

FINDING HOPE THRU RESEARCH



8-month-old Tommy Mellett takes part in Duke clinical trial to repair brain cells.
See story on page 6.



BRINGING HOME THE GOLD

Dr. Page Hudson competes in the 80 to 84 age group in the Virginia Senior Games.
See page 11.

DONATIONS FOR ANIMALS



Sondra Epley shows her love of animals by volunteering at the reuse thrift store.
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Teddy bear story time



Nan Bradley captivates the Roberts family at the Teddy Bear Picnic in Sunday Park. See what the little ones like best about the BCA event on page 2.

Yes, there are snakes in Brandermill

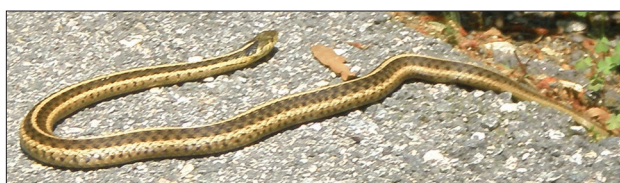
**By Wendy Parker
Managing Editor**

On a walk to The Landing last month, Linda Seagle of Winterberry Ridge encountered a “couple of slippery characters.” She noted children walking back and forth at the shoreline, and upon closer inspection, she saw that they were watching a snake swimming in the reservoir. On her walk, Seagle also discovered a snake on the bike trail leading to McTyre’s Cove Court.

“Don’t know what kind of snakes they were, but I’m very scared of any snake,” Seagle wrote in an email. “You may want to warn residents that the snakes are out and to be extra careful.”

I forwarded the photos she snapped of the two snakes to the Virginia Department of Game and Inland Fisheries (DGIF) and asked if someone could identify them.

Shirl Dressler, program support technician of the DGIF Bureau of Wildlife Resources, responded in an email that the two snakes were non-venomous. She identified the snake in the reservoir as a northern watersnake and the one on the



Photos by Linda Seagle
A watersnake, at top, and a gartersnake mind their own business on a warm spring day in Brandermill.

trail as a gartersnake.

I also received a phone call from Susan Watson, DGIF terrestrial biologist stationed in Richmond. She noted that while most snakes are solitary, people may occasionally see more than one together. “This time of the year,” she said, “snakes are typically in the mating mode, and several males will chase a female.” She said that watersnakes, in particular, can adapt to being around people, especially fishermen—after all, both are interested in catching fish. “They can wait for a fish to get caught on the line and go after it,” she said. She noted that snakes will not go after a person. “As long

as you don’t go after them, you’re not going to get bit.” However, she warned, “They are aggressive if you handle them.” Her advice to anyone who comes across a snake: “Stay away and don’t mess with it. Don’t try to pick it up or poke at it.” According to Watson, the copperhead is the only venomous snake in the area. “If someone is bitten by a copperhead, or is not sure if it is a copperhead, they should go to the hospital for observation.” This is especially true for children and the elderly, or anyone who could have complications due to medical issues.

See Snake Info on page 15.

BCA activities — sailing into summer

Saturday Morning on the BranderBelle—Every Saturday morning, 10 to 11:30 a.m. at Sunday Park dock. Start the weekend off right with a calm morning cruise aboard the BranderBelle. Capacity is 13 people, first-come, first-served. Cost is \$5 per person, cash only.

Learn To Sail—July 13, 16 & 17, Brandermill Sailing Center, Sunday Park. Course is taught by U.S. Sailing Club instructors. Cost is \$100 for the first family member; \$50 for the second member; and \$25 for each additional family member. Includes a course manual and a one-year membership to Brandermill Sailing Club. Please register at www.sailbrandermill.org and email questions to secretary@sailbrandermill.org.

Group Exercise for Men & Women—Tuesdays and Thursdays, 1 to 2 p.m. at Harbour Pointe Clubhouse. Low impact cardio, weight resistance training and flexibility components taught by fitness trainer Roseanne Gutmann. Sign up any time at \$10 per class or a 6-class punch card for \$50. Try one class for free.



Photo by Wendy Parker
Enjoy the Richmond Philharmonic on Dad’s Day

Grow Younger & Live Longer—Wednesdays June 15, 22, 29, July 13, 20, 27 from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. and Thursdays June 16, 23, 30, July 14, 21, 28 from 6:15 to 7:15 p.m. at Harbour Pointe Clubhouse. Karen Kreidler teaches participants how to feel younger and healthier as the body ages. The cost for 6 weeks is \$35.

Father’s Day Richmond Philharmonic Concert—Sunday, June 19, from 6 to 7 p.m., The Gardens at Sunday Park. A Brandermill tradition. Bring your chairs, picnic, blankets, and a Dad. Enjoy beautiful music by Gershwin, Beethoven, Strauss and Sousa, plus show tunes and movie themes.

Water Aerobics—Tues-

days and Thursdays, June 21 through August 4, 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. at Harbour Pointe Pool. Shape up and stay cool in the pool. The cost is \$40 for pool members and \$50 for nonmembers. Registration forms are available in The Village Mill and at the BCA office.

For more info or to register, please call Jennifer Strader at 744-1035x104 or email services@brandermill.com.

New Green Market—Every Saturday, 9 a.m. to noon at Market Square. Enjoy strolling the market, meeting friends and vendors, and shopping for fresh produce while listening to local musicians. Visit the Green Market page for a list of vendors at www.brandermill.com.

It’s going to be a Rock ’n Rollin’ Fourth of July!



Uncle Sam wants you!

Join friends and neighbors on Monday, July 4 for Brandermill’s annual Independence Day extravaganza.

Brandermill 7.4k Run
An exciting addition to the festivities this year is the Brandermill 7.4k run to benefit the American Cancer Society. The run starts at 8 a.m. in the Clover Hill High School parking lot. The course is a scenic route through Brandermill neighborhoods. Awards will go to the top three finishers in all major age groups, with special prizes going to the top three Brandermill finishers. A registration form is on page 12. Participants may also register online at www.brandermillrace.com.

The Parade
The celebration commences at 10 a.m. when the patriotic parade begins its trek through Brandermill. Come early to grab a good spectator spot. The lineup of participants begins at 9 a.m. at Swift Creek Middle School.

This year, the parade theme, “Rock ’n Rollin’ Fourth of July,” pays tribute to America’s favorite music. Grand Marshal Dan Rucker, Brandermill’s “music man” has provided entertainment for many past Fourth of July celebrations.

Other stars of the parade include: the Doctors of Jazz, Jonathan the Juggler, Greater Richmond Pipes and Drums, clowns, Kurt and Hugs, Uncle Sam, Abraham Lincoln, Chesterfield County officials and Fire and Police Departments, the Clover Hill High School Drumline, antique cars, and neighborhood floats.

Parade participants and volunteers must pre-register by calling Jennifer Strader at 744-1035x104, or email services@brandermill.com.

Sunday Park Festivities
The parade will wind its red, white, and blue way along Millridge Parkway to Sunday Park, where the holiday festivities begin at 1 p.m. Keep your toes tapping and dance to the music of Grand Marshal Dan Rucker’s Phat Cat Band.

Free hotdogs and sodas will be served by Boy Scout Troop 2890 and the Brandermill Region Men’s Club will slice ice cold watermelon for festival-goers. Those who dare may enter the fourth annual watermelon-eating contest. Check out the face painting, the balloon sculptures, and cool off with the dunking machine.

Fireworks
To top off the day, the fireworks display, a long-standing Brandermill tradition, will light up the sky over Sunday Park beginning at 9:15 p.m.

Please remember: for the safety of all, personal fireworks are prohibited.

Cast your ballot on capital improvement fee by July 11

**By Wendy Parker
Managing Editor**

Last week, ballots were mailed to association members for a special election to reconsider a capital improvement fee amendment, which failed in the April election by a slim margin of .23 percent, or the equivalent of approximately 10 residential ballots.

The majority of the board feels that the amendment must pass in order to fund capital improvements recommended in the Brandermill Master Plan and to thwart having to increase the annual assessment for such projects. “The capital fee amendment is critical to Brandermill’s future and without it the community will lack an important financial capacity to initiate and complete capital improvements,” said BCA Treasurer Dick Guthrie. “The proposed fee has no real impact on Brandermill residents, as it applies only to buyers who are not current residents. Just shy of 75 percent of residents supported the measure in April. I hope we can achieve the needed support for this special election—it is a good choice for Brandermill.”

Many homeowner associations throughout the country customarily charge a capital improvement fee as an additional means of income.

Meetings on The Landing and Harbour Pointe medical facility

All association members are invited



Proposed Harbour Pointe Medical Arts Center

Medical Facility
Association members are invited to attend a meeting at Brandermill Woods about the proposed Harbour Pointe medical arts center on June 16 at 7 p.m. The meeting will be conducted by the Hospital Corporation of America (HCA) development team; representatives from the BCA Architectural Review Board; and state and county officials.

According to Assistant Community Manager Al Raimo, site development, building design, landscaping, signage, and lighting documents will be presented at the meeting.

Those in attendance will have the opportunity to query HCA development team members and view renderings of the proposed facility, which have undergone several alterations.

Plans call for a three-story,

66,000-square-foot facility that if approved, will be built on 11 acres at 13550 Harbour Pointe Parkway near the entrance to Harbour Pointe. The medical arts center will feature a 24-hour urgent care clinic; medical offices; an imaging center; and over 300 parking spaces.

The Landing Phase II
A community meeting at The Landing in Commodore Point will take place Wednesday, June 22 at 6:30 p.m. All are invited to check out the Phase I projects and learn about plans for Phase II of The Landing revitalization scheduled for 2012.

Members of Brandermill committees and BCA staff will be on hand to present plans for continued improvements of the area and to receive community feedback. In case of rain the meeting will take place Thursday, June 23 at 6:30 p.m.



Photo by Mark Smith
Shawn Pratt and son are into the cool new sport, stand-up paddle boarding.

Voice of the People: What did you like best about the BCA-sponsored Teddy Bear Picnic?



"Playing!"
Peter Roberts, 3

"Eating Teddy bear
crackers."
Lydia Roberts, 4

"Bubbles!"
Steven Roberts, 1



"The children's rapt attention on the Teddy bear
stories."
Storyteller Nan Bradley



"Bubbles!"
Cassidy Conley, 2



"Teddy bear books."
Libbie Radgowski, 4



"Bubbles!"
Peyton Chelser, 2



"Teddy bears!"
Shaia Hale, 2

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It's a Rock 'n Rollin' Fourth of July!

8 a.m. Brandermill 7.4k Run

9 a.m. Parade Line-up at SCMS

10 a.m. Rock 'n Rollin' Parade!
Grand Marshall - Dan Rucker
Celebrate America's Music

11 a.m. - 1 p.m.
Sunday Park Celebration!
Free Hot Dogs & Sodas
Watermelon & Music
Face Painting

9:15 p.m. Fireworks over the Reservoir!
Bring a blanket & flashlight

Brandermill 7.4k Firecracker Race

8 a.m. Start at CHHS

Awards for Top 3 Finishers in
All Major Age Groups &
Top 3 Brandermill Residents

Registration Fee \$25
See Page 12 for registration form.

Proceeds to go benefit American Cancer Society.

BCA Activities JUNE & JULY 2011

The Green Market is Back!

Locally grown produce, meats & baked goods.
Every Saturday • 9 a.m. - noon • Market Square

Saturday Morning on the BranderBelle

No reservations. Boat limit is 13 people.
First-come, first-served • \$5 per person, cash only please.
Boat leaves Sunday Park dock 10 a.m. & returns 11:30 a.m.

Group Exercise Class for Men & Women

Low-impact cardio, weight resistance training taught by Roseanne Gutmann.
\$10 per class or 6-class punch card for \$50. Try one class free. Sign up anytime.
Tuesdays & Thursdays • 1 - 2 p.m. • Harbour Pointe Clubhouse

Father's Day Richmond Philharmonic - a Brandermill Tradition

Bring your chairs, blankets, picnic & a Dad! Free to residents & a guest.
Sunday, June 19 • 6 - 7 p.m. • The Gardens at Sunday Park

Grow Younger & Live Longer

Feel younger & healthier as you learn how the body ages.
Also includes gentle yoga & meditation. \$35 for 6 weeks

Wednesdays: June 15, 22, 29, July 13, 20, 27 • 9:30 - 10:30 a.m.
Thursdays: June 16, 23, 30, July 14, 21, 28 • 6:15 - 7:15 p.m.
Harbour Pointe Clubhouse

Water Aerobics at Harbour Pointe Pool

Shape up in just 7 weeks! The reviews on this class are 5 stars!
Registration forms are available in The Village Mill & the BCA office.
Tuesdays & Thursdays • June 21 - August 4 • 9:30 - 10:30 a.m.
Pool members - \$40 • Non-members - \$50

A Rock 'n Rollin' Fourth of July Celebration & 7.4k Run

The day begins at 8 a.m. & culminates with fireworks. Details at left.

Learn to Sail

Register at www.sailbrandermill.org.
\$100 for 1st family member, \$50 for 2nd • \$25 for each additional family member
Includes Brandermill Sailing Club 1-year family membership & 1 class manual.
July 13, 16 & 17 • Brandermill Sailing Center • Sunday Park

Raising Healthy Girls Pt. 2

Welcome to the Jungle-Urban Survival Skills

Sending your young girls off to middle school, high school or college?
Martial Arts World Instructor Bill Gross gives tips & techniques for making smart choices.
Sunday, July 24, 5 - 6 p.m. • Harbour Pointe Clubhouse

Young Rembrandts

Instruction for kids ages 4 - 6 (\$40) & rising 1st - 6th graders (\$80).
Cost includes supplies. More information to follow in the BCA June Activities Flyer.
August 1 - 4 • Harbour Pointe Clubhouse



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Community Association

For more information or to register,
call Jennifer Strader at 744-1035x104
or email: services@brandermill.com.



BCA Board of Directors

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Frances Hillman, 2nd VP
Dick Guthrie, Treasurer
Jason Livingston, Director
Joan O'Hanley, Director
Joyce Rowe, Director

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Vicky Simpson
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Peter Wallaesa
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Jason & Leslie Shields
COMMODORE POINT
Tracey Sloan
DEER MEADOW
Cole McDaniel
EASTBLUFF
David & Jessica McLead
FOX CHASE
Sam & Pennie Goin
WINTERBERRY RIDGE
Gloria Creel
GLEN EAGLES
Frederick & Jane Zirkel
NORTH POINT
Neil Patel
SHADY POINTE
John & Chanette Ledden
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Suzanne Sagester
TIMBER RIDGE
William &
Jacqueline Callaghan
WOODBIDGE
CROSSING
Kelly Ann Dunn
Carrie Jane Oliver
John & Emily Sutton

ARB APPROVALS

Barne's Spring – play equipment
Chimney House – shed
Commodore Point – garage door
Copper Hill – walkway
Crosstimbres – shed
Garrison Place – windows
Harbour Bluff – windows
Harbour Ridge – addition
Harbourwood – door, windows
Heritage Woods – paint
Huntgate Woods – deck
Huntsbridge – shed, fence, driveway
Long Shadow – siding
Nuttrees Woods – shed
Oak Springs – deck, garage door
Planter's Wood – garage door
Quail Hill – paint, windows
Regatta Pointe – front entrance, driveway
Rockport Landing – paint
Sagewood – water amenity
Shadow Ridge – driveway
The Greens at Woodbridge Crossing – Certificate of Compliance
Townhomes at Harbour Pointe
Certificate of Compliance
Turtle Hill – siding, windows
Walnut Creek – porch
Watch Hill – HVAC enclosure
Woodbridge Crossing – fence

BCA EVENTS

Saturday Mornings on the BranderBelle
Sunday Park Dock
10 to 11:30 a.m.

Brandermill Green Market
Market Square
Saturdays through October 9 a.m. to noon

Group Exercise
Roseanne Gutmann
Harbour Pointe Clubhouse
Tuesdays & Thursdays 1 to 2 p.m.

Yoga – Grow Younger & Live Longer
Harbour Pointe Clubhouse
June 15 thru July 28
Wed., 9:30 to 10:30 a.m.
Thurs., 6:15 to 7:15 p.m.

Father's Day
Richmond Philharmonic
The Gardens, Sunday Park
June 19, 6 to 7 p.m.

Water Aerobics
Harbour Pointe Pool
June 21 thru August 4
9:30 to 10:30 a.m.

BCA Board Meeting
Brandermill Woods
July 11, 7 p.m.

Learn to Sail
Brandermill Sailing Center
July 13, 16, 17

BCA Board of Directors meetings minutes – May 2

The following are summaries of the BCA Board of Directors minutes. Complete official minutes are available at the BCA office and may be viewed online. Visit www.brandermill.com for audio recordings.

Organizational Meeting

The 37th Annual Organizational Meeting of the Brandermill Community Association Board of Directors was held on May 2, 2011 at Brandermill Woods. Directors Guthrie, Hillman, Livingston, McGinniss, McLenagan and O'Hanley, Community Manager Pritz, Assistant Community Manager Raimo and Recorder Judy Agee were present.

President Rowe recognized Dr. Bob Friedel with a gift of appreciation for his three years of service on the board. Dr. Friedel thanked the board for the gift and their commitment as board members to handle the business of Brandermill. Director

McLanagan thanked Dr. Friedel for his assistance to the board and his input to address the scope, tasks and charters of each committee, which impacted the implementation of the master plan projects. Director Guthrie recognized Dr. Friedel for his assistance to the board which resulted in providing a higher level of communication to the community.

Election of Officers

Director McLanagan stated he was interested in serving as president to carry on his activities when serving as 1st vice president and as liaison to the ARB and MPOC committees. He said he understands the organization of the board and feels that the role of president is to run the meetings smoothly and represent the consensus of the board. A motion was made and unanimously carried to elect John McLanagan as president.

A motion was made and unanimously carried to elect

Keith McGinniss as 1st vice president.

Director Guthrie expressed his interest in continuing as Treasurer and to assist the finance committee and staff. He noted that the recent audit was complementary of the community's efforts to manage our resources. A motion was made and unanimously carried to elect Dick Guthrie as treasurer.

Director Hillman volunteered to serve on the board as 2nd vice president and as board liaison to the NRC. A motion was made and unanimously carried to elect Frances Hillman as 2nd vice president.

May 2 – Regular Meeting

The May 2, 2011 BCA Board of Directors meeting was held at Brandermill Woods. Directors Guthrie,

Hillman, Livingston, McGinniss, O'Hanley and Rowe, Community Manager Pritz, Assistant Community Manager Raimo and Recorder Judy Agee were present.

Member Voice

Peter Andreoletti of Harbour Hill stated a committee has been formed to represent the concerns of Harbour Pointe residents for the proposed medical facility and asked the board for its support. Robert Cook of Harbour Hill also asked for the board's support.

Joe Herbst of Harbourwood provided the latest architectural design illustrations of the proposed medical facility and asked for the board's support to ensure the BCA Architectural Review Board follows the Commercial De-

sign Standards. He noted that the current proposal will drastically alter the entrance to Harbour Pointe and is not sympathetic to the surrounding residential and business communities.

Egena Younger of Harbourwood expressed her concern regarding the increased traffic expected with the proposed facility and that there is currently only one entrance/exit to Harbour Pointe.

Jim Lehmann of Land's End stated his concern that this development not impair the view of the neighborhood entrance and that signage be included directing traffic only to Harbour Lane.

Wayne Goerlich of Harbour Hill noted that Harbour

See BCA Minutes on page 7.

Pooch's poop is a health hazard

Everyone knows that dog feces are smelly and unsightly, but few know just how bad dog waste is for your health, your pet's health, and the environment. Take our quiz to see if you've got the straight scoop on dog poop.

1. It is OK to leave dog waste on the ground because it makes good fertilizer and won't hurt anyone. (True or False)

Answer: False. Dog poop carries worms and bacteria and can make you sick. It does not make good fertilizer. It is also harmful to the environment and our natural water table.

2. Dog poop is the No. 1 food source for ____ (fox, rats, raccoons, skunks).

Answer: Rats. To prevent rat problems, start by eliminating the key food source—dog waste. Residents who own dogs need to be responsible and keep the poop off the ground by picking it up and depositing it in the designated pet waste stations throughout the community or in their own trash containers.

3. Keeping dog waste off the ground is important because it can transmit (worms such as roundworm, ringworm, whipworm, and other parasites; West Nile Virus; H5N1; or Kennel cough—choose only one) ____ to both humans and dogs making them sick.

Answer: Worms such as

Announcements

Reminder: don't forget to return your ballot to the BCA by 5 p.m. July 11.

Correction: In the May issue, a boy named Tyler was identified as suffering from aplastic leukemia. Tyler is battling aplastic anemia.

COMMUNITY STANDARDS



Julann Talty

roundworm, ringworm, whipworm and other parasites. Eighty percent of dog owners are unaware that dog waste poses a health threat to their pet and family.

4. Dogs and cats generate ____ (5, 10, 20) million tons of waste annually.

Answer: 10 million—now that is a lot of poop!

5. According to the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), one gram of dog feces can contain ____ (5, 18, 23) million (fecal coliform bacteria, which is known to cause cramps, diarrhea, intestinal illness, and serious kidney disorders in humans.)

Answer: 23 million. The EPA estimates that two-to-three days worth of droppings from a population of about 100 dogs would contribute enough bacteria to temporarily close a bay, and all watershed areas within 20 miles of it, to swimming and

shell fishing.

6. In 1991, the EPA deemed pet waste a “non-point source of pollution.” (True or False)

Answer: True

7. I still think it is okay to leave my dog's waste on the community grounds. (True or False)

Answer: False—at least we hope you answered false.

We ask you to please be considerate of your fellow residents and your neighbors. If you are a dog owner, pick up after your pet to keep our community clean and safe for everyone to enjoy.

The BCA provides several dog waste stations throughout the community and we urge you to take your own bag with you when walking your pet. It's a great way to recycle those newspaper and grocery store bags.

This information was provided by DoodyCalls, www.doodycalls.com.

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Another boat is missing from The Landing

A Brandermill resident has reported that his 16-foot, white Hobie Cat with BCA sticker #2414 is missing from its beach space at The Landing.

Anyone who sees the boat or has information about the boat is encouraged to contact Jennifer Strader at

services@brandermill.com or 744-1035x104.

Due to recent storms, boat owners are reminded to check their boats to make sure that they are adequately secured and free of standing water. Boats with standing water can become a mosquito-breeding hazard.

The Village Mill

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Visit the BCA web site at www.brandermill.com

BRANDERMILL COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION
Proxy/Ballot for Special Meeting of the Members
Monday, July 11, 2011

This proxy/ballot MUST BE SIGNED. Only one person needs to sign the proxy/ballot. The number of votes to which you are entitled has been calculated for you based on the property or properties you owned as of June 3, 2011.

REFERENDUM 1 - Capital Improvement Fee - Requires a 75% majority vote to pass

- Passage of this amendment (a yes vote) will cost a resident and commercial member no money.
- This is not a new fee. It is an amendment to the documents to allow an increase to the existing fee.
- This fee will raise funds for capital improvements such as neighborhood signs, updated landscaping, playground upgrades, pocket parks, etc.
- A Brandermill resident who purchases and moves to another residence in Brandermill will not have to pay this fee.
- This type of fee is charged in homeowner associations throughout the country.
- This fee cannot exceed one year's assessment.

____ Yes ____ No Upon acquisition of record title to a Residential Unit, the Owner shall contribute to the working capital of the Association an amount determined by the BCA Board of Directors on an annual basis, but in any event not to exceed an amount equal to the annual assessment for that year. This amount shall be in addition to, not in lieu of, the Annual Assessment levied on the unit and shall not be considered an advance payment or any portion thereof. This amount shall be deposited into the Association's capital improvement fund and disbursed therefrom to the Association for use in covering capital expenses incurred by the Association pursuant to the terms of this Declaration and the Bylaws.

A Brandermill homeowner who purchases and moves to another residence in Brandermill does not have to pay this fee.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Proxy ballot **MUST BE SIGNED**. The above signed hereby appoints the Secretary of the Board of Directors proxy for the above signed to vote in the manner indicated above at the meeting of Brandermill Community Association, Inc., on Monday, July 11, 2011 at 7 p.m. at Brandermill Woods and any adjournment of such meeting hereby revokes any proxy heretofore given. Please mail the proxy/ballot in the envelope provided or deliver to Brandermill Community Association, Inc. 3001 E. Boundary Terrace, Midlothian, VA 23112, no later than 5 p.m. on July 11, 2011. Polls will close during the Special Meeting on July 11, 2011.

Property ID: 00000
123 No Street - Owner

New sign posts already need makeovers

Please don't tack up signs



Photos by Colon Rowe
A “Sign Post Brigade” cleans up the damaged new posts from Timber Ridge to North Beach. They are, from left: BCA Director Joyce Rowe, CCC member Judy Malek, and CCC Chair Dianne Cardea.

By Dianne Cardea
CCC Chair

Residents are asked to please not use our painted and newly installed green posts for personal message boards. Not only have the new posts been vandalized, the structures are weakened each time a staple gun or hammer is pushed against them.

Volunteers are removing staples, nails and tacks, and putting fresh paint on the replacement posts our BCA maintenance staff worked on all winter. Neighbors, coming on board to help “police” the posts in their neighborhoods, include: Joyce Rowe, Judy Malek, Buddy Whitfield,

Betsy Bolling, Julane John-drow and Adrienne May. Other volunteers are welcome to join the brigade.

It is against BCA rules to tack signs on the posts. Instead of tacking flyers on them, residents can pick up “lost pet” and “yard sale” signs at the BCA office with a \$30 refundable deposit.



A “tacky” mess — tacks and staples removed from a new sign post.

Volunteer gardeners add plantings at The Landing

By Susan Smith
Special Correspondent

Those who were at The Landing boat launch area on the morning of May 7 probably noticed a group of gardeners working on a renovation project.

Members of the Natural Resources Committee and several neighborhood volunteers worked throughout the morning, planting flowers and shrubs on both sides of the restrooms and mulching

the area. They planted large evergreen shrubs along the perimeter of the area on berms backing up to McTyre’s Cove and Commodore Point. The shrubs will give residents a screened view during winter months.

The Natural Resources Committee has additional plans for The Landing and is working with other Brander-mill Master Plan committees to make The Landing an attractive and updated community facility.

Elderly cat is killed by unknown predator

Is your pet safe?

By Wendy Parker
Managing Editor

According to John Hughes of Muirfield Green, the family’s 15-year-old cat was attacked and killed by an unknown culprit last month. Hughes said their black and white female pet was an indoor-outdoor cat that slept on the back porch in warmer months.

One morning during the first week in May, Hughes discovered fur and blood on the porch, and a trail that led him 40 feet into the woods, where he discovered the mutilated cat.

Hughes called Chesterfield County Animal Control to report the incident. Animal Control Officer Hunter Price said the cat could have been the victim of an attack from a wild animal such as a fox, bobcat, hawk, owl, or even a raccoon.

“The time of the year is mating season, and wildlife become more territorial,” said Officer Price, who surmised that a raccoon could have been visiting the pet’s food bowl. Officer Price offered some preventive measures to protect pets.

Protective Measures

- Do not feed pets outdoors. If you do, remove the bowl as soon as the pet has eaten.
- Always be conscious of small animals. Bring them inside at night if you see wildlife.
- Make sure pets’ rabies shots are up-to-date.
- Secure trash cans with a bungee cord to deter wildlife from coming around.

Letters of clarification, concerns, compassion

To the editor:

The statements below are from Captain Keith Chambers, Chesterfield County deputy fire marshal, to correct misinformation presented in a letter to the editor in the May issue of The Village Mill.

Emergency (Fire and EMS) responders do not utilize names for locating residents; they rely on addresses.

When a call comes into 911, the address, name and phone number are asked for and verified in case the call is disconnected.

The above information is keyed into an automated system and is immediately sent to the dispatcher, who dispatches Fire/EMS. The information that goes out remains consistent because it is keyed in only one time.

An automated routing and GPS is used in the emergency vehicles. This system informs the responder the best way to get to the location; shows the lot lines on the entire street; and shows the location of the house.

In the unlikely event the computer system goes down, they would use street addresses to respond to a location.

Again, names are not used for response purposes, and are very seldom used even in cases of emergency calls to businesses.

It is Captain Chambers’ personal opinion that we, the BCA, BCA Board and Community Character Committee, have provided a much safer means for Fire and EMS to locate residents by having reflective numbers, rather than names, visible on our mailbox paper chutes. These numbers are visible from a distance at night and especially on a dark rainy night.

Dianne Cardea
CCC Chair
Winterberry Ridge

To the Editor:

The Brandermill board does it again. We just voted for new directors and two proposals. One of them was to charge a one-time fee for any new residents. The proposal failed. Now the board has voted to have a re-vote

on the same proposal. How many times will we re-vote? Will they just keep voting until they get their way? In fact, why vote? Just use the same logic they used to railroad the mailbox issue. How much will the re-vote cost the residents? Where is the democracy?

Thanks for your time.
Rick Swyers
Sterling’s Bridge

Community Manager’s note: Mr. Swyers: The board agreed to another election because the amendment failed by such a small amount—.23%. It felt there may be a number of residents and commercial members who do not understand that this amendment will not cost current residents

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR



or commercial members any money. If this amendment would pass, it could provide capital funds to revitalize the community. This is a win-win for residents and commercial members.

To the editor:

I’d like to correct the record regarding my comments at Member Voice at the BCA Board meeting on the 4th of April. The official minutes of that meeting reflect: “Marci Borden, Bayport Landing expressed concern that board members are using personal electronic devices during board meetings.” What I actually said was, “Good evening madam president and members of the board. My name is Marci Borden from Bayport Landing and I hope that I am speaking for the entire community. I request that while this board is in public session, board

members refrain from using personal electronic devices. This practice detracts from the decorum of these proceedings and demonstrates a lack of respect of the process and to the members of the community association as a whole. Personally, I consider it unprofessional and rude. This is a reasonable request. Thank you.”

The fact that my request was ignored and the behavior I requested to be stopped was exhibited and continued for most of the remaining board meeting was surprising. What was more surprising—and most disappointing—was the fact that other board members allowed this behavior to continue. BCA residents, including John and Joanne Carini, who were present at the board meeting, feel the way I do. This, in my opinion,

See Letters on page 7.

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BRMC fundraiser features CHHS musical talent



Photo by Wendy Parker
Iridescence gives CHHS Show Band a rousing round of applause during the BRMC charity fundraiser.

By Lou Seminare
Club Correspondent

Since its founding more than a quarter century ago, Brandermill Region (formerly “Retired”) Men’s Club (BRMC) has had dual objectives.

The first objective is to make retirement more enjoyable by promoting friendship and social activities for those residing in the communities surrounding Brandermill and Woodlake.

In 2008, the bylaws were changed to open membership eligibility to all men ages 50 “or better,” without the requirement of being retired.

The second, but no less important objective, is to aid in the betterment of the community, primarily through the support of local and regional organizations.

BRMC is known for its

many popular activities and programs in support of local charities. In addition to an organized golfing program for those with membership in Brandermill Country Club, which includes reciprocity with Birkdale Golf Club, there is an organized bowling league; an extensive social program; local and out-of-town-tours; and special interest groups such as fishing, photography, and even a motorcycle group.

The second objective is achieved by a single fundraising event each year, organized and conducted by many club members. The program for 2011, the Cavalcade of Music held on May 15, was the most successful to date. Members of Clover Hill High School’s nationally ranked show choirs, Iridescence and New Dimensions, the Show Band, and Jazz Ensemble volunteered

their time, talents, and artistry to help the BRMC charity program. BRMC has raised more than \$62,000 over the past decade to support local charities and organizations.

BRMC Beneficiaries

Camp Baker was established more than 80 years ago and has expanded from assisting malnourished children to providing respite care and day support to some 600 children, youth, adults and families with special needs. Assistance is provided through year-round programs and a summer camp facility.

CASA (Chesterfield Court Appointed Special Advocates) provides trained volunteers to advocate for abused and neglected children in juvenile courts of Chesterfield County and Colonial Heights.

CCHASM (Chesterfield-Colonial Heights Alliance for Social Ministry) effectively coordinates and develops resources of the religious community working with the county’s Department of Social Services and other community agencies. CCHASM programs include emergency financial assistance, food assistance, disaster relief services, a Thanksgiving meal program, and a Friendly Visitor program for isolated or lonely older adults.

Midlothian YMCA Bellwood Elementary After School Program offers a safe, caring environment after school and on school holi-

days, and provides homework assistance and activities that teach the values of honesty, respect, responsibility, caring and self-worth.

Families of the Wounded provides support to the family members of combat veterans in Iraq and Afghanistan who are being cared for in the McGuire VA Medical Center.

ITZ A New Day provides assistance and shelter to women involved in domestic violence situations.

Central Virginia Food Bank provides food throughout the area to those who need assistance, including the elderly and disabled, and children who are victims of poverty and disasters.

Embrace Richmond improves inner-city neighborhoods through health, safety, education, food availability, and a job search through assistance and empowerment of residents.

The Brandermill Church supports the BRMC each month by providing meeting space, and when needed, a venue for the annual charity fundraising programs.

Meetings

The next monthly meeting will be held at The Brandermill Church on Thursday, September 1, following the summer hiatus. Other club activities will continue during the summer months. For more information, please visit the website at BRMConline.org.

The Patricks celebrate 50 years of marriage



Bernadette and Joe Patrick at their surprise 50th wedding anniversary party.

Bernadette and Joe Patrick celebrated their 50th anniversary at the Majestic Elegance Resort in Punta Cana, Dominican Republic, but before they left, their family and friends surprised them with a party in their honor on May 7.

According to Bernadette, who has worked at the BCA in accounting for “half her married life,” the Patrick’s children and grandchildren presented them with a redbud tree they call “The Memory Tree.” Each had written favorite memories of the Patricks on little cards, which were tied to the tree with gold ribbons. “They made us pull each card off the tree and read them out loud,” says Bernadette. “Some made us want to cry and some made us laugh hysterically.”

The next day, on Mothers’ Day, son Jeff and son-in-law Kirk planted the tree in the Patrick’s flower garden.

Bernadette says she and Joe met when she was 14 years old. “I was one lucky girl to find someone as wonderful as my husband at such a young age,” she says. They married May 20, 1961 in Dillon, S.C. As newlyweds, they lived in Richmond and started a family. The Patricks moved to Woodlake in



Wedding Day 1961

1986. They raised six children and the family has grown to include 11 grandchildren. “I wonder how we did it—having six children,” says Bernadette, who admits to weathering some rough times. “Joe always told me when the going gets tough, the tough get going,” she says. “So we just kept going!”

Bernadette shares her secret to a long marriage. “Always tell each other that you love each other every single day, and never go to bed angry.” And, she adds, “It is still OK to kiss and hold hands even after all these years—even if it makes your children laugh.”

Four neighborhoods join crime watch program

By Dee Piscella
Special Correspondent

Neighborhood Watch & Crime Solvers Training

On May 19, the Chesterfield County Police Department held Neighborhood Watch and Crime Solvers training for four neighborhoods: Copper Hill, Garrison Place, Shadow Ridge and Shady Pointe. The session was held at The Brandermill Church with over 40 residents in attendance. BCA Board President John McLenagan spoke about the importance of the Neighborhood Watch program and said that the board fully supports the program and the Brandermill Crime Prevention Committee (CPC).

Chuck Adolino of Crime Solvers gave a brief overview of the Crime Solvers program, and Cpl. Scott Gordon of the Chesterfield County Police Department conducted the Neighborhood Watch program training. The CPC thanks Neigh-

borhood Watch coordinators Carrie Nunes of Copper Hill and Dorothy McDowell of Shadow Ridge for helping residents in their neighborhoods receive training. Garrison Place is seeking a new Neighborhood Watch coordinator. Those who are interested in the position or anyone who wants to start a Neighborhood Watch, should call Dee Piscella at 744-6876.

Deer Meadow Neighborhood Watch Program

Deer Meadow resident Patrick Fitzgerald recently asked the Brandermill Crime Prevention Committee for assistance in launching a new Neighborhood Watch program in his neighborhood. On May 21, Chesterfield County Police Officer Tim Morton, Fitzgerald and six volunteers from the Neighborhood Watch Committee went door-



Cpl. Gordon

to-door in Deer Meadow to explain the program and ask for signatures for the required petition. When a resident was not home, a card was left explaining the Neighborhood Watch program. Children in Deer Meadow on bikes and scooters were excited to see the action in their neighborhood. Mike Metzger, chairman of the Brandermill Crime Prevention Committee, gave each child a Chesterfield County Deputy badge.

Officer Morton seized the opportunity to remind the children of the need to wear helmets when riding bikes and scooters.

Morton also explained the role of police to the children and demonstrated his police car emergency lights. Deer Meadow residents who were not personally contacted but wish to sign the petition are asked to call Fitzgerald at 744-2760.

General Information

Information on Neighborhood Watch Programs, Crime Prevention Through Environ-

mental Design (CPTED) and home assessments, personal property safety tips and crime alerts are all found on the Brandermill Crime Prevention website: www.brandermillcrimeprevention.com. The Crime Prevention Committee meets the second Thursday of each month at 7:30 p.m. at the BCA office. All residents are welcome and volunteers are needed to help launch new programs.

Brandermill Crime Prevention Committee

The Brandermill Crime Prevention Committee (CPC) is a group of residents chartered by the BCA Board of Directors to oversee the Neighborhood Watch Program development in partnership with the Chesterfield County Police Department. Its motto is “Neighbors Watching Out for Neighbors.”

The Chesterfield Police Department supports CPC’s efforts and views the

Neighborhood Watch program as a win/win partnership against crime.

At least 60 percent of a neighborhood’s residents must sign a petition in order to establish a Neighborhood Watch program. Residents are then offered two hours of training from Chesterfield County Police Cpl. Scott Gordon, and a sign is posted at the neighborhood entrance identifying it as an official Neighborhood Watch participant.



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Tommy Mellett’s parents believe in love, hope and research



Hillary & Tommy Mellett

By Lynda Raines
Copy Editor

Hillary Mellett of Autumn Woods participated in her neighborhood’s yard sale on May 21 because it was a good opportunity to clear out household items and clothing that had not been used in a while, and there

was another important reason: the funds from her family’s yard sale were put towards medical and travel expenses for her 8-month-old son’s umbilical cord blood re-infusion procedure at Duke University on May 31.

When Mellett was 28 weeks pregnant with Tommy, she was rushed into emergency gynecological surgery to remove a ruptured cyst, a torsed ovary and a fallopian tube. “Tommy suffered a brain hemorrhage that is believed to be from lack of sufficient blood supply during my emergency surgery,” Mellett says. Tommy was delivered by cesarean section at 38 weeks, and before he was born, Mellett and her husband Ken were told that there was a strong pos-

sibility that he would have cerebral palsy. “My husband went online to research cures and management of cerebral palsy,” she says. “That’s where he came across the clinical trial at Duke which required Tommy’s umbilical cord blood.”

Because the Melletts began their research prior to their son’s birth, they were able to make the decision to bank his umbilical cord blood, a process that must be pre-arranged and performed as soon as possible after birth. Arrangements were made to have Tommy’s cord blood collected and banked in anticipation of using it for re-infusion.

Through careful fact-finding, the Melletts learned more about a cutting-edge Food and Drug Administra-

tion-approved clinical trial at Duke University that uses umbilical cord blood stem cells to repair brain damage. According to the Melletts, the study involves re-infusing umbilical cord blood intravenously. The goal is for the cells to reduce inflammation in the brain, produce new hormones to repair damaged brain cells or evolve into new brain cells to replace the damaged ones.

After Tommy was born, it was determined that he had suffered a grade three intraventricular hemorrhage; the diagnosis is based on a four-step scale, with grade one being the lowest severity.

For such a young baby, Tommy has had more than his share of medical procedures—a shunt was placed in his head to control hydrocephalus, which is pressure in

the skull caused by a build up of fluid, and he has undergone strabismus surgery, which is eye muscle surgery.

A physical therapist works with Tommy on hand, arm and leg stretches, and his parents have learned how to help with his physical therapy exercises, too. Tommy is a happy, beautiful baby who is adored by his family, especially his big sister Sophia, 3.

Mellett says the re-infusion procedure on May 31 went well. “It took only eight minutes for the cord blood to be re-infused, and a total process of about 30 minutes,” she says. “And Tommy charmed everyone at Duke with his long eyelashes and cute smiles. It was a great experience and we are hopeful for its outcome.”

The Melletts are firm

believers that knowledge is power. “We are just doing everything humanly possible for our family,” Mellett says, “an act that anyone would do for the ones they love.”

Mellett wants to get the word out about umbilical cord blood0 donation. The Melletts used the Cord Blood Registry (www.cordblood.com) when they banked Tommy’s blood.

Those who are interested in making a cord blood donation and other information about cord blood stem cells should visit http://www.marlow.org/HELP/Donate_Cord_Blood_Share_Life/index.html.

“I want to encourage others to donate umbilical cord blood,” Mellett says. “It could provide other children every opportunity to succeed in life.”

Chair yoga offers a practical alternative to traditional yoga

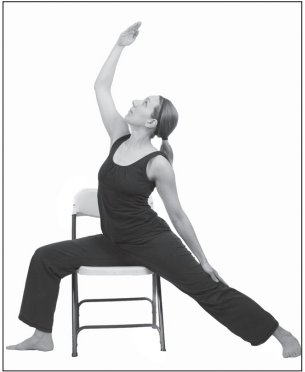
By Lynda Raines
Copy Editor

Not everyone is able to practice traditional yoga that requires a person to assume the poses on the floor, and still others have difficulty carving out time to attend yoga classes.

“Chair Yoga for You, a Practical Guide” takes a different approach to the ancient art of yoga by using a chair instead of a yoga mat.

Spring Gate resident Clarissa C. Adkins, a trained and registered yoga teacher, has teamed with two other local yoga practitioners, Olivette Baugh Robinson and Barbara Leaf Stewart, to write the book whose target audience are those who have avoided traditional yoga instruction due to issues of mobility and time.

Chair yoga offers far greater accessibility by al-



Clarissa Adkins demonstrates the reversed warrior posture.

lowing students to practice yoga poses while using a chair at home or even at the office.

“Anyone can practice chair yoga and receive the same benefits as traditional yoga,” Adkins says.

According to Adkins, those of all ages who deal with chronic pain, past injuries, disabilities or weight

issues will reap the benefits of chair yoga, as will students of traditional yoga who want to return to the basic yoga practice elements.

Chair yoga is modeled after hatha yoga, which concentrates on mind, body and spirit unity. Chair yoga students can achieve the same hatha yoga benefits, and it also provides an all-important low-impact solution to obtaining increased flexibility, strength and balance.

“Chair Yoga for You, a Practical Guide,” illustrated with photographs by Richmond photographer Mary Davis, is a step-by-step manual that is easy to follow. The book contains a wealth of information that will entice even yoga-shy students to pull up a chair and give it a try. Adkins, Robinson and Stewart bring many years of yoga practice—as students and teachers—to the book.

The trio hopes their enthusiasm for chair yoga will be contagious.

For more information about chair yoga, and to order “Chair Yoga For You, A Practical Guide,” please visit the website at www.chairyogaforyou.com.

The Authors

Clarissa C. Adkins is a registered yoga teacher with a passion for the study of all styles of yoga, especially Ashtanga and Iyengar yoga. She learned yoga from her father beginning at age 14, and in 2010 she celebrated five years as a yoga instructor.

Adkins earned a bachelor’s degree in English from James Madison University

and has taught English classes in Japan. She is a freelance writer and a contributor to the Livestrong.com website.

Olivette Baugh Robinson is a Petersburg, Va. native. She earned a master’s degree in early childhood edu-

cation from New York University and enjoyed a long career as the director of a day care center in Brooklyn, N.Y. She is a certified Sivananda Yoga instructor and has taught yoga and chair yoga classes in senior centers in Queens, N.Y.

After moving to Middlethian, Va., Robinson introduced chair yoga to one of the local YMCAs in 2001. At age 86, Robinson teaches yoga, chair and

gentle yoga, and children’s yoga at YMCAs, a retirement community, and a senior center. Robinson says her brother, Herb Baugh, a longtime yoga practitioner, introduced her to the joys of yoga.

Barbara Leaf Stewart earned a master’s degree in psychology from Florida

State University. She taught for over 30 years at J. Sargeant Reynolds Community College, and is a professor emeritus.

Stewart began her yoga practice in 1985. Retirement has given her the opportunity to complete the teacher training course at the International Sivananda Yoga Vendanta Centre. She credits Olivette Robinson as her mentor.

B’mill Woods forum helps seniors avoid fraud

Brandermill Woods has been chosen as a site for a special pilot program developed for senior Virginians to avoid becoming victims of fraud. Virginia state and local law enforcement officials, along with experts from the Better Business Bureau, the Office of the Attorney General, the State Corporation Commission, the Virginia Office of Consumer Affairs, U.S. Postal Inspection, Senior Medicare patrol and others will be the instructors in this four-week series.

The purpose of the program is to train participants to “recognize, prevent, report and stop fraud.” Topics will include: fraud in banking, insurance, healthcare, telemarketing, charities, investments,

mail fraud, internet scams, identity theft and privacy protection.

This free course will be held at Brandermill Woods in the meeting room from 9 a.m. until noon on Thursdays, June 16, June 23, June 30 and July 7. Participants should commit to all four sessions for the maximum benefit. Refreshments will be served and a shredder will be given away at each session.

Sign-up is offered to Brandermill residents and the general public.

Please call Brandermill Woods Activities Supervisor Carole Keiter at 521-8274 to register. Registration forms are also available at the BCA.

McDonald launches tropical fish forum



By Lynda Raines
Copy Editor

There is something fishy about Harbour Bluff resident Bill McDonald’s hobby, and he wants everyone to know it.

In mid-April, McDonald and 24 other tropical fish enthusiasts formed Aquatic Friends United, an online club and discussion forum where members can share information about tropical fish and the art of creating tropical

aquariums. Both freshwater and saltwater aquarium environments are included.

McDonald says there are no dues or fees for membership, just a willingness to share information and help other members who have questions about their hobby.

“If you’re new to the hobby, you’ll find a number of folks willing to answer any questions you might have” McDonald says. “If you’re an ‘old hand,’ this is an opportunity to help someone else, and you might pick up something new, too.”

In addition to its online presence, McDonald says Aquatic Friends United has informal meetings to “admire each other’s set ups.”

Fish swaps are encouraged and posting photographs is a necessity, McDonald says.

For more information about Aquatic Friends United, please call Bill McDonald at 739-3240 or 516-9335 or email williemcd@yahoo.com

The club’s website is www.aquaticfriendsunited.forumotion.com.



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HVAC units are prime targets of thieves

By Lynda Raines
Copy Editor

Brandermill residents are often reminded to lock their cars and secure their homes in order to deter burglars and thieves, and now residents are asked to keep an eye on their HVAC units.

Vandalism to HVAC units is a growing problem in Chesterfield County, the Greater Richmond area and the commonwealth, and vandals are after copper and Freon. HVAC units contain large amounts of copper, which can be stripped and sold for a tidy sum. But another reason for HVAC vandalism is more disturbing—Freon in the units can be “huffed” or inhaled to achieve a feeling of euphoria. Huffing Freon is becoming a popular method of substance abuse.

Last month, Assistant Community Manager Al Raimo invited Jim Eicher, a civilian in the Support Services Division of the Ches-

terfield County Police Department and a Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design planner to take a look at the BCA HVAC units and to offer tips to residents about protecting their own units.

Eicher pointed out that since November there have been no copper thefts from HVAC units in Brandermill. However, many businesses and construction sites have been hit in other areas of the commonwealth.

Securing HVAC Units

In addition to vandalism, sometimes thieves steal an entire HVAC unit, which can be costly to replace. The best way to prevent vandalism to or the theft of an HVAC unit is to cage it, Eicher says. The security cages are usually made from steel or iron, and ornamental styles are available. Lock caps are also effective in thwarting access to an HVAC unit’s Freon. Several heating and cooling companies in the Richmond area



Eicher

about the problem of HVAC vandalism and to emphasize the importance of awareness. He encourages residents to keep an eye on cars or people that appear suspicious. Because of the cul-de-sac design of Brandermill neighborhoods, Eicher says, “Noticing strange cars is easier.”

Eicher says it does not pay to assume vandalism will not affect their community. “Lots of people think crime is something that happens to someone else,” he says.

For more information about securing HVAC units and deterring thieves, please call Jim Eicher at 318-8693 or email eicherj@chesterfield.gov.

sell and install HVAC security cages and many also sell lock caps.

Eicher says his job is to educate residents

Prepare now for hurricane season

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Region III office is making preparations for an above-normal hurricane season, which officially began on June 1 and runs through November 30. Region III’s jurisdiction includes Virginia.

Residents, particularly those traveling in coastal areas, are urged to pay close attention to weather forecasts during hurricane season and prepare now to take protective actions even before a storm is forecast.

Citizen Preparedness

FEMA wants the public to make sure it has provisions for at least 72 hours after a storm strikes. This includes food and water as well as other needed supplies, including a battery-powered radio to receive important response and recovery information should electricity service be interrupted.

In addition, if citizens are told by local officials to evacuate, they should do so immediately, and should take copies of important papers with them including: checkbooks, driver’s license, credit card information, birth certificates, social security cards, and other documents proving ownership/identity

Everyone should know local evacuation routes, and if available, the location of nearby safe shelters. Individuals and families need to have a communication plan in place in order to contact or find each other. As the storm approaches, residents should listen to and closely follow instructions from local and state authorities. For more information on preparing for disaster emergencies, please visit www.ready.gov/hurricanes and www.floodsmart.gov. Business owners and managers can learn how to prepare their businesses by visiting www.ready.gov/business.

Letters

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speaks volumes.
Sincerely,
Marcie Borden
Bayport Landing

To the editor:

Americans are a nation of givers and we all want to contribute to a strong foundation and serve those in need to make our county and country a better place for all of our citizens,

As I interact with citizens in Chesterfield County, I am often asked by church and civic organizations how they can contribute their time and energy to assist the needs of Chesterfield residents. With the current recession, the needs of so many depend upon connecting the generous time and resources organizations with citizens in need.

At a recent presentation to a church fellowship, I talked of programs like the Meals on Wheels program; the Christmas Mother program; mentoring and tutoring children after school; and grandparent connection programs like Senior Advocate, as examples of caring individual and group support efforts.

If your organization has a desire to give back in ways beyond what you currently do, I have provided a listing of various groups throughout

our community that offer volunteer program opportunities. Should you desire more information on these caring programs, please contact the persons listed.

With best regards,
Arthur S. Warren
Clover Hill Supervisor
Chesterfield Board of Supervisors Chairman
Human Services Division of Chesterfield County
• Mental Health Support Services—Debbie Burcham, 768-7221
• Juvenile Detention—Willie May, 748-1460
• Youth Planning—Jana Carter, 748-1747
• Parks & Recreation—Mike Golden, 748-1079
• Senior Advocate (DSB)—Debbie Leidheiser, 768-7878 (Grandparent Connection)
• Cooperative Extension—Mike Likins, 751-4404 (4H Programs)
• Library—Mike Mabe, 748-1765
• Health Department—Dr. Parham Jaberi, 796-7080
• Social Services—Marsha Sharpe, 748-1111.

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BCA minutes

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Pointe will lose its current identity with the development of the proposed facility.

Don Blum of Promontory Pointe expressed his opinion that the proposed facility appears to be architecturally appealing, and asked for the board’s support that the county address the increased traffic for this or any other use of this property.

Helen O’Neill of McTyre’s Cove expressed her concerns regarding repaving roads, the roundabout, and the addition of a playground area at The Landing.

Director Reports

Director Guthrie reported he and Community Manager Pritz attended the Resource Management Group’s recent meeting regarding the hydrilla issue. He noted the committee charter was adopted and that Bob Malek was re-elected as chair. Director Guthrie provided photos noting the concentration of the hydrilla, and reported the carp have grown to 15 to 20 pounds since being introduced a year ago. He noted Brandermill is concerned that four shallow coves are impacted with the hydrilla and a harvesting device was suggested to open these areas for recreational use. Another concern is removal of dead hydrilla that washed up on the shoreline, which is labor intensive and will require removal equipment. Director Guthrie reported the county noted their interest in providing funds for these removal projects. The county will measure the hydrilla in June and August, and will stun the lake in August to take a census of the carp.

President Rowe noted that Susan Smith resigned from the committee and the BCA board appointed Mitch Zinder of Bayport Landing.

Committee Reports Activities

Al Raimo reported the committee is continuing with its plans for Community Clean Up Day scheduled in the fall.

Capital Improvement Fee Amendment

The current capital improvement fee of \$150 is paid by new buyers into Brandermill to be used for projects not included in the reserve study. It was noted that the referendum included with the annual election sets the fee not to exceed one year’s assessment required a 75 percent majority to pass, but received a yes vote of only 74.77 percent and failed by .23 percent. Director Guthrie noted the finance committee strongly supported this referendum to help generate additional funds for amenities for the community, and noted most surrounding communities have this fee capped at one year’s assessment. He noted failure of this referendum limits the 2012 budget for any inclusion of master plan projects paid from the capital improvement fee, and encouraged the board to consider including this referendum next year or to hold a

special election this year.

A motion was made and unanimously carried that the board hold a special election on the referendum related to the capital improvement fee based on language that is in the referendum that was held in the 2011 annual meeting ballot and that this election occur no later than July 15, 2011.

Roundabout Signage

Community Manager Pritz met with Chesterfield County Director of Transportation John McCracken and representatives from Timmons, Brooks Gray and VDOT regarding the signage for the roundabout at Old Hundred Road and Brandermill Parkway. She noted VDOT controls what is included in the roundabout and they recommended two Brandermill signs with lighting on each side of Old Hundred Road. Community Manager Pritz proposed and VDOT agreed that the base of each sign can be built higher to avoid vehicles hitting the sign. She reported that VDOT will not allow the existing reader board in this area, which will be relocated to another area in Brandermill. She noted that BCA will pay for irrigation and maintenance of the roundabout. Community Manager Pritz will get a quote for the two proposed signs and check with McCracken and VDOT of possibly changing the design to include four signs.

VDOT Road Repairs

President McLenagan reported that VDOT re-paved with a “chip and seal” process at the Huntgate Woods entrance and Brandermill Parkway in April. The “chip and seal” process consists of a thin tar layer covered with

loose gravel and then rolled; the loose gravel is then swept up. The board noted its concern that this process is not in keeping with Brandermill’s direction to upgrade the community. VDOT reported they will be using this process on all secondary roads from now on because of budget constraints. Director Hillman drafted the attached letter to Delegate Ware and Senator Watkins inviting them to a breakfast meeting, along with VDOT, Art Warren, and McCracken, to discuss road maintenance issues concerning Brandermill. After discussion the board agreed that more research is needed before proceeding with this meeting, including checking with other community associations in the surrounding area and the CAI. They agreed to have Community Manager Pritz prepare a letter and have staff provide an explanation, cost and expected durability of the chip/seal process as compared with asphalt at the next board meeting.

Docks

President McLenagan reported the county asked for a standard and application process for docks along Brandermill shoreline properties. Community Manager Pritz and Director Rowe reported they met with county representatives who provided maps which include the 180-foot and 185-foot contour lines along the shoreline. Community Manager Pritz and Assistant Community Manager Raimo will report on their meeting with Theresa Biagioli, who will determine where existing docks are located in relation to the noted contour lines, at the June board meeting.

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• 13914 Sterling’s Bridge Road Fresh Paint, HUGE kitchen!	\$224,950
• 3702 Nuttree Woods Drive On GOLF COURSE!	\$205,000
• 2506 Tanglebrook Road Updated kitchen, lovely yard!	\$215,000
• 3007 Long Oaks Road One-level contemporary!	\$189,500
• 5711 Rockport Landing Place First floor master bedroom!	\$269,950
• 4616 Five Springs Road Renovated, hardwood floors!	\$205,000
• 4001 McTyre’s Cove Road GOLF COURSE & half block to LAKE!	\$289,000
• 13701 Winterberry Terrace Florida room, HUGE kitchen!	\$315,000
• 13715 Winterberry Ridge Unique Contemporary!	\$334,950
• 5650 Beacon Hill Drive 2-Bedroom condo, great condition!	\$184,950
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• 4424 Old Fox Trail 4-Bedroom	\$1,495/mo.
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2011 Clover Hill High School Top Students



Elizabeth Henderson

Valedictorian
Fortune’s Ridge
Will attend Virginia
Commonwealth University

Activities
Art Guild, National Art Honor Society, National Honor Society

Awards and Scholarships
Outstanding French, Art, 3D Design and Geometry Student, Perfect Attendance, Principal’s Award, PTA Reflections Contest, Presidential Award, Outstanding AP Drawing Student, National Merit Scholarship Program Letter of Commendation, Citizenship Award, Virginia Commonwealth University Presidential Scholarship

Advice to Underclassmen
“Always give your best effort, enjoy what you are doing and be comfortable with who you are.”



Taylor Mahaley

Salutatorian
Will attend Christopher
Newport University

Activities
Japanese Club, Beta Club, National Art Honor Society, Spanish Honor Society, National Honor Society, Freshmen Mentor, Perfect Attendance, Junior Marshal, Green and Gold Club

Awards: Outstanding Academic Award—Honors English, biology, chemistry, U.S. History; University of Virginia Jefferson Book Award, Nominated for the Jefferson Scholarship, President’s Award for Educational Excellence, PTSA Reflections Program, President’s Leadership Program Scholarship

Advice to Underclassmen:
“Always do your best—if you work hard, you can do anything.”



Alexander Calhoun

Will attend Virginia Tech

Activities
National Beta Club, National Honor Society, National Science Honor Society, Mu Alpha Theta National Math Honor Society, Tri-M Music Honor Society, Key Club, Spanish Club, Concert Band, Jazz Band, Marching Band, Drum Major, Junior Marshal, Central Virginia Wind Symphony

Sports
Swift Creek Lacrosse Club

Awards
Citizenship Award, AP Music Theory Outstanding Student, Outstanding Band Student Award, Drum Major Academy, President’s Award, Cavalier Award, Herf Jones Award, U.S. Marine Corps Outstanding Band Member Award

Advice to Underclassmen
“If you strive for no less than your best, you will be amazed at what you can achieve.”



Kelsey Coleman

Huntgate Woods
Will attend James
Madison University

Activities
Student Advisory Council, National Honor Society, Beta Club, Senior editor of CHHS yearbook

Sports
Summer league and competitive swimming

Awards and Scholarships
Citizenship Award, Perfect Attendance, Top 10 Ranked Junior Mashal, CHHS PTSA Scholarship, VCU Leadership Scholarship

Advice to Underclassmen
“Keep your head in the right direction, and don’t let bad influences let you lose track of your goals and dreams.”



Rafee Khan

Will attend
University of Virginia

Activities
Youth and Government Club, Debate Team, National Honor Society, Foreign Language Honor Society, Varsity Math Team, Varsity Science team

Sports
Indoor and Outdoor Track Team

Awards
U.S. Marine Corps Scholastic Excellence Award, Doctors Killar and Kellar Scholarship, Brander-mill Woman’s Club Scholarship, Citizenship Award, Physics Student of the Year Award

Advice to Underclassmen
“Be well-rounded and take part in challenging courses as well as clubs and sports.”

Clover Hill High School Class of 2011

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David Seay Adams
Sarah Shelby Agee
Andrew Abanyenimibe Aliemeke
Wendy Elaine Allen
Hector Eric Amaya
Stephen Robert Amorino
Ellen Jean Anderson
Sarah Kiel Anderson
Sean Steven Anderson
Alexander Kayne Andrews
Callie Marie Angle
Cole Christopher Anton
Wesley Henry Arey
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Emeshia Tiara Bailey
Samantha Chantel Bailey
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Dagoberto Barillas
Andrew David Barth
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Justin Matthew Madison Blalock
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Vassili Sam Bletsos
Jacob Elias Bottoni
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Candace Latrice Wright
Melanie Wymann Wu
Stephanie Nichole Yates
Nico Savon Young
Christopher Gregory Zoghby

Clover Hill High School 2011 Awards & Scholarships

Patrick Acker	Go Daddy.ME Sc. Cavalier Medal	Nicole Gibson Joray Govan Zair Graves	Citizenship Pin Citizenship Pin Pell Grant, VCU VGAP1 Grant VCU Grant Access Grant, VCU VCU Residence Hall Grant	Oluwaseun Orikogbo Tiffany Osuanah Emily Ott	Citizenship Pin Family Sc., Bryant & Stratton U.S. Marines Distinguished Athlete Dominion Credit Union Sc. West Virginia University Blue & Gold Sc. Citizenship Pin Yearbook Sc.
Stephen Amorino	Boy Scout Troop 800 Sc. Citizenship Pin Exponents Sc. Math/Sci Renaissance Student PTSA Sc.		National Achievement Scholar Aw., Nat'l Merit Principal's Medal U.S. Army Scholar Athlete	Casey Papa	Principal's Leadership Sc. Principal's Medal Citizenship Pin Citizenship Pin
Callie Angle	Citizenship Pin Cavalier Medal Interfaith Council Brotherhood/ Sisterhood Aw.	Terrence Graves	Citizenship Pin Citizenship Pin High School Mathematical Contest in Modeling Certificate M3 Math Challenge Aw. Cavalier Medal Nat'l Merit Letter of Commendation Third Place, Modern Woodman of America Principal's Medal Citizenship Pin Citizenship Pin Presidential Sc. from Randolph-Macon College Citizenship Pin National Art Honor Society Sc. Citizenship Pin Boy Scout Troop 800 Sc. Citizenship Pin Presidential Sc., VCU Valedictorian Citizenship Pin Nat'l Merit Letter of Commendation Faculty Sc. Cavalier Medal GRASP Principal's Medal Presidential Leadership Program, Christopher Newport University Principal's Medal Presidential Enrichment Grant, Virginia Tech High School Mathematical Contest in Modeling Certificate Citizenship Pin Faculty Sc.	Rohan Parekh Stacy Perkins Sarah Petersen John Piercey	Woodrow Scholar, Univ. of South Carolina Presidential Leadership Program, Christopher Newport University Citizenship Pin U.S. Marines Distinguished Athlete Citizenship Pin High School Mathematical Contest in Modeling Certificate COMAP Math Modeling Aw. - Meritorious M3 Math Challenge Aw. Principal's Medal Nat'l Merit Letter of Commendation Citizenship Pin Hampton Academic Aw., Hampton University Citizenship Pin Academic Aw., Kagro University Alumni Chapter, Richmond Hampton
Michael Armstrong	Citizenship Pin Cavalier Medal Interfaith Council Brotherhood/ Sisterhood Aw.	Jaron "Mo" Gross Kelley Hallum Reuben Han	Citizenship Pin Citizenship Pin High School Mathematical Contest in Modeling Certificate M3 Math Challenge Aw. Cavalier Medal Nat'l Merit Letter of Commendation Third Place, Modern Woodman of America Principal's Medal Citizenship Pin Citizenship Pin Presidential Sc. from Randolph-Macon College Citizenship Pin National Art Honor Society Sc. Citizenship Pin Boy Scout Troop 800 Sc. Citizenship Pin Presidential Sc., VCU Valedictorian Citizenship Pin Nat'l Merit Letter of Commendation Faculty Sc. Cavalier Medal GRASP Principal's Medal Presidential Leadership Program, Christopher Newport University Principal's Medal Presidential Enrichment Grant, Virginia Tech High School Mathematical Contest in Modeling Certificate Citizenship Pin Faculty Sc.	Sarah Pomeroy Kaimell Queen	Citizenship Pin U.S. Marines Distinguished Athlete Citizenship Pin High School Mathematical Contest in Modeling Certificate COMAP Math Modeling Aw. - Meritorious M3 Math Challenge Aw. Principal's Medal Nat'l Merit Letter of Commendation Citizenship Pin Hampton Academic Aw., Hampton University Citizenship Pin Academic Aw., Kagro University Alumni Chapter, Richmond Hampton
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Gabrielle Badura	Lexus of Richmond Pursuit of Excellence Sc. Brittany Grenier Memorial Sc. Air Force ROTC Sc. SAMMY Milk Sc. Eugene H. Farley Jr. Sc. from the Richmond Chapter of Credit Unions Distinguished Young Women Sc. Aw. Cavalier Medal Virginia Interscholastic Athletic Administrators Assoc. Sc. Assoc. for Corporate Growth Foundation Sc. Tidewater Striders Sc. National Italian American Foundation Sc. Richmond Track Club Granger Ancarrow Sc. Marsh McClennan Sc. Never Again Holocaust Sc. Virginia High School League Citizenship Aw. Sc. High School Mathematical Contest in Modeling Certificate Wendy's High School Heisman National Winner Herff Jones Medal Top Math/Sci Student Nat'l Merit Letter of Commendation Chesterfield Technical Center Richard B. Engard Aw.- Child Dev. Citizenship Pin Principal's Medal Citizenship Pin Ferrum College Academic Sc. Air Force Academy Appointment Citizenship Pin Americanism Aw. Woodlake Womens Club Sc. Citizenship Pin Cavalier Medal Johnson & Wales University Sc. Civitan Honor Key Aw. College of William & Mary Grant Principal's Medal Sean Miles Memorial Sc. Citizenship Pin Univ. of Virginia Grant Nat'l Merit Letter of Commendation Choral Boosters Sc. Citizenship Pin Academic Sc., Savannah College of Art and Design Principal's Medal Delta Sigma Theta Book Aw. Creekwood Bob Chaffin Memorial Sc. Citizenship Pin Virginia Tech Presidential Campus Enrichment Grant U.S. Marines Semper Fi Aw. for Musical Excellence Herff Jones Medal Cavalier Medal VCU Emerging Leader Sc. Tisch Sc., New York University Principal's Medal PTSA Sc. Pat Bliedom Memorial Sc., Brandermill Woman's Club Citizenship Pin Citizenship Pin Army ROTC Sc. Citizenship Pin Emerging Leader Sc., VT Corps of Cadets Beulah United Meth Church Sc. Brandermill Rotary Club Sc. U.S. Army Scholar Athlete Cavalier Medal PTSA Sc. 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Gators have talent and so do SCES volunteers

By Meredith Robinson
School Correspondent

Talented Gators

On May 21, Gator families were treated to tons of fun at the annual Swift Creek Elementary School Talent show. Twenty-two acts comprised of 40 students entertained the crowd with the help of Susanne Currie of DJ Connections.

Student acts included singing; electric guitar, piano and violin; and Indian and Irish dancing.

Many thanks go to the talented third-, fourth- and fifth-graders for sharing their skills with the audience.

Volunteering Helps SCES Students

The dozens of volunteers who visit SCES each week were recognized at a “Thank You” breakfast in May. At that time, the volunteers had logged over 4,000 volunteer hours. Each month a volunteer is randomly chosen as the SCES Volunteer of the Month, and Sherry Rock of Sandy Brook was chosen in April.

Rock is the mother of a son in Wendy Fosnaugh’s first-grade class and a daughter in Karole Parynik’s fifth-grade class. She also has two older sons who are enrolled in Chesterfield County Public Schools.



When her family relocated to Virginia almost two years ago, Rock began to volunteer at SCES. She said volunteering was a great way for her to get to know the staff at the school and meet the friends of her children.

She enjoys the atmosphere at SCES and likes to assist the teachers in order to increase their instructional time with the students. Rock also provides assistance with the cut-and-paste team. She will increase her volunteer

activities next year to serve as co-chair of SCES PTA Spirit Wear.

Tim Harper of Deer Meadow was chosen as the May Volunteer of the Month.

Harper is the father of a daughter in Cheryl Horton’s kindergarten class and an older daughter in Amy Zombron’s fifth-grade class.

Harper has volunteered throughout the years in SCES fifth-grade classrooms, and he has increased his volunteer hours in recent years due to cuts in the school budget. His weekly activities include volunteering in Horton’s class and serving as a fourth-grade reading tutor. He also pro-

vides assistance at events such as kindergarten registration, the winter carnival, and field day. He cites field day as the volunteer activity he enjoys the most because the students get so excited and have so much fun.

Harper will expand his volunteer duties next year as co-chair of PTA After School Enrichment.

Super Staff

The SCES staff and the PTA work together to enhance the academic experience for SCES students.

This year, 100 percent of SCES teachers joined the PTA. The SCES Mission Statement reads: “Swift Creek

Elementary School’s faculty and staff are committed to working with students, parents, and community members to create a positive, safe learning environment where all students can develop the knowledge and skills necessary to be responsible, productive citizens.”

This commitment is evident by the actions of Teacher of the Year, Librarian Carroll Savage and Instructional Assistant of the Year, Joy Knight.

Many thanks go to the wonderful staff of SCES for maintaining a superior learning environment for all Gators.

New SCMS auditorium is impressive; students flush cancer

New Auditorium

The stage was set, the lights faded, the music cued, and a new play premiered in the new SCMS auditorium on May 5. Over 60 members of the SCMS community participated in a comedy performance of “The Idi-Odyssey.” The play was well attended on both May 5 and 6, and many in attendance remarked that the space was beautiful and that they could not think of a better kick-off.

Poetry Café 2011

Sixth-grade English Teacher Colleen Lee held the Fifth Annual Poetry Café on April 27. Coffee, hot chocolate and pastries were provided for parents while they listened to their children recite poems they wrote in class. It was a standing-room-only event.

Teacher Award

Congratulations go to SCMS teacher Rhea Calfee, who was recognized by Fort Lee Garrison Commander Col. Michael Morrow for her

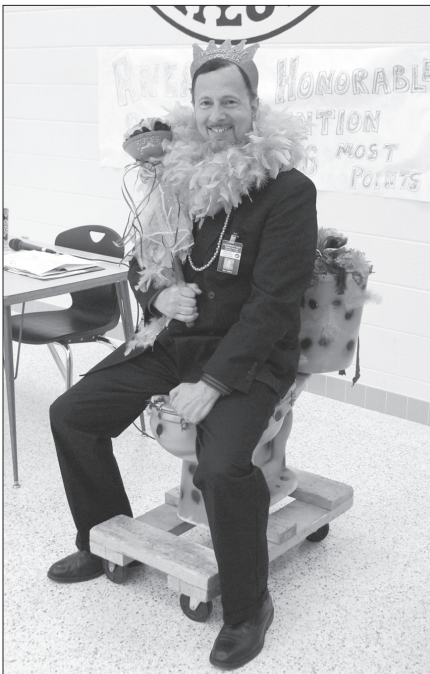
dedication and commitment to educating and supporting students. Master Sgt. Thomas and Capt. Thomas surprised Calfee by coming to her class on May 5 to present her with a plaque and gift.

Cinco de Mayo

As part of this year’s Cinco de Mayo festivities, SCMS students learned about the history of the holiday; participated in popular Mexican-American dances; and enjoyed a delicious buffet catered by The Hot Tamale Café. “Incorporating music, food, dance, and other cultural components of the countries we study makes the Spanish language come alive and encourages students in their language studies,” says Spanish teacher Leah Scherer.

Girls on Track

The SCMS Girls on Track group partnered with Clover Hill High School for its annual “Kick for the Cure” benefit soccer game. And as part of Chesterfield County’s 12-week Girls on the Run program, the girls chose to partner with CHHS for their community service project. The theme was “Flush Out



SCMS Assistant Principal Dan Palmer was the unanimous choice for “Ruler of the Throne.”

Cancer,” and students painted a toilet pink for breast cancer awareness, and royal blue for colon cancer awareness.

Spare change was collected during lunch and a contest was held to elect the SCMS administrator the students would most like to see as the “Ruler of the Throne.”

The unanimous winner was SCES Assistant Principal Dan Palmer, who proudly donned a pink crown and carried his plunger scepter. **Students vs. Faculty Basketball**

SCMS held its annual students versus faculty basketball game on May 23. The game raised over \$800 for the SCMS American Cancer Society Relay for Life Team. The game was sponsored by the SCMS Interact Club and SCA. For the fourth

year in a row, social studies teacher Carolyn Clay was the winner of the “Pie-a-Teacher-in-the-Face” contest, which collected over \$100. The students put up a good fight, but the teachers were victorious in the end, with a final score of 61-42.

On the morning of May



Ducklings that hatched in a nest outside the middle school library are safe in their new home in Waterford Lake.

25, it was discovered that a mother duck had nested in the SCMS library courtyard. Once the ducklings hatched, there was no lake in sight. Enter science teacher, Darleen Stigall, who chased after the 11 ducklings and managed to capture the mother duck after

she had swooped around the library windows a few times. The library staff piled into Stigall’s car and made a mad dash to the Waterford Lake, where the family was safely released. Mama duck headed straight for the water and her 11 offspring followed.



From left: Hallie Thornton, Madison Meyers, Julia Anders and Sarah Meyers celebrate Cinco de Mayo.

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CHHS grad is Virginia rep in America Honor Band

Chris Conley, a graduating senior at the Mathematics and Science High School at Clover Hill, is the only student in Virginia selected to perform with the 2011 Sound of America Honor Band and Chorus.



Conley

Chris performs on the soprano, alto, tenor and baritone saxophone in the CHHS band program, which is directed by his father, Steve Conley.

Chris has been a member of the all-county band, all-district band and Virginia Commonwealth University's Greater Richmond High School Jazz Band.

In July, Chris will join other students chosen from applicants representing nearly every state in the U.S. when the Sound of America begins its 23-day concert tour of Germany, Austria, Switzerland, Italy, France and Luxembourg.



B'mill residents are JTCC nursing grads

John Tyler Community College honored more than 50 spring nursing graduate candidates on May 10 during a pinning ceremony held at the Holiday Inn Koger Center. Shirley Gibson, RN, MSHA, FACHE, associate vice president of nursing for the Virginia Commonwealth Health System, delivered the keynote address.

Congratulations go to Brandermill residents and JTCC nursing graduate candidates Mikalan Krause of Tanglebrook and Courtney Ledbetter of Fox Chase.

Dr. Hudson wins big in Senior Games



Dr. Hudson takes aim for a bronze medal in archery.

Brandermill Woods resident Dr. Page Hudson is happy to be back in his native Virginia after living in North Carolina for nearly four decades, but he finds that he misses the way things are run in the Senior Games down in Tar Heel country. During the weekend of May 5, Hudson competed in the 80 to 84 age group, and won medals in four events in the Virginia Senior Games, including gold medals in shuffleboard and the softball hit and throw.

Thanks to good coaching by his mentor Bill Julian of Brandermill Woods, he won second place in his age group for table tennis and captured the a bronze medal in archery

against some of the best competition he's had since competing in the Senior Games. Senior Games involve competitive sports and games for people in the second 50 years of their lives. The sports and games include: basketball, tennis, home run derby, archery, croquet, shuffleboard, pickle ball, table tennis and horseshoes.

Participants are matched against their own gender and age group, and the goal is to have fun and generate interest in physical activity. "The competition is friendly and low-key," says Hudson. "I, like so many of other participants, was not a high school or college athlete."

Hudson also found pleasure in serving on the North Carolina Senior Games advisory committees and was an ex-officio advisory board member.

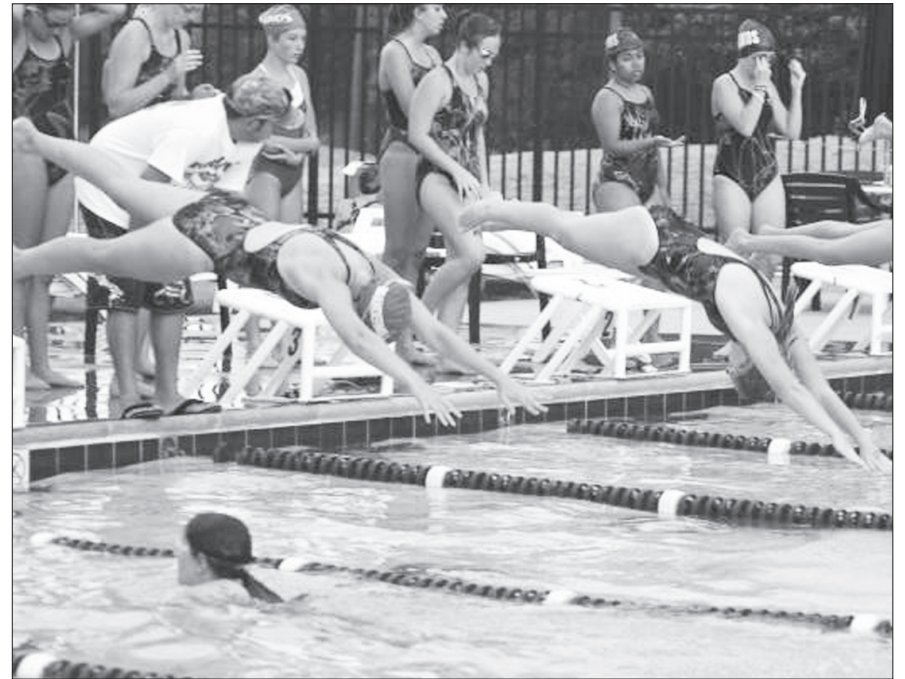
"It is nearly unheard of for a native Virginian to speak more favorably of his Tar Heel experiences than of comparable ones in the Commonwealth," Hudson says. "But you'll have to forgive me. Here I am, newly returned to the Old Dominion after 43 years in North Carolina and having just participated in the Virginia Senior Games, saying that North Carolina has a superior Senior Games program."

Hudson believes the North Carolina Senior Games stand out due to successful marketing and recruiting techniques. "North Carolina games have better publicity, participation, sponsorship, and volunteer activity than Virginia has been able to manage," Hudson says. "The North Carolina Virginia games now has several full time employees; Virginia has yet to score there."

Hudson would like to see the number of Virginia Senior Games participants grow. "By-and-large, the best friends I had in my 43 years in North Carolina were those I met, practiced or competed with in 20-plus years of Senior Games at the local level or at the state finals," Hudson says.

Congratulations, Dr. Hudson, and welcome back to Virginia.

It's swim meet time — go Makos!



2011 Brandermill Makos Swim Meet Schedule

Fri., June 17	Surreywood @ North Beach	Mon., July 18	Smoketree @ North Beach
Tues., June 21	Willow Oaks @ North Beach	Mon., July 25	Champs @ Bon Air 10 & under
Tues., June 28	Brandermill @ Smoketree		
Tues., July 5	Brandermill @ Surreywood	Tues., July 26	Champs @ Bon Air 11 & over
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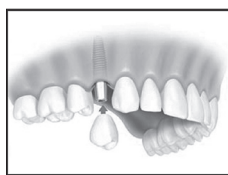
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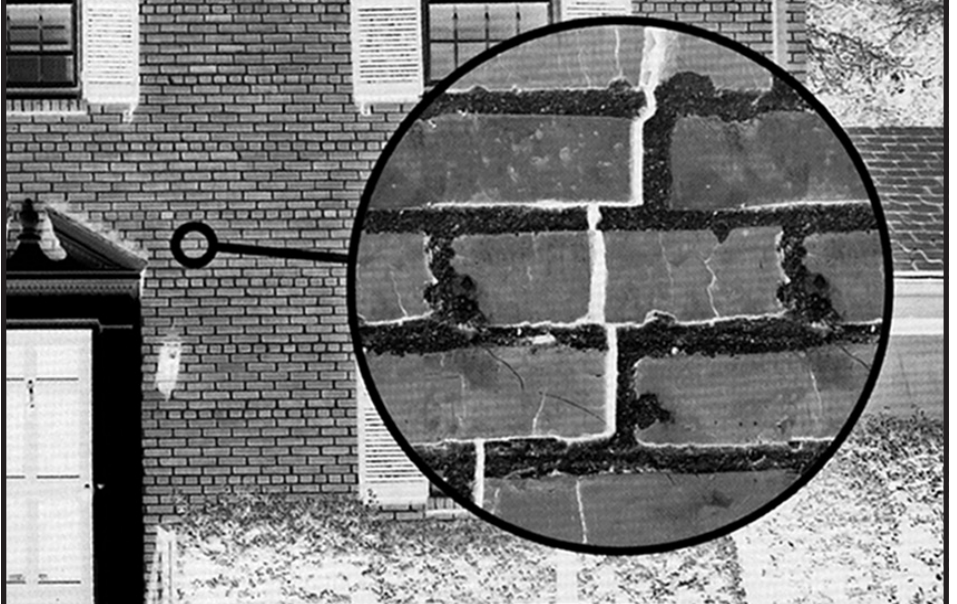
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The Keith White ProAm is a big success



Pro Rachel Gale and member Jake Thomas win the final round at Midlothian Tennis Club's Keith White ProAm Tournament.

Surgical Associates of Richmond moves to Waterford

By Lynda Raines
Copy Editor

Surgical Associates of Richmond has a new office in the Waterford Medical Center at 13460 Tredegar Parkway.

Surgical Associates of Richmond's heritage dates back to 1909 when Dr. George Ben Johnston and Dr. A. Murat Willis, the two former chairmen of surgery at the Medical College of Virginia, founded the original Johnston-Willis Hospital at the corner of Sixth and Franklin Streets. Today, in addition to the new Waterford Medical Center location, the practice includes offices in Stony Point and at Johnston-Willis Hospital off Midlothian Turnpike. Surgical Associates of Richmond is the longest standing independent surgical practice in Richmond.

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Physicians

Dr. Matthew E. Alter majored in chemistry and minored in classical civilization at New York University, graduating Phi Beta Kappa and cum laude. He earned his doctor of medicine degree from the State University of New York at Buffalo and worked as a teaching as-



Dr. Alter

sistant in gross anatomy at Daemen College. Dr. Alter performed his general surgery residency and chief residency at the State University of New York.

Dr. Alter performs a wide range of general and laparoscopic surgery at each hospital campus. In 2005, he was selected as chief of surgery for Bon Secours, St. Francis Medical Center.

Dr. Alter's phone number is 560-7758.

Dr. Diane R. Cox earned her bachelor's degree, cum laude, in biology and music from Texas Christian University. As an undergraduate, Dr. Cox was awarded a dean's scholarship, and was on the dean's list for four years. Dr. Cox earned her doctorate in medicine from the University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio School of Medicine. She completed her internship and residency in surgery at Virginia Commonwealth University/Medical College of Virginia, where she received the Intern of the Year Award and the Best Resident Award.

Dr. Cox practices all aspects of general surgery, with a special interest in advanced laparoscopic surgery, colon and rectal surgery, breast surgery, hernia and gall bladder surgery and endoscopic procedures.

Dr. Cox's phone number is 560-7710.

Dr. Clyde Johnson earned his bachelor's degree in biology from East Carolina University in Greenville, N.C. He earned his master's degree in sci-



Dr. Cox

ence and his doctor of medicine degree from Georgetown University.

During his military service, Dr. Johnson was awarded a National Defense Medal, the Army Superior Unit Medal, the Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal, and the Joint Services Commendation Medal. He also has had extensive training in combat casualties.

Dr. Johnson has served as an assistant professor of surgery at the Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences in Bethesda, Md., and as an assistant consulting professor of surgery at Duke University Medical Center. He has authored and co-authored over 13 publications in surgery.

Dr. Johnson's phone number is 560-5977.

Dr. Venkat Santosh earned his bachelor's degree in medicine and his master's degree in surgery, both with honors, from Madras University in India. He was in the top 1 percent in his undergraduate class.

Dr. Santosh received training in general and vascular surgery in the United Kingdom and was elected a Fellow of the Royal College of Surgeons of Edinburgh while working at the Royal Post-Graduate Medical School at Hammersmith, London. He transferred to New York and completed his surgical residency at Bronx Lebanon Hospital Medical Center and Albert Einstein College of Medicine, where he was awarded the Best Resident Teaching Award and the Resident Achievement Award for advanced laparoscopic work by the Society of American Gastro-Endoscopic Surgeons.

Dr. Santosh's phone number is 560-5976.



Dr. Santosh



White

Tomahawk, Midlothian and Bailey Bridge Middle Schools to create a middle school tournament in the fall, since none of the schools have tennis programs.

"It would be nice to have middle school tennis in Chesterfield County," says Baisden. "Henrico has it and I think it plays a big part in developing better high school teams."

Dr. Christian Schunn earned his medical degree from Ludwig Maximilian University in Munich, Germany.



He obtained his doctorate at Technical University of Munich and pursued general surgery training at Kreiskrankenhaus Pfaffenhofen, Germany before moving to the United States to perform his residency in pediatrics and internal medicine at the State University of New York. Dr. Schunn trained in general surgery at Harvard University's Massachusetts General Hospital in Boston, Mass., and performed his general surgery residency at the University of Pennsylvania in Philadelphia, Pa. He completed his fellowship training in vascular surgery at the Cleveland Clinic and

MYSL season begins

By Holly Angel
Special Correspondent

MYSL is merging with Richmond Kickers beginning with fall registration. Players will be able to register online at www.richmond-kickers.com for both sites.

Summer Soccer Freedom

Kickers, formerly MYSL, will host its annual Summer Soccer Freedom camp June 27 through July 1 for age groups U8 to U14 at the Hensley complex from 9 a.m. to noon. The cost per day is \$10 per athlete. Players should bring plenty of water and snacks and a completed medical release form the first day. The form can be found online at [www.mysl.com/documents/MedicalRelease-](http://www.mysl.com/documents/MedicalRelease-Form070108_000.doc)

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TOPSoccer

TOPSoccer, a program for special needs athletes began its fifth season this spring. TOPSoccer is 11 athletes strong and wants to offer soccer to additional special needs athletes ages 4 to 17. TOPSoccer is held for six sessions on Sundays, rain or shine, from 4 to 5 p.m. A doctor's certification must be completed prior to participation in the program. The registration fee is \$25 per athlete.

Become a TOPSoccer Buddy and work with TOPSoccer athletes. You do not have to be an MYSL member to be a buddy. The recommended minimum age limit is 12.

at the University Erlangen-Nurnberg.

Dr. Schunn has served at West Virginia University in Morgantown, W.Va. as an associate professor and as medical director of the vascular noninvasive laboratory.

Dr. Schunn's phone number is 560-7760.

Dr. Brian M. Smith earned his bachelor's degree, cum laude, in biology from Ohio University, and his master's degree in biomedical sciences, scientific research from the University of Toledo. Dr.



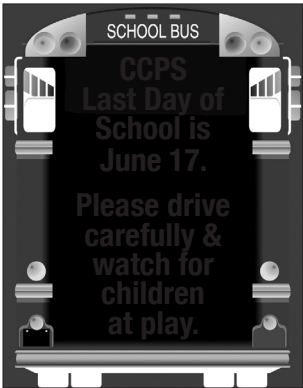
Dr. Smith

Smith earned his doctorate in medicine from the University of Toledo College of Medicine, where he served as administrative chief resident. He received the Marion C. Anderson Award

for Excellence in Surgery from the Medical College of Ohio.

Dr. Smith practices all aspects of general surgery with a special interest in advanced laparoscopic surgery, colon and rectal surgery, breast surgery, hernia and gall bladder and endoscopic procedures. He has authored and co-authored over 11 publications in surgery.

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KCIFOTO studio opens in Brandermill Business Park

By Lynda Raines
Copy Editor

Kimberley Izatt, photographer and owner of KCIFOTO in Brandermill Business Park, has always had a flair for photography, dating back to high school when she won a first-place prize in a photography contest.

Later, she worked in front of the camera as a model in Atlanta. "Modeling definitely gave me a new perspective," Izatt says. Her time spent on the other side of the lens heightened her creativity and taught her how important it is for a photographer to capture emotion, an essential element when photographing



Izatt

and has traveled as far as New York City and Switzerland to photograph brides on their special day.

Izatt says the time she spends photographing weddings makes her "feel like family at the end of the day."

Since Izatt began working in commercial photography in 2003, she has expanded her portfolio to include maternity,

her favorite assignments, weddings and senior portraits.

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and has traveled as far as New York City and Switzerland to photograph brides on their special day.

Izatt says the time she spends photographing weddings makes her "feel like family at the end of the day."

Since Izatt began working in commercial photography in 2003, she has expanded her portfolio to include maternity,

baby and children and family portraits as well as business, fashion and fitness photographs.

Izatt holds a consultation prior to a photography session. She says that the consultation

allows her to "emotionally connect" with her clients, especially children. And photographing children is close to Izatt's heart. She and her husband David have a 4-year-



Photo by Kimberley Izatt
Cheyenne Izatt, 4, is her mother's favorite subject.

old daughter, Cheyenne, who is often the subject of her mother's photography.

Depending on what her clients want, Izatt will work in interior and exterior settings

and will travel to a location. KCIFOTO photography packages for weddings and portraits include DVDs, prints, high-resolution images, and mini-accordion book formats. Wedding packages include online access to wedding photographs for a limited time.

In addition, specialty photo finishes include the gallery wrap format, which is a photograph on canvas that looks and feels like a painting.

Izatt recently completed her college education, graduating from Liberty University with a bachelor's degree in business management.

Her photography business

and her family keep her busy, but Izatt finds time to enjoy her hobbies of landscape photography and collecting vintage black and white photographs of Marilyn Monroe. She also incorporates fitness and cycling into her routine.

Another artistic outlet for Izatt is country music. "I dream of being a singer," she says. "I bought a guitar and I want to learn to play it."

KCIFOTO studio is located at 13510 East Boundary Road, Suite 102. Photography consultations are by appointment. For more information, please call 218-4221 or email kcifoto@gmail.com. The website address is www.kcifoto.com.

reuse thrift store benefits Richmond Animal League



Sondra Epley takes pride in the reuse store in Midlothian Shopping Center.

By Lynda Raines
Copy Editor

reuse is a unique thrift store in Midlothian that supports the Richmond Animal League (RAL) through its sale of donated household items. RAL has been helping animals since 1979 and is Richmond's oldest no-kill animal shelter.

Sondra Epley, a resident of The Oaks and volunteer at RAL and at reuse, says the enjoyment she receives from her volunteer work is two-fold: she is an animal lover who believes

in pet adoption, and she loves to creatively arrange the inventory at the reuse store. "Since we opened last December, I have had a lot of fun decorating the store windows in seasonal themes," Epley says. "We get a lot of compliments from customers about how clean and orderly the store is," Epley adds. "It's important to love what you do, and I love being a volunteer at reuse."

reuse has hosted pet adoption days and participates in fundraisers such as the "Strut Your Mutt" walk on Monument Avenue held in the spring.

reuse also offers "Crafting for a Cause" workshops that benefit RAL; a recent workshop focused on making signs out of plywood scraps. Future workshops that also emphasize reusing household items include jewelry making and furniture refinishing.

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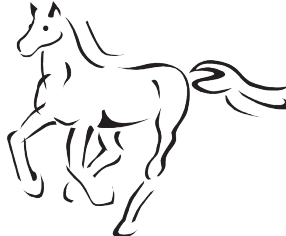
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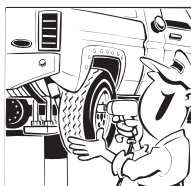
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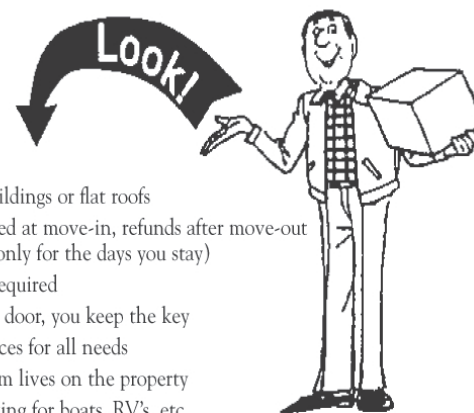
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“The northern copperhead is a heavy-bodied, medium-sized venomous snake that grows to a length of 24 to 36 inches. The head is triangular and coppery-red with an hourglass pattern. There are dark, rounded spots on the sides of the belly and the scales are weakly keeled. The upper side of the body and tail are pinkish tan to dark brown, with hourglass-shaped crossbands colored chestnut to dark brown. Juveniles have the same color patterns as the adults, except that the tip of the tail is a sulfur yellow and juveniles lack the black flecking of the adults.
This species mates in April or May and 1 to 17 young are born from mid-August to early October. The copperhead will often hibernate in the company of other snakes. It is a sluggish snake that relies on camouflage to escape detection. It may vibrate the tail rapidly when alarmed.
This snake is found in a

wide variety of terrestrial habitats, including: wetlands, forests, fields, and edge areas of all types. The copperhead is found in open areas with higher rock densities, and uses all types of structures for cover, including brush piles, and stone walls.
Mice are the primary prey, but they also take lizards, small snakes, amphibians, small birds, and insects.”
Northern Watersnake
“The northern watersnake is a large aquatic snake, measuring 24 to 42 inches in length. It has dark crossbands on the neck and foreparts of the body, and alternating dorsal and lateral blotches on the rest of the body. The dark markings are wider than the spaces between them.
The northern water snake is often confused with the venomous cottonmouth or water moccasin, which has broad crossbands that occur along the entire length of the body. The northern watersnake emerges from hibernation in late March or April and mates soon thereafter. The young, up to 70 in number, are born live from late August to early October. This snake will usually bite when handled, and it can inflict a painful wound from its long teeth. It may also vibrate its tail when disturbed.

This snake is a predator of fish and amphibians, which it swallows live.”
Eastern Gartersnake
“The Eastern garter snake has lateral stripes confined to rows two and three. There are normally three yellowish stripes, but they may be brownish, greenish, or bluish. There is usually a double row of alternating back spots between stripes. Occasionally, specimens are virtually stripeless. This species is from 5 to 48 inches long.
This snake will mate on the first warm day after their emergence in spring. The young are born alive in late July or early August. They have 7 to 10 young per litter, which are 5 to 9 inches long at birth. Eastern garter snakes are terrestrial and can be found in many types of habitats including hardwood and pine forests, along the margins of creeks, rivers, ponds, and lakes, agricultural and urban areas, and freshwater marshes. This snake eats earthworms, millipedes, spiders, insects, salamanders, frogs, and toads.”
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