

PEOPLE



Aberdeen Proving Ground Federal Credit Union announced the local winner of The Credit Union Foundation of Maryland and the District of Columbia's \$1,000 College Essay Scholarship for 2010. Justin Harold, of Jarrettsville, was presented with the \$1,000 check July 15 at APGFCU's Edgewood branch by Don Lewis, APGFCU's president and CEO; Bill Schultheis, APGFCU's executive vice president; Sharon Sykes, APGFCU's senior vice president of marketing; and Kyle Swisher, CUFMDDC's executive director. Harold plans to attend Salisbury University in the fall. Pictured, from left, are Bill Schultheis, Justin Harold, Don Lewis, and Kyle Swisher.



Joseph Conn III, of Hickory Elementary School, was among the 16 student patrols out of 30,000 in Maryland to be honored with the 2010 Outstanding School Safety Patrol Award.



Travis Neslon, of St. Joan of Arc School in Aberdeen, was among the 16 student patrols out of nearly 30,000 in Maryland to be honored with the 2010 Outstanding School Safety Patrol Award.



Edgewood Lions Club President Tom Hammen presents a \$600 donation to Deb Merlock, president of the Greater Edgewood Education Foundation. GEEF is sponsoring its annual school supply drive to ensure that each child, regardless of circumstances, has an opportunity to achieve his or her best. Recognizing the importance of quality education as it relates to the future residents of Harford County, the foundation strives to make dreams into realities by providing students and their families the tools and resources necessary to support student achievement and achieve post-secondary success in college, work and life.



Mallan Willis

Fallston's Willis 'Outstanding'

Mallan Willis, a junior at the University of Maryland - College Park, was recently recognized as an Outstanding Scholar in the Environmental Scholars Program. She also earned the American Society of Animal Sciences Scholastic Achievement Award.

Mallan has been listed on the Deans List for both Scholars Honors and Animal Science Honors for four consecutive semesters.

She was nominated for the Phi Kappa Phi and Golden Key Societies. She is also an active officer of the Beta Alpha chapter of the Sigma Alpha Sorority, which promotes agricultural education in local communities.

Mallan was chosen as one of 25 American students to speak at a global agricultural education symposium in Taiwan in August.

Mallan, a 2008 graduate of Fallston High School, is the daughter of Randall and Amy Willis, of Fallston.

Keeping Fallston cool for 40 years

POOL, from AA1
and float around in the advanced pool. Evening volleyball tournaments and movie nights are also scheduled frequently.

This year, families were granted access to all of these activities and more by purchasing season memberships for \$500. Individual packages cost just \$350 per season. These prices did not include the \$75 application fee and \$75 registration fee.

Every season, pool denizens also have the option to pay for a stock option; this year's price was \$550.

"As you leave, you sell that stock option technically to the next person in line who wants to join," Sue Thomas, social chair on the board of directors, elaborated.

Because of space issues, the number of memberships are limited.

"We're full," Brown said. "We have 750 families and a waiting list of two years."

According to Brown, this summer was one of the busiest on record.

"This summer has been unique because of the early heat," Brown said. "We had 1,500 people here on Memorial Day Monday. That was the busiest day in my 12 years here."

During its 40 years as a community recreation center, the Fallston Club has experienced slight alterations of sorts from various improvements.

The club just wrapped up a project replacing a large brick grill cover that was lost during one of this season's worst storms. They also partially repaved the driveway entrance and installed some new pavilions near the back pool.

Still, people like Kelly Lembach, of Fallston, say that the upgrades haven't been too drastic.

"It hasn't changed that much," she said. "The baby pool has, but it is more updated."

Even in the midst of ongoing growth, the Fallston Club's purpose has never wavered. While it is certainly a source of entertainment and relief from scorching temperatures, it seeks primarily to make a positive impact in the surrounding neighborhoods.

"As they were first opening it, it was really the community coming together to make things happen," Thomas said. "We are very community-focused. We ask, what is best for the families who attend?"

"Our goal, because not only are we self-owned, but we live in the community



Sherri Weigand helps her son, 5-year-old Michael Weigand, work on his floating skills during a recent visit to the Fallston Club.

as well, is to serve the community." The Fallston Club has had fundraisers with the Susan B. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation, among others.

The club has led the charge in helping local families through efforts like the Katie and Wil Brady Memorial Swim-A-Thon, hosted in memory of Wilson Brady, a swim team member who was killed in a car accident two years ago. They raised \$4,896.35 in donations this year.

This sentiment, this sense of togetherness, is transparent among the pool's constituents.

"My kids grew up here," Desaulniers said. "I like the family atmosphere, the ability to have fun and eat good food."

"A lot of my friends are here," echoed Samya Murray, Jameela's mother.

"You always have someone to talk to and the kids always have someone to play with," agreed Lembach. "They

encourage it to be a family pool. I used to come here as a child and now my kids are growing up the same way."

"I enjoy that she [Kendra] can meet other friends and meet other kids," Infussi said.

The Fallston Club is open Sunday through Friday, noon to 10 p.m., and Saturday and holidays, 10 a.m. to 10 p.m.

Starting Aug. 29, pool hours are Sunday, noon to 9 p.m.; Monday through Thursday, 3 to 9 p.m.; Friday, 3 to 10 p.m.; Saturday, 10 a.m. to 10 p.m.

It is open on Labor Day Monday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

The pool will close for the year on Sept. 6, but not before one final get-together.

A members-only Family Day celebration is scheduled for Saturday, Sept. 4, from noon to 6 p.m. Entrance to the event will cost \$2 per person.

The pool will provide food, games and a moonbounce for the kids.

Additionally, a fall co-ed tennis league is forming. Anyone interested in joining should contact Chris and Jim Boyce, rdoktv@yahoo.com.

For more information about the Fallston Club, contact the office manager, 410-877-3476 or fallstonclub@verizon.net.

Visit their website, www.fallstonclub.com or visit their Facebook page, www.facebook.com/group.php?gid=2231430148&ref=search, for additional photos and event information.

To celebrate four successful decades, the Fallston Club scheduled a summer full of exciting activities.

"Everything we have done this year has been themed with the 40th anniversary. We had shirts, pens, drink holders and Post-It notes made," Thomas explained.

"It has been really neat to give something back to the membership that has been a driving force in the community," she continued.

In June, the Fallston Club hosted a 40th reunion, gathering the pool's pioneers together again.

"It went very well. We had a very nice response from some of the older members," Thomas said. "They came back specifically to see one another. There was a lot of hugging and happy tears."

Pool alumni will be treated to a presentation showing workers, swim teams and members from the past.

"It was very interesting looking back on how the pool physically has changed over the years," Thomas explained.