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Celebrating Their 60th

Whitman Class of '68 throws birthday bash.

BY SUSAN BELFORD
THE ALMANAC

Glen Echo was alive and rockin' — just as it was 42 years ago when the members of the class of '68 were only 18 years old. The Bumper Car Pavilion, no longer featuring bumper cars, provided memories of a by-gone era. The music of the '60's blaring from the pavilion highlighted the sounds and lyrics everyone could sing and sway to. The Class of '68 of Whitman High School threw themselves a special 60th birthday bash on April 17 "Oh What a Night!"

Two years ago, at the reunion of the class of '68, Dexter Backus had an idea. "Let's have a birthday bash — to celebrate our collective 60th birthdays and to get our high school class together again." Nine classmates formed a committee and the planning began.

Bruce Moyer, founder and lead guitarist for the local band "40 Dollar Fine," located many musicians from the class and put together two Birthday Bash Bands. Moyer's band focused on golden oldies such as "I Got You Babe" and "Like a Rolling Stone."

The other band, composed mostly of former members of The Blue Dog Band, (a popular Whitman classmates band) performed mostly Motown songs. "There was 30 minutes of a light rehearsal but absolutely no dress rehearsal," singer Cecily Deming Hooks said. "Costumes were sub-par, singing, off key — but it was improvised and we had fun and we created an illusion. It was just spectacular looking out at our classmates and seeing how much they



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"Sonny and Cher" (Bruce Moyer and Cecily Deming Hooks) sing "I Got You Babe."

enjoyed our show. During 'Hey Jude' I almost cried. The class's reactions were so overwhelming. It was as if we were all back at Woodstock. It was an unforgettable moment."

GLEN ECHO holds memories for these 60 year olds. They recall special moments at the Crystal Pool, riding the Coaster Dip and the Carousel, eating cotton candy, dancing to Motown and the Beatles and cuddling up on the Cuddle Up. Glen Echo was the center of their activity. They also remember the racial tension, Whitman students picketing for civil rights at Glen Echo, the Vietnam War, the KKK, and the death of Martin Luther King Jr. "This class was a really special class," said Judy Schifter Alter. "We all share memories of an intense time in history. Ninety-nine percent of us went on to college and many graduates entered into public service to help make the world

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For Bells Mill

The fifth grade students at Bells Mill Elementary School created a glass and metal mosaic mural with artist Carien Quiroga. This arts integrated residency was made possible by a grant from the Montgomery County Arts and Humanities Council and the Bells Mill Elementary School PTA. Above, students apply the grout on the glass and metal mosaic mural.



Nicholas Visnich studies the detail in the mosaic.



Samuel Yosef and Alex Scott.

Pen Pals Meet As Diener, Bullis Celebrate Earth Day

May 26 auction to benefit The Diener School.

BY SUSAN BELFORD
THE ALMANAC

Sixty-six students have been corresponding as pen pals for the past two months. They finally met their new friends on April 24 at the Hadley Park Earth Day Cleanup. The students from the Bullis School wore name tags with both their own name and the name of their pen pal. Students from The Diener School eagerly searched to find their name and their buddy.

"Learning about my pen pal was lots of fun," said Nora Ribera from The Bullis School. "I am so happy to finally meet him."

The students spent some time getting to know one another by participating in games and activities. They mostly spent time talk-

ing and playing with one another. Then they all participated in a park clean-up. Both schools are located in Potomac, just a few miles from one another. The activity included all 33 Diener students and 33 students from the fifth grade at Bullis.

"Flat Stanley" was also a part of their correspondence project. Diener students sent their Flat Stanleys to the Bullis students who kept them for several weeks, taking photos of their experiences with Flat Stanley and then writing about them in their letters to their pen pals. The students at both schools had the opportunity to develop and practice their letter writing and communication skills, not to mention that they all loved receiving and reading the letters.

The Diener School is a small school for students with special needs in kindergarten through fifth grade. Located in Har Shalom synagogue, the school is four years old. Jillian Copeland, director of The Diener School, established the school because her son required a different type of education.



PHOTO BY SUSAN BELFORD/THE ALMANAC

Students enjoy playing together at Hadley Park.

She felt he had needs that were not being met, so she pioneered the school to address them. After establishing the school, finding space, hiring staff, designing the curriculum for the kindergarten through fifth grade school, and attracting students, Copeland, a former MCPS teacher, is now the leader

of 27 staff members.

"We are the only special needs school in Potomac," said Copeland. "Class sizes are eight or less which allows staff to give each child individual attention. The classes move at a fast pace academically; students are

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Azalea Festival

Taking a long lunch hour to view the azaleas: Sabine Crumpler, Doris Werner, Dottie Vazzana, Vickie Norman, Molly Rinaldi, and Pam Froelich. The Landon Azalea Garden Festival was held April 30-May 2.

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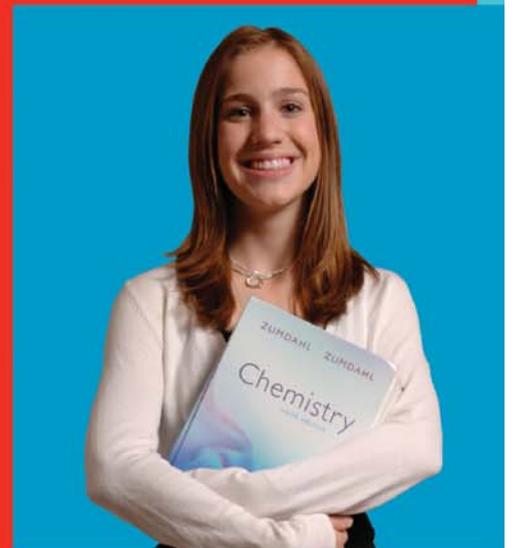


Potomac resident Sandy Fritler paints the azaleas. She and the other artists present are members of the Montgomery County Plein Air Artists. "Plein" means painting outside from nature.



Linda Thompson is a member of the Montgomery County Plein Air Artists.

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Resurfacing of Tuckerman Lane To Begin

The Division of Highway Services will begin repairing and then resurfacing the Potomac arterial Tuckerman Lane between Seven Locks Road and Falls Road this month.

This work is occurring under Highway's system preservation project that employs long term strategies to preserve and enhance the condition of the county's roadways. On an arterial road like Tuckerman Lane, this work will typically entail:

- ❖ Surveying the roadway for needed repairs
- ❖ Full depth patching work
- ❖ Making utility adjustments
- ❖ Crack sealing
- ❖ Micro paving
- ❖ Restriping

This work is scheduled to start in mid-May and should last about two weeks, depending on the weather. For more information, visit Highway Services' website or call MCDOT's Customer Service Center at 240-777-6000.

Join Animal Response Team

Volunteers are needed to become part of the County Animal Response Team (CART) that addresses emergency animal sheltering during an evacuation. An informational session has been scheduled that will give participants an overview of the purpose, scope and intent of the team and a summary of CART's areas of responsibility. The session will be held Thursday, May 6 at 7 p.m., in the Council Office Building, First Floor Auditorium, 100 Maryland Ave., Rockville.

Individuals attending the May 6 informational session can fill out an application to serve as a member of the County Animal Response Team.

For more information, or to RSVP for the May 6 meeting, send an email to sandy.dornsife@montgomerycountymd.gov.

Correction

In last week's Almanac, the wrong caption appeared on page 3. Lauren and Micheal Kolodon were pictured with their Granny Nancy Kolodin (Jeff Kolodin's mom) at the start line of the 2009 Race for Hope.

LET'S TALK Real Estate



by **Michael Matese**

GREAT TIME TO BUY A SECOND HOME

With today's general economic downturn, the second home real estate market is becoming an excellent investment opportunity. An increasing number of families are looking at second homes as an alternative to the stock market. Vacation homes in desired locations will only go up in value over time, and there are only so many one of kind properties to go around. So whether it's for personal vacations, a future retirement home, or an investment as a rental property, a second home can be a great investment. This is also a strategic time to buy. Prices are lower, following the general housing trend, and mortgage interest rates are at historic low levels.

There are also tax-related benefits if the property is rented out. Rental rates can also be substantial, averaging about \$1,500 per week for units in high-interest locations. Surveys have shown that beach locations for rental properties are most popular. But all vacation properties offer much needed private retreats that can't be found at most hotels and resorts. When the stock market becomes too risky, why not take some of those investment funds and purchase a second home. Not only will you have your own private getaway and future retirement home, but you can also increase your investment by renting it out.

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Piney Spring Farm-The Corner House

11725 Piney Meeting House Road, Potomac

The original, six-room house on this property was built by the farmer who owned land on both sides of Piney Meeting House Road. He built it for his daughter Susan Creamer. Additions in keeping with the simplicity of the farmhouse have been made over the years to accommodate an active, growing family. The center part of the house dates back to 1870. It is furnished with early American antiques, including an extensive miniatures collection.

House and Garden Pilgrimage Stops Here

The Pilgrimage, in its 73rd year, featured eight homes on the Montgomery County leg of its tour last weekend: The Milton/Loughborough House; Scotland A.M.E. Zion Church; Josiah Henson Site; Clagett Farmhouse; Edward Beale House; Piney Spring Farm-Corner House; John McDonald House; and the Case Brothers House.

Proceeds from the tours are used for restoration and historic preservation throughout the state. They also help fund special projects such as the Centennial Project of the Scotland A.M.E. Zion church for Montgomery County. It will provide funds to assist in the restoration of the original structure and maintain the site as an historic landmark. The church dates back to 1914 and the congregation has been in existence for close to 105 years.

The remaining tours will be held on the following weekends: May 8 in Charles County, May 15 in Talbot County and May 16 in Cecil County.

For information on these three tours call the Pilgrimage office at 410-821-6933.

Scotland A.M.E. Zion Church

10902 Seven Locks Road, Potomac

The church congregation will celebrate its 105th birthday this September. In the early years, the congregation met in houses in the Scotland Community nearby. Construction on the current building began in 1914. The church has survived encroaching development and the widening of Seven Locks Road to remain an active place of worship and a community meeting place. The Scotland church building, particularly the historic rear section, is representative of the style of vernacular architecture of African-American churches in the early 1900s.



John McDonald House

10600 River Road, Potomac

The McDonald House, which dates back to the early 1870s, is considered a fine example of the late 19th century two-story farmhouses that once populated Montgomery County. Captain John McDonald, a Civil War veteran and prominent local politician and community activist, built the house around 1873. He is best known for changing the name of the community to Potomac. The house has been beautifully restored, including reconstruction of a three-bay front porch and restoration of the center cross gable.

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Local artist Yolanda Prinsloo and PNC branch manager Cecilia Clark embrace all the young artists who contributed their impressions of Potomac to the art competition.

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PNC Bank Hosts Art Show

Art took precedence over accounts for a while at Potomac's PNC Bank on the evening of Friday, April 30. At the bank's first annual art show, artists young and old showed work with a Potomac theme.

The bank's customers became the competition's judges, according to Branch Manager Cecilia Clark, one of the organizers. "People came in, got a ballot and picked their favorite," she said. "We like to be involved in the community as much as we can and support local artists, especially the children."

Artist Yolanda Prinsloo, of Gaithersburg, who also organized the show, teaches for the Montgomery

County Recreation Department and has her own studio. "This is a fun art competition which captures the feeling of Potomac, its best season and its best features," she said.

Approximately 40 to 50 people attended the show and cocktail party. PNC, according to Clark, will also participate in the Potomac Day art show.

Prinsloo and Anne Martinez, another local artist featured, are members of The Potomac Art Gallery, which is presently housed at the former site of the Surrey. The Gallery shows the work of local artists.

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MAY 13, 14, 15

"HMS Pinafore." 7:30 p.m. Pamela Bilik, drama instructor, is coordinating 80 students for this operetta. A sister/brother team is performing the lead roles. The Saturday performance will be sign interpreted. Tickets are \$5 at the door. At Hoover Middle School, 8810 Postoak Road, Potomac.

To have community events listed free in *The Potomac Almanac*, send e-mail to almanac@connectionnewspapers.com. Deadline is Thursday at noon for the following week's paper. Photos and artwork encouraged. Call 703-778-9412.

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WEDNESDAY/MAY 5

Holocaust Lecture. 6-7:30 p.m. Holocaust Survivor Fischel (Philip) Goldstein will speak at Washington Episcopal School. The topic is "The Holocaust in Our Lifetime." Washington Episcopal School is at 5600 Little Falls Parkway, Bethesda.

THURSDAY/MAY 6

Blues Dance. 8:15 – 11:30 p.m. Admission is \$8. Presented by Capital Blues. Beginner workshop from 8:15 to 9 p.m. Dancing from 9 p.m. to 11:30 p.m. Rotating DJs and instructors. At the Ballroom Annex of Glen Echo Park. Email: info@capitalblues.org.

MAY 7 THROUGH MAY 16

"I Remember Mama." Presented by the Rockville Little Theatre. Evening performances are at 8 p.m.; Sunday matinees are at 2 p.m. Tickets are \$16/adults, \$15/seniors and students. Call the box office at 240-314-8690 or online at www.ticketleap.com. Visit the web site www.rlt-online.org. At the F. Scott Fitzgerald Theatre, 603 Edmonston Drive, Rockville.

FRIDAY/MAY 7

Contra Dance. 7:30 – 11:30 p.m. Admission is \$9. The Friday Night Dancers present Contra dancing with square dances and waltzes. Contra dance lesson from 7:30-8:15 p.m. followed by called dance to live music from 8:30-11:30 p.m. At the Bumper Car Pavilion at Glen Echo Park. Email: fndcontra@yahoo.com.

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SATURDAY/MAY 8

Used Book Sale. 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Hardbacks and large paperbacks are \$1; regular paperbacks are \$.50. Books can be donated any day the library is open. At the Potomac Library, 10101 Glenholden Drive, Potomac.

Peerless Rockville's Homes and Hospitality Tour. Features six to eight historic homes in the West End of Rockville. Visit at your own pace between 1 and 5 p.m. Fee: \$20. Call 301-762-0096. PeerlessRockville.org.

Beading Seminar. If One is Good, Twenty is Better. 10 a.m. to noon. Free. Bead-worker and quilter Larkin Van Horn will present her insight and theories on the blending of embellishments, color and texture in wearable art. Sponsored by the Potomac Fiber Arts Guild. At St. James Episcopal Church, 11815 Seven Locks Road, Potomac. Go to www.potomacfiberartsguild.org

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MAY 8-9

Bethesda Fine Arts Festival. Saturday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Sunday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Features fine art and craft for sale from 150 national artists plus live entertainment on Norfolk and Auburn Avenues in Bethesda's Woodmont Triangle. Sponsored by the Bethesda Urban Partnership Inc. and



Bethesda Art Walk is May 14

Patrons can delight in 12 downtown Bethesda galleries at the Bethesda Art Walk scheduled for Friday, May 14 from 6-9 p.m. The Bethesda Art Walk allows art lovers to visit downtown Bethesda's gallery community on the second Friday of every month.

Bethesda's galleries feature painting, sculpture, photography, pottery and mixed media. Many galleries change exhibits monthly and hold receptions showcasing the featured artist in conjunction with the Bethesda Art Walk. Attendees are invited to delight in the artwork, enjoy free refreshments and to shop at these unique and inspiring galleries.

The Bethesda Art Walk will continue through 2010 on June 11, July 9, Aug. 13, Sept. 10, Oct. 8, Nov. 12 and Dec. 10.

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Lenore's Place, 7720 Wisconsin Ave.
Waverly Street Gallery, 4600 East-West Hwy.
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SUNDAY/MAY 9

Zydeco Dance. 3:30-6 p.m. Admission is \$18. Introductory Zydeco lesson from 3-3:30 p.m. With the band, T-Broussard & the Zydeco Steppers. At the Bumper Car Pavilion at Glen Echo Park, 7300 MacArthur Blvd., Glen Echo. Call Michael Hart at 301-762-6730 or Glen Echo Park at 301-634-2222.

Contra and Square Dance. 7-10:30 p.m. Admission is \$12/nonmembers, \$9/FSGW members. Sponsored by the Folklore Society of Greater Washington. Evening that can include square dances, mixers, waltzes and other couple dances. There is a lesson is at 7 p.m., followed by dances with Rosen and Jones from 7:30 to 10:30 p.m. At the Bumper Car Pavilion of Glen Echo Park. Contact: fsgw.org

Slow Blues and Swing Dance. 8:30-11 p.m. Admission is \$12/dance only or \$17/workshop and dance. Lesson from 7-8:30 p.m. With the band BG & Mojo Hands. At the Spanish Ballroom, Glen Echo Park, 7300 MacArthur Blvd., Glen Echo. Call Donna Barker at 301-634-2231 or dbarker@glenechopark.org.

Ballroom Tea Dance. 3-6 p.m. Admission is \$12. Join the Hot

Society Orchestra of Washington for dancing, featuring music and dances from the 20s, 30s and 40s. Dancers will enjoy foxtrot, two-step, waltz, cha-cha, rumba, swing and more in the Spanish Ballroom. A basic dance lesson at 3 p.m. Dancing to live music from 3:30 - 6 p.m. At the Spanish Ballroom of Glen Echo Park. Email: dave@hotsociety.net.

MONDAY/MAY 10

Wayne Henderson and Peter Lang. 7:30 p.m. at IMT at Saint Mark Presbyterian Church, 10701 Old Georgetown Road, Rockville. Tickets are \$15/advance, \$20/door. Call 301-754-3611 and visit www.imtfolk.org.

Washington Open Golf Tournament. Shotgun Start at 11 a.m. 15th Annual Rebuilding Together Washington Open. To help rebuild the Gulf Coast. Sponsorship opportunities are available for \$3,000 (two players) and \$6,000 (four players). For more information, contact Jennifer Shreve at (202) 518-3121 or jshreve@rebuildingtogether.org, or visit www.rebuildingtogether.org. At TPC Potomac at Avenel Farm.

THURSDAY/MAY 13

State of the Media: Where Journalism's Been, Where It Is Now and Where It's Going. 5:30-8:30 p.m. Part of the IABC/DC Metro May chapter meeting. Cost is \$30/students; \$40/members; \$45/guests accompanying members; \$55/nonmembers. At the Bethesda Hyatt, 7400 Wisconsin Ave., Bethesda.

FRIDAY/MAY 14

"America's Veterans: A Musical Tribute." 8 p.m. Performance by the U.S. Air Force Band. At the Music Center at Strathmore, Bethesda. For free tickets, mail request (4 tickets maximum) and a self-addressed, stamped envelope to: The Music Center at Strathmore Box Office, Attn: USAF Band tickets, 5301 Tuckerman Lane, Bethesda, MD 20852. Tickets are also available at the box office. For box office hours, call 301-581-5100. Visit www.usafband.af.mil

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COMMUNITY



Bethesda Fine Arts Festival Is May 8 and 9

The 7th annual Bethesda Fine Arts Festival, a two-day event highlighting 140 contemporary artists who will sell their original fine arts and crafts, is scheduled for Saturday, May 8 from 10 a.m.-6 p.m.; and Sunday, May 9 from 10 a.m.-5 p.m.

Artists from throughout the United States and Canada will feature the best in contemporary art including painting, drawing, furniture, jewelry, photography, ceramics and mixed media. The festival will also feature live entertainment, a children's activity area and downtown Bethesda restaurants including Mamma Lucia, Union Jack's, Ben & Jerry's and more. Admission to the Bethesda Fine Arts Festival is free. The event is sponsored by the Bethesda Arts & Entertainment District and Bethesda Urban Partnership.

It will take place in downtown Bethesda's Woodmont Triangle along Norfolk and Auburn Avenues, located six blocks from the Bethesda Metro Station. Free parking is available adjacent to the event on Auburn Avenue. For more information, visit www.bethesda.org or call 301-215-6660.

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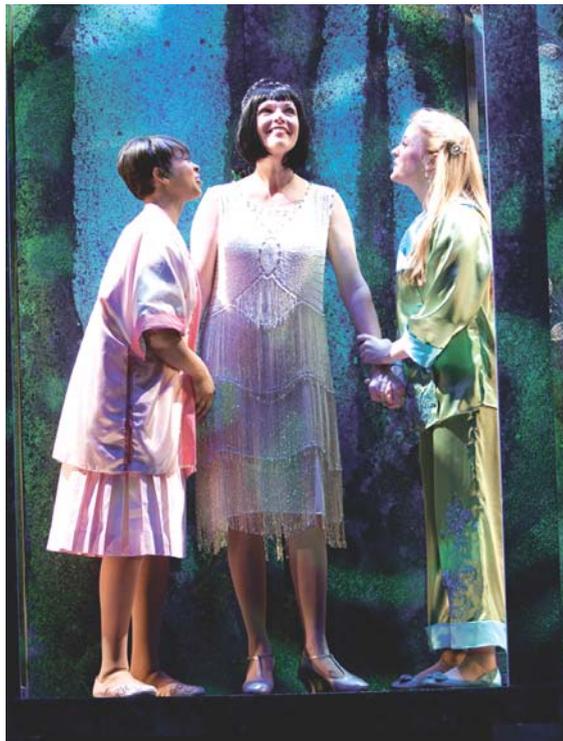
NOW THROUGH JUNE 3

"Cinderella." Wednesday performances at 10 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. have been added. Running time: 45 minutes; recommended for age 5 and older. Tickets are \$10. There will be no 10 a.m. performance of "Cinderella," on the following Wednesdays due to "Tiny Tots" performances: May 12, May 26 and June 2, however the 11:30 a.m. performance on these days will still be performed. At The Puppet Co. Playhouse, 7300 MacArthur Blvd., Glen Echo. Call 301-634-5380. Visit www.thepuppetco.org.

"TINY TOTS"

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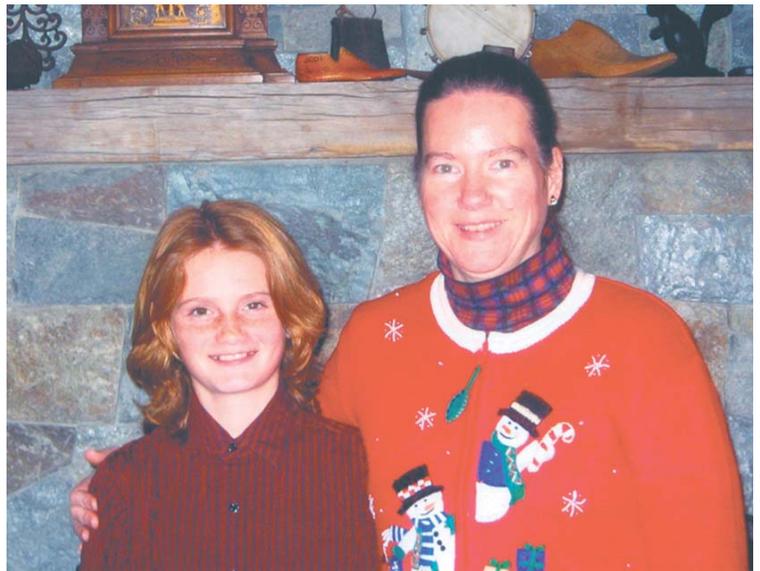
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 Lauren Roehr, age 4**



**Mom Karen Kramer and daughter Joanna
 in the Smokey Mountains of Tennessee.**



Kyra Frederick with mom go-karting.

SPORTS

Bullis Boys Cruise Past Churchill

Led by No. 1 singles player Taylor Hairston, Bullis improves to 6-0.

BY JARED WASSERMAN
THE ALMANAC

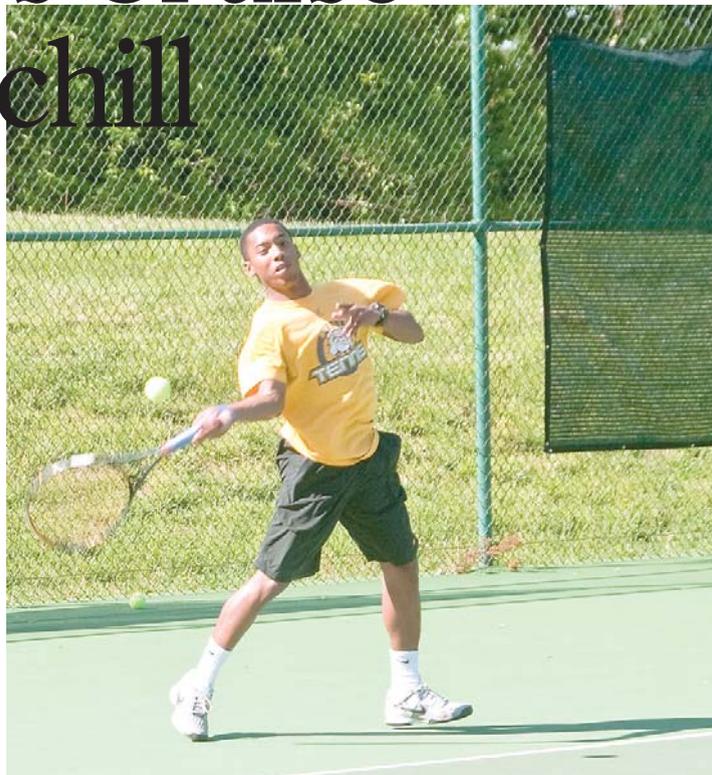
The 6-0 Bullis boys tennis team preserved its unbeaten record against visiting Churchill (9-3) on April 29, dominating en route to a 6-1 victory. The top singles matchup of Bullis' senior Taylor Hairston and Churchill junior Kevin Chun went to three sets, with Hairston ultimately prevailing.

"I don't really think it's one individual [that stood out]," Bullis head coach Steve Miguel said. "It's [our] one [seed] down to [our] number three doubles [seed]. I'm liking how my team's competing. Taylor fought through that third set; he hung in there and competed. The big difference between Churchill and us is they have a lot of freshmen and we have a lot of seniors. ... I started seven seniors and [Churchill head coach Ben Woods] probably started seven freshmen."

Churchill has eight freshmen on its roster to go along with four senior captains.

"The advantage of having such a large freshman class is that they can help prepare future incoming freshmen," Churchill senior Jonathan Jang said.

Churchill's lone victory came from the



Bullis' Taylor Hairston defeated Churchill's Kevin Chun in the No. 1 singles match between the schools on April 29.

second doubles team of freshman Chris Gauch and sophomore William Hsu.

"We knew Bullis was gonna be a tough team, but we definitely went in with confidence," Churchill senior Jason Teitelbaum said.

Few singles or doubles teams for the Bullis squad were challenged by a Churchill team that won eight of its first nine matches, with the exception being a 7-0 loss to the Wootton Patriots, who are yet to lose a set or match this season.

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we'll try to learn from our last matches," Teitelbaum said. "I'm confident we can beat Whitman."

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SPORTS BRIEFS

Wootton Baseball Suffers First Loss

After starting the season 13-0, the Wootton baseball team lost to Sherwood 4-0 on May 1 at Wootton. Jamie Detjer threw a complete game shutout for the Warriors.

Wootton was limited to four hits, including two by Mark Brown. Max Simon had a double for the Patriots and Alex Kelly added a single.

Simon pitched six innings, allowing four earned runs and five hits. He also struck out nine and walked three.

Wootton travels to face Watkins Mill at 5:15 p.m. May 6.

Churchill Wins Third Straight

The Churchill baseball team improved to 8-3 with a 6-3 win over Blair on May 1. Two days earlier, the Bulldogs' pounded Springbrook 22-4 in five innings. On April 27, Churchill defeated Whitman 10-4.

Against Springbrook, the Bulldogs re-

corded 20 hits. Bryce Shemer, Brian Green and Ian Shemer each had three hits for Churchill and Eric Skrzyniarz, Russell Rentfro, Harris Fanaroff and Brett Mead each had two.

Green, Skrzyniarz, Rentfro, Mead and Jameson McGrane each had three RBIs.

Churchill travels to face Clarksburg at 7 p.m. on May 6.

Whitman Beats Seneca Valley

The Whitman baseball team defeated Seneca Valley 10-1 on May 1, improving its record to 8-5.

Ross Olchyk allowed one earned run and three hits over five innings while walking two and striking out five. Ryan McGill pitched a hitless two innings in relief.

Michael Flack led the way offensively, going 2-for-3 with a home run and three RBIs. Paul Balland also had two hits for the Vikings. Olchyk, Alex Rhea, Brett Morgenstern and Danny Lee each had one hit.

Whitman hosts Damascus at 7 p.m. on May 6.

5Qs

Five questions with Churchill sophomore pitcher Kelby Spring



Q: What location is the farthest from the Washington D.C. metro area that you've traveled?

A: Alaska, when I was in fifth grade for a vacation.

Q: Who is your favorite pro baseball team? Player?

A: My favorite team is the Red Sox and my favorite player is [Seattle pitcher] Cliff Lee. He's a left-handed pitcher and I think of him as an image of me.

Q: What is your favorite movie?

A: "Accepted." It's really funny — it gets me every time.

Q: What is your favorite part about playing on this team?

A: Definitely my teammates. Everyone always comes to play, they're all really nice and they all have a good sense of humor.

Q: What do you like to do when you're not doing something baseball related?

A: I like to go fishing and play basketball.

— JON ROETMAN

Chen-to-Shi Propels Pats to Victory

Seniors lead Wootton co-ed volleyball team to sweep of Seneca Valley

BY JARED WASSERMAN
THE ALMANAC

The tone of the match was established early when Seneca Valley's opening serve fell harmlessly short of the net, awarding Wootton the first point of the game. Led by seniors Eddie Shi and Jennifer Chen, the Patriots (9-2) cruised to a 3-0 victory over the visiting Eagles on April 30 by the scores of 25-13, 25-18, and 25-12.

Wootton's organized offense and athleticism near the net overmatched Seneca Valley throughout the match. More often than not a Patriot back-line player would handle an Eagles kill attempt by bumping the ball to Chen, who would set any one of the Patriots capable finishers — namely Shi, junior Abby Hsuing, or senior Ellie Fitzgerald — for the successful spike. Seneca Valley was unable to mirror this offensive precision and attained a majority of their points off Wootton mistakes, rather than scoring plays of their own.

"For the most part we played our usual game after kind of a lax start," head coach Mary Malinauskas said. "Once we started hitting the ball as we're capable [of], I felt we had the game in hand."

In the third game, Seneca Valley tied the score for the first time in the contest at 11. However, the Patriots reeled off a 14-1 run to close out the match in dominating fashion.

Shi — who is considering playing club volleyball for the University of Maryland at College Park — was one of the major catalysts during the team's game-winning run.

Despite standing at just 5 feet 9, Shi plays far above the net as he is generally positioned in the front row offensively. With a vertical that approaches 30 inches, Shi's lack of height is more than made up for by his exceptional leaping ability.

While Shi is credited with the highlight reel spikes and acrobatic finishes, Chen is the cog that makes the team run.

"Without Jenn I don't think we'd be half as good as we are now," Shi said. "Her setting is crucial to all of us front row players — you really can't get a good swing at the ball unless it's a pretty decent set."

With the playoffs approaching on May 5, the Stockton-to-Malone type combination of Chen-to-Shi should present a handful for potential opponents.



Setter Jenn Chen runs the offense of the Wootton co-ed volleyball team.



Wootton's Eddie Shi is a high-flyer who makes up for his lack of height with an impressive vertical leap.

far."

"So far we've been playing pretty good and the teams we lost to were not that much better than us," Shi said. "So if we can get lucky, I'm pretty confident we can get pretty

"Right now we're vying for seeding ... If we can stay healthy, I think we have a good shot at getting pretty far in the playoffs," Malinauskas said.



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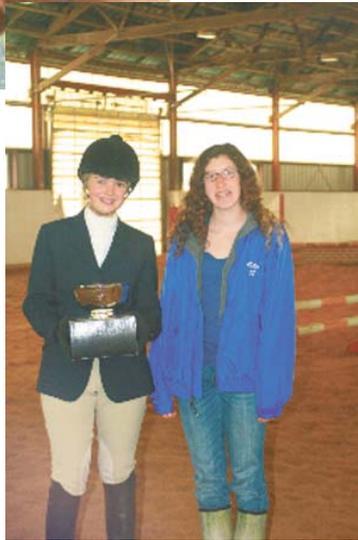
Katie Lunceford and her horse, Bonnie, displaying Churchill spirit.

Churchill Equestrian Wins Interschool Series

In their first season participating in the Interschool Horse Show Series, the Churchill Equestrian Club's Varsity and Junior Varsity teams won the entire series of seven shows.

They have also collected numerous Champion and Reserve Champion ribbons and medals throughout the season.

The members of the Churchill Equestrian Club team (JV and Varsity) in one or more shows this year have been: Rita Ainane, Bailey Boyland, Catherine Conway, Chelsea Director, Lara Fu, Emma Johnson, Tess Lee, Katie Lunceford, Samantha Rubin, Melissa Tabach, Jackie Tauberman, Gretchen Van Winter and Tara Van Winter.



Katie Lunceford and Jackie Tauberman accept the trophy for the Varsity team.

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Salad Daze



By **KENNETH B. LOURIE**

The dictionary defines “salad days” as the “time of youth, innocence and inexperience.” For a cancer patient (yours truly), who has changed his eating habits, almost entirely (I give myself a B-) to incorporate fruits and vegetables, greens in general, and salad in particular, instead of merely consuming his daily bread, there is no more ironic characterization of time than this column’s title. And I’m eating salad because my “time of youth, innocence and inexperience” is long gone. It left March 5, 2009, when my oncologist explained to me (and Team Lourie) exactly what my stage IV lung cancer diagnosis meant, statistically speaking: I was now life-expectancy-challenged, to put it mildly; that is, with a “p.c.” spin on it.

And “correct,” with respect to my consumption, is what I’ve tried to be. I’m attempting to follow a PH-balance-changing regimen to consume a great deal more alkaline foods than acidic foods, thereby altering (hopefully) my blood chemistry; the theory being that cancer cells, which we all have as part of our DNA, figuratively speaking (maybe even literally for all I know/understand), cannot exist in an alkaline environment. In effect/theory, making one’s internal combustion engine a less hospitable environment/host to these life-threatening cells, and to extend my prognosis/life in the process, beyond its current 13-months-to-two-years time frame.

And so, salad, sometimes days, more so nightly and on the weekends, is now a primary part of my food for thought. These days, I spend more time in the produce section of the supermarket than I do in any other aisle. Not that I’ve become the least bit knowledgeable (actually I have become the least bit knowledgeable), but I have become more inclined and quite frankly, likely, to wander through this section first (and foremost) to take in the sights – and smells – and to see if there are any items that meet my still extremely narrow window of eating opportunity. (Organic is even better, I’ve been advised.)

No more can I cookie-cake-candy-ice cream-soft drink my way through the supermarket. In fact, I haven’t had an Oreo Cookie (Double Stuf) in so long, that I’m no longer sure how to spell “Stuf.” Still, I wander through those aisles, too (I’d be lying if I said, occasionally), taking inventory, so to speak (sort of as a peculiar way to motivate/discipline myself) and to semi dip my toe back in the sugar-consuming water. But I have enough intestinal fortitude now, to not indulge in my former eating fantasies. (To be honest, I’m not a saint, but neither am I the sinner I once was.) It’s extremely difficult, though. Almost all the foods (or the category of foods) that I misspent my youth – and life – eating, and love still: sugar, dairy, pasta, potatoes, rice, bread, beef/veal/pork/turkey are acidic and thus, out, at least to the extent/percentage theorized (30 percent of your calories) in this alkaline/acidic, cancer-affecting discussion/debate.

As my new consuming passion then, no longer am I eating/drinking all the friendly-to-cancer “ingestibles” that I have been for the past 50 years (certainly nowhere near the frequency or ferocity, that’s for sure). Is it helping? I don’t think it’s hurting. Is it proactive? Yes, in a reactive-to-my-diagnosis kind of way. Am I doing better than my oncologist expected? Yes! (See column titled “Between a Rock and a Hard Place,” 4/21/2010 for comparison.) Is my prognosis different now in year two? No. Can I live with the consequences of these most recent actions? Happily so, and hopefully for years beyond the original diagnosis. Are there any guarantees? Just one: “No one gets out of this life alive.” So said, Ceil Lourie, my mother, many times. (For her sake, thank God she died before my diagnosis.)

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NEWS

Brown To Receive Vision Award

The Universities at Shady Grove Board of Advisors will present its first Founders Vision Award to advertising and public relations executive Earle Palmer Brown of Potomac on Thursday, May 6. Brown is one of 14 visionaries who will be honored at a special “Founders Recognition Event” that will highlight the Universities at Shady Grove’s 10th anniversary celebration.



Earle Palmer Brown

The USG Board of Advisors has selected Earle Palmer Brown for its first Founders Vision Award for Brown’s commitment to expanding access to affordable higher education and his visionary leadership in the creation of USG. Brown, a World War II veteran and former U.S. Navy Public Information Officer, founded his public relations and advertising firm in Washington, D.C., in 1952. For 50 years, Brown reigned as one of the nation’s prominent PR and advertising executives whose clients included US Airways, the American Bankers Association, Blue Cross Blue Shield, the U.S. Department of the Treasury, and the U.S. Department of Transportation.

In 1999, he completed two five-year terms on the Board of Regents of the University System of Maryland. As a Regent, he was one of the driving forces behind the establishment of the Universities at Shady Grove.

Koons Named New Head of Lower School

Dresden Koons has been appointed as the new head of the Lower School at St. Andrew’s Episcopal School effective July 1. Koons was chosen from various candidates for her visionary approach to education and passion for children.

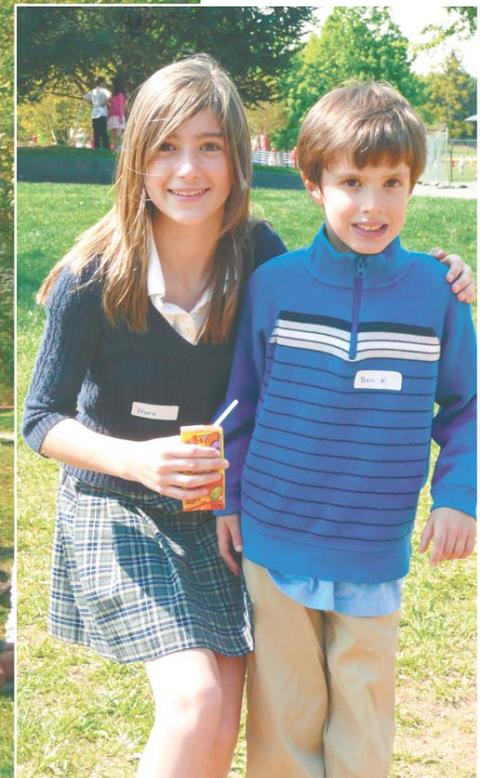
“Our community has helped to choose a visionary leader — one whose passion for growth and learning will touch the Lower School children and inspire the faculty and parents,” said Robert Kosasky, Head of the school.



Dresden Koons

Koons joined St. Andrew’s faculty in 1999 shortly after graduating Phi Beta Kappa from Duke University. She is currently the head of St. Andrew’s English department, a position she has held since 2005.

A Washington area native, Koons is a graduate of Georgetown Visitation Preparatory School. She will receive a Ph.D. in curriculum and instruction from The George Washington University in 2011, upon completion of her dissertation. She earned an M.A. in English Language and Literature from the University of Maryland. She lives in Potomac with her husband and their two daughters.



Nora Ribera and Ben Kline meet for the first time.

32 Bullis students and Diener students at Hadley Park

Pen Pals Meet As Diener, Bullis Celebrate Earth Day

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successful because they are in a nurturing environment where they learn experientially through a variety of multi-sensory, collaborative approaches. Our students have the opportunity to develop critical thinking, organizational, and academic

skills in conjunction with independence and self-esteem.

“We plan a bi-weekly field trip to correlate with our topic of study. Because we are studying ‘Earth and Environment,’ we organized the clean-up project at Hadley Park on Earth Day. We also visited Locust Grove

Science Center. Providing the children a hands-on approach to learning is particularly important for our students,” she said.

An auction will be held to raise funds for The Diener School on May 26 at Har Sharlom from 6:15 – 9 p.m. Entitled “The Many Colors of Diener,” the event will in-

clude art from the Diener students as well as such items as jewelry, clothing, trips, and catered parties. “We encourage everyone in the community to come to the auction. It will be an outstanding event and an opportunity to purchase wonderful items and to help our school,” said Copeland.

Celebrating Their 60th

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a better place. “

More than 150 party-goers enjoyed dinner catered by Chicken Out — managed by 1968 graduate Renie Yellowitz Friedman. They hugged, shared, and reminisced. Almost everyone joined in the singing, linking arms with one another swaying to “The House of the Rising Sun” and Sonny and Cher (performed in costume by Cecily Deming Hooks and Bruce Moyer).

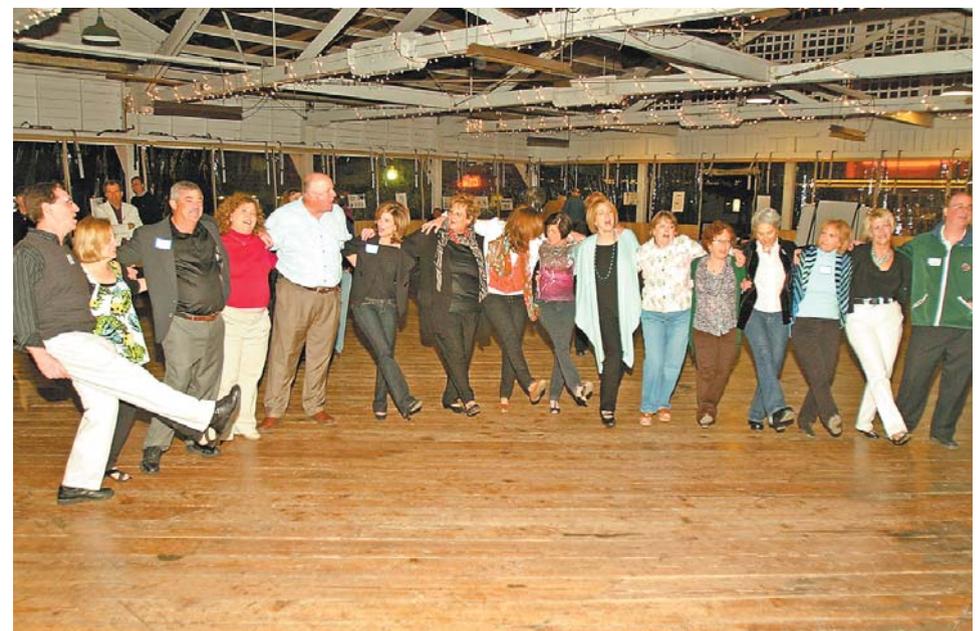
Sharon Smithey Coale declared: “It was wonderful to see that all the adolescent inhibitions were gone and there were no more high school cliques. Everyone was a big, happy family — just thrilled to see one another.”

“It was the most amazing get-together weekend,” said Ellen Bilanow. “The good spirit in the air was pervasive. It really did capture the peace and love of our idealism as a generation.”

OTHER GRADUATES were amazed to see so many classmates looking great at age 60. People came from as far as Spain, California, Colorado and Florida. One attendee even cut short his visit to Vietnam to come to the birthday party.

Moyer was amazed that the band members could come together and proficiently play the music from their era. “I played for several years with Tom Engel in high school and college and nearly 40 years go by, with really no real communication all those years. He found me only recently on Facebook and I gently nudged him into being interested in participating. We had no rehearsal; he arrived from Reagan National at about 4:30 that day. But once we were onstage it was amazing how it felt like yesterday.”

The classmates overwhelmingly voted for another reunion in the next two years. Duckie Roane thanked the planning committee by saying, “you have built a won-



The Class of 1968 swings and sways to Golden Oldies.

derful sense of community among us, and that’s not an easy thing to do.” Others felt the weekend was an overwhelming success.

Ellen Bilanow said, “We are a lovely group of people. We really get how to create ‘good vibrations!’”

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