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## McDonough challenges Ruppersberger to commit to debates



Del. Pat McDonough (right) staged a protest at Congressman Dutch Ruppersberger's community office hours Monday, claiming that he has been "ducking" debate requests and refusing to debate on television where they would reach the most people.

- Article & photos by Devin Crum -

State Delegate Pat McDonough crashed Congressman C.A. Dutch Ruppersberger's scheduled community office hours at the North Point Library in Dundalk on Monday, Sept. 26, challenging him to commit to two televised debates before the November election.

The community office hours were meant to give Second District residents - specifically those in Dundalk - the opportunity to discuss legislation, concerns and ideas with the congressman, or get help with issues such as Social Security, Medicare, veterans' benefits or foreclosure.

But McDonough, who is challenging Ruppersberger for his seat in the U.S. House of Representatives, used the occasion to criticize the congressman for what he said was his lack of response in scheduling debates between the two.

McDonough stated that he has contacted all of the local television networks about debates, with Maryland Public Television agreeing to host one and others interested. He said he sent a formal letter to that effect to Ruppersberger on Sept. 22, but did not receive a response.

However, Ruppersberger's cam-

paign disputed that, contending that they had received no such letter and that, in fact, they had contacted the Mc-Donough camp about debates weeks ago. But his consultant, Kelley Rogers, did not return the call as promised.

"We're shocked by [McDonough's] suggestion that the congressman refuses to debate," said Jaime Lennon, Ruppersberger's campaign manager. "We reached out to Del. McDonough's campaign to set up a formal schedule and never heard back."

McDonough called the latter claim a "fabrication of the highest regard." - see **DEBATES** on page 8 -



#### NEWS

#### The caffeine flows again at Patapsco High's Patriot Java Stop

- By Marge Neal -

A real-world work training experience is about to reopen at Patapsco High School and Center for the Arts.

The Patriot Java Stop, a coffee shop run by students with developmental disabilities, will get a second chance at life on Tuesday, Oct. 4, with a grand reopening made possible by state legislation that allows the students to sell caffeinated beverages on school property.

The coffee shop, open to school students and staff members, was shut down shortly after it opened during the 2014-15 school year when the Maryland State Department of Education determined the sale of coffee violated its policies. "It didn't comply with our nutritional regulations," MSDE spokesman Bill Reinhard said of the decision to close the shop.

The state education department did support the student-led effort when it sold smoothies, and also recognizes the value of the opportunity of developmentally disabled students to practice and hone skills that will lead to posthigh school jobs, according to Reinhard.

Patapsco educator Brandy Widzbor, who teaches in the school's Functional Academic Learning Support program, is excited that her students will once again have the chance to play a more active role in the school community.



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Working at the Java Stop gives the students the chance to build hard and soft skills, from preparing the product and counting out change to learning how to make eye contact and interacting with customers, Widzbor said.

"Our students are making the coffee, using their adding and subtraction skills, helping with inventory and building people skills - they're greeting customers and thanking them for coming in," Widzbor said. "But more importantly, it helps the students blend in, makes them a more equal part of the school community."

The students involved in running the shop are a mix of those in the school's traditional high school special education program as well as its post-secondary program for students ages 18 - 21.

The nature of the targeted educational program often keeps the students in a contained learning environment that doesn't allow for much interaction with the rest of the school's population, according to Widzbor.

"We try to do everything we can so our kids can interact with the larger school community and this is an opportunity that really allows our students to feel good about themselves," she said. "And with the academic skills, the social skills they're using, it really integrates the curriculum." Del. Robin L. Grammer Jr., who sponsored House Bill 349 to override the state's policy on caffeine in schools, is proud of his work that will allow a "valuable educational tool" to continue.

"No one reached out to me," he said of the effort to overturn the state's policy. "If you're paying attention, you will see the repercussions of public policy, and this was one of those cases."

The elected leader said he saw the value of the program and wanted to do whatever he could at the legislative level to make it happen again.

"I thought to myself, this is fixable," Grammer said. "Who wouldn't love this program?"

Grammer said he believed closing the coffee shop was a "real injustice" and felt compelled to come up with a bill to fix that injustice.

"We have to ask ourselves, do we really want big government issuing top-down decisions and being nonresponsive? When we try to push unilateral policies like this one, there are unintended consequences."

Grammer said the coffee shop was a tool that was teaching real-world skills to students when "nothing else was working."

"We need to allow teachers to make these decisions," he said.



From left: Darrion Anderson, Daniel Kent, Dakota Grimm, Cheyenne Grimm, Chelsea Mc-New, Ty Frank, Aidan Kindle, Nathan Winiarski and Sabrina Cain staff the Patriot Java Stop at Patapsco High School and Center for the Arts. Photo courtesy of Brandy Widzbor.

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#### **NEWS**

#### School system denies overcrowding on Perry Hall buses

- by Patrick Taylor -At the beginning of the school year, the issue of overcrowded buses popped up in Perry Hall after students were photographed sitting on the floor on the back of a bus heading to Perry Hall Middle School. About a month after the initial incident was reported, Baltimore County Public Schools has responded, saying that there's no evidence of overcrowding.

"I talked to our transportation folks and they wanted to review the tapes and pictures that have been shown of kids sitting in the aisles," said Mychael Dickerson, a spokesman for BCPS. "There are seats for those kids to sit in."

County Councilman David Marks, who represents Perry Hall, expressed his frustration but wanted to get more information on the alleged overcrowding.

Despite his frustration, Marks said

that he didn't want to point fingers since there could be a simple answer, as was the case with overcrowded Perry Hall High School buses earlier in the school year. In that instance, students from the high school weren't getting on the right buses, causing overcrowding. But that issue has since been rectified.

According to Dickerson, the middle school buses can hold approximately 64 students, though BCPS doesn't like to fill buses up that much.

"This bus in particular was not overcrowded. It can fit 64 students and the average we've seen from the tapes is 44 to 48 students," Dickerson said. "The day kids were sitting in the aisles, there were seats."

Dickerson added that while there wasn't an issue with overcrowding, students sitting in aisles is certainly a safety issue that would need to be addressed.

"Buses shouldn't leave until kids are set, so our transportation folks will work with drivers," he said. "Our buses shouldn't leave until everyone is seated in an actual seat."

Marks stated that for two or three weeks there hadn't been any issues with middle school buses, but that he ended up receiving multiple calls about different buses on the same day last week. He said that the situation would continue to be monitored, and that it would be investigated on a "case-by-case" basis.

"This is why I always encourage parents to reach out to my office and try to find the answers before we put things on social media," said Marks. "What tends to happen with social media is that pictures and posts are put up and we have a lot of people reacting to these situations

without having all of the information." Marks stated that early on there may

have been more logistical errors, but that BCPS is doing their due diligence.

"We'll continue to monitor this and if there are any more concerns parents should contact myself or the school system," said Marks.



A parent snapped this photo of students sitting on the bus floor, which Councilman Marks shared on social media.



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#### Facilities update on Southeast schools gets a bit heated

#### - by Patrick Taylor -

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Pete Dixit, executive director for the Department of Physical Facilities for Baltimore County Public Schools, walked into a meeting with the Southeast Area Education Advisory Council on Monday night a few minutes late, but promised he had good news.

"All the good news is going to compensate for being late," said Dixit as his presentation began. But by the end of the meeting, Dixit looked like he had been run through the gauntlet as members of the council pressed him for information on everything from school air conditioning and overcrowding to transparency.

Dixit announced that replacement Dundalk, Berkshire and Colgate Elementary Schools were all in the predesign phase of development, but that new buildings would be coming in 2019, 2020 and 2021 respectively.

Following that announcement, Dixit announced that all elementary and middle schools would have air conditioning by August 2017.

"Last year we had eight projects, seven of them were on-time and one was only delayed by a couple days," said Dixit when pressed if that was a firm deadline for installation.

Dixit also announced that Patapsco High School and Center for the Arts was slated to go through major renovations to be complete by 2019. The project will cost approximately \$40 million, with \$31 million coming from the county and \$9 million expected from the state. Each of the elementary schools being replaced will cost approximately \$35 million.

"These are some major things that I just wanted to share with you," said Dixit. "There's an extensive amount of money coming into the area. Within two or three years, you will see the Dundalk area differently than what you see now. And it's all for the better."

Despite the announcements, Dixit faced a lot of blowback from the council, with questions immediately coming regarding air conditioning for the three elementary schools that are being replaced. Dixit stated that the county has no plans to provide any air conditioning relief for the three elementary schools, which caused an outcry from the audience.

"You're telling me that these kids are going to be going home early or having off for the next five years?" questioned one member of the audience.

George Roberts, a Community Superintendent for BCPS who also attended the meeting, told the council that the heat closure policy was shaped by the Board of Education, and that any changes would have to come from them. As it stands, Dundalk, Berkshire and Colgate Elementary Schools will have to abide by the newly implemented heat closure policy until the buildings are replaced.

Dixit explained that infrastructure upgrades would be too costly to provide air conditioning and that he wasn't sure that window units would be good for the air quality of the classrooms.

Members of the council also took Dixit to task for lack of community involvement with regard to planning for the new buildings, as well as the lack of information on the Patapsco High School renovations.

Dixit stated that information on the Patapsco renovation would be going up online shortly. He also said that there has been community involvement in the plans for the new elementary schools, but that so far it looks as though there's only a single member of the community involved for each school. Community input meetings can also be expected in the future.

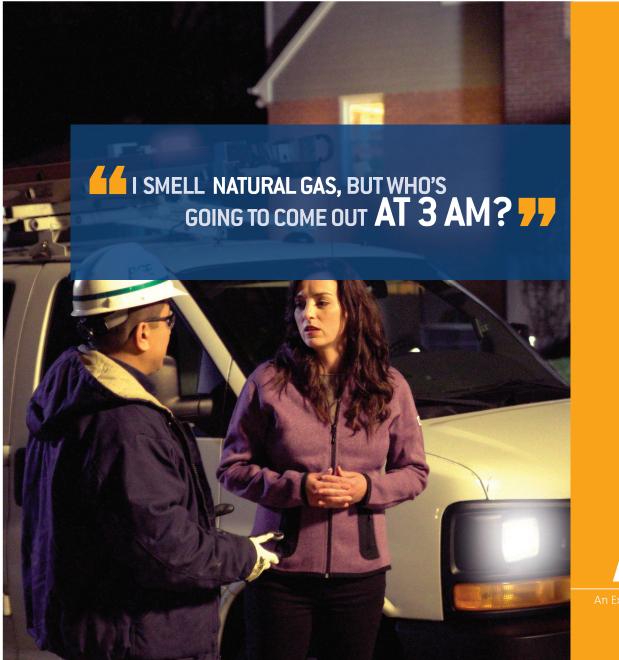
Dixit was pressed by members of the council about overcrowding at Patapsco High School as well. "We've been teaching in trailers for 20 years, and that's no environment to learn in," said one member of the council. "When are we going to get the relief we need there?" Members of the council questioned how much the proposed renovations would mean, considering the school is already over capacity and there doesn't seem to be much relief on that front.

The county is in the process of studying overcrowding and will make recommendations to alleviate overcrowding in the next couple of years.

When pressed about whether Patapsco should just get a new school since their enrollment is on the rise, Dixit stated that it was too expensive. "It costs \$100 million per new high school," he said. "We'd love to have 28 new high schools but we just don't have the financial means."

With regard to the construction of the new elementary schools, Dixit told the council that it is very possible that students from Dundalk and Berkshire Elementary Schools will not have to be relocated because their sites are big enough that the new schools could be put in a different area of the property, allowing the children to stay where they are.

But with Colgate Elementary, however, the property is too small. There is no word on what will happen when Colgate needs to be demolished, but Dixit pointed to Victory Villa Elementary students in Middle River, who are using a site in Rosedale while their school is being built, as an example.



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"Nevertheless," Lennon continued, "the congressman has agreed to debate on WBAL [radio] and WYPR radio, as well as several other forums throughout the Second District."

The delegate acknowledged these events, but said it is more important to hold them on television since that is the only real way to reach the voters.

"Our challenge is two television debates," McDonough asserted, adding that he will back off the issue if his opponent would commit to them in writing.

One debate the two had scheduled on Wednesday, Sept. 28, was hosted by the League of Women Voters and televised locally in Howard County.

Despite McDonough's claims, Ruppersberger said his intention has been simply to talk about the issues that are important to his constituents. He said they are facing "difficult times" and issues involving national security, ISIS, relations with Russia and China, national debt, Medicare, jobs and infrastructure.

"And yet, in this campaign all I've heard from my opponent is negative," Ruppersberger said. "That's not my style of politics. I think we need to talk about issues, and I haven't heard that yet."

"I agree with him," McDonough



McDonough campaign volunteers lined Merritt Boulevard near the entrance to the North Point Library while Ruppersberger conducted his community office hours.

said. "We do want to run on the issues because he's taking America in the wrong direction and I believe I can prove that to the public.

"He's out of step with this district," he continued. "This is not a Ruppersberger-Hillary Clinton, liberal district."

Although Ruppersberger has previously refuted much of it, McDonough again claimed that the congressman has opposed securing the U.S. border with Mexico, supports amnesty for illegal immigrants and backed President Obama's economic agenda.

"He is a liberal who tries to masquerade as a moderate," the delegate said. "He's not a moderate. He does not fit this district and he is part of the problem, not the solution to the future."

But the congressman noted his willingness to stand by his political record.

"I think elections are about your record in the past - and I'll run on my record as [Baltimore] County Executive and what I've done - what you're going to do now with your concerns and what's the plan for the future," Ruppersberger explained.

Ruppersberger's campaign expressed their displeasure with Mc-Donough's stunt stating, "It is disgraceful that Pat disrupted an event designed to help the very constituents he is running to represent."

The congressman also called the debate issue "ridiculous."

"It goes to show what my opponent will do to use untrue statements, and we've verified it," he said. "He's raising an issue to get media because he knows his campaign is not doing well."

He noted that, while he was already scheduled for at least three debates plus one other function - more than candidates typically have in the month before Election Day - they have not been approached by any television networks about debates.

Ruppersberger added that televised debates are not usually held for local races like this because they are expensive and the advertising is not there to pay for and support it.

Still, Lennon held up his willingness to debate on television should they receive requests from McDonough and the television networks.

"We've said yes to everything we've gotten so far," she said. "There's no reason he would decline to participate when he has agreed to everything else."



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**NEWS** 

#### **GM Baltimore donates \$35,000 to five local charities**

- Article & photos by Devin Crum -On Wednesday, Sept. 21, General Motors Baltimore Operations in White Marsh presented a total of \$35,000 in grants to five Baltimore-area nonprofit organizations through its Community Grants program.

Funded by the GM Foundation, the community grants will support community programs through the Baltimore American Indian Center, Carnegie Institute BioEYES, Hispanic Youth Entrepreneur Education, the Maryland Food Bank and the United Way of Central Maryland.

According to GM Plant Manager Chris Desautels, the GM Foundation will give nearly \$2 million in funding to hundreds of organizations in 47 communities around the country where GM employees live and work.

And since its inception, the foundation has invested hundreds of millions of dollars to help communities across the U.S. through a variety of programs focused in the areas of education health and human services, the environment and community development.

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#### North Point PCRC shows appreciation for police with cookout, gifts

- Article & photo by Devin Crum -

The North Point Police Community Relations Council (PCRC) held their annual cookout for the officers of the North Point police precinct in Dundalk on Saturday, Sept. 24, to thank them for all they do throughout the year.

"The way things are... it's just a way to say we appreciate you and what you do," said David Patro, vice president of the PCRC.

"They're out there every day doing what they're doing," Patro continued. "They put their lives on the line for us, so we just want to show that we appreciate it."

During the event, the PCRC - which consists of members from all over the many communities the precinct serves - also handed out gift cards to officers for area businesses such as Michael's and Pat's Pizza.

On top of that, a "core group" of leaders from several communities in Essex and Dundalk pooled their money together to purchase a laptop for use by the precinct. But since they could not directly donate it to the precinct, it will have to be on permanent loan from the community group, Patro explained.

They also donate to programs like the Police Explorers, he said, but this time they wanted something that could directly benefit the officers.



PCRC members mingled with police officers to show their appreciation for all that they do, as well as to build stronger relations between police and the community.





Plant Manager Chris Desautels (back, center) presented grants to Tatiana Jimenez (left) from U.S. Hispanic Youth Entrepreneur Education, Valerie Butler from Carnegie Institute BioEYES, Laura Urban from the Maryland Food Bank, Elise Lee from the United Way of Central Maryland, and David Seymour of the Baltimore American Indian Center.



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#### NEWS

#### Marks urges voters to approve Question A on November ballot

- By Devin Crum -

On top of deciding who will be our next president and representatives in Congress, voters will be asked to vote on a number of ballot initiatives this Election Day, including authorizing county debt and referendum questions.

The first such question that Baltimore County voters will see on their ballots this year, in the form of Question A, is an amendment to the county's charter to create a Charter Review Commission.

The commission would be charged with reviewing the Baltimore County charter to update the document by looking at the efficiency and operations of county government that it lays out. The body would convene every 10 years beginning in 2017.

Question A comes about as the result of a bill that passed the County Council early last year calling for the establishment of such a commission. If approved by the voters, the commission would make recommendations concerning proposed charter amendments where necessary and appropriate.

The commission would also have bipartisan representation. It would be comprised of 11 members who must be residents of the county, with one member appointed by each of the seven County Council members and two appointed by the county executive. The county attorney would be an ex-officio member of the commission and the chairperson of the Council would appoint an additional member to serve and the commission's chairperson.

Elected officials are not eligible for appointment to the commission.

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ers," said Councilman David Marks (R-5). He added that the bill passed with support from every member of the Council, regardless of party affiliation.

Anne Arundel and Montgomery Counties have charter review mechanisms as well, though, those commissions have broader responsibilities or meet more frequently, Marks explained. And Baltimore County has not had a charter review in 25 years.

"We live in difficult times," Marks commented. "Taxpayers expect government to deliver services in a cost-effective manner. There is no harm in looking at our governing document periodically to make sure that our government is acting as efficiently and effectively as possible."

As a charter amendment, the initiative went straight to the voters for their decision rather than to County Executive Kamenetz for his signature. And Kamenetz did not take a position on the legislation, according to a spokesperson.

However, county spokeswoman Ellen Kobler touted several initiatives the county executive has undertaken during his tenure to improve the efficiency of county government.

Going back to 2010, just before he took office, Kamenetz proposed merging the functions of four county agencies into existing or consolidated departments, as well as eliminating 143 vacant county government positions.

The move eliminated four department head salaries, along with those of the other employees. All told, it was projected to save the county a total of \$8 million in salaries and benefits.

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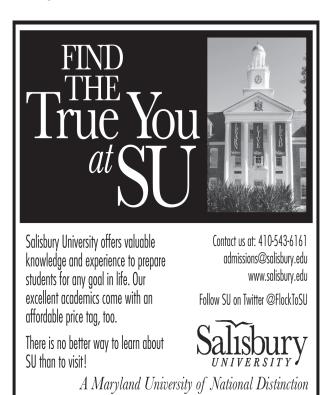
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"Community grants are given to a wide variety of organizations that provide much-needed family services, improve education and impact the quality of life in their communities," Desautels explained.

The Baltimore American Indian Center, the only viable community-based Native American organization in Maryland, according to Dennis Seymour, provides several health initiatives since Native Americans have some specific increased health risks.

Valerie Butler noted that the Carnegie Institute Bio-EYES hosts environmental outreach programs for students to investigate local streams and learn about the environment and conservation. They currently have about 4,000 Baltimore City students participating in their programs, she said.

Desautels commented that GM has a "special relationship" with the United Way, and Elise Lee agreed, saying that GM has been a "wonderful partner" to the organization.



Kamenetz also partnered with county schools Superintendent Dr. S. Dallas Dance to consolidate the school system's most important division into one building in 2012.

BCPS's Division of Curriculum and Instruction had previously been been split between four buildings across two campuses in Towson and Middle River. It consolidated into the county-owned Jefferson Building in Towson, not only increasing efficiency within the division, but saving an estimated \$1.5 million in operating costs.

The county executive also increased efficiency in the Office of Code Enforcement in 2014 by allowing citizens to file code enforcement complaints in real time and track them in real time online, helping to streamline the system and give citizens greater access.

In 2013, Kamenetz announced the opening of its new single-stream recycling facility in Cockeysville meant to efficiently process the county's residential recyclables and generate millions of dollars in revenue. And toward the end of last year, the administration announced that in its two years of operation the facility had brought in gross revenues of \$13.8 million while avoiding \$6.7 million in trash disposal costs.

"This facility has been a real success story from day one," Kamenetz said at the time. "It's a great example of smart government, where we invested in ourselves and are benefitting directly from our residents' recycling efforts rather than paying a thirdparty vendor to process recyclables."

"They lean in on important issues and they work with us to help make a difference in people's lives," she said.

Desautels said the event was a good opportunity, from a business sense, to also give back to the community that helps these organizations.

He noted that the car show, held at the GM site on Saturday, Sept. 24, donated all of its proceeds to the White Marsh Volunteer Fire Company.

"Earlier this year we were able to donate some land to them, and they are making an effort to take it the rest of the way to update their facilities and operations in this area," Desautels said.

He also described a program in which they work with the Regional Manufacturing Institute of Maryland and students from Dundalk High School to teach them about what goes on at the plant with technical engineering. The students are then able to take that knowledge back to couple with the automotive program at the school.



# Fall HOME AND GARDEN





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#### Mulching leaves a better alternative for your lawn

Raking leaves may be an autumnal traditional for many homeowners, but those who want a less strenuous way to prevent their lawns from being suffocated by fallen leaves may want to consider mulching them. Fallen leaves should never be left to linger on a yard for very long, and some homeowners may be surprised to learn that waiting to rake until all of the trees on a property have shed their leaves can be detrimental to the lawn. That's because fallen leaves trap moisture and prevent sunlight and air from reaching the grass, making lawns more vulnerable to disease.

Fallen leaves also can harbor insects, again putting lawns at risk of disease. Mulching may be the best behind on the lawn. Such pieces are so option for homeowners who prefer to avoid spending several weekend afternoons each fall raking leaves. Many lawnmowers are now equipped with mulching capabilities, which can remove the need to rake.

When leaves are mulched, they are minced into tiny pieces that are left

small that they won't block air or light from reaching the grass, nor are they likely to harbor insects. But as these tiny pieces of leaves decompose, they enrich the soil with nutrients, so much so that some lawns may not even need to be fertilized in the fall.



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#### **Reap garden rewards even in fall**

Gardening is a rewarding hobby that can help people relax and produce an enviable landscape. Many gardeners even find their meals are more fresh and flavorful when using items they grew themselves. While many gardeners do the bulk of their gardening in the spring and summer, certain plants thrive in cooler temperatures. That group includes autumn vegetables that are ripe for the picking when leaves begin falling.

Fall gardens provide a reason to enjoy the oft-enjoyable autumn air. So many different vegetables come to life in the autumn, and they can make wonderful additions to the dinner table. Broccoli, kale, collards, spinach, squashes, artichokes, and beets are just some of the many autumn planting options you can try. Celery also is best in the fall, and its harvest continues through winter in temperate climates. By replacing crops that have been harvested through the spring and summer with fall-friendly alternatives, you can keep your garden productive for most of the year.

Begin the process by counting back 12 to 14 weeks from the expected first frost date for where you live. Begin seeds for your autumn plantings indoors, because summer heat and dryness are not the best conditions to nurture young seedlings.

Enrich the soil with compost so that you can replenish the nutrients lost from the last crop harvested.

Each region is different, so learn about when to put plants in the ground for your region. Many plants still need the sun and warmth of late summer to thrive and produce well into the fall. If you are unsure, consult with a local garden center, where you can learn about various aspects of autumn gardening. Onions, shallots and garlic are best planted mid-fall after the soil has cooled.

Gradually introduce seedlings to more sunlight and outdoor temperatures before they go in the ground, as they need time to adjust to the unfiltered sun.

Be sure to thoroughly water the garden, but remember that moisture and cooler temperatures can attract garden pests. Fall vegetable gardens can be worthy endeavors, yielding plenty of crops and providing plenty of fun.



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#### **Creative uses for fallen leaves**

Millions of leaves fall from tree boughs each fall. Homeowners and landscaping professionals will spend countless hours removing leaves from lawns and driveways so they can be collected and ultimately added to compost piles or removed by local governments.

But leaves do not necessarily have to meet with the same fate each year. In fact, there are many creative ways to use leaves gathered from lawns and gardens. We've already told you how to turn your leaves to mulch, but they're much more versatile.

• Scarecrow: Gather a decent pile of leaves and the makings of a scarecrow, which include hay, old clothing, string, and canvas. Use the leaves to help stuff

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the body of the scarecrow and make him a bit more plump.

• Vases: Fill an empty flower vase with different leaves that you have gathered. This makes for an engaging centerpiece when entertaining.

• Pressings: Press leaves between two pieces of paper to make a leaf silhouette. Some of the pigment will

transfer to the paper, and these natural pieces of artwork can be displayed or shared.

• Laminate: Laminate leaves so they can be used as place cards when hosting guests for holiday feasts.

Put these ideas to the test to make fallen leaves part of your unique home decor.





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#### Fixing leaky fixtures around the house

People who have slept within steps of a leaky faucet know full well the nuisance that such water fixtures present. A leaky faucet can make it difficult to sleep at night, but leaks around the house also cost homeowners lots of money.

Many leaks around a house are not nearly as noticeable as a dripping faucet. But worn toilet flappers or leaky valves can wreak just as much havoc on a monthly budget as a leaky en suite bathroom faucet does on a night's sleep. Identifying those leaks, many of which are easy to fix, is a great way to conserve water and save money at the same time.

• Start with your water meter. The hours after everyone in the household has taken their morning showers, brushed their teeth and had their coffee is a great time to determine if you have a leak. Water is not typically used during these hours, so check the water meter once the last coffee mug has been washed and then revisit the meter two hours later. If the meter has changed, then chances are you have a leak.

• Test the toilet with food coloring. Toilets are a common source of water leaks, as deteriorating toilet flappers slowly waste water via leaks that are not always noticeable. Because toilet leaks can be difficult to notice, homeowners might have to get a little creative. Add a drop of food coloring to the holding tank of your toilet, then wait roughly 15 minutes to see if the color of the water starts to change. If it has, your toilet is leaking.

• Inspect faucet gaskets and pipe fittings. Faucet gaskets and pipe fittings should not be wet, but wet gaskets and pipe fittings is typically evidence of surface leaks. When washing dishes in the sink, turn the faucet on high. If you notice water coming from anywhere other than the head of the faucet, then you have leaky gaskets.

Once you have determined the source of the leak, you can begin to address the situation. Toilets, faucets and showerheads are the most common culprits with regard to water leaks.

• Toilets: Flappers are the rubber parts in the toilet's holding tank. These flappers are susceptible to mineral buildup and decay, and over time that can create leaks. Flappers are inexpensive and easy to replace. When replacing your toilet flapper, take the worn out flapper with you to the hardware store to make sure you buy a new one that is compatible with your toilet.

• Faucets: When a leaky faucet is your biggest foe, be sure to turn the water supply in the house off before you get to work. If your faucet has any decorative knobs, gently remove these so they do not break and you can replace them when the leak has been addressed. From there you must remove the packing nut and the stem. Some stems come off easily, while others must be twisted off from the valve. Inspect these parts for damage before moving on. The O-ring and washer inside the valve seat may be responsible for your leak, so inspect these parts and replace them if necessary. Be sure they are an exact fit so you don't end up with a fresh leak. Once these items have been replaced, you can reassemble the parts, turn the water back on and check to see if the leak has vanished. If the leak remains, then your valve seat may be corroded or your plumbing might need a professional inspection.

• Showerheads: If the showerhead is your source of leaks, you may just need to tighten the connection between the showerhead and the pipe stem. This can be done using pipe tape. If the problem with your showerhead can be traced to the shower handle and cartridge, you might want to hire a professional to fix your leak, as addressing this problem can be tricky. If you want to do it yourself, first turn the water supply off before removing the shower handle.

Some handles are especially difficult to remove, in which case you might need to visit the hardware store to purchase a handle puller. Once the handle has been removed, you can then pull the cartridge, which is likely to prove more difficult than removing the handle. The cartridge may need to be twisted loose with pliers before you pull it out, or you may need to buy a cartridge puller that is compatible with the brand of showerhead you have. Once you get the cartridge out, you can install your replacement and reassemblethe parts that were removed.

Water leaks around the house can be costly and wasteful. Addressing such leaks can be done in a matter of minutes (especially with the amount of tutorial videos found online), but more complex problems may be best left to a professional.





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#### What to look for during roof inspections

Cold weather can be tough on a home, and perhaps no part of a home is more vulnerable to harsh winter weather than its roof.

Fallen snow can equate to several pounds of pressure placed on a residential roof. Roofs do not often collapse under heavy snowfall. But adverse winter weather conditions can compromise roofs in other ways. Water leakage and damage to the roof's interior are just two of the potentially problematic issues that can arise when roofs are battered by cold, blustery weather. That's why many home improvement specialists advise homeowners to conduct roof inspections prior to the start of winter.

Many homeowners can conduct their own cursory roof inspections, but they may not know exactly what to look for. The National Roofing Contractors Association says that there are certain key areas to inspect that may reveal some telltale signs of roof damage.

• Curled, cracked or missing shingles may prove troublesome. Inclement weather can test the strength of even the most durable roofs. Even though many roofs are designed to last up to 30 years, some may need to be replaced early, particularly when they have been exposed to harsh weather over a period of years. Individual shingles can be replaced as spot treatments, but if the damage is widespread, a new roof may be necessary.

• Attic leaks or water elsewhere might signal issues with the roof. Figure out if water inside the home is coming from the roof. Water stains do not always indicate problems with the roofing, but it's better to be safe than sorry.

• Look for protective granules wearing off. If gutters are filled with the sandy granular material that coats roofing shingles, that may be a sign of an aging or damaged roof.

• Inspect flashing. Professional roofers can recognize properly installed flashing, the material that connects the roof to other parts of the house that adjoin the roof, like skylights or a chimneys. Poorly installed flashing can cause leaks. Stains that appear below chimneys or near attic windows may indicate new flashing, and not new shingles, is needed.

• Gutters and downspouts should be in good condition. A roof is the sum of its parts, and that includes downspouts and gutters. If the gutters are clogged or damaged, they cannot direct water away from the house properly. Snow, leaves and other debris needs to be cleared from gutters to help them function at optimal capacity.

• Animals and insects can cause damage, too. It's not just poor weather that homeowners need to consider with regard to roof damage. Boring insects and animals may cause problems with roofs as well. A roof inspection may shed light on potential pest problems. Holes or nesting materials may indicate that an animal or animals are using the attic as a shelter from the elements.

Get to the root of issues with your home's roof before they become bigger problems once winter arrives. A thorough inspection can reveal problems that may prove costly if ignored.

#### **Did you know?**

The arrival of cooler weather marks a prime time to plant bulbs that will bloom come spring and summer. Bulbs should be planted as soon as the ground is cool, ideally when temperatures average between 40 and 50 F.

Just be sure to plant bulbs at least six weeks before the ground freezes for optimal success. Always follow the bulb distributor's guidelines for planting, including suggestions regarding spacing and soil depth. Remove any weeds and loosen the soil to get started. In addition, think about mixing in compost or other organic matter to enrich the soil if it lacks nutrients. If you don't take the time to do it you might end up regret it come next summer.



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#### **Preparing your fireplace or stove for the season**

Fireplaces and wood-burning stoves not only can be beautiful focal points within a home, but they also provide an additional source of heat and can be used to keep rooms or entire homes comfortable without the need for additional and potentially costly heating sources.

Just like more modern home heating systems, stoves and fireplaces need to be maintained, and that maintenance includes readying them before winter when they are used more heavily. Ensuring a fireplace or stove is in good working order helps to guarantee efficiency of use and safety during the winter months.

Open-flame heating sources carry with them certain risks. The National Fire Protection Association states that, between 2009-2013, American fire departments responded to 56,000 home structure fires that involved heating equipment. The NFPA notes that the leading factor contributing to home-heating fires is a failure to keep things clean, principally from solid-fueled heating equipment. The following are a handful of ways to stay safe as you get ready for another cozy season around the fire.

• Start with the chimney. Begin by having your chimney thoroughly cleaned and inspected. Creo-



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sote can build up inside of the chimney. Creosote is highly flammable and becomes more difficult and expensive to clean the longer it builds up inside your flue lining. In addition, animals may have created nest inside of the chimney since the last time the fireplace was used. A professional chimney sweep should be hired in this situation. He or she will be able to effectively clean the chimney in a manner that is the least messy and disruptive to residents.

• Install or check smoke and carbon monoxide detectors. Operational alarms are essential to preventing injury or death resulting from smoke or carbon monoxide inhalation. Such detectors are inexpensive safeguards that should be installed on every floor of the house. Batteries should be replaced every six months, and the alarms themselves should be changed every five to 10 years.

• Inspect the chimney from outdoors as well. Inspect the mortar around any bricks in the chimney and surrounding areas for cracks. If left unaddressed, these can cause dangerous fires. If there are serious cracks, a professional may need to make

repairs or the chimney may need to be replaced. You also can have the chimney capped with a screen to keep animals and debris from entering.

• Inspect the damper. A damper is a valve or plate that stops or regulates the flow of air inside a chimney. It should be checked prior to the first use of a stove or fireplace so homeowners can be certain it opens and closes smoothly.

• Clear out flammable items. Move flammable items away from the front of a fireplace or stove. Be sure curtains or other home furnishings are far enough away that they will not catch fire from any errant sparks or flames.

• Order wood now. Be sure there is plenty of wood for the season. Ask a wood supplier to estimate just how much will be needed, and doublecheck that the wood will arrive in time for the start of the season.

By preparing for fireplace and wood stove use now, homeowners can ensure their winters are comfortable and safe

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#### How to improve your home's curb appeal

Men and women who have tried to sell a home are likely familiar with the phrase "curb appeal." Curb appeal is similar to getting ready for a big date, only you're not dressing yourself up to make a strong first impression. Instead, improving curb appeal involves dressing your home up in the hopes it makes a strong first impression on prospective buyers, many of whom will have a strong opinion about the property before they even get out of their cars to have a look around.

A home with strong curb appeal can entice buyers who are likely to believe that a home with a wellmaintained exterior is likely to have an equally impressive interior. Homeowners who want the process of selling their home to go smoothly can improve the property's curb appeal in a number of ways, many of which don't necessitate a substantial home improvement budget.

• Clean up. The most effective way to improve curb appeal is to clean up the property. Many homeowners are savvy enough to remove toys and other items from the yard before showing a home, but cleaning up goes beyond removing clutter from the property. Make sure all hedges are trimmed and remove weeds, sticks and other debris from any flower beds. Lay mulch in the flower beds and garden, as mulch prevents weed growth while helping the soil retain moisture, resulting in more attractive gardens to catch a buyer's eye.

• Get an "edge" on other sellers. Edging is another easy and effective way to improve curb appeal. Edge driveways, sidewalks and other walkways around the property, removing or trimming anything that is hanging over the driveway or walkways. If the boundary between your driveway and lawn is not distinct, consider installing edging materials such as stone or bricks. The edging can be level with the driveway or elevated, but keep in mind that elevated driveway edging can protect the lawn, preventing

kids from riding their bicycles onto the lawn or cars from driving onto it. Adding edging is not a very difficult do-it-yourself project.

• Take to the trees. Many homeowners grow accustomed to overgrown trees around their property and may not notice that low-hanging, unsightly branches are hiding the home from view. Buyers want to see the house, so take to the trees and trim any branches that hang too low or obscure your home.

• Clean the gutters. Leaves and sticks hanging from the gutters are a red flag to buyers, who tend to associate clogged gutters with roof damage. Clean the gutters thoroughly before putting your home up for sale and keep them clean throughout the selling process. If your property includes lots of trees, install guards to keep twigs and leaves out of the gutters.

 Make the home accessible through the front door. Many homeowners enter their home through a side door or through their garage. If you fall into this category, keep in mind that prospective buyers will be entering through the front door, so make this area accessible. Clear any clutter, such as overgrown hedges, away from the front door, and consider upgrading the door handle to a more modern feature. In addition, make sure the lock on the front door doesn't stick, forcing the realtor and buyers to immediately struggle before entering the home. You want buyers and their real estate agents to get in and out of the home as smoothly as possible.

• Make sure all plants, including flowers, are living. Dehydrated or dead plants and flowers are eyesores, and they will give buyers the impression that you didn't pay much attention to your property. Make sure all plants are alive and thriving and replace those that aren't. You can replant new flowers or plants or just use potted plants instead. When purchasing new plants, choose low-maintenance varieties that appeal to buyers who want good vibrant plants but might not want to put in much

work into the garden.

When selling a home, homeowners can employ a number of tactics to improve their home's curb appeal. Follow these simple tips to help improve your home's curb appeal. A lot of it sounds simple but oftentimes it's the little things that end up neglected.

#### How to winterize your lawn

Every weekend of the last few months you have spent mowing, weeding, edging, and trimming your lawn so that it will look its best. In order to ensure your lawn makes a complete recovery after winter hibernation, you may want to spend the fall taking steps to help your lawn survive the winter months ahead.

Winterizing a lawn varies depending on where you live and how harsh a typical winter is. There are certain key tasks to complete before you can rest for the winter season.

• Remove fallen leaves and debris. Leaf cleanup is among the tasks homeowners dread the most. Raking leaves can be arduous, but it is well worth the effort. Fallen leaves can smother the grass and lead to dead spots and decay next season. Wait until the majority of the leaves have fallen from the trees before you begin to rake; otherwise, you could find yourself repeating the process throughout the fall. Mulched leaves can be added in small amounts to garden beds to provide rich organic material for next year's crop of flowers.

Be sure to pick up any twigs and other debris as well. Additional debris can become up trapped under snow and hinder grass growth when spring arrives.

• Cut your lawn short. Unless the season is unseasonably wet and warm, your lawn shouldn't grow too much in October and November. Continue to cut your lawn until there is no visible growth for - see WINTERIZE on page 19 -

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#### WINTERIZE

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about two weeks. It pays to give it a short cut before frost arrives so that long piles of dead grass will not smother any new growth in the spring. Also, long grass tends to bend down upon itself, trapping moisture that can lead to fungal diseases like snow mold. • Aerate the lawn. Soil can be compacted over time, especially in yards that see heavy foot traffic.

• Fertilize. Now is the time to give the lawn fresh food to overwinter and also replenish the strength of the root system. Consider a slow-release formula designed for winterizing that will feed the lawn all winter long.

• Edge the garden beds. Even though the grass

above the surface of the soil will stop growing, the roots will remain viable and the lawn will still be sending out rhizomes and tillers to produce new grass blades in the spring. Edge now so you will have less work to do in the spring.

• Trim hedges and trees. Take advantage of your town's leaf and twig pickup services and get rid of overhanging branches or shrubs.



#### Maskell, Larry

On Sept. 25, Lawrence Leo "Larry" Maskell passed away. He was the beloved brother of Kathy Hook and her husband Harry, Mary Margaret Maskell-Ciampa and her husband Joe, Tom Maskell and his wife Maria, Raymond Maskell and his wife Denise, Charles L. Maskell, Jr. and his wife Elsa, and the late C. Michael Maskell and Charlotte Keegan; cherished brother-inlaw of Patricia Maskell and Brian Keegan. He was also survived by many loving extended family members and friends.

Services provided by Schimunek Funeral Home. A memorial mass will be celebrated on Thursday, Sept. 29 at 10 a.m. at the Shrine of the Little Flower Catholic Church. Interment to follow at New Cathedral Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Larry's name to the Calvert Hall College Dorothy E. Maskell Scholarship Fund, 8102 LaSalle Road, Baltimore, MD 21286.

#### Ziegler, Joseph M., III

On Sept. 24, Joseph M. Ziegler III passed away. Beloved husband of Sherry Ziegler; loving son of Joseph M. Ziegler, Jr. and Joan Ziegler; dear brother of Jeanne-Marie Oostveen and her husband Roelof; cherished uncle of RJ; he is also survived by his beloved dog Shotzie.

Services provided by Schimunek Funeral Home. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105.

#### Lee, Ethel

On Sept. 20, Ethel Lee (nee DeGraw), beloved wife of the late Carroll Webster and William Lee; cherished mother of Susan Ball, her husband Kevin and Barbara Webster; loving sister of Nettie Walter and the late Edith Brown and Harry DeGraw; as well as her late cousin Dorothy Jecelin; she is also survived by many nieces, nephews and friends.

A memorial service will be held on Oct. 1 at 11 a.m. at Perry Hall United Methodist Church. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to Perry Hall United Methodist Church, 9515 Belair Rd., Perry Hall, MD 21236.

#### Yates, Kenny

On Sept. 18, Kenny Yates, loving son of Charles Yates, III and Lori Yates; dear brother of Kimberli Curtis; cherished grandson of Sharon and Robert Meekins, Dominick Kouneski and the late Mary Kouneski, Charles and Lisa Yates, Jr. Kenny was also a beloved uncle and step-brother.

Services provided by Schinunek Funeral Home. Interment private. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made in memory of Kenny Yates to: Mann House, Inc., 14 Williams St., Bel Air, MD 21014, www.mannhouse.org.



#### Thomas, Joann



On Sept. 17, Joann Thomas, age 76. Joann is preceded in death by her husband, Robert Thomas, Sr. Loving mother of Marie Peyton, Jimmy Peyton, Robert Thomas, Jr. and Luis Thomas; grandmother of James Peyton, John

Otlowski, James H. Peyton, Joseph Peyton, Zandra Thomas and Ryan Thomas; great-grandmother of Madelyn Peyton. Joann also leaves behind her siblings, Luther Peyton and Brian Peyton.

#### Wisneski, Joseph R.

On Sept. 26, Joseph R. Wisneski, beloved husband of the late Marlene Wisneski (nee Marconi); devoted father of Lynn Foertsch and her husband Tad. C and Gail Oberlander; loving grandfather of Rebecca L., Linzi E. Foertsch, Amanda L. and Eli L. Oberlander. Services provided by Connelly Funeral Home of Essex. Interment at Sacred Heart of Jesus Cemetery.

#### Hardon, Helen

On Sept. 24, Helen Hardon (nee Susko), devoted wife of the late Stephen Hardon; beloved mother of Robert and Lawrence Hardon, Ann Marie Thomas and Matthew Wuerthner, Patricia Schield and her husband Mark; loving grandmother of Delaney and Joshua. Predeceased by her brothers, Andrew, Michael, Peter, John and Nicholas Susko and sisters Mary Hadnagy, Julia Bobita and Ann Reed. Also survived by numerous nieces and nephews.

Relatives and friends are invited to visit the Connelly Funeral Home of Essex on Thursday, Sept. 29 from 3 - 5 p.m. and 7 - 9 p.m. A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Catholic Church on Sept. 30 at 9 a.m. Interment at Gardens of Faith Cemetery.

#### Kellner, Mary C.

On Sept. 24, Mary C. Kellner (nee Baldwin), beloved wife of Joseph H. Kellner; devoted mother of Christina, Brandi, Rebecca and David Kellner; loving sister of Faith Warren and Beth Marie Sadler. Also survived by many loving family members and friends.

Services provided by the Connelly Funeral Home of Essex. A memorial service will be held at a later date.

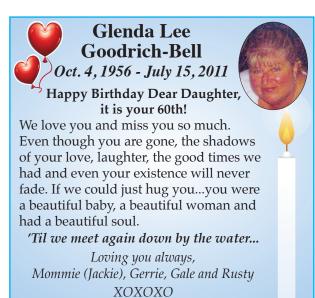
#### Maciejczyk, Edna

On Sept. 22, Edna "Aunt Earl" Maciejczyk (nee Caraway), devoted wife of the late Edward T. Maciejczyk; beloved mother of Thomas, Michael and Daniel Maciejczyk; loving "Grandmom" of Laura and Elsie; dear sister of the late Betty Lou and Barbara.

Services provided by the Connelly Funeral Home of Essex. Interment at Gardens of Faith Cemetery.

#### Coppolina, Nicholas

On Sept. 18, Nicholas M. Coppolino passed away peacefully surrounded by his family. Beloved husband of Dorothy Coppolino (nee Rybka); devoted father of Nick Coppolino, Mary Frances Vacca (Bryan), and Denise Lane (Paul); loving grandfather of Shelby, Alexia, Bryanna, Noah, Anthony, and Ethan. He is also survived by many other loving family and friends.



#### **Dunkerton, William Roger**

William "Bill" Roger Dunkerton, 72, went to be with his Lord and Savior Jesus Christ on Thursday, Sept. 22.

Born and raised in Baltimore, Bill was the son of the late Roger and Ella Dunkerton. He was preceded in death by his sister Jean Kline and is survived by his beloved siblings Jim Dunkerton, Ann McClaskey and Roger Dunkerton, Jr.

In this life, nothing was more precious to Bill than his wife and children. He is survived by his lifelong love, companion and wife of 52 years, Lois Elizabeth (Mayer) Dunkerton, his children, William A. Dunkerton (Beth) of Perry Hall, MD, Andrew K. Dunkerton (Courtney) of Mebane, NC and Katherine M. Veltman (Steve) of Manawaru, New Zealand, and the true apples of his eye, his eleven grandchildren.

Also precious to Bill was his church family at Forge Road Bible Chapel, where he served as an elder for over 40 years. Bill found his greatest fulfillment in life serving the Lord by serving His people in the local church with love, leadership and countless hours of pastoral care.

By profession, Bill was a dedicated science teacher and coach at Perry Hall Middle School and High School, from which he retired in 2003. Bill worked with compassion and creativity to make school and sports a positive experience for his students and players.

The family gives thanks to God for the blessing Bill was to their lives and for the hope of the gospel of Jesus Christ. Special thanks to the dear brothers and sisters at Forge Road Bible Chapel for their love and prayers. Thanks also to the staff at Gilchrist Hospice Center (Towson) for the excellent care given to Bill and the family during his final days.

The family will receive visitors at Schimunek Funeral Home, 9705 Belair Road in Nottingham on Thursday, Sept. 29, from 1 - 3 p.m. and 6 - 9 p.m. A memorial service will be held at Perry Hall Baptist Church, 3919 Schroeder Avenue in Perry Hall, on Saturday, Oct. 1 at 2 p.m. Contributions may be made in the name of Bill to: Forge Road Bible Chapel, 5040 Forge Rd., Perry Hall, MD 21128.

#### **Colon, Sarah Agnes**

On Sept. 20, Sarah Agnes Colon, aka "Sara Bear", devoted wife of Lawrence Colon; beloved daughter of the late Joseph and Nanny Byrd; dear sister of Lee and Joe Byrd, Connie Byrd and the late Annet Polimski; godmother of Hailey French.

Services provided by the Connelly Funeral Home of Essex. Interment private.

#### Schulz, Lorraine L.

On Sept. 20, Lorraine L. Schulz (nee Thompson), beloved wife of Edwin W. Schulz; devoted mother of Michael, John and Brian Schulz; loving aunt of Donna Murphy. Also survived by seven grandchildren and many loving family members and friends.

Services provided by the Connelly Funeral Home of Essex. Entombment at Gardens of Faith Cemetery.

#### Warner, Keith H.

On Sept. 20, Keith H. Warner, loving father of Harley Lynn Warner; loving son of Bill Warner and Peggy Warner (nee Fetherman); loving fiance' of Stephanie Barnes; cherished cousin of Doug Bowser and his wife Sharon. Also survived by many loving family members and friends.

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

#### **Obituary Correction Policy**

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All published obituary corrections will be as brief as possible.



#### Middle River man dies after confrontation with police

Tawon Boyd, 21, the Middle River man hospitalized since Sunday after a confrontation with police and emergency medical providers last week, died on Sept. 21 at a local hospital.

Administrative reviews by the police and fire departments will be conducted. The Homicide Unit, which investigates all fatal police-involved incidents, has begun its investigation.

The cause of death has not been established and will be determined by the Medical Examiner.

Police responded to the unit block of Aikin Circle at 3:09 a.m. on September 18 for a report of a disturbance after receiving 911 calls. A man and a woman can be heard screaming at each other on the calls.

When officers arrived, they found the man and woman screaming at each other. The woman reported to police officers that her boyfriend had been acting "crazy" and was under the influence of drugs and alcohol. The man appeared confused and paranoid, sweating heavily, and when police attempted to talk to the man and calm him he ran to multiple marked police cars and tried to get inside. He also began banging on neighbors' doors.

Police continued to try to talk to the man and decided to take him for an emergency evaluation. The man refused to obey police orders and engaged officers in a physical struggle. Three officers suffered non-life-threatening injuries, and Boyd also sustained injuries. The officers called for medical assistance during the struggle.

Medical personnel arrived at about 3:30 a.m. The man was transported via BCoFD medic unit to a local hospital. Pursuant to standard procedures, an administrative investigation will be conducted by both the police and fire departments.

The county also released information from two 911 calls. These calls have not yet been released. The Baltimore County 911 Center received the first at 3:06:45 (it ends at 3:20:11) and Suspect Boyd is the caller. Police originally thought the girlfriend was the caller because the information passed on to police from the dispatcher said, "Female yelling on the phone." (The 911 calls themselves are not sent to police and fire personnel; a dispatcher provides information based on the 911 calls to first responders.)

The caller, assumed to be Boyd, is understandable at various moments, but the tape consists mostly of screaming from Boyd and the girlfriend and is difficult to understand. Boyd does not call for medical help. Based on this call, police were dispatched to a disturbance.

The second call comes at 3:25:49 and ends at 3:33:58. This is an open call that consists mostly of screaming and other noise. It is unclear who placed the call.

#### **Current crime trends**

Since Sept. 4, there have been three commercial burglaries along the Shipping Place corridor in the Dundalk Precinct. Front and side window glass was broken in all cases. Items taken include registers and money.

Since Aug. 13, there have been eight robberies of convenience stores countywide involving similar M.O. and suspect description. The suspects implied or displayed weapons and used physical force.

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A review of dispatch records has indicated the following timeline:

- \* Police are dispatched at 3:09 for a disturbance. \* Police unit arrives at 3:18.
- \* Police call for EMS at 3:28.
- \* EMS arrives at 3:33.
- \* EMS leaves scene w/ patient at 3:58.
- \* EMS arrives at hospital at 4:10.

#### **MSP SPIDRE** team records 2000th arrest

Multiple DUI enforcement initiatives across the state this weekend led to the arrests of more than 70 impaired drivers, including more than one dozen arrested by troopers with the full-time impaired driving enforcement team who marked their 2,000th arrest.

The State Police Impaired Driving Reduction Effort, or SPIDRE Team, a specialized unit of troopers who work high DUI areas, made 16 arrests for impaired during three nights of weekend patrol. Two SPIDRE Team troopers each made three DUI arrests Saturday night alone. Of those arrested who took the breath test, the average blood alcohol content registered was .14.

The SPIDRE Team was launched in May 2013. During their latest patrol, the team made their 2,000th impaired driving arrest since inception, ending the weekend with 2,004 total arrests. The SPIDRE Team is funded through a grant from the Maryland Department of Transportation Highway Safety Office.

Elsewhere in the state, troopers arrested 61 impaired drivers while conducting patrols and a variety of DUI enforcement initiatives, often working in coordination with local law enforcement. Five impaired drivers were arrested at a sobriety checkpoint near Joppa conducted by troopers and deputies from the Harford County Sheriff's Office. Troopers at the La Plata Barrack conducted a checkpoint with officers from the La Plata Police Department, as well as a saturation patrol. Other checkpoints or saturations patrols were conducted by troopers in Allegany, Worcester, Wicomico and Prince George's counties. Outstanding assistance is provided to troopers from State Highway Administration personnel, who assist with lighting, signs and traffic control at sobriety checkpoints.



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#### Pet oxygen masks deployed to county fire stations

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When in a situation like a house fire, oftentimes pets get left behind. Because of this, it's estimated that about 500,000 pets are injured are killed each year due to fires. Of those 500,000, 40,000 die of smoke inhalation and burns.

Now, thanks to a friendly donation, Baltimore County fire personnel will be able to help pets of all shapes and sizes.

Last week it was announced that Invisible Fence Baltimore would be donating equipment to each of the 58 fire stations in Baltimore County as part of the Project Breath Initiative.

According to Jeff Little, owner of Invisible Fence Baltimore, the masks are designed to fit the pet's muzzle and deliver vital oxygen. Each kit comes with 3 masks, in small, medium and large to accommodate pets of all types and sizes. The masks are specially designed to cover the pet's muzzle and will deliver needed oxygen in a fire emergency.

"They will go hide because they're most secure underneath the bed," said Little. "As humans we know to run away. We know where the exits are."

The cost of the donation is approximately \$3,500, but the effect will be enormous.

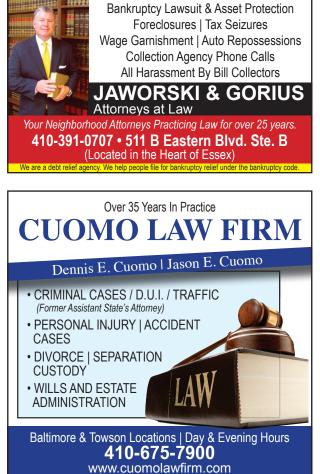
"We can actually ventilate the dog, if they'e not breathing well," said Lt. Amy Backhaus of the Baltimore County Fire Department. "We've actually saved a couple dogs and the families are extremely thankful and to have the right equipment to do it. It's going to be wonderful."

Baltimore County Fire Chief John J. Hohman said firefighters work to save animals whenever possible. According to county officials, fire fighters across the county have saved cats, dogs, horses, deer birds and rabbits.

"For many pet owners, cats, dogs and other animals are members of the family," Hohman said in a statement. "We know how important it is to rescue them when we can."

The fire department also cautioned against running back into a fire to save your pet. During a fire it's never smart to stay too long or go back in the house for a pet. Leave a door or window open and go. The oxygen mask kits will be deployed to every career and volunteer fire department across the county.

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POLITICIANS

#### **Support Question A,** the Charter Review Commission

- By Councilman David Marks (R-5) -

On the November ballot, voters will be asked to support a change to Baltimore County's charter that would create a charter review commission. The ballot measure is Ouestion A.

I was the principal sponsor of the legislation that authorized this to go before Baltimore County's voters. The bill passed unanimously, with support from every Democratic and Republican County Councilmember.

Should this change be approved by the voters, a Charter Review Commission would be created in the seventh year of each decade to look at the efficiency and operations of county government. The commission would have bipartisan representation.

Other jurisdictions have this mechanism as well. In Anne Arundel and Montgomery Counties, the commissions have broader responsibilities or meet on a more regular basis. But Baltimore County has not had a charter review in 25 years.

We live in difficult times. Taxpayers expect government to deliver services in a cost-effective manner. There is no harm in looking at our governing document periodically to make sure that our government is acting as efficiently and effectively as possible. Support Question A.

#### **District Six Veteran's Town Hall**

- by Delegate Ric Metzgar -

Delegate Ric Metzgar and the District Six Delegation will host the annual Veteran's Town Hall meeting on Thursday, Nov. 10 from 1 - 4 p.m. The event will take place at Ateaze Senior Center, located at 7401 Holabird Ave. in Dundalk. Representative from the Veteran's Administration will be present to discuss and answer questions regarding veteran's benefits, issues and programs. Refreshments will be provided. For registration, please RSVP with Diamond Aranda at 410-841-3332.

This town hall comes on the heels of Ric Metzgar's BGE town hall, which saw nearly 30 local residence

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SAMSON



My name is Pancake and I am a friendly, outgoing girl. I enjoy attention and can even be held for a bit...unfil I decide that I want to jump down to go exploring. I like looking out the window to bird watch or squirrel watch, whichever is out there and I also like lounging around in comfy cat beds. In my previous home I lived with a young child who adored me. I am hoping that someone out there will want to adopt me and bring me home with them soon.

PANCAKE

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#### Marks, NEAC to hold meeting on action to relieve school overcrowding

Councilman David Marks and the Northeast Area Educational Advisory Council will hold a community meeting to discuss next steps in getting relief for the overcrowded Perry Hall Middle School.

The meeting will also address the long-term goal of building a new northeastern high school.

The meeting will be held on Thursday, Oct. 6, at 6 p.m. in the Perry Hall High School cafeteria (4601 Ebenezer Road). The meeting will be postponed in the event of a cancellation of schools that day.

"During the 2016 rezoning cycle, our office initiated a historic downzoning of land to reduce development in the Perry Hall area," Councilman Marks commented. "Now is the time to step up our advocacy for solutions to overcrowding."

According to Baltimore County Public Schools, Perry Hall Middle School's enrollment is expected to climb to 2,048 students by 2024. Perry Hall High School's enrollment will jump to 2,498 students in 2024.

"If you care about this issue, we need parents to become engaged," commented Julie Henn, chair of the Northeast Area Educational Advisory Council.

For more information on issues like overcrowding, "like" the Facebook page, www.facebook.com/ NewNortheastSchools.

in attendence at the Edgemere Senior Center. Representatives from BGE discussed customers undergoing chemotherapy and special population billing, budget billing, smart meters and other topics.

Thomas C. Bean of Edgemere though the meeting was very informative and well worth attending. Janette L. Holmes commented, "I now know where and how to get the help I need. I am glad to talk to someone who could answer my questions."

Metzgar would like to thank the representatives from BGE who came and answered questions, the Edgemere Senior Center for hosting and providing refreshments and the residents who attended the meeting.

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#### **Keeping better track of** foreclosed properties

- by Delegate Bob Long -

Although the General Assembly session typical runs from January to April, I am still hard at work all year round. I testified in the Environment and Transportation committee as my bill HB 1286 that I introduced in the 2016 Legislative Session was discussed in the Housing and Real Property Subcommittee last week.

We have a problem with foreclosures here in the 6th District. When a property is foreclosed, it usually takes months before that property is noticed by the county and appropriate action does not immediately take place. As many of us know too well, these foreclosures usually result in vacant properties in our neighborhoods that provide high grass, run-down structures and sometimes unwanted guests.

My bill aimed to change the information that is required to be contained in the initial registration of a residential property in the Foreclosed Property Registry that would have included the county in which the property is located. This would also require the Department of Labor, Licensing, and Regulations to send an electronic copy of the initial registration of a residential property to the county officials so they can identify these properties before they become too much of a problem.

My goal was to get this important legislation passed in the 2017 session, but I am happy to report that members of the Housing and Real Property Subcommittee and DLLR decided to implement my changes into the current system.

#### **Post-Labor Day School**

- by Delegate Eric Bromwell -

On Aug. 31, Governor Hogan signed an Executive Order altering the start date of Maryland's public schools to after the Labor Day holiday, beginning with the 2017-2018 school year. The Executive Order allows for a waiver to the Maryland State Department of Education to be exempt from the post-Labor Day start date. The waiver must be submitted annually and be based on compelling justification.

Supporters of the later school start claim it is a positive change for the economy and for Maryland families. A 2013 economic impact study by the Bureau of Revenue Estimates documented that the later start could generate an additional \$74.3 million in economic activity. Included in that figure is \$3.7 million in new wages and \$7.7 million in additional state and local tax revenue. The longer summer break also gives families more time together. A nonpartisan task force to determine the later start's impact on education, including teachers, school board members, PTA members and chaired by the Maryland State Department of Education, concluded by a 12-3 vote that the post-Labor Day start inflicted no adverse effect on education.

During the past 2016 General Assembly session, I was the lead sponsor of HB 1349, which would have changed the start of Maryland's public schools to after Labor Day. That bill was defeated when the Senate voted down the cross-filed bill. While I obviously agree with the policy that Governor Hogan announced, I am left wondering if it is within the authority for the Governor to issue such an Order? Decisions like these have always been up to each local school system. Other questions remain, like what is considered criteria for applying for a waiver? I am no expert with regard to Executive Orders. But I do know a thing or two about the legislative process. Having said that, I hope my fears are unwarranted, and I hope that this drastic change in the school starting date goes off without a hitch. Either way I have a feeling that we will be taking a closer look at this.

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ENTERTAINMENT

# How the West was fun... and bloody!

#### - By Teddy Durgin -

The remake of "The Magnificent Seven" is not a magnificent movie. But it has some magnificent things going for it. It's one of those flicks that if you don't go in with sky-high expectations - come on, it's a remake of a remake - you're going to walk out entertained.

A lot has been written about this remake's non-traditional casting. But what is perhaps the most surprising thing about the film is how traditional a Western it is. There's a greedy, evil robber baron (Peter Sarsgaard) preying on a small mining town full of goodhearted, but mostly defenseless Christian folk. Despite the church being the center of town, there's, of course, a saloon a few doors down with whores on the top floor and smoking, drinking cowpokes on the bottom. There's a preacher and an undertaker and a schoolmarm. And there's a headstrong widow (Haley Bennett) eager to avenge the death of her noble hubby.

The widow, Emma, goes in search of gunfighters to help rid her town of Sarsgaard's Bart Bogue and his legion of cutthroats. She finds one in Sam Chisolm (Denzel Washington), a bounty hunter who's like an older, wiser, cooler Django Unchained... but with a tragic backstory all his own. He helps Emma assemble a team of Old West avengers who come to her aid for reasons of their own. There's the gambler, Josh Faraday (Chris Pratt), eager to win back his beloved horse from Sam; the former Confederate sharpshooter, Goodnight Robicheaux (Ethan Hawke), yearning for redemption for all he saw and did in the Civil War; Billy Rocks - see SEVEN on page 24 -





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- By Teddy Durgin -

One of my favorite filmmakers passed away last week. Curtis Hanson was forced to retire a few years back after having been diagnosed with Alzheimer's Disease. While most film historians will credit him with directing one undeniable masterpiece - 1997's "L.A. Confidential" what I will always admire about Hanson was his versatility. I often came out of a Curtis Hanson movie muttering the words, "Wow, THAT was directed by Curtis Hanson?!" Because "8 Mile" is as different from "Wonder Boys" as "Wonder Boys" is different from "The River Wild." Hanson was a guy who turned Eminem into a viable lead actor capable of carrying a major motion picture. Just a few years earlier, he had turned Meryl Streep - Streep! - into a believable action heroine. That's a pretty darn good director!

My first Curtis Hanson film was from my misbegotten, Gen X, cable TV days. It was 1983's "Losin' It," about four California high school students in the 1960s traveling to Tiajuana, Mexico, to



lose their virginities. The film was not a box office success. But it played on pay TV pretty much a half-dozen times a week for years in the mid-1980s. The film's main claim to fame? It was the movie Tom Cruise made right before he hit it big with "Risky Business." And it's actually a better flick than most people give it credit for despite the raunchy premise, with a keen eye for period detail and some genuinely laugh-out-loud moments.

A few years later, Hanson attempted a modern-day film noir called "The Bedroom Window." Filmed almost entirely in Baltimore, it was one of the first movies I ever saw that was shot on locations I had actually been to in my casual, everyday life. So, it really stood out. And its mystery was quite involving, centering on a guy (Steve Guttenberg) having an affair with a woman, who then lies that he was the witness to a crime that she actually saw. But she can't tell the police about it because it would expose her infidelity. But the lie gets the guy into trouble with the police, who come to



believe he's the prime suspect even though the victim is sure it was someone else. This is a really underrated 1987 thriller, and a lot of the credit has to go to Hanson's tight, atmospheric direction.

He brought that same level of craftsmanship to Rob Lowe's lurid "Bad Influence" three years later. And from there, he would go on to make two B-grade box office hits, "The Hand That Rocks the Cradle" and "The River Wild," before giving the world one of the best films of the last 20 years.

"L.A. Confidential" had the misfortune of being released the same year as the juggernaut "Titanic." Had it reached the screen one year earlier in 1996, I have to believe it would have topped "The

#### SEVEN

- continued from page 23 -(Byung-Hun Lee), the Chinese outlaw who's fond of bringing knives to gunfights; Vasquez (Manuel Garcia-Rulfo), the criminal on the run who agrees to help in exchange for Sam not collecting the bounty on him; Red Harvest (Martin Sensmeier), the Native American without a tribe; and Jack Horne, (Vincent D'Onofrio), the crazy trapper with his own sense of right and wrong.

What's magnificent? This team! Each audience member will have his or her favorite. It's pretty tricky to juggle this many principals, give them all back stories and memorable moments, and also make them jell as a team. I liked each of the characters, and then director Antoine Fugua and screenwriters Richard Wenk and Nic Pizzolatto wisely pair a few of them off to economize the storytelling -Goodnight and Billy Rocks are partners, Faraday and Vasquez are rivals, etc.

What's not so magnificent? The film's length. The climactic battle for the town goes on way too long and the amount of carnage by the end is actually quite shocking for a PG-13 film. There's so much English Patient" for Best Picture at the Oscars. And it almost certainly would have trumped "Shakespeare in Love" had it been released one year later in 1998, right? Right?! Nevertheless, Hanson directed Kim Basinger to a Best Supporting Actress award and he shared the Best Adapted Screenplay honor with Brian Helgeland. It's an exquisite film that, I believe, will stand the test of time.

Some directors have a run of great classic motion pictures within a five- or 10-year span. Steven Spielberg, circa 1975 to 1982. Francis Ford Coppola, 1972 to 1979. Stanley Kubrick, 1960 to 1971. Curtis Hanson had 1997.

It didn't exactly go downhill from there for the man. 2000's "Wonder Boys" starring Michael Douglas is one of the best films of that year, and "8 Mile" two years later was the only film of Hanson's that cleared \$100 million at the box office. I never got to interview Hanson back in my days covering press junkets in New York and L.A. But all of my colleagues who did always said he was one of the warmest, nicest and smartest filmmakers they ever sat down with.

Curtis Hanson was 71.

light humor and bouncy Old West thrills on display throughout the first two-thirds of the flick, that Fugua and Co. don't really prepare the audience for how bloody and bullet-riddled the last third of the film plays out to be. The director pretty much goes for a "Saving Private Ryan" climax in which the heroes try to hold a small town against incredible odds with hidden booby traps, an imperiled sniper perch, a coward who has to find his courage and so forth. It's pretty intense. But when all is said and done, you could actually make an argument that the townspeople would have been better off walking away with Bogue's low-ball offer for their land earlier.

But that's the risk you take with Westerns. The sunsets aren't always happy ones to ride off into. But, by the end of this one, when you hear Elmer Bernstein's classic "Magnificent Seven" theme play in Dolby Digital surround sound as the end credits flash, you definitely feel like you haven't been swindled. See this one on the big screen if you're gonna see it at all.

"The Magnificent Seven" is rated PG-13 for Western violence, historical smoking, some language and suggestive material.



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SCHOOL NOTEBOOK

#### Superintendent to be honored at Inaugural Ball

The National Coalition for Technology in Education and Training (NCTET) announced that Baltimore County Public Schools Superintendent Dr. S. Dallas Dance is one of five award winners who will be recognized at NCTET's ball to honor the inauguration of the nation's 45th president. The ball will be held on Jan. 20, 2017, at the Folger Shakespeare Library in Washington, DC.

Dance is one of four Community Builder Award winners along with The Honorable Sandra Day O'Connor, justice (retired), United States Supreme Court, and chairperson, iCivics; The Honorable Jessica Rosenworcel, commissioner, Federal Communications Commission; and Vince Bertram, executive director, Project Lead the Way. The NCTET Founders Award will be presented to David Byer, senior group manager, Worldwide Education Advocacy, Apple Inc.

Since 2001, NCTET has honored individuals from the public and private sectors for their outstanding contributions to the organization's mission of effectively integrating technology into teaching and learning. Prior honorees included the late Sen. Edward M. Kennedy (D-MA), George Lucas (Lucasfilms and Edutopia), Sen. Olympia Snowe (R-ME), Rep. George Miller (D-CA), and John Gage (director of the science office, Sun Microsystems).

Dr. Dance is being recognized for his leadership of the school system's S.T.A.T. (Students and Teachers Accessing Tomorrow) and Passport initiatives. S.T.A.T., a comprehensive and fundamental shift in teaching and learning, uses technology and other strategies to personalize learning. The Passport Program begins world language instruction at Grade 4 using software and conversational lessons to prepare students to graduate fluent in a second language.

"We cannot be more thrilled to honor these five incredible men and women for their efforts to leverage the latest technologies to support the success of all learners," said Ann Flynn, NCTET Board Chair and Director of Education Technology at the National School Boards Association. "Their efforts have made a lasting impact on teaching and learning, and we look forward to honoring them all at our upcoming Inaugural Ball in Washington, DC this coming January."

NCTET is a non-partisan, non-profit 501(c)(3) organization of education stakeholders that promotes and supports the effective use of technology to improve education and training in America by acting as a convener, catalyst, and resource for relevant and timely information. Based in Washington, DC, and founded in 1993, NCTET organizes policy briefings and issue forums and creates networking opportunities.





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#### Area students named National Merit semifinalists

Quinton T. Davidson of Eastern Tech and Olivia A. Banks of Perry Hall were two of 12 BCPS students named National Merit semifinalists last week.

"This achievement represents the hard work of these students and the quality of instruction and support they received from their teachers, families, and administrators," said BCPS Superintendent S. Dallas Dance. "We wish our semifinalists well as they compete for finalist ranking, and we look forward to following their post-graduate careers."

About 1.6 million juniors from more than 22,000 high schools applied for the 2017 National Merit Scholarship Program. The highest scoring entrants in each state create the national pool of 16,000 semifinalists, which represents less than 1 percent of high school seniors in the nation. Most semifinalists advance to the finalist level (based on their academic records, recommendations and SAT scores) and compete for 7,500 National Merit Scholarships.

#### **Dance answers questions on "Parent University Show"**

Parents have questions. And Superintendent Dr. S. Dallas Dance has answers.

On the September edition of "The Parent University Show," Superintendent Dance and show host Sue Hahn (coordinator of the BCPS Parent University) sat down with a group of parents and parent services coordinators for a free-flowing discussion.

Topics included were enrollment growth, grading and homework policies, personalized education, communication with families, student and teacher diversity, transportation, and the school calendar. Those asking questions represented Carney, Deer Park, Elmwood, Johnnycake, Padonia International, and Red House Run elementary schools, and White Oak School.

This was a first-ever parent forum on the show, and at the end of the 30-minute program, Dance suggested that additional forums be held throughout the school year.

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#### **BCPS** students advised to "Be Smart, Don't Start" for bullying prevention week

If only would-be bullies would hear and take to heart this year's theme for the school system's annual BCPS Bullying Prevention Week, life might be a little better for everyone: "Be Smart. Don't Start!"

The good advice/warning will be everywhere during this year's event, which is scheduled to run from Tuesday, Oct. 4, through Friday, Oct. 7. The four-day campaign will feature special activities each day, bullying prevention pledges for students to sign, and a day to flood social media with positive messages as a symbolic blow to cyberbullying.

"We all need to remind ourselves and each other that we're always better than bullying," says BCPS Superintendent Dr. S. Dallas Dance, whose Student Advisory Council joined with Baltimore County Student Councils several years ago to create Bullying Prevention Week. "Throughout this week, our students are reminding one another as well as the larger community to reject bullying by stopping it before it begins. All of us can be smart by opposing bullies and bullying everywhere from the start."

From Tuesday through Friday, students will be asked to wear the day's theme color and reflect on a value of the day. On Tuesday, Oct. 4, for example, students will wear green for equity and be invited to sign a bullying prevention pledge. Throughout the week, schools will participate in a variety of suggested activities or design activities of their own, many of them related to the theme of the day. Following Tuesday's green and equity, students will be encouraged to wear yellow for empathy on Wednesday and red for respect on Thursday. Activities may include encouraging students to meet new friends at lunch; participating in random acts of kindness; hosting guest speakers; and creating positive music videos. On other days, students will be invited to create apps or music videos, tell their personal stories about bullying or invite speakers to talk about the perils of bullying. Highlights from the week can be shared on Twitter using the hashtag #DontStart or sent to the BCPS Department of Communications.



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#### Please help a woman in need

About a year ago my boys and I befriended a homeless woman who has lived in her car at the local shopping center for as long as I can remember. Her story is sad and it breaks my heart every time I think about her. Her name is Ms. Mary. We pop in from time to time to buy her a meal or say hello, but it isn't changing her situation. We have watched her suffer through two brutally hot summers and a snow-filled winter, all from the front seat of her car. She is in poor health, has no family to lean on, no money for food, no bathroom - nothing. She is scared to go to a shelter because in the past she was robbed and beat up in one. Ms. Mary doesn't qualify for any substantial help for another two years. So her plan is to ride it out, literally, in her car until then.

Recently, my youngest son and I stopped by to see her after going to the bank. When we left I said to him that I wish we could do more. That's when he answered in the sweetest, most naïve way, "Just go back to the bank, Mommy, and get money to buy Ms. Mary a house." What an awesome answer from a 4-year-old, an answer that got me thinking, "Yeah, let's get her a house."

Ok, so I don't have enough money to get Ms. Mary a house or a place to live on my own. But I am blessed to have a lot of great family and friends that I know want to help make a difference, so I am leaning on you for support. I am asking for your help whether it be \$5 or \$500, to get Ms. Mary a place to live. There are local "dorm rooms" in the area she could rent for about \$500 a month, including utilities. I would also like to provide her with an additional \$500 a month for food and living expenses. My plan is to raise enough money to get her settled for the next two years until her benefits kick in and she can care for herself.

So what will that cost you ask? \$24,000. But I really think we could do it. You can also help by spreading the word. Wouldn't you feel good knowing that you had a part in changing someone's life?

Donating is easy. I set up a Go Fund Me page at <u>www.gofundme.com/2pfqwv65</u> that allows you to make safe, secure donations via credit or debit card.

Edmund Burke once said, "Nobody made a greater mistake than he who did nothing because he could only do a little."

There are a lot of people in the world that need help and I know it's easier to turn a blind eye than to face reality. But if you were in her spot would you want someone to turn their back on you? We can't save the world and help everyone, but we could dramatically change this woman's life, even save her life. So please, please, please help me. Help because you, too, want to make a difference in the world. Help because you need to make up for something rotten you have done lately. Help because you are my friend. Whatever the reason, just please help!

> Erin Sadler Middle River

#### **Regarding 72 New Homes on Merritt Boulevard**

I am asking our elected officials to avert the most serious effects of the environmental deterioration this group of homes will have on this community. I pray you do some research that will make a vital contribution to this once beautiful, self-sustaining community. I am sick of seeing gutters and streets full of soda bottles and other trash.

We already have more Section 8 than anywhere else. Families with two parents to raise responsible citizens, filled with love and respect, are why we had a beautiful community.

Just last week, we had a young man murdered on Center Place. And since, another murder has occurred.

We can only be great when the people we elect look after what's best for us - not them. Please protect some of the richness of our cultural heritage.

I am 89 and concerned about the young people who will never know the country I was raised in. I'm trying to plant seeds in a garden I may never get to see.

> Frances C. Martino Dundalk



#### Back River Restoration Committee, Inc.

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#### **Essex Day Still a Success** We would like to thank our venders

the new spot.

We also want to thank our local churches for being patient every year with the added activity and traffic. As we have every year, out of respect for our churches, we refrain from having music until 1 p.m.

Speaking of music, we would like everyone to know that Doug Lester has agreed to assume the position of entertainment and stage management for 2017. We think it's fair to say that everyone will be pleased with the results. We look forward to seeing everyone in 2017.

> Carol Karwacki Essex Day Midway Chair

#### A student's view of the new BCPS grading policy

I'm a seventh grade student at Deep Creek Middle School and I would like to share my opinion about the new Baltimore County homework policy.

and friends who shared Essex Day with

us. We experienced misfortune of the ride

company going out of business and failing

to advise those venues where they were

booked. At 6 a.m. on Sunday morning,

However, our festival chair, Joe

DiCara, and myself are already in the

process of acquiring a company for

Some questioned why the karaoke

stage was not at its regular location.

Since the karaoke director chose to separate

from the festival this year, our festival

co-chair, Ric Metzgar, assumed that

location for the Christian Stage. We were

advised that the people really enjoyed

our hands were tied.

next year.

Homework is no longer being graded. My opinion is that this policy is idiotic and bad for students.

First, homework helps reinforce what students learn in class. This gives kids more chances to learn and understand the concepts.

Second, homework lets parents see what kids are working on so they know their progress and struggles.

Third, unlike what some people think,

students should be able to complete homework in a reasonable amount of time that does not interfere with a students other activities.

All of these reasons explain why homework is good for a student and why it is beneficial to give it to them. I feel homework needs to be given to students, and it should continue to be graded which will show a student's effort and improvement.

> Collin Benner Esser

#### **Shout Out to Police**

between the communities and the police, I have found that people are the same no matter what job they do. Police are no different. They help everyone - it is

1100-block of Eastern Blvd. in Essex, needing medical help. At that time, 911 was called. Before police arrived, the man had already died.

and Officer Ledford, were the first to arrive. One of the officers started to

perform CPR and continued to work on the man until he brought the man back to life. The officer saw no race, color or creed, nor male or female. He just saw a life needing to be saved.

These are only two of many of our officers who put their own lives on the line every day, never knowing if they will be going home.

Because of the heroic efforts of police, this man is alive!

> Pat Rites Essex



In the midst of the mixed relationship

what they do! On Aug. 4 at 6 p.m., a man lay on the

Two police officers, Officer Deems

#### **BRRNA** Meeting

The Bird River Road Neighborhood Association (BRRNA) general meeting, originally scheduled for Tuesday, Sept. 27, has been rescheduled for Oct. 25 at 7 p.m. in the Our Lady Queen of Peace church hall, 10003 Bird River Road in Middle River. Our guest speaker will be Marsha Parham, executive director, Baltimore County Office of Housing. She will explain the Section 8 process.

#### **Blessing of the Animals**

Hiss United Methodist Church, 8700 Harford Road in Parkville, will hold its annual Blessing of the Animals on Sunday, Oct. 2, at 1 p.m. Please leash your pets. For more info., call 410-668-5665 or visit <u>www.hisschurch.org</u>.

#### **Quit Tobacco**

The Essex branch of the Baltimore County Public Library is hosting a free "Up in Smoke" quit smoking program on Monday, Oct. 3, from 6:30 - 7:30 p.m. Free nicotine patches, gum or lozenges will be part of the many options for people who want to quit smoking. To sign up, call Greta Brand at 410-399-2001 or visit bcpl.info and click on the "Events" tab.

#### **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.

#### **NPVCA Meeting**

The monthly meeting of the North Point Village Civic Association and election of its officers will be held on Thursday, Sept. 29, at 7 p.m. in the Battle Grove Elementary School cafeteria, 7828 St. Patricia Lane in Dundalk.

#### **Trump Rally and Picnic**

The East County Republican Club will hold a Trump rally and picnic with GOP leaders and candidates on Sun., Oct. 2, from 1 - 4 p.m. at Chesterwood Park Pavilion #1, 2200 Chesterwood Road in Dundalk. Food and drinks provided; guests are welcome to bring a covered dish and/or dessert. For more info. or to RSVP, call Steve Dishon 410-288-5433.

#### **Financial Aid Workshops**

Congressman C.A. Dutch Ruppersberger will host "College is Possible: Tips on How to Get in and How to Pay for It," at Sparrows Point High School, 7400 North Point Road in Edgemere, on Oct. 5 and at Overlea High School, 5401 Kenwood Ave. in Overlea, on Oct. 18, each from 7 -9 p.m. The workshops will feature financial aid and scholarship experts to help students and parents learn about ways to make the dream of going to college a reality. The event is free and open to all Second District residents.

For the full Community Calendar, visit <u>www.eastcountytimesonline.com</u>.



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#### **Rain Garden Workshop**

Rain Gardens are specially designed to reduce stormwater runoff and provide wildlife habitat for pollinators. The Gunpowder Valley Conservancy's "Clear Creeks Project" is looking for volunteers to participate in this hands-on learning experience, which includes planting a rain garden at a private residence in Middle River on Sat., Oct. 1, from 10 a.m. -1 p.m. Community service learning hours available. Register online at gunpowder valleyconservancy.org/volunteer or contact Amy Young at ayoung@gunpowder vc.org or 410-404-4748.

#### Voters Night Out

The East County Republican Club is sponsoring a Voters Night Out on Tuesday, Oct. 4, at 7 p.m. at Jad's Caddyshack, 137 Back River Neck Road in Essex. We will use paper ballot machines this year. Debbie Clark from the state Board of Elections will bring the new machine. Come out, learn and sample vote to prove that the new voting machines are accurate. For more info., contact Carlton Clendaniel at 443-415-5155 or Eastcountyrepublican club09@gmail.com.

#### **Free Mammograms**

Baltimore County Women's Cancer Protection is currently offering free mammograms to those who wish to be screened. Call 410-887-3432 to schedule an appointment or for more info.

#### **EMRCC** Meeting

COMMUNITY

The next general meeting of the Essex-Middle River Civic Council will be Wednesday, Oct. 5, at 7 p.m. in the Victory Villa Community Center, 404 Compass Road in Middle River. Guest speaker will be Baltimore County Council-woman Cathy Bevins. All are welcome.

#### **Community Day**

Rockaway Beach Volunteer Fire Company, 2212 Seneca Road in Essex, will hold its second annual Community Day on Saturday, Oct. 1, from noon to 4 p.m. Activities for children include obstacle course, bounce house, decorate a pumpkin, put out an imitation fire, balloons and more, all at no cost. Meet your local volunteer firefighters, see their accomplishments, dedication to you and tour the fire station. A brief ceremony celebrating the company's 70th anniversary will be held at 2 p.m.

#### **Open House**

St. Michael the Archangel School, 10 Willow Ave. in Overlea, will hold an open house on Thursday, Oct. 6, from 9 a.m. to noon for part-time and full-time Pre-K through 8th grade. Come meet our principal, parents and students, tour our science and computer labs, and learn about our before and after school care and enrichment programs. For more info., contact 410-668-8797 or csibiski@smoverlea.org, or visit www.stmichaelsoverlea.org.

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#### SPORTS

#### Parkville holds off Perry Hall for big upset

#### - by Patrick Taylor -

I've been on board the Darrius Sample hype train since it left the station after his debut against Kenwood last season. Sample, the stud quarterback of the Dundalk Owls, has been the most talked about quarterback in Baltimore County since last year - and for good reason. He propelled Dundalk to their first state final appearance last season. He makes plays not many can make, and he makes it look easy while he's doing it. But it's time to recognise another immense talent - Sidney White.

White plays quarterback for the Parkville Knights, and so far this season he's led them to a 2 - 1 record. I know, 2 - 1 isn't anything to go wild about, but their loss came against a very formidable Milford Mill team. It should also be noted that it was a tight game, finishing 21 - 18, and it showed that Parkville can hang with the best of them. Milford has already shown their mettle by beating Dundalk.

But if there was any doubt about Parkville's ability to hang with the big boys, they erased it on Saturday afternoon when they managed to take down the Perry Hall Gators by a score of 21 - 14.

There was a lot for Parkville to be excited about. Their defensive unit was strong throughout, with the defensive backs playing particularly strong against a Perry Hall team that has excelled working their way through the air so far this season. The front seven managed to wreak havoc from start to finish, constantly applying pressure on the Perry Hall quarterback and stuffing runs at the line of scrimmage. Special teams did their part, consistently holding Perry Hall to mediocre field position and even recovering a fumble.

But White deserves most of the accolades after his performance on Saturday, throwing two touchdowns and rushing for another as he led his team to a key victory.

There are a lot of similarities between White and Sample. They both stand at about the same height and have very similar builds. Both have the wheels to make something from nothing, though Sample is probably a tad bit faster so he gets the edge in speed. But when it comes to pocket presence, pure passing ability and minimizing mistakes, White has the edge.

Throughout Saturday's contest, White showed off his impressive arm and great vision. An offense built on options, White worked his way through the options repeatedly, often correctly reading the defense and finding the best possible outcome. It became abundantly clear that this kid's football IQ is through the roof. On multiple occasions when it looked like White was toast as the pocket collapsed around him, he managed to either roll outside and pick up yards on the ground or draw the defensive backs to him allowing receivers to get open behind the defense. His patience when stepping up in the pocket was just something you don't see too much in high school football. If you're a parent with a young child looking for a model of a perfect high school quarterback, look no further than White.

But enough of my gushing for now, let's take a look at the whole game.

Perry Hall kicked off the scoring early in the first quarter, taking less than two minutes to get down the field. Donte Cloude Jr. caught the first pass of the day for the Gators, picking up about 15 yards on a quick toss to the outside. Just two plays later, Cloude would get another quick screen to the outside on an option that had the Parkville defense fooled. Cloude took the ball about 40 yards down the right sideline and into the endzone to give Perry Hall the early lead.

It looked like the Gators might be able to run away with it after Parkville's first drive ended in a White fumble that was recovered by Cloude. But on the first play of Perry Hall's ensuing possession, an errant throw found its way into the hands of a waiting Parkville safety at their own 10.

White took the first snap of the drive and kept it himself, picking up about 10 on the play. He followed that up with an 80-yard touchdown to a receiver who made the most of a great slant route.

With the score tied at seven apiece, Perry Hall started its next drive from their 40. The drive took time as the Gators worked their way down the field biting off chunks of four and five yards at a time. A roughing the passer penalty gave the Gators 15 extra yards



Parkville's Sidney White (under center) prepares to take the snap before rushing it in from the goal line. White threw for two touchdowns and rushed for one on the day.

and pushed them into the redzone, giving Perry Hall a solid chance to take the lead. But again, the Gators' offense didn't account for safety help, and what should have been a drive that ended in points for Perry Hall ended in an interception.

On Parkville's next drive, they began to start moving the chains at will with White hooking up repeatedly with utility man Vernon Miller. Miller is a speedy running back with great hands, making him a nightmare matchup for linebackers. While Miller's speed will get the most notice, he's also surprisingly powerful. On one play in particular, Miller grabbed a quick pass and took it down the sideline before getting absolutely walloped. Miller absorbed the hit, stayed on his feet and managed to fight for a few extra yards.

A pass interference call brought the Knights to the edge of the redzone. White found Miller who picked up nine yards and took it inside the 10. Miller got a quick pitch on the next play and it looked as though he might take it in, but Cloude took a great angle on the play and stuffed Miller at the two. White followed that up by punching it in himself. The extra point gave Parkville a 14 - 7 lead.

Cloude fumbled on the ensuing kickoff, giving Parkville an opportunity to extend the lead, but that opportunity fell short and the Knights turned the ball over on downs. Parkville would get one more opportunity to extend the lead before the half but were kept out of the endzone by some stout defending by Perry Hall. The Knights should have had the opportunity to add three points from a field goal, but some shoddy time keeping saw the final few seconds unjustly run off the clock.

The second half was more of a defensive stalemate, with both teams trading blows but unable to get much going after the break. Parkville extended its lead with White throwing for his second touchdown of the game, this one coming from about 20 yards out. The Gators would put one more touchdown on the board, but it was too late for them.

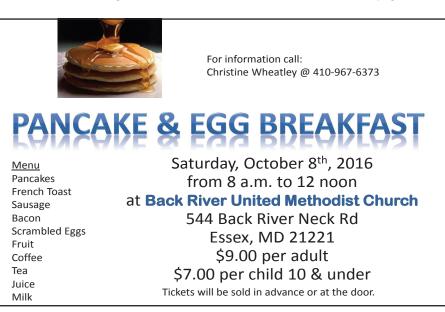
While Perry Hall certainly struggled, there were some very bright spots in the game. Their front seven was very destructive, managing to force White out of the pocket and causing a few turnovers. But as a whole unit, the defense just wasn't on the same page. It was the same for the offense, and when both sides aren't clicking, you're going to have a bad game.

Parkville and Perry Hall now sit with 2 - 1 records, but the Knights have the easier remaining schedule. Both teams still have to take on Dundalk, but Perry Hall also has a very tough opponent in Midlford Mill, whereas the second toughest remaining game for Parkville is against Kenwood, which should result in a win for the Knights. Perry Hall will host Catonsville at 7 p.m. on Sept. 30 while Parkville will host Dulaney on Oct. 1 at 2 p.m.

#### Around the league

Eastern Tech finally found their footing after starting the season off with a three straight losses where their offense was absolutely stagnant, Tech finally got things rolling - and in a big way. The Mavericks wiped the floor with Loch Raven, winning by a score - see FOOTBALL on page 29 -





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#### FOOTBALL

- continued from page 28 of 41 - 0. The Mavericks scored through the air and on the ground, working their way downfield at will. After putting up zeroes in two straight games, the

41 point output has to have them feeling good. Besides the offensive output, the fact that the defense pitched a shutout after getting stomped by Middletown should bring a lot of relief to Tech. The Mavericks will see if they can keep the strong play going when they take on Randallstown at CCBC Essex on Sept. 30 at 7 p.m.

The Dundalk Owls won the Battle of Dundalk last week, beating the Patapsco Patriots by a score of 34 - 0. The win puts the Owls at 3 - 1 on the year. Isaiah Antol ran hard for the Owls all day long, chewing up large chunks of yardage at a time when running the ball. But where Antol really excelled was in protection, allowing Sample to air out a few touchdowns on the day. If Antol isn't the most versatile player in the county, he's certainly in the conversation.

For Patapsco, the loss puts them at 1 - 2 on the season, They haven't found a way to get consistent output on either side of the ball, so they'll be hoping to establish themselves and find some footing over the next few games. The only issue is their next two come against Milford Mill and Parkville. It would be a miracle if Patapsco could pull off an upset in either game, but stranger things have happened.

Patapsco will travel to Milford Mill for a 2 p.m. game on Oct. 1 while Dundalk will host Towson at 7 p.m. on Sept. 30.

Overlea rebounded from their blowout loss against Bel Air with a solid victory over a surprisingly decent Chesapeake team. Chesapeake's defense stifled Overlea at times, but Overlea's power on the ground was enough to edge out the Bayhawks by a score of 20 - 8. Overlea will have a tough contest next week when they travel to Sparrows Point for a 6 p.m. game on Sept. 30.

Chesapeake has now lost two on the trot after opening the season with two impressive victories. The loss against Overlea, while somewhat expected, cost Chesapeake the chance to legitimize their claim as a strong team. The Bayhawks will be away at New Town this weekend for a 1 p.m. game on Oct. 1.



Elsewhere in Essex, Kenwood just can't seem to catch a break. After taking Perry Hall down to the wire, I thought Kenwood was ready to bounce back and show that they're a team that can dash a team's hopes. I didn't think they were a playoff team, but after their lackluster start to the season I don't even know if they'll be able to play spoiler.

The Bluebirds were in perfect position to show the Perry Hall game wasn't a fluke when they took on Dulaney over the weekend, but they weren't able to get anything even resembling cohesive defensive play going. Dulaney managed to beat them in every aspect of the game, walking away with a 41 - 14 win.

The 14 points from the offense isn't so bad. That can be worked with, especially since they put up 22 on Perry Hall. But if Kenwood wants to pull out a few wins this season, they'll need to put in some serious work on the defensive side of the ball.

Sparrows Point fell to Western Tech on Saturday afternoon in a close one, losing 38 - 30. This game was the epitome of a back-and-forth affair, with both teams trading yards and points on essentially every drive. The Pointers now sit at 1 - 3 on the year, but it's a deceptive record. They took a few games to get gelling after getting beaten up by New Town and Randallstown to start the season. Their lone win came against a relatively poor Loch Raven squad, but the shootout on Saturday shows that they have the offensive capability to keep up. The defensive side is another story altogether, but if you can put up points in high school ball there's always a decent chance you'll win.

After four weeks things are starting to take shape around the league. While no team has positioned themselves ahead of the rest, Dundalk, Parkville, Perry Hall and Overlea all look like they could be contenders. They each have their issues, but they have plenty of strengths to get by. Sparrows Point and Chesapeake are looking like they could cause some headaches for teams, while Eastern Tech is showing some potential, though they'll need more than one game to prove they're serious. And at the bottom, it just doesn't look good for Kenwood and Patapsco. They'll be fighting an uphill battle all season long by the looks of it.



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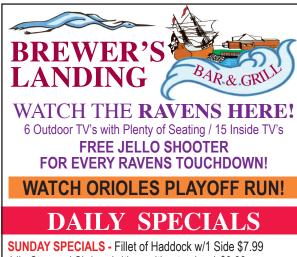
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#### Karaoke

Essex American Legion Post 148, 20 S. Marlyn Ave. in Essex, will host Karaoke with Lightning Ron on Friday, Sept. 30 from 8 p.m. to midnight; P&J Karaoke on Saturday, Oct. 1, from 8 p.m. to midnight; and Fun Time Karaoke with Annette and Wild Bill on Sunday, Oct. 2, from 4 to 8 p.m. Call the post at 410-686-2353 for kitchen availability, menu and specials.

#### **Zumba Fitness**

Zumba classes through the Middle River Recreation Council will be held on Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 7 - 8 p.m. in the Glenmar Elementary School cafeteria, 9700 Community Drive in Middle River. Bring a bottle of water and a towel. Open to everyone age 13 and up. Cost is \$60 for 12 classes (two per week) or \$6 per drop-in class). Contact Monique Thomas at moniquethomas26@gmail.com.



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#### **Craft Fair**

Orems United Methodist Church, 1020 Orems Road in Middle River, will hold a craft fair on Saturday, Oct. 1, from 8 a.m. - 2 p.m. Local crafters will sell Halloween and Christmas items, jewelry, artwork, handmade cloth items (bags, scarves, blankets, etc.), blown glass, doll clothing, needlework, etc. Pit beef and ham, hotdogs, BBQ, drinks and desserts will be sold. A \$1 fee or a canned good for the church food pantry will be collected from shoppers (under age 10 free). Free giveaways throughout the day. For more info., call the church at 410-687-9483.

#### **Fall Fest Party**

The Wells McComas VFW Post 2678, 6521 North Point Road in Edgemere, will hold a Fall Fest party on Saturday, Oct. 1. Music by DJ Elvis John from 7 - 11 p.m. Beer, soda, chips, pretzels; BYO food for your table if you like. Tickets are \$10. For tickets or information, call Paul Olivares at 443-564-8086.

#### **Quarter Auction**

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

#### **Middle River Wrestling**

Registration for Middle River Rec. Council's 58th wrestling season (boys ages 6 - 15) will be held Oct. 3 and 10 from 6:30 - 8 p.m. in the Victory Villa Community Center, 404 Compass Road in Middle River. Cost is \$80 for individuals or \$130 per family. Register online and find more information at <u>www. middleriverrec.com</u>.

#### Karaoke

Dundalk American Legion Post 38, 3300 Dundalk Ave., will host Fun Time Karaoke with Annette and Wild Bill on Friday, Sept. 30, from 8:00 pm to midnight. Call the post, 410-288-2297, with any questions.

#### **Designer Purse Bingo**

FOP Lodge 34, 730 Wampler Road in Middle River, will hold a designer purse bingo on Friday, Sept. 30, beginning at 7 p.m. Doors open at 6 p.m. Benefits FOP Widows & Orphans Fund and AAU Girls Basketball. For tickets, visit the FOP Lounge Thursday - Saturday from 6 - 10 p.m., on Facebook at fop34events or call 410-982-1673.

#### **SHM 90th Anniversary**

Sacred Heart of Mary will conclude its 90th anniversary year with a mass of thanksgiving celebrated by Rev. William E. Lori, Archbishop of Baltimore, on Oct. 23, at 10:30 a.m. Following the mass from 1 - 5 p.m. there will be an anniversary banquet in the lower church hall with music performed by TKO. All parishioners, former parishioners and legacy families are welcome to attend. Tickets are \$35 per person and may be purchased after each mass or by calling the parish office at 410-633-2828 until Oct. 16.

#### **Fall Festival**

Eastern Technical High School, 1100 Mace Ave. in Essex, will hold a fall festival to raise funds for a greenhouse on Saturday, Oct. 8, from 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. Food and drinks for sale, sand art, photo booth, dunk tank, pumpkin painting, face painting, a book swap, carnival-style games, a blood pressure check and more. The PTSA will be selling mums. Many craft vendors on site. Also visits from Baltimore County Police Outreach, and the county Bar Association will offer a pro bono legal clinic. The event will be held rain or shine. Bring friends and family.

#### **Craft Vendors Needed**

Craft vendors are needed for Orems United Methodist Church's Craft Fair to be held at 1020 Orems Road in Middle River on Oct. 1, from 8 a.m. - 2 p.m. One table \$30, each additional table \$25. All checks and registration forms due by Sept. 23. For more information, call 410-687-9483.

#### **Fall Luncheon Bingo**

The Ladies of the Essex Elks will hold a luncheon bingo at 1007 E. Homberg Ave. in Essex on Saturday, Oct. 8. Doors open at 10 a.m., lunch served at 11 a.m. and bingo starts at noon. Cost is \$7 for lunch and one free bingo card. Package deals are \$5. For more information, call Millie at 410-285-1009.

#### **Bull & Oyster Roast**

On Saturday, Oct. 8, Retirees United Local 9477 will hold its annual bull and oyster roast at the UAW Hall, 1010 S. Oldham Street in Baltimore, from 1 - 5 p.m. Tickets are \$35 per person; tables available. For ticket info., call Don Kellner at 410-227-8462.

#### **Quarter Auction**

Victory Villa Senior Center, 403 Compass Road in Middle River, will host a quarter auction on Saturday, Oct. 1, at 7 p.m. Doors open at 6 p.m. Tickets are \$5 - includes two paddles. Extra paddles for \$2 each. Food and drink available for purchase. To reserve seats, call Sharon at 410-344-9039.



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#### Karaoke Contest Winner



Matthew W., pictured with his music teacher Ms. Michaels, garnered the most votes to win the Kiddie Karaoke Stars contest at Essex Day, sponsored by The Heritage Society of Essex and Middle River Inc., State Farm agent Doug Kottaroba and Cliff's HiTech and Direct Effect. Matthew's school, Oliver Beach Elementary in Middle River, received \$150 from the event for its music program.

#### **Quarter Auction**

Ravens Roost 71 will hold a quarter auction at Chuga-Mug Sports Bar, 121 Earls Road in Middle River, on Friday, Sept. 30, at 7 p.m. to benefit the Roost's charity fund for the holidays. Doors open at 6 p.m. Tickets are \$5 - includes two paddles. Limited tickets available. For tickets, call Debbie at 410-679-6130.

#### **Bull & Oyster Roast**

The Ladies Ancient Order of Hibernians is sponsoring Ah Shucks & Shamrocks, a bull, oyster and shrimp roast on Saturday, Oct. 15, at Rosedale Gardens. Cost \$45 before Oct. 1, \$50 after. Beer and wine included. Music by "The Irish DJ". Call Pat Zaccari for information and tickets at 410-592-6338. Sponsored by the Ladies Ancient Order of Hibernians.

#### **Family Crisis Center Fundraiser**

Sylvester's Saloon, 7326 Golden Ring Road in Essex, will hold a fundraiser on Saturday, Dec. 17, from 3-8 p.m., to benefit the Baltimore County Family Crisis Center. Help us to bless others as they put their lives back together. Check your cabinets, pantries and coupons; every little bit helps. As the event draws closer, we will be able to provide a Christmas wish list. Admission is a gift or items from the wish list.

#### Hall Closet

The Hall Closet thrift shop at Orems United Methodist Church, 1020 Orems Road in Middle River, will be open Saturday, Oct. 8, from 8:30 a.m. to noon. Reasonably priced collectibles, adult and children clothing, toys, books, jewelry, housewares and bedding. For information, call 410-687-9483.

#### **Fall Festival**

St. Matthew United Methodist Church, 101 Avon Beach Road in Turner Station, will hold its Children's Sabbath Fall Festival from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 8. The rain date is Saturday, Oct. 15. All festivities will take place on Main Street between Avon Beach and Sollers Point roads. Activities include games, bounce houses, prizes, vendors and refreshments. Tickets for food and activities are five for \$1. For more information, call the church office, 410-285-4466.

#### Patapsco Class of '72

Patapsco Class of 1972: We are looking for classmates for our 45-year reunion set for fall of 2017. If you are not in touch via Facebook or Classmates. com, please email pspittel@verizon.net or call Pam (Bukowski) Spittel, 443-768-3210, to provide contact information.

#### **Atlantic City Trip**

The Annunciation Road Runners will hold an overnight trip to Atlantic City on Nov. 6 - 7 with a stop at Delaware Park on the way. Lodging at the Tropicana Casino. Cost is \$128. For incentive and promotion information, call Joan at 410-866-4577.

#### **Senior Box Office**

Senior Box Office (SBO) offers complimentary and discounted tickets to members (age 60 and older) for cultural, educational and entertainment events as well as exciting travel opportunities. The 2016-2017 membership year runs Oct. 1 through Sept. 30, 2017. Annual membership dues are \$30 per household with brochures delivered by email or \$38 per household with printed brochures delivered by regular mail. More information and membership applications are available on the SBO website at <u>www.seniorbox office.org</u>, by calling 410-887-5399 or emailing sbo@ seniorboxoffice.org.

#### **Bingo**

American Legion Post 130, 8666 Silver Lake Drive in Perry Hall, will host bingo every Thursday beginning promptly at 7 p.m. Lite fare dinner available from 5:30 p.m. For more info., call 410-870-0625.



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#### **Overlea Class of '66**

The Overlea High School class of 1966 will celebrate its 50-year reunion on Saturday, Oct. 22, from 1 - 5 p.m. at the Bowleys Quarters Volunteer Fire Company banquet hall, 900 Bowleys Quarters Road in Middle River. Tickets are \$50 - includes buffet dinner, beer, wine, soda, dessert, music, photo booth and photographer for memory book. To purchase tickets, visit <u>www.ReunionDB.com</u> (not sold at the door). To pay by check, email pam1029@verizon.net. For more information, contact Tom Chryst at 443-299-6217 or OverleaHS1966@gmail.com.

#### **Soup Kitchen**

St. Peter Evangelical Lutheran Church, 7834 Eastern Ave. across from Eastpoint Mall, operates its community soup kitchen on the last Saturday of every month from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. For more info., call 410-288-0537.

#### **Spaghetti Dinner/Plant Sale**

Zion United Church of Christ, 7146 Golden Ring Road, will hold a spaghetti dinner and fall plant sale from 4 to 7 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 8, in the fellowship hall. Tickets cost \$10 in advance and \$12 at the door. Tickets for children ages 3-10 cost \$5. For more information, call 410-687-3576 or the church office, 410-687-0980.



SPOTLIGHT

#### Middle River Rotary Club has fall yard sale



On Sept. 17, the Middle River Rotary Club held a fall yard sale with all the proceeds going to local charities such as books for kids at Franklin Square Hospital, Community College of Baltimore County scholarships and help for needy families during the holidays.

The club meets on Monday nights at Jad's restaurant in Essex at 5:30 p.m. Guests are always welcome and first-time guests eat free.

Pictured above are Arlene Smith, Karmen Slezak, Megan Leffner, Kali Mallik, Emil Schott, Pam Arnett and Mark Humphrey.

#### Scrapbooking Fundraiser

Hiss United Methodist Church, 8700 Harford Road in Parkville, will hold scrapbooking fundraisers on Friday, Oct. 28, from 6 - 10 p.m. and Saturday, Oct. 29, from 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. Cost is \$5 for Friday only, \$25 for Saturday only or \$30 for both days.

#### Women's Firearm Safety Course

The Well Armed Woman Anne Arundel County Chapter holds meetings at Freestate Gun Range, 11500 Crossroads Circle in Middle River, on the second Sunday of every month starting at 2 p.m. Women can learn firearm safety techniques and self-protection. For info., contact Terry DeGraw at 443-676-0548.

#### Alaskan Cruise

Alaskan 10-day land and sea cruise in July 2017. Contact Anthony at 443-801-5678 for more info.



#### **HLLG Luncheon**

The Henrietta Lacks Legacy Group will hold its annual luncheon on Friday, Sept. 30, from 1 - 2:30 p.m. at the Fleming Senior Center, 641 Main St. in Dundalk. The keynote speaker is Dr. Roland A. Pattillo, who successfully developed a vaccine for Human Papilloma Virus (HPV), which prevents cervical cancer. Honorees are Mrs. Muriel Christian Grey and Mr. Thomas "Tidy" Bagley. For ticket info., contact Arkia Wade-Gowins at 904-614-3238.

#### **Vendors Wanted**

Piney Grove United Methodist Church, 201 Bowleys Quarters Road in Middle River, will hold their annual holiday bazaar on Saturday, Nov. 5, from 9 a.m. - 2 p.m., featuring craft vendors, homemade baked goods, hot dogs and homemade soups. Spaces are \$15, or \$20 with a table. Call Juanita at 443-231-5132 to reserve.

#### **Lighted Living Rosary**

Our Lady of Fatima Church, 6420 Pratt St. in East Baltimore, will hold its Lighted Living Rosary and pot luck dinner at 7 p.m. Friday, Oct. 7. Bring a covered dish to share. The council will provide paper goods and dinner ware. For more information, call Jim Bocklage, 410-285-8162.

#### Winter Cheerleading

Registration for 2016 - 17 Middle River Extended Elite Winter Cheerleading (girls ages 5 - 12) will be held on Oct. 27 from 6:30 - 8 p.m. at Middle River Middle School, 800 Middle River Road; Nov. 21 from 5 - 7 p.m. at Ledo's Pizza, 5350 Campbell Blvd. in Nottingham; and Nov. 19 from 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. at the Victory Villa Community Center, 404 Compass Road in Middle River. Registration fee is \$125 per participant. For more information, contact Veronica at 443-977-1274 or brnblume@yahoo.com.

#### **Halloween Bash**

The Dundalk American Legion Post 38, 3300 Dundalk Ave., will hold a Halloween Bash on Saturday, Oct. 29, from 8 p.m. to midnight to benefit children and youth programs. Music by DJ Elvis John, costume contest with prizes, beer, soda and set-ups. BYOB and snacks. No minors. Tickets \$10. Contact Nancy at 410-282-2505.



#### **Fried Chicken Dinner**

Cowenton United Methodist Church, 10838 Red Lion Road, will hold a fried chicken dinner from 4 to 7 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 1. Tickets cost \$12. Organizers recommend buying tickets in advance. The menu includes fried chicken, mashed potatoes and gravy, green beans, dinner rolls, drinks and dessert. Call 443-506-7776 to order tickets.

#### **BCSG** Anniversary Bull Roast

The Baltimore Cancer Support Group will hold their 26th annual fundraiser bull roast and Halloween bash on Saturday, Oct. 22, from 7 p.m. to midnight at Columbus Gardens, 4301 Klosterman Ave. in Nottingham. Wheels, door prizes, silent auction, raffle, music by Jail House Rockers. Tickets: \$50 (\$25 tax deduction). Contact Geri Booker at 410-671-6828 or visit www.baltimorecancersupportgroup.org.

#### **Crafters Needed**

Craft vendors are needed for the third annual Car and Craft Show at Our Lady Queen of Peace, 10001 Bird River Road in Middle River, on Saturday, Oct. 22, from 9 a.m. - 2 p.m. Hand-crafted items only; no flea market or retail items. Cost is \$10 per table. All crafters will be indoors. For more information, or to register, contact Carol at 410-686-3085, ext. 102 or cpetrecca@olqpmd.org.

#### Karaoke

Essex Hollyneck American legion Post 148. 206 Riverside Road, will host P&J Karaoke at 8 p.m. Friday, Sept. 30. The kitchen will be open until 9:30 p.m.

#### Middle River Basketball

Registration for 2016 Middle River youth basketball will be held Sunday, Nov. 6, from 5 - 7 p.m. at the Victory Villa Community Center, 404 Compass Road in Middle River. Cost is \$60 for Co-ed In-House, Clinic Fundamentals and 7 and Under, or \$130 for Boys Travel League, 8 and Under, 10 and Under and 12 and Under. Online registration and more information at <u>www.middleriverrec.com</u>.

#### Williamsburg Bus Trip

Saturday, Oct. 15; includes shopping at outlets, pottery factory, Yankee Candle and dinner at Captain George's Seafood. Contact Anthony at 443-801-5678 for more information.

#### **Longwood Gardens Bus Trip**

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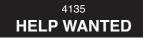
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MODELS - MENSWEAR, Must have good build. \$30 per hour. Call 410-719-6246

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