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This image of the ospreys' nesting stand, taken on March 28, shows the then-incomplete nest being prepared for their young. Remote viewing of the nest will kick off at the nature center festival, and a live web feed will be available for viewers to watch at home.

- By Devin Crum -

Marshy Point Nature Center will hold their 14th annual Spring Festival on Saturday, April 16, from 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. at the center, 7130 Marshy Point Road in Middle River.

And while the festival will be packed full of many of the same fun and engaging activities as previous years, brand new this year will be a live camera feed of a nearby osprey nest on Dundee Creek.

Marshy Point naturalist Benjamin Porter said he believes the osprey parents are the same pair that fledged two chicks in 2015 and nested unsuccessfully in 2014, which was the first season that they had

Porter noted that the mother had not yet laid her eggs, but that the pair was "hunkered down" and had built their nest over the last week. He added that the birds have also shown no evidence of disturbance with the camera being

"Indeed, I'm watching the feed presently and they are bringing sticks in and shaping the nest," Porter told the East County Times.

The Spring Festival will include a ribbon cutting for at least the live camera feed into the nature center. However, they are still ironing out the details of the web

feed for viewers to watch at home, Porter explained.

The camera, which can be worked remotely with the idea of having it on the nest while the birds are there, will also remain on the nesting platform as a live view of Dundee Creek after they head south for the winter, he said.

And while the nature center is owned by Baltimore County, no extra public funding went into the osprey camera set-up.

"All of our membership [fees] and donations to the nature center or fundraisers all go to funding the nature center council and all of our special projects like this

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**NEWS** 

#### Citizens air concerns over wastewater treatment plant discharge

- By Devin Crum -

Residents of Essex, Dundalk and neighborhoods near the Sparrows Point peninsula used a public hearing about the renewal of a discharge permit for the Back River Wastewater Treatment Plant (WWTP) to highlight their concerns over water quality in the area.

The purpose of the hearing, held by the Maryland Department of the Environment at the North Point Library on Monday, April 4, was to gather public comment on the treatment plant's request to renew their wastewater discharge permit with the state.

The permit is designed to protect water quality with regard to things like dissolved oxygen, ammonia, E. coli, phosphorus, nitrogen, total residual chlorine, pH levels, suspended solids and various toxicity factors that can end up in the water. The levels of each pollutant are regulated using total maximum daily loads (TMDLs) which are incorporated into the permit.

The Back River WWTP, originally built in 1907 and operational since 1912, can safely process up to 400 million gallons per day (MGD) of wastewater currently. And since 2013, it has been undergoing headworks upgrades which will increase its processing capacity to 800 MGD when completed, as well as increase its ability to remove excess nutrients like nitrogen and phosphorus from its effluent.

Those upgrades are slated for completion by the end of this year, and are mandated by the terms of the discharge permit to be fully operational by September 2017. But they are expected to be ahead of that, according to Plant Manager Nicholas Frankos.

The Back River plant discharges an average of about 180 MGD of treated wastewater to area waterways via two outfalls, 001 and 002. Outfall 002 discharges approximately 38 MGD to High Head Lake on Sparrows Point's former steel mill property, where it is eventually pumped and released to either Jones Creek and Old Road Bay to the east or Bear Creek to the west. The remainder goes to Back River through Outfall 001.

"All the water is treated exactly the same that goes to either outfall," Frankos assured, the only exception being that the water discharged to Outfall 002 is not dechlorinated.

This is because the chlorine demand is in the discharge pipes to eliminate algae and other organic build-up. He said the chlorine is mostly used up or evaporates before it is discharged from Sparrows Point, but would be dechlorinated by Tradepoint Atlantic if needed before discharge under their industrial discharge permit.

However, since the wastewater discharged from Sparrows Point is not done by the WWTP or under their control, residents near Jones and Bear Creeks were skeptical of the quality of the water arriving to the Point from the plant. They pointed to the lack of clarity in Jones Creek and Old Road Bay particularly, and the lack of vegetation there, to back up their claims.

But Frankos held that the discharge to the outfalls from the plant is clear, "like drinking water" and does not damage water clarity.

"Not only is it clean, but it is very low in nutrients," which can contribute to algae blooms that starve waterways of oxygen and create dead zones, he said.

Some residents expressed concern that any discharge goes to Jones Creek and Old Road Bay, pointing to the more shallow depth and limited tidal flow as exacerbating factors for the poor water quality. Many would prefer to see all of the effluent from the WWTP discharged to Back River, or diverted solely to Bear Creek from Sparrows Point where there is more depth and a shipping channel.

But Frankos and MDE Regulatory and Compliance Engineer Curtis Dalton explained that discharging all of the plant's treated wastewater to Back River is not an option since that would cause them to exceed the TMDLs for that waterway and be in violation of their permit.

And Aaron Tomarchio, vice president of corporate affairs for Tradepoint Atlantic, revealed at the April 7 meeting of the North Point Peninsula Council that the company has, in fact, reduced the discharge from High Head Lake to Jones Creek and Old Road Bay by 70 percent in response to community concerns.

Although he did not give concrete figures, Tomarchio affirmed that only 30 percent of what had been flowing to Jones Creek is now doing so. And the balance of the 38 MGD of effluent is now being discharged into Bear Creek, which he said was done several months ago.

"Hopefully you will see the results this summer," he said.

The community, though, expressed interest in seeing the outfall to Jones Creek moved farther out toward the mouth of the creek so the discharge does not get caught there and in Old Road Bay.

When the Sparrows Point steel mill was in operation, the effluent from the WWTP was used in the steel-making process and the mill paid fees to Baltimore City for the water distribution to the mill. But now that the mill is no longer operational, the city must pay Tradepoint Atlantic to discharge the water for them.

Tradepoint is governed by different standards in their industrial discharge permit, however, which has led to some uneasiness about what is being discharged.

The city's discharge agreement with Tradepoint is effective through 2018, when their own permit will be up for renewal.





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**NEWS** 

#### General Assembly passes bill to give Sparrows Point competitive edge

- By Devin Crum -

On the last day of the Maryland General Assembly's 2016 legislative session, Monday, April 11, the state legislature passed a bill that could give Tradepoint Atlantic a competitive advantage in their redevelopment of Sparrows Point.

The bill, HB1533 and cross-filed in the Senate with SB1062, passed both the House of Delegates and the Senate without a single vote cast against it and now awaits Governor Larry Hogan's signature.

The bill grants a Sales and Use Tax exemption for qualifying construction materials and warehousing equipment at Sparrows Point for a 10-year period.

Aaron Tomarchio, vice president of corporate affairs for Tradepoint Atlantic, first spoke publicly about the bill at the Thursday, April 7, meeting of the North

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Point Peninsula Council, stating that the company had studied ways to make Maryland - and specifically Sparrows Point - more competitive for manufacturing and found some things that other states are doing well.

"One of the things that came out of the states that tend to attract these types of jobs was that they have a Sales and Use Tax exemption on construction material," Tomarchio explained. They then asked the General Assembly if such a thing could be done here and got support across the board from them, wanting to see something happen at the Point.

He gave credit to the legislature for supporting the measure, saying it will be a major benefit for marketing the site.

"It helps level the playing field when we're out [recruiting]," Tomarchio com-

mented. "We know there are people in our pipeline that are standing on the sideline waiting for this and looking at it."

Delegate Ric Metzgar, who co-sponsored the bill and saw it through the House Ways and Means Committee, said he was excited about what he called a great bill for his Sixth District.

"It's going to give real opportunity for us to create good jobs, good corporations and opportunity to really be able to expand in our area."

He surmised that Tradepoint will likely come back in 2026 to seek renewal of the tax exemption as well.

"As it stands, the concept for 10 years was to see how far along with building they were going to be," Metzgar said, noting their initial 10-year build-out plan.

The bill at first would have applied to

designated Enterprise Zones statewide, but was narrowed to apply specifically to Sparrows Point for now. Metzgar said this was done because the legislature has also given growth packages to Baltimore City, and they did not want to stretch resources too thin.

He revealed that there have been numerous other tax incentive and economic growth packages given out around the state as well.

"I haven't seen this many tax credits since I opened the door last year with the Welcome Home Stay Home bill," Metzgar commented. "And this year there have been tax programs like that all over the state popping up.

"They're finally realizing that giving tax credits creates growth, creates the spending of the money."

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**NEWS** 

#### Community associations express concerns over density at District 6 CZMP hearing

- by Patrick Taylor -

It was a long night at Parkville High School on March 29, as the Baltimore County Planning Board heard dozens of testimonies from concerned citizens in District 6 as part of the quadrennial Comprehensive Zoning Map Process

The common theme of the night was opposition, with Leslie Kaminski getting things started by voicing opposition to 6-025, which would see 28.16 acres of land on the northeast side of White Marsh Boulevard, near the corner of Pulaski Highway, rezoned for single homes. Under the proposed plan, 15 homes could be built on 15.38 acres of land outside the urban-rural demarcation line (URDL), and 12.78 acres of land would be rezoned to include up to 3.5 homes per acre inside the URDL. Kaminski stated that the rezoning shouldn't be allowed for a multitude of reasons, mainly because of already high density in the area.

Joyce Schmidt, representing the Bird River Road Neighborhood Association, took opposition to overcrowding as well.

"Four years ago I spoke to you and submitted 500 signatures stating our opposition to high density," Schmidt told the Planning Board. "Since then we have watched our community explode."

Schmidt stated that she and the Bird River Road Neighborhood Association were opposed to a multitude of issues, including the aforementioned proposal 6-025. Going along with that, Schmidt stated they were opposed to rezoning at Leland Avenue and Magnolia Avenue in Middle River, which could see 11.7 acres of land, 11.27 of which is zoned for light manufacturing, rezoned to include zoning for 16 units per acre on 11.69 acres of land. The association was also opposed to rezoning the southeast side of Stokers Lane, southeast of Bird River Road, as well as the proposed Loreley Landing Planned Unit Development (PUD) site which could see 70 homes built over 7.5 acres of land on Allender Road.

"We should be downzoning, not upzoning," Schmidt said, before lamenting the requests for higher density zoning while forests and parklands are destroyed. "We sincerely hope you understand how the taxpayers and voters of our community feel," Schmidt concluded.

Plenty of speakers also showed opposition to issue number 6-020, which would change the current zoning of 32 acres of land from predominantly heavy manufacturing to residential, allowing 10.5 units per acre. The proposal from the developer is asking for 140 units, with 60 percent of those units intended to be single homes and 40 percent intended as townhouses.

Many who opposed the Lorely Landing PUD also opposed issue number 6-009, which could see a convenience store on the corner of Pulaski Road and Allender Road. Those opposed lamented the potential for more traffic and difficult access points.

Another area resident spoke out against the proposed zoning change that could turn 7.11 acres of land zoned for agriculture into 7.3 acres of high density housing, with 5.5 unitsper-acre proposed. This proposed change was tied in with the Lorelev Landing PUD site, with the speaker noting that schools in the area simply don't have the capacity to take on more kids. He noted that many schools in the area are well over 100 percent capacity, and that adding more residential units will only make things worse. He also pointed out that the addition of these residential units would make things incredibly difficult for emergency services, as it would create a larger coverage area whilst bringing more crime to the area.

For most of the evening the Planning Board heard negative feedback to proposed zoning changes, with very little support being vocalized.

Two issues that had support from the community included the expanding of a service garage for an automotive garage located in the 11200-block of Philadelphia Road, as well as a request for auxiliary retail space at 9600 Pulaski Park Drive.

But for the most part, the people of District 6 made it abundantly clear that they are opposed to any zoning change that will bring more residential units and subsequently more people into the

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NEWS

#### First annual Boating Safety Day comes to Middle River

- by Patrick Taylor -

Boating is essential for residents of the east side. Whether you have business ties or simply just like hanging out on the water, boating is a large aspect of the east side communities. And while many in the area are seasoned veterans on the water, there are still plenty of inexperienced boaters who need to learn about boater safety. It's also helpful for those with experience to brush up on their safety.

Last year was a tough year for Maryland boaters, with 22 boating fatalities recorded in the Chesapeake Bay. Of those 22, 16 occurred in the upper Chesapeake. In all but two instances, victims were not wearing life jackets.

In response, the Baltimore County Police Marine Unit, along with the Essex Precinct, Natural Resources Police, U.S. Coast Guard and many other agencies, will be holding the first annual Sgt. Marvin T. Haw IV Boating Safety Day on May 14 at Wilson Point Park in Middle River.

"This is going to be all directed at boating safety," said PFC. James Bylen of the Marine Unit. "This comes on the heels of a pretty tragic year. This is a response to that. It's pretty shocking and tragic that that many people have to die over the course of a single boating season."

Bylen stated that a big reason why the Marine Unit wanted Boating Safety Day to become a reality is because there didn't seem to be any other agency that was really doing much to promote boater safety. He pointed to the "Wear It" campaign, headed up

by the National Safe Boating Council, as one such campaign that was making a positive change.

"I understand, not everybody wants to be uncomfortable wearing a life jacket," said Bylen. "But the fact of the matter is they save lives."

Bylen stated that the entire day will be dedicated to boating safety questions of all kind. He stressed that when it comes to boater safety, there is no such thing as a dumb question.

"The whole idea is when we do a stop on the water, whether it be for a violation of law or anything else, we're going to do a safety check on the equipment on the boat that's federally required to be there," said Bylen.

To make things fun, Bylen and the other members of the Marine Unit will be scattering the essential equipment around the area, setting up a safety scavenger hunt. Folks who attend will be given a list of all the items they need to find scattered throughout the area. Gift card prizes will be available for winners of the scavenger hunt. There will also be plenty of other games and events throughout the day, including a family paddle.

In the middle of the day, the event will be dedicated to Sgt. Marvin T. Haw, the former commander of the Marine Unit who passed away of a heart attack back in January at the age of 49.

"He was always out on the water," said Bylen. "He had his captain's license and spent many a long night helping things along. He was bigger than life."



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The adoption fee is \$100 for Kria and \$25 for Dobby.

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1601 Nicodemus Road, Reisterstown, MD 21136 www.bmorehumane.org Ph: 410-833-8848 According to Bylen, the event had been in the works before Haw passed, but it made sense to name the day after him. Haw's wife and children will be in attendance for the dedication.

There will also be plenty of demonstrations, including flare demonstrations, CPR and first aid demonstrations and many more. There will also be a helicopter hoist demonstration which will highlight what it's like to perform a rescue.

So come on out and witness and participate in

water safety demonstrations. Enjoy fun in the sun, prizes, food from various local vendors and meet with local marine businesses. Learn and pass on the importance of boater safety.

Boating Safety Day will take place from 11 a.m. - 5 p.m. on May 14 at Wilson Point Park, located at 950 Beech Drive in Middle River.

#### FESTIVAL

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one," Porter said.

Aside from the osprey cam, the festival will include live music, animal demonstrations, animal talks, trail hikes, canoe and boat rides on the creek, learning about bee keeping and hunting dogs like Chesapeake Bay retrievers, wood carving and crafts and games for kids.

There will also be a blacksmith, colonial duck hunter, archery and face painting. The nature center will hold a native plant sale and have Marshy Point gift items for sale to benefit the nature center council as well.

The annual Spring Festival is one of Marshy Point's major special events which also acts as a fundraiser for the nature center, along with other such events like the Fall Festival in October and the Turtle Trek 5k race in November.





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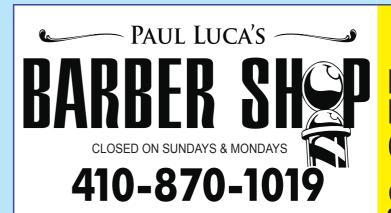
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#### Metzgar's tax relief for seniors and veterans

In the final days of the 2016 session of the Maryland General Assembly, the General Assembly passed Delegate Ric Metzgar's (R-6) House Bill 898 Property Tax Credit for Elderly Individuals and Veterans. The bill passed the State Senate 46 to 0 and will be signed into law by Governor Larry Hogan. Delegate Metzgar is the first member of the District 6 Delegation to get a bill through both chambers with bipartisan support.

Last year this bill passed the House of Delegates 138 to 0 but did not get out of the Senate Budget and Taxation Committee. This year Delegate Metzgar reintroduced the bill which passed the House of Delegates 135 to 0. The Delegate campaigned on the issues of job creation and lower taxes.

This bill grants a property tax credit for a dwelling of an individual who is at least 65 years old and has lived in the same dwelling for at least the preceding 40 years or a retired member of

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the U.S. Armed Forces who is at least 65 years old. The amount of the property tax credit may not exceed 20 percent of the county or city property tax imposed on the property and may be granted for up to five years.

The purpose of the bill is to encourage people to stay and live in Maryland as oppose to moving out of state and to help make Maryland more business and tax friendly.

The bill had the support of the House Veterans Caucus, President of the Baltimore City Council, and the Maryland Association of Realtors all of whom wrote letters of support.

"Seniors and Veterans have always had a special place in my heart. They are our greatest resources for our children and I want to do whatever I can to ease the burdens on them," said Delegate Metzgar.

Governor Hogan is expected to sign the bill into law next month and will take effect in June. **Dutch responds to McDonough's 'concerns' about JLENS program** 

- by Congressman

C.A. Dutch Ruppersberger (D-2) -

Once again, Pat McDonough's letter outlining his "concerns" regarding the JLENS program at APG ("McDonough voices concerns over failed JLENS program..." March 31) is short on substance and tall on tales. Pat McDonough has never been one to prioritize detail, but his most recent accusations against me are nothing short of lies by omission.

Because he wants to run against me for Congress, Pat McDonough wants you to believe that I supported the JLENS program at the behest of a campaign contributor. The facts are clear: I have urged the Army to ground the blimps since last year, and last month I opposed efforts from the Army and its contractor, Raytheon, to reinstate funding for JLENS.

You will be hard-pressed to find anyone that wasn't excited when news broke that the JLENS program was moving to Aberdeen Proving Ground in early 2013, including the local business community. We were told the construction of the aerostats - parts of which are manufactured by a Maryland

company - would bring 100 new soldiers and their families to APG, along with 40 other new jobs. And I heartily believed the technology being tested - and testing is what APG does best - had real potential to protect the Capitol region from missiles, drones and rockets.

But time has shown this technology needs a lot more work. And when the blimps became unmoored in October and jeopardized the safety of my constituents, I could no longer, in good conscience, support the exercise in my district. My opposition has been well-publicized by major media outlets.

Pat McDonough doesn't like the fact that Raytheon has donated to my reelection efforts. I am proud to have the support of major employers - and their employees - who live and work in the Second District. I am equally honored by the generosity of supporters who send me \$5, \$10 and \$25 donations. But I have never based any policy decision on a campaign contribution and I never will. JLENS is proof.

I hope you will see through Pat Mc-Donough's stunning, but unfortunately typical, disregard for the facts.

#### Design moves forward on new elementary school

I am pleased to announce that design work is advancing on the new elementary school to be built in northeastern Baltimore County. The Baltimore County Board of Education approved the work at its March meeting. The 20-acre parcel is located north of East Joppa Road and west of Chapel Road. It is currently owned by Baltimore County government, and would need to transferred to the Baltimore County Public School system. The aggressive design and construction schedule would allow for an opening in the summer of 2018. The school will add 700 seats.

An elementary school is needed to address the overcrowding that is most profound in younger grades. Construction of an elementary school here would preserve two other sites in the White Marsh area for other schools. Our office has reached out to key stakeholders in the community regarding the design of the school and how it will impact East Joppa Road.

I have been pleased to work in a bipartisan manner with Councilwoman Cathy Bevins on a number of issues, including the construction of the new elementary school in Perry Hall. The school would not have happened if Councilwoman Bevins had not worked with me to solve a technical construction issue. I appreciate her service and her support of my decisions to limit development, and I look forward to continuing our relationship on the County Council.



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## Police investigating homicide at Middle River motel

Baltimore County Police are investigating a April 7 homicide in an Essex motel.

Just before noon on April 7, police were called to the Super 8 Motel in the unit-block of Stemmers Run Road in Middle River for a cardiac arrest. When officers arrived on the scene, they found 45-year-old Rhonda Lynn Garrison, of the unit-block of McCormick Avenue in Rosedale, lying in the bathtub suffering from multiple injuries. She was declared deceased at the scene.

This incident is being investigated as a homicide. Police do not believe that there is any danger to the community.

Anyone with information on this incident is asked to call police at 410-307-2020 or Metro Crime Stoppers at 1-866-7LOCKUP.

If your tip to the Metro Crime Stoppers hotline leads to the arrest and/or indictment of a suspect, for a felony crime, you may be eligible for a cash reward of up to \$2,000 from Metro Crime Stoppers.

If you have information on the above crime/suspect please call, text or e-mail the Metro Crime Stoppers hotline, available 24-hours a day toll free.

## Operation "Safe Drive I-95" first enforcement wave

The first wave of the 2016 "Safe DRIVE I-95" enforcement initiative for the East Coast was conducted two weeks ago and focused on seatbelt usage, speeding drivers, reckless drivers and impaired or distracted drivers on Interstate 95. The "Safe DRIVE I-95" initiative is a Commercial Vehicle Safety Alliance Region II program that concentrates on violations that make highway fatalities the twelfth leading cause of death in the United States and the leading cause of death among teenagers.

The Maryland State Police Commercial Vehicle Enforcement Division and the Maryland Transportation Authority Police Commercial Vehicle Safety Unit joined together to conduct enforcement and commercial vehicle inspections on Maryland's portion of Interstate 95 as part of this 15-state East Coast enforcement program. The commercial vehicle component of "Operation DRIVE" incorporated a high visibility, multi-agency traffic enforcement on Interstate 95 designed to eliminate traffic fatalities by reducing traffic crashes involving large trucks, buses and passenger vehicles.

In total, 803 inspections were done, with 164 vehicles placed out of service and 60 drivers placed out of service. Commercial vehicle drivers racked up 395 citations and 516 warnings, while non-commercial drivers received 72 citations and 54 warnings.

Additionally, two drivers were arrested for driving under the influence of alcohol, one driver was issued a civil citation for possession of less than 10 grams of marijuana and a stolen motorcycle was recovered from a tow truck and a juvenile arrested. Three separate arrests were made for wanted persons.

Combined police enforcement waves will continue throughout the year.

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## MDTA bust cigarette smuggler on I-95

The Maryland Transportation Authority (MDTA) police arrested a New Jersey man who had nearly 4,000 packs of untaxed cigarettes with a retail value exceeding \$25,000 in his car.

On April 6, an MDTA Police Officer stopped Rosendo Perez-Torres, 68, of Elizabeth, N.J., on northbound I-95 in Baltimore County. Perez-Torres, who was driving a 2006 Chevrolet Impala, had his vehicle's rear license plate obscured. After a roadside interview, the officers located the cigarettes in the vehicle's trunk and took Perez-Torres into custody without incident.

The MDTA police contacted the Comptroller of Maryland - Field Enforcement Division regarding the seizure, and an agent charged Perez-Torres with transporting cigarettes within Maryland without the tobacco tax being paid and unlawfully possessing more than 30 cartons of unstamped cigarettes. The total tax loss for the state of Maryland is \$7,900.

The investigation revealed Perez-Torres was traveling from North Carolina to New Jersey. After processing, Perez-Torres appeared before a District Court Commissioner where a \$10,000 bail was set.

In recent weeks, the MDTA Police also recovered more than 28,000 packs of untaxed cigarettes with a retail value of \$185,000.

## Third person sentenced in **Dundalk murder case**

Latray Hughes was sentenced last week to life in prison in Baltimore County Circuit Court for the murder of Barquese Warren. On March 7, James Murphy and Delonte Epps had been sentenced to 90 years each for their parts in the murder of Mr. Warren.

Barquese Warren was in the bedroom of his home at 7851 St. Claire Lane in Dundalk during the night of Oct. 29, 2014. Shortly before eleven o'clock at night, Hughes, Murphy and Epps entered the home through a window at the back of the house. The victim was confronted by the defendants in his bedroom. He was shot six times to the face, arms, chest and buttocks and was killed. Hughes was the person who shot Mr. Warren while being assisted in the home invasion by Murphy and Epps.

The three defendants were convicted by a jury on Dec. 4, 2015. Hughes was convicted of First Degree Premeditated Murder, First Degree Burglary, Conspiracy to Commit Burglary and Use of a Firearm in the Commission of a Crime of Violence. Murphy and Epps were convicted of First Degree Felony Murder, First Degree Burglary, Conspiracy to Commit Burglary and Use of a Firearm in the Commission of a Crime of Violence.

All of the Defendants were sentenced by the Honorable Ruth A. Jakubowski.

#### **Current crime trends**

On March 31, there were two convenience store robberies believed to have been committed by the same suspects. Cases occurred during early morning hours. In both cases, the suspects displayed a weapon and demanded money.

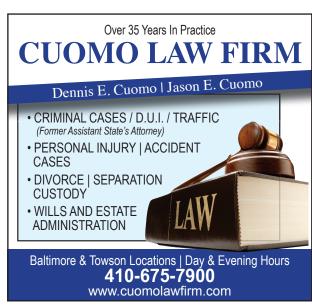
Since Jan. 5, there have been nine commercial robberies countywide believed to have been committed by the same suspects. Cases occurred on various days of the week and during evening and early morning hours. The suspects took money in most cases. Money and cigarettes were taken in some cases. In one case, the suspects robbed the employee of personal property.

Since Jan. 3, there have been 11 commercial burglaries countywide. All cases occurred inside the beltway. All cases but one occurred between 3 and 6 a.m. The suspects pried doors or smashed glass doors, pried open cash registers and took money. Narcotics, cigarettes, jewelry, cell phones, TVs, computers and coats were also taken.

Since March 2, there have been four motor vehicle thefts in the residential area between Forge Heights and Honeygo Boulevard in the White Marsh Precinct. Also, there have been four cases of motor vehicle theft and two cases of theft from automobiles in the Carney and Harford Farms areas in the Parkville Precinct. There has been no new activity since March 14.

Since Feb. 29, there have been three residential burglaries in the Inverness community in the North Point Precinct. There has been no new activity since March 10.









#### **OBITUARIES**

#### Marshall, Janice A.



On April 10, Janice A. Marshall (nee Hare), beloved wife of Vincent P. Marshall; devoted mother of Rachel Ann Cleveland, Michael Stanley Cleveland Jr., Joshua Michael Cleveland, Janine Cleveland Stancliff, and James Edward Marshall; loving daughter of Margaret A. Dunn and Stan-

ley Hare; cherished grandmother of Mikayla Jordan Cleveland, Julian Michael Cleveland, Ryan Andrew Cleveland, Elliott Ezra Cleveland, Brielle Aspen Cleveland, Nathan Patrick Whaling, Anthony James Marshall, Kailey Ann Marshall, Roman Alexander Stancliff, and Adrian Andrew Stancliff. Also survived by many other loving family members and friends.

Family and friends will gather at the Connelly Funeral Home of Essex, located at 300 Mace Avenue in Essex, on Monday April 18, at noon and proceed to Garrison Forest Veterans Cemetery. Visiting hours will be held on Saturday April 16 and Sunday April 17, from 3 - 5 p.m. and 7 - 9 p.m. Interment at Garrison Forest Veterans Cemetery.

#### **Huster, Gerald A.**

On April 5, in Florida, Gerald Anthony Huster beloved husband of Jane Frances Huster (nee O'Donnell); devoted father of James A., Kevin P. and Gerald M. Huster; dear brother of Raymond Huster and his wife Elaine and Carolyn Popp and her husband Howard; dear grandfather of James, Ashley, Patrick and Christopher.

Services held at Cvach Funeral Home of Rosedale. Cremation private.

#### Dubroka, Velma G.

On April 9, Velma G. Dubroka beloved wife of the late Paul Dubroka; devoted sister of Lucille Mc-Million and late husband Ovid, Joan Bruffey Lauenstein and husband Norman and Roy L. Williams and wife Phyllis; ex-sister-in-law of Freda Williams; dear aunt of Stephen McMillion and wife Donna, Debbie Williams Kale and Steve Lutz, Pamela Bruffey Aiello and husband Michael, Trina Williams-Haas and husband Allen, Lynn Bruffey Doyle and husband Michael, Roy L. Williams Jr. and Rodney McMillion. Also survived by many great nieces and nephews.

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#### Kratz, Craig

On April 10, Craig Thomas Kratz, beloved father of Angela Kratz and Gary, Brad Kratz and Katie; devoted son of John Kratz and the late Pauline Kratz (nee Bidish); dear brother of Judy Schmoll, Lesley Felts, Jeannine Mueller and Brian Kratz. Also survived by Duke and many nieces and nephews.

Visitation held at Cvach Funeral Home of Rosedale. Mass of Christian burial held at St. Clement's, interment at Holly Hill Memorial Gardens.

#### Myrick, James

On April 6, James A. Myrick Sr., beloved husband of the late Eleanor Myrick; devoted father of James A. Myrick Jr. and his wife Marlene, and Sharon Laubach and her husband Edward; loving grandfather of Edward Jr., Brandy, Ashley, Bradley, James III; loving great-grandfather of Brenton, Dominic, Lilliana, Sydni, Leora and Austin; dear brother of Katherine Choate.

Services held at Connelly Funeral Home of Essex. Interment at Oak Lawn Cemetery.

#### **Eberly, Michael**

On April 4, Michael Eberly, loving son of the late Shirley Smith and Ronald Eberly; devoted brother of Richard, David and Lorelei, Nick and Debbie, and Christina Vandenburgh and fiancee Mike. Also a loving uncle of four wonderful nephews and two beautiful nieces. For the last six years, he was a resident of Middle River, though he previously resided in Essex.

#### Zarzycki, Isabelle

On April 4, 2016 Isabelle Zarzycki (nee Souza) beloved wife of the late Thaddeus Zarzycki; devoted mother of Joseph T. Zarzycki; dear sister of Sonny and Gary Zybell, Josephine Taylor and the late William Zybell, Helen Pielert and Mary Blackburn. Also survived by many nieces and nephews.

Services held at Cvach Funeral Home of Rosedale.

#### Jewell, Keith

Beloved son of Keith C. Jewell and the late Shelia Jewell; devoted brother of Gilbert Jewell, James Jewell, Regina Jewell, Stephanie Jewell and Lisa Jewell; loving uncle of Isaac Jewell, Austin Jewell, Landon Jewell, Dorothy Jewell, Katlin Jewell and Jackson Jewell.

A memorial mass was celebrated on April 11 at Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Church in Essex.

E-mail Obituary announcements to ectreporter@comcast.net or fax to 410-780-2616.



#### Minton, Pamela



On April 5, Pamela Gail Minton, born Nov. 21, 1961 in Baltimore; loving daughter of James Buford Minton Sr. and the late Gladys Arnold Minton (nee Rasnake); dear sister of James Minton, Jr., Raymond Minton, Larry

ersville, MD) and the late Richard Minton. Also survived by several other loving relatives and friends.

Entombment at Holly Hill Memorial Gardens.

Minton (all of Essex, MD), Glenda Chaney (of Mill-

Entombment at Holly Hill Memorial Gardens. In lieu of flowers, memorials in Pamela's name to Hospice of the Chesapeake, 90 D Ritchie Highway, Pasadena, Maryland 21122 will be appreciated.

#### Napier, Monica

Beloved wife of Paul Napier, devoted mother of Rick Gisiner, Allyson Redman, Sandy Napier, Rob Napier and Sara Sier; loving grandmother of Mckenzi Gisiner, Violet Davis and Brexton Calderon; dear sister of John Cromwell, Joan Leyrer and the late Thomas Abshire and Stephanie Cromwell.

Monica was a loving wife, devoted mother, incredible sister, and thoughtful friend. Nothing in this world was as important to her than her family, friends and her Cooper (the dog). Her generosity and big heart knew no bounds; there was not anything she would not do for a person. Monica had the ability to captivate a whole room with her charismatic personality and infectious laugh. She made this world a brighter place and will leave behind many people who loved her.

In lieu of flowers, please make donations in Monica's name to Maryland SPCA, Development Office, 3300 Falls Road, Baltimore, MD 21211 or call 410-235-8826, ext. 135 to make a credit card gift over the phone or donate online at <a href="https://www.mdspca.org/give">www.mdspca.org/give</a>.

#### Frederick, Odetta

On April 5, Odetta Frederick (nee McCune), beloved wife of the late Charles Frederick; loving mother of the late Anita Frederick; cherished daughter of Avada McCune and the late Odis McCune; dear grandmother of Charles Game and great-grandmother of Madilynn Game; devoted sister of Dawnetta Herd and aunt of Jasmine Bowling and her children Taylor Connelly and Malakai Grauer. Also survived by many loving family and friends.

A private cremation was held. Friends may call at the family owned Bruzdzinski Funeral Home P.A. on Saturday, April 16 from 2 - 3 p.m.. A Memorial Service will be held at 3 p.m.

#### **Obituary Correction Policy**

No newspaper blunder is more certain to upset someone than a mistake in a loved one's obituary. Unless an error made it difficult for readers to identify the deceased, no obituary will run twice in full; however, a corrected version of a flawed obituary will be mailed promptly if requested by any immediate family member.

All published obituary corrections will be as brief as possible.



#### Thanks ECT, for covering Fifth Disctrict Zoning Hearing

I attended the March 22 public hearing on zoning issues in the Fifth District held at Perry Hall High School. I would like to thank the *East County Times* for its coverage of that hearing, which as Devin Crum pointed out ("District 5 CZMP hearing sees struggle between land owners, communities," March 31), offered different perspectives on development in our area of Baltimore County.

Although I no longer live in the Fifth District, there is a proposed development near my home that is located in the district which affects the entire community. Councilman Marks has proposed pos-

sibly down-zoning this area to block a development that is broadly unpopular and would destroy one of the last wooded areas off of Oakleigh Road. The Clearwood Development project would also add students to the already over-crowded Oakleigh Elementary School. Oakleigh Elementary currently has four "Learning Cottages" (trailers) on-site.

I would like to thank Councilman Marks for looking out for the community's best interests in preserving our open space as well as this development's negative impact on our class sizes.

Glen Geelhaar, Parkville

#### **Local Open Space in Our District**

I read with interest several weeks ago concerning the potential Seagram's development. I don't have a problem with development of the property; I would like to see it developed if it could be done in a reasonable fashion.

I do have a potential problem with the PUD and related local open space (LOS). Program Open Space (POS) is a statefunded program based on 0.5 percent of the real estate transfer tax. That should not be confused with the county LOS, which is based on developed property in Baltimore County depending on the density of the development and several other factors.

By way of the PUD, the Seagram's development will be increasing the density of the project by 39 homes (We don't need increased density in this district!). That

amount of development requires 185,000 square feet of local open space. But the developer received a waiver from the county for all but 40,000 square feet of open space on the site. Now the county is increasing the density in an already densely populated district and is lowering the amount of LOS requirement to less than 25 percent of what is required by law through a county waiver. Why in the world would the county allow a waiver of LOS requirements in such a situation?

How can we keep allowing PUD developments when their main purpose is to allow circumvention of current zoning requirements? You would think that we would have learned from the North Point Government Center.

Bob Staab, Dundalk

#### **The Never-Ending Story**

The never-ending story of rats is once again at the forefront in Baltimore County. For many years this story has come and gone with the tides, but this year the problem seems to be bigger than ever.

Seems like everywhere you go, you hear people talking about rats. Some folks don't seem to see them at all, but they are among us. But what can we do about them? In Aero Acres, we have decided to bait and poison rats community-wide.

We put out a newsletter saying we were going to discuss the issue, we had

a meeting and decided to pick a date. We put out fliers announcing the date and posted them on telephone poles as a reminder to let folks know it is time to take 'em out. The remaining date, by the way, is April 24.

You don't need to live in Aero Acres to do this. But if you do, it adds to the knock-out punch needed to defeat these critters. Meanwhile, join your local community association to see what else you can do to help.

Bob Driscoll, Middle River

#### **Essex Day**

This year's festival is scheduled for Sunday, Sept. 18. Visit the the Essex Day Facebook page for updates and information.

Since I am moving out of state, midway assignments will be handled by Kevin McDonough and Carol Karwacki. Carol will be your phone contact at 410-366-1524, and she will be able to help you with any concerns and/or questions.

Kevin, Carol and I have met, and they are familiar with the placement of repeat vendors who set up in the same location each year. I want to express my appreciation to all vendors for their support of this event each year, and for the relationships that have been built.

Your new Midway chairpersons will handle all your needs on the Sept. 18, and I am willing to put money on the fact that they will make it even better.

June Donovan Former Essex Day Chairperson



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#### Art for the Cause

Golden Ring Middle School, 6700 Kenwood Ave. in Rosedale, will sponsor the Art for the Cause Exhibit in the school library on April 20 starting at 5:30 p.m. We will display our students' works along with Shop for the Cause. Proceeds will benefit Autism Awareness.

#### **Early Voting**

The East County Republican Club announces that early Voting begins Thursday, April 14. Voters in District 6 can vote at the Sollers Point Multi-Purpose Center, 323 Sollers Point Road in Dundalk.

#### BCMHA Meeting

The Baltimore County Mobile Homeowners Association will meet on Tuesday, April 19, at 7 p.m. in the Williams Estates/Peppermint Woods Community Center, 123 Whistle Stop Road in Middle River. We encourage you to bring a friend or neighbor and join us at our meeting. For more info., call 443-317-8366.

#### **GPIA Meeting**

The Graceland Park Improvement Association will meet on Wednesday, April 20, at 7 p.m. in Graceland United Methodist Church, 6714 Youngstown Ave. in Dundalk. Guest speakers will be elected officials to give General Assembly updates from the recent legislative session. For more information, contact Celestine "Babe" Grabowski at 410-288-4046 or gpiamd@verizon.net.

#### Quit Smoking Program

The Essex branch of the Baltimore County Public Library is hosting a free "Up in Smoke" quit smoking program from 6:30 - 7:30 p.m. on Mondays through May 16. Free nicotine patches, gum or lozenges will be part of the options for people who want to quit smoking. To sign up online, visit http://bcpl.info/events/ datelines-essex or call Greta Brand at 410-399-2001.

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#### Free Clothing

Free clothing will be available to anyone in need at St. John's Lutheran Church, 518 Franklin Ave. in Essex, on Saturday, April 16, from 9 a.m. to noon. Please bring your own bag. Donations accepted; to make a donation of clothing, domestics, housewares, toys, etc., call the office at 410-687-4621.

#### Food Pantry

New Life Sanctuary, 4 Margaret Ave. in Essex, has a food pantry for those in need every Saturday from noon - 2 p.m. on the side of the building facing Margaret Avenue. For info., call the church office at 410-687-1199.

#### Free Meal and Groceries

Victory Villa Baptist Church, 75 Chandelle Road in Middle River, will serve a full meal and bag of grocery items on Thursday, April 21, beginning at 5 p.m. All are welcome, no ID needed. Just come, eat and fellowship. Call Joyce at 410-284-0573 for more information.















Darlene and Dustin Bodani became parents for the first time, welcoming their daughter, Cheyenne Nicole Bodani. Cheyenne was born at Franklin Square Hospital on Feb. 24, at 2:47 a.m. at a weight of six pounds, six ounces and a length of 20 inches.

Proud grandparents are John and Darlene Baker, Ken Sr. and Linda Bodani and Pam Bodani.

Congratulations to the new parents! Love, family and friends

#### **Car Show**

The Children's Miracle Network will hold a free car show on Saturday, April 16, from noon to 4 p.m. at Mt. Carmel High School, 1706 Old Eastern Ave. in Essex. Sponsored locally by Hammer Motorsports, Ideal Image Auto Salon and McKinney Catering. All proceeds go to Johns Hopkins Children Center. All vehicles welcome; \$15 vehicle entry fee. Event will include trophies, raffles, door prizes, silent auction and food for purchase.

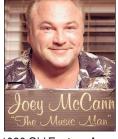
#### **Deep Creek MS Color Run**

Join the fun on Saturday, May 7, at 10 a.m. at Deep Creek Middle School, 1000 S. Marlyn Ave. in Essex, with a great new fundraising event. This year, we will host our own school color run! This is an exciting new program that will help create awareness for healthy living, raise funds and is sure to be a blast! Register online at <a href="https://www.DeepCreekColorRun.eventbrite.com">www.DeepCreekColorRun.eventbrite.com</a> or contact Rebecca Hartman at rhartman4@ bcps.org for a registration form.

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#### **Cedar Beach Reunion**

The second annual Cedar Beach Reunion will take place on Saturday, April 30, from 1 - 4 p.m. at Sue Island Grill & Crabhouse, 900 Baltimore Yacht Club Road in Essex. Special entertainment provided by Joey McCann "The Music Man." The event is open to any former or current resident of the community of Cedar Beach. For more info., visit our Facebook page, "I grew up in Cedar Beach."

#### Seneca Elem. PTA Vendor Bazaar

The Seneca Elementary School PTA is looking for vendors to set up at our Vendor Bazaar on Saturday, April 16, from 9 a.m. to noon. Craft vendors welcome! Please email Tia Abell at southabell@gmail.com for more information or to reserve a table.

#### **Quarter Auction**

Maiden's Choice motorcycle club will hold a quarter auction on April 15 and June 24 from 6 - 9 p.m. at FOP Lodge 34, 730 Wampler Road in Middle River, to benefit the Casey Cares Foundation. For more information, call Lisa at 410-905-8010.

#### **Sock Hop**

Dust off those saddle shoes and grab your poodle skirts because on April 16, from 7 - 11 p.m., American Legion Post 130, 8666 Silver Lake Drive in Perry Hall, is having a sock hop! Join us for an evening of fun: dancing, raffles, door prizes and music from the Juke Box Live Band! Menu: ham and cheese burgers, hot dogs, french fries, onion rings, pizza, snacks, beer, wine, soda. We are asking everyone to bring a pair of new socks for our men and woman veterans. Tickets are \$25, or purchase a table of eight prior to April 2 for \$180 (\$20 savings). For more information, call the American Legion Post 130 at 410-870-0625.

#### Karaoke

Essex American Legion, Post 148, 20 S. Marlyn Ave., will host karaoke by Fun Time Karaoke with Annette & "Wild" Bill, on Friday, April 15, from 8 p.m. to midnight. On Saturday, April 16, from 8 p.m. to midnight, Wacker-Doo Karaoke with Doug & Kim. And on Sunday, April 17, from 4 - 8 p.m. karaoke by For the Good Times Karaoke with Percy & Fred. Come join us for a weekend of good singing and a fun time. Call the Post at 410-686-2353 for kitchen availability, menu and specials.

#### **Get Ready to Ride Day**

ABATE of Maryland, Inc., Baltimore-Harford Chapter will host a "Get Ready to Ride" day on Saturday, April 30, from noon - 4 p.m at Kingsville Station, 5429 Ebenezer Road in White Marsh. The event includes a Blessing of the Bikes, basic first-aid training, legal tips, pre-season bike checks, a basket of cheer raffle, vendors, food, a bike wash and music. Contact Jay Hidden at 443-854-9965 for more information.





#### ■ ENTERTAINMENT

- By Teddy Durgin -

There are some awful married couples you look at and think, "They should never procreate!" Well, after "Tammy" and now "The Boss," I can only look at husbandand-wife team Melissa McCarthy and Ben Falcone and think, "They should never make another movie together again!"

Oh yeah. I'm two and done with them. "Tammy," co-written by Falcone and McCarthy and directed by Falcone, was one of those flicks that asked you to laugh at the drunken antics of Susan Sarandon's grandma and the crass, vulgar antics of her title-character granddaughter (McCarthy)... until the last third of the film when you're supposed to shift gears and worry about Granny's alcoholism and yearn for Tammy's wounded heart to heal.

"The Boss," also co-written by the couple and directed by Falcone, is similarly miscalculated. For much of the film, we are to laugh at McCarthy's shallow, dismissive, grotesquely selfabsorbed mogul, Michelle Darnell. She gives motivational speeches that are more like rock concerts with their pyrotechnics and large-scale dance numbers. Because Michelle grew up in an orphanage and was rejected by numerous adoptive parents, we are supposed to feel for her and root for her to find her humanity. But, for way too much of the film's running time, Falcone and McCarthy's script

#### 'The Boss' should be fired

doesn't see her as a person in need, a person lacking, a person worthy of an audience's sympathies. They present her as a hero... a pushy broad who defied the odds, made millions and can now get away with saying and doing anything.

At all turns, though, Michelle is just a horrible human being. Even worse, she is presented as both cunningly smart and shockingly stupid depending on whatever the scene calls for. Case in point: her putupon assistant Claire (Kristen Bell) has worked for her for three years without a raise. Michelle says she's trying to teach her a lesson about being assertive. So she cares for her? Nah! She has to keep being reminded that the young woman is a struggling, single mother who has a tween daughter, Rachel (Ella Anderson). "You have a daughter?" she keeps asking.

Or when Michelle is arrested for insider trading, she immediately offers the officer a bribe. During her six months in prison, she apparently keeps up with none of her finances as her assets are all seized and she is penniless upon release. Homeless, she bullies her way into Claire's apartment, then proceeds to spray-tan her genitals in front of both the woman and her daughter. She babysits the daughter by showing her "The Texas Chainsaw Massacre." She witlessly gives the child coffee spiked with whiskey before school. The list goes on.

Michelle then takes the daughter to a

Girl Scouts meeting (in the film, they're referred to as Daffodils), hurls curse words and put-downs and threats throughout the meeting to the other moms and their kids, then gets the bright idea to start her own for-profit business selling Claire's brownies using an army of carefully selected underage girls eager to make a percentage off each package sold. The business inexplicably becomes an empire in the matter of a couple or few weeks (all from Claire's kitchen oven, mind you).

But then Falcone and McCarthy can't help going for the schmaltz to excuse all of the vulgarity they splattered across the screen earlier. Rachel frames a photograph of her, her mom and Michelle laughing and baking and tells her she thinks of Michelle now as family. The audience is needled to go "Awwwww!" Er, until a scene or two later where Michelle sells the business out from under Claire and Rachel to her evil rival, Renault (a sadly unfunny Peter Dinklage). So, Michelle is suddenly ruthless and hard-hearted again... er, until she takes down that big gallery painting she bought and hung in her new penthouse and puts up the picture of... \*sob, sob\*... her, Rachel and Claire.

And it was at this point that I just started actively hating the film - despising it. My friends, show this film who's boss and don't see it.

## Teddy's top five reasons why 'Rogue One' could be one of the best Star Wars movies

- By Teddy Durgin -

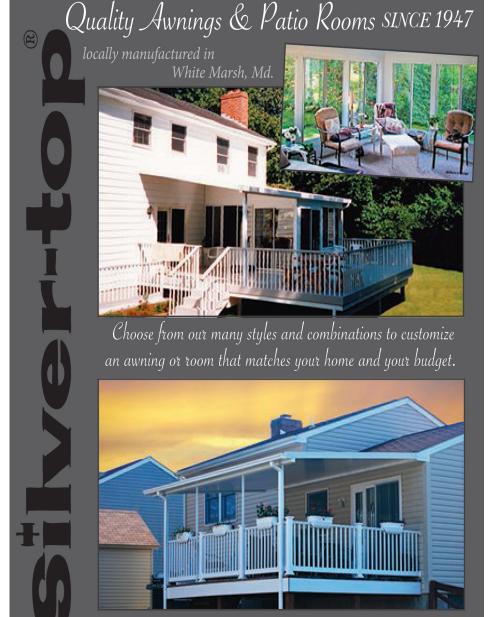
For a while now, a quiet murmur has been building in the "Star Wars" fan community. All focus had been on "The Force Awakens" and its subsequent historic box office run. But all the while there has been ANOTHER "Star Wars" movie in production... one that people have known very little about. Until this past week, that is, when Disney unleashed the first teaser trailer for the film. Call me crazy, but I'm actually more hopeful for "Rogue One" than I was for "The Force Awakens." And here are my top five reasons why "Rogue One" could be one of the best "Star Wars" movies:

- 1) The Time Period. There's just no getting around the fact the Rebel Alliance vs. the Galactic Empire is THE definitive time period of "Star Wars." It's the World War II era of this franchise. And just because we know ultimately how WWII ended doesn't make everything from "Patton" to "Saving Private Ryan" to "Fury" any less enthralling.
- 2) The Iconography. No, you can't go back and de-age Mark Hamill, Harrison Ford, Carrie Fisher and Billy Dee Williams and make all-new Original Trilogy-era adventures. But Edwards and Co. are clearly going to be using Original Trilogy

time period junk like X-wings, TIE Fighters, Star Destroyers, etc. From the trailer, we know we're going to be spending more time at the Rebel Base on Yavin. And you can bet we'll see Darth Vader!

- 3) No Limitations on Story. Yes, by the end, you know the Rebel spies will successfully get the Death Star plans to Leia on her Blockade Runner. But other than that, the filmmakers don't have to fit this into the larger Skywalker narrative. "Rogue One" is free to take as many risks from a narrative standpoint as all concerned want.
- 4) War! One of the few details that has leaked from the production is the fact that Edwards has shot some fantastic battle sequences that will rival the Hoth ground war in "The Empire Strikes Back."
- 5) The Cast. There's just a lot of cool people in this flick. I hope Jones can be every bit as plucky a heroine as Carrie Fisher was back in the day and Daisy Ridley is for the new trilogy. You also have the always creepy fun Mads Mikkelsen, of "Casino Royale" and the "Hannibal" TV series; Ben Mendelsohn, who looks to be playing a classic evil Imperial; Diego Luna (Poe Dameron's daddy anyone?); and Oscar winner Forest Whitaker.

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#### Dundalk cruises through opening games of lacrosse season

- by Patrick Taylor -

Dundalk High School has had a good year in regards to athletics. Their football team went to the state final and their basketball team made a playoff push. But none of that is really surprising. The Owls frequently churn out quality basketball and football teams. However, I didn't expect the boy's lacrosse team to look this good this early in the season.

The Owls had a solid preseason, and have carried that play over into the regular season. They started off with a convincing 9 - 5 win over Chesapeake, but had a much tougher task looming when they took on Loch Raven.

Loch Raven has historically had a strong lacrosse squad. Dundalk has historically done poorly against Division 1 schools. That doesn't exactly sound like a recipe for success, but when Dundalk and Loch Raven faced off in the second game of the year, the Owls weren't concerned with what history had to say, upending Loch Raven by a score of 10 - 8.

The Owls looked impressive from the start, controlling the tempo and patiently working the ball around the Loch Raven defense until chances opened up. It's usually fairly easy for better skilled teams to dominate the flow of the game, but that wasn't the case. And that isn't to say that Dundalk doesn't have tremendous ability, it's just that when looking at both teams it was pretty clear that Loch Raven had more talented players.

But the Owls did well to keep that talent at bay. Most of Loch Raven's attacks came interspersed, with the Raiders doing well to capitalize when the opportunities came. But there just weren't enough opportunities for Loch Raven. Dundalk's defense was smothering, and they won the ground ball battle on the day.

Darien Fisher and Jake Malinowski continued with their strong play in attack, with each player putting up two goals. Fisher also added an assist. But Josh Dickey was the big star in the Dundalk attack, notching his first two goals and two assists of the season.

Brad Depasquale was stellar again in goal for Dundalk. While he didn't make any outrageous saves, he was strong and held firm when Dundalk needed him most.

But the two true takeaways from this game are that Dundalk is a much better squad than they've been in years past, and possession in lacrosse often equates to victory.

The Owls followed up their big win over Loch Raven with an equally impressive 5 - 0 win over Lansdowne, despite the weather not cooperating.

This game was a mess, with the elements playing a major part. Inclement weather can often act as an equalizer, regardless of the sport. And while the weather certainly subdued the Owls' attack a bit, their defense didn't look for a second like it was in danger of breaking against an inferior Lansdowne

Dundalk's defense bent at times, but never broke. They did well to keep their shape and trade off attackers, and they attacked ground balls with a lot of tenacity. And on the rare occasion when the Dundalk defense did get a bit turned around, Depasquale was there to turn away the attack. The keeper again racked up 14 saves, though this time he kept a clean sheet for his troubles.

Fisher was again the top man in the attack, adding two more goals to his season tally. He was aided by goals from Cooper Wildberger, Iliass Zouita and Yuri Stone. Besides scoring an important goal, Stone led the team in ground balls, picking up seven for the Owls throughout the day.

Dundalk next faces Pikesville before taking on Sparrows Point on April 14.

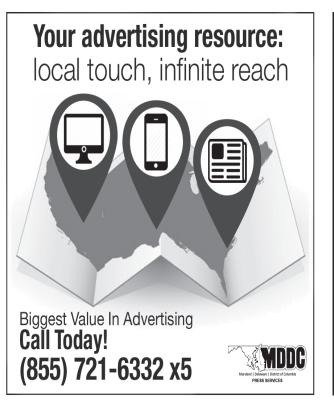
#### Around the league

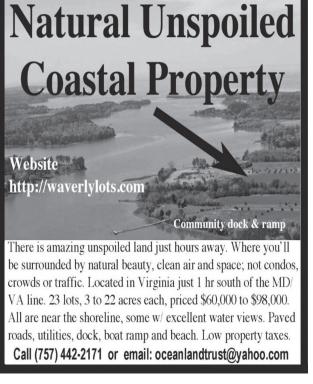
Eastern Tech has had a rough start to the year. After barely getting beaten by Sparrows Point, the Mavericks have taken it on the chin from Perry Hall and Harford Tech. Currently sitting at 0 - 3, Eastern Tech will be looking for their first win this week against

Kenwood followed up their big win against Chesapeake with an even bigger win against New Town. Kenwood's defense has looked strong, but their attack has been deadly. They'll look to continue their undefeated streak against Owings Mills before facing

After a tough opening game against Sparrows Point, the Kenwood girl's lacrosse team has rebounded in tremendous fashion. The Blue Birds took down Chesapeake in a tight 13 - 12 game, and followed that up with an impressive 9 - 1 victory over New Town. The take on Owings Mills next as they look to get a bit of a winning streak going.

After dropping their opening game to Patterson Mill, the Perry Hall High School girl's team has been looking relatively solid. They managed to pick up a big win over Eastern Tech, beating the Mavericks by a score of 11 - 3. They followed that up, however, with a disappointing 11 - 5 loss to Hereford. The Gators will be hoping to get to an even .500 when they take on Loch Raven.





#### **Zumba Classes**

Middle River Recreation and Parks Council will sponsor Zumba classes on Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 7 - 8 p.m. beginning Sept. 8. Held at Victory Villa Elementary School, 500 Compass Road in Middle River. Cost \$60 for 12 classes (2 per week) or \$6 per class for drop-ins.

#### **Aerobics Classes**

Bengies Chase Recreation Council will hold In-Shape Aerobics and Stretch-N-Tone classes at Vincent Farm Elementary School. Classes held Mondays - Thursdays, 7 - 8 p.m. New session begins April 11. Call the rec. office at 410-887-5194 for more info.

#### **Yoga Classes**

Linda Jo Eigner, RYT, will be teaching "Yoga for Anyone," a gentle, affirming and individualized yoga class on Tuesday evenings from 6:30 - 7:30 p.m. at Hope Lutheran Church, 1901 Middleborough Road in Essex. Cost is only \$5 per class; drop by as often as you'd like. Call Linda Jo at 410-327-0422 with questions.

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