

Victim robbed during solicitation for Huguenot HS band

At 3:15 p.m. on Jan. 29, the suspect knocked on the door of a residence in the 8300 block of Chelmsford Road to solicit money for the Huguenot High School Band. The victim had him wait at the door while he got his wallet. When he opened his wallet to make a donation, the suspect grabbed the wallet and pushed the victim down. The suspect pulled out a black handgun and told the victim to stay down so he could make his getaway on foot.

CRIME WATCH

In other police reports:
Ayshire Court. The victim discovered the car keys to her 1993 Honda were missing from a pegboard inside her residence in the 7500 block on Jan. 22. The vehicle was later recovered with the suspects inside in Schuylkill, Penn.
Becar Road. On Jan. 30, the suspect(s) entered a residence in the 9300 block through an unlocked rear window in the kitchen. A television and DVD player were unplugged and moved but not taken. Drawers in the bedrooms were open and rifled through.

Chattanooga Shopping Center. At 8 p.m. on Jan. 29, a masked suspect pulled out a black handgun and ordered the clerks at Payless ShoeSource to lie on the floor. One of the clerks was ordered to give him the money from the register, and the suspect left on foot.
Cypressleaf Drive. Unknown suspect(s) burned a bush in the victim's front yard on either Jan. 26 or 27 in the 5500 block.
Genito Road. The two suspects entered the Pizza Hut in the 13900 block at 9 p.m. on Jan. 24. One went to the office door while the other placed a knife in the side of the clerk at the

cash register. After the register was opened, the suspects took the money and left.
Hull Street Road. Someone broke into three classroom trailers at Grange Hall Elementary School on Jan. 24 and stole office equipment and electronic items from one of the classrooms.
Litchfield Drive. The victim arrived home around 8:30 p.m. on Jan. 28 to find her estranged husband in her residence in the 4200 block. The victim had a court order that prohibited her husband from being there.

Expansion planned at Midlothian YMCA

Thanks to the solicitation of the home building community by HHHunt, the Midlothian YMCA has received \$251,500 in pledges that will add 23,755 square feet to the existing YMCA at Coalfield and Woolridge roads. The fundraising effort was aided by the "\$50,000 HHHunt/YMCA Matching Fund."

Phase I will include a welcoming lobby and conversation café, a community and technology resource center, a wellness center, sports and adventure center, expanded child watch center and kids' gym, and family locker rooms. Phase II will add an indoor warm water family pool, an outdoor performing arts area, an indoor walking track and an outdoor climbing wall.

Guardian Horse Bedding, which produces wood pellets for energy and wood shavings for animal bedding, will invest \$1.4 million and employ six people at a new facility in Chesterfield County.

Bruce W. Thompson of Woodlake has been elected to the trustee board of the

Ruritan National Foundation – the 501(c)(3) educational foundation of Ruritan National. A retired banker, Thompson has been a Ruritan since 1959 and was selected as the Midlothian Ruritan Club's "Ruritan of the Year" in 2005. He's also served as zone and district governors in the Rockingham District.

Eleven employees of Midlothian-based **Getloaded.com** took a dip in the Atlantic Ocean during the 15th Annual Polar Plunge Winter Festival in Virginia Beach on Feb. 3 to raise money for Special Olympics Virginia. Last year, 3,433 people took the plunge, raising over \$610,000.

Village Bank is reporting a net income of \$1.4 million for 2006, 14 percent more than in 2005. Money on deposit increased to \$253.3 million from \$186.7 million while total assets climbed to \$291.2 million, an increase of 35 percent. The bank opened three new branches and has nine locations with seven of them in

Chesterfield County.

The after school program at **Harrowgate Elementary School** received a "Model Hunger Relief Partner" recognition from the Central Virginia Foodbank late last month. The award was accepted by **Taffy Jones-Hayes**, an intervention strategist at the school. Carver Middle School mentors and assists the students at the elementary school.

Alexandra Elwood, who attends the center-based gifted program at Manchester Middle School, is serving in the page/messenger program with the Virginia Senate during the General Assembly session.

Falling Creek Middle School has received a GEAR UP (Gaining Early Awareness and Readiness for Undergraduate Programs) grant benefiting its seventh graders. The federal program is designed for low-income students, and will supply tutors, mentors and visits to college campuses to improve their chances of attending college. These students will also be eligible to receive college scholarships.

Grow your knowledge of horticulture

Chesterfield County Cooperative Extension is offering a series of free horticultural workshops. They include:

March 8 – Pruning small trees, 7 p.m., LaPrade Library, 9000 Hull Street Road.

March 13 – Pruning shrubs, 7 p.m., Clover Hill Library, 6701 Deer Run Drive.

March 27 – Getting your yard in shape for spring, 7 p.m., Midlothian Library, 521 Coalfield Road.

March 28 – Everything you ever wanted to know about trees, 7 p.m., Bon Air Library, 9103 Rattlesnake Road.

March 29 – Planting America's Anniversary Garden, 7 p.m., Chester Library, 11800 Centre Street.

These workshops are free and open to the public. Seating is limited, so register early. For details, or to register, call 751-4401 or e-mail dunkuma@chesterfield.gov.

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