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VERSE OF THE WEEK -

John 15:13 Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one's life for one's friends.

Middle River Depot property listed for tax sale



The main building on the depot property has been largely unused since the current owner purchased it in 2007, despite a major redevelopment plan for the entire site on file with Baltimore County. Photo by Devin Crum.

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- By Devin Crum -

With an unpaid tax debt to Baltimore County of nearly \$200,000, the former Federal Depot site in Middle River has been placed on the county's annual list of tax sale properties.

If the balance remains unpaid by the owner, the county may auction the property to the highest bidder at its annual tax sale next month. The auction price starts at the open tax lien amount, according to county spokeswoman Ellen Kobler, and if it fails to sell at auction it will default to the county.

The total tax lien amount on the property, accrued during the period from July

2016 to June 2017, is \$194,210.94.

A representative of the site's owner, Middle River Station Development LLC, had not responded to a request for comment by press time.

But County Councilwoman Cathy Bevins, who represents the area, said the owner, Sal Smeke, has disputed his taxes since purchasing the property a decade ago, claiming they are too high. Bevins has had several conversations with the owner regarding a planned massive redevelopment of the site.

The Depot site, 2800 Eastern Blvd. in Middle River, consists of roughly 51 acres of land and a nearly 2 million-square-

foot storage warehouse built in 1941. It was previously owned by the federal government, but leased to the Glenn L. Martin Company for manufacturing of airplanes during World War II.

Although the entire property's assessed value is listed at just over \$9.1 million, according to state real property records, the current owner purchased it at auction for \$37.5 million in 2007.

A development plan on file with Baltimore County shows a complete overhaul of the site to create a new shopping center dubbed Town Square at Middle River Station. The plan calls for a mixture of

- see **TAX SALE** on page 5 -



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Hart-Miller Island opens for season, remediation continues in North Cell

- Article & photo by Devin Crum -

The state park portions of Hart-Miller Island, including the beach, ranger station and South Cell, officially opened to the public for the summer season on May 13.

Those areas will continue to be open for public access Thursdays through Sundays, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., through September. However, the island is currently only accessible via private boat.

According to Bob Iman, lead ranger for the park, they originally planned to open the park on Memorial Day weekend, but decided to open it two weeks early because the weather had gotten warmer. Unfortunately, the weather changed again, he said, and they will likely push the opening back to the holiday weekend for next year.

As some may remember, the island's South Cell was opened to the public for the first time last summer after completing its transformation from a dredged material containment facility to a restored wildlife habitat with public recreational access.

The roughly 300-acre southern section of the island provides nearly eight miles of hiking and biking trails, along with ample opportunities for bird watching, breathtaking views and educational signs for visitors to learn about the island. The park also supplies a limited number of bicycles to visitors for free to encourage exploration of the area.

According to information published in this year's *Waterfront Guide*, more than 60,000 people visited HMI in 2016. Of

those, about 1,300 attended ranger-led interpretive programs on the island and around 1,500 enjoyed bicycle riding or hiking in the South Cell trail system.

Iman noted at the May 16 meeting of the Hart-Miller Island Citizens Oversight Committee that the state Department of Natural Resources has replaced many of the signs around the island to keep everything looking nice, which helps keep vandalism down and gives a good impression for visitors.

"The first impression is your lasting impression," Iman said. He added that they have also been busy installing more covered benches along the trails.

New this year is the plan to install a monument in honor of the HMICOC for their dedication and commitment to monitoring the formation and impact of the island since 1981. They have also served as a voice for citizens regarding what is done on the island.

The monument, which the Maryland Environmental Service's Amanda Peñañiel described as a small, cube-like, low-lying structure, will pay special tribute to Thomas Kroen, who was one of the original appointed members of the oversight committee and chaired it for several years prior to passing away in 2015.

Peñañiel described Kroen as a major advocate for recreation and environmental education.

"It's a shame that he was not around to see the beginning of all this that he worked toward," she said.



The island's sandy beach, as seen from the observation tower, serves as a gateway to the South Cell.

She noted that the monument was not yet in place as of Tuesday morning, but it would be safe to say it will be in place in June.

"It's going to be in the South Cell at the first trail intersection," she explained, near where the 18-foot road meets the cross-dike road which separates the North and South cells.

The HMICOC is also exploring the establishment of a "Friends of" volunteer group for the park, which would help with simple park maintenance and operation, as well as organization of any potential events on the island.

Peñañiel also noted that the broader Friends of Maryland State Parks organiza-

tion is planning to hold a 5k race on the island in fall 2018 - "because it takes that long to plan an event like that," she said.

In the much larger North Cell, remediation is ongoing with the mammoth task of using agricultural lime to raise the pH of the water and soil.

According to Roger Williams, also of MES, they are using lime at a rate of 20 tons per acre and have completed the process on 183 of the section's nearly 800 acres.

Water in the North Cell is highly acidic and cannot be discharged from the island until it meets certain quality standards, such as a more neutral pH. And liming is difficult in wet conditions because the heavy equipment sinks in the mud, Williams explained. They have tried using lighter trucks for the project, but those cannot carry the larger loads they need.

"We have had our growing pains with this project," he said.

Therefore, MES has discussed and now plans to carry out a pilot program to apply the lime by air using a helicopter.

While that method has a much higher cost, it may be necessary to move progress along.

Williams said the liming is currently at a stand-still because they need to get more of the cell dry before it can resume.

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Weis to open new supermarket in Fullerton Plaza this fall

- By Virginia Terhune -

Weis Markets hopes to open one of its deluxe grocery stores along with a gas station to serve customers in redeveloping Fullerton Plaza in Parkville by Thanksgiving.

The Kmart store in the shopping center at Belair Road and Rossville Boulevard closed about 15 months ago, and Weis plans to use most of the old building for the new store.

New Weis stores typically hire about 200 people, said Jack O'Hara, vice president of legal affairs and real estate for the company.

He and other officials spoke at a hearing on Thursday, April 27, in Towson, asking for county approval for a setback variance to allow the gas station near a residential area and for a special hearing

to allow fuel prices to be posted on an electronic canopy sign above the pumps.

Baltimore County Administrative Law Judge John Beverungen listened to testimony and will issue a written ruling soon.

Numbering six fueling stations, the proposed gas station would be built in the middle of the existing paved parking lot, which will still have room for 816 parking spaces to serve the new store and existing smaller tenants, including a Salvo Auto Parts store.

Gas station hours would coincide with those of the store, which are likely to be 6 a.m. to 11 p.m. or midnight, O'Hara said.

Speaking for Weis, attorney Caroline Hecker of the Rosenberg, Martin, Greenberg law firm, said the store will include a deli, café, indoor sushi bar and other

amenities.

"It's a catalyst for redeveloping the center," Hecker said about the new store, which she added is part of a \$13 million investment to revitalize the shopping center.

Kimco Realty, which owns the center, is expected to plant 138 trees on the site as part of an upgrade that will also include new store facades.

Plans call for 23 evergreens along the unnamed access road connecting Belair Road and Fitch Avenue that runs along the southwest border of the shopping center.

Across the access road are homeowners represented by the Fitch Avenue Community Association, who asked that the existing chain link fence along the road be replaced with a six-foot-high wooden

fence, which Kimco agreed to.

"Overall, I'm very pleased with the renovations," said Councilman David Marks (R-5), who represents the area, on Monday. "It's very bare right now," he referring to the planting of trees and shrubs.

Marks said Kimco has also committed to putting in fencing in the rear of the former K-mart store to prevent dumping into what are the headwaters of Stemmers Run. The site drains downward from Belair Road toward Linover Park.

The site falls within the Overlea Commercial Revitalization District, which will enable Kimco to apply for tax credits available for eligible reinvestment projects.

One of two neighbors who attended - see **FULLERTON** on page 11 -

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TAX SALE

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The plan also features a sports and entertainment complex, various pockets of recreational open space and a concert pavilion.

However, community members - namely members of the Essex-Middle River Civic Council - have expressed concern about this plan because, while it has stalled over the years, nearly all of those uses have been created elsewhere in the surrounding area, leading to questions of if the plan is still viable.

But according to sources who have had conversations with Smeke, he still plans to move forward with the plan on file.

According to documentation provided by Councilwoman Bevins' office, permits for the project have been issued from the county's Soil Conservation District, Environmental Impact Review, Department of Environmental Protection and Sustainability, Department of Public Works and Development Plans Review, as well as the Maryland Aviation Authority because of its proximity to Martin State Airport, the State Highway Administration and landscape and lighting permits from both

the county and the Maryland Historical Trust because of its historical designation with the state.

They have also been given a demolition permit and according to Bevins, Walmart plans to break ground in June.

Walmart will be closing its Supercenter in the nearby Carroll Island Shopping Center in favor of a new Super Walmart in Middle River Station.

Other notable items listed on the county's tax sale list are five properties owned by C.P. Crane LLC, which operates the coal-fire electrical power plant in Bowleys Quarters.

Together, the tax liens across the five properties total \$28,625.11 while their assessed value combines for nearly \$2.16 million. The parcels include the 10-acre site of the powerplant, as well as a nearly eight-acre plot along Keeners Road.

Real property tax bills are issued on July 1 each year, according to the county's website.

Failure to pay in full or, if eligible, make the first semiannual payment by Sept. 30 will result in the account being considered delinquent. Interest will accrue until the taxes are paid in full. Unpaid balances due past Dec. 31 are subject to accrued interest, penalties and tax sale.

However, property taxes must exceed

the threshold of \$250 for non-owner occupied properties or \$500 for owner occupied properties to be listed for tax sale, Kobler said.

On March 1, a Final Tax Sale Notice is mailed, allowing the property owner 30 days to pay the property taxes and accrued interest and penalties, the county's website reads. If the owner fails to respond to this notice, the property may be sold at the annual tax sale.

Baltimore County posts properties to be sold on its website around the first of May. Properties are then advertised

for four consecutive weeks in a locally circulated newspaper and on the government's website, according to Kobler.

If a property is sold for taxes, the owner has six months from the date of the sale to redeem the property or a foreclosure action for nonpayment of taxes can be filed in the Circuit Court for Baltimore County.

For more information on the tax sale process or the complete list of county properties slated for tax sale, visit the county's website at www.baltimorecountymd.gov and search for "tax sale."

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Perry Hall diner deal sparks feud between elected officials

- By Devin Crum -

Baltimore County Councilman David Marks (R-Perry Hall) announced on May 9 that the Double-T Diner at the corner of Joppa and Belair roads in Perry Hall would be closing on June 10 for approximately six months to allow for reconstruction of the corner and a new CVS pharmacy to be built on the site.

During that time, the diner will move east to a site at Belair and Brookfield roads, Marks' announcement read.

While Marks recognized that it was not ideal, he touted the plan, which came about through negotiations with the developer, as a way to keep the diner - and the jobs that come with it - while improving the look of the intersection with the new business. He noted that CVS had the right to build at the location.

The news sparked outcry from some residents who said the area does not need yet another CVS. And that same day, State Delegate Eric Bromwell (D-Perry Hall) took to social media to air his own grievances with the decision.

"Every time Councilman Marks 'negotiates' with a developer, we get more development. And now, yet another CVS is coming to Perry Hall, the CVS capital [sic] of the world!?" Bromwell's Facebook post read. "Perry Hall is overdeveloped and our schools are overcrowded, yet I have not found a single constituent who feels we need another CVS."

Two days later, Marks fired back with his own post criticizing Bromwell for his lack of involvement in addressing

important community issues such as slowing development, building Angel Park and dealing with overcrowding at Perry Hall Middle School.

He also called Bromwell out for his vote against redistricting reform in the state and for the Home Act which critics say would "spread poverty around" the county, adding that Bromwell "popped out of hiding" to launch his criticisms.

"Maybe he felt the urge to attack. And he will attack again. He can't help himself. I will keep working with others to improve our community..." he concluded.

When asked about the social media spat, Bromwell told the *East County Times* that the problems with the diner decision come from Marks having a relationship with developers.

"The point is, whoever the developer for CVS is obviously has a relationship with Councilman Marks," he said pointing to Marks' previous reclassification of the nearby intersection of Joppa and Harford roads to allow for a different CVS.

Marks defended the plan, however.

"When a new CVS threatened the future of the Perry Hall diner, I stepped in to save the diner and preserve 40 neighborhood jobs," he told the *Times*. "Which is worse: a neighborhood diner that remains open or more Section 8 housing throughout our community, as preferred by Eric Bromwell?" he asked, pointing again to the Home Act vote.

"Councilman Marks ran on a platform of slowing development in Perry Hall," Bromwell said. "I don't think anyone

who lives in Perry Hall can look around and say, 'yes, development has slowed in Perry Hall.'"

But Marks countered that Bromwell was simply talking one way in the community while voting another in Annapolis.

"He acts like a campaign finance reformer, but has accepted tens of thousands of dollars from special interests over his 15 years in Annapolis," Marks asserted.

"And he didn't seem to care about development when running in two elections with my Democratic predecessor, who zoned Perry Hall for almost all the homes that have been built over the past few years," he said referring to former County Councilman Vince Gardina.

Marks said his record reflects his work in the community, having gotten four new parks, three new schools and protecting 2,800 acres of land from development.

Bromwell said his vote regarding redistricting reform was merely a procedural vote and did not mean as much as people might think. And he justified his support of the Home Act in that he was thinking of friends who he had grown up with who relied on housing vouchers.

He also questioned Marks' downzoning of so much land in Perry Hall, calling it "interesting" when compared to what other Council members did.

"It's a lot of property that would never be developed," he said, noting some included stormwater management ponds public swimming pools or median strips. "These are things that, in my estimation, don't need to be downzoned but it allows

you to say, 'look, I've downzoned more property than anybody.'

"Quantity, great," Bromwell continued, "but I am interested in the quality of all these downzonings."

Marks said while some of the acreage includes stormwater management areas, "we protected large public properties that could easily be sold off, and we downzoned private land like the Gerst Farm that was proposed for intense development.

"We even downzoned the land behind Eric Bromwell's house, which now has the lowest level allowed for residential development," Marks said. "I don't see a stormwater pond there."

But Bromwell suggested a need for a building moratorium in Perry Hall.

"Until we fix the process, I don't think it's a bad idea," he said.

Neither elected official has indicated a desire to run for the other's office in the next election, and this is not the first time the two have had public disagreements. But Bromwell said he will continue his advocacy.

"Part of it with me is wanting to make sure that there is an alternative voice," he said. "I want to make sure that people are holding all of their elected officials accountable."

Marks held that his is working for the community with their support.

"We are tackling the problems we inherited, with support from parents and community leaders of both parties," he said, "but not Eric Bromwell."

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DNR message to boaters: 'Ride Inside' or be fined

- By Marge Neal -

As Memorial Day weekend approaches and thoughts and actions turn to outdoor activities, particularly boating, the Maryland Department of Natural Resources' police division is gearing up to patrol local waters in an effort to make the summer season as safe as possible.

The tragic 2016 death of a 9-year-old boy who fell in the water while riding on the front of a boat is serving as the inspiration of a renewed effort to educate and cite boaters for practicing the popular but illegal activity of bow riding.

The Maryland Natural Resources Police (NRP) this week kicked off its new safety awareness campaign called "Ride Inside." Through notices and signs at popular boat launch sites, marinas and boat rental businesses, marine law enforcement officers hope to educate boaters about the danger of letting passengers ride not only on the front of a boat, but also along the side rails and the stern, according to NRP spokeswoman Candy Thomson.

"We all realize bow-riding, or sitting along the gunnel rails or on the swim platform is like a fun day at the amusement park, but fall in and you risk not only being hit by your own boat but perhaps someone else's," Thomson told the *East County Times*. "It's a recipe

for disaster."

The risk of serious injury or even death is much higher on pontoon boats, according to Thomson.

When a passenger falls off the front of a pontoon boat, the pontoons serve as channels, with the victim being directed down the middle underneath the vessel, leading straight to the propeller. Such accidents lead to particularly gruesome injuries and deaths, she said.

Such was the case last summer when New Jersey resident Kaden Frederick, 9, was riding on the bow of a rented pontoon boat while on vacation with his family in Ocean City. Kaden fell from the boat and before anyone could even react, he had been struck by the propeller, according to news accounts of the incident.

There were numerous trained medical personnel and first-responders on other boats in the immediate area, according to Thomson, but Kaden's injuries were so catastrophic nothing could be done to save him.

"We're asking people to use common sense here," Thomson said. "You wouldn't let your kid ride on the hood of your car - why would you let them ride on the front of your boat?"

In eastern Baltimore County, with the lion's share of the county's 232 miles of shoreline, NRP will be work-

ing closely with the Baltimore County Police Department's marine unit and the Coast Guard to ensure water safety this summer.

Marine law enforcement officers can board private boats at any time to perform routine safety inspections, according to Thomson. Officers check to ensure boats have a life jacket for every passenger on board, as well as flares or other visual signaling devices, a horn or whistle and a fire extinguisher, among other items.

It's important that life jackets are readily accessible if passengers aren't wearing them, and that flares and extinguishers are up to date and not expired.

Thomson has more than a few stories to tell about her experiences of accompanying officers who patrol local waters.

"We boarded one boat with our checklist of equipment," she recalled. "While the boat operator eventually was able to produce the required life jackets, they certainly wouldn't have been any help in the case of an emergency."

The jackets were stowed in a storage cabinet below the deck, and not only were they still in the packaging they were sold in, they were still in the retail store bag from where they were bought.

The officers made the owner take the devices out of the packaging and told him the importance of having them more readily accessible.

Officers will use these on-the-water inspections to spread the word about the dangers of bow-riding, according to Thomson.

- see **RIDE INSIDE** on page 17 -

Board fines Middle River liquor store, dismisses two Essex cases

- By Virginia Terhune -

The Baltimore County Board of Liquor Commissioners fined one establishment, but dropped charges against two others during show-cause hearings in Towson on Monday, May 22.

Show-cause hearings are held to consider whether to suspend or revoke liquor licenses.

Beer Pump Wine and Spirits, a discount liquor store located at 3 Compass Road in Middle River, was fined \$500 for violating the board's Rule 29, which requires that liquor stores buy only from wholesalers.

It was the first violation for the store, but members opted to impose the fine based on a report by an inspector from the state Comptroller's office claiming that a carton containing liquor had been tampered with.

Retailers in Maryland are required to buy from wholesalers only and advised to hold on to invoices to indicate their suppliers. They cannot buy liquor from or sell to other retailers.

Meanwhile, the board opted not to

impose fines in two other cases involving bars in Essex.

They took no action in the case of the Breakaway Bar and Grill at 506 South Maryln Avenue, which the state inspector claimed had violated Rule 32, which prohibits refills.

Prohibited is the practice of refilling smaller one-liter bottles with liquor from 1.75-liter bottles. The rule is intended to ensure that the contents of the smaller bottle match what is shown on its label and do not actually contain a cheaper substitute from the bigger bottle.

In another case, the board dismissed an allegation that Sylvester's Saloon, at 7326 Golden Ring Road in Essex, violated Rule 1, which prohibits selling liquor to an intoxicated person.

A bartender testified that the man was angry, but not intoxicated, when he left and bumped into a car in the parking lot, precipitating a call to police officers, who went to his home two hours later.

The bar's attorney also argued that the man could have drunk alcohol somewhere else during the two-hour time gap.

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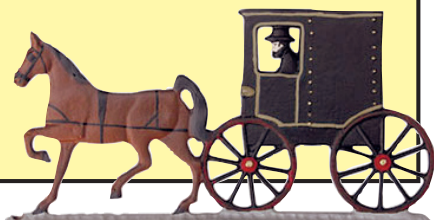
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Edgemere student lands scholarship to CAP flight academy

- By Marge Neal -

While many students are looking forward to a carefree summer of lounging and hanging out with friends, Wyatt Hartman was excited to be heading to the United Kingdom in July after winning a coveted spot in the Civil Air Patrol's international ambassador program.

But that was before the Eastern Technical High School senior learned he also had been selected to receive a full scholarship for a residential summer aviation program that would lead to getting his pilot's license.

Decisions, decisions.

After conferring with advisors, who told him the scholarship was a one-shot opportunity but that he could re-apply to the ambassador program next year, the decision was easier to make.

He will report to Delaware State University on June 26 to participate in a self-paced course offering one-on-one ground instruction and flight training in a Piper Warrior plane.

The scholarship pays for room and board at the university, as well as instruction, materials and flight time. It's worth up to \$16,000, depending on how long it takes Wyatt to get his license. With one-on-one instruction, students control how long it takes them to complete the course.

"It lasts through July," Wyatt said of

the program in a phone interview. "Depending on how well I do, I can finish up early."

Wyatt, who recently became an Eagle Scout, keeps himself busy. He's a student in Eastern Tech's business management and finance program and is looking forward to his graduation next month. While in high school, he got a head start on his college education by taking courses at the Community College of Baltimore County, where he plans to enroll full-time this fall.

"I plan to stay at CCBC with the intention of transferring to a four-year school," he said.

He's also looking at the Air National Guard and several federal agencies - the National Security Agency, the Department of State and Customs and Border Protection among them - for employment or internship possibilities that might help pay for his college education.

"It would be great to find something that offers help with tuition - that's what I'm hoping for," Hartman said. "And I think the Air National Guard has scholarships available."

The ambitious, driven teen said he would like to pursue flying if he could be commissioned as an officer in the ANG.

Wyatt joined the Civil Air Patrol, the



Wyatt Hartman

auxiliary of the U.S. Air Force, in 2011, when he was 12. He worked his way through the ranks of the youth cadet program and is now a cadet major.

Participation in CAP is a family tradition. His mother is Capt. Nadine Hartman, a member of the adult CAP squadron at Martin's State Airport. The all-volunteer CAP organization offers support to many national and international efforts, such as emergency operations, natural disaster relief assistance, search and rescue missions and drug interdiction, according to Nadine.

The youth, or cadet, CAP program is open to youngsters from 12 until they age out at 21, and then they are welcome to apply to the adult program, she said.

Wyatt has taken advantage of the many programs and courses offered by CAP as he has moved up in the ranks.

His many highly selective accomplishments come as no surprise to former CAP cadet mentor Joe Mancini, now 23, who was involved in the youth program and served as a mentor to Wyatt when he was a new cadet.

"I can't say enough good about Wyatt," Mancini told the *East County Times*. "He has great moral character, is very driven and very capable. When I found out he'd applied for the two very selective programs, I didn't think he'd have a problem getting into either one."

For his part, Wyatt said he was a little surprised that he was accepted for both the international exchange program and the flight scholarship, given how competitive the process is. Both programs required applicants to have significant prerequisites fulfilled and offered a limited number of openings.

Just four students from across the country are participating in the flight academy course, and Wyatt was one of only 36 applicants offered a spot in the ambassador program.

If all goes as planned, the Edgemere resident will finish the month of July with his single-engine aircraft private pilot's license in hand. He'll have a few weeks to enjoy his summer break before heading back to CCBC for the fall semester.

He hopes to enjoy as many of his outdoor interests - boating, fishing, hiking and biking - as possible before school starts.

And just maybe, he'll snag another spot to participate in the international exchange program next summer.

In any case, many of his peers, family members and CAP superiors are already proud of what he's accomplished and how positively his actions reflect on CAP.

"I'm really proud of the work he's done and will continue to do," said Mancini, who now oversees the cadet program as a member of the adult squadron. "And his accomplishments reflect on the mentoring and training he's received and makes us all feel like we've done our jobs."

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Library system adding Chromebooks to bridge digital divide

- By Virginia Terhune -

The Baltimore County Public Library system recently made nearly 400 Chromebook laptops available for public use at no charge and it plans to make another 200 available in the coming year.

The laptops, which can be checked out for free just like books, are part of a multi-year initiative to close the gap between people who can afford to buy computers and those who cannot.

"Access to these devices will help to lessen the 'digital divide' by providing equal access to those that may not have the opportunity to learn and experiment with technology," said BCPL Director Paula Miller in a statement.

Miller met last week with the County Council to talk about the proposed library budget for fiscal year 2018 which starts July 1. The council is expected to adopt the budget on Thursday, May 25.

Also in the FY 2018 budget is \$240,000 for HVAC and related building upgrades at the North Point Library in Dundalk, as well as \$800,000 for restroom and \$200,000 for meeting room renovations system wide.

During the budget discussion, Miller also said that library branches in Title I areas will again offer free lunches this summer to children ages 18 and under through a program run by the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

Ten branches participated last summer, including North Point, Essex, Rosedale and White Marsh. The lunches are provided Monday through Friday, and no registration is required.

Funding for the first batch of 380 Chromebooks was part of a \$500,000 allocation in FY 2017 through the county's Office of Information Technology's Enhanced Productivity Thru Technology capital project.

Another \$200,000 is budgeted in FY 2018 for Phase II of the project, which includes the 200 additional devices.

The lightweight Acer laptops, which have 11.5-inch screens, can be used wherever there is a Wi-Fi connection to the internet. They don't retain information - all data is automatically lost when the laptop is closed - but they do allow patrons to store data on a flash drive or in an online cloud account.

The devices have been distributed to all 19 BCPL branches with the most active borrowing from the Essex, Pikesville, Owings Mills, Woodlawn and Catonsville branches, Miller said.

A survey of users indicates that patrons use them to check email and social media, work on school assignments, look for a job or practice their computer skills.

"It's cheaper than buying your own," she said.

The devices can be used for up to two hours in a branch or taken out for seven days with two week-long renewals, depending on whether there is a waiting list.

Users must sign an agreement, and there is a \$3 per day fine for late returns. The loss or damage charge for Chromebooks is \$386, plus \$30 for the charger and \$17 for the zipped storage bag.

Also now available in branches are

Playaway Locks, which are tablets that are pre-loaded with e-books organized by genre or theme. No internet access is required.

The library has available about 800,000 e-books, which reflect a growing percentage of its total collection of 11 million

items, Miller said.

"We're currently living in both worlds," she said about the mix of digital and print items.

For more information about the system's digital devices, visit www.bcpl.info/technology.

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the hearing, Donna Willis, said she is concerned that the gas station could lower the value of several still undeveloped residential lots in their neighborhood, including hers.

"It's my inheritance for my grandchildren," said Willis, whose grandfather farmed the area decades ago and whose family built some of the houses in the neighborhood.

However, Willis said she thinks upgrading the shopping center will raise property values in the long run.

Local resident Gloria Kelly mentioned high traffic volumes on Belair Road, but Beverungen noted a letter from the State Highway Administration stating that the gas station is not expected to cause a problem.

Kelly also asked if a walkable path could be created linking the nearby Catholic Charities' Village Crossroads complex for senior citizens to the shopping center.

"You take your life in your hands if you cross Belair Road to reach the Giant [in the Putty Hill Plaza]," she said about people walking to the Giant for groceries.



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Man sentenced to life in White Marsh double murder

Carlos Lomax, 48, was sentenced this week in Baltimore County Circuit Court to life in prison without the possibility of parole for the murders of Charles Mitter Jr. and Tyray Wise. The Honorable Vicki Ballou-Watts presided over the five day trial in October 2016 and a jury convicted Lomax of first-degree murder, second-degree murder, first-degree burglary, and two separate firearm violations.

On Aug. 25, 2014, Carlos Lomax and another suspect went to Mr. Mitter Jr. and Ms. Wise's residence. The perpetrators shot Mr. Mitter multiple times and stabbed him over sixty times. They stabbed Ms. Wise over a hundred and forty times. Mitter was pronounced deceased at the scene, while Wise was transported to Johns Hopkins Bayview Medical Center where she was later declared deceased. The defendant is the half-brother of Mr. Mitter Jr. and money was the motive behind the murders.

The murders occurred inside the victims' home in White Marsh and their young son as well as Tyray's thirteen-year-old sister were present during the murders. Neither of them were physically harmed. Tyray's sister was able to identify Lomax and testified at trial.

MDTA step up seat belt enforcement for two weeks

For the next 10 days, the Maryland Transportation Authority (MDTA) police are joining law-enforcement agencies, the Maryland Highway Safety Office (MHSO) and highway-safety advocates in renewing a pledge to save lives during the National "Click It or Ticket" campaign.

"During the campaign, MDTA police officers are urging motorists and their passengers to buckle up. A simple click can prevent you from being seriously injured or losing your life," said MDTA Police Chief Colonel Jerry Jones.

According to recent figures from MHSO, over the past five years, an average of 109 people have lost their lives and another 282 were seriously injured each year on Maryland's roadways while not wearing a seat belt or being properly restrained.

The MDTA police are conducting high-visibility enforcement initiatives and educating motorists about the importance of being restrained by a seat belt. Maryland law requires all occupants in a motor vehicle to be restrained by a seat belt. The MDTA continues to support the Toward Zero Deaths campaign, which saves lives and prevents injury.

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Crash in Essex turns fatal

One person has died following a two-vehicle crash Thursday on Martin Boulevard at Kelso Drive.

Ronald Kevin Parris III, 23, was transported to Franklin Square Hospital where he was pronounced dead.

The Baltimore County Police Crash Team was called to the scene at 4:22 p.m. The preliminary investigation shows that the crash involved a collision between a Hyundai Sonata and Ford F-450 truck.

Parris was a passenger in the Hyundai. The 25 year-old driver of the car and a four-year-old child were transported to Johns Hopkins Hospital with serious injuries. The three people in the Ford truck at the time of the crash were uninjured and remained at the crash scene.

The Baltimore County Crash Team continues to investigate the crash.

Parkville officer involved shooting ruled justified

The State's Attorney's office ruled last week that an officer involved shooting in Parkville in April was justified after reviewing body camera footage of the incident.

In a letter Tuesday to the Police Department, Deputy State's Attorney Robin Coffin wrote that the officer acted "for his own safety."

On April 12, just before 4:30 a.m., Baltimore County Police received a call for a suspect breaking into cars in the area of Hillendale Road and Northview Road in Parkville.

A Baltimore County officer arrived in the area of the call and observed a man attempting to conceal himself from the officer's view, turning his back towards the officer. The officer approached the man and called out to him. As the officer walked in his direction, the man turned around facing the officer and reached for a gun inside of the waistband of his pants. The officer observed the suspect reaching for the gun and yelled for the man to stop. The suspect continued to pull the gun and the officer fired multiple shots from his service weapon.

The suspect was struck and suffered a wound to the lower body. A handgun was recovered at the scene of the shooting.

The officer, who shot 27-year-old Brandon Smith on April 12, has been identified as an Officer Downs. The county and police union have an agreement to only identify the officer by his last name in these types of situations.

"Officer Downs clearly identified himself as a Police Officer and demanded that Smith not move and keep his hands visible," Coffin wrote. Coffin also noted that the suspect was reaching for his gun.

Smith was wounded in the incident but survived. While video of this incident is available upon request for media members to review, it will not be released to the public while the investigation proceeds.

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Current crime trends

Since May 10, there have been three residential burglaries in the Hartland Village community within the Essex Precinct. Two cases occurred between 7:20 and 11:15 a.m. One case occurred between noon and 11 p.m. Front window glass was broken or forced in two cases. Items taken include a game system, controller, laptops and video games.

Since May 7, there have been three commercial robberies within the Dundalk Precinct involving similar motive and suspect description. The suspect implied a weapon and took money, a cash drawer and cigarettes.

Since April 25, there have been five residential burglaries in the Glenside Park community within the Parkville Precinct. Four cases occurred during overnight hours. One case occurred between noon and 11:45 p.m. Front doors or windows were forced in three cases. Unlocked rear windows were opened in two cases. Purses, game systems, a TV, jewelry and money were taken.

Precinct 12/Dundalk

Robbery: On May 21, officers from the Dundalk precinct responded to a call in the 2000 block of Shore Road. At 9:35 p.m., an unknown suspect armed with a knife, threatened the victim with bodily harm and demanded his money. The cab driver complied and the suspect fled in an unknown direction. Anyone with information regarding this incident is urged to contact Baltimore County police.

Robbery: Baltimore County police were called to the 2700 block of Liberty Parkway in Dundalk on May 19. At 9:25 p.m., two unknown suspects, both armed with guns, entered the victim's residence, then stole various items.

First Degree Burglary: On May 19, shortly after noon, officers from the Dundalk precinct were called to the 7600 block of Cyprus Avenue. At 12:15 p.m., two known and two unknown suspects entered the victim's backyard and stole three dirt bikes. One bike was recovered and returned to the victim.

First Degree Burglary: Just after 2 p.m. on May 18, Baltimore County police responded to a burglary call in the 600 block of Avondale Road. Between 5:30 a.m. and 2:11 p.m., an unknown suspect entered the victim's residence through a rear door, then stole several items including a handgun.

First Degree Burglary: Officers from the Dundalk precinct were called to the 3000 block of Wallford Drive on May 17 just after 7 a.m. Between 9 p.m. May 17 and 7 a.m. May 18, an unknown suspect used a key to enter the victim's apartment, then stole the victim's wallet. The suspect tried to complete wire transfers with the victim's bank information.

First Degree Burglary: On May 17 around 7 a.m., officers responded to a call in the 3500 block of McShane Way. An unknown suspect entered Flagger Force through an unlocked door, then stole several items.

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Governor signs bill to help solve problem of abandoned boats

- By Devin Crum -

During the 2017 General Assembly in Annapolis, Sixth District Delegate Bob Long sponsored a bill to simplify the state's process for removing abandoned boats from its waterways.

Long's bill, which he said aims to solve the problem of abandoned or sunken boats that present navigational, health or environmental hazards in state waterways, particularly in Back River, passed unanimously in both houses of



An abandoned house boat, which had collapsed, was just waiting for the next big storm to spread that debris throughout Back River. Photo by Karen Wynn.

the legislature. It was signed into law by Governor Larry Hogan on May 4.

The Back River Restoration Committee has worked extensively over the last decade to clean up trash and other forms of pollution from Back River. But one issue they have had difficulty addressing is the removal of abandoned or sunken boats which litter the river.

Long told the *East County Times* that BRRC President Sam Weaver and Executive Director Karen Wynn approached him about the problem last year as well, but it came up too late in the legislative session to get a bill together to try to pass.

The delegate noted that one of the major obstacles in dealing with abandoned boats is identifying their owner.

State law requires that the owner of an abandoned vessel be notified and the

boat must be kept for a certain amount of time to allow them to redeem it. But if the owner cannot be identified, the process gets held up.

"A lot of times what happens is, if someone abandons a boat, they get rid of all the serial numbers so it's hard to identify," Long said. He added that another problem is the state's lengthy process spelled out in the current law which makes it difficult for anyone to address the problems.

The current law also contains a loophole whereby owners could potentially claim damages of their vessel if it was damaged in the process of being removed from the place where it was abandoned.

In testifying on behalf of the bill, Weaver, speaking as both the BRRC president and as the owner of Weaver's Marina, stated

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This boat, sunken in Northeast Creek which flows directly into Back River, is actually visible via Google Earth's satellite images. Photo by Karen Wynn.

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BoatUS skewers latest 'Big Ethanol' effort to support government ethanol mandate

"Big Ethanol" is at it again. In a new advertising campaign timed with the start of boating season, the Renewable Fuels Association (RFA), the leading trade association for America's ethanol industry, continues to spread mistruths in its support of the Renewable Fuel Standard (RFS), a 2005 law that mandates the blending of biofuels such as corn-ethanol into our gasoline. The nation's largest recreational boating advocacy, services and safety group, Boat Owners Association of The United States (BoatUS), clarifies the ad campaign's spin with hard truths.

Spin: "E10 is the fuel of choice for many boaters because of its high performance and lower emissions."

Hard Truth: E10 is simply the most common fuel sold in America today, but it is not recreational boaters' preferred choice of fuel. According to those surveyed by BoatUS, 91 percent prefer non-ethanol fuel for their boats. Unfortunately, non-ethanol gas is facing more uncertainty as the government mandate to increase the volume of ethanol in the nation's fuel supply may actually reduce the availability of ethanol-free gas. While ethanol boosts a fuel's octane rating, the US Depart-

ment of Energy acknowledges that ethanol contains less energy than gasoline and "results in lower fuel economy."

Spin: E10 is the "preferred choice by professionals" with supporting quotes by the National Boat Racing Association and Crappie Masters.

Hard Truth: Both organizations are sponsored by the RFA.

Spin: "Tip #1: Ensure a tight seal, if water is found, dry the tank before refueling."

Hard Truth: This impractical and potentially very unsafe "tip" asks boaters with built-in fuel tanks to do the impossible. Removing and disposing of phase-separated fuel - a result of too much water in moisture-attracting ethanol fuels - can only be done safely by professionals and is expensive. Even for those with portable fuel tanks, this RFA spin offers no practical, reality-based solution to the challenging disposal issue of the ethanol-and-water soaked gas.

Spin: "Regular maintenance is key."

Hard Truth: It certainly is when it comes to ethanol! A 2016 survey by Boating Industry magazine points to ethanol as playing an even "bigger role" in boat service issues than it was

the year prior, with 87 percent of survey respondents reporting seeing boat engine damage caused by ethanol. Said one boat manufacturer, "Ethanol is a boom for the service departments (and a) huge drag on our industry because it negatively affects the customers. It

makes them hate boating. It ruins their day, their boat and their entire boating experience."

Go to BoatUS.com/gov/rfs.asp for more information on the Renewable Fuel Standard. BoatUS is a member of the Smarter Fuel Future coalition.

Three ways to save on summertime boating 'must-dos'

BoatUS membership offers ways to save

Boat Owners Association of The United States (BoatUS) knows what recreational boaters will be doing this summer and offers ways that membership with the national advocacy, services and safety group can save you money on three summertime 'must-dos':

Fill up the tank. The number of times boaters fill up their tank each boating season can be an indicator of how much fun they're having. There's more joy, however, when there's a discount at the gas dock. More than 350 BoatUS Partner Network Marinas offer BoatUS members up to 10 cents off per gallon of fuel.

Get a transient slip. Spending a night away from the home dock is a

time-honored summer boating tradition. Over 600 BoatUS Partner Network marinas offer BoatUS members up to a 25 percent discount on transient slip fees - essentially, four nights for the price of three.

Buy boat gear and supplies. Even the boater who has everything wants a new accessory for the boating season. Accessories, equipment and other gear for the boating life, from anchors to zincs, can be purchased at West Marine, where BoatUS members earn a \$10 reward certificate for every \$250 spent.

BoatUS has more ways to save, from fishing tackle and sail repairs to guide services and online boat classifieds with Vivaboats. To join for \$24, go to BoatUS.com/membership.

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Boating 101: tips for beginners

Learning to boat or sail is similar to learning to drive an automobile. Neither one happens overnight. Learning to get around on the water can be exciting, but it can also be intimidating to take over the reins of a boat for the first time.

Though beginners might be apprehensive when they first start to boat or sail, there are some tips that can make it a little easier for those new to captaining their own ship.

- Start small. Much like teenagers learning to drive are often more comfortable learning behind the wheel of a

compact car, boating beginners might be more comfortable learning to sail on a small boat. Smaller boats are easier to maneuver, making even the most nervous novice a little more comfortable.

- Choose calm waters in which to practice. According to the United States Coast Guard, in 2010 there were more than 4,600 recreational boating accidents that involved 672 deaths. Though boating accidents in both the United States and Canada, where the Canadian government expected roughly 200 boaters to die on the water

in 2009, have been on the decline, accident statistics illustrate just how dangerous it can be even for fully licensed and experienced sailors to operate a boat.

- Read the weather reports. Veteran boaters struggle with inclement weather from time to time, so beginners should expect to struggle with adverse conditions as well. But don't be caught off guard by bad weather. Always check the weather reports before going out, and be sure to bring along appropriate attire and gear.

- Don't go it alone. Boating and sailing come with their own terminology,

which beginners are typically unfamiliar with. Before heading out on the water, learn as much of this terminology as possible, be it by studying manuals or books, or even asking experienced friends for help.

- Respect other boaters. Boating is a hobby enjoyed by millions, and boaters should always respect that there are other people on the water as well. Whether you're out in the middle of the ocean or relaxing at the pier on your docked boat, respect the other boaters by keeping the music down and always discarding of trash in a responsible way.



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that he and others have tried on many occasions to have derelict boats removed from waterways with no help.

"On certain occasions, we have been able to obtain titles to sunken boats to remove them at our expense, but on many other occasions we were met with too many restrictions to remove these hazards," he said.

"Besides the obvious eyesore of these vessels," Weaver continued, "these boats create a hazard to other watercrafts as well as continue to deteriorate and spread debris throughout our waterways."

In addition to altering the definition of "abandoned vessel" in the law to include a sunken vessel, Long's bill also extends liability protections for any damage to abandoned boats to any person that removes, preserves or stores the vessel on behalf of the Department of Natural Resources. It also authorizes DNR to adopt its own regulations for removing abandoned boats.

"It's going to fix a lot of the problems that DNR has had with identifying and removal of some of these boats," Long said. "I hope this works and fixes the problems. And if it doesn't, we'll try something else."

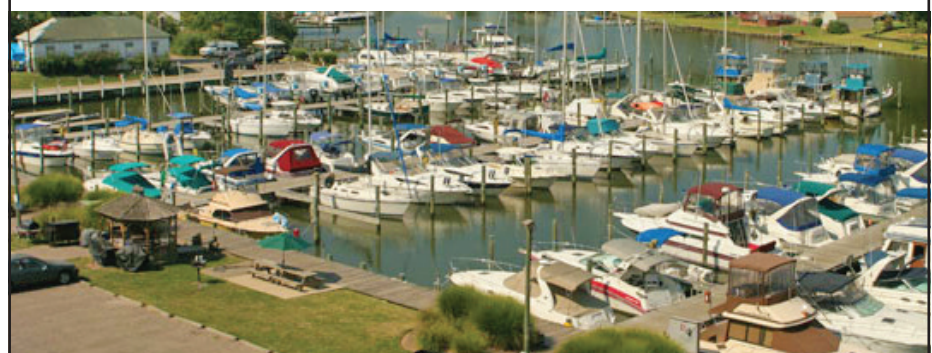
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Bow-riding is a specifically listed infraction of DNR's regulation regarding reckless and negligent operations, Thomson said. Officers will cite offenders, who will face up to a \$500 fine for the first offense if cited by NRP officers and up to \$5,000 if stopped and cited by the Coast Guard.

Other infractions, such as boating in a swim area, operating a boat under the influence of drugs or alcohol and speeding also fall under the realm of reckless and negligent operations, Thomson said.

The past few summers have been particularly dangerous, she said. With about 180,000 registered vessels plying Maryland's waters, popular areas can become quite crowded and, therefore, potentially more dangerous.

Last summer, 17 people died in boating accidents, while the summer of 2015 was the worst in 20 years, with 21 deaths, Thomson said.

As could be expected, the months of July, August, June, September and May, in that order, were the most dangerous in 2016, as measured by number of accidents and deaths. In 2016, a total of 163 reportable boat accidents caused nearly \$3.4 million in property damage in addition to the loss of life.

"Law enforcement officers aren't out to ruin anyone's day," Thomson said. "We just want to make sure they have many more boating days in the future."

Save a life: Become a life jacket loaner site

BoatUS Foundation loaner program now easier to apply

Across the United States, there are over 550 Boat US Foundation life jacket loaner sites that collectively loan out children's life jackets more than 140,000 times each year. That makes it one of the largest and most successful boating safety programs in the country. Becoming a new loaner site is now easier with an application cycle that allows marinas, boat clubs, waterfront restaurants or government agencies to apply at any time, speeding the review process. There is no cost to set up a loaner site and it's easy to do at BoatUS.org/life-jacket-loaner.

"We want to make it easier for marinas, waterfront organizations or other groups that serve boaters to join this life saving program and help us find the best loaner sites possible," said BoatUS Foundation Outreach Manager Alanna Keating.

Approved locations will receive a kit containing

12 child life jackets with sizes from infant to youth as well as signage and a local publicity kit. Loaner host sites simply need to track usage with an easy sign-out system and provide the Foundation with periodic feedback. The best loaner sites will be accessible to the boating public, serve a large boating population and be located in areas without current loaner programs.

Boaters typically borrow a life jacket for an afternoon or weekend. "We know kids grow fast and sometimes boaters need a correctly-sized jacket for a younger guest," added Keating. There is no charge for the use of life jackets and the BoatUS Foundation replenishes the supply of jackets as wear-and-tear takes its toll.

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IN YOUR WORDS

Victory Villa redistricting fight not about racism

At a school board meeting at Eastern Tech High School on Monday, May 15, I was happy to see so many in attendance to have an impact on the forced busing being brought upon their children (yes, children, BCPS; they are not planning blocks).

But as the meeting began and impact statements took shape, the pattern emerged that the Orem's Elementary School community was being blamed for this forced busing action. To the fine folks in the Victory Villa Elementary School community (our neighbors, relatives and friends): we at Orem's are not your enemy. We did not bring this busing action about - BCPS did.

They have decided that, while they were making plans for the movement of children in advance of the new Victory Villa school (and supposed overcrowding), they might as well decide for us how diverse we should be. Apparently we are too stupid to do this on our own.

All was going well; parents on both sides of the "planning block maps" issue were passionate about the statements they were making to the school board members. But about half way through the testimonials, yep, you guessed it, "the

race card" was played.

For an employee of BCPS to call out an entire school community as racist is well above and beyond the pale of even the foulest of politicians.

Golden Tree, Victory Villa and Aero Acres - these communities are the heart and soul of the Orem's School community. I do not know many of these fine folks, but what I do know is they are NOT racist! And only a shameless individual would call them that. I do hope that while this shameless person is teaching your children, she checks her politics at the door.

The children of all the communities mentioned above are very close. They play together and many are related.

Thank you all for reading this, and many thanks to all concerned who showed up at the meeting in defense of your children. And a big thank you to our local paper that allowed me to write this piece. It is a good platform in which to vent one's frustration. Or if one would like to, let's say, make an apology to an entire community.

*Bob Driscoll
Middle River*

Air conditioning in schools

One of the requirements for my Boy Scout merit badge, Communications, is to write a letter to express my opinion of an issue.

My issue is that all schools should have air conditioning. Some reasons are:

*It is hard to study in a classroom with

hot or warm air.

*Some kids like me have allergies, and without fresh air, I would have to breathe outside air which contains pollen.

*Zander Hoffman
Dundalk*

Stansbury Park Cleanup Recap

It was a beautiful day on Saturday, May 20, for Clean Bread and Cheese Creek to work with 123 wonderful volunteers at Stansbury Park in celebration of National Kids to Parks Day. Together we removed 212 bags of trash, including a three-piece counter top, five broken fishing rods, two coolers, part of a floating dock, a car battery and much more!

Thank you everyone so very much for all your incredible hard work! Our volunteer dedication to a cleaner, greener, healthier community and environment cannot be topped! We truly thank the students, staff, principal and families who came out from Grange Elementary School. We also acknowledge the U.S. Army and the U.S. Navy for all the incredible volunteers they supplied, as well as the Eastfield-Stanbrook Civic Association, our neighborhood partner!

We also thank the Alliance for the

Chesapeake Bay and American Rivers for all their assistance and support on this cleanup, and Chick-fil-A Eastpoint, Texas Roadhouse Dundalk and Chili's Dundalk for all the incredible food donated to help feed our hardworking volunteers. We also thank Tradepoint Atlantic, G and M Food (Wise Avenue), AMF Bowling (Merritt Boulevard), Redner's Markets-Dundalk, the Maryland Port Administration and Eastpoint Mall for their generous support of Clean Bread and Cheese Creek's spring cleanups along Bear Creek.

See photos from the cleanup on Facebook by searching for John Long.

The next cleanup will be Friday, June 9, from 9 a.m. - 2 p.m., along lower Lynch Cove Run. Meet at Lynch Cove Park.

*John Long
President, Clean Bread and Cheese Creek*

Impallaria must resign

On April 25, Delegate Rick Impallaria (R-Baltimore and Harford counties) was sentenced to 60 days in jail with all but two days suspended for a DUI arrest last August while attending the MACo convention in Ocean City.

This is just the latest in a long list of criminal activity over the years for Mr. Impallaria, including 52 (yes, that's correct) prior traffic violations, a motor vehicle accident which involved a fatality, assault with a vehicle, bribing a police officer, and illegal dumping in Middle River. I could go on. When will it be enough?

Mr. Impallaria apparently has no respect for the law, the General Assembly, the residents of the Seventh Legislative District or himself. If you make laws in Annapolis, shouldn't you be expected to follow them?

I have asked the Speaker of the House of Delegates, Michael Busch, to expel Mr. Impallaria from the General Assembly and I have submitted a letter to the House Ethics Committee to launch a full investigation into Impallaria's actions.

What's worse is that Impallaria hasn't even had the decency to apologize for his poor judgement. His actions scream that he thinks he is above the law.

If Mr. Impallaria cannot do what is right and resign, he should be removed from the legislature.

*Norman Gifford
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Editor's note: Norman Gifford is a former Democratic challenger for one of District 7's seats in the House of Delegates. He last ran for a seat in 2014.

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Eastern Tech baseball and softball teams claim regional championships

- By Patrick Taylor -

Eastern Tech had a successful weekend, with both the softball and baseball teams earning trips to the state semifinals. The Tech boys took down Hereford by a score of 5 - 1, while the girls softball squad had to battle back with three runs in the final two innings to propel them to a 4 - 3 victory.

While the Tech boys baseball team quietly handled their business, the girls softball game was filled with drama.

Hereford took a 3 - 1 lead into the bottom of the sixth inning by virtue of a few big at-bats. Tech pitcher Jodie Bronushas let a few hang around the middle of the plate and Hereford took advantage with a few extra base hits, including a home run and a triple that brought in one run.

While Hereford was having success at the plate, Tech couldn't quite find an answer for the Bulls' stellar pitcher Erin Collins. Collins and her screwball gave Tech fits the first time they played this year - that game being the lone loss on the season for the Mavericks - and it was giving them trouble again.

Tech managed to put one on the board in the fourth inning, but they weren't consistently connecting.

In the bottom of the sixth, however, things took a turn. Bronushas and junior Maya Chmielewski each knocked in runs to tie it up. In the

seventh, Chmielewski would knock in one more to give Tech the 4 - 3 advantage and ultimately the win.

The win against Hereford sealed a state semifinal trip for the Mavericks, who took on North Carolina on Tuesday afternoon. Seeing as we go to print on Tuesday, coverage of the semifinal can be found online at eastcountytimesonline.com.

The win against Hereford came on the heels of a wildly impressive offensive output against Sparrows Point, which saw the Mavericks walk away with a 13 - 7 victory.

Sparrows Point looked dominant through the first half of the game, putting up two runs immediately in the top of the first inning. They added one more in the third and one in the fourth to take a 4 - 0 lead into the bottom of the fourth.

And that's when Tech awoke from their offensive slumber.

In the fourth, the Mavericks put up seven runs, with seemingly everyone getting in on the act. Nina Metz knocked in two runs on a double while Miranda Burton and Natalie Bates each knocked in a run on a triple.

While the Eastern Tech girls didn't go yard like the Pointer girls, they racked up doubles and triples throughout the contest. In fact, they finished the contest with four doubles and two triples.

Tech put up three in the fifth and three more in the sixth to give them 13. Sparrows Point looked like they might rally back, answering with three runs in the seventh, but the game was too far out of reach at that point.

Metz finished the game going 2 - 4 with a double and two RBIs, while Bates finished with a double, triple and two RBIs.

But the two biggest revelations of the day were Burton and freshman Rilee Fazenbaker. Burton finished 4 - 5 with a triple and three RBIs, while Fazenbaker went 3 - 3 with a double, two RBIs and three runs scored.

In back-to-back games, the Mavericks have been slow out of the gate. Each time they managed to mount a comeback, but the girls will need to put up offense earlier if they want to bring home the state title.

The Maverick boys were seeking revenge for a 5 - 2 loss at the hands of Hereford just three weeks ago, and revenge is exactly what they got. They got out to an early lead and held on throughout as they carried the momentum of a crushing 10 - 0 victory against Dunbar in the previous round to a 2A/North regional championship.

The Mavericks took on Fallston in the state semifinal on Tuesday evening, and coverage of that can also be

found online. While the softball team was expected to be in this position at the end of the year, the same can't be said for the baseball team.

The Mavericks currently have a record of 14 - 9. While they were very strong through half of the season, the second half almost made Tech look like paper tigers. In fact, they only won one of their last seven contests, with the win coming smack-dab in the middle of three-game losing streaks.

While those streaks are definitely concerning, it looks like Tech has gotten all of their losing out of their system. Since finishing the season on a losing streak, the Mavericks have won four on the trot in MPSSAA postseason play. A win against Fallston would see them tie their longest win streak of the season, while a championship win would see them break that total.

And although Eastern Tech has had trouble at the plate throughout the season, they have consistently been able to rely on their pitching. So far in four games, the staff has given up just two runs. But they're not just handling business on the mound. Their offense has been clicking since the postseason began. Throughout the season the Mavericks have hit peaks and valleys. They're in the midst of a peak - here's hoping they can keep peaking.

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Crandell issues statement on 287(g), immigration bill

- By Councilman Todd Crandell (R-7) -

An elected official's first duty is to public safety. Today, there are very real threats to our communities in the form of criminal illegal immigrants who not only disregarded our laws by crossing the border at least once, but continue their criminal behavior and are now incarcerated in our county detention center. They are simply awaiting release back into our communities without local authorities taking direction from federal immigration officials on their immigration status.

As a legislator, in a nation of laws, I find this situation unacceptable.

On Sept. 11, 2001, we all witnessed what happens when our laws are disregarded and the absence of

communication between law enforcement agencies allows those who would harm us to carry out their plans. In this age of technology and criminal information databases, we cannot accept the idea of dangerous illegal immigrants being released back into our communities to continue to practice their criminal lifestyles.

A proven federal program already exists which is designed to assist our county detention center, share information and prevent these criminals from returning to our neighborhoods, and I am proud to put forth legislation that would require the Baltimore County Detention Center to participate.

In 1996, Congress passed The Illegal Immigration Reform and Immigrant Responsibility Act which add-

ed Section 287(g). This program allowed local law enforcement to enter into agreements with the U.S. Department of Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) and carry out delegated Immigration law enforcement duties after proper training and under supervision of ICE.

Today, there are 37 active detention model 287(g) programs in 16 states, including Harford and Frederick counties. Anne Arundel county has also applied. Between 2006 and September 2015, these programs have identified more than 400,000 criminal aliens for possible deportation.

It is time for us to bring the program to the Baltimore County Detention Center. My bill, 32-17, will require the detention center to take part in 287(g). The costs are minimal, and ICE pays for all training and equipment. A handful of our best correctional officers could be trained to identify criminal illegal immigrants as part of the work they already do.

This solution isn't about politics, parties or rhetoric. It is common sense public safety. Make your voice heard by the County Council at countycouncil@baltimorecountymd.gov. A public hearing will be held on this bill at 2 p.m. Tuesday, May 30, in the old Towson Courthouse building. The vote follows on Monday, June 5, at 6 p.m.

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NPVCA Meeting

The North Point Village Civic Association will hold their monthly meeting on Thursday, May 25, at 7 p.m. at the Southeast Regional Recreation Center (SERRC), 4021 North Point Blvd. in Dundalk. Nominations for officers: all positions are open; elections take place in September.

Cooties Collecting

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

Help for the Homeless

Are you or do you know someone facing homelessness in Baltimore County? Prologue, Inc. will present a discussion and refer customers to available services for those in need on Tuesday, May 30, from 1 - 3 p.m. at the Essex Library, 1110 Eastern Blvd. in Essex. All community members are welcome. For more information, call 410-887-0295.

BCGS Meeting

On Sunday, May 28, the Baltimore County Genealogical Society (BCGS), 8601 Harford Road in Parkville, Room 308, will host guest speaker Carolyn Russell with her presentation, "Holdings of Anne Arundel County's Kuethe Historical and Genealogical Research Library" about the location's volumes of published material, manuscripts, maps, photographs, genealogical, biographical and subject files, microfilm and fiche holdings. For more info., visit www.baltimoregenealogysociety.org/BCGSHome/program-of-speakers or call 410-665-8769.

'Your Health' Series

Victory Villa Senior Center, 403 Compass Road in Middle River, will host a "Your Health" series with Medstar Franklin Square physicians. No Fee. Pre-registration requested. The second installment on May 26 at 1 p.m. will be: Portals and More: What is a Portal and how to use it. What other technology and online resources are important and what to trust.

Boating Safety Day

The Baltimore County Police Marine Unit, the Essex Police Precinct, Natural Resources Police, US Coast Guard and other agencies will hold the second annual Sgt. Marvin T. Haw IV Boating Safety Day on Saturday, June 3, from 11 a.m. - 5 p.m. at Wilson Point Park, 950 Beech Drive in Middle River. Come witness and participate in water safety demonstrations. Have fun in the sun while enjoying prizes, food vendors and local businesses. To learn more, visit the Facebook page: Boating Safety Day - Baltimore County.



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How to avoid hot weather breakdowns

When the weather warms, many people take to the outdoors to enjoy the sunshine and rising temperatures. Summer road trips or vacations are the norm, but it is important to realize that hot weather can take its toll even on a new, well-maintained vehicle.

High temperatures can cause all sorts of damage to a vehicle, from zapping battery power to overtaxing the cooling system. Recognizing potential hot-weather risks and performing routine checks on the vehicle are the keys to keeping vehicles in top form.

Battery

Excessive heat can shorten the life of a battery because it causes battery fluid to evaporate more quickly. This, in turn, can damage the internal structure of the battery. It's a good idea to top off a battery with distilled water if it is the kind that requires it. Low-maintenance batteries may not have filler caps and will not require water. Inspect the battery for corrosion and leakage of battery acid. This could be a sign that the battery is getting old and will need to be replaced.

Cooling system

Cooling systems work hard to keep the flow of air to the engine and prevent it from overheating during warm seasons. Compromised cooling fans or lack of coolant can be troublesome. To avoid overheating, check coolant levels before getting on the road. In addition,

have the cooling system checked by a trained mechanic prior to the summer driving season. It's a small price to pay to avoid extensive engine damage from overheating.

Tires

Hot weather causes the pressure inside of tires to rise. Overinflated tires can wear down prematurely or result in blowouts. The Car Care Council recommends checking tire pressure routinely in the summer, when tires are cold. Follow the guidelines in the owner's manual for recommended air pressure. Look for improper tread wear, weak spots or other tire damage that may end up causing flats.

Fluid levels

Hot weather can put extra demand on all fluids and engine components. Check transmission fluid, power steering fluid, brake fluid, and engine oil levels. Top off or change when necessary.

Pack with breakdowns in mind

Plan ahead for potential summer breakdowns by bringing along water, snacks, sunscreen, and an emergency medical kit. Be sure mobile phones are fully charged and that the number of a tow service or roadside assistance crew is entered into your list of contacts in the event of an emergency.

With warm-weather road trips beckoning, it's time to plan accordingly to prevent breakdowns that can derail fun.

Simple maintenance projects

One of the ways to keep vehicles running strong for years on end is to adhere to the manufacturer's recommended maintenance schedule. Although there are many factors drivers cannot control, including recalls, weather and road conditions, proper maintenance is something drivers can control, and maintaining a vehicle can be very simple.

Motor oil lubricates the engine and keeps it in good working order. Old oil becomes more viscous and can lose its efficacy. While changing motor oil is important, motorists should follow the owner's manual or the factory maintenance schedule regarding how often it needs to be changed, as all vehicles are not alike. The old myth that cars and trucks need oil changes at set intervals has changed as digital check capabilities have evolved. Car computers can now keep track of more than just mileage. Computers now track starts and stops and trip durations to determine when cars need oil changes.

Coolant helps prevent vehicles from overheating and also prevents the water that it mixes with in the radiator from freezing or boiling. Coolant is nearly as important as motor oil in vehicle maintenance. Coolant is typically comprised of a 50/50 mix of distilled water and antifreeze. These two substances work together to maintain a proper ratio of heat energy and pre-

vent eventual breakdown and destruction of the engine.

Coolant is usually changed once per year or at 30,000 miles. This keeps the coolant working properly and will help prevent corrosion and deposits from forming inside the cooling system. Coolant levels might be checked during a full-service oil change appointment.

Many modern car batteries do not require a lot of maintenance. However, one problem that may occur is a buildup of minerals or corrosion from leaking battery fluid on the contacts. In such instances, use a battery cleaning brush to clean the contacts and then replace the cables.

Properly inflated, balanced and rotated tires make for a smooth, safe ride. Check that tires are wearing evenly and that the vehicle is not pulling to one side. A lack of tread on tires requires they be replaced. Because tires can be expensive, many drivers put off routine tire maintenance. But this can be a costly mistake. Tires that are worn or not properly inflated can cause skidding, problems braking and accidents. Blowouts also may occur, putting drivers, their passengers and fellow motorists in danger.

Maintaining a vehicle in adherence to manufacturer guidelines can prolong the life of the car, improve its safety and increase its trade-in or resale value.

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Preventing sun damage

Come summertime, people anticipate spending plenty of time outdoors enjoying the warm weather and taking in the scenery. In addition to lazy days spent at the beach or around the pool, summer is a great season for road trips and other weekend getaways.

Avoid the sun as much as possible

Protecting your vehicle means keeping it out of the heat and sunlight when it is not in use. At home, park it inside of the garage or under a carport. When shopping or running errands, attempt to find parking spaces in the shade or in a covered parking enclosure. Try to run the bulk of your errands during the early morning or evening hours when the sun will not be as glaring.

Wax more often

Try to wax your car after every wash. A good layer of wax can protect a vehicle's paint from dirt, debris and the sun's rays. Remember, premium waxes do not necessarily work any better than less expensive waxes, but the type of formulation (liquid, paste and spray) may affect application and how long each application lasts.

Clean out your "stuff"

The heat can cause items inside vehicles to melt or explode. Depending on the product, a lot of staining or damage can occur if items melt or explode inside a car.

Use visors and car covers

If you cannot keep your vehicle parked in shady areas, do what you can to reduce direct heat and sunlight exposure. Covers can protect against UV rays and any sap or bird droppings that may fall on the vehicle. Place reflective visors on the windshield to redirect sunlight so it doesn't turn the inside of the car into an oven. Keeping the windows open slightly also can keep the air in cars fresh.

Wet weather driving tips

Driving in the rain can be more hazardous than driving in the snow, particularly because drivers fail to realize the dangers wet roads can impose. After averaging 10 years of statistics, the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration found that 46 percent of weather-related crashes happened during rainfall, but just 17 percent occurred while it was snowing or sleeting.

Drivers often think rain is no big deal, but while it's not necessary to avoid driving when the raindrops begin to fall, exercising caution when the roads are wet can decrease the risk of being in an auto accident.

- Slow down. Wet roadways cause tires to lose traction, as friction is reduced between the rubber and the asphalt. It's possible to lose up to one-third of traction in the rain. To compensate, slow down to reduce sliding and stopping distances.

- Improve visibility. Turn on windshield wipers and lights when it is raining. This makes it easier to see the road and makes your vehicle more visible to other motorists.

- Leave more distance between cars. In addition to improving your reaction time, giving others more space can improve visibility by reducing the amount of mist or splashing caused by other vehicles.

- Stick to daytime driving. If possible, when it is raining, drive only during the day. Glare from wet roadways and headlights at night can further compromise poor visibility.

Getting the better of grease and stains

Seasoned do-it-yourselfers and mechanics know that DIY projects and working on cars and trucks can sometimes be messy business. While work stations can often be cleaned in a matter of minutes, grease and other stains on clothing can linger for some time, even remaining in the washing machine long after wash cycles have ended.

Combating grease stains and their resulting odors has long been a problem for DIYers, auto mechanics and technicians. But there are ways to get the better of grease and even prevent future stains.

- Act instantly. Allowing grease stains to linger on clothing can make them harder to remove. Professional mechanics and weekend DIYers should check their work gear for stains when they finish working for the day, immediately treating any areas that have been blemished by grease or other stains. The quicker such stains are treated, the less likely they are to set and become permanent.

- Treat stains with specialized detergents. Ordinary laundry detergents may effectively combat everyday stains, but such products are often ineffective at treating the stains and grease that technicians' work clothes are vulnerable to.

Permatex®, a leading innovator in chemical technology for automotive maintenance and repair and the maker of Fast Orange® hand cleaners, has developed Fast Orange Grease X Mechanic's Laundry Detergent (www.fastorangelaundry.com). Designed to quickly and effectively remove grease, stains, tar, oil, automotive fluids, and odors from technicians' work clothes, Fast Orange Grease X features a built-in pretreater that is powerful enough to remove up to 99 percent of automotive stains and odors.

Ideal for professional mechanics and automotive hobbyists alike, this specially formulated detergent also disintegrates grease and soil as it cleans, ensur-

ing no residual grease remains in the washing machine after each load.

- Maintain a clean work area. Stains are a fact of life for mechanics, DIYers and hobbyists, but maintaining a clean, clutter-free work area can reduce the risk of accidents that lead to staining. Clean work areas at the end of each workday or DIY session, being sure to put all tools and gas cans away.

- Take steps to prevent future stains. New projects tend to excite DIYers, mechanics and automotive hobbyists. But before diving into a new project, professionals and novices alike can take steps to prevent the stains that can form as they learn on the job. Research how to approach a new project to reduce the likelihood of accidental spills. Washing work clothes with Fast Orange Grease X can even make work clothes less vulnerable to future stains.

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Stains and spills come with the territory of automotive and DIY work. Of course, there are other methods to get rid of grease stains. A quick Google search will yield dozens of recommendations utilizing products you likely have at home, which could certainly end up being the best course of action. Mechanics and DIY enthusiasts can employ several strategies to get the better of grease and other stains.

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Two east side students named National Merit Scholars

Last week three Baltimore County Public School students - including two on the east side - were named National Merit Scholarship winners.

The students include Olivia Banks, a Perry Hall High School senior who plans to have a career in biophysics, and Quinton Davidson, an Eastern Tech senior who wants to pursue a career in computer engineering.

The National Merit Scholarship Program was established in 1955 to honor scholastically talented American youth. It is conducted by National Merit Scholarship Corporation, a not-for-profit organization that operates without government assistance.

By the conclusion of this year's competition, about 7,500 National Merit Scholar Finalists will have won National Merit Scholarship Awards worth more than \$32 million. In addition to the just-announced National Merit \$2,500 Scholarships and previously-announced corporate-sponsored scholarships, the college-sponsored Merit Scholarship awards will be announced on June 7 and July 17.

About 1.6 million juniors in some 22,000 high schools entered the 2017 National Merit Scholarship competition when they took the 2015 Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test (PSAT/NMSQT®), which served as an initial screen of program entrants. Last fall, some 16,000 Semifinalists were designated on a state representational basis. From the Semifinalist group, some 15,000 met Finalist requirements. Last year, two east side residents were named National Merit Scholars.

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Parkville's Markle honored by State Athletic Directors

Jeff Markle, Parkville High School athletic director, was honored with the BCPS District VI Athletic Director of the Year Award presented by the Maryland State Athletic Directors Association (MSADA) on May 10.

Markle has been a member of the BCPS Athletic Department for the past nine years and has worked for BCPS for 24 years. In addition to the work he does at Parkville High, Markle has served on the Maryland Public Secondary Schools Athletic Association (MPSSAA) baseball committee and as the BCPS baseball director and a regional tournament director. He was recognized in 2007 with the Outstanding Teacher Award from Parkville High's PTSA and in 2006 with the District VI Baseball Coach of the Year from BCPS. Markle also teaches the coaching competencies portion of the BCPS care and prevention of athletic injuries course. He took on this responsibility to have a greater impact on BCPS coaches.

"I can say without a shadow of a doubt that Jeff Markle represents everything positive about Baltimore County athletics," said Michael Sye, BCPS coordinator of athletics. "His drive, determination, and commitment to the student athletes at his school and across our state show his passion and the intrinsic values that athletics teach all of us. I take great pleasure in knowing that I have Jeff Markle as a part of the BCPS Athletic Department team. He continuously raises the bar for not only his coaches but his student athletes as well."

'Chorus Line' at Patapsco

This weekend Patapsco High School and Center for the Arts will be presenting the musical A Chorus Line, one of the longest running productions in Broadway history. Performances will be held in the Black Box Theatre on May 25 at 7 p.m., May 26 at 3 and 7 p.m., May 27 at 2 and 7 p.m., and May 28 at 2 p.m. Tickets can be purchased at phscfa.booktix.com. Show recommended for those 14 and older.



On Memorial Day, we pause to honor the memories of so many brave soldiers who lost their lives defending our nation's freedoms. On Memorial Day, we thank our brave veterans for their service to our country. On Memorial Day, let's also remember to show our support for our courageous troops who continue to uphold the values and protection of our great nation today. Thank you to our men and women in uniform for protecting the American people and our Great America.

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Tuition, fees increasing at CCBC

- By Virginia Terhune -

Local students taking for-credit classes at the Community College of Baltimore County will see a \$2 per-billable-hour increase in the tuition rate starting this summer, as well as fee increases starting in the fall.

Tuition for county residents will increase from \$118 to \$120, according to rates posted on the CCBC website.

The increase is intended to offset a decline in revenue-generating enrollment, a trend affecting community colleges around the country, said CCBC Executive Director Sandra Kurtinitis.

Demand for community college classes tends to rise during recessions and drop when economies heat up again.

"The more people that work, the less enrollment," said Kurtinitis, who discussed CCBC's Fiscal Year 2018 budget with the County Council on May 9.

The council is scheduled to adopt the budget on Thursday, May 25.

Also set to rise are tuition costs for out-of-county students, which will increase from \$222 to \$224 this summer and then to \$226 per billable hour in the fall.

The biggest increases are for out-of-state students, whose rates will go from \$337 to \$339 this summer and then to \$343 in the fall.

In the meantime, some fees will also increase, including the Activity fee, which will rise from \$3 to \$4 per billable hour for all students.

The per-billable-hour General Service fee will also increase by \$3 for all students, going from:

- \$12 to \$15 for in-county students;
- \$22 to \$25 for out-of-county students;
- \$32 to \$35 for out-of-state students.

To boost enrollment, Kurtinitis said CCBC plans to expand online access to courses.

The system is also launching a pilot program this fall that will enable Woodlawn High School students to simultaneously earn credits toward graduation and toward community college credits.

The goal is to develop a similar program in a high school on the east side of the county, she said.

CCBC is also developing programs to train truck drivers, diesel mechanics, forklift operators and inventory control employees to accommodate expected growth at the Port of Baltimore and Tradepoint Atlantic's growing list of tenants at Sparrows Point.

For a complete list of current tuition rates and fees, visit www.ccbcmd.edu and go to Costs and Paying for College.

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Lane, Helen A.



On May 21, 2017, Helen A. Lane (nee Kindle) entered Heaven's gates at the age of 90 years. A woman of faith and the heart of the Lane family, she helped to shape their spirituality by her tireless Christian example. She was blessed to have in her life her beloved husband,

Reverend James H. Lane, their daughters and son-in-laws, Hope & Robert Larson of Perry Hall, MD/Myrtle Beach, SC, Vicky & Will Trainor of Church Hill, MD and Teresa & Ken Harper of Myrtle Beach, SC. Ever so happy to share with others the fact that she had 5 generations living in the Lane Family with her 7 grandchildren Trinity Herold of Ridgely, MD, James Larson of Perry Hall, MD, Ryan Larson who is in Heaven, Jacob Larson of Perry Hall, MD, Terrina Thomas of Virginia Beach, VA, Lane Miller of Baltimore, MD and Christian Miller of Virginia Beach, VA; 5 great-grandchildren Matthew Herold, Bethany Stone, Cadi Thomas, Seth Thomas and Victoria Miller; and 2 great-great-grandchildren Kaileb Herold and Gracelyn Stone. She and James were the Pastors of Trinity Temple Church in Essex, MD for the past 55 years.

Born on February 18, 1927, Helen was the daughter of Luther S. and Goldie M. Kindle. She is survived by her baby brother, Luther Paul Kindle of Kingsport, TN and pre-deceased by her brother Hubert Kindle and her sister Margaret Fields. The Kindle Family resided in Kingsport, TN where Helen graduated from Dobyns Bennett High School and worked for Eastman Kodak.

It was in Kingsport, TN that she met and fell in love with her beloved husband James H. Lane. They were married on February 16, 1945, just 2 days short of her birthday as she and James said they just couldn't wait to be husband and wife to be married on her birthday. They moved to Dayton, OH for a short time and then returned to Kingsport, TN where God called James into His ministry. Following God's calling for their lives, they moved to Maryland to pastor churches in Alexandria, VA, Fort Meade, MD and Essex, MD. In 1962, Helen and James co-founded and pastored Trinity Temple Church in Essex, MD and they have continued in God's work as the founders and pastors for the past 55 years.

Always a strong willed woman who put God first in her life, she supported and loved her husband and raised her daughters to love family and "God first in everything". A true testament to her faith, Helen prayed every night, lifting names of family, friends, parishioners and those met by happenstance to God. She prayed out loud with her hands raised lifting every request to the Lord. Some nights the prayers would last for hours. She was faithful in her prayer life. In January of 2017, Helen fell and broke her pelvis - an injury from which she would not recover. It was during these last 5 months that not only family witnessed this faithfulness but it came to touch the lives of the medical staff and others during her short stay in rehab.

Helen is the apple of Jim's eye. They did everything together for more than 72 years. She is his "sweet beautiful little bride". He was her everything.

Garton, William R.

William (Bill) Richard Garton, 79, U.S. Air Force Veteran, passed away April 29 at Stella Maris in Timonium, Maryland. Bill was born in Jane Lew, W.Va. He was born the son of the late Brent Orville Garton and Iris Maude Garton (Wymer). Bill was the beloved husband of Dorothy L Garton, to whom he was married for 54 happy years. They were married on Dec. 10, 1957 in Jane Lew, W.Va. They moved to Baltimore, Md. in 1962.

Bill was the loving father of three daughters: Cathy Milam of Baltimore, Md., Joyce Forster (husband Bill) of Red Lion, Pa., and Billie Jo Coburn (husband Ronald) of York, Pa. Bill was the loving Papaw of six grandchildren: Christina Milam, William Milam, Ronald Coburn, Cassandra Forster, Jeremy Coburn and Ashley Forster. Bill was the loving Papaw of six great-grandchildren: Riley Mowery, Abigail Milam, Madalyn Forster, Bryan Coburn, Brady Coburn, and Finnegan Milam. Bill is also survived by three brothers and one sister: Jack Garton of Jane Lew, W.Va., Rudy Garton (wife Betty) of Sandusky, Oh., Eddie Garton (wife Doris) of Sandusky, Oh., Helen Jett, and several nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by nine brothers and sisters: Bob Garton of Weston, W.Va., Wanda Powers of Kentucky, Jimmy Garton of Sandusky, Oh., Ronnie Garton of Jane Lew, W.Va., Pat Garton of Jane Lew, W.Va., Diane Garton of W.Va, Neal Greaver of Jane Lew, W.Va., Lala Flescher of Jane Lew, W.Va., and Barb Lilly of Florida.

Troiano, Ennio

On May 21, Ennio "Vince" Troiano passed away. He was the beloved husband of the late Dolores Troiano (nee Serano); loving father of John Troiano and his wife Francesca; loving grandfather of Dominic, Sophia, and Joseph Troiano. Vince is survived by three brothers and four sisters, all residing in Italy, as well as many loving extended family members and friends. He was preceded in death by one brother.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Vince's name to St. Stephen School, 8028 Bradshaw Road, Kingsville, MD 21087.

Kidd, Beverly May

On May 15, Beverly May Kidd, beloved wife of the late Frederick C. Kidd, Sr.; devoted father of Kay Doster, Frederick Kidd Jr. and Sue Jacoby. Also survived by seven grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren.

Services provided by Bruzdinski Funeral Home. Interment at Gardens of Faith Memorial Gardens. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made in Beverly Kidd's name to The Promised Land Camp located at 220 Boy Scout Road, Conestoga, PA 17516.

Bensel, John A.

John (Jack) Adam Bensel died on Thursday, May 18, after a long illness; he was 80. Jack was born on May 28, 1936 in Baltimore to George Martin Bensel and Eunice Estelle Seufort. He attended school at St. Michael the Archangel and Kenwood High School. He then attended The University of Maryland where he earned a Juris Doctorate at the School of Law in 1960. In 1956 he married Jeannette (Jan) McPherson and together they had two children, Eliot and Jackie. Jack briefly worked as a self-employed lawyer in Salisbury but later followed his heart where he spent the majority of his career at the Maryland School for the Blind. At the School, he dedicated himself to making a difference in the lives of blind and special needs people.

After retirement, he began buying and rehabbing townhouses in Highlandtown, Md. He also served as a member of the Friends of the Maryland State Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped as well as the Radio Reading Network. An active individual who had many, many interests, Jack was an avid boater.

Other hobbies included camping, hiking, beekeeping, ham radio (call letters WB3AIO) scouting, and photography.

Jack is survived by his wife Jan of 60 years, his son Eliot, daughter-in-law Tirza, daughter Jackie, son-in-law Dave, and his three granddaughters, Jeannette, Toni, and Skylar. He was predeceased by his sister Carolyn Bensel (1940-1973).

A Celebration of Life memorial will be held at the Inn at Henderson's Wharf in Fells Point on Friday, May 26 from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Richards, Helen B.

On May 21, Helen B. Richards passed away. She was the beloved wife of the late James "Bradley" Richards, Sr.; devoted mother of Jean Jackson and her husband Glenn, Robert Selleman, Debbie Kurt, Vicky Richards, James Richards, Jr. and his wife Marion; cherished grandmother of Jennifer and Steve, Rebecca, Kasey, David, Sara and Alec, and Mark; loving great-grandmother of Bree and Kaden. She is also survived by numerous loving nieces and nephews.

Relatives and friends are invited to visit at Schimunek Funeral Home Inc., 9705 Belair Road in Nottingham, on Thursday from 3 - 5 and 7 - 9 p.m., and Friday from 9 - 10 a.m., where a funeral service will be held on Friday at 10 a.m. Entombment at Gardens of Faith Cemetery.



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Latest 'Alien' flick disappoints... Durgin needs his space

- By Teddy Durgin -



I guess I'm just never going to see another great "Alien" movie in my lifetime. And I'm OK with that. In this dojo, there is STILL only 1979's "Alien" and 1986's "Aliens." And maybe that's all there should have been. I've always regarded the third "Alien" film in 1992 and the follow-up "Alien: Resurrection" as nightmares Sigourney Weaver's Ripley had while in cryo-sleep on her way back to Earth from LV-426 with Newt, Hicks and Bishop in tow. Meanwhile, I see the "Alien Vs. Predator" movies essentially as goofy "What if?" fan flicks.

And then there was Ridley Scott's disappointment "Prometheus." The 2012 film was the oddest mix of heady, ponderous, faux-grand ideas and flat-out moronic characters. Some audience members got into the original "Alien" director's over-reach in which he attempted to graft the origins of the frightening xenomorph creatures onto the creation of life itself. I just sat there bitter.

"Alien: Covenant" is Scott's flailing attempt to be all things to all fans. It is a direct sequel to "Prometheus," set 10 years after that film. So, we find out what happened after the duplicitous android David (Michael Fassbender) and Elizabeth Shaw (Noomi Rapace) set off in an alien ship to find the Creators' home world. But now we meet a new starship crew who's mission is to colonize a

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'The Keepers' is one keeper of a documentary series

- By Teddy Durgin -

Full disclosure up front - my mentor was Tom Nugent. He was my Journalism professor throughout my four years at the University of Maryland Baltimore County (UMBC). And he's featured prominently in Netflix's riveting, new, seven-part documentary "The Keepers." The docuseries centers on the unsolved 1969 murder of Sister Cathy Cesnik. She was an English teacher at an all-girls Catholic school in Baltimore County. One night, she left her apartment to go buy a gift for her sister who was about to get married. She never made it home. Two months later, her body was found and her killer was never brought to justice.

So, how does Tom factor into this twisted tale? Well, he was more than just a college writing instructor. He was and still is an investigative journalist extraordinaire, having broken many a story over the years for such publications as the Baltimore Sun and the Detroit Free Press. I must have taken a dozen classes with him over those years, and he was the adviser on the college newspaper I wrote for.

First and foremost, what I love about "The Keepers" is the amount of screen time he gets, because he comes off so perfectly as... well... Tom! "Nuge," as his students called him, was like this scrappy dog of a newsman. When he'd get ahold of a story, it was like a little yappy canine going lockjaw on a mailman's leg. He wouldn't let go! He would miss classes left and right because he'd be hot on the trail of some story.

It was around this time that he first became attached to the Sister Cathy mystery and made it his obsession for the next 20-plus years. Clearly "The Keepers" director Ryan White has drawn heavily on Tom's research in the story. White begins his first part (each installment runs around an hour) in Tom's cluttered attic, as he sifts through boxes of old newspaper articles, photos and other items related to the case. Then we meet the two most compelling figures in the series, 60-something Baltimore 'hons Gemma Hoskins and Abbie Schaub, who were students of Sister Cathy's and have devoted years of their lives to trying to solve the murder of their beloved teacher. At one point, Tom marvels at their tenacity imploring them to become investigative reporters. To which they reply, "No thanks. We'll do this our way."

It's a rare moment of humor in an eerie, tragic, but



absorbing story. Factoring in throughout is a separate murder of a young woman in late 1969, a pedophile priest and a "Jane Doe" witness who struggles for years to get past her fear and shame. If you were a fan of "Homicide: Life on the Street" and HBO's "The Wire," this pretty much makes it a trilogy of Baltimore crime.

The personalities that run throughout this docuseries are pure B'more. Every face wrinkle is part of the story. Any rowhouse the camera glides by could hold the one clue that's been missing in this case for 46 years. And all who were young then now hear the tick-tock, tick-tock of Father Time. The clock is running out for those who want - who need to find out what exactly happened to Sister Cathy. Does "The Keepers" solve the mystery? I wouldn't dare spoil that here.

I will say that watching it, I personally felt an enormous wellspring of pride for Tom Nugent. This has been his crusade for years. And to see the hours and hours of blood, sweat and tears pay off here in the form of a Netflix series that brings his passion and his absolute "Nuge-ness" into the homes of millions... well, it's enormously gratifying.

The first time I encountered him was in an English 100 Composition class that every student had to take sooner or later. He was 10 minutes late to the class. None of us 25 or so students knew each other. So we just sat there quietly, waiting. Then, in the distance, we heard a faint whistle. It was a simple, yet familiar melody. It was the theme song to "The Andy Griffith Show."

Tom walked into the class, looking like an unmade bed of a man, and continued to whistle until he'd finished the entire theme. He then took a breath, looked at each of us, and asked, "Was life ever that simple?" He then launched into a half-hour bit about how Mayberry was evil and had set us all up to believe in an idyllic society that never really did exist and never really could. Two dozen college kids thought they were witnessing the ramblings of a mad man. One kid, this kid, knew he had changed his major to the right one.

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distant world. When their ship carrying 2,000 colonists in cryo-sleep is hit with a neutrino burst, only the crew is awakened to fix the ship and get it back on course. But during repairs, they receive a signal from a nearby world and realize there's a potentially Earth-like planet much closer to them. So, they make the ill-fated decision to speed to those coordinates and check it out.

One of the things about this movie that works against it is the audience is more aware than the characters are at almost all times because we know what they're headed towards, and we know these dolts ain't gonna be up to the challenge. At the same time, the film poses as a story of great discovery and exploration. The trouble is, we don't discover anything we didn't already know. And the exploration part is ill-handled when this new crew sets down on this completely uncharted world and immediately begins acting like victims in an '80s slasher movie. One guy goes off "to take a wizz." So much for him! One woman takes a break to "be by herself." Buh-bye!

And, of course, none of them wear space helmets when setting down on the alien world. And they appear to have no systems or procedures in place for contagions. Heck, the planet is almost constantly shrouded in lightning storms



and heavy rain, and not one of these John Glenns brings an umbrella!

The one aspect of this film that is truly different from the other movies and should have been played up more is the fact that most of the characters are couples. Married couples, in fact. But, with only a couple of exceptions, Scott and his screenwriters botch what should have been the heart of the film. It's not even clear sometimes who is married to whom. Several times, I had to remind myself, "Oh, yeah. He's with her, and she's there and he's over there."

The female lead Daniels (Katherine Waterston) watches her husband die early in the film during the neutrino burst.

While we are drawn to her because of her loss (and she ends up being a heck of a fierce fighter), there's not much to the character except for her continued insistence that she wants to fulfill her and her late hubby's dream of building a cabin by a lake on their new world. What?! You decided to be space explorers? Interstellar colonists? And the scope of your vision was to do something you saw on HGTV?!

There is a twist in the end that sets up the next flick. But I just wish all concerned would stop muddying the waters. Please, let this be... ahem... "Game over, man!"

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K of C Polish-Style Picnic

Knights of Columbus Bethlehem Council 2605, 7401 Bay Front Road in Edgemere, will hold its annual Polish-style picnic from 1 to 5 p.m. Sunday, May 28. The menu will include pierogies, haluski, kapustka, fried bologna, hot dogs, hamburgers, corn on the cob, Polish beer, soda and wine. Tickets cost \$15. Children are welcome at the event which will include indoor and outdoor activities. Live entertainment will be provided by the Lenny Adams Band. To make reservations, call 410-477-5225.

Essex Legion Karaoke

Essex American Legion Post 148, 20 S. Marlyn Ave. in Essex, will host Music Solutions with Ricko and Bo from 8 p.m. to midnight Friday, May 26; Karaoke with Jimmy and Judy D from 8 p.m. to midnight; and Fun Time Karaoke with Annette and Wild Bill from 4 to 8 p.m. Sunday, May 28. Line dancing with The Dude will be held 7 to 11 p.m. Friday. Call 410-686-2353 for kitchen availability.

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Patapsco High Education Advocates



Several Patapsco High School and Center for the Arts students visited the U.S. Department of Education on April 19, and had the opportunity to meet with Secretary of Education Betsy DeVos. The students are all members of Patriots Lead, a student organization dedicated to leadership development. They prepared presentations at the request of various USDE offices to provide student feedback on topics like the College Scorecard, using the Civil Rights Data Collection research and tools for impacting change and increasing the awareness and impact for early FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid). The students were accompanied by teacher Sean McComb.

Wise Ave. VFC Quarter Auction

Wise Avenue Volunteer Fire Company, 214 Wise Ave. in Dundalk, will hold a quarter auction at 7 p.m. Thursday, June 1, in the rear fire hall. Admission, which includes three paddles, is \$5. Additional paddles cost \$2 each. Doors open at 6 p.m. Food and drinks will be sold. For info., call Jerry, 443-841-9692.

Time Capsule Celebration

The contents of a 50-year-old time capsule will be unveiled at a celebration held by the Dundalk-Patapsco Neck Historical Society from 7 to 9 p.m. Saturday, June 2, at the Sparrows Point Country Club, 919 Wise Ave. in Dundalk. Tickets cost \$35 per person. The event will include hors d'oeuvres, sandwiches, beer, wine and door prizes. For info., call 410-284-2331, or email reddearheart@yahoo.com.

Cash Bingo

Cash bingo is held every Friday at Essex-Holly Neck VFW Post 2621, 206 Riverside Road, at 7:30 p.m. (doors open at 6 p.m. and the kitchen is open from 6 - 9 p.m.) Bingo is sponsored by the Riverside Democratic Club, with proceeds benefitting its scholarship fund. For more info., call Jean at 410-391-7444.

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SHM Memorial Day Mass

Sacred Heart of Mary Church will hold a Memorial Day Mass at 10 a.m. May 29, at the parish cemetery, 7501 German Hill Road in Dundalk. The Mass will remember all who are buried in the cemetery and all who have loved ones buried there are invited to attend. Call 410-633-2828 for more information.

Orems UMC Thrift Shop

Orems United Methodist Church, 1020 Orems Road in Middle River, will hold its Hall Closet Thrift Shop from 8:30 a.m. to noon Saturday, June 3. Collectibles, adult and children's clothing, toys, books, jewelry, housewares and bedding items are available at reasonable prices. Pit beef and ham sandwiches will be sold. For more information, call 410-687-9483.

Car Wash and Pit Beef

Back River United Methodist Church, 544 Back River Neck Road in Essex, will host a car wash from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, May 27. The car wash is being organized and held by Eagle Scout candidate Chase Simmons. Get your car washed for a donation toward the cause, and enjoy a pit beef sandwich while your car is being pampered. Members of Boy Scout Troop 372 will be staffing the pit beef stand.

Strawberry Fest Vendors Needed

Hope Lutheran Church, 1901 Middleborough Road in Essex, will hold its annual Strawberry Festival and Craft Show from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, June 3. Vendors are needed; no flea market items allowed. The cost is \$20 for a space and table; \$15 for a space only. The event will be held rain or shine. For more info., or to reserve a space, call 443-324-8355.

Totem Pole Playhouse Bus Trip

St. Michael Lutheran Church, 9534 Belair Road in Perry Hall, will hold a bus trip Tuesday, June 6, to Totem Pole Playhouse in Fayetteville, Pa., for the show, "Driving Miss Daisy." The cost, which includes a roast beef and chicken meal at Hickory Bridge Farm, is \$91. For more information or to make reservations, call Emma Hahn, 410-592-8512.

Sacred Heart Living Rosary

Sacred Heart of Mary Church, 6736 Youngstown Ave. in Dundalk, will hold a living rosary and benediction at 7 p.m. Wednesday, May 31. The program is cosponsored by the Knights of Columbus Notre Dame Council 2901 and the Sacred Heart of Mary pastoral care committee. Call 410-633-2828 for info.

Golf Tournament for Fireworks

The Fullerton Fireworks Foundation will hold a golf tournament Saturday, June 10, at Wetlands Golf Club, 740 Gilbert Road in Aberdeen. The event will kick off at 8:30 a.m. with a shotgun start. The entry fee, which includes the round of golf, cart, range balls, lunch (BBQ pork, bourbon chicken, hamburgers, sides and dessert) and beverages (beer, soda, Gatorade and water), is \$100 per person. Other activities include a Chinese auction, a putting contest, a casino hole and closest to the pin and longest drive contests. A Toyota Rav 4 awaits a golfer lucky enough to hit a hole-in-one. All proceeds benefit the annual Fullerton 4th of July fireworks display. For info., call Rick Swinder, 410-977-7829, or Dominic Costello, 443-739-1445.

Chesaco UMC Strawberry Fest

Chesaco United Methodist Church, 901 Chesaco Ave. in Rosedale, will hold a strawberry festival from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, June 3, rain or shine. The event will feature a flea market, crafts and food, including crab cakes, hot dogs, a baked goods table and of course, ice cream with cake and strawberries. For vendor space, call Doe, 410-391-1564.

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"Glorious, humble and beloved Padre Pio. Teach us, we pray, humility of heart, so that we may be counted among the little ones of the Gospel to whom the Father promised to reveal the mysteries of His Kingdom. Help us to pray without ceasing, certain that God knows what we need even before we ask Him.

"Obtain for us the eyes of faith that will help us recognize in the poor and suffering, the very face of Jesus.

"Sustain us in the hour of trouble and trial and, if we fall, let us experience the joy of the sacrament of forgiveness. Grant us your tender devotion to Mary, mother of Jesus and our Mother.

"Accompany us on our earthly pilgrimage toward the blessed Homeland, where we too, hope to arrive to contemplate forever the Glory of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit." Amen

In closing, St. Pio, we pray the prayer you composed for Confidence and Trust in God's Mercy:

"O Lord, we ask for a boundless confidence and trust in Your divine mercy, and the courage to accept the crosses and sufferings which bring immense goodness to our souls and that of Your Church.

Help us to love You with a pure and contrite heart, and to humble ourselves beneath Your cross, as we climb the mountain of holiness, carrying our cross that leads to heavenly glory. May we receive You with great faith and love in Holy Communion, and allow You to act in us as You desire for your greater glory.

O Jesus, most adorable Heart and eternal fountain of Divine Love, may our prayer find favor before the Divine Majesty of Your heavenly Father." Amen.

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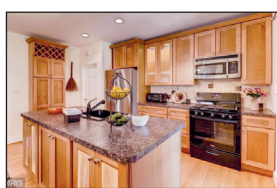
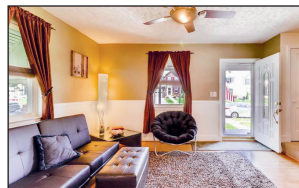
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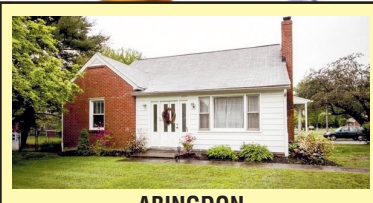
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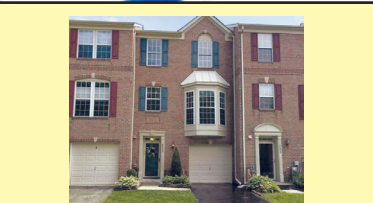
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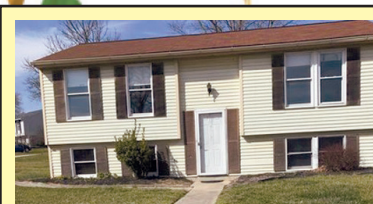
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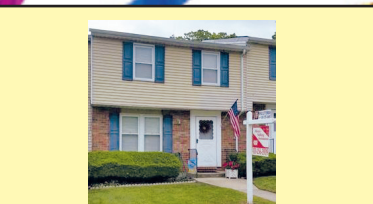
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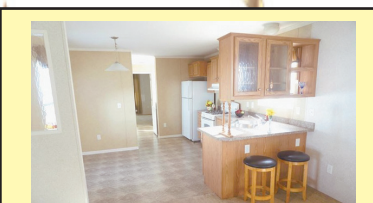
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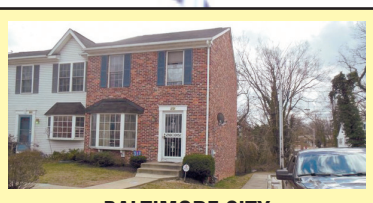
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