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VERSE OF THE WEEK - John 14:27 Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid.



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The Baltimore County Council was set to vote Monday night on bills meant to address issues with parking in the Dundalk Village Shopping Center, as well as the use of air cannons on farms near residential neighborhoods. But both bills were withdrawn before the vote. File photo.

- By Devin Crum -

The biggest news to come out of the Baltimore County Council's legislative session Monday night was the body's endorsement of incentives to entice Amazon to build a new distribution center at Sparrows Point.

The distribution center would be separate from the company's second headquarters, for which a site has not yet been chosen and a nationwide search is underway.

The Council voted unanimously on Monday, Oct. 2, to support a \$2.2 million package of incentives for the project, which would see an 855,000-square-foot distribution center built at Tradepoint Atlantic which is redeveloping the 3,100acre former steel mill site. The new center would be in addition to the 1 millionsquare-foot facility at the site of the former General Motors plant on Broening Highway in Baltimore.

While neither Amazon nor Tradepoint has commented on the plans, county officials have said Amazon is in negotiations to build the facility, which would potentially bring 1,500 jobs.

The incentives package consists of conditional loans of \$2 million from the state's Department of Commerce, along with an extra 10 percent, or \$200,000 kicked

in by the county.

Two bills which were set to receive votes Monday were each withdrawn by their sponsors for the purpose of giving the relevant parties more time to work on a solution.

The first, introduced by Councilman Todd Crandell (R-Dundalk), was meant to address problems of larger trucks and vans parking improperly at the Dundalk Village Shopping Center.

"We have some very large vans that park in the spots that are intended for the retail customers," Crandell said of the issue at the Council's work session - see COUNCIL on page 5 -



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#### Proposed medical marijuana dispensaries running into roadblocks

- By Virginia Terhune -One medical marijuana group is progressing in Dundalk, but a second group and others in Perry Hall and White Marsh have run into neighborhood opposition or local zoning issues in getting their establishments off the ground.

Retail dispensaries are due to open around Maryland in early December as part of a new state program that allows the sale of medical marijuana to registered users with cancer, post-traumatic stress disorder, epileptic fits and other painful or debilitating conditions.

Pre-approved operators - two in each state legislative district - must secure locations and county approvals before undergoing inspections and a final vote by the Maryland Medical Cannabis Commission.

In Perry Hall, LMS Wellness, Benefit LLC already has the zoning that allows it to lease a former florist business at 4741 Ridge Road near the intersection at Perry Hall Boulevard.

However, plans have been questioned by the South Perry Hall Improvement Association, which is concerned about traffic and security at the site.

William Huber, a principle with LMS who lives in Perry Hall, said he met with the association several weeks ago and has since drafted a covenant agreement for review by its attorney.

"We're trying to exceed [state] security

regulations," said Huber about a system of guards and cameras that will monitor a closed vestibule, waiting room, dispensary and vault.

LMS is also extending parking into the open field on the Perry Hall Boulevard side of the building to head off problems with customers parking on Ridge Road or nearby residential streets.

Huber said LMS has no plans to eventually turn the site into a methadone clinic, a concern raised by residents. He said residents are also concerned about the possibility that Maryland could one day legalize recreational marijuana.

County Councilman David Marks (R - Perry Hall) proposed legislation that would have blocked the dispensary because of its proximity to a future school location, but he pulled the bill when it failed to garner enough support. He suggested that LMS work out a covenant agreement with the association.

Another group, Blue Ridge Wellness, LLC, has plans for a dispensary in the Festival at Perry Hall shopping center on East Joppa Road which is managed by Kline Scott Visco, a commercial real estate company based in Frederick.

Edward Scott of Kline Scott Visco said earlier this year that he had the zoning to go forward and apply for building permits.

However, Marks said he added the site to the adjacent Perry Hall commercial

revitalization district at a Council meeting in early September. That means Blue Ridge Wellness will need to apply to a county administrative law judge for a special exception from zoning regulations, which requires a public hearing.

"At this point, since the applicant has yet to engage me or the community, I would not support the proposal," Marks wrote in an email on July 21. "I want there to be dialogue on these applications. That did not happen in South Perry Hall until there was a threat of legislation."

Scott did not reply to several requests for comment about current plans for the Festival site.

In Dundalk, CGX Life Sciences operating as GreenMart LLC, has also run into delays over its proposed dispensary at 7458 German Hill Road near the Speedy Mart convenience store.

A county administrative law judge in July denied the company's requests for landscaping and parking variances. GreenMart appealed to the county's threemember Board of Appeals, which has scheduled a public hearing for Wednesday, Oct. 18, in Towson.

The group resolved the landscaping requirements by getting a waiver from the county Department of Permits, Approvals and Inspections.

It also took steps to deal with the parking issue by scaling down the plan to operate on the first floor only of its two-story building, thereby reducing the number of required spaces, according to file documents.

However, still outstanding before the Board of Appeals is requested relief for parking in a buffer strip between the building and a neighborhood park.

Elsewhere in Dundalk, Charm City Medicus expects to substantially finish renovating its leased building at 717 North Point Blvd. by the end of October. The building is in a commercial area near Eastpoint Mall. President and CEO Bryan Hill said more than 100 people have inquired about 10 to 15 open jobs at the dispensary that include administrative and inventory control positions.

Hill said he plans to invite neighbors to tour the building, which will include initial check-in procedures, a waiting room with TVs and educational information, a secured display and sales area, a vault and three security systems.

"It's like a jewelry store operation," said Hill, who will also be serving as government relations director with the newly formed Maryland Medical Dispensary Association trade group during the General Assembly session in Annapolis this winter.

Like GreenMart in Dundalk, Chesapeake Health Sciences had also appealed the denial of a requested special exception that would allow a dispensary at 5512 Ebenezer Road in White Marsh, just west of Pulaski Highway.

A hearing set for Sept. 14 before the Board of Appeals was cancelled and had not yet been rescheduled as of Tuesday, Oct. 3.

Also pending is the location of the second dispensary in legislative District 7, which stretches from Middle River into Harford County and up to the Pennsylvania line.

Earlier this year, Meshow LLC, which had looked at space in the Carroll Island shopping center in Middle River, was in the process of securing a site off Pulaski Highway in Joppatowne in Harford County.

Managing member Paul Michaud, a retired banker who presently lives in Monkton, did not return several requests for comment about the status of the search for a location.

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#### Parkville woman wins writing prize for 'unnerving' story

#### - By Marge Neal -

When Parkville resident Carolyn Eichhorn entered the Baltimore County Public Library system's spooky story contest last year, the author admits to playing it a little too much on the safe side.

"That didn't turn out too well because I never heard back," she said in a phone interview. "So I pushed it a bit more this year."

That "pushing" paid off with a thirdplace win in the library system's Tales of the Dead Short Horror Story Contest. Her prize is a T-shirt and two tickets to this weekend's fall fundraiser, "A Toast Among Ghosts."

"It's not really a ghost story, but it is unnerving," Eichhorn said of her winning entry titled "Close Neighbors."

Contestants were told to keep their entries to less than 3,000 words. The submitted stories were judged by a panel that included librarians and published authors, according to a statement from BCPL. Judging criteria included originality, fear factor and quality of writing.

The writing contest is held in conjunction with the Foundation for Baltimore County Public Library's annual fall fundraiser. This is the third year for the Halloween-related event and the second year for the writing contest, according to Erica Palmisano, a spokeswoman for BCPL. "It really is a lot of fun," Palmisano said of the event, which allows participants to get an after-hours view of the Reisterstown branch as well as guided tours of the nearby historic Reisterstown Community Cemetery, which dates to 1764. "We'll have a ghost story fire pit and folks from the cemetery will take groups on tours and talk about some of the people buried there."

All of the contest winners will read their stories around the fire, according to Palmisano. Timonium resident Gary R. Beard won first place in the adult division for his entry, "A Sinister Charm;" Christine Stake of Cockeysville placed second for "Captured;" and 10-yearold Hailey Schap of Fallston claimed the under-21 title for "The People of Sails."

Eichhorn said she is excited to attend the event and read her story.

This is the second spooky story contest in which the longtime writer has placed. She won the 2015 Plant Hall Spooky Story Contest held by the University of Tampa, where she earned her master's degree in creative writing. The contest is named for a historic building on the campus that started out as a hotel in 1891 and became the home of the university in 1933, according to an online history of the school.

"It's very ornate, very beautiful," Eichhorn said of the building she described as Moorish. "It's quite inspirational if you're looking to write spooky or scary ghost stories."

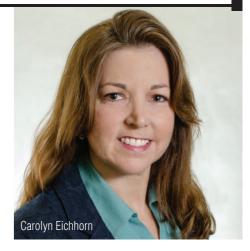
For the BCPL contest, Eichhorn said she wrote her winning entry over the course of a weekend.

Eichhorn teaches creative writing and literature at Walden University, an online college, and works in the school's administrative office in Baltimore. She has had several short writing pieces published and is currently shopping a finished novel to several literary agents. The murder mystery is the first of a planned series featuring a professional ghostwriter as the protagonist who finds herself involved in an investigation after the celebrity chef who hired her to write a memoir is killed.

"One agent who read a synopsis and 25 pages asked to read the complete manuscript," Eichhorn said of her publishing process. "So that's very encouraging, but we'll see."

She also keeps her writing chops in shape with a blog called Grounds for Suspicion (groundsforsuspicion. blogspot.com). Her most recent entry is a charming essay about a performance poet she happened upon while visiting Ashville, N.C.

In the meantime, Eichhorn looks forward to the Toast Among Ghosts event and the opportunity to read her "unnerving" story as well as hear the other winning entries.



The library fundraiser is set for 7 -10 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 7, at the Reisterstown branch, 21 Cockeys Mill Road in Reisterstown. General admission tickets cost \$20 and VIP tickets, which include a commemorative glass and two drink tickets, cost \$40. In addition to the activities mentioned, the event will also include performances by Edgar Allan Poe and John Reister (founder of Reisterstown) impersonators. Live music will be provided by the Ampersand String Band and Eli August and the Abandoned Buildings.

Local vendors will sell beer, wine and food.

"We sell out at 400 tickets and the event has sold out each year we've had it," Palmisano said. "We still have a good amount of tickets available but people should act fast to get them."

Tickets can be purchased online at www.foundationforbcpl.org/events/ a-toast-among-ghosts.

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- continued from page 1 -Sept. 26. He added that the vans restrict visibility for pedestrians and vehicular traffic in the area.

"It's just sort of crunching the whole area and making an unsafe situation and taking away parking from the retailers," Crandell said.

The vehicles at issue are those used by the Caring Hands Adult Medical Day Care, which occupies space in the shopping center, for patient transport to and from the facility.

The bill would have prohibited parking of vehicles with more than a three-quarter-ton manufacturer's rating capacity on streets within the center, including Shipping Place, Center Place, Commerce Street, Trading Place, N. Center Place, S. Center Place and Dunmanway.

Crandell assured there is adequate parking for the vehicles in a large parking lot at the rear of the building, but they are not using it.

"I don't think anyone would have a problem with dropping off patients at the front door," Crandell said at the work session. "But these are left there all afternoon, all evening and are causing some safety and some visibility problems."

On why he withdrew the bill, Crandell told the East County Times there were amendments under consideration that could have caused some unintended consequences.

"It's better to pass a solid bill than to go back and amend it later," he said. "So we will keep working on it."

The second bill, introduced by Councilwoman Cathy Bevins (D - Middle River) and co-sponsored by Councilman David Marks (R - Perry Hall), was meant to address issues that have arisen between farmers and nearby residents over the use of air cannons to scare animals away from their crops.

The genesis of the bill was in the Bird River Beach community of Middle River, according to Bevins, who said residents along Stumpfs Road in that neighborhood are living under circumstances that are "almost unbearable."

She said at the Sept. 26 work session that farmers adjacent to long-established residences have been firing the cannons "every three minutes - all day, all night."

Marks pointed out that some such devices are marketed as producing a 130-decibel blast, which is equivalent to a 37 milimeter cannon or a military jet aircraft with afterburner at takeoff just 50 feet away.

Bevins said she has also heard complaints from residents across Bird River from the subject farm on the issue.

The bill as submitted would have amended county law in agricultural zones to prohibit discharging the cannons or other similar devices between 10 p.m. and 7 a.m. It would have applied to the RC2 (agricultural), RC4



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Bevins noted at the work session, however, that she was planning to amend the bill to apply only to properties within 500 feet of a community so as not to affect those in less populated areas.

On why the bill was withdrawn, Bevins' senior legislative advisor, Jim Almon, said it was to allow more time for the concerned parties to undergo mediation through a program offered by the Maryland Department of Agriculture. But the bill was also reintroduced

Monday night.

"By being reintroduced, the bill starts the 45-day life cycle over again," Almon said. "This gives everyone more time to try mediation and come to a compromise on air cannon use without legislation."

"I always believe in trying to mitigate any kind of issue before creating legislation," Bevins said at the work session. "We're just looking for a resolution for these residents."

The bill would again be heard at the Oct. 31 work session and voted on at the Nov. 6 legislative session if no compromise is reached, he said.

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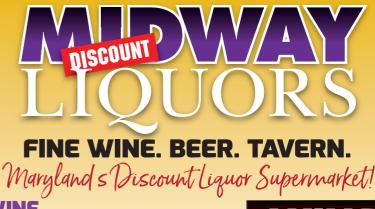
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#### Bevins requests update on status of Gunpowder River train bridge

- Article & photo by Devin Crum -Sixth District County Councilwoman Cathy Bevins sent a letter to U.S. Senator Chris Van Hollen late last month expressing concern about the condition of the Amtrak train bridge across the Gunpowder River.

The bridge, which directly connects Chase in Bevins' district with Joppa in Harford County, has been a source of concern for surrounding communities for many years, she said.

"I have listened to those in the community and monitored the bridge's condition and it is my belief that the time has come for there to be significant improvements made to the bridge," Bevin wrote in her letter to Van Hollen.

The bridge was originally built in 1913 and spans approximately one mile across the Gunpowder River. It is part of the Northeast Rail Corridor and services five rail lines, including Amtrak and the MARC train. The Northeast Rail Corridor connects four of the 10 largest metropolitan areas in the country and not only serves thousands of commuters, but also provides substantial economic activity to Baltimore County, Maryland and the region, Bevins pointed out.

In her letter, Bevins requested information on the date and results of the bridge's last inspection and asked Van Hollen to leverage his position as a U.S. Senator and a member of the Senate Appropriations Committee to advocate for the bridge's inspection.

The date of the bridge's last inspection was Sept. 1, 2016, according to Chelsea Kopta, spokesperson for Amtrak which owns the bridge. She held that there are no structural repairs required on the bridge at this time and there are currently no plans for future work on the bridge.

Kopta stressed that Amtrak inspects the bridge in accordance with Federal Railroad Administration requirements

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"Amtrak is aware of the conditions of the Gunpowder River Bridge and the spalling concrete to the underside in some locations," she said. "The present condition does not affect the load carrying capacity of the bridge."

Bevins' senior advisor, Jim Almon, said the issue has been brought to her by members and leaders of area community associations, including Bird River Beach, Bowerman-Loreley Beach, Oliver Beach, Harewood Park and the Essex-Middle River Civic Council.

"Also, she just noticed it because she lives right there, that it sort of doesn't look very strong or sturdy," Almon said. Bevins claimed in her letter that the

bridge's deterioration has already resulted increased maintenance costs and an increased risk to those who use it or pass under it on the water.

However, Kopta asserted that Amtrak has not seen an increase in maintenance costs for the bridge.

In her letter, Bevins mentioned the apparent consideration for a \$550 million replacement of the bridge as part of the federal capital budget.

But Almon noted that the funding would have to be voted on by Congress and there is currently no money dedicated for design or construction of the project. Additionally, unfunded costs of the replacement currently sit at \$145 million, according to the Northeast Corridor Capital Investment Plan for Fiscal Years 2018 - 2022.

As of press time, Sen. Van Hollen's office was still looking into the issue.



Residents living around the bridge have grown increasingly concerned about things like crumbling and spalling concrete at several places along the span.



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Local volunteer companies receive grants for equipment upgrades

- Article & photo by Devin Crum -The Maryland Department of Natural Resources announced on Monday, Oct. 2, that two local volunteer fire companies were among a record number that applied for and received Volunteer Fire Assistance Grants in 2017.

The Bowleys Quarters Volunteer Fire Department and the White Marsh Volunteer Fire Company each received \$3,000 in grant funding to purchase necessary upgrades for their equipment which will help them do their job.

The grants are part of a record \$102,548 provided by DNR to 45 volunteer fire departments in 17 counties across the state. It is the most funding they have distributed in state history.

"Volunteer Fire Assistance Grants allow us to support our first responders, hardworking men and women who risk their own lives and safety to protect our state's citizens, communities and natural resources," said Maryland Fire Supervisor Monte Mitchell in a statement. "These grants pay for equipment and training and improve volunteer firefighting efforts by our local partners."

The DNR statement noted that fire companies and departments use the grant funds for a variety of materials and services such as dry hydrant pressurized systems that enable access to nearby water sources in areas without hydrants, repairs to fire boats used to battle blazes best accessed by water and coveralls that offer safe yet lightweight protection to reduce heat-related fatigue and injury.

The White Marsh company plans to use their grant to cover half of the estimated \$6,000 cost of upgrading their brush truck, according to Anna Lucente-Hoffmann, senior communications manager for DNR.

"Their plan includes a winch for their brush truck and then additional equipment for their brush truck," Lucente-Hoffmann said. That additional equipment includes nozzles, hooks, fire extinguisher brackets, a foam eductor - which sprays a foam fire suppressant - and a fire hose.

But the vast majority of their grant would be used toward the winch, she said, which is a main component.

The Bowleys Quarters department plans to use their funds to contribute to upgrades estimated at more than \$12,000, according to DNR.

Lucente-Hoffman said their plan includes replacement of an outdated fire pump, which is what they use to pump water to the fire. That will consist of approximately 90 percent of the cost of their project, she said.

The remainder of their upgrades consist of purchasing a foam suppression system and a vinyl cover, Lucente-Hoffmann said.

Similarly, the Middle River Volunteer Fire and Rescue Company last month purchased and demonstrated the use of new equipment to aid communication between divers and the surface during rescue operations.

MRVFR purchased a state-of-the-art Ocean Technology Systems hard-wired communications pack using a \$3,000 BGE Public Safety Grant they received in January. They demonstrated the use of the new equipment on Sept. 13 during a training dive at the Wilson Point Men's Club pool.

MRVFR's dive team is the only dive rescue team for all of Baltimore County and also provides mutual aid assistance to Baltimore City, Harford County and occasionally other counties around the state.

"As you might imagine, the visibility as you descend just several feet into the water is essentially zero," said company



The yellow communication line connects to audio equipment in the diver's gear to provide a constant line of communication, as well as a rope to help direct the diver.

member Jack Amrhein in a statement. "With the diver having no sight or navigational knowledge of his surroundings and the land-based tender not being able to see the diver below the surface, the danger and stress levels can be quite high. This new equipment allows the diver to have voice communication to help make their search more efficient as well as greatly enhancing the safety."

Company Lieutenant Charlie Wilkinson said the system is "like and open phone line" between the diver and the tender at the surface. He noted that divers used to communicate with the surface only through a series of rope tugs, and previous wireless systems were unreliable.

Divers say they find it reassuring to have the hard-wire communication, Wilkinson explained, adding that the person at the surface is also able to tell if the diver is stressed or working too hard.

One diver gave an example of the comfortability the new equipment provided during a situation he had on a call while searching underneath a boat at Hart-Miller Island.

"I was pointed in the wrong direction and the guy at the surface was able to tell me exactly how to correct myself," he said, rather than giving him what could have been unclear signals some other way. He said it made for a more efficient search.



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#### Local senior living communities celebrate expansion, 'significant' renovations

- By Marge Neal -

When the Brightview senior living community in Perry Hall opened in 2014, it didn't take long for the facility to reach capacity.

As a "significant wait list" for potential residents kept growing, officials realized an expansion would be needed sooner rather than later.

"We strive to create senior living communities that provide quality service, care and amenities," Eileen Adams, regional director of operations for Brightview, said in a statement. "With the overwhelming demand to live in these communities, we wanted to ensure more seniors had access to Brightview."

Last month, officials from The Shelter Group, Brightview's parent company, gathered to celebrate the 80,000-square-foot expansion of the Belair Road community that added 63 independent living apartments, a new bistro-style dining room with a brick pizza oven, a sports pub, movie theater and game room with a pool table, shuffle boards and a poker table.

"All of the adult children of our residents who visit say, 'I want to live here,'" Julie Masiello, a company spokeswoman, va said with a laugh. "It really is beautiful." cc With the expansion, the Perry Hall com-

munity now has 210 apartments, with 145 independent living and 35 assisted living units, and 29 apartments in Wellspring Village, a specialized community that provides dementia care to residents, according to Masiello.

The company is also celebrating recently completed renovations to its White Marsh community on Rossville Boulevard.

The White Marsh community opened in 1999 with 82 assisted living units and 26 Wellspring apartments.

"While we make capital improvements to our communities almost every year, we completed a significant renovation at White Marsh," Masiello said.

Common areas received new carpeting and window treatments, fresh paint and new furniture, Masiello said. The project included a new resident fitness area, store and salon as well as improvements to individual apartments. The health and wellness suite was upgraded and wifi was added for the entire community.

Masiello said the White Marsh reno-

vations cost about \$1 million, and the cost of the Perry Hall expansion was not available at press time.

Baltimore County Councilman David Marks, who attended the ribbon-cutting held Sept. 19, said in a statement that Perry Hall was one of the first projects he championed after being elected to represent the Fifth District in 2010.

"I am delighted with the outcome," he said in the statement. "This is a beautiful community that keeps seniors close to their families and supports over 100 local jobs."

While the official ribbon-cutting was held last month, the celebration of the two new and improved communities continues.

The Perry Hall community, 9657 Belair Road, will hold a Happy Hour from 3:30 to 5:30 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 5. All guests who attend will receive an entry in a raffle for a 50-inch flat-screen TV and a tablet. Visitors should RSVP to Debra at dhanley@bvsl.net or Linda at lreardon@ bvsl.net.

Brightview White Marsh, 8100 Rossville Blvd., will celebrate its makeover with a grand reopening event from 4 to 6 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 19. All guests who attend will receive an entry in a raffle for a 50inch flat-screen TV. RSVP to Michelle at mmcquillan@bvsl.net.

Both events are free and open to the public, according to Masiello.

"It just feels good there," Masiello said of the Brightview communities. "We welcome visitors to come and see what we've done."



A new bistro-style dining room with a brick pizza oven was part of the facility's 80,000-square-foot expansion. Photo courtesy of The Shelter Group.

#### Treat yourself to tricks, ghosts, ghouls and other things that go bump in the night

- Article & photo by Marge Neal -From recreation councils to local pubs, restaurants and institutions, more and more folks are getting in on the business of scaring their customers half to death.

And if the scarier haunted houses and similar attractions are not your thing, many organizations, including the Maryland Zoo in Baltimore, the Maryland Science Center and even local churches have tame, kid- and family-friendly activities to help celebrate the Halloween season.

Here's a sampling of local and a little farther away Halloween and fall seasonal attractions to keep you busy this fall.

#### **Cox's Point Haunted Mansion**

The 49th annual Cox's Point Haunted Mansion will open at 7 p.m. Friday, Oct. 13 at Cox's Point Park, 820 Riverside Drive in Essex. Sponsored by the Essex-Stembridge Recreation Council since 1968, the event is the country's oldest nonprofit haunted house in the country, according to organizers. General admission is \$10 per person. The Haunted Mansion will be open every Friday and Saturday from 7 - 11 p.m. through Oct. 28. With interactive and "in your face" scares, the haunted production is not recommended for small children. For more information, call 410-887-0255 or visit www.coxspoint.org.

Bennett's Curse: The Ultimate Fear Experience 2017

Bennett's Curse, 7578A Eastpoint Mall (next to Shoppers World in the former DSW Shoe Warehouse), is open Friday, Saturday and Sunday, Oct. 6 - 8; Thursdays, Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays through Oct. 29; Monday and Tuesday, Oct. 30 and 31; and Friday and Saturday, Nov. 3 and 4. General admission is \$25 in advance, Speed Pass is \$35 in advance and the VIP Experience costs \$40 in advance. All tickets cost an additional \$5 if purchased at the gate. Group discounts are available. Bennett's Curse is ranked one of the country's scariest halloween attractions as rated by The Travel Channel, according to the group's Facebook page. Organizers say their haunted house "continues to raise the bar when it comes to executing mind-numbing horror." The event is not recommended for children younger than 10. For more information, visit www.facebook.com/bennettscurse. The Fort Howard Haunted Dungeons

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Sponsored by the Edgemere-Sparrows Point Recreation Council, the Haunted Dungeons take advantage of creepy indoor military installations and outdoor wooded trails at Fort Howard Park, 9500 North Point Road in Fort Howard, to produce a Halloween experience that is "the most fun you will ever have... being scared," according to the group's Facebook page. The Dungeons will be open Fridays and Saturdays through Oct. 29. Tickets cost \$15. Tours begin at dusk and the park closes when it reaches group capacity. For more information, visit www.facebook.com/ haunted.dungeons or call 443-216-9001.

Halloween at Todd's Inheritance

Todd's Inheritance Historic Site, 9000 North Point Road in Edgemere, will host trick-or-treating for the kids and house tours for the adults from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, Oct. 28 and 29. Admission is \$10 for adults; \$7 for senior citizens; and free for children under 15. Annual family memberships, which allow unlimited access to the house and scheduled special events, cost \$30.

#### Family Fall Festival

The Dundalk Renaissance Corp. will hold its annual Family Fall Festival from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 28, in Veterans Park on Shipping Place in downtown Dundalk. The event will include scarecrow making, pumpkin decorating, music, kids' activities, vendors, a costume contest for canines and kids and trick-or-treating at Main Street businesses. Costume contest prizes will be awarded in best by age category, best overall and best creative costume. The event is free, but food will be sold. For more information, contact Chris at chris@ dundalkusa.org.

#### Valley of the Haunted

Valley of the Haunted, 4722 Mellow Road in White Hall, features a 1.2-mile walking trail through the woods crawling with ghosts, zombies and other scary creatures. The attraction is open Fridays and Saturdays, Oct. 15, 16, 22, 23, 29 and 30. Valley of the Haunted offers free onsite parking, haunted hayrides, live bands and food and drinks for sale. For young children, Little Haunts Sundays are held from 2 to 5 p.m. Regular tickets start at \$12 in advance and cost \$20 at the gate. Little Haunts tickets cost \$5 each. Proceeds benefit the Boys and Girls Clubs of Harford County. For more information, visit valleyofthehaunted.com.

#### ZooBooo!

Take the entire family to ZooBooo! at the Maryland Zoo in Baltimore for a day of trick-or-treating, games, costume contests, live entertainment, kid-friendly food and special Halloween treats for the animals. ZooBooo! will be held from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday to Sunday, Oct. 27 - 29. The event is free with paid admission to the zoo.

#### **Spooky Science**

The Maryland Science Center at the Inner Harbor will host Spooky Science from noon to 4 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 28. "Creepy chemistry and mysterious science combine to provide a hauntingly good time," according to the organization's website. Kids can make "gooey, glowing slime, launch creepy catapults, see our mad scientists in a creepy interactive demonstration and even watch us chuck pumpkins off of the roof." Activities are free with paid admission and completely free for members.

#### Funtober

Funtober is a website that lists many Halloween-related events, including costume contests for youngsters and pub crawls for adults. To check out the listing, visit www.funtober.com/halloween/baltimore.

There is no shortage of Halloween events. Many churches and community organizations offer community parties and trunk-or-treat events. With just a little bit of research, you can celebrate Halloween for most of the month.

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#### Police investigating fatal motorcycle crash in Essex

On Sept. 27, at 9:30 p.m., Baltimore County Police responded to a fatal collision on Eastern Boulevard at Wilbur Road in Essex.

Crash investigators determined that a 2011 Nissan Maxima was traveling west on Eastern Boulevard when the driver attempted to turned left onto Wilbur Road. The Maxima turned in front of a 2002 Harley Davidson motorcycle traveling in the opposite direction on Eastern Avenue.

The driver of the motorcycle struck the other vehicle and was ejected from his motorcycle. He has been identified as Anthony Hinton, 57, of the 3000-block of Ross Avenue in Edgemere.

Mr. Hinton was pronounced dead at the scene by Baltimore County Fire Department personnel.

The other driver was transported to a local hospital with non-life threatening injuries.

Police are continuing their investigation at this time. Anyone with information is urged to contact Baltimore County police.

### Former MDTA police union president sentenced for theft

Shane Schapiro, the former president of the union representing the Maryland Transportation Authority police, was sentenced to 18 months of unsupervised probation this month after pleading guilty to theft.

Schapiro, a Middle River resident, pleaded guilty in Baltimore County Circuit Court in May to one count of theft between \$1,000 and \$10,000 from the Fraternal Order of Police Lodge 34. He was awarded probation before judgement.

Prosecutors argued that between 2014 and 2016, Schapiro stole between \$1,000 and \$10,000 for personal use. Schapiro had originally been charged with theft between \$10,000 and \$100,000, but the charges were revised. Schapiro will pay back \$30,000 to the lodge.

Schaprio was suspended without pay after being charged, and his last day as an employee for the MDTA was July 27.

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### Police investigating assault of two men in Essex

On Sept. 27 at 7:30 p.m., Baltimore County Police officers responded to the area of the 300 block of Homberg Avenue in Essex for a disturbance. Officers arrived and found two victims who were cut by a known suspect. The suspect was identified as Michael John Pillsbury, 50, of the 100 block of Eastern Avenue in Essex. Police learned that the first victim is a cab driver for a local taxi company and Pillsbury is a customer who frequently hires the victim. Pillsbury came to the victim's house to ask for a ride. When the victim refused, Pillsbury threatened to burn down the victim's house. An argument between the two ensued, at which time Pillsbury pulled out a knife and cut the victim across his chest. Another man saw the incident and attempted to help the victim. During the struggle, the second victim suffered a cut to his lower body. The suspect did suffer minor injuries from the incident.

Pillsbury was arrested and both victims were transported by Baltimore County Fire Department personnel to local hospitals for medical treatment. Both victims are expected to survive their injuries.

Michael John Pillsbury has been charged with threatening an arson, attempted second degree murder, two counts of first degree assault, and two counts of second degree assault. He is currently being held at the Baltimore County Department of Corrections on denied bail status.

#### Member of MRVFC charged with child pornography

Baltimore County Police have charged a man who was a member of the Middle River Volunteer Fire and Rescue Company with three counts of possession of child pornography. Adam David Burgan, 29, of the 1700-block of Middleborough Road in Essex, was charged on Sept. 27 and has been released on a \$10,000.00 bond. On the same date, police received information that Burgan had pornographic images on his laptop computer. Detectives verified the images and placed the man under arrest. Middle River Volunteer Fire and Rescue Company has placed Burgan on administrative suspension as a result of the charges.

Attorney, G. Randolph Rice, Jr.



#### **Precinct 9/White Marsh**

**First Degree Burglary:** On Sept. 28, officers from the White Marsh precinct responded to a call in the unit block of Capella Court. Between 5:10 a.m. and 3 p.m., an unknown suspect entered the victim's residence and stole several items.

**Second Degree Burglary:** Shortly before 3:30 a.m. on Sept. 25, Baltimore County police were called to the 1700 block of Chesaco Avenue in Rosedale. At 3:20 a.m., two unknown suspects broke the glass door with a rock, then kicked the door. The suspects entered Lucky Express through a small hole in the door. The suspects stole a cash drawer, a tip jar and a tip bowl. They left through the same small hole in the door.

**Robbery:** On Sept. 23, county police responded to the 8200 block of Perry Hall Boulevard in Nottingham. At 7 p.m., the three victims were at the mall when the suspect approached them and demanded their cellular phones. One victim thought the suspect had an unknown weapon as the suspect kept his hands near his waistband under his trench coat. The suspect never implied a weapon. Two phones were recovered by the victims.

#### **Current crime trends**

Since Sept. 16, there have been two motor vehicle thefts and one attempt near the Perring Plaza in the Parkville Precinct. One case occurred between 11 p.m. and 1:30 a.m. The others occurred over an extended time period. One vehicle had a popped ignition. The other was taken by unknown means.

Since Aug. 28, there have been six residential burglaries in the Seven Courts area in the Parkville Precinct. Cases occurred during mid-morning, late night or overnight hours. All cases occurred on Mondays, Tuesdays or Wednesdays. Entry was made through rear windows or doors. In three cases, a safe was attacked or taken. Other items taken include jewelry, personal identity items, video game systems, credit cards, cash and a TV.

Since September 20, there have been five residential burglaries within the Mansfield Woods and Essexshire communities in the Essex Precinct. Cases occurred between 6 a.m. and 8 p.m. Rear doors and windows were entered in three cases. Unlocked doors or unknown means were used in two cases.

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#### How to recognize and prevent CO poisoning

Many people are aware of the threat posed by carbon monoxide, or CO. According to the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, at least 430 people die from accidental CO poisoning in the United States each year, while the Canada Safety Council notes that carbon monoxide is the leading cause of fatal poisonings throughout North America.

The CDC points out that instances of CO poisoning are entirely preventable, which might surprise many of the estimated tens of thousands of people in the United States who visit emergency rooms to be treated for CO poisoning each year. Learning to recognize signs of CO poisoning and how to prevent it can help people avoid its harmful effects and potentially save lives.

The National Center for Environmental Health says that breathing CO can cause a variety of symptoms, including headache, dizziness, vomiting, or nausea. Infants, the elderly and people with chronic heart disease, anemia, or breathing problems are more likely to get sick from CO exposure than children, adults and people without the aforementioned conditions. Even those people who do not lose their lives to moderate or severe CO poisoning can suffer long-term health consequences, including an increased risk of heart disease, as a result of their exposure. So it behooves everyone to take steps to prevent CO poisoning from occurring.

• Do not run a motor vehicle, generator, pressure washer or any gasoline-powered engine within 20 feet of an open window, door or vent. The exhaust from such items can vent into enclosed areas, increasing the risk of CO exposure.

• Do not leave motor vehicles running in enclosed or partially enclosed spaces, such as a garage.

• Do not run generators, pressure washers or gasoline-powered inside basements, garages or other enclosed structures, even if windows are open.

• Do not operate charcoal grills, hibachis, lanterns or portable camping stoves indoors or insides tents or campers.

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#### What to do after incurring storm damage

The 2017 hurricane season proved especially devastating for millions of people in both Texas and Florida. Upon making landfall in Texas in late August, Hurricane Harvey became the first Category 3 or higher hurricane in the United States since Hurricane Wilma in 2005. In its wake, Harvey left damage that Texas governor Greg Abbott estimated could cost as much as \$180 billion to repair.

Just a couple of weeks after Hurricane Harvey touched down, Hurricane Irma hit Florida as a Category 4 storm, knocking out power to nearly seven million people.

Severe storms like hurricanes do not discriminate, and when such storms finally dissipate, people from all walks of life are left to deal with the often devastating consequences. Property damage is one such consequence, and the following are some things people can do in the aftermath of storms that caused damage to their property.

• Contact your insurance provider. Not all damage resulting from storms will necessarily be covered by insurance policies, but it's still imperative that people contact their insurance companies as soon as possible after their homes or vehicles have been damaged. Agents can help policy holders learn if their policies cover the damage done to their property and to what extent their coverage will help them recover. Many people will likely be making similar calls, so policy holders should try to be as patient as possible, even though that may be difficult.

• Document the damage. People whose property has been damaged should use their smartphones and cameras to document the damage as extensively as possible. Take photos from various angles before you begin cleaning up. Providers may require visual evidence of the damage before they begin processing your claim, so ask about those requirements when contacting your insurance agent.

• Avoid downed power lines. In addition to protecting the investments you have made in your property and your possessions, it's important to remember to protect yourself. Avoid downed power lines, reporting any to your local power company as soon as you see them.

• Let the professionals do the work. It can be tempting for homeowners to try to do some electrical work around their homes after their homes have been damaged by storms. Electricians are likely busy and might not be able to assess or repair damage for days, if not weeks. But it's still best to wait and allow professionals to do the work.

• Revisit insurance policies. After suffering damage to their homes or vehicles, men and women may benefit by revisiting their coverage and increasing that coverage in anticipation of future disasters.



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#### Chimney maintenance is a part of home safety

As temperatures drop and thoughts once again turn to lighting fires and sitting down with a good book, it's important to revisit chimney maintenance. Even though chimneys do not require daily upkeep, regular maintenance efforts help chimneys operate safely and prevent deaths and injuries while protecting homes from fire.

Various problems can arise when chimneys are not well maintained. Such problems include chimney fires, carbon monoxide poisoning and early failure of the chimney and heating sources that the chimney vents.

Carbon monoxide can be scary, as it is virtually invisible without a proper detector. The National Vital Statistics System says that, in 2015, 393 deaths resulted from unintentional carbon monoxide poisoning in the United States. When carbon monoxide is breathed in, it builds up quickly and combines with the blood, reducing the blood's ability to carry oxygen. The Canada Safety Council says that body tissue and cells can't function without oxygen. Chimney fires are another potential byproduct of poor chimney maintenance. The Chimney Safety Institute of America notes that chimneys expel the byproducts of combustion, including smoke, water vapor, gases, unburned wood particles, hydrocarbon, tar fog, and assorted minerals, which can condense on the inside of the chimney flue. The residue, called creosote, is highly combustible. With the right conditions, a chimney fire can occur.

To avoid chimney fires and other risks, take these precautions, courtesy of CSIA, HomeAdvisor and Popular Mechanics.

• Have chimneys inspected annually and properly cleaned by a professional chimney technician.

• Make sure tree branches and other obstacles are cleared away from the top of the chimney.

• Use seasoned hardwoods that have been split for several months to a year. "Green" wood creates more creosote.

• The top-down method of building a fire produces less smoke. This means using larger pieces

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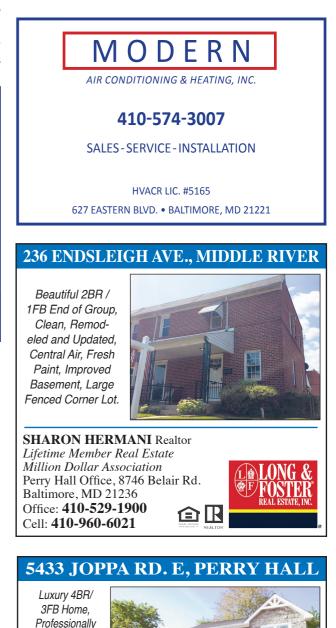
• Put a cap on the chimney to keep out rain, snow and small animals.

• Keep fires small; otherwise, the intense heat may damage bricks and mortar in the chimney. Repair any damage promptly before lighting another fire.

• Open the damper and fireplace doors so that air supply flows freely and can vent the smoke promptly, reducing residence time in the flue; otherwise, creosote can form.

• Install smoke and carbon monoxide alarms throughout the home and routinely check the batteries.

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Year after year, families make the trek to farm stands and nurseries in rural areas to purchase pumpkins. There among the vines and soil, each person is on the hunt for the perfect pumpkin to turn into pie or to carve into a gap-toothed jack-o'-lantern. But what if you only had to venture as far as your backyard for the ideal autumn pumpkin? It's possible when you plan ahead and sow the seeds of your very own pumpkin patch.

Pumpkins are a long-season fruit that requires some advanced soil prep work and planning to ensure a bountiful crop. Pumpkins come in hundreds of varieties of all shapes and sizes. Pumpkins belong to the "cucurbita" family and come in three main categories. Cucurbita Moschata pumpkins belong to a group of mainly squashes that are usually used commercially for canned pumpkins. Cucurbita Pepo pumpkins are the ones typically carved on Halloween. Cucurbita Maxima are the giant pumpkins that show up at state fairs and other vegetable and fruit growing contests.

Grow pumpkins right at home To begin a pumpkin patch, find an area of the yard that gets full sunlight. The soil should have a slightly acidic soil from 6.0 to 6.8 pH. Pumpkins prefer a light, rich soil that drains well. Till the soil and amend it with compost to ensure it is rich in nutrients.

Pumpkins can be started indoors from seeds during the early spring. However, if you plan to put seedlings into the ground, be sure to do so when the first frost is over and the soil is 60 F. The temperature during the day should average 70 F. Be sure to space pumpkins far apart from one another and dig them in deep. Leave at least a few feet of space because vines can grow quite long and pumpkins can get large.

When the shell of the pumpkin has hardened and is no longer easily dented, it is usually ready for harvesting. The vine also may begin to thin and whither. If a pumpkin is large but not quite ready, place boards under the pumpkin to keep it from rotting on the ground.

Cut stems on the long side, and



never carry around the pumpkin by watering a week to 10 days before the stem. It can break and cause the pumpkin to rot prematurely. Reduce

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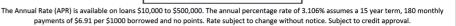
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### Fall HOME AND GARDEN

#### Make it a green winter with these energy saving tips

Conserving energy is a great way to protect the planet and save money. While energy bills might be highest in summer thanks to air conditioning units, certain factors around a house can make winter more wasteful and costly than it needs to be.

Energy bills are influenced by a variety of factors, including geography and how energy-efficient a home is. For example, according to data from the U.S. Energy Information Administration, the average monthly utility bill in Connecticut in 2015 was \$153.13, while New Mexico residents paid slightly more than half that amount (\$79.23) on average. Homeowners cannot control winter weather, which can greatly affect how much energy homeowners consume between December and March. However, there are other ways for homeowners to curtail their energy consumption and save money throughout winter.

• Address any leaks or drafts. Drafty windows and doorways can make the air inside homes feel warmer in the summer and colder in the winter. As autumn weather grows colder, homeowners can perform simple inspections around windows and doorways to determine if they have any leaks. On a cold and/or windy day, place a hand near all windows and doors to feel if there are any leaks. Use caulk or another type of sealant to address leaks so you can keep cold air out and set your thermostat to a reasonable, eco-friendly temperature.

• Inspect air vents, faucets and plumbing fixtures. Air vents, faucets and plumbing fixtures attached to exterior walls should be inspected for leaks. Such inspections might need to be conducted from outside the home, which can make it more difficult to detect if cold air is entering the home. Look for gaps in the insulation around these areas, filling in those gaps as necessary.

• Inspect heating systems at the start of each new season. According to EnergyStar.gov, heating sys-



tems account for 29 percent of the average homeowner's energy expenditures. Inspect your heating or HVAC system before the start of winter, making sure all gas or oil connections are operating properly. EnergyStar.gov notes that dirty burners and cracked heat exchangers can cause heating units to operate less efficiently and may even pose a safety risk. Inspect the air filter of the heating system at least once per month, as filters can quickly become dirty during a heavy-use season like winter. Dirty filters cause the system to work harder to keep a home warm, unnecessarily wasting energy as a result.

• Install a Wi-fi enabled programmable thermostat. Some programmable thermostats can be very difficult to use effectively, making it far too difficult if not impossible for homeowners to set their thermostats for various temperatures in a single day. Wi-fi enabled programmable thermostats that allow homeowners to control their heating and cooling systems via their smartphones can be more user-friendly than many other programmable thermostats, ensuring homeowners are saving money and not wasting energy heating empty homes.

#### **Did you know?**

Before saying "so long" to yard work at the end of autumn, homeowners should remove thatch from their lawns. Thatch is dead grass that's often identifiable by its yellowish tint, and this dead grass, if left to loom in the lawn over the winter, can block air and moisture from making its way into the soil. When removing thatch, resist the temptation to rake with lots of physical force, as raking too hard can harm the lawn. Instead, commit to three or four easy passes with the rake, as this will collect the thatch without damaging the lawn. Many people rent a dethatcher from a nearby lawn and garden supply store, and such a device can make the process of removing thatch much easier. Make sure to clean it though. Failing to clean the dethatcher can spread disease from a previous renter's lawn onto your own. If seeding the lawn in early fall, which can be a great time to reseed, remove the thatch before laying down any new seed.



#### How to winterize your lawn

Every weekend of the last few months you have spent mowing, weeding, edging and trimming your lawn so that it will look its best. In order to ensure your lawn makes a complete recovery after winter hibernation, you may want to spend the fall taking steps to help your lawn survive the winter months ahead.

• Remove fallen leaves and debris. Leaf cleanup is among the tasks homeowners dread the most. Raking leaves can be arduous, but it is well worth the effort. Fallen leaves can smother the grass and lead to dead spots and decay next season. Wait until the majority of the leaves have fallen from the trees before you begin to rake; otherwise, you could find yourself repeating the process throughout the fall. Mulched leaves can be added in small amounts to garden beds to provide rich organic material for next year's crop of flowers.

Be sure to pick up any twigs and other debris as well. Additional debris can become up trapped under snow and hinder grass growth when spring arrives.

• Cut your lawn short. Unless the season is unseasonably wet and warm, your lawn shouldn't grow too much in October and November. Continue to cut your lawn until there is no visible growth for about two weeks. It pays to give it a short cut before frost arrives so that long piles of dead grass will not smother any new growth in the spring. Also, long grass tends to bend down upon itself, trapping moisture that can lead to fungal diseases like snow mold.

• Aerate the lawn. Soil can be compacted over time, especially in yards that see heavy foot traffic. You can rent an aerator from a lawn supply store so that water and fertilizer can reach the soil.

• Fertilize. Now is the time to give the lawn fresh food to overwinter and also replenish the strength of the root system. All summer long the lawn has been depleting the soil of nutrition, but autumn presents a great opportunity to strengthen those roots. Consider a slow-release formula designed for winterizing that will feed the lawn all winter long.

• Edge the garden beds. Take advantage of the cooler weather and slow-growing grass to re-edge around flower beds. Even though the grass above the surface of the soil will stop growing, the roots will remain viable and the lawn will still be sending out rhizomes and tillers to produce new grass blades in the spring. These can easily encroach on garden beds. Edge now so you will have less work to do in the spring.

• Trim hedges and trees. If there are any overhanging tree branches or shrubbery blocking sunlight from reaching the lawn, cut back these areas once the foliage has thinned. Take advantage of your town's leaf and twig pickup services.

#### **Cooler weather means it's time to plant bulbs**

The arrival of cooler weather marks a prime time to plant bulbs that will bloom come spring and summer. Bulbs should be planted as soon as the ground is cool, ideally when temperatures average between 40 and 50 F. Just be sure to plant bulbs at least six weeks before the ground freezes for optimal success. Always follow the bulb distributor's guidelines for planting, including suggestions regarding spacing and soil depth. Remove any weeds and loosen the soil to get started. In addition, think about mixing in compost or other organic matter to enrich the soil if it lacks nutrients.

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OBITUARIES

#### Clasing, Marie J.



Marie J. Clasing, longtime resident of Essex, left this life on Sept. 26. Marie was 94 years old.

She was married to the late Alfred E. Clasing, Jr. for 66 years until his death in 2015. Marie is survived by her six children, 17 grandchildren, one great-granddaughter; many in-laws; nieces and loved ones.

Marie was born in Baltimore City, the youngest of three children. Her mother died when she was two. Her father passed when she was six. She was raised by relatives in Rosedale where she attended public schools.

While raised by a loving family, formal education was not highly valued. Her siblings and cousins withdrew from school after the eighth grade. Through the efforts of her brother, she was permitted to remain in school and graduated from Kenwood High School in 1940. She was the first member of her family to graduate high school.

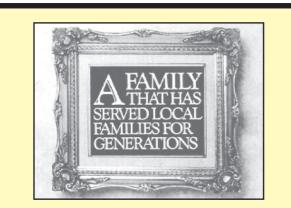
After graduation, she secured employment in Baltimore, but longed to continue her education. In 1941, she entered Eastern College in Baltimore City. Her plans to earn a bachelor's degree were interrupted on Dec. 7, 1941 when Japan bombed Pearl Harbor.

Marie withdrew from college and secured employment at Western Electric Company, a war defense plant in Dundalk. Originally hired as a payroll clerk, she was promoted into management by the end of World War II.

Following the war, she met and fell in love with Alfred E. Clasing, Jr., who had served in the South Pacific with the U.S. Navy. They married on Nov. 24, 1949 and raised six children - five sons and one daughter.

While a full time homemaker, Marie was extremely active in her community. She held numerous positions in the PTA's of her children's schools, Boy Scouts, many community associations and the Back River United Methodist Church.

When her youngest child graduated from high school, Marie was encouraged to return to college and complete the studies that she started in 1941. At age 60, she entered Dundalk Community College, earning an Associate Arts Degree. She was proud to be elected Class Valedictorian of her graduation class



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and selected for entry in Who's Who in American Junior Colleges.

Determined to earn a bachelor's degree, Marie entered Towson University. Unfortunately, during her first year, she discovered that she was losing her sight due to advanced glaucoma.

She did not return to Towson the following term. For the next ten years, she and her husband went from doctor to doctor in a failing attempt to save her sight.

At age 73, with very little sight remaining, Marie enrolled in McKendree College at Arlington, in Baltimore. She was awarded her bachelor's degree in 1997, and was again selected by her classmates as Valedictorian of the graduating class.

In 2004, Marie was very proud to be selected to the Hall of Fame for Kenwood High School in recognition of her outstanding civic service, courage and achievement.

Funeral services provided by the Connelly Funeral Home of Essex. Interment at Holly Hill Memorial Garden.

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#### On Sept. 30, Thelma Louise Gardiner (nee Beares) passed away. She was the beloved wife of the late

**Gardiner, Thelma Louise** 

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Gardens. Donations may be made in Thelma's name to a charity of your choice.

#### Schauer, Karl N.

On Sept. 28, Karl N. Schauer passed away. He was the beloved husband of Dorothea N. Schauer; devoted father of John K. Schauer and his wife Krista, and David P. Schauer and his wife Paula; loving grandfather of Amelia, Jackson, Ethan, Abbie, and Laura Schauer; dear brother of the late Otto Schauer, Helen Gebhart, and Irma Tarbert; cherished brother-in-law of Neal and Eleanor Cook, and Bette Neudeck and her late husband Walter "Butch". Karl is also survived by his nieces Jennifer and Erin Cook, and nephew Michael Neudeck.

A receiving of friends and family will be held on Oct. 7, from 3 - 5 p.m. A memorial church service will be held on Oct. 8, at 3 p.m. at the New Apostolic Church in Parkville. Donations may be made in Karl's name to the New Apostolic Church.



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#### SCHOOL NOTEBOOK

#### **\$15** million grant to welcome six magnet programs

Baltimore County Public Schools has been awarded a \$15 million federal grant over five years to develop five new magnet programs and to significantly revise one existing magnet program.

"This is an incredible opportunity for Team BCPS to carry forth on our commitment to provide equitable access to rigorous, high-quality instructional options that meet the needs of our families," said BCPS Interim Superintendent Verletta White.

Three magnet programs on the west side of the county will create a K-12 International Baccalaureate (IB) magnet pathway with a thematic focus on global studies. Two programs on the east side of the county will create a Health Science pathway for Grades 6-12. One additional east side program will create an IB pathway for Grades 6-12 leading into the existing IB program at Kenwood High School.

"We are thrilled to expand learning experiences in global studies and the health sciences, two disciplines that offer exciting career possibilities," said Leeann Schubert, BCPS director of educational options. "From our youngest to oldest learners, students will be able to grow their interests, talents, and abilities through these unique programs."

The six schools currently serve over 4,500 students:

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Baccalaureate Middle Years Program • New Town High School - International Baccalaureate

Middle Years Program and Diploma Program • Overlea High School - Health Sciences

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• Windsor Mill Middle School - International Baccalaureate Middle Years Program

• Woodmoor Elementary School - International Baccalaureate Primary Years Program "Our magnet programs have a great track record, and this infusion of funds will enhance their benefits," said Baltimore County Executive Kevin Kamenetz. "They help to spark students' interest and enthusiasm, and give them a valuable leg up on preparing for college and for careers in the global marketplace.'

International Baccalaureate programs introduce a global perspective to instruction across the subject areas with a focus on hands-on, project-based learning experiences that support future-ready skills and knowledge.

BCPS is one of 32 school systems to receive this competitive award from the Magnet Schools Assistance Program, part of the U.S. Department of Education. The Magnet Schools Assistance Program provides grants to eligible local educational agencies to establish and operate magnet schools. Projects support the development and design of innovative education methods and practices that promote diversity and increase choices in public education programs. The program supports the implementation of courses of instruction in magnet schools that strengthen students' knowledge of academic subjects and their grasp of tangible and marketable vocational skills.

#### **Chesapeake High School to** celebrate stadium opening

Chesapeake High School in Essex, Maryland is proud to celebrate the grand opening of its new stadium, featuring bleacher seating for 770 spectators. A private ceremony will be held on Tuesday, Oct. 17.

Chesapeake High School will host a ceremony open to the public on Saturday, Oct. 21, at 12:30 p.m. The junior varsity football team will host Randallstown at 10 a.m., followed by varsity at 1 p.m. All stakeholders who were part of this 10 - 12 year stadium fundraising project are encouraged to attend this presentation. For more information, please call Rod McMillion, Chesapeake Athletic Director at 410-687-5242.

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Program offerings include the Academy of Health Professions, automotive service technology, biomedical sciences, building and construction trades, cosmetology, culinary arts and restaurant management (with pathways in culinary arts and baking and pastry arts), diesel truck and power systems and information technology, with pathways in networking and programming.

Many of the programs, when successfully completed, qualify students to sit for certification exams in a variety of fields, or allow them to enter college programs with advanced standing. For more information, call 443-809-7075, or visit sollerspt.bcps.org.

#### **School Board nominating** commission to be named

Following the 2014 and 2017 Maryland General Assembly Sessions, the law concerning the composition and selection of the Board of Education of Baltimore County changed. Beginning in 2018, rather than the current 12-member fully appointed body, the Board will include both appointed and elected members.

In addition to seven elected members and one appointed student member, the Governor, in consultation with the County Executive, will appoint four at-large members from a list of nominees submitted by the Baltimore County School Board Nominating Commission, also created by the new laws. Of the Commission's 19 members, the Governor will appoint one Commission member from each of the county's eight legislative districts. In addition, the county executive will appoint one Commission member from the county at-large. Finally, each of 10 organizations specified in the laws will name one Commission member. Those organizations include The Teachers Association of Baltimore County; The Baltimore County Chamber of Commerce; The PTA Council of Baltimore County, Inc.; Towson University; The League of Women Voters of Baltimore County; The Baltimore County Branch of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People; The Baltimore County Public Schools' Special Education Citizens' Advisory Committee; The Baltimore County Student Councils; The Council of Administrative and Supervisory Employees; and The Education Support Personnel of Baltimore County.



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SPORTS

#### Chesapeake and Overlea make playoff push, Perry Hall still in contention

- By Patrick Taylor -

We're halfway through the football season, which means it's time to evaluate the standings. By and large, most of the teams on the east side have settled in the middle of the pack, with only Chesapeake (4 - 1) and Overlea (3 - 2) occupying playoff spots.

Both of those teams have shown great balance on both sides of the ball, with Chesapeake showing particularly strong play on defense. Since losing their first game of the season to Kenwood, Chesapeake has worked their way through New Town, Loch Raven, Owings Mills and Overlea. Last week's contest against Overlea was a statement game for the Bayhawks, as they held the Falcons' potent offense to a meager eight points. While the loss may be disappointing to Overlea, they're still in good position in the last playoff spot in the 1A/North region while Chesapeake rests in third.

Beyond those two teams, Perry Hall is right in the mix of things. They currently occupy seventh place in the 4A/North region, but they're only a couple points off from a playoff spot. And with Tyler Holley leading the way for Perry Hall, they should be able to snatch the last spot if their defense can get it together. As it stands, there are four teams vying for one last spot and only five games to sort it out.

In the 3A/North region, Dundalk and Parkville are in the mix, albeit a full game outside of a playoff spot. Dundalk and Parkville, as well as Aberdeen, currently sit with 3 - 2 records and 25 points. The final playoff spot is owned by C. Milton Wright at the moment, who has 31 points and a 4 - 1 record. Franklin and Milford Mill are essentially locks for the postseason, but C. Milton Wright and Towson are both vulnerable. Both Parkville and Dundalk could find their way in, but both have tough roads ahead. Both teams have to take on Perry Hall and Kenwood, and Dundalk will face Milford while Parkville faces Franklin. And to make things even more difficult, Dundalk and Parkville will face off this Saturday at 2 p.m. at Parkville. The winner of that contest will have an advantage, but both teams have a rough

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ending stretch of games - maybe almost too rough. It's worth mentioning that Kenwood (2 - 3) is still technically in the thick of things too. They're right behind both Dundalk and Parkville, and wins against both of those teams could prove to be the boost the Bluebirds need. But before they focus on Dundalk or Parkville, Kenwood needs to get past Milford Mill this weekend.

In the 2A/North region, Eastern Tech is still very much alive as well. The Mavericks are 3 - 2 on the year but lagging a bit in the point department. They have the opportunity to make up some ground with games still to come against Hereford, Chesapeake and Overlea. A win this weekend against Hereford would not only be a huge statement for the Mavericks, but a necessity if they want to have a shot at the postseason.

Finally, Sparrows Point and Patapsco both look to be out of contention. They have the potential to spoil some hopes, but their shot at the postseason has gone out the window.

#### Around the league

Last year during a Perry Hall basketball game, a group of college scouts were seated nearby. While a lot of attention had been paid to the two big men on Perry Hall's team last year, junior guard/forward Holley was often an invaluable spark off the bench. And despite coming off the bench, it was apparent that Holley had established himself as a game changer, almost like a secret weapon. After a play when Holley went hard to the rim, one scout mused that they wished he would put the football down and realize he had more potential on the basketball court.

If he's a better basketball player, the Gators are in for a hell of a basketball season. I say that because as of now, Holley has been untouchable at the helm for the Gator football team.

His otherworldly season continued last Thursday



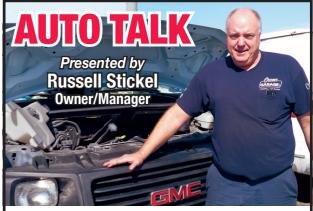
when the Gators took on Kenwood. Holley took control early, putting together another flawless game to lift his team to a 50 - 29 victory and a 3 - 2 record overall. The loss for Kenwood drops them to 2 - 3 on the year. The Bluebirds had no defensive answer for Holley, who threw for 259 yards and four touchdowns on the day. Amazingly, Holley has yet to throw for an interception on the season.

Chesapeake took down Overlea by a score of 18 - 8 last Thursday, with the Bayhawks defense keeping the other standout quarterback in the area - Overlea's Jalen McMillan - at bay. The Bayhawks have won four on the trot and will look to extend that when they travel to face Towson on Oct. 7 at 1 p.m. Overlea will look to regroup against a subpar Randallstown team on Oct. 6 before they host Hereford on Oct. 13.

Dundalk has a tough two week stretch lined up with contests against Parkville and Perry Hall. They'll need to pick up two wins after getting absolutely manhandled by Franklin last week. The Owls defense had no answer for Franklin's attack, who put up 40 points. And with two solid offensive units on the horizon, the Owls will really need to pull it together to pull off some wins.

Parkville took Milford Mill to the wire last week, losing by a score of 25 - 20. As was previously mentioned, Milford is an outstanding team and Parkville deserves props for playing them tough. But they let too many opportunities slip through their fingers. They'll look for revenge against Dundalk on Oct. 7.

The Eastern Tech Mavericks easily slipped past Owings Mills on Thursday, winning by a score of 20 - 0. The win is Tech's third in a row after opening up their season with two straight losses. This team has a lot of momentum and has found their offensive rhythm. Hereford will be a difficult opponent on Oct. 6, but the Mavericks certainly have enough talent to take down the Bulls.



#### **IGNITION PROBLEMS**

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A bad ignition coil can severely damage the engine or catalytic converter. If your car is equipped with "coilover plugs," then it's important to replace the spark plugs. If your car uses a single coil for the ignition system, it is not necessary to change the spark plugs. Our ASE-certified technicians can make sure your car is running smoothly. Don't wait until you are stranded. Bring your vehicle in to our shop.

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#### These foods can help with the fight against cancer

Few, if any, families can say they have never had an experience with cancer. Cancer is a potentially deadly disease with no cure. While cancer can be treated effectively, there is no way for men and women to eliminate their risk of developing cancer.

Though cancer may strike even the healthiest of persons, there are ways men, women and even children can reduce their risk. One such way is to consume certain foods that researchers feel can reduce cancer risk. Though precisely how these foods fight cancer remains a mystery, cancer researchers feel they can effectively lower an individual's cancer risk when combined to form a healthy diet.

• Beans: Beans boast numerous healthy attributes, and their potential to reduce cancer risk is one such attribute. Beans contain many phytochemicals that researchers feel protect the cells from the type of damage that can ultimately make a person susceptible to cancer. Beans also have been shown

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• Colorful fruits and vegetables: It may seem odd that a food's color can have an impact on cancer risk, but colorful fruits and vegetables contain more cancer-fighting nutrients than fruits and vegetables that aren't as flashy. Consuming such fruits and vegetables also helps men and women maintain a healthy body weight, an important benefit when considering overweight and obesity increases a person's risk for multiple cancers.

• Foods with folate: Folate is a B vitamin that can reduce a person's risk of developing several cancers, including those of the colon, rectum and breast. Those who are fond of a healthy breakfast to begin their day may already be getting healthy doses of folate, which can be found in eggs, fortified breakfast cereals, orange juice, and strawberries, among other foods. If toast is your breakfast of choice, opt for whole wheat toast, as whole wheat products are a good source of folate.

• Grapes: Studies have shown that resveratrol, a key ingredient in grapes, may prevent the type of damage that triggers the production of cancerous cells. Though scientists are not yet comfortable saying grapes, or beverages like grape juice and wine, can reduce cancer risk, they believe that the antioxidant and anti-inflammatory properties of grapes make them a healthy option.

• Tomatoes: Tomatoes are widely beloved, and perhaps that love affair stems from the tomato's role in fighting cancer. Though the reasons are unknown, tomatoes have been linked to lowering men's risk for prostate cancer. One such study, a 1995 study from researchers at the Harvard Medical School, found that men who ate 10 or more servings of tomatoes per week reduced their risk of developing aggressive prostate tumors by nearly 50 percent. Processed tomatoes have been found to be even more effective.



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HEALTH & FITNESS

#### How to find time to exercise

Diet and exercise are essential components of a healthy lifestyle. While even the busiest men and women can find ways to eat healthy, finding time to exercise can be more difficult.

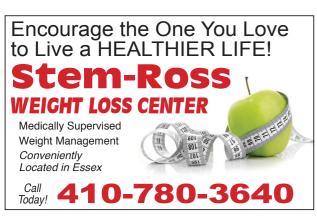
While the benefits of regular exercise are substantial, finding the time for daily exercise is not always so easy. The following are a handful of strategies men and women can employ as they attempt to make more time in their days to exercise.

• Reexamine your free time. Few adults, and especially those juggling families and careers, have an abundance of free time. But reexamining the ways you are spending your free time may help you uncover some moments for daily exercise. The Council on Fitness, Sports & Nutrition notes that adults between the ages of 18 and 64 need at least two and a half hours each week of moderate-intensity aerobic activity. While that may seem like a lot, it's only slightly more than 20 minutes per day. It helps to supplement such aerobic activity with some strength-training activities at least two days per week. Try waking up 20 to 30 minutes earlier each day, using that time to hit the treadmill or jog around the neighborhood. You likely won't be affected by waking up earlier, and you won't need to alter your existing schedule for the rest of the day, either. If mornings aren't your thing, make better use of your lunch hour, going for a jog or visiting a nearby exercise facility.

• Work while you exercise. Technology has made it easier than ever before to stay connected to the office even when you are nowhere near your desk. Men and women who can't seem to find time to exercise often cite the demands of their job as the primary reason behind their inactivity, but those same individuals can use the technology at their disposal, be it smartphones that allow them keep track of work emails or tablets that make it possible to connect remotely to office servers, to work while they exercise. Bring your smartphone or tablet with you when you work out on the elliptical or jog on the treadmill.

• Reduce your sedentary time. A 2008 study from Australian researchers found that people who regularly break up their sedentary time, including the hours they sit behind their desk at the office, with movement had healthier waist circumferences, body mass indexes and triglycerides than those who did not. While hourly breaks to walk around the office might not seem like exercise, such breaks can benefit your long-term health.

• Get creative. Many people associate daily exercise with private gyms, and while gyms can serve as excellent motivators and great places to get full-body workouts, time involved in driving to and from the gym can make it difficult to commit to gym memberships. But you don't need a gym membership to live a healthy lifestyle. When possible, take the stairs instead of an elevator and park further away from your office door so you get a small cardiovascular workout on your way into and out of the office. Rather than retiring to the couch after dinner, walk or bike around your neighborhood. The more creative ways you find to exercise each day, the more beneficial such efforts become.





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Though the holiday season is a joyous time of year, it's also one when many people succumb to cold and flu. Spending so much time indoors in close proximity to others can increase a person's susceptibility to flu and cold, so it's no surprise that the holiday season, when many people spend lots of time celebrating indoors with family and friends, marks the unofficial start to cold and flu season.

Despite what Mom might have told you about going out into the cold with a wet head or leaving home without wearing a coat, such actions do not increase your risk for cold and flu. But being cooped up indoors, where germs from others who are sick can fester, can increase that risk.

Cold weather also can be a factor.

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but not for the reason you think. According to a 2007 study from researchers at Mount Sinai School of Medicine, the influenza virus is more stable and can stay in the air longer when the air is cold and dry. Dr. Peter Palese, a flu researcher who is professor and chairman of the school's microbiology department, examined guinea pigs infected with the flu virus to determine the connection between the flu and cold weather. Dr. Palese varied the air temperature and humidity in the guinea pigs' environment and determined that flu transmission was best at 41 F, while the prevalence of transmission declined as the temperature rose. By the time temperatures reached 86 F, the virus was not transmitted at all. Low humidity also helped transmit the

virus, and high humidity stopped the spread. Flu viruses spread through the air in water droplets expelled from sick individuals' noses and mouths. High humidity may cause these droplets to fall to the ground before they can infect someone else.

Colds are largely transmitted through surface contact with the virus or direct contact with a sick individual. The cold virus is then contracted on the hands and typically transferred to the nose, eyes or mouth through inadvertent touching of these areas. Spending time indoors in close quarters with other people, which is more common in the winter, can facilitate the spread of colds as well as the flu virus.

There are many ways to reduce your risk of contracting a cold or the flu virus this winter. Perhaps no preventive measure is more effective than getting a flu shot. In addition, wash your hands frequently to prevent the spread

of germs, and disinfect remote controls, computer keyboards, tablets, mobile phones, and other items that are handled by multiple people on any given day. In addition, spend as much time outdoors as possible so you can escape potentially contaminated indoor air. If you spend a lot of time around children, whether as a caretaker, teacher, coach or anything else, washing your hands regularly is a must.

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If you come down with the flu, increase the humidity in your home by running the shower with the door open, using a recreational aquarium or boiling pots of water. Maintain a warm indoor temperature to reduce the likelihood that the flu virus will spread.

Other ways to reduce your risk for cold and flu include:

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ENTERTAINMENT

#### 'American Made' flies on Cruise control

- By Teddy Durgin -

You couldn't find a movie star better suited to a film titled "American Made" than Tom Cruise. Cruise is perhaps the biggest "American Made" motion picture actor of the past 35 years, having gone from playing the ultimate all-American boy next door ("Risky Business") to the ultimate all-American fighter pilot ("Top Gun") to the ultimate all-American secret agent (the "Mission: Impossible" films). But his best acting work has often been saved for those parts where shrewd filmmakers knew how to use that all-American image, dirty it up a bit and deliver stories about flawed men who come up well short of being the ultimate anything.

Oliver Stone was the first to do this in 1989's "Born on the Fourth of July," transforming Cruise from a wide-eyed, gung-ho American solider in Vietnam to a wounded, partially paralyzed, disenfranchised anti-war veteran. A decade later, Paul Thomas Anderson tapped into Cruise's horse-toothed, all American cockiness to cast him as a creepy, privately troubled motivational speaker for men with low self-esteem in "Magnolia." Both parts garnered Cruise Oscar nominations, and writer-director Doug Liman is looking to work some similar magic here in "American Made."

The film is based (loosely) on the true story of Barry Seal, a former airline pilot who the CIA busted in the 1970s for running a small smuggling operation via his commercial flights. Rather than cart him off to the ol' pokey, the government... well, they gave him a job! Directed by the enigmatic operative Schafer (Domhnall Gleeson), Lloyd is given his own private aircraft company and is tasked with flying down to South America to take recon photos of the various countries and forces deemed to be anti-American. But soon, he is playing both sides of the middle, smuggling cocaine back to the states for Pablo Escobar and his cronies and even getting in good with a certain military officer named Manuel Noriega.

From there, the film takes several outlandish turns, unfolding with the pace and wink-wink, look-back wit of films like Scorsese's "Wolf of Wall Street" as "American Made" skips from 1978 to 1986 over the course of two hours and Lloyd brushes up against everyone from Escoboar and Noriega to Ronald Reagan, Ollie North and Bill Clinton. The film is tragedy presented as "Can you believe this really happened?!" farce, and Liman keeps a pretty good command of tone and pace throughout. You only briefly stop to think, every once in a while, "Hey, aren't there thousands of kids and adults

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getting strung out on the coke Lloyd is bringing into the United States?" Or, "Hey, aren't there tons of people getting shot up by the guns he's smuggling back to Central and South America?"

Cruise is the anchor Liman needed with this story and this style of storytelling. In truth, I think Matthew McConaughey would have killed in this role, because we've seen Cruise be the best of the best in so many movies before this and play so smart so often. Lloyd really had to have been one of those criminal idiots who never really stopped to think for very long, "How the hell am I EVER gonna get away with this for much longer?!" McConaughey could have really pulled that off AND sold the Southern aspects of Barry Lloyd, who was from Louisiana.

Nevertheless, Cruise is magnetic in the

role. I do wish some of the supporting players had been given more screen time. Jesse Plemons as a small-town sheriff who looks the other way at Barry's dirty deals seems to have had much of his part left on the cutting room floor. Similarly, E. Roger Mitchell's intrepid Agent McCall never does develop into the Javert to Barry's Valjean. And Sarah Wright as Barry's wife and mother to his children has some great moments. But she also seems to disappear at key times, and we're never quite sure how 100 percent on-board she is with everything. Guys will watch throughout, muttering, "There's no way MY wife would ... "

"American Made" is a slippery sucker of a movie. Ultimately, it's an entertaining kickoff to what I hope will be a solid movie fall!

#### 'Flatliners': not quite dead on arrival, but definitely expired

<sup>V</sup> - By Teddy Durgin -

I actually have no problem with Hollywood remaking old movies. None! Er, as long as they remake old movies that could have been good and just weren't. Yeah, Hollywood, leave cool flicks like "Poltergeist" and "Fright Night" and "Carrie" alone. Go and re-do something like... well... "Flatliners." That movie from 1990 could have been good. It had Julia Roberts, Kiefer Sutherland and Kevin Bacon in their beautiful primes.

Flash forward 27 years later and now we have the "Flatliners" remake. And I'm sorry to report that it is also... meh... just OK. Once again, four good-looking medical students decide to experiment with near death experiences by purposefully stopping their hearts, measuring their brainwave activities post-mortem, then being revived a minute, two minutes or five minutes later depending on each student's level of risk-taking.

But, of course, each one also has a dark secret in his/her past. Years earlier, Courtney (Ellen Page) was looking down at her phone while driving, crashed her car and killed her little sister in the process. Also years earlier, Jamie (James Norton) got his girlfriend pregnant and then abandoned her at the abortion clinic, never to call again. Not so many years earlier, Marlo (Nina Dobrev) accidentally killed a patient while on duty and then falsified the autopsy report. And just a while back, Sophia (Kiersey Clemons) hated a school rival so much that she hacked into her social media account and distributed semi-naked photos of the girl to the entire student body.

When each of them is resuscitated, they are all better in a certain way. Courtney can play the piano like a pro and remember complex medical text and terminology. Jamie can make on-the-spot diagnoses like a doctor who's been practicing emergency medicine for decades. And Marlo and Sophia? Well, apparently they develop the sex drives of wild minx cats in heat. It's all good. Ooh, and all four get stalked by malevolent forces from "the Other Side" intent on making them pay for their misdeeds.

When the movie focuses on the characters, there are some really good moments here. When it goes all "Final Destination" in its second half, it's just a tedious, low-rent stalker flick. And then, it takes a ponderous turn late and goes all wishy-washy. By then, I just wanted it to be over.

My favorite character in the piece is Diego Luna's Ray, a medical student who doesn't believe in what the other four are doing. He's the smartest of all of them and decides to be the one to handle the resuscitations and not flatline. Luna does his usual scrawny Antonio Banderas thing and commits to "Flatliners" on a deeper level than the others. I always like it when you get a really smart character even when he or she is plopped down into a dumb movie. Also plopped down is an actor from the 1990 film in an extended cameo that could have been more. But that's ultimately the problem with this film and the original. Both could have been so much more.



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SPOTLIGHT

#### **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, Oct. 6. For more information, call the post, 410-288-2297.

#### **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, Oct. 6; Karaoke with Jimmy and Judy D from 8 p.m. to midnight Saturday, Oct. 7; and G&G Karaoke with Glenn and Georgia from 4 to 8 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 8. Call the post, 410-686-2353, for kitchen availability and specials.

#### **WAVFC Quarter Auction**

The Wise Avenue Volunteer Fire Company, 214 Wise Ave. in Dundalk, will hold a quarter auction at 7 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 5. Doors open at 6 p.m. Tickets, which include three paddles, cost \$5. Additional paddles cost \$2 each. Food and drinks will be sold. Info: Jerry, 443-841-9692.

#### Christmas Fair Vendors Sought

Hiss United Methodist Church, 8700 Harford Road in Parkville, needs vendors for its annual Christmas Vendor Fair set for 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 2. In addition to vendors selling a variety of goods, the fair will include a children's gift shop and Mr. and Mrs. Santa Claus will be available for photo opportunities. Concessions will be sold. Call Sue Crue, 410-599-7925, to register as a vendor.

#### **Coin Show**

Middle River Coin Club will hold its fall coin show from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 8, at the Victory Villa Community Center, 404 Compass Road in Middle River. Dealer space is available; the first table costs \$35 and the second is \$30. Admission to the show is free.

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#### **Elks Luncheon Bingo**

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#### **American Legion Bingo**

American Legion Post 130 Auxiliary, 8666 Silver Lake Drive in Perry Hall, will hold its monthly bingo Monday, Oct. 9. Doors open at 10:30 a.m.; lunch will be served from 11 to 11:50 a.m.; and bingo will start at noon. The cost for bingo, including all specials, and lunch is \$16. Free water and coffee; soda costs \$1 per can. Info: 410-870-0625.

#### Cox's Point Haunted Mansion

The 49th annual Cox's Point Haunted Mansion will open at 7 p.m. Friday, Oct. 13 at Cox's Point Park, 820 Riverside Drive in Essex. Sponsored by the Essex-Stembridge Recreation Council since 1968, the event is the country's oldest nonprofit haunted house, according to organizers. General admission is \$10 per person. The Haunted Mansion will be open every Friday and Saturday from 7 to 11 p.m. through Oct. 28. With interactive and "in your face" scares, the haunted production is not recommended for small children. For more information, call 410-887-0255 or visit www.coxspoint.org.

#### **Zion UCC Book Sale**

Zion United Church of Christ, 7146 Kelso Drive in Essex, will hold its monthly book sale from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 14, in the church hall (one block past the church on the right). Hardbacks are \$1 each, paperbacks and VCR tapes are 25 cents each; magazines are free. Info: 410-682-6571.

#### Zion UCC Turns 150

Zion United Church of Christ, 7146 Kelso Drive in Essex, will celebrate its 150th anniversary with a banquet at Rosedale Gardens, 8037 Philadelphia Road in Rosedale, on Oct. 21. Tickets cost \$30. The church will also hold an anniversary service Sunday, Oct. 22, at 9:45 a.m. All past and present Zion members are invited to both events. For more information, call the church office, 410-687-0980.

#### **Reformation Celebration**

Faith Lutheran Church, 2200 Old Eastern Ave. in Middle River, will observe the 500th anniversary of the Reformation with a screening of the 1941 movie, "Martin Luther," at 7 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 7. Free popcorn and soda will be offered and a questionand-answer period will be held afterward. "Amazing Grace" will be shown Saturday, Oct. 14 and "The Passion" will be screened Oct. 21. "Martin Luther" will play again Oct. 28. For more information, call Pastor Ray Rohrs, 443-752-7639.

#### Victory Villa Flea Market

Victory Villa Baptist Church will hold a flea market and yard sale from 8 a.m. to noon Saturday, Oct. 14, at 405 Compass Road in Middle River. To reserve a space, call Joyce, 410-284-0573.

#### **Constitution Week**

The Soldiers Delight-Thomas Johnson Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution recently celebrated Constitution Week with a special bell-ringing and educational presentations at Back River United Methodist Church. On Sept. 17, Boy Scouts presented the colors and Girl Scouts rang the church bell in recognition of the 230th anniversary of the U.S. Constitution. During the week, DAR member Mary Freyer presented Baltimore County proclamations to Boy, Girl and Cub Scout troops and distributed literature packets and American flags.

#### **Orems UMC Thrift Shop**

Orems United Methodist Church, 1020 Orems Road in Middle River, will hold its Hall Closet Thrift Shop from 8:30 a.m. to noon Saturday, Oct. 7. Collectibles, adult and children's clothing, toys, books, jewelry, housewares and bedding items are available at reasonable prices. Pit beef and ham sandwiches will be sold. For more information, call 410-687-9483.

#### **Polish Dinner-Dance**

Our Lady Queen of Peace Church, 10003 Bird River Road in Middle River, will hold a Polish dinner-dance from 5 to 9 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 21. The menu will include Polish food, soft drinks and beer. The event will also include games of chance and raffles. Tickets cost \$24 for adults and \$12 for children ages 6-12. Children 5 and younger will be admitted free of cost. Music will be provided by TKO. No tickets will be sold after Oct. 15. For more information, call 410-686-3085.

#### Henrietta Lacks Legacy Luncheon

The Henrietta Lacks Legacy Group will hold its second annual luncheon to honor its namesake from noon to 3 p.m. Friday, Oct. 6, at the Fleming Community Center, 641 Main St. in Turner Station. Tickets cost \$50. Many levels of event sponsorship are also available. For more information, send an email to Carlisa A. Jones, casimmons1@verizon.net.

#### 'Country Gospel Christmas'

St. Michael Lutheran Church, 9534 Belair Road in Perry Hall, will sponsor a bus trip to the Pennsylvania Opry on Nov. 9. The trip, which includes a ticket for "A Country Gospel Christmas" and a buffet meal at the Keystone Family Restaurant, costs \$117 per person. The bus will leave at 9 a.m. and return at 7 p.m. For more info., call Emma Hahn, 410-592-8512.



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#### 'Adams' at Todd's Inheritance

Massachusetts actor-historian Jim Cooke will present "John Quincy Adams: A Spirit Unconquerable!" at 1 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 15, at Todd's Inheritance Historic Site, 9000 North Point Road in Edgemere. The performance will include Adams' recollections of his 1827 visit to the North Point battlegrounds. Admission to the lawn performance is \$10. Bring your own chairs. The event is sponsored by the Wells-McComas Citizens Improvement Association.

#### K of C Crab Feast

Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Knights of Columbus Council 2452, 1707 Eastern Blvd. in Essex, will hold a crab feast from 1 to 5 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 22. The menu will include crab soup, pulled pork, hot dogs and various side dishes. Tickets cost \$45. For more info. or to reserve tickets, call Gary, 443-563-0020.

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#### **Dinner on the Bay**

Knights of Columbus Bethlehem Council 2605, 7401 Bay Front Road in Edgemere, will hold its monthly Dinner on the Bay from 2 to 5 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 15. Tickets cost \$14 for adults and \$7 for children ages 8-12. The menu will include fried chicken, Italian meatballs, roasted turkey with stuffing and a variety of side dishes, dinner rolls, soda, coffee and tea. Reservations are strongly advised. Call 410-477-5225 to reserve seats.

#### **Bull and Oyster Roast**

The Bowleys Quarters Improvement Association, 1124 Bowleys Quarters Road, will hold a bull and oyster roast from 7 to 11 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 14. The menu will include pit beef, oysters, chicken, ham, sausage, a hot buffet, desserts and beer, soda, coffee and tea. DJ Bill Hillmeyer will provide music. Tickets cost \$40. Info: Rich Pitz, 410-335-0267.





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#### **DINING OUT Oktoberfest menu returns to Dellis' Bar and Grill**

- Article & photos by Devin Crum -

You don't need lederhosen or beer steins for an authentic Oktoberfest celebration, especially if you can get to Dellis' Bar and Grill in Rosedale before the end of the month.

Dellis' iconic seasonal menu has once again returned for the month of October and looks to again delight anyone hoping to satisfy their craving for Germaninspired food in the spirit of the annual festival.

It is worth noting as well that the Oktoberfest menu continues to be a favorite eating event of both my coworker, Patrick, and myself, and to date it has never failed to deliver.

As usual, we shared in a sampling of everything on the special menu, starting with the schnitzel, which was a cut of tender and delicious fried veal.



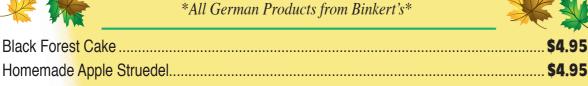
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The smoked pork loin (left) is this writer's personal favorite, but the roasted loin brings with it all the delicious roasting juices.

If you're looking for something extremely tasty and uniquely German, look no further. The schnitzel will get the job done while its name alone will ensure everyone knows you had German food.

Next up were the other most recognizable and iconic staples of any Oktoberfest offering - the German sausages. Dellis' menu includes weisswurst, bauernwurst, knockwurst and bratwurst, each of which is delicious in its own way and will also solidify that it is authentic German food in your belly.

The sausages are listed above in order from mild to stronger flavor, but you really cannot go wrong, especially when paired with the German mustard Dellis' always supplies.

Of course, mixed in were Dellis' fluffy and flaky potato pancakes, topped with a crispy piece of bacon and served with a side of sour cream. These are truly the best potato pancakes I have ever eaten.

Working our way down the list, we then came to the pork loins, offered as either roasted or smoked. Again, you really can't go wrong because both are such great choices.

Each is a savory dream, with the roasted variety being moist and flavorful while the smoked delivers that mesquite, smoky flavor. Take a date and you can each try them both!

Sour beef and dumplings are another uniquely German dish which will leave you wanting more when prepared at Dellis'. Fortunately for me (and many others), the Dellis' recipe is not so heavy on the sour, which gives it broader appeal across a wider range of palette preferences.

The beef is smothered in gravy and pulls apart as easy as meats that have been slow-roasted for a full day. Meanwhile, the dumplings resemble a dollop of rich and delicious mashed potatoes. Anyone craving comfort food will love this dish.

Rounding out the menu is the stuffed cabbage, which is another splendid choice if you like meats (ground beef) wrapped in perfectly cured and cooked cabbage.

It can't be emphasized enough that there are no lesser choices here. And if you're leaning toward one of the items that do not sound as authentically German, fret not! You can take solace in the fact that Dellis' purchases all of their Oktoberfest menu meats from Binkert's German Meat market just across the street.

If you happen to save room for dessert, the special menu has you covered there too. Featuring Black Forest Cake and Apple Streudel, the menu is sure to leave you in a happy disposition.

Chocolate lovers will surely enjoy the rich and moist cake, which includes cherry and vanilla accents. And others may gravitate instead to the streudel, which comes with a scoop of vanilla ice cream to contrast perfectly with the warm and flaky apples and crust.

Dellis' Oktoberfest menu will be served through Oct. 29. So don't miss your chance to fill up on loads of great cultural favorites all month long.

Dellis' Bar and Grill is located at 8776 Philadelphia Road in Rosedale. See the ad to the left for more information.

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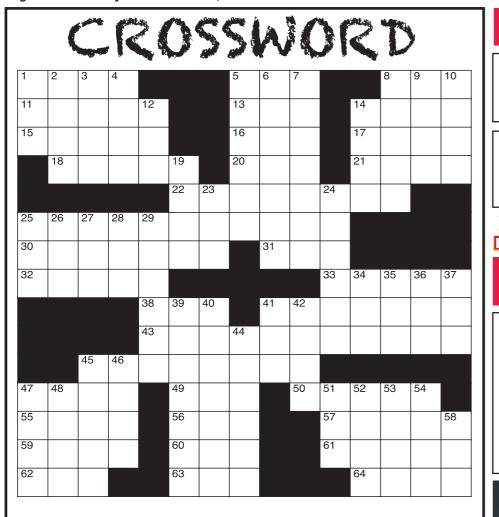
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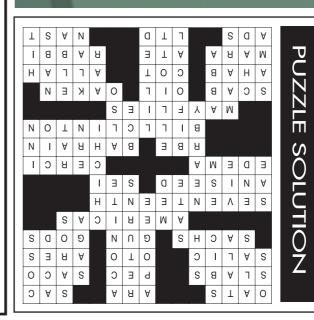
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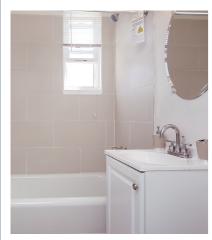
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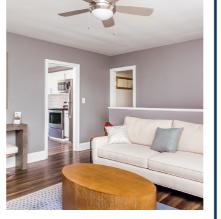
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