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Bowleys Quarters Santa goes from 'bah, humbug' to 'ho, ho, ho'



- Article & photos by Marge Neal -

Boyd Crouse has come a long way since he was known as the Grinch of Christmas.

The Bowleys Quarters man was a self-described "bah, humbug" sort of guy when it came to celebrating Christmas. He just quietly went along for the ride while his wife, Kathi, went all out in decorating and preparing for the holiday.

"I guess we had to have one sane person in the house because I was so nuts about Christmas," Kathi said with a laugh.

But Boyd's life mission changed considerably in 2000. He was pressed into service as Santa Claus when the now-

closed Sacred Heart of Mary School in Dundalk needed a stand-in for the big guy during a holiday bazaar. The red suit must have suited him, because he made a couple of other appearances that same year, and he and Kathi quietly assumed the roles of Mr. and Mrs. Santa Claus over subsequent years.

Now Boyd is known as Santa to his neighbors, kids he sees in stores and even people he meets on vacation, thanks to the white beard he sports year-round.

"One year, we went to Aruba and we were on this party bus," Boyd recalled. "At one point, we were sitting around with some college guys we had met, when

all of a sudden one of them said, 'I'm having a drink with Santa Claus.'"

Boyd starts letting his beard grow in early summer in anticipation of the Christmas season, during which he and the missus visit with about 1,000 children in private and public gatherings.

The couple starts making appearances as the benevolent toy-givers the weekend after Thanksgiving and continue right up to Christmas Eve, when they entertain at a private family party.

"Everything we do is volunteer," Boyd said. "This is our way of giving back to the community."

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County's Sixth District a target for Republicans in 2018

- By Devin Crum -

A little over a month ago, on Nov. 3, Sixth District County Councilwoman Cathy Bevins held a campaign fundraiser in White Marsh in preparation for her reelection campaign over the next two years.

And being just five days before the end of one of the most contentious and polarizing election seasons in recent memory, some may have been surprised to see so many people of mixed political allegiances coming together in the same room to support the second-term Democrat.

Bevins' fundraiser showcased support from Democrats all over and well outside of her council district, and many others who do not identify as Democrats, either remaining politically neutral or whose sentiments lie on the opposite end of the spectrum from her own.

But Republicans see the district as Republicanizing, making Bevins vulnerable, and are salivating at the possibility of a GOP majority on the Baltimore County Council if they can unseat her in 2018.

Citing recent voting patterns in the Sixth District and in eastern Baltimore County in general, the Maryland Republican Party plans to concentrate efforts on winning the last Democrat-held council seat on the east side, as well as taking the county executive's office, according to MDGOP Executive Director Joe Cluster.

"If we can win that seat it would give the Republicans control of the council," he said, adding that "unlike last time," he believes Republicans will also have a strong candidate for county executive in 2018.

Cluster opined that the other three Republican-held seats on the council will remain in their hands over the next election, with Fifth District Councilman David Marks (Perry Hall) and Seventh District Councilman Todd Crandell (Dundalk) enjoying high levels of public support in their districts.

The Third District (North County) may see a new councilperson since sitting Councilman Wade Kach "probably" will not run again, Cluster said. "But that's the most Republican district there is in the county."

While there was no word yet on who might run against Bevins, a source within the party who asked not to be named noted that the councilwoman has campaigned significantly for Democratic candidates for President, U.S. Senate and U.S. House of Representatives, and she supported Anthony Brown for governor in 2014.

Her constituents, however, have largely voted against

such candidates, particularly for executive offices, according to state voting records.

Going back to 2010 when Bevins was first elected, 55.7 percent of District 6 voters chose Republican gubernatorial candidate Bob Ehrlich over Democratic incumbent Martin O'Malley, giving Ehrlich about 4,500 more votes than the Democrat in that district.

Likewise, voters in District 6 decisively chose Republican county executive candidate Joe Bartenfelder that year by a 3,400-vote margin, sending him away with 55.4 percent of the district's vote.

District 6 overall chose the Democratic candidates for U.S. Senator, U.S. Congress and State Senate by slim margins in 2010, but the House of Delegates seats representing the district more often went to Republicans.

It is worth noting, though, that the Republican candidate for State Senate in the Seventh Legislative District got more votes from county District 6 voters than any Democratic candidate in their respective races that year, and the Seventh District is represented entirely by Republicans.

Bevins only narrowly won her own election with 50.4 percent of the vote, only edging out her Republican opponent by 300 votes, or one percentage point.

The following election two years later saw Democratic candidates enjoy wider margins of support in the district over their Republican counterparts.

But while voters in the county's Sixth District chose Democrats more often than Republicans in 2012, Democrats did not receive majorities in the races for President and U.S. Senate, taking home only 49.8 and 43.8 percent of the vote, respectively.

Just over 1,000 votes separated the District 6 totals for President Barack Obama and Republican challenger Mitt Romney.

Interestingly, the unaffiliated candidate for U.S. Senate that year received about 200 more votes than the Republican in the district. The combined totals from that candidate and the Republican could have easily topped the Democrat's.

The Sixth District was kinder to the GOP in the 2014 election, which saw Republican Larry Hogan overtake heavy Democratic favorite Anthony Brown for governor. Several other Republican candidates also rode a wave of conservative sentiment to victory across Baltimore County's east side and the state that year.

In District 6 specifically, despite Bevins throwing her support behind Brown, 66.4 percent of her constituents voted the other way, choosing Hogan by more than 10,000 votes.

And while they tended to prefer Congressman Dutch Ruppersberger (D-2) over his Republican challenger, residents of the jurisdiction living in congressional districts 1 and 3 chose the Republican more often.

Sixth District voters overall picked Democrats for State Senate and Republicans for House of Delegates by similar margins as they had in 2010.

But in the local races they changed their tune from four years prior. Democrat Kevin Kamenetz took home a thin majority - 51.4 percent - of Sixth District votes cast for county executive. And Bevins herself defeated her Republican challenger by 12 more percentage points than she had previously, earning an extra 6 percent of the vote.

Seeking to build on the wave of conservative sentiment from 2014, though, and take advantage of Gov. Hogan's high popularity, Republicans eagerly awaited the release of this year's election results, according to Cluster, to see how Baltimore County and Sixth District residents had voted.

Councilwoman Bevins again supported the Democratic candidate, Hillary Clinton, for president. And she was the sponsor of a controversial County Council bill to allow an outlet mall in White Marsh which was the subject of a referendum, appearing on the ballot as Question K. So Republicans sought the results of those votes in particular, Cluster said.

The difference in the 2016 Presidential race was razor thin in District 6, being separated by only 342 votes across the district. But unlike in 2012, the Republican, Donald Trump, held the higher vote percentage.

Trump actually took a nearly identical percentage of the vote as Romney did in 2012. It was Clinton who simply had the lower turnout.

The race for U.S. Senate was also close among Sixth District voters, separated by just 443 votes. Democrat Chris Van Hollen took in a similar percentage to the Democratic candidate in the Senate race four years prior, maintaining a lead over Republican Kathy Szeliga.

But Szeliga managed to secure a haul 20 percentage points higher than the Republican in 2012.

As for Question K, party members had surmised it passed county-wide without much support in District 6 where it would actually have the greatest effect.

Additionally, the unnamed source said that some believe Bevins' decisions over the last two zoning cycles have made her vulnerable.

Election results show that the ballot measure enjoyed widespread support in Bevins' district, however.

The question passed with 61.3 percent of the vote in the district. County-wide, the results were slightly

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Chesapeake Gateway Chamber holds legislative preview

- By Patrick Taylor -

For the last few years the Chesapeake Gateway Chamber of Commerce has hosted a legislative preview session as a way for local legislators to speak to constituents, specifically business owners, about what they expect to be on the docket for the upcoming session. And one issue seemed to be on everyone's mind: paid sick leave.

All of the legislators in attendance at By The Docks in Middle River on Tuesday, Dec. 6, were in agreement that paid sick leave is on the horizon, but at this moment little is known about what the bill will look like.

"I'm sure it's going to be pushed really hard this year," said Senator Kathy Klausmeier (D-8). "But my guess is

that if it is going to pass, it's going to pass with the blessing of chambers of commerce from around the state."

Senator J.B. Jennings (R-7) echoed Klausmeier's sentiments, simply saying "it's coming" when the issue of paid sick leave was brought up.

Days after the the legislative preview session, Governor Larry Hogan announced that he will lobby the General Assembly to mandate paid sick leave for companies comprised of more than 50 people. Small businesses would not have to provide paid sick leave, but should they choose to offer it they would be eligible for a tax deduction of up to \$20,000 per year.

Earlier in the year, the House of Delegates passed a paid sick leave bill that

would have mandated seven sick days a year for companies with 15 employees or more and included benefits for part-time employees. Whether or not Hogan's proposal will work for the Democrat controlled General Assembly remains to be seen.

While paid sick leave will certainly be something to keep an eye on, most at the legislative preview were in agreement that this year, there isn't really a major proposal that has everyone buzzing. Because of that, there's a bit more freedom to work toward other endeavors. Klausmeier stated that she would like to take advantage of this situation by tackling opioid addiction and overdose deaths while also dealing with the issue of squatters on fore-

closed properties.

Senator Johnny Ray Salling (R-6) took a not-so-subtle jab at the full Baltimore County delegation by stating that the senators and delegates need to work together to make sure the needs of every resident in the county are being met, hinting at what he feels is neglect on the east side.

Salling also told the crowd that, given an uptick in police shootings this year, he wants to pass a "Blue Lives Matter" bill that would see harsher penalties for those that commit crimes against police officers. While crimes committed against officers already carry harsher penalties - for example, murdering a police officer is always

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CHAMBER

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considered first-degree murder regardless of premeditation - Salling wants police to be protected under hate crime laws.

"There's a lot of trouble in our nation and in our city," Salling said. "Police go out and they protect and they serve. And they aren't respected and there's a serious problem with that today."

Salling said that he wants people to realize how devastating and wrong it is that others could harm those who are trying to protect citizens. He said increasing penalties might decrease incidents of assault on police officers.

Delegate Eric Bromwell also addressed the crowd, telling the chamber that he's likely to take on pharmaceutical prices during the upcoming session. Healthcare costs have been a huge issue since the passing of the Affordable Care Act, with a major focus on premiums and copayments. But for Bromwell, he wants to shift the focus to pharmaceuticals.

"When you look at healthcare cost increases, 25 percent of the increase in cost is thanks to pharmaceutical prices," said Bromwell.

Bromwell said there used to be a subcommittee that dealt with pharmaceuticals but it no longer exists.

Perhaps the most intriguing proposition for the new session, a bridge that would connect southeast Baltimore

County with the Eastern Shore.

"This is something that was brought up decades ago and subsequently shelved, but it's coming back up again," said Grammer.

Back in September, Hogan announced a \$5 million study on expanding access to the Eastern Shore. Hogan wants another bridge as opposed to an expansion of the Bay Bridge, and Baltimore County is looking like a possibility, though it's unknown where the bridge would be located at this time. The study that Hogan called for could take up to four years to complete.

Grammer also talked about the need to secure capital funding for Franklin Square given the growing population of the east side. He also stressed a need to put more effort into trade schools, noting a severe decline in skilled laborers.

He also went on to talk about the need to remove a toll at Broening Highway and I-695, which he sees as an unfair tax on workers going from Sparrows Point to the Port of Baltimore.

Delegate Ric Metzgar told the chamber he again plans to take on the issue of prayer in school, but noted that economic development needs to be at the forefront of discussion this session. Metzgar maintained that Essex and Dundalk have been neglected long enough, and that the General Assembly needs to do more to revitalize these areas.

Delegate Pat McDonough said that

he expects the Affordable Care Act to go through rigorous changes and that his committee will be handling those changes. He went on to talk about a crisis in emergency rooms due to overcrowding.

"I'm not sure what the answer is, but you can't have people go in there and wait for five, six or seven hours," McDonough said. "There is some problem there and we need to find out what it is."

McDonough also said that bail will be a contentious issue. Bail reductions have occurred recently, and McDonough claims it's putting dangerous criminals back on the street.

McDonough maintained that violent offenders and drug dealers that have been harming communities are getting back onto the streets in record times, and that the General Assembly needed to undo changes made by Attorney General Brian Frosh.

Delegate Bob Long was also in attendance, saying that he was going to be joining in on focusing on paid sick leave, as well as looking to scale back other regulations. Long also stated that he wanted the legislators to seriously consider active shooter situations, which have become so prevalent in today's society.

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closer, with 58.7 percent voting for it.

Despite the voting trends of her constituents, Bevins said it is her community relations and work on constituent services that has seen her through.

She noted that her background while working under former County Executive Jim Smith was in constituent service.

"For seven years, that's all I did was problem solve and work with communities," she said at the fundraiser, adding that it was not about being a Democrat or Republican. "When you called my office I didn't look you up in the voter registration file."

Bevins said that when she first ran for office in 2010 people trusted her and thought she would do the right thing. And since being elected, her office has handled more than 4,000 constituent issues, she noted.

"And that's from researching and responding back to the constituent," Bevins explained. "That's a lot of work that everyone in my office does to make sure no one falls through the cracks."

On top of that, she noted that she has endlessly advocated for new schools and air conditioning in existing schools, bringing the district up from having the lowest percentage of air conditioned schools in the county.

"I work with both Democrats and Republicans on the County Council because that's what you have to do to get the work done," Bevins asserted, adding that they have worked together and

supported each other on issues such as decreasing development, preserving open space and planning for smart growth.

She admitted that not everyone likes her zoning decisions and that she cannot please everyone with those. But she said her district is moving forward and being revitalized with respect to building new neighborhoods and creating new businesses.

"That's exactly what we need," she said, noting that White Marsh and Middle River are major growth areas within her district.

Bevins said that when she campaigned in 2010 and 2014, people wanted jobs on every level.

"Students, seniors, couples, singles - everybody wants jobs, and I am creating jobs," she said, pointing to the growth that has occurred along MD Route 43, and the outlet mall planned for MD Route 7 in White Marsh, as well as the planned redevelopment of the Middle River Depot.

"For me, it's about a balance of business and community, along with also preserving open space," Bevins said.

She secured the preservation of 15 acres of open space in White Marsh this year through the Comprehensive Zoning Map Process and the use of Program Open Space funds.

But she contended that she works hard for her constituents to address their concerns.

"I'm just going to keep doing what I do," Bevins told the *East County Times*. "My office works extremely hard."

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SANTA

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Every once in a while, a restaurant will slip the couple a gift card for a later meal. But when someone insists on paying them for an appearance, the Boyds take the money and buy gifts for clients at the Family Crisis Center in Dundalk.

"I have a job," Boyd said. "And I don't want a second job. I do this because I love doing it; I don't want it to turn into a job."

"And we like to sit and talk to the kids, we like to take our time with each kid," Kathi said. "Mall Santas can't do that."

Over the years, Boyd has been reduced to tears a couple of times from some of the requests made of him by local children. He recalled the homeless child who asked for a nice house for his family, and children who have asked to have back loved ones who have died.

He noted a time when a young boy with hearing aids came to visit. The boy had recently been diagnosed with a hearing impairment and he talked to Santa about his devices. Santa tilted his hat a little to show the boy his hearing device and a special connection was made.

It was a moment that touched the boy's mother as well.

"What a special moment for our son," the mother wrote on the Facebook page of the restaurant hosting the event. "Thank you Santa for being the amazing person that you are."

With 16 years as Santa under his belt,

Boyd said it's easier now to talk with the children about wishes he can't promise to fulfill, and also uses his role to teach small lessons about good behavior, civility and responsibility.

Because he has taken on the very persona of Santa - and the beard only adds to that image - children point him out as Santa throughout the year. Whether they remember him from one of his many appearances or just pick up on the Santa vibe, they know they are in the presence of Santa Claus.

As such, he's very careful about his image.

"One time, a little girl asked me if Santa was allowed to drink [alcoholic beverages], and I told her it was OK for any adult to have a drink if they wanted," he said. "But I also told her about responsible behavior and told her I would never drive the sleigh after having a beer."

While Boyd and Kathi are known publicly as Mr. and Mrs. Santa Claus, they're also known in their neighborhood as the over-the-top decorators. Their small front yard is packed with inflatables and other holiday decorations.

Stepping into their home is like what one would imagine it's like to step into the North Pole home of the Clauses. Every table-top, shelf, wall, nook and cranny is filled with a Christmas-related artifact. Three Christmas trees are set up on the first floor. The large tree is decorated with traditional items, while one small tree is



Boyd adjusts Donner's antlers to be sure she looks the part.

adorned with Philadelphia Eagles-related items and the third tree with beach-related decorations.

"I start decorating around the first of November," Kathi said. "Everything that's normally out has to be packed up and then all the Christmas stuff has to come out."

One curio cabinet contains beach Santa figurines while a nearby shelf unit contains what Kathi calls her "noisy toys." Each item sings, waves, dances, whirls and twirls or chirps.

"It takes about two hours each year just to put batteries in all of them," she said.

A small first-floor powder room is decorated top to bottom with Christmas items, including a motion-activated singing wreath that bursts into song when one stands up from the commode.

"Normal" bed spreads, shower curtains, towels, throw pillows, dishes and knick-knacks all get switched out for their Christmas counterparts for the season.

Not even the family dog could escape the Christmas craze. The rescued racing greyhound's name is Donner, and she looks remarkably like a reindeer when she dons her bright red antlers.

The Crouses admit to being exhausted by the time the big day rolls around, but

say they will continue the Christmas mission as long as they are able. They make appearances at restaurants and other businesses as well as private homes. They try to accommodate anyone who asks, as long as the request fits into their increasingly tight schedules.

"While we don't accept any money to do this, we do ask two things of everyone we visit," Boyd said. "We ask that they supply something for Santa to give to each child, and we ask for a parking space."

This past weekend, the Crouses made seven appearances and have a "light" schedule of three appearances the weekend of Dec. 17.

Their limited time slots fill up quickly, with many clients reserving their chosen date for the next year at the conclusion of the current year's event, Boyd said. Weekends are the busiest, but the couple will also make appearances after 6 p.m. during the week.

The former "bah, humbug" Christmas guy now has twinkle in his eye, a soft heart for any child who wants to talk to him and a Santa ring from the Fraternal Order of Real Bearded Santas to prove to anyone who asks that he is indeed the real deal.

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The public is invited to celebrate Wreaths Across America on Saturday, Dec. 17, at the Lamky, Luther, Whitehead Veterans Memorial in Holly Hill Memorial Gardens, 10201 Bird River Road in Middle River. A brief ceremony will take place at the monument at noon. Following the ceremony, everyone in attendance will be asked to help in the placing of over 300 wreaths on the graves of Veterans interred at Holly Hill.

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Senior Groups at Back River

The Back River area has two senior citizen groups. The Golden Agers of Back River group meets Thursdays at the Back River Recreation Center, 801 Back River Neck Road in Essex, from 9 a.m. - 2 p.m. The Sandalwood Golden Agers have moved to this location as well, meeting Wednesdays from 9 a.m. - 2 p.m. For more information, contact the Back River Recreation office at 410-887-0217.

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Some decorators in eastern Baltimore County go all out!

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Upgrades, new anchor at Fullerton Plaza

Kimco Realty, owner of Fullerton Plaza shopping center, will initiate a renovation of the center, replacing the K-Mart space with a new Weis Market and improving the overall aesthetics of the center.

The Weis Market will feature a 1,000-item produce department with a wide selection of organic items, an expansive deli-food service section with a café, meat and seafood, fresh sushi, a full-service pharmacy, fuel center and more.

Work is expected to start in spring and be completed by the end of next year. The Weis Market is expected to be open in late 2017.

Fullerton Plaza has been a staple of the Belair Road corridor for many years, according to Baltimore County Councilman David Marks who represents the area. The shopping center is located at the Baltimore Beltway and Belair Road.

"This shopping center is ready for a change, and I am happy that Kimco Realty and Weis Markets will be investing funds in Fullerton Plaza to construct a supermarket and to renovate the exterior and landscape the parking lot," Marks commented. "When I called a meeting of community leaders from this area, they were clearly interested in improvements to this aging part of the Belair Road corridor."

"This will be our 12th and largest store in Baltimore County. We will offer a strong combination of quality, value and service," said Kurt Schertle, Weis Markets' chief operating officer. "We appreciate the local support for this project and look forward to making it a reality."

"Fullerton Plaza is a great asset in a

thriving market, which is why Kimco has chosen to invest in its redevelopment," said Gregory Reed, vice president of development in Kimco's Mid-Atlantic region. "Our goal is to provide the best possible shopping experience to our local customers, and we're confident that the changes to come will be well received by the community."

Chase Plaza Liquors now open



Chase Plaza Liquors recently opened at 12546 Eastern Ave. in Middle River, next to Mustang Pizza. Beautifully re-decorated, the new owner likes to say it's a "liquor store for ladies and gentleman." Stop by and browse their large selection of beer, wine and liquor as well as gift sets for the holidays, or stay for a while and play Keno! They are also offering a wine discount through the month of December. Hours are Monday through Saturday, 10 a.m. - 9 p.m. Pictured are Angel (left), Tony and Donna.



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Eastern Tech girls almost pull a comeback, fall to Hereford

- By Patrick Taylor -

The basketball season is underway at this point, and while we're only a few games in I already found the first thing to complain about, courtesy of the girls at Hereford High.

On Monday, Dec. 12, Eastern Tech traveled up north to take on Hereford. Tech was coming off of a nice 35 - 17 win over Patapsco and looking to get out to a 2 - 0 start. They ended up falling to Hereford 37 - 34 in what was a great game that saw Tech mount a big comeback in the second half.

One thing stuck out, and it haunted my dreams on Monday night. It was the sound of Hereford defenders yelling "SHOT" at the top of their lungs when contesting Eastern Tech shots. On almost every attempt when a Hereford player was trying to get over to the shooter, they would inevitably yell "SHOT" at the top of their lungs. It was jarring and annoying, and at times it clearly frustrated the Tech players.

Maybe I'm just old school, but that type of nonsense just frustrates me. The Mavericks did well moving the ball around until they found open looks. Those looks were met not with better defense, but screaming. I looked through the rule book and couldn't find anything, but this is clearly un-sportsmanlike.

I remember trying to pull this once

when I was playing and I was immediately pulled from the game at the next break. My coach chewed me out for not being in a position to actually shut down the shot and having to resort to being annoying.

I've caught a bundle of games so far this season, and while you'll occasionally hear someone pull something similar, it hasn't been with the frequency that Hereford did it.

Now, screaming isn't why Tech lost. They had plenty of opportunities to grab a win. But hearing girls scream bloody murder because they're not in good position is kind of ridiculous.

With that said, I think a rule change does need to be made. Give a warning the first time it happens, and on subsequent offenses treat it like a technical or flagrant foul. It doesn't need to count as a foul against the player, it can be handled as a technical assessed to the bench. Maybe that's a bit too harsh, but so is screaming in someone's face because you're in bad position.

To their credit, I saw girls on Tech almost laughing at the Hereford girls for their tactic, despite the fact that it clearly hurt them on a few shots. But that's how those instances should be handled - with a laugh.

Anyway, enough of my complaining, let's take a look at the game as a whole.

Tech got off to a solid start on Monday night, getting out to an early lead and doing well to keep Hereford at bay. Hereford had a size advantage, while Tech had the edge in quickness.

The first quarter was pretty tight throughout, with neither team really able to get anything going. In the second, things took a turn for the worse for Tech.

Hereford began the second quarter in full-court press mode, and when the Mavericks subbed out their starting guards, things got a bit dicey. Hereford took a 6 - 5 deficit after the first quarter and turned it around into a 20 - 11 advantage heading into the half, and it was solely thanks to the press.

During the second quarter, the Tech girls frequently ended up trapped on the inbound, and there was too much stagnation off the ball to escape in most cases. That led to turnovers under their own basket, which ended up turning into points for Hereford.

In the third quarter, Tech managed to solve the problem to an extent. When they did turn it over on the press, it didn't immediately yield points like in the second quarter.

But facing a double-digit deficit, the Mavericks really couldn't afford to give the ball away at all.

They started to eke their way back in the third, chipping away at Hereford's lead until it was a three-possession game in the fourth. But the girls from Essex couldn't quite make the comeback, and Hereford managed to ice the game at the end from the foul line and hold one for a 37 - 34 victory.

Despite the loss, there were a lot of really solid takeaways for Tech.

Starting on the offensive side, they moved the ball around incredibly well for only their second game of the season. They pounded the low post and did good work around the arc. Collec-

tively, their shooting was a bit off, but it wasn't for a lack of relatively open shots. Once they knock the rust off, those shots will start falling.

Defensively, the girls did a great job locking up lanes and playing help defense. On two occasions in the first half, Tech managed to draw Hereford into shot clock violations, which is the biggest testament to staunch defense. And there were a few other times when Hereford had to force shots in order to beat the clock. In the second half, that lock-down defense continued, with another violation and more close calls for Hereford.

The girls also did very well on the boards despite the height disadvantage. Tech's guards, who are maybe 10 feet tall combined, consistently put themselves in good positions to grab rebounds that fell to the top of the paint. Underneath, the bigs did solid work battling against Hereford all game long.

With that said, it's clear that the Mavericks need to work on breaking the press. Too often the girls got caught trying to dribble their way out of trouble. There are two rules of the press that need to be considered at all times. First, when you're double teamed it means there's someone wide open on the court. Whether it's the person who just inbounded the ball or someone down the court, there's always someone unguarded. Second, the ball, when thrown, travels faster than a person. That means passing is the best way to break the press.

Despite the tough loss, this was a game that could have gotten out of hand if not for Tech's tenacity. They have a lot of talent at the guard and forward positions, and they have great coaching. Look for these girls to rebound in a big way.

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Elsewhere around the league this past week, Chesapeake got their season off to a great start, coming away with two big wins. First, the Bayhawks took down Parkville by a score of 57 - 35. They followed up that win with an impressive 69 - 27 victory over Sparrows Point. Chesapeake is the team to beat in the area again this year, and they'll square off next against Pikesville on Dec. 16 to end 2016.

Kenwood has had a strange start to their season, with their first two games being decided by one point each. Their first contest saw them fall to Patapsco by a score of 41 - 40. They followed up that heartbreaker by dishing out a little heartbreak of their own, up-ending Parkville by a score of 32 - 31. The Bluebirds hoped to grab a win against Joppatowne on Monday night, but eventually fell by a score of 35 - 24. Kenwood has one more contest before the year ends, with the Bluebirds taking on Loch Raven on Dec. 16.

The Perry Hall girls are another team to watch, as they have consistently put out a solid team over the years. This year is no different. The Gators got their season off to a solid start with a 52 - 30 win over Fallston on Dec. 7. They followed that up with a tough 52 - 50 loss at the hands of New Town. If you haven't noticed yet, a lot of the girls' games are one- or two-possession games. The Perry Hall girls have two more regular season games to play before the year is out, with a holiday tournament at Notre Dame Prep taking place between Christmas and New Year's. They'll take on Milford Mill on Dec. 16 before taking on Harford Tech on Dec. 21. The ladies certainly know how to keep things exciting!

The Dundalk girls have yet to find their footing this season, losing both of their opening contests.

Their first game was a tough 38 - 29 loss at the hands of Woodlawn, and they followed that up with a 45 - 25 loss to Harford Tech. The offense simply hasn't been there so far this season for Dundalk, who will be hoping to rectify things with a Dec. 16 contest against Towson. They also take on Glen Burnie on Dec. 20.

Sparrows Point has yet to record a win on the year, falling to Patapsco, Condordia and Chesapeake. The Pointers will try to rectify that on Dec. 16 when they take on Overlea. They follow that up with a Dec. 19 contest against Carver.

Finally, Patapsco will try to bounce back from their loss to Eastern Tech with a trip to Lansdowne on Dec. 16 before hosting Towson on Dec. 21. Patapsco should be able to pull off two wins, though a split wouldn't be a big disappointment.

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Who's next? The second BCPS Film Expo might provide us with the answer.

Middle and high school student filmmakers are invited to enter their work in the competition. A diverse panel of judges, composed of BCPS staff, local filmmakers, and Hollywood professionals, will

evaluate each entry and select middle and high school awards to be given in five categories including: Live-Action Narrative, Documentary, Animation, Experimental, and Animated GIFs.

Students planning to enter can indicate their interest by registering online. Registration is recommended but not required. Only five entries will be accepted per high school in the live action narrative, documentary, animation, and experimental film categories. A maximum of three entries per school will be accepted in the GIF category. All submissions are limited to 10 minutes in length, and they must conform to the BCPS code of ethics and standards of acceptable use and propriety. All copyrighted music and images featured in the films must be properly licensed.

The deadline for submissions will be Thursday,

Feb. 23, and finalists will be notified of their standing by Thursday, March 23.

The culmination of the competition will be a film showing and awards ceremony on Thursday, April 6, from 4 - 9 p.m. at the Historic Senator Theater in Baltimore. The expo will feature full length screenings of each winning film, a montage preview of all juried submissions, and GIFs shown on a loop display in the theater lobby.

More information including submission requirements, guidelines, registration, tutorials, and resources is available at www.bcpsfilmexpo.org. BCPS students of all grade levels are invited to enter a film expo poster contest. Contest rules are available at <http://bit.ly/2gsO49n>. Submissions are due to Alex Garove at agarove@bcps.org by Friday, Jan. 6.

BCPS announces Blueprint 2.0 photo contest

A new Baltimore County Public Schools contest challenges its high school students to take photographs that capture essential elements of the school system.

As part of the ongoing We Are Team BCPS campaign, the student photography contest is focused on the four goal areas of Blueprint 2.0, the school system's strategic plan. Those goal areas are: academics, safety, communications, and organizational effectiveness.

The four winning photos - one representing each goal area - will be reproduced on posters distributed to all schools. All appropriate entries will be showcased on the BCPS Flickr page.

Students are asked to submit all photos electronically to communications@bcps.org and to submit no more than one photo in each of the four categories. The deadline for entry submission is 4:45 p.m. on Friday, Dec. 9. The photos will be reviewed by a panel of visual arts educators and communications staff, and winning photos will be announced before winter break.

Photographs will be judged based on their technical quality, creativity, and relevance to the category. Each photo submission should be titled to include the cate-

gory it is submitted in, last name of the photographer, and name of his or her high school. (For example, if Stephanie Jones from Milford Mill Academy submits a photo for the safety category, her photo file should be named *SafetyJonesMilfordMill*).

For ideas about what to photograph, students are encouraged to review Blueprint 2.0 and to think about how it relates to their experiences in school. Overall the intent of Blueprint 2.0 is to help BCPS fulfill its Theory of Action.

The Theory of Action is: "To equip every student with the critical 21st century skills needed to be globally competitive, BCPS must ensure that every school has an equitable, effective digital learning environment, and every student has equitable access to learning and developing proficiency in a second language."

In summary, the four goal areas of Blueprint 2.0 address academics, safety, communications and organizational effectiveness.

Questions about the contest should be directed to communications@bcps.org. Blueprint 2.0 is available online at <http://www.bcps.org/blueprint/>.

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Just grab some bags and take 15 minutes to pick up litter in an area near you - anywhere that needs it. You decide when, where, who and how.

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The data will be submitted to Baltimore County's Department of Environmental Protection and Sustainability. The school will receive credit for your cleanup.

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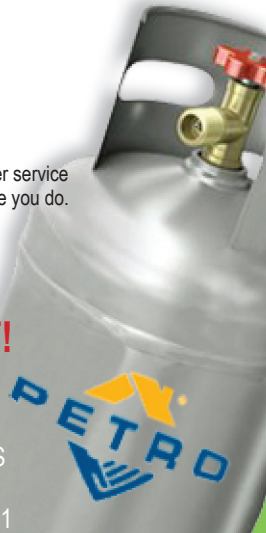
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Two Baltimore County Police officers and Essex fire crews helped rescue three people from a burning Essex home on Dec. 6.

Just before midnight, Baltimore County Police and Fire personnel responded to a home in the 600 block of South Marlyn Avenue in Essex for a report of a fire. Police units arrived on the scene first and found flames coming from the home.

Engine 71 took command quickly determined that occupants may be trapped. The engine crew rescued a 39-year-old woman from a first-floor bedroom; she was treated by medic crews at the scene and transported to Johns Hopkins Bayview Medical Center for treatment of burns and smoke inhalation. She remains hospitalized in critical condition.

The two Baltimore County Police officers and a "Good Samaritan" went into the home and evacuated a 39-year-old woman and a 43-year-old man from the basement. The two people assisted by the police officers were not injured.

The two officers were transported to Johns Hopkins Bayview Medical Center for treatment of smoke inhalation. Both were later released.

The incident is under investigation by Baltimore County Police Department fire investigators. The cause of the fire has not been determined and there no evidence of criminal activity at this time.

Regulated firearm purchase application goes online Jan. 1

Beginning Jan. 1, persons applying to purchase a regulated firearm in Maryland will conduct the entire process on-line via the Maryland State Police Licensing Portal. This includes completing the application forms and paying the required application fee. Individuals will be able to apply on-line using a computer, tablet, or mobile phone, regardless of the operating system. All current web browsers are also supported by the new system.

There will be two differences in the new process. First, every applicant will need an email account. This will enable the applicant to receive follow-up and reminder correspondence from the State Police Licensing Division. Second, submission of the electronic application requires the use of a credit or debit

'Shop with a Cop' turns 15

This year marked the 15th annual "Shop with a Cop" program in Baltimore County. At 7:30 a.m. on Dec. 10, 100 police officers and 110 children left precincts from around Baltimore County to participate in the event.

Officers and children drove to the Walmart store located on York Road in Cockeysville. Members of the Optimist Clubs greeted the children and officers, while Christmas music was performed by the Dulaney High School band.

The children and their officer "buddies" did a lot of holiday shopping with money provided by the Optimist Clubs of Baltimore County. Each child received \$100 to spend as they wished. Usually, the children buy presents for family and friends.

After shopping, the officers and children stopped over to the Outback restaurant in the Hunt Valley Towne Centre for breakfast. (Outback provides the breakfast.)

A special Baltimore County Police Department tradition, the BCoPD "Shop with a Cop" event is the largest in the state.

The Department looks forward each year to doing its part to give families a happy holiday. In the past, officers have given from their own wallets to add a little extra joy. There have also been instances of other customers doing the same. The event also gives children a chance to know their local police officers.

card. All transactions with the Licensing Division regarding regulated firearm purchases will be done by credit or debit card only. The \$10 application fee will remain the same.

When the on-line application is completed by a firearm dealer or barrack, it will be submitted electronically to the State Police Licensing Division, rather than being mailed or faxed as has been done in the past. The electronic submission of the completed form by the dealer or barrack will begin the seven-day waiting period required by law, during which the required background checks are conducted to determine if the applicant is prohibited from purchasing a regulated firearm. More information can be found at <http://mdsp.maryland.gov/Pages/default.aspx>.

Essex Precinct officers reach out to homeless

Officers in the Essex Precinct have started an outreach to the homeless.

The outreach program is the idea of Essex Precinct Commander, Captain Andre Davis. Captain Davis was concerned about the welfare of the homeless during the winter months. He also knew that it is not uncommon for officers to get complaints about homeless persons or their encampments. He needed a way to provide the homeless with guidance towards resources and options. The answer was a partnership with local homeless assistance groups and local clergy.

At 11 a.m. on Dec. 8, officers from the Essex Precinct Community Outreach Team gathered together along with members of Prologue, Healthcare for the Homeless, Veterans Affairs, as well as pastors and congregants from local churches. They traveled to several homeless encampments in the Essex Precinct area and provided the homeless persons that they encountered with some personal supplies as well as options for available shelter and other services. Pastors and church members prayed with the homeless persons.

Police had transportation available in case any of the homeless encountered wanted to go to a shelter. None were transported today.

There are several shelters in Baltimore County that offer services beyond mere shelter for the night. Police want to guide the homeless towards these shelters and resources. People seeking shelter services for themselves or another person should call 410-853-3000 and select option 2.

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for test runs early Christmas morning. Yet many hoverboards soon ignited while charging or in operation. Some even ignited while sitting idle. As of July 2016, the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission indicated at least 60 reports of hoverboard fires totaling more than \$2 million in property damage.

Similar problems arose with certain Samsung Galaxy Note 7 phones in late 2016. The phone was recalled officially in the United States through Samsung, and the company launched exchange programs in other countries. Even replacement models continued to have problems, as some caught on fire in early October. Samsung ultimately told Note 7 owners to stop using the phones and return them before permanently discontinuing the product. Shortly there-

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Consumers should learn how they can protect themselves and others from injury, even when giving holiday gifts. Searching for product recalls is one way to safeguard loved ones this holiday season. A recall is an action taken by a manufacturer or the government. Visit these sites to find out more about what is being recalled

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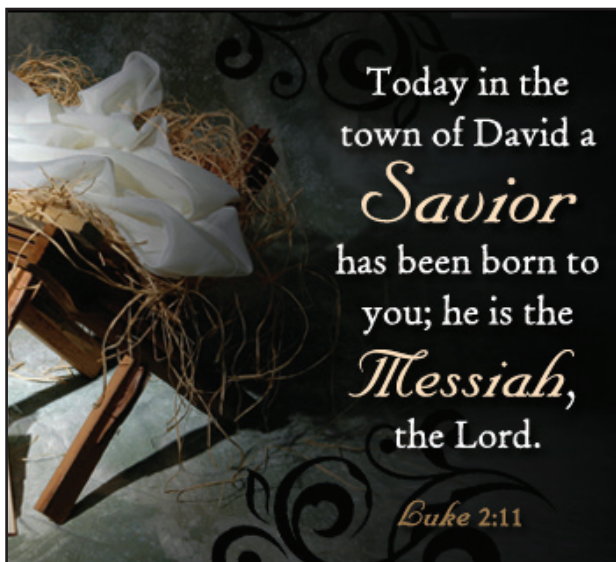
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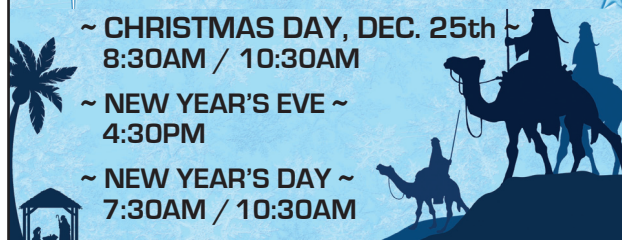
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4:30PM

~ NEW YEAR'S DAY ~
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Kromm, Deborah Ann

On Dec. 8, Deborah A. Kromm (nee Schrenker) passed away. She was the beloved wife of David C. Kromm, Jr.; devoted mother of Michael and Nicholas Gerecht; cherished daughter of Bernard Schrenker, Sr. and Rita Conrad; loving grandmother of Austin, Dustin and Brooke; dear sister of Bernard Schrenker, Jr., Donna Kavanaugh and Robert Schrenker; loving aunt of Jennifer Hill, Alisha Galster, Shannon Schrenker and Nicole Kavanaugh.

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Gross, Irene D.

On Dec. 11, Irene D. Gross (nee Kudla), beloved wife of William A. "Buck" Gross; devoted mother of Mary Ann O'Neill, William A. Gross, Jr., Theodore Gross and Matthew Gross; dear sister of Eugene Kudla and the late Helen Campbell, Leonard Kudla and Dolores Fedorshak; loving grandmother of Kristen Welsh, Michael O'Neill, Amanda Badgley, Jacob Gross, Stacy Gross, Stephanie Vecchioni, Amy Gross, Teddy Gross, Erika Clark and Kevin Gross. Also survived by 12 great-grandchildren.

Relatives and friends will gather at Schimunek Funeral Home in Nottingham on Friday, Dec. 16, from 3 - 5 p.m. 7 - 9 p.m., with a Celebration of Life Service at 7:30 p.m. Inurnment will be on Saturday, Dec. 17, at 11 a.m. at Dulaney Valley Memorial Gardens. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to Stella Maris Hospice, 2300 Dulaney Valley Rd., Timonium MD 21093.

Fotiou, Carol

Carol L. Fotiou (nee Vakoutis), age 72, entered the gates of Heaven on December 6, 2016. She was the dear daughter of the late Louis J. and Virginia C. Vakoutis, daughter-in-law of Maria and the late Fotis J. Fotiou; beloved wife of John F. Fotiou; devoted mother of Carol L. Jones; loving grandmother of William E. and Alexa M. Jones and cherished sister of the late Louis J. Vakoutis, Jr. and Lucinda Hillberry and her husband Brian.

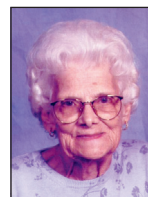
Carol was born in Baltimore, Maryland where she met her husband John, of Rhodes, Greece. They resided in Perry Hall until their recent move to Severn, Maryland. She enjoyed doing counted cross stitch, crocheting, sudoku puzzles, vacationing in Greece and baking, but most of all she loved spending time with her family.

Services provided by Schimunek Funeral Home of Nottingham. Interment at Parkwood Cemetery.

Bordas, Mary Agnes

On Dec. 10, Mary Agnes Bordas passed away. She was the beloved sister of Elizabeth Boyd, the late Wilma Ruberry, Frank J. Bordas, Annabel Bordas, and Julia Arakelian; dear aunt of Barbara, Mark, David, James, Philip, Kathleen, Susan, William and Charles.

Services provided by Schimunek Funeral Home of Nottingham. Interment will be at St. John the Evangelist Roman Catholic Cemetery in Connellsville, PA. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Shrine of the Little Flower, 2854 Brendan Ave., Baltimore, MD 21213.

**McGlynn, Madelyn Mae**

On Nov. 29, Madelyn passed away after a brief illness. She was 90 years old.

Born in W.Va. in 1926 to Joseph and Osa Cottrill, she came to Baltimore as a young lady. She was married to the late James Nealy and later married Hugh McGlynn Jr. (Mickey). Madelyn was a diehard Dancing With The Stars fan, especially if Derek was on, and she enjoyed watching crime shows like Matlock and Murder She Wrote.

She is survived by her daughter D. Lee Sellers and her husband Greg; grandson James E. Dennison Sr.; two great-grandchildren James E. Dennison Jr. (JJ) and Brandy M. Dennison, whom she loved spoiling. Also survived by numerous nieces and nephews and great-nieces and nephews and Tiger G. Sellers the dog. Pre-deceased by her husband and son, Michael McGlynn, Sr.

Interment at Oak Lawn Cemetery.

Gourlay, Hugh

On Dec. 11, Hugh Gourlay passed away. He was the former husband of Norma "Jean" Tomanelli; devoted father of Susan G. Schafer and her husband James, Jackie J. Davis and her husband Steven, and Michael H. Gourlay; loving grandfather of Nicholas, Matthew, and Alexander Schafer, Ryan Sullivan, Ridge Watkins, and Steve Davis; cherished great-grandfather of Caleb Sullivan; dear brother of the late Christine Zeiler, Robert Gourlay, Thomas Gourlay and Helen Faulstich; beloved cousin of Rose Butkus. Also survived by numerous nieces and nephews.

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Smith, Charles Henry

Charles Henry ("Davey") Smith passed away peacefully at home on Oct. 30 to rejoin and rejoice with those who passed on before him, including father Charles "Dave" Smith; grandmother Sarah McNatt; cousin Gary Churby; uncle Ray Price and others.

From childhood, Davey always had a love for anything with wheels, from bicycles and mopeds to his favorite car, the Barracuda, and in later years his scooter. Davey always had a "set of wheels" and never let anything hold him down. Davey was a hard worker and was blessed to spend most of his working years doing what he loved, working on cars at the North Point Cab Company.

He enjoyed shooting pool in many pool leagues and certainly could "run the table." Davey also enjoyed hanging out with family and friends, including Mike Ahmer, Lord Calvert, Mr. Boston & Bud Weiser (lol).

Davey temporarily says goodbye to those he leaves here on earth; mother Barbara Smith; siblings Earl, Mark, Valarie and Troy; longtime mate Maggie Leyh and many others of the Smith, McNatt and Price families. He also leaves behind Dr. Karla Lawson and many friends.

Even though Davey had a tough time talking the last few months, I'm sure Davey would say to all of us, "Until we say 'hello' again, remember I'm now reborn stronger than ever. Don't let anything hold you down, make time to gather often, mention my name, laugh and smile, be good to each other and share the memories that we made and I will always be with you.

Isenhour, Earl

On Nov. 29, Earl M. Isenhour Sr., beloved husband of the late Gladys May Isenhour (nee Windisch); devoted father of Earl Isenhour Jr. and step-father of Gladys Stepp and Leroy Lingelbach; dear brother of Ida Mae Behler, Shirley E. Combs and the late Ray G. Isenhour and Edith L. Milway; dear grandfather of seven grandchildren and many great-grandchildren.

Services provided by Cvach Family Funeral Home of Rosedale. Interment Gardens of Faith Cemetery.

Waggy, Mary E.

On Nov. 28, Mary Elizabeth Waggy (nee Sterling), beloved wife of the late Francis Ray Waggy; devoted mother of Judy E. Broadwater and her husband Marshall, Charles R. Waggy and his wife Susan and Stephen C. Waggy and his wife Linda; dear sister of Helen Sparks and the late Ginger, Trudy and Buck; cherished grandmother of Michael S. Waggy, Elizabeth Raley, Shannon, Lauren and the late Nicholas Waggy; great-grandmother of Fiona, Hailey and an Angel on the way. Loving companion Cuddles.

Holland, Gloria D.

On Dec. 7, Gloria D. Holland (nee Riley), beloved wife of the late Frank Holland; devoted mother of John Clarke and wife Eileen, Joanne Giorgilli and husband Raphael, Casey Joyce and husband Mike and the late Tim Holland; loving grandmother of Wesley Clarke, Margaret Porach, John Giorgilli, Joanne Dixon, Frank Millner, Koryn Millner, Stephanie Plitt, Christina Holland and the late Frank Giorgilli and Lauren Millner. Also survived by 10 great-grandchildren.

Services provided by Schimunek Funeral Home of Nottingham. Interment private. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to The Maryland School for the Blind, 3501 Taylor Ave., Baltimore MD 21236.

Mitchell-Lepus, Donna

On Dec. 9, Donna L. Mitchell-Lepus, beloved wife of Walter A. Lepus; devoted mother of Amanda Mitchell and Sabrina, Crystal and Joey Lepus; dear sister of Sandra Gomeringer and Roger and Ross Mitchell; loving grandmother of Logan, Lilly, Lukas, Sidney, Bo, Olivia, DJ, Kahlen and Hailey.

Services provided by the Connelly Funeral Home of Essex. Interment at Holly Hill Memorial Gardens. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to Donna Mitchell-Lepus at Wells Fargo Bank for the Sabrina Lepus College Fund.

Duggan, Mary L.

On Dec. 11, Mary Lorraine "Honse" Duggan (nee Hughes), beloved wife of the late Larry B. Duggan; devoted mother of Mary A. Jones and her husband Leroy E. Jones and Nancy Adkins and her companion Frankie Caldarazzo. Also survived by three grandsons; nine great-grandchildren and many loving family members and friends.

Funeral services will be held at the Connelly Funeral Home of Essex on Thursday, Dec. 15 at 11 a.m. Interment at Oak Lawn Cemetery

Hoffman, Rachel

On Dec. 12, Rachel E. Hoffman (nee Clayton), beloved wife of the late Veron Hoffman; devoted mother of Craig Stitley Sr. and his wife Jody, and Patricia Stitley; beloved grandmother of Terry Deigert, Craig Stitley Jr., Jimmy Crawford and Thomas Gordon; great-grandmother of Alex Perez and Zach Deigert. Also survived by many loving family members and friends.

Services will be held at the Connelly Funeral Home of Essex on Friday, Dec. 16 at 11 a.m. Visiting hours will be held on Thursday, Dec. 15 from 3 - 5 p.m. and 7 - 9 p.m. Interment at Holly Hill Memorial Gardens.

Spliedt, M. Eleanore

On Dec. 9, M. Eleanore Spliedt, beloved wife of the late Charles Sr.; loving mother of Dawn Zorn and husband Dennis, Charles Jr. and husband Jude Smith, and Cindy DiPangrazio and husband Jim; grandmother of Bryan, Meghan, Morgan and Hayley. Also survived by five great-grandchildren; family and friends.

Services provided by Kaczorowski Funeral Home. Interment at Oak Lawn Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, donations in Eleanore's name may be made to your local animal shelter.

Smith, Warren A., Jr.

On Nov. 30, Warren Albert Smith, Jr., beloved husband of Maryann Smith (nee Pazdzienski); devoted father of Kelly Prenger and her husband, Steve; dear son of Warren A. and the late Alma Smith, Sr.; dear brother of Susan Sullivan and Alma Nestor; cherished uncle of Lisa Sagal. Also survived by Patricia Smith, Jennifer Leipold, Jude Drinkuth and various nieces and nephews.


Services provided by Cvach Family Funeral Home of Rosedale. Cremation private. In lieu of flowers, please make donations to the SPCA of Maryland.

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POLITICIANS

Another slap in Dundalk's face

- By Senator Johnny Ray Salling (R-6) -

If there was any doubt that County Executive Kamenetz ignores the needs of Dundalk, all doubt has been erased with his latest maneuver to ask the State to contribute \$2.3 million from Program Open Space to build a new 9,800 square foot indoor horse riding center in campaign donor-rich Cockeysville, while at the same time planning to sell the North Point Government Center to a developer.

Kamenetz cloaked the development of the riding center in secrecy, failing to obtain input from the community or the nonprofit Maryland Agricultural

Resource Council and doing away with a public presentation. The rush to complete this Kamenetz pet project is all too obvious. George Mayo, president of the nonprofit agricultural council only learned of the project's details two weeks before grading of the site started.

When it comes to foot-dragging, Kamenetz is a master at dragging his feet regarding Dundalk's needs. He has let the North Point Government Center, which could have served many needs of the Dundalk community, fall into disrepair and dilapidation. Kamenetz plans to sell the Center to a developer who will replace it with a mall and fast

food restaurants.

Thank goodness, Dundalk has two very good supporters in Governor Larry Hogan and State Comptroller Peter Franchot. They have fought with us against County Executive Kamenetz to install window air conditioners in our sweltering public school classrooms. And they have, at least temporarily, stopped the Kamenetz plan to sell the North Point Center to a developer.

Adding to his perfect record of ignoring Dundalk's problems, Kamenetz continues to withhold his consent to a state plan to

eradicate midges in the Back River area.

I am quite aware that Dundalk and our 6th Legislative District is neither a democrat stronghold nor where the big campaign donors live. However, County Executive Kamenetz was elected to serve all of Baltimore County citizens equally and to the best of his ability. Where the Dundalk area is concerned, he does neither.

I am against County Executive Kamenetz's indoor riding complex. The needs of Dundalk have been ignored by him for far too long.

Councilman Marks honors Perry Hall area volunteers as Citizens of the Year

- By Councilman David Marks (R-5) -

Baltimore County Councilman David Marks has honored nine local volunteers as Fifth District Citizens of the Year.

Eight of the recipients are members of the senior leadership team for Angel Park: Paul Amirault, Judi Coleman, Andrew Hacke, Jackie Hacke, Michelle Yeager Streckfus, Jolene Dambeck Sosnowski, Laurie Tice Wagerman and David Dunstone. They, along with past recipients Kelli Szczybor, Dennis Hoover and Bill Paulshock, helped lead the community build this summer that resulted in this playground and amphitheater.

"This year's recipients in Perry Hall

were obvious," Councilman Marks commented. "The team that helped lead the construction of Angel Park invested thousands of hours to help build this extraordinary park."

Councilman Marks also recognized Peggy Winchester, President of the south Perry Hall Improvement Association, for her work improving building standards in the White Marsh area of the Fifth District. "Peggy has been a tireless advocate for her community," Marks commented.

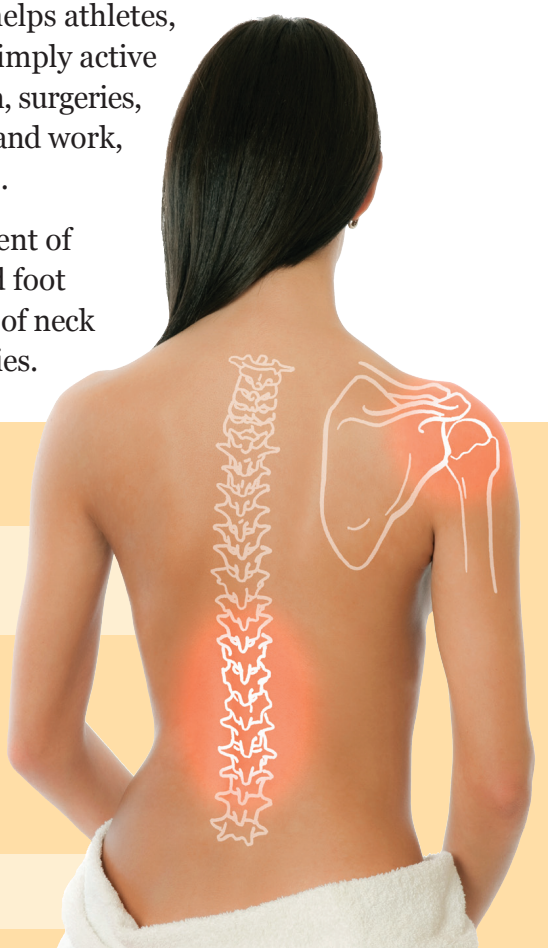
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'OFFICE CHRISTMAS PARTY': No need to RSVP

- By Teddy Durgin -

I'll say one thing for "Office Christmas Party," the new comedy starring Jason Bateman, Jennifer Aniston and T.J. Miller. It has some of the most dedicated extras I've ever seen in a movie. For the most part, you really don't (or rather you shouldn't) notice extras in a flick. You're not supposed to. The camera almost always stays on the stars and supporting cast... at all times. Extras are just there to fill out restaurant scenes, crowd sequences and so forth. But the extras in "Office Christmas Party" are given a boatload of cool and fun stuff to do. Like run down office corridors naked; throw computers and other office equipment out 40-story windows; have large orgies in tiny bathroom stalls; swill booze; and so forth. You wonder if there were any specific on-set directions or was it just co-directors Josh Gordon and Will Speck turning the cameras on and saying, "Just go!"

But here's the problem. It's the extras who are doing most of the truly naughty, outrageous, out-there stuff in this film. It's NOT the main and supporting cast. Some fairly big-name actors and performers signed on for this film. In addition to Bateman, Aniston and Miller, the film also boasts Kate McKinnon and Vanessa Bayer of "Saturday Night Live," Rob Corddry of the "Hot Tub Time Machine" flicks, Randall Park of "Fresh Off the Boat" and

so forth. But they're all cast in these boring, unremarkable parts where, even if their humdrum characters do eventually cut loose, there's no naughty thrill to it.

In "The Hangover," it was great fun to see the straight-arrow Ed Helms, the zoned-out Zach Galifianakis and the pretty-boy Bradley Cooper put through the proverbial ringer. In "Old School," it was hilarious to watch Will Ferrell unleash Frank the Tank. In "Bachelor Party," it was very funny to see the young Tom Hanks trying to stay true to his fiancée while his friends were partying with hookers, belly dancers and a coke-snorting donkey. Those cast members signed on for their debaucheries, and they were all in.

By contrast, in "Office Christmas Party," about 90 percent of the really raunchy hijinks happen around Bateman, Aniston and Co. and not to them. Even when a couple of them do engage in something weird - such as Bayer and Park almost having a tryst in the office's day-care facility, with Park calling Bayer's character "mommy" - the performers seem uncomfortable with the material.

Even the central dilemmas aren't very interesting. Bateman and Olivia Munn play boss and employee who are attracted to each other, but have never acted on it. Will they or won't they? Yawn. Who cares? The two have NO chemistry. Miller and Aniston are siblings who have inherited



the family business from their recently deceased father. At one point, the brother and sister wrestle each other to the floor and threaten loogies. Ooooh! Edgy! And don't get me started on Aniston's character. She goes from ice queen corporate hatchet woman for 90 minutes of screen time to good-hearted, benevolent chief executive in the span of about, oh, 30 seconds... and without the help of a single Dickensian spirit!

On the plus side, there are some funny bits involving Vance - a career dramatic actor - cutting loose as a straight-laced executive who's business Miller and

Aniston are trying to woo. He gets a face full of cocaine and turns into a party animal. Unfortunately, his night ends way too soon, and the film suffers from his exit. And there ARE indeed some very funny bits involving extras in this film, most of which can't be reported here in a family publication.

But it's a sad commentary when I will remember those folks over the film's stars. This is one "Party" you don't have to RSVP for.

"Office Christmas Party" is rated R for crude sexual content and language, drug use and brief graphic nudity.



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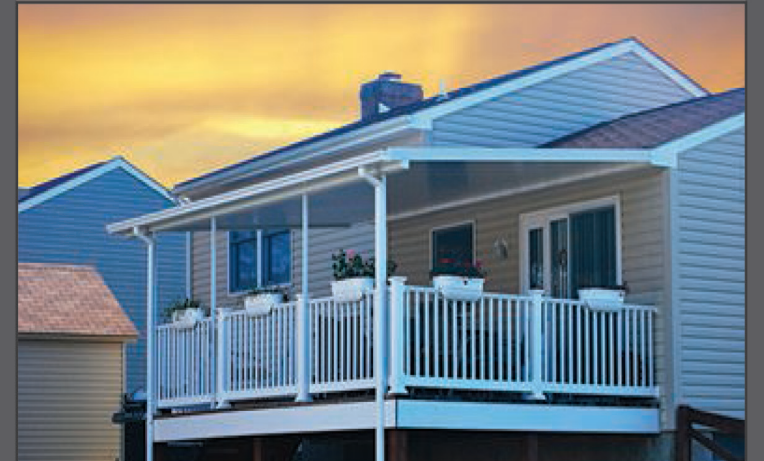
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This year in music

- By Patrick Taylor -

This year was a bit of a mixed bag in the music world. Bookended by the deaths of David Bowie and Leonard Cohen, the rest of the year kind of just came and went. There were hyped albums, but rarely did those albums show any staying power. Honestly, with the hype-machine being what it is, there was a lot of great, overlooked music that came out this year. So with all that said, let's take a look at those we missed out on earlier this year.

Nick Cave & the Bad Seeds - Skeleton Tree

Nick Cave has always tackled death in his storied career. Usually, it's some sort of swift justice being handed down to someone who, well, deserves it. On this album, however, there's a change. Yes, there's death, but it's the death of Cave's 15-year-old son that takes the spotlight. Cave and his band had begun the recording process for this album before his son passed but the album was finished long after his passing. This album hurts, but it's also incredibly therapeutic. It's an album about not knowing what comes next and trying to deal with that. "I call out right across the sea / but the echo comes back empty," Cave sings at one point. At times this is a rough album to get through, but its artistry is undeniable.

Solange - A Seat at the Table

For those who don't know, Solange is the sister of pop queen Beyonce. She's always had great chops, but on her first two albums she wasn't quite able to put together something fully coherent. That all changes on *A Seat at the Table*, which is probably the most fitting album title of the year. Full of great features (like Q-Tip and Kelly Rowland), this is an R&B album that has elements of pop, funk, ambience and more. After this release, Beyonce won't be the only member of the Knowles family on people's radars.

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This album is a bit of an enigma. It clocks in at - see *YEAR IN MUSIC* on page 25 -

'JACKIE:' Oh, what a movie!

- By Teddy Durgin -

"Jackie" is a curious movie. For the most part, director Pablo Larrain and his cast and crew get SO much right. Everything from big historic moments to little dramatic pauses. The set and period recreations are stunning. The re-staging of events burned into the American public eye - even the public eyes of those, like myself, who weren't alive during the Kennedy White House years - are as vivid as any ever captured in a motion picture or TV movie/mini-series.

And then there are things in "Jackie," some of them easily correctable, that just take you out of the film... that break the spell. And that's a shame. The film centers on those dark days in November 1963 between when our President was murdered and when he was laid to rest as told almost exclusively through the eyes and recollections of his wife, First Lady Jackie Kennedy. Natalie Portman portrays her in the film, and it's a terrific performance. Portman juggles doing a precise impression of the woman as most people knew her from news reel footage and her hugely watched tour of the White House TV program early in JFK's term with cutting loose with a raw, speculative, almost uncomfortably powerful exploration of Jackie's private moments in the hours and days immediately after the assassination.

Whenever the film is dramatizing the events of its time, it's pretty extraordinary. But Larrain uses a framing device in this film that kept breaking its spell. The film is an extended flashback, with Jackie - a week removed from the assassination - relating the events to a reporter (Billy Crudup), who will write the magazine article that largely cemented the Camelot legacy. But there is something oddly stilted about Portman and Crudup's scenes together. I think it's mostly in how Crudup approached his part and how Larrain directed him in it. I just didn't believe him. There are times where his journalist is soothing and sensitive to Mrs. Kennedy, other times where he is combative and still more times where he's just kind of a jerk. But it all



feels scripted and overly practiced.

Portman is MUCH better in her scenes with John Hurt, who plays a Catholic priest who Jackie consults with prior to JFK's historic funeral. Their scenes have a much more believable flow to them. Hurt knows exactly the right notes to play at all times, and their conversations really serve to humanize the grief-stricken First Lady and show the immense weight that was on her shoulders at the time. This was a woman who's husband hadn't just died. She was right next to him when his head got splattered. For a moment, take out the reality of who they were in history. Anyone who's married reading this... just imagine if that happened to you! And then you have to hold it together for the good of the nation? AND you have to continue being a mother to two very young children! AND you have LBJ and Lady Bird politely asking you, "Uh... so... when do you think you'll be moved out?"

"Jackie" will most likely be remembered as a "one-woman show" category of movie. Most people don't really remember a lot about flicks like "Lincoln" and "Gandhi" and "Ray" and so forth outside of their outsized lead performances. In this case, it is appropriate. Larrain trains his camera on Portman in dozens of extreme close-ups, where she delivers time and again, and modulates those close-ups and emotions in stunning detail. The performance alone overcomes any shortcomings the film has, which include a mis-cast Peter Sarsgaard as Robert F. Kennedy (he's kind of creepy) and a violin-heavy musical score by Mica Levi that many reviewers are praising, but I found shrill and sounding like the whale probe from "Star Trek IV" being assaulted. Still, this is quite the cinematic experience.

"Jackie" is rated R for brief strong violence and language.

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YEAR IN MUSIC

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over an hour, and by the end you kind of can't recall what each song sounded like. Normally, that would constitute a negative for me, but I kind of got down with this. If you like The Cure and other bands of that ilk, this is an album that could definitely be right up your alley. Opening track "Out Of Mind" gets things going with a simple little guitar line before it blasts off as more guitars join in. Tonally, these guys have it down. Nowhere is that more apparent than on "Healthy Moon," a wistful, pain-fueled track that acts as a bit of therapy for frontman Zachary Cole Smith, who has had his share of troubles the last few years. "How can I describe this long lost dream? / You turned and looked away / I've lived ten lives and had ten loves to remind me / What I've been guilty of," Smith sings on the second verse. This was an album that was allegedly influenced by Elliott Smith, though sonically you'd never be able to tell. But with lyrics like that, it all makes sense.

Into It. Over It - Standards

Emo punk music has made a strong comeback in the past couple years, and Into It. Over It has been one of the bands at the helm. A genre that has always been one that tends to veer towards over-sharing in the lyrics, this album is relatively subdued. The cringe-inducing lyrics that often define the genre are shed for something more subdued. It's less of an inward look and more of an album in which singer Evan Weiss takes stock of the world around him. There's songs about old friends who have "torch[ed] their twenties like it's kerosene" and songs about how those from his past have turned to faint memories. It's an album of growth, as a person and as an artist. This is the closest the band has sounded to indie acts like Death Cab For Cutie, and that ain't a bad thing.

Modern Baseball - Holy Ghost

Speaking of emo, Philadelphia has been at the epicenter of the scene for the last few years. One of the bands leading the charge there is Modern Baseball. Looking at the band members, you would have no idea they were successful musicians. And that's part of the appeal of the genre as a whole. It's so wildly inclusive that even slovenly, regular Joes can become a huge part of the scene. On *Holy Ghost*, the main two writers split songwriting duties almost 50/50, with Bradon Lukens and Jake Ewald each penning five and six songs respectively. Their songs are personal, almost like you're reading a diary, and mostly deal with anxieties like being away from family and friends. If you have friends that are into this type of music you've probably already seen some of these lyrics as status updates on social media. These guys know how to connect with those looking for their weirdness to become alright in the eyes of a society that's often worried about conforming. Their songs are euphoric and driving, but at times tempered and reserved. *Holy Ghost* is definitely worth a listen.

Parquet Courts - Human Performance

In the early 2000s, The Strokes emerged as the heir-apparent to The Velvet Underground. That reputation lasted for approximately an album-and-a-half before people realized that these guys, while solid musicians, weren't the scruffy New York kids everyone thought they were. They were polished and preppy trust fund babies. Over a decade later, enter Parquet Courts. These New Yorkers have a few albums under their collective belt now, and they seem to get better with each release. While past albums have been rock in its purest form - dirty, driving, dissonant - this new album is a bit more mellow. If their first few releases were more like The Velvet's album *White Light/White Heat*, *Human Performance* ends up sounding a bit more like albums *Velvet Underground* or *Loaded*. This album is lot more mellow, a lot more sensitive. The songs predominantly tackle

life in New York, but they could be odes to basically any big, grimy city. There isn't a rock band out there that's been as consistent the last few years as Parquet Courts, and this album is just the cherry on top.

Deakin - Sleep Cycle

While I stated earlier that I was going to avoid albums I've already touched on this year, I felt the need to come back to this gem from Baltimore native Josh Dibb, aka Deakin. The Animal Collective member made of the most interesting and beautiful albums of the year, and it's essentially been snubbed by every year-end list. What gives?! After a year in which death and political uncertainty reigned supreme, some meditation is necessary. No album is more therapeutic than *Sleep Cycle*. And that stands to reason, considering the album was written as ther-

apy for Dibb, who was going through a rough spell SEVEN YEARS AGO WHEN THE ALBUM WAS ANNOUNCED. Seriously, this six-track album is the culmination of seven years of self-doubt, struggle, a move to Africa, a kickstarter fiasco and the destruction of his music equipment in a flood. Opening track "Golden Chords" is one of the most beautiful songs of encouragement that has been put out in the last decade, while the electronic math-rock banger "Footy" gives glimpses of the turmoil in Deakin's life. The album ends with the song "Good House," which finds Dibb repeating mantras to keep himself level-headed. Think of this album as one like when The Beatles turned to Ravi Shankar and began using Eastern music. *Sleep Cycle* an absolute triumph and worth repeated listens.

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IN OUR OPINION

Appointment of Wilbur Ross should have eastside residents fuming

- By Patrick Taylor -

As the inauguration of President-elect Donald Trump draws nearer, he has been in the process of filling his cabinet. Throughout his campaign, Trump promised to "drain the swamp" and be a friend to the middle class as opposed to the elites. So far, his cabinet choices have been more of the same.

While Trump decried opponent Hillary Clinton and accused her of "pay to play" tactics, so far many of Trump's appointees have been big campaign donors, including Linda McMahon (Small Business administrator), Andrew Puzdner (Labor secretary), Betsy DeVos (Education secretary), Todd Ricketts (Deputy Commerce secretary), Steven Mnuchin (Treasury secretary) and Wilbur Ross (Commerce secretary). Together, these appointees donated a whopping \$11.6 million to Trump's campaign. It's also worth noting that so far, Trump's selections have a total net worth of \$14.5 billion.

But one name on that list should stick out to eastside residents more than any, and that's Wilbur Ross. For those unaware, Ross, a billionaire himself, has made hundreds of millions of dollars gutting businesses in Chapter 11 bankruptcy and flipping them for personal profit.

One of his more notable acquisitions was Bethlehem Steel in the early 2000s. Ross bundled money from investors and, under the banner of the Interna-

tional Steel Group, he purchased Bethlehem Steel. Less than two years later he would flip it for approximately \$4.5 billion, with over \$250 million going into his personal coffers.

At the time, Bethlehem Steel was days away from closing. Wilbur showed tremendous business acumen and foresight by buying up multiple steel businesses, including Acme and LTV, betting that American steel would become an in-demand commodity once again. The stock market collapse in 2000/01, coupled with 9/11, provided plenty of opportunity for Ross, and so he raised \$250 million more to pour into distressed businesses. Wilbur also guessed correctly that then President George W. Bush would be enacting tariffs on foreign steel. When Bethlehem Steel was signed over to the International Steel Group, it kept the doors at Bethlehem Steel open and the workers producing.

It looks like a win, but in actuality it was a last-gasp effort that hampered workers' ability to earn. One of the more appealing aspects of Chapter 11 bankruptcy is the fact that pensions can be shed. For a company as old as Bethlehem Steel, pension payments were through the roof. Suddenly, they were off the books and a 401(k) option was put in place for workers. While poor negotiating from union heads certainly played a part, the fact remains that tens of thousands of retirees and families were suddenly

left without pensions. Besides pensions being shed, many workers were laid off - about a third in total. All former workers were left without healthcare. At the mill, vacation time was reduced, discipline was tightened. Job classifications sunk from 35 down to just five. All the while, Wilbur promised to keep the doors open and offered prosperity. So much for that.

While the case can certainly be made that Ross helped keep the doors at Sparrows Point open a little longer, the cost to workers was exorbitant. And the motive was never to keep the doors open to help workers, it was to make a pretty penny for those at the top. Mission accomplished.

Besides being a steel magnate, Ross is also known for purchasing coal mines, like the Sago mine in West Virginia in the mid 2000s. On Jan. 2, 2006, an explosion at the mine caused a collapse, trapping 13 miners. Only one survived. In 2005, the mine had been hit with 208 safety violations, with 96 being considered "substantial and serious." During the mid 2000s, Sago also had continuous issues with safety, with the accident rate three times the national average. Compared to other local mines of that size in West Virginia, it was over 10 times the average.

According to the Department of Commerce's website, "The Department works with businesses, universities, communities, and the Nation's workers to promote job creation, economic growth, sustainable development, and improved standards of living for Americans." Ross's history on the eastside, and elsewhere, betrays him. He's made a living as a bottom feeder, using his immense capital to ring out every last dollar from dying businesses as he can, without any regard for the livelihood of the blue collar worker. Considering the Sixth District voted overwhelmingly for Trump in the election, his appointment is nothing less than a slap in the face.

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Bevins meets with Scouts



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Art of Pottery

Register now for the winter session of Art of Pottery with Carol. This class meets on Fridays from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. at Victory Villa Senior Center, 403 Compass Road in Middle River. The fee is \$35.00 for 10 weeks. Participants must be 60 or older and a member of the Senior Center (there is no fee to join the center).

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The Wise Avenue Volunteer Fire Company, 214 Wise Ave. in Dundalk, hosts its annual train garden from noon to 9 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays and 6 to 9 p.m. Monday through Friday through Jan. 8. Admission is \$1; free for children under 7. Fire house merchandise is available for purchase.

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Luminaria Night in Historic Dundalk will be held Friday, Dec. 16, from 6 to 10 p.m. Business owners, church members and area residents will set out luminarias - votive candles nestled in small white bags weighed down with sand - along sidewalks, buildings and curbs in Old Dundalk as well as some sections of Merritt Boulevard and Wise Avenue. Residents are invited to set out their own luminarias if they would like to join the effort. Mr. and Mrs. Santa Claus will visit the Dundalk-Patapsco Neck Historical Society and Museum's train garden beginning at 6 p.m. Keyboard player Jay Walton will lead Christmas carolers in song beginning at 6:30 p.m. on the museum's front lawn, 4 Center Place in Dundalk. For more information, call 410-284-2331, or visit dundalktraingarden.blogspot.com.

Community Christmas Party

The Louis and Anna Spath Foundation will hold its third annual Christmas party from 1 to 4 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 17, at 3717 E. Baltimore St. in Highlandtown. The event, which is free for children and adults, will include music and other live entertainment, food and presents for all children. Santa Claus will be available for photo opportunities.

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.

Breakfast with Santa

The Middle River Recreation Council will hold Breakfast with Santa on Saturday, Dec. 17, at the Victory Villa Community Center, 404 Compass Road in Middle River. Santa will be available for seatings from 8 to 10 a.m. and 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Advance tickets cost \$10 for adults and \$8 for children ages 3-10. Tickets at the door will cost \$12 and \$10, respectively. Advance tickets can be purchased at the community center Dec. 15, from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m., or from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday through Friday at the recreation office (in the community center). For more information, call 410-887-0234.

Karaoke

Dundalk American Legion Post 38, 3300 Dundalk Ave. in Dundalk, will host Fun Time Karaoke with Annette and "Wild" Bill on Friday, Dec. 16 and Saturday, Dec. 17, from 8:00 p.m. to midnight. For more information, call 410-288-2297.

Historical Society Train Garden

The Dundalk-Patapsco Neck Historical Society and Museum, 4 Center Place in Dundalk, will host its 17th annual train garden through Monday, Jan. 2. The hours are noon to 8 p.m., seven days a week with the exceptions of Dec. 24, when the display will close at 5 p.m., and Christmas Day, Dec. 25, when the garden will be closed. Admission is free but donations will be accepted. For more information, call 410-284-2331.

Celebration of Flight

On Dec. 17, 1903, brothers Orville and Wilbur Wright made the first powered and sustained flight when they kept their flying machine in the air for 12 seconds, traveling a distance of 120 feet. Thirteen years after that first flight, the Wright Co. and the Glenn L. Martin Co. merged for a brief time to create the Wright Martin Aircraft Corp. Visit the Glenn L. Martin Maryland Aviation Museum at Martin State Airport, Hangar 5, 701 Wilson Point Road in Middle River, to learn about this partnership. On display is a large scale model of Martin's first flying machine, similar in structure to the Wrights' 1903 Flyer. The museum is open Wednesday through Sunday from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Admission is \$3 for adults and \$1 for children. Information: 410-682-6122.

Karaoke

Essex Holly Neck Memorial VFW Post 2621, 206 Riverside Road in Essex, will host PJ's Karaoke at 8 p.m. Friday, Dec. 16. The kitchen will be open until 9:30 p.m. Please bring a donation of canned goods or other nonperishable food items to donate to local needy families.

Free Home-Cooked Meals

Essex United Methodist Church, 524 Maryland Ave., will offer free, hot home-cooked meals for anyone in the community every Wednesday from 3:30 - 6 p.m. Anyone who wishes to may sit down and eat, no questions asked.

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The communities of Essex and Middle River celebrated the coming of Christmas with the Hometown Christmas Tree Lighting and Holiday Gathering on Dec. 10. Held at the Heritage Society of Essex and Middle River, the event included the lighting of the tree, holiday music and a visit from Santa Claus, who arrived on a fire truck. The huge tree was donated by the Back River Restoration Committee and Sam Weaver of Weaver's Marina. The tree was decorated by Cliff O'Connell. In addition to festive balls and lights, the tree was adorned with gloves, hats and scarves for those in need. George Wilbanks, owner of the *East County Times*, led the group in prayer before introducing his great-grandson, Matthew, to lead the crowd in singing "Santa Claus is Coming to Town." Heritage Society organizers would like to thank Rockin' on the River, Don Crockett, BRRC, Cliff's Hi-Tech and Direct Effect, CoreGroup, Walmart Carroll Island, First National Bank, Hoffberger Oil, Five Star Pizza and Rice, State Senator Johnny Ray Sallings, County Councilman Todd Crandell and delegates Ric Metzgar, Robin Grammer and Bob Long.

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Clothing Give-Away

St. John's Lutheran Church, 518 Franklin Ave. in Essex, will give free clothing to those in need from 9 a.m. to noon, Saturday, Dec. 17. Residents should bring their own bags. Please do not bring small children. The church is also accepting donations of good usable clothing, domestics, housewares, toys and baby furniture. If you'd like to make a donation, call the church office, 410-687-4621 for office hours and directions.

Sacred Heart Christmas Services

Join us at Sacred Heart of Mary, 6736 Youngstown Ave. in Dundalk, for Mass on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day. On Christmas Eve, Christmas carols will start at 3:30 p.m., followed by Mass at 4 p.m. and 6 p.m. Carols (Kolendy) begin at 11:30 p.m. on Christmas Eve and will be followed by Mass at Midnight. On Christmas Day Masses are at 8:30 and 10:30 a.m. Bring the whole family to celebrate the birth of our Savior.

Sight & Sound Bus Trip

Church of the Annunciation, 5212 McCormick Ave. in Overlea, will hold a bus trip Wednesday, Dec. 28, to see "Samson" at the Sight & Sound Theatre in Lancaster, Pa. Tickets, which include a show ticket, bus transportation, lunch buffet and snacks on the bus, cost \$105 for adults and \$71 for children 12 and under. The bus will leave the church parking lot at 10 a.m. and return around 7:30 p.m. To reserve a seat, call Jane at 410-866-8016.

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- ### CLUES ACROSS
- 1. Way to fish
 - 4. Not us
 - 8. "M*A*S*H" actor Alda
 - 10. A store of valuable things
 - 11. Bring on
 - 12. Gave birth to horse
 - 13. British poet Hunt
 - 15. Swine-like
 - 16. Asteroid 1532
 - 17. Devout
 - 18. A boost
 - 21. Licensed for Wall Street
 - 22. Tooth caregiver
 - 23. Political action committee
 - 24. Make a soft murmuring sound
 - 25. Porky is one
 - 26. Taoism
 - 27. 1950s sex symbol
 - 34. Imprisonment
 - 35. Small freshwater ducks
 - 36. Happening later than it should have
 - 37. Unit of measurement
 - 38. Coen Bros' "The Dude" does this
 - 39. The destroyer (Hindu)
 - 40. Kids take these to school
 - 41. Flow or leak through
 - 42. East Greenwich High School
 - 43. Midway between south and southeast

- ### CLUES DOWN
- 1. Many-colored flower
 - 2. Strangers
 - 3. One who is outcast
 - 4. Transmitters
 - 5. Theory of interconnection
 - 6. Happening
 - 7. Native of ancient Asian kingdom
 - 9. Black (Span.)
 - 10. Destructive storm
 - 12. Condemn beforehand
 - 14. Baseball players do this
 - 15. Exclamation that denotes disgust
 - 17. When you expect to get there
 - 19. Dreams up
 - 20. Peacock network
 - 23. Robbers
 - 24. Beverage container
 - 25. Celebrations
 - 26. A way to change color
 - 27. Bullheaded
 - 28. Type of visual display
 - 29. Easily purchased type of medication
 - 30. City along the western Rhine
 - 31. Animal disease
 - 32. Martinis have these
 - 33. Run away
 - 34. Remove errors from
 - 36. Slugger Ruth

(See Puzzle Solution Page 32)

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Find the words hidden vertically, horizontally & diagonally throughout the puzzle.

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WORD SCRAMBLE

Rearrange the letters to spell something pertaining to Disney movies.

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Answer: Mermaid

(Solution to Crossword on page 31)

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