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Registration 'explodes' for annual BRRC golf tournament



The Back River Restoration Committee's annual golf tournament at Rocky Point Golf Course overlooking Back River, although delayed slightly by the rain, still saw an increase of about 50 golfers over last year.

- Article & photos by Devin Crum -

Despite the persistent rain before the start, excitement was in the air Friday, June 23, for the sixth annual golf tournament hosted by the Back River Restoration Committee at Rocky Point Golf Course in Essex.

"Rain or shine, people still turn out to support Back River," said BRRC President Sam Weaver.

With the shotgun start scheduled for 8 a.m., golfing only had to be delayed by about a half-hour on what turned out to be a beautiful day, according to BRRC Executive Director Karen Wynn.

The event had enjoyed mostly good

weather in its previous five years with only a quick spat of rain in 2016, she said. And its reputation has apparently grown with 130 golfers registered for this year's tournament.

"This year exploded," Wynn said of the number of golfers, noting that last year only saw about 80.

BRRC also listed 67 sponsors for the day, counting 62 tee sponsors - including the *East County Times* - and five others. For instance, Brewer's Landing donated the beer and liquor for the event, Rocky Point Golf Course sponsored by hosting the event, Joe McGee and Advantage Signs donated all the signage, Bimbo Bakeries

supplied the bread for the bull roast that followed, and the Porter family was the event's breakfast sponsor.

The Porter family is connected to the BRRC via Weaver's sister, who lives on Kent Island across the Chesapeake Bay, but sees the trash that ends up there if it is not caught at Back River, according to Wynn.

"Trash comes from here and goes over that way. She's seen it, she grew up here," Wynn said of Weaver's sister, adding that she "quite frequently" makes both equipment and monetary donations to BRRC.

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NEWS

Independence Day in Dundalk means strolling the fair, striking up bands, cueing fireworks

- Article & photos by Marge Neal -Dundalk is throwing a \$300,000 Independence Day party and you're invited.

The gathering starts with an open house of sorts at 4 p.m. Friday, June 30, when the 42nd annual Heritage Fair kicks off at Heritage Park in downtown Dundalk. The three-day festival features a non-stop schedule of live music acts, carnival rides and attractions, food and beverage stands, business vendors, community organization booths, craft tents and a beer garden with karaoke.

The festival runs through Sunday, with a day of recuperation before the Independence Day parade at 8:15 Tuesday morning, July 4, and the fireworks at dusk the same day. Parade early birds can cheer on the participants in the Dundalk Heritage 6K road race beginning at 7 a.m. The 3.72-mile run starts at CCBC Dundalk and follows the parade route before ending at Dundalk Middle School on Dunmanway.

This year's fair includes time-honored traditions as well as some new at-

tractions, including a few new bands, an increased business vendor area and a new starting time for opening day, according to Heritage Association of Dundalk President Joe Falbo.

"For the first year, we will be opening at 4 p.m. Friday instead of noon," Falbo said in a phone interview. "Friday is a work day for most people and attendance is low until later in the day - it just makes it easier on everyone involved."

Headlining musical acts this year are KIX (8 p.m. Friday), Hotel California, an Eagles tribute band (8 p.m. Saturday) and .38 Special (8 p.m. Sunday). Other popular acts include The Gigs, Dean Crawford and the Dunn's River Band and The Mahoney Brothers with their Beatlemania production. The Sparrows Point High School steel drum band will also appear again this vear.

Asked if he's looking forward to any particular acts, Falbo laughed.

"Honestly, I'm usually stuck in the trailer," he said of the fair office. "I'm taking care of lots of paperwork, trouble-shooting and putting out little fires



The Baltimore Ravens' own marching band, the Marching Ravens, have filled the air with patriotic pitches during Independence Day parades of years past.

that pop up here and there."

Heritage Fair is similar to Thanksgiving dinner in that there is a lot of preparation for an event that seems to come and go in the blink of an eye.

Volunteers work pretty much yearround on the effort, with planning intensifying each January with the main selection of musical acts, according to Falbo. Many fair volunteers take vacation time from their jobs to install fencing, provide security, keep the fair

Falbo said.

Fundraising is a constant, with money coming from three major sources - corporate donations, contributions from individuals and smaller local businesses and ticket money at the gate.

"We hope to break even each year, and any profit that we might make gets us started on the next year," Falbo said. "When we book the acts in January, many of them require a 50-percent



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NEWS

Cardin hosts health care town hall in response to Senate bill

- Article & photos by Patrick Taylor -A day after Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell (R-KY) unveiled the Better Care Reconciliation Act (BCRA) - his chamber's version of the House's American Health Care Act - Senator Ben Cardin (D-MD) stopped by Franklin Square Hospital in Rosedale to host a town hall.

A crowd of approximately 50, including health professionals, advocates and regular citizens, expressed their concerns and fears about what passage of the Senate bill would mean for them.

"We're not angry, we're fearful," said one member of the audience.

The 142-page bill, which was drafted solely by a group of Republican Senators behind closed doors, would see massive cuts in made to Medicaid over the next 10 years.

In Maryland, approximately 1.2 million people utilize Medicaid, including 83,000 seniors and more than 600,000 under the age of 21, according to a recent study by the Maryland Department of Legislative Services. Their study, which was released in March in reaction to the American Health Care Act (AHCA), found that if the state intends to keep Medicaid benefits at current levels, it will need to pay \$145.7 million in fiscal year 2020, \$696.6 million in fiscal year 2021 and \$1.092 billion in fiscal year 2022. While there are differences in the AHCA and the BCRA, those numbers are likely to stay the same for the Senate version of the bill, the study shows.

"The state budget is already strapped, so the question becomes whether or not they'll be able to pick up the bill," Cardin said. "And the answer is 'no.""

According to early estimations from Cardin's office, Maryland could lose between \$11 billion and \$13.5 billion in Medicaid funding over the next 10 years.

"I don't know what options I'm going to have next week, but I'm going to use every option I have," Cardin told the crowd.

But Cardin, who floated the possibility of continuously adding amendments to make the process drag for months, may not have to take any additional steps. After the Congressional Budget Office (CBO) released their score for the bill, a few Republican Senators, including Susan Collins (Maine), Dean Heller (Nev.) and Ron Johnson (Wis.), have all said they would vote "no" on a motion to proceed, leaving the bill in limbo. The Republicans hold 52 seats and can only afford to lose two votes on the bill.

Due to the bill being put forward as budget reconciliation, the Republicans need a simple majority to push it through. A tied vote would mean Vice President Mike Pence would be the tiebreaker.

"You're not gonna get 49. You're either gonna get 50 or probably 35," Sen. Lindsey Graham (R-S.C.) told reporters Monday.

Cardin stressed to the audience at his town hall that health care is an issue that needed to be worked on in a bipartisan fashion, alluding to the fact that no Democrats were asked for input on the senate bill. He also noted that the process for implementing the Affordable Care Act (ACA) stretched months and included dozens of committee hearings and markup sessions, and that Republicans added over a hundred amendments to former President Barrack Obama's signature piece of domestic policy.

"The process for implementing the Affordable Care Act was not without controversy, don't get me wrong," said Cardin. "There was a great deal of angst regarding why we couldn't get a bipartisan bill done," he added, noting that not a single Republican voted for the health care overhaul.

According to the CBO score released Monday af-



Cardin interacted with and took questions from the audi ence at Franklin Square for over an hour at the event.

ternoon, 15 million more people would be uninsured by 2018 than under the ACA, with that number rising to 19 million in 2020 and 22 million in 2026. The bill would, however, reduce federal deficits by \$321 billion over the next decade.

Most notably, the bill would roll back Medicaid expansions. Under the expansion included in the Affordable Care Act, over 300,000 Marylanders have enrolled in Medicaid. They would likely lose coverage under the BCRA.

Where Cardin expressed a lot of concern was with the opioid epidemic. Last year saw Governor Larry Hogan institute a State of Emergency over the health crisis, while dedicating \$50 million over the next five years to help with treatment programs and other measures.

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NEWS

GOLF -

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The Carroll Motor Fuels team came in first place on the day and opted to donate their entire \$400 pot of winnings back to BRRC. The second place team similarly donated \$50 of their winnings to the organization.

While final numbers were not yet available Monday for how much funding the event brought in, the golf tournament is one of three major events each year that benefit BRRC, the largest being their annual rockfish tournament held in September and the third being the Rockin' on the River music festival.

"It was a beautiful day along the banks of the Back River," said David Sikorski, director of Maryland's arm of the Coastal Conservation Association and who competed in the tournament.

He joked that he and his team could have played better, but still had fun while supporting the BRRC.

"We're happy as a fellow conservation and environmental-based organization to help support Back River and the work they do," Sikorski said. "And as fishermen and boaters, our members are proud to support them. We're all in it together and it's a shared resource. Every group has got to help out their allies."

Weaver stressed that all funds raised will be used to support clean-up efforts throughout the river's watershed.

"It's a great event considering all the funds are being used to clean up Back River, which we were playing on," he said.



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NEWS

MCM seeks permit to expand slag, other materials processing at Sparrows Point

- By Devin Crum -

MCM Management Corporation has applied for a permit to expand the amount of equipment they have at Sparrows Point which is used for processing slag left behind by steelmaking processes.

The slag, once processed, is used to make material for Tradepoint Atlantic's (TPA) development projects on the property, as well as backfill material for any excavation done or foundations of demolished buildings.

After being processed, the slag sets up "almost like concrete," according to Brandon Bonanno, vice president of operations for MCM, to create a solid building pad material for new construction.

MCM has been working at the former steel mill site since 2012 as a tenant of TPA under a 10-year lease and has performed all of the site's demolition. They have been operating crushing and screening equipment on-site since 2015 under an air quality permit from the Maryland Department of the Environment processing the same types of materials they do today.

The permit, if granted, will make permanent the equipment they already have in place - currently permitted on a temporary basis - while adding new crushers, screening plants and other equipment to essentially double MCM's processing capacity, Bonanno said.

"They're all basically the same units, but you need enough of them to be in different areas," he said. The company currently has two processing sites for recycling slag on the 3,100-acre property: one in the Ore Yard area near the Lafarge plant and one in the Coke Point area. Both of these plants and all of the new equipment are designed to be mobile so that they can move as needed to where the material piles are, Bonanno explained.

A third site, located near the shipyard and the water tower, is used for demolition debris processing and is stationary.

Richard McFadden, MCM's operations manager for the slag processing, said average production with the three current facilities is between 400 - 500 tons per hour of material.

He noted that occasionally they will have higher numbers with cleaner material loads, but there are generally a lot of challenges to processing the material which sometimes has scrap in it.

"There aren't many days when we go out there and work 100 percent on all three plants," McFadden said, adding that if they did, they may get as high as 8,000 - 9,000 tons of material processed per day.

Bonanno pointed out that the steppedup operations still will not make them a major source of pollutant emissions and diminished air quality, as explained in their permit application.

He noted that the emissions estimates given in their application are based on "maximum throughputs" of each piece of equipment, meaning if they ran it all at full throttle, 24 hours a day, 365 days a year.

"That is not how we operate," Bonanno assured, adding that only the plant on the Coke Point side runs at night while all other operations are during the day.

He said that MCM's emissions and modeling of toxic air pollutants are in compliance with MDE regulations. And, in fact, the company has had no air quality violations since the issuance of their permit.

"We're an experienced operator of this type of equipment," Bonanno added. "We have a lot of the ex-Kinder Morgan employees [who formerly did similar work on the property] that we took on when they left," along with some of their trucks and equipment.

Additionally, Bonnano said, his company often works toward material orders from TPA, through which they tell MCM how much they will need for an upcoming development.

"We're almost at the crest of what they think they're going to need shortly," he said. "We then will drop off, and then our production will kind of ebb and flow because we can't make material if there's no demand."

Fugitive dust control was high on the list for many at the public input meeting for the permit June 14, and Bonanno noted it is a constant concern for them as well.

"Being down here for decades, it's always been an issue," he said, noting that they have two 8,000-gallon-capacity water trucks used for wet suppression. "They run constantly. They do roads, they do piles, they do whatever we need them to do, both for the reclamation operations and for other operations that we have on-site." They also wet down all of the haul roads they use daily, he said.

Bonanno also revealed that, with approval from MDE, they have been testing a new dust-suppression chemical that he said so far has been able to keep the dust down a lot longer than water.

"You put water down on a hot day, it's gone almost instantly and we have to keep coming back," he said. "This, at least in the initial stages, has shown that almost for multiple days you still have wetness on the roads.

Bonanno said use of the chemical, which he described as a "commonly used, nonhazardous" calcium chloride solution, is widely used in the industry and they are trying it on their heavily used areas.

Steven Lang, with MDE's Air Quality Compliance Program, also noted that TPA has gotten approval to put down asphalt millings, which come from road repaving off-site, where they plan to eventually pave on the property.

Lang noted that the slag becomes "almost like talcum powder" when it is crushed. Therefore, they can put the millings down over the slag in certain areas to help control dust because the asphalt does not break down as fast.





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NEWS

Delegate Metzgar is on a mission to beautify Essex

- By Patrick Taylor -

Delegate Ric Metzgar (R-6) wants to revitalize Essex, but before he can do that, there's cleaning to be done.

"I'm just fed up now," Metzgar told the *East County Times.* "If you go in some of these alleys you'll find dead rats, trash, litter. We have got to do better than this as a community."

Two weeks ago, Metzgar and community activist Kevin McDonough walked along Back River Neck Road, and what the two saw dismayed them both. They observed overflowing garbage, litter accumulating at bus stops, uncut grass, rats and a host of other issues. In his capacity as an elected official, Metzgar stressed to multiple business owners the importance of keeping their properties clean.

"We need [Baltimore County Code Enforcement] to do a sweep through on businesses, because they are getting way out of hand," said Metzgar.

Metzgar stressed that this isn't an attack on businesses, but a way to help.

"It's no attack, it's just... take pride in your business," said Metzgar. "A clean business will always do better than one that's dirty."

A former small business owner himself, Metzgar knows the importance of keeping a business clean. He said that it used to be commonplace for shopkeepers to sweep up storefronts and hose down the sidewalk before and after a work day, and he's urging for a return to the practice.

It's a simple practice but an important one. Mc-Donough echoed Metzgar's sentiments, noting that businesses that keep things tidy, like Pizza John's, can thrive. He referred to Pizza John's as the "gold standard" of cleanliness, and noted that others in

the Back River Neck business corridor could learn something from the restaurant.

"[Pizza John's] has invested a lot of money into renovating that property," said McDonough. They clean up daily and keep the lawn mowed and tidy. They have neighbors down the street that have untagged vehicles piling up one their properties and two-foot high grass, but that doesn't deter them because they have pride in their business."

Both Metzgar and McDonough praised Code Enforcement for their efforts, but McDonough noted that due to a tight budget and understaffing, the agency is largely reactionary and reliant on others reporting issues. And when an agency is reliant upon individuals reporting issues, the bystander effect comes into play.

"It's hard to get the first person to speak up," said McDonough. "There's the assumption that someone else will pick up the litter or someone else will call code enforcement."

McDonough went on to praise Metzgar for not falling prey to the bystander effect.

"He'll be the first person to take a step," Mc-Donough said.

Metzgar praised community leaders like Mc-Donough, Sam Weaver and Cliff O'Connell for the work they have done with bringing awareness to the issue and leading cleanups, but he noted that people should have more pride and not be reliant on the kindness of others.

"It's just irresponsible," said State Senator Johnny Ray Salling (R-6). "People just don't care, but the thing is they have to care. When you care and you're being responsible and accountable, all of that together makes a difference." With the hope of major growth in the area due to the redevelopment of the old Bethlehem Steel property in Sparrows Point, among other projects, Metzgar and Salling see a prime opportunity to attract new businesses to the area, and they don't want to see the opportunity wasted due to litter.

"It's just awful that we're adults that have to talk to other adults about cleaning their business," said Metzgar. "Parents tell their kid to clean up their bedroom; well I'm going to play the role of parent here and tell businesses they need to clean up."

And according to Metzgar, this isn't an issue that's relegated to the Back River Neck peninsula, but one that stretches across the district.

"It's a problem in the business corridor of Back River Neck Road, but it's also a problem in Middlesex and across the river," said Metzgar.

One possible solution to the problem that Metzgar floated is bringing back two days of garbage pickup, though that may be difficult since garbage collection was scaled back to one day to accommodate recycling.

"If you check out some of these dumpsters on garbage day, you'll notice they're overflowing a lot of the time. Or you have houses with two full cans and multiple bags that wouldn't fit sitting next to the containers," said Metzgar. "How many trash cans can you ask a household to buy?"

Metzgar also floated the idea of getting businessmen together to help take care of the issue. And while he is looking to help in any way he can, there isn't a whole lot he can do as an individual.

"We need more residents and business leaders to take pride in their property and community," said Metzgar. "It's as simple as that."



NEWS

HEALTH CARE

- continued from page 4 -According to Cardin, a hard cap on yearly Medicaid spending, which is proposed in the Senate bill, would "have a major impact on our ability to deal with opioid abuse."



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A recent study published by the Associated Press found that "Medicaid expansion accounted for [59] percent of total Medicaid spending on substance abuse treatment in Maryland." When asked for a response to the article, Christopher Garrett, a representative from Maryland's Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, stated that "The Hogan Administration and the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene remain focused on preserving the level of healthcare coverage the federal government promised to our residents. For this reason, Maryland continues to fight to save waiver funds tied to Medicaid expansion. Those funds have played a big role in serving our residents' needs, and we continue to pressure Washington to maintain that funding."

Amelia Chase, the deputy communications director for Gov. Hogan, released a statement deriding the

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bill, saying "the proposals that are being considered in Congress do not work for Maryland. Congress should go back to the drawing board in an open, transparent and bipartisan fashion to craft a bill that works for all Americans."

Andy Harris, the Republican representative from Maryland's First Congressional District, voted for the passage of the AHCA. While he didn't comment on the BCRA, he did note that "the opioid epidemic claims thousands of lives per year in Maryland" and that "saving those lives is a top priority."

As of press time, no date had been set for a vote on the bill. And while Republicans in the Senate have expressed concern, it should be noted that many in the House expressed similar concerns before the passage of the AHCA. For updates and additional coverage, visit us online at <u>eastcountytimesonline.com</u>.

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NEWS

Todd's Inheritance offers open house, volunteer opportunities

- By Marge Neal -

After its official ribbon-cutting in April and a rehearsal open house weekend with free admission on Memorial Day, Todd's Inheritance Historic Site is now open for business, although on a limited basis.

The historic homestead at 9000 North Point Road in Edgemere will get in on Dundalk's Independence Day celebration by opening from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. July 1 and 2, according to Carolyn Mroz, president of Todd's Inheritance Historic Site.

Volunteer members have continued to work on exhibits and outside projects, including landscaping, since the house opened for its tours in April.

"And we will be changing the exhibits on a regular basis to keep the displays new and exciting for all visitors," Mroz said.

The house that played an important role in the Battle of North Point during the War of 1812 has a variety of exhibits that pay homage to different aspects of the area. With just the first floor renovated and open to the public, exhibit rooms are dedicated to the War of 1812 as well as to general life on the North Point peninsula. The entrance hallway is dedicated to the history of the Todd family, descendants of which lived in the house for more than 300 years.

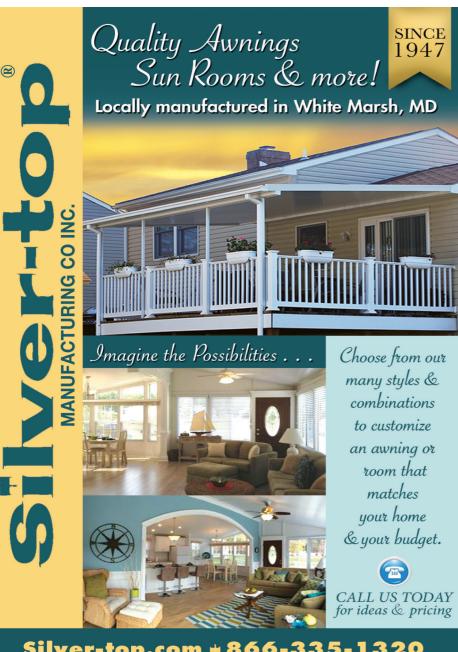
Because the house was continually lived in until the 1980s, it is not decorated in any one period. The building was continually changed and updated for modern life of the day, according to Mroz. As a result, the house is an eclectic mix of construction, plumbing, electrical and finishing techniques that span three centuries, starting with the 1800s reconstruction after the original structure was burned by the British during the War of 1812.

In addition to displays of artifacts, photographs, household items, tools and clothing, portions of the house's older construction techniques have become displays. A portion of the entrance hallway's ceiling is deliberately open to allow a glance at the progression of electrical and plumbing materials used over the years. Part of the hallway wall has been covered with modern drywall while another section exposes original brick.

In the gift shop, visitors can see the chimney of a fireplace in the next room. The chimney was encased in clear plastic rather than walled off to allow visitors to see the primitive brick and mortar work. In the corner of the gift shop, a stairwell is similarly encased to enable the view of the floor joists and other construction methods.

"We believe being able to view the construction habits and materials of the day are just as valuable as any other display we could put together," Mroz said.

While many years of sweat equity and hundreds of thousands of dollars have put the house in its current condition, much remains to be done, Mroz said. The second floor, now closed off, still needs



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To raise money for the next phase of work, the organization is offering annual memberships, ranging from \$30 to \$1,000. Membership at all levels of giving includes unlimited free admission to the house and its events.

For those without a membership, daily admission will cost \$10 for visitors 16 and older, \$7 for senior citizens and free admission for children 15 and under.

The organization is also looking to boost its board and committee membership and offers many different volunteer op-

Hotel, specialty gas projects move ahead

- By Virginia Terhune -

Plans are in the works to tear down a one-story office building at 8219 Town Center Drive in White Marsh and replace it with a five-story Hilton Homewood Suites hotel.

The now vacant building, located on 3.3 acres between the Avenue at White Marsh and Interstate 95, was formerly occupied by the American Cancer Society. Plans for the project were reviewed by the county's Development Review Committee on Tuesday, June 6.

A representative of the developer, Blenheim Companies based in Newark, Del., did not return a call for comment about a timetable for construction and possible job openings.

The hotel is one of five in the works on the east side of Baltimore County.

Presently under construction is a SpringHill Suites by Marriott hotel in the Greenleigh at Crossroads mixeduse project being built off MD Route 43 in Middle River. Envisioned for the entire Greenleigh development is a mix of around 1,500 residences, plus offices and retail stores.

Two more hotels are planned near the intersection of Route 43 and Philadelphia Road in White Marsh, and another hotel is proposed near a retail center off Bethlehem Boulevard planned by Tradepoint Atlantic, which is redeveloping the former steel mill property in Sparrows Point. The DRC also reviewed plans June 6 portunities to fit a variety of interests, including facility maintenance, grounds and landscaping, displays, fundraising and public relations.

Donations and membership fees can be made by mailing checks, payable to Todd's Inheritance Historic Site, to 4979 Morning Star Drive, Dayton, MD 21036.

Future open houses are scheduled for Aug. 5 and 6, Sept. 9 and 10, Oct. 28 and 29, and Dec. 2 and 3.

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for a new Airgas facility to be built on an undeveloped lot at 9104 Pulaski High-

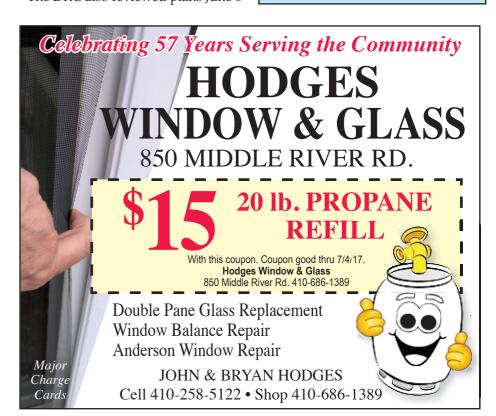
undeveloped lot at 9104 Pulaski Highway northeast of the Martin Boulevard/ MD-700 intersection.

Plans presented to the DRC indicate a showroom, warehouse and storage yard. A company spokeswoman said an existing Airgas facility will relocate to the site but did not provide further details because the project, which needs to file a more detailed development plan, is still being reviewed by the county.

Owned by the French company Air Liquide, Airgas is a nationwide specialty gas distributor that operates seven stores in Maryland, including locations in Halethorpe and Rosedale, according to its website.

The company sells gases and equipment used by welders. It also sells process chemicals, refrigerants, ammonia, oxygen, carbon dioxide, dry ice and nitrous oxide, some of which are used in the dental and restaurant sectors.

Correction: The article regarding Gov. Larry Hogan's fundraiser in the June 22 issue identified planning committee members Sam Weaver and Karen Wynn as being from the Back River Restoration Committee. However, they were not serving in their BRRC capacity on the planning committee and are no longer serving on the committee at all. *East County Times* regrets the error.



Bromwell named Legislator of the Year by hospital association

- By Devin Crum

The Maryland Hospital Association announced recently that is has chosen Delegate Eric Bromwell (D-Perry Hall) as its 2017 Legislator of the Year for his advocacy in the state legislature in the realm of health care.

"The award recognizes an outstanding legislator who, through his or her efforts in the Maryland General Assembly, promotes legislation that helps ensure health care access for every Marylander, demonstrates support of the Mayland Hospital Association's legislative goals, supports the work of Maryland's hospitals to transform the delivery of health care and who is recognized throughout the health care community through hospital and health system activities," said MSA President and CEO Carmela Coyle in a statement.

In particular, MSA spokesman David Simon said there were two large initiatives in which Bromwell was a key player that were drivers in him being chosen for the award: the bipartisan HOPE Act to address the state's opioid addiction crisis and his longstanding support for a birth injury fund in the state.

"I consider it one of the biggest recognitions of my career," Bromwell told the *East County Times.* "We're in a unique area in the country and in the world where we have one of the greatest health care delivery systems, and to be recognized by the association that represents Maryland's hospitals is a really big accomplishment for me."



Bromwell (at podium) announced a package of legislation at the start of this year's General Assembly session to help address the opioid addiction crisis in the state. File photo.

The HOPE Act was a comprehensive package of measures which establishes around-the-clock treatment for individuals experiencing substance abuse and mental health crises, and requires hospitals to establish new protocol for discharging patients treated for substance abuse. It also increases access to naloxone, and overdose-reversal drug, and sets greater funding for community behavioral health providers.

"He was instrumental, I would say, in working on both sides of the aisle to bring folks together on some commonsense solutions," Simon said of Bromwell, "and what we hope will be effective measures to try to mitigate something that has been getting pretty nasty over the past few years.

Bromwell has supported the birth injury fund for years, "but in particular, this session," Simon said, trying to enhance and augment support among other legislators for a no-fault fund system.

Although the fund legislation did not pass the legislature this year, Simon said, "what [Bromwell] did this year was really build more traction toward its passage." He added that MSA remains hopeful Bromwell's efforts will pay off for next year.

In the case of an injury suffered at a hospital, such as a birth injury, according to Simon, the injured party or their family will typically hire a lawyer, the hospital brings in its attorneys and they go through what can be years of litigation. "And depending on the sympathies

"And depending on the sympathies of a jury, you may get an award or you may not get an award for what occurred," Simon said, depending on determination of fault or if there were pre-existing conditions or other circumstances related to the injury.

He said there are "a handful" of cases each year in the state when significant neurological damage occurs to a child during the birth process.

MSA has proposed for several years to establish a no-fault birth injury fund paid for by hospitals so that when these birth injuries occur, rather than going through the courts, "we simply say fault is irrelevant - we want to get compensation to the family as quickly as possible," Simon explained.

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He noted there are similar funds in Virginia and Florida by which families are granted compensation within six to eight months through an administrative process to give lifetime care and assistance for the victim.

"It's this idea that, rather than play the litigation lottery for these horrific injuries, let's get people compensation quickly," Simon said.

"It's an opportunity to change a broken system in the state of Maryland," Bromwell said of the fund. "I've been proud to sponsor it in the past [despite its failure]. That's an ongoing battle in Annapolis."

Bromwell serves as vice chairman of the Health and Government Operations committee in the House of Delegates, playing a crucial leadership role in getting the legislation passed, MSA recognized.

But Simon said Bromwell has functioned in his leadership of the committee to assist new members of the committee to understand the state's complex health care policies.

"[Ĥe is] a delegate who models best practices when it comes to making sure that the body of knowledge is there around health care policy," he said.

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- By Marge Neal -Bradley L. Wallace, a renowned perfor-

mance engine builder turned community activist, died suddenly June 20. He was 72.

Mr. Wallace was the second generation owner of Wallace Engine Co. in Essex. Founded by his father, Bob Wallace, the company was widely respected for its precision work and for mentoring generations of "gearheads."

When the engine company property at 1801 Eastern Blvd. was targeted for takeover through a controversial eminent domain law ushered through the Maryland State Assembly in 2000 by then-Baltimore County Executive C.A. Ducth Ruppersberger, Mr. Wallace sprang into action to protect his rights and those of other targeted property owners.

"That issue really sparked a fire in him," longtime friend and customer Jason Smith said of Mr. Wallace. "When he discovered that his family property, the business that his father started, was

By Authority - Salling for Senate - Dennis Sennett, Trea

Engine builder, community activist Brad Wallace dies under attack, he got extremely fired up

to do something about it." Bradley Wallace recalls his father rallying a community to save itself from what was often referred to by area residents as a "land grab" by Ruppersberger.

"It was David taking on Goliath and David won," Bradley said of his father. "My dad just wouldn't lay down."

The elder Wallace was one of the original activists who organized a movement, gathered signatures and ultimately overturned the law by way of voter referendum. Mr. Wallace was born and raised in

Essex and was a 1963 graduate of Kenwood High School.

"He spent 66 of his 72 years in Essex and the other six all over the world," Bradley said. "He only left Essex for the Vietnam War.'

Smith said he met Mr. Wallace when he got involved in racing more than 20 years ago.

Mr. Wallace was just a "regular guy" who looked out for and was well-liked

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by other regular guys, Smith said. Many local racers are hobbyists who work full-time and pursue racing as

weekend recreation, he said. "Brad freely shared his expertise and showed guys where to spend money and where not to spend money to help us compete with the guys who had the bigger budgets," Smith said.

He recalled the "little block building in Essex" being a beehive of social activity because of Mr. Wallace's magnetic personality. Customers were known for stopping by with a cup of coffee for the owner and sitting for hours chatting the day away.

Often, Mr. Wallace wouldn't get all of his work done because he couldn't turn people away, according to Smith. When that happened, Wallace would close the shop at 5 or 6 p.m., go home and have dinner and then return to the shop, where he would work uninterrupted until 9 or 10 p.m.

Smith said he will remember Mr. Wal-

lace for his great sense of humor and his "goofy" side.

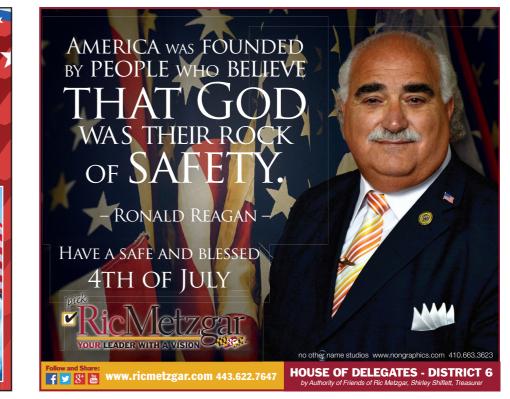
"He also was one of the smartest people I knew," Smith said. "If I was going to put together a dream team of smart people, he'd be near the top, if not at the top."

Bradley Wallace said he would remember his father as a man of integrity, loyalty and devotion.

"He was simply the greatest man I have ever known," Bradley said.

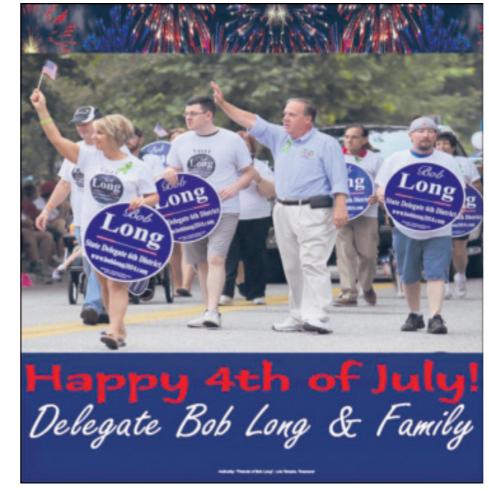
Mr. Wallace is survived by son Bradley G. Wallace, his wife Kelley, daughter Heather Strine and her husband Adam; siblings Pam Arnett and her husband Dave, Dawn Opie and the late DeWayne Wallace and his wife Jane; five grandchildren; and many extended family members and friends. He was preceded in death by his parents, Bob and Freda Wallace.

A memorial service will be held from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, July 1, at Columbus Gardens, 4301 Klosterman Ave. in Nottingham.





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Merritt Station to be first apartments built in Dundalk in four decades, developer says

- Article & photo by Devin Crum -Construction began this month for the \$22 million Merritt Station apartment complex on an undeveloped five-acre parcel of land next to the Giant grocercy store on Merritt Boulevard in Dundalk.

The parcel was a "residual" piece of the German Hill Center shopping center behind AutoZone and Denny's and was already zoned for a mix of retail and commercial uses, according to Brian Lopez of Osprey Property Companies, the developer for the project.

Lopez told members of the Eastfield-Stanbrook Civic Association on June 5 that, excluding senior housing, the project will be the first general occupancy apartments built in Dundalk in over 40 years.

The project will consist of two fourstory buildings for a total of 72 residential units, with 10,000 square feet of retail space on the first floor of the buildings. Lopez noted that rents are anticipated to start at about \$1,000 per month for a two-bedroom unit and \$1,200 for a threebedroom. They will also range from 800 - 1,000 square feet per unit.

After the developer pointed out that traffic studies prior to the project's approval did not warrant any new traffic improvements, some attendees expressed concerns that rush-hour traffic on Merritt Boulevard in the area is already bad, and to add more cars with no improvements will cause issues.

"I don't see how we can't be at capac-

ity now," one man said.

Lopez responded that the site was originally slated entirely for commercial uses, which would have involved higher traffic volumes than residential. He acknowledged that retail uses generate a lot of traffic, but said "relatively speaking," his is a small development.

Lopez also addressed the argument that Dundalk has enough apartments, noting he lived in the area for six years.

"I saw a ton of people move to White Marsh because there was no good housing for people who want to rent," he said.

He also remarked about the trend of younger people who want to rent first rather than buying houses right away, saying those people want to rent somewhere that is clean, nice and professionally managed.

"And if that's not here, they're going to go somewhere else," Lopez said.

While the developer will receive tax credits from the federal government, which they then sell to investors to help finance the project, Lopez stressed that the apartments are not federally subsidized housing, commonly known as "Section 8." He said nothing is subsidized on the rent side.

However, if renters come to them with federal, Section 8 housing vouchers, they can accept them.

Lopez said the company that manages most of their 3,500 apartment units throughout Maryland and nothern Virginia does criminal and credit background checks and job verifications on residents, along with quarterly inspections of the units.

"Having a Section 8 voucher holder is not what's bad for communities; it's bad management," he said, pointing to several area properties that are victims of bad management and have become problematic.

Lopez also noted that Tradepoint Atlantic is anticipated to bring a lot of jobs to Sparrows Point and that is the target market for this project - "younger people that want to live in Dundalk and be convenient to everything," he said.

When asked about building new retail in an area that already has a lot of retail vacancies, Lopez said it has been a big topic of discussion for the company. But

from what they have seen, people want to go to new spaces.

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He said many of the older, empty spaces do not have things like handicap access, high ceilings, newer technology or highercapacity electrical wiring.

"There's a lot of space, but not new space - not higher-end space that people want to move to," Lopez said.

He noted that their retail space has seen significant interest already, particularly from medical uses such as a dentist's office, and will get a lot of attention because it is new and is right on the "main drag" of Merritt Boulevard.

He mentioned they are also looking to have a type of coffee shop.

"That would be ideal for us because we like that type of complimentary use," Lopez said.



Workers are currently laying the groundwork for the new complex, located behind Au toZone and Denny's on Merritt Boulevard.

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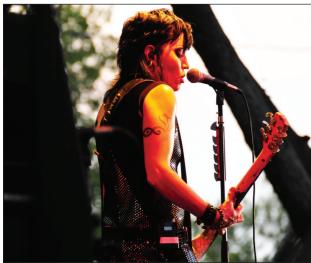
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The fair is an expensive party to throw, according to Falbo, with many hidden costs, such as those for sound equipment and truck rentals, liability insurance and portable toilets in addition to more obvious expenses like entertainment.

"We have a \$7,000 bill for spot-a-pots alone," he said. "It all adds up."

Promotions and fundraising chairwoman Angel Ball has been busy soliciting donations from the community and is especially excited about Weis Markets agreeing to be the fair's main sponsor.

"Weis stepped up and essentially replaced Mars as a major sponsor," she said of the grocery store chain that bought several former Mars stores, including



Well-known artists, such as Joan Jett, have long provided entertainment for the Heritage Fair crowds.

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two in Dundalk. "They donated \$20,000, which is a major donation for us, and we really appreciate them supporting us like that."

The grocer will also provide reusable shopping bags that will be given out at the gate Saturday and Sunday, while supplies last, Ball said.

Ball said a campaign to get businesses to buy sponsorship banners that will hang on the fair's perimeter fence throughout the weekend has been successful, and a recent quarter auction raised \$3,000 in three hours.

"Dundalk really came through for the auction," she said. "They packed the house and everyone had a great time. I was very pleased with the results and proud of Dundalk."

While the gates will open at 4 p.m. Friday, the opening ceremony will begin at 7 p.m and gates will close at 10 p.m. Fair hours are noon to 10 p.m. Saturday and Sunday. Daily admission, which includes all concerts, costs \$8. There is no charge for children 12 and younger. Carnival rides and midway games have their own additional costs.

The 83rd annual Fourth of July parade, with the theme, "Dundalk - Our Patriotic Town," will kick off at about 8:15 a.m. July 4 after organizing at the Logan Village Shopping Center on Dundalk Avenue. The procession will leave the shopping center and travel north on Dundalk Avenue, east on Belclare Road and wind through many Old Dundalk streets before disbanding near Dundalk Elementary School. The complete route is available at the fair website, www.dundalkheritagefair.com.

The fireworks, which are launched from the athletic fields between Grange Elementary School and the North Point Government Center, are scheduled



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The parade on July 4 is known for its unique sights, such as the Dundalk Bathing Beauties, depicting the evolution of swim wear several years ago.

to begin about 9:15 p.m., according to the association's website. Parking is available at Grange and the government center, as well as CCBC Dundalk.

The complete schedule of events, fair rules and regulations and other relevant celebration information, including for the fireworks, parade and race, is also available on the website.

The festival that started out as a one-time affair to celebrate the nation's bicentennial in 1976 has grown to become a holiday tradition for generations. Many people take vacation to work the events while others take time off to return home to meet up with friends from the past or to share a childhood memory with their own children.

Throwing the party takes its toll on workers, including Falbo, but seeing the end result and knowing how many people look forward to the annual event makes it all worthwhile, he believes.

"I close my business down for two days so I can be there the entire weekend," he said. "I'm one of the first ones in each morning and one of the last ones to leave each night and it takes a good three days to get my body back when it's all over. But we all look forward to doing it again next year."

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Nottingham women indicted for vulnerable adult neglect

A Baltimore County Grand Jury has indicted Dione Griffin, 44, and Dijon Lee, 25, both of Nottingham, with multiple counts of vulnerable adult neglect, reckless endangerment and related unlawful possession of prescription drug charges. The Grand Jury also indicted Griffin with one count of vulnerable adult abuse. The indictment was returned on June 14.

The charges are related to the operation of Griffin's Loving Care Assisted Living Facility at 204 Clyde Avenue in Halethorpe and its residents.

On March 9, Baltimore County Police were dispatched to Griffin's Loving Care Assisted Living Facility for a report of possible elder abuse. Upon arrival, an officer met with two representatives from the Office of Health Care Quality (OHCQ), a division of the Maryland Department of Health and Mental Hygiene.

The OHCQ representatives informed the officer that they received a phone call on March 8 from a cousin of a resident at the assisted living facility, stating that she went to visit and found her relative tied to a chair. She also informed them that she saw a pair of moldy dentures by the bathroom sink.

When the officer and the OHCQ representatives met with the owner to conduct a site inspection, the owner told them that all residents were off-site at the movies.

Upon further inspection, the officer found two residents in a locked room on the first floor and twelve residents in a locked room on the second floor. It was determined that 16 residents between the ages of 50 and 95 were living at the facility, but the facility was only licensed for four residents.

If convicted, both face a maximum sentence of five years in prison for each count of vulnerable adult neglect, five years in prison for each count of reckless endangerment, five years in prison for possession with intent to distribute Hydrocodone and four years in prison for each count of unlawful possession of Morphine, Tramadol, Hydromorphone and Oxycodone. Griffin faces an additional maximum sentence of five years in prison for vulnerable adult abuse.

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Juvenile injured in Dundalk shooting incident

Police from the Dundalk precinct responded to the area of Avondale Road and William Wade Avenue around 11:30 p.m. Wednesday night after receiving several 9-1-1 calls for gunshots heard in the area.

Police located one victim, a 17-year-old male, already undergoing treatment at a local hospital. The victim advised that he was struck in the upper body after hearing gunshots, but did not see any suspect in the area at the time it occurred. The victim is in good condition and expected to be released from the hospital today.

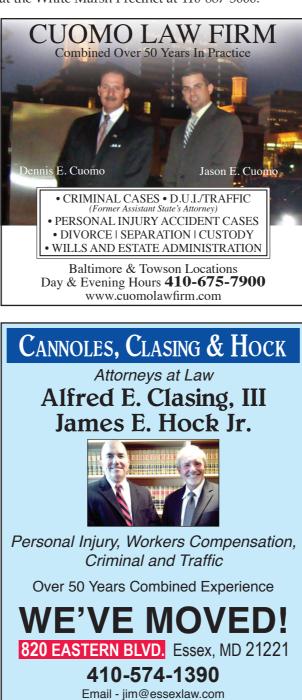
The Baltimore County Violent Crimes Unit continues to investigate this incident. Anyone with information is asked to contact police at 410-307-2020. Metro Crime Stoppers, an organization that is separate from the Baltimore County Police Department and Baltimore County Government, offers rewards for information in connection with felony offenses. To leave a tip, call 1-866-7LOCKUP.

Stabbing on Pulaski leaves three injured

Three men are injured after a stabbing at the El Rich Motel in the 8200 block of Pulaski Highway on June 27.

The preliminary investigation reveals that all three men were in a motel room around 2:30 a.m. when the suspect knocked on the door. After some exchange with the suspect, he pulled out a knife and began stabbing the three victims, then fled the scene.

Anyone with information is asked to contact police at the White Marsh Precinct at 410-887-5000.



Suspect attempts numerous burglaries in Rosedale

Baltimore County Police are seeking the public's assistance in identifying a burglar in the Precinct 9 Rosedale area.

On Wednesday, June 14, between the hours of 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. the suspect attempted to gain access to at least 11 homes in the areas of Van Dyke Road, Whitby Road, Utrecht Rd, and Cynthia Terrace by trying door handles. The suspect was able to gain access to one home on Cynthia Terrace through an unlocked door but doesn't appear to have taken anything. He broke a window to gain access to a home on Van Dyke Road but was scared off by an alarm, then stole a bicycle from another yard on Van Dyke Road but later abandon it in a yard on Utrecht Road. He was last seen fleeing responding police on Whitby Road.

The suspect is believed to be from that area. He is described as a white male, approximately 6'0", 170 pounds, with dark shaggy hair and a beard. He was wearing a black t-shirt with some sort of decal on the front and blue cargo shorts. At one point he was also seen wearing a baseball cap.

Current crime trends

Since May 22, there have been two smash and grab burglaries targeting gas stations in the Dundalk precincts. Cases occurred around 1:15 a.m. In both cases, the suspects used cinder blocks to smash the glass out of the front doors.

Since May 1, there have been seven residential burglaries in the Glenside Park community within the Parkville Precinct.





BoatUS: NOAA National Charting Plan looks to the future

Many in the boating community have recently expressed concern after learning of a proposed plan for the "sunsetting" of paper navigational charts, which was listed among the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's (NOAA) National Charting Plan, released earlier this spring.

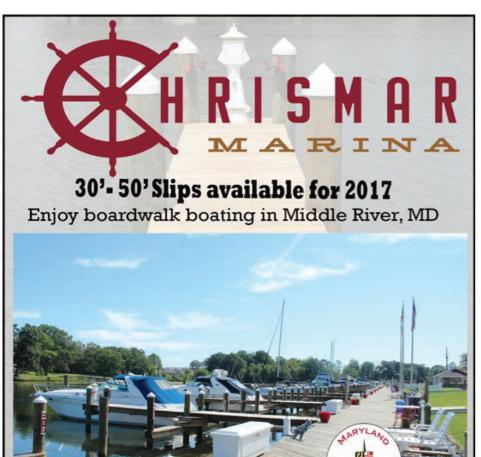
A closer reading of the strategy however, according to the BoatUS Foundation for Boating Safety and Clean Water, reveals a forward-looking approach that sets a course to enable the Office of Coast Survey's Marine Chart Division to continue to meet the evolving needs of boaters into the future. The member-funded nonprofit foundation serves as the safety arm for the more than 500,000member Boat Owners Association of The United States (BoatUS).

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To ensure concerns were recognized, comments filed recently with NOAA by BoatUS Government Affairs said, "BoatUS feels strongly that NOAA's charting products need to continue to be available in a wide range of formats. We see some form of paper charts as an essential need for the foreseeable future."

BoatUS also notes in its comments that charts are likely moving to the metric system and will require boater education. The BoatUS Foundation expects to increase its educational outreach as that occurs. Among the proposed boater-friendly changes in the National Charting Plan, according to Shingledecker, are more frequent chart updates - weekly, instead of long intervals, and the better integration of data with other agencies such as the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and the U.S. Coast Guard, which could mean integrating the latest channel depths and aid to navigation positions. The plan also allows NOAA to focus attention on underserved waterways, such as resolving chart discrepancies in areas of importance to recreational boaters.

"We see a more efficient chart production that allows more frequent updates of obstructions, discrepancy resolution and exploration of using crowd-sourced data," said Shingledecker. "Boaters on the Intracoastal Waterway, for example, need to know what the channel depth is today - not what it was last year. The plan is simply a starting point to get us there."

"We expect this process may take decades to complete, as user communities continue to adopt electronic navigation and our production system and products continue to improve."





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Swimming near boat docks claims more lives

The fatalities over the June 17 - 18 weekend of an 11-year-old girl in New Jersey and 19-year-old young man in Ohio are bringing scrutiny to an ageold summer ritual that's common on waterfronts across America: swimming near boat docks. Initial reports say the youngster died when touching a dock's electrified boatlift, and the Ohio teen died as a result of dangerous electrical current in the water while trying to save his father and family dog that also appeared to be stricken by the electrical current. The BoatUS Foundation, the boating-safety arm of the nations' largest recreational boat owners group, has some tips to prevent an electrocution tragedy.

While swimming deaths due to electricity fall into two categories, electrocution and electric shock drowning (ESD), both can be prevented the same way. Electrocution can happen in fresh or saltwater when swimmers make contact with energized metal dock fittings, boats or other structures due to faulty alternating current (AC) wiring.

ESD occurs when AC gets into freshwater from faulty wiring and passes through a swimmer, causing paralysis or even sudden death. Unlike electrocution, with ESD a swimmer does not need to be touching a boat or dock structure, and even minute amounts of electricity can be incapacitating and lead to drowning.

The risk of ESD is greatest in fresh or brackish water, so some areas such as estuaries or rivers may only be in the danger zone after heavy rains. In saltwater, electrical current takes the path of least resistance, bypassing swimmers. Unlike a drowning swimmer, who typically can't yell out for help because their mouth is mostly underwater, an ESD victim is often confused about what is happening, may be able to shout, and will feel numbness, tin-

gling, pain and paralysis. Tingling in the swimmer's body is one of the early warning signs of ESD.

What can you do to prevent an electrocution or ESD fatality? Here are six tips:

1. Never swim around boat docks that use electricity.

2. Post "no swimming" signs.

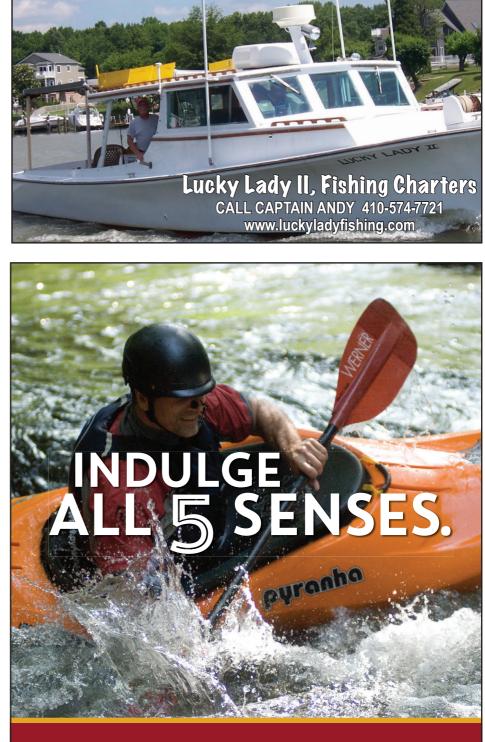
3. Have a qualified electrician with experience in dock electrical service inspect your private dock annually.

4. Install ground-fault protection on your boat and private dock.

5. Ask your marina if they have installed ground-fault protection, and if the electrical system is inspected and tested annually - just in case someone falls overboard. No one should ever swim in a marina.

6. Periodically test your boat for electrical leakage into the water.

For more information, please visit <u>www.BoatUS.com/Seaworthy/ESD</u>.



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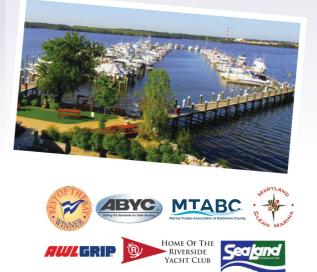


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A Sleepy Subject That Could Keep a Boater Awake at Night

While it's a subject not often discussed, knowing what's in your boat's insurance policy could mean the difference between having to pay significant costs out of pocket for a claim or coming away from the claims experience in good shape. What do you need to know? Boat Owners Association of The United States (BoatUS) takes a look at the fine print on seven of the most important coverages.

1. The consequential damage fine print: Half of all sinkings occur at the dock when some small part below the waterline fails. However, these parts that include such things as a rubber outdrive bellows, for example, most often fail due to "wear, tear and corrosion" or a lack of maintenance, so the policy won't pay for a new bellows. But here's the rub: As a consequence of the failed bellows, your boat has now sunk and is a total loss. Who pays for that? Check your policy now for "consequential damage" coverage that pays for these losses that often start with a failed part that may be excluded under the policy. In this case, the failed bellows may not be covered - but the rest of the repairs or total loss (sunk boat) will be. One caveat: This consequential damage coverage often applies only to major or total losses. It's typical, for example, to cover the immediate consequential damage resulting from any fire, explosion, sinking, demasting, collision or stranding.

2. The fuel-spill liability fine print: In addition to your policy's standard liability coverage for physical damage or bodily injury to a third party, fuel-spill liability protects you from claims for cleanup or third-party damage from the accidental discharge of oil or fuel that can occur in a sinking, fire, collision or grounding. Some policies just pay the costs associated with a fuel spill up to the policy's set limit of boating liability coverage. A better policy separates out fuel-spill liability and provides coverage up to the maximum amount you can be held liable for under federal law, which today is a whopping \$939,800.

3. The on-water towing fine print: Many boat insurance policies today offer some kind of on-water towing endorsement that provides a level of towing and assistance for routine breakdowns or soft ungroundings. Know how you will be able to use that

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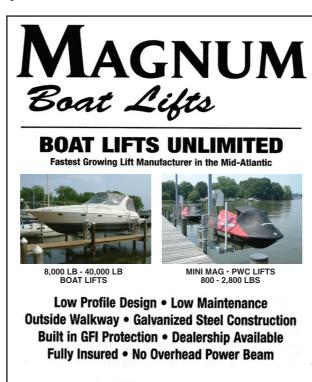
Edgemere, MD 21219 On North Point Creek off the Patapsco www.markelsboatyard.wix.com/chesapeakebay coverage, including who provides the service and if the company has 24-hour dispatch service. Also know when you will have to pay for a tow out of pocket and be reimbursed.

4. The salvage coverage fine print: When fires, sinkings, a marina shed roof collapse or running up on a shoal damages your boat, you end up with a salvage situation. If the boat is not a total loss and needs to be recovered and brought to a repair facility, costs can escalate quickly. Most boaters assume the cost of raising or moving the boat to safe location is covered by their policy, but some marine insurers will subtract salvage costs from the insured value of the boat, reducing the funds available to repair the boat or the amount paid in the event of a total loss. With some policies on a total loss, you may receive a check for the boat's insured value but only get a small percentage of that insured value - perhaps just 5 - 10 percent - to pay for salvage costs, again forcing you to pay more out of pocket. Better policies provide salvage coverage that is separate but equal to the boat's hull-value coverage. After all, isn't that why you insure your boat in the first place?

5. The boat trailer fine print: Not all boat insurance policies automatically provide boat trailer coverage, so be sure to check. Also find out if there are geographic limits on where you may trailer the boat. Note that if you have an accident while towing, it is your boat policy that pays to repair or replace the trailer, but any third-party damage your trailer causes to property or injuries to people is covered under your auto policy.

6. The liability-only boat policy fine print: If you opt for a liability-only policy, ensure that it provides not only coverage for property damage and bodily injury to others, but also that it provides coverage for salvage and removal of a wreck, and that separate coverage is available for fuel-spill incidents.

7. Not a coverage but a concern: Do you have the experience to be able to salvage your own boat? Most boaters do not, even for a simple salvage operation, let alone after a major catastrophe. Boaters deserve an insurance provider that can arrange for the salvage as quickly as possible, potentially negotiating with crane operators, truckers, storage facilities, local government officials, marina staff and more. Free quotes are available at <u>BoatUS.com/insurance</u>.



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Protect the environment with these safe boating tips

Recreational boating reaches its peak when the weather warms up and people take to waterways in droves. Spending a day on the water enjoying the scenery or trying your luck at fishing are popular pastimes.

Following proper boating practices and etiquette can protect everyone onboard. Although ensuring passenger safety should be a priority, safeguarding against environmental impacts while boating also should be a concern.

• Reduce engine exhaust. Whenever possible, row, paddle or use sails to decrease engine use and subsequent exhaust. When engines must be used, do not idle unnecessarily. Always steer clear of the aft of the boat, where fuel fumes and carbon monoxide can cause serious health implications.

• Keep trash on the vessel. Do not discard any items over the side of the boat. Even seemingly harmless items can impact the environment. Store garbage in a bag and dispose of it properly when you return to the marina or dock. Secure items onboard so they will not blow off and end up in the water.

• Avoid antifouling paints. Antifouling paints are special paints applied to the underside of vessels to prevent or slow down the growth of barnacles and other organisms. Maritime New Zealand notes that these paints can harm other sea life and prove dangerous when scraped off and not discarded properly.

• Keep boats in proper working order. Poorly maintained boats may harm the environment. Inefficiently working engines can produce more exhaust and contaminate the air and water. Oil and other mechanical fluids can leak into the water and affect the marine environment. Proper maintenance helps keep boats safe and minimizes their impact on the environment.

• Use pump-out stations. Pump out stations at marinas enable boaters to safely dispose of the contents from sanitary systems without waste ending up in the water. Commercial ships, such as tankers and bulk cargo carriers, have the added threat of ballast water. Ballast water keeps vessels buoyant. However, when this water is discharged at the next port of call, it can transfer biological materials, like bacteria and plants, from foreign waters. These materials can compromise the integrity of ecological systems.

• Respect marine ecosystems. Boaters who plan to enter the water and explore should tread delicately. Coastal areas often play home to birds and other wildlife. Use caution around reefs and habitats.



Koch, August H.

On June 20, August H. Koch, Jr., lifelong Dundalk resident and owner of Dundalk Florist; beloved husband of the late A. Louise "Weezie" Koch (nee Komornik); devoted father of Dawn V. Kuhnert, Mary C. McWilliams, V. Lynn Hershner, August H. Koch, III and the late Cindy L. Morrison. Mr. Aug is also survived by nine grandchildren, 13 great-grandchildren, his sons-in-law, daughter-in-law, nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

Services provided by Duda-Ruck Funeral Home of Dundalk.

Stiepler, Louis Nicholas

On June 23, Louis Nicholas Stielper passed away. He was the beloved husband of Ethel Alma Stielper (nee Davis); devoted father of Jane E. Bissell and her husband Willliam, Louis E. Stielper and his wife Margy, and the late Joan E. Stielper and Karen L. Wolff and her husband Frank; loving grandfather of Mirande Bissell and her husband Rich Baurenschub, William Bissell III and his wife Molly, Kelly Gottschalk and her husband Kevin, Natalie Wolff and her husband Jim Long, Sarah Prewit and her husband Lucas, and Nicholas Stielper and his wife Michelle; cherished great-grandfather of Aidan, Hope, Saylor, Billy, Luke, Alaina, Tessa, Evan, Alexa, and Mason. Louis was preceded in death by 13 brothers and sisters.

Services provided by Schimunek Funeral Home of Nottingham. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Louis' name to St. Stephen School, 8028 Bradshaw Road, Kingsville, MD 21087, or Catholic Charities of Baltimore, 320 Cathedral St., Baltimore, MD 21201.

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Maleno, Barbara Lynn

On June 13, Barbara Lynn Maleno (nee Parson), born July 23, 1960, beloved daughter of Margaret (Penny) Parson and the late Benjamin Parson, passed away. Barbara was a 1978 graduate of Patapsco High and a long-time resident of Mastic, New York, where she practiced law.

Memorial service to be held on Sunday, July 2 at Chesaco United Methodist Church, Rosedale, 1-3 p.m. Donations can be made to Defenders of Animal Rights - Maryland.

Rohrs, Charles August

On June 23, Charles August Rohrs passed away. He was the beloved husband of the late Elizabeth Rohrs (nee Hoerner); devoted father of Diane and husband Robert Siemek, Timothy and wife Sharon Rohrs, Richard and wife Leslie Rohrs, Steven and wife Mary Rohrs, Karen and husband Frank Thomas, Charles Rohrs and Sindy Kertiss, and Mark and wife Jane Rohrs; cherished grandfather of Richard Rohrs Jr., Michael Rohrs, Jeremy Rohrs, David Rohrs, Bradley Rohrs, Brittney Hamman, John Rohrs, Bethany Rohrs, Lisa Strobel, and Amanda Jean Thomas; loving greatgrandfather of Victor Rohrs and Arlo Hamman.

Services provided by Schimunek Funeral Home of Nottingham. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to <u>www.zerobaltimore.org</u>.

Burlock, Joseph Sr.

On June 22, Joseph A. Burlock Sr., beloved husband of the late Judith Ann Burlock; devoted father of Judith Ann Burlock, Joseph A. Burlock Jr., and his wife Dr. Debbie Gallo and Donna Marie Burchette and her fiancé Charles Novak; loving grandfather of Joseph Burlock III, Sarah, Norah and Sammy Mahmoud, Gene III and Grant Burchette.

Services provided by Duda-Ruck Funeral Home of Dundalk. Interment Sacred Heart of Jesus Cemetery.

Falkenstein, Andrew Henry

On June 22, Andrew Henry Falkenstein, beloved husband of Patricia M. Falkenstein (nee Flynn); devoted father of Andrew, Donald and James Falkenstein and Patricia Woodward & her husband Derek; loving grandfather of Elizabeth, Emily, Aidan and Lela; loving son of the late Mary Elizabeth (nee Greeley) and Robert Anthony Greeley; dear brother of John, Kenneth, Ida, Mary, Catherine, and the late Gertrude, Robert, Barbara and William. Andrew is also survived by many loving relatives and friends.

Forget, Constance Anne

On June 23, Constance Anne Forget (nee Marchand), beloved wife of the late William Joseph Forget, Jr.; devoted mother of Jeffrey William Forget and wife Susan, Karen Forget Davis and husband Tom and Michael Joseph Forget; loving grandmother of Rebecca Louden, Bryan Forget, Justin Forget, Jeannette Forget, Michael Forget, Caroline Davis and Benjamin Davis; dear sister of Suzanne Maloney, Lynda Murphy and David Marchand.

A Memorial Service will be held at the Cathedral of the Incarnation, 4 E. University Pkwy., Baltimore, MD 21218 on Saturday, July 1 at 10 a.m. Memorial contributions may be made to the American Red Cross at <u>www.redcross.org</u>.

Beam, Robert

On June 24, Robert F. "Bob" "Jim" Beam of Baltimore. He was born in Pittsburgh on March 19, 1938 to Mary Ruth and Frank Beam. Bob is survived by his companion, Rick Dencsy, and brother, Greg Beam (Susan) of Roswell, GA. He was preceded in death by his brother John (Jack) Beam; sisters Bernice Schmidt, Ruth Ann Jenets, and twin sister, Roberta Hutchison. He is also survived by brother-in-law, Robert "Chick" Jenets and many loving nieces, nephews, great-nieces and great-nephews in Pittsburgh and Georgia. Bob was a generous and loving son, brother, uncle, and friend. Because of his magnetic personality he never met a stranger. Bob enjoyed NFL football and, though living in Baltimore, remained an enthusiastic supporter of his beloved Pittsburgh Steelers.

Services provided by Duda-Ruck Funeral Home of Dundalk. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Stella Maris Hospice, 2300 Dulaney Valley Road, Timonium, MD 21093.

Vecchio, Michael

On June 18, Michael V. Vecchio, 72, of Bel Air; devoted husband of Donna K. Vecchio (nee Hurley); loving father of Valerie "Bunny" Creegan and her husband Dan, Edward M. Vecchio and his wife Rosa and Danielle Vecchio; grandfather of Brandon, Maeve, Colleen, Rory and Michael; dear brother of Brian.

The family will be receiving family and friends at the family owned Evans Funeral Chapel & Cremation Services in Bel Air on Sunday, July 2 from 2 - 5 p.m., at which time services will be celebrated. Interment private. Contributions may be made to Amedisys Hospice Care in Rosedale or the Association for Frontotemporal Degeneration in Radnor, PA.

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OBITUARIES

Haulsee, Willie M.

Early on the morning of June 6, Willie Mae Haulsee (nee Helms) passed away; beloved wife of the late Jack Haulsee; devoted mother of Ronald and Shirley Phillips; loving grandmother of Jim and Pam Phillips, Ronda and Ryan Bagley; cherished great-grandmother of Katelyn, Garrett and Alexandra Phillips, Taylor and Alyssa Bagley. Also survived by many other loving family and friends in Maryland, South Carolina and other states.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions can be made in Willie's name to the Victory Villa Community Church, located at 9800 Bird River Road in Middle River.

Gibson, Samuel J.

On June 25, Samuel T. Gibson Jr.; beloved husband of the late Gertrude P. Gibson (nee Herlth); devoted father of Samuel T. Gibson III, Sandra T. Binko, Stanley T. and Steven T. Gibson. Also survived by six grandchildren, four great-grandchildren and many loving family members and friends.

Services provided by Connelly Funeral Home of Essex. Interment Holly Hill Memorial Gardens. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to The American Heart Association of Maryland, 217 Redwood Street, Suite 1100, Baltimore, MD 21201.

Calloway, Charles

On June 24, Charles "Chuck" E. Calloway; devoted husband of Susan Calloway (nee Engler); beloved father of Charles E. Calloway II, Angela Calloway and her wife Tanya Calloway; loving "Poppy" of Kylie, Mackenzie, Taylor and Alex; also survived by man's best friend "Biscuit" and the late "Toby" and "Putty" the cat.

Services provided by the Connelly Funeral Home of Essex. Interment private. Contributions may be made in Charles' honor to the S.P.C.A., 3300 Falls Rd., Baltimore, MD 21211.

Schmidt, Terrance J.

On June 11, Terrance J. L. "Terry" Schmidt, devoted father of Skyla M. Schmidt; beloved son of Terrance R. Schmidt and Barbara A. Lane (nee Peters); dear grandson of Rosalie and the late Robert J. Peters Sr. and Janet and the late Charles Dominick; dear brother of Christopher, Jennifer and Sean Schmidt, Jacob Joseph Terzano Schmidt and Christine Lane; dear stepson of Leroy F. Lane Jr. and Kristine Schmidt; beloved friend of Kayla Maglidt. Also survived by many aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews and cousins.

Services provided by Cvach Funeral Home of Rosedale. Cremation private.

Gifford, Norman Sr.

On June 22, Norman H. Gifford Sr., beloved husband of Elaine J. Gifford (nee Capaldi); devoted father of Norman H. Gifford Jr. and wife Terri and Brian D. Gifford; dear grandfather of Steven and Sara Gifford, Brian Stinson and Cierra Mizurak. Also survived by many loving family members and friends.

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

Javier, Mary Ann

Mary Ann Javier (nee Zdrojewski), 75, passed on June 15 of lung cancer. Devoted daughter of the late John and Marie Zdrojewski; survived by her three loving children Renae McDermott, Rafael (Ralph) Javier and Gabrielle Javier-Cerulli; five grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Services provided by Kaczorowski Funeral Home. In lieu of flowers, please make a memorial donation in honor of Mary Ann Javier to either Johns Hopkins Children's Center or Shriner's Children Hospital in Philadelphia.

Santoro, Anthony P. Sr.

On June 23, Anthony P. Santoro, Sr. "Drapey"; beloved husband of June T. Santoro; devoted father of Joseph Santoro and his friend Terry, Theresa Santoro and her fiancé Mike, Nicholas Santoro and his wife Graziella and the late Anthony Santoro, Jr. and Barbara Lancelotta and her husband Raymond; cherished father-in-law of Lyn Santoro; loving grandfather of Anthony III, Joseph, Christopher, Michael, Matthew, Theresa, Jenna, Natalie, Nico, Bo, Casey and Luca and the late Phillip; loving great-grandfather of Alyssa, Carmen, Dominic, Anthony, Camden and Benicio.

Services provided by Schimunek Funeral Home of Nottingham.

Gerben, Gladys

On June 11, Gladys C. Gerben beloved wife of the late Charles Howard Gerben, Sr.; devoted mother of Charles Howard Gerben and his wife Sherry and Robert Milton Gerben; loving grandmother of Charles Michael Gerben, Sr. and his wife Jessica, Stacy Lynn Wallner and her husband Christopher; great-grandmother of Charles Michael Gerben, Jr., Ryan Christopher Wallner, Riley Christine Wallner and Camden Robert Wallner; sister of Alan Longest, Geraldine Clark, Melva Longest, William Longest, Louis Longest and the late Bobby, Vernon and Douglas Longest.

Veterans Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, please make donations to the Alzheimer's Association, 1850 York Road, Suite D, Timonium, MD 21093.

A graveside service was held at Garrison Forest



Frantz, Paul Sr.

On Thursday, June 22, Paul Lawerence Frantz Sr. passed on to eternal life. He was survived by his two sons, Paul L. Frantz, Jr. and his wife Rachel Frantz and John D. Frantz and future wife Emily Smith; Charlene Schlothauer his ex-wife and best friend in life; and his sisters Debbie Miner and Ruth Frantz-Brogan. He is also survived by many uncles, aunts, nephews, nieces and friends.

Services provided by Cvach Funeral Home of Rosedale. Interment at Parkwood Cemetery.

Thrappas, Charles

On June 18, Charles Thrappas, dear husband of Stephanie V. Thrappas (nee Bonkowski); beloved father of Noah C. and Cecily V. Thrappas; devoted son of James J. Thrappas and Leta M. Thrappas (nee Flinchem); dear brother of Dawn Clamp and her husband Parker; loved by his father-in-law, Lawrence Bonkowski; sisters-in-laws Christina Staten (nee Bonkowski) and her husband Tony and Melanie Rodriguez (nee Bonkowski) and her husband Manuel. He is also survived by nieces and nephews and many friends.

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

Reis, Margaret

On June 17, Margaret "Peg" Reis, the beloved wife of the late Frank H. Reis; devoted mother of Ericka L. Sapp and her husband Timothy, William and Frank Elliott; loving grandmother of Marissa Ann Sapp, Amber Elliott, Frank Elliott, Jr., William Elliott, Jr., Matthew Elliott and Emily Elliott; sister of George Lohman, Jr. Also survived by great-grandchildren.

Services provided by Kaczorowski Funeral Home. Interment private. Memorial contributions may be made to the Maryland SPCA, 3300 Falls Road, Baltimore, MD 21211.

Kelley, Robert

On June 15, Robert Edward Kelley beloved husband of Jacqueline I. Kelley (nee Ripple) for 46 years; devoted father of Margaret L. Hampton and her husband Robert and Kathryn S. Kelley and her husband Christopher Siemers; dear brother of Arthur W. Kelley Jr. and Suzanne Milloy; loving grandfather of Molly and Aidan Hampton and Keira Siemers. Also survived by his two furry companions Otto and Wilhelm.

Services provided by the Connelly Funeral Home of Essex. Interment at Mt. Carmel United Methodist Cemetery in Pasadena. Contributions may be made to Seasons Hospice at www.seasons.org.

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Monument Cleanup

Help Clean Bread and Cheese Creek clean three historic War of 1812 sites -North Point State Battlefield Park, Battle Acre Park and the Methodist Meeting House - in support of National Public Lands Day Saturday, July 1, from 8 a.m. to noon. Meet at the state battlefield, 3000 North Point Road in Dundalk. Volunteers of all ages and abilities are welcome and needed. Trash bags, gloves, snacks and water will be provided. A limited number of tools are available for loan, but please bring your own if you have them. Service learning hours and community service hours are available for students. Join the Facebook event! Contact 410-285-1202 or Info@BreadandCheeseCreek.org for more information.

Senior Groups at Back River

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

Visit www.eastcountytimesonline.com for the full Community Calendar.

Summer Food Program

Noon - 1 p.m. Monday - Friday through Aug. 12 at the North Point Library, 1716 Merritt Blvd. in Dundalk. The U.S. Department of Agriculture and BCPS have partnered with BCPL to provide free lunches to children when school is out for the summer. There are no income requirements or registration. Any child under age 18 may come to eat. For info., call 410-887-7255. The Essex (1110 Eastern Blvd.), Rosedale (6105 Kenwood Ave.) and White Marsh (8133 Sandpiper Circle) branches are also participating in this program.

Bluegrass, Country Music Jamboree

Victory Villa Community Center, 404 Compass Road in Middle River, hosts a Bluegrass and Country Music Jamboree, at 6 p.m. on the third Saturday of each month. The event has been run by the Cogar Family since 1972. Come enjoy bluegrass and country music to sing and dance to. Refreshments are available. Come join the fun!

Volunteers Needed

Brightview White Marsh assisted living, 8100 Rossville Blvd., is in need of volunteers to help with things like Rosary, cooking, short stories, games, discussions and visiting for their residents. For info., contact Diane Gibson at 410-668-1588.

Fly the Flag for our Troops!

The Angels Supporting Your Troops, Inc. are asking for supplies to fill care packages such as: beef jerky, freeze pops, nuts, trail mix, cookies, jelly, crackers, tuna or chicken in pouches, drink mixes, Little Debbie cakes, Nutella, Slim Jims, dental floss, bars of soap, deodorant, foot powder, Chapstick, baby wipes, feminine products, wrapped hard candy, gum, mints, razors, shave cream (no aerosols) Frisbees, basketballs, footballs, wordsearch books, water balloons, toothpaste, toothbrushes, wash cloths, microwave popcorn, Pop Tarts, aspirin, Band-Aids, cough drops, Pringles, granola bars, any size Zip-Loc bags and dog food. To donate or for info., contact Irene Spatafore at 410-284-5275 or drop items off on the picnic table at 7914 Diehlwood Road in Dundalk.

Hope & Healing Support Group

Have you ever lost a family member or friend to suicide? There is a support group called Hope & Healing where people have the opportunity to share openly with fellow suicide loss survivors about what they've lived through and help support one another. Meetings are held at St. John's Lutheran Church, 518 Franklin Ave. in Essex, at 8 p.m. on the first and third Wednesday of the month. Use the double red doors on George Avenue to enter the church. Call 410-687-4621 for more info.

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Volunteers Needed

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POLITICIANS

Metzgar gets perfect legislative score from pro-business group

- By Delegate Ric Metzgar (R-6) -Maryland Business for Responsive Government (MBRG), a statewide, nonpartisan, nonprofit organization, has released the 2017 results of its annual publication Roll Call, now available online. Roll Call is in its 32nd year of printing.

Delegate Metzgar scored 100 percent, indicating a pro-business position. MBRG considers cumulative scores above 70 percent as pro-business.

Each year, MBRG's State Advisory Council selects recorded votes from the most recent General Assembly session that are essential to create/retain jobs and promote a healthy business climate throughout Maryland. MBRG identifies these bills in Roll Call and analyzes the votes to produce a score for each legislator.

For the 2017 analysis, Roll Call analyzed 15 Senate votes and 16 House votes.

This year, 11 Senators (just 23 percent of the Senate) and 37 Delegates (just 26 percent of the House) received perfect scores of 100 percent, whereas 84 Delegates (60 percent) and 18 Senators (38 percent) scored below 30 percent. The high-scoring legislators generally rejected the extreme policies of legislative mandates and bans, whereas the lower-scoring legislators generally embraced such approaches. For example, the paid leave bill (House Bill 1 and Senate Bill 230) mandated paid leave for employees of 15-person organizations who work as little as 12 hours per week or as few as 107 days per year, and dozens of proposed amendments that sought to lessen the job-killing effects of this mandate were roundly rejected. The legislators who voted against the bill and in favor of the amendments generally scored well, whereas those who favored the mandate and rejected the amendments generally scored poorly.

"We appreciate those legislators who are able to look deeper at a bill, beyond an innocuous bill title, such as The Maryland Healthy Working Families Act, for example, to recognize that such mandates not only harm Maryland's business climate, but will likely cause even more hardship for the very people the bills purport to help. Mandated paid leave is irrelevant if you no longer have a job." said Duane Carey, President of MBRG.

Indeed, a 2017 study by the National Federation of Independent Businesses (NFIB) showed that Maryland's paid leave bill would result in the loss of 13,000 jobs and billions of dollars of economic activity.

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Politicians and crime: Here we go again!

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

I recently wrote an article about how decisions by politicians have an impact on public safety. I pointed out the abolition of the death penalty, appointment of judges, sentencing guidelines, the construction of prisons and other key points all based on decisions made by politicians. There are two terrible examples that just occurred to help make my point.

The terrible shootout in Dundalk by a man who attempted a robbery and then decided to take on the police in a gunfight was another repeat offender that should have been in prison and not in a quiet neighborhood in eastern Baltimore County. The reason this violent thug was able to commit this tragic act is because Maryland politicians passed early release laws. Former Governor Martin O'Malley's gun control act also had no impact on

restraining the shooter. A second example of politicians acting in a way that will put citizens in harm's way is the Baltimore County Council's failure to pass the "287(g) Anti-Criminal Immigrant Bill." This proposal would have established a more effective way of deporting criminal illegals. These criminal illegals, in most cases, are related to gangs that promote the exploding Mexican heroin epidemic in Baltimore County. The 287(g) law would have been helpful. Any Baltimore County Council member who voted against the 287(g) Bill and claims to want to fight the heroin problem is a hypocrite. They are now part of the problem, not part of the solution.

Three cheers for Councilmen Crandell and Kach, who sponsored and voted for the 287(g) bill. They are heroes and the kind of politicians we need to truly fight crime.

Klausmeier appointed to manufacturing board

- By Senator Kathy Klausmeier (D-8) -Senator Kathy Klausmeier (D-Perry Hall) was appointed to serve on the Maryland Manufacturing Advisory Council on June 19 by Senate President Thomas V. Mike Miller, Jr. The appointment comes after the Board was restructured through legislation during the 2017 legislative session.

"I'm very excited to take on this new role," says Klausmeier. "Manufactur-

ing is deeply important to Maryland's economy, and I am ready to help manufacturing businesses open and expand across our beloved state."

During the 2017 legislative session, the Maryland General Assembly passed the More Jobs for Marylanders Act (SB317/CH149). This legislation created tax credits that will incentivize manufacturers to expand their workforce.



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'TRANSFORMERS:' please let this be the 'Last Knight'

- By Teddy Durgin -

There is no doubt that Hollywood needs to get a LOT of stuff flushed out of its collective system. That includes some franchises and potential franchises that really and truly need to go away. It's only late June, and already we have hopefully seen the last "Pirates of the Caribbean" starring Johnny Wilkes Depp, the end of a new string of recast "Diary of a Wimpy Kid" movies, the kibosh on Ridley Scott's muckery of the "Alien" mythology, the beginning and the end of a string of "Baywatch" and "CHiPs" movies, and - Lord, let it be so - the very, very last "Transformers" movie. Please, Michael Bay! Please let "Transformers: The Last Knight" indeed be ... "The LAST Knight!"

I am tired of coming out of these flicks



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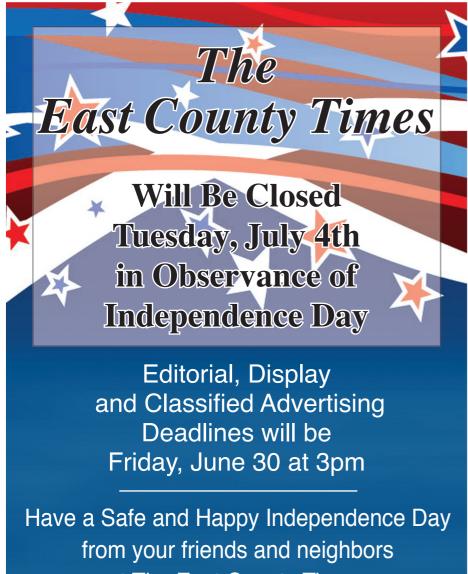
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feeling miserable from the unrelenting eyeball and ear drum assault. Audiences come out of a movie like "Guardians of the Galaxy, Vol. 2" and "Wonder Woman" with goofy smiles on their faces, quoting lines, and citing favorite scenes. Audiences come out of "Transformers" movies saving their last swallows of soda in the hopes there are still some Advil in the glove compartment. I tell ya, there was no sweeter sound after enduring "The Last Knight" than the clacking of multiple ibuprofen rattling around in their little plastic jar waiting for me back in the car.

OK, right off, there's no earthly reason why this flick should have a running time of two hours and 20+ minutes. This is the Abu Ghraib of summer popcorn flicks, dear readers. Straight-up torture for a sizable portion of its running time. Oh, the special effects are gargantuan and dazzlingly rendered. Bay is the John Hammond of today's studio system, sparing no expense. But in his older age, you'd think the dude would slow down his kinetic editing style just a bit. Few shots in this film last more than a three or four seconds. So, while the visuals are at times jaw dropping, you never get to linger on the beauty of the work of the Poindexters back at the computer lab. The film seems to only be interested in sensory assault (and maybe toy sales).

The plot? Really? Do I have to? Oh, alright. Best I can tell, the Transformers actually date back to the Dark Ages, according to Anthony Hopkins' paycheckcashing supporting performance as a professor named Sir Edmund Burton. He is joined in the cast by Stanley Tucci in Merlin disguise (Oh, we see you, Stanley!) and John Turturro, who quite literally phones in most of his performance, to warn of Earth's destruction at the hands of the evil Megatron (voice of Frank Welker), who wants to crash the Transformers' dving planet into our own. It's no surprise, considering the bad Decepticons and the good Autobots have been using Earth as their personal battleground for eons. And, now, it's all finally coming to a head with the good Optimus Prime (voice of Peter Cullen) away and free-floating through the cosmos.

I can't say that I nodded off during "The Last Knight," because every few minutes, some major explosion or calamity jolted me back into the cinema like following behind a student driver with no concept of how much pressure he/she has to apply to a brake to actually slow their vehicle. Mark Wahlberg's Cade is back, managing a junkyard where he provides a safe haven for the good Autobots still left. He falls for a Brit named Vivian (Laura Haddock). She's an academic who apparently specializes in the long history of the push-up bra. There are some kids, who at best can be described as "brats." You'll want everything and everyone out of your face by at least the one-hour mark. Maybe sooner.

Ugh. I just want this series to be over. The people of Earth need for this series to be over.

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ENTERTAINMENT

Teddy interviews 'The Hero' **director Brett Haley**

- By Teddy Durgin -

"The Hero" (now playing at the Charles Theater) is a small movie amid the summer blockbusters and big, broad popcorn flicks. It stars Sam Elliott as a former Western movie star who has been diagnosed with cancer and seeks to reconnect with his estranged daughter - all the while hanging around Hollywood and trying to nab just one more great role. Elliott rarely gets to play a lead, so that's what distinguishes the film first and foremost. But what also distinguishes it is the writing and direction, both of which come courtesy of Brett Haley.

Two years ago, Haley scored well on the film festival circuit with "I'll See You in My Dreams," starring Blythe Danner as a widow and former singer who tries to jump-start her golden years. Danner was great, but the supporting cast was even greater including everyone from Rhea Perlman to Malin Akerman to (yes) Sam Elliott.

I sat down with Haley recently to discuss how working with Elliott on that earlier film led to "The Hero," along with his thoughts on screenwriting and the evolving film industry.

What follows is our chat:

TEDDY DURGIN: Mr. Haley, you had directed Sam Elliott before on "I'll See You in My Dreams." From that experience, were you inspired and decided to write a movie specifically for him?

BRETT HALEY: Yeah, we worked together and became quite close as friends and collaborators, and I just wanted to write something that was so specific for Sam. He's been such a singular actor, and I've been such a fan of his.

TD: One of the things both of your films have in common is that they are centered around much older characters than we are used to seeing play the leads on the big screen. You're fairly young. So, what has drawn you to these stories featuring personalities well out of your specific age demographic?

BH: It's very important to tell different sides of the human experience. But I didn't make either film to be that. I just wrote



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what was in my gut. I get attracted to themes more than anything. "The Hero" specifically came about because of Sam, of wanting to write for him. And he happened to be a man of a certain age, so I had to write his age into it.

TD: In addition to Sam, it was wonderful to see Katharine Ross again on the big screen. I've loved her in everything from "Butch Cassidy and the Sundance Kid" to "The Final Countdown." What was it like working with her?

BH: Katharine's a legend. She is Sam's real-life wife, so there is a lot of history between them. Their scenes together, playing ex-spouses, were just a joy to work on. Katharine is SO underused.

TD: One of the true fanboy moments I've had over the years doing this job was interviewing Sam Elliott for a movie called "We Were Soldiers" back in 2002. I'll never forget. He walked into the interview room, asked me my name, and I told him, and he said, "Hello, Teddy" in that great Sam Elliott voice. And I probably blushed like a girl. I might have even giggled. You've known him now for a while, but did you have one of those moments early on that you wouldn't be embarrassed to share with my readers?

BH: How about last night! Last night, we had the premiere for "The Hero," and I was talking about the film in front of the audience beforehand. And I looked at Sam in the crowd and told everyone what I told you. That the film was inspired by Sam and written for him. And I got a little emotional. I got a little choked up and I said to Sam, "I love you!" and then tried to get off the stage before I started really crying. And he just yelled out, "I LOVE YOU, TOO!" It was ... it was pretty cool.

TD: What can you tell my readers something that might surprise them about Sam Elliott?

BH: That he's a really sensitive and sweet guy. He's an actor, so he is actually very emotional. I think people think of him as this tough guy, and he is. He IS a real man's man. But what makes him a real man's man is his emotional availability

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in his roles.

TD: More indie filmmakers and makers of small films are getting their shots to make much bigger movies. Colin Trevorrow went from "Safety Not Guaranteed" to "Jurassic World." Patty Jenkins was best known for "Monster" and now she's hit with "Wonder Woman." With your ability to tell these cross-generational stories and with franchises like Marvel and "Star Wars" incorporating actors from their 60s and 70s on down to the teens and 20s, do you have any aspirations to make a bigger film? A franchise film?

BH: Well ... yeah! That's a big goal for a lot of people in this industry. I would love to direct a Marvel movie or a DC Comics movie if it was something that really moved me. Patty Jenkins is a phenomenal filmmaker. She directed Charlize Theron to an Oscar. I don't see giving her a movie like "Wonder Woman" as a risk. I see it as a very obvious choice. And I am glad the world now is seeing that as an obvious choice. Storytelling is storytelling, whether it's a big massive film or a small, intimate movie. The things that really matter are plot and character and how you build a story together. If you can do it at one level, nine times out of 10, you can do it at another level.

TD: Exit question. What do you hope audience members will take away from "The Hero?"

BH: I hope they are moved by the film. But I also hope they enjoy it. I think it's sincere and earnest, but I also think it's a piece of entertainment. I hope people go and enjoy Sam Elliott for 90 minutes. He's a pretty enjoyable guy.



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- DINING OUT

Marco's Pizza in Essex set for grand opening

- By Patrick Taylor -

On July 9, Marco's Pizza, located at 149 Orville Road in the Waterview Town Center, will be holding a grand opening celebration. And for pizza lovers in the area, there's certainly reason for celebration.

For those who don't know, Marco's is a Toledo, Ohio-based pizza chain that is taking the nation by storm. The pizza chain currently has over 800 stores nationwide, but the location in Essex is only the second Maryland location to open.

"We were looking for an opportunity, started doing some research and obviously we looked at all the usuals - Domino's, Papa John's, Little Caesars and there just wasn't any growth there," said Chris Fries, who opened the Essex location with his wife Rabihah. We started seeing Marco's name pop up in magazines like Forbes Magazine and Entrepreneur Magazine, named as the fastest growing pizza company and third best franchise." For the Fries, it was practically a

For the Fries, it was practically a no-brainer. The couple both have backgrounds in the restaurant business - as well as a host of other endeavors - and they knew they wanted to open up a restaurant focused on pizza. After getting in touch with corporate and learning about the company, Chris and Rabihah traveled to Norristown, PA, a suburb of Philadelphia, to see what they had to offer.

"We bought just about everything on the menu and we were blown away. It was the best pizza we had in probably forever," said Chris. "And it was worth it."

The couple said that they were impressed with the corporate culture and the product being sold. Dough is freshly made in-store each morning, the vegetables and meats are high quality, the sauce is the same recipe that has been used since the company opened in 1978. "It's quality all the way through," said Chris.

I stopped by the new Marco's location last week to try out their pizza, and it certainly is worth the hype. The chicken fresco pie was served up with delicious, white meat chicken, a nice helping of fresh, thinly sliced tomato, onions and a pile of crushed bacon. I can honestly say I haven't had pizza that good in a long time.

With only one other Marco's location in Maryland, Chris and Rabihah see plenty of opportunity to grow. Already they're looking to the future, saying they'd like at least five locations in Baltimore County. They cited Dundalk, Perry Hall and Parkville, among other locations, as potential landing spots. But before they do that, they know they need to focus on getting the first store up and running.

"We're all still learning," said Chris. "I'm still - see MARCOS on page 27 -



SPOTLIGHT

ESP Karate Promotion



Four Edgemere-Sparrows Point Recreation Council martial artists recently moved up in rank following the successful completion of Tae Kwon Do testing. New brown belts Karl Arnesen (front, from left) and Emily Banting and new purple belts Brice Thon and Jonathan Sikorski were congratulated by instructors Andy Banting (back, from left), John McConnell, Jennifer Metzler and Alexis Metzler.

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, July 7. Dinner will include a hot dog or hamburger, potato salad, baked beans, cole slaw and watermelon with coffee or iced tea. Tickets cost \$10 for adults and \$5 for children under 12. A G-rated Disney film will be shown at 8 p.m. Popcorn will be served. The canteen will sell alcoholic beverages. For more information, call 410-335-8933, or Laura Godack, 443-442-7994.

Cruise with the Aquajoggers

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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.

Essex Reunion

The second annual free Essex Reunion will be held on Saturday, Sept. 2, from 1 to 7 p.m. at the Hawks Pleasure Club, 430 Riverside Drive in Essex. The reunion is open to anyone who grew up or resided in Essex during the 1940s - 1980s. Pay for your drinks as you go; 50/50 raffle to help defray costs for the use of the building. Bring your own food. Info: Ed Slifker (443-224 8203); Vaughn Kapp (443-834-2678) or Rod McMillion (410 687-5242).

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Dundalk Heritage 6K Race

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WAVFC Quarter Auction

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

St. John's Episcopal Flea Market

St. John's Episcopal Church, 11901 Belair Road in Kingsville, will hold a community flea market from 8 a.m. to noon Saturday, July 8. For info., call 410-592-8570 or send an email to office@stjohnskingsville.org.

SHM Bible School

Sacred Heart of Mary Church, 6736 Youngstown Ave. in Dundalk, will hold its annual vacation Bible school July 10-14. Children in Pre-K4 through eighth grade are welcome to participate in "Jesus and His Miracles." Activities will include Bible stories, arts and crafts, music and a picnic. Closing Mass will be held at 11 a.m. July 14. The school will meet in the lower church hall. Info: 410-633-2828.

Crabs and Casino Trip

Church of the Annunciation, 5212 McCormick Ave. in Rosedale, will hold a bus trip to Kentmorr Crab House and Delaware Park Casino on Sept. 6. The trip will include a crab feast at Kentmorr followed by four hours at Delaware Park. The cost is \$78. A \$25 deposit is due when reservations are made and the balance is due Aug. 1. The bus will leave the church parking lot at 9:45 a.m. and return around 9 p.m. Info: 410-866-8016.

Karaoke, Line Dancing

Essex American Legion Post 148, 20 5. Marlyn Ave. in Essex, will host For the Good Times Karaoke with Percy and Fred from 8 p.m. to midnight Friday, June 30; Karaoke with Lightning Rod from 8 p.m. to midnight Saturday, July 1; and Fun Time Karaoke with Annette and Wild Bill from 4 to 8 p.m. Sunday, July 2. Line dancing is also offered from 7 to 11 p.m. in the hall. Info: 410-686-2353.



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The Fries are extending an invitation to any who can make it to their grand opening celebration on July 9 from 1 - 4 p.m. There will be a bounce house for the kids, games and prizes - including free large pizzas for a year.



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Holy Trinity VBS

Holy Trinity Episcopal Church, 1131 Mace Ave. in Essex, will hold vacation Bible school from 6 to 8:15 p.m. July 12-14. Presented by Steve Gambrill Sr., known as "The Extreme Balloon Man," the program will begin each night with a light dinner and include a mix of illusions, puppets, balloons and other activities that follow a different theme each night. Classes are open to children age 3 (must be potty-trained) through fifth grade. There is no cost to participate. Space is limited. Call 410-687-5531 to register.

Dundalk Legion Karaoke

Dundalk American Legion Post 38, 3300 Dundalk Ave. in Dundalk, will host Fun Time Karaoke with Annette and Wild Bill from 8 p.m. to midnight Friday, June 30. Info: 410-288-2297.

'Christmas in July' VBS

St. Luke's Evangelical Lutheran Church, 1803 Dundalk Ave. in Dundalk, will hold its vacation Bible school, "Christmas in July," from 5:30 to 8 p.m. Monday through Friday, July 17-21. Each class will begin with dinner and include Bible stories, activities and crafts for children ages 3 to 18. For more information, call Michelle, 443-570-3701.

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Eastern Vocational Technical High School class of 1977 is planning its 40-year reunion. Organizers are looking for classmates without contact information on file who would be interested in attending the reunion on Sept. 30. For more info., contact Martin Friedel, 410-458-9039, or Madman@closecall.com.

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Organizers are looking for classmates for Patapsco High School Class of 1972's 45-year reunion set for Oct. 14. If you are not in touch via Facebook or Classmates.com, please email pspittel@verizon.net or call Pam (Bukowski) Spittel at 443-768-3210 to provide contact information.

Kenwood Class of '67 Reunion

Kenwood High School Class of 1967 will hold its 50-year reunion from 5 to 10 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 30, at the Marco Club, 1307 Wilson Point Road in Middle River. Tickets for the bull and oyster roast cost \$45. Beer, wine and set-ups are included (BYOB). A DJ will provide entertainment. Make checks payable to John Campbell and mail to 11808 Gontrum Road, Kingsville, MD 20187. For info., send an email to jjc1949@comcast.net or bettycassano@comcast.net.

Horseshoe Club

The Baltimore Metro Horseshoe Club meets at 7 p.m. the first Thursday of each month at the Back River Community Center, 801 Back River Neck Road in Essex. The club offers Baggo and horseshoe leagues and tournaments throughout the year. For more info., call Terry Hitzelberger, 410-686-5174 or send an email to terryhitz@hotmail.com.

Senior Steelworkers United 9477

The country's largest steelworkers' retirees group, Senior Steelworkers United, meets the third Wednesday of each month at Local 2609 Hall, 550 Dundalk Ave., beginning at noon. Coffee and donuts as well as lunch are provided, with a brief business meeting between the meals to discuss matters like pensions, medical insurance, Social Security and more. All Sparrows Point retirees are invited; dues are \$20 per year. For info., call Don Kellner at 410-227-8462.



ESP Karate Promotion



Two Edgemere-Sparrows Point Recreation Council Tae Kwon Do students recently moved up in rank after successfully completing required skills testing. Mateo Meyer-Spencer (front, from left) moved up to advanced white belt and Trey Broome is now an orange belt. Program instructors include (back, from left) Andy Banting, John McConnell and Jennifer Metzler.

Delaware Casino Trip

The Church of the Annunciation, 5212 McCormick Ave. in Rosedale, will hold a bus trip to the Delaware Park and Dover Downs casino Sept. 20 - 21. The cost is \$130. A \$25 deposit is required when the reservation is made; the balance is due July 16. For more information, call Joan at 410-866-4577.

Beginner Line Dance Lessons

Beginner line dancing lessons are held each Tuesday from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. at the Essex American Legion Post 148, 20 S. Marlyn Ave. For more information, call Anthony, 443-801-5678.

Legion Post 130 Bingo

The American Legion Post 130, 8666 Silver Lake Drive in Perry Hall, hosts bingo every Thursday from 7 to 10 p.m. Light dinner fare is available from 5:30 to 6:45 pm. The pre-intermission jackpot has been changed. It now starts at 48 numbers for \$500 and advances each week by one number and \$100 until it reached \$1,000. The jackpot then stays at \$1,000 until it is won.

Orems UMC Hall Closet

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, July 8. Collectibles, adult and children's clothing, toys, books, jewelry, housewares and bedding items are available. Pit beef and ham sandwiches will be sold. For more information, call 410-687-9483.

Queen of Peace Bingo

Our Lady Queen of Peace Church, 10003 Bird River Road in Middle River, will hold its Summer Fling Bingo on Saturday, July 29. Doors open for dinner at 5:15 p.m. and games start at 6:30 p.m. Tickets, which include a fried chicken dinner and 16 regular cash bingo games, cost \$22 in advance and \$28 at the door. Dinner-only tickets cost \$12 for adults, \$8 for children ages 4 to 9 and children younger than 4 eat for free. For more information, call 443-676-6460.

Free Home-Cooked Meals

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

Soup Kitchen

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

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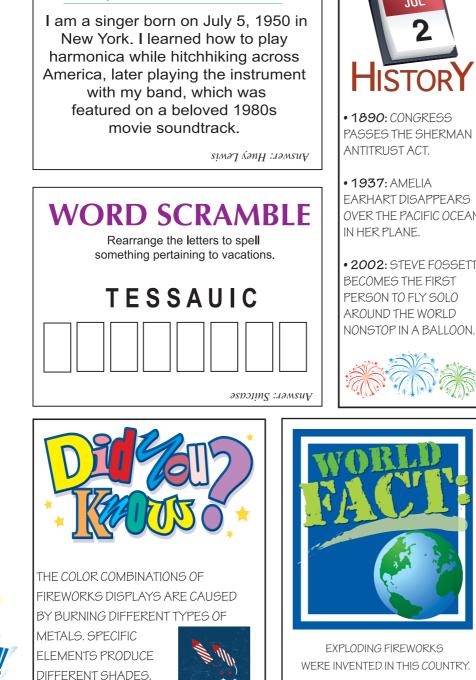
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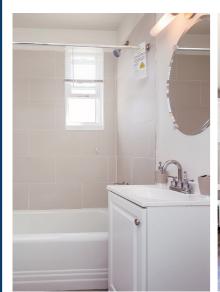


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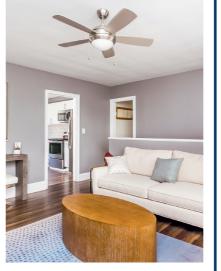
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