

COMMUNITY



Participants in a piano recital recently held at Harford Community College, from left, are Lauren Palmieri, Erin Rittershofer, Anna Petro and Marlene Olson. They are piano students of Elaine F. Barrett.



Piano students of Elaine F. Barrett, who were presented recently at Piano Festival at Harford Community College, from left, are Quinten Petro, Cray Dayton, Taylor Dorris, and Bridget Olson.



Pictured are, top row from left, Nick Petro, Lexi Willie and Caryn Mars; and bottom row from left, Brandon Willie, Bethany Ritter and Danae Mars. These are piano students of Elaine F. Barrett who participated in a recent piano recital at Harford Community College.



Meadowvale Elementary School students were recognized recently for completing the 2008 Patriot Program.

Meadowvale students celebrate 259 in pre-K through 5th grade complete Patriot program

On May 23, 259 students from Meadowvale Elementary School were recognized for completing the 2008 Patriot Program.

Children in pre-kindergarten through fifth grade were in attendance to celebrate their accomplishments. These students learned about the history of the United States through songs, symbols, drawings and historical documents. They voluntarily created representations, recited patriotic speeches, and learned about patriotism assisted by their parents, teachers and a core group of dedicated volunteers.

Also in attendance were family members and friends of the Patriots and several members of county, state and local government. Welcomed by Principal A. Blaine Hawley, the guest speaker Roxanne Lynch, director of Harford County Government and Community Relations, offered words of congratulations, praise and encouragement sent by County Executive David Craig, Havre de Grace Mayor Wayne Dougherty, Councilman Randy Craig, representatives for Sen. Nancy Jacobs and

Sen. Barry Glassman sent best wishes and issued certificates to Meadowvale Patriots.

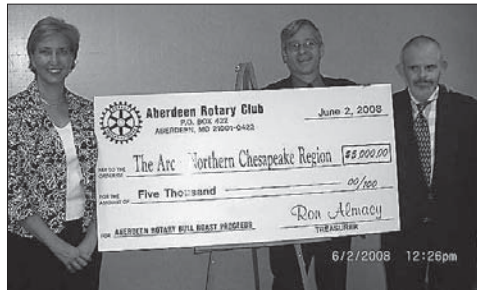
Remarks were also presented to the students by State Del. B. Dan Riley. Riley reminded those in attendance that the following Monday would be observed as Memorial Day and should be a time to remember all of the servicemen who fought and died for our country, not just a day off from school or time to open the pool. He asked the Patriots and their families to pause at 3 p.m., May 26, to honor the memory of all who had died in service to our country.

The celebration concluded with musical renditions of patriotic songs by each grade level and a presentation of some of the community service projects prepared by the students as part of the requirements for completion of the Patriot Program.

In addition to the May 23 celebration, the younger students who completed this year's program were treated to an ice cream party. On May 20, 70 third, fourth and fifth grade Patriots traveled to Philadelphia to visit several historical sites.



Members of the Ryan School Irish Dance Group, in costume, join guest dancer, Kate Meise, granddaughter of Lion Al Whitlock, at a recent Lions Club of Bel Air, Lion/Daughter Night.



Don Curry, president of the Aberdeen Rotary Club, donates a \$5,000 check to Torri Dietrich and Joe Cardiff from The Arc Northern Chesapeake Region.



Bel Air Lions Club welcomes new member Lion Richard Stepanian, sponsored by Lion Conrad DePinto.



Lions Nancy Buckel and Perry Thompson receive the Melvin Jones Fellow. The Melvin Jones Fellowship honors Melvin Jones, the founder of Lions Clubs International. It is the highest form of recognition given by the foundation. Both Buckel and Thompson are past presidents of the club. Buckel being the first woman to join the club and later become the first female president of the Bel Air club. Thompson has held many positions and served as president on two occasions. Both have served the Bel Air community for many years.



Harford County Cultural Care Au Pairs attended the 42nd International Ball at the U.S. Naval Academy honoring the academy's foreign officers and the Washington international community. It was an evening of social and cultural exchange between midshipmen and international guests. Pictured, from left, are Noelia Gonzalez, Jennifer Lopez, Marianne Lehner, Kate Rodriguez, Kristina Stotz, Anna Ohman, Helen Mytsak and Alejandra Aranda.



Bel Air Lions Club welcomes new member Lion Robert Gangler and his wife, Marie Grace Gangler, sponsored by Lion Conrad DePinto.

Hannah Ward of Bel Air is a member of the 4-H Dog Club. She received a blue record book award and a trophy for the most active senior member.



Janet DiPinto of Abingdon was a guest at the dinner meeting of the Bel Air Lions Club, where she was presented with the Amish quilt she won in a raffle. The quilt was on display at Jo-Ann Etc. for five months.