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We expect to add more content than ever before, including a full archive of the *East County Times'* news, community resources and many other features.

Officials encourage drivers, pedestrians to be alert for back-to-school safety



Perry Hall Elementary School students joined in the Look Up, Look Out campaign to remind pedestrians and drivers to walk smart and drive smart for the safety of children returning to school this week.

State delegate arrested in Ocean City - page 4 -

- Article & photos by Devin Crum -
 Yesterday, Aug. 24, was the first official day of the 2016-2017 school year for Baltimore County students, and commuters have undoubtedly noticed an increase in both motor vehicle and pedestrian traffic.

The increase in traffic means taking more time to get to work. And state and county officials took the opportunity on Wednesday, Aug. 17, to remind both drivers and pedestrians that they need to be aware of each other in order to stay safe.

The event was held at Perry Hall Elementary School, directly adjacent to the busy US-1/Belair Road, which carries

more than 28,000 vehicles through the area each day.

"The potential conflict is clear," said Dave Coyne, deputy state highway administrator with the Maryland Department of Transportation. "Whether you have a school-aged child or you're a daily commuter, we all have a role to play in the safety of our youngest commuters - our children."

Specifically, pedestrians should use sidewalks and marked crosswalks whenever possible. Always stop at the curb and look both ways before crossing a street. Watch for turning vehicles and remove headphones while walking. No texting

or playing games.

Drivers should always stop for pedestrians and observe posted speed limits, as speeding makes it more difficult to stop. Always keep eyes on the road and avoid distractions from electronic devices.

Officer Cynthia Spriggs, of the Baltimore County Police Department's Traffic Management Unit, noted that electronic devices are a big culprit in distraction on the road.

"The primary focus is driving," she said. "The electronic device can wait until you've safely reached your destination."

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Study finds high bacteria levels in Bird River, tributaries

- by Devin Crum -
 A summer-long study performed by the Chesapeake Bay Foundation and local volunteers has found levels of fecal bacteria in the Bird River and its tributaries in some cases nearly 400 times higher than what is considered safe.

The same study also found high levels of the enterococcus bacteria - found in the fecal matter of both animals and humans - in other waterways around the region.

Following rain storms of about a half-inch or more this summer, volunteers sampled eight sites around the Bird River watershed to gain an understanding of

how much potentially harmful bacteria is washed into local streams and rivers during significant rainfall.

Data gathered within 24 hours following each major rain storm from June 17 - Aug. 15 at sites along Bird River tributaries Honeygo Run and White Marsh Run showed enterococcus levels sometimes reaching or exceeding 24,000 colony-forming units per 100 milliliters (cfu/100mL). Although not as high, samples from Windlass Run also showed levels of the bacteria well above recommended levels.

According to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), enterococcus levels should not be above 61 cfu/100mL

for an area that is used frequently for recreation, or 151 cfu/100mL for a place that is used occasionally.

Water samples gathered from five sites along the three tributaries showed spikes in the amount of bacteria present following storms on June 17, June 28, July 5, July 29, Aug. 2 and Aug. 15.

A dry-weather sampling was also taken on July 22 for comparison when there had been no rain for several days prior.

Samples taken on Windlass Run at Bird River Road ranged from 620 to more than 2,419 cfu/100mL following the storms.

Data readings of more than 2,419 re-

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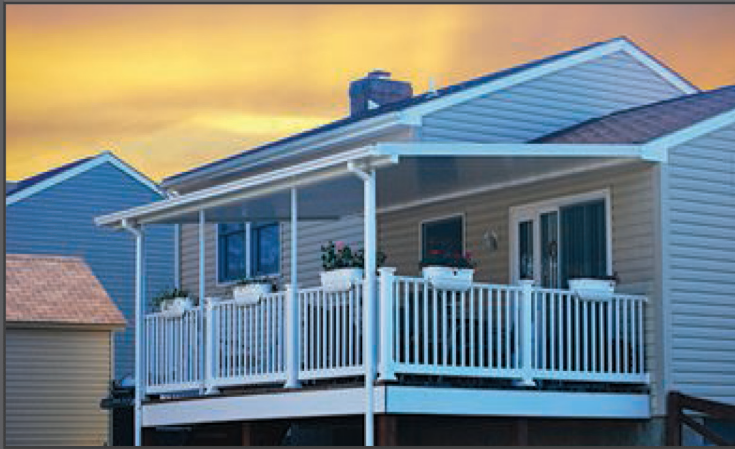
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POLITICIANS

Local leaders offer helping hand to those affected by Ellicott City flooding

State Senator Johnny Ray Salling and Delegates Robin L. Grammer and Ric Metzgar will hold a Meet and Greet and a relief effort to collect dry goods, hand soap, baby wipes, work gloves, contractor trash bags, contractor dust masks, brooms, mops and cleaning supplies to aid the residents of Ellicott City after a devastating flood ravaged the Historic Town. Legislative District 6 includes Dundalk, Essex, Edgemere, and Rosedale.

Even though they do not represent Howard County, local leaders feel that it is important to help our neighbors to the west and fellow Marylanders who are trying to recover from this tragedy. "We are doing this for humanitarian reasons because it is the right thing to do. Whenever there is a tragedy around the world we help people from other countries. This is an opportunity to help people right here in our own state," says Delegate Metzgar.

Thanks to Cathy Dailey-Hurley, Executive Director of the Dundalk

Chamber of Commerce, the North Point Walmart donated a pallet of bottled water and a pallet of paper towels. A special thank you to Rob Baker and the Rossville Giant Food Store for hosting last week's Ellicott City Relief Effort and donating Giant Gift Cards and other items.

The response and outpouring of support from the community was not only generous but an overwhelming success. The end result loaded a pick-up truck and two vehicles of items for the people of Ellicott City.

"I thank the people of Eastern Baltimore County for their kindness. We brought in so many contributions that we filled multiple vehicles. The civic spirit of our people is most certainly alive and well," says Delegate Grammer.

"I would like to thank the people of the 6th District for giving to the Ellicott City Relief Effort. We will be at the Merritt Boulevard Giant this Saturday, Aug. 27, from 10 a.m. to noon," added Senator Salling.

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Ruppersberger meets with troops in Afghanistan

Congressman C.A. Dutch Ruppersberger, an appropriator who serves on the House defense subcommittee, last week traveled to Afghanistan to meet with troops on the frontlines who are working with our NATO allies to combat ISIS and the Taliban. The 2-day trip followed the administration's announcement of a modified schedule for U.S. troop withdrawal as well as new authorities in the fight against terrorists that were central to securing the support of our allies at the NATO Warsaw Summit last month.

The group was briefed by Commander of NATO Resolute Support Mission and U.S. Forces in Afghanistan, General John Nicholson, Jr. - a Baltimore County native - and U.S. Ambassador to Afghanistan, Peter Michael McKinley. They also met with U.S., NATO, and Afghan service members at Forward Operating Base Oqab and the Train, Advise and Assist Command-East at Gamberi Training Base, who are working to train Afghan security forces near the Afghanistan-Pakistan border. There, Congressman Ruppersberger was honored to meet two service members from Maryland.

"I was in Afghanistan to hear directly from U.S. and Afghani military leaders about what's working and what's not," Congressman Ruppersberger said.

"As always, I was deeply humbled and proud to meet with servicemen and women on the frontlines and thank them for putting their lives on the line to protect our nation from the threat of terrorism."

The group met with Afghan President Ashraf Ghani and his cabinet, discussing security, sustainable development, elections and corruption. The delegation sought assurance that reforms are being made ahead of the October Donors' Conference in Brussels, at which new development assistance pledges will be made. In April, Congressman Ruppersberger traveled to Iraq, where he met with Marylanders stationed in Baghdad and Anbar.

Long reminds residents to apply for tax credit

Delegate Bob Long wants to remind the community that the last day to apply for the Homeowners' Property Tax Credit and Maryland Renters' Tax Credit is Wednesday, Aug. 31.

"We encourage everyone to apply to see if you can save money on your tax bill," Long said.

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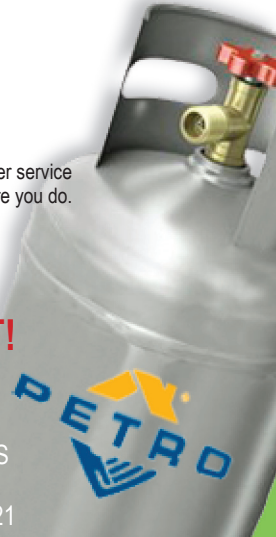
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OBITUARIES

Cole, William R.

On Aug. 20, William R. Cole, beloved father of Brent Cole and Sheila Cole; loving grandfather of Chris, Derrick, Taylor and Brooke; loving great-grandfather of Brianna, Hannah, Elijah, Hayden and Faith; dear brother of Patricia Paroda. Also survived by many other loving relatives and friends.

Funeral services will be held at the Connelly Funeral Home of Essex on Aug. 26 at 7:30 p.m. Visitation will be held on Aug. 25 from 3 - 5 p.m. and 7 - 9 p.m.

Lundy, Bobby V.

On Aug. 20, Bobby V. Lundy beloved husband of Hazel G. Lundy (nee Jones); devoted father of Randy Lundy and Pam Vaughan; dear brother of Janice Burris; loving grandfather of Nathaniel, Stephen and Randall Lundy, Amy Terrones and Angela Hartley. Also survived by eleven great-grandchildren.

A funeral service will take place at the Connelly Funeral Home of Essex on Aug. 25 at 11 a.m. Interment will be at the Crownsville Maryland Veteran Cemetery.

Snavelly, Cameron Christopher

On Aug. 18, Cameron Christopher Snavelly beloved son of Christine and Brian Samuels; dear brother of Brandon Snavelly, Seth and Alyssa Samuels and the late Adam Guido Jr.; loving grandson of Gary and Sylvia Samuels and Jim and Jean Braun; nephew of Kimberly and Jim Braun Jr. Also survived by cousins, nieces and nephews.

Funeral services by the Connelly Funeral Home of Essex. Interment at Holly Hill Memorial Gardens.

Oster, William Hammond

On June 7, William Hammond Oster, beloved husband of Eleanor F. Oster (nee Faller); devoted father of Hall Hammond and Laura Wellesley Oster, A. Douglas Fiorilli, Michelle DiGiovanni and Christian Fiorilli; loving grandfather of seven; dear brother of Robert Lee Oster and Rosalie Kerr.

Memorial service and a celebration of life will be held at the Church of the Good Shepherd 1401 Carrollton Avenue, Ruxton on Saturday, Sept. 10 at 11 a.m. Memorial contributions to the Alexandria Bay Fire Dept., 110 Walton St., Alexandria Bay, New York 13607 will be appreciated.

Lewis, Amy E.

On Aug. 20, Amy Elmira Lewis; beloved wife of the late Orville L. Lewis; devoted mother of the late Caroline McIntosh, Amy Nelson and her husband James, Orville C. Lewis and his wife Stephanie, daughter-in-law Deb Lewis and her husband the late Warren L. Lewis; loving grandmother of 11, great-grandmother of 20, great-great grandmother of one; cherished sister of Lionel and his wife Dorothy Cornell. She was also preceded in death by one grandson, Douglas Lewis and one brother Charles and his wife Rosalie Cornell.

The family is planning a memorial service in the near future. Memorial contributions may be made to Gilchrist Hospice Care, 11311 McCormick Rd., Suite 350, Hunt Valley, MD 21045.



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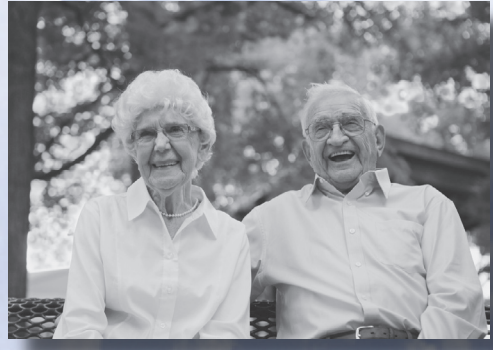


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Second man charged in North Point Road assault

Baltimore County Police have charged a second suspect in connection with the July 6 assault in Dundalk that left a man injured.

Victor Rabon Collier III, 25, has been charged with attempted first-degree murder and related charges. He is being held without bail at the Baltimore County Detention Center.

Just before 3:30 a.m. July 6, police responded to the 3600 block of North Point Road in Dundalk for an urgent welfare check. When officers arrived, they found a 20-year-old man lying next to the roadway suffering from traumatic injuries. He was taken to an area hospital for treatment.

The investigation first led detectives to identify 24-year-old Shane Michael Williams of the 8100 block of Dundalk Avenue as a person responsible for the crime. Williams was arrested on July 11 and is being held at the Baltimore County Detention Center on \$250,000 bail.

Further investigation led detectives to determine that Collier was also involved in the assault.

Current crime trends

Since Aug. 6, there have been three residential burglaries in the Essex community within the Essex Precinct. Two cases occurred during morning hours. One case occurred over a multiple-day time frame. Unlocked doors or windows were entered in all cases. Screens were cut in one case. Items taken include purses, money, tablets, credit cards and jewelry.

Since June 22, there have been seven pharmacy burglaries in the Wilkens, Woodlawn, Towson, Pikesville and Dundalk precincts. Cases occurred during the early morning hours. In most cases, entry was made with force and through front doors. Once inside, the suspects then forced interior doors and ransacked cabinets. In most cases, the suspects removed large amounts of narcotics or prescription medications. In two cases, the suspects pried or pulled open cash registers and removed money. In the last case, the suspects took money. There has been no new activity since Aug. 4. Anyone with information regarding these burglaries is urged to contact Baltimore County police.

Phone scammer posing as MSP demands money

Maryland State Police are warning the public about a telephone scam in which the caller represents himself as a barrack commander and threatens the victim with arrest if money owed is not immediately forwarded.

A victim in her 70's from Allegany County called the Maryland State Police Rockville Barrack last evening and reported she had received multiple calls from a man with a 'heavy foreign' accent. He told her she owed \$800 and would be arrested if she did not quickly forward him the money. Fortunately, the woman said she hung up on the suspect each time.

The woman said when the suspect called her, the caller ID on her phone showed the number 301-424-2101, which is the publicly listed phone number for the Maryland State Police Rockville Barrack. The woman reported the suspect identified himself as Lt. Dan Pickett, who is the commander of the Rockville Barrack.

Citizens are reminded that the Maryland State Police does not collect fines for traffic or criminal offenses. All fines are collected by Maryland's court system (www.courts.state.md.us). No one in the Maryland State Police would place a call to someone and threaten arrest if a fine was not forwarded immediately to the State Police.

The Maryland State Police Criminal Enforcement Division is investigating this case of fraud and telephone misuse. Anyone who may have received similar calls from someone saying they are from the Maryland State Police is asked to contact Sergeant Heath at 410-761-5130, or by email at msp.central-south@maryland.gov. The State Police Criminal Enforcement Division Tips Line is 888-210-1450. Callers may remain anonymous.

Emergency preparedness

Neighbors Helping Neighbors is a free emergency preparedness course designed to help citizens get through the first 72 hours following a disaster. Two sessions of the course are scheduled this fall.

Courses will be held from Oct. 13 through Nov. 10 at the White Marsh Volunteer Fire Company. Classes will take place every Thursday from 7 - 9 p.m.

Precinct 11/Essex

Attempted Robbery: On Aug. 21, officers from the Essex precinct responded to a robbery call at the intersection of Eastern Boulevard and Orville Road in Essex. At 2 a.m., two unknown suspects exited a vehicle and demanded money and personal belongings from the victim. The victim would not comply when one of the suspects produced a knife and slashed the victim's hand. The suspect then kicked the victim's service dog, as the dog was attempting to protect the victim. The second suspect then attempted to assault the victim and the victim's dog scared off both suspects. No items were taken. Anyone with information regarding this incident should contact Baltimore County police.

First Degree Burglary: Shortly after 11 a.m. on Aug. 20, officers were called to the 400 block of Maryland Avenue. Sometime between midnight and 11 a.m., a suspect entered the house through a basement window, then shattered the sliding glass door and stole three dogs.

Attempted First Degree Burglary: Baltimore County police were called to the 800 block of Maple Crest Drive in Middle River shortly before 11 a.m. on Aug. 18. At 10:45 a.m., an unknown juvenile suspect knocked on the victim's front door before walking to the back of the house. The suspect then attempted to open the rear sliding door but did not gain entry. The suspect saw the victim and then fled on foot.

First Degree Burglary: On Aug. 17, officers from the Essex precinct were called to the 1200 block of Shore Road in Middle River. Between 7 a.m. and 5 p.m., an unknown suspect entered the victim's home through the front door. While inside, the suspect stole several items.

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- Rely on a major oil change chain or service center. Oil change locations generally offer motor oil recycling so the oil can be reused and disposed of properly.

- Bring oil to a recycling location. If you perform your own oil changes, be sure to collect all of the drained oil and put it into a canister. Vehicle repair centers generally offer motor oil recycling services and serve as drop-off centers.

- Opt for recycled motor oil. Certain brands of motor oil, such as EcoPower, are made from recycled and refined reclaimed motor oil.

- Learn about synthetic oils. Synthetic oils can be more effective at lubricating and cooling, and they can be changed less frequently than traditional oils.

Responsible vehicle maintenance includes taking measures to protect the environment.

How to touch up your vehicle's exterior

Warm weather is synonymous with many things, including summer vacations. But for auto enthusiasts, spring, summer and even early fall would not be the same without road trips. Road trips often instill a spirit of rejuvenation in drivers and their passengers, and there's no reason that spirit cannot be applied to vehicles as well.

Vehicle touchups were once a realm reserved specifically for mechanics or the most ardent auto enthusiasts. But nowadays even weekend warriors can address the minor dings, chips and scratches on their vehicles, saving them both time and money.

- Crack the color code. One of the fears novices commonly have when touching up their vehicles is that they won't find the exact match with regard to their vehicle's exterior color. The key to the perfect color match is contained in the vehicle's color code, which can be found somewhere on the vehicle, most often on the inside of the driver's side door. Consult your owner's manual or call the vehicle manufacturer if you cannot find the color code on your vehicle. Once you find the code, you can then order your color. Employing the most extensive library of OEM colors in the industry, AutomotiveTouchup™ makes it as simple as ever for drivers to create and order the exact colors to touch up their vehicles' exteriors. Paints are created per order during a simple, three-step online ordering process using a vehicle's specific color code, make, model and year, and orders are shipped directly to consumers, saving them from making a trip to the often intimidating automotive supply store. The result is drivers rest easy with the knowledge that they aren't ordering and subsequently applying the incorrect color to their car or truck.

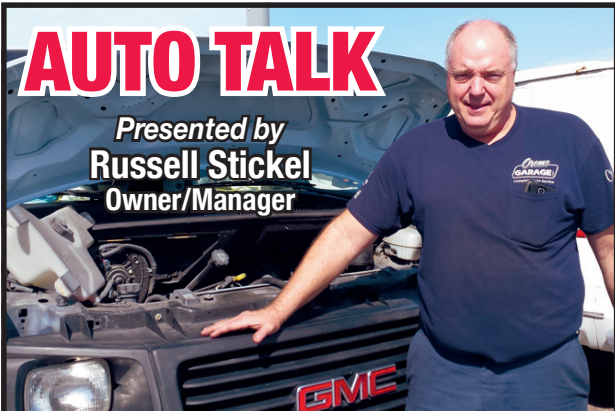
- Use the right application tool. Dings, chips and cracks come in many shapes and sizes, and the ap-

propriate touchup tool will depend on the type and size of the blemish. Small chips and nicks and thin scratches are best addressed with pens, while you might need a small bottle of clearcoat to address slightly larger areas. Use an aerosol spray can to address areas that have experienced extensive damage. When applying the paint, use several light coats rather than one heavy coat. Drivers concerned about their application abilities can visit the Automotive-Touchup website to access a library of educational videos that illustrate how to use the various application tools. Visitors to the website also can speak directly with a team of advisors who can walk them through their projects.

- Recognize that practice makes perfect. Even if you are confident you purchased the right paint, it's still best to practice using your touchup paint prior to applying the paint to your vehicle. Use a glossy sheet of paper or metal can as a practice surface, and then hold that practice surface up next to your vehicle to confirm your choice and calm any lingering nerves you may have about the paint match.

- Paint in the right conditions. Before applying any paint, thoroughly clean the affected areas. A simple formula of dish soap and water should do the trick, but be sure to allow the area to dry completely before continuing. When using aerosol cans, the ideal temperature to spray is between 70° and 80°F and humidity should be 50 percent or less. Never spray primer, paint or clearcoat in direct sunlight.

- Allow the paint time to dry. Drying times vary depending on the temperature. Paints may take longer to dry when temperatures are below 70°F than they will when the weather is warmer. Once the application process is complete, do not wax the vehicle for 30 days.



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Cloudy headlights a safety concern

Many drivers feel less comfortable behind the wheel at night than they do during the day, when daylight makes it easier to see fellow motorists as well as pedestrians. Nighttime can compromise a driver's vision, and that reduced vision is a key factor in traffic fatalities, nearly half of which occur at night.

Though traffic accidents are a by-product of a host of factors, headlamp clouding is one of them and a growing problem for many motorists. Vehicles equipped with plastic headlamp lenses can become hazed and yellowed from the effects of sunlight, ozone, road pollution and the chemicals used in car washes. When driving at night, cloudy headlamps combine with little or no natural light to decrease visibility and pose a significant safety threat to drivers, their passengers and fellow motorists.

- Address cloudy headlamps. Plastic headlamp lenses, especially as they age, reduce headlight output considerably, compromising nighttime vision and the safety of drivers and their passengers. But as potentially dangerous as cloudy headlamps can be, it's just as easy for drivers to address the issue before it becomes a problem. Employing an advanced technology that works with minimal effort, the Philips Headlight Restoration Kit is designed for do-it-yourselfers and can help restore headlight lenses to like-new condition

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- Keep wiper blades fresh. Vision is already compromised at night, when the lack of natural light can make it difficult to see pedestrians or animals on the road. That visibility is only further compromised by brittle or ineffective wiper blades, which should be changed every 90-120 days to ensure optimal performance. Drivers who live in areas with heavy rain or snow-fall should inspect their wiper blades more frequently, especially if there is pitting on the windshield.

- Check the windshield washer periodically. The windshield washer is an often overlooked aspect of vehicle maintenance. Unfortunately, it's typically too late by the time many motorists notice an issue with their windshield washer. Don't fall victim to a faulty windshield washer in the middle of a rainstorm or a blizzard. Inspect the windshield washer periodically to ensure it's working properly and keep the fluid level topped off so it's there when you need it.

- Think ahead. In addition to addressing existing issues, drivers can take steps to ensure their nighttime visibility is protected over the long haul. The Philips Headlight Restoration Kit, for example, employs a protective UV coating that can prevent future clouding for up to two years.

Visibility is important to safe driving, so make sure your headlamps stay clear.

Car battery care in extreme weather

Few things can be more frustrating than jumping into the driver's seat on a frosty morning, turning the key in the ignition and failing to hear the engine roar to life. Frigid weather can cause trouble with a car's battery. Some drivers do not understand why, but getting the facts can help people avoid having to deal with dead batteries on cold winter days.

Cold temperatures wreak havoc on batteries because they slow the chemical reaction inside of the battery. Batteries work by combining lead plates with lead dioxide and sulfuric acid to create electrons. While batteries can function under myriad conditions, the cold weather tends to degrade high-quality batteries and may render subpar batteries useless. The cold weather can cause the fluid in the battery to freeze and lose function. A battery that is frozen will not hold a charge. There are various ways to protect a battery from failure in the cold, and some of them involve taking precautionary measures even before the arrival of cold weather.

- Assess the age of your battery. If your battery is old, now may be the time to replace it. Batteries differ in how long they last, but many last anywhere from five to 10 years. If your car is still running on its original battery and your car is several years old, it may be a good idea to get a new battery before the arrival of winter. Battery size will not necessarily provide

better starting. It's important to buy the correct battery for the make of your car, which can usually be found inside of the owner's manual.

- Verify that there is no corrosion. Corrosion can prevent a car from starting just as much as a worn-out battery. Corrosion is caused by a faulty connection that allows battery acid to escape and corrode surrounding areas. Regularly inspect the battery to keep abreast of issues that may cause corrosion. Carefully clean away any corrosive residue that has formed and make sure the battery is correctly seated.

- Install a battery blanket. A battery blanket is used to wrap around the battery and fit inside of the battery cover. A cord with a plug runs from the blanket to a wall outlet. The blanket can produce enough heat to keep the battery fluid from freezing.

- Minimize the use of automotive accessories. Do not start the car with the heater and the radio on. They can use up the power coming from the car's alternator and prevent the battery from charging. Do not leave the heat and the radio on while the car is idling. Otherwise the car will not be putting out enough power for the alternator to charge the battery and power the electrical systems.

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Quit Tobacco

The Essex branch of the Baltimore County Public Library is hosting a free quit smoking program on Mondays through Oct. 3, from 6:30 - 7:30 p.m. Free nicotine patches, gum or lozenges will be part of the many options to help quit smoking. To sign up, call Greta Brand at 410-399-2001.

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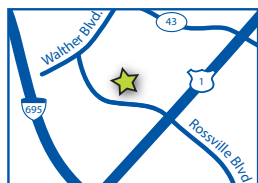
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Opioid Overdose Reversal Training

Fink's Pharmacy, 901 Eastern Blvd. in Essex, will hold free opioid overdose reversal training on Thursday, Aug. 25, from 6:15 - 8 p.m. If you or a loved one uses prescription or non-prescription opioids, come learn to recognize an overdose, what to do if one occurs and how to use naloxone to save a life. All adults 18 and over will receive a free naloxone kit and will be certified to receive naloxone from pharmacies. Call 410-686-5500 to RSVP.

Flu Shots

On Tuesday, Sept. 20, from 8 a.m. - 2 p.m., retirees Local 9477 will have their annual flu shot clinic at the Steelworkers Hall, 550 Dundalk Ave. in Dundalk. All past retirees and community retired residents are invited to attend. No charge; please bring your Medicare and co-insurance cards with you. Any questions, call Don Kellner at 410-227-8462.

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NPC Meeting

The North Point Peninsula Council will hold their monthly general meeting on Thursday, Sept. 1, at 6:30 p.m., at Edgemere Elementary School in the library classroom. The speaker will be Mrs. Jennifer Lynch, the new principal of Edgemere Elementary School.

Food Pantry

Dundalk Church of the Nazarene, 1626 Lynch Road, has a food pantry with non-perishable food items. If you are in need or are interested in donating, please call the church at 410-288-5136.

NP Battlefield Walking Tours

The Maryland Park Service will offer free walking tours of the North Point State Battlefield, 2880 North Point Road in Dundalk, on Thursday, Aug. 25, beginning at 6 p.m. The battlefield was the location where American soldiers stood firm against British advancement in defense of Baltimore. Travel back in time as naturalists guide you around the battlefield, setting the scene and recounting the story of the defenders! This is a shine-only event. Please bring water and dress comfortably for the weather. For more information, contact Ranger Townsley-Sapp at 443-252-1141 or andrea.townsley-sapp@maryland.gov

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Quilting Trip

The Victory Villa Senior Center will hold a quilting trip on Wednesday, Sept. 14, from 8 a.m. - 6 p.m. Stops will include Hobby Lobby in Laurel, Tomorrow's Treasures Quilt Shop in Crofton, lunch at the Nautilus Diner in Crofton and Cottonseed Glory in Annapolis to gather supplies for fall quilting projects. Cost of \$50 due by Sept. 1. Call Ann Marie Riehl at 410-887-0235 for info.

Police Explorers Car Show

The Baltimore County Police Explorers car show will be held from 9 a.m. - 2 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 17, at the Crossroads Center, 400-block of Williams Court in Middle River. Rain Date Sept. 24. Pre-Registration \$12 (\$15 day of). Trophies awarded for top 20, four best of classes and one best of show. Also door prizes and 50/50 raffles. For info., call Officer Price at 410-887-0232.

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Shrimp Feast

The Point Breeze Pioneer Club will hold its annual shrimp feast on Thurs., Sept. 15, from 11:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. at Columbus Gardens, 4301 Klosterman Ave. Tickets \$32 per person. Call Maria at 410-529-0155.

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The *East County Times* wants to see your memories of the past 40 years of Essex Day. Do you have an interesting, funny or endearing photo from past Essex Day festivities? Would you like to share it with our readers? If so, email it (preferred) to ecteditorial@comcast.net or send it to the *East County Times*, 513 Eastern Blvd., Essex, MD 21221, Attention: Devin. You will be given photo credit if we print it and all photos will be returned after Essex Day.

Essex Reunion

An Essex reunion will be held on Saturday, Sept. 3, at Cox's Point Park from 10 a.m. - 7 p.m. The reunion is open to anyone who grew up or resided in Old Essex during the 1940s - 1980s. BYOB and food. For more information, call Ed Slifker at 443-224-8203 or Rod McMillion (410-687-5242).

Flea Market and Crafters

The Eastfield-Stanbrook Civic Association will have our 15th annual flea market with crafters on Saturday, Sept. 10, from 7 a.m. - 1 p.m. at the North Point Government Center lot in Dundalk. Hot dogs, baked goods and cold drinks for sale. Vendors bring your own table; \$10 per space. We want buyers and sellers. Call Angie at 410-284-6634 to reserve a space.

Quarter Auction

Christina The Purse Lady and other vendors will host a quarter auction at the Wise Avenue Volunteer Fire Company, 214 Wise Ave. in Dundalk, on Thursday, Sept. 1, beginning at 7 p.m. (doors open at 6 p.m.). No bid will be more than two quarters. Tickets are \$5; includes three paddles (extra paddles available for \$2). Food and drink available for purchase. To reserve seats, call Jerry at 443-841-9692. Proceeds benefit Wise Avenue VFC.

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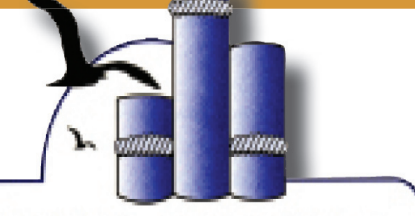
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BCPS kicks off first day of school

- by Patrick Taylor -

The 2016-17 school year kicked off in Baltimore County on Wednesday, with thousands of teachers and students returning to the classroom.

To prepare for the upcoming year, supply drives have been held all over the county, culminating in a big giveaway last Saturday at the White Marsh Mall. Hundreds of teachers poured into the mall to grab supplies for students that had been collected over the previous three weeks at libraries around the county.

"Some of our students come unprepared, their families just can't afford everything," said one Sandalwood El-

ementary teacher who was there collecting supplies. "And often that burden gets put on the teaching staff. I'd do anything for my kids; that includes providing supplies. But it does burden teachers a bit, so drives like this are a life saver."

Bosco's was one of the non-library drop off spots for donations, and the White Marsh Mall very generously donated space for the materials to be held and displayed.

During the supply drive, which began on July 25, organizers asked for any school supplies but said the most-needed items were colored pencils or markers, crayons, glue sticks, marble

composition notebooks, pencils, pocket folders, socks and underwear.

"I'm really glad they included things like socks and underwear," said another teacher who asked to remain anonymous. "All the school supplies in the world won't help if a child can't be comfortable and clean."

The giveaway at Bosco's was one of many events leading up to the start of the school year.

On Tuesday afternoon, County Executive Kevin Kamenetz and Superintendent Dr. S. Dallas Dance hosted the 5th Annual Back To School Festival sponsored by the Kevin Liles For A Better Baltimore Foundation. Events were held in Randallstown, Catonsville and Dundalk, with the Dundalk event being held at the Sollers Point Multi-Purpose Center.

Approximately 3,000 backpacks and other school supplies were given away to those in need. The fairs also featured free haircuts, on-site immunizations, information about health and a lot more.

And for those apprehensive to start the school year in a new school, BCPS kicked things off with Early Entry Day on Monday morning.

All 30 middle and 28 Baltimore County high schools participated in the Early Entry Day. Monday operated on a half-day morning schedule, with

the start times at each school based on a real school day.

Offered exclusively to sixth- and ninth-grade students, thousands of students took part in Early Entry Day.

Teachers returned to the classroom on Aug. 17, and many were greeted with a surprise when they arrived - a change in policy to grading.

Under the new system, a student's behavior is factored out of his or her grades. The school system also now recommends that teachers do not factor homework into overall grades or give students marks below 50 percent.

"The power of the zero is extremely powerful and frankly hurtful to a student," said George Roberts, a Community Superintendent with BCPS. "If a child gets a zero on an assignment, it's that much harder for the child to come out of."



Dance speaks with Dundalk students on the first day of school last year.

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DINING OUT

Parker's steps its game up under new chef

- by Patrick Taylor -

A few months back Chef Dallas Wells took over the kitchen at Parker's in White Marsh, and things have greatly improved. That isn't to say that it wasn't good before, just that Wells has a gift when it comes to finding flavor.

"Before food was kind of being thrown together quickly," said Wells. "I started thinking about how to add more flavors, started thinking about sauces more."

Wells's love of sauces is apparent, with cream sauces aplenty on the menu at Parker's. I ventured over to Parker's to try out a few dishes with a co-worker two weeks ago to give some of these dishes a try, and it was worth it.

To start, Wells brought out fried green tomatoes, topped with an ample serving of crab and covered in a sherry cream sauce with a touch of old bay. Truthfully, I would have been content getting serving after serving of this dish.

From the fried green tomatoes we dove into the six ounce crab cake, which was surprising in both taste and texture. While many love to boast about their jumbo lump crab, Parker's goes a different way, opting to use shredded backfin crab meat. By shredding the crab meat, the flavor is able to work its way into every crevice of the crab cake. And there's a lot of flavor. Wells opts to touch up his crab cakes with a little

bit of honey and dijon, which gives the dish a slightly sweeter taste. It's unlike any other crab cake I've had on the east side.

After the crab cake we tackled the blackened seafood macaroni and cheese. The mac and cheese (note: actually penne pasta) is covered in a white cheddar bechamel sauce with a touch of blackened seasoning and comes topped with blackened shrimp and scallops. This was probably the heaviest of the meals we tried, but arguably the tastiest.

"One of the things we've been trying to do is portion and price control," explained Wells. "Before with the mac and cheese we were giving a monstrous serving that pretty much always called for leftovers. It would feed two but was lacking in a bit of flavor. So we knocked back the serving size a little bit to focus on the flavor, and so far it's been great."

I have to agree with Wells on that.

From the mac and cheese we tried the salmon and asparagus. The plating for this dish was very lovely, but more importantly, it was delicious. The asparagus was cooked to perfection, as was the salmon. In years past, some chefs have opted to cut corners when it comes to prepping, but not Wells. He takes a lot of pride in his work, so it was no shock that the salmon came out perfectly pan seared. The dill sauce that was drizzled on gave the dish an extra little burst that wasn't there before.



The blackened seafood mac and cheese was a delight, served with a vegetable medley and bread.

"Before we were just serving the salmon without any sauce," said Wells. "So that was an easy fix. A lot of what has changed was relatively easy to fix. Mostly it was about not cutting corners, providing the best flavor and really taking pride in what you're serving."

The changes might be small but they work. In talking with Wells and co-owner Julie Parker O'Brien (who co-owns the restaurant with Ron Parker), it's obvious that they care immensely about Parker's, and it's also obvious that over the last few months they've changed for the better.

Parker's is located at 11131 Pulaski Highway in White Marsh. More information can be found on their website at www.parkerseatdrinkstay.com or by calling 410-335-3663. Parker's is closed on Mondays but is open every other day for lunch at noon. So stop in and check it out (and maybe check out some live entertainment as well). You won't be disappointed.

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'BEN-HUR': How dare they mess with Messala!

- By Teddy Durgin -



played by Toby Kebbell, there's never any doubt of Messala's decency.

But... but... that's not Messala! I'm sorry! Pardon my Hebrew, but Messala is one of THE great scumbags in movie history! And Boyd was a lion in that original film. Knowing that his best

friend from childhood was really innocent

of sedition, he still sentenced him to a life of slavery AND lied to him that his mother and sister were given merciful executions.

How much more scumbag can you be? And his death scene? Gnarly! As Messala lies on his deathbed, his internal injuries causing him to convulse uncontrollably, Judah gives him one final chance at redemption. And what does Messala do? Repent? Hell, no! He tells Ben-Hur his mom and sis didn't die a merciful death years earlier. As he spits his last breath, he boasts, "Look for them... in the Valley... of the Lepers!" Then, to twist the knife further, he adds, "If you can recognize them."

But this new Messala? Wuss! Oh, how they botch his part in the story. And as played by Kebbell, he looks more bewildered than conflicted - more like he's been presented with a tricky algebra problem on the chalkboard than betraying his friend and family to the Empire.

I also didn't like that they moved Jesus (Rodrigo Santoro) from the peripheral of the story to be a walking, talking, scripted character. His ultimate sacrifice on the cross then becomes less about him saving humanity from its sin and more about teaching Ben-Hur to forgive his brother. Ugh.

A few years back, there was another Easter in which the wife and I were debating whether to go to church. "Ben-Hur" was on Turner Classic Movies. So, I gave Bonnie the same choice my grandma gave me. She scoffed and said, "I don't want to see 'Ben-Hur' again." I was surprised. Again? I've known her since I was 14, and she'd never mentioned seeing it. "You've seen 'Ben-Hur?!'" I inquired. "Yes, years ago. I didn't like it."

I was beside myself. "What didn't you like?!" Sheepishly, she replied, "The story. It... it's stupid." "Stupid?!" I raged. "It's one of the greatest stories ever told! Writers dream of coming up with a story so good! I wish I could write something even half that!"

And she immediately gave up. "OK, I haven't seen it! I just don't want to watch a four-hour movie on Easter!" Well, she's not going to be watching the two-hour one either.

Definitely see this film, come 'HELL OR HIGH WATER'

- By Teddy Durgin -

I do love me my Country & Western "story songs." I'm talkin' the kind of old-school tunes you rarely hear on terrestrial radio anymore. You have to subscribe to XM/Sirius satellite and have Willie's Roadhouse on the pre-set. I especially love outlaw songs, about good ol' folk runnin' from the law. And the best ones never get old. Everything from Marty Robbins' "El Paso" and Johnny Cash's "Cocaine Blues" to the Dixie Chicks' "Goodbye Earl."

"Hell or High Water" works EXACTLY like a good ol' country story song. This is kind of a redneck version of "Heat," with Chris Pine and Ben Foster playing brothers and small-time bank robbers in rural Texas, and Jeff Bridges and Gil Birmingham as the Texas Rangers hot on their trail. Like "Heat," you actually like the folks on BOTH sides of the law. You don't want to see Pine and Foster's down-on-their-luck Toby and Tanner Howard get nabbed. But Bridges' Marcus Hamilton and Birmingham's Alberto Parker are so darn endearing, you don't necessarily want to see them fail either.

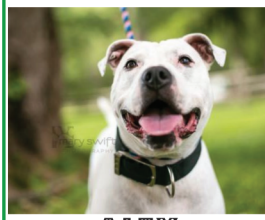
Set in the modern day, this is definitely one of those "greatest mix" movies, with director David Mackenzie and screenwriter Taylor Sheridan taking their cues from the outlaw music of Cash, Robbins, Charlie Daniels and more to such similarly themed flicks as "Fargo," "A Simple Plan" and "No Country for Old Men." But "Hell or High Water" also finds its own visual and scripted poetry.

What really distinguishes "Hell or High Water" is its sense of place and time. The Howard boys aren't a couple of "Yee-Haw!"-screaming crooks out for an illegal thrill. The brothers have a very specific reason for why they're stealing from a particular chain of banks, and it has to do with post-recession America.

Does it all hold together in the end? I think so. There's a very welcome scene between Bridges' Marcus Hamilton and another character late in the flick that actually answers a lot of the lingering logic questions I had. Mostly, though, the film is about people. Nothin' left to say to you cowpokes, except... this is a must-gander!

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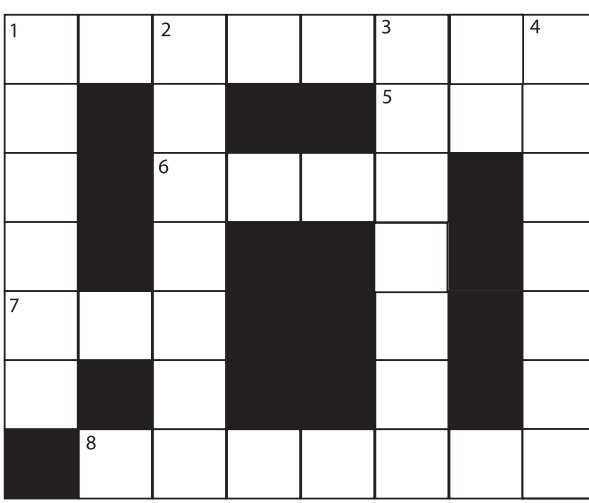
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Crossword Puzzle



- ACROSS**
- 1. Being chilly
 - 5. To do something
 - 6. Outer garment
 - 7. Cow sound
 - 8. Give new strength
- DOWN**
- 1. Thick and smooth
 - 2. Dairy sugar
 - 3. Can be eaten
 - 4. Fashion sense

Down
 1. Creamy 2. Lactose 3. Eatable 4. Stylish

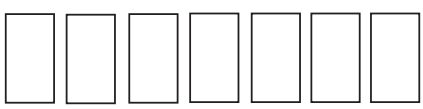
Across
 1. Coldness 5. Act 6. Coat 7. Moo 8. Refresh

Answers:

WORD SCRAMBLE

Rearrange the letters to discover something pertaining to business offices.

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2004
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2040
PUBLIC NOTICE

Abandoned Vessel

Notice is hereby given that the following vessel has apparently been abandoned for 30 days on the waters located at Hopkins Creek, 443-469-0579. The vessel is described as a - 1975 33 ft. Silverton, MD #1886 AW, Hull #STN-00297M75J. Application for title will be made in accordance with section 8-722 of the Annotated Code of Maryland, Natural Resources Article if this vessel is not claimed and removed from the channels of Hopkins Creek within 30 days of this notice.

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Terms of Sale: Money Order/Certified Funds Only. Must be community approved. Pick up terms and application at Community Office before auction date.

1.) 3501 Buckboard Lane, Baltimore, MD 21220, 1976, Zimmer, TL VIN# 16030
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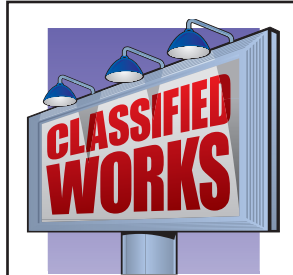
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Delegate Impallaria charged with DWI in Ocean City

- by Patrick Taylor -

Delegate Rick Impallaria, who represents District 7 in Baltimore County and part of Harford County, was arrested on Aug. 18 in Ocean City and charged with driving while impaired.

Impallaria, who has been in office since 2003, was attending the Maryland Association of Counties conference when the ordeal took place.

Records from the District Court of Worcester County show that police stopped Impallaria at approximately 8:15 p.m. after leaving the Ropewalk Tavern.

Impallaria was observed by officers getting into his vehicle, which was illegally parked at the time, and starting his engine. Officers observed an open

container in the vehicle and conducted field sobriety tests, though Impallaria failed to complete the tests.

He was then arrested and taken to the Ocean City Public Safety building where he was administered an alcohol concentration test and was found to have a blood-alcohol concentration of 0.07 percent. He was cited with driving while impaired by alcohol and released.

In Maryland, driving while impaired is a secondary charge for operating a vehicle with a blood-alcohol level between 0.04 percent and 0.08 percent. Driving under the influence is a more serious offense that applies when the blood-alcohol level is 0.08 percent or higher.

Impallaria currently acts as the deputy minority whip in the House of Delegates and has been a strong advocate in the past for harsher drunk driving laws.

Last session, Impallaria, who resides in Essex, introduced a bill that would have seen drunk drivers who injure someone liable for punitive damages in lawsuits. *The Washington Post* also dug up a quote from 2008 in which Impallaria is arguing against the use of speed cameras.

"In many cases, we're going to be helping the wrong person," Impallaria said during the legislative floor debate. "We're going to be helping the drunk because he's only going to get the fine for speeding."

Calls to Impallaria were not returned by press time. His court date is set for Oct. 6.

This is the third member of the House of Delegates to get charged with drunken driving since 2008. Delegate Don Dwyer from Anne Arundel was sentenced to 60 days in jail for driving a car while impaired and operating a boat while intoxicated. In 2008, then-House Majority Leader Kumar P. Barve of Montgomery plead guilty to a DUI but avoided jail time.



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“It is imperative while walking to also keep these devices away,” she said, adding that there have been a few “near-misses” in Baltimore County with pedestrians stepping into the roadway while focused on these devices.

Of the 1,070 children 14 years and under killed in traffic crashes nationwide in 2014, 207 were pedestrians, according to the National Highway Traffic Safety



PHES Principal Donna Bergin explained how the school has daily conversations with students and staff about their strict safety procedures, which allow them to load and unload their 20 buses each day in a short amount of time.

Administration. The vast majority of those pedestrians were struck by the front of the vehicle.

Spriggs reminded drivers that they are required to stop in both directions for buses with red lights flashing and stop arms extended unless there is a physical median dividing the roadway such as a jersey wall, sidewalk or grass median. Failing to stop can lead to a fine of up to \$570 and three points, or even higher if it contributes to a crash.

Ragina Averella, manager of Public and Government Affairs for AAA Mid-Atlantic, pointed to a 2014 study conducted by the Maryland Department of Education which asked school bus drivers to record how many drivers disobeyed their stop signs on an assigned day. On that one day, 70 percent of bus drivers across the state recorded nearly 3,400 motorists ignoring the stop signs.

“That’s ridiculous,” Averella asserted, “that’s dangerous and again, it’s against the law.”

Spriggs also pointed out that at 25 miles per hour - the speed limit in most school zones - a motor vehicle will travel 36 feet in just one second. At 30 miles per hour, that distance increases to the length of a school bus.

“The shear nature of a child’s size makes them that much more vulnerable to serious injury or fatalities, even in low-speed crashes,” she explained.

Averella added that children can be unpredictable and may not always have traffic safety in mind. They may have trouble gauging the distance and speed of

an approaching vehicle and may struggle to recognize and react to potentially hazardous situations. And unfortunately, more school-aged pedestrians have been killed between 7 - 8 a.m. and 3 - 4 p.m. than at any other time of the day.

Therefore, it is incumbent upon drivers to remain alert, slow down in school zones and residential areas and plan ahead, allowing extra travel time or modifying your route if necessary, she said.

Coyne said that, as a parent, he knows children do not always pay attention to their surroundings. But it is important for them to know that grown-ups can get distracted too. He encouraged talking about the rules of the road as a family.

Although school did not start until yesterday, commuters may have noticed school buses on the roads as early as Thursday, Aug. 18, which was the “dry-run” day for bus drivers to familiarize themselves with their routes, according to David McCrae, transportation director for Baltimore County Public Schools. Additionally, some students in sixth and ninth grades attended school early on Monday, Aug. 22, to help them acclimate to their new middle and high schools.

Of the 112,000 students in BCPS, McCrae explained, around 71,500 rode a school bus on a daily basis last year.

“That’s a tremendous number of people that we want to keep safe as they come on and off of those school buses,” he said, adding that many of the remaining 40,500 students either cycled or walked to school.

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quire an additional process to obtain a more accurate number, which was not initially done, according to CBF spokesman Tom Zolper.

By comparison, the dry-weather sample at that site was only 24 cfu/100mL.

The sampling site for White Marsh Run along Bird River Grove Road, just before it joins the tidal Bird River, returned readings ranging from 260 to more than 24,196 cfu/100mL after storms, with a dry weather reading of 220.

The sampling site on Honeygo Run behind the White Marsh Volunteer Fire Company showed similar results ranging from 380 to more than 24,196 cfu/100mL after storms and a dry reading of 440.

Another site farther upstream on White Marsh Run, at the Pine Valley Swim Club, showed overall higher readings ranging from 4,700 - 24,000 cfu/100mL after storms, with 63 during dry weather.

The highest bacterial counts were seen after the largest rainfall on July 29 and Aug. 2, when 3.08 and 0.8 inches of rain fell, respectively.

A spike was also seen after the 0.95 inches of rain that fell on July 5, when all but the tidal sites came back with readings of "greater than 2,419" cfu/100mL. But the additional process was not performed for those samples to get a more accurate number, Zolper said.

"So you can see readings are dramatically higher than safety levels set by the federal government - especially after storms," Zolper said, adding that the risk of illness, such as stomach aches and gastrointestinal issues, increases with the amount of bacteria in the water.

"Some of the readings in the feeder streams to the [tidal] Bird River are equal to or higher than levels found in Baltimore City with its sewage problems," he said.

The Bird River watershed covers approximately 26 square miles and encompasses about 61,000 residents

of communities in Perry Hall, Fullerton, White Marsh, Nottingham, Middle River and as far away as Parkville and Carney. The majority of the 24,400 homes in the watershed are within walking distance to one of its 90 miles of tributaries.

Zolper noted that the tidal readings are lower because the bacteria becomes diluted once it reaches the tidal areas. "But people kayak, fish and swim close to the feeder streams, often after rain storms not realizing the unsafe condition of the water," he said.

He also pointed out that, as a rule, the Maryland Department of the Environment recommends that people do not come into contact with natural water within 48 hours after a significant rainstorm.

CBF scientist Doug Myers called that policy a good rule of thumb for public health management. "But it's not taking responsibility for that pollution source and fixing it," he said.

While a specific source of the excess bacteria in the streams is not yet known, Myers said it could come from pet or wildlife waste washing off the land, or from humans via compromised sewage or septic systems.

"We don't have enough results to really be definitive, but we do see big spikes after rain, so it definitely is connected to the run-off," Myers stated.

Zolper said, though, that the Bird River watershed is a very urbanized area where you tend to have more things like pet waste and public sewer infrastructure that may be compromised.

Baltimore County recently completed a \$13 million restoration project along White Marsh Run which was meant to slow the stream's flow and stabilize its banks while also replacing 800 feet of sewer line that had been prone to overflowing into the stream during rain storms for more than 20 years.

Baltimore County tests for water quality in waterways in the county and posts the results on their website. But they only test the tidal portions and do not specifically test after rain events.

Typically, Myers said, the county samples in the same frequency period, such as every two weeks, regardless of the weather. In fact, most of their testing occurs on dry days, according to Zolper.

"So when they capture high variability between the wet and the dry, they really don't know why because they're not targeting their samples specifically to dry or wet weather," Myers explained.

Zolper noted that the goal of the testing was to raise the general awareness that when it rains, no matter the source of the pollution, it is getting into the water and is a risk for humans. He added that they want people to pressure their local government to fix the problem, regardless of the source.

Peter and Janet Terry, who live on the tidal Bird River and were involved in gathering samples, said they were "absolutely shocked" by the test results.

"It's really sad when you have children living near these streams and want to play and poke around in them and you've got these high levels of bacteria," Janet said.

Janet, who has lived in the area since the 1950s, said she has seen the Bird River fill up with three to four feet of silt and mud over the last 60 years. The Terrys attribute this to the increased development in the watershed in the last few decades.

Older developments had been approved and built before adequate storm water management policies had been adopted. And Baltimore County granted waivers to developers for newer projects, they said, so they could avoid more recent and strict guidelines.

"We enjoy having opportunities that development will give us," Janet affirmed, "but not at the expense of our environment and our waters."

Although Zolper assured that the testing was not done in response to the county's repeal of its storm water remediation fee, he said the expense of retrofitting older developments to deal with runoff issues illustrates the need for dedicated funding.

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