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The Madras Maiden, a B-17 bomber, was built toward the end of WWII and never saw combat. But it will fly missions over Baltimore with public passengers this weekend to keep the experience alive.







Left: The belly gun pod was designed to provide protection from fighter planes that may attack from below. Middle: The "Madras Maiden" pin-up girl logo sits on a cut-out of the state of Oregon because the airplane is based out of Madras, Ore., the site of a former B-17 training base during the war. Right: Pilot Bob Hill (left) and co-pilot James Hammonds allow passengers to explore the cockpit during flight and even climb into the nose globe below them, which they call the "vista compartment" because of its extravagant views.

- Article & photos by Devin Crum -

This Saturday and Sunday, Sept. 2 and 3, a sight unseen by many in more than 70 years will return to the skies over eastern Baltimore County.

The Liberty Foundation, a nonprofit organization dedicated to honoring the memory of World War II veterans who served aboard Boeing B-17 bombers, will bring the sights, sounds and smells of the iconic airplanes back to Baltimore this weekend for all to enjoy.

For a fee, interested persons can even get the full experience by taking a roughly 30-minute flight in the Madras Maiden, which is currently on tour and flying out of Martin State Airport in Middle River. Flights are priced at \$450 per person, or \$410 with a Liberty Foundation membership. It is important to note, however, that those funds go toward offsetting the cost of operating the historic aircraft, which amounts to about \$4,500 per hour.

"That's what actually supports this airplane as it tours the country," said volunteer captain Bob Hill. "That's what keeps it alive."

Hill added that if it was not flying, it would be like other B-17s - static in a museum somewhere, only available to look at.

But if you can't shell out that kind

of cash, the foundation still invites the public to view the flights, as well as participate in ground tours of the airplane after flights finish each day.

Keith Youngblood, tour coordinator with the foundation, said flights will begin at 10 a.m. each day and finish by late afternoon, potentially 3 or 4 p.m.

Hill said being able to fly in the airplane allows people to experience it with all senses.

"And you correct me if I'm wrong after you get off the airplane, there is a taste to it," he told the media Monday, Aug. 28. "You experience all five senses.

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Demolition by fire continued as Seagram's razing deadline loomed

- Article and photo by Marge Neal -

Baltimore County firefighters responded late Monday night, Aug. 28, to a second fire in less than two months on the former Seagram's property in Dundalk.

The latest blaze occurred just two days from the county-imposed deadline of Aug. 30 to have all the remaining buildings demolished and the lot at 7101 Sollers Point Road cleared of all debris

Firefighters responded to a call of fire on the property at about 10 p.m. Monday, according to public safety spokeswoman Elise Armacost. About 20 pieces of equipment responded and there were no injuries to responders. Some personnel remained on the scene at 7:45 a.m. Tuesday. Police still had Sollers Point Road blocked off as smoke or rain-related steam appeared to be coming from a building at the centerrear of the property.

Monday's fire is at least the site's fifth multiple-alarm fire since 2007, and one of at least 27 overall fire service responses to the property in that time, according to information supplied by Armacost. In addition to the "significant" fires, personnel have responded to calls for indoor and outdoor trash fires, reported odor of smoke, at least one brush fire and building fires of one alarm or less.

"Please note the information I am providing is approximate; it is possible that some incidents, especially minor ones, were coded in such a way that they did not show up when we did the search," Armacost wrote in an email to the East County Times.



Firefighters and police officers remained on the scene of a still-smoldering building at the former Seagram's property Tuesday morning.

Residents in neighboring houses started posting photographs and videos of the blaze around 10:30 p.m. Monday. Some commented they were worried about hot embers blowing in windy conditions and expressed concerns about their own roofs catching fire.

With it "obvious" that the demolition deadline of Aug. 30 would not be met, Arnold Jablon, director of the county's Department of Permits, Approvals and Inspections, said Tuesday he is disappointed and frustrated that the property's owners did not abide by the agreement that was reached last month.

"I thought we had a definitive decision and that's obviously not going to happen," he told the Times when asked what definitive action county officials would next take to address the problem. "We had an agreement, reached after code violations over a long period of time, and it's very clear that agreement is not going to be honored."

Jablon said he would move immediately to enforce the \$100,000 fine and place a lien against the property.

County fire and code enforcement officials will also act immediately to issue new code citations, which will result in

another administrative hearing, accord-

'We will get those new citations issued today or tomorrow; absolutely as soon as possible," Jablon said Tuesday.

The former distillery is owned by Sollers Investors LLC, an entity that includes developers John Vontran and brothers Mark and Jeffrey Powers, who also head the Powers Companies, a commercial and residential building/development entity headquartered in Reisterstown.

The abandoned property, long an eyesore and source of code enforcement and other complaints, has been a nuisance to the surrounding community since it ceased operation as a distillery and was sold in 1994 to Brewery Station, Inc., headed by property developer and apartment complex owner Frank Scarfield.

Scarfield sold the property to VO LLC, headed by Vontran and Paul Oliver, in 2008. VO transferred the property to Sollers Investors in April 2008. Under the combined ownership, the property has been targeted by trespassers and arsonists, used as an open dump and illegal storage space for commercial and construction equipment and illegally rented to commercial entities without proper permits, resulting in at least 19 code violation complaints since 2004 and at least 27 responses by Baltimore County Fire Department personnel since 2007.

Before Monday's fire, the most recent incident happened July 3, when an earlymorning blaze consumed one of the

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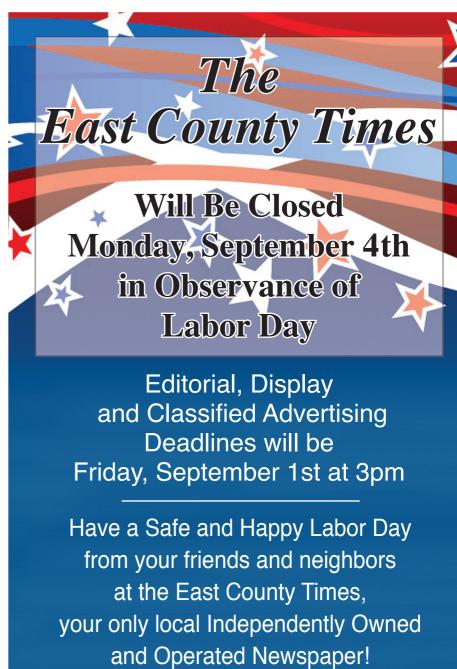
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Christina's Female Revue again fined by liquor board

- By Virginia Terhune -

The Baltimore County Board of Liquor Commissioners fined Christina's Female Revue in Edgemere another \$2,000 after a hearing Monday, Aug. 28, in Towson.

An undercover police detective testified that he and two other officers visited the bar on July 27 about 8:30 p.m. and stayed about an hour.

The dancers were not wearing pasties, and some dancers were simulating masturbation on stage and pulling down their G-strings to reveal their "Intergluteal cleft," according to the police report.

The licensee argued that the dancers were wearing pasties but that the pasties were made of clear Latex.

The board's decision was the second time in six weeks that the adult entertainment bar, located at 4508 North Point

Blvd., was found to have violated the board's "prohibitive practices" rule.

The bar was previously fined \$2,000 following a hearing on July 17 after an undercover detective visited the bar and reported that dancers had failed to use pasties and they were accepting tips between their breasts.

Officers also said they were responding to a complaint that that Christina's Female Revue was offering "lap" dances.

The licensee testified Monday that he was offering "private" dances where women are fully clothed, but decided to close down the room and replace it with a dining area.

In other business, the board fined McAvoy's restaurant and bar at 2531 Putty Hill Ave. in Parkville a total of \$750 for serving alcohol to an intoxicated person



The adult entertainment establishment was given its second \$2,000 fine in six weeks. Photo by Devin Crum.

who was also a minor.

An officer testified that he responded

to a call from the bar on June 24 at 1:30 a.m. about a young woman whom he concluded was highly intoxicated. An attorney for the licensee said the woman, who is 20, was fraudulently using an ID card belonging to her 23-year-old sister.

The board concluded, however, that even though the bartender was deceived by the fake ID, the establishment was still responsible for serving a minor.

The board also dismissed on Monday two other allegations of serving alcohol to an intoxicated person against the River Watch restaurant in Essex and Charlie Brown's Tavern in the Overlea.

Attorneys argued that there was no testimony that indicated that the patrons appeared intoxicated when they were served alcohol in the bars.



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remaining buildings on the campus.

That fire spurred Baltimore County Councilman Todd Crandell to contact the county's Code Enforcement department and ask for an immediate inspection of the property and an expedited hearing to address the neglect and nuisance of the site.

A hearing was held with Administrative Law Judge Lawrence M. Stahl on July 12. In his final order written July 19, Stahl meted out a \$100,000 fine on the owners. He also ordered the building nearly destroyed by the fire to be completely torn down by July 26 and that "demolition of the remaining buildings and cleanup of the entire property be completed by Aug. 30, 2017."

On July 13, a construction crane was seen on the property. Workers knocked down what appeared to be a reinforced column, all that existed of the six-story building that collapsed as a result of the July 3 fire. Crandell posted on his Facebook page a picture of the equipment and wrote, "Thankfully, demolition work began today, with all the proper paperwork filed with the county."

But the demolition equipment was gone on July 14, and no additional work appeared to be taking place on the property. With the demolition deadline looming, the Times took photographs of the property on Friday, Aug. 25, which showed all remaining buildings still standing, and the lot still overgrown with tall grass, shrubbery and trees that now mostly block view of the land from the street.

After the ALJ's final order was issued, county officials seemed to take a hard line with the ultimatum placed on the

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Dommelen told the *Times* in July that "the only things that are to be left standing by the end of August are the smokestack and water tower," referring to two structures that are on the county's historic landmarks list and must be preserved.

He said the only thing that could extend the deadline was if it was determined that extensive asbestos abatement would be required.

Jablon said the owners have entered into contractual agreements with a certified asbestos abatement company, but that didn't happen in a timely fashion to meet the demolition deadline.

County officials and the owners knew several of the buildings contained asbestos, Jablon said, which meant that removal of the dangerous material by a certified contractor had to take place before the buildings could be razed.

"That stuff can't become airborne," he said. "That has to be removed by a certified contractor.'

Asbestos removal began over the weekend, according to Crandell, who noted his frustration that the deadline would not be met.

"I was hoping they would, but given the years of excuses and negligence, I'm not really surprised the deadline wasn't met," he said Tuesday. "I'm frustrated, the community is beyond frustrated and it's beyond time for the owners to be held accountable."

Noting the approved plan for 185 townhomes to be built on the land, Jablon said he was excited when he first saw those plans. The development, known as Foundry Station, would be a "great thing" for the Greater Dundalk community, he said, and he is disappointed the project has moved so slowly.

He said the county won't "give up" on holding the owners responsible for

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"We're on it; we're doing the best we can," Jablon said, noting that little can be done other than fine the owners and place liens against the deed.

The county would be required to condemn the property through the courts to have the authority to raze the buildings, a move they do not want to make because it would be tied up in courts for years, according to Jablon. The property is also contaminated with toxins from its distillery days, and Sollers Investors has entered into a voluntary environmental remediation program through the Maryland Department of the Environment. The owners anticipate remediation and demolition costs to be about \$3 million, according to testimony given at the county hearing to approve the Foundry Station proposal.

Ideally, the owners will make good on the agreement and follow through with the development as planned, Jablon said, while he plans to use the tools he has available to keep it on track.

"We thought we had this taken care of," he said. "We tried to hit them over the head with a hammer, and now we're going to come back and hit them over the head with an anvil. Those buildings have to come down."

Vontran did not respond to multiple requests for interviews for this story.



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Al Redmer Jr. set to announce candidacy for county executive, McDonough sounds off

- By Patrick Taylor -

After months of speculation, Al Redmer Jr. is set to announce his candidacy for Baltimore County Executive at a Sept. 23 event at Boumi Temple in White Marsh with Governor Larry Hogan.

Redmer is a former state delegate from Perry Hall who held the position of Maryland Insurance Commissioner from 2003 - 2005. He was reappointed in 2015. Redmer is the second Republican to enter the race, with Delegate Pat McDonough (R-7) declaring his intent to run months ago.

While Redmer declined to comment, multiple sources close to him confirmed with the *East County Times* that he will announce his candidacy on Sept. 23.

The news made its way to McDonough before a campaign event at Pappas Restaurant in Cockeysville last weekend, and the outspoken delegate did not hold back, taking aim at both Redmer and Hogan.

"Hogan needs Baltimore County, and what has he decided to do? He's decided to divide the Republican party," McDonough told a crowd of about 70.

McDonough questioned whether or not it was appropriate for Redmer to hold onto his job as Maryland Insurance Commissioner while running for office, and also noted that with health insurance rates set to rise, Redmer could be an easy target for Democrats.

"Everyone in this room has insurance, and he's the chief regulator," said McDonough. "There's a conflict of interest with him to go out and ask for your money while he's regulating."

With Hurricane Harvey fresh on everyone's mind,

McDonough brought up Hurricane Isabel and blasted Redmer's handling of the storm as insurance commissioner. He also hit Redmer on siding with Congressman and former County Executive Dutch Ruppersberger on an eminent domain initiative in 2000.

"People on the east side haven't forgotten. Republican or Democrat, they still haven't forgiven him," said McDonough.

McDonough eventually turned his attention from Redmer to Hogan, claiming that the governor is putting his own campaign at risk by backing Redmer.

"He's risking [his] reelection because he can't afford to lose one voter," said McDonough.

According to McDonough, Hogan won't back him because he's too "Trump-like." In the July 6 issue of the *East County Times*, Devin Crum noted that McDonough wanted to shape his campaign in the mold of former Governor William Donald Schaefer, not President Trump. But Hogan's commitment to backing Redmer suggests McDonough has not shed that connection.

Hogan, a moderate, has not had much public discussion regarding President Trump, but statements put out during the healthcare debate and the Paris Accord debate show that he and the President are not in line. And for McDonough - a man the *Wall Street Journal* dubbed the "Trump of Baltimore County" - being tied more closely to Trump as opposed to the ever-popular Hogan could be a death knell in a firmly blue state that saw Hillary Clinton receive just over 60 percent of the vote in the last election.

"He's Mr. Moderation, he's Mr. RINO," said Mc-

Donough, mocking Hogan. "He's Mr. I'm a Republican but really a Democrat."

McDonough was not done with Hogan either, calling his decision to back Redmer a "gross miscalculation, politically" before hitting the governor on fundraising efforts.

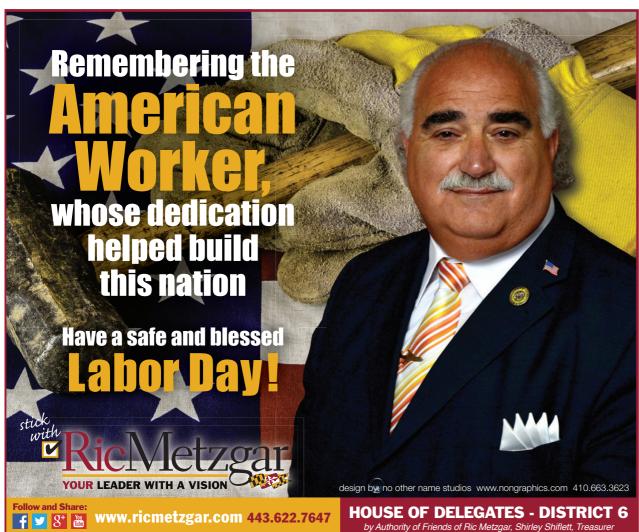
"I'll tell you about Larry [Hogan]. Larry raises money for Larry," said McDonough. "When Larry makes a phone call he's going to say, 'This is Larry Hogan, give me money.' The person on the other end will ask 'What about Al Redmer?' Hogan will respond with, 'Who?"

Hogan could not be reached for comment.

McDonough pointed to two recent fundraisers in Baltimore County, one at Conrad's Ruth Villa and the other at the Timonium Fairgrounds, as evidence that Hogan does not have the draw he once did. According to McDonough, those events undersold by hundreds. But standing in stark contrast to those claims is the recent Delegate Christian Miele fundraiser for his State Senate run, which saw the young delegate pick up more than \$50,000 in an evening.

While McDonough gave the impression that he is not worried, the fact that he spent a third of his time blasting Redmer and Hogan suggests otherwise. When pressed about endorsements, McDonough stated he did not care much for endorsements, but added some would be coming. He also noted that he has the backing of the Trump Administration and suggested Vice President Mike Pence or other administration members like Attorney General Jeff Sessions or spokesperson Kellyanne Conway might visit Baltimore County to lend support. He also plans to hold a campaign event Sept. 23 at Dundalk's Boulevard Diner, where Trump visited during the 2016 campaign.









Tourism study going out to bid, will suggest use of added tourism funds

- By Virginia Terhune -

Baltimore County spends less than some of its neighboring counties to promote its tourist attractions, including its 200 miles of waterfront stretching between the Patapsco River in Dundalk and the Bird River in White Marsh.

But that could change next year, as funds begin to accumulate thanks to a County Council bill that will divert an 8-percent share of the county's estimated \$10.8 million a year in hotel tax revenue into the tourism budget now overseen by the county's Department of Economic and Workforce Development.

County Executive Kevin Kamenetz allocated \$254,000 for tourism promotion in fiscal year 2017, and the new revenue is expected to bump that up to \$1.2 million for FY 2018, according to this year's budget.

"We believe an infusion of \$800,000 to \$1 million each year without any additional cost to taxpayers will provide the Office of Tourism and Promotion and the Tourism Council the resources necessary to maximize the return on this investment," wrote Council Chairman Tom Quirk (D-Catonsville) in his budget message for fiscal year 2018, which started July 1.

The quadrupling of funds is somewhat misleading, though, because the Kamenetz administration offset the increase by shifting \$634,700 in grant expenses from its \$3.5 million Arts and Sciences budget into tourism.

Some of the \$634,700 will be paid out to 10 county organizations such as the Irvine Nature Center in Owings Mills, the Maryland Fire Museum in Lutherville and the Glenn L. Martin Aviation Museum in Middle River, which is set to receive \$7,000.

But the bulk of the shifted grants - a total of \$500,000 - will be used to continue the longstanding county practice of awarding grants to major cultural and tourist destinations in Baltimore City, such as the Walters Art Museum and the National Aquarium.

The city grants are a good investment, said Fronda

Cohen with the Department of Economic Development, because convenient access to city attractions improves the quality of life for county residents.

The grants aren't blank checks, however; the city organizations are routinely surveyed to ensure that county residents are among their patrons, she said.

Access to Baltimore cultural institutions is also a plus for economic development because it helps attract potential employers to the county that generate jobs and tax revenue, said Will Anderson, director of Economic Development, during a May budget discussion.

Hal Ashman, who owns Ultimate Watersports in Middle River, chairs the county's Tourism and Promotion Advisory Council, which is made up of appointees from both the city and county.

He said he does not object to continuing to award grants to the city, but transferring that obligation to the tourism budget won't leave much to promote county attractions, at least in FY 2018, which ends next June.

"Shifting the expenses over strips the purpose of the bill," he said.

Kamenetz will leave office after the November 2018 election, and some hope the next county executive will move tourism promotion up the priorities list.

In the meantime, projects are in the pipeline to help generate more hotel tax revenue for the county that could expand the pie for all.

Construction of the Marriott SpringHill Suites is well under way as part of the Baltimore Crossroads development off MD Route 43 in Middle River, and new hotels are proposed for White Marsh, Catonsville and possibly Sparrows Point, as the Tradepoint Atlantic site develops over the next five years.

Regional study

Part of the renewed focus on tourism in Baltimore County is the allocation of \$150,000 for a regional study to evaluate current conditions.

"The purpose is to establish a long-term strategic

plan on how to best spend the funds," said Ashman, who envisions a follow-up marketing campaign based on the study recommendations.

Ashman said he and his executive board members recently met with Anderson, the economic development director, to talk about the pending request for proposal, a document posted by the purchasing department that solicits bids to do the study, which is expected to produce recommendations before next July.

The council representatives recommended the county not necessarily pick the low bidder to do the study, he said.

The Marine Trades Association of Baltimore County says it also wants input into defining the study's scope.

Although briefly mentioned as a group in *Enjoy Baltimore County*, the county's tourism brochure, the marinas and waterfront attractions do not have their own section like the wineries and horse-related events in northern Baltimore County, said Bob Palmer of Tradewinds Marina in Bowleys Quarters and a past president of the MTABC.

More specific mention of eastern Baltimore County destinations such as the new iFly skydiving attraction in White Marsh, the longtime Bengies drive-in theater in Middle River and the annual Defenders Day event in Edgmere are spread throughout the publication.

Palmer said he is hoping that by joining others in the county-wide study, the marinas can add to what they already do to attract visitors to the shoreline.

For 22 years, MTABC has published its annual Waterfront Guide, which lists dozens of marinas and marine-related businesses along with local restaurants, hotels and retailers.

"There's a multiplier effect," said Palmer about the spending that visitors do that helps support neighboring businesses.

This year's 50-page edition includes a story about the expansion of recreational opportunities at Hart-- see **TOURISM** on page 8 -



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Miller Island, as well as listings of local waterfront parks and festivals that attract visitors.

The Baltimore County Sailing Center's junior regatta off Rocky Point Park in Essex drew an estimated 500 people in July, including people from as far away as Texas and Colorado.

"The White Marsh hotels are booked," said Councilwoman Cathy Bevins, who represents part of White Marsh, Middle River and Bowleys Quarters, during the May budget discussion.

Eastern Baltimore County also has the Hammerman beach at the mouth of the Gunpowder River and North Point State Park in Edgemere near the route the British took when they marched toward Baltimore in 1814.

The Todd's Inheritance house, where American militia spotted the advancing British, recently opened to the public, and there are other historic sites such as in Dundalk's Turner Station and the Ballestone-Stansbury House in Essex.

Eastern Baltimore County is also home to the Rocky Point public golf course in Essex and three craft beer breweries - Red Brick Station in White Marsh, DuClaw in Rosedale and Key Brewing in Dundalk.

Seventh District Councilman Todd Crandell, who represents Dundalk and Essex, said he recently met a couple from Frederick County who made a special trip to Baltimore County to sample the beer at Key Brewing.

"They'd never been to Dundalk," said Crandell, who envisioned a case where tourists could visit an east-side brewery and waterfront restaurant, then head into Baltimore to watch a Ravens game.

"You could organize a Baltimore County weekend," he said about the potential for growth as a result of the pending study and its recommendations.

"All the elements are there," he said. "It's an opportunity for the public and private sectors to really [work together]."

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You can't do that with an airplane that's poised on a floor somewhere in some museum."

Hill said he has piloted B-17s to Baltimore many times over the years. And some may remember when the Memphis Belle, a more famous B-17, toured the area from Middle River in 2012.

The pilot noted that the Liberty Foundation's educational outreach is also meant to honor veterans and to make people aware of not only what was accomplished during WWII, but also what continues today and provides us with the freedoms that we all have and enjoy as a nation.

"People have to make sacrifices for that to happen, so we're grateful for that," Hill commented. He noted that the "greatest generation" is also what created the economic superpower that the U.S. became post-WWII.

Hill, 61, said nearly all of his high school teachers were WWII veterans, which gave him a great appreciation and affinity for those who have made such sacrifices.

The Liberty Foundation was founded by Don Brooks, Hill explained, whose father was a tail gunner on a B-17 Flying Fortress during the war and completed 30 missions on the airplane.

The elder Brooks survived the war and made it home. But following his death in the late 1970s, his son wanted to find a way to honor him and all the B-17 crews that flew during WWII.

"I like to think we inspire people," Hill said, whether or not they inspire them to get involved in aviation. "Whatever it is that you aspire to do, we hope it *inspires* people."

Hill threw out some statistics regarding B-17s during the war, such as that men flying missions in the airplanes out of bases in England in 1943 and 1944 had only a 23-percent chance of surviving any given mission.

"That's a 77-percent chance you would not return from your mission. And you were required initially to fly 25 missions



By now, many have likely noticed the WWII plane gracing the tarmac at Martin State Airport since Monday.



Passengers may come across this real bomber crew photo inside the airplane.



It is impossible not to notice the sight or sound of the giant plane engines during the flights over eastern Baltimore County.

and then you could rotate home," he said, adding that that was eventually increased to 30, then 35 missions.

Additionally, because the planes were not pressurized, crew had to battle the elements as well as the enemy, Hill said. At the typical flight altitude of 19,000 - 26,000 feet, the temperature inside the B-17s could reach minus 40 F.

Records show that 4,145 B-17s were lost in combat during the war, along with 609 more lost during training or formation exercises due to mid-air collisions. In the Eighth Air Force alone over two and a half years of fighting, 26,000 air crew were killed and 100,000 wounded.

This is compared to the Pacific marine campaign, which lasted three and a half years and during which 19,800 men were killed.

"So it was much more dangerous to be in the skies over Europe in a bomber," Hill said.

He also pointed out that people can visit battlefields on land and sea to see monuments or grave sites. "But you can never return to the battlefield in the sky. It's not there."

And unlike during surface battles, where commanding officers make decisions strategically and tactically as a battle evolves, in the air there were no generals to make those decisions as battles progressed.

"You had a bunch of 21- and 22-year-old pilots making these decisions on what we should do," Hill said, adding that it was a largely new type of warfare in the air.

He noted as well that there is currently an HBO special in production by Steven

Spielberg and Tom Hanks called "The Mighty Eighth" which focuses on a B-17 bomber group during WWII.

The miniseries - slated to be 10 one-hour episodes - is based on the book "Masters of the Air" by Donald Miller and will join the directorial pair's previous WWII productions of "Band of Brothers" and "The Pacific."

The Madras Maiden, although painted in the colors of the 381st Bomb Group, never saw combat. It was built in October 1944 under contract by Lockheed-Vega in Burbank, Cali., and was sold as surplus by the military in 1959.

Now owned by the Erickson Aircraft Collection, it is based out of Madras, Ore., where it spends its winters. It is currently under lease to the Liberty Foundation which makes 42 - 48 stops with it around the country each year, touring between late February and mid-November.

For the foundation's last visit to the area five years ago, they had leased the Memphis Belle, which is privately owned and is now in a museum. Their own B-17, the Liberty Belle, has been in re-restoration since 2011.

Those interested in scheduling a flight on the majestic beast can contact Scott Maher at 918-340-0243 or smaher@libertyfoundation.org.

Youngblood, the tour coordinator, gave his guarantee that they will stay until at least 5 p.m. each day to accommodate those who want to take ground tours.

"But we usually stay out until 7 or 7:30," he said. "As long as people come, we stay out and go through that."



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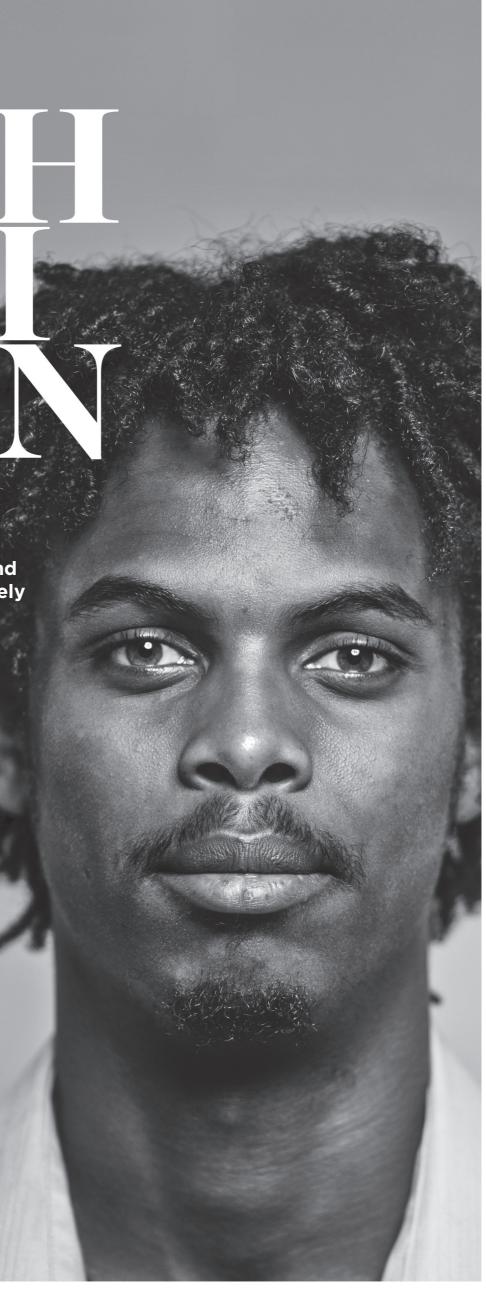
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- Article & photo by Patrick Taylor -

Over the last month, the Education Foundation of Baltimore County Public Schools worked with businesses and regular citizens in the county to collect school supplies to disperse to BCPS teachers. On Saturday, Aug. 23, hundreds of teachers from around the county stopped by Boscov's at the White Marsh Mall to pick up what had been collected.

Teachers lined up outside of a makeshift setup in the mall for the chance to walk around and collect everything they could potentially need, from binders, folders and notebooks to pens, pencils, glue sticks, bookbags and more.

For Sharon Dohony, a special education math teacher at Middle River Middle School, the supply drive was a blessing.

"All of the teachers here are really excited," said Dohony, who was taking part in the supply drive for the first time. "We can't believe we're getting all of this free stuff.'

Dohony, who has been teaching for almost 30 years, noted how difficult it is to find deals on supplies. In the past, chain stores would offer discounted prices for teachers getting ready to go back to school, but those deals are few and far between now.

"We end up spending hundreds each year on supplies for our students. Hundreds," said Dohony. "So



Dohony (right) receives her allotment of marble notebooks in the first stop in line at the supply giveaway.

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Teachers gear up for school year courtesy of supply drive

having something like this is amazing.

The amazement was evident, with teachers looking as giddy as a student on a snow day. Some let out yells of joy, others hugged the volunteers who worked tirelessly to organize the event. All seemed thoroughly pleased with their haul of supplies.

This year's drive was the biggest yet for BCPS, with 67 businesses and organizations taking part in the supply drive. For comparison, last year saw less than 20 businesses take part in the event.

"A simple thank you to the participating businesses, organizations and individuals is not enough," said BCPS Interim Superintendent Verletta White. "Their involvement sends a strong message to our teachers and students that this is a community that cares deeply about education and about them. The notebooks, backpacks, crayons, and other supplies that were donated will mean that more of our children can start the school year fully equipped for success."

White was at the supply giveaway at Boscov's, greeting every teacher as they entered the makeshift shop. The fact that the Superintendent was taking time to meet individually with every teacher that showed up was not lost on the teachers.

"She introduced herself and I was like, 'I know who you are," exclaimed Dohony, adding that White's appearance was a nice personal touch.

The Education Foundation had a goal of getting supplies to 500 teachers this year, and ultimately ended up smashing that goal. In total, 750 teachers received supplies on Saturday.

Other giveaways took place around the county over the past week. On Friday, Aug. 22, over 3,000 students received school supplies through The Preston Mitchum Jr. (PMJ) Foundation. Students received everything from backpacks and other necessary school supplies to clothes and other necessities. In Middle River, supplies were distributed at the Middle River Boys and Girls Club on Fuselage Avenue. The PMJ Foundation will also be donating to each of the groups they partnered with, including the Middle River Boys and Girls Club

And on Tuesday, Aug. 29, the Kevin Liles for a Better Baltimore Foundation, Inc. held their Sixth Annual Back-to-School Event at the Sollers Point Multipurpose Center, with hundreds bookbags and other supplies being distributed.

The Education Foundation of BCPS, Inc. is a nonprofit organization established to attract and direct public financial contributions to programs and activities of the school system in support of quality education for all children.

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Scores up in English Language Arts at BCPS

Baltimore County Public Schools students showed improvement on the English Language Arts assessment in Grades 3 to 7 and Grade 10, according to 2017 data from the Partnership for Assessment of Readiness for College and Careers (PARCC). There was a slight decrease of 0.1 percentage in English Language Arts in Grade 8.

As seen in statewide scores, BCPS results for Mathematics were mixed, with slight increases at Grades 4 and 6. The data was released on Aug. 22 by the Maryland State Department of Education.

"What's most encouraging is that our original 10 elementary Lighthouse schools outperformed both BCPS and the State in English Language Arts and Mathematics at Grades 3 to 5. These schools have had the support of a digital curriculum, professional learning for teachers on student engagement and personalization, and 1:1 student devices since fall 2014," said BCPS Interim Superintendent Verletta White. "Clearly, our work to meet individual student needs is paying off."

Superintendent White continued, "While we are happy to see progress toward college and career readiness in English Language Arts, we are committed to preparing students for today's mathematical standards and practices, which require not just problem solving, but reading, understanding, analyzing, synthesizing, and writing. This year's priorities will help students develop these skills by strengthening literacy across the content areas, as well as building relationships and providing wraparound services that support positive school climates."

In addition to providing more opportunities for students to solve complex mathematical problems, the Office of Mathematics will continue supporting professional learning for lead teachers. Outreach strategies to support math learning at home include a new blog, workshops, and more online resources.

Grade 10 students increased the most in English Language Arts - 4.1 percentage points, from 42 percent to 46.1 percent - with gains seen across the system's three largest racial and ethnic groups: White, Black, and Hispanic students. Scores for elementary students increased 2 percentage points, from 37.1 percent to 39.1 percent, in English Language Arts, including gains for White, Black, and Hispanic students. Also in English Language Arts at the middle school level, scores increased 0.8 percentage point, from 32.9 percent to 33.7 percent.





Business Boost Conference

The Business Boost Conference is designed to help current and potential small business owners with information on starting, financing and marketing a business. This conference will have three business sessions: Ready, Set, Go; Digital Marketing/SEO and Financing/Insurance. It will be held on Aug. 31, 10 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. at the Sollers Point Multi-Purpose Center, 323 Sollers Point Road in Dundalk. This event is free, but space is limited. Advance online registration is required. Register online at www.eventbrite. com/e/business-boost-workshop-tickets-37251485195.

NPVCA Meeting

The North Point Village Civic Association will hold their monthly meeting at 7 p.m. on Thursday, Aug. 31, at the Southeastern Regional Recreation Center (SERRC), 4021 North Point Blvd. in Dundalk. The agenda will include updates on community happenings, crime and discussion of issues.

Community Outreach Event

Sussex Elementary School invites students and their families to a free community outreach event at 2 Driftwood Court in the Cove Village community of Essex, from 5 - 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, Aug. 31, being held in partnership with the Baltimore County police and fire departments. Free school supplies and refreshments will be provided. The event will celebrate the upcoming start of the school year and be an opportunity for students to get to know each other and Sussex Elementary's teachers and administrators.

Bread and Cheese Creek Cleanup

Berkshire to North Point is the targeted area for the Sept. 2, 8 a.m. - 2 p.m. cleanup of historic Bread and Cheese Creek. Registration at 2408 Plainfield Road in Dundalk. Volunteers of all ages and abilities are needed! Bags, gloves, trash grabbers/tools and waders are always appreciated. Contact Info@Breadand CheeseCreek.org or call 410-285-1202 for more info.

Family Block Party

Dundalk Elementary School, 2717 Playfield St., will hold a Family Block Party, formerly known as Sneaka-Peek, on Thursday, Aug. 31. The event will offer students and their families a chance to informally meet teachers, other staff members and the administration, as well as to get to know other families and neighbors in the school community. From 5:30 - 6:30 p.m. will be social time and resource booths; 6:30 - 7:15 p.m. will be staff introductions and community circle activities (outside); and from 7:15 - 8:30 p.m., transition to see your child's classroom (drop-in format). Families are asked to bring chairs, blankets and food. The school will provide summer treats! For more information, contact Michael Parker at 410-887-7013.

For the full Community Calendar, visit https://eastcountytimesonline.com/community-calendar.

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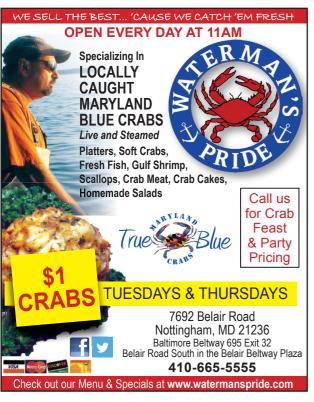
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Nottingham barricade being investigated by police

Baltimore County Police have verified that the incident resulting in a barricade in the unit block of Insley Way in Nottingham on Aug. 24, was not a home invasion robbery attempt. The subsequent investigation has discounted the initial details given to police.

Just after 2 p.m. on Aug. 24, police were called when witnesses heard a woman scream and the sound of a single gunshot in the unit-block of Insley Way. Officers responded to the location and were told by the victim that three men attempted to rob her and threatened her with a handgun. She told police that she retrieved her own handgun and there was a struggle.

The victim explained that two of the suspects fled inside another house located in the same unit block of Insley Way. Based on this information, the police set up a perimeter around the house containing the alleged suspects. One person came out of the house on his own and was temporarily detained, without any further incident.

After speaking with witnesses and re-interviewing the victim, police determined that there was an argument between two groups of people. During the argument, the female retrieved a handgun. The argument continued to escalate and resulted in someone firing a single round from a handgun.

The investigation is continuing at this time. Anyone with information regarding this incident is urged to contact Baltimore County police.

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Oak Crest retirement community evacuated

Baltimore County Fire and EMS personnel responded to a gas leak at the Oak Crest retirement home in Parkville on Aug. 25.

Some 150 to 200 residents of the Belmont Building were moved to another part of the Oak Crest community while investigators, including BGE, tried to find the leak. The gas leak was accompanied by an underground fire that Fire crews quickly extinguished. A small amount of smoke from this fire infiltrated the Belmont Building, but there was no fire at the Oak Crest facility.

According to a press release put out by Oak Crest, the leak was found and "the damaged pipe was repaired. As a precautionary measure, the power to the building remained off overnight. Steps were taken to provide the 125 residents displaced by this incident with temporary accommodations. There we no injuries that resulted from the gas line break. Residents and operations at Oak Crest returned to normal the next day on Aug. 26.

Don't drink and drive

Over the next few weeks, Baltimore County Police will be out and about looking for those who drink and drive

Police will be looking for drivers who are driving erratically, too fast, distracted and aggressive. If the officer believes a driver is driving while drunk or drugged, he will pull the driver over and ask for the person's driver's license and car registration. This will stop anyone who is driving without a license, has a suspended license or has outstanding warrants against them.

If the officer suspects that the driver is driving while intoxicated, a field sobriety test will be given. Should the driver fail the test, the driver will be arrested and taken back to the station. "Buzzed" and Drunk Driving are considered the same. A .08 is considered drunk in Maryland.

A DUI can cost the driver money and time. There are court costs, lawyer's fees and fines. In some cases, the insurance will either go up or be cancelled.

Save money, time and, most importantly, save lives.

Four fire personnel assist with Harvey response

Four Baltimore County Fire Department (BCoFD) personnel have been deployed to assist with emergency response to the historic flooding in Texas caused by Hurricane Harvey.

Two firefighters deployed early Sunday morning as part of the Federal Emergency Management Agency's Pennsylvania Task Force #1, a team of specially trained first responders based in Philadelphia.

They are Fire Lt. Byron Welker, a rescue specialist; and Fire Apparatus Driver Operator Steve Yealdhall, a hazmat specialist. They are regularly assigned to BCoFD's Texas Fire Station, home of the County's Urban Search and Rescue team.

FEMA organizes special task forces across the nation and selectively activates them in times of disaster. Over the years, various Baltimore County Fire Department members have responded as part of Pennsylvania Task Force #1 to a number of disasters, including Hurricane Katrina and the 9/11 attacks at Ground Zero in New York.

Lieutenant Welker, FADO Yealdhall and the rest of Pennsylvania Task Force #1 left by bus early Sunday morning. They are scheduled to stage outside of the Fort Worth area, where they will receive assignments from FEMA.

"Our thoughts and prayers remain with everyone affected by Hurricane Harvey and its catastrophic aftermath. I am proud that Baltimore County is able to lend its expertise to help our fellow Americans suffering in this historic disaster," said County Executive Kevin Kamenetz.

Fire Chief Kyrle W. Preis III said this kind of emergency is exactly why BCoFD participates in agreements with FEMA. "Our job is to make people with the needed skills available when disasters like this occur. We don't know what role our personnel will be asked to play in Texas. We do know that they are committed and willing to do whatever they're asked to do."

Two other BCoFD members - EMS Lieutenants Kevin Palmer and Rick Blubaugh - flew to Dallas Friday as part of Maryland 1-Disaster Medical Assistance Team (DMAT). Both are certified paramedics.

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- By Delegate Pat McDonough (R-7) -

The recent reckless murder of a 13-year-old girl in Baltimore County has residents worried that Baltimore City-type violence is spilling over into our neighborhoods. Although county crime is nowhere near the level of city crime, our public safety problems appear to be growing. The statistics that are available claim otherwise but as an elected representative, I have been receiving a growing number of calls about robberies, burglaries and nuisance crimes.

It is important that we attack this problem before it grows beyond our control. I have a number of actions that should be initiated that would bring a proactive law enforcement policy to protect the county. Young people are committing a large number of public nuisance crimes, which means it may be time to institute a county-wide youth curfew program. This curfew must be strongly enforced. Zero tolerance has been criticized by the press and the pro-criminal lobby. Baltimore County needs a lawfully enforced zero tolerance policy. The quality of life in our neighborhoods is essential to the success and stability of our future. Public nuisance crimes and residents who disturb their neighborhoods must not be tolerated. Residents in Section

County needs an active public safety plan

8 voucher-supported homes must follow the rules and regulations of their contracts or be removed. As your Baltimore County Executive, I will strictly enforce these rules.

In order to send a message to anyone willing to commit gun violence in our county, I will implement "Project Exile." This federal program will prosecute gun violence perpetrators by imposing mandatory sentencing and transfer them to out-of-state prisons at federal expense. I introduced a "Criminal Gun Control Act" in the state legislature. This proposal mandated a 10-year sentence prohibiting parole, plea bargaining and the right of a judge to dismiss the charge. The pro-criminal legislators in Annapolis defeated the bill. However, I will introduce the bill again in the 2018 session of the Maryland General Assembly.

Recently, judges in Baltimore City have been criticized for dismissing gun violence cases. In order to avoid a detachment of the community from the judicial system, I would implement a "Court Watch" program. Volunteers would be recruited to be observers in the courtrooms. A state-of-the-art website would be developed to disclose judicial decisions and records to the general public. The Baltimore County administration would render full

support for this project.

Of course, the great danger facing all of us is the Mexican heroin epidemic. Gangs like MS-13 are conducting chemical warfare upon our people. We must use the combined power of the federal, state and local law enforcement assets to remove them from Baltimore County. Undercover agents, intelligence specialists and every partner necessary must be used to shut down criminal illegal immigrants and terminate all sanctuary policies.

Baltimore County's future depends

upon the strength of its neighborhoods. I would focus on a policy that promotes a civic association in every community. A "Citizens on Patrol" should be part of the association fully supported by the County Executive and law enforcement.

The "Put People First" slogan which is part of my campaign to become your next Baltimore County Executive promises that the peoples' best interests will be the top priority in every policy including public safety.

All schools in Northeast now air conditioned

- By Councilman David Marks (R-5) -

All public schools in Carney, Perry Hall, and Kingsville are now air conditioned, Councilman David Marks was able to announce after a tour of Chapel Hill Elementary School today.

He was joined by Julie Henn, a member of the Baltimore County Board of Education who lives in Perry Hall.

In 2010, when Councilman Marks was elected, more than a dozen schools did not have air conditioning. By last year, the number had fallen to Chapel Hill, Kingsville and Oakleigh Elementary Schools. All three schools will open with air conditioning in September.

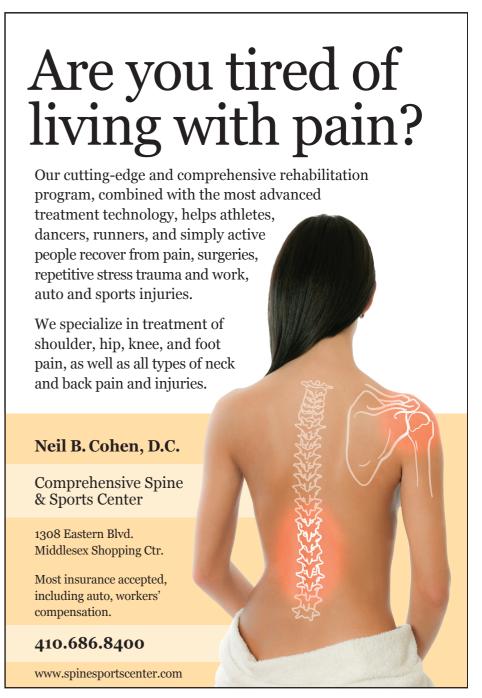
"I would like to thank my colleagues in the state and county governments for their support of the funding that made this milestone possible," Councilman Marks commented. "In addition to the air conditioning initiative, work is underway on Perry Hall's first new school in 25 years—the new Honeygo elementary school that will open in 2018. Funding has been approved for a new elementary and middle school as well.

"Councilman Marks was a key advocate for Chapel Hill Elementary School," added Nitsa Stakias, former president of the Chapel Hill PTA.

"Julie Henn continues to work hard on these issues on the School Board," Marks concluded. "And finally, my gratitude to all the parent activists who have helped advocate for these improvements. They made a key difference!"







Metzgar honors local businesses

- By Delegate Ric Metzgar (R-6) -

On July 19, Delegate Metzgar, in a special ceremony, presented a citation to owner Bob Romiti of Squires Italian restaurant located at 6723 Holabird Avenue in celebration of the restaurants decades of success in Dundalk.

Delegate Metzgar honored and thanked Mr. Romiti for their fine establishment and contributions to the success of the community. Squires Restaurant began in the early nineteen hundreds by the Squires Family and the Romiti family acquired the establishment many decades ago continuing the tradition of fine Italian cuisine that it has been known for throughout Baltimore and the state of Maryland.

Metzgar also recently celebrated the grand opening of a new 7-Eleven in Edge-



Metzgar (left) presented a citation to Romiti at Squires restaurant in Dundalk.

mere, as well as the 37th anniversary of Rainbow Car Wash in Dundalk. "Rainbow has been an established business in our community for over 37 years bringing jobs to those in our community as well as outstanding service to our community."

We need to prepare for floods in our area

- By Delegate Bob Long (R-6) -

Our thoughts and prayers go out to all of the people in Texas that are battling heavy waters as a result of Hurricane Harvey. Although we have not had that type of extreme weather here, we still saw heavy rainfall and flooding last week. I want to thank everyone that helped with flooding issues in our District. I was out and saw some of the water damage to our area.

Since parts of District 6 are in lowlying areas, we often have a few storms a year that flood areas such as parts of Essex, Millers Island, the Bread and Cheese Creek bridge on Old North Point Road and many other areas.

Since it seems that we have multiple storms a year that cause flooding, we need to become more proactive. I would encourage residents to become prepared with flashlights and a battery-operated radio.

Another issue is backed up storm drains. If you see a storm drain that is backed up, I would ask you to report these drains to the county so we can clear them out before a big storm hits.

I have received phone calls about the Bread and Cheese Creek bridge near the intersection of Old North Point Road and German Hill Road. That road floods every time a big storm hits our area and I would like to look into that bridge to see if we can alleviate the problem.

While we cannot stop Mother Nature, I am hopeful that we can take steps to slow down the damage from the storms.

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Szeliga applauds late school start

- By Delegate Kathy Szeliga (R-7) -

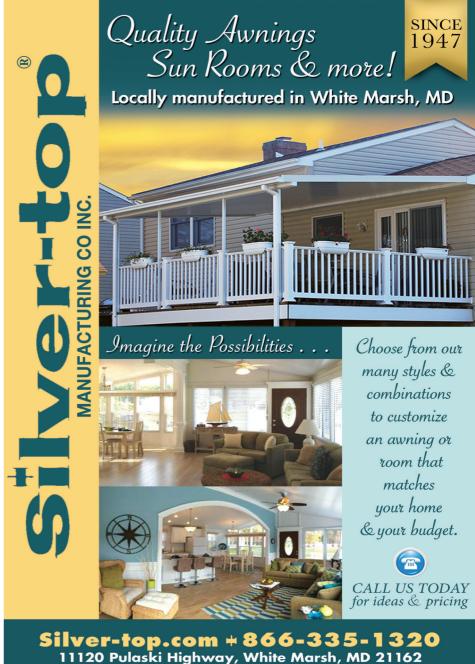
Instead of rushing around this week getting your kids ready for school next week, you can relax and enjoy these wonderful summer days! Parents, grandparents, and most teachers, alike agree - we all need that extra week.

Thank you Governor Hogan and Comptroller Peter Franchot. Comptroller Franchot had been drumming up support for the After Labor Day School Start, and Governor Hogan took the reins and got it done! It was a great team effort.

Relax Go to the pool Take a motorcycle ride Eat crabs Enjoy one more week with your kids!

Friends and supporters always ask how they can help promote common sense ideas. Follow Governor Hogan and me on Facebook and Twitter - as well as others who represent you and your ideas - share our posts and share our emails! I can be found on Facebook at @Kathy.Szeliga and on Twitter at @KathyforMD.





Wohlfort, Marie

After a beautifully lived life, Marie joined her beloved Henry and the Lord on Aug. 20, one month shy of her 97th birthday. Marie and Henry's children are Janet Nickel and her husband Lee, Kathy Schlee and her husband John, Phil Wohlfort and his wife Bonnie, Bob Wohlfort and his wife Missy and Dave Wohlfort and his wife Ann. Marie is predeceased by her dear sister, Josephine Poznaniak and survived by her cousin Alberta Blohm. Also survived by 12 cherished grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

Services provided by Kaczorowski Funeral Home. Interment St. Stanislaus Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to Chesapeake Therapeutic Riding (CTR), P.O. Box 475, Abingdon, MD 21009.

Andrion, Virgil Albert

On Aug. 25, Virgil Albert Andrion passed away. He was the beloved husband of the late Carolyn Andrion (nee Howells); dear brother of Barbara M. Andrion. Virgil is also survived by his friend and caregiver Cindy Kauders.

Services and interment are private. Those desiring may make memorial contributions in Virgil's name to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, Memorial and Honor Program, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105.

Marchsteiner, John Vernon

On Aug. 24, John Vernon Marchsteiner, 95; beloved husband of Lena Maria Marchsteiner; devoted father of Stacie Lee James and her husband Mike, and John V. Marchsteiner, Jr.; cherished grandfather of Jarrett, John L., and Joanna Marchsteiner; dear brother of Mary E. Rackl and her late husband Paul. John served in the United States Navy during WWII.

Services provided by Schimunek Funeral Home of Nottingham. Relatives and friends are invited to gather at Schimunek on Saturday, Sept. 2, for a receiving of friends from 2 - 3 p.m. with a memorial service to follow at 3 p.m. Interment services will be private. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made in John's name to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, 262 Danny Thomas Place, Memphis, TN 38105.

Ravera, Linda Carol

On Aug. 24, Linda Carol Ravera (nee Lombardi) passed away. She was the beloved wife of Armando "Mott" Ravera, Jr.; loving mother of Jason A. Ravera and Justin A. Ravera; loving grandmother of Aubrey M. Ravera; dear sister of Denise A. Lombardi; cherished aunt of Lisa Gemma and Tricia Rutkowski. Linda is survived by many loving extended family members and friends.

Services provided by Schimunek Funeral Home of Nottingham. Interment at Gardens of Faith Memorial Gardens. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Linda's name to Free to Breathe, 1 Point Place, #200, Madison, WI 53719.

Richardson, Melvin "Bud" Jr.

On Aug. 22, Melvin "Bud" Richardson, Jr. passed away. He was the beloved husband of Eleanor Richardson (nee Holewczynski); devoted father of Laura Wollenweber (Thomas), Steven Richardson, and Linda Stewart (Raymond); dear brother of Wayne Richardson (Claudia) and the late Helen Stark; loving grandfather of three grandchildren and four greatgrandchildren; he is also survived by many loving nieces, nephews and friends.

Services provided by Schimunek Funeral Home of Nottingham. Interment Gardens of Faith Memorial Park. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in his honor to the National Parkinson Foundation, 200 SE 1st Street, Suite 800, Miami, FL 33131.

Schaferbien, Linda Marie

On Aug. 21, Linda Marie Schaferbien (Snider), formerly of Somerset and resident of Baltimore for the last 20 years, beloved wife of Raymond C. Schaferbien; preceeded in death by her parents Virginia Snider (Mimna), Harry H. "Tanky" Snider, Jr., Matilda Schaferbien (Molino) and Robert Schaferbien and her grandparents Pearl Marie Mimna (Yoder), Robert Mimna, Marie Snider (Festog) and Harry Snider, Sr.; dear mother of Michael Bradley Moore and wife Kari Chun, Daniel Lee Moore and wife Melissa (Lorimer), Sherrylyn Drzewiecki (Schaferbien) and husband Jospeph, Michell Antoinette Rodriguez (Schaferbien) and husband Nick; grandmother of Cameron Marie Moore, Katerina Santoro, Brandon and Skyler Drzewiecki, Antonio and Angelito Ventura, and Nicholas Rodriguez; sister of Barry Snider and wife Connie; sister-in-law of Robert and Joyce Schaferbien, and Joseph and Linda Schaferbien. Also survived by many

Services provided by Kaczorowski Funeral Home. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society.

Johnson, William F.

On Aug. 21, William F. Jonson, III, devoted father of Billy Johnson and his wife Gidget, Lisa Johnson-Cox and her husband Michael, Constance Johnson Altland and her husband Scott; loving grandfather of Tony and his wife Shannon, Candace and her husband Mike, Brandy, Rose and Breeanna; loving great-grandfather of Gavin, Dallas, Bella and Anthony; dear friend of May Lombardi and Marcia Allison.

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Webster, Jeffrey Kevin

Suddenly on Aug. 24, Jeffrey Kevin Webster passed away. He was the devoted father of Erin Webster, Christina Webster and Josh Webster; loving son of Linda and the late Irvin Webster; cherished grandfather of Skylar and Liam Huber and Ryan Kitchen; dear brother of Joseph K. Webster and his wife Dana, Michele Moore and her husband Chris; fond fatherin-law of Barry Kitchen and Frank Huber.

Services provided by Schimunek Funeral Home of Nottingham. Family and friends may gather at Schimunek on Saturday, Sept. 2, from 11 a.m - noon, at which time the Celebration of Life service will begin. Interment in Gardens of Faith Cemetery.

Jagodzinski, Rita E.

On Aug. 21, Rita E. Jagodzinski (nee Seibel), beloved wife of the late Norman P. Jagodzinski; devoted mother of Phyllis Sewell and her husband Barry; loving grandmother of Jonathan Sewell. Also survived by many nieces, nephews and family members.

Services provided by Kaczorowski Funeral Home.

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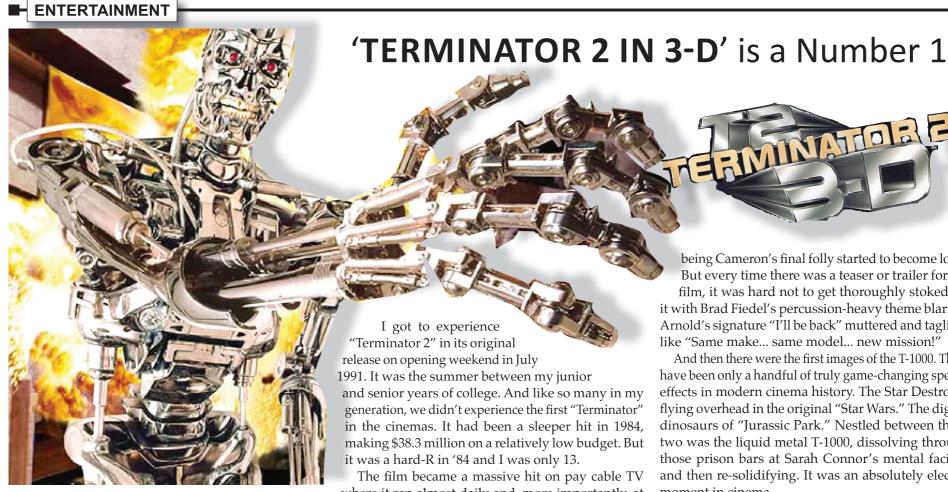
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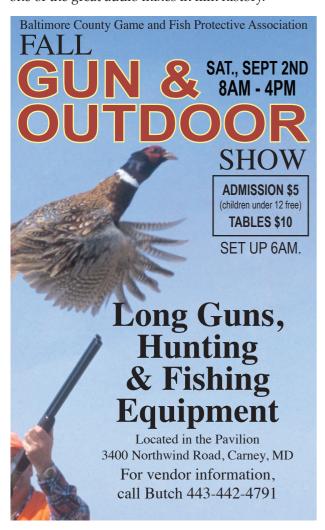
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- By Teddy Durgin -

Back in theaters for just this week is "Terminator 2: Judgment Day" in a stunning, 4K, 3-D re-release that writer-director James Cameron personally supervised. AMC Theaters has the exclusive on this one. So, definitely check it out at AMC White Marsh before it leaves the big screen. Otherwise, this amazing restoration is set to hit Amazon and store shelves in a 4K Ultra HD/ Blu-Ray combo pack Oct. 3.

"T2" is one of those rare blockbusters that delivers on the spectacle, but also is a near-perfect mix of writing, directing, acting, location scouting, stunts... you name it. Everyone involved in this picture was working at an insanely high level 26 years ago, whether it was the visual effects wizards at Industrial Light and Magic; the on-set practical effects by the late, great Stan Winston and his crew; or the sound technicians who created one of the great audio mixes in film history.



I got to experience "Terminator 2" in its original release on opening weekend in July 1991. It was the summer between my junior and senior years of college. And like so many in my generation, we didn't experience the first "Terminator" in the cinemas. It had been a sleeper hit in 1984, making \$38.3 million on a relatively low budget. But it was a hard-R in '84 and I was only 13.

The film became a massive hit on pay cable TV where it ran almost daily and, more importantly, at the video rental stores of the time. In fact, it and "Blade Runner" may be the two greatest success stories of the VHS-Betamax era. By the late '80s when Arnold Schwarzenegger was doing press for movies like "Predator" and "Twins" and Cameron was doing press for "Aliens" and "The Abyss," they were getting peppered constantly with the question: "Will there be another Terminator?!" A sequel was inevitable, and Cameron swore he had a great idea.

Boy, did he! At the time, though, Cameron was considered something of an unhinged Maverick. He darn-near faced mutiny on the set of "The Abyss," pushing his cast and crew beyond their limits. Members of the production actually had T-shirts printed up that read: "You Can't Scare Me. I've Worked for James Cameron." When "The Abyss" under-performed at the summer box office in 1989, Cameron needed "Terminator 2"

But when it came time to film, he was so singleminded in his vision, in his ambition for the film and in his desire to push the envelope - heck, tear it to shreds, really - that the budget ballooned past \$100million... unheard of in 1990-91 dollars. Whispers of it

being Cameron's final folly started to become loud. But every time there was a teaser or trailer for the film, it was hard not to get thoroughly stoked for it with Brad Fiedel's percussion-heavy theme blaring, Arnold's signature "I'll be back" muttered and taglines like "Same make... same model... new mission!"

And then there were the first images of the T-1000. There have been only a handful of truly game-changing special effects in modern cinema history. The Star Destroyer flying overhead in the original "Star Wars." The digital dinosaurs of "Jurassic Park." Nestled between those two was the liquid metal T-1000, dissolving through those prison bars at Sarah Connor's mental facility and then re-solidifying. It was an absolutely electric moment in cinema.

And then there's this. Ahem...

"Terminator 2" may be the best pure action film I've seen in my lifetime! Thank God, this film was made in the infancy of the digital era. The amount of real stunt work in this movie would never be attempted today (save for George Miller's "Mad Max: Fury Road"). That's the young Robert Patrick really running at THAT speed through parking garages. That's a real helicopter crashing into the back of a real armored police vehicle. The Los Angeles aqueduct chase? Real motorcycles, a real semi and some freakin' massive on-set explosions. And truly, my friends, I don't think I've ever seen ANYTHING cooler EVER on the big screen than Arnie's T-800, riding a Harley and reloading his shotgun by finger twirling it while steering at high speed.

I'm of the mind that there are only two "Terminator" films. Cameron rather perfectly closed the loop on his story by the end of "T2." Yeah, the guy is a jerk in real life. His comments this week about "Wonder Woman" being a "step backwards" have marred what should've been a special week of tribute for one of the great films of the 1990s. My advice? Turn off the selective outrage just this once and go enjoy a true movie masterpiece.











is your basic, little-girl wish-fulfillment fantasy... if your little girl's wish is to become a scheming, conniving, reckless dream obsessive. It's about an orphan girl named Felicie (voice of Ellie Fanning), who dreams of being a star ballerina at the Great Opera House in Paris circa the 1880s. But pretty much everything she does to achieve that dream is illegal, immoral or unethical.

It wouldn't be so bad if the film wasn't always on her side. But, at nearly all times, it seems to be saying that by doing wrong, little Felicie can do no wrong. The ends justify the means. As long as you have a dream, you can totally commit crimes; cut corners on training, practicing and rehearsing; and engage in extremely reckless behavior to achieve your starryeyed goals.

This might have been OK if we were watching "The Young J.R. Ewing Story." But "The Making of a Dancer: Young Felicie's Dream?" Oh, no.

This flick really rubbed me the wrong way with its mixed messages for little girls delivered at all of the appropriate applause points. Some examples? Well, 11-year-old Felicie runs away from her orphanage in the dead of night,

jumping off its roof (!) with her friend Victor (Nat Wolff) in a flying contraption the boy invented, then hopping aboard a moving train while evading the orphanage's custodian Luteau (voice of Mel Brooks) almost killing the man in the process.

Once in Paris, she steals the identity of another little girl who's trained for years to be accepted into a prestigious dance academy at the Grand Opera House. Felicie has no training. She just thinks that if she can dream it, she can do it. Consequently, she stumbles all over the place in her first couple of classes and doesn't even know the basic foot and toe positions.

But she has... HEART! All is forgiven. Her stern, disapproving teacher then spots her - remember, Felicie is 11 - dancing on the tables of a bar late one night to the cheers of boozed-up, grown men. And at that point, the instructor realizes Felicie not only has the heart of a dancer, she has... THE PASSION! So, even after her ruse is discovered, he lets her stay in the prestigious school tuition-free! But rather than working hard and dedicating herself even more to winning the co-lead in an upcoming Christmas Eve production of "The Nutcracker," she goes out on a date the evening before her big audition... and stays out all night! She, of course, botches the audition the next morning and is rightfully carted back to the orphanage.

Felicie says "I'm sorry!" throughout the movie. But you never get the sense she wouldn't do it all over again exactly the same way. And the film continually lets her off the hook by making everyone around her either enablers whose lives revolve around her or almost completely evil naysayers who exist only as obstacles to the girl. So, it's OK that she stole Camille's (voice of Maddie Ziegler) identity, because the girl is such a mean little snot. Felicie deserves to stay in the dance school because Camille's mother, Regine (voice of Kate McKinnon), was buying her daughter's way in anyway. Late in the film, Regine becomes positively homicidal, chasing Felicie up the scaffolding of the underconstruction Statue of Liberty wielding a SLEDGE HAMMER (!) all the while trying to kill Felicie!

Oh, and the film is basically "The Karate Kid" done with pirouettes instead of Crane kicks to the face. Felicie is coached in private by a once-great dancer named Odette (voice of Carly Rae Jepsen), who teaches her to dance with such nontraditional techniques as cleaning mirrors with her feet (Windex on/Windex off?).

This flick may have your littlest ones dancing out of the theater and wanting to be Felicie at the end. But don't be surprised when your little darling pushes down a friend who also wants to be a dancer while muttering "No mercy!" Parents, definitely look before you leap when considering this movie.





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Cool Kids Cornhole

A cornhole tournament to benefit the Cool Kids Campaign will be held at 12:30 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 9, at the Rosedale American Legion, 1331 Seling Ave. in Rosedale. Participants should report at 11 a.m. The cost is \$40 for each team of two. The event will also include soccer darts, paintball, music, raffles and a silent auction. Food and drinks will be available. Register online at cornholeforcoolkids.com. Info: Phil Hucht, 410-935-0857.

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, Sept. 1. For more information, call the post, 410-288-2297.

Karaoke, Line Dancing

Essex American Legion Post 148, 20 S. Marlyn Ave. in Essex, will host Karaoke with Jimmy D from 8 p.m. to midnight Friday, Sept. 1; For the Good Times Karaoke with Percy and Fred from 8 p.m. to midnight Saturday, Sept. 2; and Fun Time Karaoke with Annette and Wild Bill from 4 to 8 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 3. Line dancing will be available from 7 to 11 p.m. Friday in the hall. Call 410-686-2353 for kitchen availability and specials.

Defenders Day

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; no pets or alcohol allowed in the park. Info: 410-284-2331.

WAVFC Quarter Auction

The Wise Avenue Volunteer Fire Co., 214 Wise Ave. in Dundalk, will hold a quarter auction at 7 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 7, in the rear fire hall. Doors open at 6 p.m. Admission, which includes three paddles, is \$5. Additional paddles are \$2 each. Food and drinks will be sold. Info: Jerry, 443-841-9692. 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 state watermen, the menu will include sliced beef and gravy, Old Bay chicken, crab soup, a variety of side dishes and beer and soda. Tickets: Russ, 410-477-3291 (Dundalk); Martin, 410-592-2889 (northern Baltimore County); Barb, 410-574-6759 (Middle River area); or Salty Dog Crab House (410-388-0515). arine Trades Association OFF WILSON POINT ON BEAUTIFUL MIDDLE RIVER 39°18'25.4"N, 76°24'35.6"W Location east of Wilson Point will provide view-

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Victory Villa Senior Center, 403 Compass Road in Middle River, will hold a flea market from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 16. Members pay \$8 for spaces; all others pay \$10. Bring your own tables. Vendors must pay in advance at the center and must be on the lot by 7:30 a.m. Call 410-887-0235 for info.

Post 38 Paint Night

American Legion Post 38, 3300 Dundalk Ave. in Dundalk, will hold a paint night from 7 to 9:30 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 27. Doors will open at 6 p.m. The cost is \$35. Basic bar food and beverages will be available for purchase before and during the event. For more information, call Cindy, 410-790-0603.

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 info., call the post, 410-870-0625.

Rosedale VFC Crab Feast

Rosedale Volunteer Fire Co. will hold a crab feast from 1 to 5 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 9, at Rosedale Gardens, 8037 Philadelphia Road. Doors will open at 12:30 p.m. In addition to crabs, the menu will included crab soup, fried chicken, beef BBQ, a variety of side dishes, rolls, chips and pretzels, watermelon and desserts. Tickets cost \$50 in advance and \$55 at the door. Food will be served from 1 to 4 p.m. Games of chance and raffles will be available. For info., call 410-866-2598, or send an email to rvfdbullroast@gmail.com.

Senior Center Crab Feast

Victory Villa Senior Center, 403 Compass Road in Middle River, will hold a crab feast from noon to 3 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 13. The menu will include crabs, crab soup, fried chicken, a variety of side dishes and beverages. Tickets cost \$35. You must be a club member to attend; membership is free to seniors 60 and older). Call the center, 410-887-0235, for more information.

Todd Open House

Todd's Inheritance Historic Site, 9000 North Point Road in Edgemere, will hold an open house from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, Sept. 9 and 10. Admission is \$10 for ages 16 and older, \$7 for senior citizens and free for children 15 and younger. Memberships, which allow unlimited admissions for one year, are available and start at \$30. For more information, visit the group's Facebook page.



Zion UCC Book Sale

Zion United Church of Christ, 7146 Kelso Drive in Essex, will hold its monthly used book sale from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 9, in the church hall (one block past the church). Hardbacks cost \$1 each; paperbacks and VHS tapes are 25 cents each. Magazines are free. For more information, call Retha, 410-682-6571.

Crab Feast

Our Lady Oueen 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 info., email mkahl58@comcast.net.

Flea Market

Our Lady Queen of Peace Church, 10003 Bird River Road in Middle River, will hold a flea market from 7 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 9 (rain date is Sept. 16). Registration begins at 6 a.m. The cost is \$10 for two parking spaces (one vending spot and one parking spot). No reservations are needed; pay the morning of the market. Bring your own tables. No firearms can be sold at this event.

Crafters Needed

Orems United Methodist Church. 1020 Orems Road in Middle River, will hold a craft fair from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 30. Organizers are recruiting crafters who would like to sell their handmade creations. One table costs \$30; two tables cost \$50; three tables cost \$75. Call the church office, 410-687-9483, for a registration form. The deadline to register is Sept. 17.

Hiss UMC Flea Market

Hiss United Methodist Church, 8700 Harford Road in Parkville, will hold an outdoor flea market from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 16 (rain date Sept. 23). Vendor spaces cost \$15 each (bring your own table). For info., call the church office, 410-668-5665 or Karen Hasenei, 410-663-6388, or visit Hisschurch.org.

Polish Fall Festival

Holy Rosary Church, 408 S. Chester St. in East Baltimore, will hold its Polish Fall Festival from noon to 10 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 16, and from noon to 6 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 17. Admission is \$2 per person. The festival will celebrate Polish culture, food and traditions and will feature music, crafts, a "kiddie corner" and flea market. All proceeds will benefit the church's Raise the Roof campaign. The event is one of 12 events scheduled as part of the campaign, through which church leaders hope to raise \$1.2 million to replace the 90-year-old structure's slate roof. For info., call 410-732-3960, or visit www.holyrosarypl.org.

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Orems UMC Thrift Shop

Orems United Methodist Church, 1020 Orems Road in Middle River, will hold its monthly Hall Closet Thrift Shop from 8:30 a.m. to noon Saturday, Sept. 9. Collectibles, adult and children's clothing, toys, books, jewelry, housewares and bedding items will be available at reasonable prices. Pit beef and ham sandwiches will also be sold. For info., call the church 410-687-9483.

Calling All Crafters

Our Lady Queen of Peace Church, 10003 Bird River Road in Middle River, will hold a car and craft show from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 7. Craft space is available at \$15 per table or \$25 for two tables (six-foot tables will be provided). The craft show is for makers of handcrafted items only; no flea market or retail items. Car show registration is \$15 (\$10 per vehicle before Sept. 30). For more information, visit www.olqpmd.org or send an email to olqp@olqpmd.org.

PHUMC Flea Market

Perry Hall United Methodist Church, 9515 Belair Road in Perry Hall, will hold a flea market from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 9 (rain date Saturday, Sept. 16). Spaces cost \$15 each. Breakfast will be sold from 8 to 10 a.m. and lunch will be sold from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. To reserve a space or for info., call the church office, 410-256-6479.



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SPOTLIGHT



In recognition of her second birthday, Ashanti Renee Gomez was treated to two celebrations of her big day, which was July 14. A gathering with several family members at Chick-fil-A at Eastpoint was followed by a party with friends and family members that featured cupcakes, balloons, a bounce house and swimming pool fun.

All-American Car Show

Gunpowder VFW Post 10067, 6309 Ebenezer Road in Middle River, will hold its All-American Car Show from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 1 (rain date Oct. 8). Advance registration is \$10. Trophies will be awarded. The event will include music and food and drinks will be available. For more information, call Ralph Prichard, 410-335-8673.



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Essex Senior Center members gathered recently to send a vote of confidence to young students getting ready for the new school year. Center members and leaders collected and packaged up back-to-school supplies and delivered them to the Eastern Family Resource Center on Aug. 1. Each year, center members help provide much-needed supplies by donating to area schools and homeless shelters so children in need get the supplies they need to succeed. "By providing back packs and school supplies, our members have helped to get the school year started off great for many students," organizers said in a statement to the *East County Times*.



Hartman Gets His Wings



Edgemere resident Wyatt Hartman, who graduated from Eastern Technical High School in June, recently completed another course of education - one that couldn't keep him grounded. Hartman, who landed a coveted, all-expenses-paid scholarship to a residential summer aviation course at Delaware State University, successfully completed the program. He received his private pilot's license in a traditional wing pinning ceremony held Aug. 2, at Dover Air Force Base's Air Mobility Command Museum. Hartment is headed to the Community College of Baltimore County, where he plans to study aviation.

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 are also available. For more information, call Woody Powell, 443-840-3548 or 410-952-5874, or send an email to wpowell@ccbcmd.edu.

'Soup for the Soul'

The Woman's Club of Dundalk will host "Soup for the Soul" from noon to 4 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 24, at the Wise Avenue Volunteer Fire Company hall, 214 Wise Ave. in Dundalk. Soup donated by local restaurants, including Costas Inn, Poplar Inn, Outback Steakhouse, Countryside Restaurant, Chili's, Sparrows Point Restaurant and Caddy Shack Express, will be sold for \$7 per bowl. The event will also include a bake sale, gift basket raffles and vendor booths. The event will accept cash only. For more information, call 443-286-7467.



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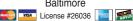
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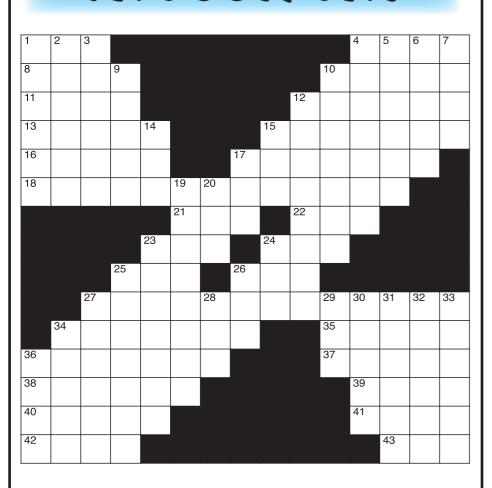
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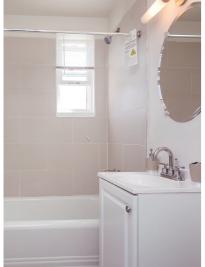
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