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Ravens Groups Soar Into The Season With Optimism



Roost 75 members are still euphoric after bringing home three trophies at the annual convention held by the Council of Ravens Roosts in Ocean City.

By Zach Sparks
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The Baltimore Ravens are sporting a new look this year with Lamar Jackson in his first full year as quarterback, along with Marquise “Hollywood” Brown at wide receiver, Mark Ingram at running back, and safety Earl Thomas roaming around in the secondary. Those changes create a buzz around the team, and that signals good news for Ravens Nests and Ravens Roosts around Pasadena. Football fans and philanthropists, the groups

do their best charity work when fans are invested in the team. “We love helping people, we love interacting with other Roosts, we love being there for each other in good times and bad,” said Tracey Despeaux, who started Ravens Roost 65 with her husband, Darryl, in 2001. “It’s a great bunch of people who are making a difference, a little love at a time.”
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Ravens Nest has 60 adult members, but some bring their families, so people involved in the >> Continued on A6

Haulin N Ballin Crews Make Pasadena Proud



In the span of a month, the Haulin N Ballin boat owned by Pasadena resident Aaron Jezierski was involved in three astonishing wins: a first-place 465.5-pound blue marlin in the White Marlin Open, a state-record 74.5-pound marlin in the Poor Girls tournament and a first-place 630-pound blue marlin in the MidAtlantic Tournament, all in Ocean City.

These contests not only resulted in big paydays for the anglers, but they benefited charity. The White Marlin Open participants donated the meat to the Maryland Food Bank. Poor Girls competitors give their support to the American Cancer Society through entry fees, T-shirt sales and silent auctions.
Read about each individual catch on page A8.



Pasadena Pegged As Potential Bridge Site

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When the Maryland Transportation Authority (MDTA) announced in late August that one of three potential sites for a new Chesapeake Bay bridge crossing runs between Pasadena, Rock Hall (Kent County) and Centreville (Queen Anne’s County),

Pasadena’s state delegation quickly denounced the plan. “I find the proposed new Bay Bridge span between Pasadena and Rock Hall/Centreville to be preposterous,” said Delegate Brian Chisholm. “The proposal suggests using Mountain Road all the way down to Gibson Island, which is already engulfed with traffic congestion. The inescapable increased traffic and

congestion would cause major delays and unacceptable dangers to residents, drivers, pedestrians and businesses on Mountain Road and all the surrounding arteries.” As part of an ongoing study, MDTA determined that only four corridors met both the need for traffic relief and the guidelines established by the National Environmental Policy Act. The

other corridors are between Crofton and Easton, and the existing Bay Bridge corridor between Crofton and Queenstown. A no-build alternative >> Continued on A4

Go to page A11 to read Delegate Nic Kipke’s opinion piece on the new bridge crossing.

Riviera Beach Appreciation Day Will Be Remembered For Special Moments

By Zach Sparks
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When Riviera Beach residents heard the blare of sirens of the morning of September 14, they had every reason to be confused. The scheduled Riviera Beach Memorial Appreciation Day parade had not yet started. The firetrucks had not yet made their way down Arundel Road. First responders were being called to help the victim of a possible drowning. The woman was OK, but the incident underscored the purpose of the day’s event: celebrating the importance of first responders and military members who serve selflessly. Event organizer Michael Vaccarino said the appreciation day, which started five years ago, has sparked more awareness about the people who keep Pasadena neighborhoods safe. “It’s grown, not necessarily in size, but in the way that more local people are getting reached,” Vaccarino said of the event. “This year, we were lucky that we have a state police officer who lives in the neighborhood who’s coming here. The crossing guard table, one of the ladies lives in our neighborhood.” The event officially got underway as the Northeast Marine Corps Junior ROTC program marched across a field. The Riviera Beach >> Continued on A7



Left: Charlie Harrison (left) presented Nick Curran with an American flag for being one of four people who saved Harrison’s life when he had a heart attack in February 2019.

Remember When? Guess This Landmark

Take a look around Pasadena and you might not notice any monumental changes, but longtime residents may remember a different way of life. In the 1940s and 1950s, James Brown sang for families who brought their children to ride the Ferris wheel at Beachwood Park. From 1954 to 1978, Pasadena had a drive-in movie theater, and a cinema occupied Jumpers Hole Road from 1974 to 2005. Over the years, the peninsula grew, reaching a total of 12 public schools, four fire companies, and many local businesses and civic groups that are entrenched in the community. Join us in a walk down memory lane. Even if you



weren’t born during the years when some of these photos were snapped, chances are that you can still spot these local landmarks. Last month, we featured Kurtz’s Pleasure, opened as a bathing beach by brothers

Sam and Gustav Kurtz in 1933. For just a quarter a day for adults and a nickel for children, families enjoyed parking, swimming, and use of the 750 picnic tables that dotted fields and shady locust tree groves. Shortly

after opening the beach, the Kurtz family erected picnic pavilions and a bathhouse for guests to enjoy. With more children swimming in pools and with families taking long-distance vacations, John Mason and his cousin Bonnie Kurtz reinvented the beach as a catering and event-hosting business in 1990. This month, there is no guessing game to win because the location name is in the photo. The pictured shop is Pastore’s Italian Deli, which opened in 1966 under the leadership of Les and Marge Rizzo. For more than 40 years, the deli stood at the corner of Mountain and Hog Neck roads, providing great food and personal service.

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Margueritte Mills
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Pasadena Dad Backs
Gold In Fight

By Zach Sparks

Some families are torn apart when a loved one is stricken by cancer. Bryan Gatewood said his daughter's cancer, as awful as it was, brought his family closer.

Gatewood is now the vice president of Gold In Fight, a non-profit that hosted its third birthday bash fundraiser on September 8 in Baltimore to help families knock out childhood cancer. His personal journey goes back to 2010 when his then 13-year-old daughter, Kate, was experiencing odd symptoms.

"She was sick, nauseous, tired," Gatewood said. "My wife and I took her to the doctor and the doctor thought she had the flu."

Weeks later, after having blood tests, X-rays and a host of other tests, Kate was diagnosed with acute myeloid leukemia.

"It's an aggressive form that requires aggressive treatment," Gatewood said.

Gatewood got the news from his wife, Glenda, while he was attending combat skills training at Fort Dix in New Jersey.

"I was about to deploy to Afghanistan for six months," he said. "... My command got my order cancelled."

The family had just moved to Tampa 11 months prior to the diagnosis. A first round of chemotherapy took 10 days, followed by a recovery period and an eight-day round of chemo. St. Joseph's Children's Hospital became like a second home.

"We pretty much lived in



Green Haven resident Bryan Gatewood (right) received his Volunteer of the Month award from Voice Editor Zach Sparks.

the hospital for six months straight," Gatewood said.

He was serving as an instructor at the Defense Information School in Fort Meade while his daughter finished her last year of high school in Florida. That's when his story was shared with Mike Griffith, who was serving a nonprofit that collected food donations from restaurants and brought them to The Johns Hopkins Hospital in Baltimore.

The military members had no experience in the nonprofit sector, but they started Gold In Fight in 2016 with Griffith as president and Gatewood as vice president.

Asked about the name, Gatewood said, "Gold is the color used for childhood cancer. We're in their corner. There are rounds of cancer, like boxing. We call the kids gold fighters because they are fighting for their lives."

About 2.4% of money raised during fundraisers went to administrative costs last year and the rest went to the families.

"Research is great, but these people need assistance now," Gatewood said. "We started by paying small bills.

We help the families of childhood cancer patients with car payments or utilities or whatever they need. We help with funeral costs, heaven forbid, if something happens."

Gold In Fight helps families in Maryland and Washington, D.C., as well as members of the military. The nonprofit just celebrated its third birthday.

Each year, the volunteers have produced a themed calendar filled with photos of the gold fighters. There are currently 30-40 gold fighters, Gatewood said.

Other fundraisers will be held at the Kendra Scott store in Washington D.C. on September 22, and the Texas Roadhouse in Dundalk on September 24. A Gold In Fight Halloween party is set for October 25 at Sidelines Sports Bar & Grill in Glen Burnie.

"We're trying to have a relationship with the family as well," Gatewood said. "We feel that's what makes it a different foundation. We care about those families. We went to 10 funerals last year. Only one was a teenager, so these were all young kids."

As for Kate, she is now 23 and cancer-free.

To learn more about Gold In Fight and volunteer opportunities, find the organization on Facebook or visit www.goldinfight.org.

"We want to be as big or even bigger than St. Jude," Gatewood said. "It's a big goal and it's going to take many, many years, but I'd like us to get there."

Editor's Voice

Zach Sparks
Editor



I still remember the first handful of assignments I covered for the *Pasadena Voice* six years ago. Northeast softball rallied from a 4-1 deficit to earn a 5-4 extra-innings victory over Severna Park to win the 2013 Anne Arundel County championship. The Pasadena Business Association geared up for its annual school supply drive in July of that year. And 76-year-old Janet Herpel was told to "come on down" minutes before winning a set of appliances valued at more than \$10,000 on "The Price Is Right."

Those three stories embodied everything I love about Pasadena and showcased the *Voice's* mission of bringing positive news to the community — supporting our local sports teams, businesses and civic groups, and the individuals who make the area so great.

I got into this business to share stories like those, and I'm touching on this subject now because I have just stepped into the role of editor, taking over for my close friend and mentor Dylan Roche. With the knowledge I have gained from Dylan, and with the support of *Voice* publishers Dianna and Lonnie Lancione, I am more prepared than ever to bring you the news that's important to people here. Helping me in that effort is our talented assistant editor, Chris Fincham. Please

join me in welcoming him to the team.

Open the pages of the September edition and you will find stories that reflect our mission of uniting the community. Page A1 features stories on beloved Pasadena events like the Lake Shore-Severna Park Rotary's Family Fun Day and the Riviera Beach Memorial Project's annual parade and flag ceremony. On page B7, we have the scoop on John Yore, the new principal at Chesapeake High School. Learn how he plans to foster the growth of students, not just intellectually but also mentally and emotionally.

We also have stories celebrating the unique feats of people around town. Northeast High student Jeremy Brosseau went to the Bonneville Salt Flats in Utah for Speed Week page A7. Kristy Frashure and Craig Dickerson caught humongous fish, not just for themselves but also for charity page A8. The team at Frank & Bill's Auto Collision Center, along with other business partners, restored a Maryland Book Bank van that was vandalized page A4. Also, don't forget to check out the calendar of events for details on the Riviera Beach Volunteer Fire Company's fall carnival and other upcoming functions.

I look forward to making the future as enjoyable as the last six years have been for me at the *Voice*. If we can do anything to share the news that's important to you, send me an email at zach@pasadenavoice.com.

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Pasadena Businesses Restore Book Bank Van



Top: A freshly-painted and refurbished van sits in front of Pasadena's Frank & Bill's Auto Collision Center.

Bottom: In late July, the Maryland Book Bank van was stolen from a warehouse and was significantly damaged before being returned August 2.



By Chris Fincham

The Maryland Book Bank van picks up thousands of book donations each week from homes, schools and libraries all over the Baltimore area.

In late July, the van was stolen from the book bank warehouse and was significantly damaged before being returned August 2. The back window was destroyed, and spray paint covered most of the exterior. The vandals had also glued pages from books onto the vehicle.

The Maryland Book Bank reached out to LKQ Pick Your Part in Baltimore for help restoring the vehicle, and that's where Pasadena's Frank & Bill's Auto Collision Center got involved, according to owner Frank Loane.

"LKQ is the company that we buy our paint materials from as well as aftermarket and used parts," explained Loane. "They called and just said, 'Hey we've got this project we just took on, this Maryland Book Bank van. We would like to restore it for them; would you be willing to help out?' I had no idea what had taken place, but obviously I told them, 'Yeah, we'd love to do it.'"

All of the materials and parts were supplied by LKQ, and the team at Frank & Bill's took the lead on repairing and restoring the damage.

"Body damage, paint, glue, tape," Loane said. "Who does that?"

Once his team got involved, they began reaching out to trusted vendors and

companies that do quality work in the area. Bay Area Tire & Service donated new tires and alignment for the van; Fleet Service Inc. completed mechanical work; and Baltimore Graphics Co. designed and installed new graphics.

While the van hasn't been driving to collect books, the team at Frank & Bill's wasn't going to let that hinder the van's mission. Throughout the restoration process, they coordinated with others in Pasadena to ensure they will deliver the van refurbished and filled with books after collecting what he estimates to be about 1,000 or more books.

"We've actually had a huge response with books," Loane said. "People saw what we were doing on Facebook and decided to just bring in books. The Riviera Beach Library actually reached out too, and we've already gone over and gotten about a hundred books from them."

Active members of the Pasadena community for nearly two decades, the Frank & Bill's staff regularly partners with schools, events, boosters and other organizations to remain involved in the area.

"Sometimes you really get to help people and that's rewarding," said Loane. "We do jump at opportunities when we get the chance, and we actually have another vehicle coming in next week — a nonprofit called Hope For All — and we'll fix them up too."

For more information on the Maryland Book Bank, visit www.mdbookbank.org.



Potential Bridge Site



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is also being considered.

The study also looked at other transportation methods including ferry service, bus rapid transit and rail transit.

Governor Larry Hogan stated that the only solution he would accept is a third span near the other two crossings. Delegate Nic Kipke said Hogan is maintaining that stance privately. "I've spoken with the governor and the executive director of MDTA to express my opposition to this plan," Kipke said. "They both agree with me that this plan would devastate our community and they've pledged to ensure a new bridge only go at the existing location at Route 50."

A study conducted in 2015 showed that without additional capacity by 2040, daily queues in the eastbound direction during summer months could extend up to 13 miles. Daily westbound queues could extend three miles and Sunday queues could extend up to 14 miles.

According to the MDTA, the current location would best reduce backups at the existing Bay Bridge, provide the greatest reduction in the duration of unacceptable congestion levels, and is more compatible with existing land-use patterns.

Residents of Rock Hall and Centreville don't want the crossing either, according to anonymous messages MDTA has shared as part of its public comments gathered in July.

One person wrote, "I am against any bay crossing af-

fecting pristine Kent County. Please do not consider this as an acceptable location to commercialize. The beauty of Kent County is its farmland and quiet way of life. Please do not spoil it for concrete and automobile pollution."

Another wrote, "Kent and Queen Anne's counties are beautiful places full of historic, cultural and agricultural landscapes. Creating a quick route from Baltimore to this remote area of the shore would transform a quiet rural area into another bedroom community within commuting distance of Baltimore. We don't want to see our gorgeous landscape and quiet small towns transformed into just another area of suburban sprawl."

The MDTA study will be completed in 2021. In the meantime, Anne Arundel County residents can voice their opinions by attending one of several open houses. The closest is at Anne Arundel Community College on October 2 from 6:00pm to 8:00pm. To see the full list, visit www.baycrossingstudy.com.

Pasadena legislators encourage their constituents to attend. Kipke has also created a petition online at www.kipke.com/baycrossing.

Chisholm hopes enough people voice their opposition to a plan that could change the character of Pasadena.

"I would be diametrically opposed to the taking of private property from any Pasadena residents by the state of Maryland to expand the roadways for this proposed new Bay Bridge route if necessary," Chisholm said.

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People commonly “break bread” to share ideas while dining together, but during the fall in Pasadena, the experience is shared through another activity: picking crabs. The community will again gather for the Pasadena Business Association’s annual crab feast on September 25 from 6:00pm to 10:00pm at Kurtz’s Beach (2070 Kurtz Avenue).

The menu will include crabs, crab soup, fried chicken, sausage, baked pasta, baked pineapple, hot dogs, vegetables, green beans, fruit, rolls, salads, draft beer, soda, coffee and iced tea. A cash bar will offer wine, canned and bottled products, and mixed drinks.

Tickets are \$65 for adults, \$50 for children ages 6 to 10, and free for kids 5 and under. To place an order, or to find more information, visit www.pasadenabusinessassociation.com.

Riviera Beach Library To Hold Farewell Event



By Chris Fincham

Celebrate 48 years of the Riviera Beach Library with activities and cake during the branch’s farewell open house event on September 28 from 2:00pm-4:00pm.

The community is invited to share memories, and take a sneak peek at the future building.

“We’ll have several things going on,” said Dan Ramirez, the library’s branch manager. “A historic timeline will be available along with some old photographs of the branch. We’ll have a look backward, but also a look forward. We’ll be showcasing some of the new design - internal and external design photographs.”

The new facility is one of two major projects for libraries in Anne Arundel County, according to Skip Auld, the county public library chief executive officer.

“The new building will replace the nearly 50-year-old current facility and provide double the amount of space for customers and for the community at 20,000 square feet,” Auld explained in the latest edition of Anne Arundel County Public Library’s quarterly magazine, Library Happenings! “The modern library, prominently placed on the corner of Fort Smallwood Road and Duvall Highway, will offer an expanded children’s area, a large public meeting room, four individual study rooms,



a teen area, cafe and prominent outdoor views.”

The new facility will reside at the same location but occupy a different and much larger footprint.

“The forecast of the new building is to be almost twice the size of our current location,” said Ramirez. “We’ll still be on the same property, but the length and breadth of the building will be closer to Fort Smallwood Road.”

Ramirez expects to close the doors to the current facility by early next year, with construction slated to begin in winter 2020 and continue through summer 2021. His team will continue to serve the community throughout the process, with a temporary library loca-

tion that is being secured to serve customers during the branch’s closure.

“We are downsizing our collection of items because, generally speaking, with a temporary facility, you’re just not going to have as much space,” Ramirez said. “We intend to have a core group of materials available at the facility and the aspiration is to have electronic and technological capabilities.”

When the current building was built in the 1970s, no architect could have envisioned Wi-Fi and all of the technological devices that people would use. The new library features many elements that aim to directly answer community needs including meeting rooms,

individual study rooms, and a space designated for children’s programs.

“It will be a well-lit, easily accessible facility,” said Ramirez. “You’ll be able to easily see this beacon of cultural enrichment and education and always be invited to come in.”

For more information on the new Riviera Beach Library, email newriv@aacpl.net or visit www.aacpl.net/newriviera.

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Ravens Roosts And Ravens Nests Soar Into The Season

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group range from age 5 to 70. Their 2019 schedule includes a Halloween dance, mini golf fundraiser, cook-outs and more.

“Being a part of Ravens Nest 18 provides us an opportunity to become active members of our community and has a lasting, positive impact on the community as a whole,” said Nichole Bentz, chairwoman of Nest 18. “Most of Ravens Nest 18 can say they are proud to be born and raised right here in Pasadena.”

The group meets monthly August through June around the Pasadena area for meetings, fundraising events, games or other community events. Meetings and events are open to the

public, so people can join by attending an event. To learn more, email 18ravensnest@gmail.com.

“A lot has changed over the years, but one thing will always remain the same in Pasadena, and that is community togetherness,” Bentz said. “If we as a group continue to show support and compassion for our family, friends and community, we can only hope that the love and support for community togetherness will be passed down for generations to come to make Pasadena one of the greatest places to live.”

RAVENS NEST 10

“It’s a good group of people who are interested in football and charity work,” said Dave Milam, who is serving



About 200 people were in attendance when Ravens Nest 18 held Pirate Putts on the Bodkin Creek in August. The fundraising event goes toward a scholarship fund.

as Nest 10 president for the fourth time since it was founded in 2002. “It’s a great thing. We have probably averaged \$20,000 a year for almost 20 years.”

Each year, the Nest picks five charities to support. For the upcoming season, those charities are Anne Arundel County Special Olympics, the SPCA of Anne Arundel County, Maryland Patriot Guard, Hero Dogs, and Hope For All.

After congregating at Bill Bateman’s Bistro in Severna Park for the last several years, Ravens Nest 10 will now meet at the Greene Turtle in Pasadena on the third Wednesday of every month at 7:30pm.

The group is around 44 members. Anyone interested in joining can fill out a membership application at www.ravensnest10.com.

RAVENS ROOST 65

Formed in 2001, Roost 65 has long been an advocate for Maryland Special Olympics, Kami’s Jammies, London’s Legacy and other nonprofits. This year, the group will make blankets and collect toiletries for Kami’s Jammies, hold a game night and more.

Roost 65 member Karen Stiltner started London’s Legacy after experiencing two unthinkable tragedies: losing her 2-month-old granddaughter, London Brielle, in 2016 and then Stiltner’s daughter, Amy, dying one year later. The group collects small toiletries for parents and grandparents who suddenly find themselves at the hospital with no comb, brush, toothbrush or deodorant.

Tracey Despeaux said supporting large charities is great, but sometimes, helping the smaller ones provides a feeling words cannot express.

“One of the most memorable moments for me was around Thanksgiving,” she said. “We were provided the name and address for an elderly person, living alone, who needed help with food. I remember her face clearly when she answered the door, the look of relief when she saw the bags of groceries. The thankfulness in her eyes as she teared up asking, ‘Is this all for me?’ I will never forget that moment, and [it] provides inspiration and motivation to keep the Roost moving forward.”

Roost 65 consists of 85 members who meet on the

third Monday of each month at 7:30pm at Beefalo Bob’s. Prospective members are invited to attend a meeting to see if they are interested in joining.

RAVENS ROOST 75

While the Ravens are fresh off victories over the Miami Dolphins and Arizona Cardinals, Ravens Roost 75 members are still euphoric after bringing home three trophies at the annual convention held by the Council of Ravens Roosts in Ocean City: second place in the crazy hat parade, first place in the mini golf tournament and first place in the Best of Theme float for the parade.

Now, they have their attention turned to charity. Roost 75 is working on its second ticket raffle for October. Tickets are \$5. The group also plans to hold a trivia night and organize a Toys for Tots collection prior to Christmas.

Now around 50 members, Roost 75 congregates at the Brass Rail Pub on the first Tuesday of every month at 7:30pm. The Roost is always accepting new members. To join, attend a meeting or email coachkeith9@gmail.com.

“We are super excited for the Ravens season and the new-look offense,” said Roost 75 president Keith Wiedenhoef. “If Week 1 is any indication, this could be a very exciting season.”

READY FOR THE SEASON

Darryl Despeaux predicts the Ravens are going 12-4. Although that wouldn’t be much of a surprise after their hot start, his other prediction is bold. “One other huge predic-

tion will be the Ravens playing the Broncos in a playoff game, Lamar Jackson vs. Joe Flacco,” he said. “You couldn’t write a better story than that one, with a storybook ending that I can’t predict.”

Bentz is cautiously optimistic, saying, “We love to get together and watch the games, and hope that every year we would make it to Super Bowl. We are still a new team and hope our new quarterback will help take us there.”

UPCOMING EVENTS

NEST 18

Sept. 22: The group will meet at noon at Cheshire Crab for a meeting and to watch the game. A buffet will cost \$15 per person. This is open to the public, but RSVPs are requested.

Oct 26: Halloween Dance at Long Point Hall. 7:00pm. This will be a fundraiser to provide holiday (Thanksgiving and Christmas) meals to families in need.

Nov 17: Noon meeting at Ventnor Marina followed by a cookout-style event with cornhole and Ravens game day.

Jan 26: Kids-style fundraising event at an indoor mini golf center at 10:00am. The fundraiser beneficiary will be chosen by the kids in attendance just before the event is held.

ROOST 65

Sept 13: Blanket making and collection of personal-sized toiletries for London’s Legacy from 6:00pm-9:00pm at Beefalo Bob’s on Fort Smallwood Road.

Oct 25: Game Night at 7:00pm. \$5 per person. Proceeds will benefit Roost 65 charities.

Calendar

SEPTEMBER

SEPT 18: Dr. James Lochner, an astrophysicist, gives a presentation at Chesapeake High. RSVP by calling Geri Cvetic at 410-255-9600, ext. 244.

SEPT 25: PBA crab feast from 6:00pm to 10:00pm at Kurtz’s Beach. Info: www.pasadenabusinessassociation.com.

SEPT 28: Riviera Beach Library farewell from 2:00pm-4:00pm. Info: newriv@aapl.net.

OCTOBER

OCT 1: The Breastfeeding Den’s

Infant Feeding Support group meets the first, third Tuesday of each month from 10:00am-11am at Heartlove Photography. Info: www.bfdn.com.

OCT 2-5: Riviera Beach VFC fall carnival from 6:00-11:00pm Wednesday and Thursday, and 5:00pm-midnight Friday and Saturday. Info: 410-693-0020.

OCT 5: Orchard Beach community yard sale at 1000 Hilltop Road beginning at 7:00am. Info: lrileyobia@gmail.com.

OCT 5: Community United Methodist Church pit beef and oyster dinner from 3:00pm-6:00pm. Info: 410-255-1506.

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Riviera Beach Appreciation

» **Continued from A1**
Volunteer Fire Company was not far behind, hoisting an American flag high in the air for everyone to see.

After the singing of the national anthem, the Pledge of Allegiance, and a prayer, Delegate Nic Kipke gave opening remarks. Lieutenant Fred Crosse, representing the Anne Arundel County Eastern District Police Station, talked about the great community members who make the area safer. Then Kipke welcomed Charlie Harrison to the podium. Harrison suffered a heart attack on February 5, 2019. Four people came to his rescue, administering CPR until paramedics arrived. One of those good civilians, Andy Turner, watched from the crowd as Harrison spoke.

"If it wasn't for four people that took the time to see someone that was distressed like I was, to come over and render assistance to me," Harrison said. "I will always be thankful and grateful for their help. How can you really say something to somebody that saved your life, other than thank you?"

The ceremony closed with Kipke handing a memorial brick to Jacob Wilson, who lost his sister, 2008 Northeast High graduate Brittany Michelle Plumer, in May 2018 when she was in a fatal car accident on the Eastern Shore. The Riviera Beach memorial site has a black headstone and a pathway full of bricks to honor those who served.

About 10 minutes after the speeches ended and the crowd shifted to the food line, Harrison spotted the guest he had been looking for all along. Nick Curran, the off-duty lieutenant for the Riviera Beach Volunteer Fire Company who gave CPR to Harrison in February, strode across the field. The men shook hands, and Harrison presented Cur-

ran with an American flag and a card.
"How do you repay someone who saved your life? Not with this," Harrison joked as he handed Curran the card.

It was an emotional moment in a ceremony full of them. Steven Seay became rheumy-eyed when speaking about his father, a Marine who died in 2002. Seay brings his Jeep to various events honoring military members and first responders. On the back, the Jeep is bedecked with teddy bears to represent kids killed due to war and terrorist acts, a helmet to represent the "regular man who went off to war and never came back," and a "remember" sign to honor members of the military and first responders.

"This is not about me," Seay said. "It's about the people who have served and sacrificed. It's to make people stop and remember them."

Several veterans were also in attendance. Paul Woods served in the Navy from 1961 to 1964. He lauded his service for giving him the opportunity to explore the world. Riviera Beach Memorial Appreciation Day was another reminder of that experience.

"Our daughter lives here and we wanted to come out and enjoy all the festivities and relive some of the history," said Woods, who has a granddaughter in the Northeast Marine Corps Junior ROTC program.

The day will certainly stick with Harrison and with Vaccarino, who helped bring Harrison and Curran to the ceremony to meet.

"Some people, they see somebody that's in trouble and don't take the time to do anything about it," Harrison said, "but there are still good people out there that will stop and give a helping hand when somebody needs it."

By Sharon Mager

Pasadena resident Chip Brosseau has a unique getaway every August — he heads to Utah for Speed Week at the Bonneville Salt Flats, working with the record-breaking Team Vesco. Chip has flown to Utah each summer since 2010 except for two years that Speed Week was rained out.

"We do land-speed racing to see how fast you can go under any power," Chip explained. "Cars, motorcycles, Harley Davidson-powered skateboards, gasoline bar stools, and lawnmowers — just about anything has been run at Bonneville racing since the last turn of the century. That's because it's one of few places on earth where you have a flat surface with nothing to run into - it's just flat salt."

Four years ago, he invited his then 12-year-old son, Jeremy Brosseau. Jeremy called it "exciting" to see the different cars.

"It's crazy out there," said Jeremy, a junior at Northeast High School. "The first time I went out, this guy rolled up on a motor-powered bar stool and asked if I wanted to try it out. It was one of the coolest things!"

Jeremy assists the crew, getting tools and helping remove the body of the car. "At first, I didn't know if I wanted to go to the desert," he said. "It was going to be hot. And it was the longest flight I'd ever been on, but everything changed when I got there."

Jeremy was quickly entranced. The sand looked like snow, and he loved the rock formations. "We camp there for the first few days," he said. "At around 2:00 or 3:00, it cools down, and you can hear coyotes howling. There are also a lot of jackrabbits hop-

Father And Son Spend Summers At Bonneville Salt Flats In Utah



Chris Brosseau and his son, Jeremy (pictured), enjoy Speed Week each year at Bonneville Salt Flats.

ping around."

The trip is also a bonding opportunity for father and son. "I get to spend 10 or 11 days with my dad. I love it," Jeremy said.

Chip, the president of Kero-Del Fuel and HVAC in Pasadena, and the official fuel sponsor for Team Vesco, first visited Bonneville when his cousin, California resident Rick Kunze, invited him to Speed Week in 2008.

Kunze had always been a "gear head," said Chip. "He had an alcohol-driven drag-racing boat doing a seven-second quarter-mile race. It got to the point where they wouldn't let him go faster unless he built a capsule to protect the driver."

Instead, Kunze sold the boat and headed to Utah. There, he met with some of the Vesco racing team, and

while hanging around with the crew, Kunze was able to help deal with a fuel injection problem, suggesting a specific part that had the car up and running.

"They invited Rick to ride in the push truck," Chip recalled. "So he hops in the truck, and it takes off ... and boom, they have a record. They were ecstatic. They said, 'Want to hang out?' So, he called me all excited and said, 'Chip, you've got to come out.'"

The next year, Chip arrived and grilled lunch for the team. "I like to cook, so for the whole week, I cooked lunches for them, and they invited me back."

He returned in 2010, two years later. "On the first run of the meet, the car went down the course and blew an engine — parts all over," Chip said. "They came back to the

pits and started taking the car apart. The crew chief asked me to hand him a wrench." Chip offered his assistance.

"The next thing I know, the guy in charge says, 'You turn a good wrench. How long have you been working on race cars?' I said, 'About a week. I've never touched one before.'"

Chip was asked to come back the following month. After much deliberation, he agreed to help the rest of the season.

When Jeremy joined him, the father-son team got to work together. "Darn if he didn't turn a good wrench, too," Chip said with a laugh. "He's catching on. We look forward to it each year."

Chip said Vesco has many records broken only by their own team. They push each year to go faster. "Last year, we met the goal to be the first wheel-driven car to achieve 500 miles an hour," he said.

There are faster vehicles, such as jet engines, explained Chip. The difference is that at Bonneville, the vehicles have to stay in contact with the ground — in this case, salt.

"The heels have to make contact with the salt, produce friction and push the car in a forward direction," he said. "Thrust cars used to run at Bonneville but haven't since the '70s."

Chip said people come from around the world and there's warm camaraderie.

"Everyone works together to make it fast, safe and fun," he said.

Father and son are thankful for the experience. "Not a lot of people get to do this," Jeremy said. "It's a once-in-a-lifetime experience, and I've gotten to do it for four years, and I plan to keep going back as long as I can."

Top 5 Apps for Seniors

By Tara Frame, Esq.

For over 65 years, we have been serving the needs of the families in our community. We work with families and seniors on a daily basis to help prepare for important decisions and life events. Below is a list of some of the Apps we found most helpful in making your lives, and the seniors you love, easier and more enjoyable.

1 Life360 - This is a great all-in-one app that helps families stay connected and locate a family member too! It provides location sharing, notifications when your family comes and goes from frequented places, alerts you when someone's phone is low on battery and even has automatic crash detection feature that alerts emergency contacts and sends an ambulance to your location immediately.

2 EyeReader —EyeReader is a useful app for those times when your magnifying glass gets left behind. Hold your iPhone over a book or magazine and the text is magnified on your phone's screen.

3 Pillboxie —Remembering to take pills can be a challenge. Recalling the dosages of a dozen or more pills at different times throughout the day can be daunting. This may be why the World Health Organization has found that only half of patients in developed countries adhere to their treatment regimens, according to imedicalapps. Here is an app that provides a visual reminder of which pills to take and when.

4 Tile —The average American spends 60 full hours each year searching for lost items, according to PR News Wire. Seniors are likely to spend even more days per year searching for misplaced keys, wallets, and other items. Tile is an app and tag that can help you keep track of small or large objects.

5 Red Panic Button —This app sends an emergency message to your contacts when you push the button on your phone. It is a great safety measure for seniors who have health complications, poor balance or forgetful.

Apps are just one way to simplify your life, family, and the seniors you love. Don't wait for a crisis to happen. Planning is an important part of ensuring that you, your family, and the seniors in your life have the most rewarding and stress-free experience possible. The attorneys at Frame & Frame focus on estate planning, probate, elder law and guardianship and have recently been recognized by the SBA as the **2019 Maryland Attorney Advocate of the Year!** Reach out today to schedule a consultation!

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Haulin N Ballin Crews Make Pasadena Proud

Local Fisherman Nets Giant Blue Marlin In Ocean City Tournament

By Judy Tacyn

"This fish came into the spread behind the boat on the right side at approximately noon," said Craig Dickerson, Haulin N Ballin crew fisherman. "It hit the plug (artificial bait) very hard. The first mate set the hook, instructed me to get in the chair, and handed off the fishing rod. This is when it becomes real. No help from the crew; no one can touch you — nothing."

"My mind is racing at this point because we had a good idea that this would be a qualifying fish," he continued. "The captain gets the boat into position to shorten the distance between the angler and the fish, and begins to back down on the fish. After an hour of this tug-of-war, we get the fish to the boat, verify it's a qualifier, boat the fish, and head toward the scales!"

Those words from the Pasadena resident relay the excitement of pulling in a tournament-winning 465.5-pound blue marlin during the 46th annual White Marlin Open in Ocean City, Maryland, in early August. The crew won more than \$962,000 for the top prize out of 404 boats entered, and donated the meat to the Maryland Food Bank.

A marlin catch must be 114 inches to qualify for the White Marlin Open, and as soon as it jumped out of the water the first time, the crew knew they had something special. Dickerson said the adrenaline rush of pulling in a giant fish is something that has to be experienced.



"It's unbelievable. It's unlike anything I've ever felt. It is also very stressful knowing that you could potentially be reeling in close to \$1 million," said Dickerson. "The boat owner asked me during the fight if I needed water or anything; my answer was, 'Please give me water and silence.' I didn't ask for quiet to be rude but to ensure I could hear the verbal instructions from the captain and mates."

The Haulin N Ballin boat pulled into the Ocean City Fishing Center five years ago with a rookie crew of "fun fishers" with little tournament or competitive fishing experience. After years of learning the boat, learning tactics and building a strong like-minded team, the crew now does well at top-tier competitions.

"The goal in sportfishing is and always has been to have a great time with our families and our friends and to show our kids things that most will never see," said Dickerson. "Most people will never see the open ocean or marine life of all kinds in their environment; have the chance to catch and release a blue marlin, white marlin, or sailfish; or to harvest a tuna or mahi-mahi and enjoy the meal it provides."

Dickerson said he and the crew are constantly trying new tactics and fishing with new people to improve their skills, but it's the friendships that the crew has built with other fisherman that really makes this sport so special.

Dickerson added that most people don't realize the beauty and satisfaction that sportfishing can bring.

"The beauty of seeing, catching, releasing and preserving these billfish for future people to enjoy is amazing," he added. "And, the satisfaction to do it with our families and friends is just awesome."

Pasadena Woman Catches State-Record Mahi-Mahi

By Megan Ruge

When Kristy Frashure and her team boarded the Haulin N Ballin on August 16, she never thought she would end her day setting a state record.

Frashure and the five women who made up her team for the Poor Girls Open fishing tournament in Ocean City boarded their boat at 4:00am and headed for open waters to begin their hunt for billfish. The journey took about four hours. The weather was nice, and though the water wasn't exactly calm, Frashure had seen worse. Eighty-five miles offshore, the women dropped lines just after 8:30am. Within the hour, they felt a bite.

The first bite was passed off to a newcomer, Jackie Davis, as part of their tradition to let the newcomer reel in the first fish. As Davis was reeling, Frashure felt the bite that would change everything.

She had been reeling in the fish for a couple of minutes when the fish jumped from the water, and the team was able to see what they had on the line, a massive mahi-mahi.

"The captain yelled, 'That's a winner,' and the mate yelled, 'Kristy, that's



a monster," Frashure said. "My main thought was, 'I cannot lose this fish.'"

It took 20 minutes to get the fish in the boat, and the team was thrilled. "We just went crazy," Frashure said.

The 74.5-pound fish had the team feeling confident that they would finally place in the competition. Though they had come close to it the year before, the team had never placed in the five years they participated.

Onshore, the team members brought the fish to the scale and were shocked when it was announced that the fish set a new unofficial record for the largest mahi-mahi caught in the state.

"I could not have gotten that fish in without all the support and the yelling and the screaming from my girls," Frashure said.

The previous record was set by Jeff Wright of Cambridge when he caught a 72.8-pound mahi-mahi

in July, beating out the 67.8-pound record set in 1985. Once officially recognized, Frashure's catch will stand as the current state record.

The Poor Girls Open fishing tournament has taken place off the coast of Ocean City for 26 years and proceeds are annually dedicated to the American Cancer Society. In addition to the tournament, there are silent auctions, 50% ticket sales, T-shirt sales and other events to support fundraising. In the last three years of the tournament, the Poor Girls Open has raised \$100,000 for the cause.

Frashure was proud to be able to participate and place in such an important event.

"I think every woman knows someone or in some way was touched by someone with breast cancer," Frashure said. "It's a great tournament for a great cause."

Chesapeake Bay Middle Angler Joins In The Fun

Thirteen-year-old Conner Jezierski gave up a trip to Disney World to stay home and fish in the MidAtlantic Tournament in Ocean City from August 19-23. His father, Aaron, paid for him to be an angler in the tournament, and both of their decisions paid off as Conner got to enjoy the team's first-place blue marlin catch aboard the

Haulin N Ballin boat. The 630-pound fish was caught in the last 30 minutes of the weeklong tournament.

Aaron Jezierski's boat was part of an unprecedented accomplishment as part of three victories between the White Marlin Open, the Poor Girls tournament and the MidAtlantic Tournament.

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Back To School Means Better Transportation For Pasadena Mom And Her Children

Just in time for the start of the school year, Vehicles for Change awarded safe vehicles to 29-year-old Pasadena mom Amanda Kahn and another single mom from Baltimore, Megan Jenkins. The parents both received their cars on August 30 at the Vehicles for Change facility in Halethorpe.

A Baltimore-based nonprofit, Vehicles for Change empowers families and individuals with financial challenges to achieve economic and personal independence through car ownership and technical training.

A vehicle is a pathway to economic and personal independence for parents, and it contributes to better school performance for children. According to a 2014 study published in the *Journal of School Effectiveness and School Improvement*, arriving to school on time can increase a child's math



Amanda Kahn received a 2004 Toyota Sienna in August thanks to Baltimore-based nonprofit Vehicles for Change.

and reading scores because they don't miss out on important instruction.

Kahn, a single mother of three children ages 9, 7 and 2 respectively, was awarded a 2004 Toyota Sienna. She lost her job two weeks

before Christmas in 2018 and her car was later repossessed, causing stress and transportation issues.

"This vehicle is a fresh start for me and my family," Kahn said. "Whoever donated this van has no idea how much of a difference this will make for us."

With her new vehicle, Kahn is excited to get to and from work at Carrabba's Italian Grill in Pasadena without having to rely on rides from friends and family members. She is also

happy to "pay it forward" to other families in need.

"I plan to do as much as I can to help others get to where they need to go because I've been there, and I understand what it's like," she said.

A customer service representative, Jenkins was awarded a 2010 Volkswagen Jetta. Vehicles for Change guarantees low-interest car loans for the families of its program, which allows them to build credit. Vehicles awarded also carry a six-month/6,000-mile warranty, and additional repairs needed within one month of receiving a vehicle are done for free at the organization's Full Circle Auto Repair & Training Center.

To donate a vehicle, make a monetary donation, or for more information about the nonprofit, visit www.vehiclesforchange.org or call 410-242-9674.

Community United Methodist Receives New Organ



By Laura McElwain Colquhoun

In August, Community United Methodist Church (CUMC) in Pasadena received a new customized Allen organ.

The gift was given by Kerry and Joyce Moyer from the estate of Joyce's brother, Ivan Spahr of Pennsylvania, who recently passed away.

Spahr, a lifelong organist, desired for his estate to leave a musical legacy. His life was dedicated to the instrument, so it was easy for the Moyer family to choose to gift a new organ in his memory.

"He made music important for his students and he helped them understand it," Joyce Moyer said of her brother. "He encouraged

classical music and helped students play as composers intended."

Joyce noted that Michele Drocella, longtime organist at CUMC, has the same love for classical music as her brother did, which helped solidify the decision to donate the new organ to the church.

"I can't help but think my brother would appreciate how Michele plays," she said. "It is a good memorial to honor him. It preserves his legacy."

The timing was also seemingly meant to be. The church's 40-year-old organ was showing its age and needed replacement. Together, both the Moyer family and representatives from the church chose the new organ from the Allen Organs loca-

tion in Bethesda. After they selected the new one, customized features were added. Drocella explained that the biggest difference between the old and new organs is technology.

"Technology has come a long way in 40 years," she said.

For example, the new organ has an embedded computer system called Vista Voices. The computer allows the organ to play by itself and as a synthesizer. It also can play unique sounds, such as those of birds and helicopters. The organ also has three keyboards, though the customization makes the organ sound as if there are four.

The Rev. Ali DeLeo, pastor at CUMC, said the church's congregation is unique because members enjoy both traditional and contemporary music, and the organ can accommodate both styles of music. Although it is not a pipe organ, no one can tell the difference because it produces such powerful music.

"There is a thirst for a full-sounding organ, and it is a blessing to have such an instrument," DeLeo said.

The church will host an organ concert, open to the

public, on Sunday, November 24, at 2:00pm. The concert will feature a range of musical genres, from classical to rock, and will also include music from video games and movies. Select scenes from films will be shown on a screen while Drocella plays the film's score.

"We want to show the full scope of what the organ can do, and we hope to accomplish that in the concert," Drocella said. "It sounds like being in a cathedral. It's amazing what it can do."

Rotary Club Hosts Family Fun Day



Photos by Franki Maus

The Lake Shore-Severna Park Rotary held its annual Family Fun Day at The Y in Pasadena on September 14. Attendees enjoyed pony rides, swimming, a petting zoo, face painting, and a moon bounce. Proceeds will benefit disadvantaged children and will provide programs at The Y for kids who are currently unable to afford them.



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NEIGHBORHOOD OF THE MONTH

Queens Park

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!

Right: Matt Barnett, Jamie Hurman-Cougnet and Ken Cougnet are fond of Queens Park, a peaceful community with wacky and fun residents.



In Queens Park, Neighbors Enjoy Their Close-Knit Circle

By Judy Tacyn

Queens Park is a quiet neighborhood of modest single-family homes and duplexes nestled between Stoney Creek to the north, Rock Creek to the south and Tick Neck Park to the west. Children in public schools attend High Point Elementary School, George Fox Middle School and Northeast High School. Tick Neck Park and Kings Bench are within walking distance and give kids plenty of room to play. The neighbors are especially close and share neighborhood yard sales and enjoy cook-outs together.

MATT AND LAURA BARNETT RESIDENTS FOR 5 YEARS

Matt and Laura Barnett chose Queens Park in Pasadena after a recommendation from their realtor. They immediately fell in love with the family-oriented neighborhood. "Pasadena is unique because of the people; neighbors are the ones that make living in any home a great place to live," said Matt. "We find that Pasadena has a different feel of urge and speed. The speed and feeling about Pasadena is very relaxed; makes you feel comfortable living here." Matt said the Queens Park

crew is together through thick and thin. "We like our neighbors. Some are wacky, standoffish, fun and exciting all at the same time," he continued. "We have all gotten together for special events, shared good times and bad together. Overall, we come together when needed and we all look out for each other."

JAMIE HURMAN-COUGNET LIFELONG RESIDENT

Jamie Hurman-Cougnet's parents bought their Queens Park home as new construction in 1977. After she and her husband mar-

ried, they knew they wanted their kids to grow up in the area. When her parents downsized, the young couple purchased Hurman-Cougnet's childhood home in 2014. "Queens Park is unique because it's close to everything," she said. "Having Northeast High, the Riviera Beach Library and Tick Neck Park within walking distance is wonderful. Although Pasadena has grown over the years, it still has a small-town feel." Jamie is also close to her neighbors. "My neighbors are why we wanted to raise our kids here!

Having grown up in Queens Park and knowing most of our neighbors my entire life, moving to Queens Park was an easy decision for us," Hurman-Cougnet said. "Our connected neighbor in our duplex is an original owner and a second mom to me. It is so nice having Ms. Cheryl right next door." Hurman-Cougnet is the president of the Queens Park Community Association, secretary of Pasadena Baseball Club, and a new member of the Superintendent's Parent Involvement Advisory Council.



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Pasadena Family Raises Awareness After Rescuing Pet Ducks

By Alyson Kay

After weeks of trying to rescue four pet ducks at a local beach, a Pasadena family is hoping to inspire people to surrender their pets to reputable shelters and rescues when they can no longer provide care. Katrina Williams' sons were fishing at Sunset Beach when they saw people approach the water with a large Amazon box containing white and black ducks. They told the boys that they had rehabilitated the ducks and were returning them to the wild. They then put the ducks into the water and left. For the next week, Katrina went back to the cove to check on the ducks. "I kind of worried about them after a week because there wasn't any food or freshwater access for them," Katrina said. Her fears were confirmed when the family found one of the two white ducks dead. Katrina decided to try to rescue them. But when she called local government agencies and rescues to find

someone to help rescue the ducks, she found that they were unable to help. "Everybody said that since they were in the water and they were in a spot that we could not get to them, there was basically nothing that they could do," Katrina said. Unwilling to give up on the ducks, Katrina used Facebook to find people willing to help her rescue the ducks. Meanwhile, her son, Derek Williams, took his kayak out to a log close to where the ducks were hiding and left freshwater and cracked corn for them. After a couple of days, a woman responded to Katrina's post. During that time, one of the two black ducks died. It took another three days, but the group was finally able to corner the remaining black duck against a pier. George Smith Jr., a neighbor who had gone to the beach to fish, helped by scooping up the duck in his net. "I have never paddled so hard in my life," Katrina said. The white duck proved too difficult to capture.



Derek Williams paddled in pursuit of four abandoned ducks at Sunset Beach.

"We tried the rest of the afternoon to catch the white one, with no success," Katrina said. "I basically watched it and knew there was nothing I could do." The rescued black duck is doing well at her new home with a new flock. Although the remaining white duck was never caught, Katrina heard that it was spotted with a flock of wild ducks. "Hopefully, if that is the case, it's now found ways to survive," Katrina said. Because of her small size and unformed wings, the

black duck was likely an Easter present. "A lot of people do that with ducks and chickens and rabbits and all kinds of things around the Easter season," Katrina said. "They'll get them as cute little pets. And then they grow up a little bit and they realize that they're going to need a little bit more care, and people try to dump them out in the wild." Unfortunately, the abandoned pets are often unprepared to survive in the wild after a life of being cared for

and protected by people. "They've not been taught," Katrina said. "They're not equipped to take care of themselves like that." There are many places where people can surrender their pets humanely. Some rescues and shelters accept many types of animals, often with no questions asked. "These people are animal lovers that want to give them a good home, or if they can't keep them, find them a good home and make sure that they're taken care of," Katrina said.

AACLC To Hold Walk-A-Thon

The Anne Arundel County Literacy Council (AACLC) will hold the fourth annual "Literacy Lights the Way" 5K walk-a-thon on Saturday, October 19, from 8:30am to 11:00am. The walk will take place on the B&A Trail between Marley Station Mall and Jumpers Hole Road in Glen Burnie. Information about registration, the route and the walk is available at www.icanread.org. Walkers can register from the website's "Donate" link. For those unable to participate, donations are also accepted at the website. Registration is \$25, and there is no fee for AACLC students and children 16 and under. Free snacks, fun games, and water will be provided. Prizes will be awarded to every child who participates. The walk is wheelchair and stroller accessible. Friendly, leashed pets are welcome also. Sponsorships are still available. Contact Lisa Vernon at director@aaccl.org for more information.



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Charter Amendments For Oversight And Transparency

Nathan Volke
Councilman
District 3



From Fiscal Year 2010 to Fiscal Year 2020, Anne Arundel County's total general fund budget grew from \$1.18 million to \$1.69 million. That's nearly 36% growth.

Meanwhile, in 2009, the median household income in Anne Arundel County (adjusted for inflation) was \$91,968 according to the U.S. Census Bureau. In 2018 (the latest year data is available), the median household income in Anne Arundel County was \$99,652 (Anne Arundel Economic Development Corporation).

That's growth of 8%. This means Anne Arundel County government has increased spending 4.5 times faster than your income grew. Based on these numbers, I believe we can all agree on this - the way the county spends your money matters. I also think we can all agree that we want

to put an end to wasteful spending, fraud and abuse. To that point, I have been working over the last few months on this issue and have learned some good news and some bad news.

The good news - one of the key ways to oversee county spending already exists. The framers of our county's charter intended for there to be legislative oversight of the executive branch. That's why they created a county auditor, appointed by the county council, to act as the fiscal watchdog of county spending.

The bad news - the county auditor is severely limited by our county charter in how she can do this job. Fortunately, I have a solution.

I have proposed Resolution 36-19 to give the auditor more access to the executive branch's records, allow; the auditor to investigate allegations of waste, fraud and abuse; and enable the auditor to conduct financial and performance audits of any department or agency receiving county funding.

These ideas were previously proposed by the last county council. Four council members (one Republican and three Democrats) voted to pass them (Resolutions 50-16 and 26-18). However, without five votes required to pass charter amendments, they failed.

The executive branch has the day-to-day decision-making power through hiring, purchasing and personnel management. Without more information, the county auditor is forced to take the executive's word that things are being managed appropriately. That's not oversight, it's a rubber stamp. Resolution 36-19 is a solution to this overdue problem in our county charter.

In addition to rooting out government waste, I am also working to create more oversight and transparency in county government. I have proposed another charter amendment, 37-19, that will give the county council confirmation authority over the county executive's appointees for

county attorney, police chief and fire chief. These three department heads are unique several ways: a) the county attorney is the lawyer for both the county executive and the county council, and b) the police chief and fire chief are important, visible faces of public safety in our community. Their positions, and their importance in interfacing with citizens on a daily basis in some of the most crucial moments, are significant. This makes it vital that the county council has a chance to review and approve these appointments to ensure the right people are representing our county.

Having already received bipartisan support both on the council and by the county executive's administration, I am optimistic that both of these long overdue and necessary charter resolutions will be approved by the county council. After that, I ask that you review and support them when they appear on the ballot in the next election. Thank you for your consideration.

College Savings Now And Down The Road

Peter Franchot
Comptroller of
Maryland



Being Maryland's comptroller has taken me to every corner of our great state. Whether I'm talking with taxpayers in Oakland or Ocean City, one of the most repeated concerns from the people I meet is the cost of higher education.

Parents want their kids to have the same, or better, opportunities than they had. But college loans can have crushing consequences for students and their families. The burden of this debt — now at \$1.6 trillion nationally — has reached a crisis level. High debt payments affect how college graduates navigate their new lives as they pursue an advanced degree or as

they enter the workforce. On top of rent, utilities, car payments and health care expenses, most young adults must pay off their substantial student loans. This can have a crippling effect on their financial future.

That's why I am urging students to check out the Maryland Higher Education Commission Student Loan Debt Relief Tax Credit Program. While the deadline was September 15, students can still apply in future years. The tax credit is available to Maryland resident taxpayers who live in the state, who incurred at least \$20,000 in undergraduate or graduate loan debt and who have at least \$5,000 still outstanding.

To be considered, students must complete an application and submit the required documents. Individuals can continue

to apply each year until the \$5,000 credit is maxed out. To learn more and to apply, visit www.mhec.state.md.us.

For parents of younger children, it's never too early to start squirreling away savings. I strongly encourage all Marylanders to enroll in one or both of the Maryland 529 college savings plans.

The Maryland Prepaid College Trust allows parents and grandparents to lock in tomorrow's tuition costs at today's prices. Under the Maryland College Investment Plan, parents and grandparents can choose how often and how much money to invest in the savings plan, depending on their budget and savings goals.

Savings can be used at nearly any public, private or technical college nationwide. Any earnings on these investments are

tax-deferred and will not be taxed when the money is withdrawn to pay for college or other qualifying education expenses.

My kids are grown, but I'll be opening 529 plans for my grandchildren and hope you consider doing the same for your family members. Visit www.maryland529.com for more information.

Lastly, now that schools are back in session, let me extend my best wishes for a successful and rewarding academic year for students, teachers, support staff, administrators and parents. I am grateful for the critical roles each of you play to make our education system the best in the country and to shape the next generation of young leaders.

Peter Franchot is the 33rd comptroller of Maryland. He serves on the Maryland 529 board.

Embrace The Ability To Change Our Mentality

Brian Chisholm
Delegate
District 31



On Labor Day, we labor."

My iconic high school football coach, Andy Borland, bellowed these words the days prior to Labor Day every single year I played football.

Without fail, before the last syllable hit my dry, dust-covered ears, thousands of feelings began rushing into my brain and settling uneasily into my stomach. This was always followed by, "We are going to get started early and then get you home to your families for some tater salad, hot dogs and hamburgers. This way you can get to bed on time and be ready for the new school year."

The worry, nervousness and fear of all the things that seemed inevitable following Labor Day always brought about an overwhelming feeling of uneasiness in my gut. The possibility of failing in school, on the field, or embarrassing myself in front of old or new classmates could easily occupy every aspect of my mind if I did not learn to push them back.

The feelings of excitement and wonder were also evident and could be felt, but they took more effort to push to the front of my

mind to overtake the fear. Who would be in my classes? Could the future love of my life be in those halls? Would the public school system finally come to its senses and declare steak subs and sugar-free Rice Krispies Treats should be offered every day? Would they also banish those fish sticks and grilled cheese sandwiches? They were more like a street hockey puck then dietary fare.

I mention sugar-free Rice Krispies Treats because as a juvenile-type-1 diabetic, I was eternally optimistic that some genius in the Kellogg lab could formulate this favorite treat of mine without the sugary carbs. Years earlier, they had perfected the whole snap, crackle and pop thing, so this should be easy — right?

To this day, I still experience many of these feelings whenever I realize Labor Day is approaching. Over the last 20 or 30 years, I have done a good job of successfully subduing the negative and fearful energy that is consistently accompanied by this time of change. This year, however, I was having a difficult time pushing away my worries of deficiency as I reflected on my responsibilities as your state representative, a small-business owner, a family man and a friend.

I am absolutely honored to serve this community and District 31B as a

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You have complete control over your life, so be mindful of your surroundings and with whom you invest your time. Strive to be the source of uplifting, clear and strong inspiration."

Maryland state delegate, but we are not immune to our share of challenges and complex issues.

- What do we do about the opioid and heroin problem ravaging our communities and loved ones?
- Are they really going to build a new bay bridge at the end of Mountain Road?
- How much more do I have to pay in property taxes to live in Anne Arundel County?
- When will we ever get good cell coverage in this area?
- What do we do about the rising gang problems in this area?
- How do we know our children are safe at school and getting a good education?

These are all outstanding and legitimate questions often asked of me when talking to concerned citizens, friends and family. These questions can seem overwhelming, but just like the new start we get every Labor Day, we must make take them on with encouragement for the future we wish to design. We must be confident in a bright future and not be swallowed up by

the fear that can engulf us.

Fear is not real — the only place fear can exist is in our thoughts of the future. It's a product of our imagination, causing us to fear things that may or may not ever exist. Danger can be real, and we must be mindful and prepared for instability, but fear is a choice. I do not say this flippantly, because I do understand it is easy to fall into these naturally defeating mindsets.

My advice for anyone looking to break this environment of fear and negativity and find your true purpose, enthusiasm and positive energy is to surround yourself with like-minded, optimistic and productive people. Avoid the externally pessimistic mechanisms that emit uncertainty and despair. Purge yourself of those energy vampires that are determined to extract all the valuable energy you possess.

You have complete control over your life, so be mindful of your surroundings and with whom you invest your time. Strive to be the source of uplifting, clear and strong inspiration. You might be

amazed at what other influential, solution-oriented folks begin to gather around you. Problems and challenges can be inescapable, but the more we encourage those dynamic individuals to join us, the greater our opportunity for solutions.

We all need a renewal button, and Labor Day is an incredible time to recommit ourselves to a confident mindset that provides beneficial guidance for tackling the objections that life can propel our way.

I was struggling to embrace this powerful psyche recently until I visited a good friend and his family the Sunday following Labor Day. The friend, Steve, is a uniquely optimistic, positive, high-energy guy, so the timing worked out impeccably. As I sat down, his daughter Lainey greeted

me and asked if I wanted a Rice Krispies Treat that was in the color of Aquaman. As my mind catapulted back to high school with the thought of Rice Krispies, I knew in that moment that it was once again time to refocus with a spirited devotion to improve my expectations and take on the challenges ahead with abundant zeal. I furthermore wondered if Aquaman would ever receive the superhero status he so rightly deserves for his dedicated service in the Halls of Justice.

God bless. I hope we all find time to embrace the ability to change our mentality for the better. With great anticipation, I hope you too will welcome all the excitement that lies ahead now that we have put one more Labor Day in the rear-view mirror.

Letters To The Editor

GOT AN OPINION? SHARE IT WITH US!

We want to hear your thoughts regarding what's happening in the neighborhood. Is there a current issue at hand that you feel strongly about? We know our readers are passionate about their neighborhoods, schools, community and so much more — and the *Voice* would love for you to tell

us about it.

Letters to the Editor can be emailed to pvnews@pasadenavoice.com and may be edited for space, clarity, grammar, spelling, etc. We encourage you to express yourself, but please be brief — letters should be limited to 250 words, though we do on occasion run longer letters. We look forward to hearing from you!

Sign The Petition To Protect Our Community

Nic Kipke
Delegate
District 31B



As anyone who has sat in the hours of traffic on a Friday afternoon can attest, the Chesapeake Bay Bridge in its current form cannot remain the only option for drivers heading to and from Maryland's Eastern Shore — be it to visit Ocean City, see family, or commute back and forth to work.

While the Bay Bridge can safely be maintained through 2065, studies show that by 2040, westbound traffic could back up 14 miles on Sunday evenings in the summer. It is bad situation that will only get worse.

In 2016, Governor Larry Hogan authorized a four-year study to examine potential locations for another bay crossing. The study, which is required under federal law, examines locations, environmental impacts, cost estimates, traffic projections and preliminary funding options.

At the end of August, it was announced that the process had gleaned four preliminary alternatives to the current bay crossing, which would be taken to the public for comment. The four alternatives include a "no-build" alternative, and three preliminary corridors for building an additional crossing. One of these preliminary corridors goes through our community: Maryland Route 100 at Mountain Road in Pasadena crossing over to Route 301 between Rock Hall and Centreville on the Eastern Shore.

I am adamantly opposed to this route and

will fight this idea! This area of MD 100 and Mountain Road is already heavily congested. The amount of infrastructure that would have to be built would require hundreds of homes and properties to be taken through eminent domain. I spoke with Governor Hogan to oppose the Mountain Road option and he agrees with me.

Governor Hogan has said the only alternative he supports is a third span at the current location of the Chesapeake Bay Bridge. In addition, Jim Ports, the executive director of the Maryland Transportation Authority (MDTA) has stated that, based on traffic models, the third span at the existing bridge would have the most positive impact on reducing traffic. While I am encouraged by these statements, I believe public input is key at this juncture. Your government needs to hear from you. The public comment phase of this study is just beginning. MDTA will hold several open houses across the state where citizens can provide feedback on the proposed alternatives.

In Anne Arundel County, this open house will take place on Wednesday, October 2, from 6:00pm-8:00pm at Anne Arundel Community College. I plan on attending to communicate my complete opposition to a bay crossing through Pasadena. I am also starting an online petition that I will include as part of my testimony against this route. If you would like to add your name to the petition, visit www.kipke.com/baycrossing. For more information about the bay crossing study, visit www.baycrossingstudy.com.

Severna Park Woman Recalls “Frightening” Stroke



Representing the American Heart Association, Amanda Pyle presented a quality achievement award to University of Maryland Baltimore Washington Medical Center. The award was accepted by Dr. Christopher Stack, medical director of the hospital's stroke program.

UM BWMC Earns Stroke Award After This And Other Treatments

By Zach Sparks
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When Susan Edwards awoke around 5:00am one day last January, she experienced everyone’s nightmare. “I couldn’t move the right side of my body,” said Edwards, a 61-year-old Severna Park resident. “I couldn’t speak.” Edwards was taken to University of Maryland Baltimore Washington Medical Center (UM BWMC), where vascular neurologist and stroke program medical director Dr. Christopher Stack — a Northeast High School alumnus — diagnosed her with a stroke. Facing long-term complications, Edwards was given a choice to take a clot-busting drug that must be administered within 4.5 hours of the patient last being normal. Edwards was last known to be normal almost 12 hours prior to taking the medication, but a new trial allowed UM BWMC to treat patients waking up with

stroke symptoms to get lifesaving and disability sparing medication. “They asked me, ‘Do you have any cuts?’ Because they could start bleeding or I could have a brain bleed, which would put me in a coma,” Edwards said. The ensuing care by UM BWMC was just one of many cases that led the hospital to recently earn the American Heart Association/American Stroke Association’s Get With The Guidelines Target: Stroke Honor Roll Elite Plus Gold Plus Quality Achievement Award. The honor highlighted a two-year period of UM BWMC’s high-level treatment provided to stroke patients, based on the latest scientific evidence. In this particular case, Stack used his clinical experience and knowledge to assess Edwards’ condition, and he utilized the new standards at UM BWMC to suggest the clot-busting drug. “Most hospitals will do a standard MRI,” Stack said. “I was able to look at pictures of the MRI to see when the stroke occurred and see if the brain tissue was dead or if [damage from the stroke] was reversible.” The damage from Edwards was given a choice to take a clot-busting drug that must be administered within 4.5 hours of the patient last being normal. Edwards was last known to be normal almost 12 hours prior to taking the medication, but a new trial allowed UM BWMC to treat patients waking up with

Rabies Is Among Us!

Dr. Christine Calvert
Medical Director
of VCA Calvert
Veterinary Center



Rabies is a significant public health risk that is prevalent in Pasadena and other Anne Arundel County communities. The virus causes damage to the central nervous system in animals, as well as in humans and is almost always fatal. Animals that commonly contract rabies are raccoons, skunks, bats and foxes. In recent years, this virus has also become prevalent in groundhogs, and there has even been one case of a river otter in our community of Pasadena. The good news is that rabies is preventable. World Rabies Day is September 28. To celebrate, we want to provide ways you can help eliminate rabies and protect your pets. **TIPS FOR RABIES PREVENTION IN YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD** Vaccinate your pets. Maryland law mandates that all cats, dogs and ferrets need to be vacci-

nated if they are 4 months and older. This includes indoor cats and dogs. See your local veterinarian or take your pet to a rabies clinic at Anne Arundel County Animal Care & Control to update their vaccine. Do not feed or handle wild animals or wildlife. If you see an injured or orphaned animal, contact the Department of Natural Resources. Feeding foxes, raccoons and other wildlife will bring them in close contact to your pets and your family, increasing the risk of exposure. Keep trashcans and refuse containers tightly closed to eliminate food sources for wild animals near your home. Keep doors, windows and openings in the house, especially in attics, closed or sealed. Wildlife is known to enter homes through dog doors, and bats like to take up residence in attics. If you see a bat or evidence of bats in your home, call a professional exterminator to have them removed right away. Bats have small teeth, so it can be difficult to know if a human or animal was bitten,



especially if it happened overnight during sleep. Keep your pets on a leash and prevent roaming to reduce opportunities for contact with wildlife. Rabies oral vaccine control programs have been implemented in Anne Arundel County to assist in preventing rabies in wildlife, especially juvenile raccoons. The annual ORV project will place approximately 84,500 baits containing rabies vaccine throughout the county in September. These efforts have significantly reduced the incidence of rabies in our area. If your pet is bitten or comes in contact with an animal suspected to be rabid, wear gloves and long sleeves when handling. **» Continued on A13**

Tech Talk With Dr. Cranska

Jeffrey Cranska
Family Laser
Dentistry



Modern dentistry is dynamic. Changes to improve patient comfort and quality of care are always being developed. The use of improved dental materials, modern delivery systems, lasers, computer-generated imaging and computer management software systems are just some of the changes. In upcoming months, I will answer questions on high-technology dentistry. Please direct inquiries to my website at www.cranska.com or email familylaserdentistry@outlook.com.

VAPING AND ORAL HEALTH PROBLEMS If you are a cigarette or e-cigarette user, you should be concerned about the effects smoking has on your health. E-cigarettes were introduced as a smoking alternative without smoke. E-cigarettes are battery operated, filled with liquids (water, flavorings, glycerin, nicotine and

propylene glycol). A heating device turns the liquid into an aerosol (vapor), which you inhale instead of smoke. The technique is referred to as vaping. Let’s review the effects of vaping on your teeth, gums and oral health. **Q: How can vaping affect oral health and the overall health of the body?** **A:** E-cigarettes were promoted as a safe alternative to smoking and a tool to help quit. Unfortunately, the toxic chemicals from tobacco smoke were replaced with other harmful chemicals and still contain nicotine. One

electric cartridge has the same amount of nicotine as two to three packs of cigarettes. Nicotine is addictive and has been shown to increase heart and artery disease. The added propylene glycol, vegetable glycerin and sweet flavors break down into acids to soften your teeth. Sticky films are created, increasing plaque accumulation and leading to more bacteria, tooth decay, and breakdown of teeth and increased gum disease. Nicotine is a vasoconstrictor, decreasing blood flow to the gums. Results are gum recession and periodontal disease. Another side effect

of vaping is chronic dry mouth, which leads to bad breath and a decrease in fighting decay and gum disease. **Q: I’ve never had any cavities or gum problems. Why do I need to worry about vaping?** **A:** Dentists are seeing patients who were cavity-free their whole lives but who now vape and have rampant tooth decay. It is a cycle of sticky bacterial plaque, tooth breakdown with cavities and softer enamel, dry mouth, drinking more sugary drinks, more acids, on and on. **» Continued on A13**

Dr. Cranska Has Laser Article Appear In September National Dental Publication

His Innovative Dental Laser Technique, Clinical Laser Studies Published In Current Issue Of “Dentistry Today”

Respected local dentist, author, lecturer and instructor Jeffrey P. Cranska, DDS, had his original feature article published this month in a national clinical news magazine for dentists. Cranska’s article, under the heading “Laser-Assisted Techniques Increase Efficiency and Comfort” appeared in *Dentistry Today*’s September 2019 edition, Volume 38, No. 9. Cranska’s original laser technique was first published in 2013. The story explains how and why a tooth needs

to be extracted and how one was replaced using the existing fixed bridge-work after it was removed and adjusted. Two laser protocols allowed access and treatment to save the existing bridgework and create a bloodless field to work in. The article brings up the question of how to remove this new generation of all-ceramic crowns and veneers bonded or cemented in the mouth. The case report shows a laser technique demonstrating how to remove crowns from abutments without damage. Existing techniques use diamond burs to cut off the restorations, destroying the crowns and required replacement. “These case studies serve to demonstrate the author’s erbium laser protocols to remove all-ceramic crowns in one piece in under two minutes without damaging the restorations or the underlying abutments,”

Cranska said. Cranska was the first dentist in Maryland to be fully trained and licensed to perform laser-assisted new attachment procedure (LANAP), laser periodontal therapy — a laser gum therapy cleared and patented by the Food and Drug Administration. Cranska has been performing LANAP in his Arnold (now Severna Park) practice since 1999. He is also a certified laser instructor for the Institute for Advanced Laser Dentistry, to teach other doctors LANAP and LAPIP. Cranska has Advanced Proficiency laser certification from the Academy of Laser Dentistry. For additional information, contact Jeffrey P. Cranska, DDS, at Family Laser Dentistry, located in the Ritchie Court office building, Suite 305, at 877 Baltimore-Annapolis Boulevard in Severna Park. Call 410-975-9331 or visit www.cranska.com.

Website Provides Parent’s Guide To School Health

Parents and guardians in Anne Arundel County can visit the “Parent’s Guide to School Health” at www.aahealth.org/parentsguide to find information on school health services for the 2019-2020 school year. The page provides

information on safe backpacking, immunizations and nutritious easy-to-prepare school lunch ideas. There are also recommendations to help parents decide when children should stay home due to an illness. Other topics on the

site include treatment of head lice, bullying and keeping kids smoke-free. The webpage also links to a directory of school nurses in Anne Arundel County Public Schools. To access the page, visit www.aahealth.org/parentsguide.

BWMC September Calendar

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 18 5:30-6:30pm: 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. aFor more information, call 410-787-4940. **5:30-7:30pm: Stork’s Nest.** Incentivized prenatal education classes for expectant mothers living in Anne Arundel County. Class topics include the importance of prenatal care, what to expect during labor and delivery, breastfeeding, basic infant care, and safe sleep. Registration is required by calling 410-787-4366. Four-week session. (301 Hospital Drive, 3 South classroom). **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. Preregistration is required as space is limited. For more information or to register, call 410-787-4490. (BW Health Services, 7556 Teague Road, Suite 440, in Hanover). **THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 24 6:30-7:30pm: Talks Saves Lives,** an introduction to suicide prevention. Learn more about what suicide is, who it affects, risk factors, warning signs, prevention and tools on how to reach out to someone in crisis. Free. Preregistration is required. To register, call 443-591-7274. (Dr. Constantine Padussis Conference Center, 301 Hospital Drive, third floor). **WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 25 8:30am-noon: Free Blood Pressure Screenings** at Harundale Presbyterian Church. No registration needed. (Eastway and Guilford Road in

Glen Burnie). **2:00-3:00pm: 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). **SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 28 10:00am-2:00pm: 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. Preregistration is required as space is limited. For more information or to register, call 410-787-4490. (BW Health Services, 7556 Teague Road, Suite 440, in Hanover). *For more information, contact the community outreach department at 410-553-8103 or visit www.umbwmc.org.*

Department Of Health Announcements

DOH Conducts Survey To Assess Emergency Preparedness

This fall, the Anne Arundel County Department of Health will conduct a CASPER survey that will look at local residents’ preparedness for potential emergencies and disasters. The CASPER (Community Assessment for Public Health Emergency Response) survey, developed by the federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), will take place from 3:00pm to 7:30pm on Tuesday, September 17, and Wednesday,

September 18, in neighborhoods around the county and the City of Annapolis. The rain dates will be Tuesday, September 24, and Wednesday, September 25. Two-member survey teams will go door to door in neighborhoods randomly selected by the CDC. Teams will include Department of Health staff, Maryland Responds volunteers and Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) volunteers. They will travel in county cars and have identifying shirts and badges. The 15-minute survey will have questions about household disaster preparedness, health needs, and training, such as CPR

and first aid. The survey will be anonymous, and no personal information will be collected. The CDC’s Division of Environmental Hazards and Health Effects, health studies branch developed CASPER to help public health agencies assess household emergency preparedness and provide resources to meet community needs in case of disasters. “Anne Arundel County is the first county in Maryland to use the CASPER survey,” said Acting Health Officer Billie Penley. “The survey will be a valuable tool to preserve, promote, and protect the health and safety of county resi-

dents. The data will be shared with county and city public safety partners to improve our ability to plan and respond to emergencies.” For more information about the CASPER survey and the survey teams, call the Department of Health’s Office of Emergency Preparedness and Response at 410-222-4115. **DOH Recommends Healthy Steps To Help Protect Infants** September is National Infant Mortality Awareness Month. Infant mortality is the death of

a baby who is less than 1 year old. In 2017, there were 4.1 infant deaths per 1,000 live births in Anne Arundel County for all races. Preterm birth (birth at less than 37 weeks) and low birth weight (5.5 pounds or less) are the leading causes of death among infants in the county. Pregnant women and new mothers should take these steps to help protect their babies: •Stop using tobacco, alcohol and drugs. Avoid secondhand smoke. •Achieve or maintain a healthy weight. •Eat a healthy diet full of fruits, vegetables and whole grains. Drink plenty of fluids.

•Take a multivitamin that contains at least 400 micrograms of folic acid every day. •Manage chronic health conditions such as diabetes, high blood pressure and asthma. •Follow the ABCs of safe sleeping. Babies should sleep and nap alone, on their backs, in a safe crib. Share a room but never a bed. The Department of Health offers free healthy pregnancy and baby care kits to Anne Arundel County residents. To order the free kits, or for more information about having a healthy pregnancy and baby, visit www.aahealthybabies.org.

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» Continued from A12 **Q: What should I do to decrease the oral effects of vaping?** **A:** To limit the intake of nicotine, do not also smoke cigarettes. Also, do the following: •Drink water after vaping, stop using sugary drinks •Brush and floss daily •Maintain good oral health •Eat a well-balanced diet •Limit sweet snacks •Schedule regular dental visits for check-up exams, cleanings and X-rays

There are questions about both the short- and long-term effects of using e-cigarettes. Research is behind in determining the vaping-related effects on overall body and oral health. How can inhaling unknown chemicals not have a negative effect?

Rabies Is Among Us!

» Continued from A12 dling your pet to prevent exposure to saliva from the potentially rabid animal that may be on your pet’s hair coat. Humans and animals can contract rabies if they have a cut or scrape that comes in contact with an infected animal’s saliva. There are no preventative vaccines for people, so humans with exposure or suspected exposure need to be subject to costly and painful post-exposure vaccines. It is important to confine the wild animal if possible, and contact Animal Control immediately to test an animal suspected of having rabies. Never bury or dispose of a deceased wild animal that has been in contact with pets or people. Contact Animal Control for testing. Be aware that

the types of animals able to contract rabies include all mammals, and the diversity or reported rabid animal species continues to grow. Visit the Anne Arundel County Health Department website at www.aahealth.org/rabies for more information on rabies prevention and resources. Anne Arundel County Animal Care & Control can be reached by calling 410-222-8900 and its website is www.aacounty.org/departments/animal-control. *VCA Calvert Veterinary Center has been serving Pasadena and surrounding communities for 15 years. The office is conveniently located at 4100 Mountain Road in Pasadena, Maryland. Call 410-360-7297 or visit www.calvertvet.com to schedule an appointment.*

Severna Park Woman Recalls Stroke

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team: intensive care doctor Jason Heavner, chair of emergency medicine Chirag Chaudhari, and nurse stroke coordinator Theresa Maloney. “If she would have went anywhere else than John Hopkins, she would have faced a lifelong disability,” Stack said of Edwards. Although the stroke and ensuing recovery lasted just a few days, Edwards said it felt like a lifetime. “I was scared to death,” she said. “When it was done, it was like this big weight was lifted off my shoulders.”

That case and many other cases over the last two years were the work of emergency medical services personnel, radiologists, nurses, therapists and other UM BWMC staff who have consistently demonstrated high-level care, Stack said. For Edwards, that level of care saved her life. “I thank everyone at the hospital,” Edwards said. “And Dr. Stack, from the time I came until the time I left, he kept coming to check on me and even carry conversations about my life.”



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Orrstown Bank Celebrates 100Years

By Jillian Amodio

Orrstown Bank is celebrating a huge milestone. Although the Pasadena branch is relatively new since it was formerly a Hamilton Bank, Orrstown is turning 100.

Originally founded in Pennsylvania, Orrstown Bank now has multiple branches in Maryland.

Orrstown was founded in 1919 in rural Pennsylvania. The bank was founded by community leaders who sought to meet the needs of the town's citizens and local businesses when it came to financial matters. While much can change in a century, the core values of Orrstown have remained the same, according to Luke Bernstein, the bank's chief retail and communications officer.

"We are still a community bank that strives to be the financial institution of choice throughout the region by being known for our quality client service, innovative solutions and sound fi-



While the Orrstown Bank on Jumpers Hole Road is relatively new, the company was founded in 1919 in rural Pennsylvania.

nancial advice," Bernstein said. "We offer clients the best of both worlds — the charm and personalized service of a community bank, but with the complex solutions and innovative services of a larger institution."

When asked what clients can expect when banking with Orrstown, Bernstein said that they are assembling a top-notch team under the leadership of Chris Hold, the Maryland market

president.

"Chris is well-known and well-respected throughout the region," explained Bernstein. "Tom Sychuk, another well-known banker, has also joined our team to lead our commercial banking efforts here. Right here in Pasadena, we have George Ensenat serving as our branch executive officer. We still believe in the importance and value of bank branches

and that is why we are investing substantially in making improvements to our facilities, both inside and out."

Orrstown is a full-service bank and offers a variety of services from wealth management and investment opportunities to small-business solutions, personal loans, and home-buying help.

While online banking has changed the way many clients interact with their bankers, Orrstown is committed to staying on top of new technology, like installing tech bars in branches to demonstrate the latest online and mobile tools available to clients. That's just one way Orrstown hopes to satisfy bankers.

"When you come into an Orrstown Bank office, you should expect to be greeted by name," Bernstein said. "We get to know you beyond your banking needs. We want to know about your family, your passion and where you want to go in life. And we want to help you get there. That's the Orrstown experience."

Pensions – Monthly Payments Or Lump Sum?

Jason LaBarge
Managing Partner
Premier Planning
Group



"Chase your passion, not your pension." This quote by motivational speaker, writer and consultant Dennis Waitley is well known, and thankfully many of my clients have been able to chase their passion and their pension at the same time. You could say they got to have their cake and eat it too!

Although the number of private sector workers with a pension plan has decreased significantly over time, there are still employers who offer them. I often meet with pre-retirees with pension plans from the federal, state and local governments, and individuals from the private sector who were grandfathered into their pension plans.

In this article, when I use the term "pension plan," I'm referring to the employer-funded, defined-benefit plan. This is an employer-sponsored retirement plan in which the

employee knows in advance how much he or she will receive in retirement based on a formula. This formula will often consider factors such as salary history and amount of time spent with a company. Benefits are typically guaranteed for life and may or may not adjust for cost-of-living increases. These pension plans are different from the defined-contribution plans, the common 401(k) or 403(b) in which employers are not involved after their contribution and the benefit an employee receives in retirement is based on market investment returns.

Pension plans are generally paid out in one of four ways: life-only, life with period certain, life with joint payout, and lump sum.

Life-only: The benefit will be paid out only during the employee's lifetime. This gives the highest payment possible; however, it will not leave a benefit to the spouse.

Life with Period Certain: The benefit is paid for the employee's lifetime or for a specified period of time. This means that if the employee's pension was guar-

anteed to pay for 10 years, then the payments would come for 10 years regardless if the employee dies during that time or not. If the employee dies, the payments would go to someone else for the remainder of the guaranteed time period. If the employee did not die during the 10-year period certain phase, he or she would continue to receive payments for life. There would not be a benefit to leave to the spouse.

Life with Joint Payout: This ensures that the employee's spouse will continue to receive a benefit even after the employee dies. With this payout plan, the employee is paid a benefit during his or her lifetime, but after the person dies, payments will continue to their spouse for life. The spouse's payment usually ranges from 50% to 100% of the employee's original pension payment. The higher the beneficiary payment to the employee, the lower the payment to the surviving spouse.

Lump Sum: This is a one-time payment from the pension administrator to the employee. A lump sum gives the employee

more control to spend or invest his or her money as desired. The previously mentioned payment plans offer monthly distributions for life, but this one does not, so it is vital that the individual works with a retirement planner and decides how to invest the money to ensure it will provide an income for life. It's also important to name a beneficiary who will receive any money that remains after the employee and spouse are gone.

Traditionally, employers manage their own pension plans, but recently we've seen them start to outsource their defined-benefit plans to insurance companies. Employers are good at servicing clients, but they are not professionals in managing pensions, so many of the best companies have outsourced their pensions to insurance companies that know how to actuarially build product. I always suggest my clients talk to their pension administrator to find out who is managing their pension plan; is it managed internally or is it outsourced? And what pay-
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PBA Update

Sandi Parrish
Executive
Director



PBA will hold a grand opening and ribbon cutting for Let's Grow on Tuesday, September 24. The grand opening will begin at noon with the ribbon cutting at 5:00pm. Let's Grow is located at 25 Magothy Beach Road, Suite 103.

Let's Grow is a unique, interactive florist featuring fresh flowers and plants, as well as natural and practical art. The business offers a variety of creative workshops and kids party packages. With 27 years of floral-industry experience, this is a full-service florist, specializing in wedding and event work.

Please come and welcome Let's Grow to the Pasadena business community, the Pasadena Business Association and the Northern Anne Arundel County Chamber of Commerce.

Our annual crab feast will be on Wednesday, September 25, at Kurtz's Beach from 6:00pm to 10:00pm. This is a great social event for families, coworkers and friends to come out and just have fun. You can purchase tickets on our website or mail a check to PBA, PO Box 861, Pasadena, MD 21123. You can also purchase tickets at Arundel Federal Savings Bank in Lakeshore Plaza or at BB&T, located at 3030 Mountain Road.

We will hold our 26th

annual trade show on October 10 at Earleigh Heights Volunteer Fire Company from 4:00pm to 8:00pm. This is a great opportunity to see what your local businesses have to offer and to thank them for all they do for the community.

Start planning your floats for entry in the PBA Caring and Sharing Parade on November 3 starting at 2:00pm. The forms to register are available by emailing the PBA office, or you can download them from our website. This is a fun afternoon, and we collect tons of food to help our neighbors in need over the holiday season.

We will have our annual Veterans Day ceremony on November 11 at the flag at the intersection of Route 100 and Mountain Road at 1:00pm, so plan on stopping by to thank our veterans and active military.

We recently had some vandalism at the flag. One of the lights was shattered, the Plexiglass and glass were broken, and the lightbulb had to be replaced. The lightbulbs are expensive, but thanks to Mike Jacobs of JB Machine and Lake Shore Athletic Association Girls Softball, the repairs have been done at no cost to the PBA. We appreciate their commitment to the community.

For more information, contact me at pasadenabusinessassociation1@verizon.net or visit www.pasadenabusinessassociation.com.

PBA Tees Up Its Annual Golf Tournament



Photos by Chris Fincham

Golfers flocked to Compass Pointe Golf Courses on September 11 to participate in a golf tournament that raised funds for Pasadena Business Association projects such as the fifth-grade straight A lunch, school supply drive, Veterans Day ceremony, Caring & Sharing parade and National Night Out.

BUSINESS SPOTLIGHT

A.M. Gable Provides Comfort To The Community

For more than three decades, Pasadena's A.M. Gable Heating and Cooling has earned its position as the community's go-to company for comfort-care decisions.

A full-service heating, ventilation and air conditioning (HVAC) contractor, A.M. Gable has adapted to various new technology over the years, but its team has remained focused on being personable, reliable and relatable members of the community.

"We don't install and walk away," said Karin Gable. "With everybody competing so differently today, it's still about reputation and it's still about building relationships and providing quality service from start to finish."

A.M. Gable handles primarily residential HVAC needs along with light commercial needs. Whether a customer is installing a new unit, or servicing or upgrad-



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ing an existing system, A.M. Gable will handle the job with professional staff members — never outside contractors — who are skilled and screened by the owners themselves.

"Our customers are trusting us in their home," Gable said. "We

want them to have a positive experience from the moment they call us until the time one of our technicians leaves their home or business."

A.M. Gable provides 24-hour emergency service, offers free estimates, and is available to answer any questions

that a person might have about their system.

"I've had people that have called me with issues, but other companies had done the work," Gable said. "I just tell them to let me work on it and I'll call them back, and that's not what people are used to anymore. I think that, in the long run, is why we're still here."

Although A.M. Gable has grown throughout its 33 years in business, Karin and Alan have kept the company small because it helps them maintain their personalized service with their clientele. It's one of the reasons a customer will always talk to a real person (probably Karin) when they call the office at 410-360-0991 between the hours of 7:30am and 4:30pm Monday through Friday — never a pre-recorded message or an answering service.

For more information, visit www.amgableheatingandcooling.com.

Pensions – Monthly Payments Or Lump Sum?

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ment options do they have available to them?

Choosing whether to take the monthly distributions or lump sum payment is an important decision and should only be made after considering many factors such as Social Security benefits, life insurance, health concerns, life expectancy, etc. Retirement goals also need to be factored in. For example, if leaving a legacy is important, it's good to know that most monthly distribution payment plans do not leave an inheritance to beneficiaries beyond a spouse.

In fact, life-only pensions are structured in a way that if an employee takes even one payment and then dies, the pension is gone. However, if the employee had taken a lump sum and invested it into an annuity or used a portion to fund a life insurance policy, an inheritance would have been left for the person's children or whomever the employee wanted to name as beneficiary.

Another option is the pension maximization strategy: purchasing a

life insurance policy and then taking the life-only option on the pension to maximize an employee's monthly payments. At the person's death, the pension is gone, but the heirs gain the life insurance policy tax-free. The amount of life insurance to purchase is based on several factors, including the difference between your life-only option and your life-with-beneficiaries option.

As mentioned earlier, there is no right or best solution for everyone; it will depend on various factors, but choosing monthly pension payments without considering all options is not recommended. You want to know you have made the best choice for you, your situation, and your retirement goals. We like to help our clients retire with more than just money, which means we want you to have confidence in all aspects of your retirement goals (such as leaving an inheritance to your heirs) in addition to your retirement income.

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Ribbon Cutting



Icon Beauty Lounge Opens New Location



Tina Jones and her staff welcomed the Pasadena Business Association, elected officials and community members to a grand opening and ribbon cutting ceremony for Icon Beauty Lounge on August 29. Offering a variety of hair and nail services, and waxing services, Icon Beauty Lounge is now located at 25 Magothy Beach Road.

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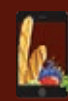


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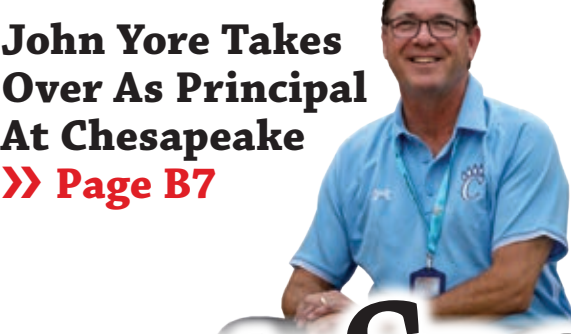
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Chesapeake Girls Soccer Rallies For 2-2 Tie Vs. South River

By Colin Murphy
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A 2-2 tie in early September isn't exactly a make-or-break outcome, but for the Chesapeake girls soccer team, its September 11 matchup with South River was a result to be proud of. The Cougars rallied from 2-1 down in the second half to equalize on **Brooke Hurst's** second goal of the game before battling the host Seahawks through the remainder of regulation and two overtime periods to come away with the draw. Chesapeake goalie **Sarah Cuttler** made 15 saves in the tie. "We knew it was going to be a challenging game going in," said Hurst. "Our first goal came from an amazing buildup in the midfield that we were able to slot through the back line. For our second goal, the team executed the press that we've

been practicing, and I followed through on the opportunity to beat the goalie to a ball...South River definitely gave us a good run. I feel like coming from behind gave us really good momentum going forward this year." In the past 10 years, South River has been on of the state's premier programs, and the Seahawks have had Chesapeake's number. Chesapeake's last non-loss to South River prior to this September came in 2008, when the teams tied 2-2. From 2009 to 2018, the Seahawks outscored the Cougars 29-5 in head-to-head matchups, going 10-0 in that span with six shutouts. But the times are changing. The Cougars played the Seahawks tight in a 1-0 loss in 2017 and did the same in a 2-1 defeat in 2018. This year, a breakthrough came, and the Cougars forced a 2-2 draw.
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Photo courtesy of Jaimie Hurst
Brooke Hurst's second-half equalizer put Chesapeake on course to a 2-2 tie with South River, a result the Cougar girls soccer program had not achieved against the Seahawks since 2008.

Panthers Defeat Chargers In 14U Showdown, 20-0



Photos by Colin Murphy

The Panthers' Xander Dodd (42) and Patrick Connolly (15) scored touchdowns in a 20-0 win over the Chargers on Sept. 7.

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The Panthers and Chargers 14U football teams were both 1-1 entering their Week 3 matchup at Lake Waterford Park on September 7. It was the visiting Panthers who earned Pasadena bragging rights — and an upper hand in the Anne Arundel Youth Football Association Central Division standings — with a 20-0 win. A balanced offensive attack and shutout defensive performance powered the more experienced Panthers over the Chargers, the latter of whom are fielding a team in this age group for the first year. The Panthers improved to 2-1 to start a win streak after a Week-1 loss, while the Chargers fell to 1-2. Panthers head coach **Duane Jackson** said the neighborhood rivalry added a little extra weight to the game, and the Panthers responded. "It was the first time we've ever played Chargers at our age group," said Jackson. "[Chargers head coach] **Chris [Katzenberger]** is a friend.

Coming here playing was very exciting. This is a big game for the boys because it is a Pasadena rivalry. I'm just glad they came out and performed the way they're supposed to and had a great game." The Panther wasted little time putting pressure on the host Chargers. **Collin Lewis** returned the opening kickoff about 40 yards down the left sideline to give the visitors good starting field position, and **Patrick Connolly** ran to the outside to get down to the 1-yard line inside the first few minutes. The Chargers held firm, however, getting a big tackle for a loss by **Jeremiah Siscoe** and backing the Panthers off the goal line before forcing a turnover on downs. After the Chargers couldn't muster any offense on their opening possession, the defense again looked to thwart the Panthers as **Shuby Olopade** tore through the line of scrimmage for a sack on Panthers quarterback **Aaron Rhodes**. But the Panthers struck on the next play as **Andrew Lloyd**

broke loose for a 31-yard touchdown run down the left sideline. Rhodes hit **Brady Grunder** with a pass on the extra point try to make the score 7-0 (extra-point kicks following touchdowns are worth two points at the 14U level). Lloyd credited his blockers with giving him room to run. "It feels amazing," said Lloyd. "The offensive line is amazing. They don't let anyone get past them. They open up holes real well. So going to whatever hole you need to go to and running downfield is so easy." **Delray Fowlkes** had a long run from the line of scrimmage for the Chargers on their ensuing possession, but the team's push was eventually stopped by the Panthers for a turnover on downs. Lewis made a nice running gain up the middle to get the Panthers across midfield, and the Panthers thought they had a touchdown when Rhodes lofted a pass to Connolly on the right side, but Connolly bobbled the ball for a regrettable drop. Two plays later, the Panthers ran the play again,

and another perfect throw from Rhodes found Connolly in stride in the flat — this time the speedy receiver made the catch and was gone for a 40-yard touchdown and a 13-0 lead right before halftime. Connolly didn't lose confidence after the drop and was grateful his number was called again. "Once I dropped it I was like, 'Oh my gosh, I actually dropped that. I was wide open,'" Connolly said. "But a couple plays later, coach gave me a second chance. I had amazing blocks, it was an awesome throw by Aaron, and I caught the ball and scored." The Panthers squib-kicked to open the third quarter, getting a fortuitous bounce and recovering the ball with a chance to put the Chargers in a deeper hole. The Chargers' **Benson Teater** came up with a great sack of Rhodes, however, and the Chargers took over on downs. Aside from a 15-yard run by Fowlkes, the Chargers couldn't capitalize, as Connolly made a blitzing backfield tackle and the
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Northeast Football Rattled By North County, 42-19



Photos by Colin Murphy

The Eagles were competitive in spurts against North County but couldn't overcome an early deficit and a rash of injuries in falling to the host Knights.

Interstate Test Vs. Dover (DE) Looms In Week 3

By Colin Murphy
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A week can make quite a difference. Just seven days

after scorching Mount Hebron 41-14 in a season-opening win at home, the hitherto high-octane Northeast Eagles had their jets cooled by North County in the Knights' home opener on September 13. North County quarterback **John Hardcastle** threw for two touchdowns and ran for two more, teammate **Kenny Houston** had three

touchdown runs, and the Knights ran rampantly over the Northeast defense to improve to 2-0 with a 42-19 win. The Eagles received touchdowns by **Cole Souvenir**, **Mason Kanipe** and **Cody Edmondson** but otherwise struggled to slow North County's athleticism and ground game, playing from behind throughout

the night and having their difficulties compounded by injuries. "Mama told me there'd be days like this," said Northeast coach **Brian Baublitz**. "This was a tough one." Perhaps the Knights were buoyed by their Week-1 win over Severna Park, a disjointed 13-6 victory, or maybe it was the energized

Friday-night crowd on hand for their home opener. That, or maybe the Knights just have a slew of playmakers who were balling from the opening kick. The Knights made a stop on their first defensive possession, and Hardcastle hit **Samual Grahm** for a 28-yard passing touchdown on their second play from

scrimmage. Northeast's **Brayden Young** blocked the extra-point attempt, at the time a big play to keep North County's lead at 6-0. Eagle wingback **Jaden Roberts** responded with a 60-yard rushing gain down the left sideline to get inside the North County 30-yard line, but Northeast couldn't keep the chains
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Panthers Defeat Chargers 20-0 In 14U Showdown

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Chargers returned the ball to the Panthers on downs.
Sisco made another backfield tackle to highlight the Chargers' next defensive possession and get the ball back again, setting the stage for the Panther defense to respond with one of the game's highlight plays.
Near midfield, the Chargers threw a pass under pressure into the left flat, but defensive back **Ty Guamera** was there for the interception.
Guamera took his pick 64 yards to the house, but the touchdown was revoked for a blind-side block during the return. The Panthers nonetheless retained the ball in Chargers territory.
Guamera said he was deliberately positioned on the play, and that the defense collectively played a great game.
"I tried to bait him a little bit," said Guamera. "He tried to throw it over there, but I moved to the right and picked it, and then I just tried to run as hard as I can...It's definitely really big to shut out a team. We just need to get everything working, defense, offense special teams, but we did really well today."
Up 13-0, the Panthers went for the kill. **Xander Dodd** ran for 15 yards up the middle, **Kaleb Richardson** carried for seven yards, and Grunder ran up the middle to set up first-and-goal from the 3-yard line. Dodd capped the drive with a touchdown
run up the middle, and he added an extra point with



A touchdown by Andrew Lloyd (13), interception by Ty Guamera (58) and running gains by Collin Lewis (22) helped the Panthers overcome the play of Delray Fowlkes (1) and the Chargers in a 20-0 victory.

Photos by ColinMurphy

ongoing improvement as the primary goal.
"There's always work to do," he said. "Every week we try to get better. There's still a lot of offensive line work to do. Our main goal is getting the boys prepared for the next level. Twenty of these 21 are Chesapeake kids, all eighth grade...We just take it one week at a time and go from there. The ultimate goal is getting them prepared to play for [Chesapeake head coach] **Rob [Elliott]** at the next level."
The Chargers, meanwhile, are operating at a disadvantage, having not played together as a cohort before. But Chargers coach Chris Katzenberger made no excuses, citing the team's cohesion in a Week-1 win over Andover. The Chargers are Siscoe, Olopade, Fowlkes, Teater, **Dustin Cross, Isaiah Thomas, DJ Thompson, Logan Fisher, Jayden Moulden, Maurtice Brown, Chris Sanders-Franklyn, Nate Bidell, DJ Jones, Khalil Johnson, Zayne Gray, Jai West, Keohnte Green and Keonjay Venerable.**
"Right now we have a group of individuals," Katzenberger said. "Our main thing is playing for a team, and right now they're not playing for a team. Until they learn that lesson, in football and in life, they're just going to be a group of individuals playing. ...[Against Andover] they came together. We were down and only had one substitute, and they played their hearts out. They came together at the end and made sure they pushed through. Andover is a good team, and basically it was heart. Other than that, we've got to put our nose to the grindstone and work hard."

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Eagle Boys Play Stoutly Vs. SP



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The Northeast boys soccer team fell 4-0 to Broadneck on September 12 (above) but nonetheless played well in a 1-0 loss to Severna Park two days prior.

By Colin Murphy
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The Northeast boys soccer program hasn't exactly been a regional powerhouse in the past decade, but opponents would be unwise to sleep on this year's Eagles. Northeast has quietly improved under the direction of second-year head coach **Cliff Buck**, and though they fell short of a headline-grabbing result on September 10, they played

perennial juggernaut Severna Park tough in a 1-0 loss. The Falcons needed a 56th-minute goal to come away winners on their own turf. Senior forward **Mason Keefe** has been a consistent scoring threat, and junior center back **Jacob Bartlett** has been a steady force on defense. "We don't have a lot of seniors, so we're young and will be returning strong team next year," said Buck. "The communication is a

lot better. We have a lot of smart players. Our core is really strong. We are pretty organized in our 4-3-3 shape....[Against Severna Park] it wasn't like it was 1-0 game and we defended the whole game. We had a cross to a header on goal, a volley that just went over the top, a shot that just missed wide left, so even when we were down we fought back and had chances to tie it up. It was a good game."

Northeast Freshmen Connect For Highlight Goal



Photos by Colin Murphy

Broadneck ultimately came away with the victory on September 12, but not without dealing with Northeast freshman Caitlyn Cornwall (22), who scored a fantastic goal in the first half off an assist from fellow freshman Makenzie Boyd. Abigail Zimmerman (20) and the Eagles face Chesapeake on September 17.

By Colin Murphy
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A pair of losses to Severna Park and Broadneck in the same week is nothing for the Northeast girls soccer team to be ashamed of — the Falcons and Bruins are the reigning 4A East region finalists from a year ago and perennial state contenders — and besides, the Eagles' September 12 home game against the Bruins came with a breakout moment for a pair of rising stars. With her team down 2-0 in the first half, Northeast freshman **Caitlyn Cornwall** showed outsized determination and will by refusing to

be denied on a highlight-reel goal. The sequence began when Cornwall ran forward from near midfield onto a brilliantly slotted through-pass by fellow freshman **Makenzie Boyd**. Running full speed, Cornwall controlled possession, fought off a defender, evaded a tackle, took a deft touch to slip past Broadneck's goalkeeper and drilled a low screamer into an empty net. A trail of nonplussed Bruins stood with blank stares in Cornwall's wake as she was embraced by teammates in celebration. With four freshmen on the team, the future is bright for the Eagles — and so is the present.



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Pasadena 12U Chargers Start Season With Win Over Severna Park



Photos by Colin Murphy

Lake Waterford Park was the setting for the Pasadena Chargers' 6-0, season-opening win over the Severna Park Green Hornets on August 24.

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The 12U Pasadena Chargers football team kicked off the season with a 6-0 victory over the Severna Park Green Hornets at Lake Waterford Park on August 24.

Pasadena's win moved the team to 1-0 in the American Division of

the Anne Arundel Youth Football League.

A 12-yard touchdown run by **Hebrew Norfleet** punctuated a third-quarter scoring drive by the Chargers to break a scoreless tie. **Isaiah Gamble** and Norfleet both ran for multiple gains of 10 or more yards on the day in complementing Pasadena quarterback **Tyson Ball**.

Gamble had two sacks, and **Ja'Ron Holland** had a big tackle for a loss in the fourth quarter followed by a sack of the Green Hornets' quarterback to turn the ball over on downs and end the game.

Norfleet, Gamble, Ball, Holland, **Ronnie Burrell**, **Chris Rosario III**, **Michael Hardman Jr.**, **Isaiah Rodgers**, **Dustin**

Steinheim, Adrian Ervin, Jayden West, Nevin Howell, Jayden Pack, Brian Stukes Jr., Ogodluwa Odubore, Darign Green, Rohan Moore, David Calligon, Tristan Ross and Korey Durham comprise the 12U Chargers, who are competing in the top AAYFA 12U Division despite many of them

playing with the Chargers for the first time.

"A lot of the kids are first-time players, so they're going to get used to it, and...they're going to be ready to go," said Chargers coach **Michael Hardman**.

"These are all new kids to this organization. It's week to week. Get that W on Saturday, and that's about it. That's what we focus on.

We can't think ahead."

Hardman preached improvement to the Chargers after the game but was glad they played well enough in spurts to overcome a slow start and earn the win against Severna Park.

"It started off rocky, but we came together better as a team in the second quarter and on," Hardman said.



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Chesapeake Girls Rally For 2-2 Tie With South River

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Hurst hinted that the result might be a bellwether of continued success for the Cougars, who have made back-to-back appearances in the region final and are hoping that 2019 leads to the breakthrough into the state tournament. “I’m extremely proud of this group to get this result against such a talented South River squad because we’ve been putting in the work at practice and we can finally see some of the payout from our effort,” said Hurst. “I can’t wait to see what’s in store for the rest of our season.”



Photo courtesy of Jaimie Hurst
Sarah Cuttler had 15 saves in Chesapeake's 2-2 tie with South River.

Bradley Makes USA Lacrosse U17 Select Roster

Pasadena resident and Mount Saint Joseph junior **Bradley David** is one of 22 players from all over the country to make the USA Lacrosse U17 national team. Bradley will compete with the USA U17’s over the weekend of October 19-21 against regional and national Canadian teams at the US Lacrosse headquarters in Sparks during the organization’s Hall of Fame induction weekend. David is one of five players from Maryland on the USA roster. A midfielder who grew up playing Bucs lacrosse, David was lauded by USA coaches in scouting reports as a physical lacrosse player with a “hockey-type mentality” who “understands leverage.” David is also a standout wrestler at Mount Saint Joseph, where he wrestled last year at 145 and 152 lbs.



Bradley David was one of five players from Maryland to make the USA U17 Select lacrosse team.

Couch Excels At Wrestling Nationals

Pasadena resident and Mount Saint Joseph sophomore **Joseph Couch** had a special summer representing on a national stage. Couch was one of 5,000 competitors to take part in USA Wrestling’s United States Marine Corps National Championships in Fargo, North Dakota — wrestling heartland — in July. Wrestling at 113 lbs, Couch went an impressive 11-3 overall across two separate divisions, freestyle and Greco-Roman. Couch was 6-1 and placed third in Greco-Roman in his weight class and was 5-2 in freestyle and placed in the top 12, one round short of earning All-American status. Though he focuses on wrestling now, Couch played Lake Shore Baseball and Panthers football growing up, and he also did gymnastics through Docksiders Gymnastics. Couch is an honor student and Flaherty Family Foundation Scholar at



Joseph Couch went 11-3 overall at the USA Wrestling US Marine Corps National Championships in North Dakota this summer.

Mount Saint Joseph’s with a grade-point average of 4.13 and aspirations to become an anesthesiologist.

Northeast Football Rattle By North County, 42-19, As Interstate Test Looms In Week 3

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moving and turned the ball over on downs. Initially, the Northeast defense kept the Eagles in the game. Northeast made several strong tackles to keep North County in its own territory before forcing a fumble that was recovered by **Tamir Hatcher**. **Tony Miller** came on to relieve starting quarterback **Riley Pitt**, who left temporarily with an injury, and Miller led a scoring drive. **Tyleek Coleman** ran for 17 yards on third-and-14 to get a first down, and Miller lofted a floater over the linebackers to Roberts for another first down. Souvenir bruised through tackles to put Northeast in the end zone, and an extra-point kick by **Kayla Alexander** gave the Eagles a 7-6 lead midway through the second quarter. By that time, Northeast was already dealing with

a conveyor belt of injuries that stacked up mercilessly for the remainder of the night. Deploying most of the starters in dual offensive-defensive roles, the Eagles’ depth was challenged as ultimately nine starters had to exit for some or all of the game due to injuries. Baublitz was loathe to make excuses but acknowledged that it was an unwelcome challenge to see such volume of injuries. “That was devastating tonight. I’ve never been a part of that in my life,” said Baublitz. “We had nine starters go down. Nine starters. You know, I’m not making any excuses. [North County] played physical ball and they knocked our boys out. But we can’t recover from that and we don’t have the depth for that. But, they were beating us up before that even happened.” Despite strong open-field

tackles by Roberts and Souvenir that briefly slowed North County’s ensuing push, Houston made a long gain for a first down and punched in a short touchdown run for a 13-7 Knights lead. Northeast didn’t produce a response offensively, and Hardcastle hit **Kyle Silver** on two consecutive passes, a long completion and a short touchdown, for an 18-7 lead at halftime. North County extended its lead after the break when **Rodney Wilkerson** ran back the opening kick 50 yards down to the Northeast 10 yard line. Hardcastle ultimately kept for a 1-yard touchdown run and a 24-7 North County lead. Pitt re-entered the game at quarterback for Northeast and helped the Eagle offense regain traction as Roberts ran for a first down, Souvenir caught a long pass for another first down

and Kanipe hauled in a 20-yard pass for a touchdown. Northeast pulled to within 24-13. Houston came right back with an 11-yard touchdown run on North County’s ensuing drive, pushing North County back out to a 30-13 advantage. When Northeast tried to make up ground in a hurry, Pitt was intercepted, setting up the North County offense again. Hardcastle broke free in the middle of the field for a 56-yard touchdown run and a 36-13 lead. Even in the waning minutes of the fourth quarter, Northeast maintained pride in every snap and continued to fight, imploring each other on the sidelines to keep making plays. An interception by **Connor McGregor** gave the Eagles the ball, and **Cody Edmondson** sped past a fleet of Knight tacklers for a 61-yard touchdown run to

make it 36-19. Houston capped his terrific evening with yet another North County response, capping a Knight drive with his third touchdown for the final score of 42-19. The loss came a week after Northeast started the season on fire in a 41-14 rout of visiting Mount Hebron. In that game, Pitt ran for a touchdown and threw two touchdowns to Coleman, while Edmondson and **Roberts** also had rushing touchdowns. Miller threw a 30-yard touchdown to Kanipe, and Alexander made five of six extra-point attempts for the Eagles. Baublitz and the Eagles remained undeterred and unfazed despite the loss, giving credit where due but knowing they are fully capable of playing better and beating strong opponents. “Watching tape, we knew they were athletic

and very good,” Baublitz said. “I honestly think now, after playing them, they’re playing a lot more as a team instead of individuals, which is really helping them, and coach **[Quinten Jones]** is doing an outstanding job over there... We’ll do what we have to do. We’ll wake up in the morning and get an injury report and see what we’ve got going. We have a really big game in Dover [Delaware] next week. We’ll see what pieces of the puzzle we have left and we’ll go out and compete for 48 minutes next week.” Week to week in this county and region, it’s anybody’s game. A proud night for North County just might end up being fuel for Northeast’s fire. “It’s Friday night lights,” said Baublitz. “You never know what’s going to happen. “That’s what makes it so beautiful.”

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Briefs

Cougar Football Starts 2-0

Chesapeake football is off to a 2-0 start with a pair of quality wins this September.

On September 6, the Cougars opened the season with a 41-14 win over visiting Largo. Quarterback **Tyler Clark** was 5-of-7 passing for 124 yards and a touchdown and added a rushing touchdown. **Victor Listorti** carried

eight times for 37 yards, including a 22-yard touchdown, and on the defensive side of the ball he added two pick-6 interception returns for touchdowns of 45 and 35 yards. **Brian Plummer** had a 45-yard reception, **Alonzo Wilkes** had a 38-yard reception, **Trent Jacob** had a 20-yard touchdown reception, and **Kyle Lane** had an 82-yard kickoff return for a touchdown.

In Week 2, Chesapeake kept the momentum going with a 15-0 win over

Randallstown. Clark was 5-of-9 passing for 90 yards with a touchdown and interception; he threw a first-quarter touchdown pass to Plummer that got Chesapeake on the board first. **Jalen Richardson** carried 23 times for 58 yards, and **Devin Forrester** rushed eight times for 28 yards and a touchdown. **Julian Sutton** added three carries for 13 yards. Wilkes made two catches for 42 yards, and **Bryce Carleton** had a 25-yard catch. Blaine Smith converted a 36-yard field goal.

The *Pasadena Voice* will be at Chesapeake on September 20 to provide coverage of the Cougars' Week-3 game against Severna Park.

CHS Field Hockey Scores OT Win Over South River

The Chesapeake field hockey team outlasted 4A powerhouse South River on September 13 to in a shootout, 3-2.

Chesapeake received regulation goals from

Madison Hoyer and **Stephenie Brown**, both assisted by **Caitlyn Johnson**, to take the Seahawks into overtime. After two scoreless overtime periods, the game went into a shootout, where Johnson, Hoyer and **Georgia Spangler** scored to lift the Cougars to victory.

Eve Vickery made 12 saves for the Cougars, who improved to 4-0. The defense of Johnson, **Natalie Forman**, **Abby McFarland**, **Avery Sesney** and **Abby Dunn** powered

the Cougars in victory.

Chesapeake Boys Soccer Defeats South River 2-1

The Chesapeake boys soccer team earned a quality victory with a 2-1 win over South River on September 11. **Sam Adams** scored off an assist by **Nick Wells**, and **Julian Denardo** scored the game-winner off an assist by **Eli Belcher**. **Ethan Belcher** had 14 saves for Chesapeake.

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Chesapeake High Opens School Year Under New Leadership

By Christopher Fincham
Chesapeake High School's new principal has a simple goal: make a positive impact. John Yore, who for the past seven years was the principal at Meade High School in Fort Meade, was appointed to the position at CHS over the summer. He replaces Stephen Gorski who is now an assistant principal at South River High School. Yore spent the summer talking to parents, students, teachers and members of the community to identify what's great, what's good and what can be better at CHS.

"The last thing I want to do is come in and change things just for the sake of change," Yore said. "There's a lot more good things happening here than problems." With that in mind, his initial effort is aimed at establishing and developing connections within the classrooms and throughout the hallways. "This first week of school, it hasn't just been a lot of

"This first week of school ... It's been about building relationships and building trust."
— JOHN YORE
CHS PRINCIPAL

going over a syllabus; it hasn't been just rules," Yore explained. "It's been about building relationships and building trust." "Certainly the academics are a critical part of what we do, but even before that, one of the things that I feel very strongly about is the importance of focusing on a foundation that supports the psychosocial and emotional wellbeing of students," he explained. Born and raised in the Washington, D.C. area, Yore got into education because he enjoyed serving young people and serving the community, passions he discovered as a student at Largo High School. "When I was at Largo, I was involved in the Maryland Special Olympics," Yore explained. "I became involved working with students with disabilities, or students who had unique challenges very early in my life, and I really enjoyed working with young people. » Continued on B8

High Point Elementary Gets A Facelift



Top: During earlier construction, High Point was "re-fronted." The entrance of the school was moved from Duvall Highway to Edgewood Avenue. **Middle:** Two new playgrounds give kids ample space to play. **Bottom:** Each early childhood classroom has a Smart Board in the front, shelving units and its own bathroom.



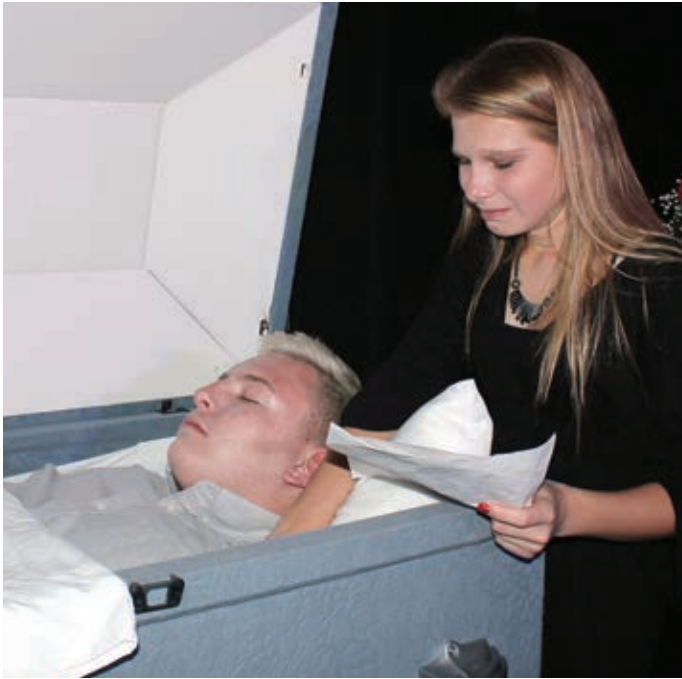
Principal Tim Merritt (right) is excited about the new media center (above), which is filled with shelving, chairs, tables and two learning spaces: one for early childhood teaching and one for older students.



High Point Elementary students received a nice surprise in early September when they returned to an improved building complete with a media center, two playgrounds, and new classrooms for prekindergarten and kindergarten. The renovations were the last part of a three-phase project that started in 2018 with a new gym/cafeteria, two new music

rooms and a "re-fronting," which moved the entrance of the school from Duvall Highway to Edgewood Avenue. With the improvements, High Point's capacity increased from 574 students to 747. Principal Tim Merritt called it a welcome addition thanks to Superintendent George Arlotto and the Anne Arundel County Public Schools » Continued on B8

Northeast Signature Program Fights Addiction Through The Human Experience



Last year's House of Addictions showed attendees the potential consequences of drug use.

By Zach Sparks
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In the halls of Northeast High School weeks before Halloween last year, a grim scene brought visitors to the door of the opioid epidemic. Kids slumped against the walls, unresponsive. Others, distraught, shuffled around a table after a party gone wrong. The House of Addictions

was hard to witness, but that was the point. Even though the scenes were staged with student actors, the display sent a powerful message: this is the aftermath of addiction. This year, Northeast is expanding the program, and the House of Addictions is just one part. Rebranded this year as The Human Experience, the display will be available to » Continued on B9

Community Methodist Youth Serve Locally For Summer Mission Trip



By Laura McElwain Colquhoun
"Connecting with God, Connecting with Others and Connecting with Creation" was the theme of recent mission work of the youth group at Commu-



nity United Methodist Church (CUMC) in Pasadena. For the second consecutive year, the youth decided as a group that their annual mission "trip" would stay local. "They wanted to stay and serve in their own community," said the Rev. Ali DeLeo,

pastor at CUMC. She said community service projects are at the heart of the group's work, not just for summer mission trips, but year-round. "We look for ways to connect people and develop

friendships," DeLeo said. Each day of the week-long mission in August, 14 youth and 10 adults volunteered at different organizations and completed projects in and around Pasadena. They completed nine service projects during the five days, with each one relating to one or more parts of the mission's theme. To connect with creation, youth and adults spent an afternoon at the beach at Fort Smallwood Park picking up trash, which yielded about eight industrial-sized bags in an hour. A second creation-oriented project was helping to harvest food at First Fruits Farm in Baltimore County, a nonprofit that donates all its food to Maryland and » Continued on B8

Monsignor Slade Celebrates 65 Years Of Educating Students

Monsignor Slade Catholic School is celebrating 65 years of fostering academic excellence and spiritual growth for its students. Generations of families have benefited from numerous leaders, faculty and staff members, and volunteers who dedicated themselves to the education of enrolled children. Originally named Holy Trinity School, the building opened to 504 students on September 7, 1954. Students in both elementary and high school were taught by six Sisters of Notre Dame de Namur who were assisted by three lay teachers. Holy Trinity Parish, now Christ the King Catholic Church, led by the Rev. Austin Murphy, is also celebrating 100 years of Catholic presence in Anne Arundel County. At one time, the size of Holy

Trinity parish prompted its division into four separate, independent parishes, which determined that Holy Trinity School would serve as a regional school for northern Anne Arundel County. In July 1973, the Northern Anne Arundel Regional Catholic School was incorporated

to serve six parishes in the area. Within the next 20 years, Slade became the regional school for three additional parishes, serving a total of nine parishes in Anne Arundel County. In 1974, Cardinal Lawrence Shehan renamed the school Arthur Slade Regional School.

The school was incorporated in 1991 as Arthur Slade Regional Catholic School, where the tradition of serving Anne Arundel County families and students in kindergarten through eighth grade continued. A state-approved preschool program serving 3- and 4-year-olds began in 1975,

which expanded in 1994 to serve children ages 2 through 4 in both full-time and part-time programs. As part of the 50th anniversary in 2004, the school was renamed Monsignor Slade Catholic School to honor the priesthood of its founder. Currently, Slade serves

approximately 500 students and their families. The school is supported by the incorporation of four parishes: Christ the King Catholic Church, St. Bernadette Catholic Church in Severn, St. Lawrence Martyr Catholic Church in Jessup, and Our Lady of the Chesapeake Roman Catholic Church in Pasadena. Students attend from nearby counties and parishes across the region. The faculty and staff are dedicated to promoting the Catholic faith and developing the spiritual, intellectual, emotional, social and physical well-being of all students. Recently, Monsignor Slade Catholic School has experienced significant developments that have increased the faculty's ability to provide an excellent education to Slade students. The construction and implementation of a new » Continued on B8



The student body at Monsignor Slade Catholic School honored the 65th anniversary by lining up to form the number 65.

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Question of the month

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

What has you most excited about fifth grade and why?

I am excited for being a bus safety this year because I get to help my friends.

Cole Arndt

I am most excited about Drownproofing for fifth grade.

Lila Borte

I am most excited about J.A.

Pasadena Elementary School



This month, the *Pasadena Voice* asked Ms. Guzowski's class at Pasadena Elementary School, "What has you most excited about fifth grade and why?"

Biztown this year because I want to learn about working at a job and how you pay bills.

Corinne Brandts

I am excited to be a safety and be on the announcements this year. I am also excited for

the field trips.

Autumn Capozzi

I'm excited for Drownproofing because I am a good swimmer and I love, love, love swimming.

Hannah Carland

J.A. Biztown, Drownproofing, and being a safety are the things I am looking forward to the most because I heard they were so much fun and I love field trips and helping out

the school.

Lila Coleman

I am excited about swimming because I know how to swim.

Halle Groh

I am most excited about being a safety this year because you get to wear a belt.

Dominick Lascola

I am most excited about being a safety this year because I want to keep people safe.

Brayden LaVonture

I am most excited about Drownproofing this year because we get to swim. I am also excited about going to middle school next year.

Avery Lynch

I am most excited for Drownproofing and J.A. Biztown. I am excited for J.A. Biztown because I heard that it was really fun along with Drownproofing.

Rylee McAteer

I am most excited about being safety this year because I can help kids get to their bus.

Jeremiah Murphy

J.A. Biztown is what I am most excited about this year

because I want to know what working is like.

Griffen Ochiltree

The most exciting part of fifth grade is going to be Biztown because that would be fun, running a business.

Alina Ochoa

I am most excited about being a safety because ever since I was in kindergarten, I wanted to be a safety.

Samantha Reighard

I am most excited about being a safety this year because it will be fun to help out at the end of the day.

Bryan Reyes

I am most excited about Drownproofing because I like to swim and I am very curious.

Natalie Rizk

I am excited about learning new things in fifth grade so I can be smarter and go to college.

Makenzie Shirley

I'm excited to do Drownproofing because we get to swim for a week.

Jelani Sykes

I am most excited about J.A. Biztown this year because I want to know what it is like to work.

Nicholas Zenker

Chesapeake High School Under New Leadership

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So when I finished my education, I had the opportunity to work as a motor development specialist in Prince George's County."

The early parts of his career continue to serve as a foundation for his beliefs and approach as a principal. As a special education teacher, he taught motor development and adaptive PE. In the mid-'80s in Prince George's County, his first assignment was working at a hospital's adolescent psychiatric ward.

"That being my first experience as an educator really had an eye-opening impact on me," Yore said. "I certainly realized

that there are so many things that can impact children."

From that point, he loved being in the classroom and had no plans on being an administrator. However, in his 12th year of teaching, he had an opportunity and ended up doing some administrative work that changed the course of his career.

"Within three or four weeks, I realized how much I loved it," he said. "While I loved my classroom and my specific group of students, having an administrative role within the school meant that I was able to actually have more contact with more students, more teachers and more of

the community as a whole. I became really immersed in it and I really liked it."

Now he's focused on ensuring every student has a safe and meaningful experience every day in order to maximize their ability to learn and achieve.

"For me, it's one of the moral imperatives that I believe," said Yore. "We can't afford to have a single student come into this building and not have a connection. We [must] figure out how to support them and connect them to something or someone."

When Yore says every student, he means every student. "Ninety-eight percent

sounds really good," Yore said. "But if I look at the 2% who aren't being successful and [my son or daughter] is on that list, 98% doesn't sound so good anymore. When you look at statistics, 90 to 100 is a really good statistic. But when it involves a human being, 100 is the only good number."

Yore thinks the students at Chesapeake are some "pretty phenomenal young people," and now that school's in session, he is excited to have the opportunity to lead them.

High Point Gets A Facelift

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Board of Education. "When they decided in 2017 to expand the school, we were over capacity at the time, so it was that coupled with hedging for future growth in the community," Merritt said.

Merritt smiled when speaking about the media center, which is filled with shelving, chairs and tables new to the building. "We purged ourselves of all the old furniture in the old

building," Merritt said. "We wanted new furniture for a new school."

Down the hall is an early childhood wing with two new pre-K classes and three new kindergarten classes. Each early childhood classroom has a Smart Board in the front, shelving units (a luxury the old building did not have) and its own bathroom.

Outside, the kids can enjoy two new playgrounds.

Community Methodist Youth Serve Locally

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Pennsylvania residents in need. Another project included making flood buckets for the United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR). The buckets were sent to Florida after Hurricane Dorian.

Two activities involved connecting directly with others in the community. One morning, the youth made and shared breakfast with residents at the Arundel House of Hope in Glen Burnie. Another morning, youth participated in a Bible study led by DeLeo at The Way Homes center in Pasadena.

"It's a great way to learn what's happening with people and learn to grow in commu-

nity," DeLeo said.

Other activities focused on connecting adolescents with others at their own church. One day, the youth made and served lunch to a group of seniors at CUMC. The intergenerational project involved eating together, with seniors sharing stories with the youth. The group also made a meal for a summer worship service. Additional activities included making picnic tables for the church and volunteering in the church's food pantry.

The youth said the week's activities gave them a sense of purpose, though The Way Homes activity was the most meaningful project according to youth leader Kristal Neale.

"The youth loved how the participants opened up and shared, and they wanted that for their own group," Neale said.

Michele Drocella, an adult volunteer, added that interacting with residents at The Way Homes center gave the youth a sense of worth, and residents also enjoyed bonding with their young visitors.

Youth group members became closer with one another as well during their mission week.

"I really think we connected with each other and with God, all while we were worshipping, building, connecting and growing," said Billie Volker, a member of the youth group.

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Fifth-Grader Repaints United States Mural At Sunset Elementary

By Haley Weisgerber

A fifth-grade student repainted the United States mural on the playground of Sunset Elementary School in August.

Cooley Williams made the decision to repaint the outline of the United States while on a bike ride with his family in the beginning of the summer.

The mural, which is outside on the playground, was fading badly. The outline of the country and the states were barely noticeable after many years of being on the blacktop of Sunset Elementary. The existing mural did not have any color.

"He told me he wanted to repaint it," said Katrina Williams, Cooley's mother. "We told him he couldn't paint it. He had to ask permission first."

Determined to make



Left: Cooley Williams pressure-washed the sand and dirt off of the mural at Sunset Elementary. **Right:** He then recruited six friends to fill the refreshed mural with color. The paintbrushes were supplied by Artworx Tattoo and Body Piercing in Curtis Bay. The paint and additional materials were donated by Home Depot in Glen Burnie.



Photos courtesy of Katrina Krauss Photography

a difference on his playground, he did just that. After walking into the main office to speak to Dr. Toni Carr, the principal at Sunset Elementary, he was granted permission to begin the project.

"We thought about

opening it up to the whole school, but he told me he knew he would be able to pull it off with his friends," said Williams.

With the help of his family, Cooley pressure-washed the sand and dirt off of the existing mural. He recruit-

ed six friends to fill the refreshed mural with color. The entire project took a few weeks to complete.

Cooley was joined by Lilly Patrick, Chase Hyatt, Jill Gerber, Hunter Kramer, Abigail Shyrook and Wesley Rimmel.

The paintbrushes were supplied by Artworx Tattoo and Body Piercing on Fort Smallwood Road in Curtis Bay. The paint and additional materials were donated by Home Depot on East Ordinance Road in Glen Burnie.

"He's always been artsy and creative, but this is the biggest thing he's ever taken on," said Williams.

"He's painted on canvases before, but they aren't that big."

Williams said she is "super proud" of her son for completing such a large-scale project having never done anything like this before.

"He's a very unique little guy, for sure," said Williams. "It is going to be so cool for the kids to see what they've created every day at recess."

Just as Williams predicted, on the first day of school, Cooley's classmates and teachers were excited about his mural.

"Cooley came home and said all of the kids really liked it," said Williams. "His teacher said she liked it and wanted to know all of the details of how he did it and who helped."

While he may only have one year of recess left on the playground at Sunset Elementary School, Cooley has left something for students to enjoy for years to come.

Northeast Signature Program Fights Addiction

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the public on October 11 from 5:00pm to 9:00pm at Marley Station Mall, which boasts a space larger than Northeast can accommodate. According to Jenn Wheeler with New Life Addiction Counseling & Mental Health Services, last year's event sold 200 tickets in 10 minutes.

"Kids don't start using drugs, by and large, for no reason," Wheeler said. "There's a lot of anxiety and depression. What makes students feel that way and makes them want to numb their feelings? It's academic overload, not making the team, the pressure of their peers."

The goal of The Human Experience is to teach youth how to cope with those feelings and fears. Having lost her sons

Ryan and Matt to addiction, Denise Williams feels inspired to partner with Northeast again this year to make sure other Pasadena teens don't become victims.

"The kids face academic overload, problems on social media, and body changes — that stuff led my one son to self-medicate," Williams said. "He was depressed and didn't want to talk about it. He had anxiety and didn't want to talk about it."

Williams, Wheeler, and the Northeast staff want kids to talk about their problems before it's too late. By showing them the possible outcome of addiction, the adults hope to intervene.

The display will include a central booking center replica, a 30-day treat-

ment room, an emergency room and a funeral scene. Despite the dark subject matter, Wheeler said, the experience closes with positive affirmations.

Northeast students will continue to serve as actors, portraying addiction and grief. Students from Northeast and other high schools will be bussed to Marley Station Mall for the event, which community members are encouraged to attend as well.

Tickets are free at the door. For more information, contact Northeast's Signature Program facilitator, Brandi Dorsey, at bdorsey@aacps.org.

"Northeast High School is in or backyard," Wheeler said. "The epidemic is right here. People are still using, they're still numbing the pain, and we have

to continue to educate. We have to start with our youth. We tell them, 'You're not alone.' We show them there are resources out there: mental health services, crisis response, social workers and more."

Northeast's truck-or-treat, usually held in conjunction with the House of Addictions, is slated for October 12, from 5:00pm to 7:00pm at the high school. Parents and kids are encouraged to wear costumes.

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Abstract Artist Has First Private Show At Mountain Road Library

By Sharon Mager

Len Burnie artist Andrea Goggans will display a collection of her abstract paintings at the Mountain Road Library meeting room in Pasadena through November. “I’m excited,” Goggans said. “I primarily do art as a hobby. This is the first time I’ve had my art displayed anywhere outside of a school setting or in my friends’ homes.” Goggans graduated from the University of Maryland in 2018 with a degree in Japanese but has always had a passion for art. Throughout high school and college, she always included art classes in her electives. “It remained a hobby, but one I was passionate about,” Goggans explained. While painting is her favorite medium, she also enjoys ink sketches, photography, polymer clay sculpting, resin art, needle felt, and other sewing-type crafts. Goggans doesn’t remember when she first began experimenting with art as a child, but she still has sketchbooks from elementary and middle school with figure drawings. She became more serious about her hobby in high school



Andrea Goggans allows her abstract art to express her emotions.



and took many art electives, including drawing, painting, printmaking, photography and ceramics. “Every year, I had something different, and I loved it,” she said. “When I got to college, I wanted to keep with that trend while still focusing on my studies.” At Anne Arundel Com-

munity College, like in high school, she filled her electives with art classes. She had less wiggle room in her schedule at the University of Maryland, but she took two art classes — drawing and painting. The painting class was profoundly influential. “I was a bit nervous my first day, expecting to sit down and paint a bowl of fruit or something similar, but I lucked out and somehow managed to get an abstract artist as my professor,” she explained. “He had a sense of freedom to paint that I resonated with, and I enjoyed my time in the class thoroughly.”

Goggans began to develop her style in the class. “I had three to four hours, two times a week, to paint as much as I wanted, and I enjoyed experimenting with small things that eventually led to me finding a groove,” she said. She was surprised to find that the teacher and her classmates admired her work. “I had never really had a lot of confidence in my art, so I was shocked to find out that [the teacher] liked what I was making, and my classmates did as well,” Goggans said. “He even asked me to be a teaching assistant for him after that semester, which shocked me even more given that I was not an art student. I declined because I was graduating, but I was very humbled to have been asked. “Quite a few of the paintings I have displayed at the library now were made

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“Good Boys” Is Chocked Full Of Funny Sophomoric Humor



Photo courtesy of Universal Pictures

A touching story about growing up and about growing apart while appreciating one’s childhood friends, “Good Boys” is reminiscent of a less serious “Stand By Me.”

By Audrey Ruppert

Seth Rogan recently joked on “Jimmy Kimmel Live!” that his nephews are starting to believe he isn’t really an actor, because they are never allowed to see his movies. “Good Boys,” despite its focus on 12-year-olds, is no different, and has Seth Rogan written all over it. Surprisingly touching, raucously funny and wildly inappropriate, “Good Boys” is a film about children, and it’s a must-see for adults. I would leave the kids at home, not because of the sex jokes (your children are hearing those jokes in real life, whether you want to admit it or not), but because they won’t “get it” yet. Half the humor comes from looking back at the excruciating experience that was our adolescence and realizing how silly we were to worry about the things we did. “Good Boys” centers

around three sixth-grade boys: Max, Lucas and Thor. All are dealing with typical middle school problems; Thor longs to be accepted, and quits the school musical - despite having a lot of talent - in attempt to be “cool.” Max is hopelessly obsessed with a girl in his class but can’t make eye contact and has to use a middle-man friend to communicate with her. Lucas is ridiculed for following the rules, and is concealing a painful secret from friends - his parents are getting divorced. When Max is unexpectedly invited to a popular boy’s house for a kissing party, the boys realize that none of them have any experience with girls (despite each claiming to have ample experience). They decide to spy on their teenage female neighbors to attempt to learn how to kiss. From there, the day rapidly devolves into hilarity, and the gang is

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BTM Brings The Chilling Story Of “The Snow Queen” To Maryland Hall

By Megan Ruge

With winter on the horizon, The Ballet Theater of Maryland (BTM) is looking forward to its upcoming production, “The Snow Queen.” Based on the famous fairytale of the same name by Hans Christian Andersen, the production will be brought onstage at 7:30pm on October 18 at Maryland Hall for the Creative Arts in Annapolis. Mystical trolls, a powerful enchantress, mischievous goblins, ice sprites and a gypsy caravan will combine to help fearless Gerda battle the elements in a race to save the kingdom and free those she loves, according to the BTM website. “I liked that the friendship, and the sacrifice of the friends, I think, is what makes [the story] so popular,” said BTM’s artistic director, Dianna Cuatto. The story was the inspiration for the Disney film, “Frozen.” Though the show



will contain the same theme as the original fairytale, Cuatto said she took her version in a direction between the original fairytale and the Disney version. BTM’s version of the story sees a young and unhappy princess about to be crowned queen. She has no interest in taking a suitor who is chosen for her, but as queen she will have no choice. In the distance, the Goblin King is looking to stir up mischief. At the coronation, the princess’ suitors arrive, and so does the Goblin King. He takes the princess away with

him, freezing her kingdom in a tundra of ice. This incident leads the princess’ friends on a journey to save her and their kingdom. Along the way, they are greeted by many mystical guides who give them gifts to help them succeed. In the end, the shattering of the Goblin King’s magical mirror breaks the curse, and the strength of love triumphs over all. Cuatto was drawn to the show because of the moral of the story and what it means for audiences. “The love that we have

for each other in our hearts can break evil spells and create a better world,” Cuatto said. “We have to follow our hearts.” The production is one of many originals created by Cuatto for BTM. She said that she has been working on it since May 2018. According to Cuatto, the process wasn’t cut and dry. “I started with the story, but then I had to go to the music to finish the story,” Cuatto said. The music and the story go hand-in-hand when composing an original ballet, and she listened to many pieces from different composers before deciding which ones went both together and with the story. Cuatto then started observing the dancers in classes to help with casting and choreography. “It becomes kind of a collaboration, even though they’re not really aware,” Cuatto said. The cast will consist of company dancers, including 34 professional dancers and

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Brian Hardy: Climbing The Ropes And The Charts



Brian Hardy (middle) made his second WWE appearance during a September 2 airing of WWE’s Raw program at the Royal Farms Arena in Baltimore.

By Dave Topp

It’s been an exciting year for Brian Hardy. A 2008 graduate of Northeast High School, Hardy has seen his professional wrestling and musical careers ascend to new heights in 2019. “This has been a big year in WWE for me,” said Hardy, who appeared on a September 2 airing of WWE’s Monday Night Raw program at the Royal Farms Arena in Baltimore. A musician as well, Hardy released his second full-length album “Other Side of the Tracks” on June 7. “So far, very positive response back about the entire album,” he said. During his most recent WWE appearance, Hardy took to the ring using a new alias: Brian Thomas. “The coolest thing about the whole entire experience was that they allowed me to use my first name and my middle name,” he said. “To actually be myself on TV was really cool.” Hardy entered the ring as a part of a tag-team duo with

Tyler Hastings, who hails from Salisbury. “Two Maryland boys against two of the top WWE guys right now,” said Hardy, who squared off against The Viking Raiders. Hardy’s first WWE appearance was as Frank Venezia during a 2012 SmackDown match. After years on the independent wrestling circuit and a few spot appearances for the WWE along the East Coast, the thrill of performing in front of thousands in an arena and millions on television is as great as it’s ever been for Hardy. This year, he’s seen more on-screen and in-the-ring time than any other year. “I don’t know what it’s like to do drugs, but I wouldn’t want to because you couldn’t get me higher than the energy from one of these shows can get me,” he said. As much excitement as the bright lights of the WWE has brought to Hardy, his passion is shared with his music. “I love the wrestling business with all my heart and

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Dining Out



La Posta Pizzeria & Italian Kitchen Serves First-Class Food

By Mary Cobbler

My husband and I were excited to enjoy a rare date night at La Posta Pizzeria & Italian Kitchen, located at 513 Baltimore-Annapolis Boulevard, on a beautiful Tuesday evening. The restaurant is comfortable, with warm shades of red and yellow, dark brown tables and the big pizza oven surrounded by a roomy bar. The owners seamlessly integrate the history of the former post office with an authentic Italian atmosphere. Colorful canvases are made to look like giant stamps, and the placemats resemble envelopes. With warm cappuccinos in hand, Italian menus and soft music, we basked in the feeling of



Photos by Mary Cobbler
Topped with olive oil and baked in an oven that exceeded 900 degrees, the pizza was scrumptious.

dining in an Italian villa while staying right here in Severna Park. We started with an appetizer of Burrata alla Posta, a baseball-sized ball of mozzarella stuffed with seasoned stracciatella cream cheese, served over lettuce, grilled zucchini and roasted peppers,



Burrata alla Posta is a baseball-sized ball of mozzarella stuffed with seasoned stracciatella cream cheese, served over lettuce, grilled zucchini and roasted peppers, tomatoes and olives.

tomatoes and olives. This colorful appetizer was a light dish packed with flavor and texture. The sliced vegetables were perfectly grilled to bring out their natural flavors, and the fresh tomatoes and olives were crisp and paired

nically with their cooked counterparts. The cheese was beyond creamy; the texture was velvety soft and satisfying. This appetizer teased at the authentic Italian dinner to come without making us feel stuffed — the perfect amount of food. Our waiter, Tim, was attentive all night. He stayed on top of our beverages and answered all of our questions about the menu, making helpful recommendations while handling several tables at the same time without seeming rushed. He left us to enjoy our food but materialized beside us whenever we needed anything. Tim brought out a basket of bread and an oil-and-spices dipping concoction that knocked our

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socks off. He told us in conspiratorial whispers that it was a secret recipe they cooked up in the kitchen. We could taste the olive oil, parmesan cheese and pesto, but the other elements of the delicious dipping sauce were a mystery — so, naturally, we had to finish the entire dip to try to figure out what it was. The warm bread was perfect for dipping; the inside was airy and light, while the outside was crispy. It soaked the oils in beautifully.

Frank Sinatra’s “The Best is Yet To Come” drifted over the loudspeakers as we enjoyed our appetizer and nibbled our bread. With good aromas in the air and the cozy woodfire stove nearby, it felt like Sinatra was making a promise exclusively to us about our dinner. We weren’t disappointed.

My husband and I ordered an entree and a pizza and split both of them. He ordered the tagliata bistecca di manzo, a sliced flat-iron steak paired with arugula, cherry tomatoes and parmesan, and I ordered the pizza bianca.

The only real downside I could mention about La Posta is that it is so authentic that sometimes the menu can be a bit confusing — formaggi, melanzane, ripieno and other Italian words felt intimidating at times. The restaurant does an excellent job of defining the terms in the description of each item, though.

I enjoyed the pizza here once a couple of years ago, and I was hoping it was as good as I remembered it. I was thrilled when I chomped down on the first bite and tasted everything you could hope for in a pizza, with the dough as fresh as it gets. Topped with olive oil and baked in an oven that exceeded 900 degrees, it was scrumptious. Honestly, my husband said you could put anything on that crust and it would taste

good, but the bubbly melting cheeses topped with thinly sliced sausage, and the spices, were delicious. Even though I did not expect the broccoli, I found it soft and well-cooked, a welcome addition to a perfect pie.

The steak was impressive. It seemed impossible that so much flavor could fit on the end of my fork, but La Posta achieved the impossible. This was the melt-in-your-mouth steak of your dreams. It was so tender I could slice it with my butter knife — seared and seasoned on the outside and tender all the way through. The arugula and tomatoes added an element of freshness to the savory meal, and we were delighted to finish it without feeling too stuffed to move.

Contemplating dessert, I had tried the tiramisu and loved it before, so I was anxious to try one of the other dessert options. Tim recommended the limoncello gelato. It’s a limited summertime treat, so you better hurry to try this one.

The bottom of this layered dessert was a sweet lemon puree topped with fresh lemon gelato, and then cream, strawberries and mints all served up in a tall champagne glass — a taste of summer. This dessert was bursting with lemon flavor. It was sweet and paired well with the steak and sausage from our dinners.

The entire bill including an appetizer, a soft drink, two cappuccinos, two entrees and two desserts (I took an excellent cannoli home) came to just less than \$90. The menu is varied, with pizzas, meat, seafood, pasta dishes, salads and soups, so one could easily choose less expensive meals. A lunch menu offers some delicious-sounding sandwiches.

This cozy restaurant is perfect for a simple date night or for any time. Reservations are suggested.

Downs Park Presents Last Two Summer Shows

By Andy Epsilantis

Are you ready to rock? The Friends of Downs Park will count down the end of summer with two September concerts, The Back Pages Band on September 22 and Sub-Radio on September 29, both from 4:30pm to 6:30pm.

Back Pages Band is a golden decade of rock (1963-1973) cover band that has been performing since those songs were originally recorded. The band is made up of Henry Smith on guitar and keyboards, Roger Owens on guitar and guitar synthesizer, Ron Campbell on drums, and Joe Stanisha on bass, with all four members adding vocals.

Stanisha said the set list has not been determined yet, but he claimed that The Back Pages Band’s choices will be “classic tunes from our extensive repertoire of songs that often aren’t attempted by other bands.” A demo tape can be heard at www.thebackpagesband.com.

“The band loves to play at Downs Park in Pasadena because it boasts one of the greatest concert views in America,” Stanisha said. “The bandstand is bumped up against the Chesapeake Bay. The crowd gets to hear the music, watch a sunset, and see sailboats passing quietly by from their seats on their blankets, or in their lawn chairs.”

Sub-Radio is made up of Adam Bradley on lead vocals, Matt Prodanovich on guitar and vocals, Michael Pereira on drums, Barry Siford on bass, and John Fengya and Kyle Cochran sharing guitar and keyboard duties. Sub-Radio could not be reached for comment, but can be found online at



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www.sub-radio.com and on Spotify and Apple Music.

Cheryl Schwabline, a volunteer with Friends of Downs Park, described the close of this year’s series as bittersweet. “After this year is over,” she said, “we’ll be tearing down the old amphitheater and building a new one. It’s the end of an era.”

Schwabline and the rest of the Downs Park staff are committed to not allowing the construction to halt next year’s summer series, but they admit there are variables that could lead to delays.

“We hope next year, with the new amphitheater, will be our best year yet,” Schwabline said. “We’re going to book the bands, and we’re going to have shows from June through September, not just in June and September. But you know how it goes with permits and other issues.”

No alcohol is permitted at Downs Park and smoking is prohibited within 100 yards of the concert venue. The free concerts are sponsored by Ace Hardware of Lake Shore, Cookie’s Kitchen, Kurtz Beach, Lauer’s Supermarket and Bakery, Huff Insurance, McDonald’s of Lake Shore, the Pasadena Business Association, and the UPS Store of Lake Shore. Even pets are welcome, though they must remain in designated areas.

County Fair Continues To Emphasize Pageantry



Photos by Zach Sparks

Whether people were competing in a pie-eating contest, petting farm animals, watching their kids enjoy carnival-style rides, or checking out the arts and crafts, there was plenty to marvel at during the Anne Arundel County Fair in Crownsville from September 11-15.

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it will always have a special place in my heart, but the music is where it's at for me," Hardy said.

As he describes it, "Other Side of the Tracks" has a country twang to it, though he describes his overall style as a combination of surf rock and retro rock.

Hardy's musical influences include The Beach Boys, Elvis Presley and Johnny Cash. Recently he's found a connection with guitarist, singer and songwriter Brian Setzer.

"As of recently, the thing that got me the sound that I was looking for is I'm absolutely obsessed with Brian Setzer and the Stray Cats," he said. "I found my guitar tone through listening to Stray Cats and Brian Setzer."

Album favorites so far, he said, are the title track and a song called "Letters from San Bernardino." That song is inspired by letters his grandfather, who was



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stationed in San Bernardino with the Air Force, would write and send to his grandmother in Baltimore.

"I was looking for things to write about, looking for new material and I came across these letters in my attic," he said. "I pulled them out and started reading them and I was crying my eyes out. [So] I wrote a song about it."

Fans can catch Hardy performing live at The Office Bar and Grill in Pasadena on October 4 from 5:00pm to 8:00pm.

For more information about his new album or future performances, find Hardy's pages on YouTube, Facebook and Instagram under the handle @BrianHardyMusic.

“Good Boys” Is Choked Full Of Funny Sophomoric Humor

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forced through a series of mishaps to skip school, get rid of drugs, run across a 12-lane highway, buy drugs, retrieve a drone, take three sips of beer, attack a frat house and more.

The movie could have easily been in rather poor taste considering its adult nature, but it was surprisingly heartfelt. We are brought back to the time when we would have crossed a 12-lane highway, gone against parents we respected, ditched our "uncool" passions just to be accepted, while trying to make sense of our raging hormones. It is only once we have grown that we realize just how silly that "cool" kid with the gelled hair and chain

was, and marvel at how far we went to impress them. Despite all their posturing, the three kids are “good boys” and on their way to becoming admirable young adults, learning from their mistakes along the way.

Admittedly, the repetition of jokes playing on the boys' misunderstandings of sexuality can get repetitive, but for the most part, the jokes land. I appreciated that sophomore humor involving middle school boys and their growing understanding of sexuality was funny, but not at the expense of women (Lucas says rather seriously to Max, who is practicing on a "CPR" doll, "Wait! You can't just kiss her; you have to ask for her consent!")

The dialogue is surprisingly convincing, and finally we are given a mostly realistic portrayal of how children interact. So often children are one-dimensional characters, serving only to show one's history as an adult, or as props in the stories of grownups. Each boy has his own insecurities and strengths, and the chemistry between the three friends is charming.

A touching story about growing up and about growing apart while appreciating one's childhood friends, "Good Boys" is reminiscent of a less serious "Stand By Me" and great performances from Jacob Tremblay and Midori Francis in particular make it well worth the watch.

BTM Brings The Chilling Story Of "The Snow Queen" To Maryland Hall

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12 trainees. Cuatto thinks the characters will be easily recognizable by fans of the Disney version of the story.

"My dancers are really good at portraying characters; we're sort of known for that," Cuatto explained.

The dancers practice 35 to 40 hours a week for five weeks until the show premieres. The demand for each part varies and requires different types of training.

“A lot of dancers work 35 to 40 hours a week and then go to the gym and work out,” Cuatto elaborated. “It is very demanding.”

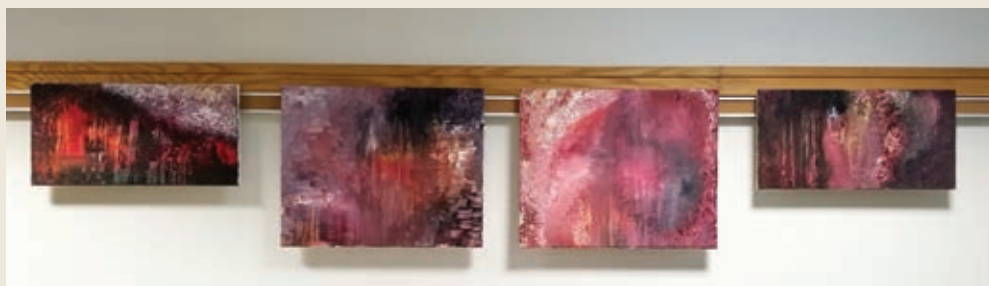
BTM will host its 41st season grand opening celebration from 5:00pm to 7:00pm prior to the October 19 performance at Maryland Hall. The gala will act as a fundraiser and will feature light fare, a raffle and testimonies from BTM dancers.

An ice palace tea party

will take place before the October 20 matinee performance that will be geared toward children. There will be crafts, treats, and a meet and greet with the show leads. This event is included in the price of Sunday tickets, and children are encouraged to dress as their favorite fairytale characters.

Tickets for the performances and gala tickets can be purchased by visiting www.ballet-maryland.org.

Abstract Artist Has First Private Show At Mountain Road Library



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during that class.”

A humble artist, Goggans allows the abstract art to express her emotions.

"I don't think I try to capture emotions when I paint, more that I let the emotions that I feel shape the methods that I use when painting," she said. "If I'm angry, maybe I hit the canvas a little harder than usual with my brush, or if I'm sad, I might choose colors that reflect my mood. I switch to something brighter when I'm feeling better."

She often works on several canvasses at one time

"Sometimes it's out of necessity, since the methods I use require gravity to do some of the work for me, and that takes a bit of

time," she said. "Usually, though, it's because I hate wasting paint, so I always have one brush-cleaning canvas sitting near me. Sometimes those paintings end up looking really interesting, so I focus on them and then need another brush cleaning canvas," she explained.

"I like letting the paint be paint, and watching how the way I apply it, the method or tool or pressure that I use, changes the way the paint sits on the canvas."

Asked what influences her painting, Goggans responded, "I would say nature, but not in the sense of the physical embodiment of nature. It's more like the colors and impressions it gives

me. The sky is particularly influential to me in that sense. It has mood and feeling, and while I don't try to paint exactly what I see when looking at the sky, I would say I emulate the mood."

Her art varies from vivid, to more muted, based on the texture. "I like playing with texture, letting the paint do what it wants," she said.

Goggans is thankful for her parents' support and encouragement. "They put up with me when I had my hobbies all over the place," she said.

Her cat, Tsume (Japanese for claw), also provides her with feline encouragement, comfort and fun, though she said her house plants cower in fear.

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