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VERSE OF THE WEEK -

2 John 1:3 *Grace, mercy and peace from God the Father and from Jesus Christ, the Father's son, will be with us in truth and love.*

Orems Elementary parents left disappointed after Victory Villa boundary meeting



Parents and students from Orems Elementary showed up en masse to express their disapproval with potential boundary changes that could see the school move up to 130 students to Middlesex Elementary when the new Victory Villa Elementary opens in 2018.

- By Patrick Taylor -

Parents and children predominantly representing Orems Elementary packed the Middle River Middle School cafeteria last Tuesday, March 28, hoping to voice their concern about potential boundary changes that would affect seven elementary schools in the northeast area, as well as Hawthorne Elementary in the southeast.

With Victory Villa Elementary set to open the 2018-19 school year in a new building with a capacity for over 700 students - almost double the size of the previous building - students from Glenmar, Hawthorne, Martin Boulevard, Middlesex, Orems, Shady Spring, Victory

Villa and Vincent Farm Elementary will be redistricted to help alleviate overcrowding in the area's schools. Of the seven schools involved in the process, only Hawthorne (86.5 percent full) is below 100 percent capacity. Three schools - Glenmar, Victory Villa and Vincent Farm - currently sit at or above 123 percent, while Shady Spring's enrollment sits at a whopping 131 percent.

Hundreds showed up to the meeting hoping to publicly voice their concerns to the committee tasked with drawing the boundary lines, but were outraged when Matthew Cropper, president of Cropper GSI which is leading the independent

study, told concerned parents the evening was simply meant for them to learn more about the process and provide feedback through an online survey.

"Can any of these people ask you questions or is it one way?" questioned Valerie McDonough, who was at the meeting representing her husband, State Delegate Pat McDonough. Others shouted they had already looked over the materials posted on the county school system's website.

"What we're going to do at this point... is continue with the established process," said Community Superintendent - see **BOUNDARY** on page 6 -

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Neighbors express concerns over Pulaski Crossing's 150 proposed new townhomes

- By Devin Crum -

Neighbors in the vicinity of a proposed new townhome development in White Marsh expressed mainly opposition at a public hearing on the project Tuesday, March 28.

The project, dubbed Pulaski Crossing, would see 150 new residences built on an approximately eight-acre property along US-40/Pulaski Highway, known as the former site of the Pulaski Drive-in. A large portion of the property was recently rezoned through the 2016 Comprehensive Zoning Map Process, changing the resource conservation zone toward the rear of the property to a residential one that allows for townhouses and adding a business zone at the front.

This allowed the entire parcel to be used for housing because of Baltimore County policy which allows business zones adjacent to residential ones to be used residentially.

According to David Karceski, land use attorney for the project, the homes would range from 22 - 24 feet wide and have a starting price point of \$280,000 - \$290,000.

Karceski also stated the project would provide about an acre more open space than required by the county. But he stated at a prior public meeting that the excess was due to a change in county policy which allows environmentally

constrained areas of a site to count toward a project's open space requirement.

The forested areas at the back of the property, which are held in forest conservation easements by the county and cannot be disturbed, will be included in the site's passive open space acreage, he said at the previous meeting.

However, nearby residents fear the project could place added pressure on schools and traffic infrastructure in an area that already has problems with both. They also have concerns that it does not fit with the county's Master Plan.

Some expressed concerns about current traffic in the area during rush hour and wondered how it will be with around 300 new vehicles on the road with this new development.

"I'm going to have to move," said one man who lives near the site. "I won't be able to get out onto Route 40."

Karceski admitted a traffic study has not yet been done for the plan, but assured that the county will require one which will also have to be approved by the state since US-40 is under the jurisdiction of Maryland's State Highway Administration.

According to Patrick Williams, a project manager with the county's Department of Permits, Approvals and Inspections, it has not yet been determined whether the developer would have to contribute to improvements to the nearby intersection

of Pulaski Highway at Ebenezer Road, which is classified as failing.

It is typical that developers seeking to build within the traffic-shed of a failing intersection are required to contribute to improvements of that intersection.

Many attendees also aired concerns about schools in the area already being overcrowded and that 150 new homes would only add to that problem.

Baltimore County does plan to build new elementary schools to alleviate the overcrowding present at that level. But school enrollment projections show the overcrowding will move up to the middle school level in the next few years leading to severe overcrowding in some schools.

The county currently has no plans for new middle or high schools in the area. And Pulaski Crossing is not included in those projections because the plan did not yet exist.

Karceski noted, though, that they will have to submit a school impact study to the county which will show if they believe this plan will result in overcrowding of more than 115 percent in the schools that would serve the development, as per county regulations.

And being in close proximity to the heavily sediment-polluted Bird River, storm water management (SWM) and sediment controls are also a concern.

The site already has in place two SWM ponds intended to be used for a different

project proposed for the site - a Carmax facility - which Pulaski Crossing's engineers say showed about double the impervious surface they plan to have.

According to John Motsco, an engineer for the project, the plan is to use those ponds for the new project. But their SWM plan must be approved by the county's Department of Environmental Protection and Sustainability. He said the "fine details" had not been worked out yet, but the project would be subject to the newest SWM standards which went into effect in 2009.

"The current intention is to use what was designed for the Carmax to the maximum extent we can and re-use the existing facility," Motsco said. However, he told the *East County Times* that the ponds were designed using the 2000 SWM standards.

Residents of the nearby Loreley Beach-Bowerman community also have taken issue with the plan as a Baltimore County Master Plan conflict and said it is unfitting for the area.

The site is surrounded by land zoned for commercial and industrial uses, they contend, and the Master Plan designated the site for resource conservation at its rear and business uses up front closer to the highway.

"The Master Plan calls for an employment center along this section of Route - see **PULASKI** on page 10 -

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BdRRC hopes to use mobile app to better Bird River water quality

- By Devin Crum -

At its spring meeting on Thursday, March 30, leadership of the Bird River Restoration Campaign (BdRRC) updated the community on issues currently facing its namesake river and some things that have happened since they last met in the fall.

But they also sought to inform those in attendance about a new mobile application which the organization hopes will help raise awareness of water quality issues the river is facing.

The Bird River is widely recognized as one of the most, if not the most sediment-polluted river in the Chesapeake Bay. Increased residential and commercial development in the watershed has resulted in at least a five-fold increase in the amount of paved surfaces over the last 20 years, according to studies done by Baltimore County, causing an increase in polluted stormwater runoff flowing into the river and the bay.

As a result, the polluted runoff has carried with it not just massive amounts of sediment which has filled in the river and made it unnavigable in its upper reaches, but also high levels of nutrients and human and animal waste.

The nutrients can contribute to algae blooms which cause fish kills, and the waste can cause high levels of bacteria which can be harmful to humans if ingested or it gets into an open wound

while swimming.

In the last year, the Bird River has experienced a major fish kill caused by an algae bloom and extremely high levels of fecal bacteria present after rain storms.

However, John Dawes, executive director of Chesapeake Commons software development, introduced a free mobile application for iPhone and Android smart phones which could begin to change the conditions present in the river with enough local participation.

BdRRC hopes to be able to use the app for citizens to report local issues related to the Bird River and to help clean up trash and sediment issues.

More than just a tool on your phone, Dawes said the app was actually developed as a web and mobile community similar to other social networks.

"More or less, it allows you to share your observations while you're out on the river," he said.

He noted that members like to use it for reporting the "good, bad and the ugly" and trying to establish a community of reports and citizen volunteers that can work on both a local and national scale to help improve water quality issues.

Dawes said the app, which is also available at www.waterreporter.org, can be specifically useful by helping citizens to report problems such as sediment issues, trash or other pollution.

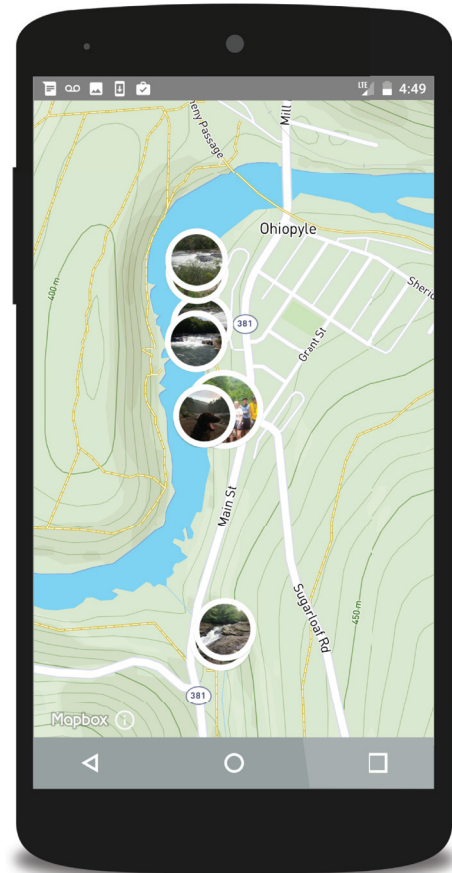
Users can create a report by describing

and photographing the issue, attaching a geo-tag to it so others can find it and even bringing it to a particular group's attention for quick action on more localized issues, he explained. For instance, reports shared with Friends of Bird River will go straight to the BdRRC leadership.

In the Chesapeake Bay watershed, Dawes gave several examples of how advocacy groups are using the app to meet their goals.

For example, an organization called Stream Link Education leverages the system to track where they plant riparian forest buffers, particularly along the Monocacy River in Frederick County. They also organize and lead tree plantings with local community members, organizations and businesses. And with the help of volunteers, they plant native trees and shrubs within the area known as the riparian zone - the land that extends from the banks of a stream.

Additionally, the Interstate Commission on the Potomac River Basin uses the system to identify algal blooms with the mission of protecting and enhancing the waters and related resources of the Potomac River Basin through science, regional cooperation and education. The group operates across state lines in Pennsylvania, Maryland, Virginia and West Virginia to protect the "Nation's River" which plays an important role in the lives of more than 6 million people.



A report map in the app showing locations of different logged issues.

Elsewhere around the country, the Mountain Watershed group is using Water Reporter to document the beauty of the Youghiogheny River in western Pennsylvania, Dawes pointed out, and - see **BIRD RIVER** on page 10 -

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Marshy Point Nature Center to host 15th annual Spring Festival

Marshy Point Nature Center, nestled on the Dundee and Saltpeter creeks in Middle River, is one of Baltimore County's hidden gems, according to Ben Porter, a naturalist at the center.

Owned and operated by the Baltimore County Department of Recreation and Parks, Marshy Point offers a variety of activities and special events, nature classes, water exploration and many resident critters, including a barred owl and many reptiles.

To show off the facility and bring attention to the coming warm weather, the center will hold its 15th annual Spring Festival from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, April 15.

"The festival showcases the amazing natural features that people might not know exist right here in their backyard," Porter said. "We get to show off the county's only waterfront nature

center, and it's right here in eastern Baltimore County."

The event, with free parking and admission, will include many participatory and interactive activities, including canoeing, crafts, games and activities specifically designed for children, Chesapeake Bay retriever demonstrations on land and water, traditional boat building demonstrations, colonial re-enactors, live music, decoy carvers and talks about the center's resident wildlife.

"And we'll have lots of vendors and food for sale," Porter said.

Center staff members are also excited about hosting the second year of their osprey/Dundee Creek camera, according to Porter. Last year, when the camera was launched, viewers were able to watch ospreys build a nest, lay eggs, and then babies hatching and eventu-

ally fledging at the end of the season.

"The birds have returned so we're looking forward to watching them again this year," Porter said. "And this year, we have a new feature - we have a microphone out there now."

While Baltimore County owns the property and provides employees who manage the center, many of the extras are provided by the Marshy Point Nature Center Council, a volunteer organization that runs like the county's many community recreation councils.

"They're sort of our 'Friends of Marshy Point' group," Porter said. "They provide assistance around the

center and raise money that buys most of our resident animals, center exhibits and that sort of thing."

All donations made on the day and proceeds from food sales will benefit the center and its council.

"We seem to be building year after year - the festival has really grown in popularity," Porter said. "We've had up to 2,000 people here on the day - we're looking forward to seeing everyone."

The center is at 7130 Marshy Point Road in Middle River. For more information about the festival or other center offerings, call 410-887-2817.



The event, for which fair weather is expected, will feature canoeing along Dundee Creek, as well as many other fun activities for the whole family. Photo courtesy of Ben Porter.

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George Roberts, temporarily quelling the situation.

Things didn't stay calm for long, however, as Cropper was soon surrounded by approximately 20 irate parents complaining about lack of input.

Orems Elementary PTA President Natalie Van Buskirk, who is also part of the committee studying the issue, told the *East County Times* that while the evening wasn't meant to be a public forum, she understands the frustration expressed by the parents.

"They've done their due diligence going on the website and spending hours going through the data," said Van Buskirk. "After that meeting I think a lot of people were upset that they didn't get to express their opinion. But we, the committee, did communicate that the meeting was pretty much just a session where they would be looking at the data, trying to analyze the data and then take that survey. But again I know there were a lot of community members that were there that were upset."

Among those upset by the proposed boundary changes - which would see upwards of 130 Orems students being rezoned to attend Middlesex Elementary - was Bob Driscoll, who leads the Aero Acres Civic Improvement Association.

"Orems Elementary was built specifically for the children in the Aero

Acres community," said Driscoll. "We feel like they're moving our kids unjustly, no reason at all, except for diversity."

Van Buskirk contradicted the claim that students were being moved for purposes of diversity, saying that there is no racial or economic motive behind the boundary proposal.

"The committee's own goal is to keep communities together," said Van Buskirk.

The committee studying the boundary issue is comprised of Cropper and four representatives from each of the eight schools involved in the process. The four representatives include each school's principal, a teacher and two parents. Principals do not have a vote.

The committee started the process with three proposed maps. At their next meeting, that number was increased to nine before being whittled down to the four options that were presented Tuesday night. Information from each of the committee meetings previously held can be found at www.bcps.org/construction/victoryvilla. A final recommendation will be made to the Baltimore County Board of Education on May 9.

According to Van Buskirk, the response to the online survey filled out by parents has been strong enough that the committee may end up considering other options based on the data provided. A committee meeting has been scheduled for April 20 so committee members can

evaluate the data and decide if a new proposal is necessary.

She also echoed some of the sentiments expressed by Driscoll and others.

"Two of the options, they cut right down the middle of Aero Acres," Van Buskirk said. "There would be children that have literally been going to school together since pre-k, since kindergarten, and they're going to be living right across the street from each other and going to different schools."

Besides students from Orems being moved to Middlesex, anywhere from 93 - 120 students would be moved from Shady Spring Elementary to Orems. For many, the solution doesn't make a lot of logistical sense.

Orems and Shady Spring are more than three miles from each other, while every student currently attending Orems resides within a mile of the school. Students who end up rezoned to Middlesex would also have to travel a longer distance to school.

Van Buskirk cited both cost and safety concerns about the potential bussing arrangements.

"I'm surprised Shady Spring hasn't spoken up," she said. "They will be bussing 130 unbuckled students across a six-lane, 55-mile-per-hour highway where there have been numerous accidents."

Earlier this year the Board of Education approved a motion that would see \$1 million added to the transportation budget to reduce the student-to-seat

ratio from 3:1 down to 2:1. Van Buskirk thinks additional money would need to be added if any of the currently proposed boundary changes gets approved.

According to Cropper, the committee has to take into consideration the following objectives: Reduce overcrowding; utilize added capacity at VV; support diversity that reflects community; maintain continuity of neighborhoods; impact of transportation and pedestrian patterns; minimizing number of times any individual students are reassigned; efficient use of capacity in affected schools; long-term enrollment and capacity trends; location of feeder school boundaries; and phasing in boundary changes by grade level for high schools.

Cropper told the parents that the process can be incredibly tricky because the committee doesn't want to get bogged down by a single objective. Rather, the objectives need to be considered as a whole.

"I know that this is going to affect the eight schools in the study," Van Buskirk stated. "One of the main concerns is keeping a community intact. With these options it's not keeping the community together."

She added that there is a chance Orems could opt out of the study, citing a school in the southwest area that opted out of a boundary process a few years back, but noted that it is not likely that will happen.

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Business community bands together to benefit children with cancer

- By Devin Crum -

On March 15, the Johns Hopkins Pediatric Oncology unit declared war - Play-Doh war!

A competition between nurses, patients and families asked for donations of Play-Doh for the hospital's children's center, with the unit that collected the most cans of Doh winning the challenge.

Beth Wheeler, a member of the Gold In Fight organization which seeks to make life easier for children with cancer and their families, joined the challenge on behalf of the Pediatric Oncology unit, posting a notice to the organization's Facebook a week later as a final push for donations.

Little did she know the campaign would soon explode into a massive torrent of donations.

Linda Felts, a Middle River resident and friend of Wheeler's, had been trying to think of ways to help her nephew, who had been diagnosed with leukemia shortly after Christmas. She saw the post and quickly shared it to her own page, then to the page of the real

estate firm she works for, Cummings and Co., explaining that it would be a great way to give back.

The company has six offices, including one in Perry Hall, Felts said, and she offered the office who gave the most Doh a prize of a catered lunch. She noted that she thought she might get "a few hundred" cans of Play-Doh from the challenge.

"Well, none of them want the lunch," Felts said. "But my phone started blowing up Thursday; it was amazing the support I got with these agents."

By Friday morning, Felts realized that John Kantorski, head of the Perry Hall office, had re-posted the original post to his own Facebook page as well, along with a link to Amazon where people could go directly to buy cases of Play-Doh. He offered anyone who donated a chance to be in a drawing for Orioles and Iron Birds tickets.

Another agent in the company subsequently offered that whoever collected the most Doh would be treated to dinner. And before Felts knew it, the campaign had gone fully viral.

"I was just amazed," Felts said. "By Tuesday we had over 2,000 containers of Play-Doh," she said of just her office.

The bulk of the donations were collected over a four-day period following the original post and delivered to Johns Hopkins Hospital on the following Monday, March 27. In all, Cummings collected a total of 6,644 cans of Play-Doh to the hospital on behalf of the Pediatric Oncology unit, with more than 4,000 of them coming from the Perry Hall office alone.

The Pediatric Oncology unit's totals were expected to exceed 10,000 total cans.

According to Felts, the donations came from all over, including contractors and vendors that the offices work



Linda Felts helping to deliver the Play-Doh with her nephew, Cole. Photo courtesy of Gold In Fight.

with, as well as family and friends of everyone involved.

"It blew us away," she said. "They just all stepped up to the plate."

Wheeler noted that Gold In Fight had arranged for a moving company to donate their labor and deliver the cases of Doh to the hospital free of charge. But many of the agents from Felts' company were adamant that they wanted to help deliver it themselves.

"And doing it is where you really feel it," Wheeler said, "because that's where you can really change people."

She called it a "powerful" gesture on the part of the agents.

"It was just a huge success," Felts added. "A lot of Play-Doh."

The two women noted that this was the first time Johns Hopkins had attempted such a donation drive for Play-Doh. And it was so successful that the nurses and staff actually asked them not to bring any more since they now had enough to last at least the next two years.

While the official totals were not set to be revealed until Tuesday afternoon, Wheeler felt comfortable stat-

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In total, the real estate firm donated more than 6,000 cans of Play-Doh. Photo courtesy of Gold In Fight.

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ing that the total would be "well over" 30,000 cans of Play-Doh collected for the entire hospital.

Felts said she learned from her nephew that Play-Doh is actually therapeutic for the pediatric cancer patients.

"He said that when he gets his treatments, and some nurses are naturally rougher than other nurses... and he says that playing with the Play-Doh while he's getting his treatments keeps his mind focused not on what the nurses are doing to him," Felts said.

"I thought they were playing with the Play-Doh, but they're actually using it in therapeutic ways," she said. "And you don't realize, a simple thing like Play-Doh - they can't use it over and over again because as soon as it's opened it's contaminated with germs, so it's theirs."

Wheeler said she is now working on putting together gift bags for each patient with things that most people do not realize that they need, like lip balm, hard candies for the sores in their mouth, blankets, decks of cards, puzzles, money for hospital parking and even Order Up gift cards or gas cards. The bags will be for the kids and the parents, she said, and she has compiled these specific items through speaking with them to find out what they need.

"I think I have a pretty good list now of things I'd like to put in there for every

time I go up," she said.

In addition to helping with smaller bills, Gold In Fight tries to take the kids on trips and activities, such as to a Baltimore Blast game where they got to kick the opening balls, Wheeler said. The organization also has an event coming up at Port Discovery to allow the kids to get out and interact with each other.

And members are always willing to make personal drop-offs of supplies like food or batteries for toys to the families in the hospital, she said.

Additionally, they work to support the children emotionally just by being there for them. And they try to "make dreams come true," Wheeler said, like having Blast players come to meet them at the hospital.

Because many of the children come from outside the state or even abroad and do not always have a care giver with them at all times, Gold In Fight seeks to help them by bringing dinner, gifts around the holidays and many other necessities and comforts, according to Wheeler.

And some parents cannot keep working because of having to travel to and from the hospital and possibly also take care of other children at home, Wheeler said.

"Some parents are single. So what do you do when you're the single parent of this child and you have a child at home," she said, describing one of the families she has been helping. "It just breaks my heart. That's why I do what I do."

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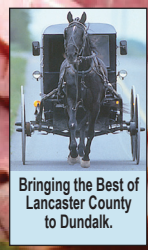
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the Choctowatchee Riverkeeper down in Alabama uses it to be a watchdog for sediment issues, similar to BdRRC.

"We're hoping that eventually we can pull maybe even county government and other organizations in," Dawes said.

With each report, the GPS location can provide turn-by-turn directions to the location for those who want to help out. Users can also log in with their account and discuss issues featured in the reports.

"It helps create that dialogue of specific things that can happen and get you moving towards improvement," Dawes said.

And after an activity is completed, the report for it can then be closed out to show that an issue has been resolved.

"So if we're working together as a team to fix this stuff, we've got a nice framework for being able to capture all that data," Dawes commented.

He also said that, although he sits at a computer writing code every day, he and his team are inspired to be able to get this technology into the hands of people who are out trying to fix these problems.

"So hopefully you guys can use it, give it a shot, and we can use this data to really improve our local waterways," he said.

Dawes also pointed out that since the BdRRC meeting, there have already been a "handful" of reports logged on the app in the Bird River group and discussions between members.

He noted that nearly 2,000 reports have been logged nationwide so far through the app by its more than 1,000 members. And an additional 30 members had signed up to use it following the BdRRC meeting.

Also discussed at the meeting was a new environmental curriculum in Baltimore County Public Schools which consists of a yearlong course in Earth and environmental science for ninth grade students.

According to Joe Davis, a teacher naturalist in BCPS' Office of Science, the course includes a unit focusing specifically on Maryland's hydrosphere.

"What we have done is charged the schools to involve every ninth grader in a study, not of just the Chesapeake Bay and those broad issues, but actually what's happening in their own local tributaries," Davis explained.



He added that the program uses Small Watershed Action Plans (SWAPs) as anchored documents in place of textbooks to allow students to look at data, other types of information and maps developed by the scientific community and use it to investigate what is going on in their own communities in terms of water quality.

SWAPs are studies produced by county government which identify characteristics of a watershed, ongoing or potential issues there and possible actions citizens or organizations can take to improve water quality in the subject waterway.

Through the program, students monitor water quality in local streams for the year, so if they see an issue they can report it, Davis said. So high schools such as Perry Hall, Overlea, Kenwood or Eastern Tech, which have students living in the Bird River watershed, will be tuned in to those issues.

And in reference to the concept of being a pest to get attention for water quality issues to get results, Davis joked that ninth grade students can be great pests.

"If you want to get something changed, you get a bunch of ninth graders fired up about an issue and [you'll get results]," Davis noted.

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40 recognizing the need to support the jobs and employment prospects for the area," wrote Loreley Beach-Bowerman Community Association President Courtney Gruber in a statement to the *Times*. "Commercial development makes perfect sense since the property fronts Route 40 and is in this heavy commercialized corridor.

"To introduce an isolated townhouse project next to this highway is insane, especially when schools in the area are so overcrowded and school buses will need to compete with trucks to get to the proposed townhouses," Gruber's statement continued.

Chris Jakubiak, a community planner and consultant hired by LBBCA, said the plan "would isolate a townhouse project among heavily commercial and industrial areas without supporting residential amenities." He added that it would become an "island" of residential housing with no access to anything except by car.

"This [site] is totally inappropriate for a residential development," another attendee said, mentioning additional traffic concerns related to entering and exiting the site due to existing lines of site.

"There is absolutely not another townhouse or residential development until you get to Joppatown and for four miles down Pulaski Highway," he continued. "There isn't another community that exits onto the backup for Interstate 95."

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MDTA, MSP look to curb distracted driving

April is National Distracted Driving Awareness Month, and the Maryland Transportation Authority (MDTA) police, as well as Maryland State Police, are joining law-enforcement agencies nationwide in their efforts to step up enforcement and to heighten motorist awareness about the dangers of distracted driving.

"Is that phone call, a text message or social media post worth your life or someone else's? Absolutely not," said MDTA Police Chief Colonel Jerry Jones.

Distracted driving is any activity that could divert a person's attention away from the primary task of driving. MDTA police officers will focus on handheld cell phone use, including phone calls and texting while driving. The fines for using a handheld phone while a vehicle is in motion range from \$83 for the first offense to \$160 for the third offense. According to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, 3,477 people were killed and an estimated 391,000 were injured in motor vehicle crashes involving distracted drivers in 2015.

The Maryland Highway Safety Office determined more than 31,100 people are injured each year in crashes in our state because of distracted driving. Maryland law, also known as Jake's Law, states a driver causing serious injury or death while talking on a handheld cellphone or texting may receive up to three years in prison and a \$5,000 fine. These are primary offenses and police officers can stop drivers when those activities are observed, regardless of the presence of other violations.

Drivers are often unaware that diverting attention from the road can unconsciously lead to unsafe driving behavior, such as failure to drive in a single lane, following too close, or failing to reduce speed to avoid a traffic crash. Drivers should eliminate any activity while driving that diverts their eyes from the road ahead, their hands from the steering wheel, or their thoughts from being aware of the traffic conditions ahead and around them.

The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration has determined drivers under age 20 are in the age group with the largest proportion of drivers who are distracted. NHTSA also reports drivers in their 20s comprise 27 percent of the distracted drivers in fatal crashes nationwide. Safety tips for avoiding distracted driving include having the passenger send messages or take calls, turning off the phone while driving, or simply pulling the vehicle over.

During the entire month of April, MDTA and MSP officers will be conducting high visibility enforcement initiatives and educating the motorist of distracted driving. To end distracted driving starts with motorists parking the phone before your drive. Take the pledge and the commitment to end distracted driving by visiting Distraction.gov.

Overdoses on the rise

- by Patrick Taylor -

From Jan. 1 through March 31, Baltimore County's unofficial statistics show that there were 82 fatal overdoses. On top of that, EMS personnel have received 766 overdose calls.

Police spokesperson Elise Armacost noted that the statistics are unofficial, and that calls that were coded as overdoses don't necessarily mean an overdose occurred. The number comes from calls that were coded as overdoses based on the information given to the EMS provider and on the judgement of the EMS provider, and also includes incidents involving alcohol as well as drugs.

The *East County Times* also asked for a breakdown by region, but as of press time Armacost was still working to gather that information.

The number of overdoses and deaths relating to overdoses has skyrocketed in recent years. In 2015, it took until the end of September for the number of fatalities to hit 86. In that same period through 2016, overdose fatalities rose to 151. Extrapolating off of the current figures, that number will likely be passed by the end of June.

Current crime trends

Since March 20, there have been five commercial burglaries in the Parkville precinct. Doors were forced or pried in three cases. Front door glass was broken in one case. No force was observed in one case. Money, cash registers, liquor and cigarettes were taken.

Since March 2, there have been four auto thefts and two attempts in the Commons at White Marsh apartment complex in the Essex Precinct. Vehicles were left running and keys were used in all cases. There has been no new activity since March 21.

Since Feb. 16, there have been nine convenience store and gas station robberies within the Essex Precinct. Incidents were not committed by the same suspects. Anyone with information regarding these robberies is urged to contact Baltimore County police. Tips may be submitted anonymously.

Since Feb. 2, there have been nine commercial burglaries in the Wilkens, Woodlawn, Pikesville and White Marsh precincts that appear to be related. There has been no new activity since March 14.

Precinct 11/Essex

First Degree Burglary: On April 3, officers from the Essex precinct responded to a call in the unit block of Glenshannon Court. Sometime between 3:30 p.m. and 9:30 p.m., an unknown suspect entered the victim's apartment. The suspect ransacked the apartment, destroyed the victim's clothing and stole a lamp, pots and pans.

Robbery: Baltimore County police were called to the unit block of Norham Court in Essex on April 2. At 9 p.m., while two victims were sitting in their vehicle, three suspects approached. The suspects, two of which were armed, stole cell phones, luggage, clothing and miscellaneous items from the victims.

Attempted First Degree Burglary: On April 1, officers responded to a burglary call in the 700 block of Norris Lane in Essex. Sometime between 2 p.m. and 9:22 p.m., a juvenile suspect was attempting to enter the victim's residence by breaking the front door glass and attempting to open the front windows. The juvenile suspect was positively identified and arrested.

First Degree Burglary: Shortly after 6:30 p.m. on March 31, officers from the Essex precinct responded to a burglary call in the 2800 block of Breezy Point Court. Sometime between 5:30 p.m. and 6:30 p.m., two suspects manipulated the locking mechanism to gain entry through the victim's front door. The suspects stole two chainsaws and one planer.

Second Degree Burglary: Around 11 p.m. on March 29, a suspect broke the front doors to the 2nd Ave Value Stores, located in the unit block of Stemmers Run Road in Essex, and then forced open a side door. Once inside, the suspect stole sports memorabilia and a radio. Anyone with information should contact Baltimore County police.

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ABATE of Maryland Meeting

The Baltimore-Harford Chapter of ABATE of Maryland, Inc. will hold their next regular meeting at O'Hara's Irish Pub, 6510 Belair Road in Overlea, on April 11 at 7:30 p.m. in the upstairs meeting room. Topics of discussion will include the recent successes during this year's legislative session in Annapolis, the upcoming Get Ready to Ride event, the State Party in Cumberland on June 9 - 11, and the Freedom Ride on July 9. For more information, contact Jay Hidden at abatembh@gmail.com or 443-854-9965.

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Easter Egg Hunt

The Heritage Society of Essex and Middle River Museum, 516 Eastern Blvd. in Essex, will host it's first annual indoor Easter Egg Scavenger Hunt on Saturday, April 8, from 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. Our "Good Eggs of the Community" and the Easter Bunny will be there for a photo opportunity. Treats and fun to be had by all. This is a free event. We will also raffle off an Easter Basket valued at \$150.

Maryland Senior Citizens HOF

The Maryland Senior Citizens Hall of Fame, Inc. (MSCHF) is seeking nominations of Maryland residents, 65 years of age or older, who as active volunteers (since age 65) have made outstanding contributions to improve the lives of others in the community. Nominations are accepted through April 10. Approved nominees are inducted into the MSCHF at our annual awards luncheon in October. The nomination form and specific details for eligibility are available at mschf.org or by contacting Tom Kline at mschf1@verizon.net or 410-322-5193.

Riverside Democratic Club

State Senator James Brochin will speak to the members of the Riverside Democratic Club at their next regular meeting on Thursday, April 13, at 7:30 p.m. in the Essex-Holly Neck VFW, 206 Riverside Road in Essex. Brochin will elaborate on the issues addressed in the Maryland General Assembly. As a widely anticipated candidate for Baltimore County Executive, the senator will likely lay out his vision for the future of Baltimore County. The meeting is open to anyone interested in hearing Senator Brochin. For info., contact Jay Hidden at 443-854-9965 or new7thnews@gmail.com.

In-Home Care Discussion

Victory Villa Senior Center, 403 Compass Road in Middle River, is hosting an informational session at 10 a.m. on Wednesday, April 15, for those wishing to learn more about in-home care options, advantages and disadvantages. Do your family members say, "I want to stay in my own home"? Special programs and benefits for veterans will be discussed. No Fee; call 410-887-0235 to reserve a seat.

Boating Safety Course

The Rosedale American Legion Post 180, 1331 Seling Ave., is offering a Boating Safety Course through the Maryland Department of Natural Resources. Dates are April 18, 25 and 27 from 6 - 9 p.m. Call 410-866-9656 or 410-935-0857 for complete details.

SES Kindergarten and Pre-K

Sussex Elementary School, 515 S. Woodward Drive in Essex, will hold registration for Kindergarten and Pre-K on April 24 and May 22 by appointment. Visit the school to get a registration packet. Children must be 5 years old for Kindergarten or 4 years old for Pre-K by Sept. 1. Parents will need the following: child's birth certificate, immunization records, proof of residency, photo ID, and three current proofs of mail. If your child has attended Pre-K at Sussex, you do not need to register for Kindergarten. Call 410-887-0182 for an appointment.

Chase ES Pre-K Screening

Chase Elementary School will hold screening for prekindergarten on Friday, May 5, for children within the school's boundaries who will be 3 years old by Sept. 1. Call 410-887-5940 for a registration packet. Children who will be 5 years old by Sept. 1 must be enrolled in a kindergarten program. Must provide child's birth certificate and immunization records, as well as parent's photo ID; lease, deed or property tax bill in parent's name; and three pieces of current mail.

VVES Kindergarten and Pre-K

Victory Villa Elementary School, 8200 Old Philadelphia Road in Rosedale, will hold screening for Pre-K on May 5 and for Kindergarten on May 18 and 19 between the hours of 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. Children must be 5 years old for Kindergarten or 4 years old for Pre-K by Sept. 1 to be eligible. Call 443-809-0184 to register.

Meals on Wheels Volunteers Needed

Meals on Wheels of Central Maryland is seeking caring, reliable people to help deliver meals to your homebound neighbors. Give us about one hour of your time to deliver nutritious meals on any weekday (Monday - Friday) beginning at 11 a.m. Volunteers are needed at our local distribution site in Dundalk. In sharing a smile you will make a lasting difference in the life of a homebound senior. To get started, call Volunteer Services at 443-573-0925 or email us at volunteer@mowcm.org.

Quit Smoking Program

The Essex Library, 1110 Eastern Blvd., is hosting a free "Up in Smoke" quit smoking program from 6:30 - 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday evenings through May 9. Free nicotine patches, gum or lozenges will be part of the many options for people who want to quit smoking. To sign up, call Greta Brand at 410-399-2001.

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Duncan, Jeffrey Harold

On March 10, Jeffrey Harold Duncan passed away at age 64. He is survived by his loving mother, Alene Widener; beloved son Jeffrey Duncan, Jr.; caring brother Steve Duncan and sister-in-law Beth Duncan; loving grandson Luke. He is preceded in death by father Robert Duncan. Funeral services were private.

Niziolek, Joseph P.

On April 1, Joseph P. Niziolek, beloved husband of the late Patricia E. Niziolek (nee Luckhardt); devoted father of Tricia Janitzky and her husband Herman, Jr., Mark Niziolek, Sr., Joseph Niziolek and his wife Mary Lee, Michael Niziolek, Sr. and his wife Michele, Mary-Beth Patterson and her husband Thomas, and the late Timothy Niziolek; loving grandfather of Mark Niziolek, Jr., Jennifer Rice, Michael Niziolek, Jr., Daniel Niziolek, Samantha Niziolek, Seth Patterson and Michelle Janitzky-Sadzinski; 12 great-grandchildren; brother of Rita Pucklis and Bertha Spilman and the late Nina Benkert, Walena Dressel, and Gloria Burkey. Joseph is also survived by many other loving relatives and friends.

Visitation at Kaczorowski Funeral Home on Sunday, April 9, from 4 - 8 p.m. Funeral Mass in St. Brigid's Church on Monday, April 10 at 10 a.m. Interment in Sacred Heart of Jesus Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, the family request donations be made in Joseph's name to Joseph Richey Hospice, 828 North Eutaw Street, Baltimore, Maryland 21201. They had taken such wonderful, good and loving care of Dad and he thought of all of them there as his angels.

Schaekel, James W.

On March 17, James W. Schaekel, Sr., passed away peacefully at age 90 at Future Care. He was born and raised in Wanamaker, Ind. and came to Maryland when he was stationed here in the U.S. Army at Ft. Holabird. After his time in the army, he worked at Bethlehem Steel and retired after 30 years. Jim was an avid hunter and fisherman and also enjoyed traveling and taking day trips with friends.

Devoted father of Patricia Gratz, James Schaekel, Jr. and his wife Diane, Wayne Schaekel and daughter-in-law Debra Schaekel; and sister Martha Kennedy of Greenwood, Ind. Survived by six grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by wife Mabel (nee Edler) and son Gary Schaekel.

Hession, John

On March 28, John "Jack" Michael Hession passed away. He was the beloved husband of Mary Lou Hession (nee Loskot); devoted father of Laura M. Hession, Kathleen Hession Barger, and Mariclaire Hession Landman and her husband Scott; loving grandfather of Madeline and Brendan Barger, Ava Hession Landman, and Duncan Hession Landman; dear brother of Patricia Sweeney, and Joseph Hession and his wife Rose. Jack was also survived by many loving nieces and nephews.

Relatives and friends are invited to gather at Schimunek Funeral Home in Nottingham for a receiving of friends on Friday, April 7 from 4 - 8 p.m. A memorial service will be held on Saturday at 11 a.m. at the funeral home. Interment services will be private. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Jack's name to the Chesapeake Bay Foundation, Attn: Membership Department, 6 Herndon Ave., Annapolis, MD 21403.

Hammer, Paul

On April 1, Paul L. Hammer, beloved husband of Frankie A. Hammer (nee Austin); devoted father of Jeanine Carolyn Bolling and her husband Paul, Sandra Wagner and her husband Philip and Debbie Kight and her husband Bill; dear brother of Ruth Hagler; brother-in-law of Ruth Markland; loving grandfather of Daniel and Eric Wagner and Joshua and Sarah Kight; great-grandfather of Ryan, Dylan, Ever and Izaiah Wagner.

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

Brown, Henry Lee

On March 28, Henry Lee Brown, devoted husband of Trudy Bryant; beloved father of Tonya Fay Bryant, Scott Lee Bryant, and Demond Henry Bryant; loving "Pop Pop" of Shanada, Tayshaul, Terrell, Iyana, Shayla, Aaliyah, Stephon, Camren, Tyler, Trinity, and Christian; dear brother of James Brown, Charles Brown, Tommy Lee Brown, Bessie Lou Baxter, Mary Baxter; loving uncle of Terrance Brown and also survived by numerous nieces and nephews and other extended family.

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Downes, Viola M.

On March 29, Viola M. Downes (nee Shanholtz), beloved wife of the late William E. Downes; devoted mother of Russell A., John E., Michael A. and Linda M. Downes; dear sister of Joy M. Hall and George F. Shanholtz; loving grandmother of Justin C. and Amber M. Downes, Noah D. Juarez and the late Joseph A. Laricci; great-grandmother of Dorothy M. Downes. Also survived by nieces and nephews.

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HOLY THURSDAY 7pm - Mass of the Lord's Supper
GOOD FRIDAY 3pm - Celebration of the Lord's Passion/
 7pm - Stations of the Cross

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PALM SUNDAY 4/9
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HOLY THURSDAY 4/13
 Morning Prayer - 8:15AM
 Mass of Lord's Supper - 7PM
 Adoration in Parish Center until 9:30PM

GOOD FRIDAY 4/14
 Morning Prayer - 8:15AM,
 Church open for private prayer - 8AM - 3PM
 Stations of the Cross - 12 Noon
 Celebration of the Lord's Passion - 3PM

HOLY SATURDAY 4/15
 Morning Prayer - 8:15AM
 Blessing of Food - 12 Noon
 Easter Vigil - 7:30PM

EASTER SUNDAY 4/16
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Good Friday, April 14:
 6pm - Living Stations of the Cross (Church)
 7pm - Celebration of the Lord's Passion (Church)

Holy Saturday, April 15:
 12 Noon - Blessing of Food (Chapel)
 *8pm - Easter Vigil (Church)

Easter Sunday, April 16:
 Masses: 7:30am, *9:30am & *11:30am (Church)
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Easter Bible School
 Saturday, April 8th
 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Community Easter Egg Hunt
 Saturday, April 8th - 1:00 p.m.

Community Dinner
 Saturday, April 8th - 4 p.m.

Contemporary Worship
 Saturday, April 8th - 5 p.m.

Palm Sunday Worship
 Sunday, April 9th
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 Maundy Thursday - April 13 @ 7:30PM
 Good Friday - April 14 @ 7:30PM
 Easter Egg Hunt & Breakfast - April 15 @ 9AM
 Easter Sunday - April 16 @ 6:30AM

Sunrise Service at Miami Beach State Park w/Piney Grove UMC, Peninsula Baptist & Maranatha Chapel

Traditional Services on Easter @ St. Matthew
 8:30AM & 11AM w/fellowship between services
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Good Friday - April 14th
Vierenes Santo - 14 de Abril
 Celebration of the Lord's Passion
 3:00 pm - Church (English)
 Live Stations of the Cross
 5:30 pm - Hall (English)
 Via Crucis afuera de la iglesia
 6:30 pm - (Español)
 Celebracion de la Pasión del Señor
 7:00 pm - En la Iglesia (Español)

Holy Saturday - April 15th
Sabado de Gloria - 15 de Abril
 Blessing of Food Baskets
 10:00 am - Church (English)
 Easter Vigil (sábado de Gloria)
 7:00 pm - Bi-lingual Mass
 (Misa Bilingüe)

Easter Sunday - April 16th
 Morning Masses - 9:00 am (English)
 11:00 am (English)







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EASTER SERVICES:
 7:30am - Sunrise Service
 9:15am - Sunday School:
 A Walk Thru Easter Week
 10:30am - Easter Service

Chase UMC Easter Egg Hunt

Chase United Methodist Church, 6601 Ebenezer Road in Middle River, will hold an Easter egg hunt beginning at noon Saturday, April 8. The rain date is Saturday, April 15, at noon. For more information, call 410-335-2172, or visit www.chaseumc.org

Sunrise Easter Service

Chase United Methodist Church, 6601 Ebenezer Rd., will hold a sunrise Easter service at 6:30 a.m. Sunday, April 16, at the Hammerman Area of Gunpowder State Park. Dress warmly and bring a chair. All worshippers are invited back to the church for breakfast from 7:30 to 9 a.m. The traditional Easter worship service will be held at 9:30 a.m. For info., call 410-335-2172.

Soup Kitchen

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

Easter Dinner

Middle River Baptist Church, 610 Middle River Road, will hold a free Easter dinner for neighbors in need on Saturday, April 22, from 1 - 3 p.m. Dinner will include ham, macaroni and cheese, corn, green beans, rolls and desserts. Easter baskets will be available for children 12 and under, and the Clothes Closet will be open. Buses will pick up at the Eastern Resource Center at 12:40 p.m. Call 410-686-8810 for info.

SHM Stations of the Cross

Sacred Heart of Mary Church, 6736 Youngstown Ave. in Dundalk, will offer Stations of the Cross at 7 p.m. each Friday during the Lenten season. All are welcome to attend. For more info., call 410-633-2828.

Health and Fellowship Fair

St. Michael Lutheran Church, 9534 Belair Road in Perry Hall, will host a Health and Fellowship Fair on Sunday, April 30, from 9 a.m. to noon in its Fellowship Hall. Various health issues and concerns will be addressed including free blood pressure, hearing and eye screenings. There will be something for everyone. Contact parish nurse Carolyn Kelly at 410-256-8921 or kellycarol2@msn.com for more information.



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EASTER CELEBRATION SERVICE: SUNDAY, APRIL 16 at 10:30AM

On Easter morning, join us for a time of fellowship at 10am prior to the worship service at 10:30am



HOLY WEEK WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Maundy Thursday Service 7PM
Good Friday Service 7PM
Saturday Vigil Service 7PM

EASTER SUNDAY SERVICES

9AM Traditional Service
10:30AM Contemporary Service w/Child Care



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Fri, April 14 • 7PM
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GOOD FRIDAY, APRIL 14th: 9am - Morning Prayer "Lauds", 3pm - Stations of the Cross, 7pm - Good Friday Service
Keep Watch at the Tomb all day.

HOLY SAT., APRIL 15th: 9am - Morning Prayer "Lauds", 12pm - Blessing of Food, 8pm - Easter Vigil
Keep Watch at the Tomb all day.

SUN., APRIL 16th - EASTER SUNDAY
7:30, 9 & 10:30am Masses

HOLY ROSARY CHURCH

Triduum and Easter Schedule

HOLY THURSDAY - April 13

7:00 pm - Mass of the Lord's Last Supper with washing of the Apostles feet (bilingual)

Followed by Eucharistic Adoration until 11:00 pm
Confession during Adoration at approx. 8:30 pm

GOOD FRIDAY - April 14

(First day of the Divine Mercy Novena)
2:30 Confessions

3:00 pm - The Lord's Passion
Followed by Divine Mercy and Stations of the Cross (English)

7:00 pm Liturgia Wielkiego Piątku & Droga Krzyżowa (Polish)

Confession after Stations of the Cross at approx. 9pm

HOLY SATURDAY - April 15

12 noon, 2:00 pm, 4:00 pm - Blessing of the Easter Food Basket

5:00 pm - 6:00 pm Confessions

8:00 pm - Easter Vigil Mass followed by Resurrection "Rezurekcja" Procession (bilingual)



Gift shop will be open after 10:30 Service

EASTER SUNDAY - April 16
8:30 am & 12:30 pm - Mass in English
Followed by Divine Mercy Novena
in Polish: 10:30 am - Msza święta zakończona Nowenną do Miłosierdzia Bożego

Divine Mercy Celebration

April 23 - DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

12:00 pm - Confession

1:30 pm - **Bilingual Solemn Mass** by the Archbishop William E. Lori

3:00 pm - Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Sung Chaplet and Procession, Blessing and Veneration of the Divine Mercy Image & Relics of St. John Paul II and St. Faustina Kowalska

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Common asthma triggers and potential causes

Asthma, a chronic lung disease that results in inflamed and narrowed air passages, affects millions of people around the world. The National Heart, Lung and Blood Institute notes that more than 25 million people in the United States have asthma. Asthma is also prevalent in Canada, where the Asthma Society of Canada says more than three million people currently have asthma.

When airways narrow and swell, they can produce extra mucus. Breathing becomes quite difficult when asthma is present. The Mayo Clinic says that asthma is just a minor nuisance for some people, while others may experience life-threatening attacks. Recognizing potential triggers and avoiding them can help control symptoms.

The changing of seasons can be a tricky time for asthma sufferers because of the increase in air irritants. Pollen and mold spores are known asthma triggers. Spring cleaning around the house also may trigger an attack if dust, pet dander or particles of cockroach waste are stirred up.

People who are allergic to certain substances also may discover these same allergens can trigger asthma attacks. Irritants in the environment also can bring on such attacks. The Asthma & Allergy Foundation of America indicates that, while people may not be allergic to certain irritants, irritants can bother inflamed and sensitive airways. Cigarette smoke, wood fires, charcoal grills, smog, strong fumes, and chemicals also may trigger asthma attacks.

People with asthma also must take care when exercising or when they develop respiratory illnesses. Exercise-induced bronchoconstriction can appear after several minutes of sustained exercise. The AAFA also notes that colds, flu and sinus infections are among the most common asthma triggers in children.

Although many asthma triggers are known, researchers continue to explore what causes asthma. The NHLBI says that people may be more likely to develop asthma if:

- They have atopy, an inherited tendency to develop allergies.
- Their parents have asthma.
- They were exposed to certain respiratory infections during their childhood.
- They had contact with allergens while their immune systems were developing.

A theory known as the "hygiene hypothesis" suggests another potential cause for asthma. Researchers say that growing concerns with hygiene and sanitation have removed many of the types of environmental exposures that once helped children develop strong immune systems. As a result, an increased risk for atopy and asthma has surfaced.

Did you know?

According to the American Cancer Society, melanoma skin cancer is less common than other types of skin cancer, though it is more likely to grow and spread. Melanoma begins in skin cells known as melanocytes. Melanocytes make melanin, a pigment that gives skin its tan or brown color and protects the skin from some of the harmful effects of the sun. The ACS notes that most melanoma cells still make melanin, and when that occurs the melanoma tumors are typically brown or black. When melanomas do not make melanin, the tumors may appear pink, tan or white. Melanomas can develop anywhere on the skin, but they are more likely to develop in certain areas depending on a person's gender. For men, melanomas are most likely to develop on the chest or trunk, while women who develop melanomas are most likely to get them on their legs.

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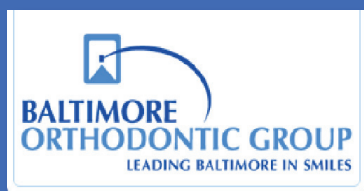
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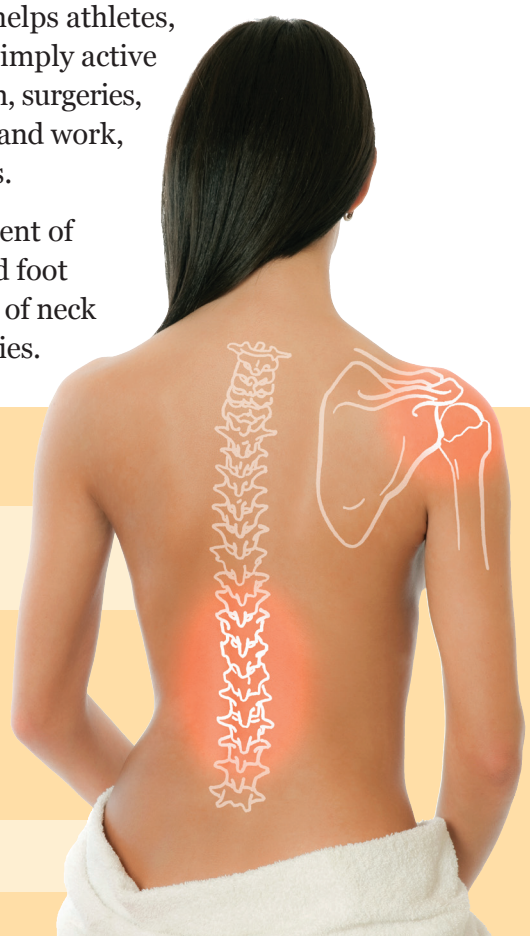
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Silent strokes - subtle and difficult to detect

The brain is a complex organ responsible for controlling many different bodily functions. When working at optimal capacity, the brain is a wonder to behold. When illness or trauma affects the brain, various parts of the body may not work as they should.

One of the more devastating things that can affect the brain is stroke. Stroke describes a sudden stoppage of blood from reaching the brain. Harvard Medical School states that if a large number of brain cells are starved of blood supply, they can die. With their demise, a person's memory and ability to speak and move can be compromised.

While many strokes come on suddenly, certain factors may indicate a person is at risk. Such factors may include prior heart attacks, genetics, high blood pressure, smoking, or a prior stroke.

However, in a particular type of stroke - a "silent stroke" - symptoms are far more subtle and difficult to spot.

Silent cerebral infarction, often referred to as "SCI" or "silent stroke," is a brain injury likely caused by a blood clot interrupting blood flow to the brain, offers the American Stroke Association. Silent strokes increase risk for other strokes and can be a sign of progressive brain damage. A silent stroke is typically only noticed as a side component of an MRI of the brain.

Many times patients do not recall having a stroke and never felt any symptoms. Silent strokes should not be mistaken for mini-strokes. Mini-stroke is a brief but discrete and memorable event, with symptoms appearing for a few minutes or a few hours.

According to a study on silent stroke titled "Functional and Cognitive Consequences of Silent Stroke Discovered Using Brain Magnetic Resonance Imaging in an Elderly Population" and published in the Journal of American Geriatrics Society, silent strokes are quite common and can have serious consequences.

Researchers have found that silent stroke is associated with impairments in tests of cognitive function rather than movement-oriented performance tests like rising from a chair. Almost 50 percent of studied silent strokes affected frontal circuit components of the brain, such as the frontal cortex, basal ganglia and thalamus. Lesions in these brain structures compromised executive functions and were related to vascular dementia.

Another study showed associations between silent stroke and visual field deficits, weakness in walking on heels, history of memory loss, migraines, and lower scores in cognitive function tests.

The "silent" part of a silent stroke also refers to the areas of the brain that the stroke affects. Experts at Harvard Medical School explain that, during a silent stroke, an interruption in blood flow destroys areas of cells in a part of the brain that is "silent," meaning that it doesn't control any vital func-

tions. Researchers say that, over time, the damage from silent strokes can accumulate, leading to more and more problems with memory. Collectively, silent strokes become silent no longer.

There are certain ways to reduce the risk of any type of stroke. These include:

- managing high blood pressure and high cholesterol levels
- quitting smoking
- reducing the risk of diabetes and effectively treat the condition if it is present
- losing weight to prevent obesity
- exercising and avoid a sedentary lifestyle
- taking a low-dose aspirin or a drug that prevents blood clots.

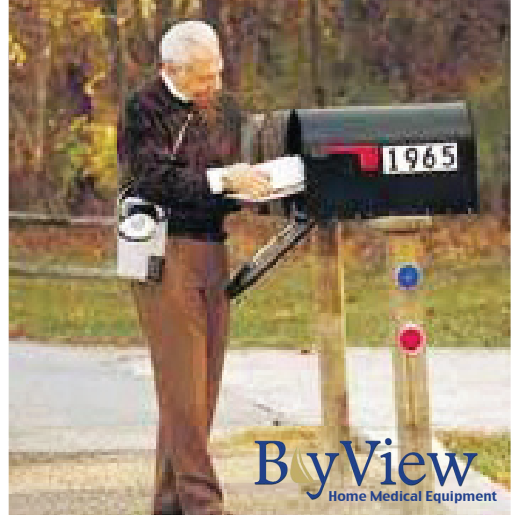
Silent strokes largely go unrecognized but can lead to significant brain injury. Getting the facts can help men and women reduce their risk for silent stroke. To learn more about silent strokes and preventative measures, please consult your physician.

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The Tyranny of Political Correctness

Political correctness is very appealing to many people, in large part, because it demands - not requests - kindness from others.

The type of people who find it attractive are people who, for various psychological reasons, attempt to see themselves as righteous in their cause to make a more kind, gentle nation and world. They reject and deny certain elements of their own prejudices toward others and those elements of their character that demand limitations on certain others. And in order to prove to themselves that they aren't like this, they often over-react by demanding its abolition in others.

Their motto, "Tolerance of intolerance is not tolerance," is a corruption of tolerance that gives them the appearance of moral authority to force on others a state of tyranny in the name of righteousness for the better cause.

The type of kindness that they attempt to inflict on others is not that which comes from a willful spirit, but which is born out of resentment of authority that has festered from much earlier times. And the use of guilt, peer pressure and, at times, various forms of punishment to get others to accept and conform has the ultimate objective of making it part of the legal system. In many ways, it resembles an attempt by the child to overthrow what they perceive as the harsh parent.

The best way to gain power over people is by convincing them that they, too, can be an elevated human by becoming part of an idea that represents the higher values. And it's their duty to rid the world of that which threatens those values. Do not mistake this philosophy as coming from an enlightenment of the spontaneous human spirit; it was born from and well thought out by the ultra-liberal hierarchy for the purpose of achieving power.

Donald Frost
Essex

Amtrak Bridges

It seems the Amtrak bridges above Martin Boulevard and at Old Orem Road will finally be repaired correctly. After receiving a call from an Amtrak official late on Friday, March 24, concerning these bridges, I was assured that they will be repaired.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Delegate Pat McDonough and State Senators J.B. Jennings and Johnny Ray Salling for their combined letters to keep up the pressure on Amtrak to finally get these bridges done right. I also want to thank Devin Crum and *The East County Times* for not letting this story go. Thanks Again.

Bob Driscoll
President, Aero Acres Civic Improvement Association
Middle River

Response to Muehlberger

A letter sent in by Mr. Al Muehlberger was published in the March 16 edition of the *East County Times*.

Mr. Muehlberger's letter is a prime example of incomprehension, since he was only complaining about Delegate Pat McDonough's position on ILLEGAL immigration. Unfortunately, I do not believe Mr. Muehlberger is aware of the repercussions that illegal immigrants have on our country.

First, Muehlberger repeatedly refers to illegal immigrants as actual immigrants. Hence the word illegal, they are in fact not legal immigrants, but rather they are law breakers. Immigrants are individuals who enter the country through the front door and obey the laws. America is a generous nation, which welcomes more than 1 million legal immigrants every year. If these individuals cannot even follow Federal Law, why would they follow any other laws? One case that comes to mind is the killing of Kate Steinle, and we all know the facts. An illegal immigrant was arrested on multiple occasions for criminal offenses, just to be released back onto the streets and eventually robbed an innocent woman of her life.

Second, Muehlberger claims that illegals do not take jobs. Well in fact, illegal immigrants do displace American workers from jobs, especially the low-skill, entry-level positions. They do not take jobs from lawyers, legislators or executives, but they steal opportunities from working people. Instead of complaining, Mr. Muehlberger should be thanking Delegate McDonough for defending his rights as a citizen. The delegate has always fought for small businesses and working families, including myself. I work two jobs to support my family and Delegate McDonough has always represented my best interests. It is individuals like Mr. Muehlberger who promote illegal immigration, amnesty and sanctuary cities that has contributed to 1 percent growth and economic decline.

Fortunately, the working families have spoken and there is a new day in Washington. Economic justice and job creation for American citizens is now the top priority. I hope Delegate McDonough becomes County Executive McDonough so that he can enforce the Federal Immigration Act throughout our county!

Haley R. Wilson
Middle River

Immigration is a complex issue

Immigration on the surface is a positive and has been largely responsible for the economic and technological growth of the United States over the past 100 years.

The immigration issue has become more complex and unmanageable when the numbers of illegal immigrants has increased exponentially over the past 20 years.

The issue seems to center around the fact that many who enter this country (many illegally) do not want to assimilate into our society or even become an American citizen. Many live in small enclaves, separated from the mainstream, do not speak English, follow cultures and laws from their native country and in some instances have a distain or hatred for the American way of life.

The term "lone wolf" is a misnomer. We are creating the lone wolves by allowing them to enter this country without the intention and purpose of becoming an American citizen. We should not allow our sense of "feeling good" about providing an opportunity for those seeking refuge to overshadow our responsibility to provide safety and protection to our citizens.

We cannot erect physical barriers on every street and sidewalk to prevent the latest methods used by terrorists mowing down innocent bystanders with cars or trucks. Our only hope is to properly vet those seeking refuge and not allow large groups to flood our borders, with some entering solely to do us harm.

I support immigration, but the type of legal immigration we experienced in the 1920's and 1930's where people from Ireland, Germany, Poland and Italy wanted to become Americans! They followed our laws, educated themselves and their children and learned English.

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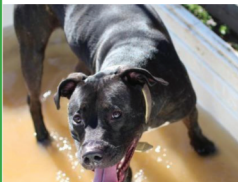
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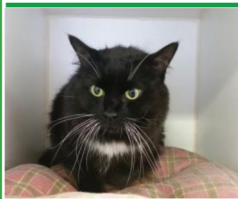
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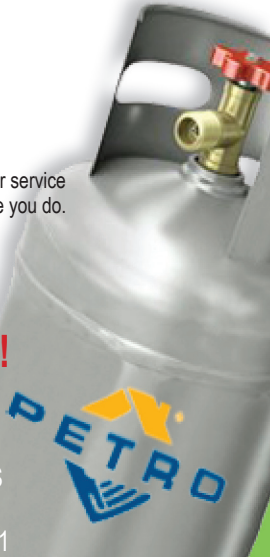
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SPORTS

Eastern Tech softball dominating to start the season

- By Patrick Taylor -

The softball season is underway and, much like last season, Eastern Tech is the class of the Baltimore area. Last year, the Maverick girls made it to the state semifinal, ultimately losing to La Plata in a tight eight inning affair. The girls are looking to avenge that loss and get a bit further this year.

Losing Allison Meyers to graduation will certainly have an impact on the team, but luckily for them they have retained a strong core of players with the talent and experience needed to get them to the promised land. Last season, Meyers hit .454 with a .544 on-base percentage to go along with six home runs, 23 runs scored and 35 RBIs. But where her loss will likely be felt most is defensively, considering Meyers committed only one error during her entire career at Tech.

So far, the season has been a whirlwind for the girls, who currently occupy the top spot in *The Baltimore Sun's* weekly ranking. With a 6 - 0 record overall, the girls have handled all challengers - and with relative ease.

The Mavericks have scored 10 or more runs in each game except one, a game against Sparrows Point where they put up nine runs. Besides over-

whelming opponents from the batter's box, the girls have also been stingy in the field, allowing an average of two runs per game. On two occasions, opponents have been completely shut out.

Like last year, one of the key players is pitcher Jodie Bronushas. Bronushas has started off the season on a high note, both offensively and defensively.

On Monday evening, the Mavericks took on Catholic High and were led by a strong outing by Bronushas. The stalwart pitcher put up five innings of work, picking up a five strikeout shut out. She helped herself out with her bat, adding an RBI on two singles.

The Mavericks used a six-run first inning to jump out to an insurmountable lead and added on until the game was called, ultimately walking away with a 10 - 0 victory.

The game before, Bronushas was also strong on the mound, going seven innings deep with just one earned run against her. Again, she showed her versatility at the plate, going yard and picking two RBIs.

But it hasn't just been Bronushas who has been playing at a high level so far this season. Juniors Nina Metz (left field), Casey Turner (shortstop)

and Amaya Chmielewskii (third base) have all done their part offensively. Against Sparrows Point, Turner put up a four RBIs to go along with a double and home run, while Metz put up four RBIs on two doubles against Western Tech. Against Spalding, Chmielewskii went 2-3 from the plate with a triple and two runs.

Adding to the firepower are sophomores Miranda Burton (catcher) and Abbie Heagy, who took over at first base. Heagy put up impressive numbers against Spalding, going 3-4 with a double, home run and two RBIs. Against Kenwood she continued to impress, going 2-4 with two RBIs.

One of the brightest spots on the year has been Burton, who has settled into her role as catcher very well. Any pitcher will tell you that you need to have a good connection with the other half of the battery, and it is apparent that Bronushas and Burton have a great connection.

Burton isn't just a fine catcher, she has also been a terror at the plate. In her last three games, Burton 8-14 with five RBIs, two doubles, a home run and two runs. The girls will take on Catonsville and Franklin before they get a respite. They're certainly the team to beat going forward.

Around the league

Sticking with Eastern Tech, props also have to go to the boys baseball team, which currently sits with a 4 - 1 record and the No. 14 spot in *The Sun's* ranking. The lone loss for the Mavericks came in their second game of the season against a strong Dulaney squad

that's currently three slots ahead in the rankings. Pitching and defensive play have been the main strength for Tech so far this season, with the team twice giving up only one run.

Despite their strong play, the Mavericks have a rocky road ahead of them. Over the course of the season, they'll face quite a few teams that are either ranked or receiving votes by *The Sun*, including Catonsville, Chesapeake (AA County), Towson and a rematch against Dulaney.

Much like the Maverick girls, the boys are looking to build off of the success last year's team had. Also like the girls, last year's squad was bounced out in the state semifinal against La Plata.

Another team worth watching this year is the Sparrows Point boys baseball team. The Pointers, who were knocked out of the postseason last year by none other than Eastern Tech, have started off the season red hot, winning in both close contests and absolute blowouts. In the department of blowouts, the Pointers beat Patapsco 26 - 0 after dismantling Chesapeake by a score of 17 - 5.

But even more important than winning big is winning the close ones, and Sparrows Point have done that. They started the year with a 7 - 6 win over Dundalk, and added another 7 - 6 win against Pikesville. Their other contest against Kenwood ended in a 7 - 3 win for the Pointers. Unlike Tech, Sparrows Point has a relatively light schedule, with the exception being Towson. Still, keep your eye on these Pointers.

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Finalists announced for Principal and Teacher of the Year

Six Baltimore County Public Schools principals, including Cheryl Brooks of Berkshire Elementary and Michael Weglein of Sollers Point Technical High School, have been named finalists for the school system's annual Elementary and Secondary Principals of the Year awards for 2017 - 2018.

"Through the Principal of the Year program, we honor the considerable talents of the dedicated and innovative educational leaders who guide our schools toward excellence," said BCPS Superintendent Dr. S. Dallas Dance. "These six deserving principals represent a cadre of principals in Baltimore County who are distinguished by their vision and their commitment to children. We are fortunate in Baltimore County to have such a wealth of educational leadership and talent."

From among the finalists, the Elementary and Secondary Principals of the Year will be named during a 6:30 p.m. ceremony on Wednesday, April 26, at George Washington Carver Center for Arts and Technology. The ceremony also will include the announcement of the 2017-18 BCPS Teacher of the Year.

Two educators on the east side - Shannon M. Strazzire, an Advanced Placement language teacher at Perry

Hall High School, and Rebecca A. Talbott, an English and career and technology education teacher at Eastern Technical High School - were nominated for Teacher of the Year. They are joined by three other finalists from around the county.

"These men and women exemplify the high level of professionalism, dedication, and creativity we find in educators across our school system," said Superintendent Dr. S. Dallas Dance. "It is our great honor each school year to recognize Teacher of the Year finalists and to celebrate the positive impact that teachers make in the lives of their students and in the communities they serve. Our school system continues to progress because of the great teachers we have in our classrooms and the work they do every day."

The ceremony will feature student performances and remarks from 2016-2017 Baltimore County Teacher of the Year Corey Carter (Northwest Academy of Health Sciences), Elementary Principal of the Year Missy Fanshaw (Rodgers Forge Elementary School), and Secondary Principal of the Year Sandra Reid (Pikesville High School).

The Principal of the Year and Teacher of the Year finalists were selected by a panel of judges representing stakeholders from across the BCPS school community.

Essex Elementary nurse representing Maryland for America's Greatest Nurse

Kristy Gorman, school nurse at Essex Elementary School, is Maryland's finalist in America's Greatest School Nurse contest, sponsored by Pfizer. Votes to support her can be cast at www.americasgreatestschoolnurse.com now through Sunday, April 16.

As a state finalist, Gorman has won a \$500 prize. If she wins the national honor, her prize will be an all-expenses-paid trip to any destination in the continental U.S. for her and three guests.

"Kristy Gorman is more than a school nurse," said Essex Elementary Principal Amy H. Grabner. "She is a vital part of our school culture and community. She works diligently to treat the whole child and is a resource to all students and staff members. Nurse Gorman goes above and beyond to provide information to parents as well, to make them feel at ease."

In nominating Gorman, Randy Quinn, Essex Elementary's assistant principal, wrote: "Kristy G. is a tireless advocate for children! She has made a strong positive impact in the one year she has been with our school. She goes above and beyond the

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Eastern Tech, Patapsco sending robotics teams to World Championship

Eleven teams representing Baltimore County Public Schools have qualified to participate in the VEX Robotics World Championship, sponsored by the Northrop Grumman Foundation, to be held April 19 - 25 in Louisville, Ky.

The participating teams are Dulaney High School team 1727G; Eastern Technical High School teams 5839E and 5839A; Hereford High School team 929U; Hereford Middle School teams 929B, 929J, 9290B, and 9290D; Patapsco High School team 6274B; Ridgely Middle School team 952B; and Towson High School team 934Z.

The teams secured spots at the world's largest robotics competition through its success at the Maryland State Championships, where they won excellence, design, robot skills, or semifinalist awards, or won the event as a tournament champion or teamwork champion.

"Participating in the VEX Robotics Competition in school has strengthened the students' interest in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics and given them the skills they need to succeed

well beyond high school," said Patapsco High School teacher Ryan Hoge. "We're excited to attend the VEX Robotics World Championship to compete with teams from around the world."

According to Jason Morrella, president of the Robotics Education and Competition (REC) Foundation, "Qualifying for the VEX Robotics World Championship is the culmination of a full year's worth of academic success and an opportunity to join the best robotics teams from around the world to celebrate and help us crown world champions from elementary school, middle school, high school, and college."

VEX Competitions are the fastest growing competitive robotics programs for elementary schools, middle schools, high schools, and colleges around the world, with nearly 18,000 teams from over 40 countries that participate in more than 1,300 competitions worldwide. The competition season culminates each spring, with the VEX Robotics World Championship. The VEX Robotics World Championship will feature approximately 1,400 of the top teams from around the world.

School registration

Sussex Elementary will be hosting prekindergarten registration on April 24 and May 22. Children must be four-years-old by Sept. 1 to attend Prekindergarten in the fall. Registration will be by appointment. Please stop by the school after April 3 and pick up a registration packet. Please call Sussex Elementary School at 410-887-0182 to schedule an appointment. Kindergarten registration will be held on April 24 and May 22. Children must be five-

years-old by Sept. 1 to attend kindergarten in the fall.

Mars Estates Elementary will be holding registration for prekindergarten, kindergarten and three-year-old programs on May 12 and May 19 for the 2017-18 school year. Please call 410-887-0154.

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Legislative update from Delegate Szelia

- By Delegate Kathy Szeliga (R-7) -

Senate President Mike Miller called the Sanctuary State Bill - which shields felons from deportation - "Reasonable," in the Baltimore Sun on March 22.

Now, after pressure from you and so many others, Senate President Miller has changed his mind!! "The bill as it passed the House is not going to pass the Senate," Miller said according to WBAL.com on March 29.

The liberal leaders in the Senate are working on passing the bill without the really bad parts just to save face. I'm not sure how you put lipstick on that pig - but you can count on me to stay on top of this issue. Stay tuned for updates. The 2017 legislative session ends on Monday, April 10 at midnight so we will know the final results of this terrible bill in a little more than a week.

Thank you for signing the Petition. It's working!!! We're hoping to get to 10,000 signatures to defeat this terrible bill and we are almost there.

It's not too late to SIGN THE PETITION - and share it with your friends on Facebook!

Stand with me tell the Senate they MUST SAY NO to making Maryland a Sanctuary State. Our only hope is to defeat this bill in the Senate and your voice is important!

As a woman and as a legislator representing the Baltimore region, I have watched the tragic rape of the 14 year old Rockville High girl unfold and I'm completely bewildered by the lack of outrage over the comments made by the attorneys for the two accused. When one of the top criminal defense attorneys in the area asserts that this brutal rape was "consensual" and points to the fact that there is only 3 years and 8 month difference in age between one of the accused and the victim or that the other accused, "doesn't understand why he's been charged with a crime," my reaction is utter outrage and disbelief. Any reasonable person reading the police report will conclude beyond a reasonable doubt that no one, particularly a 14 year old, would consent to the graphic and brutal sex acts described in that report. NO WAY.

This type of victim-blaming is all too common in rape cases and only serves to further dissuade victims from reporting the rape and continues their victimization. This kind of thinking has to change and

can only change if we speak out, educate the populace and enact laws that make it easier for victims of rape to get the justice and closure they deserve.

The immigration status or ethnicity of the two men is, I believe, keeping advocates and women from talking about the horrific assault committed against this 14 year old. Politicians, advocates, and the media are failing our girls. It is not an acceptable or believable defense to say a 14 year old girl consented to sex with two men in a boy's bathroom.

The final insult to the victim is a statement by one of the defense attorneys that he will work to get asylum for one of the accused. I am outraged and hope that the same women who banded together to protest President Donald Trump will turn their attention towards protecting our girls and protesting the claims of these attorneys who are defending the indefensible.

Our national debt is at almost \$20 trillion. This means that every man, woman, and child owes the federal government \$61,146 right now and every taxpayer owes \$165,542! And there is no end in sight without a balanced budget in DC. By Tuesday, a resolution will be passed the General Assembly that will cancel a proposed amendment to the US Constitution for a balanced budget. There are actually four open calls for amendments to our Constitution. We tried to protect the Balanced Budget amendment and the vote failed. I support a federal balanced budget and a Constitutional Amendment for a federal balanced budget. With the national debt growing every minute indebting our children and grandchildren - NOW is the time for a mandated balanced budget.

A loud and firm 'NO' to becoming a Sanctuary State

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

The bill to make Maryland a sanctuary state is a dangerous bill. We are a nation of laws. Refusing to allow state and local law enforcement to cooperate with federal immigration authorities in enforcing the nation's immigration law is breaking the law. When a state or local government thumbs its nose at federal law that's a sad day for democracy.

U.S. Attorney General Jeff Sessions denounced Maryland's Sanctuary bill, awaiting Senate approval to become law.

Some of these illegal immigrants are dangerous.

Marks receives Outstanding Eagle Scout award

- by Councilman David Marks (R-5)

Baltimore County Councilman David Marks has received the National Eagle Scout Association's Outstanding Eagle Scout Award, one of five recipients from the Baltimore Area Council.

He was honored at a meeting for Boy Scout Troop 124, the unit where his son Nicholas is a member. The presentation was done by Scout Executive/CEO Brian Steger, Council Board Chair Trey Shupert, and former Council Board Chair Barry Williams.

The Outstanding Eagle Scout Award recognizes "Eagle Scouts who have brought great honor to the highest rank of the Boy Scouts of America through their personal and professional contributions at the local, state, or national level." Councilman Marks received his award in October of 1988, and he has remained active in Scouting during his adult life. He is currently Chairman for the Dulaney District, which includes Scouts from eastern and northern Baltimore County. Councilman Marks is a merit badge counselor, has advised on numerous service projects, and attends over a dozen Eagle Scout investitures every year.

"Receiving the Eagle Scout rank in 1988 was one of the highlights of my life. It culminated years of work, and it helped prepare me for the demands I would later experience in life," Councilman Marks commented. "Scouting is one of the most important youth movements of our day, and it is an honor to work with so many parent volunteers who support this wonderful organization."

Recently, a 14-year-old girl in a Montgomery County school was brutally raped by two illegal immigrants who were her classmates. The two assailants were 17 and 18-years-old but were in the same ninth grade as the victim. In February 2016, in Frederick County a 19-year-old El Salvadoran male was arrested and charged with rape. The girl was 13-years-old and unconscious at the time of the crime. The assailant in this case had an approved application for Deferred Action for Childhood Arrival.

A sanctuary state policy would be dangerous and put citizens at risk.



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McDonough promises to 'put people first' as County Executive

- By Delegate Pat McDonough (R-7) -

The 2018 election for Baltimore County Executive will be an historic event. Our great county is at the 'crossroads' and we are moving in the wrong direction. It is time for honest leadership and change that will move Baltimore County in a direction of revitalization and achievement.

Pat McDonough's "Put People First" Contract

- The special interest political machine in Towson which controls our county must be abolished and the power returned to the people.
- This campaign will not be about Democrats, Republicans or politics, in general. This is a grassroots campaign about putting the people first.
- We will begin in the neighborhoods. There is a growing vacant nuisance house problem that must be addressed. The problem regarding Section 8 housing will be challenged. A non-profit will be created to help establish a community association in every neighborhood in the county, including Citizens on Patrol, and local housing initiatives.
- There is a growing crime, drug and gang problem. The police force must be reformed and trained to utilize tactics that will vigorously attack these problems.

The successful New York police model will be used as one of the guidelines. Our police will be proactive, protecting public safety first and foremost.

- The new county foundation will not only promote community associations and community leaders, but also work to establish a successful youth leadership organization, county-wide.
- As County Executive, I will use my influence to phase-out Common Core and phase-out Dr. Dallas Dance. The funding now wasted on computers will be used to build and rehabilitate our schools, such as Perry Hall, Towson and many others.
- The highly successful Patriot Program at Kingsville Elementary School, for example, will be implemented in all Baltimore County elementary schools.
- The economic development and workforce agency

will be expanded to include a new private sector division and tourism. Our first priority will be to grow jobs in the county, attract new businesses and transform tourism into a job creation program.

- There is a growing need for more job training and skills programs, special schools and apprenticeships. I would like to make Baltimore County the job training center of the state. There will be a business ombudsman with direct access to the county Executive who will assist the business community with county, government and other problems.
- The County Executive will reach out to service organizations; the faith community; and leaders from business, labor, health care, education and other professions to establish an active leadership in the county to address challenges, and maintain a spirit of volunteerism.

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'Ghost in the Shell' feels robotic

- By Teddy Durgin -

I've never been a fan of anime, dear readers. As a result, I really had no experience with "Ghost in the Shell" going into it. Oh, I'd heard of it before. I knew it was a comic (or, rather, "manga") and a 1990s-era animated film and a series of video games. Heck, probably half the instances I've referred to it in my lifetime, I've said "Ghost in the Machine" only to be slapped back my nerdiest of pals with: "That's the 1981 album by The Police, fool! This is called 'Ghost in the Shell! THE SHELL!'"

People really take this franchise seriously, and there were some uber-fans sitting around me at my screening last week unknowingly giving me a crash course in the main story line as I eavesdropped on their conversations. Oh, how the geekspit flew! Most were putting a LOT of pressure on the film, using phrases like "They better not have Westernized it too much!" and "[Bleeping] Hollywood! Casting a white actress as Motoko! They couldn't have gotten Lucy Liu or Maggie Q or Rinko Kikuchi or that chick from 'Suicide Squad' who played Katana?!"

These were direct, impassioned quotes, friends. Afterwards, apparently, some of their worst fears had been realized. To its core fans, this version of "Ghost in the Shell" seemed to have lost the soul of what has made the franchise so appealing to them until this point. They liked the look of the film, but did NOT like the casting of Scarlett Johansson in the lead. And, yet,

like all great abused fans, they still hoped the flick will make enough money to warrant a sequel... hopefully directed by someone who "gets it."

To this non-fan, what did I think of it? Eh... while it's not much of a movie, it's an exceptionally darn good trailer for "Blade Runner 2049" coming to theaters this October. No, really! I don't know if this has been a knock against this franchise in the past, but the 2017 "Ghost in the Shell" rips off the original "Blade Runner" to the point where you can just change the name of the evil corporation at its center to Tyrell and easily pass this off as a sideways sequel to the 1982 classic. There's a lot of "Robocop" and "The Matrix" in there, too.

Johansson indeed stars as Major (the name "Motoko" plays into the narrative late in the film). She is told that she's the first example of a human brain having been successfully placed into a fully synthetic body. After surgery, this replicant... er, character is trained to be a super soldier for the government (presumably the Japanese government) to hunt down terrorists and cyber thieves. Her latest target is the enigmatic Kuze (Michael Pitt), a ruthless hacker who is murdering the top scientists of the all powerful Hanka Corporation.

But the further Major investigates, the more she realizes Kuze is less an enemy of the state and more a rebel liberator who may hold the key to her recovering her full memory of who she was before being trained as a female Terminator. Lots of "Matrix"-style shootouts and fight scenes ensue amidst a future urban cityscape



dominated by enormous hologram ads, 3-D billboards, and near-naked babes who can jump off the rooftops of skyscrapers and survive.

As a sci-fi fan, in general, the film did engage me for a decent chunk of its running time. But I didn't feel a thing for any of the characters. I also thought Johansson was the wrong choice for the lead, not because of the whole "White Vs. Asian" thing. But mostly because I've seen her in this kind of part SO many times before, from Black Widow in the Marvel movies to the 2014 mind-trip thriller "Lucy."

So, it's a strange final take on the flick. Choices were made to enhance its mainstream box office appeal. But I don't think there's enough in the flick to endear it to the general public. And the super die-hard fans of "Ghost in the Shell" are really going to be up in arms about some of the tweaks to the original concepts. There's really no country for hot android, butt-kicking chicks.

CCBC theatre and art

The Balance, work by Monika Andersson and Zoe Perry-Wood, will be shown in the CCBC Essex Art and Humanities Hall Art Gallery through June 3. The Balance is an exhibition of images by two New England photographers steeped in the tradition of social documentary photography, Monika Andersson and Zoe Perry-Wood. Andersson's black and white pictures of drag queen festivals were made 25 years ago, while Perry-Wood's work is based in the LGBTQ community of present day. The narrative found in both bodies of work, although years apart, is strikingly similar. The Balance is the ebb and flow of living your life being true to your identify. A reception will be held on April 28. For more information, call 443-840-5672.

From April 28 - May 8, Shrek: The Musical will be performed at the CCBC Dundalk, John E. Ravekes Theatre. This is a one-of-a-kind hilarious fairy tale musical for the whole family! Adults \$25, seniors \$22, students, children and Dundalk Community Theatre actors \$17. For tickets, call the box office at 443-840-ARTS.

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'Boss Baby' does not get promoted to must-see status

- By Teddy Durgin -

"Boss Baby" is so odd and nonsensical that I am not even sure I "got" everything. Did I retain consciousness throughout? I'm really not sure. And I don't have the benefit of a child going with me to these movies anymore, as my daughter is 12 years old now and, like, SO "above" anything that is animated and not Pixar.

Best I can tell, there is this company called BabyCorp that is churning out and processing human infants. If they get their pacifiers, diapers and respond to tickling, the babies get placed with families. If they don't react, they become... company management? It's all thanks to a secret baby formula that gives them the intelligence and snarky humor of a human adult. The promoted babies then get all of the trappings of a middle executive's job - i.e. a briefcase, tailored suit, a cubicle work station.

BabyCorp has a competitor in the form of PuppyCo, which has churned out a new breed of canine that threatens to overlap human babies in terms of cuteness. Dubbed The Forever Puppy, this new breed is designed to stay a cute puppy for its entire life span. Boss Baby (voice of Alec Baldwin) is sent to be the child of a young couple named Ted and Janice (voices of Jimmy Kimmel and Lisa Kudrow), who work in PuppyCo's marketing department. His assignment? Bring down PuppyCo!

OK, back when I was a kid, there were these children's show hucksters named Sid and Marty Kroft, who I swear got whacked out of their brains on psychedelic drugs and came up with several TV programs that ran in syndication for years. Shows like "Land of the Lost," "Electro-Woman and Dyna-Girl," "H.R. Puffnstuff," and more. They were just trippy, insanely strange shows built atop what must have been mountains



of '70s-era cocaine.

"Boss Baby" is just as strange as those joints - just not as fun. There is a snark to the film that I didn't like, the premise is more than a bit of a stretch and not very well explained, and none of the celebrity voices stretch to the point where you don't recognize you're listening to Baldwin, Kimmel, Kudrow, etc. Actually, I did like Tobey Maguire voicing the film's narrator, the grown-up version of Ted and Janice's seven-year-old son, Tim (voice of Miles Bakshi). Maguire, one of my favorite actors, has been largely absent from big screen since "The Great Gatsby" update with Leo DiCaprio several years back. I don't know why Hollywood doesn't cast him anymore, but kudos to him for his two or three days work in the sound booth for this flick and subsequent paycheck.

Inexplicably, "Boss Baby" opened to a pretty huge box office this past weekend, even dethroning the live-action "Beauty and the Beast." The blanket marketing

seems to have worked on this one. But, uh, talking, plotting, intelligent babies have been done before and done better, haven't they? Like the malevolent Stewie on "Family Guy" or Bruce Willis' infantile observationist in the "Look Who's Talking" flicks.

The corporate intrigue in the film is meant to appeal to adults. But if the actual premise underpinning the movie is not solid, the whole time grown-ups are just kind of squinting at the flick and giving it back a collective "Huh?!" throughout. Every once in a while, a really clever line or bit occurs that teases you with the promise that the flick will start to get better. I especially liked Boss Baby's withholding of reward sweets to motivate his baby minions, echoing his "Glengarry Glen Ross" tyrant in charging, "Cookies are for closers!" But it's all crumbs, I tell ya! There's just not enough here for me to recommend the flick other than as an afternoon matinee sitter for those with real small ones with nothing better to do.



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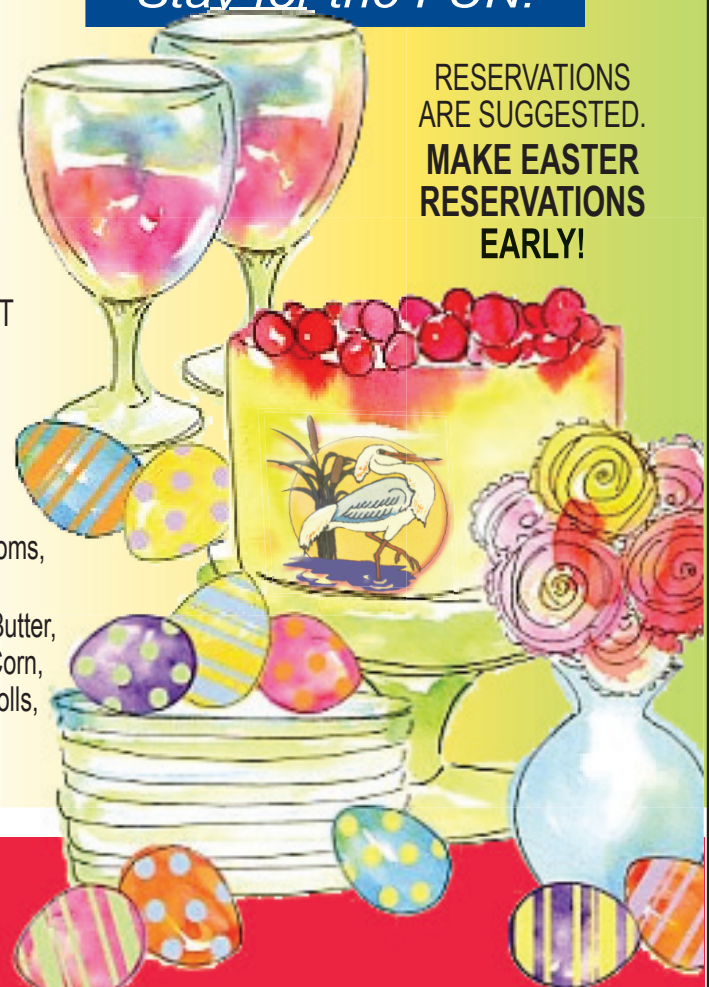
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Eastern Tech Basket Bingo

Eastern Technical High School, 1100 Mace Ave. in Essex, will hold a basket bingo featuring Longaberger, Vera Bradley and Thirty-One prizes Friday, April 7. Doors will open at 6 p.m and games will begin at 7 p.m. Admission costs \$20 in advance (\$25 at the door) and includes one pack of cards and a scratch-off ticket. Food will be sold. For more information, call Kim Hughes, 410-663-5050, or send an email to etptsabingo@gmail.com. Proceeds benefit the Class of 2017 after-prom party.

Wise Ave. VFC Quarter Auction

The Wise Avenue Volunteer Fire Company, 214 Wise Ave. in Dundalk, will hold a quarter auction Thursday, April 6. Doors open at 6 p.m. and bidding starts at 7 p.m. Tickets (includes three paddles) cost \$5. Extra paddles cost \$2 each. Food and drinks will be sold. All proceeds benefit the fire company. To reserve seats, call Jerry, 443-841-9692.

Ravens Roost Quarter Auction

Ravens Roost 71 will hold a quarter auction on Friday, April 7, at Chug-A-Mug's banquet hall, 121 Earls Road in Middle River. Doors open at 6 p.m. and the auction will begin at 7 p.m. Tickets, which include two paddles, cost \$5. Proceeds will benefit the Roost's charity fund. Food will be sold. For more information, call Debbie, 410-679-6130.

Palm Sunday Pancake Breakfast

The Rosedale Volunteer Fire Company will hold its annual Palm Sunday pancake breakfast from 8 a.m. to noon Sunday, April 9, at Rosedale Gardens, 8037 Philadelphia Road. The menu includes all-you-can-eat pancakes, eggs, sausage, fruit cup, coffee, tea and orange drink. Baked goods and colored Easter eggs will be sold. The Easter Bunny is scheduled to appear. The cost is \$7 for adults, \$6 for senior citizens 62 and older and \$4 for children 12 and younger. All carry-outs cost \$7. Info: 410-866-2598.

Stemmers Run PTSA Paint Night

Stemmers Run Middle School, 201 Stemmers Run Road in Essex, will hold a family paint night from 6 to 8:30 p.m. Thursday, April 6, in the school's cafeteria. The event is sponsored by the PTSA. Tickets are \$20 for adults, \$15 for students and \$10 for children up to age 10. Food, snacks and drinks will be sold.

Bingo Baseball Fundraiser

The White Marsh Warriors travel baseball team will hold a bingo featuring Coach and Michael Kors prizes from 1 to 5 p.m. Sunday, April 9, at Tall Cedars Hall, 2502 Putty Hill Ave. in Parkville. Tickets cost \$25; includes 20 games. Raffles, 50/50 tickets, extra bingo cards and daubers will be available. Food, drinks and desserts will be sold. For more information, send an email to Diane Winkler, winklerfive@hotmail.com, or Kate Smith, csmith34@bcps.org.

Pancakes and Crafts

The Ladies Auxiliary of Bowleys Quarters Volunteer Fire Department will hold a pancake breakfast with the Easter Bunny and craft show from 9 a.m. to noon Sunday, April 9, at 900 Bowleys Quarters Road in Middle River. The cost is \$7 for adults, \$6 for senior citizens and \$4 for children ages 4-12. For more information, call 410-335-8820.

Hawks Spring Fest

Hawks Pleasure Club, 430 Riverside Drive in Essex, will host Spring Fest by the Water from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, April 8 (setup time is 7 a.m.). Vendors and crafter spots are \$20 each. To reserve space, call Ken, 443-226-3058. A community yard sale will be held at the same time, running along Riverside Drive from Eastern Boulevard to Cox's Point Park.

Essex Legion Karaoke

Essex American Legion Post 148, 20 S. Marlyn Ave., will host Music Solution with Ricko and Bo from 8 p.m. to midnight, Friday, April 7; Karaoke with Jimmy and Judy D from 8 p.m. to midnight Saturday, April 8; Crazy Jack's Karaoke from 4 to 8 p.m. Sunday, April 9. Line dancing with The Dude will also be available from 7 to 11 p.m. Friday. Call 410-686-2353 for kitchen availability, menu and specials.

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Piney Grove Lenten Meals

Piney Grove United Methodist Church, 201 Bowleys Quarters Road in Middle River, is offering Lenten meals through Friday, April 14. Orders must be placed by 4 p.m. on Wednesday, April 12, for pick up from 1 to 6 p.m. on Friday, April 14. Menu choices include padded oysters, crab or salmon cakes, macaroni or potato salad, cole slaw and cinnamon cake. Prices vary and there is a 50-cent discount for uncooked items. All items are freshly made in the church's kitchen. To order, call 410-335-6255.

Queen of Peace Flea Market

Our Lady Queen of Peace Catholic Church, 10001 Bird River Road in Middle River, will hold a flea market from 7 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, April 29 (rain date May 6). Registration begins at 6 a.m. The cost is \$10 for two parking spaces (one vending spot and one parking spot). No reservations are needed; bring your own table. No firearms can be sold at this event.

St. Michael Bus Trips

St. Michael Lutheran Church, 9534 Belair Road in Perry Hall, will hold bus trips April 18, Rainbow Dinner Theater in Lancaster, to see "Running Mates," \$81; May 8-12, five days and four nights at the Tulip Festival in Holland, Mi., includes two breakfasts, two dinners, \$549 double-occupancy. Info: 410-592-8512.

Breakfast and the Bunny

Our Lady of Queen of Peace Church, 10003 Bird River Road in Middle River, will hold an all-you-can-eat breakfast with the Easter Bunny from 8 a.m. to noon Sunday, April 9, in the parish hall. The menu includes scrambled eggs, potatoes, sausage, ham, pancakes, French toast sticks, coffee, tea and juice. The cost is \$12 for adults; \$10 for senior citizens; and \$6 for children under 10.

SHM Lenten Mass

Sacred Heart of Mary Church, 6736 Youngstown Ave. in Dundalk, will hold Mass at 7 p.m. each Wednesday during the Lenten season for all those who work or are otherwise unable to attend the morning Mass. All are welcome. For more information, call 410-633-2828.

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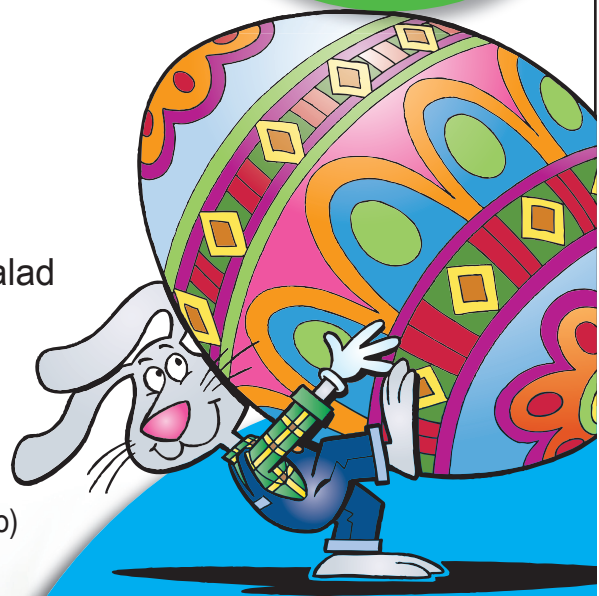
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'Dear Edwina Jr.'

Stemmers Run Middle School, 201 Stemmers Run Road in Essex, will present its production of "Dear Edwina Jr." at 7 p.m. Friday, April 28 (doors open at 6) and at 1 p.m. Saturday, April 29 (doors open at 12:30). Tickets in advance cost \$6 for general seating and \$7 for preferred seating. All tickets are \$8 at the door.

Autism Awareness

Art Show

Golden Ring Middle School, 6700 Golden Ring Road in Rosedale, will hold Art for the Cause Autism Awareness Art Show from 5 to 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, April 19. Fearless Dance Empire will perform and student artwork will be sold. All proceeds will benefit autism awareness. For info., send an email to cgibson5@bcps.org.

Bull and Oyster Roast

The Rosedale Volunteer Fire Company will hold its spring bull and oyster roast from 8 p.m. to midnight Saturday, April 22, at Rosedale Gardens, 8037 Philadelphia Road in Rosedale. The menu includes oysters, pit beef and ham, soups, salads, assorted cheeses, breads and rolls, dessert, draft beer and soda. Food will be served from 8 to 11 p.m. Games of chance will be available. Tickets cost \$40 in advance and \$45 the day of the event. For more information, call 410-866-2598.

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Dundalk Knights of Columbus Council 2942, 2111 Eilers Ave. in Dundalk, will hold its 12th annual World Famous Fish Fry each Friday through Good Friday, April 14. Meals will be served from noon to 6 p.m. The menu will include Alaskan pollock, French fries, cole slaw, rolls, dessert and beverage. Beer and wine will be sold at an additional cost. Tickets cost \$12 for eat-in and \$13 for carry-out. A portion of proceeds will go to local community and religious charities. For more information, call Joe Witomski, 410-409-8173 or 410-285-6660.

Post 2621 Karaoke

Essex-Holly Neck VFW Post 2621, 206 Riverside Road in Essex, will host PJ Karaoke at 7 p.m. Friday, April 7. The kitchen will be open until 9:30 p.m.

Food Truck Rally

The White Marsh Volunteer Fire Company will host a Stop, Drop and Eat food truck rally on Saturday, May 6, from 4 - 8 p.m. at its station, 5419 Ebenezer Road in White Marsh. The event will include food trucks, raffles, tours and other activities. Proceeds benefit White Marsh VFC. Tickets cost \$5.73 each and can be purchased online at www.eventbrite.com/e/stop-drop-eat-tickets-32806011664.

'Mame'

The Sky is the Limit Community Theatre, in residence at the North Point Government Center, 7701 Wise Ave. in Dundalk, will present "Mame" at 7 p.m. Friday and Saturday, April 28 and 29, and at 3 p.m. Sunday, April 30. Tickets cost \$10 for adults and \$8 for senior citizens and children 12 and younger. Tickets will be available at the door. For info., call 410-887-5370.

Boating Safety

Rosedale American Legion Post 180, 1331 Seling Ave. in Rosedale, will offer a boating safety course from 6 to 9 p.m. April 18, 25 and 27. The course is offered through the Maryland Department of Natural Resources. Info: 410-866-9656 or 410-935-0857.

Dundalk Legion Karaoke

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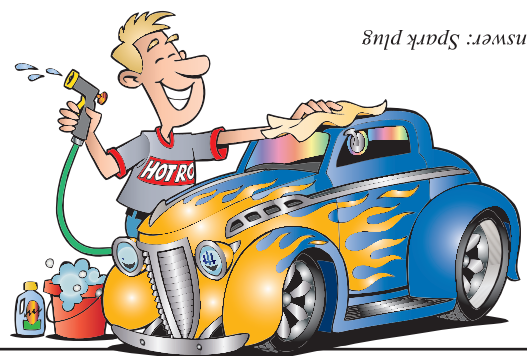
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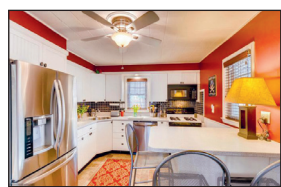
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