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Displaced food bank hopes to put down roots at Tradepoint Atlantic



Following the sale of the former steelworkers union building at 550 Dundalk Ave., the operators of a food distribution program for the needy have not been allowed back inside by the new owner to retrieve their property. Photo by Devin Crum.

- By Marge Neal -

A food bank that has served Greater Dundalk residents, including displaced steelworkers, for several years has been homeless since the end of January.

But thanks to the generosity of Tradepoint Atlantic officials, the food assistance program that previously operated out of the Steelworkers Local 9477 hall at 550 Dundalk Avenue hopes to be back in operation sometime this month.

The former steelworkers union property was sold recently, and the new owner told food bank workers on Jan. 22 they "absolutely could not continue using the building," according to food bank coordinator Melody Elste.

The food distribution is organized by Laughing Wolfe Resources, a non-profit mobile food bank that partners with the Maryland Food Bank to serve residents in need, according to Elste.

The program was started to provide food assistance to Dundalk-area residents as steelworkers were laid off at the Sparrows Point steel plant and other businesses suffered trickle-down damage as a result of the diminished steel workforce, Elste said.

Elste is concerned about the misconception that the food bank was a steelworker-created program designed to

provide food only for displaced steel industry employees.

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"You would never start a food bank just to serve a certain group of people," she told the East County Times. "This program was started through Laughing Wolfe Resources to serve the entire community and we used the steelworkers' hall because the union was still active at the time."

Elste said she has a "great group of volunteers," which includes many retired steelworkers, and they are all anxious to get back to work.

"My volunteers are ready," she said. - see FOOD BANK on page 5 -



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NEWS

County to expand rat eradication program into five more east-side neighborhoods

- By Devin Crum -

Baltimore County announced last Thursday, Feb. 22 that it plans to expand its rat eradication pilot program into 10 new neighborhoods, bringing the total around the county to 23.

Of those, 16 neighborhoods - including five new - are on the east side and will begin receiving intensive rat extermination treatments, an extra trash pickup each week and education outreach efforts to help cut down the rat population beginning in July.

First announced last spring, the program began last summer for an eight-week period in 13 neighborhoods, including Bear Creek, Berkshire, Charlesmont, Colgate, Eastfield/Stanbrook, Eastwood and West Inverness in Dundalk; Middlesex in Essex; Hawthorne in Middle River; and Holland Hills in Rosedale.

At the end of that period the program was immediately renewed for an additional eight weeks "for greater effectiveness," according to county spokeswoman Ellen Kobler, picking up Dundalk's North Point Village in the process.

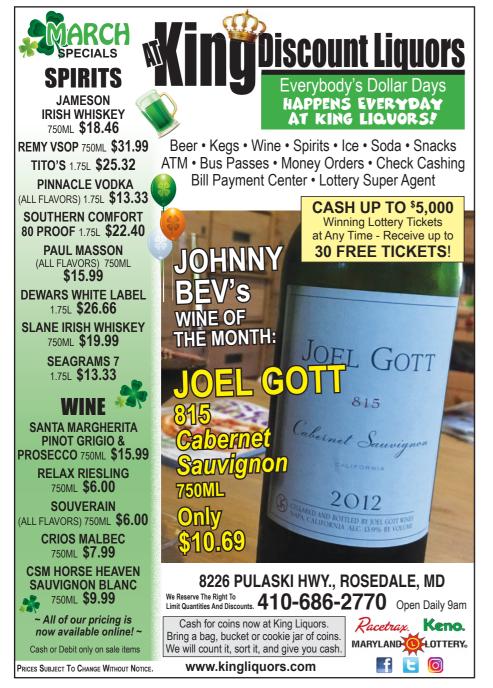
The county has spent \$261,000 on extermination efforts and \$853,000 on additional trash collections in the initial pilot areas, Kobler said. They anticipate spending \$155,000 for extermination and \$453,000 on extra trash collections for the new group, which on the east side includes Ballard Gardens in Middle River, Country Ridge and Foxcroft in Essex, and St. Helena and Yorkway/Cornwall in Dundalk.

The rat eradication effort also involves Code Enforcement and Public Works representatives working with community groups to increase education and to sponsor community clean-ups in order to reduce trash and debris that can provide a food source and harborage for rats, according to the county press release announcing the program's expansion.

"People shouldn't have to live among rats and the feedback we're getting is overwhelmingly positive that our enhanced comprehensive approach is working well in these targeted areas," County Executive Kevin Kamenetz stated in the release. "I commend the communities in the pilot program for their partnership in helping us get the word out to people about what they can do to deter rats and prevent them from returning."

Each of the neighborhoods included in the program was chosen based on county code enforcement officers' observations, coupled with analysis of rat-related complaints and data, Kobler explained. And while specific figures were not available by press time, she said they have measured the success of the program in than Code Enforcement has seen "markedly fewer" complaints related to rats and "significantly less" evidence of rat infestation in the targeted neighborhoods.

Cliff O'Connell, a leader in the multicommunity push to get the county to do





Residents from all over Dundalk, Essex and Middle River began visiting the County Council in force in the spring of 2016 to push for more to be done about rats. File photo.

more about rats, told the *East County Times* he thinks the program has worked well so far.

"It's a success, but there's still a lot to do," he said. "Compared to what we were doing before, it's a success."

O'Connell noted that people will still see some rats even after treatment, just hopefully with much less frequency.

"If you drive a typical alley [at night], instead of seeing 100 rats running around, you might see five or six here and there," he said.

O'Connell said the second weekly trash pickup has had a particularly positive impact, working just as well as the exterminations themselves.

"What we still see a lot are people with poor trashcan habits," he said. "So instead of that trash sitting there for seven days with no lid on it or lying on the ground, hopefully it's only sitting there three days."

County Council members Cathy Bevins (D-6) and Todd Crandell (R-7), who together represent all of the communities chosen on the east side, each praised the program's effectiveness as well.

"Over the past year we have seen a real and tangible effect that the Rat Eradication Program has had on the original 13 communities," Bevins said. "The fact that the program is being expanded speaks to its success and I look forward to more positive results." said Bevins.

Crandell echoed those sentiments, stating, "The cost of this program was over \$1 million, but it worked... The program was successful and significantly reduced the rodent population in our long-suffering neighborhoods."

Doug Anderson, senior legislative aide to Crandell, added, "I can honestly say that we've put more resources into [addressing rat complaints] in three years than anything else."

Crandell cautioned, though, that no amount of eradication efforts will work without citizen participation in treating trash and pet waste properly and encouraged residents to help educate their neighbors.

O'Connell, too, said community education is an important piece of the puzzle - one in which he felt the program is lacking.

"The education part of it is where it's still weak in my opinion," he said, adding that he would like to see more outreach via public announcements on television, radio or in newspapers.

O'Connell said neighborhoods with strong community organizations and leaders have done well to get the information out to their residents. But he is concerned that some of those chosen so far for the program do not have strong community networks.

"A community that doesn't have a strong community leader, that's not really doing the job, or a community that has no community association at all, they're really uneducated on what's going on," he said. "I know some of those communities [in the expansion] don't have community associations."

He said even though the exterminators hang informational flyers on door handles in the neighborhoods they treat, "it just doesn't contain enough material to really educate these people."

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NEWS

Council members talk economic development with chamber of commerce

- Article & photo by Devin Crum -

East-side Baltimore County Council representatives focused heavily on economic development and redevelopment happening in their districts at a luncheon with the Chesapeake Gateway Chamber of Commerce last Wednesday, Feb. 21, touting it as good for the county and its citizens.

The three councilmembers in attendance - Todd Crandell (R-7), Cathy Bevins (D-6) and David Marks (R-5) - were in agreement that, while they would all be discussing development, they could still all talk about different things because there is so much going on.

Crandell: Essex primed for reinvestment

Although Crandell represents both Dundalk and Essex, he focused more on Essex for the purposes of the luncheon because of his audience, which chiefly focuses on Essex, Middle River and White Marsh.

In particular, he praised the work of the group known as the Eastern Baltimore County Task Force, a subcommittee of the chamber which has taken on the task of sprucing up Essex to make it a more desirable place



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Although past efforts to revitalize Essex's business core have failed to bear fruit, Crandell sees more promise in this one.

"This isn't the same elephant," he said of the revitalization effort. "There were efforts made in the past to revitalize the business corridor of Eastern Avenue and Eastern Boulevard [in Essex]. And for whatever reason - timing, lack of resources, whatever - it didn't quite work out."

Crandell praised the task force as well for starting small and working to improve the image of Essex through aesthetics first and "at least make it look investable."

The councilman noted that, two weeks ago, Governor Larry Hogan held a cabinet meeting with state department heads in Baltimore County. Following that meeting, task force members gave key cabinet members, including Secretary of Housing and Community Development Ken Holt, a tour of the area and the issues it is facing.

Crandell said Holt and other state officials expressed support during that tour for at least a portion of Essex to be designated as a "Sustainable Community."

"That Sustainable Community designation will enable this task force to go after certain grants for things like streetscapes, beautification efforts or Baltimore Regional Neighborhood Initiative grants," he said.

He affirmed that the application for that designation is underway with the cooperation of the county's - see **ECONOMIC** on page 6 -



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Dundalk's Washington joins 7th District school board race

- By Marge Neal -

NEWS

The race is on for the Seventh Councilmanic District's Board of Education seat with the recent entry of two additional candidates.

Dundalk resident Eric Washington, a longtime Community College of Baltimore County employee, filed Friday morning, Feb. 23, to make it a two-person race, then was joined that afternoon by Essex resident Rod McMillion, the athletic director at Chesapeake High School. The two men join Dundalk resident Will Feuer, who filed Jan. 5, in the race. By publication time, the race could be even more crowded since candidates had until 9 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 27, to file.

Washington, who is a student conduct officer at CCBC, considers the new elected school board seat an opportunity that suits his experience and passion.

"For me, it's a natural fit," he said. "Most of my professional life has been spent in the academic world and both of my sons are products of Baltimore County Public Schools."

One son is an Eastern Technical High School graduate now enrolled at Bowie State University and the other is a junior at Eastern Tech.

"I know the school system from top to bottom," he said.

Professionally, Washington was a high school recruiter for CCBC before taking his current position, and as a volunteer has been involved in parent-teacher associations since his children started school. He has also worked as a substitute teacher within the system.

Additionally, Washington serves on the Board of Directors at MedStar Franklin Square Medical Center and sits on its guality assurance committee.

In his current capacity at CCBC, he administers the college's Code of Conduct and addresses student cheating, discipline problems and other violations of academic ethics.

The 15-year CCBC employee worked on the Dundalk campus as a recruiter and relocated to the Essex campus when he assumed his current position.

The New York native received his bachelor's degree in communications from that state's Hunter College. He went on to earn a master's degree in management from what was then called the College of Notre Dame of Maryland.

Between his own pursuit of education and his 20 years of experience in one capacity or another in support of BCPS, Washington believes he is in a perfect position to provide a "bigger voice for the people of the community."

With a nod to a growing national problem, Washington said student safety is a top concern of his.

"I'll admit that I don't know what their policies are, and I don't know what kind of drills are being done, but I do know



there are so many students who are afraid to go to school," he said. "And that just shouldn't be the case."

Washington said he is against arming teachers and cited an example of an armed teacher in Utah who, while using a restroom, accidentally discharged the weapon.

"There's just too much that can go wrong if teachers are carrying weapons," Washington said. "That is not the solution."

The nationally-implemented Common Core curriculum is still a concern to Washington, who believes the academic program was "forced down their throats with no communication."

Washington believes the proposal could have been handled differently and that educators should have had more of a say in the decision.

The school board candidate is also concerned about the allocation and administration of system funding and wants to make sure resources are going where they need to go.

"This is a nonpartisan situation," Wash-

ington said. "This is not about Democrats, not about Republicans; this is about educating our children to be successful and working together toward that goal."

Washington, who ran for the House of Delegates in the Sixth Legislative District in 2014 but failed to make it out of the primary election, believes he has name recognition in the councilmanic district and will run a grassroots campaign to spread his message.

Earlier in the filing period, Washington filed to run for a seat on the Democratic State Central Committee representing the Sixth Legislative District but withdrew from that race the day he filed his school board candidacy.

"I just didn't want to sit on the sidelines any longer," Washington said of the opportunity to work on the school board. "I care about my community and see this as opportunity to serve that community with skills and experience that fit the need."

With three candidates running for the district's school board seat, their names will appear on the ballot of the primary election set for June 26.

The top two candidates will advance to the general election in November.

Any district with two for fewer candidates will automatically advance to the general election.

Washington said he is ready for the challenge and excited to share his message with voters.

"This is a position that literally affects students' lives and I believe that, with my knowledge of and experience with the school system, I have the skills and the desire to be a voice for our community."

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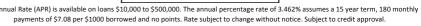
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FOOD BANK

- continued from page 1 -"They call and ask me every week if we have a new place to meet yet."

The food program is open to anyone in need, according to Elste.

With the program that distributes about 1,400 pounds of food monthly to 500 families - about 1,200 individuals in danger of folding, Aaron Tomarchio, Tradepoint's vice president of corporate affairs, reached out to program officials and offered a new home.

"We heard they were being displaced and it kinda bothered us a little bit," Tomarchio told the Times. "So we offered space and are bringing the food bank back to its rightful home."

Tradepoint Atlantic is redeveloping the 3,100-acre former steel mill property that was home to Bethlehem Steel and its successors for more than a century.

Tradepoint has offered the group the use of the Fitzell Room, a large room in the main office building already used for many community-oriented events, including semi-annual open houses. It also houses several displays of Bethlehem Steel artifacts that have been preserved. The company will offer the room for the regular distributions, as well as a storage space if needed to store nonperishable food items from one distribution to the next, according to Tomarchio.

"We saw am immediate need and reached out," Tomarchio said. "We wanted to take care of that need.'

The Tradepoint representative said he met with food bank organizers Feb. 22 to discuss their needs and what Tradepoint could offer to meet those needs.

'We can accommodate the food distributions and even offer storage space for any leftover food that would need to be stored until the next distribution," Tomarchio said. "So if our offer meets their needs, they have a new home."

After an 18-month hiatus, the food bank started operating again last October and distributed food once a month through November and twice a month in December and January before being forced out of business in February, according to Elste.

"If all goes right and the Maryland Food Bank approves the new place, we'll be up and running and ready to go in March," she said. "The plan is to give out food twice a month.

A Maryland Food Bank official toured



Tradepoint Atlantic's Fitzell Room offers plenty of space to operate the food bank if approved, as well as artifacts on display from the days of steelmaking at the site. Photo courtesy of Tradepoint Atlantic.

CCBC lecture series to offer 'Cybersecurity: **Our Privacy and Policies' at Essex campus**

The Community College of Baltimore County will present its sixth annual Murthy/Reihl Global Education Leadership Lecture Series featuring Access Now U.S. Policy Manager Amie Stepanovich and Policy Counsel Drew Mitnick, who will discuss policies on surveillance and cyberscurityand the implications for human rights and privacy.

The lecture, titled "Ćybersecurity: Our Privacy and Policies," will be held from 11:10 a.m. to 12:45 p.m. Thursday, March 15, at CCBC Essex, 7201 Rossville Blvd., in the Administration Building lecture hall.

Access Now is an advocacy group dedicated to free and open internet access. Both Stepanovich and Mitnick work to ensure that laws and policies on surveillance and cybersecurity recognize and respect human rights, and their work helps to ensure that the security of data and computer systems in the U.S. and globally are protected. During the lecture, they will share critical technology developments and trends and provide an analysis of domestic surveillance and cybersecurity matters.

Stepanovich manages and develops Access Now's U.S. policy and leads global projects at the intersection of human rights and government surveillance. Mitnick works on cybersecurity, digital due process, and privacy issues. In 2014, Stepanovich was recognized as one of Forbes magazine's 30 under 30 leaders in Law and Policy. Mitnick has experience working on human rights in Asia and the United States.

The Murthy/Reihl lecture is funded by an endowment designated to support CCBC's Global Education program by highlighting international and global leaders in business, government, education and other areas important to CCBC students, faculty and the community. It is named for its major donor, Sheela Murthy, the founder and president of the Murthy Law Firm (Owings Mills, Md.), as well as to honor the memory of former CCBC dean of Community Education and Service, Donna Reihl, who died in 2011.

For more information about the Murthy/Reihl lecture, contact Haleh Azimi at 443-840-4243, or send an email to hazimi@ ccbcmd.edu.

and inspected the proffered space on Monday, Feb. 26, according to Elste. Final details regarding the partnership with Tradepoint are being worked out and will be available soon.

Joanna Warner, director of communications for the MFB, wrote in an email to the Times on Tuesday that "it looks like we're still working on this with our partner and don't have any updates we're prepared to share at this time."

Area residents in need of food assistance can keep abreast of progress by following the Laughing Wolfe Resources Inc. Facebook page.

"We always keep our Facebook page updated with distribution dates,"

Elste said.

If the move is approved, and she believes it will be, Elste said Laughing Wolfe will probably just schedule one food distribution this month.

'We'll do a trial run to get back in the system of running it," she said Tuesday. "With a new location, we'll probably have a few kinks to work out and develop a new routine for our volunteers."

It will probably take some time to get word out about the new location and Elste said she wants to be sure enough people show up to take advantage of the food delivery.

"We should be back to two times a month by April," she said.

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Department of Planning, and they are hoping to meet an April 6 deadline for filing it.

Echoing the sentiments of task force member and longtime Essex business owner Sam Weaver, Crandell noted that Essex is right in the middle of the large-scale economic development and redevelopment occurring along Route 43 in Middle River and at Tradepoint Atlantic on Sparrows Point.

"So the timing is right to attract new investment to our business corridor on Eastern Avenue," he said. "It just makes sense."

Adding to that, Crandell mentioned that the night prior to the luncheon, he had introduced the planned unit development (PUD) resoultion to allow the county's review of the proposed housing development at the Sparrows Point Country Club in Dundalk.

The plan proposes to build about 300 homes in a mixture of townhouses, waterfront villas and single-family homes ranging from about \$250,000 - \$600,000.

The project has been talked about for a long time, Crandell said. "And we're probably two years, at least, away from putting shovels in the ground, but I view this as the residential component to what Tradepoint is doing."

He said the development would improve the Seventh District's housing stock, as well as help support Tradepoint Atlantic's planned retail complex. Bevins marketing Middle River

Councilwoman Bevins said there has been a lot of change the last few years in the Sixth District. But not everyone likes change, so she has worked hard to strike a good balance with development.

In particular, she said she has been supportive of both big and small business during her two terms on the County Council.

"You have to have strong businesses or your communities fail," she said.

However, Bevins emphasized the importance of smart growth, preserving smaller, older communities and making sure infrastructure is maintained and updated to accommodate new communities.

The councilwoman also said the council has put a lot of effort into supporting economic development grants for businesses in the county, not just for the big businesses like Amazon or Under Armour, but also for smaller businesses such as a tea shop within the Avenue at White Marsh.

"They probably wouldn't be there without the grants," Bevins said of the tea business.

She praised the Avenue at White Marsh as well for investing in and reinventing itself to bring in new customers and keep previous customers coming back.

Regarding Greenleigh at Crossroads, Bevins said 2017 was a great year for the massive mixed-use development on Route 43 in Middle River, but 2018 will





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Councilmembers Bevins (left), Marks and Crandell discussed economic development in their districts.

be even better.

In particular, she pointed to the recent announcement that Stanley Black and Decker has decided to lease a new building there, bringing in 200 existing jobs and planning to create 400 new ones.

Bevins said the people working those jobs - and the thousands of other highpaying jobs in the corridor - will patronize restaurants and other businesses already in the area and help to support the local economy.

She said while they are trying to use Route 43 to market Middle River, build new communities there and bring in new business, they are taking care to plan it out the right way and get input from all the relevant stakeholders.

"We're making sure that what happened in Perry Hall, and how all that development just all of a sudden was so overwhelming and we haven't been able to catch up with our schools and our infrastructure, we don't want that to happen in Middle River," she said.

Marks on the 'challenge' of redevelopment

Councilman Marks began by saying that Baltimore County is a great, but "challenging" county to represent.

Speaking on development, particularly in places within the Urban-Rural Demarcation Line (URDL), Marks said they must be creative.

Baltimore County created the URDL in the mid-1960s as a way to separate the more densely developed areas from the green, rural ones. Marks held this as good environmental as well as economic policy, serving to strengthen the county's agricultural base.

But because the URDL restricts development outside it, he said, the county is running out of land to develop inside it. As a result, there is pressure to find ways to redevelop and revitalize older communities and business centers within the URDL.

Marks pointed to the Joppa Road corridor - the spine of the Fifth District - as an example of an area that needs to be redeveloped to expand the county's tax base and to improve the neighborhoods along it.

Governmentally, Baltimore County is a very conservative county, he said, and people expect it to be governed with efficiency. He added that he thinks people are proud of the fact that the county's tax rate has not been raised in nearly three decades.

"But because we are running out of land to develop, it requires us to be very creative and imaginative as we go forward into the future," he said.

School overcrowding is an issue in all three east-side council districts, and indeed throughout the county.

Marks said he is especially cognizant of school overcrowding. As a result, he has supported development projects such as the Brightview Perry Hall senior living facility and certain types of development in the Honeygo area to attract older residents rather that younger ones with children that could further burden area schools.

He noted, of course, the two new elementary schools and the new middle school all slated to open within the next three years to serve his constituents as well as Bevins'.

"These are important to business and property owners because so many people look to the schools when they move into an area," Marks said. "And it represents a lot of investment during the time when we haven't raised the tax rate."



NEWS

BCPS hears from more angry stakeholders at SEAC meeting

- By Patrick Taylor -

Dozens of Baltimore County Public School stakeholders - students, parents and teachers - showed up at Oliver Beach Elementary School in Middle River on Monday, Feb. 26, to express their displeasure with the school system's handling of discipline issues.

Many showed up angry and left feeling the same way.

"This is B.S.," said Valerie Mc-Donough, wife of Delegate Pat Mc-Donough (R-7), during a part of a presentation on the school system's use of restorative practices.

The meeting with stakeholders at Oliver Beach was part of the school system's outreach on school safety, discipline and restorative measures that have been taking place at education advisory council meetings in all four zones of the county over the month of February, including a Northeast Area Education Advisory Council (NEAC) meeting at Joppa View Elementary School that took place on Feb. 12. At that NEAC meeting, Commu-

At that NEAC meeting, Community Superintendent George Roberts and other BCPS administrators were also confronted with a harsh crowd, as stakeholders alleged that incidents of violence and bullying were being swept under the rug while pushing back on restorative practice measures. Those same viewpoints were shared

at Monday night's meeting in Middle River.

"We just had this meeting two weeks ago five miles up the road at Joppa View Elementary, and we're hearing a lot of the same issues," said Roberts.

Those issues include lack of communication with parents, sustained bullying and the perception that lax disciplinary measures see troublesome students return to classrooms only to continue disruptive behavior.

Things took an ugly turn when Roberts tried getting stakeholders to jot their concerns and potential solutions on sheets of paper - something BCPS has done at each of the meetings in order to catalogue feedback.

When questioned about what could be done now to help curb disciplinary issues, Roberts tried to segue into a segment where parents jot down their concerns and proposed solutions on a sheet of paper so that BCPS can catalogue and cross-reference the concerns of the SEAC with the other councils around the county.

"We want to hear from you, in regard to where are the problems," said Roberts, listing off issues that had been raised earlier in the meeting.

"You already know that's going on," replied one member of the crowd, slamming his fists. "Tell us what you're doing about it." Roberts maintained that they had outlined some of what they are doing, referencing restorative measures such as circling up and discussing the problem between students, that are supposed to help re-acclimate a child back into the classroom after being removed for a disciplinary reason.

At that point, multiple parents fed up with the responses from BCPS officials walked out, saying they were "fed up with the lip service."

The *East County Times* reached out to Roberts for comment on Tuesday, but was told he was in meetings all afternoon.

While BCPS officials struggle to get ahold of the disciplinary issues that plague the system, legislators in Annapolis have pressed for better oversight.

Two weeks ago Delegate Kathy Szeliga pressed Interim Superintendent Verletta White on an alleged firearm incident at Golden Ring Middle School.

Last Friday, at the weekly Baltimore County House Delegation meeting in Annapolis, Delegate Bob Long re-introduced a bill he proposed last year which would see active assailant event training take place at schools in the county.

The bill would require the school system to comply with guidelines established by the Department of Homeland Security or be consistent with those measures, with records for accountability being sent to the superintendent's office and the board of education.

"It's a shame we have to be having this discussion, but it's the reality now," said Long, citing the recent school shooting in Florida and multiple incidents that have taken place in county schools involving students and replica guns.

When Delegate Susan Aumann (R-42B) raised concerns about the delegation overstepping their boundaries in what should be a local issue, Szeliga pointedly responded that the board of education was "nonresponsive."

The struggle between legislators to determine their role in oversight of what is a county issue will continue next week when Delegate Robin Grammer's bill requiring the Office of Legislative Audits to conduct a special comprehensive audit of BCPS goes before the House Appropriations committee on March 8. The bill, HB0428, would see an audit of the school system's contracts and procurement process, with a focus on technology contracts.

The Sixth District Delegation is also planning to host a town hall on discipline issues in school later this month, though a date and time have yet to be determined.



Healthy reasons to head to your coffee shop today

One of the most widely consumed substances in the world, caffeine is found in varying amounts in coffee, tea, chocolate, soda, and energy drinks.

According to the marketing experts at Brandon Gaille, the United States leads the world in caffeine consumption, taking in around 970 tons every year. The majority of that caffeine is consumed in the form of coffee. Although too much caffeine has been linked to increased anxiety, insomnia and restlessness, those cups of Joe actually may have positive health benefits when enjoyed in moderation. The National Institutes of Health advises that, since coffee beans are loaded with protective compounds, they can help deliver caffeine in healthy ways.

Months spent indoors avoiding the harsh weather outside makes winter a difficult season for people who love the great outdoors. While skiing, snowboarding and other winter sports make it possible to get some fresh air even when that air is frigid, many people find it difficult to consistently get outside when temperatures drop. That difficulty no doubt contributes to the popularity of spring, a season widely seen as a time of rebirth and rejuvenation.

Time spent in the great outdoors is often its own reward. But taking measures to be eco-friendly while spending time outside can make such leisure time even more rewarding. People who want to get out and be eco-friendly at the same time can try the following activities.

• Cycling: Cycling is a fun activity that's also great exercise and incredibly eco-friendly. While it's certainly an enjoyable leisure activity, cycling also can provide a great alternative to more popular modes of transportation like driving. According to Bay Area Bike to Work Day, a movement dedicated When consumed in coffee, caffeine may help prevent certain diseases. Caffeine, which is a mild stimulant by nature, has been linked to lower risks of Alzheimer's disease. The NIH also says caffeine may lower a person's risk of developing Parkinson's disease and other dementias, while also boosting concentration and memory. The biologically active compounds in coffee also can help prevent diseases like stroke and certain cancers.

The research study, "Adenosine, Adenosine Receptors and the Actions of Caffeine," first published in February 1995, states that caffeine blocks an inhibitory neurotransmitter called adenosine. When this occurs, the amount

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commuting to and from work, driv-

ers of small vehicles (those that get 35

miles per gallon of gas) who commute

10 miles per day, five days a week can

expect to consume 68 gallons of gas in

a typical year during their commutes.

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drivers will consume nearly double

that amount of fuel while their vehicles

produce nearly three times as much

CO2 emissions. Cycling to work won't

consume any fuel or produce any emis-

sions, and cyclists won't be forced to sit

friendly outdoor activity that can pay

dividends for both the planet and the

people who call it home. Lawmakers

in towns and cities with thriving hik-

ing communities may be encouraged

to support legislation that preserves

hiking trails and parks and prevent

potentially harmful construction from

taking place. And individuals can reap a

number of benefits from hiking through

• Hiking: Hiking is another eco-

idly in rush hour traffic.

of other neurotransmitters, such as norepinephrine and dopamine, can increase. This can improve the firing of neurons, leading to improvements in mood, memory, energy, and general cognitive function.

For individuals looking to shed extra weight, caffeine may help there, too. Several studies show that caffeine can boost metabolic rate by three to 11 percent, according to Healthline. Coffee, which boasts the vitamins B2, B5, B3, manganese, and potassium, delivers caffeine and can be part of a nutritious diet and successful weight-management regimen.

People prone to headaches and recurrent pain may find caffeine helps them

the great outdoors. A study published in the journal Environmental Science & Technology found that outdoor exercise such as hiking can decrease feelings of tension, confusion, anger, and depression. In addition, hiking provides a great full-body workout that might appeal to people who have grown tired of more traditional gym-based fitness regimens.

• Fishing: Fishing devotees tend to be wildly devoted to their craft, but one need not be an expert angler to enjoy fishing and help the planet. According to the Virginia Department of Game & Inland Fisheries, fishing supports wildlife and fisheries management. The DGIF notes that anglers help to set seasons and creel limits, ensuring that wildlife populations remain stable and

Aerial yoga is a new form of the Hindu ascetic discipline of yoga. Inspired by aerial gymnastics, calisthenics and yoga, aerial yoga is sometimes referred to as "anti-gravity yoga." This form of yoga involves the use of hammocks suspended from the ceiling that support practitioners' bodies, allowing them to work against gravity. Popular aerial yoga poses include aerial lunges, the half boat pose, the reclining angle manage symptoms. Caffeine is one of the main ingredients in some pain relievers. The University of Georgia also has found that a moderate dose of caffeine (roughly two cups of coffee) can reduce post-workout pain by up to 48 percent. The Journal of the American Medical Association notes that, when caffeine is combined with other pain relievers, only 40 percent of the other drug was needed to provide the same level of efficacy.

Coffee and caffeine provide various health benefits and can be beneficial when consumed in moderation. Anyone who wants to alter their caffeine consumption should do so gradually to see how their body reacts to the changes.

In anticipation of spring, gearing up for eco-friendly outdoor activities

even flourish. Many anglers also find fishing is a great form of stress relief that provides a peaceful escape from the daily grind.

• Running/walking: In lieu of running or walking on a treadmill indoors, men and women can get outside and do their jogging or walking in the great outdoors. While treadmills are not necessarily big energy consumers, running or walking outdoors consumes no energy and provides a great opportunity to spend time outside, especially for professionals who spend most of their days in office buildings.

The great outdoors comes calling for many people when temperatures begin to climb. Answering that call can be a great way to reduce your carbon footprint and improve your mood.

Did you know?

pose, and the one-legged king pigeon pose. Though aerial yoga is a recent phenomenon, those interested in pursuing this form of exercise can seek more information at local yoga studios. Unlike traditional yoga that many people can practice at home without supervision, aerial yoga participants should only perform under the supervision of professionals to reduce their risk of injury.



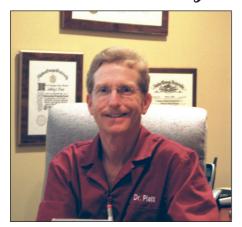


Did you know?

According to the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, there are no safe levels of lead. Lead is particularly harmful to children's health. Exposure to lead can stunt children's growth while also contributing to behavioral and learning problems. Anemia, reduced growth of fetuses, cardiovascular effects and reproductive problems also are side effects of lead exposure. Many people came into contact with lead via leadbased paints, which have been banned in the United States for consumer use since 1978. But lead also can be lurking in water supplies. The EPA says that between 10 and 20 percent of instances of lead exposure can be traced to contaminated water. Homes built before 1986 are the biggest risk factors for lead plumbing. As of January 2014, all newly installed water fixtures, pipes and fittings must meet new lead-free requirements. But within the U.S., public water suppliers and existing homes do not need to retrofit. The National Drinking Water Advisory Council found around 7.3 million lead service lines currently deliver water to customers. Homeowners can request testing through their water supplier or conduct certified home tests.



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SCHOOL NOTEBOOK

BCPS offers more resources about online safety on Growing Up Digital site

Baltimore County Public Schools launched its redesigned Growing Up Digital site on Digital Learning Day, Thursday, Feb. 22 (on Twitter at @ OfficialDLDay and #DLDay).

Growing Up Digital supports BCPS parents and students in understanding the best ways to safely and ethically take advantage of learning and communications experiences that technology facilitates.

The site has been redesigned to be more user friendly, visually engaging, and content-rich. Sections address tools and privacy, online security, digital relationships, cyberbullying, digital footprint, digital citizenship, student data, copyright, and healthy

Stakeholder Survey open until March 2

BCPS has received more than 41,000 responses since the annual Stakeholder Survey opened two weeks ago, but we still want to hear from you! Students, parents, teachers, staff and community members, tell BCPS what you think. The annual BCPS Stakeholder Survey is open until March 2 and is available online.

The survey is anonymous and takes five minutes or less to complete on a phone, tablet, or computer. (Please note that those using mobile devices should access the survey from the full/main website.) The survey is available for students in Grades 4 - 12, parents, and balance. Family tip sheets offer quick access to information and advice on various topics of interest.

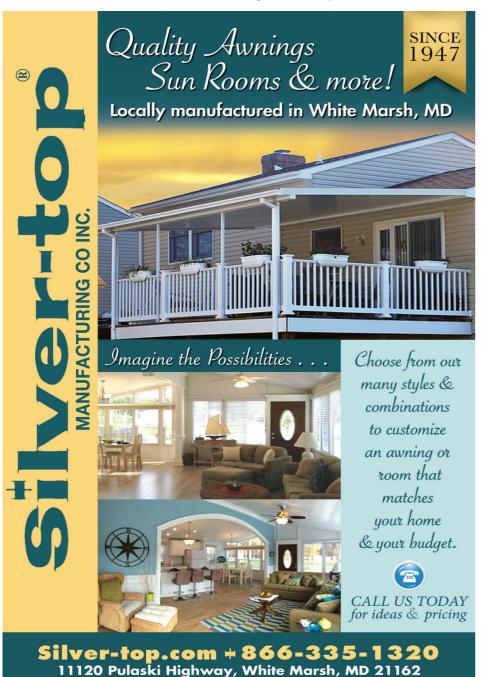
"Our students were born into a world where technology creates 24/7 access to people, to ideas, and to information," said Interim Superintendent Verletta White. "As parents and educators, our role is to help our students stay safe and behave responsibly in this digital world."

Growing Up Digital can be found under both the Parents and Students menus from the home page of the BCPS website.

For its commitment to students' online safety and responsible behavior, BCPS has been certified by Common Sense Education as a Digital Citizenship District.

2,000 community members in 16 languages: Amharic, Arabic, Burmese, Chinese, t we English, French, Gujarati, Korean, Nepali, Russian, Spanish, Tagalog, Urdu, Uzbek,

> Vietnamese and Yoruba. Individuals who fit into more than one category can take the survey more than once in order to answer questions based on each of the categories. Parents who have students in more than one school are encouraged to take the survey specific to each school their children attend. Parents can choose to take the survey at their child's school rather than at home or at a public library.



Board of Education accepts Interim Superintendent's proposed solution

The Board of Education of Baltimore County has accepted the recommendations of the Ethics Review Panel and has closed a complaint against Interim Superintendent Verletta White.

The Panel found that only two of six allegations had merit.

According to the Panel, White violated Policy 8364 by failing to disclose consulting fees received from ERDI and violated Policy 8363 by accepting compensation for participating in a program in her capacity as a school official. The Panel noted, however, that while "the Financial Disclosure Statement Instructions, which is a separate document from the Financial Disclosure Statement, indicates that consulting activities were required to be reported on Schedule H of the statement, the truncated instructions at the top of Schedule H on the Financial Disclosure Statement were confusing and unclear as to whether consulting fees, such as the type received by White, were required to be reported."

In finding that ERDI "did not engage in 'lobbying' with the Board of Education or the Baltimore County Public Schools," the Panel concluded that the two allegations regarding "lobbying" were not applicable to this situation.

BCPS library coordinator wins Women in School Leadership Award

Fran Glick, coordinator for library media programs and digital resources at Baltimore County Public Schools, won one of three 2018 Women in School Leadership Awards from AASA, The School Superintendents Association.

She received this national honor on Feb. 16 at the AASA's National Conference on Education in Nashville, Tenn.

During an interview immediately after receiving the award, Glick said, "AASA's commitment to women in school leadership is inspirational to future leaders, especially to women. It elevates the work for all of us by acknowledging the incredible community of women in school leadership around our country. To me personally, it's affirming of the work that I get to do every day in Baltimore County Public Schools in service to our students, teachers, and families. I am incredibly proud to be part of Team The Panel recommended acceptance of White's proposed solution, which is to (1) amend financial disclosure forms for the 2013-14, 2014-15, 2015-16, and 2016-17 school years; (2) no longer participate in ERDI activities or be associated with ERDI in any manner; and (3) not engage in any consulting activities while serving as interim superintendent.

In accepting the Ethics Review Panel's Opinion and Order, the Board of Education of Baltimore County concluded that this solution "should assure the public that the conduct of public business is not subject to improper influence or the appearance of improper influence and that White's impartiality and independent judgment will be maintained."

"I am pleased that this matter has been resolved," said White. "As I have said, it was an honest mistake. My focus has been and continues to be serving the students of Baltimore County Public Schools and ensuring that this great school system remains focused on effective instruction for all students."

Board Chair Edward Gilliss, Esq., said, "I am pleased that this matter has been brought to a close. I continue to have confidence in Mrs. White's leadership and in her focus on students and staff."

BCPS and to lead within my district." "Ms. Glick's latest honor brings even more attention to the quality of library programs in our schools," said BCPS Interim Superintendent Verletta White. "Under her bold and steady leadership, our library programs have become even

more dynamic and even more strongly integrated with our curriculum. Our school-based library media specialists are playing a critical role in enhancing our students' literacy across all subject areas."

The award keeps BCPS school library programs in the spotlight. In 2017, BCPS was named the National School Library Program of the Year by the American Association of School Librarians. Candidates for the AASA awards are judged on four criteria: leadership for learning, communication, professionalism, and community involvement.



911 -

Five arrested in Rosedale carjacking incident

Baltimore County Police arrested five suspects just three hours after responding to a call for a carjacking in Rosedale during the afternoon on Feb. 20.

It began just after 4 p.m. when the victim, a 66-yearold man, was approached by two teenagers after he pulled into his driveway in the unit block of Lyndale Avenue. One of them displayed a handgun and demanded his keys and cell phone, then the teens left in his vehicle toward Kenwood Avenue.

Officers from the White Marsh Precinct, Regional Auto Theft Task Force (RATT), Carjacking Team (CJT) which was established in mid-December following a rash of carjacking incidents, and the Eastern Community Drug Unit (ECDU) all responded to the area, working cooperatively to quickly and thoroughly investigate this crime.

Shortly after the carjacking, members of the ECDU located the victim's vehicle at the intersection of Mc-Cormick and Councilman avenues in Overlea. Information was also obtained leading detectives to the unit block of Elmont Avenue in Overlea where they observed a Ford Focus occupied by three people drive past them and stop at a residence. When detectives checked that vehicle's registration through the National Crime Information Center (NCIC) they discovered it was reported stolen from the 5600 block of Leiden Road on Feb. 1 when the owner started the vehicle and left it to warm up unattended. Detectives watched as two individuals matching the description of the carjacking suspects exited the house and got into the Ford Focus.

Detectives stopped the vehicle and ultimately arrested all five occupants. In total, two adults and three juveniles were arrested.

The driver, identified as 18-year-old Jemar Myria Cannon of the unit block of Elmont Avenue in Overlea, was in possession of an unregistered handgun and a number of small bags of suspected cocaine on his person. He is being held at the Baltimore County Detention Center on denied bail for associated auto theft, CDS and firearm charges.

A 16-year-old juvenile, who will not be identified, and an adult passenger in the Ford, identified as Tyreece Antwan Jones, 18, of the 900 block of East 41st Street in Baltimore, also face associated vehicle theft charges. Jones was released on his own recognizance after an initial court hearing.

The two carjacking suspects are identified as a 14-year-old girl and 13-year-old boy. Their names and disposition of charges are exempt from disclosure and will be withheld.

A search and seizure warrant was obtained for the residence on Elmont Street where evidence, including a pellet gun, was recovered.

The establishment of the Carjacking Team allowed for a quick response and streamlined investigation. That, along with cooperative efforts of the patrol officers and other specialized units that were able to quickly respond and saturate the area, are responsible for the recovery of this man's car, another person's stolen vehicle, and the apprehension of these young criminals.

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Man charged with string of robberies across east side

After seeking help from Baltimore County residents, Baltimore County Police arrested Arick William Fleming last week in connection with five robberies and attempted robberies over a four day span.

On Feb. 20, detectives gathered intelligence that led them to the Turner Station area of Dundalk. The Dundalk Precinct shift supervisor, Lieutenant Hearn, organized a team of officers to saturate the area, searching for Fleming. K-9 Officer Huesman spotted Fleming crossing Main Street and arrested him without incident at 9:58 p.m.

Baltimore County Police obtained a warrant for Fleming over the weekend but had not been able to locate him until Monday evening.

Fleming's crime spree began Friday, Feb. 16 around 7:21 a.m. when he approached the counter at the Royal Farms Store in Perry Hall, located at 9620 Belair Road, to buy a donut. When the cashier opened the register to retrieve his change, Fleming attempted to reach over the counter and grab cash out of drawer. The cashier was able to close the drawer before Fleming got any cash, and Fleming fled the store on foot. He struck again at 7:52 a.m. at the Royal Farms Store at 1525 East Joppa Road in Towson, but this time was successful in grabbing cash out of the drawer.

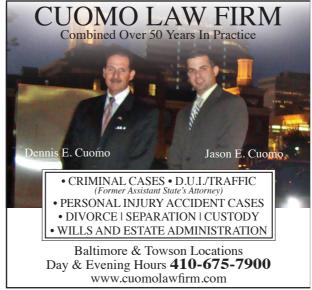
On Saturday, Feb. 17, he struck another Royal Farms Store, at 8803 Philadelphia Road in Rosedale, around 4:28 a.m. when he approached the counter to buy a pack of gum. This time, when the cashier attempted to close the drawer, he implied that he had a gun under his coat and threatened to shoot the cashier. Again, he fled on foot with cash from the drawer. He threatened to kill another employee who attempted to stop him after he tried unsuccessfully to take money out of a register at the Royal Farms Store at 2700 Taylor Avenue in Parkville on Sunday, Feb. 18.

He last struck on Feb. 19, at the High's Store at 6801 Broening Road in Dundalk when he took cash from the open register after buying a drink.

Police still seeking info on assault of Rosedale teen

Baltimore County Police are asking for the public's help with information concerning the Dec. 20 assault of a 14-year-old boy that took place in the 4700-block of Stellabrooke Lane in Rosedale. Detectives have continued their investigation, but have been unable to identify a suspect at this time. The suspect, described as someone wearing all black clothing, approximately 5'10" in height, and weighing 175 pounds, repeatedly hit the victim with a baseball bat.

Anyone with information about this violent crime, please call Baltimore County Police at 410-307-2020 or call Metro Crime Stoppers.



Precinct 9/White Marsh

Second Degree Burglary: Officers from the White Marsh precinct responded to a burglary call in the 11500 block of Sherwood Road in Kingsville on Feb. 23. Between 10:50 a.m. and 8 p.m., unknown suspects entered the unlocked barn and stole eight bales of hay.

Attempted Robbery: Shortly after 1 p.m. on Feb. 21, Baltimore County Police responded to a robbery call in the 8900 block of Bel Air Road in Nottingham. At 1:10 p.m., the unknown suspect entered the Giant Food store and attempted to rob the clerk behind the service desk. The suspect displayed a gun in his waistband and demanded money. The clerk went to the cash room and did not return. The suspect fled the store without cash.

First Degree Burglary: On Feb. 21, officers from the White Marsh precinct were called to the 1000 block of Sumter Avenue in Rosedale. Sometime between 8 and 8:30 a.m., an unknown suspect removed copper pipe, electrical wires and an air conditioning unit from the victim's residence.

First Degree Burglary: Police responded to a burglary call in the 5200 block of Bush Street in Perry Hall on Feb. 20. Sometime after 2:45 p.m., an unknown suspect broke the glass pane on the side door of the victim's house to gain entry. Once inside, the suspect stole various pieces of jewelry then left.

First Degree Burglary: Baltimore County Police were called to the 400 block of St. Patrick Road in Overlea on Feb. 20 at 9:30 a.m. An unknown suspect broke the victim's rear window to gain window to gain entry. Once inside, the suspect stole a laptop, jewelry and a washcloth before leaving through the rear basement door.



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SPORTS

Dundalk shines in tournament opener; Perry Hall barely holds on

- Article & photo by Patrick Taylor -With the first couple rounds of play in the books for the MPSSAA basketball tournaments, there is certainly a lot to talk about here. Quite a few east side teams have met their demise, including five of the six Dundalk-area teams.

In fact, the only team south of Back River to make it to the sectional final is the Dundalk boys basketball team, who won their sectional semifinal on Monday night in emphatic fashion against Edgewood with a score of 74 - 34.

It might be a bit cliche to say that the win was a team effort, but it truly was. At different times throughout the game, different players stepped up when necessary. Whether the offense was coming from the smooth shooting of Jaylon Johnson or Michael Johnson, or Gates Cook working his way to the rim, the Owls consistently found ways to score while smothering Edgewood's offense.

While Dundalk had handily beaten Edgewood earlier in the season, that contest took place back in early December. A lot can change during that time - unfortunately for Edgewood, things changed for the worse.

The Owls came out with a full-court press, with Cook looking to trap whenever possible. Edgewood handled it decently enough early on, but by the time the second quarter rolled around they were making poor decisions thanks to the pressure of Cook and the two Johnsons.

Cook had two points entering the second quarter, but he would extend that to eight less than a minute

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into the second thanks to his constant pressure. After opening up the quarter with a nice drive, Cook stole the ball on the inbound, turned and laid one in. A short while later he would take a knock in the lane that sidelined him, but his work was already done, having extended Dundalk's lead to 31. It's worth noting that on the play where Cook got rocked, he finished off a picture-perfect finger roll among a pile of bodies. The control he showed on the play was otherworldly, even if he did end up taking a knock.

Really, Dundalk's effort was comprised of different players hitting offensive spurts at the right time. But arguably the most important aspect of Dundalk's big win was Rayonte' Brown, the 6'8" junior who holds down the paint for the Owls.

Brown was an absolute force defensively on Monday night, accumulating three blocks - two of them monstrous - in the first two quarters. And when he wasn't racking up blocks, he was doing enough to alter the course of shots or shut down a potential drive. Brown was even willing to sacrifice his body for a big charge, despite the fact that his team was up by double-digits and looking like nothing could stop them.

He also had plenty to contribute offensively, grabbing timely rebounds and extending plays while also working well from the low post.

And when it was time for Brown to take a breather, senior forward Will Fedd more than stepped up. Despite being five inches shorter than Brown, Fedd played like he was 6'8".

Dundalk is a team comprised largely of shooters, but the Owls will need their big men in Brown and Fedd to step up as they progress through the tournament. Compared to other area teams, they have a relatively small lineup, leaving the rim protection to those two individuals. They have started off on the right foot, and they will look to continue that strong level of play when they host C. Milton Wright on Wednesday night. By the time this issue comes out that game will have already been played, so check out our updated coverage online at www.eastcounty timesonline.com.

Around the league

The Perry Hall Gators just barely managed to slip past Mergenthaler on Monday night, with junior forward Anthony Walker cleaning up his own miss as time expired to give Perry Hall a 66 - 64 win.

While there has been plenty of publicity surrounding All-Metro bigs Anthony Higgs and Laquill Hardnett, those two were largely kept in check against Mergenthaler. Walker led the way for the Gators with 23 points while senior forward Tyler Holley added 16.

Obviously getting the win is what is most important. However, Perry Hall is now slated for a sectional final matchup against an incredibly strong Dulaney team. Earlier this season, Perry Hall eked their way past the Lions with a score of 80 - 77, but Dulaney has surged since then. Like Dundalk's sectional final matchup against C. Milton Wright, this game is also slated for Wednesday night, meaning coverage can be found on our website.

Looking for their second state title in as many years, the Gators will need to get their act together quickly if they want to repeat. Right now they stand on shaky ground as a matchup with Dulaney looms.

The Perry Hall girls, on the other hand, crashed out of the tournament in their opening-round contest against a strong Dulaney squad. Earlier in the season the Gator girls held off the Lions for a 43 - 36 win, but they could not replicate the effort last Friday as they fell to Dulaney with a score of 58 - 52. The loss caps off a disappointing second half of the season for the lady Gators, who entered their match against Dulaney dropping three of their last four.



As Dundalk's lone true big man, Rayonte' Brown, shown attempting a shot from up close, will need to be on top of his game throughout the postseason.

For the Kenwood boys, their 3A tournament hopes came crashing down on Monday night against C. Milton Wright. After upending Aberdeen 58 - 50, Kenwood fell to C. Milton Wright with a score of 78 - 63.

The Bluebirds entered the half down just three, but they had no answer for CMW's Imran Husain who put up a staggering 45 points - a majority of which came in the second half. Darius Foster and Donnell Loud led the way for the Bluebirds, putting up 21 and 14 respectively.

While the Bluebird boys are out, the girls are still kicking. They opened things up with a tough contest against Dundalk last Friday night, and for most of the game Dundalk had the edge. But the Kenwood girls came charging back in the fourth quarter to upend the Owls 37 - 28. The Bluebirds travel to C. Milton Wright for a sectional semifinal matchup.

The Chesapeake boys basketball team has found their footing at just the right time, surging past Carver and Randallstown to put them in the sectional final against Pikesville. The Bayhawks, comprised largely of juniors, are a team I had my eye on for next season. But with seven wins on the trot - including two postseason contests - they are looking like one of the last teams you would want to face in 1A play. Amazingly, Chesapeake could realistically get to the state final and win - without having a winning record on the season. I'm not a history buff so I'm not sure what the precedent is for that, but I'd be willing to bet it is a very small club.

The Chesapeake girls, meanwhile, continued to impress with a 61 - 24 win over Sparrows Point. The Bayhawk girls dominated from the outset, and Jeda Knight led the way with 22 points for Chesapeake. Knight was otherworldly from beyond the arc, hitting five of 11 three-point attempts. The Bayhawks also received strong contributions from Keiana Butler (eight points) and Kayla Cabbagestalk (seven points).

Lastly, the Parkville Knights fell to Milford Mill in their 3A sectional semifinal on Monday night with a score of 82 - 57. The Knights entered Monday night's contest on the back of a strong 61 - 46 win over Franklin in their opening-round matchup. But against Milford, Parkville had no defensive answers. Whether in the paint, on the wing or at the top of the key, Milford could not miss and Parkville couldn't find a stop. The loss will certainly be disheartening, but Parkville will only graduate two players this year. They will undoubtedly be back in contention next season.

To all the teams that saw their postseason hopes dashed over the opening weekend, there's always next year.

POLITICIANS

A message from Delegate Szeliga

- By Delegate Kathy Szeliga (R-7) -Do you think foreign nationals should be openly invited into our polling places on Election Day? A couple of Annapolis Democrat Senators do!

For all the complaints about potential foreign involvement in U.S. elections, some Maryland Democrats sure were trying to invite outside influences into our elections.

First, they tried to allow non-citizens to vote in municipal elections. Now, they have introduced SB 190 that would give international election observers the same rights as a U.S. citizen to watch over our elections for any polling place in the state that they see fit.

Fortunately, common sense stopped this bill after it arrived on the Senate floor last week. Senate President Mike Miller even weighed in sternly on this bad idea, "I don't want these people in the room," Miller said, referring to Russians and other foreign poll observers. "It might have been a good bill two weeks ago, it might have been a good bill six years ago," but not given the indictment of 13 Russians for meddling in the 2016 election last week.

Let's hope that this same caution about election meddling will spill over and stop the expansion of non-citizens' voting rights and other moves to loosen voting security.

The following press release was issued Monday: With the deadline to file for office just one week away, Kathy Szeliga made it official. Szeliga is seeking reelection to the House of Delegates, for District 7 of Baltimore and Harford Counties. "After considering another run for U.S. Senate, I decided to focus my efforts on helping Governor Hogan deliver strong results in November. As the highest-ranking Republican woman in Maryland, I am also helping women across our state as they seek elected office."

Delegate Szeliga is backed by Governor Larry Hogan who said, "I fully endorse and support Kathy Szeliga's reelection to the House of Delegates. Kathy is a proven, fiscally conservative leader you can always count on." Szeliga is the only delegate candidate in District 7 to receive the Governor's endorsement. Congressman Andy Harris, a longtime friend of Szeliga's, also offered his support.

Humbled and honored to receive the endorsement of three of Maryland's top Republican leaders, Kathy Szeliga commented, "The citizens of Maryland can count on me to work hard and represent them as a compassionate conservative delivering real Change to Maryland."

We need a paid leave partnership

- *By Senator Johnny Ray Salling* (*R*-6) - I strongly opposed the recently enacted paid leave law. The new law requires employers with 15 or more employees to offer their workers five days of paid leave. As I see it, the new law is a small business crippler.

I agreed with the Governor in supporting the concept of paid leave. That's why I supported the Governor's more reasonable bill to require businesses not with 15 but with 50 or more employees to provide paid leave, offer those businesses up to \$60 million in annual tax breaks as an incentive to provide the leave and give the businesses the opportunity to prove that providing the leave would be a great hardship for them. That was a reasonable bill. But it was ignored in favor of the recently enacted law.

To add insult to injury, the new law

went into effect on Sunday, Feb. 11. There was no time to draft regulations, no plan for employers to implement the law and no one to answer their questions. If the supporters of the bill had deliberately set out to cause direct chaos, they couldn't have done a better job. However, that was not their goal. Unless I miss my guess - their goal was political. Their goal was to make the law effective in time to campaign on it for the primaries. That's why efforts to amend to allow for drafting regulations and reasonable implementation dates did not get enough votes. Turning a deaf ear to amendments that would have avoided chaos makes it painfully obvious that politics was the guiding interest.

It's time to put politics aside and find a reasonable solution in implementing paid leave.



For Information, Contact Rev. Rick Boehm 443-559-9796

Mid-session update by Delegate Metzgar

- By Delegate Ric Metzgar (R-6) -Things are moving along during the midpoint of the 2018 Session of the Maryland General Assembly. It is estimated that over 1700 bills have been submitted this year for consideration.

Delegate Metzgar has four Bills and one Referendum that are being considered this session. Most of his bills have bipartisan support in which Democrats and Republicans co-sponsored his bills in the House of Delegates.

On Feb. 21, House Bill 1260: District Court Nonincarcerable Criminal Cases Saturdays Hearing was heard before the House Judiciary Committee. This bill would bring back retired judges on Saturdays so citizens would not have to lose a day from work to attend court cases for misdemeanor offenses.

On Feb. 23, House Bill 1306: Baltimore County Board of Education Voluntary Nonsectarian Prayer at School Sponsored Student Events Referendum Hearing was heard before the House Ways and Means Committee. This would be voluntary student led school prayer at Commencement Exercises and athletic events.

On March 7 at 1 p.m., House Bill 1398: State Boat Act-Solar Reflective Lights on Buoys Requirement Hearing will be heard before the House Environment and Transportation Committee. This bill would require solar panels to be installed on buoys which could illuminate at night to warn boaters of hazards in our waterways. On March 8 at 1 p.m., House Bill 1293: Family Law Child Support Guidelines-Actual Income and Attorney's Fees Hearing will be heard before the House Judiciary Committee. This bill would allow more equity in child support payments if one parent makes more money than the other parent.

On March 9 at 1 p.m., House Bill 1332: Francis Scott Key Bridge Commuter Plan Hearing will be heard before the House Environment and Transportation Committee. This bill would allow commuters who live on one side of the Francis Scott Key Memorial Bridge and work on the other side of the bridge to be able to pay a \$100 flat fee instead of the current toll plan as a tax saving measure for the citizens. This is a similar fee for those citizens who travel the Thomas J. Hatem Memorial Bridge.

Delegate Metzgar was with Governor Hogan during the Governor's Visit to CCBC-Essex and Eastern Baltimore County. He was on the Speaker's Rostrum when a Resolution was presented to Eastern Technical High School Boys Varsity Soccer Team for being the 2A State Champions. Also, Delegate Metzgar had two foster children shadow him two days in Annapolis to learn about the work of a Member of the House of Delegates.

Anyone who would like to come to Annapolis and testify in support of any of these bills, please contact Delegate Metzgar's Office at 410-841-3332.

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OBITUARIES

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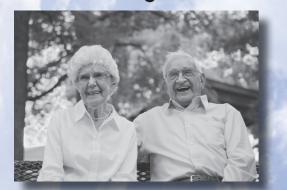
On Feb. 23, 2018 Brenda Anna Sadler (nee Rockel); beloved wife of the late Donald L. Sadler; devoted mother of Leslie A. Gaster and her husband William Gaster, Regina L. Damico and her husband John Damico and the late Bridget D. Kehr; cherished grandmother of Brittney Smith, Brea Kehr, Adam Gaster, Blake Gaster, Amanda Gaster, Delaney Damico and Grace Damico; adoring great-grandmother of Aubrey, Adalynn, Aiden Smith, Arian and Alivia Gaster; dear sister of the late George Rockel, Marilyn Decietio, and Carol Staton.

Services provided by Duda-Ruck Funeral Home of Dundalk. Interment Baltimore National Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to Alzheimer's Foundation of America <u>www.alzfdn.org</u>.

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

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Hook, Jessie Lee

On Friday, Feb. 23, Jessie Lee Hook, beloved mother of Karin Johnson and her husband Terry, Eddie Hook and the late Keith and Jeffrey Hook. Also survived by six grandchildren, eight great-grandchildren, and many other family and friends. Jessie enjoyed gardening, painting, game shows and devoted her life to taking care of her son Jeffrey before his passing.

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

Weiman, Bonnie J.

On Feb. 14, Bonnie J. Weiman (nee Ruby), beloved wife of William Weiman Sr.; devoted mother of William Weiman Jr. and his wife Hope, and BeverlyAnn Day and her husband Robert; loving grandmom of Will; dear sister of Verdine Meyers, Donna Osterkamp, Beverly Johnson, the late Rebecca Kutrick, Madline Wodka, Linda Doursch and Clarence Ruby Jr.

Services provided by Connelly Funeral Home of Essex. Interment at Holy Redeemer Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made in Ms. Weimans' honor to the: St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Pl., Memphis, TN 38105.

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Schultz, Shirley Louise

On Feb. 22, Shirley Louise Schultz (nee Kurtz) beloved wife of Ronald A. Schultz; devoted mother of Linda Stencel and her husband Zbigniew; and the late Mark and Susan Ann Schultz; beloved daughter of the late Harry and Anna Kurtz; dear sister of Donald Kurtz and his wife Loreto; and the late Willis Kurtz. Also survived by many nieces and nephews. She graduated from Catholic High School, worked at Glenn L. Martin Co. as a Teletype Operator, then in the Nuclear Dept. She also worked at the Sears Co. She enjoyed dancing and crocheting. She belonged to the Polish Home Club and the Polka Weekenders.

Services provided by Cvach Funeral Home of Rosedale. Interment at Holy Redeemer Cemetery.

Redford, Dorothy S.

On Feb. 24, Dorothy S. Redford (nee Sanderson), beloved wife of the late Bobby Stuart Redford; devoted mother of Robert Redford, James Redford and the late William Redford and David Redford; dear sister of John Sanderson; loving grandmother of six and great-grandmother of nine.

Friends may call at the Oak Crest Village Chapel, Parkville, MD on Friday, March 2 from 10:30 to 11 a.m. at which time a funeral service will be held. A graveside service will be held at Amelia Presbyterian Cemetery in Amelia Court House, VA on Monday, March 5 at 11 a.m. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to The Next Move Program www.thenextmoveprogram.com.

Wilt, Julia Mary

On Feb. 24, Julia Mary Wilt, beloved wife of the late Wesley G. Wilt; devoted mother of Deborah Zacharko and her husband Harry and the late Frank Wilt; loving grandmother of Sarah LaVelle and Scott Zacharko; great-grandmother of Vincent LaVelle, Wyatt LaVelle and Wesley Zacharko; dear sister of Charles Cimino, Kathy Midgett and the late Frank Cimino.

Services provided by Duda-Ruck Funeral Home of Dundalk. Interment at Oak Lawn Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made in her name to the Alzheimer's Association, P.O. Box 96011, Washington, D.C. 20090-6011 or <u>alz.org</u>.

Zorn, Joseph A.

On Feb. 24, Joseph A. Zorn, beloved husband of the late Rosemarie J. Zorn (nee Klanavitch); devoted father of Bonita Zorn, David Zorn, Mary Jo Bittorf and her husband Glenn, and Kimberley Claypoole and her husband James; dear grandfather of Brian Zorn, Eric Bittorf, Kayla Claypoole and the late Kristen Zorn; dear great-grandfather of Gabriella.

Services provided by Cvach Funeral Home.



ENTERTAINMENT

'Annihilation' destroys notion sci-fi is just for kids

- By Teddy Durgin -

It's looking more and more that, between saga films, good "Star Wars" actors don't go and make small, indie dramas that nobody sees. They go to Alex Garland and make really heady sci-fi flicks! A couple of years back, Sequel Trilogy actors Oscar Isaac and Domhnall Gleeson co-starred in "Ex Machina," which beat out "The Force Awakens" for the Best Visual Effects Oscar that year and left audiences head scratching like they were auditioning for a dandruff shampoo commercial.

Flash forward now to 2018, and Isaac teams with Queen/Senator Amidala herself, Natalie Portman, in the also trippy "Annihilation." I really got into this flick, folks. I was actually expecting more of an action-horror flick, and there ARE elements of both genres in this. But when I saw the flick was written and directed by Garland of "Ex Machina" fame, I knew I'd also have to put my thinking cap on. I'm so glad I brought it with me.

"Annihilation" stars Portman as Lena, a biologist whose husband, Kane (Isaac), was part of a super-secret group of volunteers who ventured into a mysterious and expanding area known as "The Shimmer." Kane was the only survivor, but his condition is such that he can't provide anyone in authority with any useful

- By Teddy Durgin -

A lot of times, comedies - even really good comedies - are only worth seeing once. Because once you know the jokes and have laughed at them... eh... what's the point of seeing the flick a second time? You can never really duplicate that initial experience where you didn't know all of the laugh lines and scene payoffs. Unfortunately, that's because a lot of comedies have thin plots. The storylines are there just to provide a framework for the yuks.

Some of my favorite comedies, though, are flicks I've seen a dozen times and stopped actively laughing at after maybe the second or third viewing. But I've kept coming back time and again because I love the stories and characters. Examples that leap to mind are some '80s faves like "Tootsie," "Fletch" and "Trading Places." Others include "Election" and "Little Miss Sunshine." All are funny movies. But they're enormously re-watchable because of their good storytelling.

I'm not saying "Game Night" is in the same league as any of those films. But what I do know is that now that I know all of the punchlines and payoffs, I'd still gladly pay to see it again. Why? Because it has a legitimately clever and involving story. It's also very well cast and acted. It's just a fun diversion during a time when, I think, audiences REALLY need to shut out the outside world and just go to a movie and have a good time.

"Game Night" fits that bill. It stars Jason Bateman and Rachel McAdams as Max and Annie, a young married couple who host weekly game nights at their homes with friends. The main circle includes husband-and-

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information. Another group has agreed to go in, and Lena lobbies hard to be a part of it.

The interesting thing about this group is they're all strong, educated women - a dynamic we don't normally get in films of this genre. They include: a psychiatrist (Jennifer Jason Leigh), a paramedic (Gina Rodriguez), a physicist (Tessa Thompson), and an anthropologist (Tuva Novotny). They go in armed only with guns and their smarts. And, believe me, they will need both before it's all over.

"Annihilation" is a picture for grown-ups and seriousminded sci-fi fans, because... well, Garland starts with the premise that we're not idiots. He has no interest in dumbing down anything for mass consumption. He does a bit of time fracturing in the film, but I followed it as well as I did "Dunkirk." And he is really adept at delivering some dazzling big-screen visuals that linger in the mind long after you've made it home from the local cineplex.

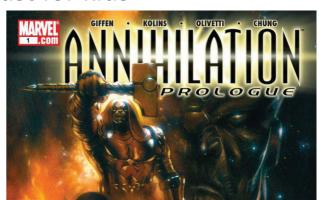
Of the actors, Portman is strong and controlled. I've found her cold in a number of films in the past. But here, she's put in some raw situations and she really develops into a character the audience genuinely roots for. Leigh, meanwhile, anchors the film, and Thompson continues to impress. After playing really strong women

'Game Night' is on!

wife childhood sweethearts Kevin (Lamore Morris) and Michelle (Kylie Burbery); playboy Ryan (Billy Magnusson) and his succession of week-to-week girlfriends; and, when he is in town, Max's betterlooking, more successful older brother Brooks (Kyle Chandler).

When Brooks blows back into town this time, he vows to host a game night his brother, sister-in-law and friends will never forget. He contracts with a local murder mystery company to stage his own kidnapping, leaving behind clues for the three teams to decipher as to where he is. The couple who finds him gets the keys to his vintage 1976 Corvette Stingray (Max's dream car). One problem. When the kidnappers break in, they're really there to take Brooks hostage and demand a very real ransom. Max and Co. watch the man violently taken from them with amusement and delight, then adopt wildly different strategies to try and find him. They soon realize this is a game for real, and Brooks has gotten in with some very bad people.

It's a great set-up for a movie, and co-directors John Francis Daley and Jonathan Goldstein and screenwriter Mark Perez stretch their concept to the max here. The film is actually an action-comedy with some surprisingly tense chase and fight sequences.



in "Creed" and "Thor: Ragnarok" (her Valkyrie didn't get nearly enough reviewer and fan love), it's a real interesting choice to play a more shy character here.

Most of all, this movie just makes you think. Is that a turn-off for some? I hope not. I really want more movies like this one. You'll come out of it thinking about things like genetics and DNA and human anatomy and physiology. Don't take your 10-year-old to see this, trying to sell them on it having Poe Dameron and Padme. Chances are, Little Johnny or Cutie Sue is not going to "get it" - it's also a fairly hard R in spots - and the experience will just be marred as a result. This is an uncompromising fantasy purely for grown ups.



Bateman and McAdams are their usual reliable rom-com selves in the lead roles. But the standout is Jesse Plemons in perhaps the best singular comic performance since Tiffany Haddish in "Girls Trip." Plemons plays Gary, the recently divorced, next-door neighbor of Max and Annie who used to be invited to Game Nights when he was married. But it was really the wife everyone liked. Gary was always the creepy guy the other players put up with. And now that he's divorced, he's only gotten creepier and weirder.

One of my only real nitpicks with this film is that it has about one plot twist too many in its final act. The last third of the film has several "big reveals." And to a point, it's very clever and wonderfully manipulative... er, until all concerned take it just a step too far. At least for my tastes. But then you get into the old critics' quandary of "Would you rather have a film try too hard or too little?" "Game Night" is a bit like the game of Monopoly that often goes on too long. But while you're playing it - or it's playing you - it's so much fun!

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SPOTLIGHT



Archie and Kim Blackwell of Middle River would like to wish their daughter Khendal a happy and blessed birthday. Khendal celebrated her seventh birthday Feb. 3 by attending a production of "Disney's Frozen on Ice."

'The Graduate' at DCT

Dundalk Community Theatre, in residence at CCBC Dundalk, 7200 Sollers Point Road, will present "The Graduate" March 2, 3 and 4. The show will be staged at 8 p.m. Friday and Saturday and at 3 p.m. Sunday. The stage play is based on the novel and the 1967 film and is recommended for patrons 13 and older. Tickets cost \$23 for adults, \$20 for senior adults and \$15 for students, DCT actors and children 12 and younger. To reserve tickets, call the CCBC box office, 443-840-2787, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Tuesday through Friday.

Dinner/Dance

The Polish Home Club, 512 S. Broadway in East Baltimore, will hold a dinner and dance from 1 to 5:30 p.m. Sunday, March 4. Music will be provided by Gene Vincentt and the Cadillac Cruisers. The event includes a sit-down dinner, dessert, open bar and a late snack. Tickets cost \$23. No minors, no refunds. For tickets, call Theresa, 410-276-0636 or 443-417-7987.

Dundalk Legion Karaoke

Dundalk American Legion Post 38, 3300 Dundalk Ave., will host Fun Time Karaoke with Annette and Wild Bill from 8 p.m. to midnight Friday, March 2. For more information, call 410-288-2297.



DAILY SPECIALS

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Patapsco High School and Center for the Arts, 8100 Wise Ave. in Dundalk, will present "The Wedding Singer" at 7 p.m. March 8, 9 and 10, and at 2 p.m. March 11. Because of mature language and content, the show is recommended for ages 13 and older. Tickets cost \$10 for adults and \$8 for students and senior citizens. Specific seats can be reserved for \$1 extra for each seat. For info., call Kelly Carlson, 443-809-6269, or send an email to kcarlson@bcps.org.

'Seussical Jr.' at CCBC

Children's Playhouse of Maryland, in residence at CCBC Essex, 7201 Rossville Blvd. in Rosedale, will present "Seussical Jr." at 1 p.m. March 3, 4, 10, 11, 17 and 18, and at 4:30 p.m. March 10 and 17, in the Administration Building lecture hall. The 4:30 staging on March 17 will be a sensory-friendly performance and the 1 p.m. show on March 18 will include sign language interpretation provided by CCBC students. Tickets cost \$10. Advanced ticket reservations are highly recommended. Call the box office, 443-840-2787, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Tuesday through Friday.

St. Patrick's Day Eve Party

Wise Avenue Volunteer Fire Company, 214 Wise Ave. in Dundalk, will hold a St. Patrick's Day Eve party from 7 to 11:30 p.m. Friday, March 16. The event includes food, beer and soda (BYOB). Music will be provided by 3rd Alarm DJ. Tickets cost \$40. For more information or to reserve tickets, call Kim, 443-423-3073, or Sue, 443-423-3328.

MSPSA Induction Banquet

The Maryland Slow Pitch Softball Association will hold its induction banquet from noon to 5 p.m. Saturday, March 24, at the UAW Hall, 1010 S. Oldham St. in East Baltimore. Tickets cost \$40. For info., call Phil Kyte, 410-239-0220, or John Powell, 410-703-4453.

Karaoke/Line Dancing

Essex American Legion Post 148, 20 S. Marlyn Ave., will host Karaoke with Lightning Rod from 8 p.m. to midnight Friday, March 2; For the Good Times Karaoke with Percy and Fred from 8 p.m. to midnight Saturday, March 3; and Fun Time Karaoke with Annette and Wild Bill from 4 to 8 p.m. Sunday, March 4. Line dancing is held from 7 to 11 p.m. each Friday in the hall. For more info., call 410-686-2353.



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Boy Scout Troop 745 was invited by Gov. Larry Hogan to recite the Pledge of Allegiance at the governor's regional cabinet meeting held Feb. 12 at CCBC Essex. Pictured are Kyle and Sampson Williams. The troop meets at 7 p.m. Tuesdays at Essex United Methodist Church.

Golden Age Bingo

Sandalwood Golden Age Club will hold a bingo luncheon Wednesday, March 14, at Essex American Legion Post 148, 20 S. Marlyn Ave. Doors will open at 9 a.m. and games will start at 10. The entry fee of \$10 includes one early-bird card, roast beef meal and dessert. A package of 20 bingo games costs \$10, and a second package costs \$5. For more information, call Sharon Parker, 443-825-8189.

WAVFC Quarter Auction

Wise Avenue Volunteer Fire Company, 214 Wise Ave. in Dundalk, will hold a quarter auction at 7 p.m. Thursday, March 1, in the rear fire hall. Three paddles cost \$5. Additional paddles cost \$2 each. Doors will open at 6 p.m. Food and drinks will be sold. For more information, call Jerry, 443-841-9692.

Good Friday Dinner

Knights of Columbus Bethlehem Council 2605, 7401 Bay Front Road in Edgemere, will hold its Good Friday dinner from 3 to 7 p.m. Friday, March 30. The menu will include crab and cod fish cakes, steamed shrimp, French fries, cole slaw, cake, soda and coffee. Tickets cost \$15. Reservations are required and must be placed by March 23; call 410-477-5225.



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SPOTLIGHT

St. Rita Celebrates St. Patrick

St. Rita Catholic Church will host a St. Patrick's Day dinner from 4 to 7 p.m. Saturday, March 17, at Our Lady of Fatima Brother DeSales Hall, 6400 E. Pratt St. in East Baltimore. The menu will include homemade Irish potato soup, corned beef and cabbage, boiled potatoes, green beans and Irish mini-cupcake. Assorted beverages, including green beer, will be sold separately. The event will include games of chance. Tickets cost \$15 in advance and \$17 at the door. Tickets can be purchased at the St. Rita parish office or at the church, 2907 Dunleer Road in Dundalk, after the 9 and 11:15 a.m. Masses on March 4 and 11. For more information, call 410-284-0388.

Easter Egg Sale

Holy Trinity Episcopal Church, 1131 Mace Ave. in Essex, will hold its annual chocolate-covered Easter egg sale. The fundraiser will offer coconut, peanut butter, vanilla buttercream and chocolate buttercream eggs for \$1 each or \$12 a dozen. Orders will be accepted through March 18. For more information or to place an order, call Kandie, 410-574-3884; Beverly, 410-682-6714; or Grace, 410-335-1987.

Praver Breakfast

The women of St. Luke's Lutheran Church, 1803 Dundalk Ave., will hold a prayer breakfast at 9 a.m. Saturday, March 3. The Rev. Eric Campbell will be the guest speaker. Irene Spatafore, leader of the Angels Supporting Our Troops, is also scheduled to speak. All churches are invited to participate in the event to celebrate World Day of Prayer. The cost of breakfast is \$7. For more information, call 410-284-0783.

Zion UCC Book Sale

The Woman's Guild of Zion United Church of Christ, 7146 Golden Ring Road in Essex, will hold its monthly book sale from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, March 10, in the church hall (one block past the church on the right). Hardbacks cost \$1 each; paperbacks and video tapes are 25 cents each. Magazines are free. Many large-print books are available. For info., call Retha, 410-682-6571.

Gospel Concert

Christian Fellowship Church, 12909 Eastern Ave. in Middle River, will host a free gospel music concert featuring Curtis Hyler and Jubilation at 6 p.m. Saturday, March 3.

reasonable prices. For more info., call 410-687-9483. **'World Famous Fish Fry'**

Dundalk Knights of Columbus Council 2942, 2111 Eilers Ave. in Dundalk, will hold its 13th annual World Famous Fish Fry from noon to 6 p.m. each Friday during Lent (through March 30). The menu will include Alaskan pollock, French fries, cole slaw, roll, beverage and dessert. Tickets cost \$12 each. Carryout meals cost \$13.00. For more information, call Joe Witomski, 410-409-8173 or 410-285-6660.

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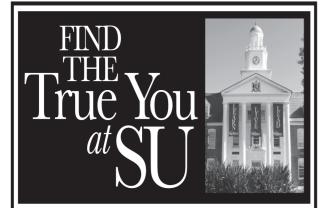
Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, 8212 Philadelphia Road in Rosedale, will hold a used book sale from 9 a.m. to noon Saturday, March 10. Proceeds will benefit the Prince of People youth scheduled to attend the ELCA National Youth Gathering.

Aviation Museum Searching for Rosie the Riveters

The Glenn L. Martin Maryland Aviation Museum, located at 701 Wilson Point Road in Middle River, is in search of women who worked in war industries during World War II for participation in its National Rosie the Riveter Day meet and greet on Wednesday, March 21, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. This day, for recognizing the contributions women made to the WWII homefront, was designated by an act of Congress in 2017. Interested Rosies and their families should sign up by calling 410-682-6122.

MSCHF Nominations

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HNCA Scholarships

The Holly Neck Conservation Association is awarding scholarships to eligible high school seniors who are accepted at an accredited college or university for studies in Environmental Sciences, Biology, Marine Biology or a related environmental/science field. If you are interested in applying, you may download the application form directly from our website, www. hollyneck.org. Mail the completed form to: The Holly Neck Conservation Association, P.O. 16666, Baltimore, Maryland 21221. It must be received or postmarked by Friday, April 27.



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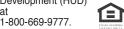


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