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Wed Jul 16 11:00 AM ET
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Humidity: 66%
Barometer: 30in/1017mb
Winds: SW at 9mph/14kph

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Chesterfield awaits deadline for two new schools, CHHS renovation

Construction is proposed to begin this October

By Greg Pearson

Chesterfield County will know by July 21 if there will be more than one private proposal to build two new high schools and renovate Clover Hill High School into a middle school. The deadline is 5PM for any additional proposals as authorized by the Public-Private Education Facilities and Infrastructure Act of 2002.

The opportunity is being warmly received by both county and school officials as a faster and less expensive way to build needed schools, specifically for the fast-growing Route 360 corridor. Planned for 1,750 students each, the high schools would be built on land east and west of the Route 288 intersection and completed by July 2006 – two years faster than the county could deliver the schools. CHHS would be renovated for 1,200 middle school students and turned over to the school system a year later.

The proposal was made by First Choice-Public-Private Partners, LLC which promised to build the schools and renovate CHHS for less than the \$115 million estimated by the public school system. For the time being, the sites and financial mechanisms are confidential.

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Is 1Heluva a scam?

By Donna C. Gregory

A Chesterfield man is being accused of running "1Heluva" Internet scam, bilking investors nationwide out of thousands of dollars. An affidavit filed with federal and state authorities by Bill E. Branscum, a Florida-based private investigator, alleges that Fred Srock of Timbercreek Drive is running a Ponzi/pyramid scam through his web site www.1heluva.com. The affidavit lists





Photo by Dan Harrington.

Monacan High School students Katlyn Rogers (top) and Lisa Rollston (bottom) show their enthusiasm for summer by doing synchronized back dives at the Surreywood pool.

LINK service continues

Part of the \$100,000 Chesterfield County will spend over the next year to continue LINK will come from federal and state sources. The county has eliminated van service within Chesterfield and shifted the commuter runs from Jeff Davis Highway to the Route 360 corridor. Dale Supervisor Kelly Miller and Bermuda Supervisor Jack McHale were on the losing side of the 3-2 board vote.

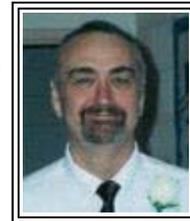
Democratic challenger Ree Hart for Bermuda supervisor criticized McHale for letting "our services be transferred away" elsewhere in the county.

With the Chesterfield Towne Center express also continuing, the routes serve the county's most affluent areas for commuting to work. Many business leaders wanted the van service for shoppers and to provide transportation for low-income employees.



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similar allegations against other web sites operated by Srock including www.clickitycash.com and www.bubblebucks.com. The Chesterfield County Police Department's Economic Crime Unit is also investigating the matter.



Fred Srock

To date, Branscum has filed the affidavit (available online at www.fraudsandscams.com) with the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC), the Federal Trade Commission (FTC), the Virginia Division of Securities and the Virginia Office of Consumer Affairs and is awaiting a response. [click here](#)



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Steve Baril (center), a former leader of the successful campaign to build Route 288 and now a Republican candidate for Attorney General, spoke to supporters. The benefit was sponsored by Gary Fenchuk (l) and Clem Carlisle of East West Partners.

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