

Stanley brothers scoop tourney titles

By Tammy Hayes

Watch out Preston — here comes the next Andre Agassi!

The Prestonwood Country Club recently held its eighth annual junior tennis tournament, and Blake Stanley won his division for the third year in a row.

After taking the age 12 and under division for the past two years, Blake won the age 15 and under division this year. Blake said that he picked up tennis several years ago, and that his strength is his forehand.

An eighth-grader at West Cary Middle School, thirteen-year-old Blake also plays basketball and golf.

"I like winning and playing my best," Blake said.

Blake's younger brother, Jonathan, age 11, won in the age 12 and under division. He started playing tennis three years ago.

"I thought it was a real fun sport and a lot of my friends were into it," Jonathan said.

Like his brother, Jonathan also enjoys playing basketball and golf. The two boys occasionally challenge each other to a tennis match.

Blake and Jeremy live with their parents, Craig and Dianne Stanley, in Preston Ponds.

Another repeat Prestonwood tennis champion, Ellie Thompson, won the girls' division two years in a row.

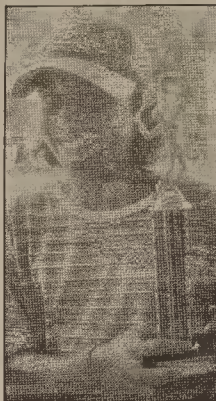
Ellie, an eleven-year-old sixth-grader at Davis Drive Middle School, has been playing tennis since she was five. She doesn't limit her interests, however. She also plays piano and will start to play flute in the school band this year.

Ellie also loves animals, and spends a lot of time playing with her cat, Jellybean.

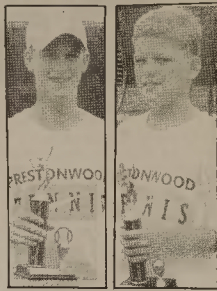
Ellie's favorite professional tennis player is Mary Joe Fernandez.

"She's a good tennis player," Ellie said.

Ellie was able to get Fernandez's



ELLIE THOMPSON



BLAKE JONATHAN

parents, David and Kathy Thompson, in Preston Forest.

Other winners in the tennis tournament were Melissa Patterson and Jane Evenhouse in the girls' doubles. In the boys' doubles, Andy Domina and Matt McGarry took the gold.

autograph when she went to see her play in a tournament in Oakland, Ca.

Like the Stanleys, talent for tennis seems to run in Ellie's family. Her brother, Scott, won the consolation round in the tournament.

Ellie and Scott live with their

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In September!**

Prestonwood Notebook

Piranhas collect awards for performances

The Prestonwood Country Club Piranhas Swimming Team concluded its season with an awards ceremony.

The Piranhas were division champions this season and had an overall record of 5-1. The team's only loss was to the Lochmere swimming team which was a division higher than the Piranhas.

All swimmers received trophies at the awards ceremony. Special awards were given to the swimmers in each age category who scored the highest number of points during the season.

In the age 6 and under division, Candice Pynn and Joshua Walsh scored the most points. Kristin Smith and Matt Minikus scored the most points in the age 7-8 division. Iris Simpson and Dustin Prusik won the award for the age 9-10 category.

In the age 11-12 category, Emily Simpson and Bradley Hipps scored the most points. Lauren Schmidt and Kyle Wamelik won the award in the age 13-14 division and Kelly Whelan and John Simpson scored the most points in the age 15-18 category.

Most improved swimmers awards were also distributed. In the age 10 and under category, Lauren Adcock and Sam Rael received the award. Erin Vais-kanakas and Matt McGarry won the award for the age 11 and older category.

Coaches awards were given to swimmers based on their attendance at practice, their enthusiasm, ability to be coached, drive to win and improve, as well as their willingness to help the team.

Receiving a coaches award for the Katy Stollmann Memorial Spirit Award was Toby Blackburn. The Meredith Quady Spirit Award was given to Matt Offner and Daniel Peterson.

Kevin Costner captured most of the attention on Prestonwood fairways this month, but a number of

Prestonwood golfers also were the talk of the clubhouse following recent tournaments.

In the junior club championship, Aaron Patel was the winner in the ages 16-18 competition, with Tommy Goeken the runner-up. Burt Lawson won the 12-15 division and Justin Patel finished second. In ages 11 and under play, Chris Brady took first and Will Shambley and Drew Eibner tied for second.

A Three Kings and Queen tournament saw first place go to the team of Ed Gustin, Mark Reiter, Robert Benacci, and Joyce Reiter. Other winners included Ernie Buterbaugh, Dave Cree, George Lucas and Terry Buterbaugh, second; Steve Walker, Robert Goyette, Don Bernstein and Patty Goyette, third; and Tuck Burkinshaw, Jerry Robinson, Richard Malouf and Rebecca Malouf, fourth.

The ninth annual Life Experiences golf tournament is scheduled at Prestonwood on Monday, Sept. 9. Proceeds will assist adults with disabilities.

The tournament will have a Captain's Choice format and a shotgun start is scheduled for 12:30 p.m. Prizes will be given to winning teams as well as for the longest drive, most accurate drive, and closest to the pin. A new Infiniti from Baker Infiniti is being offered for a hole-in-one.

Life Experiences, based in Raleigh, is a non-profit organization that operates a bakery and thrift shop, grows alfalfa sprouts, and provides janitorial services. More information of the organization can be obtained by calling Mary Madenspacher at 467-1973.

Prestonwood Country Club is a private club and attendance at all functions and activities is for members and guests only.

Carpenter couple returning to new home

By Ron Page

"It's going to be good to be home," said Wilma Phillips.

After spending the last eight months in a trailer, Paul and Wilma Phillips will return home in the next few days, thanks to the efforts of their family and the many friends they've made during the 42 years the couple has been married.

Their house on N.C. 55 in the Carpenter community was destroyed by fire December 16, 1995, when a short in electrical wiring caused the blaze that also took with it both their cars and many of their belongings. They were not covered by insurance.

They rebuilt a house on the site of the old, with their personal savings and help from family and friends. Their new home is a four-bedroom brick ranch which Mrs. Phillips said has a family room big enough to hold all her grandchildren when Christmas rolls around this year.

"There are 18 of us," she says and smiles.

It's taken a while to rebuild," Mrs. Phillips said. "I had never lived in a trailer or mobile home before, and it was quite an experience, especially during electrical storms and heavy rain. I tell ya, I get nervous."

Mrs. Phillips had concerns in March that they'd never get the new home built. "It rained so much that they couldn't pour the footings for weeks. I was so happy when they did, but the main thing I looked forward to in a new house was a good-sized family room. We have that, and it is open on one side to a big kitchen," she explained.

Mrs. Phillips still can't believe all of the help her family, neighbors,

and friends have given, people like her daughter-in-law from Chicago, who did all of the wallpapering.

"She did a marvelous job," Mrs. Phillips said. She also mentioned her son, Al, and her daughter-in-law Teri, who live only a few blocks away.

"I feel so indebted to so many people," Mrs. Phillips said. "And the fire department was there for us with that barbecue they held to help. It meant so much. This community is good for that."

Although Mrs. Phillips said that they will always miss their old home, the new one will provide a new start, even if it is an expensive one.

Mr. and Mrs. Phillips are known

for the pumpkins they grow for sale at Halloween time, and for the lighted orange round lanterns that used to glow across the front of their house. Some call it the house with the orange front lawn.

"Paul has planted pumpkins again on some land in Moore County," Mrs. Phillips said, "but with all the rain we've had I don't know if we'll have any crop," she said. "We'll have to wait and see."

Mrs. Moore also repeated a story she had heard from one of her customers. The mother said that her little girl cried when she heard that the pumpkin lady's house had burned down. She had to bring her daughter out to see that "The Pumpkin Lady" was still there.

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