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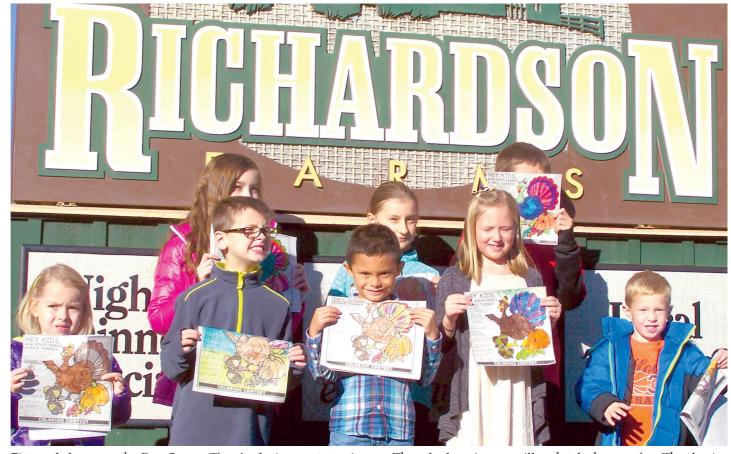
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## Coloring contest turkey winners announced



Pictured above are the East County Times' coloring contest winners. These lucky winners will each take home a free Thanksgiving turkey for their families from Richardson Farms. From left are Tabitha Sammons, age 5; Rhiannon Carper, age 11; David Weis, age 7; Gabe Kent, age 6; Sofia Kotyk, age 9; Norah Ryan, age 7; Brandon Brown, age 11; and Jayden Mullaney, age 5.

#### Bird River RC says rain tax repeal could hinder their goals

- by Devin Crum -

Meeting just one day after the Baltimore County Council voted to phase out and eliminate the county's storm water remediation fee, popularly known as the "rain tax," the Bird River Restoration Campaign (BRRC) aims to put pressure on the council to reinstitute the fee in a "fairer" way.

The BRRC's main concern is that, with the loss of the fee, they lose the funding source for continuing many of the restoration activities that are crucial to restoring the Bird River and its 90 miles of tributaries, as well as potential funding for eventually re-dredging the river.

While no funds from the storm water fee were earmarked for dredging the river, Community Environmental Defense Service consultant and BRRC volunteer Richard Klein said the alternate funding that could have paid for the dredging may now have to be used for the restoration projects.

The Bird River was last dredged in 2001, and the cost to re-dredge it is estimated between \$1.5 million - \$2 million.

Baltimore County has planned to pay for that project by matching state funds with its own for a 50-50 split.

"In order for the county to get [those matching funds], they would have had to go to bonds," Klein argued. "But now the bonds have to be used for the required projects.

'ÍThe U.S. Environmental Protection Agency] does not require Baltimore County to dredge Bird River," he continued. "They do require the county to do other things, so that's why the funds aren't available for the match."

However, Dennis Teegardin, legislative aide to County Council Chairwoman Cathy Bevins, pointed out that the county currently has a \$134 million surplus, along with \$84 million in a "rainy day" fund.

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#### - Article & photo by Patrick Taylor -

Last Wednesday, QRS of Maryland cut the ribbon on a brand new recycling facility in Dundalk. The \$15 million facility is expected to bring 60 full-time jobs at capacity and will recycle plastics for use in bottles, carpet, drainpipes and other products.

"QRS of Maryland brings new jobs, new investment and a steady stream of plastics recycling that will help us all live in a more environmentally friendly way," said County Executive Kevin Kamenetz. "Dundalk's central Mid-Atlantic location, transportation and distribution routes are a perfect fit for the growing domestic plastic recycling business."

Ajoint venture between St. Louis-based QRS Recycling and Canusa-Hershman Recycling, the plant buys recycled plastics from facilities that sort and process curbside recyclable materials and sells off the plastic to manufacturers across the country.

The plant combines technology that for the first time ever will be able to both separate products by resin type and repurpose them into raw materials for new products and packaging. The facility incorporates the latest optical scanning and cleaning equipment and is able to process 4,500 tons of materials every month, nearly double the capacity of what is presently available domestically.

#### **QRS** opens plastic recycling facility in Dundalk

The facility is expected to help divert tens of thousands of tons annually from landfills and help reduce greenhouse gas emissions, according to a study done by the Closed Loop Fund, which makes belowmarket loans for recycling infrastructure.

For the facility, QRS leased 140,000 square feet of space in three buildings on Fischer Road. QRS will operate the plant while Canusa-Hershman buys the materials to be processed there.

"We are often an alternative to landfilling the materials," said Greg Janson, CEO of QRS. "Our newest Plastic Recovery Facility in Baltimore County provides communities and recyclers throughout the northeast and Mid-Atlantic regions with a reliable, domestic processing solution for mixed, post-consumer plastic containers."

The company had originally been looking for space in Pennsylvania and New Jersey along with Maryland before narrowing the search down to Baltimore County. They then spent months looking for space with the right ceiling height and enough power to do the work the plant needs. The whole process took approximately two years before a series of buildings was agreed upon and bought back in January of 2014.

New equipment needed to be brought in for QRS, and is responsible for \$10 million of the money spent.

The location made sense to QRS

considering Baltimore's proximity to highly populated areas in the Northeast, Mid-Atlantic and Southeast. QRS also hopes that the plant will take on recycling loads that have previously been shipped to Asia.

"It's a centralized location and has a great industrial history, and so we found a qualified workforce," Janson said. "We saw an opportunity to provide a consistent domestic solution for this material."

"With this new plant, QRS of Maryland is helping to re-shore the plastic manufacturing business to the United States," added Kamenetz. "With reliable, large quantities of sorted and clean plastic available for reuse, manufacturers can more easily expand product lines."

Those wishing to work at the plant can seek help at the Baltimore County career center located in Eastpoint, according to Will Anderson, Director of the Department of Economic and Workforce Development. Jobs at the plant include shift supervisors, equipment operators, line supervisors and quality-control technicians, according to Janson.



Operations at the recycling plant began last month.



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#### Kamenetz "disrupts" Comptroller visit to Kingsville Elementary

- by Patrick Taylor -

Comptroller Peter Franchot had a scheduled visit to Kingsville Elementary, a school in need of air conditioning, "disrupted" by County Executive Kevin Kamenetz on Thursday morning, as the two went head-to-head on the best way to go about bringing air conditioning to the school.

"In what can only be described as an act of desperation over mounting public frustration with the health and safety conditions in the Baltimore County Public Schools, County Executive Kamenetz showed up at Kingsville Elementary School to disrupt the Comptroller's regularly scheduled tour of classrooms with students, teachers and parents," said Len Foxwell, the comptroller's chief of staff in a post on a Facebook group

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Franchot was scheduled to visit Kingsville and speak with parents and members of the PTA as well as answer questions about getting air conditioning, either by use of portable units or through state funds, to Kingsville Elementary. Kamenetz, who had previously declined an invitation to the school, showed up unannounced and a debate began on the feasibility of using portable units in the school.

The county executive stood by his previously held statements regarding the usage of window units, saying that the electrical grid wouldn't be able to handle portable window units.

When asked for comment on Kamenetz's visit to the school, the *East County Times* 

was directed to a letter Kamenetz wrote back on Oct. 6 where he characterizes the use of window units as a "band aid" and sites the aging electrical grid taxpayer waste as his main concerns with window

Franchot, meanwhile, stood by his stance that window units are not only an acceptable answer for the time being, but that Kingsville Elementary would have air conditioning - in one form or another - in eight months time. He also pointed out other counties where window units have been used.

For those in attendance, the disruption did nothing to clear up the issue at hand and instead left many even more confused than they already were.

"Unfortunately with the surprise visit parents were left frustrated and confused.

They truly contradicted each other," said Angie Feehly, president of the Kingsville Elementary PTA. "My concern is that we do not have the electrical capacity to handle portables."

Feehly noted that while it's a good thing that the school has been moved up the priority list, the school might not actually see air conditioning installed until 2019, adding that portable air conditioning units would make a big difference to students and teachers in the meantime.

To the Comptroller and supporters of bringing window units to Kingsville, the disruption was seen as a bit of a win.

"Please rest assured that the County Executive is feeling the pressure to provide safe and healthy classrooms for Baltimore County's students, teachers and employees," said Foxwell.



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#### Historic cannons at Fort Howard Park removed for restoration

- Article & photo by Devin Crum -

Two World War I-era cannons have stood watch over Fort Howard Park for the last four decades, unwaveringly looking out over the Chesapeake Bay at the mouth of the Patapsco River to protect the North Point Peninsula and the city of Baltimore.

And though those cannons have never strayed from their post, they were standing on their last legs.

But fortunately for both the cannons and the surrounding Fort Howard community, several members of Maryland's Army National Guard (MDANG) arrived at the park on Wednesday, Nov. 18, to temporarily relieve them of their duty and send them off for some much-needed R&R.

The cannons, which were first placed on their posts in Baltimore County-owned Fort Howard Park - directly adjacent to the Veterans Administration-owned Fort

Howard military installation - in 1975, were given little more than the ground they sat on. Though they held up fairly well, 40 years of exposure to the elements took their toll, leading to rusting of the gun metal and decaying of their wooden wheels.

Residents of the surrounding community began to take note of the condition of the cannons and wondered what they could do to restore them to their former glory as a fitting memorial to the history of the peninsula.

Community members spoke to the former supervisor for Fort Howard Park, who was unsure of what direction they were going with the cannons because they did not have the money to restore them, according to Fort Howard Community Association Vice President Scott Pappas, who has been involved in organizing the effort.

The community advertised their idea for restoring



Members of the MDANG loading crew used a boom to carefully lift the cannons onto a trailer for transport to their Havre de Grace armory where the restoration will take place.

the cannons with a booth at the annual Defenders Day festival in the park in September to raise awareness of the issue and funds for the restoration cost.

But the effort did not begin in ernest until Sergeant First Class Leslie Ernest of the Army National Guard, a Dundalk resident, happened to be walking through the park. He noticed the condition of the cannons and immediately contacted the Dundalk-Patapsco Neck







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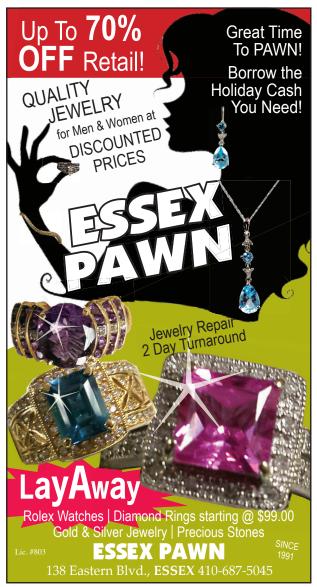
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#### County officially opens Campbell Boulevard extension to traffic

- Article & photo by Devin Crum -

Baltimore County Executive Kevin Kamenetz, along with County Council Chairwoman Cathy Bevins representatives from the Department of Public Works, cut the ribbon on a newly completed section of Campbell Boulevard in Middle River on Tuesday, Nov. 17, formally opening it to traffic.

The nearly one-mile section - officially Phase II of the three-phase extension -

runs from Pulaski Highway to Bird River Road and was begun in spring of 2014. It is now a three-lane roadway including a 220-foot long bridge over White Marsh Run, sidewalks and 3,000 feet of water

The span was completed at a cost of \$6.8 million for engineering, land acquisition and construction.

"It was a lot of hard work and really could not have happened without the good partnership of government and the community," Kamenetz opined.

DPW Director Ed Adams commented that Campbell Boulevard is "one of those roads you always hear about" if you've been around as long as he has, since it has been on the county's books and planned for construction for so long.

"I'll probably be long gone and we'll hopefully get her done about that time," he joked.

However, Kamenetz noted, "We're a little ahead of ourselves because Phase I isn't built yet."

Phase I of the extension will stretch from Philadelphia Road to Pulaski Highway, replacing what is now Mohrs Lane, and will include a reconstructed bridge over the CSX rail lines. It is slated for completion

Phase III, from Bird River Road to MD-43/White Marsh Boulevard, will be

> constructed in conjunction with development along the corridor and does not yet have an established timeline for completion, Adams said.

Nevertheless, Kamenetz said the county is thriving, with communities like White Marsh and Middle River growing "significantly" over the years and becoming home to new businesses and families every day.

"We've seen hundreds of millions invested in this corridor in recent years, along Route 43 particularly," the county executive explained. He added that new businesses along MD-43 alone have brought 1,300 new jobs to the area and touted

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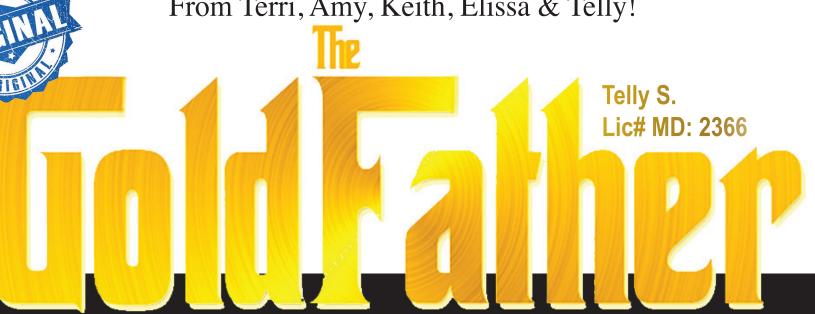
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#### Location for new northeast elementary school announced

- by Patrick Taylor -

Late last Tuesday, Baltimore County Public Schools and Baltimore County government announced the location of a new elementary school to be built in the northeast.

Located north of East Joppa Road and south of the intersection of East Joppa Road and Chapel Hill Road in Perry Hall, the land will be turned over from the County to the Board of Education of Baltimore County. According to Councilman David Marks (R-5), construction on the school will begin in 2017 and it is slated to open in 2018. As of now the cost of construction is unknown.

"The construction of a new northeastern elementary school is my top priority in the Perry Hall area," said Marks. "Building the school at the Joppa Road site does make sense from a geographic standpoint, since it intersects the boundaries of three elementary schools."

Multiple sites were considered for construction of the new school, but ultimately the Joppa Road location was chosen.

"They looked at another site in Perry

Hall but couldn't put a school there due to wetlands," said Marks. "They also looked at the potential impact of future school construction projects."

County Executive Kevin Kamenetz released a statement highlighting the strong partnership between County government and the Baltimore County Public School system. He also highlighted the advantage of building on paid for land.

"We try and identify existing countyowned land or school-owned land that had been banked for future use, so that's our priority," Kamenetz said.

Overcrowding has been a hot-button issue for those in the northeast, and the announcement of a new elementary school is seen as a big win for the community. The need for a new elementary school became even more apparent after an independent review of enrollment projections was recently completed.

"People like what's going on right now," said Superintendent S. Dallas Dance. "We're projecting well over 7,000 [more people] in the next 10 years, so with that the northeast and northwest areas of our county are receiving most of our focus."

The boundary process for the construction and opening of the 700-seat school will start at least one year prior to the opening and will involve the community. Information about a boundary committee and the input sessions will be shared directly with the families and schools that could possibly be impacted by the new school boundary. Meetings and input sessions will be open to the public.

Already there were concerns within the community about a nearby park being impacted by the school, but the County stated that the park will not be affected.

Marks added that he is looking out for the interests of his constituents not only by advocating for the school, but also by making sure the construction takes place in a way that's mindful of those who live in the area.

"I have already had conversations with community leaders and PTA presidents about the site, and will continue to engage them about how to build the school in a manner that is sensitive to surrounding neighborhoods, especially homes along Ryans Way," Marks stated.

Marks hopes that one of the locations that was looked at, the Nottingham Park site, will be used for a new middle school or a new shared middle and high school complex.

"We have very little recreation space left, but we absolutely need to get started on a middle and high school shared use complex like they have in Fallston," Marks continued.

County teachers said a new school in the northeast has been a long time coming. And even with this addition and many others, overcrowding in the county is not expected to level off until after 2023.

"The schools in that whole area, they are overcrowded," said Abby Beytin, president of the Teachers Association of Baltimore County. "It will make things much better for our students and obviously much better for our teachers."

Members of the Baltimore County Board of Education highly praised the decision, with Kathleen Causey saying, "We appreciate the county support for expanding the locations available for schools because we do have increasing enrollment and we do have overcrowding."

Kamenetz stressed that the County has a commitment to great public schools, adding that the school system is one of the reasons that really makes Baltimore County stand out.

"By focusing on our future, we are ensuring the continued success of our students, families and communities," Kamenetz said.





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Teegardin also noted that the amount of money collected by the storm water fee currently sits in a pot totalling more than \$50 million of unspent funds for storm water projects.

And the county has asked the state for the matching funds for dredging, but the state has not yet allocated them.

Teegardin contended that all of the storm water projects will still move forward, "like they did prior to the fee ever being instituted," he said. "We have plenty of funds coming in for storm water remediation projects.

He theorized that the county could use bonds to pay for remediation projects, but reiterated that they have the \$50 million available specifically for them. "So we don't forsee any issue, as long as the state would allocate those funds, for dredging the Bird River," he said, adding that eliminating the storm water fee will have no impact on when the river would be dredged because the county still has to maintain the same amount of money for storm water remediation projects.

One attendee of the Nov. 17 meeting asked, however, why the county needs to partner with the state for the project if they already have all of this money. To that, Teegardin said it was a "very good question" that would need to be answered by the administration, and one that he would take back to Councilwoman Bevins.

Another attendee wondered why it is so important to dredge the Bird River at

all, and Teegardin responded that those who live on the river pay higher taxes for their waterfront properties, so they expect to be able to do certain things like using their boats or kayaks without getting stuck.

"Currently it's very difficult to navigate the Bird River without getting stuck in the muck," Teegardin explained. "So we want to make sure that they are getting the best bang for their buck.

"It's also healthy to get that silt and sediment out of there." he added.

He also clarified that the county runs a \$3 billion budget to which everyone contributes, and storm water remediation projects are being done all around the county - not just for the Bird River.

The remediation projects happening in the Bird River watershed also help to prevent further build-up of sediments in the river.

Klein said, though, that no matter what political footballs are being thrown around, the public needs to pressure the county government to do what is "right" and restore the fee in a way that is fairer to businesses, as well as the non-profits that would have been unduly harmed by the former fee.

Klein noted that the county had decreased its number of sediment control inspectors from seven to four in 2014, which he said was "absurd" because Anne Arundel County has 14 inspectors.

These county employees inspect construction sites to make sure they are following all the regulations for soil stabilization during construction so mass amounts of sediment do not wash into waterways during rain storms.

He then pointed out that Baltimore County restored their inspectors back to seven after seeing the results of the first Greater Baltimore Survey, which showed that only about 30 percent of construction sites in the county were compliant with the sediment control regulations.

"That's what public attention can do for keeping an environmental program healthy," Klein commented.

He also opined that the county has done a poor job of responsible growth management, specifically regarding schools and traffic.

"The more successful we are in generating public support for the Council and the administration to do the right thing in funding all of the things we would like to see happen... the more likely it is that the river will be dredged in the near future and the more likely it is that stream restoration will occur," he concluded.





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the anticipated opening of Greenleigh at Crossroads, a \$100 million, 200-acre mixed-use community on MD-43.

More than 2,500 high-quality jobs at 60 companies are located in the area, Kamenetz continued, which makes the extension of Campbell Boulevard "all the more necessary."

The full three-phase extension will result in a three-mile connection from

Philadelphia Road to White Marsh Boulevard and include three bridges, as well as a half-mile of water line.

"When all three phases are complete, it really is going to improve our infrastructure, relieve traffic congestion and enhance traffic safety," Kamenetz commented.

Although the weather last Tuesday was sunny and clear, the county executive capped off the ceremony by driving the length of the new section in a snow plow

to see if the road bed could handle the weight of the plow.

"And then we'll find out exactly how good of a job you guys did on this road,"

he said, jovially addressing the DPW employees present. "So we're trusting you guys here."



Ryan Van Pelt with American Infrastructure (left) joined County Executive Kevin Kamenetz, Councilwoman Cathy Bevins and DPW Director Ed Adams to open the new highway.

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#### CANNONS

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Historical Society looking for someone who could direct him on where to go to do something about it.

"I just happened to be a concerned citizen walking through and didn't like what I saw," Ernest explained, noting that he just wants to get the cannons back and restored for the community.

Pappas and FHCA Secretary Treasurer Kathy Labuda agreed that it was really Ernest who got the wheels turning for the project.

The effort now has commitments from MDANG to restore the metal of the guns, and the community is working with a local carpenter, Chesapeake Woodworking located on Kresson Street in Baltimore, to restore the wooden wheels according to Army standards. Although MDANĞ is performing the labor for their portion free of charge, the community is still fundraising to cover the cost of materials for both portions, as well as the labor cost for the wheels. They are also seeking to install concrete pads for the cannons to sit on so that they are not just on the ground.

"It's a cooperative effort," said Labuda. "And everyone I've spoken to so far is excited about it."

Pappas revealed that they are looking to raise a total of \$15,000 - \$20,000 in cash or in-kind donations to cover the project's costs.

While the military still owns the 1906-model cannons, they had to get approval from Baltimore County to enter the park and move them. However, Pappas noted that that approval was quite speedy, having come in only about a week.

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And Mike Jankiewicz, Fort Howard Park supervisor for the county's Department of Recreation and Parks, has been overseeing the project from their end. "I just can't believe the cannons are still in the exact same place" for 40 years, he commented.

MDANG and the FHCA are hoping to have the restoration complete in four to five months, with a rededication to take place in the spring.

And in keeping with the theme of the project's name, "Keeping the promise for another 100 years," the FHCA is doing extensive documentation of the entire process so that if it needs to be done again in the next century, the public will know just how to go about it, according to Labuda.

Ernest opined that the restoration will be a good thing for the community, and good PR for MDANG, although he revealed that he is actually retiring from the National Guard on Nov. 30.

But I'm going to see the project through," he said. He'll be able to oversee the project from his nearby home in

The full video of MDANG's pickup of the cannons will be posted on the FHCA's website at <u>forthoward.org</u>. And anyone interested in following or donating to the project can do so through the website or by contacting Kathy Labuda at



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#### **OBITUARIES**

#### Johnson, Kenneth "Yogi"



On Nov. 17, Kenneth Robert "Yogi" Johnson, 80, beloved husband of the late Mary Gertrude Johnson (nee Guercio); devoted father of Mary A. Hall and her husband Robert; loving grand-

father of Amber Olsen and Bobby Hall.

Visitation and funeral services were held at the Bruzdzinski Funeral Home P.A., of Essex on Nov. 23 and 24, respectively. Interment Cedar Hill Cemetery.

#### Trott, Linda L.

On Nov. 17, Linda L. Trott (nee Stallard), beloved wife of the late Norman Lee Trott. Sr.; devoted mother of Lelia A. Stallard and her companion Tony Sigai, Sheila M. Lates and her husband David and Norman Lee Trott, Jr. and his wife Lisa; loving daughter of Elma Christine Stallard and the late Raymond Stallard; dear sister of the late Belinda Feather and Ronald Stallard; loving grandmother of Brandon Neth, Bradley Lates, Ryan Trott, Megan and Tiffany Packer and Taylor Sigai; great-grandmother of Isaiah Alias, Ryleigh Neth, Madelyn Wall and Isabella Martin.

Visitation and a funeral service was held at the Connelly Funeral Home of Essex on Nov. 22 and 23, respectively. Interment Sacred Heart of Jesus Cemetery.

#### Bartosz, Edward J., Sr.

On Nov. 9, Edward John Bartosz, Sr.; beloved husband of the late Stella F. Bartosz (nee Kucharczyk); devoted father of Elizabeth Bartosz, Carolyn A. Demski and husband William, Edward J. Bartosz, Jr. and his wife Patricia, Joseph L. Bartosz and wife Nancy, Robin P. Bartosz and the late Mary Jane Bartosz; dear grandfather of Amy, Lisa, Lelanie, Jenna, Patsy and Katie; great-grandfather of Eric, Emily and Stella. Also survived by a host of nephews, nieces and cousins.

Visitation was held at the Cvach/Rosedale Funeral Home on Nov. 12. A mass of Christian burial was celebrated at St. Clement Church on Nov. 13. Interment Holy Rosary Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, make donations to St. Clement Church, 1212 Chesaco Ave., Rosedale, MD 21237.

#### Cook, Jerry B.

On Nov. 16, Jerry B. Cook, beloved husband of Jane A. Cook (nee Kardash); devoted father of Lindsay L. Cook and Elizabeth L. Cook; loving grandfather of Travis J. and Ayden M. Cook; loving brother of Wilma J. Cook and her husband J. Ralph, James D. Cook and his wife Irene, Marylou Cudan and Randall F. Cook and his wife Donna. Also survived by many loving family members.

Visitation and a funeral service were held at the Connelly Funeral Home of Essex. Interment Holly Hill Memorial Gardens.

#### Bailey, Mildred M.



On Nov. 16, Mildred "Marie" Bailey, 93, of Middle River passed away at Seasons Hospice & Palliative Care Center at Franklin Square.

Mildred worked at Crown Cork and Seal during the war years when she moved to Baltimore from Webster Springs, W.Va. She also worked at Beta Shoe Company in Belcamp, Md., in the mid-seventies. She enjoyed gardening, crocheting, quilting, jigsaw puzzles in the winter, word find puzzles and reading a good book. She was a woman strong of mind and soul and a supportive, loving wife, mother, grandmother and sister.

She is survived by children John G. Curry and wife Carolyn, Lynn Lewis and Charles L. Bailey and wife Sherri; loving grandchildren John G. Curry, Jr., Michelle Curry, Jason Lewis, Jennifer Lewis, Tiffany Opert and Charles Bailey, Jr. as well as many great grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband of 51 years, Cyrus Leon Bailey.

Visitation and a funeral service were held at the Connelly Funeral Home of Essex on Nov. 19 and 20, respectively. Interment Holly Hill Memorial Gardens.

#### Maddox, Walter L.

On Nov. 17, Walter Lee Maddox, 87, beloved companion for the last 29 years of Betty Cohea; devoted father of Terry Jones and her husband Bryan, Bonnie Lambdin and her husband William, Larry Maddox and his wife Sharon and the late John Maddox; dear grandfather of William Lambdin, Jr., Jodie Lambdin, Rachael Maddox, Steven Maddox, Ashley Maddox, Joshua Maddox and Samantha Maddox; great-grandfather of Olivia Maddox.

Visitation and funeral services were held at the Bruzdzinski Funeral Home P.A. of Essex on Nov. 19 and 20, respectively. Interment Ebenezer United Methodist Church Cemetery.

#### Spilman, Magdalen M.

On Nov. 10, Magdalen Margaret Spilman (nee Knapp), beloved wife of the late James L. Spilman; devoted mother of Patricia L. Whittaker and her late husband Hal, Rebecca A. Bach and husband Gary, Marie A. Chapman and husband Kenneth and the late Rose M. Rutter; dear sister of George E. Knapp; dear grandmother of Greg, Jr. and Matt Criscuolo.

Visitation was held at the Cvach/Rosedale Funeral Home on Nov. 15. A mass of Christian burial was celebrated at the Church of the Annunciation on Nov. 16. Interment Holly Hill Memorial Gardens.

#### Habicht, Frederick, Jr.

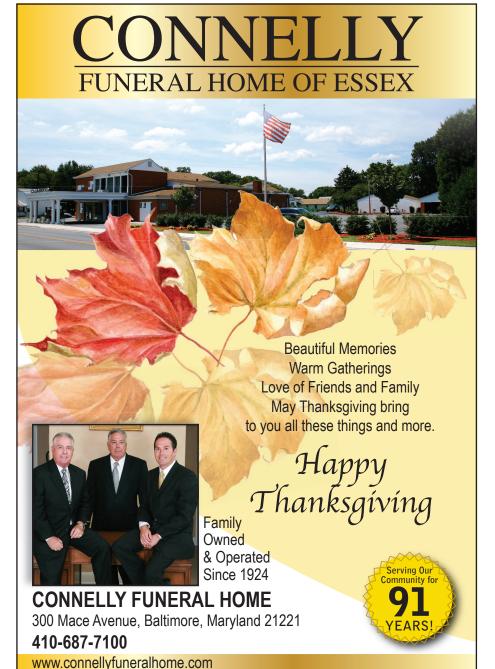
On Nov. 19, Frederick Herman Habicht, Jr., 73; beloved husband of Yetive Habicht (nee Hull); loving father of Ethan Habicht and his wife Gloria; cherished grandfather of Paul Habicht.

Visitation was held at the Bruzdzinski Funeral Home P.A. of Essex on Nov. 22. A funeral service was held on Nov. 23 at St. Matthew Lutheran Church. Interment Holly Hill Memorial Gardens. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made in Mr. Habicht's name to either St. Matthew Lutheran Church, 3620 Red Rose Farm Road, Middle River, MD 21220 or The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society, 1311 Mamaroneck Avenue, Suite 310, White Plains, NY 10605.

#### Horney, Harry F. III

On Nov. 19, Harry F. Horney III, devoted husband of Teresa Horney (nee Leap); beloved father of Harry Horney IV and Jerry Horney; loving son of Mamie and the late Harry Horney, Jr.; dear brother of Nancy Good, Susan Kohajda and Sharon Horney; loving son-in-law of the late Jerome and Carletta Leap; cherished brother-in-law of Rose Chaney and the late John Leap. Also survived by many nieces and nephews.

Visitation and services were held at the Connelly Funeral Home of Essex on Nov. 23 and 24, respectively. Entombment Holly Hill Memorial Cemetery.





#### Kent, Robert N.

On Nov. 16, Robert N. Kent, beloved husband of Mildred M. Kent (nee Hostler); devoted father of Bobby R. Kent, Robin M. Dalton and her husband Ricky and Penny F. Tucker and her significant other Michael "Doodle" Miller; dear brother of Hazel Kent; loving grandfather of Derick N. Donahue, Travis R., Ryan M. and Jessie D. Kent, Randi L. and Casey M. Dalton and Stephen R., Daniel "Drew" A. and Brent M. Tucker. Also survived by eight great-grandchildren.

Visitation and a memorial service were held at the Connelly Funeral Home of Essex on Nov. 20.

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#### Middle River Lighted Boat Parade

Wilson Point Park, 950 Beech Drive in Middle River, is the perfect viewing area to see the Middle River Parade of Lighted Boats and will be open to the public at 5 p.m. on Nov. 28. The parade will begin at 6 p.m. Santa will arrive via fire truck from the Middle River Volunteer Fire Department to greet all the children. Boats will circle Martin Lagoon twice, pass by Carson's Creekside Inn, head to Frog Mortar Creek, turning around near Sunset Cove, and head back up the river to Hopkins Creek, stopping near River Watch and Crazy Tuna. For more information, call Pat Williford at 410-686-3909.

#### **Toys Wanted**

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#### **Christmas Family Concert**

On Sunday, Dec. 6, St. Matthew Lutheran Church, 3620 Red Rose Farm Road in Middle River, will host a program of "Pops" music with organist Mark Hurley beginning at 3 p.m. An ice cream social will be held after the concert; the event will benefit our mission trip to Ecuador in 2016.





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#### **ECRC Meeting**

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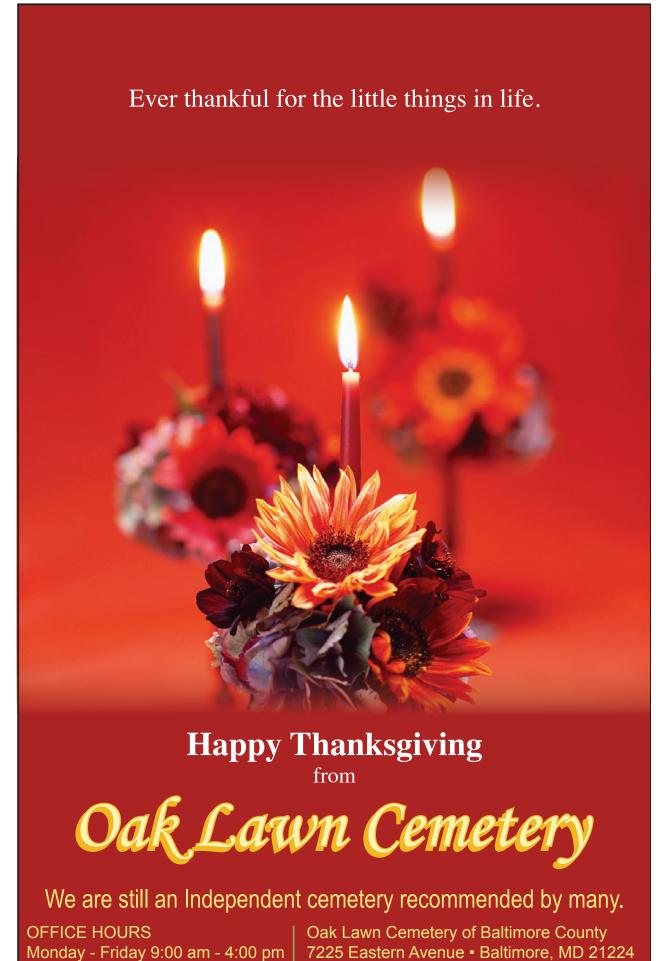
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#### Free Holiday Dinner

On Saturday, Dec. 5, from 1:30 - 3:30 p.m., Middle River Baptist Church, 610 Middle River Road, will hold a free holiday dinner for our neighbors in need. On the menu will be roast beef, mashed potatoes, gravy, corn, green beans, rolls and desserts. Vans will pick up at the Eastern Family Resource Center at 1:15 p.m., and the Clothes Closet will be open. For more information, call 410-686-8810.



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While winter can test people's patience, it also can be harsh on cars and trucks. Understanding what components of a vehicle can be compromised by dropping temperatures and snowy roads can help drivers take action to safeguard their automotive investments.

While the Canadian Automobile Association notes that winter can wreak havoc on just about every part of a vehicle, there are some parts that seem to bear the brunt of Old Man Winter's abuse. Properly servicing and caring for a car or truck can help.

Drivers should take their vehicles for a tuneup and inspection before wintry weather arrives. A mechanic will examine the car battery and check antifreeze levels and make sure that the thermostat, defroster, brakes, and even wiper blades are working effectively. Have the tires inspected for adequate tread, which can make navigating roads safer. If the treads are worn, replace the tires.

In addition to visiting their mechanics, drivers can perform some inspections and fixes themselves.

· Check that all of the vehicle's lights are operational so your car can be easily seen during inclement weather. Exchange your existing windshield washer fluid with one that will not freeze in cold conditions. Check the nozzles on the windshield-washer system routinely and clear out any blockages of ice or debris. While addressing windshield washer fluid, also replace worn out windshield wiper blades with ones that can withstand snow and icy weather.

· A new coating of wax can serve as a shield against road salt, snow, sleet, and rain. Try a polymer wax to protect the paint. Whenever possible, rinse off salt and grime so it does not dry on the car and gradually wear away at the paint. Some drivers mistakenly believe that salt stops being a problem once it dries simply because moisture is the active ingredient for a corrosive reaction. But humidity in the air is enough to keep the salt eating away at the car's paint, and that can contribute to rust. Be sure to rinse off the undercarriage of the vehicle as well.

· Have your tires' alignment checked toward the end of winter or early spring. A season of traveling over pothole-ridden roads or hitting curbs buried under snow drifts can affect the alignment. Get everything back on track. Similarly, inspect tires routinely, as weather changes can affect tire pressure and strength.

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· Use a soft snow brush or a foam brush to clear snow off of the car. Avoid hard plastic scrapers you might use on your windshield, as they can scratch painted surfaces.

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According to the National Safety Council®, traffic death rates are three times greater at night than during the day, and the anxiety many drivers feel when behind the wheel at night no doubt contributes to nighttime driving fatalities. But drivers who take steps to enhance their nighttime visibility may feel more comfortable driving at night, making the roads safer for themselves, their passengers and their fellow motorists.

· Turn your headlights on earlier. Daytime running lights can make it easier for drivers to be seen during the day, but they are not designed for nighttime driving. If you find yourself struggling to see as evening transitions into nighttime, turn your headlights on earlier or use your car's automatic switch setting if it has one.

· Prioritize headlight maintenance. Headlight maintenance is often overlooked, but properly maintained headlights can go a long way toward improving driver visibility at night. Check your headlight bulbs. If they are more than three years old or dimming, it would be a good idea to replace them to ensure the best performance. Headlamp clouding is also an issue. Plastic headlamp lenses, which are common on most vehicles, grow hazed and yellowed over time from the effects of sunlight, ozone, road pollution, and wash chemicals. While many motorists accept this as inevitable wear and tear, clouding reduces headlight output and compromises nighttime visibility. Designed to restore plastic lenses in less than 30 minutes, the Philips Headlight Restoration Kit quickly and effectively combats clouding on headlights as well as taillights, turn signals and reflective lens covers, improving driver visibility while also making cars more visible to other drivers. In addition, the Philips Headlight Restoration Kit employs a protective UV coating that produces longer lens clarity while preventing future clouding for up to two years.

· Take steps to fight fatigue. The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration estimates that driver fatigue contributes to 100,000 reported traffic accidents each year. Drowsiness is a concern for any motorist driving at night for long periods of time, as heavy eyes can make drivers less alert and less likely to see fellow motorists, pedestrians or animals. When driving at night for long periods of time, take periodic breaks so you can get out of the car and revive yourself with a quick walk and some fresh air. In addition, avoid smoking while driving, as the NSC notes that the nicotine and carbon monoxide from tobacco smoke can further compromise

Upgrade your headlights. According to a recent study from the automotive club AAA, the halogen headlights found in more than 80 percent of vehicles on the road today fail to safely illuminate unlit roadways, even when vehicles are moving at speeds as low as 40 miles per hour. The solution for this problem is simple: Put more light on the road. There is new bulb technology available to help you do just that. Philips Upgrade Headlight Bulbs can deliver up to 100 percent more light on the road than standard halogen bulbs. They also create a better beam pattern for the drive, greatly improving nighttime visibility.





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· Make a lower down payment. Low monthly payments make leases very attractive to many drivers, but the low payments highlighted in advertisements can overshadow the often significant initial down payments required when signing a lease agreement. Those down payments, which can be several thousand dollars, make the low monthly payments possible. But drivers may want to make a lower down payment and accept higher monthly payments, as doing so offers more of a safety net should the car be stolen or wrecked. When a car is stolen or wrecked, lessees likely won't get a refund on their down payments. By accepting

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a higher monthly payment, drivers are protecting themselves against theft or vehicle damage.

· Purchase gap insurance. Gap insurance protects lessees should their vehicles be stolen or wrecked before the leases expire. Insurance company payouts may cover the value of the car if it is stolen or wrecked, but that figure may not equal what lessees still owe per the terms of the lease. In such instances, drivers have to come up with the difference on their own, unless they have gap insurance. Some lease contracts include gap insurance, while others do not. Confirm if your contract does before signing your lease, and purchase gap insurance coverage if

Prioritize maintenance. While allowing a car to fall into disrepair is never a good idea, it's an especially poor decision if you are leasing a vehicle. Normal wear and tear may not incur any fees when you return the car once your lease expires, but damage or excessive wear and tear could cost you once you hand the keys back. Many leasing companies will assess the vehicle for lessees in the months or weeks before the vehicle is slated to return, giving drivers time to fix any issues before the lease expires. Take advantage of this option and be sure

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to address each issue mentioned in the inspection report. Failing to do so could cost you a substantial amount of money.

· Don't let your lease overstay its welcome. Especially lengthy leasing agreements could negate any savings drivers get through leasing. Lease terms that are 36 months or less are most beneficial to drivers, as new vehicles likely won't encounter any significant maintenance issues during that period, and any issues that do arise will likely be covered by the manufacturer's warranty.

Leasing a vehicle is a great option for many motorists, and there are several ways drivers can make leasing even more beneficial to their bottom lines.

#### The many benefits of automotive roof racks

Today's auto manufacturers understand that maximized cargo space is a feature many buyers want in their new vehicles. But even the most spacious car or SUV may not always provide the right amount of space drivers need to haul large items. In such instances, roof racks are an asset, especially to avid travelers

#### Did you know?

A vehicle identification number, or VIN, is more than just a unique code that distinguishes a car from other vehicles. The VIN can actually tell drivers things about the car as well. By examining the VIN, a driver can learn where his or her car was assembled, the model year of the vehicle, the manufacturer of the vehicle and even the model of the vehicle. How to read a VIN is not something drivers learn in educational courses, so those who want to learn how to decode their VIN can contact the manufacturer of their vehicles. Understanding how to read a VIN can help car buyers determine if the car they are buying is stolen or if the seller is attempting to mislead them in another way. In addition, when drivers have the correct VIN number for a vehicle, they can use that to gain access to a vehicle history report on the car or truck. Such reports will indicate the vehicle's ownership and accident history, further protecting buyers from purchasing a lemon or stolen vehicle.

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Roof racks benefit travelers and everyday motorists in numerous ways. Racks make it easy to transport cargo that does not fit the shape or size of a car trunk or cargo area of an SUV. Also, roof racks enable drivers to free up interior space and keep sight lines open, contributing to driver safety.

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Roof racks are sold in a variety of styles and applications. Roof boxes and bags also can be purchased, if you have items that need to be protected from the elements. Many auto manufacturers offer roof racks as an option on new vehicles, or they can be installed after-market by a qualified professional.







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#### Stabbing at Dundalk **Burger King** leaves woman injured

At 8:40 a.m. on Nov. 22, Baltimore County Police responded to a Burger King restaurant in the 4000-block of North Point Boulevard in Dundalk.

The victim, a woman in her 30s, became involved in a verbal altercation inside the Burger King with at least one other woman, also in her 30s, with whom she was acquainted. The ensuing altercation resulted in the suspect stabbing the victim at least once and fleeing in an unknown direction.

The victim was transported to an area hospital and is expected to survive.

This crime continues to be investigated by officers of Precinct 12.

Anyone with information on this incident is asked to call police at 410-887-7320.

#### **Police looking for** Parkville robbery suspect

The Baltimore County Police Department is seeking the public's assistance in identifying the suspect responsible for the robbery of a Parkville Baskin Robbins on Nov. 11.

Just before 8:30 p.m. on Nov. 11, the suspect entered a Baskin Robbins store in the 2300-block of East Joppa Road in Parkville. He grabbed an employee and pressed something against her side that she thought was a gun.

The suspect then took the employee to a register and told her to open it or he would shoot her. He took money from the register and fled the store.

The suspect is described as a 35 to 40-year-old African American male, 6'0", 160 pounds, with missing teeth. He had been wearing a blue hooded Nike sweatshirt with a blue logo and jeans.

This incident is under investigation by the Baltimore County Police Department Robbery Unit.

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

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

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

You can remain anonymous.





#### Simple rules to avoid a Thanksgiving cooking fire

The kitchen is the heart of every home and safety must be the first recipe to follow when preparing the family feast. On Thanksgiving Day a lot of activities are occurring with friends and family in the home. "Holidays are a time of celebration. Please follow these simple guidelines to ensure a fire safe Thanksgiving Day meal," states Maryland State Fire Marshal Brian S. Geraci

- Make sure your smoke alarms are working properly by testing them. Additionally, ensure your guests are aware of all available exits if a fire would occur and have them meet at a designated location outside.
- \* The leading cause of fires in the kitchen is unattended cooking. Stay in the kitchen when you are cooking on the stovetop so you can keep an eye on the food.
- Establish a three foot, "Kids & Pets Free Zone" around any area where hot foods or drinks are prepared. Have activities that keep kids out of the kitchen during this busy time. Provide games, puzzles, books, etc. outside of the kitchen to keep them busy. Kids can also be involved with preparations with recipes that can be made outside of the kitchen area. Just in case, ensure you turn handles inward on the stove and countertop to avoid spills.
- Keep a lid nearby when you are cooking to smother small grease fires. Smother the fire by sliding the lid over the pan and turn off the burner, and then leave the pan covered until it has cooled.
- \* Keep anything combustible oven mitts, wooden utensils, food packaging, towels, etc. - away from the stovetop.
- \* Eliminate clutter in the kitchen. A clean work area allows for better efficiency and less chances for mishaps.
- \* Keep matches and lighters out of reach of curious children's hands.
- \* Do not leave lit candles unattended or in places where they could be knocked over by children or

#### **Turkey Fryer Safety**

- \* Many turkey fryer appliances can be easily tipped over, allowing for hot oil spillage. Ensure you place them on a hard, level and non-combustible out-
- \* Do not place a turkey fryer under an overhang or temporary roof. A flare up can easily ignite materials above the appliance.
- \* Partially frozen turkeys can cause a spill over and result in a flare-up. Thoroughly thaw the turkey before cooking.



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- \* Turn off the burner before placing the turkey in the container. Re-ignite the burner after you are sure it is safe to do so.
- Constantly monitor the temperature of the oil. It can easily reach temperatures to the point of combus-
- \* Be careful not to overfill the fryer. Follow manufacturer's guidelines for proper filling levels.
- \* The handles and lid will get dangerously hot. Use well insulated potholders or oven mitts.
- Never leave the fryer unattended while cooking. Keep an all-purpose (ABC) fire extinguisher on hand. Do not use water in an attempt to extinguish a grease fire.

#### Two injured after fleeing traffic stop in White Marsh

Two men were injured early in the morning on Nov. 18 when the car they were in crashed in Baltimore after they fled a traffic stop on I-95.

The driver is identified as Antonio L. Albright, Jr., 22, of Baltimore. His passenger is identified as Avery Walton, Jr., 23, of Baltimore. Both were transported to Johns Hopkins Hospital for treatment. Just after midnight, a trooper from the JFK Highway Barrack stopped a 2001 Acura passenger car for traffic violations on I-95 south near White Marsh. As the trooper approached on foot the driver sped away.

The trooper attempted to pursue, but was some distance away from the vehicle. He was able to see the taillights of the car in the distance.

The Acura continued onto I-895 and then took the Moravia Road exit, at which time troopers ended their attempt to catch up to the vehicle. They did continue on in the direction the vehicle was heading.

Troopers found the Acura had struck a tree at the intersection of Moravia Road and Walther Avenue. Baltimore Police Department officers responded to investigate the crash.





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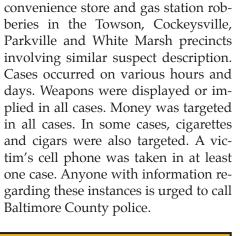
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#### **Current crime trends**

Since Nov. 5, there have been five convenience store, gas station and food business robberies in the Parkville and White Marsh precincts believed to have been committed by the same suspect. Cases occurred in late night into morning hours on a Thursday, Friday and Monday. The suspect displayed or implied a weapon and demanded money from the registers. In two cases, the suspect left the location without property.

Since Oct. 14, there have been 14

convenience store and gas station rob-







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#### Shop with a Cop program looks to spread holiday cheer to children in need

- by Patrick Taylor -

Over a decade ago, Officer Mike Schmitz started the Shop with a Cop program in Baltimore County as a way to help children in need celebrate Christmas. The program sees approximately 100 officers match up with children and go on a shopping spree at the Cockeysville Walmart store on York Road.

While Schmitz has retired, the program lives on through Officer Natalie Bahksh, who is based out of the Essex

"I just think it's great to help the less fortunate people with the spirit of Christmas, and also it helps strengthen police relationships within the community," Bahksh said.

This year on Dec. 13, 110 children will participate in the event with 100 officers from all over the county. Each child receives a \$100 gift card and is able to buy what they like. The event is the largest in the state.

"It's a scary time to be a cop," Bahksh admitted. "With relations as they are between the cop and civilian world, we need all the help we can get and programs like this really help to tighten that bond."

Over the year, multiple Optimists clubs have been raising money for the Shop with a Cop program. Members of the Optimists will be on hand to greet the children and holiday music will be provided by Dulaney High School students.

After the officers and children get done shopping, they'll head over to the Outback Steakhouse restaurant in Hunt Valley for a special breakfast.

The event is one that touches both officers and children, as well as those who just so happen to be shopping. It's not unusual for a passerby to get in on the act and donate a little extra money at the Walmart.

"I've had the occurrence where I was at the register with a child and the guy in front of me, who had just checked out, decided he wanted to pay for the gifts," said Bahksh. "He didn't want any praise and wanted to be left anonymous. He just wanted to help."

It's also not uncommon for officers to provide extra money from their own pockets should the gifts run a bit over the allotted amount. There have also been plenty of instances of children helping out other children with money left on their cards.

To help the Shop with a Cop program, donations can be sent to the Hereford Optimists club. Be sure to put "SWC" on the donation.



#### **Eastpoint Gold and** Silver buys more than just bling

- By Emily Blackner -

Stepping into Eastpoint Gold and Silver is a little bit like going to a museum, with all the objects of area history on display. The main difference is, the pieces in Donald Strathy's store are for sale.

Strathy has been in the pawn business for over 30 years, and he's managed to build up quite a collection, and a great reputation, by buying a wide variety of items.

"We buy everything and anything. We'll buy antiques. So we are a little bit more diversified than other shops in the area," Strathy said.

Eastpoint Gold and Silver gets business from walk-ins looking to sell or purchase items, but also from estates, foreclosures, clean outs, downsizes and more. Anytime people are cleaning out a basement, attic or other area of the house, they can bring items in to Strathy and he will look up the value and make an offer.

"Whether it's worth \$10,000 or \$10, I want it," he asserted.

Over the years, he's managed to collect a variety of items that are deeply rooted in Baltimore and Baltimore County history. He has items from John Waters and his friend Divine, Masonic



Donald Strathy at Eastpoint Gold and Silver has collected many antiques and objects of area history during his 38 years in the business.

artifacts, mementos of Bethlehem Steel, posters from Essex-area clubs of the 1980s, old toys, bottles from the old Essex pharmacies, Dundalk High School wrestling trophies and much more.

Strathy also offers loans on diamonds, gold and silver for those who need a little extra cash.

Eastpoint moved into their current building eight years ago; before that, they were at the farmer's market on Route 40.

The current location at 7838 Eastern Avenue, right across from Eastpoint Mall, provides a good stream of customers, Strathy said.

We get people from all different areas, from the city and the county and a lot of different communities," including Essex, Chase, Colgate and more.

The shop is open from 10 a.m. - 6 p.m. Monday through Saturday and closed Sundays.

#### **Total Athlete Nutrition celebrates** grand opening

Total Athlete Nutrition opened on Saturday, Nov. 14, at 8652 Pulaski Highway, Suite C-1, in Rosedale. Pictured left to right are: Sharon Kihn, executive director of the Chesapeake Gateway Chamber of Commerce; Jennifer Ronzitti, co-owner of Total Athlete Nutrition Center, Columbia location (opening in December); Melvin Guthrie, co-owner of Total Athlete Nutrition Center, Rosedale location; Tyler Handley, owner/president of Total Athlete Nutrition Center; Julie Gaynor, teacher at Baltimore County Public Schools and board member of Chesapeake Gateway



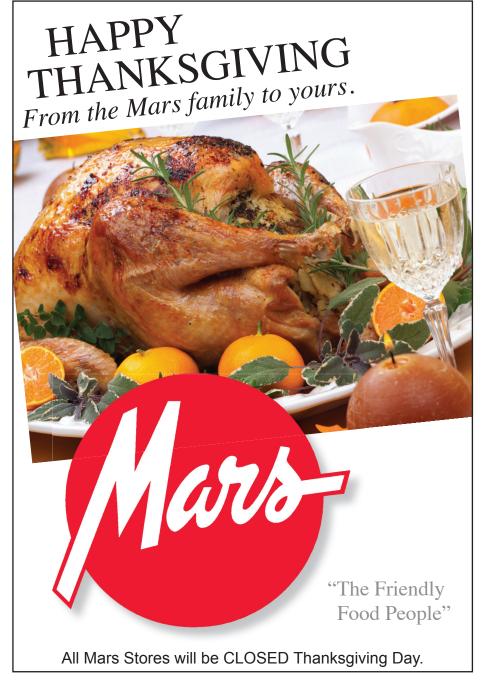
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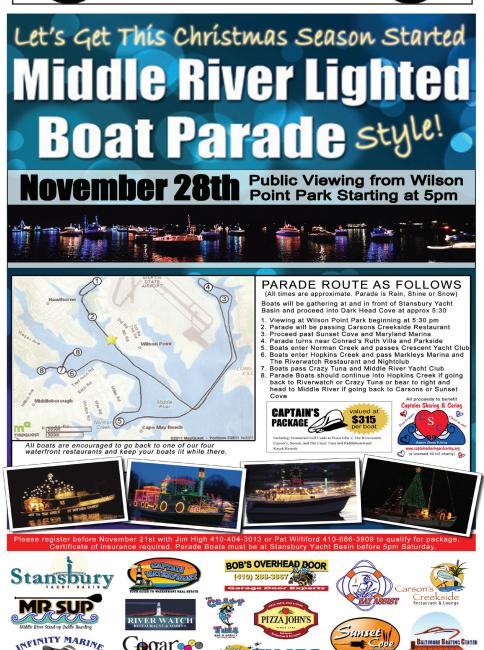


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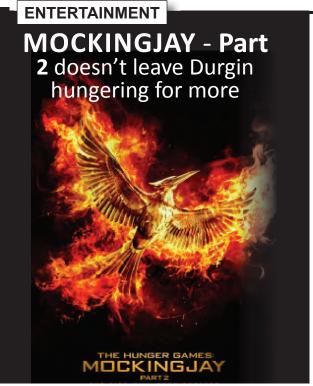
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- by Teddy Durgin -

With all apologies to fans of author Suzanne Collins, to the loyal acolytes of Katniss Everdeen and Peeta Mellark and Haymitch Abernathy, and to those wannabe denizens of Panem and District 12... I just can't give a positive review to "The Hunger Games: Mockingjay - Part 2." I just didn't like it. And I was a guy who bought into the first two movies, which I thought set the table well for what should have been a gripping, dramatically satisfying conclusion. Yes, I realize the filmmakers are hamstrung here, having to adapt a global best-selling book whose core fans would brain them if they changed even one of the story elements. But, man, what a bleak, grim, tiring final send-off this is!

First of all, "Mockingjay" should never have been split into two movies. It was just a bad creative decision that was made in the wake of the final "Harry Potter" and "Twilight" movies being split into two for creative reasons... creative meaning cash, of course. Lots of cash.





"Mockingjay - Part 1" was a half-film. It was all setup. "Part 2" should have been all pay-off then, right? But it's not.

Katniss (Jennifer Lawrence) once again spends nearly an entire film as a reluctant revolutionary, looking alternately pained, conflicted, burdened and... eh, a bit bored, too. Once again, she is not allowed to step up, take charge and lead a rebellion. She remains a pawn, a figurehead, a PR plaything of resistance leader President Coin (Julianne Moore). In the last film, she was left behind on the sidelines while a big mission was mounted to try and save her beloved, brainwashed Peeta (Josh Hutcherson). Here, she and her platoon are sent on a mission (inexplicably with the brainwashed Peeta) not to bring about the conquest of The Capitol, but to film propaganda - of Katniss performing feats of "bravery" in areas the rebel army have already fought and secured. Secretly, she hopes to get close enough to the evil President Snow (Donald Sutherland) to assassinate him. But even when she does get close late in the film, she's rendered unconscious and wakes up when all of the major conflict has passed.

The film wants so bad to be the heady, heavy antiblockbuster that it denies its audience pretty much all pleasure. I've slogged hours - HOURS - with this story. And, yes, maybe this is indeed the movie our current bleak times deserve. But as "Star Wars" and "Lord of the Rings" and "Harry Potter" have proven before, it's OK to deliver triumph in trilogy form amid great personal cost to the main protagonist and still deliver entertainment.

I will say the last 15 or so minutes of "Mockingjay - Part 2" are closer to how I thought the movie should have played out, with political intrigue, divided loyalties, hard choices to be made and so forth. But separated into two parts and running nearly five hours, it just took too long to get there. And the constant focus on all things Katniss comes at the expense of some intriguing characters and character work that could have been more fully realized. You have such major talents as Moore, Sutherland, Jeffrey Wright, Elizabeth Banks, Woody Harrelson, Jena Malone, Stanley Tucci and the late Philip Seymour Hoffman all putting in glorified cameos here. I understand the minimizing of Hoffman, considering he died before he could complete his work on the movie. But it's just terrible that Harrelson, Wright and Banks, in particular, have almost nothing to do in this movie after meaty, important turns in the previous

This is not the case of little ol' me self-righteously poo-pooing a big, mega-profitable Hollywood franchise. Like I wrote earlier, those first two movies got me solidly onboard. I saw the appeal of the story and was intrigued. In the end, though, "The Hunger Games" just didn't leave me with much. Indeed, some "Games" are better played than others.

"The Hunger Games: Mockingjay - Part 2" is rated PG-13 for intense sequences of violence and action, and for some thematic material.

#### Bowie returns as a black star

- by Patrick Taylor -

When David Bowie returned to music in 2013, his return was most welcome. When it comes to aging rockers, most who are still releasing music tend to rehash old styles and sounds, treading the same ground that made them FM radio heroes in the 70's. Bruce Springsteen, Bob Dylan, Tom Petty, John Fogerty and countless others haven't quite adapted to today's styles or looked to push the boundaries of already charted territories.

On 2013's *The Next Day*, Bowie triumphantly returned to the surprise of fans and critics after a decade of silence. *The Next Day* received high praise in media and charted at the top in the U.K. while it came in at second on the *Billboard* 200. The return saw Bowie doing what he does best - shifting styles and adapting to what is current.

Last week, Bowie released "Blackstar," a ten minute epic that conjures up thoughts of Radiohead's *Amnesiac* and *Tilt*-era Scott Walker. This is Bowie not just adapting to the current musical landscape, but rather pushing it forward. Dramatic and dark - lyrically the song is very obtuse but it's easy to glean that Bowie is dealing with satanic, occult-like material for the first few minutes, the song then shifts into pure, unadulterated pop. "How many times does an angel fall? How many people lie instead of talking tall?" Bowie asks before crying out that he's a blackstar and not a gangstar.

During this middle section, Bowie dissects his identity, claiming that he's not a pop star, film star, marvel star, porn star, wandering star or any other type of star other than a black star. What exactly that means is up to interpretation. Or perhaps we'll find out when the full album drops in January of 2016.

Regardless, this is a release of epic proportions. It contains the classic Bowie aesthetic but one that's warped and wrapped in mystery, shrouded in mystery. Of course, that's how Bowie works best - an enigmatic figure who at this point is more myth than actual person.

In this ten minute song Bowie works through more ideas than most artists do in their entire careers. The percussion is unlike anything previously heard in a Bowie song, while electronic glitch sounds work their way in and out. Saxaphone (reminiscent of Radiohead's "National Anthem" from *Kid A*) and string arrangements that sound like they could have been produced by Andy Warhol make an appearance. The bass line is pulsating and driven.

Bowie was always one who pushed boundaries and did what he felt. He has more identities than an international art thief, and quite a few make an appearance on this release, though none stick around for long. Older rockers should take a lesson from Bowie if they want to expand their audience and sound. I can't recommend this song enough.



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#### **Christmas Train Garden**

The Glenn L. Martin Aviation Museum, 701 Wilson Point Road in Essex, will present its second annual Martinville Christmas train garden in Hangar 5 beginning Friday, Nov. 27, through Dec. 23. Visiting hours 11 a.m. - 3 p.m. on Wednesdays - Saturdays. Entry is included with museum admission, \$3 for adults and \$1 for children. For more information, call 410-682-6122.

#### Fruit Sale

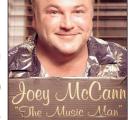
Knights of Columbus 13859 out of Our Lady Queen of Peace will hold a fruit sale through Dec. 13. Navel oranges are \$43 for 4/5 bushel and \$23 for 2/5 bushel; pink grapefruit is \$39 for 4/5 bushel and \$21 for 2/5 bushel and honey bell oranges are \$30 for 2/5 bushel. Call 410-335-9182 or 410-335-6705 to place your order. Pick-up will be Saturday, Dec. 19, from 8 - 11 a.m. at the church.

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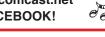
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#### **Quarter Auction**

Angels Supporting Your Troops, Inc. will hold a quarter auction on Sunday, Dec. 6, from 2 - 5 p.m. (doors open 1 p.m.) at Sollers Point Multipurpose Center, 323 Sollers Point Road in Dundalk. \$5 for two paddles; additional paddles, food and drink available for purchase. Proceeds will help with shipping costs for sending care packages to soldiers overseas. Contact Tammi Kile at 443-691-6728 or btammi1@gmail.com.

#### **Harrisburg Craft Fair Trip**

Enjoy a trip to the Harrisburg Craft Fair on Thursday, Dec. 3. Bus leaves from the Dundalk Moose parking lot, 2800 Sollers Point Road in Dundalk, at 8:15 a.m. and returns at 6:30 p.m. Cost \$46; lunch and dinner are on your own. Bus will stop at Cracker Barrel on the way home. For more info., contact Karen Cruz at 410-285-7399.

#### **Luncheon/Bingo**

The Auxiliary of American Legion Post 130, 8666 Silver Lake Drive in Perry Hall, holds a luncheon with bingo on the second Monday of every month. Doors open at 10:30 a.m. for lunch (served until 11:45 a.m.); bingo begins at noon. \$14 for lunch and bingo. Call 410-804-5882.

#### **Christmas Party**

The Point Breeze Pioneers, a group for retired employees of Western Electric, will hold their Christmas party on Thursday, Dec. 10, from 11 a.m. - 3 p.m. at Columbus Gardens, 4301 Klosterman Ave. Cost \$33 pp; call Jack Dohony at 410-426-1722.





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#### Legislative Preview Luncheon

The Chesapeake Gateway Chamber of Commerce will host a legislative preview luncheon on Tuesday, Dec. 15 at the Texas Roadhouse in White Marsh. State Sen. Kathy Klausmeier and other local officials will discuss the business issues to be addressed during the 2016 General Assembly session. Also doubles as the chamber's Annual Meeting. Cost \$25 for members and \$35 for non-members. Registration starts at 11:30 a.m. No at-the-door registration; RSVP by Dec. 8 to sophia.montgomery@countryinns.com.

#### **Maryland LIVE Casino**

Jeannie's Travelers travel group for seniors will sponsor a bus trip to Maryland LIVE casino on Wednesday, Dec. 2. Bus departs from the Charles Evering VFW Post parking lot, 8777 Philadelphia Road in Rosedale, at 10 a.m. and returns at 3:30 p.m. Cost \$25 with a \$15 comp. RSVP to Jeannie at 410-391-5920.

#### **Breakfast with Santa**

Eastpoint Mall is holding a special breakfast with Santa on Saturday, Dec. 12, at 8 a.m. in the Point Food Court. Enjoy breakfast courtesy of Chick-fil-A, holiday entertainment, a visit with Santa and other special surprises. Tickets \$5, with proceeds benefitting Santa Claus Anonymous. Purchase your tickets at the Chick-fil-A at Eastpoint Mall.

#### **Veteran's Day Flag Sale Continues**

Merritt Athletic Clubs are celebrating Veteran's Day by displaying small flags at each of their clubs throughout November. Flags can be purchased for \$5, which goes to Wounded Warriors. The goal is to fly 500 flags. Contact your local club for details.

#### **Karaoke & Country Line Dancing**

Essex American Legion Post 148, 20 S. Marlyn Ave., will host karaoke with Lightning Rod's Karaoke on Friday, Nov. 27, from 8 p.m. - midnight. Country line dancing with Mike Caskey's Party Masters will also be in the hall for a fee. On Saturday, Nov. 28, from 8 p.m. - midnight, will be karaoke with For The Good Times Karaoke with Percy and Fred. And on Sunday, Nov. 29, from 4 - 8 p.m., come out for karaoke with Tom D's Sparkle and Dazzle Karaoke. Call the Post at 410-686-2353 for more info.

#### **NYC Bus Trip**

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#### **Indoor Soccer Registration**

Registration for Stembridge indoor soccer will be open to boys and girls ages 3 - 16 this winter. Registration will be held at the Stembridge Community Center activity room, 99 Stemmers Run Road in Essex, on Saturday, Dec. 5, from 9 a.m. - noon and Mondays, Dec. 7 and 14, from 6 - 8 p.m. Program starts Jan. 4. Cost \$60 per child. Contact Krystle Crandell at 443-915-0904 or visit www.stembridgerec.com.

#### Cash Bingo

Cash bingo is held every Friday at Essex-Holly Neck VFW Post 2621, 206 Riverside Road, at 7:30 p.m. (doors open at 6 p.m. and the kitchen is open until 9 p.m.) Bingo is sponsored by the Riverside Democratic Club, with proceeds benefitting their scholarship fund. For more info., call Jean at 410-391-7444.

#### **Ravens Party**

The parents of Boy Scout Troop 355 are hosting a Ravens party on Sunday, Dec. 6, starting at noon at the Hawks Pleasure Club, 430 Riverside Drive in Essex. Menu includes pit beef and turkey, sausage, baked ziti, wings, tossed salad, beer, wine and soda; there will also be a silent auction, game wheels and lay downs. Contact Dan Albright at 443-324-6518 or alldapper@comcast.net.

#### **Christmas Bazaar**

Sacred Heart of Mary Church, 6736 Youngstown Ave. in Graceland Park, Dundalk, will hold a Christmas bazaar and craft fair on Sunday, Dec. 6, from noon - 6 p.m. in the hall under the church. Also includes wheels of chance and food, with Santa on hand to hear children's Christmas wishes.

#### Thrift Shop

The Hall Closet thrift shop at Orems United Methodist Church, 1020 Orems Road in Middle River, will be open on Saturday, Dec. 5, from 8:30 a.m. - noon. Lots of items, collectables, clothing, toys, books, jewlery, housewares, bedding and Christmas items available. Call 410-687-9483.



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**SPORTS** 

#### Perry Hall boys, Sparrows Point girls bring home state soccer titles

- by Patrick Taylor -

What happens when two immovable objects meet each other? That question was posed when Perry Hall faced Meade in the 4A state final on Friday night at Loyola University's Ridley Athletic Complex. The answer was a hard fought match where only one goal was needed to separate the two sides.

Both the Perry Hall Gators and the Meade Mustangs reached the final on the back of strong defensive play and goalkeeping. Leading up to the final, the teams had only allowed a combined three goals through eight playoff matches. The saying that defense wins championships fit the game perfectly for whoever the victor would be. And thanks to a late first half goal by Connor Gwin, all the praise went to the Gators as they brought home the school's first state soccer championship.

Meade looked out of sorts from the beginning and Perry Hall looked the better team. First half possession was dominated by the Gators, and that led to better chances.

While possession was owned by Perry Hall, the game didn't have much flow or rhythm to it. This was, for all intents and purposes, a classic high school game. There weren't strings of passes being put together or awe-inspiring tricks on display. Instead, it was about hard work and tenacity. And on that front the Gators couldn't be touched.

It took a few minutes for the game to really get going, with the first real opportunity coming shortly after the ten minute mark.

Perry Hall worked their way into Meade territory before a Gator knocked what looked like the go-ahead goal towards the corner. But Meade's keeper was up to the challenge and got his fingertips on the ball to push it wide of the frame.

From there the game moved like a beach ball each team knocking it back and forth waiting for the other team to make a mistake.

That mistake almost came with 15 minutes left in the half. A lackadaisical foul about 30 yards out set up a free kick opportunity for Meade. The freekick was sent to the back post and was subsequently headed across the goal but was knocked out for a corner kick by the Perry Hall defense.

Shortly after, a long ball was sent in to Jack Muller who beautifully chested the ball down to Gwin. Gwin, channeling his inner Lionel Messi, made neat work of the finish giving the Gators a 1-0 lead heading into the half and sending the crowd into a frenzy.

The second half got started without either side really being able to press the other. There were a few instances where it looked like there could have been a break, but both teams were easily able to deal with the attacks and the scoreline stayed level.

That all changed when Perry Hall defenseman Colin Weyant, who verbally committed to UMBC back in January and plies his trade for Baltimore Celtic, was sent off for his second yellow card. Weyant impressively led his team in goals and assists this year, and without his leadership it looked like Perry Hall might be in trouble.

Playing a man down, the Gators parked the proverbial bus and looked only to withstand Meade

On multiple occasions Meade looked poised to pounce with the man advantage, but each time their offense was stifled.

Meade's best chance of the second half came with under ten minutes left when a Perry Hall defenseman fouled a Meade attacker just outside the box. The subsequent free kick beat the keeper but was sent just over the bar and out of play.

With under 30 seconds to play, Meade had one last opportunity to tie it up on a corner kick, but the kick was cleared safely out of play and the celebrations began in earnest for the Gators.

On the girls' side of things, the Sparrows Point Pointers took on Patterson Mill for the 1A state final, also held at the Ridley Athletic Complex, and came away with a 2-0 win, earning the girls their third consecutive state title and capping off an undefeated season.

Chasing perfection, Sparrows Point got started early, scoring in the first minute of play when freshman midfielder Julie Lynch's shot from 25 yards out beat the Patterson Mill keeper and found its way into the back of the net.

Sparrows Point dominated most of the game in possession, beautifully working the ball around at will. But that possession didn't translate into many chances. Patterson Mill, meanwhile, looked dangerous on the counter attack.

In last week's issue of the East County Times I stated that Sparrows Point would have a comfortable win considering the fact that Patterson Mill had been relatively mediocre throughout the year, but it turned out to be anything but comfortable.

A few opportunities for Patterson Mill trickled wide or were snuffed out by the Pointers defense at the last minute. With just a few minutes left in the first half it looked as if Patterson would tie the game, but goalkeeper Maddie Anthony pulled off an acrobatic finger tip save to keep the Pointers ahead.

The second half was a bit of a stalemate, but Anthony was more than up to the challenge when called into action.

Patterson Mill again looked dangerous midway through the half when a through ball slipped past the Sparrows Point defense and into the path of a forward. Anthony, thinking quickly, came off her line and managed to clear the ball away at the last minute.

With just under ten minutes left in the game, Jamie Shiflett received a pass from Emily Vetri and managed to put the ball away to essentially secure the win for Sparrows Point.

Not only did the Pointers stay undefeated on the season, but their unbeaten streak extends to last season and currently sits at 32 games.

Sparrows Point will be in a tough place next year as they graduate many of their starters, but with quality players like Lynch on the roster (and a long-running unbeaten streak) they'll undoubtedly still be the team to beat in the county and the state.

The Pointers were the third girls team to finish the season undefeated, and finished as the second ranked team in the area just behind McDonogh, who also finished the season with a state title.



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#### Dundalk gets revenge against Franklin, moves on to state semifinal

- by Patrick Taylor -

The Dundalk Owls football team upset the Franklin Indians on Friday night by a score of 20-16 to win the 3A North championship and advance to the state semifinals.

Two weeks ago, Franklin bullied the Owls en route to a 37-18 win. Franklin, the reigning state champion, looked to be the much better team, and the imminent matchup looked to be a foregone conclusion. That line of thinking proved to be wrong as the Owls defense stifled the Franklin attack and the

offense did just enough to squeak by one of the best teams in the state.

In the first matchup this season, the Owls committed way too many turnovers - seven in total. That number was cut by more than half and Dundalk did what they have all season, riding the back of Darrius Sample and Kobi Eure.

At times the Franklin defense looked too tough to break. They frequently found their way to Sample in the first half, but Dundalk managed to find ways to extend drives.

On their second possession of the

game, the Owls pulled off a fake punt with Sample scampering for a 15-yard pickup to extend the drive. Eure followed that up with a 15-yard run of his own before Sample found Duron Ball with a 27-yard pass more than halfway through the first quarter.

On the ensuing kickoff, the Owls tried a little more trickery and went with an onside kick that was recovered by Franklin. The Indians, working with very good field position, proceeded to move the ball 45 yards down the field and finished it off with an 8-yard touchdown. They knocked in the extra point and took a 7-6 lead.

Dundalk responded quickly, and moved the ball into Indian territory with relative ease. Sample then found Eure with a 37-yard touchdown pass that put the Owls back in the lead. The two point conversion took the lead to 14-7 as the second quarter began.

Shortly after, Franklin marched down the field on the Owls before capping off their drive with a 15-yard touchdown pass about halfway through the second quarter to tie the game.

The third quarter saw the two teams trapped in a stalemate. Both teams' defenses stood strong and managed to stifle any offensive opportunity.

The last time these two teams faced off against each other, Franklin was

able to move the ball at will on the ground and through the air. This time, Dundalk's linebackers managed to fill the gaps to stop the run while the defensive line managed to get solid pressure on the Franklin quarterback.

Dundalk's Deondre Marable's 80-yard return in the fourth quarter proved to be the key moment in the game, despite the touchdown being called back on a penalty. Sample, however, finished off the Indians with a 1-yard quarterback sneak to give the Owls a 20-14 lead.

A safety from Franklin pushed the score to 20-16, but the Indians simply weren't able to break down the Dundalk defense again.

The win for Dundalk means they'll host a state semifinal game against Potomac at 7 p.m. on Friday, Nov. 27. The trip to the state semifinals is the school's first.

The win can be chalked up to incredibly strong defensive play that limited the big-play ability of Franklin. Back in week nine of the season, Franklin routinely roasted what had been a staunch defense for big gains at will. On Friday night, however, double coverage in the secondary and plenty of pressure from the linebackers and linemen ensured an Owls victory.

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**SCHOOL NOTEBOOK** 

## **Team BCPS Clean Green 15 challenge**

With a reminder that "Every Litter Bit Counts," school communities across Baltimore County have until the end of March next year to participate in the third annual Team BCPS Clean Green 15 Litter Challenge.

The Challenge encourages schools and their communities to beautify Baltimore County by undertaking the most 15-minute (or longer) litter clean-ups through the school year. To participate in the Challenge, schools and supporting community groups should register clean-up events on the Challenge web page at <a href="https://www.bcps.org/teamBCPS/cleanGreen15/">www.bcps.org/teamBCPS/cleanGreen15/</a>.

Environmental grants from the Education Foundation of Baltimore County Public Schools will be awarded to schools based on the clean-up activities credited to them as well as other anti-litter education and outreach efforts. This year's Challenge is scheduled to end March 31, 2016, with grant recipients announced on Earth Day - Friday, April 22, 2016.

Community groups may include school-based groups, places of worship, youth groups or other organizations who wish to help clean up their school community. The 2015 Clean Green 15 project saw more than 3,350 volunteers participating in 324 clean-ups that resulted in the removal of 21 tons of litter from school campuses and communities.

## Patapsco students participate in recycled sculptures contest, White House event

Five Patapsco art students participated in the Maryland Department of the Environment's "Rethink Recycling" sculpture contest, held on Friday, Nov. 13, at the Montgomery Park Business Center Auditorium. Patapsco students Nicholas Kokoszka (sophomore), Nicole Loveland (junior), Destiny Zielinski (sophomore), Nikyiah Williams (senior) and Sidney Hall (sophomore), along with high school students across Maryland, created sculptures for the contest from recycled and reusable materials.

Materials such as printed paper, plastic forks and pieces of metal were used to create these innovative works of art. Works were then evaluated on their creativity, use of materials and workmanship and awarded placings. Although no Patapsco students won a placing, they were all honored for their entries and were awarded gift certificates and other prizes. The school was also awarded a plaque honoring the event which was made from reclaimed boards from Ocean City's boardwalk expansion project.

Additionally, three other Patapsco students and their teacher were given an experience of a lifetime last Monday, Nov. 16 as the guest of First Lady Michelle Obama. These individuals were invited to the White House to attend "Broadway at the White House," an all-day symposium

to honor the arts and demonstrate the importance of arts education. Seniors Gino Cardoni and Shalom Omo-Osagie and sophomore Sarah Jones, along with their theatre teacher Ms. Kelly Carlson, spent the day attending master classes in acting, directing, hair/make-up/costume design, music composition and musical theater.

The students were also able to meet and talk with numerous theatre professionals including Kristin Chenoweth, Matthew Morrison, Whoopi Goldberg, Andrew Lloyd Webber, Stephen Schwartz and Cicely Tyson, among others.

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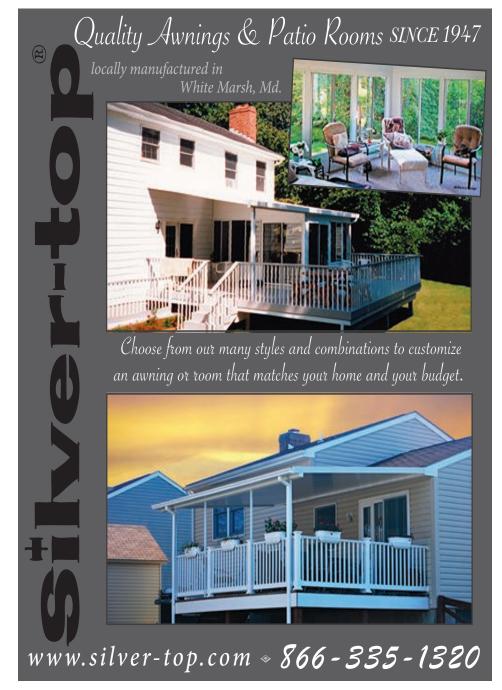
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**POLITICIANS** 

#### Syrian refugees in Maryland

- By Delegate Pat McDonough (R-7) -

I recently requested that the governor reject the policy of President Obama to place Syrian refugees in Maryland. Thirty-one governors are on record opposing the resettlement and a growing number of mayors are joining the movement, including Democrats. Bloomberg's Political National Poll found that 53 percent of Americans favor a total freeze and only 28 percent support the President's view.

Representative Peter King, the chairman of the subcommittee on terrorism, and many other professional experts believe that it is impossible to vet and investigate the backgrounds of the refugees. FBI Director James Comey told the Senate that screening Syrian refugees is very difficult and there are gaps in the system. Democratic Senator Diane Feinstein, chair of the Intelligence Committee, maintained that ISIS is not being contained and is growing. Lone wolf attackers have been responsible for 70 percent of deaths in western countries in the last decade. All it takes is one mistake and one terrorist and an elementary school's children and teachers would be massacred. It is clear that the ISIS terrorists are searching for soft targets with a high casualty impact.

Many of these so-called refugees are military age young men. They should be in uniform carrying a weapon and should return to defend their homeland. It has been suggested that women and children not be exempted from the ban. A young woman was one of leaders of the attack in Paris. Women have been included as ISIS terrorists. A 14-year-old is considered a child, but on numerous occasions, they had been

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used as suicide bombers. A 14-year-old possesses no database or track record. Obviously, women and children could present a threat. Even the Arab states, like Turkey, Saudi Arabia, Jordan and others will not accept the refugees. It has been suggested that safe areas could be created in southern Iraq and other locations managed by the UN to provide a safe refuge for these people.

It is one thing to be compassionate, but it is another thing altogether to be reckless and stupid.

As you know, Maryland is a target-rich state. We have our nation's capital, the Naval Academy, Andrews Air Force Base, NSA, Fort Meade and the State Capitol. I am sure ISIS would send its best, brightest and most radical into Maryland.

Obama called Paris a "setback." I guess the Russian airline and six other recent bloody attacks were simply "setbacks." Recently in Honduras, five Syrians were arrested with falsified documents and stolen passports. Once they cross Obama's open borders, they could easily work their way into any place in Maryland.

The truth of the matter is that ISIS and Al Qaeda are at the height of their powers. ISIS is moving aggressively on an expanded global war of terrorism. America is Ground Zero. Yes, ISIS terrorists are probably already in America and Maryland just waiting for the opportunity to murder our citizens. It has been reported that the first people murdered at the music center in Paris were disabled guests. The terrorists were sitting in wheelchairs with them. This is ruthless and indicates the mindset we are dealing with.

The number of terrorist attacks surged by 90 percent last year. The number of victims grew to 32,658 in 2014 from 18,111 in 2013, according to the Global Terrorism Index. Ordinary citizens are the numerous victims having increased by 172 percent. The cost of international terrorism in 2014 was \$53 billion worldwide.

This is not the time to be reckless. It is the time to be smart and tough.

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#### **Aquaculture is Farming** and Fishing

- By Sen. Kathy Klausmeier (D-8) and Del. Tony O'Donnell (R - Calvert/St. Mary's Counties) -

Oyster farming is emerging as a potentially important policy initiative to help maintain both the environment and commercial activities compatible with our state's best long-term interests. Restoring the oyster population in Chesapeake Bay to the maximum extent possible is universally accepted as an important strategy of the Chesapeake Bay Program.

Maryland has made great strides over the last 15 years or so to establish an oyster farming industry in our state. We have substantially reformed our state's leasing laws on the Chesapeake Bay and streamlined our governance, oversight and permitting processes for oyster farming. This gives us another tool in helping to reduce and remove detrimental nutrients from the Bay and its tributaries while simultaneously creating jobs, revenue and commerce.

Oyster aquaculture, as an accepted and vibrant sector of our agriculture industry, holds the promise of having the symbolic farmer and fisherman depicted on the Great Seal of Maryland reach metaphorically across our state and shake hands in a gesture of mutual support and helpfulness. Oyster farms can offer the land-based farmer assistance from a nutrient uptake and sequestration perspective. That should unleash private market forces in a manner that is sustainable. This may also reduce the burden of taxpayers and consumers in the future.

To that end, we will be submitting cross-filed legislation in the upcoming session of the Maryland General Assembly to add two representatives to the Aquaculture Coordinating Council - one from the MD Farm Bureau (MFB) and one from the Oyster Recovery Program (ORP). This Coordinating Council is our state's policy oversight entity for aquaculture matters.

We both believe very strongly that these efforts are important in so many regards and to so many different interests, not the least of which are the traditional farmers and fishermen working in and on our treasured environmental resources of land and water. We hope that the farming community and the commercial seafood industry will embrace these developments.





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#### Metzgar's Thanksgiving Message

Delegate Ric Metzgar (R-6) has concluded his statewide Hogan Strong prayer services and brought Marylanders together to pray for Governor Larry Hogan, who has undergone cancer treatment for his Stage 3, Type B non-Hodgkins Lymphoma.

Last week, Gov. Hogan announced that he is 100 percent cancer-free. And Metzgar made good on a promise to hold prayer services in all 23 counties and Baltimore City before Thanksgiving.

Hundreds of people from all races, political parties and walks of life came to churches and courthouse squares and brought their families, friends and get well cards to join him in prayer for Gov. Hogan and his family.

He also assisted volunteers in the community in assembling and delivering Thanksgiving food baskets to less fortunate people in Essex and Dundalk. Besides the Hogan family, Del. Metzgar recognizes that we all have a lot to be thankful for this Thanksgiving and would like to wish everyone and their families a happy and safe Thanksgiving holiday.

> Paul M. Blitz Chief of Staff to Del. Metzgar

I want to say thank you to Baltimore County District 6 Councilwoman Cathy Bevins and her secretary, Doris, for the help that I called her office for. Being sick and tired of seeing trash thrown on Rt. 7 and King Avenue, I had to ask for help. In less than a week I was informed that in every eight-week time period, the trash will be removed.

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#### **Baltimore County recent legislation**

Congratulations to the Baltimore County Council for recently passing legislation that will help protect our treasured parks from development and also help preserve the quality of life in our county. Unsurprisingly, County Executive Kevin Kamenetz chose not to sign off on this important legislation, which will, nevertheless, take effect this month. Mr. Kamenetz's refusal to endorse the unanimous County Council action on this issue suggests that he may be out of touch and out of step with the majority of Baltimore County citizens.

Unfortunately, the legislation is not retroactive. So the fate of North Point Government Center in Dundalk remains

uncertain. If this park is sold, the citizens of Dundalk will have the unique distinction of being the only ones in the county who will ever lose a treasured park for commercial development - a proposition that is unfair by any standard.

On Nov. 10, we celebrated the 240th birthday of another treasure, our beloved United States Marine Corps. Thanks to all who have served! Hopefully (like the Marines) there will be a few good men (and women) who will not allow the sale of our children's parks to occur on their watch!

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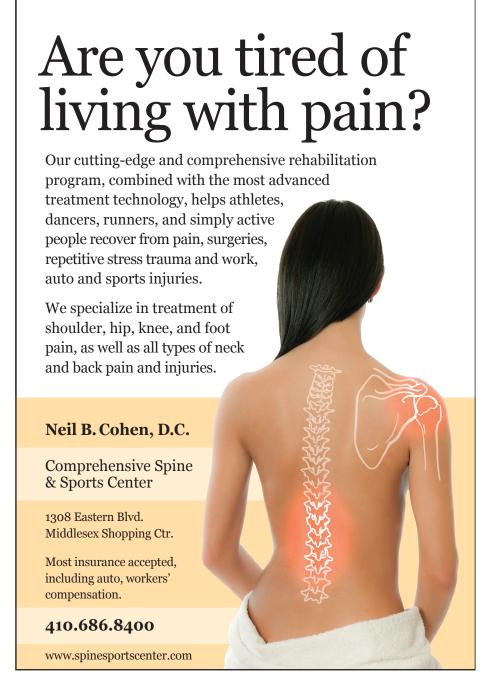


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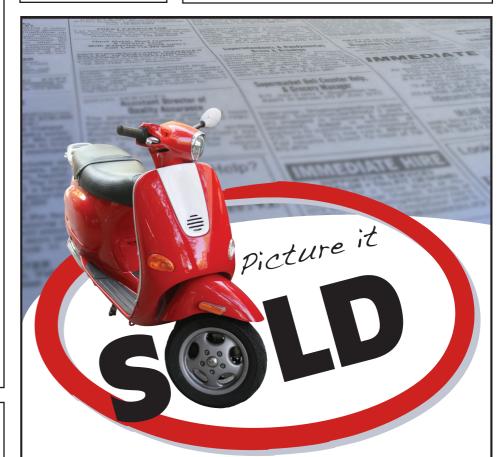
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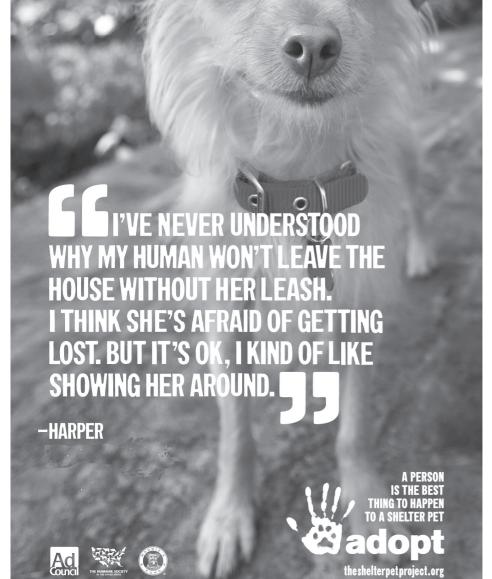
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