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Letters to City Council Still Desperately Needed

by Nick Sears, Zoning Chairman

Trammell Crow's application for rezoning of the Jewish Community Center property requires an amendment to the City of Atlanta's Comprehensive Development Plan. The public hearing on that amendment was held by the City Council's Community Development Committee on Wednesday, September 4th. On Thursday, September 12th, the Community Development Committee voted to defer making a recommendation on Trammell Crow's application until the next regularly scheduled Committee meeting on September 30, 1996.

Assuming no further deferral by the Community Development Committee, the rezoning application will come before the City Council's Zoning Committee on October 2, 1996 for its recommendation and will then be voted on by the entire Council on Monday, October 7, 1996.

The stated reason for the Community Development Committee's tabling of Trammell Crow's application until September 30th was to allow the developer and the neighborhood time to reach an amicable resolution of the density issue. Notwithstanding the neighborhood's position that the proposed development's density should not exceed 270 apartment units and the Zoning Review Board's recommendation that the density should not exceed 325 units, Trammell Crow continues to apply for rezoning at a density of 363 apartment units.

The next two weeks is a particularly crucial period of time. Please continue to write and call members of the City Council. It is important that the neighborhood's disapproval of Trammell Crow's high density project be kept fresh in the mind of the mayor and each of the council members over the next two weeks. If you haven't yet written, please take the time to do so now.

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Brooknotes welcomes articles, art work, photographs and story ideas. The deadline for the next issue of *Brooknotes* is Friday, October 18, 1996. Submissions should be in writing and should be dropped off at Betsy Crosby's house, 34 Brighton Rd.

Letter to the Editor

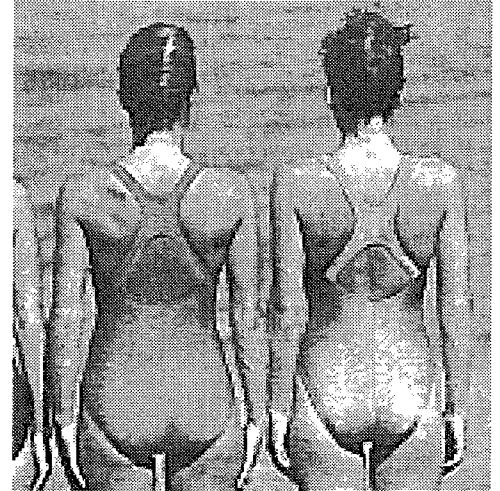
Brooknotes received the following irate letter from former *Brooknotes* editor Nan Clarke, currently residing in Charlotte, N.C.

I have just received the August *Brooknotes*. As you can well imagine, I was shocked to see on your front page that someone had obviously superimposed my face and that of Marcia Abernethy on the bodies of the Queen Mum and Angela Lansbury. A cheap tabloid trick that one would expect from the National Enquirer but not from the prestigious journal *Brooknotes*.

You should have been immediately suspicious of the photo since the pair is obviously having a wonderful time with their families nowhere in sight. As a mother and wife yourself, you know that could never happen.

Marcia and I would like an immediate retraction plus compensation for the mental anguish you have caused, plus we insist that you run a REAL picture of us. We are currently on location for "Baywatch" so you could send the photographer there. Our attorney - your husband Bob Crosby - will be in touch shortly, as will Michael Johnson, who was not pleased to be back on page 7.

The Editor responds:



Your attorney certainly can be persuasive. We are herewith publishing a picture of the REAL Nan Clarke and Marcia Abernethy on location for "Baywatch." Our deepest apologies to Marcia for misspelling her last name in the last issue and the one before that!



Come Celebrate Fall!

Mark your calendars for the 12th annual Great Pumpkin Giveaway!! Sarah Hagood, your neighbor and owner/broker of Specialty Homes, Inc., would like to give each family a pumpkin in celebration of Halloween. Come to 201 Huntington Road to receive your plump pumpkin! Oct. 18, 3-6p.m., Oct. 19, 9a.m. to 6p.m., & Oct. 20, 10a.m. to 6p.m.

The event is for everyone in the neighborhood. One per household, please.

Tennis Anyone?

by Katie Bollman, Tennis Chairman

NEWS: We now have four ALTA teams playing and practicing out of Brookwood Hills!!! The court will be busier this fall, so please check the master schedule on the bulletin board above the water fountain. If the team match gets rained out, a rematch will be scheduled and posted as soon as possible.

NEW: We bought four new benches for viewing comfort and two new tables are on the way for viewing area picnics. Please care for them.

NUTS: Am I nuts to try to get a BWH Tennis Round Robin going? Call me and leave name, level and number if interested (352-8422).

NASTY: Efforts are under way to clean up entire tennis area, including basketball court. New lines have been painted and hoops will be put up. Neighbors come play!!

Ghosties and Goblins! Time to start working on your costumes! Halloween at Brookwood Park is just around the corner. Look for details in the October issue of *Brooknotes*.

CHANGE OF CAREER CHANGES THE FACE OF BWH

by Deirdre Stiles

It was love of plants and garden design that lead BWH resident Esther Stokes to leave the library for landscaping. She admits to having given very little consideration to her career goals after graduating from Duke with a degree in history. Like many young people fresh out of college, her career was determined more by the job market and circumstances than any conscious plan. She took a job in publishing before marrying Jim Stokes and moving to New Haven, Connecticut where Jim attended Yale law school. It was in New Haven that Esther accepted her first job in a library. She had no idea that she would spend the next 16 years in a field called library science both as student, librarian and teacher.

Esther and Jim moved to Atlanta in 1972 and in 1973 they bought their first BWH home on Huntington. She established the EPA region IV library and taught part-time at Emory University. Although she enjoyed teaching, she realized that she "didn't give a flip about library science." Explains Esther, "I would go to the American Library Association conventions and look around and think I don't belong here."

So, where did she belong? The answer seemed to come naturally for someone who had always loved gardening, especially design. In 1983 with Jim's emotional and financial support, the teacher became a student again - this time in landscape design. The initial hitch came when she discovered that her first choice of schools, the University of Georgia, did not offer evening classes. Daughter Jessica was then seven years old and Zibby just three, so being a full-time daytime student was out of the question. Not easily deterred, Esther started taking courses at night at Dekalb College where in two years she completed the program in landscape design. Then she "hung out her shingle".

At first she did all the work herself - design and installation. She admits that installation was "the hardest thing I've ever done. It nearly killed me" After 5 years of bad dreams about root balls drying up in her backyard before they could be planted, she finally decided to stick to design and consultation only. In her own words "it was a glorious decision." Despite the difficulties, the experience she gained in those first years was invaluable. She learned first hand what was involved in going from a design on paper to a fully installed landscape. Now, when she works with clients she understands the predicament of the nursery if they are unable to obtain a certain plant. She can explain to clients what planting can and can not take place in a given season or location. This ability to see the big picture helps her both in design and in consultations. Although Esther shrugs when asked how many BWH landscapes she has helped shape in one way or another, her handiwork is evident on every street. The Stokes current home on Palisades is an beautiful testimony to her ability. The consultation hours she offered this year to the Garden Club's Acorn Auction were a hot item.

What she enjoys the most about her "new" career is her flexible schedule and doing something she loves. She feels fortunate to have had the freedom to make a major career change without the added concern of being the primary bread winner. Being her own boss has allowed her to be involved with family activities, as well as volunteer her time for many community causes. She has twice served on the BWH board. And though her landscaping work can occupy her attention full-time, she is able to rearrange her schedule on occasion to spend a little extra time with Jessica and Zibby (now 19 and 15.)

Looking back, Esther wishes that someone had pushed her harder to consider different career options when she graduated from college. And yet, her decision to go from card catalogs to garden trowels proves what is possible if we are willing to take a chance and change.



Landscape Designer Esther Stokes confers with clients Marc and Nicholas Delesalle.

BROOKWOOD BUZZ

Lisa and Steve Barnhart with **Allison** (4 yrs.) and **David** (2 yrs.) will be the newest residents of 310 Camden "by September 30th." That's the date that they close on their current home of 11 years in Virginia Highlands. Despite leaving a neighborhood they have enjoyed for many years, Lisa, a native Atlantan, says she has loved BWH "forever." Steve is an attorney with Barnhart, O'Quinn and Williams. Allison is at Trinity School and David is in a program at Rock Springs Presbyterian. Both have already made friends in the neighborhood before even moving in.

Binney and Erik Granade are new to Atlanta and BWH! They moved into 318 Camden this summer from Philadelphia with daughters **Grace** (5 1/2 yrs.) and **Eliza** (3 yrs.). Arriving in mid-June, their first task was not only to adjust to a new city but to survive the Olympics. Things have settled down now. Grace is attending Trinity while Eliza and Binney are often seen working in the yard. Eric is with Invesco as a manager of International Mutual Funds.

Doug and Regina Rooney and their two daughters **Isabelle** (5 yrs.) and **Linnea** (2 1/2 yrs) have just moved into 18 Palisades from Philadelphia. Prior to their 18 months in Phillie, they lived for a number of years in Chicago. Regina is from Zurich while Doug hails from northern New Jersey. They met in college at Wesleyan University in Connecticut and lived in Zurich for 3 years after Doug finished his MBA at Northwestern. He is currently with Norton Building Products, a subsidiary of Saint Gobain of France. After spending quite a bit of time looking at neighborhoods in Atlanta, they "got locked into BWH" as the place they wanted to live.

Welcome back to **Blythe, Blake, Lauren Blair** and **Connor O'Brien** who, along with parents **Karen** and **Mark** and dogs **Zar** and **Sophie**, have taken up temporary residence here on Huntington while Karen house-hunts. Dad heads pediatric neurosurgery at Egleston while Karen keeps up with the children at Westminster, Trinity and St. Philips. Karen is also a part-time relief cardiac nurse at Egleston.

The world descended on Atlanta on July 18; on the same day, **Angela and Chris Bakke** of 30 Camden welcomed new baby **Caroline Taylor** to the world. BWH neighbor **Dr. Ingvaldstad** delivered Caroline at Piedmont Hospital. Later that night, new dad **Chris** videotaped the torch being carried down Peachtree so that his daughter could see the historic heralding of her arrival. Her mother feels blessed to have such a good little sleeper. Caroline will return to work with Mom in a couple of weeks. Angela, a dentist, has a space above her office that she is going to use so that baby and caregiver will be nearby.

Emily and Michael McIntyre of 138 Brighton also feel like the luckiest parents in the world. Born on August 11, **Ella Pruitt** kept her parents waiting throughout the Olympics, arriving happy and healthy 2 weeks late. She is described by her mother as the "sweetest little baby," living proof that the best things in life are worth waiting for. Emily, an interior designer, is glad that her work allows her to work from home for a while so she can be with Ella.

Tim Luxemburger, son of **Jerry and Elaine Luxemburger** at 14 Palisades, married **Ann Eastwood** on May 18 in a ceremony in Valle Crucis, North Carolina. The reception took place in an old apple barn. The newlyweds are living near Atlanta in Holly Springs, Georgia.

David Kennedy, son of **Nancy and Bill Kennedy** of 35 Northwood, married **Hannah Elizabeth Hanger** on August 17 at Peachtree Presbyterian Church. The groom is an institutional stockbroker and the bride is a student at Agnes Scott. The couple honeymooned in Scotland.



Damp weather could not deter the crowds for the 30th Annual Woodcrest Labor Day Celebration. The day included a bike parade, three-legged race, wheelbarrow/basketball toss and face painting, and concluded with Woodcrest Mayor Harvey Ross in her "Cat in the Hat" hat passing on the scepter to mayor-elect Henry Kellum.

ESCAPADES

BULLETIN BOARD

by Lee King

Are the soccer games rained out? Is the phrase "I'm bored" floating on the tip of your child's tongue? Here are some ideas for those weekends (and teacher workdays) when the clouds drive you and yours inside.

1. Fernbank--There is a wonderful exhibit of sports photography on display at Fernbank. The show includes memorable shots from the Olympics of years past, as well as pictures from some of the baseball greats (including Jackie Robinson, Willie Mays and Hank Aaron). This exhibit appeals to sports fans, particularly those between the ages of 8 and 58, and will run through the month of October. Also recommended is the IMAX film "To the Limit," which has incredible footage of rock climbing and downhill skiing. The film, which discusses the limit of human endurance in athletics, also features a ballet dancer.

2. Art and Soul Cafe--This shop is in Brookwood Square (home of Houston's and Blockbuster Video). You pick out a ceramic piece, paint your own design, then the shop fires your art in their kiln. One week later--Voila! You can select from platters, urns, picture frames, bowls as well as figurines. You are billed for studio time, as well as the cost of the item you select. You can make great grandmother gifts (the famous handprint signed by the child/artist) as well as bowls that will be the envy of your firents. This activity appeals to the elementary school set (with the possible exception of some eleven-year-old boys), artistically oriented teens and even parents who have held desk jobs far too long.

Center for Puppetry Arts Festival

October 26th, 11 am - 6 pm. Come to the center for a loads of fun. Indoor and outdoor events include puppet shows, marionettes, ventriloquists and Big Bird on display in the muppets exhibit. Children of all ages will enjoy making their own puppets, meeting the puppeteers and more. Good food too. Admission is \$10 for non-members (\$9.00 members).

Lost Kitten

A manx (tailless) kitten has taken up residence during the day at the home of Lillian and Jack Watt at 300 Camden. The kitten appears to be well-fed and otherwise content. The Watts would like to know if it has a permanent home in the neighborhood. Please call them at 351-3588.

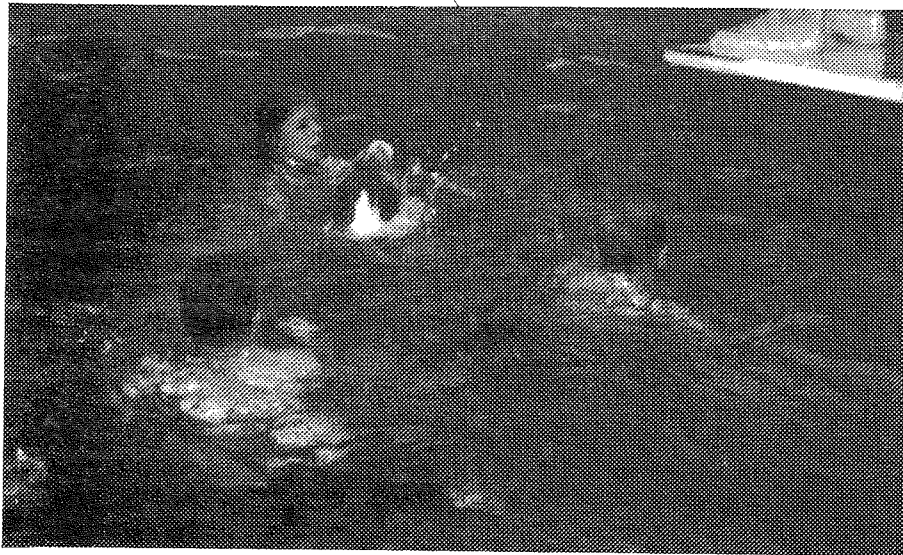
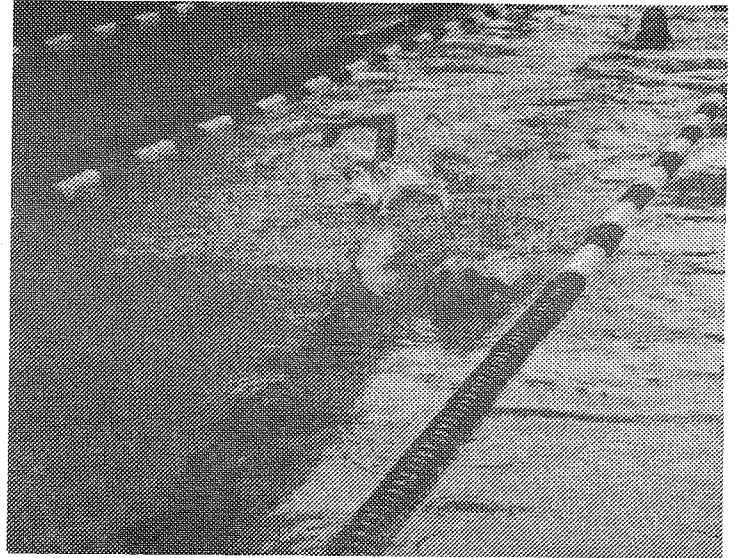
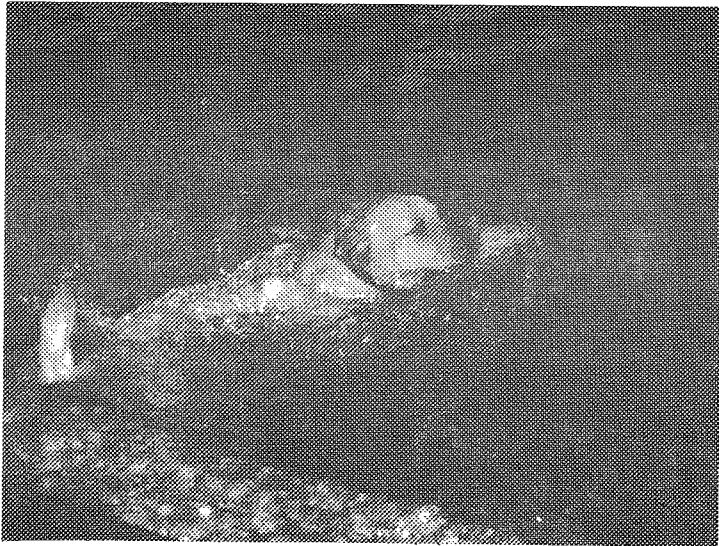
Board Meeting

The next meeting of the BWH Board of Directors will be Monday, October 7, at 7:15 p.m. at the home of Nancy and Bill Kennedy, 35 Northwood. Please call Nancy at 874-0746 if you would like to attend. All Community Club members are welcome.

CLASSIFIEDS

- **For Sale** (by the Solleys). Ted left for college - come buy his bedroom set (white laminate with wood trim) and car (1989 Integra). Andy wants to part with her French Provincial-esque bedroom set - very well made. And we all want to stop working out. Come buy our bike, treadmill, weights, etc. Also on the block, mahogany buffet and 48" round oak table with leaves. Call Tom Solley 351-5648.
- **Wanted.** Pine corner cabinet or secretary. Call Tom Solley, 351-5648.
- **Babysitter Available.** Need a babysitter? Call Sarah Sullivan, 352-8856. Responsible, fun, 12 year old attending Marist. Experience with all ages, even infants. Available on weekends and school holidays. For reference, call Laurie Morris, 842-1083.
- **Pet Sitter.** Need a Pet? Call Doggie Designers! Responsible and caring. We also walk dogs and do some grooming. Call Sarah Sullivan, 352-8856 or Emily Rossell, 355-3143.
- **Babysitter Wanted.** Yikes! New baby coming! Need babysitter/housekeeper to work 2 or 3 days a week. Looking to hire ASAP. Please call Libby Simons with any ideas or references. Thanks 355-5005.
- **For Rent.** Very private detached guest house in Brookwood Hills, attractively furnished 2 BR (1 twin, 1 full), 1 Bath. Dine-in kitchen, living room, private entrance. Off-street parking for 3 cars. Central air and heat. Water and heat included in rent. \$1200/mo. Call 872-2940 for appointment. Must have references.
- **Position Wanted.** Substitute teacher wishes to find position as a nanny. Currently a resident of Massachusetts. Laura Kelly, (508) 362-1636. Call Nancy Kennedy, 35 Northwood, for reference, 874-0746.

Dog Days At the Pool



*Counterclockwise from top left:
Kelsey Donovan, Buddy
Weitnauer, Molly Ray (with ball)
and Honey Slick, .*

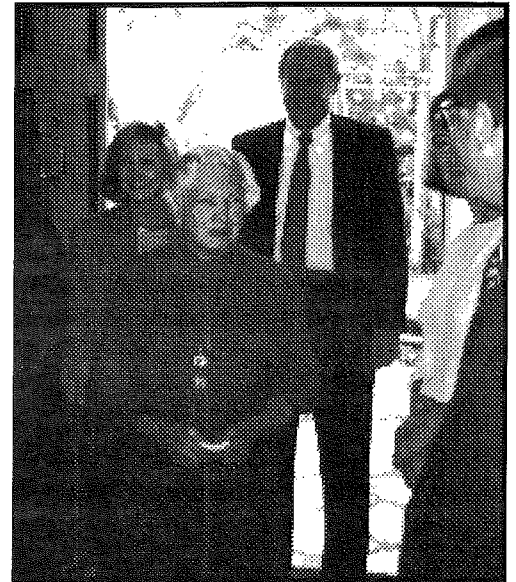


Flaunting the explicit rules of Brookwood Pool at the close of Labor Day were Kelsey Donovan, Honey Slick, Buddy Weitnauer and Molly Ray. Among their transgressions: running on the pool deck, playing with a tennis ball in the water, and failing to use proper bathroom etiquette. Fortunately, their masters were able to prevent any of their pets from taking food past the red line. Molly Ray, a black lab who belongs to lifeguard Alex Ray, proved to be the most water-friendly, jumping off the diving board and playing fetch with her tennis ball (though she did leave a deposit by the diving board for Alex to clean up). Yellow labs Honey Slick and Kelsey Donovan seemed completely confused by efforts of their owners, Charles and Ann Slick and Rob and Belinda Donovan, to set up a race between the two. Honey did prove adept at swimming laps, while Corgi Buddy Weitnauer made a splash off the diving board, assisted by Anna, Carson and John Weitnauer. Coaches, were you taking notes?

Party for Mrs. Dunlap Takes Her By Surprise

Mary Dunlap celebrated her 90th birthday in the company of her Brookwood neighbors who threw her a surprise party Sunday, September 15. Party Organizers Jane Wheeler and Dana Halberg invited Mrs. Dunlap's Palisades neighbors to join them in wishing Mrs. Dunlap many happy returns. The neighboring children helped Mrs. Dunlap devour the ice cream cake and tea sandwiches Jane and Dana prepared. Also present were Mrs. Dunlap's sons John and Bill.

Mrs. Dunlap has lived in Brookwood Hills for 63 years, and remains active in community affairs. She was spotted recently at both the Zoning Review Board hearings concerning the Trammell Crow development of the Jewish Community Center property.



Twenty Years (or so) Ago in Brooknotes (formerly Brookwood Byword)

New neighbors Carla and Carl Fackler moved into their home at 119 Palisades.

Felton Jenkins, Jr. and Cas D'Angelo worked on their Wolf badges in Cub Scouts by going on a "Litter Hike" in Brookwood Park.

The front page headlines were "Trees in Trouble," concerning the health of Brookwood's large oak trees.

Jack Heisel and Tom Player were among the top men's tennis players in Brookwood Hills; Nancy Kennedy, Harvie Abney and Ann Donaldson played on the ALTA C-2 team, known as the "Shady Ladies." The ladies C-3 team included team captain Beverly Stacy and co-players Linda Copeland, Marge Henson, Julie Jenkins and Lynn Jenkins. Tattie Strickland and Jack Heisel won in mixed doubles.

The Labor Day Block Party on Woodcrest included sack races, a balloon stomp and a treasure hunt for hidden watermelons.

The brownies of Troop 317 included Laura Henson, Debbie Stacy, Kathleen Summers, Caroline Abney, Louise DeAngelo and Trish Wilson. The troupe leaders were Harvie Abney, Marge Henson and Kay Summers. Among their good deeds: planting ivy in the park.

Cathy and Bob Fisher announced the birth of their son, Robert "Neale" Fisher, and Jim and Esther Stokes announced the birth of their daughter Jessica.

A babysitting co-op was formed by Manning Holmes.

Retha and Mike Easterly built their contemporary style home at 218 Camden.

John O'Callaghan (a current member of Atlanta's City Council) joined the pool staff as a lifeguard.

The widening of I-85 threatened Brookwood Hills. Opposition to the proposed West Peachtree extension was headed by Jim Stokes, Felton Jenkins and Bob Coley. They urged Brookwood neighbors to write the mayor and city councilmen to express their disapproval of the project.

Ten-year-old Maureen O'Connor (the daughter of Dan and Mary O'Conner of Northwood Avenue) became the first and only girl to play baseball for the Bagley Park Little League Team (now known as Buckhead Baseball).

Clear Creek flooded the home of Frank and Mary Ann Chew on Middle Camden.

Among the many projects accomplished by the Garden Club was the creation of a Nature Awareness Trail at the park.

Elaine Luxemburger won dinner for two in the "Name the Paper" contest. Her winning entry was the name "Brookwood Byword." The paper was published quarterly.

Memorable Semester For Two BWH Students

For two Westminster students, Kate Irvin and Bailey McCallum, a semester at Chewonki last winter led to some poetic experiences. The program at Chewonki is for outstanding high school students and is located on a farm on the coast of Maine. The following are some of Kate and Bailey's reminiscences of that special opportunity:

We were all huddled under our green tarp, each of us wrapped in layers of Gore-tex and wool. Josh sat in his green Thermarest chair under the high side of the tarp, and Mary Ellen sat across from him on one of the three boards which we had fashioned into a kind of horseshoe shape under the low side of the tarp. The two songsters briefed the novices in the group, myself included, on the words and then began. They were our keystones. Facing each other across the circle, they looked ready to balance and hold together what I expected to be an amateur choir. . . . By concentrating so intently on my own singing I had been missing the beauty of the melody as a whole. I sat on the moist ground with my back against one of the boards, pitching my body a little to the right so that I could lean on Biche and listen to her guidance. Her voice was soft and sweet, contrasted to Mary Ellen's and Josh's which were strong and confident. She did not lack range, but she merely did not attempt to sing with grandeur and flourish. Her gentle simplicity reminded me of my mother's lullabies which rocked me to sleep as a child. All around the circle people were lifting up their voices to join the song. People in the "bad singers' club" were united with near professionals, and together they all turned out sounding like a host of angels. . . . It was beautiful to see these members of our community opening themselves up to show us yet another of their many talents. Everyone already knew that Nick could throw pots and climb big walls and that John could play basketball and entertain Pete and Margaret like nobody else, but we had not yet seen how these guys could sit together on a damp log under a green tarp in the driving rain and lift their voices in perfect harmony. Everyday here seems to bring something new from all corners.

Bailey McCallum

The time came for milking. Annabelle was full, as she should have been only four days after Sebastian's birth, so full that milk squirted out even when I gingerly applied the greasy bag balm to her udders. I rested my head in the warm soft nook between her ribs and back thigh and clumsily began to work my numb hands down her slippery teats, coaxing out the frothy white milk. It hit the bucket rhythmically with a metallic ring, and splashed back up, creating contrasting white specks against the cold, shiny silver bucket. Between my comfortable resting place on Annabelle's stomach, the fact that it was 6:45 a.m. and the soft, monotonous lullaby the milk made as it hit the bucket, I slipped into a half-asleep daze. My hand slipped, and my already red and numb hands stung as the warm creamy milk that covered it quickly chilled and mixed with the bag balm that covered my hands. The rhythm began again...clinnng clinnng clinnng. But after a few minutes I was once again knocked out of my daze by Andy. It was time for breakfast.

As I walked out of the barn and down the path, my hands tucked away in my warm jacket pockets, I felt good knowing that I had done more in the forty-five minutes before breakfast than many people do before noon. I was ready to get to breakfast and have some warm oatmeal swimming in lots of milk.

Kate Irvin

The logo for Specialty Homes Inc. is written in a stylized, cursive font. The word "Specialty" is on the top line, "Homes" is on the middle line, and "Inc." is on the bottom line. The letters are interconnected and have a decorative, flowing quality.

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