

# Get spooked at Family Fright Night, Teen Dance

Wed., Oct. 25

**Chesterfield County Board of Supervisors**, 4 p.m., Public Meeting Room, County Administration Building, 9901 Lori Road.

Thurs., Oct. 26

**Hispanic Small Business Resource Fair**, 8 a.m.-12:30 p.m., St. Augustine's Church, 4400 Beulah Rd. Includes an exhibit hall with government, private sector and nonprofit resource providers on hand to offer information on financing, marketing, business planning and workplace safety. Workshops will be offered on topics such as government financing programs, govern-

ment procurement opportunities, how to start a business and business planning. Interpreters will be available to assist in answering attendees' questions. Free. For more information, contact Laura Sánchez del Solar at 378-4099 or laurasanchez@vahcc.com.

Fri., Oct. 27

**Things that Go Bump in the Night**, 6-8 p.m. (and Sat., Oct. 28, same time). Experience an evening of spellbinding accounts as storytellers present haunting tales in a historical setting at Henricus Historical Park. Bring a blanket and enjoy this evening of old-fashioned

family fun. Light refreshments will be served. Cost: \$6/adults, \$4/seniors and children 12 and under. Free for Henricus members. For more information, call 706-1340

Sat., Oct. 28

**"Folk in the Grove" concert series**, 8 p.m. (doors open at 7:15 p.m.), Congregation Or Ami, 9400 W. Huguenot Rd., featuring John Skelton, master of the Irish flute. Workshops in Irish flute and whistle (beginner, intermediate and advanced) will be held throughout the day.

For more information, or to purchase tickets (\$10/advance, \$12/door), call 647-7856 or visit [www.richmondfolkmusic.org](http://www.richmondfolkmusic.org).

**Historical Spirit Walk**, 3-8 p.m., Castlewood, Magnolia Grange and on the Courthouse Green. Kids' games, pumpkin carving, reenactments and an "Evolution of Death" exhibit. Cost is \$5 and includes all sites. For information, call 796-1479.

**Halloween Costume Parade and Carnival**, 11 a.m.-1 p.m. The parade will begin at the corner of Glenmeadow and Walton Park roads. Participants will then proceed to the Walton Park Clubhouse for fun and frolic. Lunch, treats, crafts, games and activities are all included. For more information, or to purchase tickets (advance/\$2.50 members, \$3 non-members; door/\$5), visit [www.waltonparkonline.com](http://www.waltonparkonline.com) or call Kathleen Six, 423-7835, or Veronica Grimes, 594-3573. Bring a canned food item and receive 50 cents off the ticket price. Rain date: Oct. 29, 3-5 p.m.

## In The Spotlight

**Family Fright Night**, Sat., Oct. 28, 4-7 p.m., Bensley Community Building, 2900 Drewry's Bluff Rd. Bring the entire family out for an evening of music, carnival games, prizes, trick-or-treating, costume contest and more! Admission is free. **Teen Halloween Dance** (same location) will follow from 7:30-9:30 p.m., for ages 10-15. Tickets are \$5 per person. Space is limited, so register early. For more information, call David Potter, 275-5321.

**Country/Contemporary Line Dancing** course, Tuesday evenings, 7:30-9 p.m., through Dec. 12, Bensley Community Building, 2900 Drewry's Bluff Road. Learn the basic steps of current line dances to a variety of music styles. Beginners are welcome. Dance partners are not required. Cost: \$25. For more information, call David Potter at 275-5321.

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Sat., Nov. 4

**The People of Pocahontas**, noon-5 p.m., Henricus Historical Park. Explore the culture of Virginia's first residents and learn about the skills that enabled the Virginia Indians to survive. Learn how they flourished and how they shared their knowledge with the colonists. Cost: \$6/adults, \$5/seniors, \$4/children 12 and under. Free for Henricus members. For more information, call 706-1340.

Tues., Nov. 7

*Have a special event coming up? Please e-mail your calendar items to [calendar@chesterfieldobserver.com](mailto:calendar@chesterfieldobserver.com), mail them to P.O. Box 1616, Midlothian VA 23113, or fax them to 744-3269. Please include a contact name and number with your announcements.*

# Crime Solvers generates more than 20,000 tips

Since its inception in 1984, the Chesterfield County/Colonial Heights Crime Solvers program has generated 20,034 tips, helping to clear 5,130 cases. Almost \$1.4 million in stolen property has been

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recovered and over \$672,000 in illegal drugs.

If you want to report a crime without giving your name, call 748-0660. You could be eligible for a monetary reward.

### In other police reports:

**Carriage Pines Drive.** Some time prior to Oct. 14, someone sprayed symbols and obscenities on property in the 7100 block and stole some items from a shed.

**Erika Hill Court.** During the evening of Oct. 10 and early morning hours of Oct. 11, numerous unlocked vehicles and a garage were entered by unknown suspects. Money, food and firearms were taken. Some items were later retrieved after they were left throughout the neighborhood.

**Handel Court.** The victim and his girlfriend were leaving an apartment in the 5600 block at 10:37 p.m. on Oct. 11 when the suspect approached them in the parking lot. When the suspect cocked his handgun, the girlfriend ran back to the apartment. The victim told the suspect he didn't have his wallet with him, and the suspect said "Ok," and ran off, joining two friends in the distance.

**Heatherhill Drive.** Shortly before midnight on Oct. 11, three suspects appeared at the victim's residence in the 5500 block, ostensibly to look at a 2002 Jaguar that one suspect had inquired about purchasing previously. One suspect displayed a gun and pushed the victim inside the residence where he was bound and watched while the other two suspects searched the residence. When left alone momentarily, the victim fled and had a neighbor call the police. Seeing that they had been observed by the neighbor, the suspects fled in their vehicle

with stolen clothing, even though the victim's vehicle was idling in the driveway.

**Hull Street Road.** At 3:47 p.m. on Oct. 12, the suspect, wearing a wig and armed with a handgun, entered the Wachovia bank in the 13200 block. He demanded money from the teller and fled on foot after putting the cash into a bag he had brought.

**Lakebluff Parkway.** Numerous vehicles and campers parked in the 51000 block were vandalized when mirrors and windows were broken or shot out.

**Midlothian High School.** On Oct. 16 between 2-3 a.m., someone broke into the boy's locker room and then into an office before gaining access to the assistant principal's office. The suspect stole the school's digital camera and wrote "Bloods" in numerous places.

**Polo Parkway.** After placing a food order at 9 p.m. on Oct. 13 in the 11300 block, the suspect went behind the counter. Pulling out a handgun, he ordered the two employees

to the office and demanded that they lie down. The restaurant assistant manager, already in the office, handed over the money. The suspect put it in a cash deposit bag and walked out of the restaurant.

**Sasha Court.** The suspect(s) entered a residence in the 20900 block on Oct. 11 through a bedroom window where an air conditioner had been removed. Clothing, jewelry and other items were taken.

**Turner Road.** The victim let the suspect drive her 1992 Ford Explorer since she was attempting to sell him the vehicle. When he didn't return, she used the Lo-Jack tracking system to locate the vehicle and recover it. Police continue to investigate.

**Willis Road.** The two suspects entered the Shell station in the 2300 block shortly before midnight on Oct. 10 with shirts pulled over their heads. The armed suspect demanded money from the cash register, and as soon as he received it, the suspects ran off.

# County purchases voter assistance terminals

The Chesterfield County General Registrar's office has purchased 70 AutoMark Voter Assist Terminals for voters with disabilities, vision impairments or problems marking a ballot. The AutoMARK is a touch-screen and audio device that will mark an optical scan ballot. When a ballot is inserted into the AutoMARK, it appears on the screen along with instructions. The AutoMARK screen can adjust text size and contrast.

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AutoMARK users also can receive audio instructions and navigate by using a control on the side of the unit. The audio control pad is marked with Braille for visually impaired voters. Once the ballot choices have been made, the AutoMARK machine will mark the voter's choices on the ballot and return it to the voter for insertion into the optical scan

counter.

Disabled voters in the county will have their first opportunity to use the AutoMARK machines at the general election on Tues., Nov. 7.

For more information about voting or to practice on the AutoMARK, contact the general registrar's office at 748-1471 or visit [www.chesterfield.gov](http://www.chesterfield.gov) and click on "Voter Information" under "Government & Officials."

### Polling place changes

Two polling locations in Chesterfield County are being relocated for the election:

- The Bellwood polling place in the Bermuda District is being moved from Perrymont Middle School to First Baptist Church Centralia, 2920 Kingsdale Road.

- The Cranbeck polling place in the Midlothian District is being moved from the

Greenfield Community Association to Grace Brethren Church, 2420 Cranbeck Road.

All registered voters in both precincts are being notified about the changes by mail and will receive updated voter registration cards.

For directions to the new polling places or additional information about voting, call the Chesterfield County General Registrar's office at 748-1471 or visit [www.chesterfield.gov](http://www.chesterfield.gov) and then click on "Registrar" under "County Departments."

### Woman arrested for child's death

Chesterfield County Police have arrested Elizabeth P. Noakes, 41, in connection with the death of a 16-month-old boy. The child was in her care at the time of his death. The incident occurred on Oct. 18 in the 2400 block of Corryville Terrace. Noakes is charged with involuntary manslaughter and is being held in the Chesterfield County jail without bond.

### Crash kills elderly woman

The Chesterfield County Police Department is investigating a two-vehicle crash that killed one woman and injured two other people. The crash occurred at the intersection of Robious and Cranbeck roads at about 11:25 a.m. on Oct. 12.

Police said the driver of a 1988 Ford Taurus was traveling south on Cranbeck Road when it was struck by a 1988 Mazda MX-6 that was traveling west on Robious Road. The driver and passenger of the Ford were transported to VCU Medical Center. The driver, Margaret K. Sutherland, 79, of the 10500 block of Jason Road, later died as a result of her injuries. The passenger sustained serious injuries. The driver of the Mazda was taken to CJW Medical Center with minor injuries.

Police continue to investigate this crash.