School starts Tuesday

By Sheila Little

Are you excited in the air, or it be because families are preparing for the last summer holiday of the year, and students are rushing for another year of classes.

As parents run around securing school supplies and children review teaching materials for the last few days of summer, Aberdeen County Schools are preparing to receive the influx of students from the Edgewood and Aberdeen area.

The Edgewood Elementary School and the U.S. Army Environmental Center cooperative effort is one of the most visible and beneficial to the community.

The Aberdeen Proving Ground Garrison employee whose work is also available online in August and is debuting in bookstores Aug. 14. Coincidentally, the book’s debut just weeks before the release of the new Home of Heroes, a WWII epic that spanned from 1940 to 1970. It opens with this review.

APG author book debuts at local bookstore

By Yvonne Johnson

Aberdeen Proving Ground’s newest author gets his first taste of fame Aug. 18 at a book signing held in the Barnes and Noble bookstore in Bel Air.


The book details the life of Mehosky’s father, retired Col. Edward S. Mehosky, a decorated veteran of WWII, the Korean War and Vietnam.

If you need the store’s address, call 410-278-8814/8815.

For more information on The Story of a Soldier, call 410-278-3417.

The afternoon ceremony, held at Top of the Bay, was attended by nearly 100 men and women from throughout the installation.


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The Army Community Service is conducting a focus group on Sept. 11 from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at 10 Plumb Point Loop, and 9 a.m. to noon on Saturday, Sept. 15 at the Reeshemah Bugg to register in advance, 410-278-7474.

Meet The Arc

The Arc Northeast Chesapeake Region is holding an open house to provide the public with information regarding The Arc’s mission and vision, including a testimonial from an individual or family benefiting from their services. The Arc Northeast Chesapeake Region assists people with developmental disabilities identify and pursue personally valued activities.

Payment information:
For more information, call Elaine Orbino, 410-879-6785, or stop by the Thrift Shop, building E-410.

Kirk holds Diabetes Overview classes

Kirk U.S. Army Health Clinic offers four one-hour sessions scheduled as follows: Wednesdays, Sept. 12, 19 and 26 at the Prevention Conference room (room A-12). For more information, call 410-278-3945.+

Oil Field Prevention

For more information, contact Diane Wilson, 410-297-8508, or stop by the AA Thrift Shop, building 2540.

Kirk holds Take Care of Yourself classes

KUARC will hold “Take Care of Yourself” classes from 10 a.m. to 12 noon on the first and third Wednesdays of each month. All patients enrolled in TRICARE Prime are eligible to attend. The purpose of the class is to teach patients how to treat minor illnesses and injuries at home, and when to see a doctor. The class will be conducted by a registered nurse using the Take Care of Yourself handbook given to each patient enrolling in TRICARE Prime. At the end of each class, medication cards will be distributed for all over-the-counter medications without a prescription. Patients who want to enroll in TRICARE Prime patients only. Call 410-278-1725 to sign up for the class.

GLRMCers are invited to attend a Take Care of Yourself class on Thursdays, Sept. 6, 13, 20 and 27 during 10 a.m. to 12 noon in the conference room (room A-12). All GLRMC members interested in learning about stress, its symptoms, and stress reduction techniques are encouraged to attend. For more information, please contact Preventive Medicine at 410-278-5261.

Kirk holds class on living with stress

Kirk U.S. Army Health Clinic offers a two-hour “Living With Stress” class on Thursday, Sept. 13 from 12:30 to 2 p.m. in the conference room (room A-12). All TRICARE beneficiaries interested in learning about stress, its symptoms, and stress reduction techniques are encouraged to attend. For more information, please contact Preventive Medicine at 410-278-1964.

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Tobacco cessation class offered at Kirk

Kirk U.S. Army Health Clinic offers a four-hour tobacco cessation course every Thursday, from noon to 1 p.m. starting Sept. 13. Preventive Medicine will host this Take Care of Yourself class (see page A-4). All military beneficiaries are encouraged to attend. Sign up now as class size is limited. For more information, or to sign up for the first class, call Preventive Medicine at 410-278-1964.
LaSalle recognizes MRICD for encouraging research and guiding future scientists

By Sheila Littie
APG News

The U.S. Army Medical Research Institute of Chemical Defense and Philadelphia-based La Salle University are working closely together with mutual benefits, thanks to the efforts of Dr. Gerald P. H. Ballough, an associate professor of biology at La Salle and former National Research Council associate at MRICD.

During university recesses over the past seven years, Ballough has returned to the neurotoxicology laboratory at MRICD to continue his research. 

Commonly concentrating on ways to circumvent damage from nerve agent exposure, Ballough and his colleague, Dr. Margaret MacManus, strive to provide a bridge for young scientists and encourages research for the benefit of the American soldier and U.S. allies. He acknowledged the efforts of Ballough and the entire team of scientists at ICD, many of whom recruit bright talent and offer encouragement and guidance to all summer hires and interns.

“I want to thank La Salle University for their spirit of cooperation, and for acknowledging that none of us can do it alone,” Romano said. “This award demonstrates that the impact of MRICD extends well beyond the borders of APG, and ICD’s scientific impact continues to be recognized and appreciated by the academic community.”

Although many of the institute’s summer research interns and contractors come from other universities, Ballough’s enthusiasm and connections assure a healthy influx of La Salle’s brightest students, year after year. Joe Jaworski, a La Salle senior, has worked at MRICD under the direction of Ballough for the past three summers researching possible countermeasures to chemical warfare agents. “His enthusiasm for science and life in general is contagious and my summers are full of wonderful memories,” Jaworski said as he spoke of Ballough. “He is always there to help his students.”

Jaworski added that Ballough’s teaching does not end at the end of the day, and he insists on an informal teacher-student relationship, asking those around him to address him by his first name. Available outside the classroom and research lab, Ballough encourages students to try new experiences and offers help wherever he can.

“I had never sailed before this summer, and Joe Gery refers to me as a reliable crew member,” Jaworski said. “Working with him is a blast.”

Jaworski added that working in a research laboratory with a reputation for excellence in chemical and biological agent research has been a wonderful experience for him.

“I would like to thank USAMRICD for giving me the opportunity to work with Gerry and all of these excellent people at APG. The environment at the institute is very welcoming, and the researchers and maintenance crew are friendly and helpful all the time,” Jaworski said. “It has been a very positive experience.”

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By Yvonne Johnson

In times of atmospheric or environmental emergencies, the Aberdeen Proving Ground area is prepared to weather any storm thanks to an advanced early warning system dubbed "The Communicator." The Communicator is a computer-based notification system that contacts designated personnel, area residents during emergencies or routine test notifications. It is primarily used during Army-mandated exercises conducted quarterly at APG to notify Emergency Action Officers of weather advisories, Chemical Accident Incident Response and Assistance and Nuclear Accident Incident Response and Assistance exercises.

Warnings come in the form of a telephone call from the Emergency Operations Center. When answering such a call, individuals should listen to the entire message and follow any instructions given before hanging up.

Chevannes urges that employees familiarize themselves with established Disaster Control plans and follow the others. "Remember, emergency procedures are in place to guard you and your family," Chevannes said, "Learning the system and understanding how to use it is your best protection."
Quintet makes its mark with “Popstars”

By Yvonne Johnson

APG News

Less than one year ago, five talented vocalists from different parts of the United States were drawn together when they each decided to audition for a new reality series on the WB Network called “Popstars.”

A few months later, the quintet, now a group, were dispatched into the recording studio to cut their debut album, also named “Popstars.”

Ana Maria Lomba, 22, born in Medellin, Colombia now makes her home in Scottsdale, Ariz. Lobo has performed worldwide with her family most of her life, making her first stage appearance at age 3. Most recently her family toured as background vocalists with Julio Inglesias, Jr.

Nicole Scherzinger, 24, is of Hawaiian and Irish descent. The Long Beach, Ca. native joined the International Children’s Choir at age 5, touring the world and performing for the likes of President Ronald Reagan. She attended the Orange County High School for the Arts and received a bachelor’s degree in theater arts from UCLA.

Maile Misajon, 24 is of Hawaiian and Irish descent. She began dancing at age 3. She was a stopover in a variety of regional theater productions of shows such as “Fiddler on the Roof,” “Godspell,” and “Funny Girl.”

Rosanna Tavarez, 24, the daughter of parents from the Dominican Republic, grew up in New York and Miami surrounded by music. She began dancing at age 3, mimicking the moves of the “Bold Gold” dancers and “Nuttercracker Suite” ballet. She attended Miami’s New World School of the Arts and danced at the University of Michigan. Tavarez is one project away from a graduate degree in dance studies at Ohio State University.

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Sosa, Lombo and Tavarez share the lower harmonies while Scherzinger and Misajon handle the mid and high vocal ranges.

“Musically, we create a great blend,” said Sosa.

Though the songs on “Popstars” were written before Eden’s Crush was created, they share a common theme of strength and empowerment that fits the group like a glove.

“We’re all in our 20s, strong and independent,” Tavarez said. “We’re not bubblegum.”

Plus One makes its mark with “Christian pop music”

By Yvonne Johnson

APG News

Plus One realized early on that success is a collaborative effort.

From the beginning, they sought nothing but the best, including David Foster, co-producer of their debut album “The Promise,” and winner of 14 Grammy awards for songs written for Whitney Houston, Celine Dion, Faith Hill and Toni Braxton.

Backed by an all-star production team at Atlantic Records, the group has taken off. Now with Jessica Simpson’s Decamillion Tour, they say they intend to keep spreading their message of faith and perseverance across the country.

“These kids set good example,” Foster said. “The world needs more like them. Their music is something I wish my kids would listen to.”

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Nicole Scherzinger, 22, was born in Honolulu and raised in Louisville, Ky. She was taught to dance at a young age by her mother, a lead hula dancer. Scherzinger attended a theater arts high school in Louisville and majored in theater arts at Wright State University in Dayton, Ohio. She later toured and recorded as a background vocalist with the rock group Days of the New.

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Eden’s Crush to perform at APG

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Photo courtesy of Londonsire Records

Photo courtesy of www.amazon.com/music
MRICD named most supportive organization

Krolewski is Woman of the Year

EQUALITY, from front page
Duschek said, “I support the goals of the Federal Women’s Program.”

Acknowledging that progress has been made, but more needs to be done to ensure that women are treated in the same way as their male counterparts, Duschek said, “We can all be part of that change.”

Kim Grud, a motivational speaker and author, spoke of the dilemma shared by women who want to successfully reach both professional and personal goals, but don’t always know how to proceed.

For women who want to do it all and do it well, Grud has one piece of advice.

“We need to put ourselves first,” she said.

Using the acronym SPOT LIGHT, Grud said women must get their goal.

“Have a vision and act on it,” she said, encouraging those in attendance to visualize and organize their goals.

In addition, she said, kill others, kill barriers, gap your skills, get excited about achieving your goal, have fun while working toward the goal, and take it one day at a time.

Look at each day as an opportunity to make better choices in your life, Grud said. Make small choices each day that make it possible to reach your goals.

Following Grud’s message, Diane Siler, Equal Employment Opportunity advisor, introduced those in the room for Supervisor of the Year. The category was for supervisors who manage employees who support women in the workplace, recognize and encourage those doing supportive actions, and act as mentors.

Robert J. York of the U.S. Army Environmental Center was named 2001 Supervisor of the Year.

His nomination read in part, “He sets the standard for a family-first workplace and strives to recognize and promote women in his organization.”

York, who said the honor was definitely unexpected, was most appreciative and thanked his co-workers for nominating him. York said he tries to single out those who, he feels, have great talent, whether they be male or female, and encourages and supports them as they build on their strengths.

“One of the things I enjoy as a manager and mentor is the chance in my career to show the best of everyone, even when they can’t see what it is,” he said.


Later then introduced the organizations nominated for Activity Most Supportive of Federal Women’s Program Goals. Criteria included compliance with the spirit and intent of the FWPA, a strong statement against sexual harassment, and providing training, guidance for career development, and assignments for qualified women in areas of high visibility and responsibility.

The U.S. Army Medical Research Institute of Chemical Defense received the award, an honor first bestowed on the organization in 1998. The nomination included a long list of achievements for women employed at MRICD, including a strong policy statement against sexual harassment, opportunities for women to take part in long-term, career-enhancing training, and women serving in positions of authority and seniority.

Col. Gennady Platoff, deputy commander, accepted the award on behalf of the institute, acknowledging the institute’s management and staff and thanking the women who dedicate themselves to the goals of the program.

MRICD is proud to be able to participate and we hope to continue to excel in years to come,” Platoff said. “We are continuing with the initiatives we’ve had in place since 1998.

The students receive instruction in such areas as leadership, management, decision making, acquisition and logistics. The material is pre- sented in lectures, group discussions, hands-on practical exercises, case studies, briefings from Army leaders and field units.

Classes stress critical thinking and active learning, intertwining the principles of future plans for the FWPA, including a mass communication program.

Applicants now apply online at www.army.mil.
Buying a home: tips and traps

Susan Grendahl
Office of the Staff Judge Advocate

For most people, the purchase of a home is the largest financial investment they will ever make, and few do research necessary to make smart buying decisions. Although the home purchase process is complex, people can educate themselves before taking the big purchase plunge. Here are some tips to help and traps to avoid that will make the buying process more enjoyable.

Tips

Before a buyer decides to purchase a new home, he or she should ask the following questions:

- What is the visible condition of the property? Does the house require major repairs such as a new roof? If there are still the mechanical systems—electrical, plumbing, heating, or air conditioning—has the house been well maintained?

- Where is the house located on the block—near traffic, noise, etc.?

- Is the house properly graded to provide good drainage or have there been flooding problems?

- What is the condition of the houses on either side or across the street?

- What is the surrounding neighborhood like?

- How close is the house to shopping and schools?

- How long has the house been on the market? Why does the seller want to sell?

- Before signing a contract, a buyer ensure that the contract should address, at a minimum, the following questions:

- What is the full contract price?

- What are the other costs associated with the purchase of the house that are not included in the contract price such as closing costs, fees, points, etc.?

- What amenities are being sold with the house—dishwasher, blinds, microwave, dryer?

- When is the closing date? Who will be responsible for inspections such as termite, radon, or general inspections? If the home fails inspections, who will pay for the repairs?

- What is the earnest money deposit required to contract for the home? If the buyer changes his or her mind, is the deposit refundable?

- How long does the buyer have to secure a mortgage once the contract is signed?

- If the buyer is a first time homebuyer, are there any added perks such as the seller paying more money toward closing?

- What happens if the buyer or seller breaches the contract?

- What are some common mistakes people make when buying a home?

- Buyers look for a house without getting pre-approved.

- People make verbal agreements thinking they are as good as a written contract.

- People choose a lender based on the lowest rate and then do not get a written good-faith estimate.

- People use a dual agent that represents both the buyer and the seller. (Tip—Request that an agent act only as a buyer’s agent.)

- The buyer does not get an interest rate locked in writing from a mortgage company.

- People buy a house without a professional inspection.

- People sign documents without reading them or get legal advice.

- Buyers fail to shop for homeowners insurance until the last minute.

- People make moving plans dependent upon the closing date and when the closing date is postponed, they are forced to find temporary housing.

- People sign contracts and due to credit problems, are denied a mortgage.

- (Tip—Buyers should request pre-approval and realize that they may lose their earnest money deposit if they do not qualify for the loan.)

- The Office of the Staff Judge Advocate, APG Garrison, located in building 310, wing 2, is staffed with legal assistance attorneys to answer questions or concerns about buying a home.

Active duty personnel, retirees, and military family members should call 410-278-1583 or 1504.

Plus One performs with Dreamchaser Tour at APG’s Shine Sports Field Saturday

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confidence in themselves and learn not to give in to pressure, that will matter for the guys—our faith in God.

On My Heart"

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“That’s really what Plus One is about,” Cole said. “Our prayer is that anyone who pays attention to anything we do, be it our music or our lives, will know exactly who that is. Fane can enjoy the music of Plus One during the Dreamchaser Tour at Aberdeen Proving Ground’s Shine Sports Field on Aug. 30.

Joining headliner Jessica Simpson and Plus One will be Toya, Eden’s Child and Youngstown. Tickets cost $25 in advance, $35 at the gate and may be purchased through APG’s website or by calling 410-278-4011 or 1-800-551-SEA T. No alcoholic beverages, food, coolers or flash photography permitted. Gates open at 4 p.m. The show starts at 5 p.m. Tickets may be purchased at the Information, Ticketing and Registration office inside the Aberdeen Area Recreation Center, building 3326; the Edgewood Area Recreation Center, Exton Golf Course clubhouse, the Outdoor Recreation office, the Aberdeen Area Bowling Center and at the AAF and EA Youth Centers. For more information, call ITF at 410-278-4011 or Ticketmaster at 1-800-551-SEA T.

MWR-sponsored teen concert comes to APG

CONCERT, from front page and interactive games.

Tickets cost $25 in advance and $35 at the gate for ages 5 and older. The event is open to the public. Alcohol is prohibited and there will be no entry once admitted to the field. No pets, coolers or beverages, containers, food, chairs, video recorders or flash photography is permitted. Gates open at 4 p.m. The show starts at 5 p.m. Tickets may be purchased at the Information, Ticketing and Registration office inside the Aberdeen Area Recreation Center, building 3326; the Edgewood Area Recreation Center, Exton Golf Course clubhouse, the Outdoor Recreation office, the Aberdeen Area Bowling Center and at the AAF and EA Youth Centers. For more informa-

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THURSDAY AUGUST 30
The Installation Restoration Program will hold its monthly Restoration Advisory Board meeting on Aug. 30 from 7 to 9 p.m. at the Edgewood Senior Center. All interested persons are invited. For more information, call 410-423-5500 or 410-423-3951.

WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 5
LADIES AUXILIARY MEMBERSHIP MEETING
Wesley-Elliot Ladies Auxiliary VFW 8126, 300 Lane Lane, Havre de Grace, will hold a monthly membership meeting at 7:30 p.m. All members are encouraged to attend.

THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 6
PRESENTATION OF COCHLEAR IMPLANT
The Aberdeen Proving Ground Committee for the Disabled is sponsoring a presentation on the “Cochlear Implant” at 3 p.m. at the Tip of the Bay. Guest speakers from the Learning Center and Center for Rehabilitation are invited. For more information, call Wanda L Waldon at 410-278-4603/4771.

SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 8
WACVA MONTHLY MEETING
The Women’s Army Corps Veterans Association Maryland Free State Chapter No. 10 will hold a meeting on Saturday, Sept. 8. The meeting will be held at the Aberdeen Proving Ground Chapter 300 Club at 10 a.m. For more information, please call 410-272-8842 or 1-800-APG-9998.

SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 9
LADIES AUXILIARY PRESIDENT’S VISIT
President Norma Miller, President, Department of Maryland Ladies Auxiliary VFW, will make an official visit and inspection to District Five Ladies Auxiliary on Tuesday, Sept. 11 from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m., and a meeting at 3 p.m. will be held at Harford Memorial VFW #5331, 3105 Pulaski Highway, Abingdon.

TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 11
EMPLOYEES ELIGIBLE FOR DONATIONS
Employees eligible for donations in the Voluntary Leave Transfer Program are:

Amenah M. Arasten (maternity)
Fay Walker Banker (relocation)
Marian Bellis (fracture of left wrist)
Barbara Brandon (foot)
Binnie Bromley (liver surgery)
Denis Brown (father has heart surgery)
Terry Buckaloo (knee surgery)
Carol Cattano-Hinds (maternity)
Geraldine Cragg (cancer)
Dawn M. Croose (surgery)
Barbara C. Dorminey (surgery)
Tricia Linn Date
Joseph R. Dugan
Melissa Exline
Wayne Ethel (stomach illness)
Melanie A. Hoffman
Michael L. Hoffman (parasitism, fibromyalgia condition)
Stephen Howard (bone metabolic disorder)
Wayne A. Jannise
Evelyn L. Johnson (surgery)
Vince Jones
Marlin Julian (heart condition)
Mary B. Kane (surgery)
Jennifer Kealey (maternity)
Beverly King (caring for mother)
Yvonne Lissimore (bone malignancy)
Angela L. Little (knee and shoulder surgery)
Edna L. Lobodniok (eye surgery)
William S. McLean (kidney failure)
Rebecca G. Mercer-Leto (heart attack)
Shirley A. Murphy (terminal illness)
Cindy Rashid (surgery)
Deli P. Potosky (surgery)
Mary E. Pettry
Lea V. Pichard (surgery)
Angelina W. Reyes (maternity)
Denise Robinson (maternity)
Stony Ross (heart valve surgery)
Allan Scarfengross (surgery)
Jennifer F. Smith (cancer of daughter)
Sherry Shanfer
Lana Shelton
Rachel Swearingen
Barbara Towery (chronic pulmonary disease)
Rosalind Walters-Kenion
Caecilia Walton (seizure problems)
Andrew A. Vautrin (bone tumor removal)
Karen G. Velassery
Elaire R. Veletho (cancer of elderly parents)

Employees may report these to their supervisor or TD. Donations will be accepted for the Department Ladies’ Auxiliary Cancer Fund and Research Program, Department Ladies’ Auxiliary Hospital Program and the Save-a-Heart Foundation, Inc. No. All members of District Five Ladies Auxiliary are encouraged to attend.

MONDAY SEPTEMBER 10
SALUTE TO MILITARY PERSONNEL OFFERED AT AREA HIGH SCHOOLS
The Bush River Power Squadron will hold Salute Boating Ceremonies on Friday, Sept. 10, at 11 a.m. at Key Vista High School and Sept. 11 at Joppa High School. Classes for interested individuals are available.

Saturday night Oct. 27 will also be an after-party. Admission price per person is $14.00. Please contact Angela Keithley or Jacqueline McKeever at 410-272-6403 or 4771 for reservations.

SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 29
TEA PARTY
The Aberdeen Lions Club is sponsoring a tea party at the Hays House, 324 S. Kenmore Ave., Bel Air, Sept. 27, from 2 to 5 p.m. For information, call Lions club members Joyce or Ron Landbeck, 410-272-4920. For information, call Accent-on-Travel, 1-800-940-3273.
A special presentation is the Guillotine, awarded for the honors and the extra $50 to the best drummer, vocalist, bass guitarist, and keyboardist.

Army Entertainment is open to all armymen, soldiers, retirees, and even DOD civilians, to get Army and Air National Guard troops under control. The six top players from the Army tournament joined the other top hotspots to fight the wildfires.

The fires in the Cascade Range tourist town of Leavenworth dried winds fanned the more than 2,500 additional acres during the afternoon.

One team of 60 Guard soldiers were already back flying four three-person smokejumpers, five howitzer batteries, and shuffling civilian lighters from base camp fires to lines.

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Season ending tournaments for the Aberdeen and Edgewood Areas Youth Golf Programs were held at Exton and Ruggles golf courses Aug. 16 and 17.

Nineteen individual awards for youths ages 7 to 17 were handed out following the two-day event that Bill Kegeles youth sports director, described as “exciting.”

“Several playoffs made an already exciting day even hotter.” Kegeles said.

He thanked “the volunteers and parents who donated their time, notably Shane Bunch, Marc Williams, Larry Mitchell and Eugene Harris who provided golfing instructions through-out the program.”

Kegeles said volunteer coaches Dave Byers, Liz Smith, Brent Brown, Bob Taylor, Cliff Taylor and Charlie Deel were “a big part of what makes events like this work.”

Parents Tim and Grace McNamara, along with Richard Dixon kept watch over one group of 12 to 13 year olds consisting of Jessica Dixon, 15, Sata Dixon, 12, Brianna McNamara, 12 and Lacey Moss, 12.

“They are a couple of Outreach-sporty players,” Dixon said of her daughter, adding that she was glad to v olunteer when the call went out for score-keep- ers. “If they’re this excited in their first year, the least I could do is help,” she said.

Also a first-year player, McNamara credited both her parents for getting her interested in the sport.

“My dad got me interested when he started playing last year,” she said. “This is something they can enjoy together,” Grace McNamara said, adding her pleasure at the program and its participants.

The instructors, volunteers and parents have been wonderful with the kids,” she said. “They’re patient and informative. We’re all looking forward to next year.”
Students return to school

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