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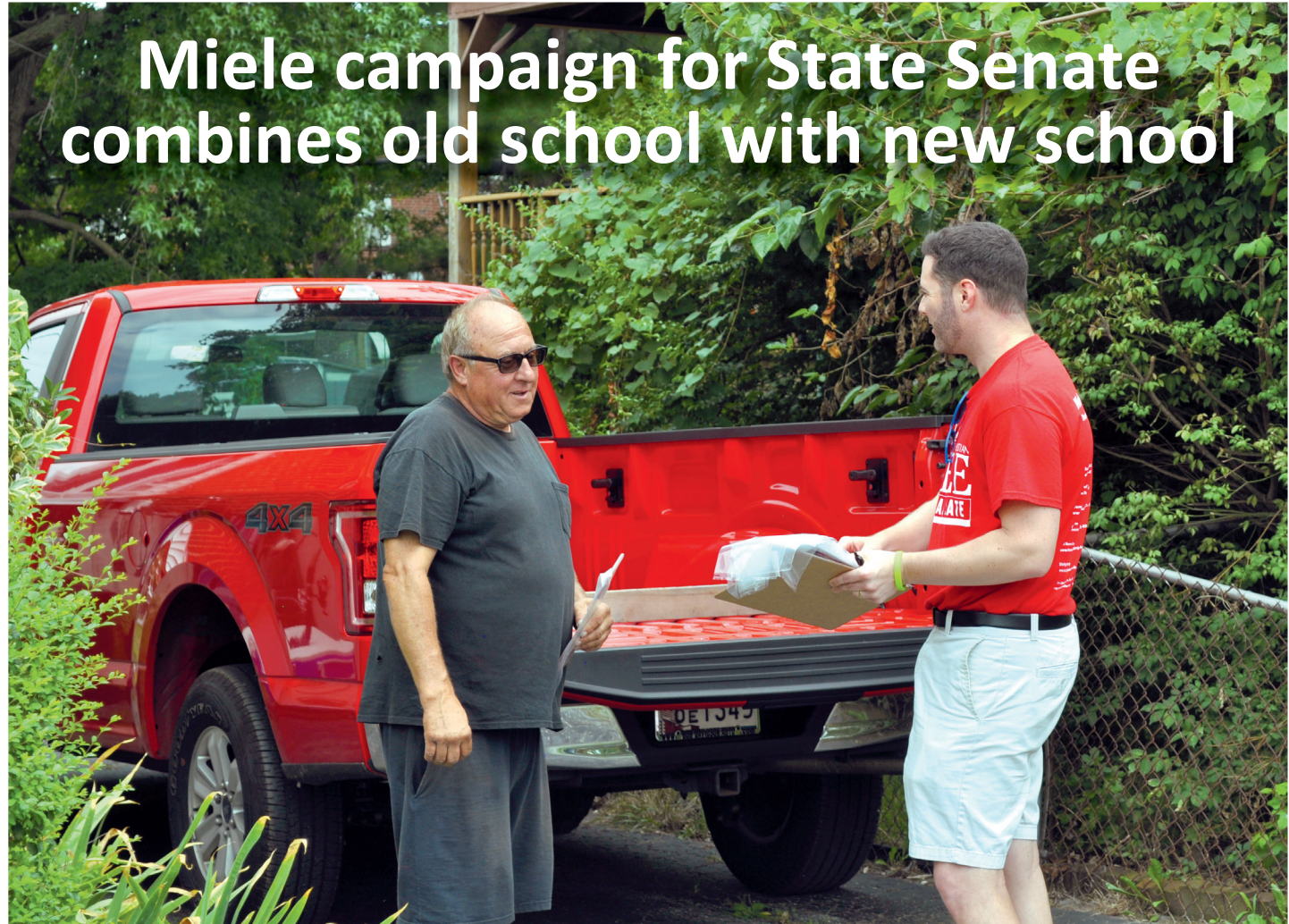
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## Miele campaign for State Senate combines old school with new school

Delegate Christian Miele (right) speaks with Linover resident Mike Gerber about his platform. Miele's door-knocking campaign will be in full force through November, utilizing new technology that puts a modern twist on grassroots mobilization.

- Article & photo by Patrick Taylor -

When Delegate Christian Miele (R-8) first ran for office in 2014, he was running a relatively simple campaign that focused on meeting the community and getting his face out there. While he had people working to create algorithms on likely voters and who to target, he primarily worked from sheets of paper on a clipboard, knocking on doors whenever he had the chance.

But now, Miele is looking to harness the power of data and technology as he looks to unseat incumbent State Senator Kathy Klausmeier (D-8). The morphing shape of his campaign was

on display Sunday, Aug. 6, as Miele and a group of about 20 volunteers - including Councilman David Marks (R-5), Delegate Kathy Szeliga (R-7) and District Six Council hopeful Glen Geelhaar - visited precincts in Fullerton and Perry Hall, guided by a phone app to help target specific voters.

On Sunday, Miele was looking to target "low propensity Republican voters." As Patrick O'Keefe, political director for the Maryland Republican Party, put it, these are voters who don't necessarily turn out every election or voters who don't have a tendency to vote along party lines. And in Miele's

district, a lot of voters fall into the latter category.

"This is an area that doesn't really go one way or another, which is actually a good thing because it means there are a lot of votes at play," said Miele. "In this district, party affiliation isn't everything."

While party affiliation may not be the deciding factor in how someone will vote in the Eighth District, knowing someone's tendencies gives campaigns a leg up in targeting. Enter Advantage GOP, an RNC-approved mobile app that provides access to precinct data

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# Eastern Baltimore County Task Force looking to spruce up east side

- By Devin Crum -

Local community activists have had enough of the economic depression and sad aesthetics in some areas of eastern Baltimore County, and they aim to do something about it.

They feel if something is not done now, the area could miss out on the positive effects of the revitalization beginning to happen nearby.

The Eastern Baltimore County Task Force has already begun to survey problem areas and identify the problems - as well as solutions - at first concentrating on the Eastern Boulevard corridor between the Back River and Middle River bridges to move forward on improving the aesthetics, safety and quality of life in that area.

The goal of the task force, members said, is to begin with small, achievable improvement projects that will be noticeable and make an immediate difference in the community.

Leaders of the group include several recognizable names with long histories in the Essex area: Gary Jennings, owner of Jennings Transmission; Sam Weaver and Karen Wynn of the Back River Restoration Committee (BRRC); well-known judge Bob Ramadka; and Cliff's Hi-Tech/Cliff's Direct Effect owner Cliff O'Connell, along with his daughter Jillian.

The group began by making a list of what they saw as the 10 most achievable projects that would make a big difference in the appearance of Essex's business corridor to restore pride and interest in

the area.

Bob Bendler, president of the Essex-Middle River Civic Council which voted at its Aug. 2 meeting to support the task force, said there have been other "flash-in-the-pan" efforts and streetscape initiatives for Essex and Middle River in the past that went nowhere, but he has more confidence in this one.

"This effort is being initiated by active individuals from the Essex community, and it has the strong support of the [Chesapeake Gateway] Chamber of Commerce," Bendler said.

Chamber President John Gontrum said the task force began as an idea to try to "dress up" Essex and Middle River, but he was cognizant of similar, "tired" efforts that have failed in the past.

"These aren't tired ideas," Gontrum said. "These are doable solutions to problems that we can attack and make a change for the better." Communities can then use them as a spring board to even more positive ideas and efforts, he added.

First on the task force's list is regular emptying and maintenance of the public trash cans that line Eastern Boulevard through much of Essex. Some of the cans do not have the hard plastic or metal liners in them anymore, O'Connell said, because they have been removed or decayed away.

The cans are also not always being emptied often enough, and as a result, some begin to attract rats.

They found out that the regular county

trash collection employees are responsible for collecting this trash, but also want to discourage businesses from using the cans for their own in-house trash.

Next, they want to trim or remove overgrown or dead trees along the streetscape that block business signs or create tripping hazards by pushing up the sidewalk.

"There's actually a medical supply store [in the 400-block of Eastern Boulevard] that I never knew was there," O'Connell said. "You can't see the sign at all."

The BRRC has already volunteered to come behind the county's tree removal and replant trees that will remain smaller and easier to manage.

They also want to replace the rotted or missing wooden bench planks around the flower boxes along the streetscape, O'Connell said. Many planks are currently missing, leaving behind only the exposed and rusted metal brackets.

Smaller projects on the list are repairing the brick wall around the bus stop at Eastern Boulevard and Mace Avenue, which has fallen apart with age, and fixing several deep potholes in alleyways.

Rounding out the list are some larger projects including cutting back the overgrown weeds in alleys, cleaning up the appearance of the government building at 439 Eastern Blvd., cleaning up graffiti all along the boulevard, and a full code enforcement sweep and rat extermination for the area.

O'Connell acknowledged that many of the issues they want to tackle are related to code enforcement. But he said they would rather just do the work themselves or have the county do it in the interest of faster progress instead of going through the code enforcement bureaucracy.

"Let's clean it up right now," he said,

"and then we'll start dealing with the property owners after that."

A full code enforcement sweep would help to get the ball rolling, he said, by assessing violations for things like unkempt dumpsters, abandoned or otherwise junk vehicles and unsafe building structures. This would take away shelter and food sources for rats, as well as go a long way toward improving the look of things.

"It's small things, but they're very achievable," said Jillian, O'Connell's daughter. "It's a starting point, and then we can move on to the more grandiose things."

O'Connell noted that the group has counted more than 30 vacant buildings along Eastern Boulevard between the bridges, many of which are in the main commercial area.

"Nobody is going to rent one of those buildings with this mess," he said.

Weaver said that now is the time for this revitalization work to start with other economic improvements happening in the region.

"You have [MD-43] down there and all the jobs that are going in there... you've got Tradepoint Atlantic, you've got Port Covington. Now is the time to jump on the wagon and start cleaning up," he said, adding that with county and state help they will keep the effort going.

"Nobody wants to take their business, eat, do anything in a dumpster," Weaver said, remarking about the area's beauty, especially with the waterfront. "And it's like the gateway to the dump if we don't fix it up and do something."

"This will take hold, there is no doubt," Bendler commented. "It's something we can get our teeth into, something we can support and encourage," but it is "only the first step," he said.

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## Police, community search for answers after young girl's death

- By Devin Crum -

Following the shooting death of a 13-year-old girl in Middle River last week, concerned community members met with police and other stakeholders to find out exactly what happened, what is being done and what can be done in the future.

And due to the circumstances surrounding the incident, residents were particularly worried that it may have been caused by gang activity.

Just before midnight on Monday, July 31, police received a call for a shooting in the Miramar Landing community behind the 7-Eleven on Compass Road. When they arrived on scene, they found Iyanna Watkins, 13, deceased with multiple gunshot wounds.

Two adult male victims were also located later, each with one gunshot wound to the lower body.

According to a statement about the incident, police had determined that the victims were with a group of people sitting behind the 7-Eleven when at least one suspect began firing at the group from an alley a distance away.

Investigators were exploring the possibility that the shooting was related to an altercation that occurred earlier that evening between this group and another group, according to police.

However, Captain Andre Davis, commander of the Essex Precinct, attempted

to quell fears that the shooting was a result of gang violence.

"The issues over there are not gang related," Davis stressed, "they're juvenile related."

Davis added that there are no gang problems in Middle River or Miramar Landing, specifically, that he is aware of, but they do investigate signs of gang activity such as graffiti "tags." He also said police can usually tell when people are affiliated with certain groups using indicators such as clothing colors, tattoos, bandanas or gang signs that are consistent throughout the group. Additionally, they will often move in groups of at least three or four people.

Detective Jim Lambert, who is investigating the shooting with the BCoPD's homicide unit, said the case was the result of a lot of "ridiculous" back-and-forth that has escalated over time.

"The truth of the incident is that about an hour before the shooting there was a call for police service because of two large groups of girls fighting," Lambert said, adding that the shooting looks to be retaliation for that fight. "But that may not be the only cause," he said.

Lambert said they are actively investigating the case, and it would be over if those involved told the truth. But those people are not coming forward and cooperating with police.

Regardless, "We have direction," the

detective said of the investigation.

Responding to criticism that it sometimes takes a long time for police to respond to incidents, Davis admitted there are only 21 officers currently on any given shift, and those officers cover an area of about 42 square miles.

But Lambert affirmed that police are not overwhelmed in the county to the point where they cannot put together a solid case.

Detective Bollinger, Lambert's partner on the case, said they are monitoring social media using fake accounts to avoid detection. Additionally, they are using surveillance footage from the 7-Eleven and Vince's Crab House in their investigation.

Bollinger also hinted that drugs, particularly marijuana, could have been involved in the initial altercation while noting that marijuana is the cause behind all of their drug-related shootings since it is decriminalized and anyone can carry it.

But because of the young ages of those involved - some as young as 11 - the parents are the ones who needed to be at the meeting and they were not, Bollinger said.

Likewise, Davis encouraged parents to control their children to keep them out of trouble and help avoid incidents like this.

"When police are called but don't necessarily see anything illegal, they can

only do their best to move the subjects along," Davis said. He added that if they are in a legitimate gathering place such as a park, police can only be a presence there to prevent illegal activity.

There was concern from some residents, though, that the juveniles they see loitering often do not live in the community.

In that instance, Davis encouraged residents to continue to call police.

"Because they will get tired of the calls," he said, "and they will do whatever they can to solve the problems."

The Essex captain pointed out that his precinct is one of the busiest in the county, and as a result he has increased police patrols over the last year.

Analysis for the past year showed 711 calls for service to the area around the intersection of Middle River and Compass roads, said Davis making the case that police are vigilant in the area, 548 of which were for the subject shopping center and all but 60 of which were officer-initiated.

Davis also revealed that police will soon roll out a parental notification program to be sure parents know when their children are engaging in "unproductive" behavior. Police are also planning to partner with school resource officers (SROs) from local schools to ride around neighborhoods and help identify kids they see causing trouble, the captain said.

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# Proposed Perry Hall medical cannabis site in limbo

- Article & photo by Virginia Terhune -

A bill introduced by County Councilman David Marks (R-Perry Hall) to block the opening of a medical marijuana retail store on Ridge Road in South Perry Hall was withdrawn from the County Council's voting agenda on Monday, Aug. 7.

Marks was not immediately available for comment after the meeting but Tom Peddicord, the council's attorney, said Marks' decision to pull the bill allows time for negotiations.

"It was to try to work something out with the community," Peddicord said.

Marks' Bill 44-17 would have blocked the state-regulated dispensary with a provision that such a facility could not be within 800 feet of a proposed public school site.

Planned is a public elementary school near the intersection of Gum Spring Road and Rossville Boulevard, which is within 750 feet of the site.

The bill was drafted in response to a plan by a group of investors called LMS Wellness, Benefit LLC that proposed leasing the former Seifert florist business at 4741 Ridge Road for use as a retail outlet for medical marijuana, which can now be legally sold to registered customers as part of a state-regulated program.

Members of the South Perry Hall Improvement Association objected to the plan, saying the site, which already has the needed zoning to move forward, is



The future of a medical cannabis dispensary proposed for the former Seifert florist building is now uncertain after the bill to block it was withdrawn. This will allow more time for the county and community to negotiate with the dispensary operator.

nonetheless bordered by residences and would be more properly placed in a commercial area.

Attorney William Huber, one of the partners in the LMS Wellness group, did not return a request for comment on Monday about the project.

State law allows two medical marijuana dispensaries in each of the state's legislative districts.

A total of 102 investor groups received pre-approvals last December from the

Maryland Medical Cannabis Commission with the expectation that they become operational by December 2017, pending local approvals.

If the pre-approved licensees encounter local opposition with resultant delays opening their centers, they are not automatically denied a final license for failing to meet the December deadline, said the commission's executive director, Patrick Jameson, in an email.

As of now, the commission has not

made any decisions on granting extensions past the December deadline but may address the issue in the near future, he wrote on Monday.

### Collection bins now need permits

In other business Monday, the County Council members unanimously approved Bill 43-17, which now requires that groups that place outdoor collection bins in shopping centers, gas stations and other privately owned locations to collect donated clothes, shoes and other donatable items must now get a permit from the county.

The bill initiated by Councilman Tom Quirk (D-Catonsville) came about because of problems with overflowing and unsightly outdoor bins that are poorly serviced by operators.

People also sometimes drop off unsolicited items next to the bins, and attempts to contact owners through phone numbers on the bins can sometimes lead nowhere.

Collection bin operators will have 90 days from the bill's Aug. 18 effective date to apply for a permit to the county's Department of Permits, Approvals and Inspections. The bill does not specify how much the permit will cost.

"They're popping up all over the place... and this will enable permitting and enforcement," Quirk said. "This will basically weed out the bad actors who are collecting materials."

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and voter information to give candidates and their respective campaigns the best idea of who to target.

Miele and his campaign already had a strong idea of the type of people they wanted to target, but the data is necessary for actively seeking those voters out. In particular, Miele noticed that there were a large number of voters who voted for both Hogan and Klausmeier. Miele estimated it was around a 10,000-vote disparity between Hogan and Republican candidate Erik Lofstad.

Now, the freshman delegate is armed with plenty of information - as well as an endorsement from Gov. Larry Hogan - and he's looking to draw some of those Klausmeier voters his way, arguing that Hogan's agenda can't get traction without more support in the State Senate.

"If we can get half of what the last candidate had, we'll be in good shape," said Miele.

In particular, there are 12 precincts, mostly in Perry Hall, that Miele plans to hit hard between now and November. On Sunday, Miele and his cast of volunteers were active in three of those precincts. He wanted to get started earlier in the year, but was studying for the Maryland General Bar exam.

"We want to be out as much as we can before it gets too cold out," said Miele. "Also, with a baby on the way, I'll need to spend time with my wife and child."

With an important legislative session around the corner as well, Miele needs to make the most of his available time. He noted that the app helps keep things moving, allowing him to get to more doors. In total, he personally visited about 35 houses Sunday, with five or six people answering. While that isn't a great percentage, he was

also able to engage with more people who happened to be out in the neighborhood. In total, his volunteer team visited a staggering 763 residences on Sunday.

Using the app, Miele asked people he spoke to a few simple questions: "If the election were today, would you vote for Christian Miele and Larry Hogan, and who did you vote for in the last election?" The information gathered may seem innocuous, but it'll all be analyzed to help Miele target those on the fence.

One of the first people Miele spoke to, Perry Rose, said that he didn't know much about Miele's policies but liked him as a person. Rose noted that he was a registered Republican when he lived out in California, but he feels as though "the party has left [him]" in recent years.

Later, Miele came across a gentleman named Mike Gerber who told him he has voted for Republicans in presidential elections since John McCain in 2008, but that he often votes for Democrats at the local level. Both Rose and Gerber expressed interest in learning more about what Miele had to offer.

"This is why you knock on doors, especially in this district," said an enthused Miele. "That was valuable information we just got."

For Miele to pull off a win, he'll need to knock on as many doors as he can. Klausmeier, a formidable opponent, has enjoyed consistently strong support in her community since she started in the House of Delegates in 1994. She is a skilled fundraiser who also enjoys broad bipartisan support within the General Assembly.

Miele also has bipartisan support, and with Hogan's endorsement comes ample money from donors looking to push the Republican governor's agenda. And pushing Hogan's agenda is a

big part of Miele's campaign.

"The Republicans need to take five seats in the Senate in order to prevent a Democratic super-majority from blocking Hogan's agenda. If we can take five seats, we can actually start to have a discussion about legislation," said Miele.

Aside from being tied to a wildly popular governor, Miele has a few other things working in his favor, most notably a feeling of voter fatigue.

"I didn't know we had an option," said Linover resident Valerie Moorman. "But I think it's time for a change, she's been there forever."

With the Maryland GOP sensing vulnerability in the Eighth District, they're hoping they can take not just Klausmeier's seat, but Delegate Eric Bromwell's seat as well. As it stands, the plan is for Delegate Joe Cluster, former Delegate Joe Boteler and newcomer Joe Norman to form a ticket while Miele takes on Klausmeier. The GOP are hopeful they can get a swing like they had in the Sixth District in 2014, which saw a historically blue area flip red.

But comparisons with the Sixth don't quite hold up, considering the Eighth District hasn't been a single-party district since 1986, when the Democrats held all three seats in the House and the lone Senate seat. Since then, there has always been at least one seat held by both Democrats and Republicans.

Despite the swell of excitement

around Miele, there are concerns he's looking to make the jump to the Senate too soon. One prominent Republican official, requesting anonymity, speculated that had Miele held off on a Senate run, Bromwell would likely be the one left behind next year. But that would mean Klausmeier would hold her seat for another four years.

"Christian was the top vote getter last election in his district, and he has a lot of strong support. But he doesn't have a lot of experience and I only wonder if this jump isn't coming too soon," the source said before adding that there weren't really any other serious challengers the Republicans could put forward to challenge Klausmeier.

Miele noted multiple times throughout the day on Sunday that while some might see him making a run too soon, he's learned a lot in his first few years in Annapolis. He said that while he isn't flashy, he's always working for the betterment of his constituents and he's gotten a reputation for working in a bipartisan manner behind the scenes. And in his district, bipartisanship is key.

"Take the fracking issue, for example. I heard back from my constituents, and about 55 to 60 percent wanted it banned, so that's the way I voted," said Miele. "Within the party it might have hurt me a little, but I have an obligation to my constituents, not the party."

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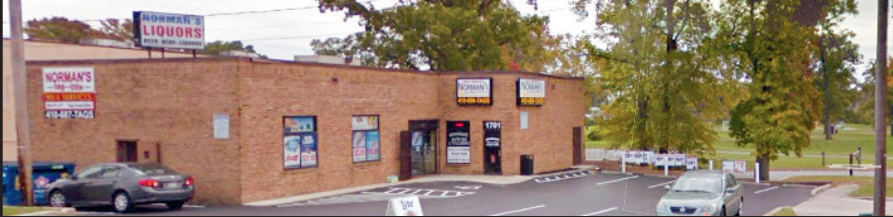
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## Judge denies permission for White Marsh cannabis dispensary

- By Devin Crum -

A Baltimore County administrative law judge last week issued an order that a special exception application to allow a medical cannabis dispensary in White Marsh be denied.

Judge John E. Beverungen issued the order on Friday, Aug. 4, following a hearing on the matter Monday, July 31.

The contract purchaser of the property, 5512 Ebenezer Road, LLC, had proposed to establish a medical cannabis dispensary to be operated by Chesapeake Health

Sciences (CHS).

The subject site, which has an existing building on it, is located at 5512 Ebenezer Road at the intersection with Red Lion Road. The building was most recently occupied by the Dave's Deals music and pawn shop which has moved.

The site is zoned BL, a commercial zone which normally allows a cannabis dispensary. However, a special exception is needed because the site is located within the Cowenton-Ebenezer Commercial Revitalization District.

Shannon Hexter, a representative of CHS, said they chose the White Marsh site for its visibility while still not being located directly on a busy highway, such as the nearby US-40/Pulaski Highway. She also said it was appropriately located in a commercial/industrial area, away from residences.

Hexter noted that she and other company representatives have already reached out to community members as well via the Greater White Marsh Community Council and the Essex-Middle River

Civic Council and knocked on doors to educate area residents and nearby business owners.

"But we're also committed to working with those neighbors to address any concerns," she said.

The business would function as a retail store for medical cannabis patients registered with the state to purchase the product after receiving a recommendation from a registered doctor. They also planned to offer counseling for patients.

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# CANNABIS

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David Martin, a landscape architect, testified on behalf of 5512 Ebenezer Road, LLC that the new business would be a vast improvement over what exists there now, particularly with regard to ingress and egress from the site.

He noted that they planned to remove some of the impervious surface in the front of the building and replace it with landscaping to improve the appearance. In addition, all of the parking, along with the entrance to the building, would be moved to the back. There would also be "several levels of security" such as cameras, fences, an alarm system and security guards.

Martin explained that the plan met all of the requirements for a special exception and emphasized that the medical

cannabis dispensary would have less of an impact on the area than would other uses permitted by right in the BL zone.

He pointed out that medical clinics and pharmacies are each permitted by right in that zone and would have a greater impact than the proposed dispensary.

Only one community member, Keith Randlett, attended the hearing, expressing his opposition to the plan on the grounds that it would adversely affect traffic in the area and cause a public safety hazard.

"The guitar shop that was there previously did no business, so traffic wasn't a problem with them. But this sounds like it will be a hit," Randlett said. "I'm just concerned that this will lead to more traffic and car accidents."

He took no issue with the type of business, however, acknowledging that it could likely help people in need.

Ultimately, Judge Beverungen decided to deny the special exception due to what he saw as a lack of adequate reasoning in favor of it.

"While I do not dispute the validity or accuracy of [Martin's] testimony," Beverungen wrote in his order, "it is insufficient as a matter of law to sus-

## Pointer teacher chosen for cooking challenge with Oriole Adam Jones

- By Marge Neal -

As an educator, Kelly Karwacki strives to teach her students to take chances, seize opportunities and stretch their personal limitations.

So when the Sparrows Point High School family and consumer science teacher heard sports network MASN was once again holding its Fan Challenge cook-off with Baltimore Orioles outfielder Adam Jones, Karwacki tossed her toque in the ring.

She prepared her signature panini and, with the help of the school's Culinary Club members, produced a short video challenging Jones to a showdown in the kitchen.

A self-described behind-the-scenes person, Karwacki said she entered the contest mainly to follow through on the message she sends to her students to put themselves out there and to take chances.

"I didn't expect to win," she said. "So when I heard I was selected, I thought, holy cow, now I really need to do this."

Karwacki said she was pleasantly surprised to be on the receiving end of a conference call from Sparrows Point Principal Emily Caster and Assistant Principal Caitlyn Brennan, who broke the news of her selection.

MASN had posted the announcement on Twitter and tagged the school system and SPHS, causing the news to hit the community with a bang, Caster said.

And she was "thrilled" to call Karwacki with the news.

"This is a great event that the entire school can rally behind," Caster said. "And I'm so so excited for Kelly and the kids in the Culinary Club - this is great recognition for them for all the good things they do for the school."

Because Karwacki isn't online as a habit, she had no idea how quickly and extensively the news was sweeping through the neighborhood.

"I'm not into social media; I don't do Facebook or Twitter," Karwacki said. "But my husband told me I was blowing up Facebook."

She and her husband live in the Edgemere community that Sparrows Point High and Middle schools serve, so she often bumps into students and their families when shopping and running other local errands.

"I was in the grocery store and a student rushed up to me to congratulate me and I said, 'How did you know?'" she recalled with a laugh. "I had no idea it was already all over social media."

It's fitting that she was selected, given the big role baseball has played in her life, she believes.

tain the applicant's burden under the above case law."

Hexter declined to comment on the judge's order Monday since she had not yet seen it herself. And their attorney, Patricia Malone, did not return a request for comment on whether they plan to appeal the decision.



Kelly Karwacki.

"I met my husband at Memorial Stadium 35 years ago, and he introduced me to the Orioles; we're really big fans," she said. "When I heard the announcement about the contest, I said, 'Oh, I am so doing that.'"

The 21-year teacher started her career at Edgemere Elementary School but has spent the past 16 years teaching the "big kids" across the street at Sparrows Point.

In her family and consumer science courses, students are surprised to discover that the class involves much more than learning how to bake a pie.

"When the kids leave my class, they are prepared to cook in their own kitchens," she said. "But that's really a by-product of the class, not the main purpose of it."

Each class has lecture time and food lab time. The curriculum is science-based and focuses on nutrition and healthy foods, chronic food-related diseases and illnesses, obesity and how to make healthy decisions when grocery shopping, among other topics, according to Karwacki.

"I think the kids are surprised at the amount of reading, writing, research, explorations and presentations the class requires," she said with a laugh. "And another important part of my class is teaching common courtesy - to be polite and respectful of each other."

The Culinary Club, an extracurricular activity, was created to allow interested students the opportunity to "cook for the enjoyment of cooking," she said.

The group of student foodies often prepares food for school events and enjoys the "incredibly supportive" efforts of the school's Alumni Association, according to Karwacki.

MASN hasn't yet set a date for the showdown, according to Caster and Karwacki, but both are hoping to be able to involve the club members and their parents.

"I'm very excited about the honor to meet some of the Orioles," Karwacki said. "But because I prefer being behind the scenes, I'd be thrilled if I can take the children with me - I'd prefer to do the facilitating and let the kids show off their skills."

While Karwacki and her young foodies plan to wow the judges with a panini, Jones is keeping the details of his signature dish "close to the vest," according to a MASN statement announcing this year's contest.



The proposed White Marsh dispensary is the second to be dealt a blow by Judge Beverungen after a proposed site on German Hill Road in Dundalk was denied a parking variance. File photo.

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## Communities show support for emergency services at National Night Out, First Responders Day

- Article & photo by Patrick Taylor -

Last week had a theme - celebrating the brave men and women who serve as emergency responders.

The festivities kicked off with Tuesday night's National Night Out and wrapped up Sunday afternoon in Kingsville at the Third Annual First Responders Day.

Block parties, cookouts, games and more provided regular citizens a chance to mingle with law enforcement officers and other members of the community to show support for one another and learn about ways to fight crime. In some areas, like in Turner Station, partygoers got the opportunity to learn more about the Aviation Unit and police k-9 crews.

"This is my first year here, but it's just such a great atmosphere," said Kaylee Thomas. "I don't really have many interactions with police, but you see a lot of negative stuff in the news these days. This type of thing helps show that cops are just people too."

Elsewhere in Dundalk, the North Point Village Civic Association celebrated with an ice cream social and craftmaking, while the Civic League of Inverness held a potluck meal. In Essex and Middle River, community picnics were held through the Aero Acres Community Association and others. In Fullerton, the Linover Improvement Association held a block party.

National Night Out has been around since 1984 and is celebrated in all 50 states by more than 37 million people annually.

But the celebration and community building weren't finished just yet, as the Third Annual First

Responders' Day was celebrated on Saturday afternoon in Jerusalem Mill.

The Kingsville Volunteer Fire Company, Maryland State Police, Joppa-Magnolia Volunteer Fire Company, Department of Natural Resources, Maryland Park Service and more converged in Kingsville to celebrate first responders. Hundreds poured in to Jerusalem Mill throughout they day to eat some food, see the MSP helicopter up close and partake in games and activities. While everyone came for largely different reasons, one main reason stayed the same.

"First Responders Day reminds us of the importance of volunteerism - not only the heroism of our volunteer firefighters and other public safety personnel, but also those who have worked tirelessly to restore Jerusalem Mill," said Councilman David Marks (R-5).



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### The immigration maze

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In order to become a U.S. citizen you must first be a legal permanent resident. Seems simple; but there are several stipulations and this process can take as long as five and a half years.

The most common is through a family member who is already a U.S. citizen or legal permanent resident. They can sponsor you to become a legal permanent resident which starts your long waiting process.

Another path is through a U.S. employer who is unable to find a U.S. citizen with the necessary skills to fill a highly skilled or technical position.

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Yet another way is through asylum, when you are being politically persecuted and you cannot return to your home country. This often becomes a path of convenience, as you only need to wait one year before applying to be a legal permanent resident.

Finally, the "Diversity Lottery" (yes, I said lottery); whereby up to 55,000 with lottery numbers can "win" a visa

and may later apply to be a legal permanent resident if there are sufficient openings.

It is quite obvious why many from foreign countries, wishing to enter the United States for the opportunities it presents, pay large sums of money to human traffickers to bring them across our porous southern border to avoid this convoluted and lengthy process.

Then, with the non-existence of immigration law enforcement they can find work and live in the United States without an obligation to pay taxes, follow our laws or to become a U.S. citizen. While here, many sanctuary cities offer the illegals social service, health care, education and other benefits.

The current administration is making an effort to enforce our immigration laws, but has met with strong resistance from some lawmakers, state governors, countless mayors and local law enforcement officials.

I apologize if I have over-simplified this process, as the actual government regulation would fill several pages of a small pamphlet.

I urge Congress to review and update our immigration laws, making a path to citizenship one that is attainable for the average person.

R. Gary Strebeck  
Middle River

### The future of automotive jobs in Baltimore

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*Editor's note: Glen Geelhaar is a candidate for County Council in the Sixth District in eastern Baltimore County.*

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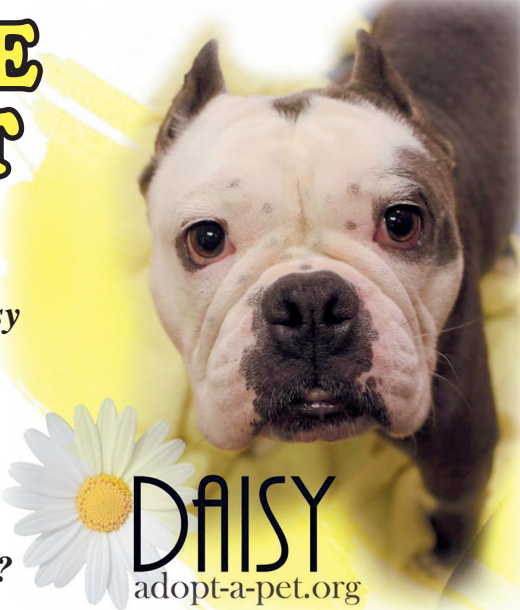
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One of his favorite pastimes was cruising around and talking on his CB with family, club members or anyone sharing the airways. His call name was "Hot Rod." Larry was a caring person, and there wasn't anyone he met who didn't like him. He was very dedicated to his family, church and friends. He was always there when someone was in need.

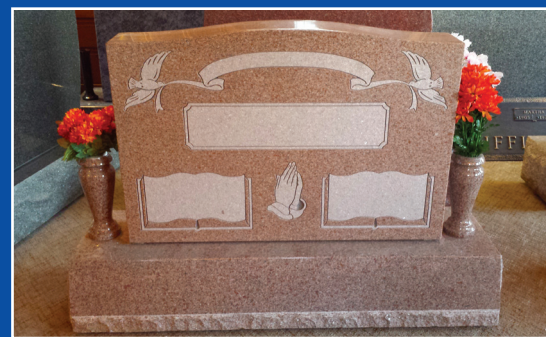
Larry is survived by his mother and father (Connie and John) along with a brother (Michael) and sister (Janice). He is also survived by his niece, Christine, and nephews Jeremy and Corey, as well as his grand nephew Thomas and many other family and friends.

**Koetting, William E., Jr.**

On Aug. 5, William E. Koetting Jr.; beloved husband of Freida V. Koetting (nee Knachel); loving father of the late William E. Koetting III. Also survived by a host of loving family and friends.

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## Holding the Seagram's developers accountable

- By Delegate Robin Grammer (R-6) -

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Air monitoring will be performed utilizing a real-time air monitoring device. If the action level is exceeded, operations will be shut down and dust suppression implemented. Operations may only be resumed once re-testing indicates that dust concentrations are below the action level.

Air monitoring is implemented at the start of the site activities, periodically at 15-minute intervals, when new contaminants are handled, when a new type of operation is initiated and if personnel are working in exposed areas. Concurrent with the air monitoring, perimeter air monitoring will also be performed to ensure contaminants are not migrating off-site. Perimeter monitoring will include monitoring along the entire perimeter of the site, including the downwind portions of the site.

Section 8.3 of the RAP evaluates Asbestos Monitoring. During excavations, visual inspections will be performed by a qualified asbestos inspector to ensure construction workers do not come in contact with potential asbestos-containing building materials.

If friable asbestos-containing building materials are suspected during excavation or disposal activities, all work must stop and the materials will be inspected. If friable asbestos is identified, then the debris would be considered contaminated asbestos debris and must be removed by a Maryland licensed asbestos contractor and disposed of in an appropriate asbestos landfill. In the event friable asbestos is determined to be present, all work will cease and the Maryland Department of the Environment Air and Radiation Management Administration will be contacted prior to removal and disposal activities.

To enforce this framework, the Maryland Department of the Environment

project manager conducts periodic site inspections during the execution. The site inspection memorandum is incorporated into the administrative record for each site. Baltimore County also requires a statement from a certified pest control technician that the property is rat free before demolition.

This report may be a bit technical, but I provide it so that all residents can utilize it to ensure our communities are protected. I have personally discussed the remediation plans at the property with Barbara Brown, who oversees this program at the Maryland Department of the Environment. She has expressed

confidence in the oversight of the agency on this project.

Accountability requires continued vigilance, and I hope that this submission offers clarity to the community about the framework of the demolition as it relates to the control of contaminants, asbestos and rats. If you see an item of potential concern which leads you to believe that proper safety precautions or other health related expectations are not being adhered to, please reach out to my office immediately.

Del. Grammer can be reached at 410-841-3298 or robin.grammer@house.state.md.us.

## A message from Councilwoman Bevins

- By Councilwoman Cathy Bevins (D-6) -

The County is holding its 14th bi-annual Summer Baltimore County Restaurant week from August 4 through 19th. Organized by the Baltimore County Chamber of Commerce and Office of Tourism and Promotion, many local restaurants around the County will be offering special Brunch, Lunch, and Dinner menus at fixed discounted prices ranging from between \$15 to \$35.

Restaurant week provides a great opportunity to try new restaurants and support local businesses. With 62 local restaurants participating you have a variety of options to enjoy different settings around the County; whether you prefer the urban setting of Towson, or the views of rolling hills

in Northern Baltimore County or dining on the waterfront; there are plenty of opportunities to take advantage of during the next two weeks. Many Sixth District restaurants both on and off the waterfront are participating in Restaurant week. I encourage you to take advantage of their great specials and support these local businesses.

The Baltimore County restaurant industry is one of the biggest in the State of Maryland. It's economic impact is invaluable as these local businesses provide tax revenue that is spent on our roads, schools and many other county services. Local restaurants are also vital to communities as they donate their resources to local neighborhood groups and programs.

As we all know, the developers of the former Seagram's property in Dundalk have been forced to move forward with the demolition of the structures on the site and have been told that no further delays are acceptable.


Since the release of this news, community members have been active and engaged on this issue, which is very positive. Residents have expressed that while the demolition of the property will finally be resolved, there is concern about the community, environmental and health impacts that the demolition may cause.

This is a healthy skepticism. However, accountability starts with a clear understanding of the regulatory framework and the application of the law to this demolition. My job as a state representative of our communities is to oversee the agencies that execute this framework, so I wanted to take a moment to provide a clear understanding of the activities of the site and the regulatory expectations as the work proceeds.

The regulatory framework under the Maryland Department of the Environment's Land & Materials Administration is known as the Voluntary Cleanup Program (VCP) and the plan submitted by the developer is referred to as the Response Action Plan (RAP).

Section 8.2 of the RAP evaluates the Air Monitoring Requirements of the project. Contaminants of potential concern are identified in the site soils and a list of associated risks that may be generated due to construction dust emissions is created. From this list of contaminants and potential risks, a site specific dust action level was calculated for the site using the permissible exposure limits dictated within regulation.

The action level is calculated using the highest concentration of each contaminant of potential concern in order to provide a conservative estimate of potential worker and community exposure. The concentration estimates used in this regulatory framework are greater than the OSHA Permissible Exposure Limits (PEL) for



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# DETROIT shows Motown as no town to be in during the summer of '67

- By Teddy Durgin -

So, I saw "Detroit" the other night at my local movie theater. And, man... it was a RIOT!

OK, sorry, bad joke. But I need humor after seeing this one, folks. "Detroit" is director Kathryn Bigelow's harrowing, intense chronicle of the civil unrest that broke out in the Motor City during the summer of 1967. The film focuses on the notorious Algiers Motel incident in which three cops were drawn to the lodging from shots fired as a goof by one African American young man (Jason Mitchell). Eyewitness reports say it was a starter pistol he fired in jest. The officers claimed it was a sniper's rifle (that was never found). The city was already under martial law following an after-hours nightclub bust that went terribly wrong, and the cops led by a hot-headed racist named Krauss (Will Poulter) turned the Algiers into an even deeper nightmare.

Bigelow is known for being the first (and, to date, only) woman to win the Best Director Oscar for helming "The Hurt Locker." And she scored big again a few years later with "Zero Dark Thirty." But it's her more obscure credits that prepared her to do such a fantastic job here. For one, her film "Strange Days" has its cinematic DNA running throughout this. The film was a misfire at the box office 22 years ago. But that alternative-future drama climaxed with a riot touched off by a white police officer using excessive force on a black suspect and showed Bigelow to be an accomplished director of big-screen chaos.

A few years later, she would direct Andre Braugher's final episodes as Det. Frank Pembleton on NBC's "Homicide: Life on the Street," in which a year-long saga involving Frank's fellow homicide detective, Mike Kellerman (Reed Diamond), came to a head with the city of Baltimore erupting into chaos as a result of Kellerman's gunning down of a drug lord the previous spring. The two-parter she directed was "Homicide's" cinematic high point, resulting in Pembleton resigning

from the police force, his partner Bayliss (Kyle Secor) shot and fighting for his life in the hospital, and Kellerman surrendering his badge in disgrace. Epic!

Bigelow picks stories in which characters are put through the ringer, and she has consistently taken her audiences into dark places that have very often left them changed once the end credits rolled. And her handling of actors is some of the best I've seen. Much of the cast of "Detroit" is under 30... and British! The revelation here is 24-year-old Poulter, who looks like a cross between Alfred E. Neuman from "Mad" magazine and Lucifer. Maybe an American actor would make Krauss too cartoonishly villainous. But while you're gonna hate Krauss, you won't be able to look away from him thanks to Poulter's acting and Bigelow's direction. An early scene where Krauss surveys the unrest and mutters that "we've let these people down," then he shoots one of "those people" in the back for stealing groceries, is one of the more chilling scenes I've seen in a theater.

Also impressive is John Boyega of "The Force Awakens," another Brit who hits it out of the park as a night watchman caught up in the violence. Boyega has a tough job essentially playing helpless throughout. Here, he proves he has the chops to take on roles that might have been offered to Denzel Washington 20 or 30 years ago. I am not under-selling his talent and appeal by evoking that name. The dude's a movie star. He has that rare ability to make you care about the things his characters care about on screen...and care about them intensely.

I do wish Bigelow would try her hand at any one of the franchises out there in need of a strong woman director, everything from Marvel to DC Comics to the "Fast and Furious" series. I'd love to see her cut loose now and have some fun. But, of course, if she keeps making important films like this, I won't start an uprising.

"Detroit" is rated R for strong violence and pervasive language.

# No more stories in this DARK TOWER

- By Teddy Durgin -

OK, I do realize that "The Dark Tower" is getting roundly panned by movie critics AND it has irritated many fans of Stephen King's sprawling, eight-book series. But... uh... well... I actually kind of... liked it! And I liked it for two of the reasons it is getting slammed. One? It's a self-contained movie. It has a beginning, middle and end. Sure, you could do a sequel. Hell, they made "Speed 2: Cruise Control." There can ALWAYS be a sequel. But if there never is one, this one has closure. And two? It's 95 minutes long! My franchise-fatigued, 46-year-old behind was in and out of the theater in under two hours.

But I get it. The film condenses eight books - EIGHT! - into one flick that is an hour and a half long. Characters that probably had a LOT more to do on the page are barely sketches here. And the world-building is done in quick, broad strokes. You're basically told, "There's another planet. There are portals between our world and that world. On the other planet is a dark tower. If it falls, that world and ours will be plunged into everlasting darkness. One troubled Earth boy named Jake (Tom Taylor) has the power to save it or topple it."

Yes, there's the Gunslinger (Idris Elba). He becomes Jake's protector when the boy stumbles upon one of the portals. And there's The Man in Black (Matthew McConaughey), a sorcerer whose real name is Walter. Together, they've been battling throughout the ages apparently. The Gunslinger wants revenge because The Man in Black killed his father and all the other Gunslingers with his dark magic. The Man in Black wants the boy, because he senses he's the only one with enough psychic power to destroy the tower.

There's really not much else to them in their movie forms other than that. But I took them as archetypes. The Gunslinger basically hits everything he shoots at no

matter the distance or difficulty of angle. That and he loads his six-shooters in SUCH a freakin' quick and cool way. I honestly didn't need any more. I didn't need back story or long motivational speeches. Just point and shoot.

McConaughey is even cooler. The part needed someone who was a little otherworldly, a little crazy. And McConaughey has obviously been getting stranger and stranger ever since he dropped all that weight for "Dallas Buyers Club" and did that oddball chest-thumping thing in "The Wolf of Wall Street." Have you seen those car commercials he's in? In five years, this dude is gonna be giving Shia LaBeouf noogies in Bellevue. As The Man in Black, he has to be separate from everyone else mentally, even spiritually. When he strides into a scene, you never know what dark power he's going to unleash. The guy will just whisper a suggestion like "Stop breathing," and his prey falls to the ground dead. McConaughey is crazy cool here... with a heavy emphasis on the crazy. And, again, I didn't need any more.

I suppose I should be raging with the other reviewers and King fans that everything is wrapped up in a neat bow by the end. Again, I had no prior experience going into this flick with the books. But just the basic knowledge that I do have, the story probably would have been best dramatized as a multi-part series.

But never fear: they keep rebooting Batman and Spider-Man and Oz. I'm sure "The Dark Tower" will eventually get its "proper" telling. Maybe it's my age. Maybe it's the fact that my job requires me to follow multiple franchises - yes, even my beloved "Star Wars" - over years and years. Or maybe it was because I was expecting to see about one-eighth of a complete story here. One and done? Hooray for behind-the-scenes chaos, for once!

"Dark Tower" is rated PG-13.

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The Glenn L. Martin Maryland Aviation Museum will hold its final Open Cockpit Day for the summer from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 12, at Martin State Airport in Middle River. Participants will be able to climb in to the pilot seats of a B-57 Canberra built by the Glenn L. Martin Co., Skyhawk and Corsair fighter jets, the Turbomentor Trainer, the Super Sabre, the Martin 404 and a Huey helicopter. Special features of this final seasonal event include participation by "The Ninety-Nines," a group of women pilots, and the appearance of a 1988 fire truck owned by the Spacek family. The event also includes a flea market with vendor and food sales. Admission, which includes indoor exhibits, the outdoor aircraft, flea market and shuttle buses to the flightline, is \$5 for adults and \$1 for children. Info: 410-682-6122.

## Legion Post 130 Bingo

American Legion Post 130, 8666 Silver Lake Road in Perry Hall, will hold a bingo night Thursday, Sept. 7. A light fare dinner will be available at 5:30 p.m. and bingo games will begin at 7 p.m. Regular bingo games will pay out \$65 regardless of attendance. Organizers will offer two jackpot games. The first, just before intermission, will pay out up to \$1,000. The second, the last game of the evening, will be a three-part game paying out a total of \$350. Admission costs run from \$20 to \$40, depending on how many games you choose to play. All proceeds help the post support its community outreach efforts in the Perry Hall and Fullerton communities. For more information, call the post, 410-870-0625.

## Quarter Auction for Animals

FOP Lodge 34, 730 Wampler Road in Middle River, will host a quarter auction at 7 p.m. Friday, Aug. 11. Doors open at 6 p.m. Tickets cost \$5 and include three paddles. Food will be sold and a cash bar will be available. Proceeds will benefit Maryland Animal Sanctuary and Rescue Well. For tickets, call Pat Horney, 410-967-2976, or email pj574@aol.com.

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## Watermen's Crab Feast

The Baltimore County Watermen's Association will hold its 12th annual crab feast from 5 to 9 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 23, at St. Clare Church, 716 Myrth Ave. in Essex. Tickets cost \$45. In addition to Maryland blue crabs caught by local watermen, the menu will include sliced beef and gravy, Old Bay chicken, crab soup, a variety of side dishes and beer and soda. To order tickets, call Russ, 410-477-3291 (Dundalk-Edgemere); Martin, 410-592-2889 (northern Baltimore County); Barb, 410-574-6759 (Middle River area); or Salty Dog Crab House (410-388-0515).

## Wise Ave. VFC Flea Market

Wise Avenue Volunteer Fire Company, 214 Wise Ave. in Dundalk, will hold a flea market and yard sale from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 26. Indoor spaces in the rear fire hall cost \$20 each (includes a table). Outdoor spaces on the lot cost \$10 without a table and \$15 with a table. To reserve spaces/tables, email Amanda Mertens at BCFD270498@gmail.com.

## Essex Legion Karaoke

Essex American Legion Post 148, 20 S. Marlyn Ave. in Essex, will host Karaoke with Lightning Rod from 8 p.m. to midnight Friday, Aug. 11; Fun Time Karaoke with Annette and Wild Bill from 8 p.m. to midnight Saturday, Aug. 12; and Music Solution from 4 to 8 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 13. Line dancing will be offered from 7 to 11 p.m. Friday in the hall. Call 410-686-2353 for kitchen availability and specials.

## Cruise with the Aquajoggers

The YMCA's Aquajoggers are planning a 14-day cruise in September to New England and Canada. For more information, call 410-882-5097.

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## Engagement Announcement



Jessica LaFave of White Marsh and Dr. Robert Paine of Perry Hall were recently engaged to be married. LaFave is a social worker at Perry Point VA Medical Center and a part-time behavior consultant for the University of Maryland Upper Chesapeake Health Center in Bel Air. Paine is a child psychiatrist for the Child Program of Assertive Community Treatment and supervises trainees in the ADHD Mood and Center for Infant Studies clinics at the University of Maryland Medical Center. The two are set to be wed on Aug. 12.

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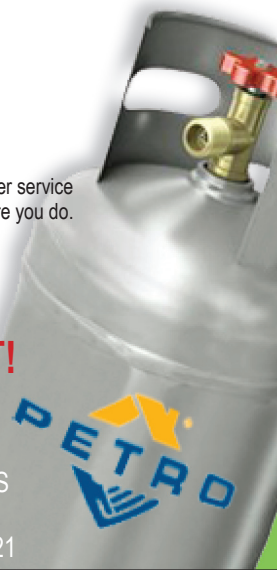
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## Baltimore Humane Society's PETS OF THE WEEK

**SAILOR**  
 Awoy there, mawey's! My name is Sailor and I am on the look-out for a family of my very own! I am a ball of energy, but can also be a couch potato. The staff here at BHS loves everything about me. I have the cutest face you will ever see and the personality to match! I love people and toys! My favorites are the rubber squeaky ones: I like to carry them around in my mouth. You may also catch me picking up huge sticks and carrying them around while we're walking. I am what they refer to as a wiggle butt and sometimes get a case of the "zoomies." I already know the commands sit, paw and down. In my previous home I lived with kids who completely adored me. Stop by BHS soon to meet me and we can chat about setting sail into our new life together!

**CHLOE**  
 I'm Chloe - and I love birds. Bird watching is one of my favorite things. I especially like when the bird feeder is full, so there are more birds around to watch. I'm a bit independent, but I don't forget the human in the room either. I like to keep in contact with my human and then do a little exploration. You know, making sure everything is in its place. And I like a few pets from my human, too. Oh, I'm also a talkative girl, I've got to share my loves and find out what's going on with my human. So, I actually come up and chirp when a human enters the room. I really hold up my end of the conversation. It's why I like when my human reads to me. Reading has good conversation and I meow back. Did I tell you I'm an excellent wand toy catcher? I like to capture whatever is on the end of the wand - just like the hunter I am. If you like the idea of a cat who can do all that, come see me and we can make the best match ever. By the way, I am a diabetic kitty and currently it is being controlled with special food and insulin. Please ask a staff member if you have any questions.

The adoption fee is \$20 for Sailor and \$20 for Chloe. For more information visit [www.bmorehumane.org](http://www.bmorehumane.org).

**S.O.S. - Save our Seniors**  
 Special adoption rates for seniors. Gizmo and Maggie are the **Seniors of the Month**.

**SPOTLIGHT**

**Essex Seniors Having Fun**



Essex Senior Center leaders would like to thank everyone who attended the center's shrimp feast July 14. They look forward to seeing everyone at the Woodstock party, set for noon on Thursday, Aug. 10 - 1960s attire encouraged.

**Dundalk Chamber Golf Tourney**

The Dundalk Chamber of Commerce will hold its 10th annual golf tournament to benefit the CCBC Scholarship Fund on Monday, Sept. 25, at Sparrows Point Country Club, 919 Wise Ave. in Dundalk. Registration starts at 10 a.m. and competition will begin at 11 a.m. with a shotgun start. The cost for individual golfers is \$160. Many levels of sponsorship exist. For more information, call Woody Powell, 443-840-3548 or 410-952-5874, or send an email to wpowell@cbbcmd.edu.

**Defenders Day Celebration**

Defenders Day will be celebrated Saturday, Sept. 2, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. at Fort Howard Park at the end of North Point Road on the North Point peninsula. The event will include a reenactment of the Battle of North Point. Free admission and parking; no pets or alcohol allowed in the park. Info.: call 410-284-2331.

**Crab Feast**

Our Lady Queen of Peace Church, 10003 Bird River Road in Middle River, will hold its annual parish crab feast from 1 to 5 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 24. Tickets cost \$42. Crabs will be steamed on-site by Salty Dog Crab House. All other food will be catered by Knights of Columbus Council 13859. The menu will include crab soup, corn on the cob, pit beef, sausage with peppers and onions and a variety of side dishes, salads and desserts. Tables of eight and 12 are available in advance only; indoor and outdoor seating is offered. For more information, send an email to mkahl58@comcast.net.

**Zion UCC Book Sale**

The Woman's Guild of Zion United Church of Christ, 7146 Kelso Drive in Essex, will hold a used book sale from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 12, in the church hall (one block past the church). New books arrive weekly, with many large-print editions available. Hardbacks cost \$1 each and paperbacks and VHS tapes are 25 cents each. Magazines are free. For more information, call Retha, 410-682-6571.

**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. Info: Don Kellner at 410-227-8462.

**Victory Villa Missionaries**



Nearly 40 members of Victory Villa Baptist Church returned recently from a one-week mission trip to the Pine Ridge Reservation in South Dakota. Some members repaired residents' homes while others provided a summer camp experience for reservation children. Both church members and reservation residents enjoyed fellowship and sharing their cultures and traditions with each other. Mission workers also enjoyed visiting local attractions, including The Badlands and Mount Rushmore. Pictured in front of the Wounded Knee memorial on the reservation are (front, from left) Mason and Maranda Howell; (second row, from left) Debbie McConnaughey, Sue Henry, Larry and Shelly Long, Tiffany and Jimmy Howell, Kristy Kemp, Grace Bundy and Angela Wells; (back row, from left) Warren Lyon, Brian Hughes, Emma Syzmanowski, Grace Hughes, Chad Long, Kimberly Hughes and Noah Hughes.

**Arnolia UMC Movie Night**

Arnolia United Methodist Church, 1776 E. Joppa Road in Parkville, will hold a free movie night Friday, Aug. 25, featuring "Toy Story 3." Doors will open at 7 p.m. and the movie will begin at 7:30. The youth group will sell snacks and drinks as a fundraiser. For more information, call 410-665-7005.

**Kenwood Class of 1972 Reunion**

Kenwood High School Class of 1972 will hold its 45-year reunion from 8 p.m. to midnight Saturday, Sept. 16, at Rosedale Gardens, 8037 Philadelphia Road in Rosedale. Bust out the Hawaiian shirts and skirts and enjoy luau cuisine while catching up with old friends. The event will include dancing, door prizes and games of chance. The reunion invitation is extended to former elementary and junior high classmates who did not graduate from Kenwood. Tickets cost \$45. The committee needs a head count; call Thelma Creel Flanagan, 410-428-7473 or send an email to KHS72Reunion45years@gmail.com to reserve your seat.

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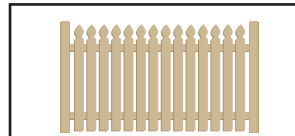
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