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VERSE OF THE WEEK -

Proverbs 3:5-6 *Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways submit to him, and he will make your paths straight.*

Fort Howard Memorial Day service remembers fallen sons



Independent Order of Odd Fellows North Point Lodge 4 Noble Grand Henry Nelson (left) and Col. James E. Davis, commander of the garrison at Aberdeen Proving Ground, placed a wreath in front of the World War II memorial monument at Fort Howard Veterans Park during Memorial Day ceremonies held by the Odd Fellows. Photo by Marge Neal.

Perry Hall Elementary students learn history of the holiday

- By Marge Neal -

The somber tone of a bell tolled for each name called:

- Sgt. Melvin Fryer.
- Second Lt. Kauko Leino.
- Pvt. Ernest V. Kessler.
- Pvt. Joseph M. Darchicourt.
- Pvt. Joseph Dudek.
- Sgt. William A. Weis Jr.
- Pvt. James H. Hubbard.
- Leopold J. H. Rogers.
- Joseph B. Beyers.

Members of the Fort Howard community and beyond gathered Monday, May 29, at Fort Howard Veterans Park to

remember the seven men who made the ultimate sacrifice in World War II as well as two founding members of Independent Order of Odd Fellows North Point Lodge 4 who perished in World War I.

The lodge has held a Memorial Day service for more than 50 years, according to member Dennis Brown, who served as master of ceremonies for the somber occasion.

The Odd Fellows serve as custodian of a World War II monument that recognizes 151 community members who served in WWII and memorializes the seven men who didn't return home to their families.

Built with donations received from a

door-to-door campaign, the monument was originally installed on the campus of the old Fort Howard School. It now serves as the centerpiece in the park created after the school was torn down.

While the monument pays homage to those who served in WWII, the North Point Peninsula has a rich history when it comes to citizens defending their country, from the days of the American revolution to the current war on terrorism.

Carolyn Mroz, president of Todd's Inheritance Historic Site, reminded the crowd of the role citizen soldiers from the community played in the Battle of North Point during the War of 1812.

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'Dundalk Rocks' spreads igneous acts of kindness

- By Marge Neal -

Imagine the squeal of glee from a young child who has just found an unexpected treasure. Or the ear-to-ear smile as the little explorer holds up his or her newly found prize. Or the more subtle smile of a senior citizen who finds a gift on top of the local mailbox.

Such are the rewards for participants in a trending crafts project of painting and hiding rocks for others to find.

Following in the footsteps of similar projects across the state and nation, two Dundalk women have launched "Dundalk Rocks" as a chapter of the The Kindness Project and are inviting everyone to participate.

"I saw a Facebook page created by another group and I immediately thought, 'I love Dundalk; we should do this for Dundalk,'" local business owner Tiffany Lockemy said. "So I called Laura [Quintano] and she said, 'I love it.'"

Lockemy owns Zallies Boutique and Quintano owns Little Crystal Bijoux in the historic Dundalk Village Shopping Center in the heart of Old Dundalk.

Both admittedly "artistic" types, the women immediately decided to create Dundalk Rocks and started spreading a little unexpected happiness and kindness around town, one painted rock at a time.

Lockemy started a Dundalk Rocks Facebook page to get the word out about the project and has been amazed at how quickly folks have joined. In less than two weeks, the new Facebook community

had grown to 861 members, as of May 30.

"We've been posting and sharing to the page and it just keeps growing and growing and growing," she said.

The concept of the project is simple. Participants paint small rocks and then hide them around a particular community. The rocks can be decorated with cartoon characters, made to look like bugs, painted solid colors or be inscribed with an inspirational word or phrase.

Rock artists are asked to label the back of each rock with Dundalk Rocks Facebook, where the finder can get more information on the project.

Angel Ball, property manager of Dunmanway Apartments and a former Dundalk Citizen of the Year, jumped on the bandwagon and strong-armed her husband, Nick, to get involved as well.

"And now he's obsessed," she said with a laugh. "He paints rocks every chance he gets and doesn't want to stop."

A portion of the family's dining room table has become a semi-permanent rock painting station, with rocks, paints and brushes stowed at one end and room for the couple and their daughter to eat meals at the other end.

A rock finder has several options open to them when they find one of the little gems, according to Ball.

"If you find a rock you absolutely love, then keep it," she said. "But we ask that you find a rock and paint it and then hide it to spread the kindness out again."

The person can also take a photo of the found rock and post it to the Face-



Rocks can be painted with all manner of things, from fun characters or creatures to inspirational phrases. Photos by Marge Neal.



book page and then re-hide the rock for someone else to discover.

In the short time that Dundalk Rocks has existed, participation has exploded out of the gate. Girl Scout troops, church groups, community organizations and individual families are all getting in on the kindness action.

Over Memorial Day weekend, picnickers, walkers, bikers and shoppers reported finding rocks decorated in patriotic themes. Two rocks, one emblazoned with the word "hope," found their way to the base of the World War II monument at Fort Howard Veterans Park.

Folks from Essex, Middle River, Hamilton and Harford County have expressed an interest in spreading the effort to their own communities, which is just what organizers hoped for, according to Facebook conversations.

While there are no rules or regulations and participants are free to exercise their creative muscles, Dundalk Rocks organizers do ask that people use common sense when hiding rocks.

"We ask that people don't put rocks in the grass at a park; we don't want the lawn mowers to hit them," Ball said.

Organizers suggest not putting rocks on private property, on cars or inside retail stores.

"And don't put them in the middle of a step when someone could fall," Lockemy said. "Tuck them away in a corner if you put them on steps."

The rock painters have placed many of the small treasures in plain view, on

top of posts and mailboxes, on the edges of sidewalks and tucked around trees.

As word spreads, more and more people are participating, either by finding a rock and checking the Facebook page to get more information or by being a creator and hider.

Lockemy has rocks at her shop that she will give to folks who want to participate, and paintable pond and other small rocks are available by the bag at local home supply and garden shops.

On Facebook, artists are trading information on the best types of rocks and paints to use, as well as to spread the word on paint sales.

"It really has become a community in a short time," Lockemy said. "I'm amazed at how quickly it has grown."

The benefits of the project seem to be endless. The painter gets to fulfill an artistic need while feeling like Santa Claus at the same time, the finder gets a little bit of joy that could very well brighten an otherwise bad day and everyone feels a little bit better about their community, the organizers believe.

"I'm much more outgoing than my husband and I'm usually the one doing things in the community but he is so into this project," Ball said. "He was absolutely gushing when he saw a picture posted of a little boy who found a rock he painted."

"It's art therapy for the masses," Quintano said.

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County budget cuts funding for trash disposal; more trash to be landfilled

- By Devin Crum -

The Baltimore County Council voted last Thursday, May 25, to approve the county's \$3.5 billion Fiscal Year 2018 budget.

Included in that budget was a cut of nearly \$3 million to the county's Refuse Disposal appropriation under the Department of Public Works' Bureau of Solid Waste Management (SWM).

"There were budget cuts this year to Solid Waste, but only to reduce the transfer tonnage, i.e. the refuse taken out of the county," said DPW spokeswoman Lauren Watley in an email. "No trash haulers were cut, canceled or terminated which would result in an interruption in normally scheduled trash pickups."

The budget allocates \$33,552,236 specifically for refuse disposal in the county, which is a decrease of \$2,990,255 from what was allocated for FY 2017.

SWM Bureau Chief Michael Beichler said there is always "give and take" with the budget and how waste is disposed of in the county, but that the cuts will "absolutely" affect things.

"We'll be putting more tons in the landfill," he said, referring to the Eastern Sanitary Landfill in White Marsh, the county's only operating landfill.

Most of the county's trash does not go into the landfill, and in fact, one of SWM's key goals is to minimize the amount of material that is landfilled. This is done largely through increased recycling efforts and the county's contract with Baltimore City to take at least 215,000 tons of trash each year to the Wheelabrator waste-to-energy facility. As a result, only 12 percent of the county's residential trash was landfilled in 2015, according to the county government website.

But landfilling can be done at a lower cost since the county owns the site and does not have to pay to have trash hauled elsewhere for disposal. The drawback is that the landfill has a limited capacity.

According to Beichler, ESL has a remaining capacity of about 3.9 million tons, "which we are trying to

increase," he said. He calculated that the added tonnage being put into the landfill in the coming year will decrease its lifespan by 168 days.

And Watley noted that the landfill's remaining life is now calculated at 34 years, but that it can vary greatly year to year depending on circumstances, budget and policy changes.

"More refuse will be temporarily landfilled, but the cumulative impact is less than half a year of landfill life," she said.

Projected over ESL's remaining 34 years, the increase could cut the landfill's operational life by 15.6 years.

But Beichler stressed that the budget cut is only for this year and one cannot assume that the added tonnage would continue being put in the landfill year after

year because the budget changes every year.

"They could decide next year to put nothing in the landfill," he stated. "It's a one-year adjustment.

"They decreased the life by 168 days in this budget cycle," he continued. "If they decide to double the amount they take out next year they could add 30 years of life to it too, which they've done in the past."

Other ways the county can extend the life of its landfill are to prevent as much material from being generated as possible through promotion of conservation practices like grasscycling and home composting, and recycling as much of the generated material as possible.

The county's website notes that residents can recycle 50 percent or more of what they regularly set out for trash collection.

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Educators hope CCBC/JHU collaboration opens doors for local students

- By Marge Neal -

Eight Community College of Baltimore County honors students are about to embark on a summer of study they won't soon forget.

Thanks to a grant from the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation, the students will participate in a summer course at Johns Hopkins University, where they will also experience residential living and enjoy all the amenities and resources the Hopkins campus has to offer.

"This is an amazing opportunity for our students," Rae Rosenthal, CCBC's honors program director, said. "They will participate in a 10-week research program while living in a beautiful new building with the latest technology and state-of-the-art facilities."

The selected students will be the inaugural beneficiaries of the three-year, \$1.725 million Mellon grant that will fund the "Humanities for All" collaboration between the two schools. CCBC received \$980,000 to "enrich the academic experience within the humanities," according to a statement from the school, while Hopkins will receive \$745,000.

The partnership will foster "a more dynamic learning experience and improve transfer success for students," according to the statement.

The Humanities for All effort will

also offer incentive programs to encourage students to enter CCBC's Honors Program, which enjoys higher graduation and transfer rates than the general education program, according to school officials.

Rosenthal is hopeful the collaboration will lead to a better pathway to Hopkins for CCBC students.

"In past years, we have had students transfer to Hopkins, and some with very large scholarships," she said. "But we have never had the red carpet rolled out to us by JHU like we've had from Cornell, Yale, Smith, Goucher and other highly respected schools. We're hoping more students will apply and get the dollars they need to attend."

Joel Schildbach, vice dean of undergraduate education for JHU's Krieger School of Arts and Sciences, said regardless of what happens with transfers, programs like the summer research program will show CCBC students they can succeed anywhere.

"We don't accommodate many transfer students because of structural and capacity issues," he said in a phone interview. "But this program will show top CCBC students that they would very much be at home at a place like Hopkins, that they absolutely belong."

Hopkins enjoys a high retention rate, which means few openings exist for transfer students, he said.

The collaboration between the two schools is a two-way street, according to Schildbach.

"This is meant to be a partnership and we are very committed to that," he said. "There are very definitely benefits to both sides."

While CCBC students will benefit from trips, guest lectures and efforts like the Mellon Scholars Program, JHU faculty will enjoy a collaborative relationship with CCBC faculty, with the opportunity for professional development between the groups of educators.

By virtue of its open door policy, CCBC accepts all students who apply. That philosophy makes for a much more diverse student population across many levels than that of Hopkins, which is a highly selective and competitive school, according to Schildbach.

"The CCBC faculty is going to provide training for our faculty to make sure they are better prepared to teach to a wide diversity of students," he said. "This is very much a two-way street here and we're very excited about the possibilities."

Hopkins graduate students will have opportunities to lecture through the program, giving them much needed teaching experiences, according to Rosenthal.

During this summer's Mellon Schol-

ars research program, the selected students will do a "deep reading" study of a Shakespeare play. They will perform an intensive, word-by-word analysis of the selected work and present their findings in a mini-symposium at the end of the program.

Rosenthal is excited about the doors that will be opened for CCBC students, many of whom are "high-ability, hard-working, diverse, first generation students" with economic challenges that may make them automatically assume certain four-year schools are out of reach.

"This is a fabulous opportunity for our students, the college and JHU," she said. "We're very much looking forward to this three-year collaboration and beyond."

Both institution presidents are enthusiastic about the new partnership.

"Thousands of CCBC students will benefit from Mellon's recognition that the democratization of the humanities in America does indeed begin with the community college," CCBC President Sandra Kurtinitis said in a statement.

The effort reflects "Hopkins' sustained commitment to building bridges so that all students have access to the transformative power of higher education," according to JHU President Ronald J. Daniels.

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"The War of 1812 kind of got buried in our history," she said at the event. "We need to tell the story and we've started."

The historic homestead, which volunteers have been working to restore for about 20 years, now has the first floor completely renovated and is stocked with exhibits that tell many different stories about life on the peninsula, according to Mroz.

Lodge member Joe Labuda told the story of the Maryland 400, a group of soldiers called in by George Washington when American troops were being beaten badly by the British during the Battle of Long Island.

Despite the name, there were fewer than 400 soldiers in the group and while they were able to hold back the British long enough to allow Washington's men to retreat to Manhattan, the Maryland 400 paid the price.

"When noses were counted the next day, there were 10 men left," Labuda said. "They weren't all killed; about 190 were killed and the rest were taken prisoner and held on a ship in the New York harbor for the rest of the battle."

Col. James Davis, commander of the garrison at Aberdeen Proving Ground, read the poem, "In Flanders Filed" to open his remarks.

"Memorial Day is not just about backyard barbecues, the latest sale at the mall or the unofficial start of summer," he told the crowd after reading the famous poem. "We gather to honor the ultimate sacrifices made by so many."

After acknowledging the sacrifice of Gold Star families who have lost a loved one to conflict, he reminded the audience to leave their flags at half-staff until noon and encouraged them to participate in

a moment of silence and remembrance at 3 p.m.

The National Moment of Remembrance was created by Congress in 2000. The mid-afternoon time was selected with the thought that many people would be enjoying family time or attending professional sporting events and other events, according to online records. Major League Baseball games halt for a moment of silence at 3 p.m., while hundreds of Amtrak trains blast their whistles in remembrance.

The Rev. Don Warner Jr., pastor of Edgemere's Penwood Christian Church, delivered the invocation and benediction for the ceremony.

He noted that two men listed on the monument are still living: his father, Don Warner Sr., and Nevin Gintling. He introduced his father, who attended the event, and the audience responded with a spontaneous standing ovation.

The younger Warner, choked up with emotion, told the crowd that Gintling "is doing about as well as can be expected and he is in our thoughts and prayers."

And while many speakers reminded the crowd about the somber reason for the holiday, after the final bell tolled for the fallen sons of Fort Howard, the crowd was invited back to the lodge for a cookout.

"I hope I told them to start cooking," MC Brown joked. "I knew there was something else I was supposed to do."

On Friday morning, May 26, at Perry Hall Elementary School, students and faculty gathered in front of the school to honor those who sacrificed their lives. They were joined by State Senator Kathy Klausmeier, Perry Hall Improvement Association President Jack Amrhein and others to learn about the history of the

day and what the students can do to honor those who paved the way for the freedoms we cherish.

Amrhein suggested to those in attendance that they engage in Red Shirt Fridays as a way to honor those who are deployed. Red was chosen as it's an acronym for "remember everyone deployed."

"We need to remember those who are deployed because they sacrifice so much, sometimes including their lives," Amrhein said. "And that's what brings us here this weekend, remembering those... who gave their lives in service of this country."

He noted that while the holiday brings sadness remembering those who gave

up their lives, we should be happy that they lived and "gave up everything so that we could carry on with our way of life, and be happy and free everyday."

Klausmeier echoed Amrhein's sentiments, encouraging the students to go home and learn about those who gave their lives. She added that they should reach out to family members and neighbors who have served.

"Maybe you'll run into [a veteran], and if you do, you can run up and give them a big hug and say 'Thank you for your service,'" Klausmeier said.

The celebration concluded with a moment of silence as a wreath was laid at the foot of the school's flagpole out front.

Patrick Taylor contributed to this article.



PHES students assisted with placing the wreath on the monument at the base of the school's flag pole. Photo by Patrick Taylor.

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“Splish Splash” Safety Day

The Essex Elks Lodge, 1007 E. Homberg Ave. in Essex, will hold their 2017 Safety Day on Saturday, June 3, from noon to 4 p.m. The event will include kids activities such as a moon bounce and a giant water slide, as well as displays from police, the DARE unit, fire fighters, health department, etc. All activities, food and beverages included, are no cost.

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ESCA Meeting

The Eastfield-Stanbrook Civic Association will meet on Monday, June 5, (changed from first Tuesday, for this month only) 7 p.m. at Merritt Park Baptist Church, 1799 Merritt Blvd. in Dundalk. Our speakers will be Brian Lopez of Osprey Property Companies, who will speak on Merritt Station, the apartments going in behind Giant on Merritt Blvd. Also, Alison Vogrin, director of Retired and Senior Program in the Department of Aging will speak on volunteerism. For more information, call Karen Cruz at 410-285-7399.

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The Baltimore County Department of Health and Human Services will provide free training to use Narcan to prevent an opioid overdose death. The session will teach participants how to recognize, respond to and prevent an opioid overdose and how to administer intra-nasal naloxone to reverse an overdose. Participants receive a completion certificate and a kit containing the medication. The session will be from 6 - 8 p.m. Wednesday, June 7, at the Sollers Point Multi-Purpose Center, 323 Sollers Point Road in Dundalk. Registration required via www.baltimorecountymd.gov/odresponse or 410-887-3828.

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Lynch Cove Run Cleanup

Volunteers of all ages and abilities are invited to help Clean Bread and Cheese Creek clean up the area of the Lynch Cove Run, which runs next to Grange Elementary School, on Friday, June 9, from 9 a.m. - 2 p.m. Every piece of trash removed makes a difference, and every minute volunteering creates a positive change! Trash bags, gloves, snacks, water and lunch will be provided. A limited number of tools and waders are available for loan. Service learning hours and community service hours are available. Registration will be at Lynch Cove Park, 7833 Scholar Road in Dundalk. For more information, contact Info@BreadandCheeseCreek.org or 410-285-1202.

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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 final installment on June 23 at 1 p.m. will be: “Age in Place” - its strengths and weaknesses and what your doctor wants you to know.

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R.I.P. Roger Moore

- By Teddy Durgin -

I've written a few times that a guy's favorite James Bond is likely the one you saw when you were 16. That's the age when Agent 007 becomes everything you want to be as a man - suave, sophisticated, quick-witted, handsome, a ladies man, a man of action. Well, "The Living Daylights" came out in the summer when I was 16. So, Timothy Dalton will always be my personal favorite Bond.

But Roger Moore's secret agent is the one I grew up with. In my mind, he IS Bond. I really haven't seen him as any other characters. Sean Connery? I also know him as Marko Ramius and Indiana Jones' daddy. Dalton was an awesome baddie as Neville Sinclair in "The Rocketeer," and Daniel Craig has been able to easily shed the Bond persona in everything from "Munich" to "The Girl With the Dragon Tattoo."

But Moore? I'm too young to have known him from TV's "The Saint." And even in "The Cannonball Run," he was playing a guy who looked and acted like Roger Moore in a great bit of spoofery. No, Roger Moore is as much James Bond to me as Ray Bolger is the Scarecrow, as Bela Lugosi is Dracula, as Carroll O'Connor is Archie Bunker. And Moore was completely cool with being identified by the one part. He embraced it, had fun with it and ultimately turned it into something amazingly positive with his global work with UNICEF.

Roger Moore passed away on Tuesday, May 23, at the age of 89. I loved him as James Bond. "Moonraker," as cheesy and as silly as it is, was the first 007 movie I ever saw. My family was one of the first to get a VCR and also to have HBO in the late '70s and early '80s. My father was a Bond fan, so he taped all of the Connery Bonds and then the Moore films when HBO aired them, uncut and without commercials - a real novelty back then. Me being a "Star Wars" fan and 10 years old... of course, I was gonna start with "Moonraker."

Yeah, yeah. It was - *ahem* - BOND... IN... SPACE! The whole thing indeed climaxes with astronauts in a laser gun battle with the evil Hugo Drax's henchmen, while Bond pilots a space shuttle and shoots down orbiting death satellites with his phaser cannons. To that I say... uh... COOL!!! What the hell is wrong with that?! And the entire time Bond is zipping around the cosmos, he has a gorgeous woman at his side (Lois Chiles) named... Holly Goodhead!

Beat that, "Moonlight!"

For the most part, though, there was just a fun to the Moore Bonds that isn't in the admittedly superior Daniel Craig films. I also think he was the most romantic of Bonds, in large part because he had the best ballads of any 007. "Nobody Does It Better," "For Your Eyes Only" and "All Time High" are lush, gorgeous, sexy and suggestive songs with lyrics like "Like Heaven



above me, the spy who loved me, is keeping all my secrets safe tonight."

"For Your Eyes Only" was arguably Roger Moore's best film of the seven he made. The locations in that

film are among the series' best, it has my favorite pre-titles action sequence of all the Moore films, and what a beauty Carole Bouquet was! The team followed that film up two years later with the box office hit "Octopussy." However, by 1985, Moore was clearly getting too old for sleuthing. His final appearance as 007 was in "A View to a Kill," a film that had its pluses (cool Duran Duran song, Christopher Walken's cackling genocidal maniac). But it was clear new blood was needed.

Roger Moore is the first James Bond actor to die. Even George Lazenby is still alive! In the end, he's the first Bond to be defeated by the ultimate super-villain, that most cunning of all megalomaniacs... the Grim Reaper. But don't be too sad. In true 007 fashion, he died in Switzerland and his funeral will be in Monaco. Seriously, how freakin' Bond is that?!

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Rockin' on the River set for this weekend

- By Patrick Taylor -

It's that time of year again. On Sunday, five bands will take the stage at Conrad's Ruth Villa in Middle River for over five hours of knockout entertainment. And while it gets said every year, this year is shaping up to be the best one yet.

Returning acts include Kanye Twitty, Strait Shooter and Awaken, and they'll be joined this year by Marshall Law and Rising Tide.

"We're really excited for this year, especially for the two new acts taking the stage" said Rockin' on the River founder and co-chair Don Crockett. "These guys bring a lot of energy and will put on a show you won't soon forget."

While neither Rising Tide nor Marshall Law have played Rockin' on the River before, both bands have built up a reputation in the area. And while they may not have played, most have attended the event in the past.

"I've attended it every year," said Brian Harrison of Rising Tide. "And all five of us in the band are all boaters and members of Eastern Yacht Club. We're very much looking forward to [this weekend]."

For those unfamiliar, Rising Tide sticks predominantly to the classic rock they grew up listening to on the FM airwaves, like Tom Petty. They've only been active for a little over two years,

and this will easily be the largest show they have played. Despite that, Harrison seemed cool and collected.

"We've played with Rob Baier and Kanye Twitty before, and as I said we've all attended in the past so we're just looking forward to playing," he said.

While Marshall Law is making their debut, their reputation certainly precedes them. A high-energy country/rock group, this five-piece act, the one guarantee with Marshall Law is that you're in for a spectacle.

Marshall Law sets often include songs from quintessential artists like Bon Jovi, Kenny Chesney, Jake Owen and others.

"These guys flat out rock," said Crockett. "They have a stage presence you rarely see anymore. You won't want to take your eyes off the stage."

The show takes place on Sunday, June 4 at Conrad's Ruth Villa. Gates open at 11 a.m. and the music begins around noon, finishing around 5:30 p.m.

"This is one of the best family events of the year," said Crockett. "Through six years we've never had a fight or any trouble of any kind. It's all about celebrating the music and the waterways and charity. With this year's money we'll have raised over \$100,000 in six years. That's what it's all about."



New 'Baywatch' has Durgin in a Hoff

- By Teddy Durgin -

Not since "12 Years a Slave" has a film... just kidding. OK, right up front, I have to tell you fine folks that "Baywatch" is an awful movie. Just awful. It's an R-rated action-comedy in which the action is about as involving as a 10th season episode of "Walker, Texas Ranger" and the comedy is mostly a string of gags involving boobs and genitals that play like ad-libbed outtakes from a DVD blooper reel.

But here's the thing: if you've been planning to see this movie for months now, no review of mine is going to dissuade you. 'Cause you're not going for great stunts or high-brow comedy. You're going for the existential jollies of seeing Alexandra Daddario and Kelly Rohrbach bouncing around on the big screen in their tight, cleavage-busting swimsuits. You're going to see Dwayne "The Rock" Johnson and Zac Efron and their amazing pecs. This shouldn't be called "Baywatch." It should be titled "Great Male and Female Chests in Slo-Mo."

On that level, it's a masterpiece. Hey, I'm no idiot. I didn't expect anything great here. I mean, let's be honest - "Baywatch" was a pretty bad show. The world watched because it had generous weekly helpings of Pamela Anderson and Yasmine Bleeth in various stages of undress. It had sun, surf and idyllic beaches. It had The Hoff! It was total "turn your-brain-off" television. It wasn't "Hill Street Blues." And the movie version was never going to be "Spotlight."

But, man, it could have been just a bit more ambitious! It didn't even have to be on the level of the fun and funny "21 Jump Street" movie that has become the gold standard for this kind of fare. But, jeez, at least it could have been on the level of... oh, I don't know... 1987's "Draagnet!" That actually had a clever crime caper for the recast Joe Friday (Dan Aykroyd) and his partner, Pep (Tom Hanks), to solve while smut and goofiness happened around them.



"Baywatch" actually has a fairly entertaining first half, in which the characters are introduced, that's played mostly for R-rated chuckles. Then the second half kicks in and the focus shifts to one of the most lame crime capers that has ever been committed to screen. It's one of those lazy crime flicks where the hero characters need to find out a key piece of information. So, in the very next scene, they just happen to overhear a villain character say exactly what they need to hear to confirm their suspicions. Or, they need to know if drug deals are going down on the beach. So, two scenes later, they pull up in a boat about 30 yards from the bad guys' boat and just watch as big narcotics shipments are unloaded.

The fight scenes are ludicrous in which multiple characters get knocked out with one punch and dozens and dozens of bullets are fired and miss completely. We're talking Stephen J. Cannell mid-'80s action TV show quality here, folks... but played straight, without a hint of parody or spoof.

Johnson as Mitch and Efron as Brody make for a pretty good mismatched buddy pair. I did like "The Rock" constantly calling Efron's pretty-boy showboat everything from "Bieber" to "High School Musical" throughout. Efron is very good natured to be the butt of SO many jokes. I only wish Johnson's ego was such that Efron could have bagged on him just as good. The most consistently funny character in the film is Ronnie (Jon Bass), a nerdy type who has finally made lifeguard and crushes hard on the gorgeous C.J. (Rohrbach).

But what can you say about a movie that botches both a David Hasselhoff cameo AND a Pamela Anderson cameo? That's unforgivable. "Guardians of the Galaxy, Vol. 2" made infinitely better use of The Hoff. Ah well. After this and the bad "CHiPs" movie, maybe Hollywood will try something new and original. Nah! I hear they're thinking of rebooting "Magnum P.I." for TV... with a female lead!

Ugh. Maybe she'll have a moustache...

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Accreditation team invites public comment

A team of assessors from the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies, Inc. (CALEA®), will arrive on June 4 to examine all aspects of the Baltimore County Police Department's policy and procedures, administration, operations, and support services.

Verification by the team that the Baltimore County Police Department meets the Commission's state-of-the-art standards is part of a voluntary process to gain accreditation - a highly prized recognition of public safety professional excellence. The Department will undergo a gold standard accreditation assessment for the first time in its history.

As part of the on-site assessment, agency personnel and members of the community are invited to offer comments at a public information session on June 5 at 6 p.m. The session will be conducted in the Baltimore County Public Safety Building located at 700 East Joppa Road, Towson, Maryland 21286.

If for some reason an individual cannot speak at the public information session but would like to provide comments to the assessment team, he or she may do so by telephone. The public may call 410-887-4709 on June 5 between 2 and 4 p.m.

Telephone comments as well as appearances at the public information session are limited to 10 minutes and must address the agency's ability to comply with CALEA Standards. A copy of the standards is available at the Baltimore County Police Department - Accreditation Team, 700 East Joppa Road, Towson, Maryland 21286. Local contact is Captain Matthew McElwee at 410-887-2260.

Persons wishing to offer written comments about the Baltimore County Police Department's ability to meet the standards for accreditation are requested to write: Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies, Inc. (CALEA®), 13575 Heathcote Boulevard, Suite 320, Gainesville, Virginia 20155.

The assessors are Team Leader Chief John Letteney of the Apex Police Department in North Carolina and Team Member Captain Norman Mann of the St. Louis County Police Department in Missouri.

Once the CALEA Assessors complete their review of the agency, they report back to the full Commission, which will then decide if the agency is to be granted accredited status. Accreditation is for three years, during which the agency must submit annual reports attesting to continued compliance with those standards under which it was initially accredited.

Nottingham man charged in Essex shooting case

Police have charged a suspect in the Saturday afternoon shooting of a man on Sugarwood Circle in Essex.

Police responded to the 1200 block of Sugarwood Circle around 1:57 p.m. on May 20 for a call of a shooting. They located the victim, 26, with a single gunshot wound to the upper body. He was transported to an area hospital for treatment.

The suspect fled the area prior to the arrival of officers, but the investigation led detectives to identify Montez Deonta Harrell, 25, of the unit block of Kinwall Place in Nottingham, as the shooter.

Harrell is charged with attempted first-degree murder, first-degree assault, second-degree assault and multiple gun violations.

Police are still uncertain as to what led to the shooting, but believe that the victim and Harrell are known associates. The victim continues to be treated at an area hospital.

This incident remains under investigation by the Baltimore County Violent Crimes Unit.

Current crime trends

Since May 10, there have been four residential burglaries in the Hartland Village community within the Essex Precinct. Two cases occurred between 7:20 and 11:15 a.m. with one case occurring at 10:25 a.m. Two cases occurred between noon and 11 p.m. Front window glass was broken or forced in three cases. It is unknown how entry was gained in one case. Items taken include a game system, controller, laptops and video games.

Police seek assistance locating barricade suspect

Police are seeking the public's assistance in locating the wanted subject who caused South North Point Road in Dundalk to be closed for more than six hours on May 24.

Police, attempting to serve a warrant for attempted murder on Michael Anthony Staudt, 26, closed South North Point Road between Eastern Avenue and Carson Avenue as a precautionary measure, as he is known to carry weapons. Police canvassed the area, unable to locate Staudt, and cleared the scene around 1:30 p.m.

A warrant was issued for the arrest of Staudt after he was identified as one of two suspects in the attempted murder of a man last week, on May 20. Around 11:20 p.m. police were called to the 800 block of Jaydee Avenue after Staudt and another unidentified suspect chased after the victim, shooting at his vehicle as the victim fled from them. The victim was not injured.

Anyone with information on Staudt's whereabouts is asked to contact the Investigative Services Unit of the Dundalk Precinct at 410-887-7309 or, if more urgent, call 9-1-1.

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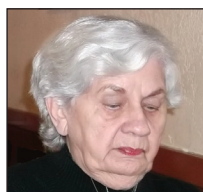
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**Raybon, Lois E.**

On Wednesday, May 24, Lois E. Raybon (nee Brandenburg) age 83, passed away peacefully at her residence in Essex. Beloved wife of the late Frederick M. Raybon; devoted mother of Robert D. Raybon, the late Raymond Webb and the late Rose Cain; grandmother of Jonathan Cain and Laura Pezold; great-grandmother of Claire Pezold. Also survived by brothers, sisters and her loving grandpuppy "Tinker"

A memorial service will be planned for a future date.

Rund, Hilda B.

On May 28, Hilda B. Rund (nee Wangenheim); beloved wife of the late Edward J. Rund; devoted mother of Stephen L. Rachuba, Carol M. Czajkowski and the late Fay H. Davis; dear sister of the late Leroy Wangenheim. Also survived by several grandchildren and other relatives and friends.

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Kincaid, Gerald D.

On May 27, Gerald D. "Jerry" Kincaid passed away. He was the beloved husband of Judith D. Kincaid (nee Mongan); devoted father of Catherine Sue Novak and her husband James, James William Kincaid, Richard Louis Kincaid, and Barbara Ann Sann and her husband William; cherished grandfather of Joseph, Sarah, Erin, Joshua, Ethan, Spencer, Elliot, and Nicole; loving great-grandfather of Madilyn; dear friend of Jo Ann Lori. Also survived by Carly and Nylla.

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Super Track would save racetrack and Preakness

- By Del. Pat McDonough (R-7) -

There is a dark cloud hanging over Pimlico Race Course and the Preakness Classic. The odds of the track and Preakness leaving Baltimore are growing every day. Political leadership is the only remedy that can solve the problem. The governor has finally started to stir, Mayor Pugh is concerned, Speaker Busch wants to negotiate and the legislators are roaming aimlessly around the infield.

As a state legislator, I believe it would be inappropriate to drop one taxpayer dollar into a rehabilitation of the current Pimlico Race Course at its present location. Its owner, Mr. Stronach, and his organization appear to have the same viewpoint.

The budget crunchers are speculating about a \$400 million - \$500 million investment. I do not believe any bank, investment group or bonding package would support that kind of financial outlay to renovate a lost cause. With a structural budget deficit and educational needs, state taxpayers are in no position to contribute their hard-earned dollars.

We need a bold solution. The Inner Harbor, Harbor East, Camden Yards and many other projects were bold and successful. I propose the creation of a Super Track which is the combination of a

horse racing facility, theaters, restaurants, hotel and maybe even a new Baltimore Arena. This complex would be a united package attractive to investments because of its guaranteed success. The Race Track segment would be saved for eternity because the combined revenues would underwrite and sustain the Super Track.

This entertainment complex and tourist attraction would boost Baltimore's image to a new level. The new Super Track could be used for other events and would probably become the most advanced, state-of-the-art venue in the horse racing industry and in the entire nation. The Super Track, because it is bold, exciting and financially viable, would attract private investment.

The nagging question is, what do we do with the current Pimlico Race Course site? The answer is simple - create jobs. Transform the grounds into a job enterprise zone that will provide job training and work opportunities. Utilizing federal, state and city funding, plus private commitment before the shovel hits the dirt, will inspire the community to be encouraged about future economic growth. In the long view, jobs are more important to the area. It is time to cease the hand wringing and build a solution. Build it, they will come, and the Preakness will survive!

Norman responds to PH Diner article

- By Joseph Norman -

In your recent article titled "Perry Hall diner deal sparks feud between elected officials", Delegate Bromwell stated that he wants to make sure that "people are holding all of their elected officials accountable". I agree.

Delegate Bromwell should be held accountable for skipping numerous votes that would have been politically inconvenient for him in the past General Assembly session. He should be held accountable for voting to force more Section 8 housing into our community. He should be held accountable for voting down a non-partisan, good government redistricting bill to end gerrymandering in our state before it was even put up for public discussion in committee. And he should be held

accountable in 2018 when he inevitably sides with his party and refuses to support Governor Hogan's reelection.

Delegate Bromwell is more concerned with remaining loyal to Speaker Mike Busch than he is in protecting the interests of the hardworking people of Perry Hall, Parkville, Carney, White Marsh, Fullerton, Rosedale, and Overlea. If Delegate Bromwell wishes to maintaining his status as a career politician after the next election cycle, then I respectfully suggest he focus on building relationships with politicians and citizens of both parties instead of starting Facebook feuds over a minor commercial development.

The author of this op-ed, Joe Norman, is running as a Republican to represent 8th District in the House of Delegates in 2018.

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Some simple and natural ways to lower blood pressure

According to the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, roughly one in three adults in the United States has high blood pressure. Slightly less than 18 percent of Canadians ages 12 and older reported being diagnosed with high blood pressure. While such figures might be frightening, Johns Hopkins Medicine notes that there are some simple and natural

ways for people to lower their high blood pressure. Opt for heart-healthy foods. Instead of foods that are high in sodium, eat a diet that is rich in whole grains, fruits, vegetables, and lean proteins. Check labels before buying prepared foods at the grocery store, as many such foods are high in sodium. Look for foods that contain pro-

biotics. Johns Hopkins Medicine notes that studies have linked foods that contain probiotics to healthy blood pressure. Probiotics are consumable live bacteria, and while studies regarding the relationship between probiotics and blood pressure are ongoing, researchers believe probiotics may produce chemicals that, when absorbed in the blood stream, may activate

receptors in the blood vessels to lower pressure. Lose weight. People with high blood pressure who are carrying extra pounds should know that research indicates extra weight can cause injury to the heart. Dropping those pounds, especially through physical activity that can boost heart health, can help men and women lower their blood pressure.



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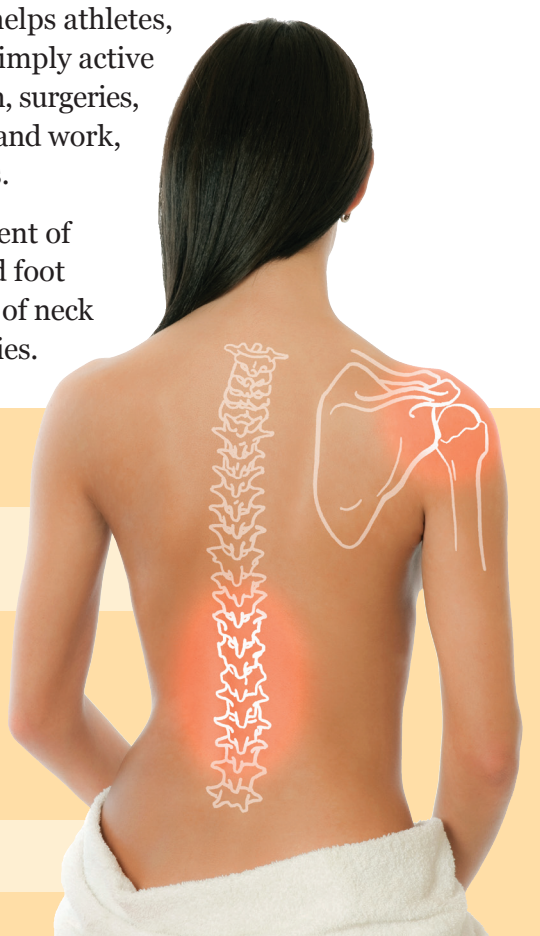
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Simple ways to alleviate back pain

Few health problems are as prevalent as back pain. The American Chiropractic Association says that 50 percent of working Americans admit to having back pain symptoms each year. Bone and Joint Health Canada states that as much as 80 percent of people experience back pain at least once in their lifetime.

Back pain can be so significant that it results in a loss of function that impedes daily activities. In fact, according to the 2015 Global Burden of Disease report, back pain is the single leading cause of disability in most countries.

Back pain can be a complex issue. According to data compiled by TheGoodBody.com, only one in 10 people learns the primary cause of their pain. That's because many things, including muscle sprains or joint irritation, can contribute to back pain. Other factors that may contribute to back pain include arthritis, stress, obesity or diseases of the internal organs. Each of these issues can make it challenging to uncover the culprit

behind back pain.

Ruling out degenerative diseases can be a first step in treating back pain. Doctors also may ask their patients about their level of physical activity. Doctors may want to know if patients suffering back pain engage in activities involving repetitive movements to determine if their back pain can be traced to these activities.

Some common factors contribute to back pain, and addressing these issues may bring about relief.

- **Strengthen core muscles.** Poor muscle tone, especially in the back and abdominal muscles, may result in back pain. Engaging in activities that strengthen the core can help strengthen the area, offering more support to the back. A doctor, physical therapist or fitness instructor may guide you in exercises, such as planks or abdominal crunches, that can strengthen the core.

- **Get up and move.** A sedentary lifestyle can be a

major contributor to back pain. Nearly half of Americans who experience back pain are desk workers who spend the majority of their time sitting, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Qi Spine, a clinic that gathered data from 1,300 people who said they deal with spine-related pain, found that half the participants with sedentary jobs had lower back pain. Standing, moving around and taking breaks from the desk can help alleviate pain.

- **Lose weight.** The spine is vulnerable to effects of obesity. Extra weight in the abdomen may pull the pelvis forward and strain the lower back, states the American Obesity Association. Losing weight can reduce that strain on the lower back, thereby reducing pain.

Back pain is a frequent complaint and compels many people to visit their doctors. Exercise, maintaining a healthy weight and strengthening core muscles can go a long way toward keeping the back healthy and pain-free.

Some potential health benefits of paddleboarding

Paddleboarding, which involves participants standing on a paddleboard or surfboard and using their arms to paddle through the ocean, is an increasingly popular recreational activity.

Often seen as a relaxing way to spend a peaceful day on the water, paddleboarding might provide some hidden health benefits. The following are just a few potential health benefits of paddleboarding.

- **Stress reduction:** According to the American Psychological Association, in 2015 a greater percentage of adults reported feeling extreme levels of stress than in 2014. Many paddleboarding enthusiasts acknowledge the soothing qualities of paddleboarding, and a 2016 study published in the academic journal *Health & Place* found that increased views of blue space, including oceans, can be linked to lower levels of psychological distress.

- **Exercise:** While it might not be high-intensity exercise, paddleboarding is exercise and can provide an avenue for otherwise sedentary men, women and children to begin increasing their levels of physical activity. Muscles in legs get a workout when paddleboarding, as these muscles are tasked with holding the body steady. In the meantime, core abdominal muscles also get a workout as they work to maintain the body's balance. And of course, muscles in the arms, back and shoulders are needed for paddling. While paddleboarding may not qualify as vigorous a cardiovascular or strength-training exercise, it does provide

a low-impact way for participants to engage muscles throughout their bodies.

- **Balance:** Paddleboarding can be a relaxing activity, but those paddleboarders who are most relaxed are the ones with great balance. Fortunately, paddleboarding can help men, women and children improve their balance because it requires a stable core and strong legs. While novice paddleboarders might struggle to stay upright at first, in time they're likely to notice their balance is improving.

- **Vitamin D:** Human skin produces vitamin D in response to sunlight, which paddle boarders get plenty of. Vitamin D serves a host of functions in the body that can promote short- and long-term health. Vitamin D facilitates normal immune system function, which can help paddleboarders fight off disease and infection. Vitamin D deficiency has been linked to a host ailments, including diabetes, as inadequate amounts of vitamin D can cause insulin resistance. In addition, in 2014, researchers at the University of Georgia, the University of Pittsburgh and the Queensland University of Technology in Australia uncovered a link between vitamin D deficiency, seasonal affective disorder, or SAD, and a lack of sunlight. A type of depression related to changes in season, SAD affects millions of people across the globe.

Paddleboarding enthusiasts may not know, but this increasingly beloved activity may be greatly benefiting their overall health.

Overeaters Anonymous

OA is held every Tuesday at noon for one hour at St. Peter's Evangelical Church, 7834 Eastern Ave. in Dundalk. The OA program offers physical, emotional and spiritual support for those who suffer from compulsive eating. No membership dues or fees. For more information, call 410-335-7748.

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Protect your skin this summer

As you head outdoors this summer, protect your family against the sun's rays.

More than 3.5 million cases of skin cancer are diagnosed in the United States every year, according to the American Cancer Society. Before going outside, protect your skin from the sun's damaging ultraviolet (UV) rays. No single step will fully protect you from overexposure to UV rays. Combine these tips to save your skin:

- Always use a broad spectrum sunscreen with a minimum of 30 SPF, even when it's cloudy. Apply sunscreen 15 - 20 minutes before leaving home. Reapply it at least every two hours and after swimming.
- Wide-brimmed hats help shade your neck and face but do not offer complete protection. Use sunscreen on these sensitive skin areas.

• Wear light-weight sun-protective clothing. Long sleeves and long pants help protect skin.

- Wear sunglasses that block UV rays.
- Take advantage of shade whenever possible. Remember, the sun's UV rays are most intense between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m.

Sun damage accumulates and occurs even when you are not actively trying to soak up a few rays. Whether you are walking the dog or mowing the lawn, sun damage adds up over time. Remember that newborns and children are especially sensitive to the sun's rays. Protecting their skin is crucial.

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Be prepared this tick season

Spring and summer mean warmer weather, longer days and the unwelcome return of ticks. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) says infections from tick-borne diseases are steadily increasing.

These tiny, biting creatures feed on warm-blooded animals, including humans, and can transmit serious illness through their bites. Those illnesses include infections, skin rashes and Lyme disease. Lyme disease symptoms usually appear one to two weeks after a bite and include:

- "Bull's-eye" rash (erythema migrans)
- Fever
- Muscle and joint pain
- Fatigue

Ticks usually live on tall grass and in wooded areas, but they can enter your home on pets or clothing. While it's a good idea to take precautions year-round, you should be cautious during

warmer months when ticks are most active. The CDC offers these tips to help you avoid tick bites while working or playing outside:

- Wear long-sleeved shirts and tuck your pants into your socks.
- Avoid sitting on the ground.
- Remove and inspect your clothing after leaving a possible tick-infested area.
- Put clothes in a dryer on high heat for 10 minutes to kill ticks on your clothing.
- Shower within two hours of leaving a tick-prone area to wash off ticks that may be crawling on you.
- Conduct a full-body inspection of yourself, your children and your pets.

For four tick-borne illnesses you should know, visit www.patientfirst.com/blog/four-tick-borne-illnesses-you-should-know.aspx?PostId=16&tabid=819.

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Patapsco artists sweep Congressional art contest

Patapsco High School and Center for the Arts students recently swept the awards in the 2017 Congressional Art Contest for Maryland's Second District.

Essex resident and junior Alex Cargile's winning art, "Deity of Creativity," will hang in a gallery at the U.S. Capitol for the next year, along with the winning artwork from the rest of the nation's Congressional districts.

Sophomore Zach Hunt and junior Sam Minard, both of Dundalk, claimed second and third place, respectively.

All three students, their teachers and family members were honored May 22 in a ceremony at the Timonium office of U.S. Rep. C.A. Duchth Ruppberger.

"All of the entries we received this year were in-

credible, but the submissions from Patapsco High dominated the field." Ruppberger said in a statement. "Alex's piece is a great example of the talent we have in Maryland's Second District. I want to thank her and all of the talented students who participated in the contest this year and [wish] them much luck in the pursuit of their passion for the arts."

The Congressional Art Contest is sponsored each year by the Congressional Institute. Since its inception in 1982, more than 650,000 high school student artists have participated in the contest.

A panel of local artists and art teachers appointed by Ruppberger judged the 32 entries in the Second District contest.

Patapsco High wins two Cappies for 'Monsters'

Patapsco High School and Center for the Arts' production of "She Kills Monsters" continues to rake in awards for its student cast and crew.

At the Baltimore region's Cappies Theatre Awards program held May 21 at the Hippodrome Theatre in Baltimore, the school production was nominated for 14 awards and received two of the coveted trophies.

David Sponaule was singled out for Best Special Effects/Technology and the team of Zach Rupp, Corey Faison and William Prichard received the Best Lighting award.

In addition to receiving two awards, Patapsco

students Tim Nixon and Rhiannon were invited to perform for their peers at the event.

Earlier this year, "Monsters" was nominated for 13 categories in the Baltimore Theatre Awards and won five: Best Ensemble in a Play; Best Sound Design of a Play (Ndidi Chimah); Best Make-Up Design of a Play (Rachel Henry); Best Stage Crew of a Play; and Best Special Effects in a Play.

The Cappies is a writing and awards program that trains high school theatre and journalism students to be expert writers, critical thinkers and leaders, according to the organization's website.

Edgemere Elementary students to "meet" Botswana children

When students at Edgemere Elementary learned that millions of children around the world live without easy access to clean water, they transformed into philanthropic and civic leaders. They spent the rest of the school year raising funds to buy WaterSeers, new devices that pull water from the air, for a school community in Mabule, Botswana.

On Friday, June 2, at approximately 9 a.m., the students of Edgemere and Mabule will meet via a video chat to learn more about each other's lives and schools and to talk about the difference access to clean water makes in the developing world.

The initiative began when Edgemere's principal, Jennifer Lynch, saw a video on Facebook about the WaterSeer technology and about the more than 2 billion people who need easier access to clean water. Lynch thought that Grade 5 students in her school, who were studying the water cycle, might be interested in the issue and the technology.

"I wasn't anticipating the students' reaction," Lynch said. "They immediately said we have to do something about this, and they developed a proposal to present to me about their fundraising goal and

how they would reach it."

"So after watching that video," said Mia, a Grade 5 student, "our whole class kinda wanted to start a fundraiser to help people in need. So we wanted to gather up the whole entire school to raise enough money to buy like around 10 WaterSeers."

Through a selfie-station, kindness-grams for Valentine's Day, and a penny wars competition, the students have raised enough to buy a WaterSeer Orchard of 10 devices.

In the area of Mabule, the main water supply has been contaminated. To get water, people need to trek for almost 10 miles to fetch water, according to Winston Jimenez, vice president of operations for WaterSeer.

"Very often, children miss school to go get water," Lynch explained. "Then what begins as a water crisis leads to an education crisis which becomes an opportunity crisis. Children who miss school and can't pass their exams have few options to make a living or move forward."

To be sure that the project continues after they move on to middle school, the Grade 5 students have engaged Grade 2 students in their efforts.



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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. Friday, 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 more information, call 410-284-2331, or send an email to reddearheart@yahoo.com.

VVSC Talk: Changes in Medicare

Victory Villa Senior Center, 403 Compass Road in Middle River, will hold a presentation about Medicare at 1 p.m. Wednesday, June 7. Find out what's new or updated about the program. This session will be helpful to both longtime subscribers and new participants. Registration is free, reserve your spot before June 2. Call 410-887-0235 for more info.

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The Glenn L. Martin Maryland Aviation Museum will host author and retired astronaut Tom Jones for its free Speaker Series talk at 7 p.m. Monday, June 5. The event will be held at the Lockheed Martin Auditorium, 2323 Eastern Blvd. in Middle River. The Kenwood High School graduate will present "The Next Earth: A New Look at Planets," a discussion about the solar system. He will share his experiences from classroom studies to space walking. For more information, call 410-682-6122.

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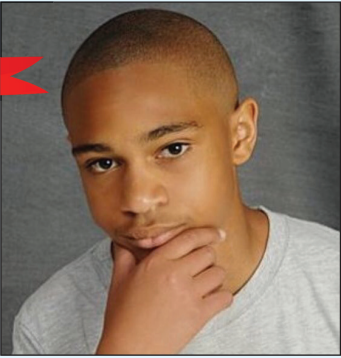
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Hope Lutheran Strawberry Fest

Hope Lutheran Church, 1901 Middleborough Rd. 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.

HAPPY Birthday

New Teenager



Archie and Kim Blackwell of Middle River would like to wish their son Kole a happy and blessed 13th birthday. Kole turned 13 on April 22.

Sweet Adelines Compete

Dundalk's Star-Spangled Chorus recently won a fifth-place medal at the annual Sweet Adelines International Competition and Convention held in Hershey, Pa. In addition to the larger chorus, four quartets (Sweet as Sugar, Rampage, Knock Out and Back Talk) competed in the singing contest, with Knock Out earning a fifth-place medal and Rampage earning Most Improved Quartet recognition. The chorus is under the direction of Jen Williams. High school girls and ladies of all ages who love to sing can stop in to any rehearsal to learn more about the organization. The group meets at 7:30 p.m. each Thursday at the North Point Government Center at Merritt Boulevard and Wise Avenue in Dundalk. For more information, call Bev Bruening, 410-866-2288.

Gunpowder VFW Dinner

Gunpowder VFW Post 10067 Auxiliary, 6309 Ebenezer Road in Middle River, will hold its monthly dinner from 5 to 8 p.m. Friday, June 2. The menu will include pork loin, mashed potatoes and gravy, sauerkraut, corn, apple sauce and dessert with coffee or iced tea. The cost is \$12. For more information, call Laura Godack, 443-442-7994, or 410-335-8933.

Hiss UMC Flea Market

Hiss United Methodist Church, 8700 Harford Road in Parkville, will hold an outdoor flea market from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, June 3. Spaces (10-by-10) are available for \$15. Bring your own table.

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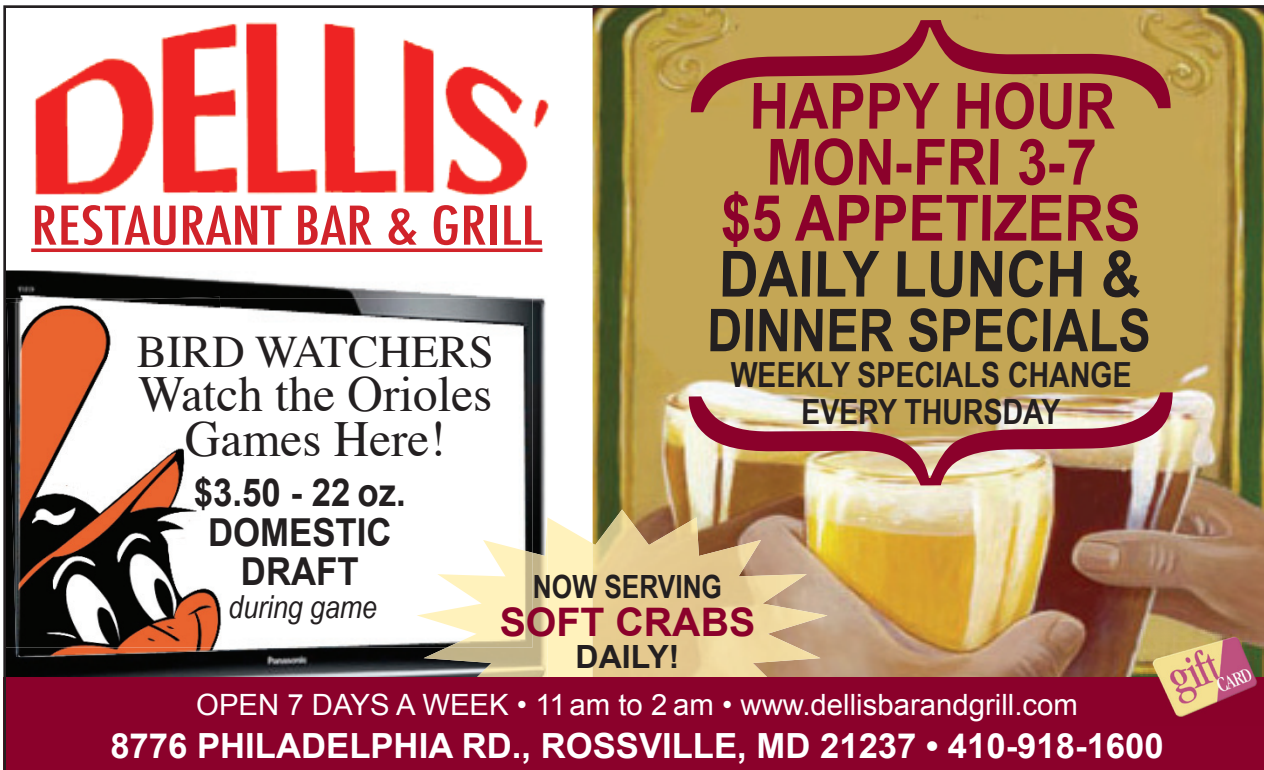
Chesaco United Methodist Church, 901 Chesaco Ave. in Rosedale, will hold a strawberry festival from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, June 3, rain or shine. The event will feature a flea market, crafts and food, including crab cakes, hot dogs, a baked goods table and of course, ice cream with cake and strawberries.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

Hiss UMC Bible School

Hiss United Methodist Church, 8700 Harford Rd. in Parkville, will hold its summer Vacation Bible School, "Cave Quest," from 6 to 8:30 p.m. June 25-29. Call 410-668-5665 or visit <http://www.hisschurch.org/vacation-bible-school.html> for more 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 Rav4 awaits a golfer lucky enough to hit a hole-in-one. All proceeds benefit the annual Fullerton 4th of July fireworks display. For more info., call Rick Swinder, 410-977-7829, or Dominic Costello, 443-739-1445.



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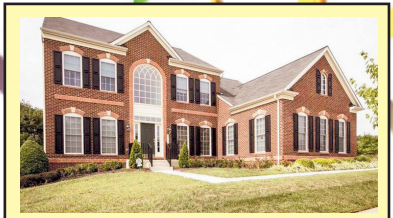
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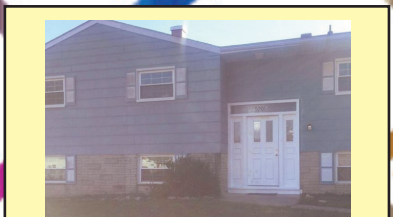
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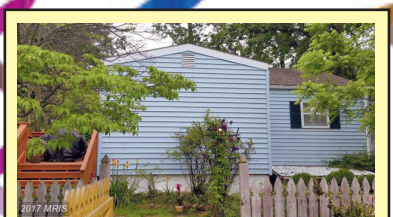
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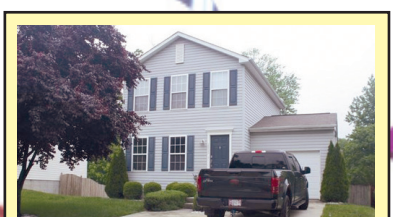
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