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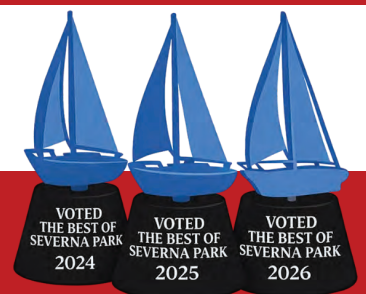
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The Show Goes On: Postponed Parade Showcases Immense Community Spirit

When the Greater Severna Park and Arnold Chamber of Commerce postponed its Independence Day parade due to heat-related logistical challenges, people around the area were right to wonder what would happen to the beloved tradition.

A few float entries had to drop out and a few additions registered late. Yet the one-week delay did not stop the community from showing up on July 11 and sharing their love for the event and their country, which is celebrating its 250th anniversary.

More than 100 entries traveled the parade route from Benfield Road to Cypress Creek Road while being cheered on by a sea of spectators clad in red, white and blue.

Linstead on the Severn scored the coveted title of Best Overall for a fifth straight year with its USS Linstead design, a 40-foot naval

aircraft carrier flanked by four golf carts transformed into fighter jets.

"We chose this design to honor two historic milestones: the 250th birthdays of both our nation and the U.S. Navy," Linstead resident Marit Duffy explained. "Over the past month, more than 15 Linstead families worked to convert a standard pontoon boat trailer into this spectacular vessel."

Round Bay took home the award for Best Community, and many attendees called it their favorite entry. Ashley Zaleski-King and Dan Spadicino served as co-chairs on the neighborhood's float committee. They wanted to celebrate a longstanding tradition: the Round Bay carnival.

"With 2026 marking America's 250th birthday, we wanted to honor not only our nation's history but also one of Round Bay's own

And The Winners Are:

BEST OVERALL

Linstead on the Severn

MOST PATRIOTIC

Airman First Class Nathaniel McDavitt
Memorial Scholarship Fund

MOST ORIGINAL

Severna Forest

CELEBRATING THE 250TH ANNIVERSARY

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Improvement Association

BEST COMMUNITY

Round Bay

BEST CLUB/NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION

Our Shepherd Lutheran Preschool

BEST COMMERCIAL

1 50 East Remodeling

2 Wells Home Improvements

3 Park Books



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Olde Severna Park Improvement Association's float showcased iconic American symbols: the Statue of Liberty, Mount Rushmore, the Liberty Bell and the Declaration of Independence.



Our Shepherd Lutheran Preschool was awarded the title of Best Club/Nonprofit Organization for its schoolhouse-themed parade entry.

treasured traditions," Zaleski-King shared ahead of the event. "Our neighborhood has been hosting carnival festivities on the community beach since 1920, bringing generations of families together through creative games, performances and community magic."

Inspired by those early carnivals, the float featured a handcrafted, working Ferris wheel; a giant popcorn box; a classic ticket booth; and plenty of patriotic carnival flair. "But the real stars are the neighborhood kids, who enthusiastically embraced the theme," Zaleski-King said. "They'll be bringing the carnival to life as jugglers, gymnasts, cotton candy vendors, and even a pair of 'strong men' attempting to lift 1,000-pound weights!"

Severna Forest took Most Original with a 10-foot trailer that featured a volunteer dressed as Betsy Ross. Celebrating the 250th Anniversary went to the Olde Severna Park Improvement Association, which showcased some iconic American symbols: the Statue of Liberty, Mount Rushmore, the Liberty Bell and the Declaration of Independence.

Olde Severna Park resident DJ Gile drove to New Jersey in June to acquire a cast aluminum Statue of Liberty that was listed on Facebook Marketplace. "I rebuilt the missing/broken pieces with hardware cloth and two-part epoxy, then have been sanding, priming and painting to get her in shape for the big parade," Gile said in the days leading up to the event.

Businesses and nonprofits also left an impression. The Magothy River Association — sponsored by Anderson Marine Services, Chesapeake Geosystems Inc., Davis Tree Service, Donnelly's Dockside, Maguire Marine Construction and The Orso. Team — created the "Magothy Queen." A 19th century steamboat float, it served as a nod to the nonprofit's history, and volunteers distributed an educational placemat to children along the route. Titled "Landings of the Magothy," the placemat highlighted historical landings local farmers used to ship produce to Baltimore and Annapolis.

Park Books owner Melody Wukitch met

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Postponed Parade Showcases Immense Community Spirit



Left: The first-place title for Best Commercial went to 50 East Remodeling. Above: Wells Home Improvements received second-place Best Commercial honors for its parade entry.

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with several area merchants to collaborate on a "Discover the Park" float that resembled storefronts. Employees walked in the parade and dressed as Waldo, corresponding with a new campaign and an August 1 event at the bookstore.

"We have hidden small Waldos in more than 30 small businesses locally, and shoppers are encouraged to find all the Waldos and get their passports stamped," Wukitch said, adding that passports can be picked up at Park Books. "When done, they can come back to the bookstore and turn them in to win a 'Where's Waldo?' prize. The 'Where's Waldo?' — Discover the Park' game will run

for the whole month of July!"

Patriotic pride was not limited to the community floats. The Airman First Class Nathaniel McDavitt Memorial Scholarship Fund arrived with a parade mainstay, a trailer with an F-16 Fighting Falcon aircraft. Every year, the entry honors McDavitt, a 2011 Severna Park High School graduate who enlisted in the United States Air Force. He was working in a building in the Middle East when a severe windstorm caused it to collapse and ultimately cause McDavitt fatal injuries in April 2016.

His mom, Jeanette Middleton-Sudano, called the parade a meaningful opportunity for her family to honor and celebrate her son's life while also raising awareness of the A1C Nathaniel H. McDavitt Memorial Scholar-

ship. Those funds allowed two Severna Park High School students to each receive \$2,000 scholarships in 2026.

"Our trailer features an F-16 because Nathan proudly served in the United States Air Force as an F-16 crew chief, working on the aircraft in Germany and Jordan," Middleton-Sudano said. "He took great pride in supporting the pilots, the mission of his unit, and serving his country. Every year, displaying the F-16 is our way of honoring his service, preserving his legacy, and inspiring others through the scholarship established in his memory."

The memory of that float and many others will linger for all the people who came to Severna Park's first — and hopefully only — July 11 Independence Day parade. ■



Park Books' "Discover the Park" float showcased area merchants and won third place for Best Commercial.



The 2026 parade grand marshal was Bob Quigel, who served with the U.S. Army's 4th Infantry Division during the Vietnam War.



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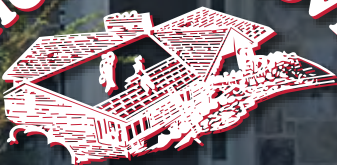
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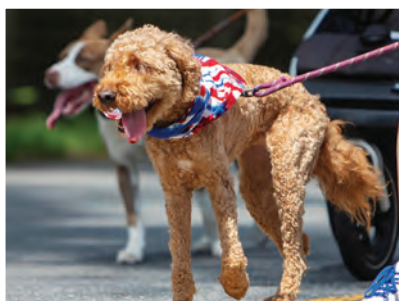
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Patriotism, History And Creativity Converge In Kids' Decorated Bike Contest

Many of the greater Severna Park community's youngest residents celebrated the country's 250th anniversary on two wheels on July 11, sporting their patriotism with decorated bicycles.

During a beloved annual tradition, children gathered in front of the Greater Severna Park and Arnold Chamber of Commerce (GSPACC) office before the Independence Day parade stepped off to showcase their creativity in the

spirit of the Fourth of July.

Bikes shimmered and sparkled in the morning sunlight, adorned with red, white and blue garland, stars, flags, wreaths, streamers, bows, flowers, ribbons, stuffed animals and other décor. Kids competed for first-, second- and third-place prizes in three categories: Best Overall, Most Patriotic and Most Original.

This year marked 7-year-old Ava Paisley's fourth year participating in the bike contest, and she held nothing back. She dressed from head to toe in green — including painting her face — to transform into "Lady Liberty." She wrapped her bike in green and blue, with sparkly blue streamers draped all around. Her Statue of Liberty-themed entry earned Ava first place in the category of Best Overall.

A star-spangled red, white and blue wreath with a large, gold "250" on top was the centerpiece of Lola Rice's decorated bike. A nod to American history, her design included a photo of every U.S. president. Lola, 11, has participated in the contest six times; this year, she took home the first-place prize for Most Patriotic for her "America

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Contest Winners!

BEST OVERALL

- 1 Ava Paisley
- 2 Elenor Walsh
- 3 Amelia Palmer

MOST PATRIOTIC

- 1 Lola Rice
- 2 Sawyer Harrison
- 3 Ella Harrison

MOST ORIGINAL

- 1 Oliver Bark
- 2 Jack Palmer
- 3 Luca Fiorina



**BEST
OVERALL**
Ava Paisley



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Decorated Bike Contest

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250" themed bike.

A testament to how many children participate in the decorated bike contest year after year, it was also Most Original first-place winner Oliver Bark's fourth year wrapping his wheels in a beautiful display of patriotic décor. His bike, themed "The Tinsel 2000," lived up to its name. The wheels, frame and handlebars were wrapped in tinsel, with large stars and "250" signs intermixed. Oliver, 9, donned a Statue of Liberty hat, a USA shirt, and a patriotic lei. This was the first year he executed his design all by himself, and he shared his decorating secret: Zip ties are the key.

The contest was sponsored by Lean on Dee Senior Home Care, and this year's judges were Pam Spearman, former GSPACC president; Sue Gerbracht of Edinboro

Early School; and Brian Lancione of the Severna Park Voice.

"It was great to see the creativity that the kids put into their bikes," said Spearman, who has resided in Severna Park for nearly three decades and has volunteered with the parade in various roles over many years. "The kids were very excited to participate."

GSPACC CEO Liz League shared that after the kids gather for the contest, photos, and celebration with family and neighbors, they join the parade procession following Lean on Dee and pedal to the end of the parade route.

"Our decorated bike contest gives our youngest community members a chance to shine, celebrate their creativity, and kick off the parade with excitement," League said, adding that their presence in the procession brings "color, energy and community spirit to the lineup." ■



MOST ORIGINAL
Second Place
Jack Palmer

MOST PATRIOTIC
Second Place
Sawyer Harrison



MOST ORIGINAL
Third Place
Luca Fiorina

MOST PATRIOTIC
Third Place
Ella Harrison



BEST OVERALL
Third Place
Amelia Palmer



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Veterans Honored With Quilts Of Valor

By Zach Sparks

Quilters nationwide are thanking military members and helping some veterans put the pieces back together years and even decades after their service ends.

They do this by gifting quilts that bring comfort and healing to their new owners. American Legion Post 175 — Severna Park hosted an event to honor five veterans with Quilts of Valor on June 20.

The Quilts of Valor Foundation formed in 2003. Delaware resident Catherine Roberts, whose son was deployed, had a dream about a despondent soldier who sat on the edge of a bed. She then saw the soldier again, with a quilt, feeling lighter and hopeful.

Since 2003, veterans across the country have received a combined 447,658 quilts. From January through May of this year, 11,679 quilts have been awarded.

In Anne Arundel County, quilts are made by a chapter called The Sewing Stars, which meets at Cottonwood in Severna Park. Quilts are about 62-by-73 inches and consist of four parts: the top, the batting or center, the backing and the stitches.

Each part has a significance. The top has many colors, shapes and fabrics to represent the diverse backgrounds and

life experiences of recipients. Warmth from the batting is designed to bring comfort, peace and healing. The backing of the quilt is the strength that supports the other layers.

"It represents the strength of the veteran, the support of the family, community and the people of our nation," said Nicole Putnam-Frenchik, who leads The Sewing Stars.

And then there's the last part. "The stitches, which hold all of the layers together — these represent the caring, gratitude and honor the quilt-makers might feel," Putnam-Frenchik shared.

One of the five veterans, Glen Burnie resident Larry Bowen, called it an honor to receive such a gift.

"Nicole called and asked, and it was quite a surprise," Bowen said. "As a service member for 21 years, you don't do it for the recognition. You do it because you're a patriot."

A Purple Heart recipient, Bowen served aboard the USS Liberty, which was deployed to the Mediterranean Sea to gather intelligence during the Six-Day War between Israel and Arab states in 1967. Though the USS Liberty was unarmed, Israeli forces launched an attack on June 8, killing 34 people and wounding over 170 others.

"They strafed us, they torpedoed us and they napalmed us," said Bowen, who added that he would serve his country again, and he did by joining the National Security Agency.



American Legion Post 175 hosted The Sewing Stars in June as the group presented Quilts of Valor to five veterans.



Left: Vietnam veteran and Quilts of Valor recipient George Shearin had the support of many family members, including his wife, during the event at American Legion Post 175.

Right: Roy Tucker tried on his new Quilt of Valor with help from The Sewing Stars representatives.



Left: A veteran known as Robert "Spud" accepted his comfortable gift.

Quilts of Valor



Left: Larry Bowen and his wife, Fidge, attended the June event. He expressed gratitude for his quilt. He would gladly serve his country again.



Right: A former medic in the Air Force, Talicia Blake thinks all veterans should request a Quilt of Valor.

Acts of gratitude, like Quilts of Valor, are meaningful to Bowen. Only in the last nine years has he started talking about his pent-up feelings: post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD), depression and anxiety.

As an Air Force medic, Talicia Blake witnessed many gruesome injuries. The Glen Burnie resident nominated herself for a Quilt of Valor after attending her uncle's ceremony in West Virginia.

"Just to have something that someone put together, it shows gratitude and it is good to feel appreciated," Blake said. "Every veteran should put in for it."

Quilts of Valor recognizes active duty, National Guard and reservist members of the United States armed forces. The group also honors living veterans of the armed forces during declared war, conflicts, police actions, peacekeeping missions and counterterrorism operations.

An Army veteran, Putnam-Frenchik got involved in December 2025 because she wanted to give back to the people who are not always recognized for their service. The Sewing Stars has 11 active members, some being veterans, and it takes a group of them to create each quilt.

"My father was a Vietnam vet and he had PTSD," Putnam-Frenchik said. "No one thanked him."

George Shearin, a Middle River resident, can relate to that sentiment. He recalled coming home from Vietnam and feeling "greatly disrespected."

He brought his wife, sister, brother, nephew, niece and grandson to the Severna Park ceremony in June. Whether it's Quilts of Valor or a "thank you" from a stranger, any expression of appreciation is welcome.

"This almost brought tears to my eyes," Shearin said of the American Legion Post 175 event. "This meant a great deal." ■



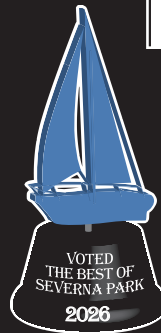


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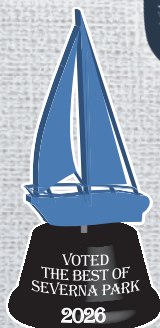
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Residents Celebrate America's 250th Through Their Life's Work

Ginger and David Hildebrand have devoted 30 years to teaching, recording and performing colonial music.



By Meredith Winter

I feel that we were absolutely born for this moment," David Hildebrand said just prior to America's 250th birthday, adding, "We've been doing this stuff for so long, living and breathing this stuff, that I feel we are uniquely positioned to be able to tell the story accurately and with passion through this program."

The program he referred to is a series of more than 30 concerts that he and his wife, Ginger, are performing up and down the East Coast throughout the year in celebration of the country's semiquincentennial anniversary. And the Hildebrands are uniquely positioned to tell the story of the country's birth, specifically through early American music, as they have devoted the last three decades of their lives to studying and performing colonial music.

Residents of Severna Park for 40 years, David and Ginger are professional performers, teachers and recording artists. They co-founded and directed the Colonial Music Institute for 20 years, and it now lives on at George Washington's Mount Vernon.

Their tour this year included performances on July 4 at the Maryland State House, in the room in which Washington came before Congress to resign his commission as commander-in-chief of the Continental Army. There, as they have done around the country, the Hildebrands told the story of the

American Revolution through music, seamlessly switching between various period instruments while engaging audiences through song and education.

"It's not just that we play music; every single piece of music has to be explained, because the music itself is not all that sophisticated. It's not Chopin, it's not Beethoven; it's basically folk songs and dance tunes, but the lyrics to the songs really tell the story, and most people don't know who the major generals (were) in the battles of the Revolution, what happened where," David said. "So in this program, we start with the taxes of the 1760s, and songs against taxes, and the fact that some Americans were loyalists and wanted to pay their taxes and others didn't. ... It would take five hours to do a decent, full presentation of this swiipe of the Revolutionary era, battle by battle, but we try to compress it."

Dressed in period clothing, David and Ginger sing and play the violin, harpsichord, hammered dulcimer, reproduction English and Spanish guitars, and other instruments common in 18th century America.

Music is what brought them together decades ago. They met on Ginger's 18th birthday while performing at parents' weekend at Dickinson College. David accidentally hit Ginger in the head with a swinging door — a great way to meet women, he joked — and nonetheless Ginger suggested they play music together again soon.

They began playing folk pop of the '70s in clubs and bars and fell in love with playing together and with each other. They married in 1983 and released their first album in 1984.

Ginger's father is a pianist, and she began tickling the ivories at the age of 5. She started learning to play the violin at 7 and became a guitarist at 13. She holds a Master of Music in guitar performance from the Peabody Conservatory. David also plays piano among other instruments and holds a Master of Arts in musicology from George Washington University and a Ph.D. in musicology from Catholic University. His dissertation focused on music in colonial Annapolis.

For 30 years, David taught a graduate seminar at the Peabody Conservatory and continues to advise doctoral students there. Ginger teaches piano lessons at Severn School and taught at the Key School for 20 years. They have two adult children who grew up in Severna Park schools, and they enjoy sailing on the Magothy River.

Their life's work, in many ways culminating in this year's 250th celebration, has been specializing in early American music, for which they are nationally renowned. Not only have they performed across the U.S., including 500 programs for schoolchildren; the Hildebrands have also produced seven recordings and consulted or recorded for numerous soundtracks. These works include a six-part series called "Liberty! The American Revolution," documentaries about Washington and Thomas Jefferson, a live national broadcast on C-SPAN, and recording for CBS for a presidential inauguration.

Reflecting on the couple's career, Ginger considers the concerts they performed at the Capitol in Williamsburg a major highlight of their profession. Along with two other women from a Celtic band in which she performed, Ginger also played at Walter Reed Hospital every Friday for seven years.

Her experience with veterans is one thing that makes Ginger emotional about the unique privilege of participating in the celebration of America's 250th, a celebration of freedom and the sacrifices made for it, she noted.

"That we've come this far, it's a great experiment in democracy ... (and) we have so much to owe to our veterans," she said. "The freedoms that we enjoy now are just so broad and we fought for every one of them." ■

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As the United States celebrates its 250th anniversary, it provides an opportunity to reflect on historic milestones that have occurred in the state of Maryland over the last two and a half centuries. Though Maryland was established as a British colony in 1634, it did not become a state until 1788, and much has happened in the Old Line State since the founding of America in 1776.

1776

Four Marylanders were among the 56 signers of the Declaration of Independence: Charles Carroll of Carrollton, Samuel Chase, William Paca and Thomas Stone. Notably, Charles Carroll was born in Annapolis, was the only Catholic signer, and outlived four of the first five U.S. presidents, dying at the age of 95.

1781

Maryland was the 13th and last state to ratify the Articles of Confederation, which served as the United States' first constitution.

1788

A bit earlier in line this time, Maryland was the seventh state to ratify the U.S. Constitution. Of the 39 delegates at the 1787 Constitutional Convention who were signers, three represented Maryland: Daniel Carroll, Daniel of St. Thomas Jenifer, and James McHenry – for whom the fort in Baltimore is named.

1814

Marylander Francis Scott Key witnessed the British bombardment of Fort McHenry in September of 1814, during the War of 1812. Inspired by a flag still flying over the fort at daybreak, he penned a poem titled "The Defense of Fort M'Henry." The poem was later set to music and in 1931 became the national anthem, "The Star-Spangled Banner."

1844

Samuel Morse, who developed Morse code, sent the first official telegraph in the United States. The first telegraph line ran from Washington, D.C., to Baltimore, and the first message transmitted was "What hath God wrought!"

1845

Initially called the Naval School, the United States Naval Academy was established through the efforts of Secretary of the Navy George Bancroft. It consisted of 50 midshipmen and seven professors, and it was located at a 10-acre Army post called Fort Severn in Annapolis. It was renamed five years later.

1849

Harriet Tubman escaped slavery in Dorchester County and became a "conductor" of the Underground Railroad soon after. She returned to Maryland at least 13 times over the next decade to rescue 70 enslaved people.

1862

The Battle of Antietam took place in Sharpsburg in Western Maryland. It is remembered as the "single bloodiest day of the Civil War," with nearly 23,000 casualties. Though a tactical draw, the outcome emboldened President Abraham Lincoln to issue the preliminary Emancipation Proclamation five days later, recasting the war as a fight against slavery.

1952

The original span (eastbound) of the Chesapeake Bay Bridge opened, connecting Maryland's western and eastern shores. The bridge revolutionized transportation for the Mid-Atlantic region. At the time, it was the third-longest bridge in the world. The second span (westbound) opened in 1973.

1995

Annapolis marked its 300-year anniversary as the capital of Maryland. St. Mary's City was the capital of the colony of Maryland for 60 years prior. Annapolis served as the temporary capital of the United States from November 1783 through August 1784. ■

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Thank you to everyone who shared photos of your festivities!

The sky lit up over the Severn River on July 3 as the Sherwood Forest community put on its annual fireworks display.

Photo by Meredith Winter



Skate Zone planned to showcase its Skate Car, a custom roller skating-themed vehicle, in the Independence Day parade but was unable to participate on the rescheduled date.



American Legion Post 175 hosted a 250th celebration on July 4, inviting members and guests to enjoy food, outdoor games, live music and more.



At Founders Tavern & Grille, staff members and patrons said cheers to 250 years with free tastings, giveaways, and live music during a patriotic party throughout the afternoon and evening.



Olde Severna Park organized its own bike parade through that neighborhood, Linstead and the "downtown" Severna Park area, ending at the Cassilly Financial Group tent.



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The Patrouille de France painted the Baltimore sky a patriotic red, white and blue with vibrant smoke.

At the end of June, Sail250 Maryland and Baltimore Airshow drew large crowds into the city to see a spectacular fleet of international and U.S. tall ships, historic vessels and modern military ships in celebration of the country's 250th birthday.

Four elite flight demonstration teams screamed across the skies overhead during an airshow on June 27 and 28. Despite challenging weather conditions at times, the British Royal Air Force Red Arrows, the French Air & Space Force

Patrouille de France, the U.S. Navy Blue Angels, and the U.S. Air Force F-16 Viper Demonstration Team wowed spectators below with precise aerobatics and aerial displays of patriotism.

Martin State Airport welcomed crowds during the airshows to watch aircraft take off and land, and to meet the skilled Red Arrows and Blue Angels pilots and team members. Baltimore was the third of five cities to take part in Sail250, with the celebration continuing in New York City and Boston in the weeks that followed.

Flying F/A-18E/F Super Hornets since 2020, the U.S. Navy Blue Angels performed over Fort McHenry.

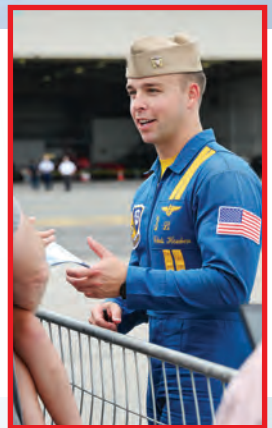


The Red Arrows pilots fly Hawk T1s – transonic, two-seat jets – to demonstrate the excellence of the Royal Air Force.

Below: Major Taylor Hiester, commander and pilot of the U.S. Air Force F-16 Demonstration Team, prepared for takeoff from Martin State Airport.



Right: Lieutenant Chris Houben and fellow Blue Angels pilots and team members greeted guests at Martin State Airport.



"It's a pleasure to be here to mark the 250th anniversary of American independence," said Wing Commander John Bond, Red 1, team leader for the Red Arrows, at Martin State Airport on June 27. **"It was great to display today down at Baltimore, and we're looking forward to tomorrow, and the rest of our five-week tour."**



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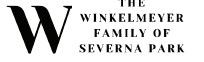









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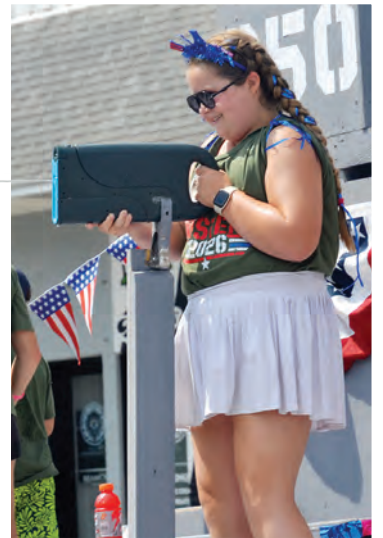
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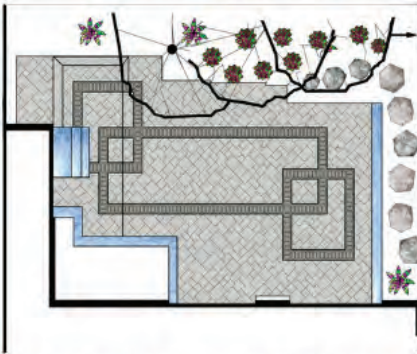
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