Manchester A 4 p.m.
9-20 JV tourn @ Midlo A TBA
9-22 James River H 4 p.m.
9-24 L.C. Bird A 4:30 p.m.
10-1 Midlothian* A 5:30 p.m.
10-7 Maggie Walker H 4:30 p.m.
10-8 Monacan H 4 p.m.

Varsity Football

Games begin at 7:30 p.m.
*Homecoming
9-12 Thomas Dale H
9-19 Hopewell H
9-25 Manchester A
10-3 Midlothian H
10-10 Huguenot A

Girls Volleyball

Games begin at 5:45 p.m.
* 6 p.m.
** 7 p.m.
9-11 Miles Godwin* A
9-15 Hermitage H
9-16 Geo. Wythe vs. JV** H
9-17 Midlothian H
9-23 Monacan A
9-24 Huguenot vs Varsity** A
9-30 Manchester A
10-2 James River H
10-7 L.C. Bird A
10-9 Geo. Wythe vs JV** A

Boys Volleyball

Games begin at 5:45 p.m.
* 6 p.m.
** 7 p.m.
9-11 Mills Godwin H
9-15 Hermitage* A
9-16 Geo. Wythe vs JV H
9-18 Midlothian A
9-23 Monacan H
9-24 Huguenot vs Varsity A
9-30 Manchester vs Varsity H
10-2 James River A
10-7 L.C. Bird H
10-9 Geo. Wythe vs JV A

Girls Tennis

Meets begin at 3 p.m.
9-16 Midlothian A
9-18 Monacan H
9-23 Huguenot A
9-25 Manchester H
9-30 James River A
10-2 L.C. Bird H

JV & Freshman Football

JV games begin at 7 p.m.
Freshman games begin at 5:15 p.m.
*Freshman 5 p.m.
9-10 Thomas Dale* A
9-17 Hopewell* A
9-24 Manchester H
10-2 Midlothian A
10-9 Huguenot H

Golf

Matches are at 3:30 p.m.
9-11 Monacan at Brandermill 9-23 James River at TBA
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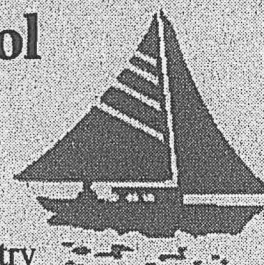
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Boys Soccer

9-23 Bailey Bridge Home
9-25 Carver Away
10-2 Providence Away
10-7 Matoaca Home
10-9 Midlothian Home
10-14 Chester Home
10-16 Manchester Away
10-21 Robious Home
10-23 Salem Away
10-28 Falling Creek Away

Cross Country

9-24 Midlothian Home
10-1 Providence Away
10-8 Robious Away
10-15 Bailey Bridge Home
10-22 Manchester Away



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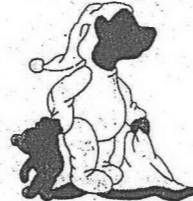
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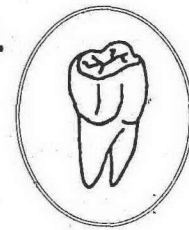
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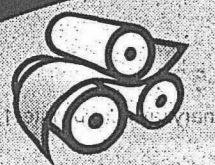
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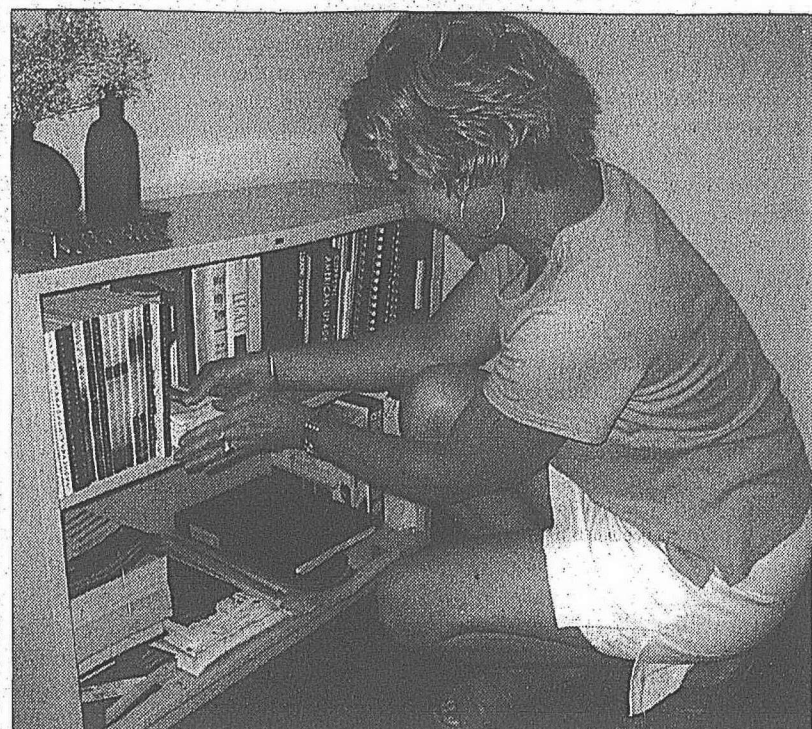
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The Goddess of All Trades reorganizes and redecorates



Paula Cross assists with office organization.

Photos by Wendy Parker

By Lynda Raines
Copy Editor

Paula Cross wants to help you organize your home or business. Cross, who lives in Huntgate Woods, says her own need for organization and clutter management is how her business The Goddess of All Trades was born. "I took a negative and made it a positive," Cross says. "I was frustrated with my own disorganization."

Cross offers home organization services, interior painting, home redecorating and landscape redecorating. And the best part, she says, is that she uses what a client already has in order to give the home or yard a new look. "It's a matter of reseeing, or 'rethinking,'" Cross says. "The idea is for me to go into a home and redesign a room, or several rooms. It's more a matter of refreshing what the client likes best about their home."

Cross, who has studied interior design and has a contractor's license, takes into consideration her clients' lifestyle and pays attention to the important aspects of it—including children and pets.

"Sometimes the best way to redesign a room is by painting the room or changing a window treatment," Cross says. "I start by putting the design I have in mind for the room on paper and then the actual moving about of furniture begins."

Cross and her husband Mickey



Paula Cross

have moved 11 times in 25 years, and she says she always looked at a move as an opportunity, often a chance to clear the clutter.

"I like to tell my clients that clearing the clutter, making a peaceful space helps me function," Cross says.

The landscape redecorating side of The Goddess of All Trades uses the same principles. "I use plants and greenery such as ivy that are already present in the client's yard," Cross explains. Usually the only purchase I'll make is fresh mulch." The landscape redecorating, like the interior work, benefits from Cross's ability to envision a design that takes aesthetics and practicality into consideration. Cross will also maintain the landscape redecoration. "I'm getting my husband Mickey involved in that end of it," she says.

"Client service is my goal," Cross emphasizes. "It's important for me to find that comfort zone for my clients."

For more information, please call The Goddess of All Trades at 763-4573 or e-mail Paula Cross at goddessofalltrades@comcast.net.

Midlosearch.com features family-friendly site

By Wendy Parker
Managing Editor

Looking for something in Midlothian? If you have a computer, you can find just about anything on midlosearch.com. Webmaster Greg Kusterbeck of Long Shadow says midlosearch.com was borne on a whim—and out of a bit of frustration. Three years ago, after Kusterbeck had trouble finding a florist in the area, he decided to launch a search engine featuring Midlothian services, businesses and points of interest.

While working a 40-hour week as production manager at Sign-A-Rama in Market Square, Kusterbeck put in another 40 hours a week developing the new website. Today, visitors can log onto midlosearch.com and locate in the Midlothian area almost anything from A to Z—from "ad agencies" to "Zen stuff."

Kusterbeck recently recruited Matt Smith, also of Long Shadow, to handle sales and marketing while he continues to concentrate on programming. Smith says he accepts local and national advertising as well as free listings. He also promises there will be no adult content or inappropriate advertising on the site. "We want families to use it," Smith says.

As the site grows, Kusterbeck has plans to add picture classifieds and digital flyers. In addition, he offers assistance to businesses that don't have a website.



Long Shadow residents Greg Kusterbeck and Matt Smith

Photo by Wendy Parker

Long-time friends, Kusterbeck and Smith both graduated from Clover Hill High School.

Kusterbeck earned a bachelor's degree in psychology from Virginia Commonwealth University. An avid musician, Kusterbeck has played bass and drums for a number of bands. In

the late 1990s, he began doing artwork and writing web sites for bands. His interest in computers and graphics led him to Sign-A-Rama in 1997.

Smith graduated from DeVry Institute of Technology. He has an extensive background in sales, particularly in the field of information technology.

Both Smith and Kusterbeck remain enthusiastic about the 3-year-old website. While they make finding information of local interest on the web only a click away, they look forward to seeing a million hits on their site.

"We are here to stay," says Kusterbeck.

CAREER TRACKS

Helen Thompson, certified nursing assistant at The Health Care Center at Brandermill Woods, has been named recipient of the 2003 Certified Nursing Assistant of the Year Award by the Virginia Health Care Association (VHCA). The association recognized her 14 years



Thompson

of dedication and creative service to the residents of The Health Care Center at Brandermill Woods.

Thompson has successfully navigated the many changes in health care over the years for the betterment of residents. She was nominated by those who know her work well and was selected by a panel of distinguished healthcare providers. Presentation of the award will be made before an audience of 300 people at the VHCA Annual Awards Banquet at the Richmond Marriott on September 17.

Trilby Photography is now open in Market Square. Specializing in bridal; executive and business; and family and children's photography, Trilby also offers creative senior portraits. The owner of the studio is photographer George Hatchell. Portrait sittings are by appointment. The studio telephone number is 744-0400.

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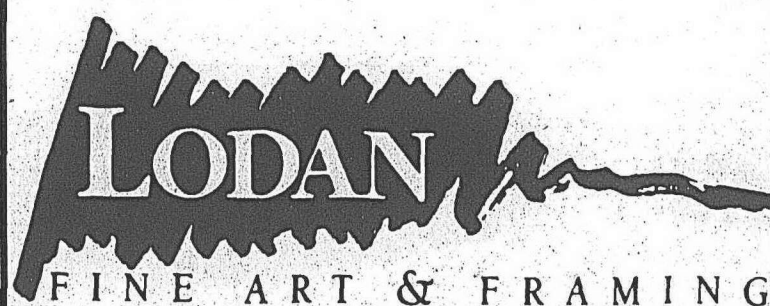
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Brandermill Swim Team wins Division C



2003 Brandermill Swim Team

The Brandermill Swim Team finished its regular season 6-0. Its placement at the championship meet entitles the Makos a place in Division B next summer.

Swim team members in alphabetical order are: Erin Bollinger, Ashley Bottoms, Hunter Bottoms, Jonathan Bottoms, Jonathan Braun, Jordan Braun, Spence Brennan, Courtney Burkholder, Louis Campbell, Megan Campbell, Matthew Cavazos, Nicole Cavazos, Megan Cifers, Chanel Dennis, Laura Downing, McKinley Duffer, Jessica Emery, Emily Ernst, Lauren Ernst, Sara Ernst, Megan Glass, Alex Gooch, Kelly Gooch, Claire Goode, Julia Goode, Jason Hall, Katie Hall, Lindsey Hamlin, Zachary Hamlin, Melissa Heide, Michael Herbert, Madison Herbert, Shannon Herbert, Fegan Hewitt, Casey Hollman, Heather Jaszewski, Colin Joyce, Dillon Joyce, J.R. Joyce, Justin Joyce, Kerry Jussen, Katie Kill-pack, Brent Kohler, Gena Kohler, Alexandra Kosakowski, Laurent Kosakowski, Sam Labbate, Ashley Lindsey, Alex Lombardi, Lucas Lombardi, Spenser Love, Erin Luhmann, Sean Luhmann, Ashley Martin, Ethan Martin, Ryan Martin, Rebecca McDevitt, Bryce McFadden, Megan McGrath, Mary Kate McLenagan, Eleanor Mills, Olivia Mills, Eric Most, Erin Nantz,

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BCA President Ed Moldof congratulates Stephen Savarie and members of the Brandermill Swim Team for a successful season.

CLOVER HILL HIGH SCHOOL 2003 FALL SPORTS SCHEDULES

Cross Country

Meets begin at 3:30 p.m.
9-10 Midlothian H
9-17 Monacan A
9-24 Huguenot/GW H
10-1 Manchester A
10-8 James River H

Field Hockey

JV games follow varsity
* JV plays before varsity
** Varsity only
9-10 Monacan A 4 p.m.
9-12 Hopewell** A 4 p.m.
9-15 Thomas Dale H 4 p.m.
9-17 Manchester A 4 p.m.
9-20 JV tourn @ Midlo A TBA
9-22 James River H 4 p.m.
9-24 L.C. Bird A 4:30 p.m.
10-1 Midlothian* A 5:30 p.m.
10-7 Maggie Walker H 4:30 p.m.
10-8 Monacan H 4 p.m.

Varsity Football

Games begin at 7:30 p.m.
*Homecoming
9-12 Thomas Dale H
9-19 Hopewell H
9-25 Manchester A
10-3 Midlothian H
10-10 Huguenot A

Girls Volleyball

Games begin at 5:45 p.m.
* 6 p.m.
** 7 p.m.
9-11 Miles Godwin* A
9-15 Hermitage H
9-16 Geo.Wythe vs. JV** H
9-17 Midlothian H
9-23 Monacan A
9-24 Huguenot vs Varsity** A
9-30 Manchester A
10-2 James River H
10-7 L.C. Bird A
10-9 Geo.Wythe vs JV** A

Boys Volleyball

Games begin at 5:45 p.m.
* 6 p.m.
** 7 p.m.
9-11 Mills Godwin H
9-15 Hermitage* A
9-16 Geo Wythe vs JV H
9-18 Midlothian A
9-23 Monacan H
9-24 Huguenot vs Varsity A
9-30 Manchester vs Varsity H
10-2 James River A
10-7 L.C. Bird H
10-9 Geo.Wythe vs JV A

Girls Tennis

Meets begin at 3 p.m.
9-16 Midlothian A
9-18 Monacan H
9-23 Huguenot A
9-25 Manchester H
9-30 James River A
10-2 L.C. Bird H

JV & Freshman Football

JV games begin at 7 p.m.
Freshman games begin at 5:15 p.m.
*Freshman 5 p.m.
9-10 Thomas Dale* A
9-17 Hopewell* A
9-24 Manchester H
10-2 Midlothian A
10-9 Huguenot H

Golf

Matches are at 3:30 p.m.
9-11 Monacan at Brandermill
9-18 Manchester at Birkdale
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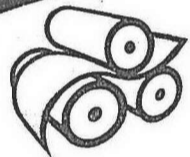
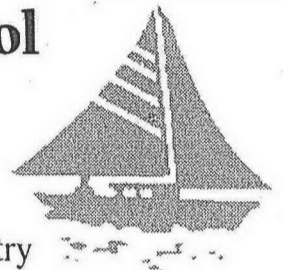
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Boys Soccer

9-23 Bailey Bridge Home
9-25 Carver Away
10-2 Providence Away
10-7 Matoaca Home
10-9 Midlothian Home
10-14 Chester Home
10-16 Manchester Away
10-21 Robious Home
10-23 Salem Away
10-28 Falling Creek Away

Cross Country

9-24 Midlothian Home
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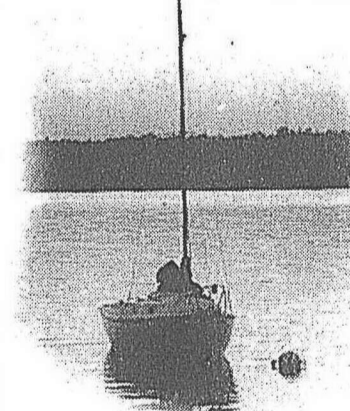
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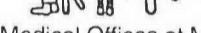
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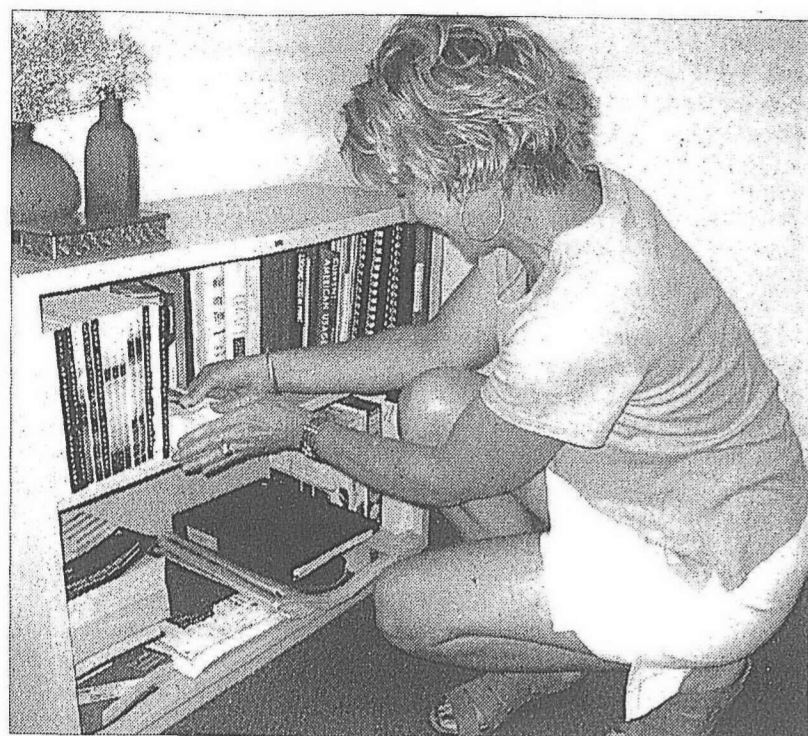
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Paula Cross wants to help you organize your home or business. Cross, who lives in Huntgate Woods, says her own need for organization and clutter management is how her business The Goddess of All Trades was born. "I took a negative and made it a positive," Cross says. "I was frustrated with my own disorganization."

Cross offers home organization services, interior painting, home redecorating and landscape redecorating. And the best part, she says, is that she uses what a client already has in order to give the home or yard a new look. "It's a matter of reseeing, or 'rethinking,'" Cross says. "The idea is for me to go into a home and redesign a room, or several rooms. It's more a matter of refreshing what the client likes best about their home."

Cross, who has studied interior design and has a contractor's license, takes into consideration her clients' lifestyle and pays attention to the important aspects of it—including children and pets.

"Sometimes the best way to redesign a room is by painting the room or changing a window treatment," Cross says. "I start by putting the design I have in mind for the room on paper and then the actual moving about of furniture begins."

Cross and her husband Mickey



Paula Cross

have moved 11 times in 25 years, and she says she always looked at a move as an opportunity, often a chance to clear the clutter.

"I like to tell my clients that clearing the clutter, making a peaceful space helps me function," Cross says.

The landscape redecorating side of The Goddess of All Trades uses the same principles. "I use plants and greenery such as ivy that are already present in the client's yard," Cross explains. Usually the only purchase I'll make is fresh mulch." The landscape redecorating, like the interior work, benefits from Cross's ability to envision a design that takes aesthetics and practicality into consideration. Cross will also maintain the landscape redecoration. "I'm getting my husband Mickey involved in that end of it," she says.

"Client service is my goal," Cross emphasizes. "It's important for me to find that comfort zone for my clients."

For more information, please call The Goddess of All Trades at 763-4573 or e-mail Paula Cross at goddessoffalltrades@comcast.net.

Midlosearch.com features family-friendly site

By Wendy Parker
Managing Editor

Looking for something in Midlothian? If you have a computer, you can find just about anything on midlosearch.com. Webmaster Greg Kusterbeck of Long Shadow says midlosearch.com was borne on a whim—and out of a bit of frustration. Three years ago, after Kusterbeck had trouble finding a florist in the area, he decided to launch a search engine featuring Midlothian services, businesses and points of interest.

While working a 40-hour week as production manager at Sign-A-Rama in Market Square, Kusterbeck put in another 40 hours a week developing the new website. Today, visitors can log onto midlosearch.com and locate in the Midlothian area almost anything from A to Z—from "ad agencies" to "Zen stuff."

Kusterbeck recently recruited Matt Smith, also of Long Shadow, to handle sales and marketing while he concentrates on programming. Smith says he accepts local and national advertising as well as free listings. He also promises there will be no adult content or inappropriate advertising on the site. "We want families to use it," Smith says.

As the site grows, Kusterbeck has plans to add picture classifieds and digital flyers. In addition, he offers assistance to businesses that don't have a website.



Long Shadow residents Greg Kusterbeck and Matt Smith

Photo by Wendy Parker

Long-time friends, Kusterbeck and Smith both graduated from Clover Hill High School.

Kusterbeck earned a bachelor's degree in psychology from Virginia Commonwealth University. An avid musician, Kusterbeck has played bass and drums for a number of bands. In

the late 1990s, he began doing artwork and writing web sites for bands. His interest in computers and graphics led him to Sign-A-Rama in 1997.

Smith graduated from DeVry Institute of Technology. He has an extensive background in sales, particularly in the field of information technology.

Both Smith and Kusterbeck remain enthusiastic about the 3-year-old website. While they make finding information of local interest on the web only a click away, they look forward to seeing a million hits on their site.

"We are here to stay," says Kusterbeck.

CAREER TRACKS

Helen Thompson, certified nursing assistant at The Health Care Center at Brandermill Woods, has been named recipient of the 2003 Certified Nursing Assistant of the Year Award by the Virginia Health Care Association (VHCA). The association recognized her 14 years



Thompson

of dedication and creative service to the residents of The Health Care Center at Brandermill Woods.

Thompson has successfully navigated the many changes in health care over the years for the betterment of residents. She was nominated by those who know her work well and was selected by a panel of distinguished healthcare providers. Presentation of the award will be made before an audience of 300 people at the VICA Annual Awards Banquet at the Richmond Marriott on September 17.

Trilby Photography is now open in Market Square. Specializing in bridal; executive and business; and family and children's photography, Trilby also offers creative senior portraits. The owner of the studio is photographer George Hatchell. Portrait sittings are by appointment. The studio telephone number is 744-0400.

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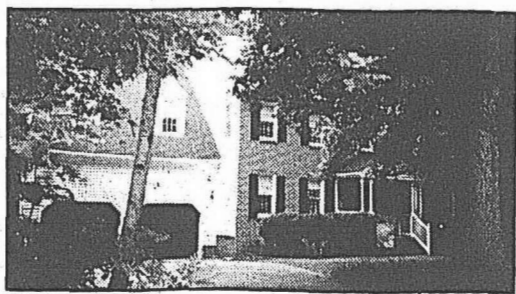
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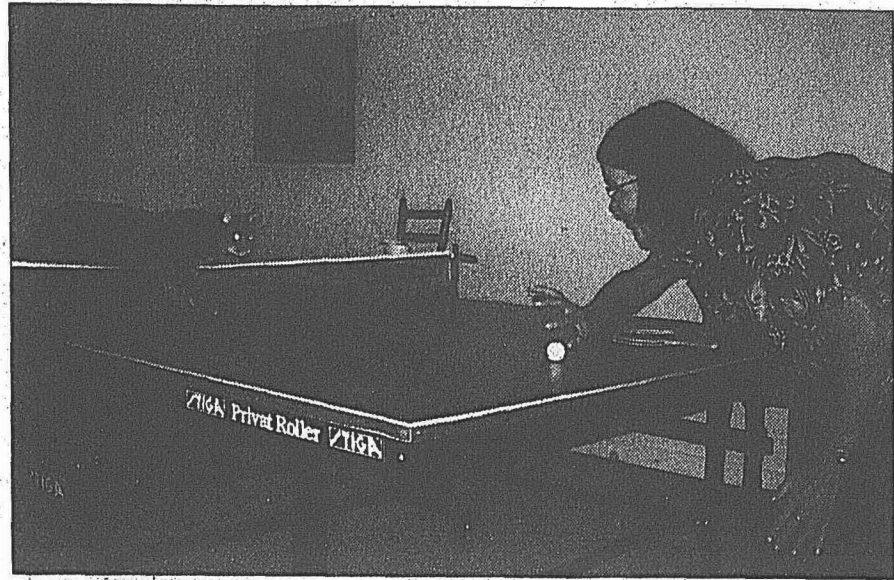
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"First Mom" of Brandermill becomes "Granny"



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Mary Tyndall plays the "kitty" version of ping-pong with one of her charges.

By Ann C. Hunt
Assistant Editor

Quail Hill resident Mary Tyndall is the owner and operator of Granny's Pet Care, a new pet care business in Brandermill.

When Tyndall had to unexpectedly go out of town there was no time to board her dogs, Madeline, a 3-year-old chocolate lab and Bear, a 5-year-old lab mix, so she hired someone to come to her home to take care of the pets. Madeline and Bear were so content when she returned home that Tyndall thought she too could provide such a service. The next day she set up Granny's Pet Care and the following day she thought, "What have I done?" It turns out that what she had done was turn one of her interests, caring for animals, into a successful business.

"My grandmother was 'Granny' and I absolutely adored her," says Tyndall. "I knew that when my turn came, I

wanted to be called 'Granny.'"

Tyndall is the mother to two boys, Stephen of Northern Virginia and Kevin of Richmond. When her son Stephen was born in January 1977, he was Brandermill's first newborn. So far there are no grandbabies. "But there is hope," says Tyndall, "one son is engaged." Right now she says she has to be content to be granny to one son's dog and her clients' pets.

Before Tyndall takes over her pet care duties for customers, she visits the home to meet the pet and its owner. Tyndall takes care of the usual pets — dogs and cats, but people have called to have her care for rabbits, a parrot and other assorted small animals. Tyndall has two people to help her in emergencies. Her services include walking the pets up to three times a day, watering plants, and collecting mail and newspapers. She is licensed, bonded and insured. To schedule a home visit by Tyndall, call 744-0897.



Trixie and Scout enjoy Granny's company while their owners are away.

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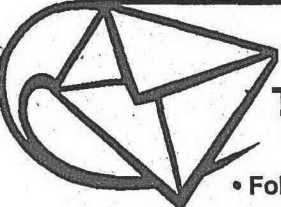
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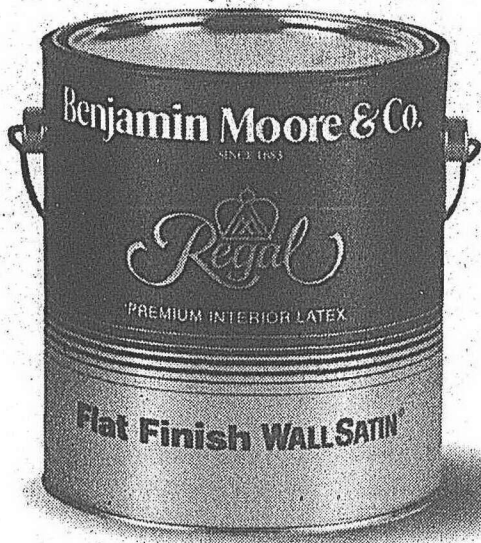
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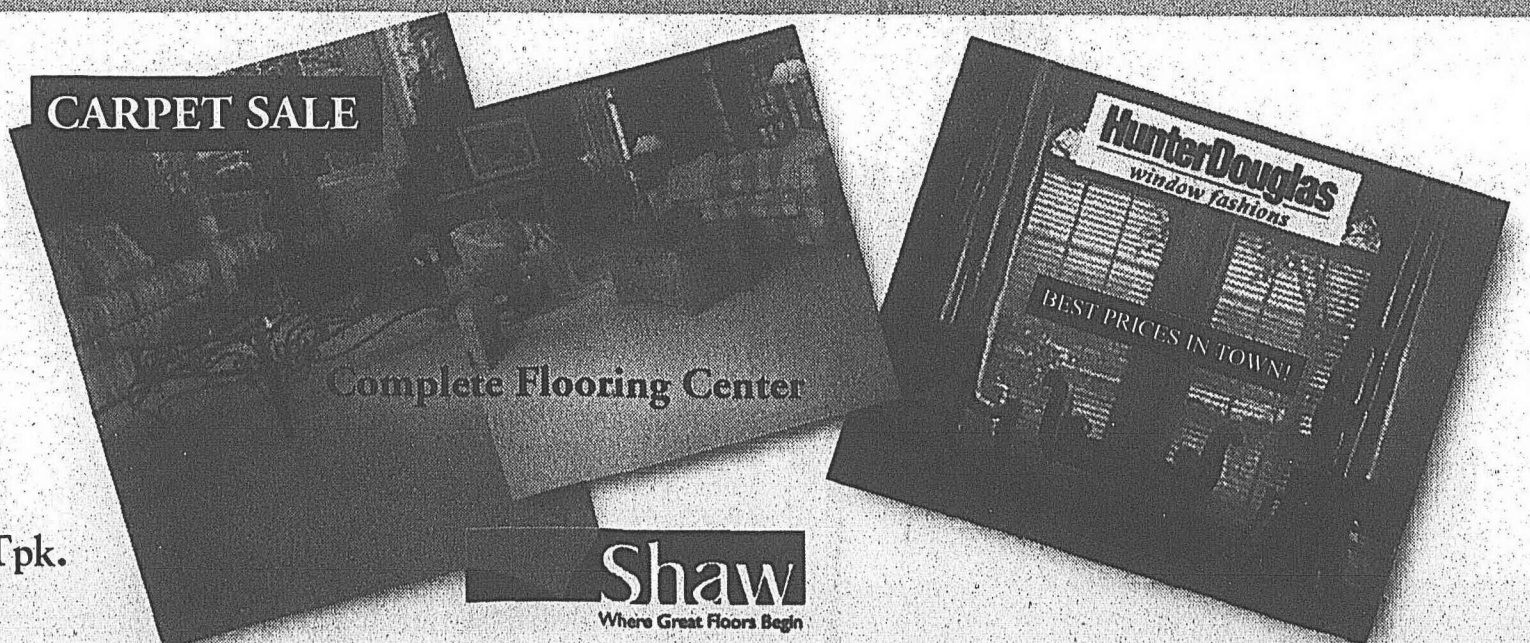
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