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VERSE OF THE WEEK -Titus 3:5 He saved us, not because of righteous things we had done, but because of His mercy.



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# GM donates land for new White Marsh volunteer fire station



In addition to the land donation from GM, Lynn Richardson presented WMVFC President Kevin Palmer (left) and Capt. Rick Blubaugh a \$10,000 check from the Perry Hall White Marsh Business Association to kick off their capital campaign.

- Article & photos by Devin Crum -

Representatives of the General Motors Baltimore Operations plant in White Marsh finalized an agreement with officers of the White Marsh Volunteer Fire Company on Thursday, Feb. 4, to donate land for the fire company's future new station.

And with the signatures of GMBO's plant manager, Chris Desautels, and WM-VFC's president, Kevin Palmer, GMBO agreed to sign over approximately 6.4 acres of its land on Philadelphia Road to the fire company for construction of the new station.

Plans call for the new station to be a

nearly 20,000-square-foot, single-story fire house and community building.

Desautels expressed that GM was extremely proud to offer the donation, noting the company's tradition of giving back to the community.

"From the standpoint of General Motors, involvement in the community is very big to us across all of our facilities," he said. "We've got a pretty rich history in Baltimore, back from our days on Broening Highway, to more recently the last 15 years in White Marsh.

"So any opportunity we get to give back to the community we jump at," he added. Desautels pointed out that GM employees at all levels of the company are also involved in lots of community activities to support the area.

"Today is just one more thing that we're excited to be able to say we contributed to the fire department, the first responders who take care of all the folks in this area, the first people we call when we need help," he said. "Anything we can do to support their cause is an outstanding opportunity for us."

County Councilman David Marks told the *East County Times* that WMVFC has been a critical part of the northeastern - see **DONATION** on page 9 -



#### NEWS

## **Community, watermen protest dredging of Man-O-War Shoal**

- By Devin Crum -The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers

held a joint meeting with the Maryland Department of the Environment on Tuesday, Feb. 2, to hear from the public about whether or not to allow dredging of the Man-O-War Shoal for oyster shell.

The stated purpose of the hearing, held at Sparrows Point High School, was to introduce the proposal to the public and to gather feedback about the project.

Man-O-War Shoal (MOWS) is the largest

and oldest natural oyster bar in the upper Chesapeake Bay and is located just off the tip of the North Point Peninsula, near the mouth of the Patapsco River. And with the Bay's oyster population estimated to be at about 1 percent of historic levels, the shoal is at the center of an effort to try to restore that population.

The Maryland Department of Natural Resources has filed an application for a permit to hydraulically dredge MOWS and remove up to 5 million bushels of



oyster shell - widely regarded as the best surface on which new oysters will grow - over a five-year period to use elsewhere in the Bay and its tributaries for oyster restoration projects.

The operation could affect an estimated 20.7 acres over 13 cut sites along the 214acre shoal. And if they determine that it has had no significant adverse effects from the shell removal, DNR could apply for another permit to remove up to an additional 30 million bushels of shell from the shoal, or an estimated 30 percent of what is believed to be there.

"Oysters are in dire straits in the Chesapeake Bay," said David Goshorn, assistant secretary for aquatic resources with DNR, adding that the state is expending a lot of resources trying to restore them for a variety of commercial and environmental benefits.

And one of the major remaining resources in being able to do that is shell, he said.

"Oysters need a hard bottom in order to settle and grow, and the best hard bottom is oyster shell," Goshorn noted. But that resource is severely limited.

DNR applied for this permit once before, according to Goshorn, after the General Assembly passed a bill in 2009 requiring them to do so for oyster restoration purposes. However, the Army Corps of Engineers, tasked with reviewing such permit applications, was not convinced at that time that DNR had fully explored all alternatives, so DNR withdrew the application. DNR then began exploring other options, which resulted in the reclamation of 413,000 bushels of oyster shell from other sources. But they exhausted that supply by 2012. And feeling that they had exhausted all other avenues for obtaining the needed shell, they again filed the permit to dredge MOWS, for which Tuesday night's hearing was held.

As per the permit, DNR would collect baseline data about the water quality, wildlife and other information about the shoal during the first year. They would begin dredging in year two, removing up to 2 million bushels of shell. In years three and four, they would stop dredging to follow up on the environmental data. And if they determined there had been no significant adverse effects, they would dredge again in year five, removing the remaining 3 million bushels of shell.

DNR also presented three scenarios of how the shell could potentially be used once dredged. In the first, 90 percent of the shell would be planted on oyster sanctuaries, with 10 percent being used for managed public harvest areas or aquaculture areas. The second would be an even split between sanctuaries and public or aquaculture areas. And the third would see 25 percent used in sanctuaries while 75 percent went for use in public and aquaculture areas.

But the vast majority of those who attended the hearing, including elected officials, were opposed to any dredging of the shoal.

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#### NEWS

#### **County announces total costs of Winter Storm Jonas, reviews storm protocols**

As Baltimore County prepared for another winter storm - which didn't turn out to be all it had been cracked up to be - on Monday, Feb. 8, officials were busy reviewing the county's snow removal costs, protocols and communication strategies in the wake of Winter Storm Jonas.

Baltimore County Executive Kevin Kamenetz announced that in the wake of the heaviest - and most costly - single snowstorm in the county's history, crews and equipment were ready to tackle Monday night's forecasted snow, and salt supplies were replenished with final deliveries taking place that day.

The Kamenetz administration increased salt storage capacity by 20,000 tons this year, bringing the total to 80,000 tons of salt stored in 15 salt barns around the county. "The Baltimore County Bureau of Highways crews and contractors were working around the clock Monday and Tuesday, and for as long as was needed to clear roads for safe travel," a statement from the county read.

Winter Storm Jonas was the costliest single snowstorm in county's history.

January's blizzard brought not just the highest snow accumulations on record, it also topped the charts in terms of the cost of snow removal for a single storm in Baltimore County history. The county has tallied the total storm expenses at \$9.4 million. This eclipses the 2010 twin snowstorms, which cost \$4 million and \$7 million individually.

It costs approximately \$54,000 per hour to plow snow from Baltimore County's 8,742 county-maintained roads, and approximately \$109,000 per hour to spread salt, according to county spokesperson Ellen Kobler.

The storm exceeded the \$6 million "placeholder" figure the county listed in the Fiscal Year 2016 operating budget for storm operations. The county routinely transfers funds into this budget line item from undesignated surplus when needed to cover additional costs for snow removal.

"It is important to keep in mind that this \$6 million figure is simply a starting point," said County Executive Kamenetz. "We will allocate whatever is needed to ensure public safety for the remainder of the winter. Whatever Mother Nature throws at us, we will handle."

County reviewing communications

protocols for major storms.

While feedback from county residents has been overwhelmingly positive regarding the job that Baltimore County crews did in removing this historic snowfall, one concern that did arise was the need to increase capacity for customer service calls during storm emergencies. Kamenetz has tasked his key staffers with recommending technical and other improvements to enhance the county's customer service in times of emergency. He hopes to have those recommendations within the next month, Kobler said.

County provides storm updates on website and social media

Residents and the travelling public can get updated information about Baltimore County's snow removal operations and - see **SNOWSTORM** on page 6 -



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## **PROTEST** -

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Sixth District State Senator Johnny Ray Salling said plainly that he was against the issuance of the permit and urged the Army Corps of Engineers not to do so.

He said that after speaking with many people, including scientists, sportsmen, watermen and other state delegates and senators, he sees little benefit to the proposal and believes that there is a better way to restore the oyster population.

"Everyone that I've talked to is against this," he explained. "There's a reason why; there's a better way that we can do this. Dredging Man-O-War Shoal is not the right thing to do."

The Sixth District's three delegates, all of whom were in attendance, each echoed similar sentiments when giving their testimony.

Del. Bob Long said that the historical aspect of the shoal is a major reason not to dredge it. "Once it's gone, it's gone," he said. "It's natural and it's hard to reproduce what Mother Nature has done."

Del. Ric Metzgar noted that watermen from both sides of the Bay make their living from the plentiful wildlife around the MOWS. "We must preserve

this," he declared. "Natural reefs are more beneficial to our oyster population."

Del. Robin Grammer similarly claimed that he has not come across anyone who believes in the project and thinks it is a viable, long-term solution. He referenced a recent Waterman's Caucus meeting held in Annapolis in which every attendee opposed the proposal. "I don't know who is for the proposal," he said.

Without fixing the long-term causes of the depletion of the oyster population, this dredging does nothing more than shuffle shells around the Bay," he said.

Many watermen, fishermen and anglers testified against the proposal, recalling past decades of oyster bars being dredged in the upper Bay, which destroyed the bars and their fishing grounds, only to have no increase in the oyster population.

In fact, of the dozens who got up to speak, only one person testified on behalf of the project. Sarah Shepherd, of the Clean Chesapeake Coalition, explained that oyster larvae need a clean, hard surface to attach to and grow.

"Indigenous oyster shells are the absolute best surface upon which oyster larvae will successfully strike and survive," she said, pointing out that indigenous



shell has been used in several restoration projects around the Bay and is the lowest-cost substrate available.

"It is time to acknowledge the downsides of using alternative substrate to restore oysters and turn our resources to the indisputable fact that natural shell is the best substrate, as Mother Nature designed," Shepherd concluded.

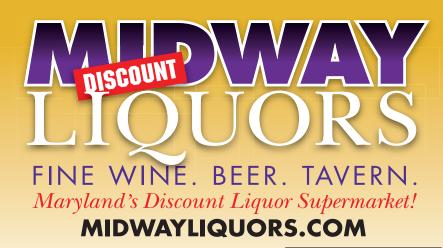
However, Doug Meyers, Maryland senior scientist with the Chesapeake Bay Foundation, expressed his and CBF's opposition to the dredging project.

He pointed out that CBF initially agreed with the general concept of using shell on oyster sanctuary reefs, but that there is too much ambiguity in this plan about how the shell will be used.

Additionally, Meyers believes that DNR has not adequately explored its alternatives.

"Reef balls are a viable alternative for oyster reef restoration," he said. "We should be saving the little shell we have for the live oyster larvae to attach to [on the outside of reef balls].

"The lack of respect for the natural, three-dimensional structure of the Chesapeake Bay's oyster reefs has to stop at Man-O-War Shoal," he affirmed. He said that, if anything, MOWS should be protected and replanted with oyster spat (larvae) to use as an example of the kind of reef we should be trying to restore.



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- *continued from page 4* - road conditions on the county website and on Twitter.



The county website provides the latest on road conditions, current plowing operations, winter storm tips and more at the Snowfighter web page at <u>baltimorecoun-</u>



tymd.gov/snowfighter, which also includes Twitter updates from Baltimore County Emergency Management. These updates are also available on Twitter by using our Twitter handle, @bacoemergency.

The county Snowfighter web feature provides a link to live traffic camera feeds from the Maryland Department of Transportation's Coordinated Highways Action Response Team (CHART). It also offers a link to the county's list of road closures, which provides details on roads that are currently closed due to repairs, accidents, weather or other hazards. This list is updated frequently, so the county recommends that people check back often for the latest status. State roads and interstates are not included. For information on state roads, see the Maryland Department of Transportation's travel advisories and road closures web page at <u>www.chart.</u> <u>md.gov/TravInfo/Default.aspx</u>.



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#### NEWS

### **Dance reappointed as BCPS superintendent**

- by Patrick Taylor -After much debate, the Baltimore County Board of Education voted 10 - 2 on Feb. 2 to reappoint Dr. S. Dallas Dance to another four-year term as superintendent of Baltimore County Public Schools (BCPS). The terms of the deal have yet to be negotiated, but the extension will see that Dance remains under contract until June 30, 2020.

Dance was relatively confident that he would be reappointed to his position before the vote. "I'm very encouraged. I've gotten emails from some teachers, from students, some from principals, and some from community members who said, 'We're rooting for you.'"

After the vote, which was done with no discussion beforehand, a relieved Dance thanked the board and said that his reappointment was "most humbling." He then thanked the board for their long hours of work and stated that he was looking forward to working collaboratively with the board.

Dance's reign as superintendent has been a bit of a mixed bag. The young superintendent has been praised for increased communication between his office and members of the BCPS community, as well as for implementing Spanish classes for students in fourthand fifth-grade.

But it hasn't been a totally clear road for Dance, who has faced criticism on a multitude of issues. The rollout of the common core curriculum had teachers from across the county complaining that they were ill-equipped to handle the changes. And Dance's major initiative, providing laptops to every child in grades one through 12, has received mixed reviews. Many parents and teachers have voiced their opinion that the \$270 million being spent on the technology initiative could have been spent in lowering class sizes and improving aging infrastructure.

The rollout of the laptop initiative to middle school students hasn't gone as smoothly as Dance had hoped, with the superintendent deciding last fall to delay the rollout until the next school year. The Dance administration has also been dealing with misinformation being spread regarding the cost of the project. He told the board that, despite what they may have heard from those opposed to Dance, the initiative would not cost \$350 million.

"I am not going to recommend anything to the board... that is not sustainable," said Dance.

But perhaps the biggest challenge for Dance was overcoming the negative publicity he faced in early 2014 when the school board ethics panel ruled that he violated rules when he took a consulting job in the summer of 2013 with SUPES Academy to coach Chicago public school principals just months after the school board signed an \$875,000 contract with SUPES.

Delegate Pat McDonough filed the initial complaint with the ethics panel, which is what prompted the investigation. The board decided that Dance had committed an ethics violation, and language was removed from his contract which allowed him to pursue consulting work.

"I acknowledge that better professional judgment should have been exercised in the SUPES Academy situation that occurred earlier in the school year," Dance said at the time. "I didn't recognize it, but I realize that the relationship indeed creates a conflict. I will definitely be more sensitive to the importance of avoiding situations that create conflicts, or even the appearance of a conflict, and will be more careful in the future."

Dance took the time to evaluate his overall performance as superintendent, referring to himself as his own worst critic.

"If I had to give myself a grade, since in education we like to grade ourselves, I probably would have to say I have a C-plus, because there was a massive amount of change happening around us," Dance said.

The "massive amount of change" got Dance in a bit of trouble early on in his first term, with many seeing the Houston transplant as a careerist focusing on advancing his position. But after his first two years in office, things have settled down. This year, no new initiatives were rolled out, with Dance opting to focus on initiatives that had already begun.

"He has gotten experience now which helps him to slow down and maybe take a more measured approach," said Abby Beytin, the head of the county teachers union.

Dance stated that he wanted another term because he wanted to complete the work he has already started. He stated that over the next four years he would like to improve academic achievement and provide more resources to help the social and emotional health of students, among other things.

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#### NEWS

## **DONATION** -

*continued from page 1 -*Baltimore County community for the last 80 years.

"Most of us knew it as the Cowenton Volunteer Fire Company," Marks said. "We remember the heroic response to the Chase train wreck in 1987, as well as the company's work with countless fires and natural disasters that have threatened lives over eight decades."

WMVFC's current station, located at 5419 Ebenezer Road in White Marsh, was built in the 1940s and is affected by flooding, traffic and the CSX railway which virtually runs alongside the property. Additionally, the building is situated in a flood plain, making it impossible to expand or rebuild on the site.

"This move will allow us to better serve our community... well into the future," said Palmer, noting that that community has grown rapidly over the last decade.

WMVFC Captain Rick Blubaugh explained that the officers of the fire company have been working with GM for the last three years to secure the land donation, which he called a "reinvestment back into the community." And he thanked Councilmembers Marks and Cathy Bevins for their involvement in the process.

"Our office contacted General Motors several times while the donation was being considered," Marks told the *Times*. "Last year, Councilwoman Cathy Bevins and I brokered discussions with the Central Alarmers that led to a merger with the White Marsh Volunteer Fire Company. This strengthened both organizations and will hopefully lead to construction of a new station in the near future."

Blubaugh also took a moment to thank Lynn Richardson of the Perry Hall White Marsh Business Association, Brian Van Poppel of the White Marsh Cowenton Community Association, Dorothy Hinnant of the Bowerman-Loreley Beach Community Association and the company's citizen board of directors members, Bob Ramadka Jr., Chris Montcalmo and Les Richardson. All of them, he said, either have or will commit to seeing the project through in some way.

The three board of directors members, all prominent members of the community, were brought in last year to help the WMVFC run like a business, "which it is at the end of the day," Blubaugh said.

"Their insight, their contribution to our company has been substantial," he commented. "We've made decisions with them that are grounded in great business practices responsible to the community of donors and the citizens of this area."

The announcement of the land donation also kicked off WMVFC's capital fundraising campaign to solicit donations from businesses and community members for the construction of the new station.

"When looking around White Marsh, you notice that the current [WMVFC] station doesn't really reflect the current community," said Les Richardson of Richardson Farms and the co-director of the

capital campaign.

He noted that the equipment is what people see on the scene of an emergency, but the fire house is for the volunteers.

"It must be a place members choose to attend while waiting for a call and to serve their needs for resting and training between these calls," Richardson explained.

The station will include a community room which will serve both the community and the VFC members and encourage more interaction between them, he said.

WMVFC responded to 4,087 calls in 2015. And now Richardson is calling on the community to respond to the capital campaign and the needs of their community fire house.

"General Motors has provided the site. Now we are launching the capital campaign to seek widespread community participation showing support for the project through contributions at any level that your family or business can show," he declared.

He added that appreciation for donations will be reflected in the naming of bricks and rooms in the fire house and said that Lynn Richardson was the first to answer the call with a donation of \$10,000 from the PHWMBA. As a result, the new station's flag pole and pedestal will be named in their honor.

Palmer, the WMVFC president, thanked GM for the donation, also calling it an "investment in White Marsh and the surrounding communities."

"Our company and its members are excited to move into the next stage of this much needed project, and we couldn't have done it without General Motors' land donation," he said.



GM Plant Manager Chris Desautels and WMVFC President Kevin Palmer finalized the land donation by inking their signatures on the agreement contract.



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## Metzgar announces scholarship program

Delegate Ric Metzgar (R-6) is offering Delegate Scholarships for students who live in the Sixth Legislative District (Dundalk, Essex, Edgemere, and Rosedale) for the 2016-17 School Year.

The State of Maryland mandates certain requirements and each delegate establishes his/her own criteria for awarding Delegate Scholarships.

Parents and Students must be Maryland residents. Students must enroll in a Maryland college or university as a full-time or part-time student seeking an undergraduate or graduate degree. All majors are eligible for consideration.

Delegate Metzgar has assembled a

Scholarship Committee from various backgrounds and occupations. Scholarships are very competitive. The Scholarship Committee uses academic achievement, extracurricular activities, career goals, community involvement, and financial need as criteria for awarding scholarships.

March 1, 2016 is the deadline for filing for the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) and March 15, 2016 is the deadline for filing for Delegate Metzgar's Scholarship.

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## Tax relief on the agenda

- By Delegate Eric Bromwell (D-8) -Before the 2016 General Assembly was gaveled into session, Governor Larry Hogan proposed his plan for \$400 million in tax relief over the next five years for Maryland citizens, businesses and manufacturers. The plan includes:

\* Increasing the Earned Income Tax Credit for families whose annual income is less than \$53,000 a year, saving them \$27 million over the next two years.

\*Increasing the personal tax exemption for seniors, 65 and older, from \$1,000 to \$5,000 over the next 5 years, netting 640,000 seniors \$183 million.

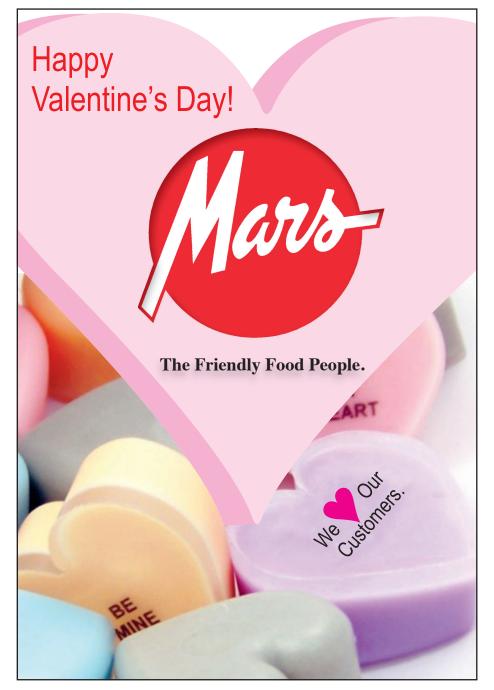
\* Rolling back increases in more than 100 different fees to save taxpayers \$51 million.

\* Eliminating the state's 8.25 percent corporate income tax for 10 years to encourage new manufacturers to bring jobs to Western Maryland, the Eastern Shore and Baltimore City. It should be noted that Maryland ranks 41st among the states in providing a positive business climate. I don't have to tell you that's not good. Perhaps Governor Hogan's proposed tax incentive will help the state's unfriendly business image improve.

Moody's, one of the three bond rating houses, reveals that Maryland citizens pay 3.5 cents of every dollar earned to state or local income taxes. That's twothirds higher than the national average of 2.1 cents and a penny higher than similar east coast states.

Governor Hogan has stated that he wants to roll back some of the state's spending formulas for schools, public safety, etc., which dictate annual spending increases. In fact, 83 percent of budget spending is based on these formulas. I never did think it made much fiscal sense to automatically increase spending in any area in the middle of shrinking revenue or an economic downturn. It should be pointed out that during the 2008 recession and thereafter, the General Assembly has made onetime changes in the formulas because that was the only sensible thing to do. Otherwise, these mandated formulas might as well be carved in stone. But it cannot be denied that they take away flexibility for both the governor and the legislature to craft sensible spending plans. Nevertheless, I fear the governor will have a fight on his hands from the legislature when he tries to tweak these mandated formulas.

As of Tuesday, Jan. 26, I have signed on as a co-sponsor to several of the governor's bills that are looking to change this atmosphere. I have also spent my entire career in Annapolis opposing these unnecessary tax and fee increases. I am proud to support Governor Hogan on these initiatives.



## Jumping into the deep end!

- By Delegate Kathy Szeliga (R-7) -The budget and veto overrides are the highlights of week two in Annapolis. Governor Larry Hogan introduced a balanced budget that funds all the mandated spending demanded by the legislature including a record-high funding for education and keeping the commitment to fund Program Open Space. Unique to Maryland, the budget is submitted by the governor to the legislature and they can only cut, not increase spending. An astounding 83 percent of the state budget is mandated spending put in place by the legislators, which is often driven by special interest groups. Governor Hogan has been able to find savings in the 17 percent he has direct control over.

Governor Hogan's budget has found some promised tax and fee relief for weary, overtaxed Maryland citizens. There will be savings for our retirees and working families. I was surprised to read in the *Baltimore Sun* that a leading Democrat does not think senior citizens need additional tax relief!

"Montgomery County Sen. Richard S. Madaleno Jr., vice chairman of the Senate Budget & Taxation Committee and a leading Democratic critic of Hogan, questioned the need for additional tax relief for older Marylanders. He noted that the state does not tax Social Security benefits," the article read. I know that seniors on fixed incomes have been hit hard by the 40-plus taxes and fee increases under O'Malley, as well as increased utility bills and food costs. I support tax relief for seniors.

#### Veto Overrides

Governor Hogan vetoed only a handful of the 692 bills passed last year. I stood with Governor Hogan and voted to sustain his vetoes. Unfortunately, the leaders in the House and Senate put politics in front of common sense.

Felons Voting: murderers, rapists, pedophiles and violent felons convicted of gun crimes will be allowed to vote before they have served their full sentences. As felons are leaving prison and before fulfilling parole and probation, they will have their voting rights automatically restored. Currently, ex-felons do have their voting rights restored once they have completed parole and probation. Now all felons will be voting. This is a smoke screen, as legislators should be focused on reintegrating felons into communities with jobs, training and housing.

Travel Tax: The leadership in the House and Senate rammed through a tax on travel and travel agents. The Comptroller is currently litigating this issue. Legislators should have waited for the decision by the courts before acting on this tax. I voted with Gov. Hogan against this travel tax.

## **Bevins, Marks applaud BPW**

Councilwoman Cathy Bevins (who represents East Towson to Middle River) and Councilman David Marks (who represents Towson to Perry Hall) applauded the Board of Public Works on Feb. 2 following the approval of 75 percent State funding for air conditioning at several schools in their districts. This percentage is less than the total State share as requested by Baltimore County, but it does secure the approved funds for these schools. Those schools include Oakleigh Elementary and Chapel Hill Elementary schools, which overlap in both of their districts, and Kingsville Elementary, which is exclusively in Councilman Marks' district. The funding was approved at the Jan. 27 meeting of the Board of Public Works in Annapolis, however these funds do require Baltimore County to pitch in as well.

"I think this is a step in the right direction for providing air conditioning to every school in Baltimore County," Councilwoman Bevins said when she heard the news.

"I would like to thank the Board of Public Works for approving these funds. I know my constituents are excited to hear that these schools will finally receive air conditioning," Councilman Marks added.

In addition to the funding for air conditioning, the Board of Public Works

voted on another measure related to air conditioning that would allow State funding to be used for portable air conditioning units. That measure now heads to the Administrative, Executive and Legislative Review Committee (AELR) where lawmakers will have the final say if that policy change is approved. It does not get voted by the entire General Assembly. Both Councilmembers supported the policy change.

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"We are making progress in my district on this issue, but there are still other schools around the County that need help. This policy change will speed up relief to so many children around the County," Marks said.

Bevins concluded by saying, "When I took office in 2010, my district had the least amount of schools with air conditioning. I have fought hard and received funding for air conditioning in 11 schools. I am not quite finished yet."

#### **Contact Your Council** David Marks (R-5)

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#### Cathy Bevins (D-6)

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#### **Food Pantry**

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

#### **GPIA Meeting**

The Graceland Park Improvement Association will hold this month's meeting on Wednesday, Feb. 17, at 7 p.m. in Graceland United Methodist Church, 6714 Youngstown Ave. in Dundalk. This month we will be hosting a "Candidate's Night" for registered candidates running for Baltimore City's First District. The present councilman is not running for reelection and we would like to give community members the opportunity to meet the candidates who may represent us. There will be a question and answer time as well. For more info., contact Celestine "Babe" Grabowski at 410-288-4046 or gpiamd@verizon.net.



#### **BCGS** Meeting

The Baltimore County Genealogical Society (BCGS), located at 8601 Harford Road in Parkville, Room 308, will meet at 2 p.m. on Sunday, Feb. 28, and will feature Jon Livezey as guest speaker. His presentation, "Harford County" will give specifics and peculiarities of genealogy research in Harford County and information applicable to all Maryland research with attention to recent developments affecting how one approaches the subject. This event is free and open to the public. For more details, visit <u>www.baltimore</u> <u>genealogysociety.org/BCGShome/library</u> or call 410-665-8769.

#### **Nature Connections**

Find out about the 4,000 minerals that are used in our laptops, tablets and smart phones, cars and household appliances. We'll have several collections on hand for you to examine in close detail, with more crafts and activities tailored for children at the Natural History Society of Maryland, 6908 Belair Road in Overlea, from 1 - 4 p.m. on Sunday Feb. 14. For more info., call 410-882-5376, email communications@marylandnature.org or visit marylandnature.org/nature-connections.

#### **Volunteers Needed**

The Baltimore County Department of Aging Home Team Program is looking for volunteers willing to assist elderly Baltimore County residents with shopping, running errands and doctor appointments. Volunteers are needed for four hours per month. For more info., call the Home Team Office at 410-887-4141.

#### Easter Egg Hunt

Hiss United Methodist Church, 8700 Harford Road in Parkville, will host a community Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, March 19, from noon - 2 p.m. All are invited! For more info., call 410-668-5665 or visit <u>www.hisschurch.org</u>.

#### **Chocolate for our Troops!**

Angels Supporting Your Troops, Inc. is collecting unopened candy to send to our soldiers overseas. Please consider donating any type of candy, especially chocolate. Other items in demand include powdered drink mixes, beef jerky or Slim Jims, unopened jars of peanut butter and jelly, crackers and chewing gum. Also in need are ink pens. Contact Irene Spatafore at 410-284-5275 or drop items off at 7914 Diehlwood Road in Dundalk on the picnic table.



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#### **OBITUARIES**

#### Montoro, Fred

On Feb. 5, Fred Montoro, a WWII Veteran. Beloved husband of Karen Montoro (nee Crouse); devoted father of Frederic Montoro and his wife Doris, Sandi Hanky and her husband Don, Susan Detorie and her husband Joe and Karen Smith and her husband Tim; loving brother of Lucy Jones and her husband Dick. Also survived by eight grandchildren, ten great-grandchildren and many other loving family members and friends. Fred was predeceased by five siblings.

A funeral service will be held at the Connelly Funeral Home of Essex on Thursday, Feb. 11, at 11 a.m. Interment at Gardens of Faith Memorial Gardens. Family will be receiving flowers, or contributions may be made to: Landsdowne United Methodist Church, 114 Lavern Avenue, Halethorpe, MD 21227.

#### **McMullen, Patrick C.**

On Feb. 4, Patrick C. McMullen. Beloved husband of Leona M. McMullen (nee Clifton); devoted father of Donna K. Click, Charles C. Lough and his wife Kathy, Rose M. Haga and Terry McMullen-Anderson and husband Eric; dear brother of Fred and Estell. Also survived by many grandchildren, great-grandchildren, nieces and nephews.

A funeral service was held at the Connelly Funeral Home of Essex on Feb. 8. Interment at Holly Hill Memorial Gardens. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to The Boy Scouts of America, 701 Wyman Park Drive, Baltimore, Maryland 21211.

#### **Tormollan, David Russel**

On Feb. 3, David Russell Tormollan, 49. Beloved fiancé of Sharon Wiley, and her three daughters and six grandchildren. Also survived by his father Greg Mayne; brother Lee Mayne and his wife Joy; nephews Timothy and Joshua Mayne and Thomas Tormollan. He also leaves behind aunts Janet Pink and Becky Lurz, uncle George Peterson and many other relatives and friends. He was predeceased by his mother Sharon Mayne; brother Thomas Tormollan; grandmothers Sally Mayne and Josephine Peterson; grandfathers Pat Mayne and Carol Peterson; and uncles Harold and Lloyd Peterson.

A memorial service is planned for Friday, Feb. 12, at 1 p.m. at St. Matthew Lutheran Church. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to: The American Cancer Society, P.O. Box 22478, Oklahoma City, OK 73123 or to Season's Hospice, 9000 Franklin Drive, Baltimore, MD 21237.

#### Wilsynski, Ruth

Ruth Marie (nee Langenfelder) Wilsynski, 72, of Still Pond, passed away suddenly on Jan. 23. Ruth was born Nov. 6, 1943 and raised in Rosedale. She graduated from Kenwood High School where she met and married the love of her life, Joe. They started their life together with Joe being in the United States Marine Corps and once honorably discharged, they settled back to raise their family in Rosedale. Ruth was a homemaker until the youngest daughter started school, at which time she began working for Custom Coach. She then went to work for Spot-A-Pot and eventually found her way to Saiontz & Kirk, P.A., with two of her daughters where she retired from in 2013 after many years of service. Ruth is preceded in death by her parents, Henry and Catherine (nee Freund) Langenfelder. Ruth is survived by her loving husband of 53 years, Joseph; daughters Sharon (David) Smith, Nancy Ziolkowski (Edward Price), Karen (Ray) Cline and JoAnn (Gene) Crouse. Precious grandmother to Taylor and Matthew Ziolkowski and Brooke and Morgan Crouse, as well as many nieces, nephews, cousins and many friends. Ruth enjoyed talking to her family every day, spending time with Joe, cooking and just enjoying what life had to offer. Ruth loved her family and raised them to know and tell each other how they were loved at every given opportunity.

In lieu of flowers, the family is asking that donations be made in Ruth's memory to Betterton Volunteer Fire Company at 2 Howell Point Road, Betterton, MD 21610.

#### Miller, Dorothy

On Jan. 28, 2016 Dorothy K. Miller (nee Kalinowski). Beloved wife of the late Vernon L. Miller, Jr.; devoted mother of David Vernon Miller, Sr. and his wife Michelle, Patrick Mark Miller and his wife, Jacqueline; dear sister of Patricia Ganzzermiller and her late husband Lawrence, Joseph Kalinowski and his wife, Karen, the late Mary Denk and her late husband Donald and the late Andrew Kalinowski; sisterin-law of Betty Symanik and her husband Andrew, Melvin Miller and his wife Ginny, Donald Miller and his wife Patricia; and loving grandmother of David Vernon Miller, Jr., Megan Johanna Brammer and her husband James and Lacie Nicole Miller. Also survived by many nieces and nephews.

Services provided by Cvach Rosedale Funeral Home. Interment at Parkwood Cemetery.

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#### Nunley, Otis

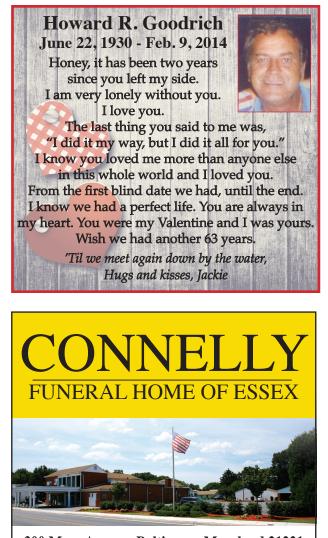
On Feb. 4. Otis Nunley, beloved husband of Nellie Nunley (nee Craft). Devoted father of Agatha Lloyd and her husband Jerry, Thomas Nunley and the late Darrell Nunley. Loving "Pap" of John, Annette, Wendy and the late Darrell Jr. Also survived by 11 great-grandchildren and 1 great-great-grandchild.

Services held at the Connelly Funeral Home of Essex. Interment at Glen Haven Memorial Park.

#### **Glenda Lee Goodrich-Bell** October 4, 1956 - July 15, 2011

Happy Valentine's Day dear daughter. We love you and since you have been gone, there is a void in our lives that no one but you could fill.

You married on Valentine's Day and made a beautiful bride. We miss your blue eyes and hearty laugh. No one can ever take your place. 'Til we meet again down by the water, Hugs and kisses, Mom, Gerrie, Gale, Rusty and your family and friends.



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**OBITUARIES** 

#### Frederick, Anita Marie

On Jan. 14, Anita Marie Frederick. Loving mother of Charles Game; cherished daughter of Odetta Frederick (nee McCune) and the late Charles Frederick. Also survived by a host of loving family and friends. A private cremation was held. Arrangements by

the family owned Bruzdzinski Funeral Home P.A., of Essex. Amos, Jerome David

On Jan. 14, David Jerome Amos. Devoted son of the late Emerson and Betty Jo (nee Creasy) Amos; loving father of the late Justin A. Amos; dear brother of Monica Dunkle and her husband John and Debra McAleer and her husband Patrick.

Cremation services private. Arrangements by the family owned Bruzdzinski Funeral Home P.A., of Essex. A memorial service will be held at a later date.

#### Wela, John Joseph, Jr.

John Joseph Wela, Jr. on Jan. 14. Devoted father of Karen Bortell and her husband Michael and Gail Wela. Also survived by three grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Visitation and funeral services provided by the family owned Bruzdzinski Funeral Home P.A., of Essex. Interment Dulaney Valley Memorial Gardens.

#### Lambert, Zell

On Jan. 13, Zell Lambert. Beloved husband of the late Jacqueline Lambert; devoted father of Teddy Mack Phillips and the late Cynthia Lambert and Zelda Jones; loving grandfather of Eddie Brown Jr., Jason Brown, Shaina Brown, Sarah Blair and Lisa Phillips, dear brother of Thurman Lambert, Ella Jean Myers, Odell Lambert, Robert Lambert and Agnes Beach.

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#### **Kirkpatrick, Allen Gray**

On Jan. 31, Allen Gray Kirkpatrick. Beloved husband of Charlotte Tasker Kirkpatrick; devoted father of Mitchel Kirkpatrick and his wife Shannon, Jeffrey Tasker and Lisa Tasker; loving grandfather of Ashley Kirkpatrick, Josh Kirkpatrick, Tyler Tasker and Makayla Tasker; dear brother of the late James Kirkpatrick, Robert Kirkpatrick, Marie Kisamore, Hilda and James Semones, Reba and Leonard Mace, Jean Davis and Barbara Fleming. Also survived by his brothers-in-law Glen Kisamore and Doug Fleming.

A private cremation was held. A memorial service will be held at a later date.

#### Winder, Tyrone Anthony

On Jan. 16, Tyrone Anthony Winder. Beloved husband of Edith Winder; devoted father of Melody Garrett and her husband Tony; dear grandfather of Toni Garrett; loving son of Rev. Dr. Hugh Nichols and Mrs. Wanda Nichols and the late Betty Winder; dear brother of Calvin Ann Heath, Rowena Bright and Evon Davis; special friend to Annette Thompson. Also survived by a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

A private cremation was held.

#### Burgamy, Beverly A.

On Jan. 30, Beverly Ann Burgamy (nee Petrecca). Beloved wife of John Burgamy; devoted mother of Michele Burgamy, John Burgamy, Jr. and his wife Rose, Joseph Burgamy; dear grandmother of Victoria "Tori" Burgamy, Joseph Burgamy, Jr., Fallon Scarantino and Lauren Burgamy; sister of Ronald Petrecca and his wife Karen.

Cremation private. In lieu of flowers, memorials can be made in her name to Saint Jude Children's Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105 or to a charity of your choice.

#### **Connelly, Evelyn Mae**

On Jan. 30, Evelyn Mae Connelly (nee Marriott). Devoted mother of Charles Oliver Connelly, III and Alan Joseph Connelly; loving daughter of the late Henry Edwin Marriott, the late Julia Martina LeBrun (nee Broda) and her husband John P. LeBrun; dear sister of Virginia M. Shaffer and the late James L. Dalton; dear aunt of Brenda Silver and Patricia A. Dash; great-aunt of Adrianna Heisey.

Visitation held at family owned Bruzdzinski Funeral Home. Interment Gardens of Faith Memorial Gardens.

E-mail obituary announcements to ectsociety@comcast.net or fax to 410-780-2616.



#### **Chrismond, Joan Marie**

On Feb. 6, Joan Marie Chrismond (nee Nock). Beloved wife of the late James Chrismond. Also survived by a host of loving family and friends.

A private cremation was held. Arrangements by the family owned Bruzdzinski Funeral Home P.A., of Essex.

#### Winiarski, Charles

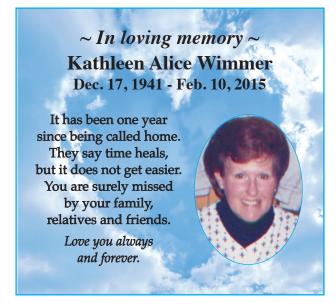
On Jan. 14, Charles Robert Winiarski, a retired Chevy salesman, avid fisherman and crabber. Beloved husband of Constance "Connie" R. Winiarski (nee Jakubowski); devoted father of Rory D. Winiarski and his wife Karen and Sandra Lee Culp and her husband Allen; dear grandfather of Christopher C. Winiarski and Mason Tyler-Lee Everett.

Visitation held at Cvach Rosedale Funeral Home. Mass of Christian Burial was held at St. Clement Church. Interment Gardens of Faith Cemetery.

#### **Banas**, Nancy

On Jan. 15, Nancy R. Banas (nee Herline). Beloved wife of Richard W. Banas; devoted mother of Richard W. Banas Jr.

Visitation held at Cvach Rosedale Funeral Home. Cremation private.



#### **Obituary Correction Policy**

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





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SCHOOL NOTEBOOK

## Dance featured as a thought leader for creating digital learning environments

Baltimore County Public Schools Superintendent Dr. S. Dallas Dance is among 15 superintendents featured in a new online library of thought leadership presentations regarding how to create dynamic digital learning environments.

The library, available at www. discoveryeducation.com/California/ index.cfm, was produced by Discovery Education and CUE, based on presentations given at a July 2015 leadership symposium the two organizations hosted with California State Parks. The symposium was designed specifically for California educators, and Dr. Dance, invited to participate because of his national renown in the field of learner-centered environments. was the only presenter who was not a California-based superintendent. The presentations included in the library explore a variety of critical topics, including using professional development to support device deployment, communicating with stakeholders, improving attendance and discipline during the digital transition, and more.

Recently awarded a second fouryear term as superintendent of Baltimore County Public Schools, Dr. Dance has led the school system to make fundamental shifts in teaching and learning through groundbreaking initiatives such as S.T.A.T. (Students and Teachers Accessing Tomorrow), designed to create learner-centered environments for all 111,000 students, and Passport Schools, which launch world language instruction at Grade 4.

His contributions to creating learnercentered environments have been honored with two successive Digital Innovation Learning Awards from Digital Promise and Ed Surge. Dr. Dance was appointed to the 12-member board of directors for the International Society for Technology in Education, was named one of eight eSchool News 2014 Tech-Savvy Superintendents, and was named a White House Connected Educator Champion of Change in 2013. BCPS became a District of Distinction in 2015 for personalizing learning through S.T.A.T. as well as earning the Digital Content and Curriculum Achievement Award from the Center for Digital Education. Also in 2015, Microsoft selected BCPS as its sole "Showcase" school system for innovative digital teaching and learning. BCPS was accepted into the League of Innovative Schools, and the W.K. Kellogg Foundation awarded BCPS a \$1.5 million grant to advance equity and digital learning.

Additional areas of focus for the Dance administration have been raising the graduation rate; enhancing special education services and magnet programs; expanding preschool access; increasing equity and rigor; rethinking middle schools; and engaging stakeholders through two-way outreach. Through critical strategies to make high school graduation a district-wide priority, the BCPS graduation rate surged to 87.6 percent for the Class of 2014, up nearly four percentage points since Dr. Dance's tenure began in 2012, and earning BCPS a 2014 District of Distinction award from District Administration magazine. In recognition of their commitment to communications, Dr. Dance and BCPS Chief Communications Officer Mychael Dickerson received the prestigious 2015 Leadership Through Communication Award from AASA (the School Superintendents Association), the National School Public Relations Association, and Blackboard.

Dr. Dance's leadership and influence were recognized through his 2014 appointment to President Obama's Advisory Commission on Educational Excellence for African Americans. He was selected by colleagues to serve on the executive committee for AASA. Most recently, Dr. Dance was named one of 10 LinkedIn Next Wave education professionals, one of the National School Board Association's 20 to Watch.

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## **President of MSB honored**

The Maryland School for the Blind, has been named as one of three recipients of the 2016 Migel Medal Award by the American Foundation for the Blind (AFB). Bina, along with Gordon Gund and Lulie Liggett Gund, will be presented with the award at the AFB's Leadership Conference at the Crystal Gateway Marriott in Arlington, VA on March 5.

The Migel Medal, the highest honor in the blindness field, was established in 1937 by the late M.C. Migel, AFB's first chairman, to honor professionals and volunteers whose dedication and achievements improve the lives of people who are blind or visually impaired. Past recipients include Helen Keller. The mission of AFB is to remove barriers, create solutions, and expand possibilities so people with vision loss can achieve their full potential.

"We are honored to recognize Michael, Gordon and Lulie for their outstanding achievements in the field of blindness and low vision," said Carl R. Augusto, AFB president and CEO. "Their tireless dedication and commitment to ensuring people with vision loss have equal access and opportunities truly capture the qualities this award represents."

A leader in the field of education of the blind and visually impaired, Bina

Dr. Michael J. Bina, President of has served as the President of The Maryland School for the Blind, Maryland School for the Blind (MSB) since 2008.

Bina began his career in 1966 teaching swimming to students from the South Dakota School for the Visually Impaired while earning his bachelor's degree at Northern State University, which honored him as a distinguished graduate in 1994 and as the 2015 commencement speaker. After graduation, he served for three years as a United States Army Special Forces Military Intelligence Officer, where he received the Army Commendation Medal for exemplary performance. Following his military service, he earned a master's degree in Special Education in 1972 from California State University Los Angeles, which recently honored him as a distinguished alumnus. He later earned a doctorate from the University of Northern Colorado and served as a public school director of special education in Wisconsin.

Bina's distinguished career spans 50 years and includes leadership positions at schools for the blind throughout the country, including Perkins School for the Blind, The Hadley School for the Blind, Indiana School for the Blind and more. In addition to the Migel Medal, he has received awards from Lions Clubs International, the VisionServe Alliance and others groups.





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#### IN YOUR WORDS

#### **Thanks for Helping Seniors**

The citizens of Ida Avenue in Essex would like to thank the police officers who stopped to help seniors digging out during the blizzard.

They shoveled out walkways and driveways for those who were digging out.

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> Richard Lovetinsky Essex

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#### A Word of Thanks: The Blizzard of 2016

A Word of Thanks to all of those who helped keep us safe during the blizzard of 2016. Thanks to the snow plow drivers, the entire highway department, BGE, everyone who works in MEMA, the police, the fire fighters, the National Guard, those workers at Royal Farms and McDonalds and any other stores who somehow made it to work, Governor Larry Hogan, County Executive Kevin Kamenetz and everyone else who sacrificed time with their families, adequate rest, good meals and the warmth and comfort of their homes to do what had to be done. And they did it well - a job well done. I know that there are still many who have waited a long time for snow plows and electricity and I am sure that they do not feel the same way. Our community was and is one of the fortunate ones. Thank you all!

> Sam Pickett Essex

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#### **Senator Salling Stands with Veterans**

Deliberately trying to mislead people is as wrong as wrong can be! However, that is exactly what Jake Mohorovic, a former member of the House of Delegates, has tried to do.

Mohorovic knew exactly how he was distorting the truth in his letter to the editor, in which he claimed that I had voted against \$19.4 million in federal funds and \$8 million from the state for the Maryland Department of Veteran Affairs and against funding of the Charlotte Hall Veterans Home, the Veterans Cemetery Program, the Veterans Memorials and Monuments Program, the Veterans Service Centers and the Veterans Advocacy and Outreach Program.

The truth of the matter is that I voted YES on the Senate version of the governor's budget, which included all those same appropriations for the Department of Veteran Affairs. I voted against the House version of the budget because it contained changes in the budget with which I did not agree.

One of my first and foremost causes is making sure our veterans are honored and respected. As a veteran, I will continue to make sure that after serving our country, veterans have access to good paying jobs and quality health care.

> Sincerely, Senator Johnny Ray Salling



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**Cold weather** crime prevention tips

Cold weather is here, no doubt about that. Just dressing to go outside in the morning to warm the car seems to take forever. It would be so easy just to start up the car, run back into that warm, cozy house and have a little more coffee. Not a good idea. In the amount of time it takes to walk into your home someone can steal your vehicle.

Car thieves wait and watch for people to walk away and then strike. They are not only in your neighborhood, but at convenience stores waiting for you to run in to get a quick cup of coffee. You may think that locking your keys in the car will dissuade these criminals but it doesn't. They can pick a lock often times faster than you can open it with your key. Baltimore County Police Sergeant Robert Jagoe, a member of the Regional Auto Theft Team (RATT), says in one study more than 25 percent of the vehicles stolen in the area were due to keys left in the ignition.

There are many reasons not to leave your car unattended; walking in the cold is not fun, making car payments on a car that is no longer available to you, insurance that probably will not pay for your mistake, and lastly you could get a ticket if a Baltimore County Police Officer sees that you have stepped away from your vehicle.

So if you don't want to be left out in the cold, ice, freezing rain or snow, don't leave the car unattended.

It may take you only a minute to run into a convenience store for a cup of coffee or a morning paper. But if you leave your keys in the car with the motor running, it takes a thief only seconds to drive off with your car.

A surprising number of people, however, do just that: they leave the keys in the ignition, and let the motor run, while they run into the store. That practice wastes gas, doesn't help the environment, and could result in a stolen car. A 1996 survey by the Regional Auto Theft Team showed that 25 percent of stolen cars were taken when the driver left the keys in the ignition. Leaving your keys behind like that is an open invitation to criminals, so don't give them that opportunity. When you park your car, take the keys - and let the thief take a hike.

## Suspect arrested in **Dundalk homicide case**

Baltimore County Police have identified the suspect and the victim from a homicide on Gum Road in Dundalk on Feb. 3.

At approximately 6:30 a.m. Wednesday morning, an officer on patrol encountered 54-year-old Gary Burns walking in the middle of North Point Road. Gary Burns had a laceration on his hand and told the officer that he had been in a fight with his brother in their home in the 7600-block of Gum Road in Dundalk.

When officers went to the home, they found his brother, 57-year-old Lawrence William Burns, suffering from multiple stab wounds and other injuries. He was transported to Johns Hopkins Bayview Medical Center where he died.

Gary burns was also transported to Johns Hopkins Bayview Medical Center for treatment.

The investigation indicated that Gary Burns and Lawrence William Burns, had been involved in an altercation in their home. During the altercation, Gary Burns stabbed Lawrence William Burns multiple times.

Gary Burns has been charged with first-degree murder and is being held without bail at the Baltimore County Detention Center.

This incident remains under investigation by the Baltimore County Police Homicide Unit.

## Twenty displaced by two-alarm fire in Fullerton

Twenty people - 17 adults and three children - have been forced from their homes as a result of a twoalarm fire on Feb. 3 at a garden apartment complex in Fullerton.

Fire crews were dispatched at 5:27 a.m. to the unit block of Leatherwood Place. First responders arrived to find flames coming from the back of the complex. Fullerton's Truck 8, the first unit on scene, quickly requested a second alarm. No injuries were reported to firefighters or civilians. All occupants got out of the complex on their own. The Red Cross assisted with accommodations for the displaced residents.

Baltimore County Police fire investigators have not yet determined a cause.



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## **Police investigate shooting** outside White Marsh Mall

911

Baltimore County Police are continuing to investigate the shooting in White Marsh on Feb. 7 that left a man injured.

Just after midnight on Sunday, police responded to the parking lot of the Red Robin restaurant in the 8200-block of Perry Hall Boulevard in White Marsh for a shots fired call. When officers arrived on the scene, they found a man that had been shot one time in the lower body. He was taken to an area hospital for treatment and is expected to survive.

The incident occurred after White Marsh Mall had been closed for several hours. Only a few area restaurants remained open.

The incident remains under active investigation by the Baltimore County Police Violent Crimes Unit. Detectives will be working to determine if this was a targeted crime.

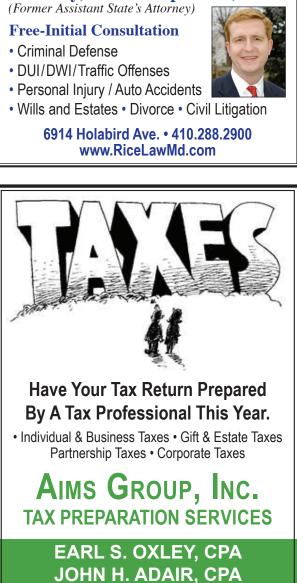
## **Second person charged** in Essex homicide

Baltimore County Police have charged a second person in connection with the death of an Essex man in December.

Lisa Annette Kuczinski, 50, of the 900-block of Woodlynn Road in Middle River has been charged with first-degree murder and is being held without bail at the Baltimore County Detention Center. Detectives have already charged Daniel Albert Atkinson Jr., 46, of the 900-block of Woodlynn Road in Essex

The incident remains under investigation by the Baltimore County Police Homicide Unit.

Attorney, G. Randolph Rice, Jr.



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## Patapsco cheer coach honored as BCPS CHEER COACH OF THE YEAR

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Coach Erica Kreglow

Congratulations to Coach Erica Kreglow, Patapsco's cheerleading coach, for being named BCPS Cheer Coach of the Year! Ms. Kreglow, who also works as a Special Education Instructional Assistant at Patapsco, was given the honor at the Feb. 4 county competition





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## **Kenwood boys sit atop Division 2 standings**

With only a handful of games left to play in the season, the Kenwood Bluebirds currently sit atop the Baltimore County Division 2 standings with a 7 - 0 record in conference play and 11 - 6 record overall.

The Perry Hall Gators have two losses to their name in conference play, which puts them in fifth place, but their 14 - 3 overall record gives them the second best total win percentage in the division, second only to Woodlawn who currently sits at 13 - 2.

Eastern Tech, Chesapeake and Overlea are all sitting below .500, with Chesapeake and Overlea well out of contention. Eastern Tech can still regain a hold on their season, however, as they currently sit just a game below .500 in divisional play as well as in overall play.

In Division 1, the Dundalk Owls currently reside in second place behind New Town. The Owls 5 - 1 record in the division has them in good shape, and their 10 - 5 record overall is nothing to sneeze at.

Patapsco will be wishing they had more conference games, as those seem to be the only games in which the Patriots can chalk up a win. And Sparrows Point will be hoping the end of the season comes quickly, as they currently sit in last place with a single win to their name in the division and only two wins overall.

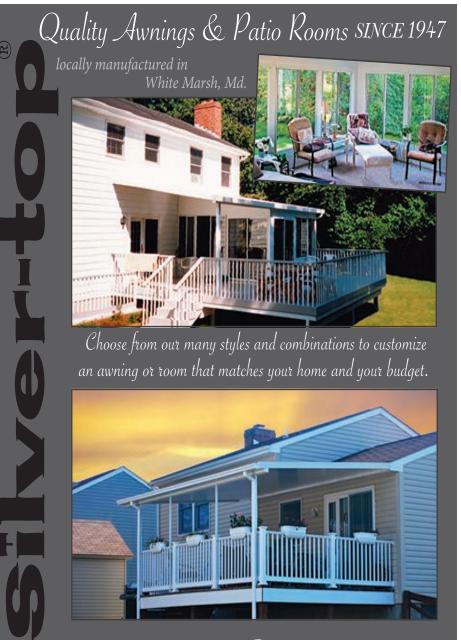
On the girls side of things, Perry Hall currently sits in third place in Division 2 with a 7 - 3 record in the division and a 10 - 6 record overall. Lansdowne and Catonsville currently sit above the Gators in the standings, but Perry Hall still has to play each of those teams. Their season-ending clash against Lansdowne has the potential to decide who wins the division this year.

Chesapeake isn't totally out of things on the girls side, and they currently sit in sixth place with a 3 - 4 record in the division and an 8 - 4 record overall.

Overlea, Eastern Tech and Kenwood are all essentially out of it at this juncture in the season, with Kenwood yet to notch a victory within the division.

In Division 1, Sparrows Point currently holds third place with a 3 - 3 divisional record and 6 - 5 record overall. Milford Mill, Hereford and New Town have all separated themselves from the rest, so Sparrows Point is simply fighting for fourth at this point.

For Dundalk and Patapsco, their seasons are all but over. Dundalk currently sits with a 3 - 5 record in the division, but a 3 - 12 record overall. For Patapsco, things are even worse. They currently have one win to their name all season.



ENTERTAINMENT

## 'Deadpool' kills with his wit, snark and attitude

#### - By Teddy Durgin -

Marvel and 20th Century Fox have a LOT of confidence in their new R-rated superhero movie, "Deadpool" (new in theaters Friday, Feb. 12). How much confidence? They not only previewed it for press and general audiences more than a week before this coming Friday's release, they're actually allowing critics to begin running their reviews early. Trust me, this almost never happens! Yeah, outlets like Variety and the Hollywood Reporter can run their write-ups pretty much anytime they want. But schmoes like me? We generally have to wait until the day of the release or risk being booted off the press invite.

I'm not complaining. The goal here is to build buzz, get general audiences salivating and hit the ground running when that film finally does hit screens. And, whoa, is "Deadpool" ever gonna hit screens this weekend. It's gonna hit screens; it's gonna smack 'em around a little bit; taunt 'em, tease 'em; give 'em wedgies, noogies and eye pokes. In short, it's gonna rule all.

"Deadpool" is actor Ryan Reynolds' nearly two-hour do-over apology for being cast as Deadpool several years ago in the "X-Men Origins: Wolverine" movie and thoroughly screwing the character up. It wasn't all his fault, of course. The writing and direction just weren't there,



and few people in Hollywood realized that Deadpool was a character who could totally carry his own film and not be relegated to supporting player.

"Wolverine" also made him a villain. And Deadpool is not a villain. He's not a superhero, as he points out several times in this new film. He is an anti-hero. Mostly, he's a jerk, a braggart and a smart aleck. He's also the perfect character to plop down in the middle of 20th Century Fox's "X-Men" films, Sony's "Spider-Man," franchises and Disney's enormous cadre of Marvel movies to thumb their nose at all of them and breathe some needed irreverence into the genre. You'll want to see Deadpool in every superhero movie that hits screens from now on, even if it's just for a minute or two.

The film follows Wade Wilson (Reynolds), a former Special Forces operative turned mercenary who learns he

has terminal cancer. Rather than subject his fiancée, Vanessa (Morena Baccarin), to a long, slow downward spiral, Wade submits to what he believes is an experimental treatment involving a super serum that will both cure him and give him mutant abilities. Unfortunately, the doctor is a sadistic mutant himself. His name is Ajax (Ed Skrein), and all he wants to do is poke, prod and experiment on people who sign their life away to him. He takes an instant dislike to the sarcastic motormouth Wilson and horribly disfigures him. Wilson eventually escapes Ajax's underground lab, crafts a full-body suit to hide his mutated face and torso, and sets out to kill Ajax and everyone associated with him.

The only thing holding "Deadpool" back is the over-familiarity of the narrative. Now, obviously, Deadpool doesn't have the name recognition of a Spider-Man, Batman, Superman or Captain America. But there's no getting around that this is yet another origin story. And while director Tim Miller and screenwriters Rhett Reese and Paul Wernick play around with time a bit in their structuring of the script, there's nothing groundbreaking in terms of plot or character beats here.

What is so original here is the filthy, raunchy, R-rated humor. Folks, I can't stress this enough. This is NOT a superhero movie for kids! This is a hard-R rating. It's like "Darkman" crossed with "Itchy and Scratchy" crossed with old-school Schwarzenegger a la "Commando" written by Jay and Silent Bob. And Deadpool is constantly "breaking the fourth wall," talking directly to the audience, commenting on his own movie and other superhero movies that have come before. Reynolds is having an absolute blast here. He never misses a chance to bag on his "Green Lantern" misfire of a few years ago. He also has a LOT of fun with Hugh Jackman and Wolverine, who never appear in the flick... eh, not in person anyway. Hee hee.

If you can't tell by now, I thoroughly enjoyed "Deadpool," and I am very pleased to be part of the buzz building for this film on what will hopefully be a monster Valentine's Day release for the film. As Deadpool would crack, "It's not time to go make the chimi-f\*\*\*ing-changas!"

## Durgin says 'Hail, Yes!' to 'Hail, Caesar'



#### - By Teddy Durgin -

The Coen brothers' "serious" movies - "No Country for Old Men," "Fargo," "Inside Llewyn Davis" - generally get all of the love come awards season. #OscarsSoSerious. But I think many of Joel and Ethan's broad, goofy comedies are just as compelling... and often harder to pull off. I include on this list flicks like "The Big Lebowski," "Intolerable Cruelty," "Burn After Reading" and now "Hail, Caesar!" The Coens are masters at devising thin plots - usually capers - that they can hang a LOT of gags on. This is no exception. And, as a result, I think this is an exceptional comedy.

Set in 1951, the film follows studio fixer Eddie Mannix (Josh Brolin) for a couple of days in his madcap professional life as he puts out fires all over the backlot and in and around Hollywood involving various movie stars. Mannix was a real guy back in the old Tinseltown studio system. But the band of misfits he has to corral in the film are all surrogates of the stars of yesteryear.

There's George Clooney's Baird Whitlock, a cross between Charlton Heston and Clark Gable who gets kidnapped by a mysterious group of men calling themselves "The Future," who have their own axes to grind with the studio system. There's Scarlett Johansson's DeeAnna Moran, a Loretta Young-like actress who has gotten herself pregnant out of wedlock and won't be able to hide her baby bump much longer. Then, there's Alden Eihrenreich's Hobie Doyle, a Roy Rogersesque Western star who has been tapped to step into a mannered costume drama and quickly draws the ire of his Olivier-like director (Ralph Fiennes). And there's Channing Tatum's Burt Gurney, a singer, dancer and actor cut from the Gene Kelly cloth who is not at all what he seems.

Eddie has to deal with ransom demands, production delays, budget over-runs, dueling gossip columnists (both played by Tilda Swinton), a nicotine habit and much more - all the while entertaining a job offer outside the studio system that promises him regular hours and financial security. Brolin is great in the part.

Does it all work? No. But even when the film falls short in spots at achieving the madcap, rascally pace and tone the Coens were shooting for throughout here (think "The Player" crossed with "Who Framed Roger Rabbit?" crossed with "Barton Fink"), you're never more than three or four minutes away from a sequence that flat-out entertains, dazzles and / or leaves you laughing and smiling. My favorites include the amazing dance number Tatum headlines that - no lie - is as good as anything Stanley Donan delivered in his prime; Frances McDormand's one-scene cameo as C.C. Calhoun, the studio's film editor extraordinaire who gets a little too caught up in her work at the end of one day; a hilarious scene where Mannix tries to get a priest, a rabbi, a Protestant minister and an Eastern Orthodox clergyman to give their collective blessings to the studio's latest sword-and-sandals Biblical epic; and an aquatic dance number in which legendary cinematographer Roger Deakins gets to really show off with his camera.

"Hail, Caesar!" is the Coens' riffing on things that have inspired them, while putting things up on the screen that make them laugh. They hope you will, too, just as Quentin Tarantino hopes you get all of his references and callbacks to Spaghetti westerns, blaxploitation flicks and kung-fu actioners in his various flicks. Sure, the more time you've spent watching Turner Classic Movies, the more you're probably going to get out of this. But there will still be enough throughout "Hail, Caesar" to make you cheer, "Hail, yes!" at the end of it.

"Hail, Caesar" is rated PG-13 for suggestive content and scenes of smoking.



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#### **Designer Bag Bingo**

The Dundalk High School Boosters Club will hold a Designer Bag Bingo fundraiser at the high school, 1901 Delvale Ave., on Saturday, Feb. 20, featuring brands such as Coach, Michael Kors, Kate Spade, Vera Bradley and Betsy Johnson. Tickets are \$20 in advance, \$25 at the door. Doors open at 6 p.m. and games start at 7 p.m. Contact Donna Armijo at 443-838-2351 for more information or tickets.



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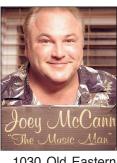
#### **Lenten Seafood Dinners**

The Knights of Columbus Council #13859 of Our Lady Queen of Peace Church, 10001 Bird River Road in Middle River, will host Friday Lenten seafood dinners from Feb. 12 through March 25. Cost is \$12 for adults, \$10 for seniors over 62 and \$6 for children ages 4-10 (excludes steamed shrimp), free for children 4 and under (excluding steamed shrimp). Menu includes choice of white pollock, cod fish cakes, fried shrimp or half-pound steamed shrimp. To-go orders are \$1 extra. Contact mkahl58@comcast.net for more information or orders.

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#### Look Who It Is!



Kay Stone had a pleasant conversation with Sixth District Delegate Robin Grammer on Tuesday, Feb. 2, at the Boulevard Diner in Dundalk. "He is always working hard and such a pleasure to talk to," Stone said. "Always a smile on this delegate's face while working for our community to make it a better place to live."



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#### **Book Sale**

The Woman's Guild of Zion United Church of Christ, 7146 Golden Ring Road in Essex, is holding a book sale in the church hall on Saturday, Feb. 13, from 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. The church hall is one block past the church. Many new cookbooks, craft books and children's books have arrived. We have over 3,000 books. Cost is \$1 for hardbacks, 25 cents for paperbacks and magazines are free. Proceeds help feed the homeless and support the food bank of Essex. We also collect canned goods and other items for the food bank.

#### Bingo

Bingo is held Tuesdays and Thursdays at 7 p.m. at Essex Elks Lodge #1866, 1007 E. Homberg Ave. For more info., call 410-574-6321.

**Bingo Luncheon** The Sandalwood Golden Age Club will host a Bingo Luncheon on Wednesday, March 23, at American Legion Post 148, 20 S. Marlyn Ave. in Essex. Doors open at 9 a.m. and Bingo starts at 10 a.m. The \$10 cost includes 20 games and eight specials, plus a roast beef dinner and dessert. Quickie games are also available for \$1 each. Call Augie Kahler at 410-687-7206 for more information.

**SPOTLIGHT** 

#### Zumba

Bengies Chase Recreation Council will hold Zumba classes for ages 13 and up at Oliver Beach Elementary School on Mondays and Thursdays from 7 - 8 p.m. New session began Jan. 11. Call the rec. office at 410-887-5194.

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#### Valentine's Day Country Breakfast

Cowenton United Methodist Church, 10838 Red Lion Road in White Marsh, is having a country breakfast on Saturday, Feb. 13, from 8 - 11 a.m. Breakfast food to include pancakes, eggs, bacon, sausage, scrapple, sausage and egg casserole, potatoes, biscuits, gravy and more. Bring your special valentines and enjoy breakfast and fellowship with us. For more information or prices, call 443-506-7776.

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#### KHS cheerleaders take second place!



The Kenwood High School varsity cheer team is going to semi-finals after the county competition. The team, coached by Candice Hicks-Washington and Naomi Richardson, includes freshmen Miyhanna Henry, Elani Dickerson, Jordyn Webb and Jamya Pitrowski; sophomores Tori McCray (captain), Alyssa Seibert, Kacey Bugari, Berlynn Matthews and Montana Schofeild; juniors McKenzie Brown (captain), Lizzie Raynor, Brooke Nowakoski and John Ervin; and seniors Kirsten Jackson (captain), Jeada Mtih (captain), Jordan McCullough, and Ki'Jana Boyd.

#### **Hawthorne Reunion**

The Commodore proudly hosts the 22nd annual "We're the Boys of Hawthorne Reunion" on Sunday, Feb. 21, starting at noon and open ended. Girls of Hawthorne are welcome too! Come out for a day of fun, food and friends recalling "the good old days." For more info., call 410-686-5742. The Commodore is located at 1909 Old Eastern Ave. in Essex.

#### St. Patrick's Dinner Dance

Sacred Heart of Mary Church, 6736 Youngstown Ave. in Dundalk, will host a St. Patrick's Dinner Dance on Saturday, March 12, from 7 - 11 p.m. Music by DJ Elvis John. Menu: corned beef and cabbage, boiled potatoes; ham and green beans; rolls, dessert, beer and soda. Games of chance. Tickets \$25, call the parish office at 410-633-2828 or Mike at 443-837-5077.



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#### **Valentine Adult Bingo**

On Friday, Feb. 12, a Valentine Big O Adult Bingo will be held at Rosedale Gardens, 8037 Philadelphia Road in Rosedale. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. Tickets are \$20 in advance or \$25 at the door. Cash bar; no outside alcohol permitted. Must be 18 or older to attend. For tickets, call 410-866-2598.

#### **St. Valentine's Dance**

The Essex American Legion Post 148, 20 S. Marlyn Ave., will be hosting a St. Valentine's Dance on Saturday, Feb. 13, from 7 - 11 p.m. Ticket to include beer, soda, coffee, cheese tray, veggie tray, chips, pretzels and dessert. Music by DJ Jimmy D. For additional information, including ticket availability, contact the Post at 410-686-2353 or Brian at 410-599-4261.

#### **Back River Softball**

Registrations for 2016 Back River Softball will take place on the following dates at the Back River Community Center, 801 Back River Neck Road in Essex: Saturdays, Feb. 13, 20 and 27, and March 5, 12 and 19, from 10 a.m. to noon. Registration for Back River Softball will take place on Friday, Feb. 12, and Thursday, Feb. 18, from 6 - 8 p.m. in the Deep Creek Middle School lobby. Cost is \$50 for ages 4 - 7; all other ages \$75. Bring a copy of child's birth certificate. For additional information, call Karen Rode at 443-823-8748. Volunteers needed for coaching!

#### **Spaghetti and Lasagna Dinner**

Back River United Methodist Church, 544B Back River Neck Road in Essex, will hold its annual spaghetti and lasagna dinner on Saturday, Feb. 20, from 4 - 7 p.m. in the church hall. Cost is \$12 for adults, \$5 for children ages 7 - 12 and free for 6 and under. Call Betty at 410-870-0458 for more info.

#### **Free Home-Cooked Meals**

Essex United Methodist Church, 524 Maryland Ave., will offer free, hot home-cooked meals for anyone in the community every Wednesday from 3:30 -6 p.m. Anyone who wishes to may sit down and eat, no questions asked.

#### **Soup Kitchen**

St. Peter Evangelical Lutheran Church, 7834 Eastern Ave. across from Eastpoint Mall, operates their soup kitchen on the last Saturday of every month from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. For info., call 410-288-0537.



#### **Attention Catholic war veterans**

Catholic War Veterans is looking for veterans to restart the Maryland State Department Catholic War Veterans Post 706 at Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Roman Catholic Church in Essex. The Catholic War Veterans is a veteran service organization (VSO) and overseas service is not a requirement to join the organization. Its mission is to help all veterans and their families.

Membership is open to baptized Catholics, male or female, who have honorably served on active duty for a period of at least 90 days, in the Reserve Component or National Guard, or are currently on active duty in any branch of the U.S. Armed Forces.

Fifteen veterans who are American citizens in good standing in the Catholic Church are needed to restart the post. Catholic War Veterans Post 706 was organized on April 24, 1946, when Our Lady of Mt. Carmel was the only Roman Catholic Church in the Essex-Middle River area. Now, Our Lady of Mt. Carmel is in the center of two other Catholic churches - Saint Claire in Essex and Our Lady Queen of Peace in Middle River. April 24 this year marks the 70th anniversary of the founding of the post.

For many years, the Catholic War Veterans participated in wreath laying ceremonies on the Sunday before Memorial Day at the Catholic War Veterans Post 706 monument in front of Saint Clare Church, at the Essex World War II monument at 525 Eastern Blvd. in Essex and at the Essex Korea-Vietnam monument next to the Essex-Middle River Heritage Museum. For the last several years there has not been Catholic War Veterans representation at these ceremonies.

In addition to the ceremonies, Catholic War Veterans have a unique opportunity to reaffirm their Catholic faith by holding monthly meetings, planning and attending special Sunday masses before Memorial Day and Veterans Day, assisting other veterans and their families, performing special projects in the community and enjoying comradeship among its members. The Catholic War Veterans are a family-oriented organization and wear a light blue Garrison Cap, similar to other veteran organizations, in honor of the blessed Virgin Mary. Annual dues are only \$25.

Membership in the Catholic War Veteran Auxiliary which already exists at Our Lady fo Mt. Carmel Church is open to any baptized Catholic, male or female, who is an American citizen in good standing in the Catholic Church and related to a veteran within two degrees. For more info., call State Commander Gil Barker at 410-299-7283.



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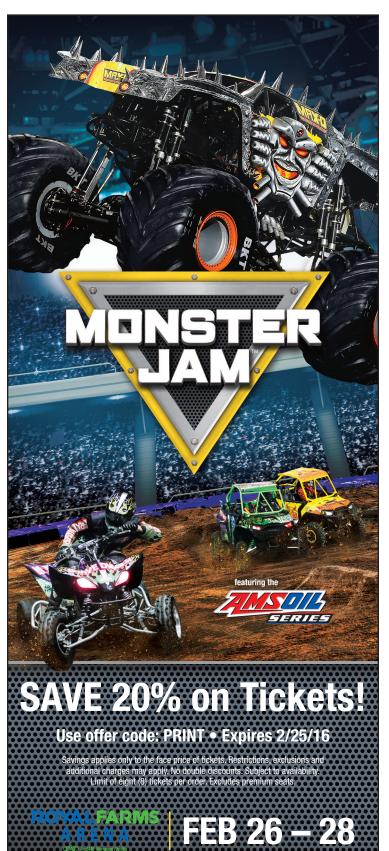
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