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A supplement to the East County Times, September 15, 2016.

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### At Essex Day, some things change but many stay the same

- By Devin Crum -

This year will be the 41st installment of Essex Day, the annual festival which celebrates all that makes Essex what it is - a great community with great potential.

Over the last 40 years, the festival has seen many changes, and festival-goers will notice a few more changes this year. But they'll also notice many

of the staples of Essex Day that they have come to know and love over nearly a half-century.

Essex Day began its run as Super Sunday in 1975 with the purpose of raising funds for the restoration of the Ballestone-Stansbury House next to Rocky Point Golf Course in Essex. After that restoration was complete, the goal became to showcase the business-

es along Eastern Boulevard in Essex and bring a little more attention their way. The name was changed to Essex Day and that remains the purpose of the event today.

While visitors to Essex Day may or may not notice, there has been a changing of the guard behind the scenes, and there are some new faces now running the show.

June Donovan has moved away from the area after her many years in service to the festival, and Essex Day mainstay Joseph DiCara has stepped up to fill her shoes in planning and executing the day's festivities.

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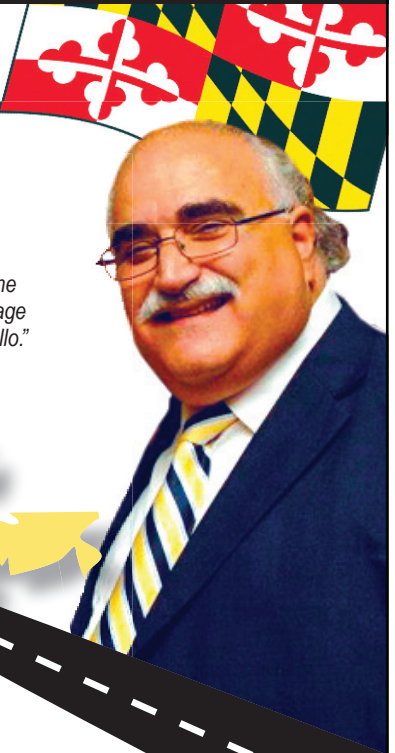
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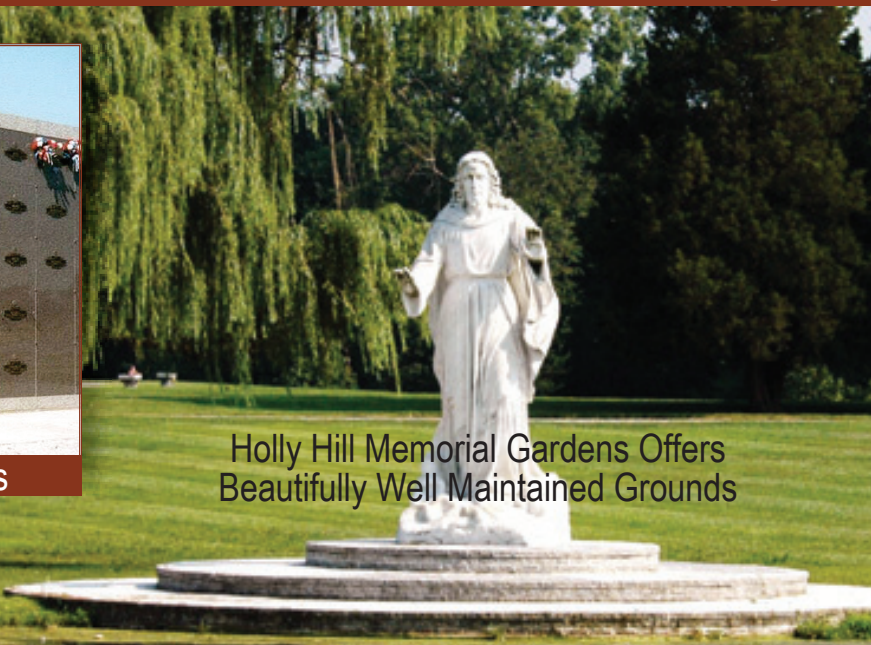
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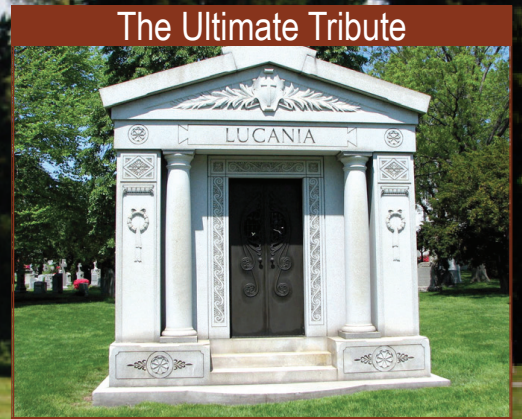
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each year in his fantastic opera-style voice - and you'll likely see him in that capacity again, as singing is one of his favorite things to do. (If you ever meet

Joe, it is probably one of the first five things he will tell you about himself, haha.)

But he will have a much larger role this year in setting up, cleaning up and making sure the festival runs smooth-

ly. And he has been the driving force behind this 41st Essex Day in organizing the event. So be sure to thank him for all of his efforts if you happen to see him on the Midway.

Another change to the structure this year is that Carol Karwacki has taken over the entertainment. Essex Day has long been known for bringing in and showcasing both national and local talent. And this year, the focus is more on the local end with several great acts

from the area.

A special thanks also goes out to Kevin McDonough for the entertainment. While no longer involved with the festival, he was instrumental in booking the performances that you'll see on the Main Stage this year.

Keep reading to find information on all of this year's Main Stage acts, as well as all the other fun events and activities happening at the festival. But above all, have a great Essex Day!



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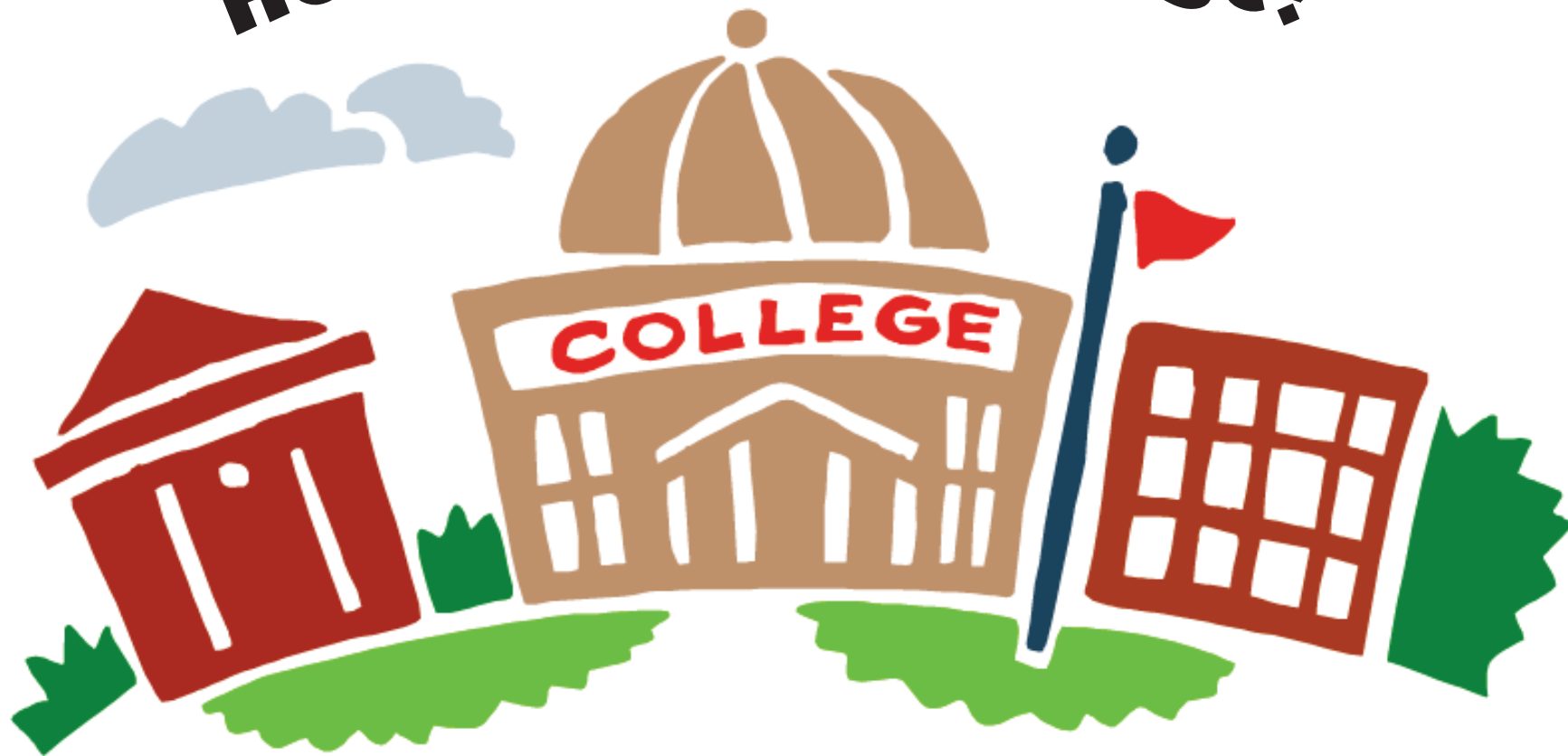
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# Essex Day to honor, remember the late Alfred Clasing

- By June Donovan -

This year, the Essex Day festival will remember Alfred E. Clasing Jr. and will display a memorial "empty chair" in that regard.



Clasing during the presentation of his Silver Beaver Award while with the Boy Scouts of America.

Clasing passed away last December at the age of 91. Throughout his life he was very involved in community issues and veterans affairs, being a veteran himself.

Mr. Clasing spent his entire adult life serving others. He was a devoted family man, and he and his wife, Marie, raised six children.

He was a faithful member of the Back River United Methodist Church, he proudly served his country during his time in the military in World War II and worked for the Bethlehem Steel Company for 37 years following his military service.

Clasing was associated with the Boy Scouts of America for quite some time and achieved the Silver Beaver Award, the highest recognition given to an adult volunteer.

He founded and dedicated himself to the Lamky-Luther-Whitehead Veterans Memorial organization and worked hard to see that the monuments reflected all those who served, whether they returned home or



Al Clasing salutes the fallen after laying a remembrance wreath on the Lamky Luther Whitehead Veterans Memorial.

were lost. He continued to lead services each year at Holly Hill Memorial Gardens in Middle River, where the monument stands, in that regard.

Clasing faithfully worked with the Save Fort Howard project to preserve Fort Howard because of his dedication to veterans.

The other community projects he was involved with are too numerous to mention. But worth mentioning is his organization of and dedication to the development of the first community plan for the lower Back River Peninsula where he lived. It was also the first of its kind in Baltimore County.

All in all, Mr. Alfred Clasing was an outstanding human being, husband, father and friend. He will be long-remembered by many in and around this community for all that he has done.



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Erik Kulczynski  
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we will be welcoming two new vendors, giving our patrons an even larger selection.

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The festival includes chainsaw sculptures, sack races, pony rides, tractor drawn hay rides, train rides, a gator wagon train, a petting zoo, a mini hay maze, pedal tractors and face painting. There will also be plenty of delicious food like pit beef and turkey, burgers, pulled pork, funnel cakes, baked goods and a whole lot more.

Oh, and there'll be music. A lot of music.

Taking the stage at the Perry Hall Apple Festival will be the Lovesick Hillbillies, an authentic bluegrass group comprised of Matthew Geiger (guitar and lead vocals), Eric Knowles (banjo/guitar and lead vocals), Jeff Kidd (mandolin and vocal harmonies), Nicolette Worth Wagman (bass and lead vocals), Tad Marx and Tim Kidd (both on the fiddle).

The pairing of bluegrass and an apple festival is just a match made in heaven. It's peanut butter and jelly, ketchup and mustard. And there are few bluegrass acts out there that can compare to the Lovesick Hillbillies.

Geiger brings formidable vocal, guitar and songwriting talents to the Lovesick Hillbillies. His love for traditional bluegrass and old-time music is heavily influenced by Carter & Ralph Stanley, Don Reno, Eddie Adcock, James King, Tony Rice and Red Allen. He was born in Washington, D.C., and raised in Damascus, Md. Some of his earliest jams were with cousins and neighbors at their home, and he was exposed to a variety of musical genres via his involvement in church choir and activities at the Montgomery County Farm Park, Agricultural History Farm Park, 4-H and more.

Geiger's exceptional vocal talents and flat-pick guitar playing are the cornerstone of the Lovesick Hillbillies sound. He sings lead most often, but when singing tenor or baritone deftly harmonizes and supports the group's other strong vocalists. Matthew plays a Santa Cruz guitar and has been seen playing a banjo or mandolin now and then.

Knowles was raised in Virginia but is currently a resident of Maryland. He is primarily a self-taught musician. After a year of mandatory piano lessons taught by his mother, his real interest in string music began to emerge. He began teaching himself guitar, but soon shifted his focus to banjo at the ripe age of 16. His first records were by Flatt & Scruggs, which he played at half speed in order to learn the rolls. He also began "sneaking in" (he was under age) to the famed Birchmere Restaurant in Arlington, Va., on Thursday nights in order to hear the Seldom Scene with banjoist Ben Eldridge, who would sometimes show Eric runs on the banjo during breaks. Two years later, at the age of 18, he was hired as banjo player and vocalist for the Rush River Band, based in Arlington, Va. Since then, he has played with other local groups such as Mountain Light, American Bluegrass Band and more. Knowles holds down the banjo spot with the Lovesick Hillbillies, but is also a multi-instrumentalist.

Wagman was born and raised in Los Angeles, Calif., until her father - a well-known Hollywood music director, composer and performer - was killed in a plane crash. Soon after the abrupt tragedy, her mother relocated, which brought Nicolette to Pennsylvania at the age of 16.

Following her relocation to Pennsylvania, an extreme lifestyle change severed ties with a world of performing and playing music, until she started a family and realized her two sons inherited a strong

music gene from her father. At ages 4 and 6, the boys begged to play instruments - violin and banjo, respectively - and the traditional bluegrass genre found the family. An immersion into bluegrass followed, and soon she bought an upright bass to keep the beat and began to sing once again, to make music with the boys. Just days after buying her first bass, she took the instrument to Common Ground on The Hill music camp and spent a week learning from famed Seldom Scene bass player Tom Gray, mostly discussing theory since she didn't know how to play the instrument.

Tad Marks spent his youth in Ambler, Pa., and now resides in the Baltimore/Washington, D.C., area. He is a highly regarded fiddle player, who has performed and toured with many esteemed bluegrass, country and Celtic artists. In addition to his work with the Del McCoury Band, Lynn Morris and more, he has played with Kate Bob Doyle and the Allegheny String Band, the Twigg Brothers and Hazel Dickens among others. He has recorded soundtracks and worked for a time playing jingles for numerous television commercials. Tad studied music composition and arts at Penn State University, won numerous awards for fiddling and is a highly skilled violin repairman when not on tour or performing.

The Kidd brothers were raised in a musical family. Jeff began playing mandolin as a teenager. After a just a few lessons it became clear that Jeff had natural ability, so his instructor cut him loose, while suggesting he just get out and "jam." Tim began playing violin in grade school and soon transitioned into a versatile bluegrass fiddler, playing with the better Baltimore-based bluegrass bands of the area by the time he was in his late teens and early twenties.

Tim's style of playing is likened to Scotty Stoneman, Kenny Baker and Benny Martin, and he has captured the smooth feel and double-stop technique so eloquently displayed in waltzes, as well as traditional fiddle tunes. There is no doubt that he carries on the tradition and style of three of the all-time best bluegrass fiddlers for modern-day audiences to enjoy.

Jeff's influences have been Bill Monroe, Doyle Lawson, Dempsey Young and David Grisman, but there is no doubt Jeff's style is likened to his most influential idol - Sam Bush. Those fortunate enough to see him play live admit there is no other player as absorbingly exhilarating, versatile or as exciting as Jeff Kidd.

Lovesick Hillbillies play from noon - 4 p.m. on both Sept. 17 and 18.



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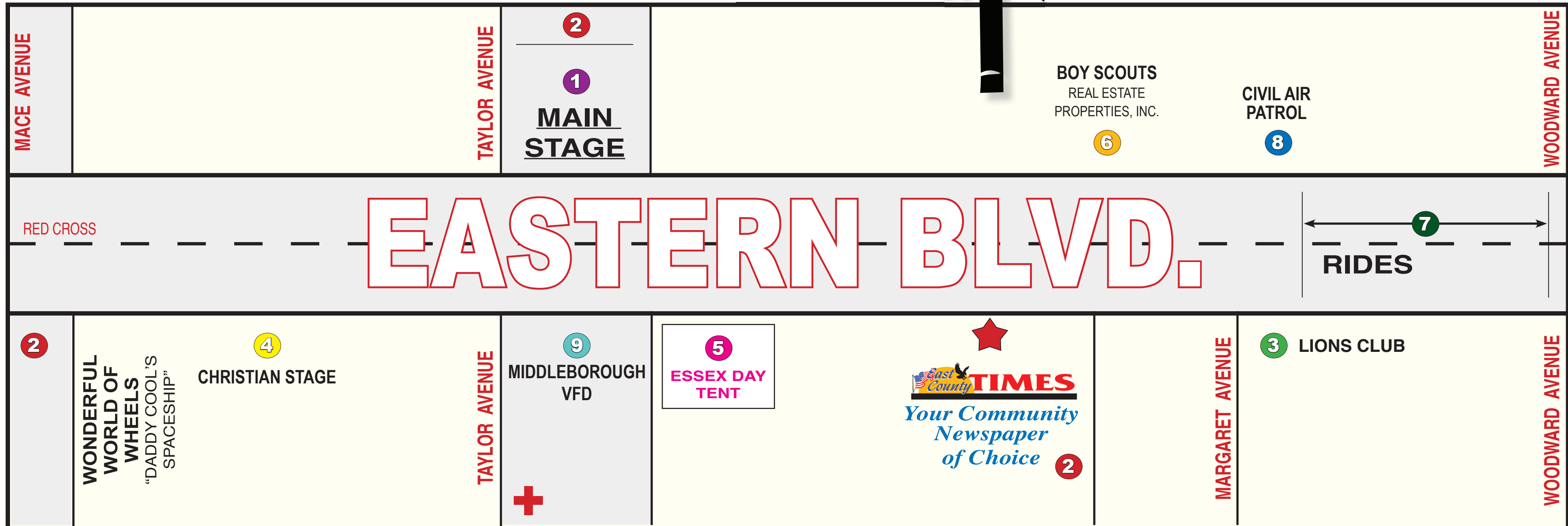
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# Essex Day highlights boatloads of local musical talent

This Essex Day will feature some new faces on the main stage, but don't worry, you'll still have the same great time.

This year's main stage will feature 4 on the Floor with Overdrive, Barefoot Johnny, Milton J. and the Leftovers, and Break Forth. The main stage will kick off at 1 p.m. and the final act will perform at 4 p.m.

This year's show will feature a blend of covers and originals, hard rock, soft rock and everything in between.

Music has always played a big part in the Essex Day festivities, and for good reason. Very few things - food being perhaps the only exception - have the ability to bridge the gap of different cultures, lifestyles and experiences like music does.

Arbutus native/Talking Heads front-man/all-around genius and icon David Byrne once said, "With music, you often don't have to translate it. It just effects you, and you don't know why." Leonard Cohen described it as "the emotional life" of most people. We all go through things, both positively and negatively, that we assume others wouldn't be able to grasp. Music makes

understanding possible.

The goal of Essex Day is to bring the community together. That community includes people of all backgrounds. Without the music, Essex Day ceases to be a festival and basically becomes a flea market. So let's take a closer look at the bands who will be bringing us together.

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The first band to take the main stage at Essex Day will be 4 on the Floor with Overdrive, and they'll be performing promptly at 1 p.m. This is certainly an act you won't want to miss.

Comprised of music veterans, 4 on the Floor is a cover band that features music from the 50s up through the 90s. And they aren't just a classic rock cover band, no sir.

What makes 4 on the Floor with Overdrive really stand out is their versatility. They're more than comfortable whether covering Americana, country, blues, doo-wop, Motown, disco, swing and more. But a quick trip online to their Facebook page will tell you that the genre they really identify with is "happy dance music." And that seems like something we can all get behind.

Whether rocking out in Bowie, Westminster, Towson or anywhere else around Maryland, these guys (and gal) put on a terrific show. They wouldn't keep getting booked if they didn't! And a look at their band calendar on their website, [www.4onthefloorwithoverdrive.com](http://www.4onthefloorwithoverdrive.com), shows that they're a really hot commodity in the Baltimore area.

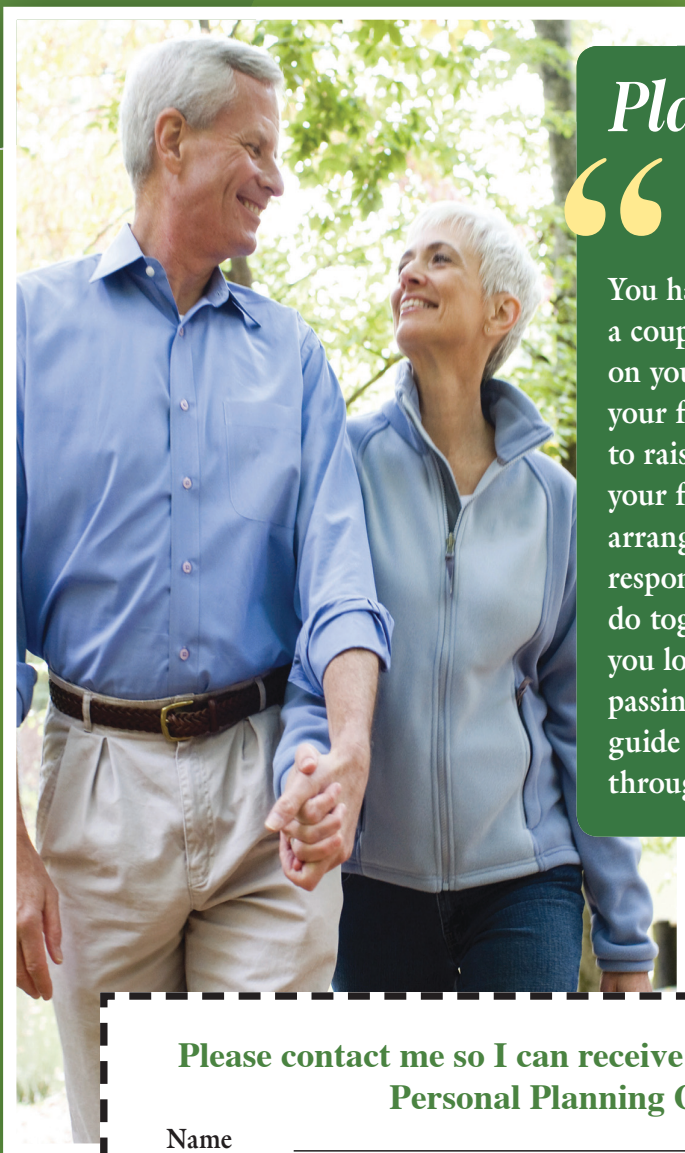
With over 200 songs in their repertoire, you'll be hardpressed to find a more varied act. From Americana/country classics like "Folsom Prison Blues" and "I'm So Lonesome I Could Cry" to staples like "The Twist" and "Sweet Caroline," all the way to pop sensations like "Walkin On Sunshine." They'll also rock your socks off with songs like "White Room" and "The Letter" (side note, if you're a fan of classic rock check out the band Big Star, whose frontman Alex Chilton sang lead on "The Letter." Big Star is often billed as a Southern Beatles, and for good reason).

So stop by the main stage at 1 p.m. and treat yourself to some great music. You certainly won't regret it!



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Following 4 on the Floor with Overdrive will be Barefoot Johnny, who are slated to begin their performance on the main stage at 2 p.m.

This six-piece from Baltimore County has built up quite a nice little following and a reputation for strong modern and classic rock covers. Consisting of John Laubach (Vocals / Harmonica), Mike Fiore (Rhythm Guitar / Backing Vocals), Howard Skelton (Drums, Ron Turner (Lead Guitar), Tony Hodson (Bass / Backing Vocals) and Al Sterk (Keyboards / Backing Vocals), these guys can do it all.

From the likes of more contemporary artists like Audioslave, the Gin Blossoms and the Black Keys through older fan favorites like R.E.M., Billy Idol and Simple Minds, this group covers a lot of territory.

These guys are no strangers to eastern Baltimore County, with recent performances at Parker's, The Charred Rib and The Crazy Tuna. The beautiful thing about these guys is they do a lot of songs that often get neglected by cover bands. Not that there's anything wrong with the standards, but a little deviation can go a long way. Armed with a great heap of songs and a strong stage presence, you won't want to miss these guys.

Staples include "All Summer Long," "Mustang Sally," "Hurt So Good," "Come As You Are" and "What Is Love." Essentially, a mix of really solid tunes that are sure to get you up and moving.

So stop by at 2 p.m. and be sure to catch some great rock tunes.



The boys from Johnny Barefoot have made a name for themselves with their unique sets guaranteed to bring a smile and have you out dancing around.

Following Barefoot Johnny will be Milton J. and The Leftovers, a highly talented alternative rock/hip hop mix. These guys bring a lot of energy to the stage, so if you aren't ready to get a little bit hyped up, you may want to stay clear of the main stage at 3 p.m.

These guys aren't a cover band, opting to perform their own songs. And one trip down the YouTube rabbit hole will have you bouncing along to their beats and the poetic lyricism.

While there's usually some sort of tentativeness towards the rap rock genre (thanks to acts like Limp Bizkit), Milton J. and The Leftovers are more in the vein of 21 Pilots (as a mainstream comparison), though oftentimes they end up sounding a bit like

Minnesota underground rap heroes Atmosphere, though the latter comparison mainly sticks with frontman Milton Jose Ludington's vocal delivery and flow in the verses.

These guys aren't strangers to a big stage or playing for a lot of people. From Frederick, Milton J. and The Leftovers spend a decent amount of time on the road, cultivating their sound and amassing a solid following.

In one song, Ludington sings that he's working on his masters degree. But honestly, that masters might not go very far. They could have a very bright future ahead of them in the music industry. So check them out at Essex Day before they blow up! Milton J. and The Leftovers go on stage at 3 p.m.

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**Music**

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Capping off the day on the main-stage will be Breakforth, a three-piece hard rock/post grunge band that formed in Dundalk.

Driving the heart of Breakforth is the chest thumping, gut busting drum work of Seth Champness Smith. This is complimented by the unapologetic guitars of Scott Kistner. Rounding out Breakforth is the rock solid bass grooves and powerful, melodic vocals of Matt Weitzel.

Breakforth brings a versatility to the table that is not seen in many of today's bands, as its members switch instruments and vocals frequently.

Besides having an immense amount of musical talent, this is a group with some fine lyricism as well. Not content to just make music that will drift into the background, they make what they

consider "meaningful" music.

You can frequently find these guys rocking the day away at the Ottobar in Remington, but they're also no stranger to Sinix in Essex.

After listening to a few tracks online, it's apparent these guys have a great understanding of the hard rock aesthetic.

If you're not a fan of harder rock, this probably won't change your mind, though it must be said that they tend to add a bit more melodic texture than most hard rock bands.

Comparable acts would be names like Deafheaven, Braid and Glassjaw, for those who get down with harder rock music, though there are tinges of more mainstream rock.

Be sure to stop by the main stage at 4 p.m. to check them out.

And be sure to bring ear plugs!

**Essex Day Fun Fact**

Baltimore hard rock outfit Dope Body filmed most of the video for their 2014 single "Repo Man" in different areas of Essex. Featured spots include Ida Avenue, beneath the Back River Bridge...and Essex Day! About halfway through the song the camera shifts through a few crowd shots before focusing on a few Essex Day attendees, including two of the Guardian Angels.




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The Middleborough Volunteer Fire Company will again be present at the Essex Day festival to provide any needed emergency services and will be stationed at the corner of Eastern Boulevard and Taylor Avenue, directly across from the main stage.

We are grateful for their presence every year. It is comforting to know that they are on hand in the event of any emergency.

The members welcome questions from young people and are happy to explain the truck and what its functions are. They will also explain all the things they do as part of the job.

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We also have inside information that "Sparky" is planning to attend the festival.

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### Civil Air Patrol to attend Essex Day

The Glenn L. Martin squadron of the Civil Air Patrol will be with us again this year, located in the 500-block of Eastern Blvd. at Margaret Avenue. This is a fine group of young people and we are proud to have them, not only as guests but as part of the opening ceremonies with the presentation of the colors.

If you have young adults in the family, they might very well be interested in the programs offered by this organization. Stop by their location (as seen on the map in the center of this supplement) and ask for information.

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## 'Wonderful World of Wheels' to host new sights, benefit new charity

Last, but not least, Ron "Daddy Kool" Alder's Wonderful World of Wheels is always a sight to be seen at Essex Day. And it's actually fitting that it appears at the end of this supplement, because the "Wonderful World" will be at the end of the Midway at the intersection of Eastern Boulevard and Mace Avenue.

Though the car show always delights visitors with all manner of classic cars, trucks, motorcycles and other hot rods, it will feature two new spectacles this year.

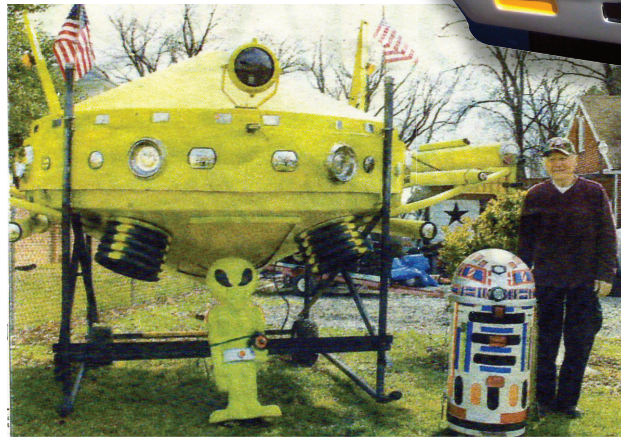
Daddy Kool is bringing his homemade space ship to the festival this year, along with one other surprise item that you won't want to miss. So make sure you bring the children down to the 400-block of Eastern Blvd., along with your cameras to take pictures.

Thanks to his faithful annual sponsors and show participants, Alder is able to offer help to veteran groups every year. Over the past few years he has given funds to the veteran's hospital in downtown Baltimore, the veteran's rehabilitation clinic located on Loch Raven Boulevard and the veterans Perry Point location.

In 2013, a check in the amount of \$1,000 was given to

the Wounded Warrior Project, for which he received a commemorative blanket. The blanket was given to Alder for his energy and efforts that went into acquiring it. Remember, when you see an individual in uniform, please thank them.

This year, the money raised by the classic car show will go to benefit the local Shriners hospital, as well as homeless veterans and their families.



The spaceship will be a main attraction at the car show this year. But what will the surprise be? We can't be sure!

At the Wonderful world of wheels, you'll find not just cars, but trucks, motorcycles and all manner of hot rods.



In previous years, the car show fundraiser has benefitted Disabled American Veterans and other veterans organizations. This year, the chief beneficiary will be the Shriner hospital because of their policy of using 100 percent of their donations toward the cause.



Daddy Kool's signature has been given a new look in recent years. Be sure to stop by and see what it looks like now if you haven't seen it.

### County Looking For Volunteers

The Baltimore County Department of Aging Home Team Program is looking for volunteers willing to assist elderly Baltimore County residents with shopping, running errands and doctor appointments. Volunteers are needed for four hours per month. For more information, call the Home Team Office at 410-887-4141.

### Cooties Collecting for Comrades

The Military Order of the Cootie Pup Tent 4 is collecting toiletries for male and female hospitalized veterans at the Loch Raven VA Community Living and Rehabilitation Center in Baltimore to be distributed during the monthly visit with the veterans. Items requested include one-gallon zip-lock bags, liquid hand soap, shampoo, disposable razors, shave gel, deodorant, toothbrushes, toothpaste, denture cleaner, non-alcoholic mouthwash, nail clippers, combs, socks, feminine sanitary products and wordsearch/crossword puzzles. Items can be brought to the Essex-Holly Neck Memorial VFW Post 2621, 206 Riverside Road, between the hours of 2 - 10 p.m.

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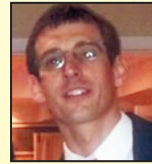
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