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Meet Your Neighbor

By Karen Roberts

Although Jean Witt and her daughter Susan have only lived in their Meadow Spur Road home in Bedford County for two months, they are already settled and have even opened a dog grooming business, Scrubby Doo Pet Parlor.

Susan recently graduated from Nanhall's Professional School of Dog Grooming. Jean, knowing her daughter's love of animals, saw the school's brochure and urged her to check into it. Susan said getting into dog grooming was "to give me some purpose, something to do."

The Witts, originally from Altavista, had been living separately in Salem when they decided to sell their respective homes and pool their resources. Amazingly enough they sold their homes and found a home they both liked almost simultaneously.

"We are here in the divine will of God," remarked Jean.

Jean, a widow, who, when she's not helping her daughter with her grooming, enjoys reading the Bible. Being a grandmother of four is also "part of my hobbies," she added.

Susan enjoys playing with her two dogs, Champion Nanhall Micci Fin, a schipperke and Ally, a shy Norwegian elkhound. She also has two cats, Monster, a solid black stray and Ariel, a Siamese.

Both Jean and Susan show their creative sides and have displayed their talents throughout their home. Jean likes to make dried floral wreaths and Susan likes to paint landscapes with oil paints.

They are members of New Life Church of Faith in Altavista.

"Being back in the country" is what Susan likes best about the area.

"We're just country people and we love the country," Jean stated, adding that they love their neighborhood.

"I was adamant that I would not leave the mountains" when looking for a place to live, Susan remarked.

Meanwhile, Susan and Jean are working to establish their grooming business, which is set up in Susan Jean's basement complete with a tub, grooming table, dryers, clippers and scissors.

As Susan looks around, she smiles and says, “everything clicked like it was meant to be.”

For more information on Scrubby Doo Pet Parlor or to make an appointment, call the Witts at 297-9336.