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THE ESSEX TIMES
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The Essex Times is back!

Community gains a second voice

Some folks never knew it left the area. Others believed it was absorbed by the competition. But a handful of businesspeople, willing to take a risk, sought and bought what was no more than a name— *The Essex Times*.

The newspaper, founded in 1962, was a household word and the voice of the community for over two decades before moving its offices to Perry Hall. With the "Essex" no longer relevant in the banner, the name was changed to *The Times* and later *The Times-Herald*. It soon abandoned its presence completely in Zip Codes 21221 and 21220.

Changing ownership and management several times over the following decade, the publication was floundering in the Parkville area when bought by a new group of investors early this year.

The Board of Directors, having purchased the rights to the then-defunct *Essex Times* (in addition to *The Times-Herald*) dreamed of reviving the publication, bringing a much-needed second voice to the community.

But was there room in Essex for more than one newspaper? As in any advertiser-supported paper, a top-notch sales and editorial force would be the key.

The dream
 Long-time friends and co-workers Jackie Nickel, Linda Mrok, Liz McGraw and Angie Hess— with a combined 60 years experience in the newspaper business— had always fantasized about running their own paper.

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County Executive Rappersberger



The Essex Times team (l-r) Kari Krause, Elizabeth McGraw, Jackie Nickel, Cal Jefferson, Linda Mrok and Angie Hess, all former Avenue News employees. Not pictured: Vicky Cornell and Barbara Diotte. Sign and window custom painted by Classic Art of Essex.
 Photo by Pete Conti, P.D.Q. Photo

Community Conservation draft report readied

by Jackie Nickel
 Members of the Community Conservation Action Team presented a draft summary of their report to County Executive C.A. Dutch Rappersberger last week at Victory Villa Senior Center.

The report is the result of months of intensive effort on the part of ten committees whose duties were to lead Essex-Middle River toward stability, economic growth and overall improved quality of life. Their final report will become part of the county's Master Plan.

Community Conservation Director P. David Fields and Eastern Sector Coordinator Mary Emerick, gave overviews of the Committee's accomplishments, as did Chairman Jack Barnhart.

The County Executive commended the 75 committee members and their leaders for the commitment of time and effort which has led to the draft, which is still being fine-tuned.

Essex Elementary School Arch preserves past, heralds future

by Vicky Cornell
 A four year-long campaign to improve conditions at Essex Elementary School will come to fruition next month, when students and faculty members move into a newly constructed facility at the Mace Avenue site.

Seventy years after it was first constructed, the original facility, along with two subsequent additions, will be razed heralding in a new beginning for the educational facility.

As conditions at the school deteriorated PTA parents and then Principal Jean Satterfield began to push county administrators to take action to improve the school.

"The smell from the bathrooms was so bad you would notice it in the hallways," Carole Lorden, PTA Treasurer and Chairperson of the Arch Committee said. "The county had planned at one time to build another elementary school on property it owned on N. Woodward Drive and call it Woodward Elementary School at which time Essex would have been closed."

As a result, the county kept putting off improvements to the Essex facility and several years ago sold the property earmarked for a new school.

Classroom enrollment increased and the Essex building further deteriorated, Carole explained.

A feasibility study was conducted and the county determined that it could put up a new building on the existing Essex site rather than make costly improvements to the old facility.

By Christmas 1993, the county was presented with an artist's rendering and funds committed by both the state and county.

Groundbreaking ceremonies were held in October 1994 and the contractors, Grimm and Parker began working.

However, not all will be taken down thanks to a \$10,000 conservation grant from the county and the fundraising efforts of students, PTA members and

See Arch Page 2A

East County Times celebrates 20 years

- By Emily Blackner -

On Oct. 26, 1995, the first-ever issue of the *East County Times*, then called the *Essex Times*, was published, and this week we are celebrating our 20th anniversary of providing straight-forward, factual and local news cover-

age for eastern Baltimore County.

The *East County Times* has remained privately, locally-owned and operated for the entire two decades, an impressive feat considering the prevalence of big media companies and conglomerates today. In fact, George Wilbanks,

Linda Mrok and Angie Hess - who helped found the paper alongside Kari Krause, Elizabeth McGraw, Cal Jefferson and the late Jackie Nickel - are still on our staff today.

While things may have changed - see ANNIVERSARY on page 32 -

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EMRCC issues recommendations for Water's Landing PUD

- by Devin Crum -

In the face a development project that the community has kept an eye on for a long time, the Essex-Middle River Civic Council has decided to put together their own wish list for it going forward.

The Water's Landing planned unit development (PUD), proposed for a site once designated for a public park in Essex, has been on the radar of the EMRCC since it was first proposed in 2014.

Although members of the civic council were intensely disappointed when they learned the former Huber property along Weber Avenue in Essex would no longer be purchased by Baltimore County for a public park, that gave them added resolve to ensure the development was built to the highest standards.

At a lightly attended meeting of the

EMRCC on Oct. 7, the organization's membership voted to approve a list of recommendations they would like to see addressed and incorporated into the development plan going forward.

First and foremost, they would like to see the overall density of the residential project reduced.

The civic council and the community at large have pushed for decreased density all along on this waterfront property, which is largely located within the Chesapeake Bay Critical Area buffer. In fact, the reason it was so prized as a public acquisition was because it was seen as the last undeveloped piece of property in the area.

Additionally, it is located in an area designated for lower density development, and is seen as environmentally

sensitive.

The developer has been responsive to lowering the total number at previous meetings with the community, but has been firm that he has a certain limit he cannot go below in order for the project to work financially.

Additionally, the council would like to see less townhouses in the plan and more single detached homes, contributing to less intensive development. Currently proposed are 45 single homes and 162 townhomes.

An ongoing issue with the Water's Landing plan has been the question of whether or not the sewage pumping station that would serve the community has enough capacity to handle it.

The existing community, Hopewell Pointe, which uses and pays for the

station has contended that it does not have enough capacity for that large of a development. However, the developer maintained that it can accommodate up to 200 more homes than it serves now, according to Clyde Speelman, vice president of Hopewell Pointe's homeowners association.

The EMRCC would like this issue to be resolved before the project is approved.

Another issue with the property affecting the development's layout is the presence of the school bus depot owned by Baltimore County Public Schools which juts into the parcel.

The civic council contends that if the bus depot were relocated, the developer - Weber Avenue, LLC - could then purchase - see **RECOMMEND** on page 6 -



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Sparrows Point Terminal updates community on environment, plans for property

- by Patrick Taylor -

It has been a busy few weeks for the folks at Sparrows Point Terminal (SPT), as they've hosted meetings to update the community on what's happening at the old steel mill property.

Last week, SPT hosted a meeting to discuss redevelopment plans, and there's a whole lot in the works. The outpouring of interest from the community was strong with approximately 200 people in attendance.

SPT announced that in addition to industrial, transportation and logistics uses that have been discussed ad nauseam, the site may also include retail and a community recreation facility.

The proposed retail would be along Route 151, with the hopes that money that finds its way to White Marsh and the Canton area would stay local. Besides retail and dining, the plans could see a hotel placed near the property. A day care, grocery store and other retail options are also being considered at this time.

News of retail seemed to be viewed as a benefit by community members in attendance, many of whom expected the property to mostly be used for industrial work and logistics.

It was also announced at the community meeting that SPT had signed their first Fortune 100 company, though not

much is known at this point beyond that.

A community recreation center would also be a welcome addition to the Dundalk community, where some residents are currently battling to save the recreation center at the North Point Government Center.

But before that actually comes to fruition, much-needed environmental work needs to take place.

As it currently stands, the land isn't approved for a recreation facility by the Maryland Department of the Environment (MDE). However, SPT seems willing to rework the deal to have the community recreation center included, though few details were provided on how that would occur.

These announcements come on the heels of a meeting held on Oct. 1 at the North Point Library, where representatives from the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and MDE updated residents and local officials of their plans to clean up the former steel making site.

Per an agreement with the MDE, SPT has pledged \$48 million to hold environmental studies, both on and offshore, and cleanup the land that has seen decades of steel making put a slew of different chemicals and waste into the soil and surrounding water.

For those wondering why the cleanup efforts have taken as long as they have, that was explained by SPT spokesperson Steve Kearney.

Kearney explained that the land needed to be divided into different parcels, and that each parcel has to be thoroughly evaluated to make sure that they're getting the most accurate results on what exactly is in the soil and water. And when you're dealing with 3,100 acres, there's a lot of testing that needs to be done.

Environmental investigation work

plans have been submitted for many of the parcels, but plans for the onshore remediation have only been approved for a handful of parcels. Those parcels with approved plans include the Coke Oven area and Tin Mill Canal, as well as for the Reservoir Warehouse and the former Rod and Wire Mill.

Parcels where investigation work plans have been submitted but not approved include the cold mill complex, the former air products plant, the former administrative building and the

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chase the county-owned parcel and put more homes there, keeping more intensive development away from the point of the peninsula and having a less detrimental effect on the environment.

A potential problem exists here, though, because the county-owned property may need to be offered for public bid instead of being purchased directly by the developer.

Also along the lines of environmental concerns, the community would like to see the development comply with the required CBCA buffer of 300 feet along the entire shoreline "to the maximum extent possible," and avoid use of variances to skirt environmental and development regulations.

Further, to address water quality issues, they would like to see the development abide by the newest standards of storm water management, which it is required to do anyway because it was submitted as a new project.

As a community benefit associated with the project, the developer has proposed contributing \$50,000 toward water quality improvement projects for Middle River. The EMRCC would like to see those funds used exclusively for Middle River tidal water quality enhancements.

In addition, they urge that any open space waiver fees be used in the Essex-Middle River area.

Finally, the community asks that the project plan retain as many existing trees as possible and ensure that there is absolutely no construction run off into the tidal waters during the building phase.

A community input meeting to discuss this project will be held tonight, Oct. 22, at 6 p.m. in the Essex branch of the Baltimore County Public Library, 1110 Eastern Ave. in Essex.

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Regarding the work on the Tin Mill Canal, the MDE has proposed a total cleanup. Over the course of the last five decades, the canal has seen plenty of buildup of settled materials. The canal has acted as a stormwater runoff since its inception approximately 50 years ago.

In regards to the surrounding water, investigation has been completed for the area that encompasses upper Bear Creek to the northwestern shore. And as of two weeks ago, preliminary investigations had begun on the southeastern shore. The Coke Point area has already been studied by the Maryland Port Administration, who has not been shy about their interest in using the area for a marine terminal.

Sparrows Point Terminal has been busy over the last two months, with the group naming a new CEO back in late August. Michael E. Moore, who formerly worked with Global Container Terminals and Maersk Sea-Land, will use his 30 years of experience to help guide Sparrows Point as they transition into

what he hopes will be a "world-class center for business and trade."

To help with the transition, Sparrows Point Terminal also recently hired Mike Mullen as an advisor. Mullen has four decades of experience in industrial development involving more than 70 million square feet of industrial and air freight facilities and major railways. He will mainly be advising the SPT leadership on how to market the site.

"Sparrows Point Terminal is one of the premier, and the largest industrial real estate development projects in the country, and I look forward to working with Michael Moore and his team on maximizing the utility of the state's most important attributes," said Mullen in a press release. "As a future multi-modal transportation and industrial gateway, Sparrows Point has the opportunity to drive the flow of commerce between the US and global markets through its unmatched access to land, rail and maritime assets."

Moore referred to Mullen as one of the nation's top real estate and investment leaders, and said that Mullen and the rest of the SPT team will work to build a site that will "set new standards of service and thrive in a 21st century economy."

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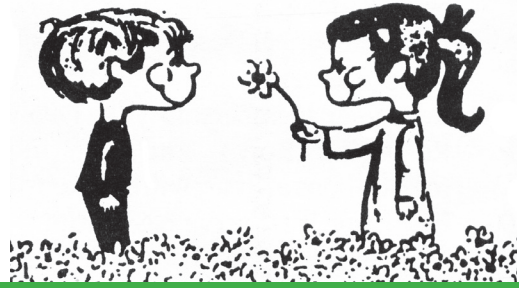
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Despite bill, petition, outlet mall project still in the courts

- by Devin Crum -

While most of the news regarding the proposed Paragon Outlets project in White Marsh lately has centered around the petition drive to put the bill that allowed it on the ballot in 2016, the project is still working its way through Baltimore County's court system where it began.

Following the Aug. 3 passing of Bill 53-15 by the Baltimore County Council,

the county's Board of Appeals, which had been hearing an appeal of the project's approval, dismissed the proceedings, stating that the bill essentially made moot any ruling they would make in the case.

Bill 53-15 changed the county's zoning code to allow a regional outlet shopping center by right on land zoned for light manufacturing and consisting of 45 acres or more.

While that bill sparked a petition drive backed by White Marsh Mall and some neighbors of the subject property, those opponents also filed a motion for reconsideration with the Board of Appeals asking them to reconsider their decision to drop the case.

At the same time, according to Paragon partner Kelvin Antill, Paragon's attorneys filed a petition for judicial review with the Baltimore County Circuit Court asking them to review and rule on the case, apparently not knowing that their opponents had filed their motion.

The BOA's rules allow parties to file appeals and motions for reconsideration. But when motions are filed, the BOA retains jurisdiction until the next ruling is made and it stays the case for any appeal.

The motion for reconsideration rendered Paragon's circuit court appeal inactive while the appeals board made their ruling, which they did at the public deliberation held on Tuesday, Oct. 6.

In that deliberation the board members decided to uphold their dismissal of the case. According to the minutes from the meeting, the board determined that they are able to dismiss matters when laws change that would affect the outcome, which is what they ruled originally.

However, they have not yet issued their official ruling which will contain their exact reasons for the decision. The attorneys can then use that reasoning to decide their next moves and whether or not to appeal that ruling to the circuit court.

While Paragon's attorneys were not willing to discuss their plans following the ruling's issuance, they do anticipate an appeal from their opponents, according to Antill.

Regarding the referendum petition

drive for Bill 53-15, as reported in the Oct. 15 issue of the *East County Times*, the petitioners had submitted a total of more than 30,000 signatures - only 26,000 were needed - to the county's Board of Elections for validation by their first deadline on Sept. 21.

They then had until Oct. 21 to submit any remaining signatures to the board. The board has not yet revealed how many total signatures the petitioners submitted or if any would be invalidated.

With the financial disclosure documents filed with the first set of petition signatures was a notification from the Board of Elections to the petitioners that an "a" should be added to the text on the back page for sufficiency of the petition.

Outlet mall supporters had suggested that the correction had not been made on the petitions shown to citizens signing it and that it could be used in a potential court challenge to the amount of valid signatures or to the petition overall.

But Board of Elections Director Katie Brown said the correction had been made on some petitions. And in any case, they found that the petitions without the correction could still present valid signatures.

"That 'a' didn't make or break the wording on the back as far as understanding the petition," Brown explained.

The notification letter did advise, however, that the board's advance determination of sufficiency only addresses the format of the petition signature page and that the back language can always be challenged, even after the petition has been filed.

Since the deadline for collecting signatures has now passed, the Board of Elections will begin the task of validating and counting the submitted signatures to determine if there are enough to put the issue as a question on the 2016 ballot.

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Aerostats hanging above county come under scrutiny



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A familiar sight in eastern Baltimore County, the aerostats have been in the sky for the better part of a year. The program has been in the works for over 17 years.

- Article by Patrick Taylor,

By now we've all seen the "blimps" high in the sky hanging over east Baltimore County. The first was launched at the end of 2014, with the second launched back in Spring.

Tethered to the ground two miles below by kevlar, these "blimps" are actually what is known as an aerostat, and they are being tested at the Aberdeen Proving Ground as part of the Joint Land Attack Cruise Missile Defense System (JLENS) for NORAD.

But despite the intentions, recent reports state that the whole endeavour might be a colossal waste of time and money.

Despite the fact that they've been hanging high in the sky for close to

a year, many area residents still have questions about the purpose of said aerostats.

In short, the aerostats are being tested as part of a defense system to detect cruise missiles and aircraft that might be targeting the east coast. The helium filled aerostats are almost the size of a football field and contain radar that can track objects 340 miles in every direction. That means their range encompasses Boston down to North Carolina.

The aerostats are supposed to work as a duo, with one balloon using radar to detect potential enemies while the other would communicate with defense services to help lock onto said enemy intrusions with the hope of

shooting down whatever may be coming.

The hope is that the JLENS system will be more cost efficient and provide consistency in detecting enemy aircraft than the alternative of systems mounted on planes. The current trial of the two aerostats is expected to run until 2017.

The first bit of scrutiny the JLENS system faced came about from civil liberties groups like the ACLU, who maintain that there are privacy concerns. David Rocah, an attorney with the group, told the *Baltimore Sun* that this was just "another example of battlefield technology coming home."

"They enable a kind of persistent surveillance which is not technologically feasible by other means," Rocah said. "It is that persistence that creates the vision."

At a press briefing a few months back, Army Capt. Matt Villa stated that "there are absolutely no cameras or video equipment on board the system," before stating that the radar could not detect people, does not store information and has no weapons on board.

Despite seemingly getting past that hurdle, the JLENS program has fallen under scrutiny again, this time after a recent *Sun* article called into question

the effectiveness of the aerostats.

In the article, it's revealed that "defective software, vulnerability to bad weather and poor reliability" plague the JLENS program, which the Pentagon spent over 17 years and \$2.7 billion putting together.

The article asserts that JLENS has had problems telling the difference between enemy and friendly aircraft. It also pulls information from a 2012 Pentagon report that rated the system's reliability as "poor" before citing a report from the following year which again stated that the program had "low system reliability."

One of the major benefits of the aerostats is that they're supposed to be able to stay in the air for upwards of a month at a time, but as of September that has yet to occur, with bad weather grounding the balloons on multiple occasions.

Then there's the issue with cost. It would cost tens of billions of dollars to protect the United States along the borders and coasts.

A call for comment to Raytheon Co., the lead contractor for the program, went unreturned as of press time. When asked for an interview by the *Sun*, Raytheon declined to participate in the story.

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Kach said that money will "far exceed" the approximately \$9 million the county will lose in each of the next two fiscal years through phasing out the storm water fees.

However, Quirk clarified, "In no way are we implying that this fee is going to be offset with the money coming in from the volunteers," adding that it is ultimately County Executive Kevin Kamenetz who makes the budget and decides how to appropriate funding. "So it will be up to the county executive to help us come up with a solution on how this will be funded."

Councilman David Marks (R-5) stressed that only insurance companies pay EMS billing costs, not citizens, while Councilman Julian Jones (D-4) reiterated that EMS revenues are estimated to be three times what is being lost from the storm water fee elimination.

Kach pointed out that the storm water fee is one of the main concerns expressed by businesses in the county. "There's no doubt that it is a detriment to our economic development in both the county and the state," he said, noting that he feels the repeal will go a long way toward helping the county attract business and improve its business-friendly reputation.

Along those same lines, Councilman Todd Crandell commented that the repeal takes a huge burden off of Sparrows Point Terminal, the company working to redevelop the Sparrows Point peninsula, which the Seventh District Republican called "the largest industrial redevelopment in the country."

Crandell said SPT's financial burden under the Rain Tax is between \$750,000 and \$1 million per year because of the property's 3,100-acre size. "This makes it easier for them to market to their potential tenants without having to have this burden," he said.

He also revealed that the Point's redevelopment is projected to contribute \$16 million to the county's property tax base over the next five to 10 years. "I think this is a big moment for them and it's very helpful from the standpoint of job creation and economic development where we'll actually get some gain in the

future by getting out of their way and letting them get to market on their property," he stated.

Bevins pointed to a similar situation in her district with the anticipated redevelopment of the 60-acre Middle River Depot property, which she said has also had an exorbitant Rain Tax bill for the past two years.

"They're trying to redevelop and bring jobs there and had the burden of this \$66,000 on top of their property taxes with not one job yet on the property," she said. "So it's difficult."

Crandell acknowledged that the Sparrows Point redevelopment was one of the major reasons that he became a sponsor of Bill 85-15, and all of the councilmembers concurred that it and other large redevelopment projects are a large component of the decision they're making. But they assured that they had small businesses in mind as well.

"The size of that [Sparrows Point] property and the economic impact of that property certainly played a role in the decision," Crandell explained, "but it ran the gamut from small businesses all the way up to large businesses like that."

When asked what had changed the council's mind about the fee, Councilman Quirk noted that, fundamentally, it was the state law lifting the dedicated fee requirement. But he also pointed to a philosophical belief of the council that using property and income taxes is the "truest" way to pay for the county's priorities, be they police and firefighters, environmental projects or basic infrastructure.

Bevins added that, for her, it was the struggles of the businesses she heard from that swayed her on the fee as well. She wants them to be able to grow, hire more employees and invest in themselves rather than just getting by, she said.

Second District Councilwoman Vicki Almond echoed that sentiment, expressing her hope that this will give businesses some breathing room and help them to be able to grow themselves and grow the county's economy.

Marks added that tax relief as a whole is "on a menu of things we need to provide for businesses," along with a quality education system and an excellent infrastructure network. "We think this is part of the puzzle; these will all connect," he concluded.

State Delegate Pat McDonough (R-7), who represents Baltimore and Harford Counties and has campaigned



Although the council was divided at its institution, every member united behind the Rain Tax repeal.

extensively on the Rain Tax issue around the state over the last three years, said he feels Baltimore County's repeal is a great victory.

McDonough introduced repeal legislation at the state level before Governor Larry Hogan was elected, then co-sponsored with Hogan the legislation that passed this year to lift the state's requirement that the affected jurisdictions have dedicated fees. He also worked with Harford County Executive Barry Glassman to repeal that county's storm water fee.

"I think this proves that if you keep your nose to the grindstone to work on an issue you can eventually be successful," McDonough said. He touted his creation of the term "Rain Tax," which he said brought a lot of public awareness to the issue, along with his campaigning around the state, especially in the business community.

He also noted that he has worked with David Marks at the local level on the issue and feels his efforts helped to influence other members of the council as well.

"I appreciate the County Council finally coming around on this issue, and I hope the county executive will sign it," McDonough commented.

Bevins revealed that the council had informed County Executive Kamenetz of their decision to introduce the bill Monday evening, but declined to comment on his feelings or statements toward it, stating only that he "appreciated the notice."

Kamenetz's office had not responded to a request for comment by press time. However, the full support of the council makes this bill veto-proof.

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BRRNA Meeting

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NPVCA Meeting

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Life Source International Church - Perry Hall Campus, 8855 Belair Road, will be sponsoring their first ever blood drive on Saturday, Oct. 24, from 8:30 a.m. - 2 p.m. in cooperation with the American Red Cross. The blood drive will be in the gymnasium on the side of the church building. For more information, contact the church office at 410-256-2225.

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Dundalk and Eastern Tech continue to pour it on - and that's the way it should be

- by Patrick Taylor -

As I've mentioned here previously, I used to play soccer at a pretty high level. My team was often ranked in the top five nationally, everyone went to Division I schools and some parlayed that into professional careers. We were good, and we often put beatings on other teams.

But being an east coast team, we were always out-matched by teams from California and Texas who had the benefit of being able to play outdoors all year round.

Those teams, Solar 89 and Arsenal, were the cream of the crop and routinely hammered us whenever we matched up.

At nationals one year, we were absolutely obliterated 5 - 0 by Solar. The gap in class between the number three team in the nation and the number two team in the nation was resounding. That loss certainly hurt.

But the loss that will stick with me forever came at the hands of Arsenal. It was a 3 - 1 loss, but never have I been so embarrassed to play the game.

A year after losing 2 - 1 at nationals, we faced Arsenal in a friendly match in Bradenton, Fla. Our team had improved and we were ready for revenge.

Within ten minutes the score was 3 - 0 and Arsenal proceeded to play

the most dizzying game of keep away I've ever seen. If we actually kept track of possession stats, I'd venture to say that Arsenal owned the ball for a tad over 90 percent of the game. Our lone goal wasn't even scored by one of our players, but was the result of a defensive mishap.

Perhaps the most embarrassing moment of the game came when one of their forwards was put through on a breakaway halfway through the first half. One on one with the goalie, he faked a shot and proceeded to dribble around the goalie - only to turn around and knock the ball back to a midfielder. Less than a half hour into the game and they were already calling off the dogs.

Losing hurts, but nothing hurts more than seeing a team *know* they have you beat to the point where they don't feel the need to tack on goals.

That leads me to our area high school football teams, two of whom continued to show their offensive prowess.

Dundalk absolutely smothered Woodlawn to the tune of 42 - 0 while Eastern Tech ran rampant on Sparrows Point, stomping the Pointers by a score of 43 - 8. Both teams were expected to run up the score and both teams delivered. That made quite a few fans (parents) get talkative.

In those types of games I like to mingle amongst the crowd. I like to hear the chatter of the fans, to hear their hot takes on the game at hand. And this past weekend the takes were so hot you needed oven mitts to handle them.

"This is embarrassing," said one older gentleman, who I presumed was a Tech supporter at first but turned out to be a Sparrows Point fan. "There's no need for them to run up the score."

That was one of many. I heard the term "classless" lobbed around a few times and plenty of cursing. You'd think Tech had done something unholy or vile rather than just put on a clinical display of football.

Let me put that sentiment to bed - yes, there is a need to run up the score.

In soccer you have the benefit of being able to play a possession game to run out the clock. In football you can't exactly do that.

I wrote about this same subject two years ago, and while my thoughts on these types of subjects are constantly evolving, this is one issue where I've remained firm in my belief.

These are postseason-bound teams with aspirations of a title. They need to look sharp. They need to remain polished. They can look at it like a practice, and practice makes permanent. So if they want to be able to keep their

teams rolling, they need to treat every play as if it matters.

That's especially true for Dundalk, who will end the season playing Franklin and Perry Hall, two teams that you absolutely can not take a play off against. So while it's unfortunate that some teams end up getting trounced, no team is going to sacrifice valuable game time to spare another team's feelings. And to act as though that should be the case misinterprets sports as a whole and the lessons that can be learned.

Yes, sports are supposed to be fun, even when competitive. Yes, the focus of high school sports should be less about winning and more about development. But these teams are developing as they dominate. Both Dundalk and Eastern Tech look so much sharper than they did at the beginning of the season, and they'll need to remain that way if they want to develop as well as bring home a title.

The other thing is that taking those big, embarrassing losses is an important lesson to learn. As a society we tend to coddle far too often. Sometimes we simply aren't good enough, or didn't practice hard enough to deserve a win. And no team should be bad-mouthed for supplying the beat down.

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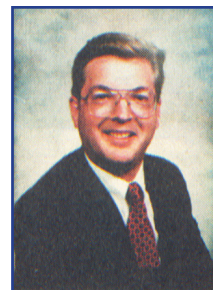
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Tech and Dundalk surge while Kenwood grabs much needed win

- by Patrick Taylor -

Since winning a one-possession game against Middletown in week two of the season, the Eastern Tech Mavericks have been unleashed, thumping anyone who dares to enter the field against them. That continued over the weekend as Sparrows Point ended up on the receiving end of a 43 - 8 loss at home. With the win, Tech remains unbeaten on the year with three games left to play.

The Mavericks hit early and often, with running back Brandon Hlavach taking the reigns this week. Ian Mc-Borough, Tech's other stud, still put forth a great game, but the spotlight belonged on Hlavach on Friday.

Hlavach busted out with an early 92 yard touchdown, showing great vision and speed. He cut through the line and couldn't be contained at the second level, busting his way down the field for a quick six.

Another touchdown was added and two point conversion completed before the end of the first, giving Tech a 15 - 0 lead and ensuring that the Pointers were in for a rough night.

The Mavericks offense looked like a well-oiled machine, and their defense stagnated any chance Sparrows Point may have had.

Just a few minutes into the second,

it was McBorough's time to shine.

Tech worked their way into the redzone and lined up eleven yards out. McBorough took the handoff and made his way between the tackles and into the endzone.

Shortly after, however, it was back to the Hlavach show. He had already taken one almost the length of the field and added his second touchdown of the game on a much easier, less exhausting touchdown from 15 yards out.

But Hlavach *still* wasn't done, and followed up his two rushing touchdowns with a beautiful 35 yard receiving score, taking the score to 36 - 0 at the half.

Some backups got some time to play, and in the third the Pointers capitalized, with Josh Benson cutting through the Maverick defense and getting Sparrows Point on the board. But by that point the damage had already been done.

Still, Tech wasn't finished, adding one more touchdown in the fourth to give them a 43 - 8 victory.

Perhaps the biggest takeaway from this game was Tech's redzone proficiency. As the field shortens, it's imperative to stay sharp, as mistakes can often lead to turnovers as the field gets more crowded. But Tech did what a good team is supposed to do, and

that's pound the ball in for relatively easy points. Their four redzone scores highlighted their ability to work their way downfield in chunks as well as their ability to put the final nail in the coffin.

The Mavericks will play host to New Town on Oct. 23 at 7 p.m.

Around the league

The Dundalk Owls continued to assert their dominance over the weekend, beating Woodlawn by a score of 42 - 0. And while Eastern Tech doesn't rely on the big plays to get their points, the Dundalk Owls keep on hitting home runs, with five touchdowns coming on plays of 30 yards or more, including 66 and 85 yarders.

Darrius Sample continues to prove himself a stud and was responsible for five touchdowns. He now has 20 total on the year.

The Owls should be able to waltz past Parkville on Saturday, Oct. 24, before they face their two biggest challenges of the season back-to-back weeks when they take on Perry Hall and Franklin, respectively.

Kenwood followed up their dismantling of Towson last week by giving Parkville a similar treatment. The Bluebirds traveled to Parkville to take on the Knights on Saturday and came away 35 - 20 winners.

The win is their second of the year and will surely provide a much needed boost as they get set to take on a disjointed Woodlawn team coming off of a bad loss. My money is on Kenwood to keep the streak going when they travel to Woodlawn next week. Their offense has been in sync and they have a solid defense. If they didn't face Milford Mill in their season finale the first week of November, I'd say they have a pretty good shot to win out.

Overlea's winning ways continue, as they traveled to Owings Mills over the weekend and came away with a big 36 - 6 win. Three weeks into the year their season looked lost, but they've since found their footing and have looked like world beaters. If they want to have a shot going forward, they'll need to win out - and that's entirely possible given their current form.

Patapsco also picked up a win over the weekend, their second in as many weeks. The 36 - 18 win over Lansdowne keeps their hopes alive, but just barely.

And Perry Hall kept their win streak alive with a 56 - 12 victory over Dulaney. The Gators will face off next against Milford Mill, and they should have a win in the bag before they set their sights to what should be the game of the year against Dundalk.



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'GOOSEBUMPS' scares up its share of chills, spills, thrills... and laughs!



- by Teddy Durgin -

Sure, I probably reference the 1980s a bit too much in this column. But with "Goosebumps," I can't help it. Most people who look back with nostalgia at the movies of those 10 years will often cite the most obvious examples - those only-in-the-'80s flicks like "Top Gun," "Wall Street," "Back to the Future" and your pick of the John Hughes comedies. But when I look back at those years, more often than not, I think of the lesser-heralded genre films that the good people who made the new "Goosebumps" obviously cherish as much as I do. I'm talking about flicks like

"Fright Night," "House," "The Monster Squad" and "Weird Science." Oooh, and "Gremlins." Lots and lots of "Gremlins!" Take a blue light to "Goosebumps" and you'll find the DNA of those movies smeared all over the screen. But it's splattered so very cleverly, lovingly and effectively. I was thoroughly entertained.

Based on the mega-popular series of young adult novels that have entertained tweens and teens for years and sold more than 400 million copies worldwide, "Goosebumps" centers on teenager Zach (Dylan Minnette) and his mom, Gale (Amy Ryan), who move in next door to

a strange, angry, introverted man (Jack Black) and his home-schooled teenage daughter, Hanna (Odeya Rush). Zach soon learns that the dad is none other than R.L. Stine, the author of the "Goosebumps" books. He also learns that Stine literally has an active imagination. The monsters and creatures he has conjured up for the page over the years have all come to life, and he keeps them trapped in his original manuscripts with magical locks and keys. Of course, Zach and his new nerdy best friend, Champ (Ryan Lee), accidentally set them loose on their little Delaware town one September night.

OK, parents with little ones, you should know that there are a LOT of jump-out scares in the film and some fairly intense monster attacks. But director Rob Letterman works very well within the PG confines to deliver a film where the threats feel real, but the focus is on entertaining, not causing squirms. The film is scary in the way that "Gremlins" and "Ghostbusters" were scary, not "The Walking Dead" scary. There is always a bit of comedy to lighten each and every tense scene, whether it's a funny throwaway line or a wink-wink bit of whimsy to let the youngest ones know that nothing REALLY bad is happening or going to happen.

The film is exceptionally well-cast, too. Black once again works better with kids a la "School of Rock" than he ever has with people his own age. He's also

great as the voice of the film's main villain, Slappy, a ventriloquist dummy with a Napoleonic complex who is part Charlie McCarthy/part Chucky. And the three younger leads are not some green kids on the big screen for the first time. Minnette is solid and confident as Zach, having already cut his teeth on drama ("Prisoners") and family comedy ("Alexander and the Terrible, Horrible, No Good, Very Bad Day"). Rush was memorable in "The Odd Life of Timothy Green." And Lee, late of TV's "Trophy Wife," is a bona fide scene stealer.

Sure, I have a few nitpicks. We're supposed to believe that Stine can write a novel-length manuscript in the span of maybe a couple of hours that will trap anew the creatures spilling out from his previously protected manuscripts. And as you've likely seen from the commercials and trailers, the CGI effects are hit or miss. The filmmakers clearly don't want to make creatures like the Werewolf and the Abominable Snowman too scary. So, they lean more towards the cartoony.

But, all in all, this was an exercise in fun that is targeted at kids, but doesn't forget the grown-ups in the audience... at least those grown-ups who were kids in the Decade of Excess. I hope it will be a monster hit at the box office.

"Goosebumps" is rated PG for scary and intense creature action and images and for some rude humor.

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'BRIDGE OF SPIES' spans the generations with style and drama

BRIDGE OF SPIES

- by Teddy Durgin -

It's interesting to bear witness to the course that Steven Spielberg's directorial career has taken him in the last 20 years or so. As a young filmmaker, the man shaped childhoods and re-shaped the movie biz with blockbusters like "Jaws" and "E.T." He didn't stop making popcorn escapist pictures. But he matured and wanted to be seen as a great director on the level of such contemporaries as Martin Scorsese and Stanley Kubrick. So, between "Indiana Jones" pictures, he gave the world everything from "The Color Purple" to "Schindler's List" to "Saving Private Ryan."

In recent years, his love of history has

compelled him to skip around the past, making films that strive to find relevancy with today's topics. "Lincoln" was a Civil War-era drama that showed the perseverance of a Commander-in-Chief in a time of crisis, dealing with a deeply divided Congress. "War Horse" was a World War I epic that dramatized the horrors of armed conflict on the common people (and animals) caught in war zones. "Munich" dug at the roots of today's never-ending cycle of international terrorism.

"Bridge of Spies," set in the Cold War era, may be his most balanced historical film yet. Based on the real story, Hanks stars as Brooklyn attorney James Donovan, who became a national pariah in 1957 when

he agreed to defend captured Soviet spy Rudolf Abel (Mark Rylance). Donovan represented Abel to the absolute best of his ability, arguing the case all the way to the Supreme Court and ensuring that the eyes of the world saw that the American justice system gave him a fair trial. Donovan then got a shot at redemption when his country once again called on him to use his legal skills - this time to travel to East Germany and negotiate an exchange of Abel for downed U2 spy pilot Francis Gary Powers (Austin Stowell). As Donovan enters Checkpoint Charlie, the cement on the Berlin Wall is barely dry and tensions between East and West are at a fevered pitch.

Hanks again does everything you can ask a movie star to do for you in a film. Everything you've ever paid to see Tom Hanks do in a movie, he does in this film. OK, he doesn't throw a bachelor party where a donkey snorts cocaine and drops dead while dancing with a stripper. THAT Tom Hanks is long gone. But he's awesome here.

The real "find" is Rylance as Abel. He is widely regarded as the pre-eminent stage actor of the last 15 or 20 years, winning three Tony Awards and two Oliviers. But come on! Like most of you reading this, I haven't made it to Broadway or tripped the light fantastic on the West London theater scene. I'm a movie guy! He's gotta come into MY dojo! And he has. For a 55-year-old man

who has spent a career playing to the back rows of theaters, Rylance gives a remarkably controlled, quiet, mesmerizing performance on film here.

Nitpicks? Well, I don't know much about history, but I do know that James B. Donovan was actually NOT the fish-out-of-water type he is depicted as here. His stint as a legal assistant at the Nuremberg trials after World War II is touched on in the film. But you'd never know from watching this that he was the primary presenter of visual evidence during those proceedings.

There's also an odd running bit of everyone having colds throughout that never really pays off. He and Abel and others sniffle and sneeze and cough so much, you think the film is going somewhere with their ailments. I mean, was Spielberg actually giggling during these scenes by depicting an actual "cold war?" If so, he should have at least put a scene in where Hanks snots on some Soviet negotiator, and the Commie barks, "Sneeze and cough-ski on me again, Ah-mare-ah-Connie, and ve vill launch our mee-siles!"

Other than that, the film is a worthy addition to the filmographies of all the players involved. Spielberg turns 70 next year. So, you never know how many more films a guy like that has in him. It's always wonderful when his latest is a great one.

"Bridge of Spies" is rated PG-13 for some violence and brief strong language.

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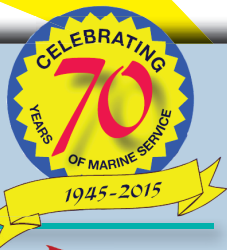
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Local man Bobby Adams shocked to discover he's an artist

- Article & photo by Patrick Taylor -

Bowleys Quarters resident Bobby Adams never thought of himself as an artist. Although he has been taking photos for decades, making displays for The Senator Theatre and scrapbooking since the 60s, the idea that what he was doing was considered art had never really occurred to him.

That all changed on Oct. 3 when the American Visionary Arts Museum opened up their 20th anniversary show, The Big Hope Show, where Adams' photographs, scrapbooks, ephemera and life are on display.

"I never really thought of myself [as an artist]," said the ever humble yet energetic Adams. "With my photographs, I was always a point-and-shoot guy. I wasn't taking multiple photos trying to grab the perfect image or find the right light, and I certainly wasn't trained."

Despite the fact that Adams never thought of himself as an artist, everything about his life points to the contrary. For starters, Adams is the unofficial archivist for John Waters, whom he met in Provincetown, Mass., long ago. From there the two built a relationship. In fact, the film was shot at the north Baltimore County commune where Adams was living at the time.

Adams took that opportunity and ran with it, photographing anything and everything. On the walls of the museum sit pictures of John Waters' crew of misfits known as the Dreamlanders, including Divine (who would have been 70 on Oct. 19), Edith Massey and Johnny Depp (who was not a Dreamlander but did star in "Cry-Baby").

And perhaps the most famous Bob Adams photo hangs prominently, a photo of two red-headed children looking at the camera and giving the finger.

"That photo was John's idea," Adams said. "He saw these kids and turned to me and said, 'Get these kids

to give you the finger,' so I turned to them and said, 'Hey, give me the finger,' and we had the photo."

Adams was making postcards around that time and decided to use that image. He had to get permission to use the photo as well as pay approximately one hundred dollars per child, but it was worth it. The card became a best-seller and ended up beginning his relationship with Rebecca Alban Hoffberger, the founder and director of the Visionary Arts Museum.

"Rebecca came across my postcard on her desk and loved it. She turned the card over and saw the photo credit was for "Bobby Adams/Baltimore" and right away knew she had to find me," said Adams.

Hoffberger traveled to Adams' house and immediately knew she was sitting on a gold mine and in the presence of a truly special outsider artist. Outsider art is art produced by self-taught artists who are not part of the artistic establishment.

Adams has a tendency to visit flea markets and buy things that he sees value in, which leads to almost hoarder-like tendencies. But there's the old saying that one man's trash is another man's treasure, and for Adams, there's treasure to be found everywhere.

Hoffberger sent Adams out to get lunch and told him to stay out of the house for a few hours while she perused his scrapbooks, displays, Christmas cards and everything else. When he returned he asked Hoffberger if there was anything she could use, to which the reply was a resounding "yes."

In a way, the scene Adams set for me reminded me of one of my favorite episodes of The Simpsons, one that features Waters as the owner of what's essentially a junk shop. Homer Simpson invites Waters over to his place to check out all of the junk the family has after learning about "camp value" (camp being the idea that something is



Adams poses alongside the "Bobby's Wonderful Life" display.

so wildly extreme and amusing that it has a perversely sophisticated appeal). When Homer asks Waters if what his family possesses has camp value, Waters replies that everything in the house does, before noting that Homer himself is "worth a bundle."

While a fictitious scene in a cartoon, it encapsulates what happened to Adams perfectly. In fact, it could be argued that Adams is camp incarnate. Hoffberger informed Adams that not only was there plenty of appeal in his work, but there was so much that he needed an entire room at the museum.

Over the course of a half year, Adams began prepping for the show, gathering scrapbooks from his time as a pirate radio DJ in the late 1960s for a station he dubbed W.E.E.D. as well as his old photos of the Dreamlanders and more.

When the show opened for the media in early October, I was floored by what I saw. The scrapbooks on display contain quotes and musings to illustrate his DJ patter and were circulated amongst LSD-addled listeners at gigs. A slew of photos hang prominently on the curved wall beneath the phrase "There once was a man, they called him mad. The more he gave, the more he had" (a typing exercise Adams had to perform at Sparrows Point High School, which Adams maintains is the only bit of wisdom he learned from school). A display for his old toy poodle Odie consisting of several pieces of art sits in one corner, while a tribute display to "Bobby's Wonderful Life," consisting of images of beloved

family and friends, sits in another. Nearby there's a display that used to sit outside The Senator Theatre every Christmas season when "Miracle on 34th Street" used to play.

It's impossible to enter this room and not become immediately overwhelmed. The work on display just screams hope and joy. And seeing Adams' face light up as he talks about his experiences just makes everything that much better.

And while Adams may not admit he's an artist, one thing he can surely admit to is being a talker. When I met up with Adams last week to discuss his role in The Big Hope Show, I barely got a word in. For over ninety minutes Adams regaled me with tales from his past. Some stories were incredibly... uncouth... while others highlighted his childlike innocence. Some were heartbreaking while others made me laugh for minutes on end. When all was said and done, it was obvious that through a life of ups-and-downs, hope has been a mainstay quality for Adams. He exudes hope and kindness, a gentle soul with love bursting from the seams.

On display at The Big Hope Show you'll find a video tribute to California trooper Kevin Briggs, who talked upwards of 200 people out of jumping off of the Golden Gate Bridge. You'll find that work of work juxtaposed by a depiction of Herman Wallace, an innocent Louisiana man who spent more than four decades in solitary confinement. There are different types of hope on display - hope for justice,

hope for a clean bill of health - but with Adams, I found myself hopeful for humanity. Because as long as there are individuals who still possess a longing to give more than a longing to receive, the world has no choice but to become a better place.

The Big Hope Show runs until Sept. 4, 2016, at the American Visionary Arts Museum located at 800 Key Highway in Baltimore. The museum is open every day except Monday. To find out more on The Big Hope Show, feel free to visit www.avam.org.

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Police identify suspect in White Marsh burglaries, man still at large

Last week, the Baltimore County Police Department put out a release seeking the public's assistance in identifying a suspect in connection with several burglaries in the White Marsh / Precinct 9 area.

Police have identified the suspect in this case but do not have him in custody yet. His information is not being released at this time.

The Baltimore County Police Department thanks everyone who shared information about this case on social media and everyone who called in a tip.

Just after noon on Sept. 5, a homeowner returned to her home in the 5600-block of Carrington Drive in White Marsh to find the suspect at her front door. The suspect told her that he was there to fix her door and fled when she said that there was nothing wrong. The homeowner then found her front door damaged, her bedroom ransacked and jewelry missing from the home.

Just before 3:30 p.m. the same day, police responded to another home in the same block for a burglary report. The homeowner told police that sometime between 10:15 a.m. and 2 p.m., someone entered her home through a rear door and took money.

Just after 12:30 p.m. on Sept. 16, police responded to a home in the 4800 block of King Avenue in Nottingham for a suspicious condition. The complainant told police that someone walked into the vestibule between a home and a garage but then ran from the scene. A door to the home was then found damaged.

Detectives believe that the same suspect is responsible for these three incidents. The suspect has reddish-brown hair, a beard and possibly has tattoos on his left arm. He is believed to be driving a dark colored small vehicle, possibly a Mazda 3 hatchback. Pictures of the suspect were captured on video surveillance during one of the incidents.

These incidents are under investigation by the Baltimore County Police Burglary Unit.

Anyone with information on any of these incidents or the person pictured is asked to call police at 410-307-2020 or Metro Crime Stoppers at 1-866-7LOCK-UP.

County officer charged in narcotics investigation

A Baltimore County Police Officer has been suspended after being charged in connection to a narcotics investigation.

After an extensive investigation into narcotics activity, a Baltimore County Narcotics detective assigned to a DEA task force obtained a search and seizure warrant for an apartment in Baltimore County. Just after 6 p.m. on Oct. 14, detectives with the Baltimore County Police Department Narcotics Section and agents with the Drug Enforcement Administration served the search warrant.

Narcotics and weapons were recovered from the apartment.

Police have charged two people in connection with this incident:

* Sarah Campbell, 32, is charged with manufacturing CDS, firearms – access by minors, CDS possession – marijuana and possession of CDS paraphernalia. She was released on \$15,000 bail.

* Clifford Campbell (32) is charged with manufacturing CDS, firearms – access by minors, CDS possession – marijuana, possession of CDS paraphernalia and firearm – drug trafficking crime. He is being held at the Baltimore County Detention Center on \$75,000 bail.

Sarah Campbell has been a Baltimore County Police officer for five years and is currently assigned to the Woodlawn precinct. She has been suspended without pay. After the criminal charges against her have been adjudicated, there will be an internal investigation into the incident.

This incident remains under investigation by the Baltimore County Police Dept. Narcotics Section.

Man injured at Wastewater Treatment Center

At 7:50 a.m., Baltimore County Fire and Police personnel were dispatched to the waste treatment plant in the 8200-block of Eastern Avenue in Dundalk for a rescue. A worker had been getting into a bobcat that was in a grit tank containing sludge. The bucket of the bobcat started to raise and injured him.

His condition is unknown at this time.

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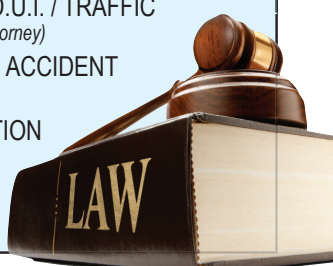
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Baltimore County Police promote 27 officers

On Oct. 16 at 1 p.m., 27 Baltimore County police officers were promoted. The ceremony took place at Towson University in the Potomac Lounge, located in the University Union.

Police Chief Jim Johnson and County Executive Kevin Kamenetz joined family and friends of the promotional candidates at the ceremony and presented the certificates of promotion. The oath of office was administered by the Honorable Julie Ensor, Clerk of the Circuit Court. The invocation and benediction was offered by Cantor Nancy Ginsberg, departmental chaplain.

The promotions accompany a reorganization of the Police Department's existing Operations Bureau into two commands of more manageable size, a change designed to improve efficiency and quality of supervision.

* Evan M. Cohen will serve as the Colonel in charge of the Criminal Investigations Bureau, supervising the BCoPD sections that investigate the most serious crimes. Cohen currently serves as the Major in charge of the Criminal Investigations Division (CID), a command to which he was appointed in 2012. A 33-year veteran of BCoPD, his career includes extensive command experience in both Patrol and Operations, as well as Internal Affairs and Human Resources.

* Alexander D. Jones will serve as the Colonel in charge of the Operations Bureau, supervising the 10 precincts, patrol operations and all support operations. A 20-year BCoPD member, Jones currently serves as Major in charge of the Patrol Division, a command to which he was appointed in 2011. Jones has spent his career in Operations and Patrol.

Jones becomes the highest-ranking minority member in BCoPD and the second African American to hold the rank of Colonel, the second-highest rank in the police hierarchy.

The rest of the promoted officers and their new assignments are:

* Captain Steven Hlavach, promoted to the rank of Major and assigned to the Operations Bureau

* Captain Gordon Skinner, promoted to the rank of Major and assigned to the Administrative and Technical Services Bureau

* Lieutenant Wes Fischer, promoted to the rank of Captain and assigned to the Criminal Investigations Bureau

* Lieutenant Matthew Gorman, promoted to the rank of Captain and assigned to the Operations Bureau

* Sergeant Rick Shull, Jr., promoted to the rank of Lieutenant and assigned to Precinct 8/Parkville

* Sergeant Patrick Stonko, promoted

to the rank of Lieutenant and assigned to the Operations Bureau

* Corporal Cathleen Batton, promoted to the rank of Sergeant and assigned to the Operations Bureau

* Corporal Ivory Bing, promoted to the rank of Sergeant and assigned to the Operations Bureau

* Corporal Brendan Duker, promoted to the rank of Sergeant and assigned to the Operations Bureau

* Corporal Brian Edwards, promoted to the rank of Sergeant and assigned to Precinct 1/Wilkins

* Corporal Jeremy Gryctz, promoted to the rank of Sergeant and assigned to Precinct 6/Towson

* Corporal Thomas Insley Jr., promoted to the rank of Sergeant and assigned to the Operations Bureau

* Corporal Tonya Johnson, promoted to the rank of Sergeant and assigned to Precinct 8/Parkville

* Corporal Michael Mertz, promoted to the rank of Sergeant and assigned to Precinct 9/White Marsh

* Corporal Daniel Schwienteck, promoted to the rank of Sergeant and assigned to Precinct 12/Dundalk

* Officer Daniel Burns, promoted to the rank of Corporal and assigned to Precinct 9/White Marsh

* Officer Tia Bynum, promoted to

the rank of Corporal and assigned to Precinct 12/Dundalk

* Officer Justin Ferguson, promoted to the rank of Corporal and assigned to Precinct 2/Woodlawn

* Officer James Gayles, promoted to the rank of Corporal and assigned to Precinct 12/Dundalk

* Officer William Havens, promoted to the rank of Corporal and assigned to the Technology and Communications Section

* Officer Deneisha Seaman, promoted to the rank of Corporal and assigned to Precinct 12/Dundalk

* Officer David Sweren, promoted to the rank of Corporal and assigned to Precinct 6/Towson

* Officer Scott Walston, promoted to the rank of Corporal and assigned to the Operations Bureau

* Officer Joshua Watson, promoted to the rank of Corporal and assigned to the Technology and Communications Section

* Officer Randall Wright, promoted to the rank of Corporal and assigned to Precinct 12/Dundalk

A special thank you to Towson University and its staff for the use of their facility and assisting the Baltimore County Police Department with this event.

Precinct 11/Essex

Robbery: On Oct. 17, officers from the Essex precinct responded to a robbery call at the intersection of Philadelphia Road and Kenwood Road in Rosedale. Around 4 p.m., two victims were riding around when they stopped at a red light in the area. At this time, the victim saw an old acquaintance and said hello to him. The acquaintance approached the car along with another suspect, pulled out a handgun and robbed the victims. The suspects stole a backpack, cell phones, cash, keys and a personal identity item. The suspects then fled on foot. Anyone with information regarding this incident is urged to contact Baltimore County police.

Robbery: Baltimore County police were called to the unit-block of South Marlyn Avenue in Essex on Oct. 17. At 2:45 a.m., unknown suspects assaulted the victim outside of a residence. The suspects took the victim's cell phone and cash. The victim was taken to an area hospital and was released shortly thereafter.

First Degree Burglary: Officers responded to a burglary call in the 800-block of Lowe Road in Middle River on Oct. 16 shortly after noon. At 12:10 p.m., three suspects were observed walking away from the residence carrying items in their hands. The unknown suspects broke the front window to gain entry and stole two laptops and a cell phone.

First Degree Burglary: Officers from the Essex precinct were called to the 900-block of Punjab Circle in Essex on Oct. 14. An unknown suspect gained entry to a residence and stole two game systems. Anyone with information should contact Baltimore County police.

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Dance, BCPS honored with another innovators award

Transforming an entire school system into a learner-centered, 21st century environment is tough work, and oftentimes it is made easier by learning and gleaning information from others. Baltimore County Public Schools Superintendent Dr. S. Dallas Dance and Team BCPS have made it a point to collaborate and share information with other school districts from across the country and world. This willingness to be transparent with what works and what doesn't with our digital learning transformation, known as S.T.A.T., is what has earned Dr. Dance and BCPS the Open Door Policy Award from Digital Promise and EdSurge.

This award is given to a school district that "shares what's working and what's not with other schools, makes visits and welcomes visitors, facilitates open collaboration between charters and district schools and publishes resources for free public use," according to the Digital Innovation and Learning Awards website.

"Recognitions like this one all of Team BCPS can be proud of and can take credit for," Superintendent Dance said. "We work really hard to be accessible to anyone hoping to implement a 1-to-1 initiative that meets the needs of all kids. I'm so excited that BCPS has become an emerging leader in providing the tools that every one of our students needs to be successful."

After receiving more than 400 video submissions from the U.S. and 39 other countries, the panel of DILAs judges chose winners across 15 award categories. Judges selected those whose submissions most closely fit the criteria for each of the awards using the DILAs rubric.

"With the DILAs, we are seeking to showcase excellence and raise the bar for teaching, leadership and for the development of products and services," said Karen Cator, CEO of Digital Promise, "and the submissions for the second year didn't disappoint!"

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FluMist available to all BCPS elementary students

Young children, according to Tiffany Tate, executive director of Maryland Partnership for Prevention, are good at spreading love, joy... and illness.

"While most adults tend to spend most of their time with other adults," Tate said, "young children are vectors, easy carriers. They have contact with younger and older siblings, parents and grandparents."

To protect the health of elementary school children and their families and communities, Baltimore County Public Schools is partnering with the Maryland Partnership for Prevention and the Baltimore County Department of Health to offer FluMist to all elementary school students.

"FluMist is the nasal spray flu vaccine," said Barbara Masiulis, MS, CRNP, supervisor in the BCPS Office of Health Services. "For many years, we have offered FluMist to students in Title I schools through a program with the Baltimore County Department of Health. This year, we are working with Maryland Partnership for Prevention to offer the vaccine to students in the rest of our elementary schools."

The Title I FluMist program will begin on Friday, Oct. 9, and will run through early November. The expanded FluMist program, in non-Title I elementary schools, will begin around Friday, Oct. 23.

Each year, 8,000 to 10,000 students receive the flu vaccine in BCPS Title I schools. Organizers hope to immunize another 10,000 to 12,000 BCPS elementary school students through the expanded program.

The FluMist program is completely voluntary. "Parents might choose instead to have their children vaccinated by their personal health care providers," said Tate. "We are offering it in school because of the convenience. It is really quick, and parents don't need to take off from work or be present."

Parents will be asked to sign a permission form for the vaccination and to provide information about any insurance they might have. Tate emphasized that the FluMist involves no out of pocket cost to parents (no deductible or copay) thanks to the Affordable Care Act.

"Some kids can't get vaccinated because of illness or allergies," noted Tate. "Vaccinating all children who can be protects the children who are more vulnerable."

Studies in Asia and Europe show that vaccinating children in school correlates to reduced flu throughout the community.

The flu is far more than a cold, explained Dr. Linda Grossman, chief of the Baltimore County Health Department's Bureau of Clinical Services.

"Influenza causes an illness that makes people very sick for five to seven days," said Grossman. "But even worse, over the past 30 years in the United States, up to 49,000 people have died each year from flu-related complications."

Tate added that "200,000 people are hospitalized every year because of the flu - and not just seniors or children."

While the flu vaccine is not 100 percent effect, Tate noted, "Getting the vaccine is more effective than not getting vaccinated. Without it, you are completely unprotected."

"We are announcing the expanded FluMist initiative during National Attendance Month," said Masiulis, "because this is an important component of our campaign to be sure that our students are healthy and in school every day."

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Are you already a student leader, or are you a student leader-in-waiting? Do you have the will to lead, but do you want more skills? The Maryland Association of Student Councils and Baltimore County Student Councils want to help you grow.

The two organizations are collaborating on a daylong event to teach students how to write and present leadership workshops locally and for state student councils. The event will be held on Sunday, Oct. 25, from 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. at the Goucher College Athenaeum in Towson. Lunch will be provided and registration is free. Students must provide their own transportation.

Students must register before Wednesday, Oct. 21. (The event will be cancelled if registration is too low.) Registration will be capped at 50 students.

Additional information, permission forms and a map can be found at: https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1c_Cq0grPqnGM6x3-17Ai2XvrHGPsfIA54gSg2NodXyI/viewform.



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Pine Grove Elementary named National Blue Ribbon school

The U.S. Department of Education today announced that Pine Grove Elementary School in Parkville has been named a National Blue Ribbon School, one of 355 schools across the nation recognized this year.

"I am so proud that the hard work of the students, staff and community of Pine Grove Elementary School is being recognized with a National Blue Ribbon," said BCPS Superintendent Dallas Dance. "Under the leadership of Principal Jean Wilson, Pine Grove has strengthened its rigorous academics, nurturing learning atmosphere and strong sense of community pride. Those elements combine to make the school an exemplar worthy of the National Blue Ribbon designation."

Principal Wilson surprised the school community by announcing the honor at the conclusion of its Pinwheels for Peace event. All in attendance received blue elastic bracelets and sang an original song (written by teacher Justin Pugh) to commemorate the event. They then watched U.S. Secretary of Education Arne Duncan make the blue ribbon announcement via the

department's USTREAM channel. As they watched Duncan's speech, Pine Grove students and staff ate a "taste of success" treat provided by the school's PTA. According to Wilson, the Oreo cookies represented an "Outstanding school Reaching for Excellence for One and All." Students left school with a letter for their parents announcing the honor and highlighting the school's many accomplishments.

"It is truly an honor and privilege to work in a school community where the students, staff and families are so dedicated to learning and supporting each other," said Pine Grove Principal Jean Wilson. "There is a fine tradition of excellence at Pine Grove Elementary, and I am thrilled for the students, staff and parents to be receiving this well-deserved recognition. Pine Grove has an extremely dedicated faculty and staff who care about each child and work diligently to meet their academic, social and emotional needs. They go above and beyond to provide rigorous and differentiated instruction so that all students will excel," she said.

"Our parents and PTA are tremendously supportive and provide many activities that contribute to increased achievement and enjoyment for the students."

"Being a National Blue Ribbon School," Wilson added, "is clearly a huge cause for celebration and pride; in keeping with our beliefs, it also will be an inspiration to us to continue to reach even greater heights for our students!"

At Pine Grove Elementary, 96 percent of students in Grades 3-5 scored proficient or advanced in reading and mathematics on the Maryland School Assessment (MSA) from 2009 through 2014. Students from various racial and ethnic groups, along with English language learners, special needs students and those receiving free and reduced meals all attained 91 percent proficiency or higher on reading and mathematics assessments.

The National Blue Ribbon Schools program honors public and private schools that are either academically superior or that demonstrate dramatic gains in student achievement. This year the program is honoring 285 public and 50 private schools. In its 33-year history, the National Blue Ribbon Schools Program has bestowed this coveted award on more than 8,000 of America's schools.

"This honor recognizes your students' accomplishments and the hard work and dedication that went into their success," Duncan said in a video message to the awardees. "Your journey has taught you collaboration, intentional instruction and strong relationships in school and with your community. You represent excellence - in vision, in implementation and in results - and we want to learn as much as we can from you."

In total, 21 BCPS schools have earned Maryland Blue Ribbons, with 18 of those going on to earn national Blue Ribbon honors. Schools previously designated as National Blue Ribbon Schools in Baltimore County include Carroll Manor, Chadwick, Charlesmont, Middlesex, Red House Run, Riderwood, Seventh District, Sparks, Summit Park, Timonium and Woodholme elementary schools; Dumbarton, Hereford and Ridgely middle schools; and Eastern Tech, Towson and Western Tech. high schools.

This is the seventh year in a row that BCPS has celebrated a National Blue Ribbon designation for one of its schools.

Principal Wilson, Mrs. Atabek, a Grade 4 teacher, and Mrs. Pumphrey, PTA president, will represent Pine Grove in Washington D.C., on November 9-10 to be honored by national officials.

Essex Elementary win contest promoting school attendance

Looking for the next advertising genius?

They might just be here in the classrooms of Baltimore County Public Schools. To promote the importance of attendance - being in school on time and every day - the school system coordinated its first ever student attendance commercial contest. More than 43 entries were received from elementary, middle and high school students and student groups around the county. A winner was selected at each level, with Essex Elementary taking elementary honors.

The winning team from Essex consisted of Kristine Frank, library media specialist, and Tracy Skeels, art teacher, with students Kiersten Bisson, Ezzah Chaudhry, Amber Jourdan, Ciara Regulski and Trevor Valentijn.

The winning entries will be shown on both www.bcps.org and BCPS-TV (on Verizon FiOS 73 and Comcast Cable 34 in Baltimore County). Each group that produced a winning video will receive \$100, provided by the Education Foundation of Baltimore County Public Schools (from private business partners' donations). Their video can also be watched at <https://vimeo.com/142513421>.

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Scholars K-8 to close at end of school year

On Tuesday, Oct. 6, the Board of Education of Baltimore County voted to close Scholars K-8 School at the end of the 2015-16 school year.

After reviewing the age and condition of the building, enrollment trends, transportation, student relocation, educational programs and the impact on the community, and after having carefully examined the educational benefit to students, Baltimore County Public Schools Superintendent Dr. S. Dallas Dance recommended that the school be closed.

Scholars K-8 opened as Imagine Discovery Public Charter School in 2008. Imagine Discovery LLC voluntarily ended its charter at the end of the 2013-2014 school year. As of the 2014-2015 school year, by action of the Board, Imagine Discovery continued as a BCPS school and was renamed Scholars K-8. At the request of parents and to facilitate the administration's continued evaluation of the program's viability, the Board also extended the current facility's lease for two years.

The lease of the current facility ends in June 2016.

Kenwood to host college fair

On Oct. 28, Kenwood High School will be hosting its eighth college fair from 6 - 7:30 p.m.

The event will be held at Kenwood High School, located at 501 Stemmers Run Road in Essex, and is open to all. This year's college fair will see representatives present from over 70 colleges, universities, trade schools and military organizations.

If you are considering any of the aforementioned programs, this is an opportunity you won't want to miss.

College fairs give prospective students the chance to speak with representatives from colleges and universities who can help you find out what is right for you.

Former Patapsco principal selected for Visionaries Program

Ryan Imbriale, executive director of the Department of Innovative Learning at Baltimore County Public Schools, has been named one of the Intel® Education Visionaries, an elite group of approximately 40 education leaders from all over the world who will be exemplars for global education transformation, inspire and share best practices with other educators, administrators and parents worldwide and help Intel design the future of education technology.

Imbriale, a Cockeysville resident, was selected as an Intel Education Visionary on the basis of his insight, passion and proven experience as an agent of change in education.

From Oct. 11-14, he attended the Intel Education Visionaries kickoff event at Intel's headquarters in Santa Clara, Calif., which served as the official launch of the program.

The event brought the Visionaries together to collaborate with other educators and leaders, participate in immersive professional learning sessions and hear from industry experts.

In addition to being invited to the Intel Education Visionaries kickoff event, the program will provide Imbriale with opportunities to meet and collaborate with other Visionaries worldwide, attend global conferences, events and webinars with Intel Education as appropriate, receive unique professional learning opportunities and be featured in Intel's global education communications.

"We are honored and excited to launch the Intel Education Visionaries program. We believe great educators and technology can transform learning and prepare students to become the leaders and innovators of the future," said John Galvin, vice president and general manager of Intel Education. "We look forward to working closely with these Visionaries to inspire student success around the world."

Imbriale leads BCPS' acclaimed instructional digital conversion initiative, S.T.A.T. (Students and Teachers Accessing

Tomorrow). He has spent his career in education focused on how technology can empower student learning. Prior to coming to BCPS, he was facilitator of the Maryland Students Online Consortium, working with 17 Maryland school systems, as well as coordinator for professional development at The Johns Hopkins University Center for Technology in Education.

Imbriale has extensive experience presenting to audiences on online and blended learning, learner-centered environments, curriculum design and effective leadership. He joined BCPS as an instructional technology specialist and then assistant principal.

Before overseeing the Department of Innovative Learning, Imbriale also served as principal of Patapsco High School and Center for the Arts. Under his leadership, Patapsco was named one of the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts' National Schools of Distinction in 2009 and was recognized by the College Board as the Middle States winner for Excellence and Innovation in the Arts in 2012.

Imbriale is a former member of the Board of Directors for ISTE, the International Society for Technology in Education. In 2012, he was named a Phi Delta Kappa Emerging Leader, and, in 2013, the National Association of

Secondary School Principals named him a National Digital Principal of the Year.

"Ryan's enthusiasm for the effective use of technology in education is matched by his knowledge of the subject and his skill in building collaborations to get the work done," said BCPS Superintendent Dr. S. Dallas Dance. "We are transforming classrooms in Baltimore County Public Schools into personalized learner-centered environments, and we are making our very large school system smaller and better connected through technology. Ryan is a key player in making that happen."

The Intel Education Visionaries program is part of Intel's long-standing commitment to education. For over a decade, Intel Education has worked with more than 15 million teachers and 300 million students in more than 100 countries to help educators inspire students, support schools in achieving educational excellence and enable better manageability by administrators.

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For more information on the program, feel free to visit www.intel.com/visionaries.



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Jim Dresher: Building the 'Trust Bank'

Since 1974, Jim Dresher has made his mark in Baltimore County in the restaurant and lodging industries. Dresher built a successful career owning McDonald's restaurants, employing thousands of local residents over his 18 years as a franchisee. After opening the McDonald's in Martin Plaza Shopping Center in 1974, he and his business partner went on to open 12 restaurants, nine in eastern Baltimore County. They sold the business to McDonald's Corporation in 1990.

As founder and CEO of Skye Hospitality LLC, Dresher built, owned and operated 10 hotels in the Baltimore region, including four in White Marsh. Now, as a member of 1st Mariner Bank's Board of Directors, he has moved out of hospitality and into the finance industry. As he says, "I guess I've gone from burgers to banking."

Jim Dresher's commitment to eastern Baltimore County goes well beyond his business interests. Currently, he serves as chairman of the Board of Trustees of Johns Hopkins Bayview Medical Center, a major teaching and research hospital serving many families in our community. He also sits on the boards of Johns Hopkins Hospital and Johns Hopkins Medicine. Dresher previously served as president of the Essex-Middle River Chamber of Commerce (now the Chesapeake Gateway Chamber), an organization that inducted him into their Business Hall of Fame three years ago.

While a McDonald's owner/operator in the 1980s, Dresher was one of the founders of Baltimore's Ronald McDonald House. Along the way he also served on boards at the Middle River Boys and Girls Club and on Kenwood High School's Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) Advisory Committee.

Dresher takes pride in being a good citizen and contributing to what he calls the "trust bank."

"Any time you support your local community, you're making a deposit into the trust bank," Dresher said. "It's important for people to see trustworthy business people making a difference."

Jim Dresher's latest deposit into the trust bank was, fittingly, with 1st Mariner Bank. Last year, Jim became a member on the Board of Directors at 1st Mariner Bank, the largest independently-owned bank in Baltimore City. The bank had gone through some difficult times and a group of local investors took a major ownership position. Dresher saw this as an investment opportunity and a chance to help local businesses.

After being purchased by the group of investors last June, the bank put a new management team in place. "The bank is healthy, well capitalized and here to stay," Dresher said. "Most importantly, 1st Mariner

Bank continues to focus on local people lending to local businesses."

Dresher knows from personal experience that it's not ideal to have a bank making decisions for your business from hundreds or thousands of miles away. "I've done a lot of banking from the customer side so I understand the importance of long-term banking relationships."

"Having a Baltimore-based bank is good for the business community and the community in general."

Dresher sees a bright future for the impact the bank will have on Baltimore, especially independent business owners like himself. "1st Mariner Bank has been important to Baltimore for the past 20 years, and I think it will continue to be important for the next 20."

Monster pumpkin resides at Chapel Hills



Chapel Hills Farm and Nursery, 4350 Chapel Road in Perry Hall, is the new home of a massive, 610-pound pumpkin, originally grown in Lancaster, Pa.

The pumpkin now resides at Chapel Hills for the delight of their patrons during the Fall Festival Days through Oct. 31. So drop by today and take a photo with produce larger than you!

Brightview holds third annual Chili Cook-off



- Article & photo by Devin Crum -

Brightview White Marsh, the senior living community specializing in Alzheimer's care, hosted its third annual Chili Cook-off event on Wednesday, Oct. 7.

With help from residents and guest judges from the White Marsh police precinct, the local Police and Community Relations Council and the *East County Times*, a winner was chosen among five special recipes prepared by the different departmental staff of the community.

The recipe prepared by Vibrant Living Director Diane Gibson and her team members, Sandy and Marlene (pictured, from left), was chosen as the winner in a blind taste test. The recipe prepared by the Health and Wellness/Assisted Living team was selected as the runner-up.

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BMS Care Connect makes healthcare more accessible

- Article & photo by Emily Blackner -

How many times has this happened to you: you wake up feeling achey and feverish. So you call your doctor, only to find out that he or she is booked solid for days, or even longer. Now, with Baltimore Medical System, Inc.'s (BMS) Care Connect at Middlesex, you won't have to wait to see a doctor.

"When you are experiencing symptoms, you want to be seen that day," Dr. Dahlia Reid, center medical director, asserted. "But sometimes you can't get an appointment with your primary care doctor right away."

That's where BMS Care Connect comes in. They provide walk-in services, or you can make an appointment to come in and visit the clinic's doctor to have your concern addressed. They also take overflow patients from other BMS facilities to allow them to be seen faster as well.

BMS Care Connect is designed to help patients with acute, single-visit issues, Dr Reid explained. Acute means that symptoms have been present for less than 10 days; examples include a fever, cold and flu, stomach pain, bronchitis, allergic reactions and more. Patients must be older than two months. Dr. Reid pointed out that BMS Care Connect can handle the non-pregnancy-related complaints of pregnant patients as well.

"It's not urgent care, it's an extension of care," Dr. Reid said. "The goal is to provide increased access to patients and have them routed back to the primary care provider."

This communication can save patients unnecessary follow-up and help tailor treatment right from the start, since the primary doctor will be familiar with that patient's history and the treatments that have been effective in the past.

"Care Connect providers can easily send a message or even speak to primary care physicians. It allows the primary care provider who knows you well to have input into your care," Dr. Reid described.

If you are one of the millions of Americans who doesn't have a primary care doctor, BMS Care Connect can still help.

"For patients in the community who don't have a primary care doctor, we try to set them up with a doctor at Baltimore Medical System or here," Dr. Reid said.

The clinic had its soft launch back in March with limited hours, but from June onwards it has been fully open with the operating hours of noon - 8 p.m. Monday - Friday. There is also a regular clinic that operates with more typical hours; Care Connect is just an added option for patients.

And although the Middlesex location does not have a pharmacy or a radiology department on site, Dr. Reid said that the planned location in nearby Highlandtown will include those amenities to better serve patients. Middlesex patients can have their prescription medications delivered to them, however. The Middlesex location will also get increased staffing as demand increases to make sure care remains easily accessible.

"It's continuity of care for the patient," Dr. Reid concluded. "We want them to know that this is available to them. It's all designed to meet the needs of the patient, to get them the care they need."

BMS Care Connect is located at 1245 Eastern Boulevard, one half block off of the road, behind the Comcast building. For directions and other information, call 410-558-4700 or visit <http://www.bmsi.org/>.



A sign directs patients from Eyring Avenue to the parking area and building for Baltimore Medical Systems, Inc., Middlesex location and their Care Connect clinic. The clinic is open noon - 8 p.m. on weekdays.

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Former Delegate "Sonny" Minnick remembered by colleagues, community

- by Emily Blackner -

Dundalk native and veteran legislator Joseph J. "Sonny" Minnick passed away last Monday, Oct. 12, at the age of 82. Minnick was in hospice care at Stella Maris in Timonium for a blood disease.

He was born on March 16, 1933, and resided in Dundalk for his entire life. After graduating from Dundalk High School in the Class of 1952, Minnick enlisted in the US Navy, where he served from 1952 - 1956 and earned a Good Conduct Medal. After that, he went to Dundalk and then to Essex Community College, in 1972 - 1973 and 1974, respectively.

His career in politics began in 1988, when he was appointed to the House of Delegates to fill a suddenly vacant seat.

In numerous statements and online comments, his colleagues and constituents remembered him fondly.

"Delegate Sonny Minnick was a kind-hearted individual, a caring, constituent-oriented legislator and a patient mentor," said Jake Mohorovic, a former District 6 delegate who served with Minnick.

Minnick, a conservative Democrat, was first elected a member of the House of Delegates in November 1994 and served from January 11, 1995, until January 14, 2015. He chose not to seek re-election in the November 2014 race. His seat was taken by Republican Ric Metzgar, who called Minnick "a



Former Delegate Sonny Minnick was a frequent participant in the Dundalk Fourth of July parade like this one in 2008. Minnick passed away on Monday, Oct. 12, at the age of 82. File photo.

gentleman statesman."

"Sonny was a tremendous man, a mentor and friend," he continued. "The shoes are definitely harder to fill now, and I am truly honored to be seated at his seat in the General Assembly. I even have the same office phone number. He will be sorely missed."

"He was always strong-willed and opinionated and tenacious in the way he went about his work, but he was always respectful of other people," recalled John Olszewski, Jr., who served with Minnick from 2006 - 2015. They were both members of the

Economic Matters Committee.

"His advice was always very helpful and insightful for me, and I'm grateful for that. I'm lucky to have had the opportunity to know him as well as I have," Olszewski added.

Minnick was on the alcoholic beverages, business regulation and unemployment insurance subcommittees. Prior appointments include the Commerce and Government Matters Committee and the Judiciary Committee. He also held several leadership roles, being elected the chair of the Baltimore County delegation from 1995 - 2006 and serving as the Deputy Majority Whip from 1995 - 1998 and the House Co-Chair of the Maryland Veterans Caucus from 1997 - 2015.

"Sonny was the unofficial chair of the 'previous question caucus.' He was the one to move the previous question to vote," Olszewski revealed. "When debate would languish on, the speaker would look down from the rostrum and nod, and we'd know Sonny was about to make a motion."

East County Times readers may remember Minnick from his "Sonny Sez" columns, where he would communicate with his constituents about issues and votes before the General Assembly. Constituents leaving online tributes to Minnick noted that he always respected them and their opinions, even when they disagreed.

Outside of his life as a delegate, Minnick was the owner of a popular restaurant on Sollers Point Road that bears his family name until he sold the establishment a few years ago. Locals remember Minnick's as a great place to watch the Baltimore Colts games, with Minnick leading the crowd in a team cheer.

He was also a member of VFW Post 6694, American Legion Post 38 and the Knights of Columbus.

Minnick attended Our Lady of Hope Catholic Church in Dundalk, where a funeral mass was held on Friday, Oct. 16. He was also remembered at visitations held at the Connelly Funeral Home of Dundalk on Wednesday and Thursday, Oct. 14 and 15. And, Del. Metzgar revealed that he hopes to have the General Assembly observe a moment of silence in Minnick's honor during the next session.

Minnick is survived by his wife, Barbara (nee Nastalski), children Christopher J. Minnick, Danielle Cogar and Barbara Morse, six grandchildren and a brother, Daniel Minnick.

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Cook, Ronald, Sr.

On Oct. 14, Ronald Cook Sr., 77, beloved husband of Mary Kay Cook (nee Pitts); loving father of Ronald Cook, Jr., Shirley Rohal and her husband Tom, James Cook and his wife Kimberly and Darla Medina; cherished grandfather of Thomas III, Vanessa, Victoria, Alisha, Pito, Alexis, Austin, Cassidy, Brianna, Allison, Angelica, Kimberly, Reagan, Ronaldo and RJ; dear great-grandfather of Thomas IV, Chase, Makayla, Jaxon and Isabella; devoted brother of Patty Hollier and James Bus Cook.

Visitation was held on Oct. 16 at the Bruzdinski Funeral Home, P.A. of Essex, where a funeral service was held on Oct. 17. Entombment Holly Hill Memorial Gardens.

Dowell, Cecil G., Sr.

On Oct. 15, Cecil G. Dowell, Sr., beloved husband of Elaine T. Dowell (nee Dietz); devoted father of Michele Sloan, Greg and Tonya Dowell, Angela Cox and Valerie Taylor; loving son of Betty Dowell and the late Glen Dowell; loving brother of Glen Freddy Dowell and his wife Linda and Reggie Dowell and his wife Josie; cherished grandfather of Zachary and Kayla Xanthakos, Collin, Garret and Dylan Sloan and Austin, Trenton and Brooklyn Dowell. Also survived by many loving family members and friends.

Visitation was held on Oct. 18 at the Connelly Funeral Home of Essex, where funeral services were held on Oct. 19. Interment Gardens of Faith Memorial Gardens.

Ward, John E.

On Oct. 12, John E. Ward, beloved husband of Jo Ann Ward; devoted father of Michael E. and Eric C. Ward; loving son of Lela M. Ward and the late Clifton W. Ward; dear brother of Linda Wilfong, Teresia Bellamy and the late Clifton E. Ward; grandfather of Karis N. and Rose E. Ward. Also survived by many nieces, nephews and cousins.

Visitation was held on Oct. 15 at the Connelly Funeral Home of Essex, where a funeral service was held on Oct. 16. Interment Holly Hill Memorial Gardens.

Merson, Ron

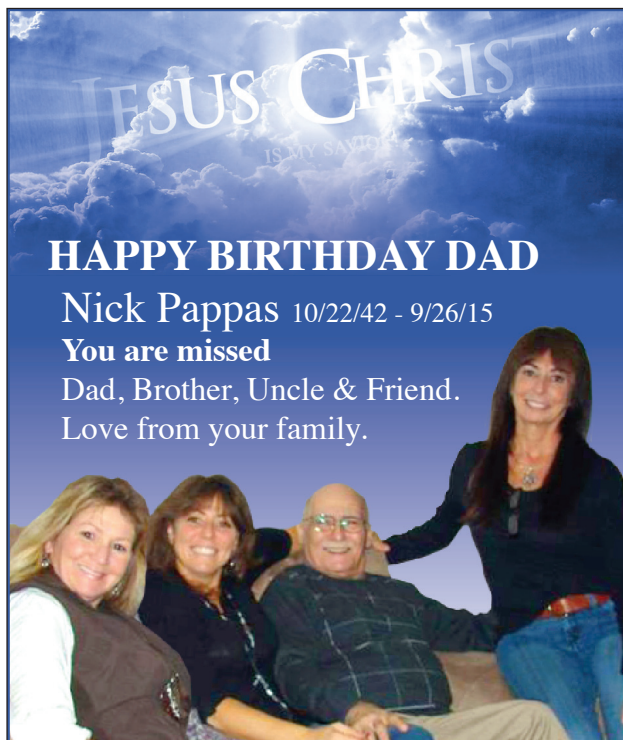
On Oct. 11, Ron Merson, loving father of Alex, Lyndsay and Ronnie Merson; loving grandfather of Sophia Nguyen; loving brother of Geraldine Fassell and Frank Merson. Also survived by many loving family members and friends.

Visitation was held at the Connelly Funeral Home of Essex on Oct. 17.

Jerome, Agnes L.

On Oct. 14, Agnes Lillian Jerome, 105, beloved wife of the late Francis Jerome; devoted mother of Alverta Roppelt and Delores Long.

Cremation services private.

**Wright, Mary M.**

On Oct. 16, Mary M. Wright, beloved companion of Charles Sommers, III; devoted mother of Kenneth Wright, Jr., Kathleen Kaplan, William Wright and his wife Melanie, Michelle Wright and Charlene Fornaciari and her husband Wayne; loving grandmother of Heather Kaplan, Tiffany Eisenhart, Angela Wright, Brittany Wright, April May, Brian Whorf, Kenneth Wright, III, Glenn Cadose and Katie Fornaciari; dear great-grandmother of Jordan, Alex, Reese, Kierra, Makenly, Jaydan and Gavin.

Visitation was held on Oct. 20 at the Connelly Funeral Home of Essex, where funeral services were held on Oct. 21. Interment Sacred Heart of Jesus Cemetery.

Phillips, David

On Oct. 17, David Phillips, 75, beloved husband of Dorothy Phillips (nee Heagy); loving father of Sherri Phillips and Donna Gerke; grandfather of David Gerke and Ashley Gerke.

Visitation was held on Oct. 20 at the Bruzdinski Funeral Home, P.A. of Essex, where a funeral service was held on Oct. 21. Interment Holly Hill Memorial Gardens.

Bangert, Armen A.

On Oct. 17, Armen A. Bangert (nee Alexander), 82, beloved wife of the late Joseph H. Bangert; devoted mother of Joseph Bangert and his wife Susan, Michael Bangert and his wife Joan and the late Daniel Bangert; dear grandmother of Danielle Franklin, Amanda Dailey, Ashley Czyzewski, Rachael Hawkins, Dustin Bangert, Brittany Bangert, Meghan Bangert, Elizabeth Ruiz, Jaclyn Parks and Sandra Smith; sister of Archie Alexander, Michael "Sonny" Alexander and the late Albert Alexander, Dolores Maddox, Naomi Scruggs and Gloria Alexander. Also survived by nine great-grandchildren and her faithful companion Buster.

Visitation will be held at the Bruzdinski Funeral Home, P.A., 1407 Old Eastern Ave. in Essex, on Thursday, Oct. 22, from 3 - 5 and 7 - 9 p.m., with a Christian wake service at 7:30 p.m. A funeral will also be held there on Friday, Oct. 23, at 9:30 a.m. A mass of Christian burial will be celebrated in Saint Clare Church, 714 Myrth Ave. in Essex, on Oct. 23 at 10 a.m. Interment Holly Hill Memorial Gardens. Memorials in her name may be made to Saint Clare Church or Alzheimer's Association, 1850 York Road, Suite D, Timonium, MD 21093.

Tumlinson, Gale F.

On Oct. 15, Gale Frances Tumlinson (nee Fox), 61, beloved wife of Lonnie R. Tumlinson; loving mother of Theresa Singh and her husband Happy, James Fox, Robert Fox, Tanya Boyett and Rennee Bradford; cherished grandmother of 12 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren; dear sister of Thomas Fox, Arlene Cardwell, Helen Cinotti and Janet Fuchs.

Visitation was held on Oct. 19 at the Bruzdinski Funeral Home, P.A. of Essex, where a funeral service was held on Oct. 20. Interment Holly Hill Memorial Gardens.

Morfe, Charles

On Oct. 7, Charles P. Morfe, beloved husband of June D. Morfe (nee Burkholder); devoted father of Angela M. Morfe and Carole Seibel; dear stepfather of Daequan and Latrell Perry; loving grandfather of Grace E. Perry and Billy Seibel; loving brother of James and Francis Morfe and Mary Parham.

Visitation and a memorial service were held at the Connelly Funeral Home of Essex on Oct. 13. Interment private.

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County Council Expands Tax Credit, Lightens Barriers for Solar Energy

At its meeting on Oct. 5, the Baltimore County Council passed legislation that removed barriers for solar energy companies, helping expand access by customers who want this environmentally-friendly energy source.

The legislation, sponsored by all councilmembers, reduces the amount of open space required around rooftop panels. It allows companies to run wires and conduits in the space, providing 20 percent more panels on homes. The County Council worked with the administration and the Baltimore County Fire Chief on the legislation.

"This is a common sense bill that will allow more homeowners to take advantage of clean, environmentally-friendly energy," commented Council Chair Cathy Bevins, who represents the Sixth District.

Fifth District Councilman David Marks noted that the legislation does not compromise public safety. "We do not want to jeopardize our firefighters in any way, and I'm glad we were able to pass this pro-business, pro-environment bill with them in mind," he said.

A separate bill passed in September raised the threshold for energy conservation tax credits. Councilmembers hope the change will help eliminate a ten-year backlog for these credits.

"When I was first elected, I heard numerous complaints from homeowners about this ten-year backlog for those who want the solar energy tax credit," Seventh District Councilman Todd Crandell commented. "We made this a priority and I thank all those who got this done."

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New Hospital Unit for Franklin Square Medical Center

More than 100 community members, public leaders and associates came together at MedStar Franklin Square to celebrate the newest accomplishment of the hospital - a new Neonatal Intensive Care Unit.

The new NICU expansion is replacing an old, outdated space that can be challenging for new parents and babies. The new space is designed to improve care for critically ill infants by creating an environment that is conducive to healing and more comfortable for

new parents. Some highlights of the improvements taking place in the new space include an increase in square footage from 1,850 square feet in the old NICU to more than 8,000 square feet of clinical space in the new area. The new NICU features 19 private rooms for patients and natural light throughout the space.

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Pictured from left to right: Sam Moskiewitz, Franklin Square President; Delegate Pat McDonough; Dr. Mena, Unit Director; Councilwomen Cathy Bevins; Dr. Albert Abouafia, director of the Cancer Unit and Michael Dietrich, Board Chairman

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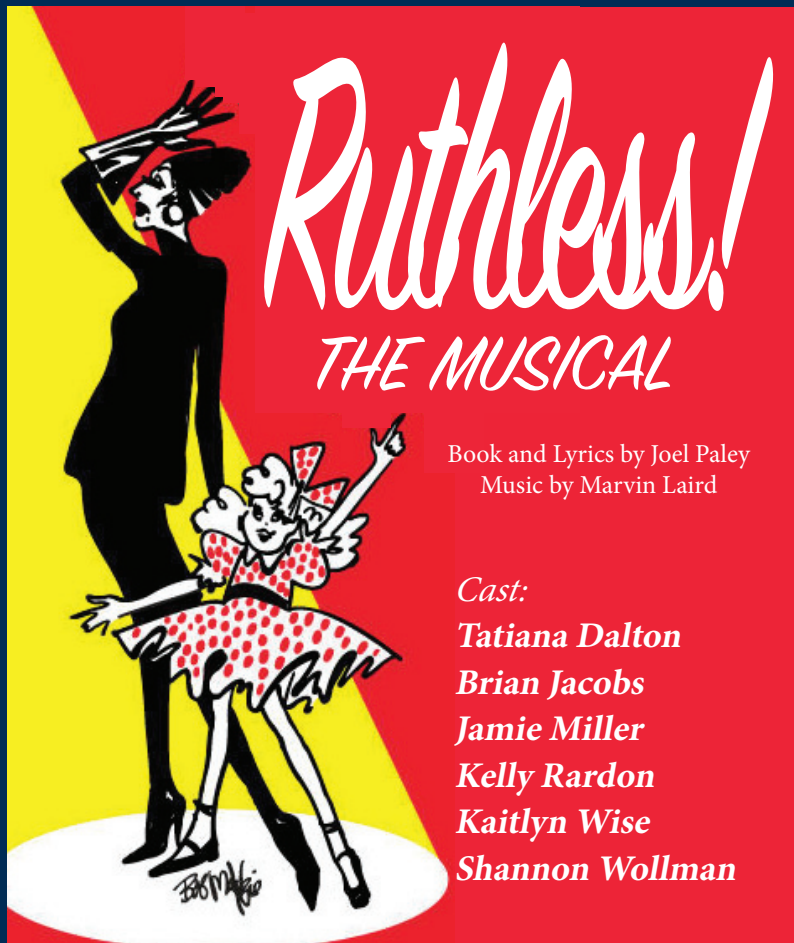
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Periodic Update: Governor Hogan Slashing or Eliminating Excessive Fees

- by Delegate Eric Bromwell (D-8) -

Whether Democrat, Republican or Independent, one thing on which most Marylanders agree is that the previous administration imposed a battery of taxes, fee increases and toll hikes. As a Democrat, I refused to vote for Governor O'Malley's tax and fee increases, just as I had fought fee increases under Governor Ehrlich. Toll increases, however, were imposed by the Department of Transportation and the O'Malley administration without a vote of the Maryland General Assembly.

To his credit, Governor Hogan has already reduced the sky-high tolls on many of Maryland's roads, bridges and tunnels. And recently, he announced the elimination or reduction of unnecessarily high fees on anything and everything one can imagine.

By cutting or eliminating 100 excessive fees, Gov. Hogan has put \$10.2 million back in our pockets annually. Fee elimination and reduction at the Maryland Department of Transportation accounts for a savings of \$6.27 million. That savings includes reductions of:

- *\$4 in vehicle emissions test fees for self-service kiosk customers

- *10 percent in numerous business license fees for the sale and registration of new and used motor vehicles

Street lighting installed at Kendi and Tammy Roads

The office of Baltimore County Councilman David Marks broke an impasse and expedited the placement of a new street light at Tammy and Kendi Roads in Perry Hall.

"This is a dark part of the neighborhood to the south of Perry Hall Middle School," Councilman Marks commented. "Our office was asked to intercede when the community's petition for a street light apparently fell through the cracks."

For information on the street light program, contact: http://www.baltimorecountymd.gov/Agencies/publicworks/traffic/street_lighting.html.

- *\$10 in MVA's title correction fees
- The EZ Pass Account Fee was already eliminated; that became effective in July.

In addition, the \$24 fee for homeless adults and the \$15 fee for homeless children seeking an MVA-issued ID card have been reduced to \$1, the smallest amount allowed by law for an ID.

I also support Gov. Hogan's eliminating a \$725 fee for adopted persons seeking access to birth records in order to find a biological parent and a \$25 fee for child support income tax interception. Also eliminated is the \$10 - \$20 boat launching fee in state parks for seniors with a Golden Age Pass.

Professional license fees have been reduced for veterinarians, real estate brokers, home appraisers,

pharmacies and professional asbestos removal contractors.

To me, an unreasonable tax is the same as an unreasonable fee. They both take money out of our pockets. As for most fees, they do not represent the cost of the service for which they are paid. They are usually much more expensive than the cost of the service and represent only the tangible evidence of the state's insatiable appetite for more revenue.

The Hogan administration has assured us that none of the fee eliminations or cuts will reduce the delivery of services to Maryland citizens or Maryland businesses. I am sure that taking an axe to the state's excessive fees is good news for Marylanders no matter which political party they support.

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since then- we rely more on computers and computer programs now, and can lay out a paper digitally instead of on flats by hand- the ethos of providing local, community-oriented news hasn't changed.

We have been here to cover important events in politics, education, crime and more, as well as showcase local citizens doing great things and advertise the many businesses and organizations that make the east side strong.

Through the years, ECT has helped organizations mark their own milestones, like anniversaries- Jiffy Lube celebrated their 30-year one with an article on Nov. 11, 2013, and for Dundalk Florist's centennial we ran an article on Jan. 28, 2010. Advertisers like these are an important part of our success, and we like to showcase their success as well.

And it is in local papers like ours that you can read about hometown personalities who often don't get the attention from larger outlets. We highlight Bowleys Quarters-based artist Bobby Adams in this issue, but in the past we've spotlighted resident Lucy Ambrosetti, who lived in the same house in Essex since 1947 (June 27, 2013) and Dundalk native Bucky Lasek in his many skateboarding victories.

Of course, not all local celebrities are benevolent; some are closer to infamous. During the weeks of Joseph Palczynski's killing spree in 2000, ECT closely followed the story, updating readers on the case, the manhunt and the aftermath. More recently, we were on the scene of the shooting at Perry Hall High School on Aug. 27, 2012, chronicling those events for concerned community members. (We were also

there when the county leaders announced the new security measures, such as photo ID checks, that were being implemented as a result of that tragedy).

Then there are the weather events, from "Snowpocalypse" in 2010 to Hurricanes Sandy, Irene and Isabel in 2012, 2011 and 2003, respectively. With so many waterfront property owners in the area, as well as other locals who enjoy the recreation opportunities and restaurants offered on the shore, it was important to keep readers in the know.

Luckily, for the most part, we get to cover more pleasant topics, like groundbreaking on new parks (like WAGS in Dundalk, Aug. 29, 2013) and other amenities (such as the Sollers Point Multipurpose Center), local sports team victories, honors given to first responders and veterans and, of course, we can't forget our yearly coverage of community-favorite festivals like Essex Day, the Dundalk Heritage Fair, 4th of July and more.

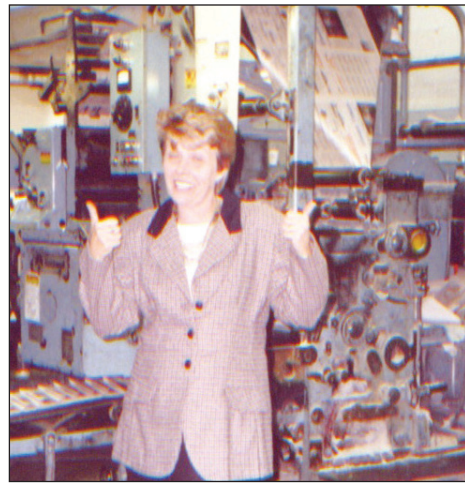
The political scene has given us a lot to tell readers about over the years as well, from the redrawing of Districts 6 and 7, to the fight over SB509 and the loss of waterfront property, to the Rain Tax battle more recently. We've interviewed candidates for County Council, county executive, General Assembly and even governor.

And, we are good at what we do. Of course we're going to say that, but we have the accolades to prove it. We have won awards from the Mid-Atlantic Community Papers Association (MAC-PA) for web design, opinion articles, column writing, news stories, features and General Excellence. We have citations from the General Assembly (courtesy of Del. Pat McDonough) and from former County Executive Jim Smith. Groups like the Knights of Columbus

of Dundalk have given us recognition for the help we give them in publicizing their events.

But the most important accolades we get come from readers like you. We get emails and notes about our stories all the time. You consistently send us letters to the editor to share your opinions. Even if you disagree with us, we're glad for your feedback. It reminds us why we do what we do- for our readers, to keep them informed, and for our advertisers.

So our 20th anniversary commemoration wouldn't be complete without thanking you, the readers, for your strong support over the past two decades. Thank you, and here's to many more years of local community news.



Linda Mrok celebrates the printing of the very first issue of the East County Times, then the Essex Times, in 1995. One of the founders of the paper, Mrok remains our Sales Manager today.



Hurricane Irene in 2011 caused wind and water damage around the area, although thankfully not as severe as did Hurricane Irene in 2003. File photo.



The 2012 shooting at Perry Hall High School drew U.S. Marshals, officials and East County Times reporters to the school. File photo.

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What's this breaking/broken news 'Buzz' all about?

- by Devin Crum -

Following my most recent article last week about the whole Paragon outlet mall/Bill 53-15 petition issue, I again took some flak from someone insinuating that I either did not have or did not present all of the facts in my article.

This critic - a locally-known former police officer and online blogger named Charles "Buzz" Beeler who fancies himself a journalist - attempts to discredit my front-page piece in a Patch.com blog post while presenting nothing credible to back himself up.

The article, "Records show White Marsh Mall bankrolling petition effort (Oct.15)," revealed that the "Stop 53-15" petition was being propped up completely by the expenditures from White Marsh Mall's parent company, General Growth Properties, to the tune of more than \$200,000.

Now, I get the cheap point Beeler was trying to make, and I'm not an idiot; I know that it has been no real secret all along that White Marsh Mall was behind the petition effort because they do not want competition from the outlet mall.

So I guess there was a bit of hype there when the documents came out showing it on paper. Score one point for Buzz... (or maybe a half point).

But this was the first physical, rather than anecdotal, evidence that White Marsh Mall was behind the petition. Any time mall or GGP representatives were asked about their involvement, they either deflected the question or simply said they "support" the petition.

(Side note: I do find it comical that petition drive supporters all of a sudden were saying that it was "never a secret" about the mall's involvement once the documents came out proving it.)

And if Buzz had bothered to read between the lines a bit, he might have noticed the broader message that White Marsh Mall is spending hundreds of thousands of dollars to fight economic competition when they could invest that money into themselves to make their business more appealing to customers.

Additionally, no one in the community is contributing to the petition effort, despite some claims that it is a "community-based" effort. Although they say people have volunteered their time, even volunteers tend to donate what they can to a cause they believe in.

But back on track, Beeler called my article a "not quite exclusive" piece. Well, I'm going to call a technicality here, because the article was based on

documents that were given *exclusively* to the *East County Times* before being given to any other media outlet. That makes it an exclusive story. Score one for Devin.

Beeler also notes in his blog post that "in that quest for speed [in the world of news], what often times is missing is the facts," apparently implying that my article missed something.

Well if you want to talk about facts, Buzz, let's start with spelling my name correctly. I'll do my best to extend the same courtesy.

Throughout his post, Beeler alternates spelling my last name with and without a "b," leading me to believe he is unsure of which is correct. I don't know why it's an issue, though, since my name is printed right at the top of the article you are criticizing. Perhaps some proofreading would do your posts some good.

(Alright, maybe that was a cheap shot. But score one for me, nonetheless.)

Beeler further claims that my article was slanted in favor of the developer. I can see how it might seem that way from reading only the print version, since it did not include the comments I received later from Heather Patti, a petition backer, which came in after press time and could not be printed. But I said as much in the article, apologized to Patti when she did get back to me and updated the article on our website with her contribution.

I'm unsure, though, why Buzz did not think to check our website to see the other side presented there. He was already online (the photo he used in his post was from our Facebook page) and he should know, being a blogger, that Internet pages are always updatable.

In dissecting my story and in an effort to downplay its significance, Beeler points out that it is not unreasonable to connect the dots and figure out what the mall has been up to. He's right.

But then he makes the same mistake while trying to say that I left something out of my story.

"For me it's not hard to figure out that the WM Mall has some major skin in this game... Mr. Crumb [sic] makes no mention of how much money Paragon has spent on the same issue."

I made no mention of that because I do not have that information, and since Paragon is not running a referendum campaign, they are under no obligation to disclose their finances. However, it is obvious that Paragon opposes the petition.

But Paragon partner Kelvin Antill was open and truthful with me when I asked

if Paragon was running the anti-petition campaign under the name of Protect Baltimore County, LLC. He affirmed that they are, and I have since published that they are behind several mailers and radio advertisements that have aired.

And speaking of obligations, Beeler used a quote from Antill in my article to make his point that "WM Mall is under no obligation to tell Mr. Antill a darn thing."

Well, when selling a petition to voters, the public has a right to know who is behind it. They *are* under obligation to tell the public those things, which is exactly why the documents I obtained exist.

Beeler basically makes a claim of secrecy on the part of Paragon because he has been unable to get them to talk to him. That does not surprise me since, in my experience, he has a tendency to be abrasive and publish things he believes to be factual, yet has no real evidence to back them up.

A professional journalist would have taken the time to develop a working relationship with his or her sources to be able to get the information they need. Following up doesn't hurt either.

And for the record, Buzz, Ann Beegle is not a Paragon executive as you identified

her; she doesn't even work for Paragon. She is part of a communications firm hired to do public relations for Paragon regarding the outlets project.

Her job is literally to talk to you and give you information. So if you can't get her to do that, you're obviously doing something wrong.

Beeler claims that I "seem to forget that this is all about business..."

On the contrary, I think I know better than most that this is all about business, which is what my article showed. White Marsh Mall is trying to protect its business by blocking a competitive project down the road.

I have certainly taken note of the 30,000-plus people who have signed the petition. But I can't help but wonder how many of those signatures were obtained under false pretenses.

I fully support the right of people to petition laws to referendum through the democratic process and was vocal that I didn't like the County Council's action in my first opinion on this issue. But I also support a competitive free market economy, especially if a new project would better the area and be a vast improvement over what gets built if it does not.

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Aerostats a daily reminder of government waste, military industrial complex

- by Patrick Taylor -

Every day I turn off Monument Street and hop onto Route 40 before getting on Erdman Avenue to get to work. Each morning as I head up the entrance ramp to Erdman, I'm greeted by the sight of the two aerostats. It's my welcome to east Baltimore County, and it's arguably the worst part of my daily routine.

Though they hang serenely in the sky, tethered to the ground two miles below, the two aerostats serve as a daily reminder of government waste and our ever-growing military industrial complex.

As I mentioned in the news article on page 12 of this week's issue, the JLENS program has recently come under heavy scrutiny for being a waste of time and money. \$2.7 billion of taxpayer money has been poured into the program over 17 years, and, according to recent research by The Tribune, it's basically been all for naught.

The JLENS program is supposed to detect enemies, yet can't tell the difference between friend or foe. It's supposed to be able to stay up for a month straight but has yet to do so, with the reason being inclement weather. Allegations of wonky software and glitches plague the endeavour.

The allegations arose from Pentagon

reports uncovered by The Tribune, and so far the contractor responsible for the program, Raytheon Co., has remained silent.

That doesn't bode well.

If you're wondering how an inefficient program could ever get the green light, The Tribune dug up some pretty interesting details.

Apparently, Army leaders tried to pull in the reigns on JLENS in 2010, but Raytheon lobbyists went to work in D.C. and managed to keep the program afloat (no pun intended).

At the time, Marine Corps Gen. James E. Cartwright worked as the vice chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, and Cartwright maintained that the program could be successful.

Keep in mind that this is a post-9/11 world. After the planes hit in New York City, Shanksville, Pa., and D.C., many of our armed forces leaders and politicians very reasonably decided that there needed to be a better way to detect those types of attacks, while also combating drones, cruise missiles and more. In theory, the JLENS is a great idea. But in practice it seems to fall short.

So how exactly is it still in operation?

Cartwright argued for more money for the program in 2011, then proceeded to retire. I'm sure the next bit of in-

formation will come as a total shock, but less than a half year after retiring Cartwright proceeded to take a job on the board of directors at Raytheon, where, up until 2014, he received over \$800,000 in cash and stocks according to Securities and Exchange Commission records.

If that doesn't sound like a conflict of interest, I don't know what does.

Then you have the Pentagon's former director of operational testing Philip Coyle publicly stating that Congress should review whether or not JLENS should receive any more taxpayer money. But what would he know, he only oversaw assessments of weapons systems for seven years. Coyle maintains that the cost to defend the country with the aerostat system would be an astronomical burden.

Back in April, a Florida man looking to "dramatize his demand for campaign finance reform" flew a single-seat plane 30 miles into restricted airspace in D.C. and went undetected by JLENS. You would think that if the system was going to work anywhere, it would be over our nation's capital.

Yet there flew Douglas Hughes, into D.C. and onto the West Lawn of the U.S. Capitol.

At hearings that followed the incident, it was revealed that JLENS was

not operational that day.

Originally, JLENS was intended for the battlefield. It was sold to Congress on the premise that it would be a useful, easily movable tool that would provide invaluable information.

Seeing as how it needs to be kept in a strict no-fly zone while tethered to the ground, the idea of swiftly moving the aerostats around a battle theatre are laughable.

Another selling point is that the aerostats, since they're filled with helium, can get punctured repeatedly and still be able to float. That idea becomes laughable when you realize that it's no match for explosive devices and rockets.

But that was the selling point when Raytheon first won their joint contract back in the late 90s. In 2005, they received over a billion dollars to keep the program going.

We're in a time where military higher ups become lobbyists and discretionary spending for the military consumes almost 60 percent of our nation's budget, and is almost ten times higher than discretionary spending for education.

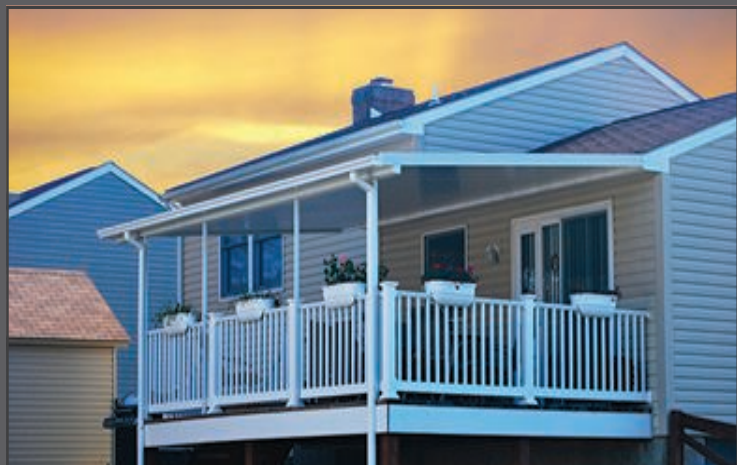
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Petitioning the Government

The right to petition government for redress of grievances is a fundamental right which can be traced all the way back to the Magna Carta in 1215. It was, as it should be, established as a "grass roots" lobbying effort (meaning the voluntary efforts of the public to communicate their own views on issues). It was not, nor should ever be, intended as an occupation.

Much has been said and reported about the current petition drive to place Bill 53-15 on the ballot next election. The main thing about this drive that concerns me is that it is not a "voluntary grass roots effort." It is a professional, well organized machine which is funded by the owners of the White Marsh Mall. The individuals out there at malls and shopping centers asking for your signatures are not volunteers; rather they are paid employees. These actions alone defy and negate the basic principles and concepts of a petition drive.

The paid signature gatherers have a well-rehearsed speech, which as a frequent shopper, I have heard a hundred times. One thing that some of them lack is manners. On Thursday, Oct. 15, at approximately

5:45 p.m., I was at the Middlesex Shopping Center when I was approached by a paid petitioner. I politely, as I always do, listened to his entire prepared speech. When he was finished, I expected the same courtesy from him as I politely began to explain my concerns that he was not a volunteer but rather a paid employee and, thereby, defeating the intent of the right to petition. His rude interruption of my comments took me completely by surprise. He immediately began cursing at me calling me names such as a**hole, fagg*t and more.

Rather than call the police, I talked to another signature gatherer and got their boss's contact information and made a complaint. I also went into Shoppers and spoke to management and was assured that my complaint would be forwarded to the owners of Middlesex Shopping Center.

If these signature gatherers are going to behave like this, then they need to be removed from the shopping center.

Keith Roberts
Essex

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that had happened since the beginning of Saturday. I think this is pretty special because the average person would have probably pocketed the money and moved on with their lives, but they went through all the trouble to find out who the money was owed to.

Marlene Vlachos
Middle River

Sincere Appreciation

With yet another Essex Day festival now in the books, I would like to express my sincere appreciation to all who helped make the day successful.

To all of our vendors who faithfully ventured out, despite weather concerns. To all our entertainers who did the very same. To all of the patrons who enjoyed the day with us, even though attendance was not what it usually is. To our Precinct 11/Essex police officers for their outstanding service to the community every time they put on the uniform. To the Middleborough Volunteer Fire Department for providing emergency services if needed.

To our Boy Scout Troops working to keep the midway free of debris. To the East County Times for their years of printed support for the festival. To the

new guest, *The Dundalk Eagle/Avenue*, and their added printed support this year. To our festival chairman, Joe DiCara, for his constant presence all day, from his outstanding offering of the National Anthem to working as MC for the main stage and clearing our Midway at the end of the day.

To the two new staff members this year, Carol Carwacki and Tasia Darden, each members of the Heritage Society.

To Damien Wagner for providing a golf cart for the entire day.

And to Randy Carr who has been the strongest support these past years that anyone could ever ask for.

June Donovan, President
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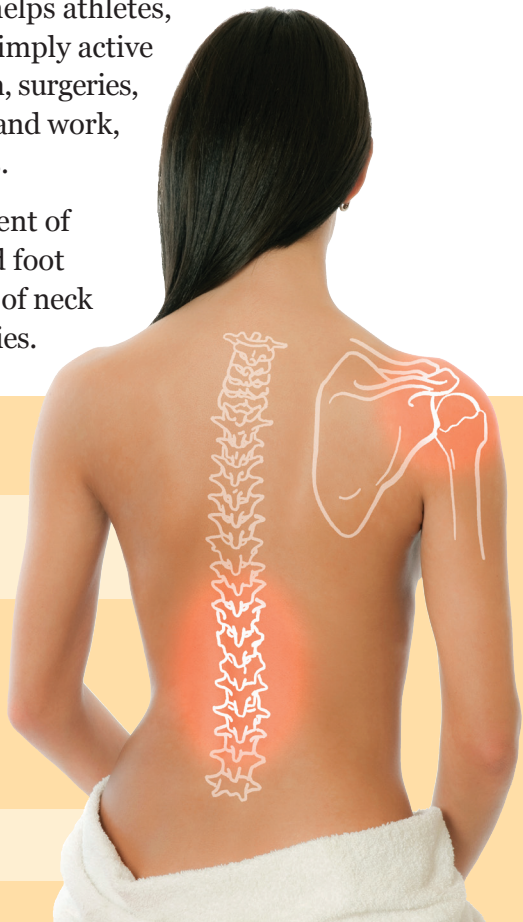
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On the North Point Government Center: Facts, Not Fiction

Contrary to the comments from the county administration and the developer, let me give you some facts. Thousands of petition signers opposed the sale of the North Point Government Center Park and hundreds of letters of testimony were sent to state and local agencies, plus an enormous amount of telephone calls and meetings.

The county attempted to persuade the citizens by saying the money from the sale of the North Point Government Center would be used to provide air-conditioning for area schools. Then the county was going to save money by moving the North Point police precinct to Eastwood Elementary to save money. The last I heard, that move was going to cost approximately \$8 million to transfer the police station to Eastwood. Those

dollars could have gone a long way to air condition schools in the area.

Communities surrounding North Point Government Center are a multitude of at least 10 various neighborhoods. North Point has served as a regional park for over 60 years and thousands of citizens still rely on it for their recreational needs.

Parks in Baltimore County and throughout the state have been referred to as protected for future generations in perpetuity. Park land in Baltimore County belongs to the people and is in trust with the county administration. The sale of park land by the administration for commercial development defies that trust. The county has stated that a "vocal minority" is opposed to the sale of the center. I contend that the vocal minority is in the Towson office and

possibly one organization in Dundalk. The overwhelming amount of residents surrounding North Point are opposed to the sale of the facility. This is backed by the over 7,000 petition signers and hundreds of individuals and organizations in the area who have voiced their opposition in writing to the state Board of Public Works and other state and county officials.

For years the Dundalk area has been densely populated, but has had sparse usable park land. The Dundalk area has run out of large parcels of open space and God is not making more. In the 2015 Baltimore County tax bill, there was a check-box for "voluntary participation in Local Open Space program" asking citizens to contribute funds for LOS. LOS is used primarily for the acquisition of open space parcels in the county. Why is the county asking taxpayers to contribute funds for local open space, yet they originally attempted to sell the entire 27.43 acres of land at the North Point Government Center?

The sale of a park by Baltimore County is a dangerous action never before attempted. It sets a precedent that could make every park and playground in Baltimore County vulnerable to sale by the county government. The county is not a real estate agent for the sale of county land. They are supposed to be protecting our parks for future generations, not selling them.

The administration states they have had over 60 meetings with the community regarding the Merritt Pavilion development. There were two required PUD meetings in which a combined about 500 residents attended in vehement opposition to the sale; only about 20 of that group spoke in favor of the sale. There were no county employees or elected officials at the first meeting and only two planning department employees at the second meeting to take meeting minutes. What communities have they had the remaining meetings with? There have been a number of meetings that occurred with the same county-selected group of six or eight program individuals from the Dundalk Recreation Council. People from the community were prohibited from attending most of those meetings, including myself. For the most part, the actual Dundalk Recreation Council members have remained neutral about North Point. There may have been very

few, very small, neighborhood meetings in which Vanguard did not solicit community input; the developer simply told the people what was going to be done. There have been no community-wide meetings where the public has been allowed to interact with county officials regarding the sale of the North Point Government Center. To be truthful, with the current bipartisan attitude the administration has toward the developer, I don't think a meeting would show any substantial results.

There was a time when the county, through the Department of Recreation and Parks, would meet with the residents of a proposed park to work with them in developing a park that would meet the community's needs. The county's process at North Point has created a loss of theater space, loss of field space, poor design of the total complex and lack of community input and involvement.

For the good of the communities and citizens of Baltimore County, park land at North Point, or anywhere else in the county, should not be sold for development. Lisa Millsbaugh Schroeder, president and CEO of the Parks & People Foundation, was quoted as saying, "Often parks and green space are the fastest and least expensive way to fundamentally, and sometimes profoundly, change people's quality of life."

If you look at the many residents and volunteers from the communities that are opposing the sale of North Point, they have expended their own monies and thousands of hours for their dedication to the principles of what recreation and parks can do for the youth and citizens of their community. They have expended their time and finances for the love of their community and not for the greed in their pockets.

Saving North Point has been a long and arduous struggle for our communities. With the army of professional tax-paid puppet staff of the county administration writing untruths about what is proposed at North Point, the struggle becomes even more difficult. An analogy could easily be made, with the power of the county administration to fight, to the biblical "David and Goliath." However, the only sling shot we have against the giant is the truth.

*Bob Staab
Dundalk*

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Autumn Harvest Tea

St. Michael Lutheran Church, 9534 Belair Road in Perry Hall, will hold their autumn harvest afternoon tea on Saturday, Nov. 7, from 2 - 4 p.m. Dressy-casual attire (no jeans) and wear a fancy hat if you like. Tickets \$25, with a portion of that going to youth ministries. RSVP by Oct. 25, and direct questions and food allergies, to Marge Smith at stmichaelautumntea@yahoo.com.

Seafood Nights

Rosedale American Legion Post 180, 1331 Seling Ave., will host seafood night each Wednesday evening through April 2016. Dinners available from 6 - 8 p.m.; reservations not required. For more information, visit http://www.rosedalepost180.org/Seafood_Nights.html.

Christmas Bazaar

St. Michael the Archangel School, 10 Willow Ave. in Overlea, will host its 69th annual Christmas Bazaar on Friday, Nov. 13, from 11 a.m. - 10 p.m. and Saturday, Nov. 14, from 11 a.m. - 9 p.m. The theme is "O Holy Night" and it will include Grandma's attic, silent and raffle auctions, games of chance, Santa's castle, food for purchase, a \$5,000 raffle (tickets \$1 each) and, new this year, cash bingo. Vendors are also being sought to provide bingo prizes; visit www.stmichaelsoverlea.org/support/ for a form. Questions may be directed to corinna.sibiski@smoverlea.org.

EVT Class of '80 Reunion

Eastern Vocational Technical High School Class of 1980 will hold their 35th reunion on Saturday, Nov. 14, from 7 - 11 p.m. at Carson's Creekside Restaurant, 1110 Beech Drive in Middle River. Tickets \$27 pp in advance, which includes light fare and a cash bar. Send payment to Robbin Ruppert-Placek, P.O. Box 18041, Middle River, MD 21220. Checks payable to Becky Smith Stuart.

Indoor Soccer Registration

Baltimore County Department of Recreation and Parks and the Middle River Rec. Council are holding registration for the 2015 indoor soccer season. Registration will be held at Victory Villa Community Center, 404 Compass Road in Middle River, on the following dates: Saturday, Oct. 24, from 1:30 - 3 p.m., and Tuesday, Oct. 27, from 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. Registration is \$45 for clinic (ages 4 - 5), \$75 for Under 8 - Under 18, and \$35 for Kids Kicks (age 3). Bring a copy of your child's birth certificate when you register.

Lasagna Dinner

St. Rita Church, located at the corner of Mornington and Dunglow Roads in Dundalk, is hosting a lasagna dinner on Saturday, Nov. 8, from 12:20 - 3:30 p.m. in the upper auditorium. Menu catered by Pattycakes features meat lasagna or spinach manicotti, all-you-can-eat Caesar salad, garlic bread, assorted beverages and desserts. Games of chance available. Tickets are \$15 and can be purchased at the door. For more info. and for advance tickets, call 410-284-0388.

The Final Curtain

The Parkville American Legion, 2301 Putty Hill Ave., is closing for good, and you're invited to the last show to be held there, "The Final Curtain: Premier's Tribute to the Stars," on Saturday, Oct. 24, from 6 - 9 p.m. (doors open 5 p.m.) Features six acts total, with a special guest performing the music of Adele. Tickets \$20 in advance, \$25 at the door. Cash bar but no dinner will be served. Tickets available at the Legion bar or by calling 410-665-9339.

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 from 6 - 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.

Karaoke

Essex - Holly Neck Memorial VFW Post 2621, 206 Riverside Road, will host karaoke with PJ's Karaoke on Friday, Oct. 23, starting at 8 p.m. The kitchen will be open under new management until 9:30 p.m.

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NYC Bus Trip

The Saint Francis of Assisi Sodality is sponsoring a bus trip to New York City to attend the Radio City Music Hall Christmas Spectacular (orchestra seats) on Dec. 9. Lunch on your own in NYC; dinner on your own at the Town & Country Restaurant in Bordertown, N.J. Pick-up/drop-off at 3615 Harford Road. Deposit of \$65 due now; the balance of \$50 will be due no later than Nov. 26. Call Barbara Jo at 410-488-3162 or e-mail her at barbarajo.wuest1@aol.com.

Rummage Sale

Patapsco United Methodist Church, 7800 Wise Ave. in Dundalk, is holding a rummage sale on Friday and Saturday, Oct. 23 and 24, from 8 a.m. - 2 p.m. There will also be a bake table. For more info., contact Beverly at 443-467-2027.

Bull and Oyster Roast

Sacred Heart of Mary Church, 6736 Youngstown Ave. in Dundalk, will hold a bull and oyster roast on Saturday, Nov. 7, from 6 - 11 p.m. in the lower church hall. Features a buffet, beer and soda (BYOB as well), music and dancing, a money wheel, lay downs, raffles and more. Tickets \$40 pp. Space is limited; for tickets, call 410-633-2828 or email shmparish@gmail.com.

Halloween Costume Party

The Ladies Auxiliary of Essex VFW Post 2621, 206 Riverside Road, is hosting a Halloween costume party on Saturday, Oct. 31, from 8 p.m. - midnight. Features music by Impulse band and menu includes finger foods, draft beer and setups (or BYOB). Door prizes and raffles also offered. Tickets \$20 in advance or \$25 at the door. Call Connie at 410-600-5931.

Essex Day Straw Poll Results

The East Baltimore County Republican Club is happy to announce the winner of the Republican Candidate Straw Poll taken at the 2015 Essex Day Festival. The top candidate was Ben Carson with 52 first-choice votes and 33 second-choice votes. Donald Trump came in second with 48 first-choice votes and 25 second-choice votes.

We thank the 131 people who took the time to vote.

Cox's Point Haunted Mansion

Cox's Point Haunted Mansion will run every Friday and Saturday night in October from 7 - 11 p.m. for its 47th season. Admission is \$10 per person. The mansion, the oldest non-profit haunted attraction in the county, is located in Cox's Point Park in Essex and the Cox's Point Haunted Mansion is sponsored by the Essex Stenbridge Recreation and Parks Council. Visit www.coxspoint.org or call 410-887-0255 for more info.

Shrimp Feast Rescheduled

The Back River Restoration Committee's shrimp feast has been rescheduled to Sunday, Nov. 8, from 7 - 11 p.m. at Hawk's Pleasure Club, 430 Riverside Drive in Essex. Tickets \$40 pp; includes hot and cold buffet featuring steamed shrimp, draft beer and soda, as well as auctions, raffles, door prizes and a DJ. For tickets, contact Don Albright at 410-977-1168 or don@albrightsmechanical.com.

Chili and Brew

Delegate Robin Grammer (R-6) would like to invite you to the 3rd annual Chili and Brew on Friday, Nov. 20, at the Marco Hunting and Fishing Club, 1307 Wilson Point Road in Middle River, starting at 7:30 p.m. Try all-you-can-eat local chili, locally-brewed beer and more. Tickets \$40 pp; order by sending payment and names of attendees to Friends of Robin L. Grammer Jr., P.O. Box 16715, Essex, MD 21221. Direct questions to robingrammerjr@gmail.com.

Spaghetti Dinner

Cowenton United Methodist Church, 10838 Red Lion Road in White Marsh, will host a spaghetti dinner on Saturday, Oct. 24, from 4 - 7 p.m. Menu features pasta, homemade meatballs, salad, garlic bread, dessert and drinks. There will also be a bake table with a variety of goodies to purchase. For more details, call 410-344-0899.

Christmas Bazaar

St. John's Lutheran Church, 8808 Harford Road in Parkville, will hold a Christmas bazaar on Saturday, Nov. 14, from 9 a.m. - 2 p.m. Features candy, white elephant items, jewelry, crafts, specialty tables, books and a light lunch. Call 410-686-0063 for more info.

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MPNC Trick or Treat

Marshy Point Nature Center, 7130 Marshy Point Road in Middle River, invites you to search for treats and find their tricks on the nature trails on Halloween, Saturday, Oct. 31, from 2 - 3:30 p.m. Wear a costume and enter the costume contest. Cost is \$3 pp, or \$2 for members. Reservation required as space is limited; call 410-887-2817.

Coin Show

The Middle River Recreation Council and the Middle River Coin Club are sponsoring the 2015 Fall Coin Show on Saturday, Nov. 14, from 9 a.m. - 2 p.m. at the Victory Villa Community Center, 404 Compass Road. Dealer tables \$35 each; \$30 for a second table. Admission is free and door prizes will be offered. For info., call 410-687-1517 or email pennsylpete@comcast.net.

Turkey Dinner

The men's organization of St. Luke's Evangelical Lutheran Church, 1803 Dundalk Ave., will hold its annual all-you-can-eat turkey dinner on Sunday, Nov. 7, from 1 - 6 p.m. Tickets \$12 for adults, \$5 for children under 12 and free for kids under 6; tickets available at the door. Carryout and home delivery also available. For more info., call 410-282-3458.

Bull Roast

United Steelworkers Retirees Local 9477 will hold their annual bull roast on Sunday, Nov. 8, from 1 - 5 p.m. at the UAW Hall, 1010 S. Oldham Street. Menu includes raw oysters on the half shell, top round ground beef, roasted turkey breast, Italian sausage, chicken, BBQ, baked ziti and much more. Tickets \$35; contact Don Kellner at 410-227-8462.

Flea Market

Essex United Methodist Church, 524 Maryland Ave., will hold a flea market on Saturday, Nov. 7, from 7 a.m. - 1 p.m., rain or shine. Call 410-687-2548 for information.

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Congratulations to Julie and John Pettit on the birth of their second child, a beautiful boy named Noah Thomas Pettit,

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Basket Bingo

Perry Hall Children's Center is hosting their 18th annual Longaberger basket bingo on Friday, Nov. 13, at 7 p.m. (doors open 6 p.m.) at the Tall Cedars Hall, 2501 Putty Hill Ave. in Parkville. Tickets \$20 in advance or \$25 at the door. Features 20 regular games, three special games and two quickies. Extra cards, raffles, 50/50 boards, Chick-fil-A, pizza, drinks and bake sale items available for purchase. Contact Mandy Klein at 443-306-5422 or mandylynnne3@aol.com.

Community Yard Sale

St. Joseph Church will sponsor its first annual Boy Scout yard sale on Saturday, Oct. 31, from 8 a.m. - noon at Columbus Gardens, 4301 Klosterman Ave. in Nottingham. Plenty of spaces are available; \$15 each or two for \$25. Contact troop746activities@gmail.com.

Christmas Bazaar and Bake Sale

Trinity Temple Church, 914 Essex Ave., will hold its annual Christmas bazaar and bake sale on Saturday, Nov. 7, from 8 a.m. - 2 p.m. Features many new items to purchase, as well as opportunities to have a picture with Santa. Free hot cider and cookies! For more info., call Judy at 410-391-2234.

Progressive Bingo

American Legion Post 148, 20 S. Marlyn Ave., will hold a progressive jackpot bingo at 7 p.m. (doors open at 6 p.m.) on the first Wednesday of every month. Food and soda available; also cake raffles and more. \$10 for basic 10-game package; extra packs \$5 each. For more info., call 410-686-2353.

Karaoke

Charles Evering VFW Post 6506, 8777 Philadelphia Road in Rosedale, will host karaoke with Fun Time Karaoke with Annette & "Wild" Bill on Friday, Oct. 23, and Saturday, Oct. 24, from 7 - 11 p.m. Full dinner menu available. Call the Post at 410-391-6506 with questions.

Basketball Clinic Registration

Back River Recreation Council will hold registration for its 2015-16 Lady Lions basketball clinic on Oct. 24 and 31 from 9:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. at the rec. center, 801 Back River Neck Road in Essex. Features six Saturdays of training and seven weeks of in-house games; coaches will be from Chesapeake High School and CCBC. Cost \$55, payable by check or money order. Visit www.ladylions.org or email Coach Tully at ladylionsbball@gmail.com.

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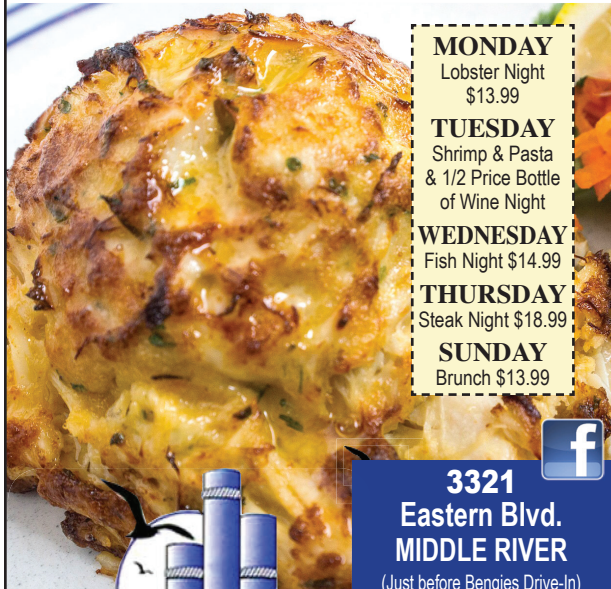
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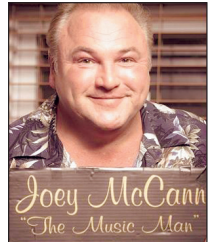
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KC Dancers Registration

The KC Dancers program out of Essex - Stembriage Rec. and Parks is seeking more children to participate this year. Late registration will be accepted during classes until Oct. 29. Cost is \$75 for 3-year-olds, \$80 for 4 - 7-year-olds, \$85 for 8 - 10-year-olds and \$90 for Advanced- KC Company students. Placement is determined by age and ability. For more info., contact Mark Thrasher at 443-845-7211.

Bull and Shrimp Feast

The General Motors Retirees Club will host a bull and shrimp feast at Rosedale Gardens, 8037 Philadelphia Road, on Sunday, Nov. 8, from 1 - 5 p.m. Features music by Impulse Band. Tickets \$40 pp; call 443-402-0373.

Oktoberfest

St. Michael Lutheran Church, 9534 Belair Road in Perry Hall, will sponsor Oktoberfest on Saturday, Oct. 24. Two seatings, 4:30 and 6:30 p.m. Features a traditional German menu including bratwurst, homemade sour beef and dumplings and beer; non-German menu and kids' menu available. Enjoy live German accordion music and dancers. Tickets \$22 for adults and \$7 for kids 10 and under. Contact Mark Ermer at m_ermer@comcast.net or 410-256-0867.

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The Federated Garden Clubs of Md. is sponsoring a bus trip to the home of Marjorie Merriweather Post in northwest Washington D.C. on Friday, Nov. 6. Features a garden tour, mansion tour, her complete collection of costumes and accessories, with bus expenses and lunch included. \$80pp. Contact Sophia Montgomery at 410-698-5786.

Ham and Oyster Dinner

Essex United Methodist Church, 524 Maryland Ave., will hold its 41st annual all-you-can-eat ham and oyster dinner on Saturday, Nov. 7, from 11:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m. Oysters freshly padded and fried to order. There will also be a bake sale. Tickets \$21 for adults (\$22 at the door) and \$6 for children 5 - 12. For tickets and additional info., call 410-687-2548.

Perry Hall Town Fair Rescheduled

The town fair sponsored by the Perry Hall/White Marsh Business Association has been rescheduled to Saturday, Nov. 14, from 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. at the Crossroads Village Center on MD-43. Some vendor spots may open up; inquire at contact@thetownfair.net.

Fall Bazaar

First Lutheran Church of Gray Manor, 212 Oakwood Road in Dundalk, will hold its annual fall charity bazaar on Saturday, Nov. 14, starting at 9 a.m. Features a bake sale, cookie walk, Christmas items, sports items, a "kids kornet," face painting, raffles, a door prize and lunch served from 10:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. Proceeds benefit the Good Samaritan Fund that serves the community. Rides available. Call 410-284-6657.

Holiday Extravaganza

Eastpoint Mall is holding a multi-vendor and crafter marketplace event on Saturday, Nov. 21, from 10 a.m. - 9 p.m. and Sunday, Nov. 22, from 11 a.m. - 3 p.m. in the food court. Direct sellers, crafters and exhibitors are sought; \$125 for both days. Contact Donna Bethke at 410-665-6551 or ptavon@comcast.net for vendor agreement form, to arrange payment or with other questions.

Nature Book Sale

The Natural History Society of Maryland, 6908 Belair Road in Overlea, will sponsor a book sale on Saturday, Oct. 31, from 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. Features hundreds of science- and nature-themed books, magazines, journals and pamphlets from the 1800s to the present, at all reading levels. For more info., call 410-882-5376 or email nhsm@marylandnature.org.

Karaoke

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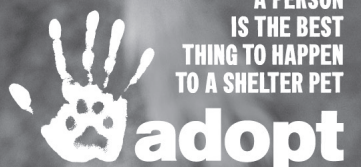


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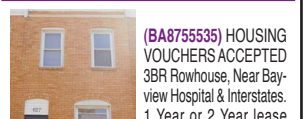
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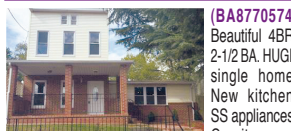
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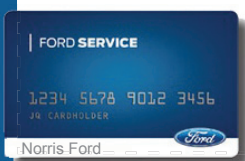


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