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The Winners For The 2019 "Best Of Pasadena" Are...



It took our staff several days to tally all the votes and come up with the list of winners for this year's Best of Pasadena survey. To be eligible, each business must have a commercial address within the circulation area of the Voice, and a nominee had to receive at least five votes to qualify. We had only a few categories that didn't receive enough votes, and we are listing both the winner and the runner-up in each qualifying category. So without further ado... the envelope, please!
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Opening Day Marks The Start Of Baseball Season In Pasadena



Photo by Zach Sparks

Lake Shore Baseball braved the rain to have its parade on April 13.



Photo by Franki Maus

Havenwood Softball had its Opening Day parade on April 6.

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Pasadena's baseball and softball players celebrated a rite of spring this April with Opening Day parades and the beginning of games. Havenwood Softball and Pasadena Baseball Club enjoyed a joint Opening Day parade on April 6, while Lake Shore Baseball braved the rain to have its parade on April 13. Another spring of baseball and softball means a full slate of games as well as special

events for the organizations. Havenwood's Spring Hit-A-Thon in April 2019 has already raised more than \$8,000 for the organization, and community members can pledge their support for their players on the Havenwood Softball website (www.99pledges.com/fund/HavenwoodHitathon19). Havenwood Softball will also

take players to Camden Yards for Orioles Day on Sunday, May 5. Pasadena Baseball Club has 375 players between the ages of 4 and 18 competing on 35 teams this season. PBC's main fundraiser this spring is the Color Splash Fun Run on May 18; see details to register by May 1 on the Pasadena Base-

ball Club Facebook page. PBC teams will also attend Orioles Day with Havenwood. Lake Shore Softball had its Opening Day parade cancelled because of the weather on April 13, but the organization is looking forward to Orioles Day on May 5. Lake Shore Softball is excited
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WWII Veteran Manny Airey Passes Away

By Judy Tacyn

Emanuel "Manny" Airey, U.S. Navy World War II veteran and U.S. Marine Corps Korean War veteran, passed away on March 31 after a lifetime of service to his community and country. Friends, family and fellow servicemen and women celebrated his life with a Mass of Christian burial at St. Jane Frances Church on April 5 before interment with military honors in Glen Haven Memorial Park. Airey was an Iwo Jima survivor and was also at the Frozen Chosen Reservoir in sub-zero temperatures in Korea. Cold temperatures didn't seem to bother him in his work as an underwater demolition diver. He later

served as mechanic supervisor at Continental Can Company. Airey was honored as a lifetime member of the Fleet Reserve Association, Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) Post 160, Anne Arundel County Detachment 1049 Marine Corps League, Devil Dogs (the highest honor of the Marine Corps League), Military Honor of the Cooties (the highest degree of VFW) and he was an honorary member of the Army 29th Division. Nila Caulder-Rogers met Manny and his wife, Irene, who passed away in 2013, more than 20 years ago. "When the auxiliary folded for the Marines, I became an associate in Manny's detachment," Caulder-Rogers said. "For about the last 15 years,
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Photo by Colin Murphy

Maryland Lawmakers Push Long-Term Policies During 2019 Session

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Undoubtedly, no one is turning to Maryland General Assembly proceedings to get their fix of drama and intrigue, but this year's 90-day session had plenty of both. Lawmakers raised the minimum wage, allocated funds for Maryland's new educational blueprint and required the state to reach 50% renewable energy by 2030. They also dealt with fallout from a scandal and mourned the death of Mike Busch,

the Annapolis Democrat who had served as speaker of the House of Delegates since 2003 and member of the House since 1987. Busch had been hospitalized for pneumonia and his condition worsened on April 7. The final day of session on April 8, known as Sine Die, was somber. "We walked off the floor at midnight. Everyone was silent or crying," recalled Senator Bryan Simonaire, a Republican from Pasadena. "Normally, there are celebrations and confetti, but this year was different, and right-

fully so. Mike Busch was the longest-serving speaker Maryland has had." Tears aside, Republicans and Democrats alike worked to finalize a slew of bills before capping the 2019 session. Here are the biggest takeaways. Unless otherwise stated, all bills are pending approval from Governor Larry Hogan.
MINIMUM WAGE
 Both the House and Senate overrode Hogan's veto of a bill that will increase the minimum wage to \$11 by
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Here's What's Cookin' — PBA Gears Up For 10th Taste Of Pasadena

By Maya Pottiger

For the last 10 years, the Taste of Pasadena has provided community members an all-inclusive place to taste what Pasadena restaurants have to offer. At the Pasadena Business Association's 10th annual Taste of Pasadena, the theme is Mother's Day, allowing restaurants to share specials they're preparing for the holiday. The event serves to spotlight Pasadena's food vendors, and there will be 14 vendors this year. Angel's Food Market will feature items mostly from its bakery department. "I like that it is a chance for us to be able to be creative and do a lot of things that most people don't know that Angel's does,"



Lauer's Supermarket & Bakery (left), Angel's Food Market (right) and Kurtz's Beach are three of the past participants returning to this year's Taste of Pasadena.



said catering manager Jeffie Bowen. "It gives us a chance for us to get out there and show people what we're made of." Lauer's Supermarket & Bakery will serve lemon basil chicken with a side of

grilled vegetables. "I like seeing the other vendors that come out," said Bernie Snoops, co-owner of Lauer's. "This is a community where we have the same focus, we do the same things, but I like to

see what they're doing, and see them and the people in the community. This is a good community event." When the event started 10 years ago, the food service industry was struggling
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Giving Back Is In Chuck Yocum's DNA



Caring Cupboard LLC President Chuck Yocum received his Volunteer of the Month award from Voice Assistant Editor Zach Sparks.

By Maya Pottiger

Growing up, Chuck Yocum's grandmother asked him daily what he did for someone else that day.

"My grandmother never asked me how my day was," Yocum said. "It was always about giving back."

In June 2018, Yocum established Caring Cupboard LLC in Pasadena. The Cupboard, as it is known, provides food to needy families all over the county. In the last 10 months, the Cupboard has been established at six schools and provided food to more than 200 families.

"When I started this, I thought initially this was going to be maybe a couple food drives, and most of the money and everything was going to come out of my pocket," Yocum said. "I had no idea that it was going to grow like this."

The first Caring Cupboard was established at Riviera Beach Elementary because it's Yocum's community school that all of his children have attended.

"Kids come to school hungry, and they're not prepared to study. But the bigger side of that is it's also a stress for the entire family."

— CHUCK YOCUM

Yocum was inspired by the Pantry Plus More: Childhood Food Security in Monongalia County in his home state of West Virginia.

"I stood in line for government cheese, so I

understand food insecurity from that aspect as a young kid," Yocum said.

With Caring Cupboard, Yocum said his goal is to help children come to school ready to learn and help reduce stress in families.

"Kids come to school hungry, and they're not prepared to study. But the bigger side of that is it's also a stress for the entire family," Yocum said. "If we can help alleviate that one little stresser, then we can help prepare the kid."

Though the community may seem tough on the outside, Yocum said it's one of the most caring places.

"This is a community that takes care of itself, takes care of each other," Yocum said. "I've held that belief for a very long time, and they have done nothing but surpass and bolster what I believe."

Outside of the Cupboard, Yocum is on the board of directors for the Civitan Club of Glen Burnie, which works with special needs adults and children. He also volunteers as the secretary for the Pasadena Football Club.

The next Caring Cupboard event will be June 1 outside the Bowie Baysox stadium.

"The Pasadena community, they've been so responsive," Yocum said. "Any time there's a need, they come through."

Editor's Voice

Dylan Roche
Editor



When we pitched our Question of the Month for this edition to the fifth-graders at Jacobsville Elementary, asking them what they would do if they could control the weather, I found myself surprised not by what kind of weather they loved but instead why they loved it (be sure to check out their responses on page 12).

Although there were some variations, many of the students called for it to be warm and sunny. Where their answers differed was in regard to their spring-time activity of choice — playing sports, going for a swim, eating ice cream and so forth.

It shouldn't surprise me that warm weather is on all their minds now that we are enjoying the start of real spring temperatures. And therefore it's pretty appropriate that members of the community are starting to get out and enjoy all of what's happening around town.

Just flip through the pages of this month's edition and you'll see coverage of youth baseball teams' Opening Day ceremonies, Easter egg hunts and bunny visits, food truck gatherings, school projects and much more. This is definitely a great season for local feel-good news.

Our April edition is excit-

ing because it's also when we announce the winners of the annual Best of Pasadena contest. It's a big undertaking to count all the votes, but count them we did — and we hope you'll join us in extending a big congratulations to all these local businesses. A few places held their title from previous years, and there were even some new places that have clearly gained a loyal following in only their first year in business. In the coming weeks, our team will deliver Best of Pasadena certificates and window decals to these businesses. Be sure to follow us on Facebook and Instagram so you can see the owners and their employees accept the honors.

The April edition also includes our Real Estate Guide with everything you need to know about the process of buying or selling a home right here in Pasadena. Next month's special edition will be our On The Water Guide, full of all the tips you need to make the most of enjoying Anne Arundel County's maritime culture this summer. If you own a business that would be interested in advertising in it, be sure to call our office at 410-255-5888.

Until next time, Pasadena, keep enjoying this spring weather and the activities that bring the community together. If you have news ideas or feedback on any of the stories in this edition, shoot me an email at dylan@pasadenavoice.com. I always love hearing from our readers.

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Opening Day Marks The Start Of Baseball Season



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ed for its 60th year of baseball in Pasadena in 2019, and Lake Shore's little leaguers celebrated in style at the Woods Road Athletic Complex on April 13 through a light drizzle. Lake Shore has 850 registered players between intramural and travel teams who paraded through the park on Opening Day, waving to family and friends before a ceremonial first pitch and play in a bouncy

castle and on a climbing wall. Lake Shore's exciting developments this season include the forthcoming installation of a concrete courtyard and a batting cages facility. Lake Shore will participate in Little League Day at Oriole Park and will host two travel tournaments, the Dirt & Diamonds Mother's Day Tournament, the Best in the House in-house tournament and the Boys of Summer Tournament.



Photo by Colin Murphy

Maryland Lawmakers Push Long-Term Policies

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January 1, 2020. Businesses with 15 or more employees must increase that wage by 75 cents per year until reaching \$15 in 2025. Businesses with 14 or fewer employees will increase the rate by 60 cents per year, reaching \$15 in 2026. Workers under age 18 must earn at least 85 percent of the minimum wage.

Pasadena's delegation strongly opposed the measure. "We know 20% of businesses fail in the first year and 50% fail in the first five years, so it's going to make it more difficult for them to survive," said Delegate Brian Chisholm.

Simonaire said, "We are not one Maryland with this bill. The people who aren't in the middle of the state, those counties are competing with Virginia and Pennsylvania. [Supporters] were talking about getting people out of poverty. I believe the solution to lifting people out of poverty is to give them the education they need to get a higher-paying job."

Alissa Barron-Menza, vice president of Business for a Fair Minimum Wage, was one of the bill's supporters.

"An increase in the state's minimum wage to \$15 will boost consumer spending and strengthen Maryland's workforce and economy," Barron-Menza said in a statement.

EDUCATION

Legislators approved a bill to allocate nearly \$1 billion in additional funds to public schools over a three-year period in support of recommendations from the Kirwan Commission. Dubbed the Blueprint for Maryland's Future, the legislation has several goals: to establish a poverty grant program to aid

public schools that have high concentrations of students eligible for free or reduced meal prices, to provide raises for teachers, and to create a Maryland Office of the Inspector General to investigate complaints of waste, fraud and abuse of public funds.

Simonaire said whereas the old Thornton Commission focused on economic input, the Kirwan Commission is focused on results.

"The Kirwan Commission is working on the outputs," he said. "What are the graduation rates? What are the disparities between students? Are students ready for college and to get into careers?"

Delegate Nic Kipke supported the blueprint because the money comes from existing revenue, but both he and Chisholm are leery that Democrats will propose future tax hikes as one of way of paying for the next wave of Kirwan recommendations.

"They're trying to get to one teacher for every 15 students, which in a utopian world would be great," Chisholm said. "When do we ask, 'Where are the results?' I'm proud of the teachers and school system we have here in Anne Arundel County, but I look at some areas that are failing, like Baltimore City. Why aren't we offering school choice?"

THE ENVIRONMENT

A Busch-sponsored bill protecting five oyster sanctuaries on the Chesapeake Bay was vetoed by Hogan, who said the bill would harm local watermen. The General Assembly overturned the veto.

An ambitious piece of legislation, the Clean Energy Jobs Act requires Maryland to rely on renewable energy sources like wind and solar

power for 50 percent of its supply by 2030.

HEALTH CARE

Perhaps the most emotional debate surrounded the End-of-Life Option Act, which passed in the House but died in the Senate. If passed, it would have created a process allowing patients to request and receive aid in dying from their physicians.

In what Kipke called his hardest-fought battle as a legislator, he helped enact a change to protect pharmacies from "anti-competitive measures" used by Pharmacy Benefit Managers (PBMs) that reimburse pharmacies at a lower rate than what the pharmacies pay to acquire the drugs from wholesalers.

"These little pharmacies have no leverage in negotiating when they buy from wholesalers," Kipke said. "The pharmacies had been staying afloat, but in the last year, companies like CVS Caremark have been reimbursing pharmacies less, and the pharmacies have been losing tens of thousands of dollars a month."

Lawmakers also changed the age at which customers can purchase tobacco products and electronic smoking devices. Instead of 18, those customers must now be 21.

LOCAL LAWS

Kipke secured \$1.75 million to repave a section of Fort Smallwood Road where the county line ends and the Baltimore City line begins. "As long as I can remember, it has been a war zone with mountains in the middle of the road and huge potholes that need to be filled," Kipke said.

The Pasadena delegation was granted \$125,000 for the

Chesapeake High School stadium. Coupled with a matching amount from the county, the money will make the site more accessible for people with disabilities and for the elderly.

Simonaire had successful laws that will expand a therapeutic horse riding program to aid veterans and start an Election Day Page Program to get local students involved in the election process.

OTHER LAWS

Striking Hogan's 2016 Executive Order to have Maryland schools start after Labor Day, the General Assembly shifted that authority to the individual school districts.

Months after Anne Arundel County adopted a bill to ban polystyrene products from restaurants and schools, Maryland passed similar legislation.

The Handgun Permit Review Board was abolished after critics noted that it was overturning the majority of cases decided by the Maryland State Police during the appeal process. The Office of Administrative Hearings will now handle appeals.

After an investigation revealed that Baltimore City Mayor Catherine Pugh and other University of Maryland Medical System (UMMS) board members were benefiting from insider deals, the General Assembly moved quickly to pass reforms to overhaul the board and prevent its members from using their position for private gain.

To learn more about these bills and others not mentioned in this article, visit www.mgaleg.maryland.gov. The website allows users to search by bill number, sponsor or broad subject.

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Military Milestones: Pasadena Family Has Sent Six Into Service

in Illinois was not what he expected. "I thought

it was going to be if you're strong and you're smart, you get by and it's actually the complete opposite," he said. "We were put in divisions. You're only as strong as your weakest link."

When 2011 Chesapeake High graduate Brandon Bryley decided in 2017 that he wanted to join the Navy, he didn't have to look far for inspiration. His grandfather, John Williams, was once a Marine and had four brothers who also served in the military.

Only one of the brothers is still alive, but two generations later, Bryley is carrying on the tradition of the family's service. He initially wanted to join the Marine Corps, but as he grew older, he developed an affinity for being on the water.

A Navy recruiter found the right words to sway Bryley. He was at Divers Academy International in New Jersey after attending Wesley College, and he decided to finish his diving season before heading to Pensacola, Florida, in winter 2018 for A School as an air traffic controller.

The eight-week boot camp

Since arriving in Pensacola, Bryley has held positions as administrator of his barracks (assisting the military training instructors), class leader and formation leader. He has excelled in other areas, too. Bryley came in second place for the 25 to 29 age group at the sixth annual Blue Angels Rock N Fly 5K on March 23.

He is set to graduate from the A School in Pensacola, Florida, on May 10. He will then be sent to Naval Air Station Oceana in Virginia Beach.

While Bryley is embarking on the beginning of his military career, his family has been piecing together the past using news clippings. One in particular noted the service



Brandon Bryley came in second place for his age group at the Blue Angels Rock N Fly 5K on March 23.

of his grandfather, Williams, and two half-brothers named James "Jimmy" Hannan and Joe Hannan.

Williams was a supply specialist in Quantico, Virginia. Younger half-brother Joe Hannan was a Marine serving in

Korea but was lucky enough to avoid the war zone. Two other half-brothers, Charles "Leo" Kelm and Bernard Kelm of Pasadena, also joined the Marines.

The sole living veteran is James Hannan, who lives in Bowie, Maryland. He joined the Air Force at age 18 in 1950. James was a staff sergeant with the 57th Strategic Reconnaissance Squadron in Oahu, Hawaii.

"I worked in the supply office," he said. "I received all kinds of materials, clothing, tools, etc. I handed out tools to the airplane mechanics and clothing to pilots."

His military service spanned November 1950 to July 1954.

"As part of my job, I was one of the few people who had the opportunity to see the box that held the first hydrogen bomb for testing in the Pacific in 1952," he said.

James also has a strong recollection of his younger half-brother Charles "Leo" Kelm serving in the Marine Corps.

"He originally volunteered for Seal training, but when the war got going, he was pulled from that training to become a squad leader in the jungles of Vietnam," James said.

Bryley won't be thrashing through the jungles of Vietnam, but he's pleased with his decision to join the Navy.

"If somebody is thinking about doing it, don't overthink it, because you might psyche yourself out or think of only the cons or other routes you can take with your life," Bryley said. "You might think eventually you will find something better, but then you'll look back with regret."

Historic Hancock's Resolution Opens For The Season



Photos by Dylan Roche

On a warm, sunny spring afternoon, Historic Hancock's Resolution opened its gates to visitors for the first day of the 2019 season. Visitors were treated to tours, demonstrations and exhibits, all of which helped them gain an understanding of how people lived on the Pasadena peninsula hundreds of years ago. The 18th-century farmhouse is open 1:00-4:00pm Sundays (except Easter) through October and can be found online at www.historichancocksresolution.org.



WWII Veteran Manny Airey Passes Away

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Manny, Mike Hadley, Jim Brady and myself have run the hospitality rooms for the Marines and the Cooties. Manny's biggest thing about the Marines was the work they do for the children."

Airey and his wife didn't have kids of their own, but they devoted their lives to helping underprivileged children in Pasadena and Baltimore.

"Manny was a great guy with a really big heart," said Ben Wells, who met Airey in

2008 and later helped look after him a few times per week. Wells now helps run the Marines Helping Heroes Golf Tournament, an event Manny started 14 years ago.

In his later years, Airey's Marine friends, including Caulder-Rogers and friends from his favorite restaurant, Cookie's Kitchen, looked after him.

"He enjoyed the companionship of his fellow veterans and he loved helping people in his clubs and in the community," Caulder-Rogers said. "He will

be remembered for all his charity work, his kindness, and his sense of humor."

Caulder-Rogers said there is a shadowbox at VFW 160 that includes many of the plaques Airey received in recognition of his charity work, including the Marines' own Toys for Tots drive.

For more information on the 14th annual Marines Helping Heroes Golf Tournament to be held at the Walden Country Club in Crofton on May 17, visit www.marineshelpingheroes.org/golf-tournament.

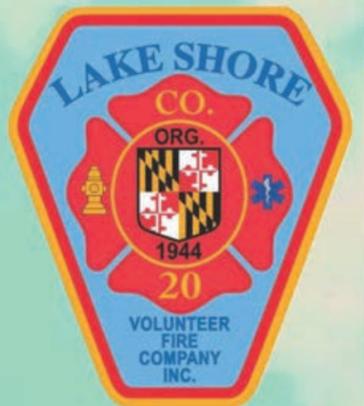
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- 5. Best Dinner:** 1. Two Rivers Steak & Fish House 2. Stoney Creek Inn
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- 8. Best Barbecue:** 1. Beefalo Bob's 2. Texas Roadhouse
- 9. Best Burger:** 1. The Rumor Meal 2. Stoney Creek Inn
- 10. Best Coffee:** 1. Dunkin' Donuts - Lakeshore Plaza 2. Starbucks - Lakeshore Plaza Safeway
- 11. Best Crab Cake:** 1. Stoney Creek Inn 2. Fifer's Seafood
- 12. Best Dessert:** 1. Stoney Creek Inn 2. Lauer's Supermarket & Bakery
- 13. Best Ice Cream/Frozen Treat:** 1. The Daily Scoop 2. Friendly's
- 14. Best Pizza:** 1. 1978 New York Pizzeria 2. The Rumor Meal
- 15. Best Salad:** 1. Texas Roadhouse 2. Two Rivers Steak & Fish House
- 16. Best Sandwich/Sub:** 1. Lisa's Deli 2. 1978 New York Pizzeria
- 17. Best Seafood:** 1. Stoney Creek Inn 2. Fifer's Seafood
- 18. Best Wings:** 1. Wingman 2. Stoney Creek Inn
- 19. Best Fast Food:** 1. Chick-fil-A 2. Taco Bell
- 20. Best Asian:** 1. Szechuan Café 2. Passion Asian Bistro
- 21. Best Italian:** 1. Bella Napoli Italian Restaurant 2. Primo Pasta Kitchen
- 22. Best Mexican:** 1. The Picantillo Restaurant 2. El Pilar
- 23. Best Gluten-Free Selection:** 1. Stoney Creek Inn 2. Two Rivers Steak & Fish House
- 24. Best Caterer:** 1. Two Rivers Steak & Fish House 2. Beefalo Bob's
- 25. Best Delivery Service:** 1. Bahama Mike's 2. Fifer's Seafood
- 26. Best Bar:** 1. Twain's Tavern 2. The Office Bar & Grill
- 27. Best Special Occasion:** 1. Two Rivers Steak & Fish House 2. Stoney Creek Inn

Beauty & Fitness

- 1. Best Fitness Club:** 1. The Y in Pasadena 2. Planet Fitness
- 2. Best Hair Salon/Barber Shop:** 1. Blown 25 Hair Studio 2. Bombshell Hair Garage
- 3. Best Hair Stylist/Barber:** 1. Pamela Cross - Blown 25 Hair Studio 2. Carly Schell - Blown 25 Hair Studio
- 4. Best Martial Arts Program:** 1. A Plus Taekwondo 2. Kick Connection
- 5. Best Place For A Massage:** 1. Rejuvenations Therapeutic Massage & Bodywork 2. Stacie's Natural Touch
- 6. Best Massage Therapist:** 1. Megan Waters - Rejuvenations Therapeutic Massage & Bodywork 2. Myron Kimble-Marvel - Stacie's Natural Touch
- 7. Best Nail Salon:** 1. Nail Dimensions Spa 2. Nail Tech
- 8. Best Spa:** 1. Stacie's Natural Touch 2. Rumors Salon & Spa
- 9. Best Weight-Loss Program:** 1. CoreLife 2. Transformations Fitness for Women

Health

- 1. Best Medical Practice:** 1. Maryland Primary Care Physicians
- 2. Best Physician:** 1. Lauren Parmer, DO

2. Alyson Lang, MMS, PA-C
- 3. Best Women's Care:** 1. Annapolis OB-GYN
- 4. Best Chiropractic Practice:** 1. Horne Chiropractic 2. Bartlinski Chiropractic & Physical Therapy
- 5. Best Dental Practice:** 1. Lake Shore Family Dental 2. Pasadena Dental Care
- 6. Best Optometry/Ophthalmology Practice:** 1. Woolf & Woolf Optometrists 2. Pasadena Eye Care
- 7. Best Orthodontic Practice:** 1. Chesterfield Orthodontics
- 8. Best Pediatric Practice:** 1. Pediatric Place
- 9. Best Pharmacy:** 1. Mike's Pharmacy 2. CVS - Magothy Beach Road
- 10. Best Physical Therapy Practice:** 1. Pivot Physical Therapy Clinic
- 11. Best Mental Health Care:** 1. New Life Addiction Counseling
- 12. Best Veterinary Practice:** 1. Huffard Animal Hospital 2. Calvert Veterinary Center
- 13. Best Senior Home:** 1. Pear Tree Assisted Living 2. Oak Lodge Senior Home

Community Services

- 1. Best Auto Repair:** 1. Hartlove's Auto 2. Baxter Tire & Auto
- 2. Best Bank:** 1. M&T Bank 2. Tower Federal Credit Union
- 3. Best Car Wash:** 1. Pasadena Car Wash 2. Lighthouse Carwash
- 4. Best Computer Service:** 1. Bay Area Computers
- 5. Best Dry Cleaner:** 1. Zips Dry Cleaners 2. Young's Dry Cleaners
- 6. Best Marine Repair:** 1. PYY Marine 2. Tidal Wave Upholstery
- 7. Best Pet Grooming:** 1. Huffard Animal Hospital 2. Carrie's K9 Clips

Professional Services

- 1. Best Accountant:** 1. David Shanahan, CPA
- 2. Best Insurance Agency:** 1. Huff Insurance 2. Marty Lewis - State Farm
- 3. Best Investment Adviser:** 1. Dan Higgins - Edward Jones 2. Brian Conrad - Edward Jones
- 4. Best Lawyer:** 1. Frame & Frame 2. The Law Offices of Trevor Kiessling
- 5. Best Mortgage Company:** 1. Arundel Federal Savings Bank 2. Coastline Mortgage
- 6. Best Realtor/Agent:** 1. Marie Stinchcomb - CENTURY 21 Don Gurney 2. Christie Listorti - Douglas Realty

Home Services

- 1. Best Electrical Contractor:** 1. Magothy Electric 2. Haas & Sons Electric
- 2. Best Fence/Deck Contractor:** 1. All Around Fence
- 3. Best Flooring/Carpet Contractor:** 1. Pasadena Floors 2. Carpet Village
- 4. Best Cleaning Service:** 1. Misty Clean 2. A Clean Break
- 5. Best Home Improvement Contractor:** 1. Bayside General Contractors
- 6. Best HVAC Contractor:** 1. Smith & Company HVAC 2. A.M. Gable Heating & Cooling
- 7. Best Kitchen/Bath Remodeling Service:** 1. Hutchinson Construction 2. Bayside General Contractors
- 8. Best Landscape/Lawn Contractor:** 1. AMJ Lawn & Landscape Care 2. Owen Lawn & Landscaping
- 9. Best Pool Service:** 1. Gene Lilly Pools & Spas
- 10. Best Plumbing Contractor:** 1. Chesapeake Plumbing 2. Greer Water Works

Retail/Shopping

- 1. Best Overall Customer Service:** 1. Lake Shore Pet Hospital 2. Stoney Creek Inn
- 2. Best Art/Photography/Frame Shop:** 1. Free State Photo Booth 2. J. Hurst Photography

- 3. Best Athletic Gear Shop:** 1. Olympia Sports
- 4. Best Consignment Shop:** 1. Wear It Again, Sam 2. Believe Upscale Consignments
- 5. Best Florist:** 1. Maher's Florist 2. Suzanne's Florist
- 6. Best Garden Center:** 1. Himmel's Farm & Garden 2. Costello's Ace Hardware & Hearth
- 7. Best Gift Shop:** 1. Amy's Hallmark Shop - Lakeshore Plaza 2. E.L. & Company
- 8. Best Grocery Store:** 1. Lauer's Supermarket & Bakery 2. Giant Food
- 9. Best Hardware Store:** 1. Costello's Ace Hardware & Hearth 2. Home Depot
- 10. Best Home Décor:** 1. E.L. & Company
- 11. Best Jeweler:** 1. Sanders Diamond Jewelers 2. Green's Jewelry
- 12. Best Liquor Store:** 1. 177 Liquors 2. Harbour Liquors
- 13. Best Pet Supply Store:** 1. Pet Valu 2. PetSmart

Entertainment

- 1. Best Place For Family Entertainment:** 1. Downs Park
- 2. Best Live Music:** 1. Twain's Tavern 2. The Office Bar & Grill
- 3. Best Happy Hour:** 1. Twain's Tavern 2. The Office Bar & Grill
- 4. Best Place To Watch The Game:** 1. the Greene Turtle 2. The Office Bar & Grill
- 5. Best Place To Take Out-Of-Towners:** 1. Two Rivers Steak & Fish House 2. Stoney Creek Inn
- 6. Best Entertainment Venue Within 25 Miles:** 1. Live! Casino & Hotel 2. Rams Head On Stage

Kids' Activities

- 1. Best Activity Center:** 1. The Y in Pasadena
- 2. Best After-School Program:** 1. The Y in Pasadena 2. Pasadena Child Care and Homework Center
- 3. Best Children's Dance Company:** 1. Dancer's Dreams Dance Studio 2. Jamz Dance Studio
- 4. Best Day Care:** 1. Humpty Dumpty Day Care Center 2. Grannie Annie's Child Care & Learning Center
- 5. Best Party/Special Occasion Venue:** 1. Kurtz's Beach 2. The Reserve at Two Rivers
- 6. Best Playground:** 1. Lake Waterford Park 2. Downs Park
- 7. Best Summer Camp:** 1. The Y in Pasadena 2. Dancer's Dreams Dance Studio
- 8. Best Sports Facility:** 1. Lake Shore Athletic Complex
- 9. Best Youth Sports League:** 1. Panthers Athletic Club 2. Buccaneers Athletic Club

Community

- 1. Most Desirable Community:** 1. Boulevard Park 2. Chesterfield
- 2. Best Community Beach:** 1. Sillery Bay 2. Boulevard Park
- 3. Best Community Pool:** 1. The Y in Pasadena 2. Cedarwood Cove
- 4. Best Club/Organization:** 1. Panthers Athletic Club 2. Buccaneers Athletic Club
- 5. Best Place To Work:** 1. Huffard Animal Hospital 2. Calvert Veterinary Center
- 6. Best Church:** 1. Our Lady of the Chesapeake 2. Lighthouse Church
- 7. Best Religious Leader:** 1. Sammy Foster - Lighthouse Church 2. John Smart - Lighthouse Church
- 8. Best School:** 1. Bodkin Elementary School 2. Chesapeake High School
- 9. Best Marina:** 1. PYY Marine 2. Pleasure Cove Marina
- 10. Best Business To Open in 2018:** 1. Bombshell Hair Garage 2. The Rumor Meal
- 11. Most Influential Community Members:** Nic Kipke, Lisa Elliott, Chris Whaley

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Dine In The Dena Returns To Riviera Beach

The weather is warming up and so is the activity at Riviera Beach Volunteer Fire Company, which is hosting Dine in the Dena every Monday through October (weather permitting) from 4:00pm and 8:00pm. Food trucks include 2 BOLD Chefs

& a Mediterranean Truck & Catering, Breaking The Borders, Jenos Steaks, Greek on the Street, Pasta La Vista Baby, MangiAmore, Wanna Pizza This, Jimmy's Seafood, Wingman, Amy's Sweet Treats, and Deja Roux. Riviera Beach Volunteer

Fire Company will also sell drinks and funnel cakes. The trucks will be stationed at 8506 Fort Smallwood Road in Pasadena. For more information, follow "Dine In The Dena" on Facebook or call 410-255-1314.

PBA Gears Up For 10th Taste Of Pasadena

Who Will Be At Taste Of Pasadena?

- Angel's Food Market
- Bella Napoli
- Brightview Senior Living
- Bruster's Ice Cream
- Cheshire Crab
- Glory Days Grill
- Kurtz's Beach
- Lauer's Supermarket & Bakery
- Maher's Florist
- Mutiny Pirate Bar & Island Grille
- Pat's Select Pizza & Grill
- Primo Pasta Kitchen
- Texas Roadhouse
- The Greene Turtle

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"People were different 10 years ago," Hart said. "They didn't always have the money to go out to eat, so this gave them an opportunity to taste from several different venues and decide where they wanted to go."

Hart said one of her favorite aspects of the event is watching the restaurateurs interact with each other.

"When they get a chance to get together in a group, it's really a lot of fun watching them," Hart said. "They're not competitors; they're a team. It's really nice to see that they do help one another, they all know one another."

The event also allows Pasadena community

members to get to know the owners and managers of their favorite restaurants.

"The Pasadena community at large likes the fact that they do know the managers and the owners and the staff that works there," Hart said. "Pasadena has always been famous for that: We like to know who we're dealing with."

The 10th annual Taste of Pasadena will be held Thursday, May 9, at Kurtz's Beach. It runs from 6:00pm to 9:00pm.

Tickets are \$25 for PBA members and \$30 for non-members. Only 300 tickets are available for the event. They can be purchased at the Arundel Federal Savings Bank in Lakeshore Plaza, at the BB&T on Mountain Road or online at www.pasadenabusinessassociation.com.

Hot Spring Services From The Anne Arundel Home Services Company

Jeff Tucker
The Anne Arundel Home Services Company



It's almost that time again! The weather starts to get warmer, daylight savings time hits, we start spending more time outside, flowers bloom, and everything feels fresh and new. It's also that time when many of us start taking an inventory of what Old Man Winter has done to our homes and yards!

Here's a list of tips to help you tackle this sometimes overwhelming task, to get your homes and outdoor areas ready for all the summer fun!

Roof — Check for any

loose or missing shingles, and for leaks. Spring brings lots of rain. The last thing you want is water damage inside of your home. Replace or repair any damage.

Gutter Cleaning, Repair and Maintenance — Clogged gutters can damage your roof or foundation and cause leaks and water damage.

Landscaping — Branch and debris removal; trim overgrown trees, bushes and foliage; grass cutting and weed-whacking.

Power Washing — Winter weather has likely left your siding and decks looking lackluster. Power-washing can make them look new again!

Indoor Cleaning — Spring is a great time to

deep-clean, hitting all of those areas that you may not be taking care of regularly, for example, wall washing, ovens, blinds, baseboards, behind and under refrigerators, carpet cleaning, etc.

Deck and Porch Cleanup — Get that outdoor furniture cleaned, repair any broken boards, paint or stain wood, repair any ripped or old screens on porches.

Window Check — Waterproof and re-caulk, replace any that are broken.

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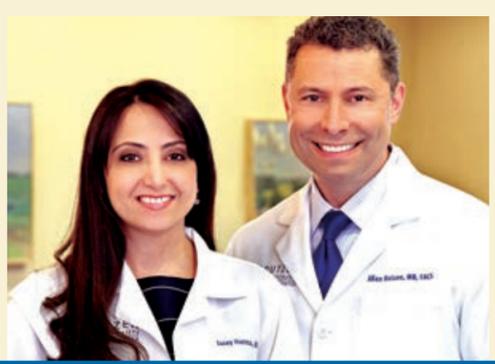
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NEIGHBORHOOD OF THE MONTH

Greenspring At Compass Pointe

Neighborhood of the Month takes an in-depth look at the unique communities that make up Pasadena as a whole. Each has its own history, its own special amenities and its own people who are happy to call that place home. Want to share with our readers all about your neighborhood and what sets it apart from others? Email pvnews@pasadenavoice.com and let us know!



Photos by Judy Tacyn

Above: Ralph Lingis and Liz Jacobs are proud to live with caring neighbors in their community.

Left and right: In Greenspring at Compass Pointe, the lot sizes are large, many with professional hardscapes or luxury backyard spaces or pools.



Quiet, Hidden Golf Course Community Is A Pasadena Gem

By Judy Tacyn

Greenspring at Compass Pointe is an exclusive community of 102 estate-size homes located off Fort Smallwood Road, built in and around Compass Pointe Golf Courses. The homes were primarily constructed in the early to mid-2000s by Washington Homes and later K. Hovnanian Homes. The lot sizes are large, many with professional hardscapes or luxury backyard spaces or pools.

The community has a rural feel; however, the steam chimney stacks of Baltimore are barely visible above the tree-line from the hill at Carnoustie Drive and Sahalee Court, reminding residents that the amenities of the city are just a short commute away.

The golf courses and homes are built on approximately 450 acres. Residents are close to Fort Smallwood Park, the Chesapeake Bay, several marinas, Annapolis and Baltimore. Children attend Fort Smallwood Elementary School, Chesapeake Bay Middle School and Chesapeake High School.

The homeowners gather for an annual block party, Fourth of July cookouts, biannual community yard sales, an ornament exchange, Christmas decoration get-together to bling out the common entrance area, a Halloween party, Easter egg hunt and Bunny Brunch. Even wildlife gets in on the fun with deer, fox, beaver or possibly a bald eagle dropping in a friendly backyard.

RALPH LINGIS
RESIDENT FOR 10 YEARS

Ralph Lingis and his family moved to Compass Pointe in 2010 from New York. It was a homecoming for the couple as both of them had grown up in Baltimore and Annapolis.

"We knew that we wanted to live in Anne Arundel County. Being boaters, we were drawn by the proximity to the water," Lingis said. "We knew Anne Arundel County was a great place to raise a family and offered nearly everything that a modern, professional couple would desire. Additionally, we travel frequently and the close proximity to BWI was essential."

The Lingis family wanted a newer, family-friendly community where homes were not too close. They also liked the fact that the golf course community was almost assured that no shopping center or other commercial real estate development would be built nearby.

"We all take care of each other's kids or watch each other's houses for packages or anything suspicious. It's like a little village back here."

— LIZ JACOBS

"Two years ago, my wife had a serious illness and many neighbors chipped in to help in various ways," Lingis said. "That's just how our neighbors are, always ready to help out. This is a fantastic community to be a part of and to raise children in."

Lingis serves on the community board of directors,

his family is a Navy midshipmen host family, and he has coached ice hockey locally.

LIZ JACOBS
RESIDENT FOR LESS THAN TWO YEARS

Liz Jacobs and her husband are both former military personnel who settled in Long Point in 2009 and moved into Crosspointe in 2017.

"Our realtor showed us this house and we fell in love with the house, neighborhood, our golf course pond view, the cul-de-sac, and our neighbors," she said. "When we were first looking at this house, we actually had an opportunity to meet our next-door neighbors and had a great conversation. They were very friendly and welcoming. They gave us a little neighborhood history and described all of the other neighbors."

Jacobs has come to appreciate the community, including a Facebook page that residents use to post messages consisting of anything from things to look out for, yard sales, moving sales, babysitters, dog walkers, recommendations, and more. "On Sahalee, where we live,

they also have a lot of street get-togethers. We have a huge Halloween party at the end of the cul-de-sac where we will hang out at the end of the street, set up tables for all of our candy bowls, have a huge pot luck, drinks, and a fire pit," Jacobs said. "We also have progressive dinners where each house will have some type of food and drink pairing and we will go from house to house throughout the night."

Children enjoy wide streets that are great for walking, jogging, riding bikes, or driving around on golf carts.

"We are in Chesapeake school district, which is one of the main reasons we decided on this house," she added. "We have two boys and they have grown up in this district, so it was imperative that we kept them in the same schools."

As for her neighbors, Jacobs said, "They're awesome! They're so welcoming, so friendly, so giving, and all-around great people. We all take care of each other's kids or watch each other's houses for packages or anything suspicious. It's like a little village back here."



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The Past, Present And Future

Brian Chisholm
Delegate
District 31



The past 90 days encompassing my first legislative session as a Maryland state delegate were nothing short of invigorating. The session was filled with high energy, high expectation, high drama, high disappointments and the inevitable high costs. I felt as though I did a modestly good job of learning all the nuances, protocols, written rules, unwritten rules and who must follow them. Even more apparent was who breaks the rules and who makes the rules.

The somber final day of session was drenched with raw emotions and tears from so many. The collection of colleagues ranging from a novice freshman or aide to decades-old allied politicians or lifelong foes from the opposite party couldn't escape the heavy air enveloping the State House. The passing of House Speaker Michael Busch the day prior was front and center on the minds and expressions of just about everyone I encountered. I had only met and spoken with the speaker a handful of times, and although we were often diametrically opposed on political policy, he consistently greeted me by first name and treated me with the utmost respect and class. I pray that God blesses members of the Busch family as they grieve over his passing.

Listed below are my thoughts on the bills that I believe matter most to our communities, county and state.

We worked to extend the state's current prescription drug coverage for state retirees and their families with House Bill 98/Senate Bill 193. In the end, the governor's initial legislation, which I co-sponsored, did not get passed, but a revision bill was created that will hopefully help these retirees access prescriptions affordably with Senate Bill 946.

I was in strong opposition to House Bill 166/Senate Bill 280, a minimum wage increase to \$15 per hour. I rose in opposition on the

floor to this bill. I strongly believe this bill will take the same Marylanders that we are trying to help and push them out of the market for gainful employment, education, experience and the possibility of future flourishing. I stood and expressed that we as fellow Marylanders should be proud that we are No. 1 in the country in minority-owned and women-owned small businesses. These are the people who risk their time, money and future to open businesses that create the jobs we so desperately need. These are the same jobs we decry are needed because they provide opportunities in areas that so often need them to fight poverty and hopelessness. Instead of thanking these courageous and brave minority- and women-owned businesses, we insist that some legislators in Annapolis know far better how to run their business. There is no doubt, no one can ever get their second job until they have had their first, and thus my biggest fear is that this legislation will deprive many citizens from ever getting that first job.

A Clean Energy Jobs Act (House Bill 1158) passed the last day of session. Despite the flashy good feelings the title portrays, this legislation has little to do with creating jobs in the state of Maryland. I think even the most optimistic environ-

mentalist will tell you that it will drive up electricity bills significantly, which will have a devastating effect on the elderly and others with fixed incomes. I firmly believe there's a time and place for many sources of clean energy, but when it is mandated by an overarching government and not the free market, it only stands to slow and deter that process.

I met so many good people with great intentions these past 90 days, but too often, intentions are far out of sync with the result. In the present, I am not too proud to say I could be wrong, but the past tells me I will be vindicated in the future if we continue to rely on government to solve all of our problems. God has made each of us as unique with a special set of talents and values. You are far more capable than you could ever imagine and yielding too much of your power to any government can only stand to diminish your own future.

In the end, I evaluated every piece of legislation presented with your best interests in mind. I confidently challenged any legislation I considered in opposition to your freedoms and ability to prosper. I was proud to stand in committee and on the State House floor knowing I represented you and your families.

Thank you and God bless.

A Heated Debate On Political Scholarships

Bryan Simonaire
State Senator
District 31



Attempting to take away honey from a bear can quickly turn a docile bear into an agitated and unpredictable creature.

Well, I guess I rattled the figurative bear this session by challenging the status quo. I led the effort to take away a longstanding perk for senators and delegates.

Given their reaction, you would have thought I was asking to take away their salary.

Simply put: I believe politicians should not use taxpayer dollars to personally award scholarships to their constituents. The current policy is a brazen form of incumbency protectionism. I believe in the scholarship program, but the awards should be given from the state, not directly from a politician.

What happened next was shocking but not surprising. Let me set the stage first.

House Bill 118 proposed to expand lawmakers' authority to award their legislative scholarships to people illegally in our country. The selection process has no priority for citizens, and in fact, the legislature outright rejected that idea despite having finite funds available.

The effect on citizens will be fewer individuals selected for an award or less dollars given to all those selected.

This shift in policy is a growing trend among the majority leadership. That being said, I also have a fundamental disagreement with the underlying policy that legislators should be directly giving out state scholarships.

It is a dinosaur policy that every other state in America has long since abolished, except for Maryland.

Maryland's policy allows legislators to hand out millions of dollars in scholarships and take credit for it. Anyone who thinks about it for a minute realizes that this curries favor with their voting constituents and their families.

From a policy standpoint, why should politicians get this incumbency advantage when the scholarships can be given out by the higher education agency in the state? This is the current law.

That sets the drama for when I offered an unwanted floor amendment to House Bill 119. It would have removed politicians from personally giving out the award, while continuing the program so our students still receive the money. I simply changed who awarded the scholarships. My amendment gave the award responsibility and credit to Maryland Higher

Education Commission, just as they do with all other state scholarships.

I offered the amendment because I thought it was right policy for Maryland.

Then something happened that had never happened in my time in Annapolis. They used an antiquated rule to prohibit a public vote on my amendment. Both Democrats and Republicans hide in a day of transparency. They did not take a vote on this issue, because they did not want their vote to be made public.

They wanted to keep their nice little perk.

Immediately afterward, I stood up and boldly criticized the Senate body by saying it was a sad day on the Senate floor when senators did not have the guts to vote on a serious amendment.

Harsh? Maybe, but truthful. Sometimes you just have to call it like you see it.

Lastly, I will say that I did not enter politics just to stay in office or promote political perks. I went to Annapolis to restore the voice of the people, and do what was right to the best of my ability and judgment.

If I can be of any assistance or if you would like to comment on this article, contact me at bryan.simonaire@senate.state.md.us or call my office at 410-841-3658.

Changes Happening Here In Anne Arundel County

Jim Fredericks
County Sheriff



Happy spring to everyone! Along with the change of season, there are new ideas and positive changes happening at the Anne Arundel County Sheriff's Office. We are starting to implement plans and forge partnerships that will improve delivery of service, better protect our communities, and strengthen courthouse security.

The first 100 days in office were busy, and we faced challenges to begin the process of

modernizing and moving the office forward. After being sworn in December 2018, I quickly worked with my team to review the budget, identify deficiencies and assess agency needs. We faced significant problems with lagging technology, a significant lack of strategic planning and a budget projected to be significantly overspent by the end of the fiscal year. We are fortunate to have such dedicated employees in the sheriff's office and county government, who moved quickly to help implement much needed change.

I have to thank the county Office of Information Technology for its fast action to replace aging computers and

monitors, which have already improved efficiency and enhanced courthouse security. To address the looming budget shortfall, I implemented spending controls that have already reduced the projected shortage. No modern government agency or business can move forward without a strategic plan, which did not exist in the sheriff's office. That strategy is now being written and will help guide agency planning for years to come.

Perhaps one of the most significant changes at the sheriff's office during the first few months has been the addition of new Chief Deputy Francis Tewey. The chief deputy position, which holds the rank of

colonel, is the second-highest position in the office and is appointed by the sheriff. Colonel Tewey is a 30-year veteran law enforcement officer who retired at the rank of captain from the Anne Arundel County Police Department on February 28, 2019. He was appointed to his position in the sheriff's office on March 1. Colonel Tewey has a wealth of knowledge, particularly in law enforcement technology, and will be an incredible asset to the sheriff's office. He is a graduate of Salisbury University, with a bachelor's degree in mathematics. Colonel Tewey is a dedicated husband and father, and commits a significant amount of his time to

the service of others. He is the director of the Law Enforcement Torch Run for Special Olympics Maryland and has been working with Special Olympics programs for 10 years. Although he just started with the office in March, Tewey worked on my transition team since December 2018. He has been a driving force in forming the new direction for the sheriff's office.

During my campaign, I promised to address the increased number of outstanding warrants in our county. We have gathered data, looked at innovative approaches and are quickly formulating the plan to begin to reduce the backlog. As part of the plan, the county cable show known as "Anne Arundel's Most Wanted" is changing to "On The Lookout." The new show will not highlight just a few wanted subjects. Instead, there will be dozens of names and faces, along with information to help sheriff's deputies locate wanted persons throughout the county and in our neighborhoods. The show will also include a new warrant tip line to allow viewers to immediately call and leave an anonymous message with information about someone highlighted on the program. The tip line is 410-LOOK-OUT (410-566-5688) and will be active when the show airs in April.

Stay tuned to the show and stay informed about the important role the Anne Arundel County Sheriff's Office plays in keeping our communities safe. And remember, I'll see you "on the lookout!"

Reflections On The 2019 Legislative Session

Nic Kipke
Delegate
District 31



The 2019 legislative session came to a close on the night of April 8. After the historic re-election of Governor Larry Hogan, I was hopeful the Democratic majority in the General Assembly would be more willing to work with him on behalf of the citizens of our state. Unfortunately, their own electoral successes emboldened them to forcefully press a more progressive agenda.

A number of bills passed that will put a great deal of strain on the small businesses that drive our economy and potentially undo the great gains our state has made under Governor Hogan's leadership. These include the minimum wage increase, the ban on polystyrene food service containers, and the Clean Energy Jobs Act – a bill that will increase electricity rates; any one of these bills individually would be hard for many small businesses to bear. That they must take them all on at once could be devastating, especially if there's a downturn in the economy. I did success-

fully pass one of the strongest laws to protect small community pharmacies, a law to make it easier for retailers to know what they must collect the sales tax on, a bill to expand where dental hygienists can work, expanding how many operating rooms outpatient surgical facilities can operate, and I led efforts to require a criminal audit of the University of Maryland Medical System.

Several of the bills introduced would have made law-abiding firearms owners face tighter restrictions on their Second Amendment rights while there was less of a focus on criminals who repeatedly commit crimes with firearms. While there was little progress on increasing penalties for violent criminals, there were still other successful efforts to help combat crime. Governor Hogan announced a major expansion of Project Exile, which will enable federal prosecutors to charge repeat violent offenders with federal crimes in federal courts before federal judges with federal sentencing rules.

In his budget, the governor provided additional state funding committed to pay for the expansion of the U.S. attorney's team of prosecutors to add federal prosecu-

tors dedicated to charging Baltimore City repeat violent offenders with federal crimes. The governor also created the Baltimore Regional Intelligence Center to house a strike force consisting of 200 law enforcement personnel from 16 federal, state, and local law enforcement and prosecutorial agencies focused on disrupting and dismantling the major criminal organizations and their members who commit most of the violent crime in the city. This includes the violent crime and gang eradication forces of the EDA, ATF, Baltimore Police Department, FBI and US Marshals. I am proud to have fought to protect these funds in the budget.

Education was a major topic of debate this session. The preliminary recommendations of the Kirwan Commission were passed in Senate Bill 1030 - Blueprint for Maryland's Future. This legislation expands the availability of prekindergarten, sends needed funding directly to high-poverty schools, and enhances teacher salaries. An important element that was added to this legislation is the significant accountability measures Governor Hogan and I have advocated for over the last two years. The bill

creates an independent Office of the Inspector General to investigate allegations of waste, fraud and abuse in our local school systems. With the recent and repeated allegations of wrongdoing and mismanagement in school systems across the state, this is a critical initiative.

The final report of the Kirwan Commission is due at the end of this year, and the General Assembly will undertake the rest of the commission's recommendations. There is legitimate concern that the recommendations, once fully realized, could lead to tax increases. The last time the state passed historic education funding, it did so with no funding source. The aftershocks of massive tax increases and long-term structural deficits are still being felt today. While we all want our state to have a world-class education system, we have to do this right, and money is not the only ingredient in the solution.

Locally, I worked with Delegate Brian Chisholm and Senator Bryan Simonaire to secure funding for some important projects in the community. We secured \$125,000 in state funding for much needed stadium renovations at Chesapeake High School.

This money will be matched by Anne Arundel County Public Schools, totaling \$250,000 in repairs. We were able to secure \$1.75 million to repave Fort Smallwood Road, including the area in Baltimore City. As anyone who drives through there with any regularity knows, this project has been desperately needed for a long time. Some of the work has already begun and I anticipate completion by June 2020. I anticipate that the bridge by Pekin Road over Rock Creek will also finally be resurfaced this year as well.

There are many changes coming to the House of Delegates. A special session will be convened in May to elect a new speaker of the House. No matter who that person is, I hope they respect the job of the minority party and try to work with us and the governor to build bipartisan consensus and do what is right for all of the citizens in our state. It is a great honor to represent the citizens of our district. If I can be of any assistance, do not hesitate to get in touch with me using one of these methods: nicholaus.kipke@house.state.md.us, 410-841-3421, Facebook @DelegateKipke or Twitter @Kipke.

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PBA Update

Sandi Parrish
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I think spring has finally sprung, or at least I hope so. Everyone is eager to get out and enjoy the warmer weather. This is the time of year when we are getting our yards back in shape, planting those beautiful flowers and washing the winter debris off our houses, so let Pasadena Business Association members give you a hand with goods and services. We have many members ready and willing to help. Pick up a Membership Directory and Community Guide or go to our website, www.pasadena-businessassociation.com, and look under the category of service you need. Remember to shop local and keep in mind that these member businesses are the ones that give back to the PBA and the community.

The Shop Local Scavenger Hunt was a fun event. We invited the winners to our April general membership meeting and awarded the prizes. Donated by Costello's Ace Hardware & Hearth,

first place was a fire pit full of prizes and it was awarded to Michael Carter. Kaitlyn Stanley was our second-place winner and Kelly Jensen was our third-place winner. We thank all of the PBA members for their donations and we thank everyone who participated in the scavenger hunt.

We will award our scholarships to six deserving local high school seniors on June 6 at our general membership meeting. Our annual scholarship fundraising totaled \$11,800. Thanks to all who attended the scholarship fundraiser, our sponsors and those who donated items for the silent auction. Thanks to Primo Pasta Kitchen and the Greene Turtle for sponsoring a scholarship night and donating to the program.

The Shop Local Festival will be on June 8 from 10:00am-3:00pm at Lakeshore Plaza. This is a great way for the community to see what PBA business vendors have to offer, listen to music, play some games, watch some demonstrations and have fun. We have sponsorship opportunities and booth rentals available to all PBA members.

A Solid Foundation: Pasadena Floors Celebrates 25th Anniversary

By Maya Pottiger

Steve Garvey and Marty Kinder met at an apprenticeship when they were 18 years old. Together, they opened Pasadena Floors, which is celebrating its 25th anniversary.

Over the last 25 years, Garvey said not much has changed in flooring other than the trends.

"There's always a new category of flooring that becomes popular," Garvey said.

He keeps up with the trends in a variety of ways, whether it's attending conventions or watching "Fixer Upper" on HGTV.

"When we first got our gray hardwood floor samples, I saw those and I was like, 'Who in the world is going to put a gray hardwood floor in their house?'" Garvey said. "Now, half of the floors that we're doing have the gray tones in them. Those things start [on HGTV] and people see them and it all goes through."

Garvey said that roughly 70% of his customers are repeats or referrals.

"One of the things that makes me real happy is now, after 25 years, I've got custom-



Pasadena Floors, under the ownership of Steve Garvey (pictured) and Marty Kinder, is celebrating 25 years of serving the Pasadena community.

ers who are sending their kids in," Garvey said. "They'll say, 'Just go see Steve at Pasadena Floors, and he'll take care of you.' We feel like we have a relationship with our customers."

Garvey attributes this support, in part, to his dedicated installation crew, some of whom have been with the company for 23 years.

At the apprenticeship, Garvey and Kinder spent four years learning from "some of

the best in the industry" and working in exclusive places "the average installer just didn't." These practices were passed on to the installation crew at Pasadena Floors.

"We don't have 100 crews. We don't hire more installers when we get busy just to try and put more jobs in," Garvey said. "We get good people; we take care of them because they're our backbone. Without them, we're nothing."

Everybody who works at

Pasadena Floors lives in the area, Garvey said.

"I think that's important. Not taking anything away from the big-box stores, but they're corporate," Garvey said. "The people who own those buildings and are making profit off of those buildings, they're on Wall Street. These are people that live right here in this community, and we put back into the community."

To give back to the community, Pasadena Floors supports high school baseball teams and provides different discounts, like the Shop Local discount and a military discount.

"Pasadena is almost like an old-town community. It's amazing how many people know each other in this community," Garvey said. "So many people have grown up here and lived here all their lives. It has that small-community feel even though there's a lot of houses in Pasadena."

Pasadena Floors officially celebrates its 25th anniversary on June 1. The store is located at 2900 Mountain Road. For more information, visit www.pasadenafloors.com.

What's The Buzz: Mosquito Squad Turns 10

By Maya Pottiger

For the last 10 years, Mosquito Squad has been protecting Severna Park from pesky pests.

Through a variety of services, Mosquito Squad helps safeguard homes against mosquitoes, ticks and fleas.

Now the business is gearing up for its busiest season, which is April through October.

"The ticks come out as soon as it gets warm, so that's why we start in April," said Kendra Burnett, owner of Mosquito Squad. "But we get really busy around Memorial Day, and that's when people are opening their pools and it's getting warm enough to be outside every day."

To combat ticks, pest control experts from Mosquito Squad visit property to install tick tubes, which are placed in



Kendra Burnett, owner of Mosquito Squad, provides pest control to yards all over the Pasadena and Severna Park areas.

April and August. They are focused on the hatching periods to help prevent Lyme disease.

For mosquitoes, the company has a variety of products and plans to help control the pests in any backyard.

The most popular plan, Burnett said, is the seasonal barrier spray: Mosquito Squad comes out to treat your

property every three weeks. The staff also offers "event sprays," which are one-time services if you're looking to treat your property before hosting a wedding, graduation party or outdoor event.

"Our biggest struggle is, in the news, everyone's always like, 'pesticide, pesticide, pesticide,' so it gives people a

negative [connotation]," Burnett said. "They don't really understand there's thousands of pesticides out there, and not every one is the same."

Mosquito Squad offers an all-natural spray that it uses to treat properties. The company stays educated on practices that are safest for the environment, as well as keeping track of pollinators to know what to avoid.

"We pride ourselves on our customer service. We know we have the best customer service out there," Burnett said. "Our reviews are very good, and we're very attentive to our customers. They always know when we're coming."

A question frequently posed to Mosquito Squad is "Why should I do this if my neighbors aren't? How does it work?" The truth is that mosquitoes and ticks can't

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Clean Sweep Awarded Best Of Houzz 2019

A full-service Pasadena chimney company, Clean Sweep Of Anne Arundel County has won Best Of Customer Service on Houzz, a leading platform for home renovation and design. Maryland's five-star chimney service company since 1978 was chosen by the more than 40 million monthly unique users that make up the Houzz community from among more than 2.1 million active homebuilding, remodeling and design industry professionals.

The Best Of Houzz badge is awarded annually in three categories: Design, Customer Service and Photography. Design awards honor professionals whose work was the most popular among the Houzz community. Customer Service honors are based on several factors, including a pro's overall rating on Houzz and client reviews submitted in 2018. Architecture and interior design photographers whose images were most popular are recog-

nized with the Photography award.

A "Best Of Houzz 2019" badge will appear on winners' profiles as a sign of their commitment to excellence. These badges help homeowners identify popular and top-rated home professionals in every metro area on Houzz.

"Best of Houzz is a true badge of honor as it is awarded by our community of homeowners, those who are hiring design, remodeling and other home improvement professionals for their projects," said Liza Hausman, vice president of industry marketing for Houzz. "We are excited to celebrate the 2019 winners chosen by our community as their favorites for home design and customer experience, and to highlight those winners on the Houzz website and app."

Follow Clean Sweep Of Anne Arundel County on Houzz at www.houzz.com/pro/cleansweepofannearundel/clean-sweep-of-anne-arundel-county.

Five Things You Need To Do Before You Meet With A Retirement Planner

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When doing something you've never done before, it's easy to procrastinate, especially if you don't know what to expect. Unfortunately, meeting with a financial professional and planning for retirement is often put off for this very reason. I've had many people meet with me for the first time just months before retiring, which can contribute to feelings of anxiousness, because they feel as if they are rushing through the planning process.

As a retirement specialist, I want you to walk into your retirement party with a swagger, fully confident in your future! To do this, the best time to start looking for a retirement planner is five to 10 years before you plan to retire. I've outlined the five things you can expect to be asked at your first meeting with a retirement planner, and I've explained why each item is important when creating an effective and realistic plan.

• Retirement Timeline

- Goals and Dreams
- Family Budget
- Statements and Documents
- Questions

RETIREMENT TIMELINE

You do not need to have a specific retirement date in mind, but having a general idea of when you'd like to stop working is important. You'll set goals and benchmarks for preparing for retirement, and if you begin planning 10 years out, your action items will be different from what they would be if you are five years or one year out from retirement.

A longer planning period helps ensure that nothing is missed and things are done in a timely manner. I like my clients to start living their retirement budget six months before they stop working. We then meet six and three months out from their retirement date for an income planning session and to double-check that everything is in place.

Some things, such as Social Security, pension plans and Medicare, require time to get started. For example, the Social Security Administration suggests that you file three

months before your retirement date. Knowing your retirement timelines and planning ahead gives you a much better chance of seeing your goals and dreams come true.

GOALS AND DREAMS

When building your list of your retirement goals and dreams, make sure that they are what you want and what you value. This should not be a list of things you "think" you should want to do, because "everyone else is doing it." This is your own personal list of what is most important to you.

You should include the travel and fun you've always wanted to do, but you should consider things like what assistance, if any, you would like to provide to your children and grandchildren, if leaving a legacy is important to you. Thinking about your goals and dreams before your first meeting will give your financial professional a good understanding from which to create a realistic budget for your future.

FAMILY BUDGET

Most people have no idea what their budget needs to

be in retirement and the standard "80 percent of your current salary" may or may not be accurate, because it doesn't take your personal circumstances into consideration. When clients present their family budget to me, it's not my job to judge whether their line items stay or go; it's my job to help you plan for those expenses in every stage of retirement.

Due to space restrictions, I can't go into detail on my three stages of retirement, but here is a quick overview:

- **Go-Go Years:** Just retired, healthy, and ready to do everything you've been putting off, such as traveling and new hobbies. Expenses are usually a bit higher during this stage of retirement.
- **Slow-Go Years:** Start slowing down, travel less, and spending typically slows down.
- **No-Go Years:** Health and long-term care become your biggest risks and affording medical care becomes your biggest concern.

To make sure your money will last through retirement, a planner should look at your family budget and help you de-

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Ribbon Cutting



One Year Of Success For Wicked Beauty Salon



The Pasadena Business Association gathered at Wicked Beauty Salon to offer congratulations and join owner Amy Rippetoe for a ribbon cutting to mark the occasion. Wicked Beauty Salon is located at 8111 Fort Smallwood Road in Curtis Bay.

Before You Meet With A Retirement Planner

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 termine how much you need. It can be difficult to estimate inflation and project costs 20 to 30 years out, but starting with your current family budget gives them a head start.

STATEMENTS AND DOCUMENTS

If you are meeting with a retirement planner, it makes sense to take your various statements and documents with you. It may surprise you, however, what your financial professional will learn from them.

Bring the last few years of tax returns, 401(k) statements, savings account and brokerage account statements, any life insurance or long-term care insurance policies, etc.

When we ask for your retirement account statements, it's not so much to see the dollar amounts (although that's important); it's to see how your money is allocated. Is it a 401(k), 403(b), Roth IRA or traditional IRA? How aggres-

sively or conservatively have you allocated your money? All of these questions will help give your retirement planner a baseline for your finances and an idea for your risk tolerance. This allows them to create a personalized plan that will cover your desired retirement budget while also anticipating some questions and concerns you may have.

QUESTIONS

In the weeks or days leading up to your first meeting with a retirement planner, you should start writing a list of questions you have. It's so easy to forget once you're sitting in their office, but having your questions written down will ensure you don't forget anything. No question is stupid, so make sure you ask your questions! This is your time to not only talk about your retirement but also get to know the financial professional and decide if his or her approach and philosophy to retirement planning falls in line with your own.

Interestingly enough, most people put off meeting with a retirement planner out of fear that they will learn they haven't "saved enough" to retire, but worrying won't change anything. If you start your planning process early, you'll know what you're really working with and can take concrete steps to get where you want to be. The first step to gaining confidence in your future is to start the planning process, and that starts with your first meeting with a retirement planner.

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Mosquito Squad is gearing up for its busiest season, which is April through October.

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 travel far, so if they are on your property, it's most likely because they hatched there.

Mosquitoes need still water to survive, so an easy way to help control the population on your own is by making sure to "pick up" the water after rainfall, Burnett said. If you have tarps covering grills, holsters under flowerpots or toys that collect water, make sure to

dump them every three to five days.

As a franchise, Mosquito Squad donates to the Malaria No More organization, which is working to end Malaria worldwide.

Locally, Mosquito Squad donates to area schools and fire departments. The company donated a certificate for a full season service to the Severna Park Community Center gala's silent auction.

Burnett grew up in Pasadena, and now she is raising her family in the community.

"This is where we live," Burnett said. "The word of mouth, that travels. Communities are very tight-knit, and the best marketing we have is word of mouth."

For more information, call Mosquito Squad at 410-317-8385, or visit www.mosquitosquad.com.

Putting off retirement planning? It's time to address the elephant in the room.



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Before She Was The Queen Of Pop



Pasadena Native Jamie Auld Plays Madonna In New Documentary

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Jamie Auld was at Doughnut Plant in New York when she heard the weirdest offer of her life.

Guy Guido was directing his first feature-length film, "Madonna and the Breakfast Club"

and he was seeking an actress to play the pre-stardom version of the pop star. On separate occasions, Guido and his partner approached Auld in the doughnut shop when negotiations with another actress stalled two weeks before filming.

"I just laughed him off," said Auld, a Pasadena native who was then a student at the Fashion Institute of Technology. "In New York, we get a lot of interesting characters."

Auld solicited advice from her mom, who told her to meet the director in a public place. They convened at Starbucks

and she listened to his pitch. An idea that initially sounded "phony" now became more enticing.

The project would be part re-enactment and part documentary, featuring insight from members of Madonna's first band, Breakfast Club, which was formed in 1979 after Madonna met musician Dan Gilroy. Realizing that her passion for dance was not going to lead her to stardom, Madonna focused on music.

With the film, Guido set out to dispel a misconception that Madonna was a talentless entertainer who became famous by being promiscuous.

"She just had this rare amount of drive and ambition and this work ethic that you just don't see much of at that age," Guido said. "This was life or death for Madonna and she was willing to do whatever it took and put in all the work day in and day out. Nothing got in her way of pursuing the ultimate goal to become a famous entertainer."

During her childhood, Auld modeled for Under-Armour and was in advertisements for Walmart.

Her acting experience was limited.

"She's 5-foot-5, so she got overlooked for a lot of things," said her mom, Lisa.

When Guido found Auld at Doughnut Plant, the resemblance to Madonna was too much to ignore.

"Initially when we started going through some script stuff, I quickly realized that she was definitely green in the area of acting, but her look was so strong

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Briah Ryan Sees Creativity Everywhere



Briah Ryan is the Mountain Road Library's Artist of the Month.

By Maya Pottiger

When she was a kid, Briah Ryan loved crayons, but never for coloring purposes. She would melt and break them, and she once got in trouble at school for pressing crayons against the radiator throughout the day.

"That's when I learned I was an artist because I had to find out what would happen," Ryan said. "There's a lot of curiosity and creativity, and you always say, 'Well, I want to see what's going to happen when I do this.'"

Ryan is the Mountain Road Library's Artist of the Month for April. She has since moved on from crayons, and her exhibit features different types of acrylic paintings. Ryan paints with three styles: sgraffito, meditative and mindful.

Previously, Ryan made stained glass, but she switched to acrylic paintings.

"I've learned a lot more about structure, as far as planning paintings," Ryan said.

"I've definitely learned a lot more about technique: which brushes to use; where to get what kind of strokes you want; how to add texture to paintings, which is one of my favorite things to do."

Ryan now teaches classes through her Sgraffito Painting company. Before she started the company, Ryan was working as a counselor in inner-city Baltimore, and her clients were struggling with addiction. Toward the end of her time in Baltimore, Ryan was meshing art and therapy.

"It was amazing



to see the transformations: their use of color changes over time, how their confidence increases over time, and they learn to appreciate that they have a unique style," Ryan said. "In a world that encourages

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Nilah Magruder Adds "Marvel" And Other Projects To Her Resume

By Maya Pottiger

While "Captain Marvel" and "Spider-Man: Into the Spider-Verse" are drawing crowds to movie theaters, "Marvel Rising" is drawing comic-lovers to bookshelves.

Pasadena native Nilah Magruder is the hero behind the pen for this series. "Marvel Rising" follows the new generation of Marvel superheroes, specifically detailing how Ms. Marvel and Squirrel Girl team up to defeat Morgan le Fay.

"There's a lot to play with there. Morgan le Fay hasn't been utilized very much," Magruder said. "It's these younger characters, kind of the new generation of Marvel superheroes, going up against this older villain."

Magruder likes that the younger generation is socially conscious.

"With them, it's not just about fighting the bad guys. It's not just about using your fists and beating each other up and dominating," Magruder said. "It's really about being a



Nilah Magruder's first installment of the "Marvel Rising" miniseries was released March 27.

part of your community and having an impact on your community."

"Marvel Rising" is a miniseries that will ultimately consist of five issues. The first issue, "Marvel Rising: Heroes of the Roundtable 1," was released on March 27.

"It's a positive experience for me being able to work with these characters, bringing them together, being able to utilize the skills they each have to create a

narrative that young girls and young women can look up to," Magruder said.

Outside of Marvel, Magruder is



illustrating a book called "Creaky Acres." Written by Namrata Tripathi, "Creaky Acres" follows Nora, a young black girl who moves from her affluent community to a smaller country town. Nora has an affinity for horseback riding, and she is trying to figure out how to fit into this new town where she

is the only black girl at the stable and her family is the only black family in town.

"That was definitely something that I experienced. I was a black girl very interested in horseback riding," Magruder said. "I took the job primarily because I had a personal connection. It's also a very cute story, but it's one that I definitely related to."

"Creaky Acres" is a 300-page middle-grade graphic novel. There isn't a set release date, but Magruder hopes for it to be out by next year or 2021.

At a young age, Magruder realized her fascination with art and formed an appreciation for animation.

"When it comes to animation, I like the whole sensory experience there," Magruder said. "It's not just the drawings and the beauty of those drawings in motion, but it's also the music, it's the action. It's this beautiful art form."

Above all, Magruder said she likes the potential of animation.

"In animation, you can do things you can't do

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Peele's "Us" Is An Instant Classic

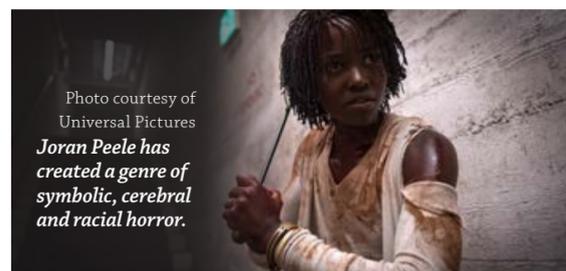


Photo courtesy of Universal Pictures
Jordan Peele has created a genre of symbolic, cerebral and racial horror.

By Audrey Ruppert

"Us" is likely to become a horror classic, up there in

the Hall of Fame with "The Shining" and "Psycho." Deeply unsettling from beginning to end, Jordan Peele's sophomore film does not disappoint. The director set the bar high with "Get Out" and branches into new territory with "Us," showing the true breadth of his talent and his uncanny ability to be horrifying and hilarious at the same time.

"Us" is difficult to describe without revealing spoilers, but the basic premise revolves around a black family that goes on vacation to its summer beach home, only to be attacked by another family of doppelgangers. While "Get Out" is grounded in normalcy for the majority of the film and becomes more unsettling as time goes by, leading to an explosive twist, "Us" brings on the horror almost immediately. The opening sequence features a haunting anthem reminiscent of "Sikiliza Kwa Wahenga," the title theme from "Get Out." Both were composed by Michael Abels, whose score makes half the horror of both films.

Adding to the terror is the fact that nobody — the main

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Northeast Team Wins At ProStart Student Invitational

By Megan Sayles

Lenore Martin, a Northeast High School culinary teacher, joked that she remembers the moment she realized her students might be smarter than she.

When Martin was reading her students' business proposal for the Maryland ProStart Student Invitational, she had to look up two words in a dictionary. This proposal would ultimately lead the team of five to winning first place at the event, which was held at the Hyatt Regency Baltimore Inner Harbor on March 12.

The Maryland ProStart Invitational includes two competitions: management and culinary. The students compete for scholarships and the privilege of repre-

senting Maryland on the national level. This year, Northeast High School sent a team for each competi-

tion, but it was the management team that took home the prize against its five competitors. The team com-

prised Abby Kienast, Ellie Kienast, Jeremy Dawidowicz, Joshua Dawidowicz and Kyle Mosco.



(L-R) Northeast culinary adviser Lenore Martin was proud of her team, which consisted of Abby Kienast, Ellie Kienast, Jeremy Dawidowicz, Joshua Dawidowicz and Kyle Mosco.

For the management competition, students had to prepare a proposal for a restaurant concept and present it to a panel of judges.

"In general, we just wanted to be a friendly name that people could look up to so we could give back the community," said Jeremy Dawidowicz, a senior member of the team.

After being told that the restaurant would be located in a college campus town, the Pasadena team came up with a school bus that was converted into a food truck and named Curb Appeal. Theirs was one of only two food truck designs and it focused on quick and easy meals for their target market: college students.

Their bus also featured an environmentally friendly

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Made In Maryland Festival Offers Fun Day On The Chesapeake

By Sharon Mager

Maryland is known for its affinity for Edgar Allan Poe and for sprinkling Old Bay on every type of food, but the state is also home to unique artisans, entertainers and wineries. Much of that creativity will be on display during the third annual Made In Maryland Festival at Kurtz's Beach (2070 Kurtz Avenue) from 11:00am to 5:00pm on Sunday, May 5.

The family event draws more than 2,500 people each year to enjoy a day of relaxation, games, food, live music, jousting, and arts and crafts, all while basking in the beauty of the Chesapeake Bay.

Kurtz's Beach event planner Ashley Mason, a member of

the Kurtz family, emphasized that families with children will have plenty to do. Kids will have fun in the moon bounce, at the petting zoo or the face painting booth as well as listening to stories by the Chesapeake Mermaid.

More than 120 vendors will feature items ranging from woodworking, painting, metal works, handmade soaps, jewelry, honey, photography, and hand-blown glass. There will even be a live glass-blowing demonstration.

Visitors can try their hand at a Splash City golf range with targets in the water. To make it even more special, the balls are biodegradable with fish food in the middle.

Food trucks will provide brick oven pizza, seafood

(including raw bar foods), Mexican fare, pasta and lots of sweets, like snowballs, cookies, caramels and chocolates.

Entertainment includes music by Southern Charm, which is a country and classic rock cover band, and The Brian Farley Band, which performs rock, pop, reggae and country.

Also on hand will be the Maryland Jousting Tournament Association, The Baltimore Hon Hive, Charm City Roller Girls, The Chesapeake Mermaid, and the Dun-Pikin Farm Petting Zoo.

Kurtz's Beach is an 86-year-old Pasadena institution that was known to many as a beach destination where families created fun



Photo by Andrew Candella

The festival, held at Kurtz's Beach, treats attendees to games, food, live music, jousting, and arts and crafts, all while basking in the beauty of the Chesapeake Bay.

memories. With the Made In Maryland Festival in the spring and Wine on the Water in the fall, Kurtz's Beach is

inviting former guests and new generations to enjoy a community landmark. "It's all about the commu-

nity," Mason said. "We want to continue that heritage and be able to give back to the community."

Tickets are \$15 for adults and free for kids 12 and under. Proceeds support the Chesapeake Bay Trust Foundation, a nonprofit grant-making organization dedicated to improving the watersheds of the Chesapeake Bay, Maryland Coastal Bays and the Youghiogheny River; and Hancock's Resolution, a nonprofit organization whose mission is to preserve, protect and promote the unique historical aspects of the Pasadena farm for historical and educational purposes.

Tickets for the rain-or-shine festival are available at www.madeinmarylandfest.com or at the gate.

Northeast Team Wins At ProStart Student Invitational

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concept, incorporating fresh produce, solar panels, and composting and recycling bins.

For Curb Appeal, the team had to devise a marketing plan, mission statement, menu, hours of operation and return investments. With this information, the team created two posters and was interviewed by 12 judges at the competition.

According to Josh Dawidowicz, the team had to present introductory statements on the spot with only about three minutes of preparation when the competition first started. There was some panic, but the team was able to pull it off.

"They were very prepared, and that's what you have to be," Martin said.

The group members con-

curred their favorite part of the competition was not only missing a day of school and staying in a fancy hotel but also getting to make connections with people in the food industry.

Kyle Mosco, a senior member of the team, said he plans to pursue baking and food service management in college. The ProStart competition showed him how to market, how to create menus and how to do pricing with a food business.

"The competitions are extremely valuable for their scholarship potential," said Martin, explaining that some students are not going to a four-year college. In attending culinary school, it is possible that they will not graduate with tons of debt and will be able to easily translate their

experience into the industry, according to Martin. At the national competition, students are able to win full scholarships to culinary schools.

The students expressed appreciation for Martin as their leader. Some of the students have had her for all four years of their time at Northeast High School and expressed that she was their favorite teacher. According to the group, she always lends a hand and inspires her students. The feeling was mutual for Martin.

"I have a feeling it will be many years until I have a team like I had this

year," Martin said.

In preparation of nationals, the team is working with a Northeast voice coach to make them louder, which was one of their only critiques from the judges, and promoting the business effectively.

They will compete against 46 states, as well as Puerto Rico and Germany, at Omni Shoreham Hotel in Washington, D.C., from May 8 to May 10.

According to Jeremy Dawidowicz, the pressure is on. "We are making sure we are going to stand out at nationals and represent Maryland," he said.

Ryan Sees Creativity

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ages you to be the same and then be different, in can be confusing. When they are able to say, 'Look, I'm different in this way, nobody else can make this painting,' they get excited, and then they get empowered."

At one of her private classes, Ryan met a family who had recently purchased a house. They hired Ryan to paint a wall mural in their daughter's bedroom, as well as nameplates for both children's rooms.

"I've never had to draw out a mural or anything like that, so that was new for me," Ryan said. "She came up, and she said, 'I want these things in my picture.'"

In addition to being featured at the Mountain Road Library, Ryan also has paintings in the Painters & Poets Exhibit at Wimsey Cove Framing and Art in Annapolis.

The reception for Ryan's work at Mountain Road Library will be on Tuesday, April 23, from 7:00pm-8:00pm.

"Creativity is an important factor in self-growth. I think a lot of people feel that they aren't creative, but creativity is included in a lot of different parts of life," Ryan said. "People get in their mind that you're creating a piece of art, when really, it's everywhere."

Ryan's work can be found at www.sgraffitopainting.com.



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Dining Out



Picantillo Offers Excellent Tex-Mex In Pasadena

By Mary Cobbler

Entering Picantillo Restaurant at 4590 Mountain Road in Pasadena, I was immediately pleased with the pleasant Tex-Mex décor — brightly colored, with vibrant oranges and yellows, with equally colorful artwork. High-back booths offered comfort and privacy. Country music played softly in the background.

On a Monday evening, the bar area was already active with locals chatting and enjoying the evening with apparent comradery.

We were seated immediately and Kevin, our friendly waiter, appeared quickly to take our drink and appetizer orders. Asked about customer favorites, he suggested the nacho supreme and the “drunken mussels,” so we ordered both.

Kevin brought us a small bowl of homemade salsa and chips. The salsa was fresh, with just a touch of heat. We finished it quickly.

The wait staff soon served our appetizers with generous portions and great presentation, but we had mixed reviews on the taste.

Tender and flavorful, saluted with garlic, tomatoes and onions, cilantro and tequila butter sauce, the mussels were a hit, and the crisp bread on top was perfect for sopping the de-

licious savory broth. Though officially spring, it was cold and wet outside, and this was excellent comfort food. Hands down, we liked this appetizer.

The nachos were covered with beef, refried beans, melted cheese, jalapenos, sour cream, fresh guacamole, and pico de gallo — but just not enough of those wonderful toppings to be satisfying. It needed a lot more cheese, pico de gallo and meat to transform it into the preferred appetizer that you love to feel guilty about eating.

The entrees more than compensated for the lacking nacho toppings. My dining companions chose a burrito and chicken fajitas. Once again relying on Kevin as my guide, I decided on the Picantillo salmon.

The burrito was huge! It was smothered with queso fundido, and was filled with tender steak, chicken, rice, beans, pico de gallo and shredded cheese, served on a bed of lettuce. The combined flavors, es-

pecially the queso, gave the burrito a burst of flavor. Delectable and supremely satisfying, this was a hit.

My other dining friend decided to eat before he met us, but said he’d try just a little. Monday was quesadilla night – shrimp, chicken or steak for \$6. He chose the Tex-Mex quesadilla with chicken, grilled peppers and onions, served with lettuce, sour cream, guacamole and pico de gallo. He cleaned his plate. The dish was warm and flavorful, the chicken and vegetables were tender, and the sauces added a kick.

The Picantillo salmon, like the other entrees, was outstanding. Grilled salmon topped with a homemade crab cake was served with a creamy dill cream sauce along with rice and mixed vegetables. The savory sauce perfectly complemented the tender, flavorful crab and salmon. The rice was tender though lacking much flavor, and the vegetables were bland, but mixing the sauce helped.

Though the restaurant has several dessert choices, Kevin said the two made in-house are the bread pudding and

fried ice cream. We voted on the ice cream since it’s such a classic Tex-Mex dish. I was pleased to know we could pick chocolate or caramel sauce. Indecisive as I at times can be, we got a little of both. I’m not a huge fan of this dessert, but Picantillo’s version was above average, with the vanilla ice cream, wrapped in a semi-hard shell topped with caramel and chocolate. The crunchiness of some cornflakes and a touch of cinnamon added a nice finishing touch.

The cost for two appetizers, soft drinks, three

entrees and one dessert was about \$70, a good price for the amount of food we received.

The menu is extensive, and it has something for everyone, including gluten-free and vegetarian options. Choose from all the classic Mexican favorites, along with seafood and burgers.

Picantillo also has nightly specials and an all-you-can-eat brunch on Sundays.

I look forward to returning soon to check out the many other options and enjoy the comfortable ambiance.



Above: Grilled salmon topped with a homemade crab cake was served with a creamy dill cream sauce along with rice and mixed vegetables. **Right:** Tender and flavorful, saluted with garlic, tomatoes and onions, cilantro and tequila butter sauce, the drunken mussels were a hit.



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“Us” Is An Instant Classic

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 characters, most of the world, or the audience — knows what is happening. Horror films are often based on a simple premise of a monster, killer or supernatural entities preying on their victims, simply because they are evil by nature. “Us” throws us into confusion, and I spent most of the film racking my brains as to what the villains wanted, whether the villains were even real, and what was happening in general. There are also multiple unpredictable twists, particularly the final, earth-shattering twist that changes the viewer’s perception of the entire story.

Peele seems to have created a whole genre of layered, symbolic, cerebral and racial horror. If you’re sick of sequels, reboots and superhero movies, Peele’s films do not disappoint when it comes to originality. Just as in “Get Out,” “Us” is crawling with metaphors and symbolism — hit the bathroom before the film, because you don’t want to miss the slightest detail. Everything, from T-shirts to rabbits to scissors to posters, has a hidden meaning. You’ll spend the film on the edge of your seat, while simultaneously analyzing and questioning every scene.

Lupita Nyong’o gives an Oscar-worthy performance, and Elizabeth Moss is also captivating as her white foil,

the matriarch of a white family living in a slightly nicer summerhouse nearby.

My only criticism of the film is that it is perhaps too layered with symbolism — I had to Google the film and Peele’s press statements afterward to completely understand its true meaning. We are presented with three main metaphors: first, that we as Americans have skeletons in the closet of our nation’s history that we often try to conveniently forget about. Secondly, the “other” — immigrants, Native Americans, racial minorities — are as human as we are. Thirdly, it’s often difficult to tell who is the victim and who is the villain, and we have to check our predisposed biases in life. While these metaphors are brilliant, I shouldn’t have had to research them for the movie to make sense. A bit more exposition or explanation without being too heavy-handed would have been welcome.

Regardless, the film is truly horrifying without relying too heavily on jump scares and will no doubt be up for Academy Awards. Leave the kids at home, watch this movie, then spend an hour at the bar with your friends trying to unpack it in confused shock (that’s what I did, at least).

PS: If you like “Good Vibrations” by the Beach Boys, maybe skip this one. You’ll never be able to listen to it again.

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 that although I knew I had work ahead of me, I knew it would be worth it and I knew I just needed to get her through it,” Guido said.

The director submerged Auld in acting classes, gave her guitar and drum lessons, and had her work with a Madonna impersonator familiar with the musician’s inflections and movements.

“Madonna and I have a lot of overlap naturally in the way we look and the way we talk,” Auld said. “I did work on little subtle gestures Madonna has, like this double blink, that Madonna fans will pick up on.”

Guido called Auld the perfect person for the role because she “brought life and positivity to set every day” while taking whatever task was thrown her way.

“Jamie’s fearless and would dive into anything we were doing without any reluctance, or she didn’t seem to have any inhibitions,” Guido said. “Even if she knew she wasn’t doing great at first, it didn’t stop her from just doing it.”

Auld said, “You throw me in a challenging position and that gives me a thrill and makes me more inclined to do something.”

Guido expected filming for “Madonna and the

Breakfast Club” to take several weeks, but it took more than two years. To make the film authentic, Guido shot the re-enactments in locations where Madonna lived and practiced music.

“The people who are the gatekeepers to those locations, this isn’t the first time they have been approached by someone wanting to talk about Madonna or do a story about Madonna,” Guido said. “The obstacle for me is how do I convince these people that it should be me and you’re going to let me into your home with the synagogue and film there, which has never been done before, and the music building to have our crew come in there many days over the couple years and work in the building filming this music.”

Although the film did

Jamie Auld: Before She Was The Queen Of Pop



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not feature Madonna, the cast and crew hopes that the interviews with her former bandmates and friends did justice to her story.

“It was a surreal experience for sure,” Auld said. “At the

end, we sat there staring at the screen thinking, ‘Wow, this is all the hard work and labor we put into it.’”

The Orchard Films released “Madonna and the Breakfast Club” on iTunes and local Cable on Demand digital platforms on March 12.

A 23-year-old, Auld is now working in New York as an assistant account executive at Grey Group, an advertising agency. She

would welcome another acting gig but is happy to take a break from acting now that the film is finished.

Both she and Guido are eagerly anticipating the reaction they will get from the film.

“I really hope people take away how courageous Madonna was,” Auld said. “A lot of people think she didn’t have a lot of talent, and that isn’t true. She really had to work her butt off to get where she is. At one point, she was living in her rehearsal space, basically homeless.”

Magruder Adds “Marvel” To Her Resume

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 in any other medium,” Magruder said. “I really took that at a young age. It’s kind of always been at the core of everything I love about art.”

Though Magruder’s fam-

ily still lives in her childhood home on Mountain Road, Magruder said she makes it back to the area roughly once a year.

“Between there and Los Angeles is about 2,700 miles,” Magruder said.

“Maryland is always close to my heart. When I can find the time and energy to go back, I do.”

Find more of Magruder’s work on www.nilah-magruder.com.

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Chesapeake Baseball Defeats Arundel Amid 7-1 Start



Photo by Colin Murphy

Colton Spangler was greeted by teammates following his solo home run against Arundel in a 5-4 win on April 8.

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Any number of plays could be singled out as the game-winner in Chesapeake's game against Arundel on April 8.

The Cougars needed all of them to come away with a 5-4 win on the road.

Tyler Shadle went 4-for-4 with two RBIs, Colton Spangler hit a solo home run, starting pitcher Colby Buckheit was buoyed by strong defense over 5.2 innings, and Chesapeake thwarted the Wildcats to improve to 7-1 on the season.

Entering a tough stretch of the schedule, the Cougars kept the strong start to their season rolling.

"The south [division teams] all have really nice records, so this is a good way to start for us, for sure," said coach Ken King, whose Cougars added Arundel to a list of defeated opponents that includes Eastern Tech, Meade, Glen Burnie, Old Mill, Northeast and Southern.

Against Arundel, the Cougars deployed skills in all facets of the game and in doing so were able to sweep

a few mistakes under the rug to come away victorious. They jumped out to a lead in the second when Lee Robinson led off with a walk. As they have so often done successfully in the past, Chesapeake sought to paper-cut Arundel to death by bunting, pushing a run across here and there, and relying on strong pitching.

That plan went fortuitously awry. When Tommy Lewis couldn't quite get the bunt down over two strikes, he instead ripped a triple into the wall in right center. Robinson made a late break on the play but still scored on a play at the plate, and Chesapeake led 1-0.

Arundel got the lead back with a walk and back-to-back singles in the second, but Spangler regained the lead for the Cougars. The lefty-hitting senior smacked a two-strike pitch for a deep fly to right and didn't quite break into a run, thinking the ball would be caught, but it just kept carrying and cleared the fence for a home run and a 2-1 lead.

Again Arundel strung together hits to tie the >> Continued on B2

New Eagles: Northeast Girls Upend Chesapeake, 16-11



Photo by Colin Murphy

(L-R) Sydney Makarovich, goalie Sydney Wingate and attacker Alyssa Borgert helped the Northeast girls lacrosse team to a 16-11 win over Chesapeake on March 29 and a blowout win over Hammond on April 2 (above).

By Colin Murphy
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March 29 was a big day for the Northeast girls lacrosse program.

The Eagles ushered in a new era of lacrosse at the school with a 16-11 win over visiting archrival Chesapeake, earning the

program's first win over the Cougars since April 2015 and second all-time.

Alyssa Borgert led Northeast with 5 goals, while Madison Hobbs had 4 goals, Emma Borgert scored 3 and Sydney Makarovich and Morgan James added 2 goals each. Senior goalie Sydney Wingate made 13 saves and repeatedly started

fast breaks with clears, while sophomore midfielder Abigail Zimmerman controlled 9 draws and Hobbs controlled another 5 to help Northeast win the possession battle.

The victory was the first career win for new head coach Kim Kolarick, who said her team's game-ready mentality was the difference

in Northeast being able to take a huge leap forward by earning a win over their historically superior rival.

"I think for us just from the get-go, the girls were ready to play and ready to play hard," said Kolarick. "That first draw went up, and we fought for every draw, every ground ball, every 50-50 ball, so that >> Continued on B8

Eagle Boys 'Refuse To Lose' Vs. Cougars

By Colin Murphy
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Northeast senior defenseman Matt Anderson believes the outcome of his Eagles' game against Chesapeake was never in doubt — even before the game began.

"We weren't going to lose that game," said Anderson. "Chesapeake has a good team, and I completely think they worked hard too, but we completely were not going to lose that game. From the moment I woke up to the fourth quarter, we were not going to lose that one."

His teammates shared his belief, and the result bore it out: Northeast made the plays it needed to keep

Chesapeake at arm's length and win, 15-13, at Northeast on March 29.

Tanner Bishop scored 3 goals to go with a game-high 6 assists, several of them to Riley Pitt, who scored a team-high 5 goals as the Eagles thwarted Chesapeake's second-half rally to win. Damian Wirth and Stephen Haley both scored 3 goals for Northeast, and Ryan Frick added a goal and an assist. Connor Westervelt made 10 saves for the Eagles in the win.

John Healy, a senior transfer from Spalding, was the primary faceoff man for Northeast along with Bennett Diaz. Healy and Diaz combined for a 24-8 >> Continued on B7



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Northeast's Tanner Bishop had 9 points on 3 goals and 6 assists in the Eagles' 15-13 win over Chesapeake on March 29.

Northeast Softball Rallies For 5-4 Win Over Chesapeake

By Colin Murphy
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Mallorie Hetzel was in a pressure-packed spot on April 1. The Northeast senior came to bat against rival Chesapeake with a dream scenario — the bases loaded — but with her Eagles trailing, 3-2, in the bottom of the sixth inning. The pressure only intensified after she got two strikes against her.

But the moment wasn't too big for Hetzel, who ripped a base-clearing double into the outfield, giving her Eagles a lead on the Cougars and putting Northeast on course to a 5-4 win.

"It was two strikes, and I hit it right past the left fielder's head," said Hetzel, who was on last



Photo by Colin Murphy

Mallorie Hetzel, shown pitching against Meade, had the game-winning RBI hit in Northeast's April 1 win over Chesapeake.

year's Northeast team that ousted Chesapeake from the playoffs in the region semifinals. "It felt so good to beat them."

It was the second hit of the day for Hetzel, who had four of her team's RBIs in the victory. Krista Klemkowski

single and scored twice for Northeast, who got a winning effort in the circle from starting pitcher Cecilia Swarthout. Swarthout pitched a complete game, allowing three earned runs and striking out a career-high eight batters.

Making her second varsity start after earning a win over Old Mill in her first outing, Swarthout improved to 2-0 with the rivalry victory.

"I was kind of excited to pitch against [Chesapeake's] Haley Downin, because I knew she's a hitter," said Swarthout. "I got her once, but she got some hits off me. I had eight strikeouts in all, which I was really excited about, because that's my best >> Continued on B5

Lake Shore 8U's Win Upper Chesapeake



Lake Shore's 8U Gray Sox scored trophies early in the season with a win at the Upper Chesapeake Baseball Festival.

The Lake Shore 8U Gray Sox represented Pasadena in championship fashion in the first weekend in April, going 4-1 overall

and winning the Upper Chesapeake Baseball Festival Tournament in Churchville, Maryland, on >> Continued on B4

Chesapeake Baseball Defeats Arundel Amid 7-1 Start



Photos by Colin Murphy

Dylan Young (7), Brandon Goodman (6) and the Chesapeake infield turned three double plays against Arundel. Catcher Tyler Shadle has been one of the county's most dangerous offensive players, with several multi-hit games through mid-April. Colby Buckheit pitched well enough against Arundel to win and help the Cougars to a 7-1 start.

» **Continued from B1** game at 2-2, but damage was limited by Chesapeake's strong infield defense. Young made a stellar backhanded play on a grounder and a throw from deep short for a putout to get Buckheit out of the first, and the Cougars' Young, **Brandon Goodman** and Lewis turned a 6-4-3 double play in the second. Spangler, **James Hawkins**, **Michale Mulford** and **Daniel Stern** manned the outfield and corralled several fly outs.

Buckheit scattered nine hits over 5.2 innings and said his defense helped his cause. "A couple of the innings I didn't have my best stuff," said Buckheit, a senior. "Just

trying to throw pitches over the plate and let the defense make plays."

Sitting on two singles, Shadle tripled in the fifth inning, and courtesy runner **Dalton Nicklow** came around to score on an RBI fielder's choice by Lewis to give Chesapeake a 3-2 lead.

Shadle again did damage in the sixth. Goodman reached on an error, and Young worked an at-bat for a walk. Both scored when Shadle ripped a double to the gap in left center, giving Chesapeake a 5-2 lead.

"I'm just trying to find the right pitch and drive it," said Shadle, who had two strikes in the count on three of his base hits. He said he's only

been asked to lay down a bunt once this season, but he's glad the Cougars have a full arsenal and can play small ball when needed or break the game open with contact hitting. "It's kind of good to be able to do both. We can lay down the bunt but also have the hits to back it up and keep adding runs."

The Cougars needed the insurance. Arundel came back with three hits in the sixth and capitalized on an error to score two runs, but Hawkins and Spangler made plays in the outfield. Young came on to relieve Buckheit with the bases loaded and allowed a walk, but he got the final out in the sixth and preserved the

lead at 5-4.

In the seventh, Spangler made a catch in the outfield for the first out. Goodman, now at shortstop, made a strong backhanded pick and throw for a 6-3 putout. Young got the final batter on a called third strike.

Shadle, who caught the whole game, said the pitching of Buckheit and Young has strengthened over the years.

"I've been playing with them for well before high school. It's easy to connect with them and easy to do a lot of things on the mound when you're throwing your game," said Shadle. "When you've got a connection with them, you kind of

know what they're going to throw, where they're going to throw, how it's going to break and move, and it makes the game easier."

With a strong returning core and younger players stepping into their roles, King challenged his Cougars to become leaders.

"I'm seeing a lot of quiet leaders, and I want to see some vocal leaders," he said. "We're trying to find that. It's not something that a lot of kids are comfortable with because with the burden of saying something comes the accountability for it, and that's the piece that teenagers are maybe reluctant to take, the accountability piece. So, we

can't make anybody a loud leader, but boy it certainly is good to follow one."

Notably, the Cougars defeated Northeast 14-0 on April 1.

It's early, and the Cougars are once again in strong position to compete for the county championship and top region seeding, but King said that is not the focus.

"We're just trying to win ball games and get better," he said. "We played OK here. We missed a couple balls that we should have gotten. So we still measure ourselves against a pretty high standard. We're not there yet, but we hope we can get there, and we're going to keep working to get there."

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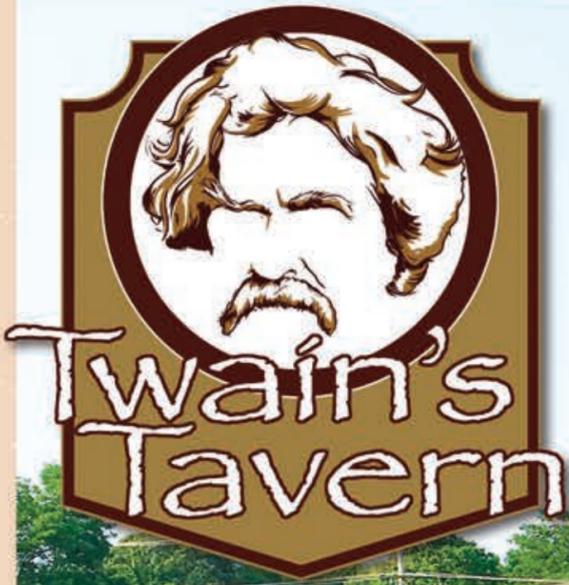


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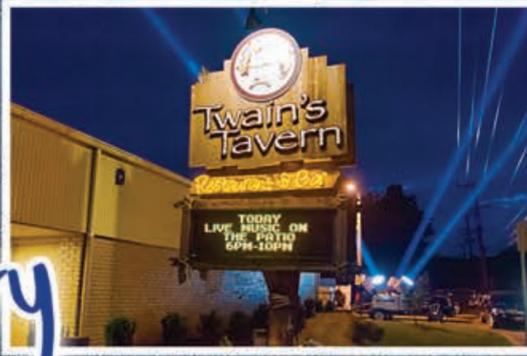


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PSC Storm Make Bel Air Final



The Storm went 3-1 at the Baltimore Mania Tournament in Bel Air in late March.

The Pasadena Soccer Club U12 Storm girls went 3-1 at the Baltimore Mania Tournament in Bel Air in the final weekend in March, falling on penalty kicks in the championship game and finishing as tournament runners-up.

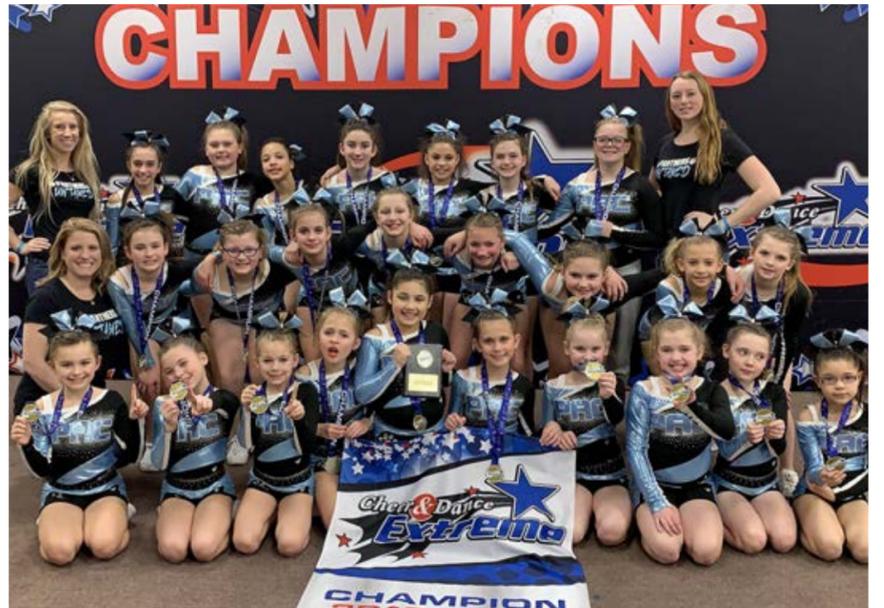
The Storm defeated Pennsylvania's Mutiny Gold '07 by a 5-0 score and won 2-1 over Beading 2007 to make

the tournament semifinals. In the semis against the Maryland Rush Montgomery Gold '07 Coyotes, the Storm won 3-2 to earn a spot in the championship.

The championship game finished in a 2-2 tie against Beading East Blue, necessitating penalty kicks to decide a champion, and the Storm ultimately fell on penalties.

The PSC Storm are **Kendal Barnes, Jaide Whitehead, Lily Dorsey, Leilah Horrigan, Maggie Cochran, Lillian Barnum, Ayla Weseman, Emily Bryant, Emilee Mack, Riley Haney, Alison Muzik, Natalie Baker, Maddie Raynes, Ryleigh Smoot, Gracie Asare and Hutton Pitts.** They are coached by **Nicole Shank.**

Panthers 10U Untamed Shine At States, Nationals



The Panthers 10U's won three championships this winter season, winning the Maryland Madness in Upper Marlboro along with the Reach the Beach Nationals in Ocean City and The Finale in the Poconos, Pennsylvania.

The Panthers AC 10U Untamed cheerleading team had a phenomenal winter season, bringing home a state championship in addition to championships at two national-level competitions.

The Untamed comprise **Hazel Abey, Calista Athas, Julia Beard, Autumn Capozzi, Evie Chaney, Kiley Doggett, Aubrey Gavin, Emily Harber, Desirae Hebron, Sophia Hepting, Briana Johnson, Kaci Lentz, Molly Elizabeth McFarland, Summer McPherson, Alexis Nautin, Francesca Negron, Jennifer**

Ritter, Destinee Scott, Gracie Selig, Lila Shehane, Bailey Shiflett, Brooke Tate, Sophia Weatherspoon and Arianna Wilkinson.

The 10U Untamed claimed championships at the Maryland Madness in Upper Marlboro, a meet bringing together the state's top teams. From there, the Panthers won at the Reach the Beach Nationals in Ocean City and The Finale National Championship in Poconos, Pennsylvania, an invitation-only, best-of-the-best competition with national draw.

The team is led by head coach **Ashlee Tate**

and assistant coaches **Brooke Henningsen and Ana Brannock.**

"Watching them jump up and down and cry when they were named champions at The Finale was one of my best moments as a coach," said coach Tate. "It was a huge accomplishment for them as a unit. These young ladies have become like sisters, and their team unity is something to be admired! I've coached a lot of them for five-plus years, so to see them make it this far was so amazing. They are dedicated and motivated to be the best they can be, and I couldn't be more proud to be their coach."

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Lake Shore Boys Win Upper Chesapeake

» Continued from B1 April 6 and 7.

Lake Shore's team of **Colt Wanner, Iverson Castillo, Brendan Smith, Greyson Watkins, Chase Stauffer, Hudson Herd, Austin Lawler, Chase Diluca, Grayson Duffy and Jacob Doggett** defeated top rival the HCYP Raiders (Howard

County Youth Program) in the championship game, 5-4.

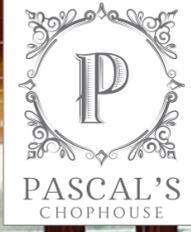
The win over the Raiders avenged the Gray Sox's only loss in the tournament, which came on the opening Saturday in a 2-1 defeat to the Raiders. Lake Shore emerged from Saturday at 1-1, having defeated the White Marsh

Warriors 9-7.

On Sunday, Lake Shore defeated the Hickory Hornets 8-4 before again defeating the Warriors, 10-8, to set up a rematch in the final with HCYP.

The 8U Gray Sox are coached by **Mike Lawler, Jamie Wanner, Ron Smith and Mike Watkins.**





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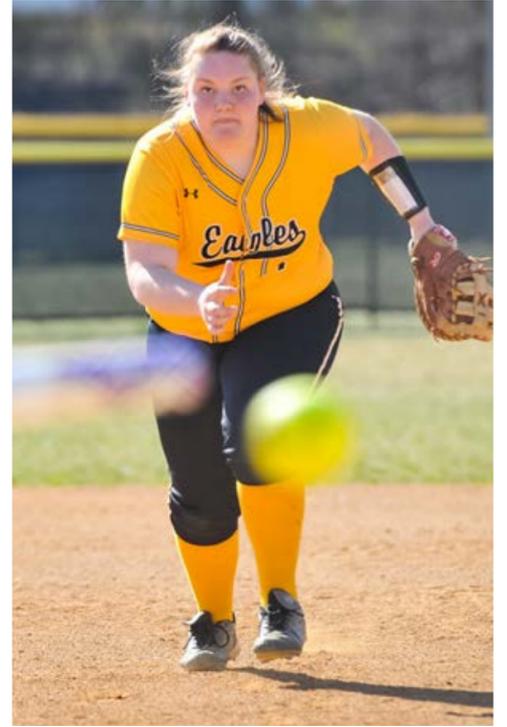
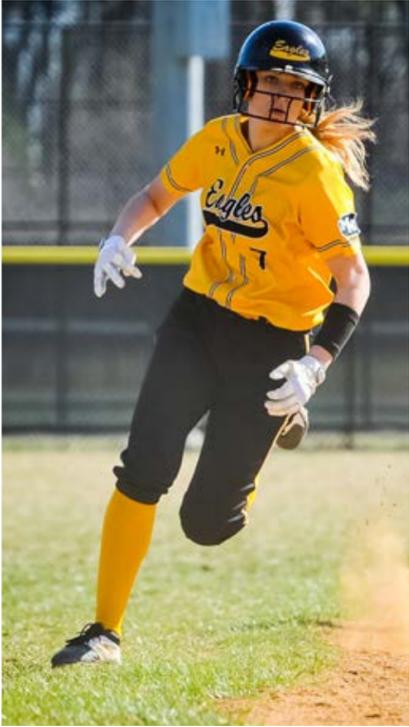
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Northeast Softball Rallies For 5-4 Win Over Chesapeake



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(L-R) Faith Fangman, Madison Schelfe, Taylor Norfolk and the Eagles were playmaking all over the field during Northeast's win over Meade on April 3. Norfolk pitched solidly in a 2-1 loss to reigning 4A state champion Severna Park on April 4; the Eagles have Norfolk, Mallorie Hetzel and Cecilia Swarthout as a formidable pitching trio this spring.

» **Continued from B1** since a few seasons ago. ...This team, we're really confident."

It was an important win for the Eagles, who are 5-3 through eight games and needed a victory to avoid falling too far behind in the county standings, all with implications for region seeding come playoff time. Northeast fell early to North County and suffered a 4-3 loss to a good Glen Burnie team before beating Chesapeake.

Since, they've sandwiched wins over Meade and South River around a 2-1 loss to reigning 4A state champion Severna Park.

Against Meade, the Eagles exploded for nine runs as **Madison Schelfe** (3 hits, 1 double, 2 RBIs), **Kaitlyn Bayne** (2 hits) and **Gabrielle Baquol** (2 hits, 1 RBI, 3 stolen bases) had big days offensively. Hetzel was the winning pitcher in seven innings with seven strikeouts and only four hits allowed.

Against Severna Park, both teams pitched well and played strong defense as the Eagles and Falcons combined for zero errors and only nine hits. **Heather Barlage** had two of Northeast's hits, including a double, while **Taylor Norfolk** had an

RBI base hit. Norfolk also pitched, allowing only two earned runs on four hits with three strikeouts.

Swarthout improved to 3-0 on April 9 when Northeast defeated South River 5-4.

Baquol had 4 hits in the win over the Seahawks, while Barlage had 2 hits and 2 RBIs, **Tori Bache** had 2 hits, **Kiersten Tomshack** had 1 hit, 1 RBI and 1 steal, and Klemkowski also had a hit, RBI and steal.

With Norfolk, Hetzel and Swarthout all able pitchers, Northeast coach Joe Hart has riches to deploy in figuring out the best lineups and matchups.

"There's talent there, but we're still trying to find our way," said Hart. "We're trying to put girls in the right places. Cecilia did a great job in that Chesapeake game, and her changeup was a big pitch for her that day to keep them off-balance. Defensively it's a sound squad when they right pieces are in the right places. We're still trying to find our way. To me, the county championship is a nice thing, but it's the end you're working for."

The county championship might feature Chesapeake. The Cougars' only loss is against Northeast,

and they look strong all around. Downin had 3 hits, including a triple, against the Eagles, and **Tristyn Stewart** had 3 hits and 3 steals.

Against Arundel on April 8, Downin was an infield single away from pitching a perfect game, and she finished with 8 strikeouts in a 13-0 win. **Ali Pollack** hit a 3-run home run, while **Norah Hart** was 3-for-4 with 2 doubles and 2 RBI. **Jerzie Nutile** pitched a no-hitter in a 12-0 win over Southern on April 4. Against the Bulldawgs, **Devan Wenger** had a 2-run, inside-the-park home run. **Kendal Thomas**

was 1-for-2 with 2 RBI. **Brittany Lesson** was 1-for-3 with a run scored.

Still, the early headline belongs to the rivalry winners. Hetzel said Northeast is confident it can continue to improve.

"This year being a captain, it's a huge responsibility. We're at the point where we have to grow since it's a new team, a bunch of seniors left last year," said Hetzel. "Chesapeake was a good start since they're our rivals. We're going to take that, and we're going to use that intensity and how aggressive we were and put it in every game."

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Eagle Boys 'Refuse To Lose' Against Cougars In 15-13 Win



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The Eagles' Damian Wirth (6), defenseman Matt Anderson (center pic) and Riley Pitt (5) faced a tough Centennial team on April 4, but their win over Chesapeake confirmed Northeast's confidence and showed the team can be a threat to any opponent. "We still need improvement," said Anderson, "but every game we're getting better."

» **Continued from B1** faceoff advantage against Chesapeake.

Much like Anderson, Northeast coach **Walt Blahut** said the power of the right mentality was the deciding factor in the Eagles securing the win.

"In my mind, it was confidence," said Blahut. "It was more of an attitude that they refused to lose against Chesapeake."

The victory ensured that both the girls and boys programs at Northeast won in the rivalry — the Lady Eagles beat the Cougars 16-11 prior to the boys taking the field — and it also continued the recent back-and-forth in the boys rivalry. Chesapeake won last year's game, 17-4, and Northeast won both the regular-season matchup and playoff

matchup in 2017. In 2016, Chesapeake won both the regular-season and playoff rivalry matchups, and the Cougars won the only game played in 2015.

"They wanted a chance to rectify last year's game," said Blahut. "The score last year didn't indicate the difference in the teams. We have 13 seniors on the team, but not all of them were on the [2017] team when we beat Chesapeake twice, and not all of them have beaten Chesapeake. So, a lot of motivation involved. They made great decisions on the field. They made the plays when they had to. Different guys stepped up both offensively and defensively."

Bishop said the team didn't lose confidence even after falling behind in the second half. The Eagles

led 8-7 at halftime, but Chesapeake took the lead early in the third quarter.

"We were winning at half and they came out and scored three in a row on us, but we had confidence we were going to win," said Bishop. "We played well that day. We knew that since they beat us so bad last year, they thought they were just going to come in and walk all over us. We were excited to play them."

Chesapeake had its share of difference-makers on the day, as **Thomas Bullen** had 3 goals and 4 assists; **Dylan Wolfe** scored 5 goals; and **Gavin Hansel, Nick Wells, Hunter Davis, Jessie McWilliams** and **Ryan Rogers** all scored. Hansel and **Blain Smith** had assists, and **Brian Plummer**

made 16 saves.

"It was a good high school lacrosse game," said Chesapeake coach Rodney Beres. "We got down 3-0 early but came back and eventually took a two-goal lead. Their face-off guys provided the edge gaining the extra possessions, and their goalie made some nice stops against our shooters. They played a good game and deserve the win, but hopefully this is one of the early-season matchups that we can learn from, and we may have a chance to see them again in the playoffs later on down the road."

The Cougars have since posted wins over Wilde Lake and Hammond around a 9-7 loss to South River; Chesapeake is 4-3 through seven games.

Northeast, meanwhile, dominated Glen Burnie in a 19-0 win on April 5 in which Wirth scored 6 goals, Bishop had 5, Haley had 2, Healey had 2, **Alex Evans** had 1, Pitt had 1 and **RJ Breeden** had 1. Bishop had 5 assists and Frick had 3, while Westervelt (5 saves) and **Gary O'Neill** (3 saves) split time in goal.

The Eagles have had tough Howard County opponents: Centennial and River Hill dealt losses to the Eagles by scores of 15-6 and 15-8, respectively.

But the tough schedule of county opposition and 4A opponents gives the Eagles confidence they can make noise in the playoffs.

"This group can play," said Blahut. "This is a good group as far as lacrosse abilities.

They haven't practiced well this year, but we had a great week of practice [leading up to Chesapeake]. We're starting to turn the corner and work hard in practice and put things together. From Severna Park to Annapolis to Chesapeake, we knew we were making strides. I see where we're at, and they with the mental aspect and their true talents, they put it all together."

Anderson said the hard work is underway as the Eagles prepare to be dangerous come playoff time.

"Of course we want to go to states," said Anderson. "We're going to try as hard as we can to get to where we need to be. We still need improvement, but every game we're getting better."

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New Eagles: Northeast Girls Upend Chesapeake, 16-11



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Northeast's early success has stemmed from its well-balanced roster, with Morgan James (left), Emma Borgert (center above), Madison Hobbs (center below) and Abigail Zimmerman (right) among the many Eagles contributing offensively and in the midfield to complement strong defense and goalkeeping.

» **Continued from B1** was exciting to see, especially against a rival. Chesapeake is such a difficult game going in because it is such a battle. From football to all the sports, that's the team to beat. We knew how they played, so we worked on our attack and defense because we knew how their defense and attack played. So a lot of X's and O's, but we knew we had to fight from the very beginning."

Having endured losses to Annapolis and Severna Park and a close loss to Old Mill, Northeast used its win over Chesapeake as a springboard for continued success, putting together a win streak. The Eagles earned

their second win of the season on April 2, traveling to Columbia and taking it to the Hammond High School Golden Bears in a dominant 19-3 win. **Delaney Piechowiak** snagged 6 draw controls, with Zimmerman controlling 5 and Hobbs 4. Northeast spread out its scoring among 10 different players as **Hailey Helmick** (3 goals), James (3), Hobbs (2), Piechowiak (2), **Makarovich** (2), Alyssa Borgert (2), **Emma Hurman** (2), Emma Borgert (1), Zimmerman (1) and **Gabby Starlings** (1) all scored. Wingate and **Caroline Gilliard** split time in goal for Northeast.

On April 5, senior captain James led the Eagles with

5 goals in a 17-6 win over Glen Burnie. Piechowiak added 3 goals, while Helmick, Sydney Makarovich and Alyssa Borgert scored 2 goals each. Emma Borgert, Zimmerman and **Shelby Frasure** added 1 goal each, and **Madison Gregg** added a goal and 5 assists. Gilliard, a freshman, made 5 saves. On April 9, Alyssa Borgert (4 goals), Sydney Makarovich (3 goals), Hobbs (2 goals), Emma Borgert, Helmick, James, Piechowiak, Zimmerman and **Gabby Starlings** all scored in a 15-4 win over Wilde Lake.

Wingate and defensive players **Maddie Shaner**, **Caroline Makarovich**, **Julia Rafiq** and **Kiersten Lamke** have anchored

the defense throughout Northeast's successful spurt.

Now with momentum before the season's midway point, the win over Chesapeake stands alone as a feather-in-the-cap win and an all-time memory. With the program's only other win over Chesapeake coming in 2015, none of the current seniors or underclassmen had ever experienced a lacrosse victory over the Cougars.

"It was a big team win, and we all played together," said Wingate. "It was great overall. I played well, the defense played well, all around, attack, we all did our jobs."

Alyssa Borgert said the win came from a feeling of on-field cohesion.

"It was just exhilarating because we were just like, 'Oh wow, we just beat Chesapeake as a team,'" Borgert, a junior, said. "It was just so much fun just being on the field with

everyone. The bench was great. Everyone on the field was playing together and it was fun to see everyone work together."

Zimmerman, just a sophomore, said she wasn't immune to the pressure, but she focused on excelling for her teammates.

"I was just doing it like it was my last game, just fighting my best," Zimmerman said. "I have not beaten Chesapeake since I've been in high school. It was a big thing. We just played as a family, and I thought that was the best thing. We all communicated and fought for each other. We just worked together, and that was the most important thing."

Kolarick said she sparked her team with a specific mental tactic.

"We went into the game with each girl coming up with their one word," Kolarick said. "So, goal-setting, but on a

level where each girl had one focus, one mentality for the game. We actually wrote our words on pieces of black tape with gold writing and put them on their sticks. So every time they go for a ground ball or a draw, they would see their one word. Finish a shot, see their ball in the back of the net, they see their word. So that was our mentality. Coach **[French] Reese's** word was 'commitment.' My word was 'positive.'"

The players went in assertive directions with their chosen words.

"I wrote 'Next One,'" said Wingate. "So if a ball goes in, get the next one."

"No fear," said Zimmerman. "Can't have fear in the draw circle, or else you're going to lose it."

Said Borgert, "100%," because you've always got to go all-out, and at least if you know you're doing that, you feel a lot better about it."

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Bodkin Elementary Environmental Fair Returns For A 12th Year

By Alyson Kay

Bodkin Elementary School's annual Environmental & Local Culture Fair is returning for its 12th year on May 4 to spread awareness and get people engaged with local environmental organizations, nature centers and parks. The fair was started so Bodkin could meet the requirement for the Maryland Association for Environmental and Outdoor Educators (MAEOE) green school certification, which requires an annual celebration that includes the community. Bodkin's environmental initiatives reduce the school's carbon footprint and teach students about environmental action. Examples include Waste-Free Wednesdays for lunches, a recycling program and a rain garden.

Each year, the school has an overall environmental theme that is reflected in that year's fair. This year's theme is "Superheroes."

During the fair, a display and table will showcase reusable items as "heroes" and items that create trash and pollution, such as single-use disposable items, as "villains." The school will also sell bamboo cutlery and straw packs as part of the fair's initiative to promote reusable items and encourage students to use materials that create less waste.

"They're growing up in such a different time where cheap convenience has taken over," said fair co-chair Jennifer Aiken. "We need to teach them to make an effort, to reuse things and clean up the Earth."

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Northeast Students Remove Invasive Species From Tick Neck Park

By Maya Pottiger

Northeast High School students removed 433 pounds of invasive species from Tick Neck Park as part of their science classes.

Eradication Nation is part of the new environmental science curriculum in Anne Arundel County Public Schools. The project requires students to learn about invasive species in their area and remove it from the community.

"Students researched invasive species in Maryland in general, and then we narrowed it down to the invasive species that we have in our backyard," said Josh Anoff, a science teacher at NHS.

As part of the project, a variety of professionals came in to assist students: Sarah Lank, a volunteer with Arlington Echo; park rangers Christopher Hughes and Chris Winton; Master Gardener Nancy Allred; and Devyn Croghan, who works for Anne Arundel County Weed Resistance.

Anoff said working with these professionals made "all of the difference" for students. Though teachers build relationships with their students, learning about the difference they were making from professionals had a bigger impact on students.

"You're being told how many trees you saved by a park ranger, someone who you look at as the authority in saving plants," Anoff said. "It made a much bigger deal to them. It was a lot more important to them to do it because they saw exactly how they were helping."

Sam Keshishian, a ninth-grader at NHS, agreed that he liked working with the professionals.

"They were able to help us with determining how to safely take off vines from the trees without harming the trees," Sam said. "They were also able to help us with identifying which plants were native and which plants were invasive."

In all, roughly 210 students across 20 classes helped remove invasive species from

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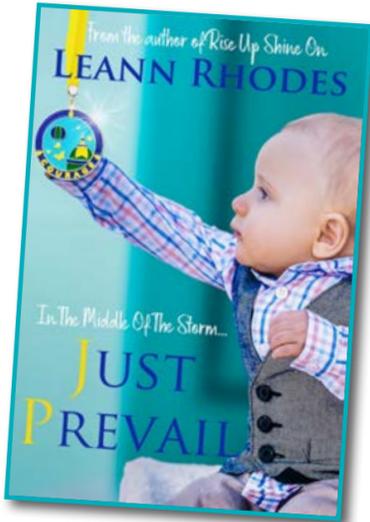
Northeast High School students helped remove invasive species of plants from Tick Neck Park. Left: Students could identify where vines had wrapped around trees, leaving marks.



Infant's Cancer Journey Inspires Mom's Second Book

By Judy Tacyn

John Paul Ickes Jr., known as J.P., entered this world on August 15, 2018 to parents Leann Rhodes Ickes and Paul Ickes. At his two-week checkup, J.P.'s abdomen looked distended and it was cause for concern for the pediatrician, who sent the family to Anne Arundel Medical Center and ultimately Johns Hopkins Children's



"Just Prevail — In the Middle of the Storm" is a chronicle of J.P. Ickes Jr.'s miraculous fight with cancer.

Hospital in Baltimore for further testing. The diagnosis was devastating: stage 4MS (multiple spread) neuroblastoma cancer. J.P. began chemotherapy immediately.

"Most people have never heard of neuroblastoma, but it's actually the most common type of cancer in infants," said Leann Rhodes. "A tumor is formed by special nerve cells called neuroblasts. Normally, these immature cells grow into functioning nerve cells. But in

neuroblastoma, they become cancer cells instead."

Rhodes, the author of "Rise Up Shine On," poured her family's grueling journey through J.P.'s treatment into her second and soon-to-be released title, "Just Prevail - In the Middle of the Storm," a chronicle of her son's miraculous fight with cancer. She said she hopes her story will inspire others in the middle of their personal storm.

"Every day he was in treatment, I wrote him



Leann Rhodes Ickes

love letters of a recap of how his day was and encouragement to keep fighting," Rhodes said. "I

wanted him to have something to read one day to learn how brave he was at such a young age."

Rhodes posted her daily letters to J.P. on social media to keep family, friends and neighbors aware of her son's progress. She said the routine became therapeutic for her.

"I realized many people found strength with their own battles in life by watching our journey and how we reacted to the situation that others may not have been able to be so optimistic and positive about," Rhodes said. "Many people started following his story and hashtag #JPstrong, and sending me messages about how much our story was impacting their own life in positive ways. His story was spreading love and kindness and unity and allowing

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CHS Sophomore Alyssa Garofalo Earns Ben Carson Scholarship

By Maya Pottiger

When Alyssa Garofalo was called down to the office, she didn't know what was going on.

Her counselor told her that a few teachers nominated Alyssa for the Ben Carson Scholarship, which she officially received on March 1.

"I was really excited, but I was very doubtful," Alyssa said. "My mom kept saying, 'Stop doubting yourself! You'll get it, you'll get it.'"

Alyssa said her mom, Angela Garofalo Davis, helped motivate her.

"I was just cheering her on," Garofalo Davis said. "I said there was only one child nominated out of the whole school."

The Ben Carson Scholarship awards students who are excelling academically and are dedicated to serving their communities. In 2019, 505 students across



Alyssa Garofalo

the country earned the scholarship. The scholarship awards each student \$1,000 to invest in higher education.

"I don't know where I want to go yet, but I want to be a pediatric surgeon," Alyssa said. "That's a lot of schooling, so it will definitely be useful wherever I decide to go."

Alyssa has been interested in the medical field for as long as she can remember. She's wanted to be an

oncologist, an obstetrical nurse and then switched to wanting to be a doctor.

She attributes her interest in the field to her childhood, during which she was diagnosed with a Wilms tumor in her right kidney. Alyssa is now a 12-year cancer survivor.

"I don't really remember it. I know it happened, but I like to think it doesn't influence what I do now," Alyssa said. "I like to think I'd still do it even if I never got sick."

Now, Alyssa stays engaged in her school community. She is an active member of the Best Buddies program, which partners students with special needs peers.

"I love everything about Best Buddies," Alyssa said. "You can be yourself and no one is going to say, 'You look weird for doing that' or 'You can't say this.' You can do whatever you want, and

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Grandfather Passes Love Of Racing To Young Dragster

By Judy Tacyn

Chase Daley may be new to drag racing, but the love of the sport and all things car-related was generations in the making. The Jacobsville Elementary fourth-grader started drag racing just last August, but he has done well in his races and is already reaching speeds up to 70mph. He's got a custom-made car — compliments of his grandfather — painted in orange, yellow and red hues to look like flames. He can reach the finish line of a one-eighth-mile track in less than nine seconds.

"The feeling I have going down the track is great," Chase said. "At the start, there is a little vibration

as the engine revs, but when I am going down the track, it's really just very smooth."

Chase's grandfather, Steve Hoover, also a Pasadena resident, raced cars on a dirt track and is also a dragster driver. Chase's father, Chris Daly, races street-worthy cars and owns a Camaro and Corvette, among others. His mother, Stacy Daly, knew it would be only a matter of time before Chase would want to get behind the wheel of his own car. "He is already saying he wants to be a professional driver," she said.

Chase's favorite driver is his grandfather, who offered Chase a deal to earn his own junior-dragster car when Chase was just in



Jacobsville fourth-grader Chase Daley started drag racing just last August, but he's already reaching speeds up to 70mph.

second grade.

"My grandfather said I could get a car if I got my grades up and keep them up," said Chase, who continues to fulfil his part of the deal. His grandfather purchased and rebuilt a used dragster. The car is emblazoned with the number 17C.

"He is doing so great. I am so proud of him, I really don't even have the words to explain how much," Hoover said. "When he puts on that helmet, he's a different kid. He listens to everything I say, and what other drivers say. He also watches other drivers to see what they do and what tips he can pick up to make himself a better racer."

Chase practices at Capi-

tol Raceway in Crofton. He loves going fast, a sentiment to which his classmates can relate.

"My friends think drag racing is kinda cool," Chase said. "They always tell me, 'I wish I could do that!'"

Hoover guesses that Chase will need an upgraded car by the end of this season, an endeavor that will likely cost thousands of dollars. For now, Chase doesn't have any sponsors, but Hoover said he's had so many businesses and people approach him that it's likely there will be some logos on Chase's next car.

The start of the new racing season is in May, and Chase will be ready with his grandfather by his side.

CHS Gets Comical During "The Beverly Hillbillies"



Photos by Stephanie Mennell Photography

Thespians from Chesapeake High School transformed into everyone's favorite Ozark family, the Clampetts, during a performance of "The Beverly Hillbillies" from April 4 to April 6. Audiences followed along as the family discovered oil — that Texas tea — and headed to Beverly Hills for adventures and romances.

Solley ES Students To Perform "The Jungle Book"



Students began auditions and rehearsals in October, meeting every Monday for close to an hour and a half.

By Dave Topp

Welcome to the jungle, the scene of Solley Elementary's production on May 3. For its first performance, the newly created drama club will take center stage to re-enact the Disney classic "The Jungle Book."

Sixty-nine students from grades three through five will work together to portray the roles of Mowgli (played by Mayo Mabifa), Bagheera (Madeleine Huzzey), Baloo (Nick Flannagan), Shere Khan (Jaiyla Battle), Shanti (Jasmine Dominguez-Taco), Kaa (Gage Wright) and the many other characters found in "The Jungle Book."

"Everybody knows it, it has a lot of great parts in it and we have 69 children right now in the cast," said Deb Engler, the school's dra-

ma director. "That's children who work backstage and are onstage. To cover that many parts, that was a good story to choose for them."

Students began auditions and rehearsals in October, meeting every Monday for close to an hour and a half.

Opening night takes place on Friday, May 3, with the performance beginning at 7:00pm. Tickets are \$5 at the door and children 5 years old and under may enter for free.

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people to see the power in faith and prayers and watch a miracle unfold in front of them."

Her first book, "Rise Up Shine On," was a memoir about her life, from her earliest memories into adulthood.

"It told the stories of many struggles and uphill battles and how I overcame the odds when they were stacked against me," Rhodes added. "Looking back, I often found myself saying 'why me?' Gut-wrenching experiences life has thrown at me always revealed 'why not me?' Every situation in life has built me into the strong woman I am today. It's allowed me to always know a setback is just a setup for a major comeback, which is how I have survived and overcame many things in my life up until this point."

J.P. has finished chemotherapy and is living life as a happy baby. His once bald head is growing hair again. He undergoes rou-

tine tests to ensure he's cancer-free.

"Every person has trials and tribulations in their life. Life is 10% what happens to you and 90% how you react to it," Rhodes said. "Your energy, mindset and outlook on life and situations is powerful. Sometimes you just need reminders that you were given this life because you are strong enough to survive it."

"Just Prevail - In the Middle of the Storm," will be available on April 25, as an e-book and in print through Amazon.

The author and her son will hold two book signing events in May: Thursday, May 9, from 4:00pm-7:00pm at the Cheshire Crab Restaurant in Pasadena, and Monday, May 13, from 5:00pm-8:00pm at Brio Bistro in Annapolis. Special edition books with J.P.'s handprint will be inside the books at each event.

To follow J.P.'s journey, follow Leann Rhodes-Ickes on Facebook.

Bodkin Environmental Fair Returns

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The fair has more than 30 vendors each year. Stores and organizations donate food for the event and a local band will play. Some returning favorites include the Phillips Wharf Fishmobile and Eco Adventures, which brings animals for children to see and interact with.

Bodkin Elementary School's Global Studies Program also prepares activities for the fair. This year, the program is teaching international environmental issues. Students from the program will set up displays showing information they have learned about environmental problems in other

countries and what people can do to help.

Local artists and organizations such as SCRAP B-More will offer upcycled craft activities.

This year, the fair will offer a station where kids can write letters to local restaurants, encouraging them to not serve plastic straws to customers. The letter-writing activity was inspired by a recently passed Anne Arundel County law that will ban polystyrene containers from food service organizations starting next year. Several students and parents from Bodkin Elementary advocated for the bill to pass.

"The kids were very active

and involved in wanting to see a policy changed and get polystyrene out of the cafeterias," said fair co-chair Kristen McCreery.

The University of Maryland Extension Master Gardeners Program will also come to the fair this year to educate kids about the importance of bees and beekeeping.

Aiken emphasized that environmental action is especially important for areas close to the Chesapeake Bay, such as Bodkin Elementary.

"It's crucial that people become aware of their actions and environmental advocacy because it directly impacts these waterways," Aiken said.

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Oohrah! Northeast Hosts Semper Fit Day



Running, wall climbing and fitness testing were all part of the 5K and Semper Fit Day, which was organized by the Northeast High School Marine Corps Junior ROTC program on April 13. Proceeds raised from the 5K will be donated to The Well, which supports women's health; GiGi's Playhouse, which helps children with Down syndrome; and a scholarship for a deserving high school senior who has overcome adversity during his or her high school years.

WATCH D.O.G.S. Boost Morale At LSES

By Sharon Mager

Lake Shore Elementary School (LSES) has WATCH D.O.G.S. roaming the halls, but not the kind that bark and growl. These "dogs" are fathers and father figures — grandfathers, uncles and friends — who are supporting students by volunteering at the school, helping as needed, and mainly by being present.

While the WATCH D.O.G.S. (Dads of Great Students) program is new to Lake Shore, the program began in 1968. Since that time, 6,450 schools in the United States have launched WATCH D.O.G.S. programs. Hundreds of thousands of fathers and father-figures volunteer millions of hours in local schools, each committing to at least one day a year.

Pasadena resident Michael Lawson brought the idea to LSES and serves as the coordinator. A recently retired Navy chief petty officer, Lawson saw the program in action while stationed in Virginia. His two then-teenaged children enjoyed the program. Now that Lawson's second-grade daughter, Leanna, attends LSES and he has more time on his hands, he thought the WATCH D.O.G.S. program would be perfect at the school. He pitched the idea last year, and he's thrilled it has been implemented.

"Usually there are a lot of moms helping in the school, but you don't see many dads," Lawson said. Even the teachers, especially in elementary

school, are usually women, he observed.

The school kicked off Watch D.O.G.S. with a pizza party for students and their father figures in the fall to introduce the program. Lawson is pleased that 35 men have registered this year and they've logged 180 hours since September, but he said more are needed.

"The 'dads' who volunteer to come and spend a full or half of a day at the school often return for a second and third time or more because they enjoy the experience so much," said LSES Principal Julie Little-McVeary.

One of those dads who kept coming back was Jake Haskell, who has two sons at Lake Shore Elementary, one in kindergarten and one in second grade.

"The PTA is fun and all, but this is a little more hands-on," Haskell said. "That's for fundraising, but it's not really my gig. I like walking around and

helping teachers. Just having that extra male figure walking around and an extra set of eyes, I think it helps."

When the men arrive in the mornings, they're given a schedule for the day that includes lunch and recess with their children. "These two experiences provide time for interactions with many students including those who may not have a father figure in their daily life," Little-McVeary said.

Although this opportunity did not exist when Stan Palmer's other kids went to Lake Shore, he's excited to play a more active role while his youngest daughter, a second-grader, is in elementary school.

"I enjoy it, just giving the kids a 'Good day, how are you doing?' and high-fives in the mornings and getting the day started off good," he shared.

Lawson said the men also volunteer as needed, assisting in classrooms and the halls.

Students get a kick out of seeing the men. "The kids light up. They smile, and they give us high-fives," Lawson said.

"They enjoy having the men around, and when it's your dad, well, it is a whole new level of proud!" Little-McVeary said.

The men also get to see the children busy in their classes.

"I think that the experience is also eye-opening for some dads when they see the level of independence and rigor that is expected of the students," Little-McVeary said.

They also witness the dedication of the teachers and administrators. "You don't just help with your own child while you're here," said Wade Bortle. "My child is in second grade, but I helped out in the fourth-grade classroom, kindergarten classroom, gym, music, so you kind of get a good look and really appreciate what the teachers and staff do, which is a lot, and there's a lot of great kids here too, so it's great to be a part of."

In addition to spending time with his daughter and helping the school, Lawson sees even more benefits. It can be cumulative. "This is something that can impact the community I live in," he said.

For more information about the WATCH D.O.G.S. program, visit www.dadsofgreatstudents.com. To learn more about registering for the Lake Shore WATCH D.O.G.S., email lakeshorewatchdogs@gmail.com.



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Question of the month



This month, we asked Ms. Schuler's class, "If you could control the weather, what would you make it do?"

Jacobsville Elementary School

Each month, the *Pasadena Voice* poses a question to a local fifth-grade class. This month, students from Ms. Schuler's class at Jacobsville Elementary School answered the question:

If you could control the weather, what would you make it do?

I would have it be warm so I could play more baseball and so I could go outside and play with my brother outside and I could go fishing.

Austin M.

If I could control the weather, I would make it sunny, maybe a little breezy or sometimes chilly all year long so I could go to the park and get snowballs. I could also swim in my big pool.

Avah H.

I would make it sunny and warm outside. I would do this because it would always be nice out and I could cut the grass more. I would also do

this to get in the pool.

Brandon F.

I would make it sunny because I love sun and we get to have fun and play outside.

Brooke A.

If I could control the weather, I would make it be sunny every day with a temperature between 70 and 80 degrees so I could go outside all the time with friends, and I am tired of this cold weather.

Cayden K.

I would have the weather be sunny and 90 degrees outside because then we would go to the park a lot and we would go outside every day for recess. This would be all year.

Chelsea P.

I would have it be sunny all

the time because I can play outside whenever I want to.

Chloe B.

If I could control the weather, I would make it warm. But if I got too warm, I would make it a little cold. I say that because whenever it's warm, I wish it were cold, and whenever it's cold, I wish it were warm.

Delaney D.

I would make it snow every day unless I had a baseball game. I would do this because we would have no school and I love baseball. I would invite Ms. Schuler over though.

Dylan A.

If I could control the weather, I would make it be sunny, warm and awesome. The temperature would be 87 degrees,

but this would be all year.

Gavin L.

If I could control the weather, I would have it be sunny all the time because then I could go swimming and horse-back riding. I could also get snowballs.

Jayde W.

I would have the weather most of the time sunny and hot and some days rainy and cool. It is nice to have a nice day in the pool and the beach and some days rainy because the earth is so dry. It would be nice, like summer, forever.

Kaydence C.

I would make the weather sunny or rainy. On sunny days, it would be 70 to 90 degree days. On rainy days it, will rain for six hours.

Logan S.

I would make it sunny because we can wear shorts

and we can play outside and swim. All of those things are fun. Being inside is boring because of the cold weather.

Maddi T.

I would make less rain but still some rain because I like rain sometimes, so maybe three times a month. In the summer, I would make it 70 to 80 degrees every day, also in the spring. In fall, it would be only 50 to 60 degrees so it's still a little warm. In winter, there would be lots of snow and the weather is 30 to 40 degrees.

Madelaine O.

If I could control the weather, I would make it sunny because I would be able to get in the pool.

Micaila C.

I would make it just a little cold, but not really cold.

Kind of like the temperature in fall. Fall is my favorite season. I love when the leaves turn colors.

Nalani C.

I would have the weather kind of stay the same as it is in Maryland but definitely sunnier. It is good to have some change.

Skylar H.

I would want to make it not too hot and not too cold, like 60 or 70 degrees. I would make it like this because it would feel really nice outside and you could play outside and go swim a lot.

Tyler H.

If I could control the weather, I would make it sunny and like 70 to 90 degrees because then I could play outside a lot and I could go swimming a lot. I also could go get ice cream a lot!

Veronica M.

I would choose summer because I want to go swimming and I'm ready for the winter.

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CHS Sophomore Earns Scholarship

» Continued from B9 that's accepted and loved."

Outside of Best Buddies, Alyssa is also involved in mentoring and the Unified Sports teams, which allows her to spend more time with the same group of students.

"I was trying something new," Alyssa said. "It really stuck with me, and now every student in that class is one of my best friends."

Alyssa is helping to plan Bikes and Buddies, an event in partnership with the Chosen Sons Motorcycle Club of Pasadena. Her stepdad, Jim Davis, is part of the club.

"When I was 4 and I was sick, they had a benefit for me similar to the one we're doing now, and they raised a lot of money for me," Alyssa said. "This is only our second year of the club, so this way we can raise money."

Bikes and Buddies will be held at American Legion Post 277 at 7376 Carbine Road in Curtis Bay on May 11 from 1:00pm-5:00pm.

"She's giving back, and that's good," Garofalo Davis said. "She's a good kid."

On May 5, Alyssa will attend the Carson Scholars Fund 23rd annual awards banquet at Martin's West in Baltimore.

A Jolly Holiday: Sunset Elementary To Present "Mary Poppins Jr."



By Maya Pottiger

Your favorite British nanny who is practically perfect in every way is coming to Sunset Elementary in "Mary Poppins Jr."

The cast features **Raeanne Franc** as Mary Poppins; **Karina Creekmore** as Bert; **Carter Menke** as George Banks; **Makayla Stauffer** as Winifred Banks; **McKenna Lorigan** as Jane Banks; and **Liam Frain** as Michael Banks.

"Mary Poppins Jr." is based on the popular Disney movie that follows Jane and Michael Banks as they go on adventures with their newest nanny and her friend Bert. The production features beloved songs like "A Spoonful Of Sugar," "Supercalifragilisticexpialidocious" and "Let's Go Fly A Kite."

The play is being directed by teachers **Susan Wittek**, **Jen Welsh** and **Helen Quade** and parent **Deborah Fluhr**.

"The Sunset Elementary School Drama Club operates on a rather professional level with regards to the world of theater," Beram-Liimatta said. "When you attend a Sunset production, you are experiencing high-quality theater at the elementary school level. It is quite remarkable."

Tickets are \$10 for adults, \$8 for seniors and \$6 for children. Purchase tickets by searching "Sunset" at www.showtix4u.com.

There are two performances, both of which will be held at Chesapeake High School. The performances are Friday, April 26, at 7:00pm and Saturday, April 27, at 7:00pm.

Chesapeake High Revisits Historic Hancock's Resolution

By Maya Pottiger

At the very end of Bayside Beach Road, Historic Hancock's Resolution waits to share its centuries-old history with younger generations.

Now, through their signature program, Chesapeake High School students are becoming more engaged with the historic farm.

"Over the course of the last couple years, I have been trying to think of ways to incorporate our signature program with Hancock's Resolution," said Melissa Bajadek, the signature coordinator at CHS. "This year, we've been working on building that relationship."

On April 10, CHS students visited the farm for a variety of educational activities. The environmental science students tested the water quality and soil, learned about the invasive plant species on the property and participated in other hands-on activities.

"Hancock's provides an opportunity for students to connect with their history, to study and connect with the environment and to appreciate the quiet beauty here," said Dianne Feeney, one of the docents at Hancock's. "Books and Google provide a wealth of information, but stepping inside our root cellar or drawing water from the

well makes that information real."

In addition to the environmental science students, the child development classes learned directly from the docents about how to run activities at the farm.

"It's becoming more and more difficult for them to take on what they've done in the past," Bajadek said. "Our goal starting next year is to bring every elementary school in the feeder out for a Hancock's Resolution Day. Our child development kids will run the rotations."

Going forward, Bajadek also wants to bring art students and Maryland history students out to utilize Hancock's as a resource.

"I was blown away by what a phenomenal resource it is for Pasadena," Bajadek said, "and for our kids in Pasadena to not be going there on a regular

basis is sad to me, so I needed to come up with a way to fix that."

Leslie Bridgett, who does public outreach for Hancock's, said it's important to get the next generation excited about the farm and its history.

"It's a very exciting place, and we would like to find ways to help our local community understand the value of what they have," Bridgett said. "It's a true gem of a historic location, but we need to help them understand that."

Feeney agreed, saying that young people "bring excitement, curiosity and energy that energizes and encourages the Hancock's volunteers."

"They are giving us the opportunity share our story," Feeney said. "I hope the students will be stimulated to offer fresh ideas, develop new interests or gain a deeper understanding of their studies."



Chesapeake High School students are becoming more engaged with Historic Hancock's Resolution, using it as an educational resource.

Students Remove Invasive Species

» Continued from B9 Tick Neck Park.

With this project, Anoff said he could really see how excited and engaged students were with the lesson.

"Before they went outside, the lesson was just that: another lesson. They were very neutral on it," Anoff said. "Once we told them about the project and that we were actually going to be going outside and doing this, we saw a lot more students get excited about it and get more invested."

Ninth-grader Abbey Lancaster said she liked being

able to clean up "our own backyard."

"This project was important to me because we were able to help clean up our community," Abbey said. "By getting rid of trash and invasive species, we were able to create a more inviting area, both for people and for other native plants and animals."

Students have similar projects every quarter that connects what they're learning to how they can make a difference in the Chesapeake Bay region. In the first quarter, students studied earth space science and chemistry, and

they focused on air quality. In the second quarter while learning about pollution and how it affects the bay, students learned about how different types of runoff have different impacts on living organisms in the bay. Finally, in the fourth quarter, students will create solar panel cars to learn about reducing emissions.

"The special thing about this project was helping our environment," Sam said. "By getting rid of invasive species in Tick Neck Park, we were able to help make the area better for the native plants and animals."

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Northeast High School Observes Healthy Anne Arundel Month



After an early dismissal on April 8, Northeast High School staff reported to the Black Box in 15-minute intervals for seated massages.

The initiative is part of Healthy Anne Arundel Month, which is marked every April.

"You're stressed out because you're trying to get everything finished before the end of the school year," said NHS secretary Suzanne Sudo. "I think this is really important this time of year to keep in mind that you have to take care of yourself; otherwise, you can't take care of anyone else."

NHS is part of the Health and Wellness School of Distinction, according to NHS Signature Program Facilitator Brandi Dorsey, who coordinates Healthy Anne Arundel at the school.

"We are supposed to provide activities and opportunities for students, staff and community members to learn about health and wellness," Dorsey said. "One of the things I like to do in April is put together an action calendar to make us think about different ways we can be healthy."

This includes making a calendar of activities for the school staff: seated massages, a lesson on making healthy smoothies, yoga and more. The programs are run through NHS' insurance provider, CareFirst, which gives back to benefit employee wellness.

"This time of year, we always say 'take care of each other,'" Dorsey said. "It's the push to get to summer break. It is super important that we are being active."

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ORAL HEALTH CARE DURING PREGNANCY

The American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists has issued statements advising patients to see a dentist during pregnancy. The ACOG confirmed that teeth cleanings, local anesthesia and X-rays (with protective apron shielding of the abdomen and thyroid) are safe for pregnant women. The American Dental Association agrees that oral health care during pregnancy is safe and needed.

A woman's health care needs change throughout her life. Different concerns exist during puberty, menstruation, pregnancy, menopause and post-menopause.

Q: Why is dental care important if I'm planning to have a baby or if I'm pregnant?

A: If a mother has active decay in her mouth, it increases the chances of her baby having tooth decay. Her mouth bacteria can be passed to her children. Pregnancy can cause gum problems and tooth erosion. Up to three out of four

pregnant women have gingivitis due to hormonal changes.

Q: What are periodontitis and periodontal disease?

A: Periodontal disease is an infection of the tissues that surround teeth. It is caused by the accumulation of bacteria (long-term plaque). It's progressive, causing the structures that support teeth to break down (gums, jaw bone and attachment to the roots). As gums are damaged, pockets develop around the teeth. Untreated, more gum is destroyed and infection spreads down the roots to infect bone. Even healthy teeth become loose, fall out or need to be extracted. Periodontitis is the primary cause of adults losing their teeth.

Gingivitis is the milder and reversible form of periodontal disease, with no bone loss, yet.

Untreated gingivitis can progress to chronic periodontitis. Oral infections need to be treated during pregnancy.

Q: What is tooth enamel erosion?

A: Acid erosion begins with enamel demineralization, dissolving of the outer enamel surface of the tooth. Enamel is the hardest surface in the human body.

Frequent vomiting can cause enamel demineralization from direct exposure to stomach acid. Rinse your mouth after vomiting, but don't brush for about half an hour. Allow the enamel to remineralize and be less soft.

Early demineralization can be reversed with dental office and home application of prescription fluoride and calcium phosphate gels and varnishes.

Q: How do I take care of my teeth and gums when I find out I'm pregnant?

A: You need to do three things: Make an appointment with your dentist if it's been six months or when you are due for an examination and professional cleaning. Tooth decay and periodontal disease can be treated.

Step up your home brushing and flossing regimen. Use preventative products (fluoride rinses, gels, etc.) to prevent the onset of tooth decay.

Drink at least 8 ounces of fluoridated tap water a day. This gives the babies forming teeth cavity preventing fluoride.

Oral health care is a part of your overall wellbeing and should be maintained before, during and after pregnancy and throughout a woman's lifetime.

Work By Local Artist Brights Atmosphere At Breast Imaging Center

To brighten up the atmosphere at breast imaging center Bay Radiology in Severna Park, owner Dr. Laura Amodei sought work by local artists. Among those who contributed work was Pasadena's own Laura Laird, whose prints are displayed in the mammogram room. Laird creates magazine collages often inspired by nature. They are cheerful pieces, purposely placed in the space to provide comfort or inspire conversation. "Patients have enjoyed the art," Amodei said. "We're trying to choose soothing pieces."



How To Prevent Lyme Disease In Your Dog

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April is Prevent Lyme in Dogs Month. Lyme disease is caused by *Borrelia burgdorferi*, a bacterium transmitted by the bite of infected deer ticks. It is the most commonly reported vector-borne disease among Americans, and is a serious health concern for dogs, especially here in the Mid-Atlantic.

Thankfully, not all pets that test positive become actively infected, but the ones that do can become severely ill with some or all of the follow-

ing symptoms:

- Fever
- Loss of appetite
- Lameness
- Joint swelling
- Decreased activity
- Kidney disease and failure

Ticks can also carry other diseases such as anaplasmosis, ehrlichiosis or Rocky Mountain spotted fever, so the best offense is a good defense aimed at preventing the tick bites that cause the disease in the first place.

To help prevent Lyme disease, people with pets should:

- Use reliable tick preventive products. Speak with your veterinarian about what tick preventive product is right for your

"Many over-the-counter products do not cover all species of ticks, so talking to your veterinarian about what's best for your pet is essential."

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- Protect against Lyme disease by using a safe and effective yearly vaccine. This can help prevent contracting the disease, or lessen

symptoms if exposed. In addition to preventing your dog from contracting Lyme disease, a vaccine can kill the Lyme-causing bacteria within the tick, which means that tick cannot transmit Lyme disease to you or members of your household. This Lyme vaccine also has a guarantee from the manufacturer that will pay for treatment of Lyme disease if your pet contracts it while following the appropriate vaccine schedule.

- When possible, avoid areas where ticks might be found. These include tall grasses, marshes and wooded areas.
- Once indoors, check for

ticks on both yourself and your animals.

Call Calvert Veterinary Center to discuss tick bite prevention that best suits your individual pet and lifestyle. To keep your pet free of these tick-borne diseases, Calvert Vet is offering one free dose with purchase of six months of flea and tick preventative, or two free doses with purchase of 12 months of flea and tick prevention for the month of April. Calvert Veterinary Center has been serving Pasadena and surrounding communities for 15 years. The office is conveniently located at 4100 Mountain Road in Pasadena. Call 410-360-7297 or visit www.calvertvet.com to schedule an appointment.

UM BWMC May Calendar

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**MONDAY, MAY 6
6:00-8:00pm: Opioid Overdose Response Program.** Free classes help the community learn the signs and symptoms of an opiate overdose along with how to safely administer naloxone (Narcan), the FDA-approved emergency treatment nasal spray, and family and friends CPR

to provide aid in sudden cardiac arrest. Preregistration is required as space is limited. For more information or to register, call 410-787-4490. This class also meets Monday, May 13, from 6:00pm to 8:00pm and Saturday, May 18, from 10:00am to 2:00pm. (BW Health Services, 7556 Teague Road, Suite 440, in Hanover).

**WEDNESDAY, MAY 8
8:30am-noon: Free Blood Pressure Screenings** at Harundale Presbyterian Church. No registration needed. (Eastway and Guilford Road, Glen Burnie).

Noon-1:00pm: Self Care — The Key to Living Well. UM BWMC primary care physician Dr. Jana Davis will discuss the benefits of having a primary care physician and tips to manage certain health conditions. Free blood pressure screenings

and light lunch provided. Registration is required by calling 410-553-8103. (Glen Burnie Regional Library, 1010 Eastway, Glen Burnie, MD 21060).

2:00 to 3:00pm: Lactation Support Group. Open to all breastfeeding mothers and their children. No registration needed. For more information, call 410-595-1782. (301 Hospital Drive, 3 South classroom).

6:30-8:00pm: Mental Health Support Group. Community members and families discuss helpful information on psychiatric issues. No registration needed. For more information, call 410-553-8070. (Room A of the Partial Hospitalization Program or PHP, 301 Hospital Drive, second floor).

**THURSDAY, MAY 9
1:30-2:30pm: Preventing Diabetes Class.** A diabetes educator

discusses factors leading to diabetes and lifestyle changes to prevent diabetes and improve overall health. To register for this free class or for more information, call 410-787-4940. (Center for Diabetes and Endocrinology at UM BWMC, 300 Hospital Drive, Suite 223).

**TUESDAY, MAY 14
6:00-7:30pm: Stroke Support Group.** Survivors, caregivers and community members meet to discuss stroke recovery and prevention. For more information, call 410-787-4732. (Dr. Constantine Padussis Conference Center, 301 Hospital Drive, third floor).

**WEDNESDAY, MAY 15
5:30-6:30pm: Diabetes Support Group.** Diabetes support group meets to discuss current issues regarding diabetes management (Center for Diabetes

and Endocrinology at UM BWMC, 300 Hospital Drive, Suite 223). Reservations are not requested. For more information, call 410-787-4940.

**THURSDAY, MAY 16
UM BWMC offers a free CPR Anytime community class at 301 Hospital Drive in the Dr. Constantine Padussis Conference Center, 301 Hospital Drive, third floor. Learn basic CPR, AED skills and choking relief. Adult skills class is offered at 5:30pm, followed by infant skills at 7:00pm. Preregistration is requested by calling 410-553-8103. The course does not provide CPR certification.**

**TUESDAY, MAY 21
6:30-7:30pm: Parkinson's Support Group.** Open to patients with Parkinson's disease, their caregivers, family mem-

bers, friends and anyone interested in learning more about the disease. Discussions include managing symptoms, maintaining an active and high-quality life, and sharing experiences and support. Preregistration is not required. Call 410-787-4433. (Dr. Constantine Padussis Conference Center, 301 Hospital Drive, third floor).

**WEDNESDAY, MAY 22
8:30am-noon: Free Blood Pressure Screenings.** Harundale Presbyterian Church. No registration needed. (Eastway and Guilford Road, Glen Burnie).

2:30-3:00pm: Lactation Support Group. Open to all breastfeeding mothers and their children. No registration needed. For more information, call 410-595-1782. (301 Hospital Drive, 3 South classroom).

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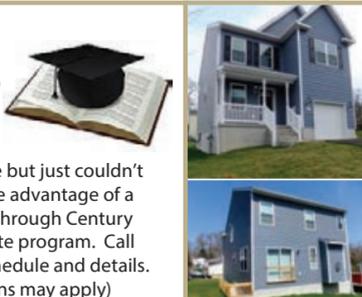
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