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Essex land purchase for open space



The Baltimore County Council approved Monday the purchase of just over 160 acres of land in Essex for open space preservation, as well as a bill to restrict the use of air cannons near residential properties.

- Article & photo by Devin Crum -

The Baltimore County Council voted on Monday, Nov. 6, to unanimously approve the county's purchase of more than 160 acres of land on the Back River Neck peninsula to be preserved as passive open space.

The county plans to purchase eight contiguous parcels of land off Barrison Point Road in Essex using \$950,000 of Program Open Space funding from the state and \$50,000 from its own capital budget, according to a county spokesperson. What the Council approved Monday was a contract of sale between the county and the property owners as part of the

passive open space program.

Because the property will remain as passive open space, it will remain largely in its natural state with no park amenities installed.

County Councilman Todd Crandell, who represents the area, said the land acquisition represents a "significant" open space investment in the Seventh District on the Back River Neck peninsula.

"I've advocated to various members of the administration for a couple of years now to make such investments in our district," he said. "I think this is the first Program Open Space investment in the Seventh District since 2007." Crandell called the agreement "a pretty big deal," adding, "160 acres at \$1 million is significant and welcomed on the Back River Neck."

County spokeswoman Fronda Cohen pointed out that the subject property is located within the Chesapeake Bay Critical Area in a Resource Conservation zone. She added that the county specifically identified this tract as a good candidate for open space preservation.

"Certainly the county is very aware of our responsibility to be sure that we protect any environmentally sensitive areas, as well as providing increased

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Battle of North Point monument proposed for state battlefield

- Article & photo by Marge Neal -If the Society of the War of 1812 has its way, a new monument commemorating the Battle of North Point will soon grace the North Point State Battlefield in Dundalk.

And the group is willing to put its money where its mouth is, having committed to the estimated cost of \$30,000 needed to create the marker as envisioned by members.

Similar to organizations like the Sons and Daughters of the American Revolution, the 1812 group's membership is limited to those who are documented descendants of participants in the War

Society leaders held a meeting at the Dundalk-Patapsco Neck Historical Society and Museum Friday, Oct. 27, to discuss proposed verbiage for the marker and to talk about any concerns, inconsistencies or suggestions.

Many hurdles still remain before the monument can become a reality, according to Christos Christous Jr., who spoke on behalf of the 1812 society.

The process to get the marker approved is an arduous one, he told those at the meeting, which included historical society members, elected leaders and the recently retired Charlesmont Elementary School principal.

Maryland Park Service officials have yet to even agree to accept the plan for

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review. They first must ensure it meets all of their requirements, according to Christous. The 1812 society cannot submit a formal proposal until the state says the project meets those standards and purposes.

For example, a suggested monument cannot duplicate information already on a particular site. In this case, it means the suggested marker verbiage cannot repeat information already on educational placards at the battlefield.

Another requirement is that the monument, because it will be placed at an unstaffed park site, require little to no maintenance, Christous said.

The 1812 society originally planned two monuments - one at Battle Acre, a Baltimore County-owned parcel, and one at the state battlefield. County officials nixed the one at Battle Acre immediately, citing priorities in other areas around the site. That caused the society to rethink its plans and design one monument that would incorporate all the intended information, which includes a short history of the battle, a list of troop strengths on the American and British sides and a list of all Americans known to have been killed in the local battle or died of battle-related injuries within one year.

The committee originally envisioned a tall, slender monument but current events put an end to that vision, according to Christous. In the initial design, a



A meeting to discuss the Society of the War of 1812's proposal for a Battle of North Point monument was held Oct. 27. Attendees included members of the Dundalk-Patapsco Neck Historical Society, the Heritage Society of Essex-Middle River and elected leaders.

two-sided, "extremely tall" granite slab would list all of the war dead on one side and background information and troop strengths on the other.

"But in the current climate regarding monuments, we didn't want to put something up that could be toppled or vandalized," Christous said. "So we asked for new designs for something much longer, wider and closer to the ground so it can't be toppled."

Historical society member Patricia Paul expressed several concerns about the monument. She said she and several others do not think the monument as planned is appropriate for the site.

"I think this is way too much verbiage for this site," she said at the meeting. "It's not [user] friendly - people will not take the time to read all that."

She also expressed a concern that the cost of the project is too high, to which Christous replied the cost is "irrelevant" given his organization's willingness to foot the entire bill.

He said the society would accept donations from community members if they have a desire to have "ownership" or otherwise support the effort, but the money is already committed and the society is prepared to move its plan forward.

"There are people who believe this isn't appropriate for the land," Paul said, lamenting that others in opposition had been unable to attend the meeting. "And there are other issues there with that land - there are homeless people living there

Christous told Paul he understood her stance but added that many people do want the monument erected and do believe it will be an appropriate, educational tool that honors those killed in the North Point skirmish.

"It is our mission to propose this monument," he said at the meeting. "I will propose this and DNR will hold hearings and solicit community input. And then they will make the final decision

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NEWS

Community hears update on Water's Landing at Middle River PUD project

- By Devin Crum -

For months, community members following the progress of the Water's Landing at Middle River planned unit development (PUD) have waited to hear more details and updates from the developer about the status of the project.

They finally got that chance, as well as the opportunity to express concerns about the adequacy of the project's stormwater management (SWM) plan at the Nov. 1 meeting of the Essex-Middle River Civic Council.

The most updated Water's Landing plan shows 189 total homes to be built on a 53-acre waterfront parcel along Weber Avenue in Essex, according to Richard Alter, president of Manekin, LLC and developer for the project. The homes would be a mix of mostly townhomes and some single homes constructed across a tract formerly known as the Huber property.

Alter said site plans have been stable for about the last 15 months, and they have been working with the state's Critical Area Commission to gain their approval for the plan.

The CAC's approval is necessary because the project seeks to use nearly all of what remains of Baltimore County's growth allocation for Chesapeake Bay Critical Areas. The growth allocation allows somewhat more intensive land use in waterfront areas in exchange for water quality benefits rather than having to abide by stringent regulations and shoreline setbacks.

"That has required us to submit to the

county drawings and specifications" for the project, Alter said, which has been time consuming.

Using the growth allocation, homes can be no closer to the shoreline than 100 feet. However, without it they would be required to maintain a 300-foot buffer between buildings and the shoreline.

Alter said the closest home to the shoreline in the plan is 119 feet, while others are up to 250 feet away. And development counsel Sam Neuberger said the average distance of all the buildings from the shoreline will be about 200 feet.

Neuberger said the justification for using the county's remaining growth allocation is that rainfall that hits the site after the development is built will actually be more clean than before the development took place, as is required by the CAC.

To accomplish this, the regulations require reforestation on site as much as possible, especially within the 100-foot buffer, and off site in the same watershed if it cannot all be done on site. They also require wetland mitigation and myriad other environmental remediations, according to Neuberger.

Eric Chudnicki, environmental services manager for the project with Daft McCune Walker civic engineering firm, said they are doing all they can on site to meet the reforestation and other remediation requirements.

What they cannot do on site, they will do on another property about 2.5 miles to the southeast, where they plan to "take 17.6 acres and put nothing but trees on it," he said, adding that the property has been in agricultural production for a long time and the owners have decided not to farm it anymore.

They also plan to do about nine-tenths of an acre of wetland mitigation, which Chudnicki said is triple the amount of impact the project will have.

The only impacts we have are really associated with some roads and some outfalls," he said. "Everything else is as managed as possible, especially around the peninsula and the point."

Some residents, however, expressed

concerns that the SWM plan as designed for the project is inadequate.

EMRCC's lead environmental advocate, Dan Doerfer, relayed an independent environmental engineering firm's belief after looking at the plan that the SWM facilities for Water's Landing would only treat about 60 percent of the rainfall they should for a project of this size.

Chudnicki assured, though, that they have devised a SWM plan that meets the county's regulations for capturing and filtering stormwater, and he noted that

- see UPDATE on page 8 -

Royal Farms awaiting approval at Fullerton bingo; Perry Hall site approved

- By Virginia Terhune -

Royal Farms is waiting for county approval to replace the Fullerton Manor Bingo building at 7560 Belair Road with a full-service convenience store including fuel pumps, carryout service and outdoor seating along the front of the building.

The company dropped a proposed car wash from the plan after running into opposition from neighborhood groups at the time the site was up for rezoning last year.

Fuel pumps require approval of a special exception by an administrative law judge, for which a public hearing was held on Wednesday, Oct. 25, in Towson.

Four neighbors attended the hearing, and several asked questions about traffic

and stormwater management. A decision is expected within a few weeks. Pending approvals, the planned Fullerton store is expected to open in late 2018.

The operator of Fullerton Manor Bingo did not immediately return a call for comment on Monday about the future of the bingo operation.

The store is part of an ongoing Royal Farms' regional growth plan that also includes a relocated, expanded store on North Point Boulevard in Dundalk. An administrative law judge also recently approved with conditions a plan for a new store and fuel pumps at the northeast corner of Perry Hall and White Marsh boulevards.

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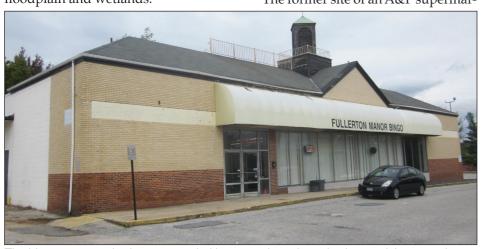
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scape and lighting plans to the county and a review by the state and the Army Corps of Engineers about an adjacent floodplain and wetlands. Only commercial special event temporary signs will be permitted at the store, and only signs permitted by the county will be allowed to be permanent, according to the decision.

The former site of an A&P supermar-



The bingo manager had not responded by press time about the future of the operation.

ket, the 1.7-acre Fullerton site is located on the west side of Belair Road at Glade Avenue. To the north is Belair Beltway Plaza shopping center.

Proposed is a 24-hour store with seven pump islands and parking for 56 cars. It would employ about 20 full-time and 20 part-time people, said a company representative at the hearing.

The plan is to replace the bingo hall with a smaller, 5,200-square-foot building that would result in less paving - a drop from 87 to 74 percent impervious surface. Plans also call for replacement sidewalks and increased landscaping along the edges of the property.

Regarding vehicle access, there is currently access off Glade Avenue and Belair Road. Plans call for a second access off Belair Road that will enable fuel trucks to turn around on-site and not exit onto Glade Avenue.

Concerned about existing heavy traffic, neighbors said cars routinely back up on Belair Road during peak times, making it difficult to turn off of Glade Avenue. Resident Tom Clocker also noted frequent accidents at Belair and Thorncliffe roads, as well as MTA and school bus stops in the area.

A traffic engineer said vehicle volume is not likely to increase, because most customers who will pull into the Royal Farms regularly drive Belair Road anyway. He also said there are no failing intersections in the area.

Clocker also asked about the maintenance of the storm drain system designed to filter grease and oil runoff from the parking lot before it flows toward Stemmers Run via a drain on Belair Road.

There is currently no storm drain system on the site, which until now has not had fuel pumps or 24-hour vehicle traffic.



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Kushner Cos. fined by Baltimore County as negligent property owners

- By Patrick Taylor -

A property management company co-owned by President Donald Trump's son-in-law, Jared Kushner, has been fined by Baltimore County after racking up more than 200 county code violations.

Baltimore County threatened to withhold HUD (Housing and Urban Development) subsidies if the Kushner Cos., the property management group, failed to meet standards. Kushner Cos. made the necessary changes to the HUD subsidized properties, but failed to meet the deadline on three other properties for code enforcement issues. The company was fined \$3,500 for the violations.

Kushner Cos. did not respond to requests for a comment.

"Contrary to the assertions of the Kushner Cos. that they are in compliance with local laws, our inspectors identified and cited more than 200 code violations in properties owned by Jared Kushner," said Baltimore County Executive Kevin Kamenetz. "Repairs were made only after the county threatened to withhold rent or issue fines. And in nine instances, we had to carry through with threatened sanctions. We expect all landlords to comply with the code requirements that protect the health and safety of their tenants, even if the landlord's father-in-law is Presi-

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dent of the United States."

From 2015 to June of this year, Kushner Cos. has received \$4.8 million in HUD subsidies on behalf of 197 lowincome renters

Kushner, who currently acts as a senior advisor to President Trump, has repeatedly found his name in the news for shoddy living conditions in the apartment complexes his company owns. A ProPublica/New York Times article published back in May was the first to shine a light on the negligence. Since then, multiple Democrats, including Attorney General Brian Frosh and Rep. Elijah Cummings, have launched investigations and inquiries into the property management group. The move by the Kamenetz administration to fine Kushner Cos. adds the county executive's name to the list.

On the east side, Kushner Cos. owns a wide array of properties, including Carroll Park, Cove Village, the Commons at White Marsh, Essex Park, Morningside Park, Whispering Woods and Charlesmont Apartments. Violations have been found at each of these locations since the beginning of the year, with 49 HUD and four code enforcement violations found just at the Commons at White Marsh.

Overflowing trash cans and rodent infestations were among the violations found at the properties during routine out by the county.

While the Commons at White Marsh was the most neglected site, Kushner Cos. had violations at all of the aforementioned sites. Whispering Woods was found to have seven HUD violations, while Charlesmont, Cove Village and Essex Park were each found with five or less HUD violations. There are no HUD units at Morningside or Caroll Park, but both were fined for code violations. Morningside was found to have five code violations. Five more

inspection, according to a release sent complaints about conditions at the various Kushner-owned properties are still being investigated by the county.

A spokesperson for Kushner Cos. previously told The Baltimore Sun that the property management group was "in compliance with all state and local laws," but that assertion was rebuffed by Kamenetz.

"It is a stretch of truth to assert they are in compliance with all laws when more than 200 code violations were observed by our inspectors in just the past 10 months," said Kamenetz.

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DRC receives \$800K in neighborhood revitalization funds

- By Marge Neal -

The Dundalk Renaissance Corporation has once again received significant grant funding from the state's Neighborhood Revitalization Program.

The organization will receive \$800,000 from the program's Baltimore Regional Neighborhood Initiative, according to a statement from the Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development.

"These investments will help revitalize cities and towns across Maryland, leading to an increase in economic development and more jobs for Marylanders," Gov. Larry Hogan said in the statement. "The awards will help local communities achieve their unique redevelopment goals and improve the quality of life for our citizens."

The DRC is no stranger to these awards and appreciates the continued financial support of the program.

"We've received these funds in the past and they have really increased our ability to expand the impact we are able to have in the community," DRC Executive Director Amy Menzer told the *East County Times* in a phone interview.

DRC first received similar grant funding in 2014 when Dundalk was selected as one of four communities to participate in a pilot program. Dundalk was the only one of the four areas not in Baltimore City, according to Menzer.

"I think it speaks highly of what we are doing as an organization in the community that we continue to receive these funds," Menzer said.

As with past grant funds, the 2018 fiscal year money will be spent in targeted areas to increase the "real, visible impact" of the additional funding, Menzer said.

Focusing on the historic downtown Dundalk area, the targted neighborhoods include Old Dundalk, both the city and county sides of St. Helena, Dun-Logan, Turner Station and the historic commercial Main Street,

Menzer said.

"We are specifically targeting communities that feed in to Dundalk Elementary School in an effort to encourage home ownership and help build up the elementary school," Menzer said. "The county is making a \$31 million investment in a new Dundalk Elementary and we'd like to make an effort to improve the chances of attracting more homebuyers to that area, as well as help current residents make improvements to their property."

DRC received \$150,000 for operating support; \$250,000 for the Vibrant Neighborhoods 2.0 Revolving Loan Fund; \$200,000 for home purchase incentive forgivable loans; \$100,000 for commercial improvement grants; and \$100,000 in Main Street business incubator gap funding.

Menzer is particularly excited about the business incubator funding, which will allow the organization to complete renovations at its 11 Center Place office that will result in a business incubation lab on the first floor.

"Plans call for retail incubation space, as well as flexible desk, office and training space on the first floor of our building," she said. "Our offices and staff will move to the second floor and this money can be used to help with those renovations."

Another draw to many of these funds is that they do not come with income restrictions or matching fund mandates.

For example, the commercial improvement grants will help business owners make visible investments in their properties with money that does not have to be paid back and does not have to be matched with private funds, Menzer said.

Though details are not finalized, Menzer anticipates awarding grants in the \$3,000 to \$10,000 range to local business and property owners. The program and application deadline will be publicized, and a committee will judge the proposals and select the recipients.

"We expect more competition without the matching requirement," Menzer said.

A goal of DRC is to attract a greater economic diversity in Dundalk, according to Menzer, and the award of grant funds without income restrictions lends itself to that goal.

"We can't build economic diversity with HUD monies that have income restrictions," she said. "This new money will allow us to offer incentives so that more middle-income people are attracted to buy in Dundalk or encourage current residents to stay here and invest in their properties."

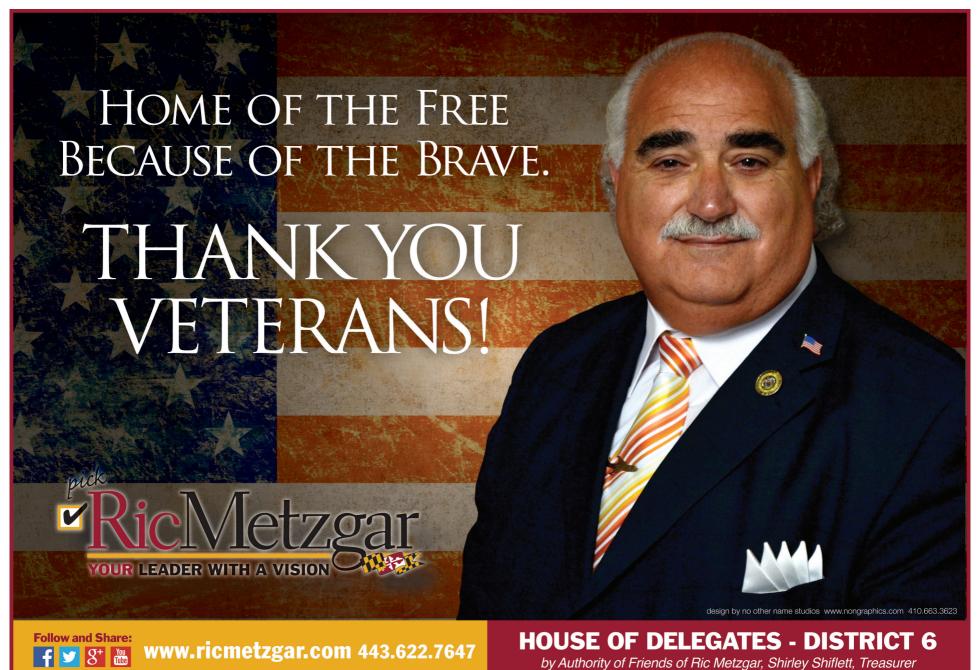
The forgivable loan program is targeted at potential home buyers who make 80 to 100 percent of the area median income. The loans are forgiven after a resident has lived in the house for at least five years. With the \$200,000 pot of money, DRC plans to give loans of \$5,000 to buyers in the general greater Dundalk area, and loans of \$10,000 to home buyers in the targeted Dundalk Elementary School feeder neighborhoods, according to Menzer.

Interest-free loans made through the revolving loan fund must be repaid when the property is either sold or refinanced.

"These grant funds are a tremendous opportunity for DRC and Dundalk," Menzer said. "The scale of these resources far exceeds what we would normally have available to us and allows us to help homeowners and business owners to make visible investments in our community."

DRC is achieving tangible, positive results in the business community and the community's housing stock and the continued awarding of money from this funding source is a vote of confidence in DRC's ability to carry out its mission, Menzer believes.

For more information on any of these grant or loan programs, call the DRC office at 410-282-0261.



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to move forward or not."

The 1812 society has solicited design proposals from three different monument crafters, according to Christous. Members are still waiting for two of those design proposals as well as the state's decision to even allow further consideration of the plan, given the conditions that have to be met.

The main purpose of the monument would be to provide educational information about a battle that many do not know about, meeting attendees agreed. Marsha Ayres, the retired Charlesmont principal, said she wishes more classroom time could be devoted to the local history and suggested that many General John Stricker Middle School students do not know the story of the man for whom their school is named.

Paul Blitz, a member of the Essex-Middle River Heritage Society, said, "The purpose here is to educate."

Christous agreed and said he wants to bring more attention to the role the North Point battle played in the defense of a young nation. North Point stands in the shadow of Fort McHenry when it comes to special events and the public eye, he believes.

"This was a significant event that changed the course of our nation and we want to bring attention to that," he said. "This monument will be a big step toward that."

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New plan submitted for Shops at Perry Hall site

- By Virginia Terhune -

Developers have submitted an alternate development plan for the Shops at Perry Hall site at the southeast corner of Belair Road and Honeygo Boulevard.

An earlier plan for the 14.5-acre site controlled by the Baltimore-based Southern Land Company was previously approved in 2009 for a big-box store, according to information presented at a meeting of the county's Development Review Committee on Oct. 31.

"Market conditions in this part of Baltimore County require greater flexibility to adapt to the ever-evolving needs of the consumer," according to a letter from the plan's engineer about the alternate plan.

The site, which also borders a small section of Forge Road, is across Belair Road from the Honeygo Crossing shopping center.

A preliminary concept plan presented at the meeting shows a large fitness center, a gas station and convenience store, two restaurant buildings, a restaurant/retail building and another small building, as well as 542 parking spaces.

The developers have also proposed a carwash, which will require an approved special exception from a county administrative law judge after a public hearing.

The plan shows one access point from northbound Belair Road and two access points from the south side of Honeygo Boulevard.

Representatives from the Perry Hall Improvement Association did not immediately respond to a request for comment on the proposed development.



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the plan has already been approved by the county.

"We are trying to protect the water," he said. "We are treating all of our impervious [surfaces], and we are doing it in a manner that we are required to in the critical area."

Doerfer noted that there are both county and state requirements for SWM.

"The state language says to the maximum extent practicable, you should use Environmental Site Design," Doerfer said, which is currently accepted as the highest standard for SWM.

"But the county generally holds developers to the minimum extent practicable," he said, adding that county officials have already told him they are satisfied with the design.

Doerfer acknowledged that it is too far along in the process to do anything about this project now.

"So I think our issue is with the county," he said. "The county should be looking at these developments and holding them to a higher standard for Environmental Site Design and not meeting [just] the minimum water treatment."

Neuberger stated, though, that after this project the county will no longer have any new large-scale waterfront projects because the growth allocation will be gone.

Another aspect of the project for which both the developer and community members have expressed their desires is the relocation of the county-owned bus lot adjacent to the property. Neuberger updated the group on that issue in that the county is willing

to relocate the facility, but the new location must be comparable in size to the existing lot.

He said they had a list of several possibilities for a new location that were outside the critical area, that have running water and where the facility will not be a "nuisance."

"Then the county changed their requirement a little bit," Neuberger said. "What they said is, 'instead of just building one new bus facility, we have a bunch of antiquated school bus facilities in eastern Baltimore County; we'd like to have one really big one that just serves a wider area and is more in the growth area.""

He said the county has identified some potential sites near Franklin Square hospital and other areas for such a facility.

However, the bus lot is a school board issue and has not been high on the board's priorities list which is why progress has been slow, according to Neuberger.

Alter had originally estimated an 18- to 24-month timeline for the project to be completed, but now puts it at more like 36 to 40 months since they must get approval from the CAC to use the growth allocation, then must finish working through the county's PUD process for final approval.

As part of the PUD process, the developer is required to provide a community benefit, for which they have chosen to contribute \$50,000 toward the refurbishment of a SWM system at Chase Elementary School, which Neuberger said has been a failing system.

"The way it exists now, it does cause a fair amount of harm to the watershed," he said.

He pointed out that the benefit was suggested to them by Councilwoman Cathy Bevins, in whose district the project will be built.

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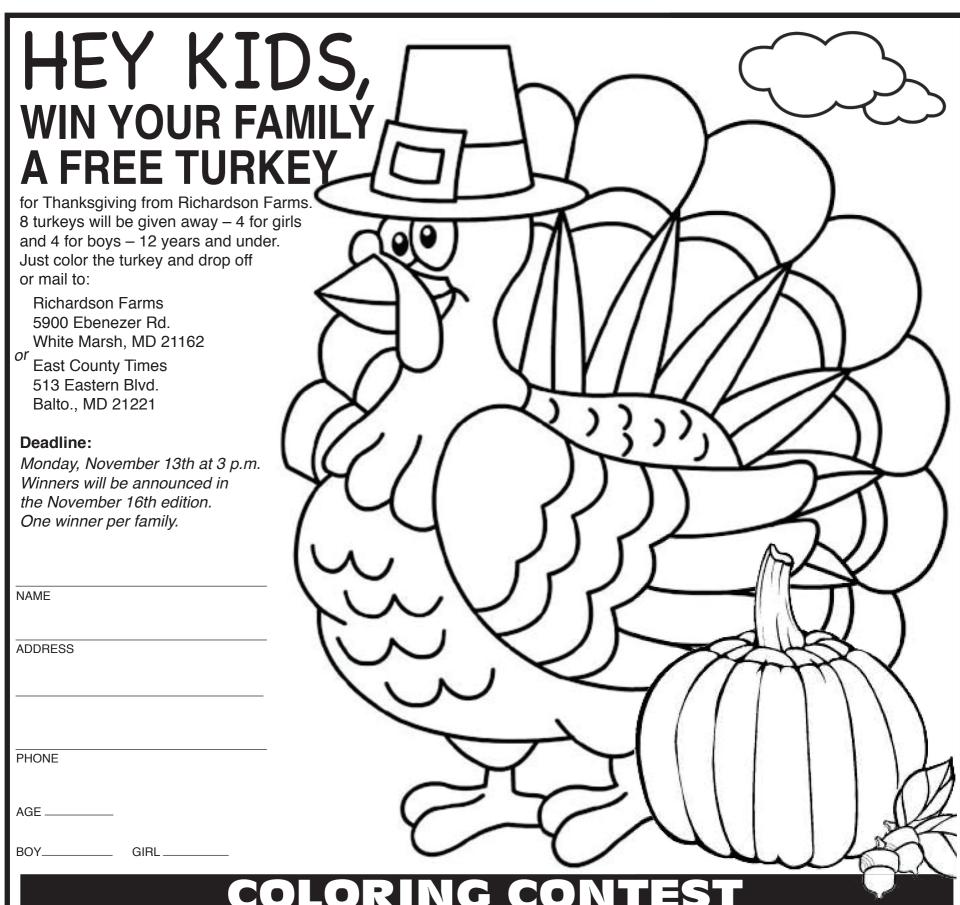


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open space and protected open spaces," Cohen said.

She noted that the zoning currently on the property protects it from intensive development, but also that zoning can change.

"We felt that if these properties were under county ownership it would clearly signal the intent that this remain open space for the community, but most importantly for environmental protection and conservation," Cohen said.

She, too, called the amount of land a "significant" size, adding that it "can make a difference."

"It was a real opportunity to do the work of being able to put together those eight parcels and make that purchase," the spokeswoman said. "We'll all literally breathe easier when you have more wooded areas that are preserved and protected as open space."

The property is primarily forested, according to Cohen, and the only structure presently on it is an unoccupied building which will be demolished at the current owner's expense prior to the county's purchase.

Last month, the County Council approved a similar purchase of just over 12 acres of land in Middle River, also to be used for passive open space.

That property, located off Bird River Road, consisted of 14 unimproved residential lots and non-buildable wooded parcels. The county agreed on Oct. 16 to purchase that tract using a combined \$490,000 of county and POS funds.



Each of the east side's County Council representatives had some involvement with bills passed at Monday's legislative session. File photo.

The Middle River property was zoned for residential development at a rate of two homes per acre, which explains its higher value than the Essex parcels.

"This purchase will ensure that the property... will be used for passive open space rather than new homes," said Councilwoman Cathy Bevins, who represents the area, at the time. She added that the acquisition would help strike a balance between new development and open space.

"Middle River is an area in the county that is lacking in open space so I have been working with the administration to bring more open space to the area," she said.

Also approved Monday by a unanimous vote of the council was a bill, sponsored by Bevins and Councilman David Marks, to restrict the use of air cannons on agricultural land in response to complaints from residents living near the Bird River.

The bill as passed prohibits the firing of air cannons in certain Resource Conservation (agricultural) zones within 500 feet of an adjacent residential dwelling between the hours of 10 p.m. and sunrise as defined by the National Weather Service.

Air cannons create loud bursts of air to scare birds and other animals away from crops, and Councilman Wade Kach pointed out that the sound level from such cannons can reach 125 decibels.

"That can cause physical damage to the ears," he said, stressing that the legislation came about because of one individual in Bevins' district - along Stumpfs Road in Middle River - "who insists on using these air cannons, shooting them off every two or three minutes."

Bevins said the cannons were in use "around the clock" during planting season and harvesting.

"It was very disruptive to the community," she said. "The community and the farmers have been living in the same area from the beginning of time and this was never an issue until this past year."

Bevins initially introduced the bill in September, but withdrew it before a vote to give the farmer and residents a chance to undergo mediation through the Baltimore County Farm Bureau.

"That mediation took place and there was no resolution," Bevins said.

Prior to the vote, Bevins and Kach together sponsored an amendment to the bill, creating a sunset for the legislation after two years without further action from the council.

Bevins said the reason for the sunset was that they believe the new regulations will "set the tone" and will not be necessary after the time period is up.

"We didn't want to punish all farmers because of, so to speak, one bad apple," she said, "so we're hoping that this remedies itself. If not, we'll take a look at it again in two years."

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To End All War

Meet local veteran and historian Nicholas Lambros from 2 - 3 p.m. Nov. 11 as he shares a visual presentation of World War I and discusses his historical novel, "To End All War," at the Perry Hall Library, 9685 Honeygo Blvd. Book sales and signings available; cash or checks accepted. Sponsored by the Friends of the Perry Hall Library. Info.: 410-887-5195.

Glenn L. Martin Presentation

This presentation on Tuesday, Nov. 14, at noon in the Victory Villa Senior Center, 403 Compass Road in Middle River, will include information about the museum at Martin State Airport and a brief history of Mr. Martin's life. Mr. Martin was the third person to build airplanes in the United States. Pre-registration recommended. Must be a member of the center (membership is free).

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Food Pantry

Dundalk Church of the Nazarene, 1626 Lynch Road, has a food pantry with nonperishable food items. If you are in need or are interested in donating, please call the church at 410-288-5136.

Volunteers Needed

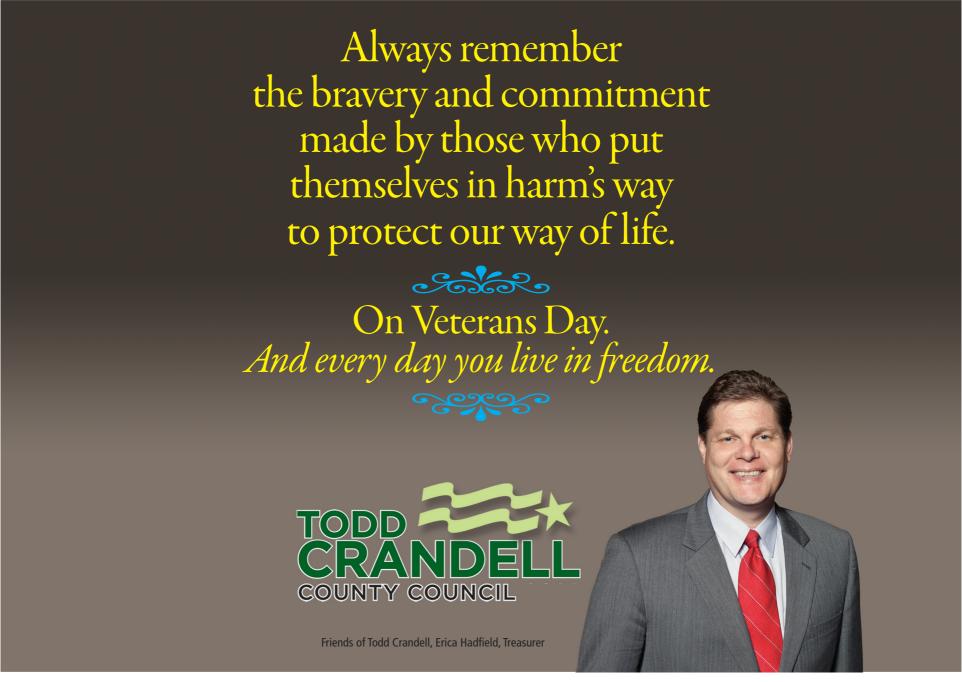
Brightview White Marsh assisted living, 8100 Rossville Blvd., is in need of volunteers to help with things like cooking, stories, games, discussions and visiting for their residents. For more information, contact Diane Gibson at 410-668-1588.

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Grief Recovery After Substance Passing meetings will be held the third Wednesday of every month at 7 p.m. in Camp Chapel United Methodist Church, 5000 E. Joppa Road in Perry Hall. Please pre-register by contacting Toni at 443-554-6150.

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Telephone deception theft leaves victims frightened

Theft by deception is a technique often used by criminals to obtain money or identifying information willingly from victims, most often our more vulnerable citizens, often the elderly. Most people have become aware of scams involving phone calls or emails requesting identifying information or confirmation of bank account numbers, some asking the victim to wire money to a stranger in need, sometimes to someone claiming to be a relative. In the last couple of months Baltimore County has experienced a new type of telephone scam, one that is terrorizing it's victims.

Since September police have been notified of at least six incidents where a stranger has called and claimed that he had kidnapped a family member and demanded a ransom be wired. The frightening aspect of this has been that the caller knew names and information about the family member, making the claim appear real. The caller has demanded that the ransom be paid by wire, immediately, while he is still on the phone, in an attempt to keep the victim from checking on the family member before obtaining the money.

All of these calls have been determined to be false calls, and all have been linked back to numbers that appear to originate from Mexico. It is important to understand that with the advent of social media, much about our lives can be obtained by strangers, including names, home locations, school locations, even phone numbers, that are allowing these phone calls to initially appear valid. They are not.

It is important to share this information with anyone you think may be vulnerable to such a scam. Never remove money from a bank, wire money, send checks, or supply any personal identification or account information over the phone or on your computer before first verifying that the claim is legitimate.

If you or someone you know receives such a phone call, or any other incident that appears to be a scam or attempted theft by deception, call 9-1-1 and report the incident to police immediately.

Current crime trends

Since Oct. 21, there have been three street robberies within the area of the intersection of Eastern Boulevard and Southeast Boulevard within the Essex Precinct with similar suspect description. Cases occurred on a Friday and a Saturday between 10:30 p.m. and 12:30 a.m.

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Couple charged with numerous auto thefts

Baltimore County Police have charged a couple in multiple thefts from autos, and one theft of a vehicle.

Charles Allen Fry, 39, of no fixed address and Lauren Michelle Richardson, 30, of the 300 block of Hidden Valley Road in Tracys Landing have been charged with multiple counts of theft, credit card fraud and various other related charges resulting from a string of thefts from autos at county parks that began with the theft of a truck.

The investigation began on Sept. 28 when an officer was called to Honeygo Run Regional Park after a woman found the window to her Jeep broken out and her purse stolen. An hour later the same officer responded to Perry Hall Park for a theft from another auto. This victim had received an alert on her phone that her credit card was declined at Best Buy at 5200 Campbell Boulevard. She returned to her truck and found that someone had gained entry and stolen her purse.

The investigation determined that another of the victim's credit cards was successfully used at Best Buy in Nottingham and a nearby BP Gas Station. While police conducted their investigation, so did the victim, taking to Facebook for answers. She soon received an anonymous tip, identifying the suspects as Fry and Richardson. The police investigation confirmed this information.

On Oct. 11 a Baltimore City officer stopped a Ford F-150 that was reported stolen out of Baltimore County. It was occupied by Fry and Richardson. Fry stole the truck on Sept. 24 from the NCR Trail parking lot on Paper Mill Road by using a key left in the vehicle. Items stolen from the White Marsh thefts were found inside the truck, along with drug paraphernalia and tools used for breaking into vehicles. Other property was also found in the truck that may be from additional thefts.

Detectives have identified similar incidents that have occurred at Honeygo Park, Perry Hall Park and LA Fitness in Nottingham and continue to investigate to determine if Fry and Richardson are also responsible for those thefts.

The Baltimore County Police Department warns citizens not to leave valuables in their vehicles, locked or unlocked, and never to leave a key to the vehicle or another vehicle inside a car. Places like Gunpowder Park or NCR Trail parking lots where vehicles are left for long periods of time are target rich environments for thieves like Fry and Richardson. Pay special attention to anyone walking around a parking lot that doesn't appear to have a specific purpose for being there. It should be noted that parks like Honeygo and Perry Hall are used for childrens' sports and both were highly populated when these two thefts occurred. Please, remain vigilant and aware of your surroundings. Report suspicious activity.

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Precinct 11/Essex

First Degree Assault: On Nov. 4, officers from the Essex precinct responded to a call in the unit block of Torque Way in Middle River. At 9:50 p.m., the suspect pointed a handgun toward the victim and threatened to shoot him while driving away. The suspect fired the gun and then fled in the vehicle.

Robbery: Baltimore County Police were called to the intersection of Transverse Avenue and Alloy Circle in Middle River shortly before 7 p.m. on Nov. 4. The victim was robbed of his cash and cigarettes by two unknown suspects. One suspect was armed with a handgun. Anyone with information regarding this incident is urged to contact the police.

Robbery: On Nov. 1, at approximately 8:45 p.m., officers responded to a call in the 800 block of Briar Hill Place. A food delivery driver was robbed of his cash by four unknown suspects, two of which displayed handguns. The suspects fled the scene in an unknown direction.

First Degree Burglary: Officers from the Essex precinct responded to a burglary call in the 10500 block of Bird River Road in Middle River on Nov. 1 just after 2:30 p.m. Sometime between 8:40 a.m. and 2:30 p.m., an unknown suspect entered the victims' garage and stole cash, tools and jewelry. If anyone has any information regarding this incident, please contact Baltimore County Police.

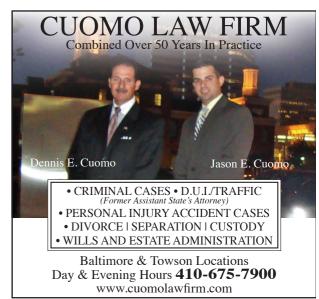
First Degree Burglary: On Nov. 1, shortly before 9 p.m., officers responded to a call in the 1100 block of Tace Drive in Essex. Sometime between 8 a.m. and 8:30 p.m., unknown suspect attempted to gain entry to several apartments by forcing open the front doors but entry was not gained.

Precinct 12/Dundalk

Robbery: Officers from the Dundalk precinct responded to a robbery call on Nov. 3. At 10 p.m., the victim was at the intersection of St. Augustine Lane and St. Gregory Drive when an unknown suspect jumped out of a red van and placed a gun to the side of the victim's head. The suspect demanded money, but the victim fought him to the ground. With that, two to three other suspects jumped out of the van and stole money from the victim before taking off in the van

Attempted Robbery: On Nov. 3, officers were called to the intersection of Lynch Road and Arm-co Way just before 4 a.m. An unknown suspect approached the victim and attempted to grab the purse from her shoulder. The attempt failed and the suspect fled the scene in an unknown direction.

First Degree Assault: At approximately 4 p.m. on Oct. 30, officers from the Dundalk precinct were called to a school bus at the intersection of North Avondale Road and South Avondale Road. While on the school bus, a juvenile suspect pointed a knife at a juvenile victim and threatened the victim. The juvenile was arrested.



IN YOUR WORDS

Mutually Assured Destruction

During the Cold War with the Soviet Union, the term "mutually assured destruction" was a military strategy of deterrence that both sides hoped would avert a nuclear exchange.

The premise was that if Russia launched a nuclear attack, we would respond in kind and the end result would be the mutual destruction of both countries.

We survived those tenuous times and have gained a healthy respect for the capabilities of both nations.

The term now has a different meaning. It has morphed into a political strategy whereby the political party in power is attacked by the party in the minority to diminish or destroy any possibility for compromise for fear the party in power would benefit from a success. It's kind of like the kid that loses the game and takes his ball and bat and goes home; preventing the others from playing the game.

The latest tactic of the party in the minority is to squash free speech. The once-great Democratic party was always a champion of free speech, but has moved to the opposite end of the spectrum of tolerance.

University of California Berkeley recently sought to cancel the appearance of a conservative speaker based on their "reported" concern for public safety. The last attempt of allowing a speaker with a differing opinion on campus resulted in over \$100,000 in damage caused by protesters whose faces were covered with ski masks, throwing fire bombs and spraying others in the face with mace. The Democratic and/or liberal message is now one of intolerance, hate and the personal and physical destruction of the opposing point of view.

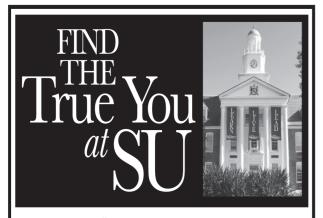
We see the House minority leader screaming to the top of her lungs, or the gently lady from California calling for impeachment, the Senate president shouting "no" to everything and the Democratic National Committee leader using inflammatory speech to describe the level of resistance his party is being challenged to exhibit against the incumbent.

Unfortunately, the end result is there is no compromise and nothing gets done. Ultimately, the American people suffer

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I believe in both cases, the vehicles were locked but there was forced entry.

Many of us have used those parks for recreation or watched our kids' soccer games. These parks are still safe, and I am confident that these are isolated incidents. However, it is still a reminder to lock all car doors, not to leave any valuables inside and be aware of your surroundings. Crime can happen anywhere.

Ben Boehl Perry Hall

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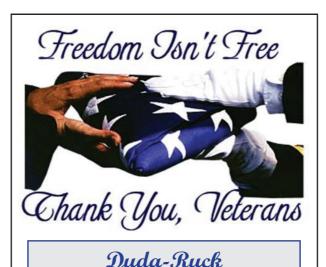
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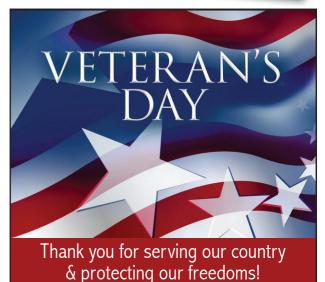
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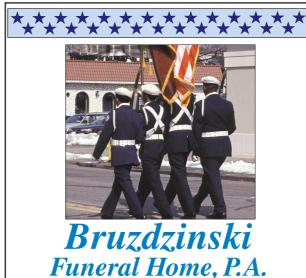
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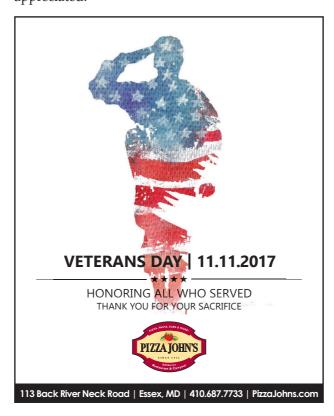
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- Visit a veterans hospital. Contact a local veterans' hospital to inquire about their volunteer programs. The U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs notes that each year more than 75,000 volunteers spend more than 11 million hours in service to America's veterans. Visiting veterans at the hospital to hear their stories can lift their spirits and aid in their recoveries.
- Help a neighbor. Many veterans return home with injuries that affect their ability to make it through a typical day without assistance. Disabled veterans may be unable to do their own grocery shopping or maintain their homes. If a neighbor or nearby veteran is facing such hurdles, offer to help with shopping or lawn care.
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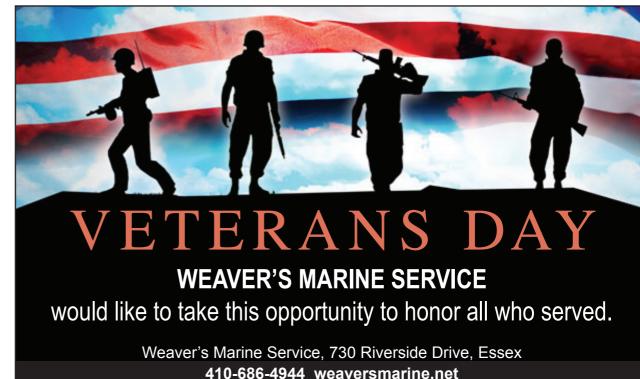
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SPORTS

Perry Hall, Chesapeake and Overlea set to feature in football playoffs

- By Patrick Taylor -

After ten weeks of hard fought contests, the playoff picture is finally set for the area's best high school football teams. Included in that group are three eastside teams - Perry Hall, Chesapeake and Overlea.

Perry Hall wrapped up fourth place in the 4A/North region, while Chesapeake and Overlea took third and fourth place in the 1A/North region, respectively.

It came down to the wire for some teams, with Perry Hall and Overlea both holding onto their spots by less than a point. Overlea's inclusion in the postseason kept Sparrows Point at bay, while Parkville was held on the outside by virtue of a late season collapse that saw them drop their last two games by a combined score of 85 - 0.

With the postseason set to begin on Friday night, all three eastside teams are facing an uphill battle. First round contests in the 1A/North region will be played at Dunbar's Under Armour Field. First, Chesapeake will take on the Poets on Friday night at 6 p.m. The next day Overlea will travel to Dunbar to take on Reginald F. Lewis. Perry Hall will travel to Montgomery County to take on Paint Branch in the first round of action.

The real storyline in the 1A/North region is whether Chesapeake's sti-

fling defense will be able to hold arguably the most potent offense in the area. Through nine games on the season, Dunbar was held to less than 32 points just once, and that was back in week two. Chesapeake, meanwhile, isn't a team that deals in shootouts. The Bayhawks have only broken out of the twenties twice on the season, and they haven't had 30 or more points since Sept. 22. This game in particular is all about who can assert their will. If Chesapeake can keep Dunbar from piling up points then they'll have a shot.

Overlea, meanwhile, gets hit with a tough opponent in Reginald Lewis. Much like Dunbar, Lewis is a topheavy squad built around offense. They too were held to less than 32 just once, a week one 8 - 6 win over New Town. The thing about Lewis is they haven't played a strong opponent all year. They are certainly vulnerable and haven't faced a quarterback like Jalen McMillan. At the same time, Overlea doesn't have any real quality wins on the season, and two of their three losses came against playoff calibre teams, with their third loss coming against New Town. It'll be an uphill battle, but one Overlea can overcome.

The marquee matchup of the weekend is Perry Hall against Paint Branch. Both of these teams are offensive juggernauts with the ability to seemingly score at will. This game will boil down to the quarterbacks.

Senior quarterback Tyler Holley leads the way for Perry Hall, with junior quarterback Norman Douglas Jr. leading the way for Paint Branch. Holley has been wildly impressive on the season, amassing 2,631 passing yards and 33 touchdowns to go along with 667 rushing yards and 11 touchdowns (including 331 yards and five touchdowns in the season finale against Catonsville). Through ten games, Perry Hall is the highest scoring team in the Baltimore area, with a whopping 451 points scored this season.

But as potent as their offense is, they've struggled defensively at times this season against better opponents, including giving up 49 to Milford Mill and 53 to Arundel. Over the last four games, however, the Gators seem to have gotten things together on defense, allowing an average of just over 10 points per game during that span. While three of those opponents weren't great, Perry Hall did take down a tough Franklin team and held them to just 14 points on the day back on Oct. 20.

Holley will likely continue to play as he has, which means the focus will turn to the Gator defense to see if they can stymie Paint Branch's offense. Douglas definitely has the ability to escape the pocket and use his legs, but he does most of his damage through the air. Paint Branch's receiving corps is one of the best around with plenty of speed. Coupled with Douglas's arm, that's a deadly combination. Perry Hall's secondary hasn't really been tested since the Milford contest, so it'll be interesting to see how they handle the challenge. The defensive unit for the Gators will need to be firing on all cylinders if they want to keep their season alive.

Around the league

Parkville's season came crashing down with a disappointing 37 - 0 loss at the hands of Franklin on Nov. 4. The Knights' offense lagged all game, with multiple three-and-outs and turnovers dooming the team in the first half.

Chesapeake's eight game win streak came screeching to a halt on Saturday afternoon as the Bayhawks fell to Hereford by a score of 22 - 20. It wasn't likely that the streak would go on forever, so it's probably better that it ended before the postseason.

Sparrows Point made a late run at the postseason, winning four on the trot, but their early season form came back to bite them. Still, those final four games can be seen as a building block for next year. They ended the season with a 15 - 8 win over Woodlawn.





SPORTS

Sparrows Point coasts to regional final, Tech girls blanked by Hereford

- By Patrick Taylor -

Two weeks ago the girls soccer team at Sparrows Point did something they don't usually do - they lost for the second time in a season.

The Pointer girls have created a dynasty over the last few years, with lengthy win streaks and single-loss seasons in their back pocket. But in the Baltimore County championship game, the three-time defending champions Sparrows Point let a fourth title slip through their fingers in the waning minutes of the game. Hereford scored two goals with under three minutes to play to lift the Bulls to the Baltimore County title, and Sparrows Point looked vulnerable.

Fast forward to now, and any semblance of concern seems to be premature. Sparrows Point, the top seed in the 1A/North region, has since carved their way past Pikesville and Carver for a spot in the regional final against Loch Raven. (All regional final games took place on Nov. 7, check out our website for a breakdown of winners and losers.)

Last week against Pikesville, the Pointers used six first half goals to propel them to a 10 - 1 victory. While midfielder Julie Lynch has been the main star on the team, she didn't have to do much in the win. In fact, it was Jasmine Pinter who secured player of the match, scoring a hat-trick for Sparrows Point. Dani Zacierka also took pressure off of Lynch, adding two goals and an assist on the day.

Against Carver it was much of the same, with the Pointers using a five goal first half to secure a big 8 - 1 victory. In this one, everything flowed through Lynch. The mercurial junior scored two and assisted on four of the goals.

But the matchup against Loch Raven won't be like taking on Carver or Pikesville. Loch Raven has been one of the better teams in the area this season, and when the two teams played each other earlier in the year, Sparrows Point only managed to eke out a 2 - 1 win.

In the early October contest, Sparrows Point jumped out to an early 2 - 0 lead with Alayna Jerome and Makenzie Hausner sealing the win for the Point-

ers. It's worth noting that Lynch was held without any points on the day.

And therein lies the issue. It remains to be seen whether or not that was the result of good game planning by Loch Raven or just an off day, statistically speaking, for Lynch. But if it turns out that Loch Raven has found how to stifle Lynch, things could get interesting in the regional final. Should all go well for the Pointers, they'll move on to the state semifinal this weekend.

For Eastern Tech, their season came crashing down on Friday night under the lights at Hereford. Hereford scored what would prove to be the gamewinning goal in the first ten minutes and managed to hold on for the 1 - 0 win.

Despite the close scoreline, the flow of the game was largely controlled by a strong Hereford side. The first half was predominantly spent with Tech on their heals, with offensive opportunities few and far between. Tech had an opportunity to equalize just before the half but a header attempt from a corner kick found its way right into the Hereford goalkeeper's hands.

While Tech could have potentially tied there, they was very fortunate not to go down 2 - 0 in the first. Hereford had a penalty kick that rebounded out to the shooter who put it away, but it was disallowed since another player did not touch the ball.

In the second, Tech picked up the tempo a bit and put more pressure on the Bulls, but true opportunities never really materialized. After putting up eight goals against Central in the second round, the Mavericks seemed to have used up all of their offensive juice. Despite the tough loss, Tech had a successful season, finishing up with a 10 - 4 - 3 record. While they'll certainly be disappointed with the finish, this season was a huge success compared to last season's campaign.

Around the league

The Perry Hall girls soccer team secured the top seed in the 4A/North region, and the Gator girls will be looking to secure a win against Urbana in the re-

gional final to send them back to the final four. Last year the Gators fell to Walter Johnson in the state final, and this year they seem to be out for revenge. After securing a first round bye, Perry Hall beat Dulaney 5 - 0 and Howard 2 - 0 to put them in the regional final.

The Eastern Tech boys are still fighting for the championship after winning their first two games of the postseason. Tech was awarded the top seed in the 2A/North region, and after an opening bye they trounced Forest Park in the second round by a score of 5 - 0. Things got dicey in the third round, with Tech barely holding on for a 2 - 1 win against Hereford. The Mavericks have been hot all year, winning all 17 of their contests. What's most impressive about their wins is that they have come in a variety of ways, from blowouts to 1 - 0 nail biters to overtime thrillers. Just two weeks ago in the Baltimore County title game against Towson, Tech won in a penalty shootout. With a strong defense and great goalkeeping, this Tech team has what it takes to bring home a state title. Tech faces Central in the regional final.



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POLITICIANS

New state law effort to curb prescription drug price gouging

- By Delegate Eric Bromwell (D-8) -

A law approved by the 2017 General Assembly to curb prescription drug gouging became effective on Oct. 1. Stepping ahead of a Congress that won't act on the matter, Maryland enacted a law that enables the state to sue drug companies over unreasonable price hikes - 50 percent or more in a single year. If the company cannot justify the price hike, the State Attorney General can file suit and have it reversed. Manufacturers also face a fine of \$10,000 for price gouging. It is the first law of its kind in the nation.

Although Maryland's law is the strongest drug transparency law in the country, it applies only to generic drugs. A generic drug is any prescription for which all exclusive marketing rights have expired. According to the FDA, generic drugs are typically 80 - 85 percent less expensive than their brand drug equivalent. While generics make up 90 percent of the prescriptions in the U.S., they constitute only 27 percent of total drug spending.

It should be pointed out that because of its sole focus on generic drugs, the Maryland law cannot do anything about branded drugs, such as EpiPen or Evzio, an overdose-reversing drug, whose prices have skyrocketed. Since 2007, EpiPen, a life-saving treatment for millions whose allergies can send them into severe shock, has increased in price 548 percent to \$608.61 for a pack of two doses.

Other states have taken action to confront drug companies' fleecing of Americans. California passed legislation requiring drug manufacturers to disclose and justify price hikes of more than 16 percent over two years. Similar legislation is pending approval in Massachusetts, Nevada, Tennessee and Rhode Island.

In 2016, Vermont enacted the first state drug transparency legislation, empowering the state's Attorney General to ask drug manufacturers to justify price increases and to bring legal action if the manufacturer does not comply. Non-compliance subjects the manufacturer to a \$10,000 civil penalty.

Americans pay the highest price for prescription drugs already. Sudden huge price spikes add insult to injury and put vital drugs out of reach of many people who need them. All other nations bargain with drug manufacturers to get the lowest price for their citizens. But the U.S. is legally prohibited from bargaining with drug manufacturers to get the lowest price by the Medicare Prescription Part D law. That makes no sense whatsoever. It makes U.S. citizens the helpless victims of drug companies.

The states' battle to stop prescription drug price gouging is a David and Goliath battle. The pharmaceutical industry has very deep pockets and has successfully fought off California's initiative to cap what the state pays for drugs. The effort to control runaway prescription drug prices is a federal battle because drugs still under patent are under federal jurisdiction. Unfortunately, up to this point, Congress has shown no desire to tackle this crucial problem that affects the health care of Americans.

Please do not hesitate to contact me on this or any other issue of concern to you. Your input is important to me. It enables me to bring your voice to Annapolis. I encourage and welcome your input.

Metro Service Charge irking county residents

- By Del. Bob Long (R-6) -

After Baltimore County Government re-sent their real property tax bill, we received a few phone calls after constituents found skyrocketing costs in their bills.

The Metro Service Charge was outrageous for some residents. According to Baltimore County, your Metro Service Charge was a based on a percentage of 8.4 from their 2016 Metro Service Charge.

We had one constituent who recently moved into her home in April 2016 and had a high metro service charge in July 2016 because the previous owner had high water bills.

That resident paid that 2016 high Metro fee, kept her water consumption to a minimum from July 2016 to June 2017, but is now being penalized again from the previous owner. Her Metro Service Charge was over \$1,500.00 based on the 2016 bill.

We had another resident who had high water consumption in 2016 because of a plumbing issue. She fixed her plumbing problem, but still had to pay a higher Metro Charge for last year's bill.

She paid it and went back to normal water consumption for last year, but she is still being charged an outrageous Metro Fee for this year because of last year's bill.

I want to know why or how Baltimore County came up with the 8.4 percent and why do they

need this additional revenue? What is it going to cover? Our office has tried to contact the Kamenetz Administration for answers, but we still have not heard back since the end of August.

Of course, Baltimore County sent out a letter explaining the situation and the letter stated that Baltimore County has not raised property taxes in now 29 years.

As I mentioned before, Baltimore County has not raised the property tax cap percentage of four percent in 29 years, but when your property value increases so does your property taxes.

And now the County Executive is increasing fees but still claims to have not risen taxes in 29 years. Kevin Kamenetz needs to focus on Baltimore County instead of campaigning for Governor.

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A message from Councilwoman Bevins

- By Councilwoman Cathy Bevins (D-6) -

Autumn is here and as we rake the leaves, turn back our clocks and prepare for Thanksgiving it is important to remember those who have served our Country. Veterans Day is November 11th and on that day we celebrate, honor, and commemorate both the living and the dead who have served in every war since this Country was founded 241 years ago. All of us owe a debt to those who answered the call to serve and who sacrificed life and limb to protect the freedoms we enjoy.

Baltimore County and the State of Maryland offer a variety of programs to assist veterans. The Baltimore County Homefront Work Group acts as a resource center for veterans offering health care and housing services as well as outreach and career counseling. Work Group also provides case management and strategies for the efficient delivery of services to Baltimore County veterans and their families.

It was recently announced that a new Eastern Baltimore County Veterans Administration (VA) outpatient clinic will be opening in Rosedale. This new 12,000 square foot clinic replaces the former VA clinic at Fort Howard and will open its doors in August 2018. As one of six community based outpatient clinics operated by the VA Maryland Health Care System, the new clinic will provide outpatient primary care services, mental health care, women's health care, social work assistance and preventative health and educational services.

Baltimore County's American Jobs Centers are committed to assisting veterans' transition from the military to civilian life by matching them with potential employers. The County also offers a Disabled Veterans and Surviving Spouse Property Tax Credit. This tax credit exempts the County's real property tax obligations of a disabled veteran or surviving spouse The State of Maryland offers resources and guidance for veteran's looking for jobs and trying to start a small business. The programs and resources offered by both Baltimore County and the State of Maryland represents a commitment to never forget those who served.

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I want to thank all veterans for their sacrifice and commitment to protecting freedom around the world. Baltimore County is a better place because of our veterans and I hope that government at all levels can serve them as well as they have served us.



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Services provided by Bruzdzinski Funeral Home of Essex. Interment at Holly Hill Memorial Gardens.

Croke, Richard Joseph

On Nov. 3, Richard Joseph Croke passed away. He was the devoted father of Dominique Sacin and her husband Jose, and Daniel Richard Croke; beloved son of the late Francis and Maria Croke; dear brother of Timothy Croke and his wife Jane, and the late Robert and Thomas Croke; loving brother-in-law of Elizabeth Croke. Also survived by his former wife Jeanne DiBattista

Services provided by Schimunek Funeral Home of Nottingham. Interment services private. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to his daughter's cat and dog rescue work in Costa Rica. Checks can be made payable to Dominique Sacin, 712 East Lake Ave., Baltimore, MD 21212.

Grabowski, Mary Janice

On Nov. 3, Mary Janice Grabowski (nee Brown), beloved wife of the late Denis J. Grabowski, Sr.; devoted mother of Jill Klein and Denis J. Grabowski, Jr.; loving grandmother of Dylan E. Klein; dear aunt of Joan Caskey and Michael McDonough. Also survived by her beloved dog Sweet Pea.

Services provided by Schimunek Funeral Home of Nottingham. Interment at Parkwood Cemetery.

Lindemann, Donald G.

On Nov. 3, Donald G. Lindemann, beloved husband of Madeline A. Lindemann (nee Rees); devoted father of Jeanne A. Carroll and her husband, the late Thomas Carroll, Jr., Cindy A. Ortiz and her husband Edwin and the late Richard D. Lindemann; father-in-law of Beth Six-Lindemann; dear brother of Anna Smith and her husband Henry, Sarah Dulany and her husband Joseph and the late George T. Lindemann and his wife Marlene; loving grandfather of Thomas, Allison, Daniel, Donald, Lindsey and Meghan; great-grandfather of Grace, Molly, Paige and Harley; also survived by many nieces and nephews.

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



Schwandtner, Edward

On Nov. 1, Edward Schwandtner, beloved husband of Mary Lou (nee Fraundofer); devoted father of John M. Schwandtner and the late Edward J. Schwandtner, III; dear brother of Dennis, Richard, Donald and Roger Schwandtner. Mr. Schwandtner worked 15 years at Kirby Construction Company.

Funeral services provided by Lassahn Funeral Home. Interment at Highview Memorial Gardens.

Hoilman, Howard B.

On Oct. 30, Howard Bradley Hoilman, devoted father of Gregory D. Hoilman and his wife Shelia, Curtis L. Hoilman and the late Dwayne B. Hoilman; loving grandfather of Laurel E. Hoilman, Callista Zuffelato, Austin Hoilman, Lacee Delciello, Linzee Wyatt, Lauree (Mally) Kelly, John Mally, Michelle Copenhaver and Eric Hooks; great-grandfather of Kylee and Julian Delciello, Brooklyn and Hudson Hooks and Matthew and Lelia Copenhaver.

Services provided by Duda-Ruck Funeral Home of Dundalk. Interment Holly Hill Memorial Gardens. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in the name of Mr. Hoilman to the American Heart Association, 4217 Park Place Ct., Glen Allen, VA 23060-9979.

Gryczkowski, Helen

On Nov. 2, Helen C. Gryczkowski, beloved wife of the late Edward J Gryczkowski; devoted mother of Gerard and his wife Carolyn, Elaine, Mary Ann and Mark; loving grandmother of Jennifer; beloved daughter of the late Frank and Rose Zajac; sister of Mary Benskie, Casimir Zajac, Walter Zajac and the late Joseph Zajac, Stella Fairley, Anne Zajac and John Snider; sister-in-law of Betty Zajac, Charles Fairley and Laura Ciborowski. Also survived by many nieces and nephews.

Services provided by Kaczorowski Funeral Home. Interment at Sacred Heart of Mary Cemetery.

Suchy, Michael Jr.

On Oct. 27, Michael Suchy Jr., beloved husband of the late Eva B. Suchy (nee Johnson); devoted father of Brian P. Suchy, Lara M. Stone and Jennifer Suchy; dear brother of Betty Jones; dear brother-in-law of Theresa and Rick Hellman; dear uncle of Debbie Fitzgerald and her husband Butch; Bonnie Gaultney and her husband Rob; and Nick Heider; dear grandfather of Ethan Suchy, Sam Gardner, Gwynn and Natalie Persing, Ian, Shannon and Ivan Folk; dear cousin Theresa Williams and Marie Klien.





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SCHOOL NOTEBOOK

CCBC Dundalk to host author's talk about war on drugs

- By Marge Neal -

The Dundalk Campus of the Community College of Baltimore County will host a lecture about the war on drugs as part of the college's Community Book Connection program.

New York Times best-selling author Johann Hari will present "Everything You Think You Know About Addiction is Wrong," a lecture based on his book, "Chasing the Scream: The First and Last Days of the War on Drugs," at 10:10 a.m. Wednesday, Nov. 15, in the John E. Ravekes Theater in the College Community Center (7200 Sollers Point Road in Dundalk).

In "Chasing the Scream," Hari, an award-winning British journalist, explores the war on drugs in the United States 100 years after drugs were first banned, according to a statement from the college. During his three-year, 30,000-mile journey, he discovered that drugs and addiction are not what people think they are. He also discovered that the drug war has different motives than what most people have learned through the media.

Hari reveals these discoveries through the stories of people from around the world whose lives were transformed by the drug war, according to the statement.

Maryland plays a significant role in the stories told in the book, according to Ted McCadden, a CCBC associate professor who is coordinating the lecture.

"Some of the characters who are pretty integral in his book live in Baltimore or lived here," McCadden said. "One story is more historical, about Billie Holiday, and the other is a more current story about a Maryland State Police officer who lives in Baltimore who worked trying to eliminate the drug trafficking along the I-95 corridor."

Hari, who lives in London, will discuss the opioid epidemic and will talk specifically about the problem and its impact in Baltimore.

"Opioid addiction has been a problem in Baltimore for decades, long before anyone acknowledged the problem," he said. "Johann will talk about that."

Citing the lecture title, McCadden said the talk is "aptly" named.

"Johann looks very critically at the way our country has handled the war on drugs and the way it has very imperially tried to tell other countries how to handle the war on drugs," McCadden said. "He offers some alternative solutions and suggestions that will flip our world and the way we look at addiction upside-down."

Each year, CCBC's Community Book Connection selects a book that it recommends to the college community. Students are urged to read the selected book and faculty members are encouraged to include it in their courses. A series of cultural and academic activities, including film screenings, theatrical performances, dance and music concerts, debates, panel discussions and lectures are organized to support the project.

The lecture is free and open to the public but tickets are required. Tickets can be reserved by calling the college box office, 443-840-2787.

The lecture will be repeated at 2:20 p.m. Nov. 15, at the CCBC Catonsville Center for the Arts Theater, 800 S. Rolling Road in Catonsville.

The author will be available after each presentation for questions and answers and to sign books.

Two eastside men appointed to CCBC Board of Trustees

Gov. Larry Hogan has appointed two new members, both with ties to eastern Baltimore County, to the Community College of Baltimore County's Board of Trustees.

Gene Leitner is a licensed insurance agent with a family-owned and operated insurance agency in Dundalk, according to a statement from the college. He also has 20 years of experience in the automotive industry, having held various management positions in a large dealership.

The Dundalk native is a graduate of Dundalk High School and studied business administration at CCBC Dundalk, according to the statement. He has served as a president of the CCBC Dundalk Foundation, volunteered for many years with Dundalk's Heritage Fair and is a past member of the Southeastern Vocational School Advisory Committee.

John Dennis "J.D." Urbach is a senior project manager at Edwards Performance Solutions, supporting initiatives at the Center for Medicare and Medicaid Innovation in the U.S. De-

partment of Health and Human Services.

He has also led projects at Lucent Technologies, Laureate Education and McCormick & Company.

The Middle River resident is a graduate of Dundalk High School. He received his bachelor's degree from Drew University in New Jersey and earned an MBA from the Johns Hopkins University.

Urbach serves on the boards of the Maryland Society, Sons of the American Revolution, the Selective Service System and Our Lady of Hope/St. Luke School. He is a member of the Baltimore Area Council of the Boy Scouts of America and is an active assistant scoutmaster of Troop 355, chartered to Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Catholic Church in Essex.

The Board of Trustees maintains general oversight of CCBC, according to the statement. Its responsibilities include adopting rules and regulations for college operations, approving the college budget and considering and approving academic programs, major purchases and long-range plans.

Chesapeake High STEM Academy

On Oct. 26, Chesapeake High School STEM Academy opened its doors for the annual Magnet Open House. Prospective students and families were greeted by smiling young ladies in Chesapeake's very own GEM (Girls Empowerment Mission) program and welcomed by teachers and students excited to showcase their magnet pathways.

As visitors engaged with STEM Academy students, teachers, and club leaders, they had the opportunity to explore VEX Robotics, interactive math games, Forensics and Paramedical Science displays, and witness live drill enactments from the Marine Corps JROTC cadets. With displays dotting the hallways, parents and students had the opportunity to ask questions

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and meet current magnet students and staff. It was a great night filled with energy, excitement, and school spirit focused on what Chesapeake High School STEM Academy has to offer our community. For more information on the school's magnet pathways and the opportunity to apply, please visit: http://chesapeakehs.bcps.org.



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ENTERTAINMENT

'Thor: Ragnarok' rocks

- By Teddy Durgin -

"Thor: Ragnarok" is the "Dean Martin Celebrity Roast" of superhero films. OK, that reference is a bit too old for some of my young-ish readers. "Thor: Ragnarok" is the "Comedy Central Roast" of superhero flicks, how's that? The movie is so light on its feet, so funny and free-wheeling, so "Anything goes!" that if the entire cast had performed the script with a martini in one hand and a cigarette in the other, it wouldn't have made that much difference. The film boasts a large cast. And, as of press time, it does not appear to have any real-life molesters, harassers, or sexual deviants. There are cameos galore, injokes tucked within in-jokes, and so many instances of the cast winking at each other and the audience, that some may find it too silly and fun. But if the worst you can say about a movie - A SUPER-HERO MOVIE! - is that it's "too fun," maybe the problem is with you.

Seriously, if you want dark and glum, the new "Justice League" is on its way later this month. While that film looks to be more light than the Prozac-deprived "Man of Steel" and "Batman Vs. Superman," it still looks like it was filmed entirely on just those nights or late afternoons where torrential rain was an imminent threat. By contrast, "Thor: Ragnarok" is colorful, sunny, vibrant, and vivid. Sure, the fate of Thor's kingdom Asgard is on the verge of destruction throughout. Thor (Chris Hemsworth) is banished to the other side of the universe, his hammer is destroyed, Oden (Anthony Hopkins) is missing, and hundreds of Asgardians are slaughtered by the evil Goddess of Death, Hela (Cate Blanchett).

Throwing off the Shakespearean pretentions of the first "Thor" movie and casting aside the dull-as-dishwater romance between Thor and Natalie Portman of the second one, this version of the Thunder God seems Southwest-free to roam about the cosmos, picking up some delightful allies along the way and even reuniting with an old friend or two from his "Avengers" exploits on Earth. There's great new blood in "Ragnarok," with two

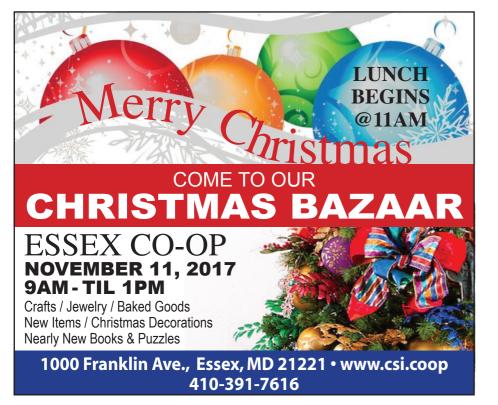


of my favorites being Jeff Goldblum's Grandmaster and Tessa Thompson's Valkyrie. The film could almost be titled "Goldblum Unleashed." The former is so marvelously "Goldblum" throughout as the ruler of a planet that seems to be entirely centered around gambling and gladiator games. Imagine Hugh Hefner crossed with Benito Mussolini and loaded with Goldblum tics. That's the Grandmaster.

Thompson, meanwhile, has the double pressure of being the film's female action lead in a flick where 1) Blanchett is chewing so much scenery, you're glad it's mostly low-cal, computer-generated; and 2) she has to follow this year's splendid "Wonder Woman" and cut a different figure than what Gal Gadot did. She more than rises to the challenge.

But I acknowledge that, for some, the humor and sense of play might be a bit much. You can definitely feel the "Guardians of the Galaxy" influence throughout this movie. And I really, REALLY wish the commercials and trailers hadn't revealed certain GREAT moments in the film, such as who Thor is pitted against in Grandmaster's arena or who Thor and Loki meet in a brief detour to New York City. If you have been without television and other media these past several months, I won't spoil those bits here.

Marvel continues to hit on all cylinders, folks. It's pretty amazing how the directors change (New Zealand indie filmmaker Taika Waititi is at the helm here, the screenwriters change, but the machine grinds smoothly on inviting all aboard. As much as it was great to grow up in the '70s-'80s Spielberg-Lucas era, as much as the generation behind me got to grow up in "Harry Potter"-"Lord of the Rings" times, it's pretty darn cool that my daughter's generation is getting to "Make Mine Marvel" at the movies every few months.



Say hello to 'Goodbye Christopher Robin'

- By Teddy Durgin -

"Goodbye Christopher Robin" (now playing at the Senator Theatre) dramatizes quite possibly the first instance of child celebrity gone wrong. Decades before the likes of Corey Haim and Lindsay Lohan went off the rails, there was eight-year-old Christopher Robin. Or as he became known for years in England and around the world to millions, "The REAL Christopher Robin!" C.R.'s daddy was A.A. Milne (Domhnall Gleeson), a traumatized World War I vet who was a successful writer before the war. But back from the battles, he hadn't been able to write anything of value and moved himself, his son, and wife Daphne (Margot Robbie) from London to the English

As depicted in the new movie, a frustrated Daphne eventually took a break from her marriage and motherhood

to temporarily move back to London. Meanwhile, Christopher's nanny Olive (Kelly Macdonald) had to take leave to go care for her ailing mother. For the first time ever, father and son had only each other. The connections were slow to happen, because the elder Milne was so shell-shocked and...well... so very British.

But he eventually found delight in the tall tales his boy would tell aloud about his stuffed animals -- a mischievous tiger, a depressed donkey, a baby swine, and a loyal bear. Together, they came to be known as Tigger, Eeyore, Piglet, and Winnie. Milne, with the help of an illustrator and fellow war vet Ernest (Stephen Campbell Moore) started writing and drawing out his son's stories of adventures in the nearby Hundred Acre Woods and eventually a book was born. A best-selling book! One that lifted Britain's spirits after so - see GOODBYE on page 22 -

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much loss from WWI.

But there was one problem. Milne made his son a main character in the book. He didn't even change his name! It wasn't long before the newspapers and radio programs of the time caught wind that Christopher Robin was actually a real boy, and that Winnie and his friends were actual stuffed animals. Will Tilston makes his screen debut as the eight-year-old Christopher Robin, and he's such an adorable moppet put through the emotional ringer here, that you can't help but be moved by the little boy's plight. Suddenly, those cherished times he finally connected with his dad and all those adventures they had together with his toys weren't real. They were just research Dad did for his book.

He shared their stories with the world for money and fame. For generations since, children and their parents have taken personal ownership of Pooh Bear, Tigger, and Co.

There's much loss in the film. Christopher loses his beloved Olive to marriage, and he loses his mother to the trappings of fame. She loses her soul. For her, it's all about being one of the first show-biz moms, booking her son on near-constant promotional appearances, radio and newspaper interviews, and photo opps. "Goodbye Christopher Robin" follows the boy into adolescence where he's bullied by kids who've outgrown the children's tales and resent his ongoing fame. When of age, Christopher even volunteers for World War II so he can claim a part of life all his own - a decision A.A. Milne dreads because he's seen war and knows



what it does to young men.

"Goodbye Christopher Robin" sustains a sense of melancholy and innocence lost for almost its entire running time before giving the audience some glimmers of hope near the end. I actually liked where and how screenwriters Frank Boyce and Simon Vaughan and director Simon Curtis left off. And I liked the lengths they went to to make this film relevant to today's audiences, with its commentary on the dark side of celebrity and fame. With all that's been going on in show-biz news in recent weeks, this is a surprisingly timely period film that also aims for a rather timeless vibe. For the most part, it hits the mark. Just don't let Todd Bridges or the Olsen twins see it.



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The adoption fee is \$50 for Matilda and \$50 for Pablo



SPOTLIGHT

Milestone Eagle Scout



Nicholas Cummings carved out a bit of history for himself when he became Boy Scout Troop 124's 100th Eagle Scout. His accomplishment was celebrated Oct. 8 at the Baltimore Bowman range, the beneficiary of his Eagle Scout project. To earn the prestigious Scouting rank, Cummings oversaw the repainting of the facility. The Parkville High School graduate is the son of Keith and Charlene Cummings. Baltimore County Councilman David Marks, State Senator Kathy Klausmeier and Delegate Joe Cluster were at the gathering to present proclamations in honor of Cummings' achievement. Troop 124 has been chartered to St. Isaac Jogue Roman Catholic Church since 1971. Mike Huneke is Scoutmaster.

PHSCFA Quarter Auction

The Patapsco High School and Center for the Arts Instrumental Music Boosters will hold a quarter auction Friday, Nov. 10, at the Maryland FOP Lodge 34 hall, 730 Wampler Road in Middle River. Doors will open at 6 p.m.; bidding will begin at 7 p.m. Entry fee, which includes three paddles, is \$5. Refreshments will be sold. Raffles will be held. To reserve tickets, send an email to phscfabandboosters@gmail.com.

Craft Show, Flea Market

The Parkville High School Athletic Boosters Club will hold a craft show and flea market from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 11, at the school, 2600 Putty Hill Ave. in Parkville. The event will have more than 100 tables. The entry fee for individuals is 50 cents. Vendors are still being accepted. For info., call 410-887-5430 or email phsathboosters@yahoo.com.

Post 130 Bingo Lunch

American Legion Post 130 Auxiliary will hold its monthly bingo luncheon Monday, Nov. 13. Lunch will be a Thanksgiving turkey meal with pumpkin pie. 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 lunch and bingo is \$16. Bingo only costs \$12 and lunch only costs \$4. Water and coffee are free; canned sodas are \$1 each.

Stingers Youth Basketball

Boys and girls ages 7 to 14 are invited to join indoor winter basketball. Registration will take place at the Stembridge Community Center, 99 Stemmers Run Road in Essex, from 6 to 8 p.m. Monday, Nov. 13, and at Essex Elementary School's activity room at 100 Mace Ave. from 6 to 8 p.m. Nov. 16. Cost is \$85 per child. For more information, call James Street, 443-488-3029 or Chuck Giordano, 410-925-7394.

Honoring Veterans

Texas Roadhouse, 1736 Merritt Blvd. in Dundalk, will offer a free lunch to military veterans from 11:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 11. The American Legion Post 38 Honor Guard will present the colors at 1 p.m. Members scheduled to participate include Roger Thibaudeau, Paul Wright, John Horky, Diana Johnson, William McCloine, Steve Sibiski, Judi Ulsch, Tom O'Rourke and Chaplain James Thomas.

Bingo Luncheon

The Ladies Auxiliary of Essex Volunteer Fire Co. (formerly Rockaway Beach VFC) will hold a bingo luncheon beginning at 10 a.m. Wednesday, Nov. 15, at the fire hall, Turkey Point and Greyhound roads in Essex. Tickets cost \$12 and include bingo games, specials and lunch. For more info., call 410-574-7067.

Spaghetti Dinner

The Dundalk Knights of Columbus Council 2942 and the Ladies of Dundalk will hold a spaghetti dinner from 1 to 5 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 12, at the council hall, 2111 Eilers Ave. in Dundalk. The meal will include spaghetti, meatballs and Dave Denaro's famous homemade sauce. The event will feature 50-50 and tombola raffles and a baked goods table.

Designer Purse Bingo

The Kenwood High School PTSA will hold a designer purse bingo Friday, Nov. 17, at the school, 501 Stemmers Run Road in Essex. Doors will open at 6 p.m. and games will begin at 7. A variety of designers will be featured. Tickets cost \$25. Food will be sold. For info., send an email to Kenwoodptsa@gmail.com.

Anthony Theater Dedication

The Henrietta Lacks Legacy Group and the Diggs-Johnson Museum will place a plaque at Union Baptist Church, 105 Main St. in Turner Station, from 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 19, to commemorate the building's origin as the Anthony Theater. The 700-seat, air-conditioned theater was built and owned by Dr. Joseph H. and Flavia Thomas and named in honor of the doctor's father, Anthony. All are invited to the dedication and to gather in fellowship after the ceremony. Refreshments will be served.

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U.S. Rep. C.A. Dutch Ruppersberger (far right) took a step back in time to meet President John Quincy Adams (second from right). Adams, as portrayed by Jim Cooke, visited the Aquila Randall Monument (visible in the background) on Oct. 16, as well as Todd's Inheritance Historic Site on Oct. 15, in Edgemere to celebrate the 190th anniversary of his visit to the battlefield site. During the 1827 visit, Adams picked up white oak tree acorns that he planted in a White House garden. Also pictured are reenactors (from left) Scott Sheads, Ed Seufert and Ross Kimmel. The events were sponsored by the Wells McComas Citizens Improvement Association.

Zion UCC Book Sale

The Women's Guild of Zion United Church of Christ, 7146 Golden Ring Road in Essex, will hold its monthly used book sale from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 11 at the church hall (one block past the church, on the right). Hardbacks cost \$1 each; paperbacks and video tapes cost 25 cents; magazines are free. For more information, call Retha, 410-682-6571.

Chorus of the Chesapeake Reunion

The Chorus of the Chesapeake will hold a reunion for all past and present members at 7:15 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 14, at the North Point Government Center, Wise Avenue and Merritt Boulevard in Dundalk. Please RSVP by Friday, Nov. 10, by contacting Linden White, 410-836-7594 or lhwhite3rd@gmail.com, or Rob Wolff, 410-322-1370 or rwolff52@gmail.com.

Christmas Bazaar

Jerusalem Evangelical Lutheran Church, 4606 Belair Road in Overlea, will hold its Christmas Bazaar from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 11. The event will feature a variety of vendors. Lunch food, baked goods, homemade candy and Jeppi nuts will be sold. Info: 410-485-5750.

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Holiday Bazaar

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Bethel Christmas Crafts

Bethel Assembly of God, 7360 Waldman Ave. in Edgemere, will hold a Christmas crafts and vendor shopping spree event from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 18. The event will feature wreaths, homemade jewelry and a variety of vendors selling their wares. Vendor applications are still being accepted. For more information, call Pastor Jim Caris, 410-477-9032.

Christmas Bazaar

St. John's Episcopal Church, 11901 Belair Road in Kingsville, will hold a Christmas bazaar from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 18. The event will feature vendors and crafters, food and tours of historic churches. For more information, call 410-592-8570, or send an email to Office@stjohnskingsville.org.

Christmas Bazaar

St. Peter Evangelical Lutheran Church, 7834 Eastern Ave. in Eastpoint, will hold a Christmas Bazaar from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 18. The event will include handmade crafts, baked goods, White Elephant tables and a visit from Santa Claus. Breakfast and lunch will be available.

New Beginnings Friends Day

New Beginnings Fellowship Church, 502 Fairview Ave. in Dundalk, will hold Friends Day at 10 a.m. Sunday, Nov. 12. All are invited to the meet and greet event. Hot dogs and other refreshments will be served after the service. For more information, call 410-288-6035.

Gospel Concert

Christian Fellowship Church of God, 12909 Eastern Ave. in Chase, will hold a concert featuring Southern Gospel at 7 p.m. Friday, Nov. 10.

Annunciation Bus Trip

Church of the Annunciation, 5212 McCormick Ave. in Rosedale, will hold a bus trip to the "Parade of Nations" and the Virginia International Tattoo from April 26-29, 2018. For more information, call Jane Wojciechowski, 410-866-8016.

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Chase UMC Food Drive

Chase United Methodist Church, 6601 Ebenezer Road in Middle River, is partnering with the East County Times for a food drive through Nov. 30. Nonperishable food donations, such as canned vegetables, soups and meats (tuna and chicken, for example), boxed pasta and peanut butter, can be dropped off at ECT's office, 513 Eastern Blvd. in Essex, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday. Grocery store gift cards, which can be used to buy turkeys and fresh foods, would also be appreciated.

Gospel Singing and Comedy

Christian Fellowship Church, 12909 Eastern Ave. in Chase, will host a gospel concert and comedy show featuring The DeLawders at 6 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 19. Admission is free.

'Chitty Chitty Bang Bang'

The Sky is the Limit Community Theatre, in residence at the North Point Government Center, 7701 Wise Ave. in Dundalk, will present "Chitty Chitty Bang Bang" at 7 p.m. Friday and Saturday, Dec. 8 and 9, and at 3 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 10. Tickets cost \$10 for adults and \$8 for senior citizens and children 12 and younger. Info: 410-887-5370.

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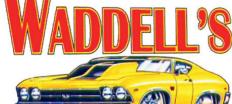
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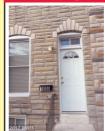
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