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RavenBeer, in residence at DuClaw's brewery in Rosedale since November 2017, released a special 20th Anniversary version of their original Raven Special Lager to kick off the anniversary celebration.

- Article & photos by Devin Crum -

RavenBeer, a well-known name in some craft beer circles, celebrated two full decades in business last Thursday, June 7, with the release of a special 20th Anniversary version of their namesake beer variety at their Rosedale headquarters.

Many craft beer drinkers may be familiar with the RavenBeer brand - and its flagship Raven Special Lager - which has been based in the Baltimore area since 1998. But for its birthday, founder Stephen Demczuk decided to re-create the brew into the 20th Anniversary Raven Special Lager Premium Edition.

Demczuk, a Dundalk native, described

the new lager in a statement about the release as "... a bit fruity, a little more hoppy with a 6.5 percent ABV [alcohol by volume], more than our 5.3 percent Raven."

The premium edition was brewed by adding German noble and Columbus hops, which provide a spicy or herbal aroma, and removing much of the darker malts which provide color, flavor and body. The end result is a blonder, yet still exceptionally smooth lager that tastes reminiscent of a Belgian blonde ale, according to the statement.

RavenBeer, by way of Demczuk and his partner, Brian Funk, has strong eastern

Baltimore County connections, but only recently moved to the area.

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Although originally produced in the Black Forest region of Germany, Raven-Beer unveiled The Raven in the U.S. in 1998, brewing out of the Clipper City (now Heavy Seas) brewery in Baltimore. The brand helped build the Peabody Heights brewery in northern Baltimore and relocated there in 2012 before moving into DuClaw's brewery in Rosedale late last year.

Demczuk, who grew up living in Turner Station and then West Inverness and graduated from Patapsco High School, - ANNIVERSARY on page 12 -



NEWS

Every day is Flag Day for Edgemere vexillologist

- Article and photos by Marge Neal -The nation celebrates and honors the American flag each year on June 14.

But for one local man, every day is Flag Day.

Edgemere resident and vexillologist (someone who collects and studies flags) Dale Grimes Jr. takes the history and evolution of the Stars and Stripes seriously. He has been a student of flags for years, ever since his curiosity was piqued by a 49-star U.S. flag on display at the old Fort Howard Recreation Center when he was young.

He recalls being fascinated with discovering the flag dated to 1959, after Alaska was admitted to the union that January but before Hawaii became the 50th and final state of the union the following August.

That discovery became the seed of a lifelong interest in flags, and Grimes now has a collection of flags, banners and flag-related ephemera that consumes the better part of a guest bedroom in his home. While the collection is stored in multiple plastic storage bins, Grimes jumps at any chance to display parts of the collection and share his love and knowledge of flags at local events.

His presence at the annual Memorial Day ceremony at Fort Howard Veterans Park has become a tradition, and he is also the go-to "Flag Guy" when open houses and other special events are held at Todd's Inheritance Historic



Dale Grimes (left) talks with an interested peruser during the Memorial Day event at Fort Howard Veterans Park.





Collector Dale Grimes displayed an array of WWI-era flags at a Fort Howard Memorial Day ceremony.

Site in Edgemere.

Grimes also provided a flag display when the Wells-McComas community commemorated the bicentennial of the Aquila Randall Monument in July 2017, and is willing to share his flag knowledge with community groups.

His most recent display on Memorial Day featured items from the World War I era, in keeping with the ceremony that commemorated the 100th anniversary of the conclusion of the conflict that was supposed to end all wars.

"These were welcome-home banners that were put in the windows of homes of soldiers returning from battle," Grimes told observers of his display two weeks ago. "They are just paper, and they're fragile because they are 100 years old, so I framed them to preserve them."

As proud and excited as Grimes is to share his collection and his knowledge, he is equally frustrated over the amount of vandalism done to flags that he installs for public enjoyment. "I've had more than 17 flags stolen from poles where I've installed them around the community," he said while manning his booth of flag memorabilia on Memorial Day. "I buy flags and people in the community donate toward the purchase of flags for public display and then other people steal them - I just don't get it."

In the couple of years leading up to the bicentennial of the War of 1812 and the 1814 Battle of North Point, Grimes displayed 15-star flags on chain-link fences that lined overpasses above North Point Boulevard. The expensive, high-quality flags were padlocked to the fences, which did not deter thieves, who cut off the corners of each flag, leaving the grommets and locks attached and taking the flags.

But the flag aficionado will not let the actions of a few deter him from his mission.

He takes a lot of pride in the flag he considers the most beautiful in the world and he will not stop taking his flag show on the road.

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I grew up in Kingsville, graduated from Perry Hall and put myself through college working construction. I am running as a first time candidate to represent the people, not lobbyists or special interests. My roots go back generations in the area and I come from a long line of veterans as well. Far too long I have witnessed political games played at the expense of working men and women. I am encouraged by people who know me and by the election of President Trump who has stood up for common sense changes and values Americans hold dear such as a strong work ethic, no free rides, and a respect for the Constitution.

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Another issue that is deteriorating our society is education. We need to allow administration and teachers to discipline more, teach more, and to put a mandatory Civics class back into 12th grade where it once was. We have disrespectful youth partly because they have not been taught who came before them and paved the way so they could appreciate what we have as Americans today, (Ellen Sauerbrey has supported me in my campaign and especially on this subject). We need more trade school availability and to get rid of common core and get back to basic life skills. All of these things I have experience teaching also for which I have written curricula.

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NEWS Planning Board hears arguments on Pulaski Crossing master plan conflict

- By Devin Crum -

Shortly after a Baltimore County Administrative Law Judge denied a plan for 150 new townhomes on a 31-acre site in White Marsh - dubbed Pulaski Crossing - citing a master plan conflict, attorneys for the developer filed a motion for reconsideration of the decision.

In their motion, the attorneys argued that the ALJ did not have the authority to rule on a master plan conflict and that the county's Planning Board must make that judgement. On May 24, ALJ John Beverungen agreed and struck down his May 1 denial of the project pending Planning Board decision on the matter.

"The plan in this case was denied solely because of the master plan conflict... As such, if the Planning Board issues a decision finding a master plan conflict, that finding will then be incorporated into an amended final order denying the plan," Beverungen wrote in his order. "On the other hand, if the Planning Board determines there is no master plan conflict an amended order will then be issued by the ALJ approving the plan."

The Planning Board heard introductory arguments on the matter last Thursday,

June 7, from the county Department of Planning, as well as attorneys for both the developer and opponents of the project.

Jennifer Nugent, chief of Development Review for the Department of Planning, outlined her office's stance on the matter by noting her belief that the project conforms with the goals of the county's Master Plan 2020 and does not present a master plan a conflict.

She pointed out that the back portion of the subject property - about 7.5 acres - was rezoned during the 2016 quadrennial rezoning process from a Resource Conservation zoning to a residential one allowing 5.5 homes per acre. That same back portion was designated with a T-2R transect under the master plan calling for the land use there to be Rural Residential.

However, Nugent noted that the T-2R designation does not conform with the master plan's other designations on the property by way of its Proposed Land Use map, the Urban-Rural Demarcation Line (URDL), the Growth Tier map and the site's zoning.

"The majority of the zoning for the development proposal at the time of *- see CONFLICT* on page 6 -

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NEWS

Original Trotten gravestones on display at Todd's Inheritance

- By Marge Neal -The earthly remains of the Trotten family of Sparrows Point have been laid to rest at Sacred Heart of Jesus Cemetery in a move that treats their memories with more respect and dignity than was afforded by their original resting places in the center of what is now an industrial center, according to Tradepoint Atlantic officials.

And now those officials are one step closer to completing the task of relocating the graves with the delivery of the original headstones - or what is left of them - to the Todd's Inheritance Historic Site for display.

The Trotten family members were originally interred from 1804 to 1838 in a family plot on farmland that at the time overlooked the pristine waters of the Chesapeake Bay. Two hundred years later, the graves were in a neglected, overgrown, swampy piece of land in the middle of a site that had manufactured steel for more than 100 years.

Tradepoint officials decided to move the graves to a reputable cemetery to preserve the memories of the family members and to make their graves more accessible to descendants.

The only two remaining original stones are now preserved in display cases that are on exhibit at the historic Todd homestead in Edgemere, according to Fran Taylor, a member of the Todd's Inheritance Historic Site Board of Directors.

"One stone has S.T. at the top," Taylor said of the markers. "All the rest is smooth and worn and nothing is readable."

In addition to being worn smooth, the stones are broken, with chunks missing. Displaying the markers at Todd's



The Trotten headstones were boxed up with a Plexiglas front so they can be protected and displayed as historical exhibits in the Todd house. Photos courtesy of Fran Taylor.

Inheritance will ensure the preservation of what is left of the early-1800s memorials, Taylor said.

"We're very glad to have the stones at Todd's Inheritance," group President Carolyn Mroz said. "We were very anxious to get them because of the connection between the Todds and Trottens. At least two Trottens married into the Todd family, and Mary Trotten Todd is buried in the Todd family plot on the grounds of the house, according to Mroz.

"They're pretty fragile, with no inscriptions left, if they were ever inscribed to begin with," Mroz said of the original grave markers. "We will probably keep them as indoor exhibits to preserve what is left.

She noted the memorials are limestone, which is porous and "very susceptible" to deterioration.

One last task needs to be completed to bring the project to a close, according to Aaron Tomarchio, Tradepoint's senior vice president of corporate affairs. A large rock, inscribed with the initials S.T., was unearthed during the exhumation at Sparrows Point.

- see GRAVESTONES on page 8 -



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NEWS

Middlesex community pleads with police for help dealing with drug dealing

- By Patrick Taylor -

Drugs have seemingly always been an issue at 1007 Middlesex Road in Essex, but in the past it was predominantly drug addicts looking to feed their dependency. Now, local residents are concerned that the current occupants - squatters in a residence that was in pre-foreclosure for years and failed to sell at auction this past January - have become major players in keeping heroin and other drugs flowing in eastern Baltimore County.

Things have already gotten ugly. On Monday night, about three dozen local residents, predominantly from the Middlesex community, voiced their concerns to Captain Doug Irwin, the commanding officer at the Essex police precinct. Residents described multiple incidents of people overdosing in the alley behind the residence and in the street out front. Some residents have even seen people who have overdosed inside the residence get carried out of the house and dumped outside. Last November a stabbing occurred behind the residence. One neighbor described hearing people getting beat inside.

"I've heard it happen," the resident said. "People who show up to that house and don't have the money that's owed have gotten the [expletive] beaten out of them."

Due to concerns for safety, we are

withholding the names of local residents who expressed concern at Monday night's meeting. Some residents who did not give their name at the meeting were asked if they would be comfortable going on the record - all declined out of fear of retribution.

Irwin, who used to work in narcotics for Baltimore County Police, empathized with the residents and said he was very familiar with the residence, but that dealing with the issues is tricky. Police are limited in what they can do without hard evidence and without witnesses. They are even more limited when they do not receive calls.

Residents contended that for years they had called about the occupants of 1007 Middlesex Road, but with no real recourse, discouragement built and those calls to 911 slowed down. One officer at Monday night's meeting noted that only one call had been made to 911 about the residence last month.

One resident turned over two bundles of photos they had taken monitoring the residence. Multiple other area residents promised to turn over security camera footage from their properties. Irwin said that this is exactly the type of community cooperation needed to handle an issue like this. He also said that officers working in the narcotics unit have been taking note of what is going on at the residence.



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"People who are giving information and taking photographs and things like that, please keep that up," said Irwin. "That's vital for us. If you see cars, keep giving us that information."

Over the last six to eight months, activity at the subject address has gone from bad to worse, neighbors said.

"You'll see foot traffic through that house all day long," said one resident. "Every couple days you see a car pull up, and shortly after you have people with backpacks going in and walking out shortly after. They're not addicts. These guys are organized and it's only

a matter of time before it turns into someone getting shot."

"They've got a man guarding the door, and when someone's going in he opens the door and shuts the door," said another resident. "They know when cars are showing up - nice expensive cars - and when their supply is coming in. You know what cars are coming. The door does not stop."

Longtime residents stressed that what is happening is not run-of-themill marijuana sales. It is heroin, crack, bath salts and others. There is - see MIDDLESEX on page 14 -

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the adoption of Master Plan 2020 was and still is Business Roadside," she said, which is the most intensive commercial zoning in the county and permits uses associated with an urban setting.

Nugent added that the Proposed Land Use map for the site under the master plan is conceptual and general and "is intended to reflect land use patterns rather than identify the land use for individual properties or parcels."

"It is the Department of Planning's recommendation to the Baltimore County Planning Board that the Pulaski Crossing development is not a master plan conflict and that the Planning Board approve the townhouse plan," she said.

"Based on the zoning along Pulaski Highway and

the corner of Baker Avenue and Stevens Road, it is the department's determination that this Rural Residential transect appears to be mislabeled," she added.

Director of Planning Andrea Van Arsdale said at the hearing that because the back portion of the site which has the T-2R transect designation is so small, its "mistaken" use on that parcel was likely overlooked in developing the master plan.

"When the ALJ looked at [the site] he looked at the transect, and the transect said Rural Residential, large lot," she told the board. "But everything else in the master plan - inside the URDL, the zoning and the tiers - said it really should be more intense development as is to be inside the URDL."

Land use attorney Adam Rosenblatt, of Venable LLP, concurred with the planning department's findings, adding that the master plan also designates the site as

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within an Employment Center which calls for a mix of commercial and residential uses in the same area to allow people to live close to their job.

But opposition attorney Michael McCann argued that the purpose of the Employment Center is to have commercial and residential uses on the same site, which the townhouse project would not have.

He added that the T-2R designation actually fits better with the types of residential housing existing in the area and is not a mistake. And the only reason residential uses are even allowed on the subject site is because the undevelopable back portion was rezoned, allowing the commercial portion upfront to take on that allowable residential density.

A public hearing before the board was tentatively scheduled for June 21 at 4 p.m. in Room 104 of the Jefferson Building, 105 W. Chesapeake Ave. in Towson.



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GRAVESTONES

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When the original plot is dry enough to retrieve the rock, Tradepoint plans to donate that to Todd's Inheritance as well, Tomarchio said.

"As part of our ongoing partnership with the community, TPA donated the original gravestones to Todd's Inheritance at the request of Fran Taylor," he wrote in an email to the *East County Times*. "Our site maintenance crew carefully removed the headstones, had them cleaned and crated them so they can be displayed at the Todd's Inheritance historical museum." Pat Trotton Carter, a Perry Hall resident who is a descendant of the Sparrows Point Trottens, said she is "very pleased" the stones are at Todd's.

"It certainly seems appropriate because the families are connected," she told the *Times*. "We would like to have had the remains go to Todd's as well, but we're very pleased the stones are there. We understand the cemetery there is small."

Carter visited Todd's Inheritance on May 28 and was able to watch a PowerPoint presentation of the exhumation and reinterment that Taylor created.

"It was beautiful and I was very pleased

with the way it was all handled with dignity and respect," Carter said. "And Tradepoint didn't spare any expense in doing it right; the family is very grateful for their sensitive and generous handling of this project."

Todd's Inheritance is open one weekend a month for open houses, with exhibits and themes that change regularly to keep the experience fresh for visitors, according to Mroz.

The next chance to tour the house and grounds is the weekend of July 14 and 15, with a theme of "Parks and Trails." The house at 9000 North Point Road in

Edgemere will be open from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. both days.



The stone engraved with "ST" will be retrieved and delivered to the Todd house once the ground is dry enough to get it.



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- NEWS

Boehl looks to take advantage of experience, promises to hit the ground running if elected

- By Patrick Taylor -

When Delegate Christian Miele (R-8) decided he was going to challenge Kathy Klausmeier for her State Senate seat, a House of Delegates seat opened up the district that covers much of northeastern Baltimore County.

At the time, Perry Hall resident Ben Boehl was working as chief of staff to Delegate Bob Long (R-6). While he had never previously considered running for office, he was hit with the urge to make a run at it.

"I never planned on running," said Boehl. "It just kind of happened."

Before working for Long, Boehl worked as a political reporter for *The Dundalk Eagle*, and *The East County Times* before that. Between his years spent as a local journalist and chief of staff in Annapolis, Boehl believes he is in a good position. For most new-comers to Annapolis there is a bit of a learning curve which can sometimes take years for politicians to overcome.

"That gives me a bit of an advantage, being down there for two years. It's very cordial down there. Republicans and Democrats get along well. With that said, there are differences on the floor, and you have to show respect but still stand your ground," Boehl said. He added that a lot of political hopefuls like to put on a brash persona when it comes to dealing with politicians in Annapolis, but stated that cooperation is important.

"When you feel like something's not right you need to stand up and say something. If it's a bad bill you need to vote against it. It's about making rational decisions, not emotional decisions. And sometimes that means voting for Democratic legislation as a Republican, or vice versa," said Boehl.

Boehl noted that while working for Long, he helped shape legislation. He worked on a revitalization bill that gave folks in low-income areas who fixed up their homes a five-year waiver if their property tax assessment increased due to home repairs. He also helped design a bill that would have seen property taxes in Baltimore County cut from four percent to three percent. Ultimately, he believes that lowering property taxes will help fill some vacant properties in Baltimore County and increase revenue streams. While that bill failed in the House of Delegates' Baltimore County Delegation, it is something Boehl would like to pursue again, albeit tweaked, if elected.

"Maybe an across-the-board cut is a bit much, but a lot of seniors are on a fixed income," Boehl said. "You can go for the Homeowner's Tax Credit and things like that, but some people just aren't aware of that, so I at least want to see some kind of relief for seniors."

Over the last few months, Boehl has been door knocking in basically every

part of District 8. Through his conversations with constituents of the district, he has found that crime, education spending and the opioid epidemic are the hot-button issues seemingly on everyone's mind.

On education spending, he stated he would like to see more money spent on school construction. He said that while he was working as a journalist, he covered multiple 50-year anniversary celebrations, and that new buildings will need to be built in the next 10 - 15 years. Boehl, who has children in Perry Hall schools, praised the fact that a new middle school is on the way, along with Honeygo Elementary, but noted that relief at the high school level is still a necessity.

"We still need another high school in the northeast area. Whether it's in Perry Hall or Parkville or somewhere in between, we need to deal with this issue," he said. He also added that he would like to see a shift in focus to vocational training, saying that college is not for everyone.

He cited rising crime in the area as a cause for concern, especially considering the types of crimes being committed. He pointed to the recent killing of Officer Amy Caprio, carjackings of an elderly Overlea man who was run over with his own vehicle and a pregnant Villa Cresta Elementary School teacher in the middle of the day, and replica gun incidents at Perry Hall and Loch Raven high schools as cause for concern. Boehl promised he would do what he could to both increase funding for more police personnel in general and also for more school resource officers (SROs).

"Some of these schools have only one or two SROs, maybe they need a third. The elementary schools have none. We need to address these things. We need more patrol units," said Boehl. "Obviously we don't want an officer with a gun on every corner like a militarized area, but we need more of a presence. There's just not enough resources."

Boehl said that, if elected, he would immediately take a look at the budget and see where funding could be moved. He pointed to state retirees losing prescription coverage as an unacceptable lapse, saying that "they paid their time and they worked all those years, to take away their prescription coverage is unfair to them."

With the primary set for June 26, Boehl is confident. If he makes it through the primary, he feels that his message and experience will stick will voters across the board. Whether or not it works out for him, it has certainly been a learning experience for Boehl.

"I feel pretty confident heading into the home stretch. And it's certainly been a great experience to say the least," he said.



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told the *East County Times* that he has always liked beer. He cultivated his fondness for the drink in college while he polished his education in biochemistry and microbiology.

He went to Europe after graduate school and, "To make a long story short, I just fell in love with the beer over there," he said.

He began writing about beer and eventually made several forays into brewing his own in different locations between the U.S. and Europe before being approached by someone asking him to brew beer in Germany but market it with an American theme.

Playing on his Baltimore heritage and being a fan of Edgar Allen Poe, Demczuk wanted to call the first beer The Raven after Poe's famous literary work. The beer was a success, and after a few years he brought it to the U.S. and established RavenBeer in Baltimore.

The total brewing capacity of the Rosedale brewery is about 80,000 barrels - or 160,000 kegs - of beer per year, but RavenBeer only produces a fraction of that, putting out what Demczuk hopes will be around 4,000 barrels this year.

The partners each described an overwhelmingly positive experience since moving in with DuClaw.

Funk, also a Dundalk native who is an environmental engineer by trade but got his start in beer as a home brewer, said when they separated the brand from Peabody Heights they were looking for stabilized



The brewery in Rosedale has 32 fermenting tanks which each hold about 180 barrels of beer at a time. That is equivalent to about 360 kegs or 2,400 cases of beer.

production and expansion capabilities.

"That's how we came to look at DuClaw," he said. "We looked at perhaps building our own brewery again, but we had a good relationship with DuClaw and they had the capacity and the quality of their production system that matched very nicely to what we were trying to do."

"They are very open in making beer and open to try new things, and the quality of the beer is very good," Demczuk added. "They actually encourage [us] to brew beer and get beer in the tank and sell beer which is very interesting," he said, considering they are technically competition.

But he said there is room to grow at the current location. And regarding that future growth, the partners are thinking local.

"Everything is local now," Demczuk said. "Those who have spread far and wide and are shipping to other states have seen some decline in sales because [of local competition]."

As an example, he said there are more than 200 breweries in North Carolina.

"You have a lot of choices down there. So buying a beer from Baltimore, Philly or New York, it's going to be difficult to sell," he said.

Demczuk added that the "buy local," farm-to-table movement happening in the U.S. also carries over into supporting your local brewery.

"So our focus is to really hammer on the local sales in Baltimore, Maryland in general and D.C., because



RavenBeer founder Stephen Demczuk explained their process of brewing beer during a tour of the facility at the anniversary event.



that's where the growth should be," he said.

Funk echoed that, noting that they now feel they have the support needed to look progressively at marketing in areas they might have been hesitant to pursue in the past. He said they want to solidify their presence in Maryland and the region.

"This is our home, this is where we've been, the obvious Poe connection, [Demczuk] and I are both from Dundalk, we love the Baltimore area," Funk said.

He said they have done well over the years, "but there are still people that haven't heard of us because we haven't been as aggressive as some other breweries in our marketing and our outreach."

Demczuk said they are looking to release more new beer varieties in the near future as well, including a series of cask-style beers with one released each quarter.

"It's no longer like our fathers' beers in the past where they drank one beer and ... they were dedicated to a single brand," he said. "These days people jump to whatever they feel. They could drink a pale ale one day, an Oktoberfest the next and a stout another day."

The two partners had some mixed feelings about the state of Maryland's brewing industry, but were optimistic overall about the future of their company.

Demczuk, who has served on the board of the Brewers Association of Maryland, said while the 2017 session of the General Assembly was productive because they were able to raise taproom sales limits to 2,000 barrels per year, the 2018 session was less so.

"We tried to level the playing field between us and the states around us, and that didn't happen," he said. "That's the sad thing about Maryland's beer industry; it's entrenched from the laws established decades ago and changing them is going to be difficult."

He said the country and state are seeing increasing numbers of craft brewers - nearly 7,000 in the U.S. and approaching 100 in Maryland - while Americans are actually drinking less beer by volume each year.

"So every time a new brewery comes out, they take a little slice of the pie. And you're getting smaller and smaller and it's getting harder and harder," Demczuk said. "If Maryland does not come around and help us out it's going to be pretty rough for a lot of the smaller guys."

Funk, though, feels that RavenBeer is okay in many ways because they have been around long enough that they are grandfathered from some regulations.

"We just want a good playing field to compete," he said. "We just want to stick to our quality and keep the beer good and just keep doing what we've always done."

Correction: In the June 7 edition of the *East County Times*, the article "Council passes bill to extend vesting schedule for waterfront developments" stated that the subject development plan called for 10 homes on 4.7 acres. Due to the age of the plan, the county's Department of Permits, Approvals and Inspections was only able to find what Councilman Todd Crandell said after press time was likely only one piece of the development. Crandell stated the total development is about 100 homes. *East County Times* regrets the error.



911

Dundalk man gets life sentence for conspiracy to commit murder

A 28-year-old Dundalk man, Antonio Burrs, was sentenced to life in prison after being convicted of two counts of conspiracy to commit murder. Assistant State's Attorney Jennifer Brady prosecuted the case.

On March 19, 2017, at approximately 10:50 p.m., police were advised of a non-fatal shooting outside of a restaurant located in the 6500 block of Riverview Avenue

Upon arrival, officers observed a man in the 2700 block of Broening Highway at the entrance of the Dundalk Marine Terminal. He was bleeding and suffering from a gunshot wound to the head, left thumb, and other injuries sustained as a result of the incident. Baltimore County Medic 6 transported the victim to the University of Maryland Shock Trauma.

Officers also observed a blue 2013 Hyundai with heavy front end damage, dual airbag deployment, broken glass, and suspected blood on the interior and exterior of the vehicle. This vehicle had struck a brick structure in the rear of the restaurant. It was later learned that the victim was driving the vehicle, and his brother was in the passenger seat.

While the officers were on the scene, an eyewitness came forward and stated that he had seen a woman and two men dressed in dark-colored clothing walk to the outside of the bar just minutes prior to the shooting.

Another witness came forward and stated that one of the males attempted to enter the bar as it was closing, but was not allowed entry into the bar. The group remained outside, and as the victim and his brother turned onto Riverview Avenue, the witness heard the woman say to the two males "hide here where they won't see you."

Surveillance footage obtained from nearby homes showed that the victims briefly stopped their vehicle as the woman approached them, while the males jumped out and began shooting into the vehicle. The vehicle accelerated and subsequently struck the brick structure. Both victims fled from the vehicle.

Further investigation revealed that Burrs was one of the shooters, and was involved in a physical altercation with the two victims several hours prior to the shooting. According to police, the altercation stemmed from an inflammatory social media post.

Police investigate suspicious death in Dundalk

Baltimore County Police are investigating after a body was found behind a dumpster at Eastpoint Mall on June 11.

Police responded to the scene behind the Kool Smiles Dental Office at 7839 Eastern Avenue, Dundalk around 8:46 a.m. for a call of a cardiac arrest when the body was discovered. Homicide detectives were called to the scene after the victim, an adult man, was found to have suffered some type of trauma to the upper body. The preliminary investigation indicates that the death may have been due to a noncriminal event that caused a fatal injury. The Baltimore County Police Homicide Unit will continue to investigate.



Two injured in late night **Parkville** shooting

Two men were injured in a shooting behind a home in the 1700 block of Yakona Road in Parkville on June 6.

Police responded to the scene around 11:32 p.m. for a call of shots fired, where they found one man laying on the ground with at least one gunshot wound to the lower body. While police and medics rendered aid to that victim, a second victim returned to the scene, also suffering at least one gunshot wound to the lower body. Both men, both age 23, were transported to an area hospital for treatment and are expected to survive their injuries.

Police are continuing to investigate and search for the suspect who fled prior to their arrival but believe that both victims were targeted in this incident. Anyone who may have information on this crime is asked to contact police at 410-307-2020. The Baltimore County Police Violent Crimes Unit is continuing their investigation into this incident this morning.

Metro Crime Stoppers, an organization that is separate from the Baltimore County Police Department and Baltimore County Government, offers rewards for information in connection with felony offenses.

Anonymous tips can be sent to Metro Crime Stoppers by phone at 1-866-7LOCKUP or online at www. metrocrimestoppers.org.

Storm assistance available

Victims of the recent flooding may receive assistance through the non-profit organization, Maryland Volunteer Organizations Active in Disaster (VOAD).

The Baltimore County Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Management has been working with storm victims in Catonsville and other floodstricken areas on recovery needs.

VOAD services are free of charge; the organization does not solicit donations. Renters will be required to submit a waiver signed by a landlord.

Available services include flood cleanup, demolition, pressure washing, sanitation/mold remediation, debris removal and chainsaw operations.

VOAD's Flood Cleanup Hotline is 410-449-5415. Emergency Management officials advise storm victims seeking advice on storm recovery to use government agencies or reputable organizations such as the Red Cross or VOAD."

Current crime trends

Since May 1, there have been six motor vehicle thefts within the Dundalk Precinct. Thefts occurred between 6:35 p.m. and 10:41 a.m. In three cases, keys were left inside the vehicles. In one case, the vehicle was left running with keys in the ignition and the doors unlocked. In another case, all keys were accounted for, but the vehicle doors were unlocked. Suspects also stole a temporary tag attached to the vehicle along with two new plates that were inside the vehicle. Since May 5, there have been four residential burglaries in the Essex Precinct that appear to be related. Unlocked doors were entered in two cases. Rear door glass was broken in two cases. A purse, a wallet, money, TVs and other things were taken.



Essex man dies in industrial accident in Cockeysville

A 31-year-old man was killed in an industrial accident on June 8 in the unit block of Schilling Road in Cockeysville. Michael David Zeller, of the 800 block of Creek Road in Essex, was pronounced dead at the scene by paramedics from the Baltimore County Fire Department.

At 8:30 this morning, a medic unit from the Cockeysville Volunteer Fire Company was alerted for a fall subject. The location of the incident is a building which is currently under renovation. Upon arrival, the medic crew found a single patient who was trapped in an elevator shaft. Preliminary information indicates that the patient may have fallen approximately 20 feet and became trapped between a wall and the counter-weight from one of the elevators.

Crews immediately requested additional resources for a confined space rescue, including the Urban Search and Rescue Team from Texas Station #17. Within fifteen minutes of the medic unit's arrival, the patient was extricated. Zeller was pronounced dead at the scene.

There were no other injuries as a result of this incident. The Baltimore County Police Department, along with Maryland Occupational Safety and Health, continue to investigate.

Police make arrest in domestic shooting incident

Police have identified the suspect arrested in the early morning June 7 shooting of a woman inside the Woodspring Suites hotel in White Marsh as Jorden Mitchell Bradford, 21, with no fixed address. He is charged with attempted first degree murder, first degree assault, handgun on person and use of a firearm in the commission of a felony/violent crime. Bradford continues to be held without bail at the Baltimore County Detention Center following a bail review hearing on June 8.

Baltimore County Police were called to the Woodspring Suites hotel around 2:50 a.m. for a woman suffering from a gunshot wound. Police determined that the woman was shot at least once in the upper body during a domestic incident while inside her hotel room. She was taken to an area hospital for treatment and is expected to survive her injuries.

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a ringleader of the crew who is easily identifiable, said locals, many of whom have lived in the area for upwards of decades.

"This isn't your usual Essex activity," said another resident. "It's much more organized and it's not the junkies running things anymore."

Trash litters the yard, with tents occupying space out back, made all the more worrisome considering the abundance of rats drawn to the area. Community members lamented that their grandchildren were no longer able to visit them at their house due to the activity at 1007 Middlesex.

A while back, a neighbor explained, officers visited the home, and when they knocked on the front door the current occupants dumped a lot of their drugs out back. A neighborhood dog returned home shortly after with a fully loaded heroin needle clutched in its mouth like a stick.

The exasperation was palpable at Monday's meeting. The home's owner, they believe, is too terrified to return home. One resident at the meeting said he even considered buying the house to get them out.

But with an owner too scared to go back and a bank seemingly turning a blind eye, options are limited.

"That's the difficult position we're in. Squatting is a huge thing with foreclosed houses, because without that owner or that bank asking me to get those people out of there, I'm just 'Doug' at that point," said Capt. Irwin. "I have no authority to go in there and say 'get out.""



Those in attendance questioned whether the property could be taken over under nuisance laws. Irwin said they had just successfully done so in Dundalk, but that the threshold for proving a property is a nuisance is high and requires neighbors to constantly report what they see.

One resident asked whether the owner would be willing to sign over the property, but that was largely seen as unlikely. Irwin repeated that he and his men "will not be deterred."

Irwin said that he understood the frustration and noted that in the Essex precinct alone he has complaints about 52 houses with suspected of narcotics operations. In Dundalk, there are 54 such houses.

"We do have a finite amount of personel, so I'm not going to sit here and say we have a wand that can change all this," said Irwin. "It didn't get like this overnight, and we're not going to be able to fix this overnight. But I'm damn sure listening to you folks and I hear the frustration."

Residents pointed out that some who enter the house do so carrying small children and babies. A few residents said that one of the four squatters moved his octogenarian relative into the house, and that she has not been seen in months, leading them to fear that there is more brewing beneath the surface.

Irwin stressed that drug investigators are aware of the issues at 1007 Middlesex and the other 51 residences suspects of narcotics trafficking. He said it is no stretch to think those operations could have a large impact on the disproportionate rate of overdoses on the east side as compared to the west side.

To date, there have been 180 overdoses in the Essex precinct and 210 in the Dundalk precinct. On the west side in the Franklin precinct, that number drops significantly to below 30.

At this point, residents are stuck in limbo. Moving out of the neighborhood is difficult due to the problems caused by drug activity. With a seemingly absentee owner and bank not putting their foot down on the squatters at 1007 Middlesex, the hope is that police can catch a break.

"I know you guys are limited in what you can do, and it sucks. It really sucks," said one resident. "But we're frustrated parents and residents of this neighborhood and we feel like there's nothing we can do."

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Pause for the Pledge

State Delegate Ric Metzgar (R-6) will hold the annual Pause for the Pledge on Flag Day, Thursday, June 14, starting at 6 p.m. at Trinity Temple Interfaith Church, 914 Essex Ave. in Essex. The community is invited to attend and recite the Pledge of Allegiance promptly at 7 p.m. Everyone is asked to bring lawn chairs and bottled water. For more information, call Metzgar's District Office at 410-622-5323.

Lynch Cove Run Stream Cleanup

Help us clean up Lynch Cove Run, which runs into Bear Creek, on Saturday, June 23, from 9 a.m. - 2 p.m. We are also looking for a photographer / videographer to help document our cleanup. Registration opens at 8 a.m. in the parking lot of Merritt Park Baptist Church, 1799 Merritt Blvd. in Dundalk. Volunteers of all ages and abilities are welcome and needed. Trash bags, gloves, snacks, water and lunch will be provided. A limited number of tools are available for loan, but please bring your own if you have them. Service learning hours and community service hours are available for students. For more information, call 410-285-1202 or email Info@BreadandCheeseCreek.org.

DPN Historical Society Meeting

The Dundalk Patapsco Neck Historical Society's June meeting will be Monday, June 18, at 7 p.m. in the historical society building, 4 Center Place in Dundalk. Our speaker is Paul Blitz with his topic of an overview of operations in the Middle East. Our meetings are free and open to the public. For more information, call 410-284-2331.

Farewell to Rev. Dowell

Hiss United Methodist Church, 8700 Harford Road in Parkville, will hold a farewell worship service and luncheon/reception for our pastor, Reverend Timothy Dowell, on Sunday, June 17, at 10 a.m. at the church. Pastor Dowell, his wife Sandy and daughter Chloe will depart from Hiss on June 30. During his six-year tenure in Parkville, he always worked to keep Hiss as a burning light on the hill, pressing to keep its doors open for community involvement. Rev. Mark C. Mooney will begin his tenure at Hiss on Sunday, July 1. Hiss will welcome him with a welcome reception that day after all three worship services. Pastor Mooney and his wife, Debbie, are coming to Hiss from Otterbein United Methodist Church in Martinsburg, WV.

PCIF Conference at Shiloh Baptist

The Praise Covenant Interdenominational Fellowship conference is being held June 22 - 24 at Shiloh Baptist Church of Baltimore County, 2499 Sycamore Ave. in Edgemere. This year's theme is "Cultivating a Deeper Life in God." Presenters include Odell Dickerson, Dr. Alicia Chole, Dr. Kia Hood and Bishop John Bryant. The church's pastor is Bishop Heber M. Brown II. To register or for more information, visit www.praisecovenant.org.

Strawberry Moon Hike at North Point State Park

Algonquin tribes named June's full moon the "Strawberry Moon" because it signaled the time to begin gathering fruit - including the short strawberry harvesting season! Join naturalists Thursday, June 28, from 8:30 - 10:30 p.m. for a guided twilight hike through the woods at North Point State Park, 8400 North Point Road in Edgemere. Park in Lot B. Please wear sturdy, closed-toe shoes and bring water and a flashlight or headlamp. A service charge is in effect at North Point State Park - \$3/vehicle for MD residents; \$5/vehicle for out-of-state residents.





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'Ocean's 8' loses count and TEDDY BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND

- By Teddy Durgin

George Clooney, Brad Pitt and Matt Damon may be missing from the new "Ocean's 8" movie now in theaters. But guess who's not missing from the pages of the East County Times anymore?! This guy! Yes, dear readers, your man Durgin has returned! Thanks to Devin Crum and the rest of the fine people at this newspaper for bringing me and my film-review column back. And thank you, thank you to any and all who wrote in and said how much they miss me! I understand quite a number of you did, and I can't tell you how good of a feeling that is. Thank you, thank you to all! I am truly humbled and appreciative.

Now ... back to business!

"Ocean's 8" is missing one key ingredient that makes the best heist flicks fun. There's no villain! There's no slimy, scummy, multi-billionaire just begging to be scammed. If the lead crooks pull off their heist in this flick, there is no sense of comeuppance or great achievement other than "they got paid."

It's probably the biggest problem in this hit-or-miss reboot of the "Ocean's" franchise with Sandra Bullock leading an all-female team of criminals out to steal a \$150 million diamond necklace during the famed Met Gala that takes place each May in New York City. Bullock is Debbie Ocean, the younger sister of George Clooney's Danny Ocean from the "Ocean's" flicks of the 2000s. We first meet her, as we first met Danny in "Ocean's 11," duping her way out of a prison term

at a parole hearing and then immediately hatching a plan for a big score.

OK, there is a sort-of bad guy in the form of Richard Armitage's Claude Becker, who sent ex-girlfriend Debbie to jail years earlier and is now living the high life in Manhattan's swank art world. But he's really just a side character. He has a scumbag's beard, but no personality. He doesn't have the marvelous smarm that Andy Garcia brought to Terry Benedict or the gleeful corruption that Al Pacino displayed as Willy Bank in "Ocean's 11" and "Ocean's 13," respectively. You REALLY wanted to see those two get heisted.

The necklace in "Ocean's 8" is just that: your basic, gaudy diamond necklace that's been kept in the vaults of Cartier for 50 years that vapid actress Daphne Kluger (Anne Hathaway, giving the film's best performance) is loaned as part of her fashion ensemble for the Met Gala red carpet.

Honestly, it was more fun and involving watching Charles Grodin try to swipe the Baseball Diamond in "The Great Muppet Caper" and Kermit, Fozzie, Animal and the gang trying to stop him. "Ocean's 8" director and co-screenwriter Gary Ross doesn't give his flick much urgency.

Even without the urgency, no one seems to be having much fun here. Cate Blanchett is a force of nature, but she's playing the Brad Pitt second fiddle part here with little in the way of quirks or memorable lines. Helena Bonham Carter tries to find a character in down-on-



her luck fashion designer Rose Weil. But her usual eccentricities are also toned down. Rihanna is pretty slick as a hacker named "Nine Ball," but she spends most of the movie typing on a laptop. The real find here is Awkwafina as pick-pocket Constance. She's the only one who seems to take any real glee in her crimes and misdemeanors.

I did enjoy some of the intricacies of the Met Gala heist, which is eventually revealed to be more layered than initially thought. And a late-game cameo by one of the original "Ocean's 11" crew was most welcome ... and the only moment in the flick where the audience I saw it with responded with anything resembling pleasure.

Sigh. They should have stolen more from the original films!

"Ocean's 8" is rated PG-13 for language, brief drug references and some suggestive content.

'Hereditary': And you thought your family was messed up!

- By Teddy Durgin -

Except for a couple of dark, lonesome, terrible weeks last month and the beginning of this month, I've been reviewing movies without pause since 1997. So, those few times I write and declare a movie one of the funniest flicks I've ever seen or one of the most action packed films ever made, you can pretty much take it to the bank that what I'm reviewing is something special.

Ladies and gents, "Hereditary" is one of ... THE ... MOST ... terrifying movies I've ever seen! And I'm not talking jump-out scares or grisly, gory kills or creatures crawling in search of blood to terrorize y'all's neighborhoods. I'm talking pure, freakin' DREAD! This movie doesn't just want to scare you. It wants to stay in your head hours, even days after you see it. It doesn't want to just keep you up at night. It wants you to still feel uneasy on your drive to work the next morning

... heck, next Tuesday! It wants you to be thinking of it while you're having a normal dinner with your family or sitting in a classroom bored at the lecture or

just walking to the mailbox.

It's like something has been unearthed here. It's like writer-director Ari Aster has harnessed real, true evil and encapsulated it into a single film. Am I recommending it? Uh ... I'm not quite sure. "Hereditary" is tremendously effective - one of the best examples of the horror-terror genre in years. But you're not going to like how you feel leaving the theater.

And, of course, just back on staff at the Times, I don't want to get blamed. I don't want people e-mailing and saying, "Can him again! I'm now taking Unisom!"

I didn't like "Hereditary." I don't think it's possible to "like" this film. It's not going for likability. I guess the word I would use to describe how I'm feeling about the flick is I "appreciated" it. I almost wanted to exchange e-mail addresses with the strangers I saw it with, because I feel like we went through something together and we should keep in touch, check in from time to time to see how each of us are doing.

So, what it's about? Uh, do you really wanna know?





OK, we meet the Graham family, who has just suffered the loss of their matriarch, 78-year-old grandmother Ellen. Annie Graham (Toni Collette) eulogizes her mother at the funeral as husband Steve (Gabriel Byrne), teenage son Peter (Alex Wolff) and 13-year-old daughter Charlie (Milly Shapiro) look on.

During the service, the first signs that things ain't right start to fester. Charlie makes a weird, clucking sound while drawing an odd sketch. The strangeness continues in ways both big and small, like Annie paging through a memory book and coming upon a haunting picture of Ellen. Charlie decapitates a bird that has flown into her classroom at school. Ellen's grave is desecrated and Steve decides not to tell Annie.

Then, we start to find out more about the grandmother - her dementia, her suicide. Then, we learn a little more about Charlie ... like her peanut allergy. Will it factor in? Oh, man, does it ever! Eh, let's jump to a bit later in the film. Maybe to the séance? Or Annie's vision within a vision. Her revelation about Peter. Her-

Yikes! I want to give stuff away ... but I don't! "Hereditary" proceeds at a deliberate, slow-burn pace - maybe too slow for some who might want the film to stop spoon-feeding and "get on with it," or those who, quite frankly, will just want it to end. It deals with a lot - primarily grief, but also family secrets; family miscommunication; and, yes, otherworldly forces. Snicker at your own risk while watching it (at the very least, you can probably make some drinking game out of Toni Collette's facial contortions).

"Hereditary" is obviously not your usual summer popcorn fare. It's an experience you'll likely never forget. But if you are a fan of this kind of flick and want to see one done right - and I mean really, really right - check it out. But I've warned you!

"Hereditary" is rated R for horror violence, disturbing images, language, drug use and some nudity

DINING OUT

Conrad's Seafood Restaurant continues to find new ways to impress

- Article & photo by Patrick Taylor -A little over four years ago Andrea Conrad and her husband Tony opened up Conrad's Seafood Restaurant, located at 9654 Belair Road in Perry Hall. The opening of the restaurant came seven years to the day after Conrad's Crabs & Seafood Market had opened in Parkville. And to the surprise of no one who has enjoyed their delectable crabs, the restaurant is absolutely flourishing.

In the span of four short years, the Conrads - along with partner and Executive Chef Joe Lancelotta - have created one of the premier restaurants in the entire Baltimore area.

"We always wanted a restaurant, but the carry-out presented itself at the time," said Andrea Conrad. "But we were always kind of looking."

After they graduated college and got married, Tony was working in sales. But having been a recreational crabber in his younger years, he decided he wanted to give that a try on the side. And so he started off with a small pot license, an old used boat and a little bit of time to kill before heading into the office. Eventually he found that crabbing was his calling, and he quit his job to focus on that. He started wholesaling and working at a place in Fallston, and on the side he and Andrea were starting to run their operation out of their house.

"I remember we would take some

orders of people we knew and steam them at our house and take them to people," said Andrea.

When they were deciding whether or not opening the carryout was feasible, they looked at Tony's recent experience. They came up with numbers they would have to hit for the business to be viable. And what they were hoping to sell in a week they're now able to do in a single day.

The opportunity came to lease the property where Conrad's Seafood Restaurant currently sits, the couple, along with Joe Lancelotta jumped at the opportunity. Since then it's been an astounding upward trajectory for the trio - and for good reason.

Lancelotta has proven himself over the years to be a taste innovator. He's constantly challenging conventional wisdom and taking chances, and it seems like they always pay off.

Conrad's has unveiled their new summer menu, and the new creations Lancelotta added are otherworldly.

Take the Havana black rice, for example. Made with pork belly and shoulder, peas, corn, lima beans, onion, garlic, cilantro, black rice, fried egg and wonton crisp, this is a dish you don't realize you've been missing until you have it. The pork belly sits in the center, smothered by the other accoutrements. In a stroke of genius, Lancelotta decided that instead of a traditional wonton, he would cut up flat pasta strips and

fry them up.

There's also the bacon wrapped scallops, which Lancelotta serves with grilled pineapple, succotash and a black cherry gastrique. He uses Italian cherries that he picks up at Pastore's in Parkville for the gastrique, and combined with the succotash it's a delicious summer dish.

But if you find yourself hesitant to try new things, try a new menu

item consisting of the familiar - the blue crab club. Simply put, this is Baltimore bar-fare done right. The sandwich consists of a fried jumbo lump crab cake and 1/2 beer battered softshell crab, layered white toast, lettuce, tomato, sriracha aioli. It can be slightly intimidating looking at the gargantuan sandwich when it comes to the table, and you might wonder how to approach it. But the sandwich holds together well, and the sriracha aioli gives it a nice little kick.

Lancelotta and Andrea Conrad said that with Baltimore County residents showing a bit more hesitance to go into the city for a wide array of reasons - declining quality in restaurants, inaccessibility, crime, etc. - the oppor-



Don't let the size of the blue crab club intimidate you. This gargantuan sandwich is easier to handle than it looks.

tunity is there for county restaurants to shine.

"Why go spend a few hundred dollars downtown when you can come here and get an incredible meal for a percentage of the cost?" Lancelotta asked.

Last week, chef and television star Anthony Bourdain passed away. One of the industry's giants, Bourdain believed sharing food and seeing what people were eating and cooking was essentially a look into what life was and is like for a specific area, a window into the soul of a whole community. If that really is the case, we in Baltimore County are spoiled by what the Conrad family and Lancelotta have brought to the table.





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Pritchard, Donald E.



Donald E. Pritchard, born Nov. 6, 1954 suddenly passed away on June 2 from natural causes. He was a loving brother, loving father, and a great uncle to his nieces and nephews. He was taken care of by his family -Jeffery, Wayne and his loving mother.

He leaves many people behind and will always stay in our hearts and prayers. Rest in peace, Donnie. We love you.

Brosious, Virginia Lucille

On June 8, Virginia Lucille Brosious, beloved wife of the late Kenneth Ray Brosious; devoted mother of Patti A. Brosious, Cindi L. Taylor and her husband John, Terri L. MacCausland and her late husband Eugene; dear sister of Peg Hockman, Jean Davidson, and Pat Karns; loving grandmother of Melissa Ches, Jennifer Evans and John Taylor, Jr.; cherished greatgrandmother of Cameron Evans.

Services provided by Duda-Ruck Funeral Home of Dundalk. Interment Meadowridge Memorial Park. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to Inverness Presbyterian Church.



Wright, Ronald Sr.

On Sunday, June 10, Ronald J. Wright, Sr., beloved husband of the late Dereatha Wright (Perkins); loving companion of 26 years to Lorraine Mankiewicz (Speca); loving father of Dereatha Packard and her husband Phillip, Ronald J. Wright, Jr. and his wife Jennifer; grandfather of Timothy, Patrick, Jennifer, Brittany, Isabella and Connor. Ronald was also survived by many great-grandchildren, nieces, nephews, other loving family and friends, and his dog Vera who he loved with all of his heart. He will be dearly missed.

Services provided by Kaczorowski Funeral Home of Dundalk. Interment at Loudon Park Cemetery.

Priet, James Burton Jr.

On June 6, James Burton Priet, Jr., beloved son of James Burton Priet, Sr. and the late Loretta Priet (nee Bollack); loving father of Daniel Priet and his wife Kristen; cherished grandfather of Carter, Cali, Chase and Chloe; dear brother of Sharon Hammerbacher and her husband David and the late Darlene Miller; devoted uncle of Scott Hammerbacher, Lauren Thimatariga and Kaitlyn Shea. Also survived by Dawn Priet.

A private cremation was held. Friends may call at Bruzdzinski Funeral Home on Saturday, June 16 from 10 a.m. to noon, with a memorial service to follow.



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Freyer, Charles Nelson

On June 6, Charles Nelson Freyer, beloved husband of the late Mary Evelyn Freyer; devoted father of Gloria Burke, Sandra Johnson and her husband Thomas and the late Wayne and Bruce Freyer. Also survived by many grand- and great-grandchildren.

Services provided by Bruzdzinski Funeral Home. Entombment at Gardens of Faith Memorial Gardens.

Guice, Thomas A.

On June 7, Thomas Albert Guice, beloved husband of Alma Wills-Guice (nee Underwood); devoted father of Jessica Guice-Albritton and her husband Mike Albritton, Leah M. Boulden and the late Charles H. Wills, Jr.; loving grandfather of Vera, Ty and Lucia Albritton, Autumn Wills, Amanda Barkhorn-Johnson and Matthew Boulden; dear brother of Deborah Lutz and Dorothy O'Neill.

Services provided by Duda-Ruck Funeral Home of Dundalk. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made in the name of Mr. Guice to The Helping Up Mission, 1029 East Baltimore St., Baltimore, MD 21202 or at <u>www.helpingupmission.org</u>.

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A message from Councilwoman Cathy Bevins

On May 24, the Council passed the \$3.285 billion dollar budget for Fiscal Year 2019. The budget was passed by a unanimous vote after holding several public hearings with the various county departments and agencies during the month of May.

I am proud to report that the budget is balanced and does not raise property or income taxes for Baltimore County residents. Spending is within the guidelines established by the Spending Affordability Committee and the county will retain its triple AAA bond rating which will allow the county to Barrow funds at the lowest interest rates for projects such as school construction and infrastructure improvements.

This budget prioritizes two issues that are important to me and I know important to you as well, public education and public safety. The FY 2019 budget includes \$ 1.7 billion for public education. This represents an increase of nearly \$6.2 million over the FY 2018 Budget. The budget also exceeds the required maintenance of effort funding for Baltimore County Public Schools (BCPS) by \$26.6 million to provide \$8 million for 23 new school counselors, 22, social workers 18 psychologists and 19 School Resource Officers.

The BCPS Six-Year Capital Program totals \$835.5 million for construction and renovation projects. Many schools in the Sixth District are the recipients of these funds for enhancements and improvements. Overlea High School will receive \$800,000 for artificial turf fields. These fields will not only be an asset to the athletics at Overlea High School but the entire Overlea-Fullerton community as well. Red House

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Run Elementary School is slated to receive a 214 seat addition for the 2021 school year and funds are allocated for a roof replacement at Orems Elementary and a chiller replacement at McCormick Elementary.

The FY 2019 Budget also makes a substantial investment in the safety of our citizens. The Baltimore County Police Department's budget is \$224 million, an increase of \$1.7 million over last year's budget. The Police Department budget includes \$300,000 for a new animal abuse team to investigate complaints of animal cruelty, abuse and neglect. There is also a \$65,000 increase over the 2018 budget to combat the opioid crisis by investing in naloxone which curb the effect of overdoses.

The FY 2019 Budget is robust and sends a strong

message on the priorities of county government. Our schools are funded, our police have the resources they need to fight crime and the county remains a national example of sound fiscal management. Baltimore County remains a great place to live, work, and play.

Pause for the Pledge

Delegate Ric Metzgar (R-6) will hold the Annual Pause for the Pledge on Flag Day, June 14, starting at 6 p.m. at Trinity Temple Interfaith Church at 914 Essex Avenue in Essex. The community is invited to attend and recite the Pledge of Allegiance at promptly 7P.M. Everyone is asked to bring lawn chairs and bottled water.



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The Right to Try Act of 2017 was sponsored by Rep. Andy Briggs (R-AZ-5) during the 115th Congress which was similar to a bill Delegate Metzgar co-sponsored in 2017 in the Maryland House of Delegates.

This Federal Bill, H.R 878, requires the federal government to allow unrestricted manufacturing, distribution, prescribing, and dispensing of experimental drugs, biological products, and medical devices that are: (1) intended to treat a patient who has been diagnosed with a terminal illness, and (2) authorized by state law. The federal government must allow unrestricted possession and use of such treatments by patients certified by a physician as having exhausted all other treat-

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Metzgar attends White House bill signing

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The Bill Signing took place in the Eisenhower Executive Office Building (EEOB) in the South Court Auditorium of the White House.

Delegate Metzgar met Candidate Trump during a visit to the Boulevard Diner in Dundalk but this was the first time seeing him since his election as President Trump. Vice President Michael J. Pence and Secretary of Health and Human Services Alex M. Azar II were also present at the bill signing. Delegate and Mrs. Becky Metzgar were seated in the third row of the auditorium during the bill signing.

The call from the White House Office of Intergovernmental Affairs came to Delegate Metzgar's Annapolis Office on Tuesday about 11:30 a.m. and the arrangements and coordination were made for Delegate Metzgar and his wife to attend the event and obtain security clearance.

"What a wonderful experience to be a co-sponsor of a bill that not only helps Marylanders but I was honored to be helpful on national level," says Delegate Metzgar.



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SCHOOL NOTEBOOK

BCPS Volunteers of the Year

JoAnn Amorin of Sandalwood Elementary School and Sarah Martin of Seventh District Elementary School were named 2017-2018 BCPS Volunteers of the Year during a gala breakfast held this morning.

The breakfast began with greetings from Board Chair Edward Gilliss, Esq., and Superintendent Verletta White. In her remarks to the volunteers, White said, "It is no secret that you are the heart of every school. You take on a vast range of responsibilities from mentoring students and working with small groups, to taking care of administrative tasks, fundraising, and leading PTA committees... We would not be where we are without you. We value you, and we appreciate you."

Volunteer of the Year Amorin has volunteered at Sandalwood for four years, working mostly with Kelly Burns' English language arts class. Amorin works with small groups of students to provide support in grammar and writing, reading comprehension, and fluency. She reads with struggling students and uses questioning strategies to help promote in-depth, critical thinking skills. To better understand how she can help, she meets regularly with the Grade 5 teachers and often takes home materials to read and study. In addition, Amorin has assisted the school's mural club, participates in Sandalwood's peer mentoring program, and often gives up her lunch time to talk with children in the cafeteria. She's even used her own money to help replenish school supplies or purchase materials for a child in need.

The other winner, Martin, worked with Seventh District's math teachers to design and implement a schoolwide math initiative, modeled after a gradelevel Volunteer Math Support program she successfully implemented last school year. This year, she and another parent, Nicole Smith, worked first with administrators and then with teachers from each grade level to survey the need for math support and then to design and develop the program, which provides weekly volunteers for each grade to support students in math.

Since 2014, BCPS has recognized its outstanding volunteers through annual gala breakfasts. This year's breakfast, held at Martin's Valley Mansion in Cockeysville, was emceed by Josie Shaffer, a 2018 Pikesville High School graduate and the 2017-2018 student member of the Board of Education of Baltimore County, and Jake Turner, a Grade 11 student at Hereford High School and the 2017-2018 president of Baltimore County Student Councils. It featured performances by Pikesville Middle School's Jazz Ensemble and Dance Ensemble.

White named interim superintendent for second year, pending approval

The Board of Education of Baltimore County has voted to have Verletta White serve as interim superintendent of Baltimore County Public Schools for a second year. Her second one-year term will begin on July 1, pending approval by the Maryland State Department of Education.

During her first year leading the school system, White galvanized Team BCPS around the priorities of literacy (in all subject areas) and school climate.

In a statement released today, White wrote: "For more than 25 years, students have been my primary focus; students will always be my primary focus. As superintendent, interim or permanent, my job is to ensure effective teaching and learning in safe learning environments. My job is also to ensure organizational stability and instructional continuity. Having said that, I am grateful to those who continue to support Baltimore County Public Schools (BCPS)."

She continued, "On Thursday, June 7, 2018, the Board voted to offer me the opportunity to serve as interim superintendent for the 2018-2019 school year. After a great deal of deliberation and in consultation with my family, I believe the responsible decision is to accept the Board's offer. I am grateful for the Board's continued confidence in my leadership."

Regarding the appointment, Board Chair Edward Gilliss, Esq., said, "Last evening, the Board of Education again expressed its support for Verletta White to serve as the system's superintendent. Mrs. White's firsthand experience in BCPS as a teacher, administrator, and now as superintendent will allow her to continue to lead the system for the benefit of our 113,000 students as well as our teachers and support staff."

East side students honored at 32nd Annual High School Art Exhibit

Baltimore County Public Schools students earned honors at the awards reception for the 32nd Annual High School Art Exhibit, held at the Rosenberg Gallery at Goucher College.

In the exhibit program, Sherri Fisher, visual arts coordinator, and Linda

McConaughy, visual arts supervisor wrote, "The work included in the 32nd Annual High School Art Exhibit reflects the hard work of Baltimore County Public Schools art students and art educators, as well as the commitment of BCPS to - see ART EXHIBIT on page 22 -





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ART EXHIBIT

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visual arts education. The work is the result of a sequential PreKindergarten through Grade 12 art program that allows for continuous artistic exploration and growth throughout each student's education experience."

The 10 east side students recognized at the May 31 exhibit reception and their respective high schools and awards are:

Laubheimer Awards

• Emalee Fritz, Patapsco High School & Center for the Arts, 1st place. Fritz was also honored with the

Teacher's Choice and People's Choice top honors. **BCPS** Awards

• Alexis Mullins, Sparrows Point High School, Best 3D • Katrina Catacutan, Perry Hall High School, Best Painting

Honorable Mention

- Alexandra Bellman, Perry Hall High School
- Sebastian Czutbernat, Kenwood High School
- Nicholas Kokoszka, Patapsco High School & Center for the Arts
- Brianna Way, Parkville High School
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• Hailey Fink, Perry Hall High School

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• Karen Hayes-Kern, Kenwood High School

• Nicholas Kokoszka, Patapsco High School & Center

Fritz was also honored with the Teacher's Choice

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BCPS announces 233 haiku selected to be published in forthcoming book

Baltimore County students love reading. And they love writing about reading. And we love reading what they write about reading. And that is how it came to be that the judges of Baltimore County Public Schools' second annual haiku contest chose 233 haiku to be published in the forthcoming book How Reading Makes Me Feel.

"In year one of our haiku contest, we were astounded to receive more than 1,650 entries," said Interim Superintendent Verletta White. "This year, as we topped out at 1,885 entries from 91 schools, we realized that have tapped into some important values for this school system. Team BCPS cares deeply about reading and writing. My deepest appreciation to our teachers who have embraced this contest as a learning opportunity and to all of our talented student writers who impress us with their intellect, creativity, and vocabularies."

The limited-run book, How Reading Makes Me Feel, will be distributed before the last day of school to every student whose haiku or artwork is included in the book and to every BCPS school library. The haiku in the book represent students from Kinder-



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In addition to receiving a copy of the book, all of the featured elementary school students will receive a special notepad, and all of the featured middle and high school students will receive gift certificates from Ukazoo Books, courtesy of the store.

The haiku featured in the book were judged blindly, meaning that entries were first organized by school level - elementary, middle, and high. Then, student, teacher, and school names were removed before judges reviewed them.

The judging panel included staff members from

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the Office of English Language Arts and the Department of Communications and Community Outreach, in addition to four award-winning student poets: Bella Finkel of Towson High School, Ashley Hajimirsadeghi and Joseph Reisberg of George Washington Carver Center for Arts and Technology, and Cassie Li of Perry Hall High School.

After a lengthy debate, a panel of judges selected just three winners to announce on International Haiku Poetry Day, April 17. Those winners are Maximilian Murray, Grade 5, Pinewood Elementary School; Tegan Hakim, Grade 6, Pikesville Middle School; and Jessica Bartel, Grade 10, Catonsville High School. Congratulations to all!

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SPOTLIGHT

Dinner on the Bay

Knights of Columbus Bethlehem Council 2605, 7401 Bay Front Road in Edgemere, will hold its monthly Dinner on the Bay from 1 to 5 p.m. Sunday, June 17. The menu will include fried chicken, roast beef and gravy, baked salmon with rice, a variety of side dishes, soup, salad, rolls, cake and coffee, tea and soda. Admission is \$14 for adults and \$7 for children ages 8-12. Reservations are strongly advised. Call 410-477-5225 to reserve seats.

Free Home-Cooked Meals

Essex United Methodist Church, 524 Maryland Ave., will offer free, hot home-cooked meals for anyone in the community every Wednesday from 3:30 -6 p.m. Anyone who wishes to may sit down and eat.

Sleepy Hollow Yard Sale

The Sleepy Hollow Community, Van Winkle Lane in Middle River, will hold its annual community yard sale at 8 a.m. Saturday, June 16. The community has nine streets with 189 homes and many residents are expected to participate. Turn left on Van Winkle Lane from Campbell Blvd.

Essex Legion Karaoke

Essex American Legion Post 148, 20 S. Marlyn Ave., will host Karaoke with Lightning Rod from 8 p.m. to midnight Friday, June 15; Fun Time Karaoke with Annette and Wild Bill from 8 p.m. to midnight Saturday, June 16; and For the Good Times Karaoke with Percy and Fred from 4 to 8 p.m. Sunday, June 17. Info: 410-686-2353.

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Zion UCC Bible School

Zion United Church of Christ, 7146 Golden Ring Road in Essex, will hold "Rolling River Rampage," its summer vacation Bible school, from 9 a.m. to noon Monday through Friday, June 18-22, in the church hall (one block past the church on the right). The program is open to children ages 4 through high school. Activities will include stories, music, crafts, games and snacks. The cost is \$10 per child. For more information, call the church office, 410-687-0980.

Zion UCC Bingo

Zion United Church of Christ, 7146 Golden Ring Road in Essex, will hold a cash bingo Saturday, June 16, in the school building lower hall. Doors open at noon and games begin at 1 p.m. Snacks and drinks will be sold. Info: Rick Rosenfeld, 443-691-2797.



Bring lawn chairs and cash for donation jar.

Yard Sale/Car Wash

St. John's Lutheran Church, 8808 Harford Road in Parkville, will hold a community yard sale and car wash from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, June 16. Vendor cost is \$20 for one space and \$30 for two spaces; a table and two chairs cost an additional \$10. One space is about the size of two parking spaces. Proceeds will benefit youth members planning to attend the ELCA National Youth Gathering this summer in Houston. For more information, call 410-665-1234, or send an email to office@stjohnsparkville.org.

St. Luke Bible School

St. Luke's Evangelical Lutheran Church, 1803 Dundalk Ave., will hold its vacation Bible school from 6 to 8 p.m. June 25-29. Each evening will begin with dinner at 5:30 p.m. Program participants will engage in science projects, meet Romper and ride the raft, all while learning Bible stories. Info: 410-633-2526.

Soup Kitchen

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RE: North Carolina Board of Nursing v. Andrea Amato, MD RN #R137776

TO: Andrea Amato, Licensee

Take notice that the North Carolina Board of Nursing, in the above captioned matter, issued a Notice of Hearing on April 13, 2018 alleging you violated the Nursing Practice Act, Chapter 90 of the North Carolina General Statutes, and regulations enacted by the North Carolina Board of Nursing. The North Carolina Board of Nursing is seeking to revoke your privilege to practice nursing in North Carolina.

You are required to respond to the North Carolina Board of Nursing's Notice of Hearing by July 2, 2018 and, upon your failure to do so, the North Carolina Board of Nursing will proceed with an Administrative Hearing on July 26, 2018 at 8:30 a.m. to determine if your privilege to practice nursing in North Carolina shall be revoked.

This the 14th day of June, 2018.

Julia L. George, RN, MSN, FRE **Chief Executive Officer** North Carolina Board of Nursing Post Office Box 2129 Raleigh, North Carolina 27602

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Cleaning up Al Redmer's LIES!

COMMITTEE VOTES

I did not miss 178 votes on committee, that is an outright lie. I did miss some votes because of excused absences or sickness. They were picked up later on the floor votes in the house. Redmer is missing time every single day on his \$160,000 taxpayer funded salary while he becomes a part time insurance commissioner and full time candidate. This is a conflict of interest with state law, and a complaint has been filed.

THE CADILLAC

We negotiated with four different auto companies, and Cadillac by far offered the best lease deal of about \$5,000 for 15 months; that is less than 2% of our campaign costs. We also use our own vehicles and volunteer vehicles to cover 500 square miles in Baltimore County. I don't hear Redmer complain about his boss Larry Hogan and his \$125,000 campaign bus.

LATE CAMPAIGN REPORTS

Redmer claims there were large fines related to my campaign reports. They were not fines. They were late fees. And the numbers he presented were based on 16 years and 42 reports. The reports were late, but they were all accurate and confirmed by the election board to be completely correct. Redmer created a real violation which was not a fee, but a fine, by holding a campaign event during a legislative session which forced Governor Hogan's campaign committee to receive a fine from the state election board. **That's a real violation.**

Al Redmer has conducted a smear campaign with dirty politics because he is behind in the polls and does not have any real policies

EDUCATION OVER PARTY POLITICS

The Senate bill I voted for was the best piece of pro-education school construction policy I have seen in 16 years. In fact, the Republicans promoted this same bill five years ago when O'Malley was governor. O'Malley was withholding funds from counties with Republican leadership. Maryland is the only state that permits the Governor and two Democrats on the Board of Public Works to have total control over school construction funding. What happens if a Democrat takes control of that money in November? Under the new system, a bipartisan professional commission will control spending and be banned from political influence. The bill for the first time mandates that a minimum of \$400,000,000 will be dedicated every year to school construction funding. That extra money will help build the three high schools we need in Baltimore County. The bill gives local control to the county over spending priorities. This is new. The bill was created by a respected professional bipartisan citizens commission. The control by the governor, any governor, of school construction funding, is a hack system, and only exists in Maryland. My vote was for education, not party politics. This is the real reason I voted against the governor's veto.

THE REDMER REPORT

CONFLICT OF INTEREST!

It appears Insurance Czar Al Redmer is **hustling Maryland's insurance industry for campaign funds**. Redmer is a product of the insurance industry, having owned an insurance company. **This is clearly a conflict of interest**. How can the chief regulator of insurance companies and consumers **ask them for campaign donations? A conflict of interest charge has already been filed.**

ELLICOTT CITY FLOODS & TROPICAL STORM ISABEL

The Ellicott City flash floods remind us of the tragedy created by weather disasters. Redmer was insurance commissioner during Tropical Storm Isabel which devastated eastern Baltimore County. Redmer was criticized in the press and by the county executive for his preferential treatment of insurance companies and disservice to storm victims. **Redmer later resigned under a dark cloud.**

\$386 MILLION REASONS TO VOTE AGAINST INSURANCE CZAR AL REDMER!

Unbelievable! Al Redmer was the main architect of a new **\$386 million dollar Maryland state tax on insurance**. This tax will bail out insurance companies, keep Obamacare alive and save politician's jobs in an election year. Yes, this is a one-year bandage designed to subsidize Al's friends in the insurance industry and make sure they don't get in trouble financially. Obamacare, the insurance companies, and the special interests say Thank You to Al Redmer. You can express your opinion on election day.

RATE HIKE REDMER!

Insurance Czar Al Redmer appears to favor the health insurance companies he regulates over the best interest of consumers. **He has increased our rates over four years by 79%.**