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Pasadena United Methodist Church Celebrates 100 Years Of Worship



The current building was completed in 1958 and the church changed its name to Pasadena United Methodist Church.

By Alyson Kay

What does Pasadena United Methodist Church have in common with Raggedy Ann and U.S. daylight saving time? All three turned 100 in 2018.

Pasadena United Methodist Church will celebrate its own milestone this November 18-19. "Over the past 100 years, God provided our church family at PUMC with a firm foundation that led thousands to be baptized, tens of thousands to receive Holy Communion and countless numbers to be sent into the world for mission and ministry," said the Rev. Mernie Crane, PUMC's pastor. "Our legacy is a precious one. We are entrusted to build upon and share it. It is a large task, but we approach it with trust that God leads the way."

The weekend celebration will include a dinner on

November 18 and a special Sunday service on October 19. The leader of the Baltimore-Washington Conference of the United Methodist Church, Bishop LaTrelle Easterling, will preach at the service in honor of the anniversary.

THE BEGINNING

The church was originally incorporated in 1918 as the Pasadena Methodist Episcopal Church South. In 1939, several types of Methodist churches unified and the Pasadena church changed its name to Pasadena Methodist Church Inc.

In 1955, the Methodist church's Baltimore conference presented the church with plans for a new building using funds from its Crusade for Church Extension fund. The current building was completed in 1958 and the church changed its name for the final time to Pasadena United Methodist Church.

A LONG PROCESS

To commemorate the founding of the new location, the church created a time capsule that parishioners put in the cornerstone. The capsule has been opened several times to commemorate special events.

Fundraising for the event started after the church's 90th anniversary celebration in 2008, but the church started planning for the event in earnest in 2017.

"It's been a long process," said Wilma Robley, the 100th anniversary committee chairperson.

Although the official dinner and celebratory Sunday service will be held in November, the church has commemorated the anniversary throughout the year. Celebrations started with a special pewter ornament that church members could purchase and take home for the Christmas season.

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PBA's Parade Cultivates A Sense Of Community



Photo by Stephanie Mennell Photography

The Pasadena Business Association's annual Caring & Sharing Community Harvest Parade once again drew crowds of residents to the streets to enjoy a procession of floats and walking units from local businesses, churches, schools, nonprofits, civic groups and other organizations, all united in the mission of collecting food for those in need in Pasadena. To see more photos, along with a list of winning entries in the parade, turn to page A6.

The Road Less Traveled: How Weather, Road Usage Impact The County's Maintenance Efforts

By Zach Sparks
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Driving through parts of Anne Arundel County can produce the feeling of a roller-coaster jolt. Potholes make some streets aggravating to traverse and other streets potentially hazardous.

But the Anne Arundel County Department of Public Works is aware of the conditions on county roads. (Ritchie Highway, B&A Boulevard and other state roads fall under the responsibility of the

Maryland State Highway Administration).

Anne Arundel County has roughly 1,800 centerline miles to maintain. That measurement represents road distance from beginning to end, without taking into account the size or number of lanes.

Blake Lightcap, a program manager for the Infrastructure Management Division of the Bureau of Highways, has a team of eight workers who do condition assessments, also known as road >> Continued on A6



Photo courtesy of the Department of Public Works

The Infrastructure Management Division of the Bureau of Highways grades each Anne Arundel County road, excluding state roads like Ritchie Highway, once every three years.

Find Our Election Day Coverage Online

First, let us say we hope everyone got a chance to go out and vote. Although this edition of the paper went to the printer before Election Day, our staff has still kept a finger to the pulse of the political scene. Be sure to follow us on Facebook and Instagram

to get our photos of local residents at the polls. Did you have strong feelings about a specific issue or office this election season? Send us an email at pvnews@pasadenavoice.com and let us know — we just might share your reflections with our readers.



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Pasadena Boat Parade Returns



Photo by Stephanie Mennell Photography

By Maya Pottiger

After a successful event last year, Andrea Menke is bringing back the popular Pasadena Boat Parade.

The parade is set for Saturday, December 1, and will start at 5:00pm. Like last year, the parade will kick off at the Broken Oar Bar & Grill and will end at PYY Marine. The

parade will follow the same route as last year.

"I've always enjoyed the parades in Baltimore and Annapolis when I could get to see them," said Laurel resident Tim Har-

rison, who watched the Pasadena parade last year and plans to participate this year. "The small-town feel of this makes me want to be in it. Also, the >> Continued on A9

Margueritte Mills
Volunteer
Of The Month

Pasadena's Barbara Patasce Serves
People Across Neighborhoods



Voice sports editor Colin Murphy presented SPAN volunteer Barbara Patasce with her Volunteer of the Month certificate.

By Maya Pottiger

Whenever starting a new project, Barbara Patasce dives right in.

After only six months as a volunteer with SPAN (Serving People Across Neighborhoods), Patasce is on the board of directors, represents her church, writes grants and will soon begin training to become an interviewer.

"[SPAN is] so helpful to so many people in need," Patasce said.

To become an interviewer, Patasce must go through two months of training. As an interviewer, Patasce will be able to directly meet with clients coming to SPAN in need of help.

"I want to work with the people," Patasce said. In

her current roles, Patasce does not get to work hands-on with clients.

When Patasce found out about SPAN's baby pantry, she wanted to get involved with that, as well, said Ellen Kinsella, the director of development at SPAN.

"She lovingly hand-crocheted some baby blankets to give away to new or expectant mothers," Kinsella said.

"[Patasce] explained, 'I want these blankets to go to the mothers who will not be receiving a nice baby shower.'"

This November, Patasce is helping with SPAN's Thanksgiving food drive.

"We'll pack up boxes that will have everything for a dinner, except perishables," Patasce said. "[The families] get a gift

card for perishables."

However, due to a recent knee surgery, Patasce will not be involved with SPAN's Turkey Trot. But not even the knee surgery slowed Patasce down.

"While she was still recuperating, Barbara was sending out emails about grants and other SPAN business," Kinsella said. "She always has a positive attitude and a smile on her face."

Before she started volunteering with SPAN, Patasce became a seasoned volunteer.

For seven years, Patasce was a volunteer EMT in Leesburg, Virginia. She taught CPR through the American Red Cross for 15 years, and served on the board for five.

In addition to SPAN, Patasce volunteers at Hope Springs Community Church. She is a Sunday School teacher and has helped with Operation Christmas Child for six years. She also does a weekly food collection through her church for SPAN.

SPAN is a food pantry and emergency assistance network serving families in need in 14 zip codes in Anne Arundel County. SPAN helps with court-ordered evictions, utility cut-offs, medical co-pays and prescriptions. SPAN is funded by churches, civic organizations, local businesses and individual donors.

Editor's Voice

Dylan Roche
Editor



I honestly feel as if we were just covering Fourth of July activities a few weeks ago, but somehow, we're coming up on Thanksgiving. Where did 2018 go?

Of course, it's not looking as if it's going to slow down any time soon. Once summer ends and students are back in school, it's a mad dash for our team here at the Voice to be able to cover everything that's happening around town. There are homecomings, fall festivals, fun runs, holiday parties ... to say it keeps us busy is an understatement.

In fact, this is the time of year when there is so much community news to cover that I sometimes wonder whether we actually can do it all — I wonder how we will ever be able to be there for all the events, how we will ever be able to talk to all the people, how we will be able to write all the stories, and how we will be able to get it all down on pages.

Somehow, we always manage to pull it off. I'm not saying that I've been there to experience all of it firsthand (though I really wish I could be), but we somehow find a way to capture everything that's been happening around town so that our readers can be educated and entertained.

A big part of that is thanks to our readers themselves. You are the ones who reach out to us and let us know about the news that's important to our community. You provide us with photos and put us in touch with the right contacts, all so that we can be sure other people here in Pasadena are in the know. That helps ensure our paper is one that genuinely reflects what's happening around town.

If you haven't reached out to share a story with us — well, what are you waiting for? I'm sure you know of something interesting around town. Maybe you're involved with it yourself, or maybe you're just a proud friend or family member. Either way, we want to hear about it.

You'll also probably notice that we've put out a call for submissions for our upcoming Holiday Gifts & Events Guide, which comes out on November 16. We want to hear about your holiday traditions and what makes them special. Also, don't forget that if you or your organization is holding a holiday-related event — such as a toy drive, a seasonal concert, or a visit from Santa Claus — be sure to let us know about it so we can get it in there.

We hope your Thanksgiving is wonderful and the start to your holiday season is a busy (but low-stress) time of year. We'll see you in December.

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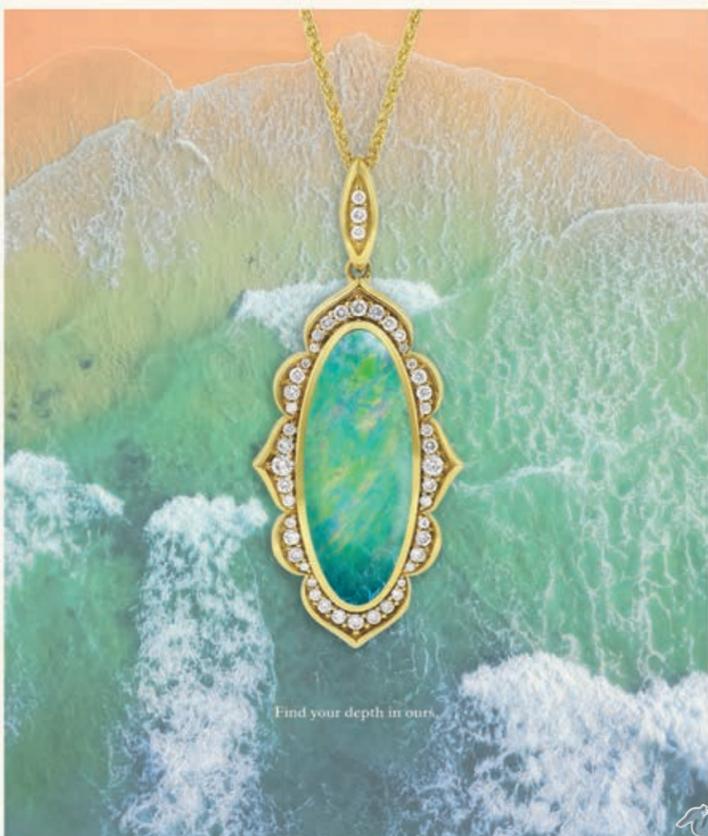
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- Crib mobiles
- Infant mirrors
- Little Tikes Piano
- Onesies
- Pajamas
- Pillow Pets (brand new)
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- Teething toys
- Wrist and foot "jingles"

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- Action figures
- Aquadoodles
- Baby dolls
- Books
- Soft Balls
- Bubbles
- Color Wonder kits
- Crayons & coloring books (toddler sized crayons)
- Duplo sets
- DVDs (G-rated)
- Fisher Price/Playskool toy cars, trucks, school buses, etc.
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- Play-Doh
- Pop-up books
- Puzzles (24 pieces or less, wooden w/pegs)
- Shape sorters
- Stuffed animals (brand new)
- Duplo sets
- DVDs (G-rated)
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- Toy phones
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- Viewmaster and slides

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- Action figures
- Barbies
- Baseball gloves
- Bionicles
- Books (pop-up, picture, chapter)
- Bubbles
- Craft kits
- Crayons/markers/colored pencils
- Coloring books/activity books
- Decks of cards
- Disney store items
- DVDs (G-, PG-rated)
- Fuzzy posters and markers
- Hair accessories
- Handheld electronic games
- Hot Wheels cars
- iTunes gift cards
- I Spy/Seek and Find books
- Kids' magazines
- Lego sets
- Model kits (snap)
- Model Magic
- Nail polish
- Paint sets

Teenagers

- Art supplies
- AXE body care products
- Bath & Body items
- Blank journals/sketch books & pencils
- Board games
- Card games
- Compact mirrors
- Craft kits
- Crossword books/word search books
- Deck of cards & UNO
- DVDs (G, PG & PG-13)
- UNO
- Yo-yos
- Gift cards (iTunes, Walmart, Subway, Bath & Body, Target, Old Navy)
- Hair care items
- Hand held electronic games
- Headphones/earbuds
- Lounge pants
- Mad Libs
- Model kits (snap and glue)
- Modeling Clay
- Movie passes
- Nail polish
- Plain scrapbooks
- Plush Throws

All Ages

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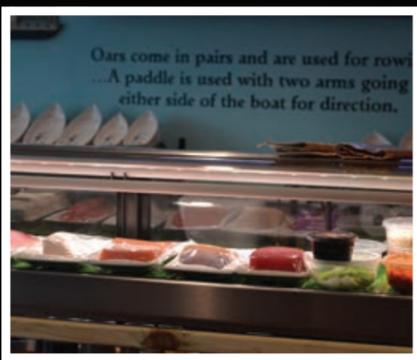


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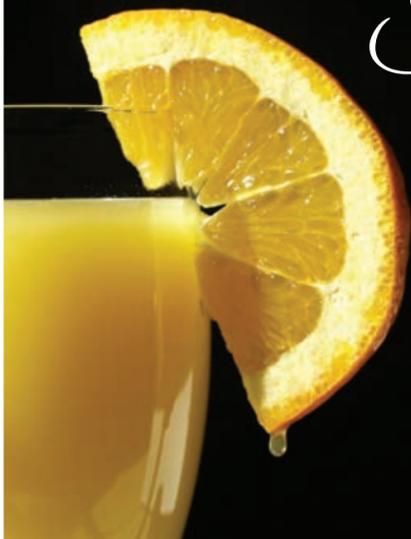
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Hancock's Celebrates Halloween With Pet Parade



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Who said Halloween was only for kids? Historic Hancock's Resolution held its annual Animal Appreciation Day and Pet Parade on October 28. Prizes were awarded for Most Original, Best Collar Costume, Funniest, Best Historic Theme, Best Owner and Pet Lookalike, Scariest, Best Celebrity Lookalike, and Judge's Choice.



Some Gifts Come With Fur: Pasadena Resident Starts Animal Rescue And Sanctuary

By Monica Resa

Not all presents can be wrapped and placed under the tree or by the menorah. Some gifts immediately snuggle in your lap and purr under your chin. As many people prepare to give gifts this holiday season, Kaitlin Neal is looking to give pets a new home through her new nonprofit, Rise Above Animal Rescue and Sanctuary.

"Our main focus is on the animals in the community that need the most help — those that are sick, injured, elderly, feral, or need extensive medical care," Neal shared. "Our goal is to get these animals healthy and stable, and once they are ready, place them up for adoption. We are hoping that by creating this group, we are able to increase our reach, and with the help of other like-minded people, we can help even more well-deserving animals that otherwise wouldn't have a place to go."

Helping animals is not new to Neal or her family. She said she is a veterinary technician who is constantly helping animals during her free time. Her work is done with her own funds, with occasional help and donations from close friends.

"I have always been drawn to animals that need a little more help than others," she explained. "Word spread

quickly about what I was doing, and I started to have people reach out to me daily for help. I started to gain a following of supporters and realized that together we were filling a need in the community. After a lot of thought and discussion, we decided that becoming 'official' would be a great option that allowed us to continue to grow and help even more animals in need."

Rise Above Animal Rescue and Sanctuary has already had many success stories. Some of Neal's favorites involve Ash, Wink and Pokie, which all came to Neal as 12-week-old kittens.

"All three were emaciated when they got to us," Neal said. "Wink had a ruptured eye, while Ash had two bad eyes that looked as though they had previously ruptured. They did not have vision in these eyes and they were painful and infected."

Both Wink and Ash have fully recovered and are waiting for their forever homes. Pokie, though, has shown possible neurological issues when eating.

"We discovered that he has an issue with his liver," Neal said. "We are on a waiting list for a CAT scan and potential surgery at Virginia Tech, as long as we can raise the funds in time. This surgery will change his life, eliminate all of his health issues and will give him the ability to live a long,



Kaitlin Neal, who founded Rise Above Animal Rescue and Sanctuary, hopes that Pokie can be one of her nonprofit's success stories. Pokie has an issue with his liver and might need surgery performed by a specialist at Virginia Tech.

normal healthy life. Most pets regain normal liver function after having this surgery done."

Neal said the specialist surgery at Virginia Tech is estimated to cost between \$2,500 and \$3,500. "To us, it is worth it since it will fix his issue completely and give this sweet little kitten a chance at a lifetime full of love," Neal emphasized.

To learn more about Pokie's surgery, visit www.gofundme.com/pokies-lifesaving-surgery. Being a nonprofit, the group has many needs. Monetary donations can be mailed to 8417 Miramar Road, Pasadena MD 21122, or sent via PayPal to paypal.me/KTKat19. The group also has an Amazon Wish List. To learn more about the group, visit the Rise

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The Road Less Traveled

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ratings, for segments that contain those 1,800 center-line miles.

"Every year, one-third of the roads get graded," Lightcap said. "The methodology we use, we identify 14 different deficiencies that could exist on the roadway."

Those deficiencies can be found on the road surface or in one of the layers underneath. Ratings range from zero to 100. Just because a road is in bad condition doesn't mean it will be the next road chosen for repair, Lightcap said. The department uses contactors for all of its work and it prefers cost-effective preventative measures instead of costly reconstruction.

"Once you have to build an entirely new road, it's not costing any more money," he said. "Those roads might get more potholes, more alligator cracking, but they won't get any more expensive to fix. If a road is in good shape, it's inexpensive to keep the road healthy."

The Department of Public Works has calculated that \$26 million annually is needed to stop adding to the road maintenance backlog and \$42 million annually is needed to eliminate the backlog over 10 years and stop adding new backlog.

To illustrate his point about good roads being less expensive to repair, Lightcap shared the county's different approaches to road maintenance.

Crack sealing is applied to roadways to prevent water penetration. That

method, usually used on roads rated from 80 to 95, costs an average of \$1,500 per lane mile. Slurry seal or micro-surfacing uses liquid asphalt to seal cracks. Used for roads in the 70 to 85 range, it costs an average of \$15,000 to \$25,000 per lane mile. As those two examples demonstrate, there is some overlap between ratings and methods.

A two-part treatment, cape seal applies tar and chip (liquid asphalt and small stones used to fill cracks) followed by a slurry seal or micro-surfacing to provide improved skid reduction and seal the road surface. That method costs an average of \$30,000 to \$50,000 per lane mile and is used primarily for roads rated from 60 to 75. Lastly, full reconstruction can involve the replacement of roads, sidewalks, curbs and gutters, costing the county an average of \$500,000 to \$650,000 per lane mile.

"With sound pavement management, it is not a worst-first approach," Lightcap said. "We would be using this [road construction method] on everything and blowing through our budget."

Lightcap said the county fixes approximately 75 percent of the mileage with 25 percent of its budget.

"Whether it's wastewater treatment plants or roads, with all of our assets, we want to manage them as fiscally responsible as possible while still maintaining the environment," said Matt Diehl, a spokesperson for the Department of Public Works.

Roads are in a constant

state of deterioration because of use and weather. Potholes form when water seeps below the pavement. Lightcap said Anne Arundel County roads are hot mix asphalt, "which is nothing more than big stones, small stones, a sand mix, and a liquid asphalt, like tar."

He said 92 to 97 percent of the roads are sealed, which leaves 3 to 8 percent of space. "Water infiltrates those spaces, those soil particles begin to float, it freezes and expands," Lightcap said.

The asphalt is forced up and then it sinks when the water thaws, creating a spot that is vulnerable to crumble when vehicles make contact.

Roads also worsen from sun exposure. "If you leave anything made of plastic in the sun, it degrades," Lightcap said. "It's the same thing with our roadway."

Edwin Raynor Boulevard received preventative maintenance in 2018. It takes about one month for a road to fully cure. In the meantime, the Department of Public Works sends sweepers to clean debris.

"Once we leave, it doesn't necessarily mean it's a complete project," Diehl said. "It's going to improve."

To request information about a road in your community, call the Infrastructure Management Division at 410-222-4349.

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here in Pasadena. Oh, and we want *your* contributions for it.

For this year's edition, we're seeking input from community members on the following topics:

Holiday Traditions: What's your family's unique or unusual holiday tradition? Tell us about what you do, how long

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Elizabeth's Landing Honors Veterans

By Dave Topp

The Elizabeth's Landing Community Association will host its second annual veterans tree planting event on November 11 at 9:30am.

"It's a great opportunity, I thought, to combine both the importance of tree planting and honoring veterans into one event," said John Leopold, president of the board of directors for the Elizabeth's Landing Community Association. "I thought it would be appropriate way



Bill Howard

to honor a veteran who lives within our community."

This year's honoree is retired Navy veteran Bill Howard. Howard, who served in the Navy for 22 years, is a former president of the Elizabeth's Landing Community Association.

Howard received a letter notifying him that he would be honored at this year's event, and he described the news as an honor. He said this event is not about him but instead about raising the support and recognition of local veterans.

"It was interesting to be singled out to receive an award, but I recognize that it's not just me, it's recognition of everyone who has served in the armed forces," Howard said.

Last year's event recognized Army veteran Justina Taylor.

"Elizabeth's Landing feels very strongly about supporting our veterans and with the idea that you can never say thank you enough times," Leopold said.

The Maryland Department of Veterans Affairs will be present at the event, as those in attendance and around the country also acknowledge Veterans Day in support of the many brave men and women who have served the country.

"I think recognition of veterans and service provided to the country is an important point," Howard said. "I appreciate the fact that the community association is doing this event and I hope that they continue to do this event and honor other people who have served in the military."

Howard's military service time saw him stationed in Alaska, Germany, Fort Meade, Guam and Hawaii among many other places. He also previously served as the chairman of the Anne Arundel County Ethics Commission from 1996 to 2001.

"He has had a wide range of experience helping this particular community, as well as the county at large, as well as [his] military service," Leopold said.

In receiving this honor, Howard hopes to find more ways of delivering recognition to those who have served in the military. As he puts it, "You have to have recognition before you can get the respect."

NHS Grad Penny Glover Promoted To Commander



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The wife and daughter of Commander Penny Glover, a graduate of Northeast High School, recently changed out her shoulder boards to commander during a promotion ceremony at Navy Recruiting District New York headquarters. Glover is the prospective executive officer of the recruiting district.

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Strike Out Colorectal Cancer Concert Takes Over Severna Park Lanes November 18

By Jillian Amodio

Cancer has unfortunately impacted the lives of nearly everyone to some degree. Whether losing a loved one, supporting friends and family through their diagnosis and treatment, or maybe even being a survivor, each person can call cancer prevention and awareness a cause near and dear to them.

Severna Park Lanes owner Mike Hall is doing his part in raising awareness for colorectal cancer by hosting the second annual Strike Out Colorectal Cancer concert supporting Fight CRC. The event will be held on Sunday, November 18, from 1:00pm to 5:00pm at Severna Park Lanes.

Hall knows personally just how devastating cancer can be. He lost his mother to cancer two years ago and wants to do what he can to support others who have been in a similar situation.

Last year's Strike Out Colorectal Cancer artist was Craig Campbell, who lost his father to colorectal cancer and is now a spokesperson



Photo by Stephanie Mennell Photography

Last year's Strike Out Colorectal Cancer concert brought community members together for live music, food, a silent auction, camaraderie and — of course — bowling.

for Fight CRC. After speaking with Campbell, Hall was eager to combine their efforts in supporting a cause for which they both had a deep and personal connection.

When asked about last year's event, Hall said that "it was a great place to bring people together in a more intimate setting where we could all unite to support a cause." It was an emotional and informative event that included personal

stories from survivors and others affected by colorectal cancer. Tips for cancer prevention and treatment were also discussed and will be addressed this year as well. "I couldn't do this without my good friend and co-host Larry Sells," Hall added. "We are just two good guys trying to do something good for a great cause."

Hall looks forward to expanding the event each year and continuing to raise

both money and awareness about cancer. This year's artists include Nashville country recording artist Chad Bearden, local acoustic band Case & Barley, and viral singing sensation Jackson Dean of Arundel High School.

Tickets for this family-friendly event range in price from \$35 to \$75. The VIP package includes general admission, bowling, a meet-and-greet with the artists, and signed memorabilia from the performers. Strike Out Colorectal Cancer is being catered by Outback Steakhouse. All proceeds support the efforts of the Fight CRC organization.

In addition to the private concert and bowling entertainment opportunities, silent and live auction items will be available. This year's auctions will include big-ticket items like a custom bar, a week-long Caribbean vacation and a custom foosball table.

More information about the event can be found on Eventbrite. To learn about Fight CRC, visit www.fightcolorectalcaner.org.

PUMC Celebrates 100 Years



Congregants opened Pasadena United Methodist Church's 100-year time capsule during a September rally day.

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"We had one done 10 years ago when we celebrated our 90th, so we have a new one for the 100th," said Robley. "That was kind of a fundraiser, but it was also a memorable piece of something that people could have in their home for the anniversary."

The church also made commemorative shirts for congregants to wear during special events to show church spirit, including the anniversary service.

Every year, the church holds a rally day to celebrate the beginning of fall and the school year. This year, the congregation opened the time capsule to share the items inside and place new items inside, including a forever stamp with the current value of the stamp, that day's front page of the *Capital Gazette* and a completed 100th anniversary pamphlet for the commemorative service.

During recent services, the church has recognized many of its larger ministries, such as the Dresses for Girls ministry, which sends dresses overseas to countries where girls don't have access to much clothing.

On October 21, church members held a reunion for

the Christian Appalachian Mountain Project Helping Other People Enthusiastically (CAMP HOPE), which travels to Western Maryland every year to build houses and volunteer.

"A lot of people came by to reminisce and worship all together," said Crane. "Some of them now live in different places. We even did a little trip down memory lane with a trivia game. It was fun."

The church also encouraged congregants to hold their own commemorative missions to help the church and community. One event, called Socktober, urged congregants to bring new socks to the church during the month of October to be given to the Arundel House of Hope. PUMC's goal was to collect at least 100 pairs of socks.

"We've already gotten over 200 pairs," said Robley.

As members of the Pasadena United Methodist community celebrate 100 years of the church, they are eager for the years ahead.

"Our challenge going forward is to stay open to prayer and look for the ways that God's leading us," said Crane. "So this 100th celebration is a celebration of the past and it's also a prayer for what's next."

Chad Bearden To Perform At Strike Out Cancer Event

By Maya Pottiger

Country music singer Chad Bearden is set to perform at the Strike Out Colorectal Cancer event on November 18.

The North Alabama native describes his music as country with elements of rock and pop.

"We're kind of a mix of a lot of things," Bearden said. Bearden learned about the

event when organizers Mike Hall and Larry Sells attended his show at Ole Red, Blake Shelton's Nashville bar.

"Any time that I can do anything to help contribute, bring awareness and raise money to fight cancer of any kind," Bearden said of his reason for joining the event. "I think every family in America has been affected by some sort of cancer. If I can do something to help try to

find a cure for that, I will do anything I can to help."

Though he has toured from coast to coast, this will be Bearden's first time performing in Maryland.

"I'm a big history guy. I love history. Any time I'm up in that region, I love to take in all the historical stuff," Bearden said. "I'm also a big baseball guy, so I want to check out the park and all that good stuff, as well."

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Boat Parade Returns

» Continued from A1 boating community is unique and I enjoy being part of it.”

Brittany Schiller watched last year's parade with her two daughters from her neighborhood marina. Growing up in Ohio, Schiller wasn't near the water and didn't have events like this.

“Anytime there's stuff to do on the water, we get pretty excited because that wasn't stuff we were able to do growing up,” said Schiller, who now lives in Pasadena. “I think it's really cool to be able to have a parade on the water with boats and incorporate whatever holiday season is going on.”

Mike Hatcher, owner of PYY Marine, said events like the boat parade are unique to waterfront communities.

“There's a lot of waterfront houses on Stoney Creek and Rock Creek,” Hatcher said. “I think it was so popular because they hadn't been doing it for a while.”

Jimmy Jernigan, who participated last year, said he “wouldn't miss it” this year. Growing up, Jernigan has memories of watching Maryland Yacht Club's boat parade from the pier with his family.

“We had so much fun with the kids and watching so many people outside watching us from land,” Jernigan said. “It was crazy. It made me feel so awesome to be a part of the event.”

The theme this year is Christmas. For those interested in participating,

registration is open until November 25. To register, visit the “Pasadena Boat Parade” page on Facebook and leave your boat name.

Decorating Tips

For those who are new — or for those who need some help after last year — here are a few tips from experienced boat decorators:

Wear a personal flotation device.

“As you prepare for a winter boat show parade, you've got to understand that the water temperature is very cold, and you may want to wear a [personal flotation device] while stringing the lights around your boat and up the antenna,” Jernigan said.

Make sure everything is properly secured. Whether it's lights or blow-up figurines, make sure you take the time to securely fasten everything to your boat.

“You don't want to be up there while the boat is moving around or trying to fish your decorations out of the water,” Jernigan said.

BYO heat. It's cold outside! Unlike going for a drive in the car, there isn't a heater on the boat — or seat warmers. Bring warm drinks to keep your body temperature up.

PBA To Honor Veterans On November 11

The Pasadena Business Association invites the community to come out for the annual Veterans Day ceremony on Sunday, November 11, at 1:00pm at the memorial flag site at the intersection of Mountain Road and Route 100. Parking will be available at the Lake Shore Athletic Complex on Woods Road. Signs will mark the walking path from the parking lot to the flag site, and transportation will be provided for those who cannot walk the path. At the ceremony, veterans and active duty military will be honored.

Lakeshore Plaza Christmas Tree To Light Up December 4

Join the rest of the community for the Pasadena Business Association's annual Christmas tree lighting ceremony, set this year for Tuesday, December 4. Festivities will begin at 6:00pm and the tree will be lit at 6:30pm. The event features a special visit from Santa and his magic sleigh, fire apparatus, face painting, games and more. Attendees are encouraged to bring an unwrapped gift for the PBA's A Child's Christmas gift drive, which benefits Pasadena children in need.

Kiddo Halloween Party Is A Treat



Photos by Stephanie Mennell Photography

Parents finally had a good excuse to bring their kids to the office — well, maybe not their office. During The Office Bar and Grill's first Halloween party on October 20, kids enjoyed crafts, games and treats. Prizes were bestowed upon costumes that were most unique, scariest, cutest and funniest.

Riviera Beach VFC Hosts Open House And Fire Safety Day



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The community came to Riviera Beach Volunteer Fire Company on October 27 to enjoy a range of activities: face painting, a Nerf battle, vehicle extrication demonstration, cornhole and more. For many kids, the Halloween costume contest was the highlight of the event.

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Woodbridge Forest

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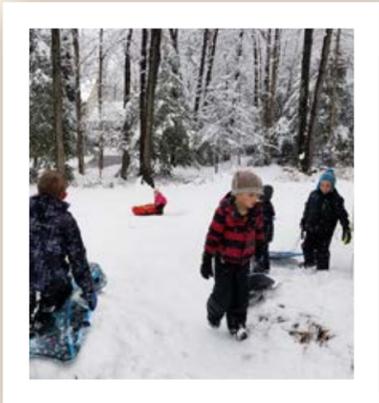


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(L-R) Andrea Kopf, John Foard and Dorothy Masterson cited the schools and proximity to local amenities as reasons they love living in Woodbridge Forest.

The Enchanted Woodbridge Forest

By Judy Tacyn

Just northeast of the Severna Park Post Office and off Old Earleigh Heights Road is the quiet and private community of Woodbridge Forest. Upon entrance, residents and visitors are greeted by an elegant neighborhood sign, a well maintained median, and an American flag pole that is lit at night. The manicured yards throughout show the pride the friendly neighbors have in their neighborhood.

The stunning and statuesque colonial and traditional homes are hidden under massive tree canopies and are spaced apart with big yards, yet they are close enough to not be strangers. Unlike many neighborhoods where trees might grow around new homes, Woodbridge Forest is unique in that the 55 homes were built in the late 1980s within the existing forest of trees as builders attempted to not disturb the landscape.

Woodbridge Forest borders Pasadena to the north and Severna Park to the south, making the community the perfect

place for anyone looking for the best of both Severna Park and Pasadena.

When the weather turns cold, residents get excited for a popular community event: the annual fall festival. Families rotate among the three different cul-de-sacs to have their gathering. One neighbor has a fire pit and neighbors gather around while the kids ride bikes and scooters or kick a ball. Naturally, there is always plenty of food.

DOROTHY MASTERSON
RESIDENT FOR 30 YEARS

The Mastersons were thrilled to purchase a coveted 1.25-acre lot on a private road with only two houses. "It was exactly what we wanted and the rest is history," added Dorothy Masterson. "We settled on our new home in January 1988 and have been there for 30 years."

As for her community's location, Masterson said, "We have the best of both worlds. We can readily patronize many businesses in Pasadena and Severna Park. In addition, we are near other major cities."

When asked what makes

Severna Park special, Masterson had difficulty narrowing down all of the town's great amenities.

"The excellent school systems, public and private; excellent restaurants; the B&A Trail; waterfront communities; desirable vacation spots; the finest medical facilities in the country; employment opportunities available with the government and with contractors; churches of all denominations; and the list goes on," she said.

Masterson served for about 20 years as the secretary and treasurer of the Woodbridge Forest homeowners association.

ANDREA KOPF
RESIDENT FOR SEVEN YEARS

With Woodbridge Forest straddling the Severna Park and Pasadena lines, homeowner Andrea Kopf said, "This neighborhood most definitely provides the best of both Severna Park and Pasadena. We are very close to everything that Severna Park and Pasadena have to offer. Even though we have a Severna Park address, our public schools are Pasadena Elementary, Chesapeake Bay Middle and Chesapeake

High schools.

"I must say that I have been very happy with these schools and both my children have excelled in each one," Kopf continued. "Since our children attend public schools, we travel into Pasadena often. However, we are also always going into Severna Park because of church and Boy Scouts."

Kopf said that all of her neighbors are kind and most have become good friends.

"A few years ago, one of our neighbors had an operation. His neighbor helped to take care of his lawn by mowing it all summer long," she said. "Another time, there was a neighbor who was having some financial difficulties due to a medical condition. Plus, there are many little things that neighbors do for one another such as watching neighbors' children or carpooling, or helping to take care of pets, or shoveling a neighbor's driveway without expecting anything in return."

Kopf's husband is on the architectural committee and helps approve desired home improvement projects.

JOHN FOARD
RESIDENT FOR SIX YEARS

John Foard worked for the builder Koch and Associates as a laborer in the summers of 1986 and 1987. "I was a teenager then, but my recollection is that Woodbridge Forest won the builder many awards at the time, including being environmentally friendly, which was a new concept at the time," Foard said.

He grew up in North Shore, Pasadena. In 2012, Foard, his wife and daughters moved to Woodbridge Forest.

"We moved here because our house was a fixer-upper, which we liked," Foard added. "We also liked our large lot size of 1.15 acres."

Foard also appreciates the proximity to the new Magothy Gateway shopping center on Ritchie Highway, and easy access to Route 100, Annapolis, Baltimore and Kinder Farm Park.

"Severna Park is a great place to raise a family," Foard said. "Our neighborhood has nice mix of young families and empty nesters."



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Can Your Pet Escape That Winter Weight?

Dr. Christine Calvert
Calvert Veterinary Center



As we approach the holiday season, we can't help thinking about all the great food we like to share with family and friends. It is also a good time to think about helping your pets get in shape and prevent the dreaded excess "winter weight."

Obesity is an increasingly common problem that affects 40 to 50 percent of our pets today. The effects of obesity are far-reaching, predisposing our pets to insulin resistance, type II diabetes, orthopedic disease, heart disease and certain types of cancer. A pet is not in ideal health when it is not at its ideal weight. However, many of us have also discovered how difficult it can be to get motivated to help our pets lose weight.

We will discuss five mistakes often made in a pet weight loss program that prevent us from seeing results. Avoiding these mistakes will help your pet be more successful at achieving its weight loss goals.

Mistake 1: Not understanding the effects that obesity has on our pet's body. The mechanisms of obesity are becoming clear. Fat is now recognized as an endocrine organ (able to release hormones). The release of these hormones causes inflammation in the body and interrupts the proper feedback mechanisms that normally regulate hormones. This is why obese pets are much more likely to develop diabetes, which requires insulin injections to treat and develop certain types of cancer. Heart disease is also associated with an increase in inflammation caused by excess fat tissue.

Mistake 2: Not setting proper weight loss goals. For any weight loss program to be successful, realistic and attainable goals need to be set for your pet. Your veterinarian will determine an ideal body weight based on your pet's age, body condition score, and breed. The amount of calories that need to be fed to attain this goal weight will be carefully calculated by the veterinarian. It is important to measure the amount of food as recommended and to feed within the guidelines that are developed specifically for your pet. Many pet owners think about a 2,000-calorie-per-day diet as may be recommended for themselves; however, pets, especially dogs, come in many shapes and sizes. A small-breed dog,

such as a Boston terrier or a yorkie, may need only 300 calories per day whereas a Labrador may need 1,200 calories per day. Knowing the proper number of calories your pet should consume is the first step in ensuring it is successful at losing weight.

Mistake 3: Not tracking your pet's progress. We all lead busy lives, so a weight-check appointment for your pet may not be a top priority. Monthly weight checks recorded by a veterinary staff are the best way to ensure that you stay on track with the weight loss program. A veterinarian can provide graphs showing your pet's progress and help you celebrate its successes or help troubleshoot if the weight loss is not going as planned.

As with humans, we need to ensure that pets are losing weight at an appropriate level. An ideal target for weight loss is 1 to 3 percent weekly for dogs and 0.5 to 2 percent in cats. These percentages may not translate into large amounts of pounds lost, but keep in mind that a 10-pound cat needs to lose only one pound to have lost 10 percent of its body weight. This goal may take one to five months. Weight checks are also a good way to bring your pet in for a "happy visit," especially if it suffers from anxiety of coming to the doctor's office.

Mistake 4: Not addressing activity as part of the weight loss equation.

Everyone knows that calories burned or used must be higher than calories consumed to achieve weight loss. This means the more activity or exercise you can give your pet, the quicker you will see results. With dogs, target at least three 20-minute walks per day to help burn calories. As your pet loses weight, it will have more energy and be able to walk longer. It is, without a doubt, more challenging to increase activity in a cat. Cats can get bored quickly, so rotating toys or using laser pointers and treat dispensers can help pique their interest.

Mistake 5: Using the wrong food. Simply reducing the amount of food that is fed to your pet may not be the answer to its weight loss problems. If we restrict over-the-counter diets, we can create a subclinical nutrient deficiency since these foods are not designed for calorie restriction. The other problem is that over-the-counter light foods do not always accurately list the calories per cup of food. Most of the caloric information is based on calculations of the guaranteed analysis numbers rather than an actual analysis of the food.

Using prescription diets have been proven to give excellent results and allow pets to feel full while eating them. Again, just as with any human diet, it will not work if your pet doesn't feel full. To help with satiety, canned diets can be used along with

dry food. The canned food has fewer calories per volume since there is a lot of added water; this will provide a more immediate filling feeling to help your pet feel full. Another trick for dogs is to substitute green beans or carrots for a portion of their food. In cats, steamed zucchini can be used to supplement. Start with three to four cubes added to their regular meal.

These tips will help prevent begging and "counter surfing" behaviors, which can be frustrating for you and be detrimental to the weight loss program. Lastly, treats are usually higher in fat and calories than pet food, so do not unravel your progress by giving too many treats. Treats should make up only 10 percent or less of the total calories fed per day. Be sure to review the calorie counts for the treats you are feeding; it is surprising how many calories can be in a small treat!

It's never too late for your pet to achieve their ideal weight. Studies show that pets that are at an ideal body condition live on average two years longer than pets that are overweight.

Find out how your pet can get healthy too! Calvert Veterinary Center has been serving Pasadena and surrounding communities for over 14 years. The office is conveniently located at 4100 Mountain Road in Pasadena. Call 410-360-7297 or visit www.calvertvet.com to schedule an appointment.

Fast Food, Snacking And Tooth Decay

Dr. Jeffrey Cranska
Family Laser Dentistry



American eating habits have changed. We are no longer a three-meals-a-day society. The fast food industry generates \$200 billion a year and is growing. We eat more premade foods and snacks throughout the day than ever before. More sugar, more acid, increased frequency, and less time to produce saliva during eating leads to more tooth decay.

Q: What is tooth decay?

A: Tooth decay (dental caries) is a bacterial disease. In their mouth, each person has bacteria, which cause caries. These bacteria form a plaque (sticky bacterial biofilms) on teeth, and sugar from the diet is turned into acid by these bacteria, which causes decalcification of the tooth, destroys the tooth enamel and allows decay to occur.

Q: Why do some people have problems with decay and others don't?

A: Diet, oral hygiene and your body's resistance are factors. This problem relates to nutrition and eating habits. The

high-frequency ingestion of sugar (starchy foods, candies, sodas and sports drinks) leads to tooth decay. The average teenager drinks more than 60 gallons of soft drinks per year. Starches are broken down by mouth enzymes to sugars, and sugars are broken down into acids. These acids then break down the tooth. After the last intake of sugar, tooth plaque bacteria give off acids for up to 20 minutes. If you constantly sip and snack, your teeth can't fight the constant production of acid, so demineralization occurs. Increase your water intake.

Once tooth enamel is destroyed, the only treatment is the placement of a restoration at the dentist.

Everyone with existing fillings has to deal with breakdown over time. These restorations eventually weaken, leak and fracture around the edges. Bacteria accumulate in these crevices, which cannot be cleaned. Acid is produced and decay occurs. The decay needs to be removed and the restorations need to be replaced.

Q: What can I do to prevent tooth decay?

A: Everyone has bacteria, which forms plaque. To prevent tooth destruction, you must remove the plaque. This is done by daily brushing and flossing. Brush at least twice a day. Floss once a day.

Consume fluoridated water or fluoride tablets during the time of tooth development (pre-natal to 12 years old). Use fluoride toothpaste. Fluoride strengthens teeth and aids in limiting the acid effect on tooth enamel.

Regular dental examinations and professional cleanings remove plaque and calculus (mineralized plaque). A dentist will administer fluoride treatments and treat caries early with fillings.

Dental sealants (plastic protective coverings) can be applied to the biting surfaces of back teeth; these seal the grooves where almost 90 percent of decay occurs, preventing decay from occurring when in place.

Dental caries is not completely preventable. No vaccine is available to prevent this common disease. Limit tooth destruction with a diet of regular meals and less sugar, and limit snacking throughout the day.

UM BWMC Awarded Grant To Provide Naloxone Kits And Training To County Residents

University of Maryland Baltimore Washington Medical Center (UM BWMC) was recently awarded a \$40,000 grant from the Anne Arundel County Local Development Council (LDC) to provide free classes to educate the public on symptoms of an opiate overdose and how to administer the life-saving emergency treatment Naloxone (also known as Narcan). Classes are set to begin in January at UM BWMC's Hanover offices, located at the Baltimore Washington Health Services Park at 7556 Teague Road.

Trained clinical staff from UM BWMC will lead each class, which is limited to 20 people per session. Attendees must be at least 16 years of age and preregister before attending the class, which lasts approximately two hours.

"The incidents of opioid-related deaths have increased dramatically in Anne



Arundel County over the last several years," said Kurt Haspert, director of addiction medicine at UM BWMC who oversees the program for the medical center. "This allows us to teach the general public how to administer Narcan and provide them this life-saving treatment for our fellow citizens facing opiate addiction."

CPR training will also be offered to participants because many people who

overdose on opiates suffer from cardiac arrest.

The LDC is established under the authority of Maryland law in counties where a casino is located. The LDC's sole purpose is to advise the county executive on the needs and priorities of the communities surrounding the Maryland Live! Casino and the expenditure of casino funds.

"UM BWMC has been an incredible community

partner as we work to turn the tide against the opioid epidemic," said County Executive Steve Schuh. "This county investment will help them continue their good work in saving lives."

UM BWMC has been offering classes through the Maryland Overdose Response Program since July 2017. The Overdose Response Program is part of the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene's strategy to reduce overdose deaths. However, Narcan was not provided at these classes, which were located at the medical center's main campus in Glen Burnie, due to funding.

"This grant will go a long way in help us to save more lives," said Haspert. "It is not a permanent solution, but it is definitely a step in the right direction."

For more information about the opiate overdose prevention classes, call 410-787-4490.

Tips For Handling Your Holiday Food In A Safe Manner

Provided by the Anne Arundel County Department of Health

Listed below are food safety tips that should help keep your holiday healthy.

SAFE SHOPPING

- Never choose torn or leaking packages.
- Don't buy foods past the "sell-by" or expiration dates.
- Put raw meat and poultry into a plastic bag so that meat juices won't cross-contaminate cooked foods or raw vegetables or fruit.
- Place refrigerated or frozen items in the shopping cart last, right before heading for the check-out counter.
- Drive immediately home from the grocery store.
- Safe Storage Of Foods –

Keep It Safe; Refrigerate

- Unload perishable foods from the car first and immediately refrigerate them. Place securely wrapped packages of raw meat, poultry or fish in the meat drawer or coldest section of your refrigerator.
- Check the temperature of your unit with an appliance thermometer. To slow bacterial growth, the refrigerator should be at 41 degrees and the freezer at zero degrees.
- Cook or freeze fresh poultry, fish, ground meats and variety meats within two days; cook or freeze other beef, veal, lamb or pork within three to five days.
- Safe Food Preparation – Keep Everything Clean!
- Wash hands before and after handling raw meat

and poultry.

- Sanitize cutting boards often in a solution of one teaspoon chlorine bleach in one gallon of water. Wash kitchen towels and cloths in hot water in a washing machine. Change cloths and towels between duties.
- Don't cross-contaminate. Keep raw meat, poultry, fish and their juices away from other food. After cutting raw meats, wash hands, the cutting board, knife and countertops with hot, soapy water.
- Marinate meat and poultry in a covered dish in the refrigerator.
- Prepare stuffing safely. Mix stuffing before filling the turkey. If the ingredients are prepared ahead of time, refrigerate them until the meat or poultry is ready to be stuffed.

THAW FOOD SAFELY

- **Refrigerator:** Allows slow, safe thawing. Make sure thawing juices do not drip on other foods.
- **Cold Water:** Thaw under cold running water and cook immediately.
- **Microwave:** Cook meat and poultry immediately after microwave thawing.

SAFE COOKING

Cook your meats until they reach the proper internal cooking temperature. (Check temperatures with a stem cooking thermometer.)

The minimum internal temperature for cooking a whole turkey, including the center of the stuffing, is 165 degrees.

Minimum internal cooking temperatures for other holiday meats are:

- Ground Meats – 155 F
- Ground Poultry – 165 F
- Beef, Veal and Lamb Steaks and Roasts – 145 F
- Pork Chops and Pork Products – 145 F
- Whole Poultry – 165 F

SERVING FOOD SAFELY

- Never leave food out for more than two hours. Keep hot food hot and cold food cold. Bacteria that cause foodborne illness grow rapidly at room temperature.
- When serving food at a buffet, keep hot food over a heat source and keep cold food on ice. Keep platters of food refrigerated until it is time to serve or heat them.

HANDLING LEFTOVERS SAFELY

- Divide foods into

shallow containers for rapid cooling. Put food directly in the refrigerator or freezer.

- Remove turkey from the bone and refrigerate.
- Refrigerate stuffing and turkey separately.
- Use cooked leftovers from refrigerator within four days.

REFREEZING FOOD

Meat and poultry defrosted in the refrigerator may be refrozen before or after cooking. If thawed by other methods, cook before refreezing.

REHEATING FOOD

Quickly reheat leftovers thoroughly to 165 F or above. Reheating smaller portions of a large cut of meat or poultry will ensure a thorough and more uniform reheat.

BUSINESS SPOTLIGHT

Locally Owned UPS Store Finds Footing In Pasadena

By Maya Pottiger

Since opening in April, the UPS Store in Riviera Beach has seen increased activity every day.

The store is family-owned, and all three relatives are locals to Pasadena. "Locals love locals," said manager and print specialist Andrew Griffith.

Chris Griffith, the mailbox manager, said the Riviera Beach location allows a focus on Curtis Bay and Tanyard Springs so they have closer shipping choices.

"It's nice to be back in the community and be able to help this side of Pasadena so they don't have to travel to the other side," Chris said. "We like being part of the community."

As locals who are immersed in the Pasadena community, staff members at the UPS Store also provide services to small businesses.

"We're here to give as much personal assistance as we can," Bender said, "especially with small busi-



(L-R) Owner Rickie Bender, print specialist Andrew Griffith and mailbox manager Chris Griffith operate their family business.

nesses to help them out and get started."

The UPS Store is active with the Pasadena Business Association. In addition to being part of the Caring and Sharing Parade, the store displayed a donation box for the PBA's food drive in the days leading up to the parade.

The UPS Store also stays

involved with schools, including being part of the PBA's scholarship program.

"I try to stay involved in the schools. If they need supplies, we try to do a supply drive," said owner Rickie Bender. "If they need help with notaries, we try to accommodate them with the notaries."

The UPS Store offers

many options for customization. Since Andrew has a background in graphic design, customers can come in and sit with him to create logos, business cards or other needs.

"We try to give them the personal attention that they can't get when they deal with a lot of the companies online," Bender said.

The UPS Store provides a variety of services other than shipping: notarizing, faxing, scanning, printing, laminating, binding, shredding and mailbox services.

Right now, the UPS Store has one focus in mind. "Our biggest thing right now is we're gearing up for Christmas to help people," Bender said.

The UPS Store is located at 8482 Fort Smallwood Road in Pasadena. It's open Monday-Friday from 8:00am to 7:00pm, and on Saturday from 9:00am to 4:00pm. The UPS Store is closed on Sunday. For more information, call 410-437-6915 or visit www.theupsstore.com.

PBA Update

Sandi Parrish
Executive
Director



PBA held its 25th trade show on October 11 at Earleigh Heights Volunteer Fire Company. Forty local business vendors were in attendance. We presented Jim Anderson of Anderson Davis & Associates with a gift for chairing this event for 25 years. Thanks to all the vendors: Ace Hardware & Hearth; Anderson Davis & Associates; Artsy Partys; Avon - Gina Cook; Baltimore Washington Business Brokerage, LLC; Believe Boutique; BB&T Bank; Brand Boosters; Calvert Veterinary Center; Carpet Village Hardwood & Ceramic Floors; Century 21 Don Gurney; Chesapeake Arts Center; Chesapeake Bank; Chesapeake Christian Center; Cheshire Crab; Clay Shaw State Farm Agency; Coffee News; Coldwell Banker - Peyton Harris Team; Edible Arrangements #726; Edward Jones - Brian Conrad; Fiore Chiropractic; Frank & Bill's Auto Collision Center; Friends of Downs Park; Glory Days Grill; Himmel's Farm & Garden Center; Huff Insurance; Huffard Animal Hospital; Icon Beauty Lounge; Lake Shore-Severna Park Rotary; Lauer's Supermarket; Mike's Pharmacy; Misty Clean Inc.; M&T Bank; P3 Paintball; Painting With Pride; Pasadena Eye Care; Printing Specialists; Q Marketing and Design; Speedpro Imaging Annapolis; Stoney Creek Fishing & Hunting Club; Sundance Boat Sales; The Bank of Glen Burnie; The

UPS Store - The Shops at Riviera Beach; WiseCare Urgent Care & Primary Care.

Thanks to Lisa Hart of Arundel Federal Savings Bank and Ruth Toomey of Toomey Hospitality for working the door. Also, thanks to PBA president Doug Cashmere for helping.

Don't forget that the Pasadena Business Association's eighth annual Veterans Day ceremony will be held on November 11 at 1:00pm. Everyone is welcome, so come and honor those veterans and active military who did and do protect this country. This is our opportunity to honor and thank them for our freedom. The memorial flag is located at the intersection of Mountain Road and Route 100. Parking is provided at Lake Shore Athletic Complex on Woods Road. After you enter the complex, proceed 0.6 miles to the pathway to the flag. We will post signs to direct you. We will provide transportation for those unable to walk the path to the flag.

Join the rest of the community as we light Pasadena's "official" Christmas tree on Tuesday, December 4, in Lakeshore Plaza. We will start at 6:00pm, with the tree lighting at 6:30pm. The event will feature a special visit from Santa and his magic sleigh, fire apparatus, face painting, games and more. In addition, the tree lighting ceremony will support the PBA's "A Child's Christmas" gift drive, so please bring an unwrapped gift. These gifts go to local Pasadena children in need.

For more information on these initiatives, call me at 410-360-4PBA.

Work Local Job Fair Coming To Pasadena

By Dylan Roche

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Maybe you're seeking a career change. Maybe you're looking to pick up a part-time job on the side. Or maybe you just want to work a little bit closer to home. Whatever your reason, it's time to polish your resume and mark your calendar for the Work Local Job Fair, brought to you by the *Pasadena Voice*. We're bringing together a crew of local employers who are looking to hire, and you can meet them all at the same time on Thursday, November 15, from 11:00am to 2:00pm at the Y in Pasadena.

A wide variety of industries looking for employees of many backgrounds and skillsets will be represented. Pasquale Carannante, broker of **RE/MAX Experience** and co-owner of **Bella Napoli Italian Restaurant**, will be hiring for both of his businesses. Whether he's considering a candidate for the real estate industry or the restaurant industry, Carannante looks for people who have an inclination for customer service. "One

quality that stretches across all positions are people who care about or are in tune with helping other people," he said. "One of the No. 1 things I look for is someone who can speak with other people and who cares about their needs."

Several of the businesses will have jobs requiring specific skills. For Bernie Snoops, who is looking to hire bakers, cake decorators, a prepared foods manager and other positions at **Lauer's Supermarket & Bakery**, experience in the field is important. She also looks at a person's attitude and ability to be part of a team.

Diane Whittles, owner of **SERVPRO of Annapolis/Severna Park**, is seeking to hire production technicians and administrative staff, but for both positions, she wants someone who is reliable and honest and who has a clean background. Because her business has a specific line of work, there are other, less common qualifications people need to meet. "You have to be empathetic, because everyone who calls us has a problem," she said. "Some of the work

on the production end of it can be physical, so you have to be able to lift 50 pounds."

Other participating businesses include **Severna Park Lanes**, **Ace Hardware & Hearth**, **Huff Insurance**, **Calvert Veterinary Center**, **Century 21 Don Gurney**, **Huffard Animal Hospital** and **The Y in Pasadena**.

For more information on the job fair, find the *Pasadena*

dena Voice's Facebook event "Work Local Pasadena Job Fair," which includes a list of job positions being sought.

Those who cannot make it to the job fair, both employers and candidates, can refer to the Facebook group "Work Local - Pasadena, MD" for a public forum where job openings can be posted by anyone in the community.

Retirees Can Give To Charity Tax-Free

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For most people, the end of the year means holiday planning, New Year's resolutions and time with family. For financial professionals like me, the end of year means something else too: Required Minimum Distributions or RMDs.

WHAT ARE RMDs?

The IRS requires those over age 70.5 to withdraw a certain amount from their IRAs each year. If you are still working and contributing to a 401(k), this amount is not required to be withdrawn. All of the following accounts have required minimum distributions:

- Traditional IRAs
- SEP IRAs

- SIMPLE IRAs
- 401(k) plans
- 403(b) plans
- 457(b) plans
- Profit sharing plans
- Other defined contribution plans

WHEN AND HOW MUCH DO YOU WITHDRAW?

The amount that you are required to take is based on your age and how much you have in your IRA or other qualified account. The IRS uses the Uniform Lifetime Table to determine the amount required to withdraw; the older you get, the more you are required to take out. You can find an RMD calculator at www.tools.firra.org/rmd.

RMDs begin the year you turn 70.5. You can wait until April 1 of the following year that you turn 70.5 to make your first withdrawal, but in all other subsequent years, you are required to take

your amount by December 31 of that year. Penalties for not taking these required minimum distributions are 50 percent of the required withdrawal amount.

WHAT DO YOU DO WITH THE MONEY?

Most of my clients use this money on monthly bills or extra special splurges for the grandkids, but others don't know what to do with it. As we enter the holiday season, consider donating a portion of or your full RMD withdrawal to charity. Donating your RMD to charity mitigates your tax implication of these withdrawals, and the IRS has extended this privilege to us the past few years.

HOW DO YOU SET UP AN RMD TO CHARITY?

People who are age 70.5 or older can contribute up to

\$100,000 from their IRA directly to a charity and avoid paying income taxes on the distribution. However, many people don't know how to request their RMDs, much less set it up for their payments to go to charity. While you can certainly contact the financial institutions holding your IRA assets, you can also ask your retirement planner to do it for you. If you withdraw the money from your IRA and later donate it, it won't qualify as a tax-free qualified charitable distribution, so you need to ensure that you set up a direct transfer that will send the check directly to a 501(c)(3) organization. The charity needs to have that designation to receive tax-free IRA charitable contributions.

MOST RETIREES DONATE TO CHARITY

According to a study published by Merrill Lynch in October 2015, baby boomers are set to give \$8 trillion to charity over the next two decades in the form of money and volunteer hours. The study also found that 80 percent of Americans age 65 and older say they give money or goods to charity and that contributions by retirees will account for half of all giving by 2025.

If you are one of the retirees already donating to nonprofits and charities, why not give from your IRA funds that you have to take from anyway? Start by finding a qualifying charitable organization at www.charities.org, which lists 140 high-impact nonprofits with the 501(c)(3) designation. Speak to your financial professional about setting up a direct transfer of your RMD to your chosen charity, and feel good that

New Life Addiction Counseling Services Honored For 35 Years Of Service To The Community



Recently, New Life Addiction Counseling Services was the recipient of a citation and award from Governor Larry Hogan. The recognition was presented to commend the legacy of founder Thomas Porter, a pioneer for creating comprehensive outpatient treatment services for substance-use disorder in Anne Arundel County 35 years ago. (L-R) Clay Stamp, executive director of Maryland's Opioid Operational Command Center, presented the award to Porter's daughters, Beverly Ervin, CEO of New Life Addiction Counseling Services, and Anissa Nahabedian. To learn more about the services provided, visit www.newlifeacs.com.

Reduce Stress During Probate Process

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Probate, which is the legal process of conveying assets from a deceased person to the heirs, does not have to be a massive headache. For many, however, it is just that. The many pitfalls of probate for an executor include wasted time and money, calls from creditors demanding payment, disgruntled family members who felt they were left out of the will and blame you for it, and even lawsuits.

As an executor, you have many responsibilities, including a fiduciary duty to do

what is in the best interest of the estate. Violating this fiduciary duty can result in a personal lawsuit against you, filed by any number of parties. It is easy to see why many executors feel as if their hair is graying or falling out more quickly than it should. And to top it all off, this pressure and stress come during a period of enormous grief.

After the death of a loved one, none of us is at our best, most rational selves, and carrying out complicated legal matters can become even more daunting. Hiring an experienced probate lawyer will help reduce your stress and get the various elements well organized. However, by following some specific

guidelines, you can help your probate lawyer and set yourself up for a successful, low-stress administration of the estate, including probate.

KEEP ACCURATE RECORDS AND ORGANIZE YOUR PAPERWORK

Keeping records of your actions is two-fold. For one, you are required to submit a detailed report of your actions to the beneficiaries. This account must be as accurate as it is detailed. Secondly, keeping accurate records of your actions keeps you on track and organized. The amount of paperwork and electronic documents that you will go through is some-

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Reduce Stress

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times staggering. Organize all documents as you go and keep your records just as clear. There is actually a third benefit to keeping detailed records: protection. If your actions can be well documented and your reasons for taking certain measures justified, you have a better chance of defending potential lawsuits against you for negligence or alleged wrongdoing.

STAY ON SCHEDULE

Probate typically takes anywhere from six months to a year. However, with complications, it can take longer than this. Staying on schedule and accomplishing tasks in order is vital during probate. The right actions must be taken at the correct time, and keeping on schedule is absolutely necessary.

WORK WITH AN ATTORNEY

The most important step you can take to minimize the stress of probate is to hire an attorney. Probate attorneys will help you every step of the way, guiding you around pitfalls and working closely with you to make the best decisions. And, if there is a contest by one of the beneficiaries, an experienced probate litigator is crucial.

According to the American Bar Association, one of the most common causes of probate litigation (when someone contests the will or alleges that the executor has acted improperly or not in the best interests of the estate) is having the "wrong" person take on the role of executor. If you believe that you are not cut out for the job, talk to an attorney first. Guidance from a probate attorney can help relieve the stress you are feeling, or if you think it is best to get another party to fill in, we can help you decide if this is actually necessary.

Call *Frame & Frame* at 410-255-0373 for more information about probate.

Ribbon Cuttings

Now Open For Business: 3015 Mountain Road



The merchants of 3015 Mountain Road gathered to cut the ribbon and mark the grand opening of their location. Now operating at the center are Betty's Boutique, Atlantic Lighting Solutions, and Special Things For Special People.

Artsy Partsy Celebrates Six Years Of Success



Artsy Partsy, a new member of the PBA, recently celebrated its sixth year in business and expanded its space an extra 2,400 square feet. Artsy Partsy is located at 8055 Ritchie Highway, Suite 302.

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The *Voice* is always looking to add to our group of talented community writers and photographers. If you have the skill to write a news story, love the local community and want to be a part of it in a way you've never been before — send us an email with your resume. Be sure to also include at least two writing samples.

We're also on the lookout for talented shutterbugs with a digital SLR to attend local events on assignment. Send an email with some sample images or a link to images online. Email us today at pvnews@pasadenavoice.com.

Retirees Can Give To Charity Tax-Free

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Northeast Mounts Comeback To Win Dena Bowl, 28-27



Photos by Steve Johnson

Northeast celebrated a Dena Bowl victory over Chesapeake after an improbable comeback. Down 27-7, the Eagles shut out the Cougars in the second half and rallied for a 28-27 win.

Cougars, Eagles Will Rematch In Region Playoffs

By Zach Sparks
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The biggest regular season football game in Pasadena, the 2018 Dena Bowl, didn't disappoint. With two playoff-caliber teams,

Northeast and Chesapeake, making highlight-reel throws, causing clutch turnovers and sparking dynamic special teams plays, this year's match on November 2 was one to be remembered.

Northeast came away with the 28-27 victory after a 42-yard field goal attempt by Chesapeake sailed wide right with one second remaining, but

the game was defined by much more than one play. The Eagles overcame a 20-point halftime deficit to make the game an instant classic and even the teams' records at 7-3.

Chesapeake started the scoring early. Third-down passes from **Dylan Young** to **Colton Spangler** and then **Hunter Davis** kept the Cougars' opening drive alive and set them

up in Northeast territory. With a pass-rusher to his left and another in his face, Young stood tall in the pocket and threw a 25-yard pass to Davis for the first score. After the extra point by Spangler, Chesapeake led 7-0.

On the ensuing Northeast possession, the Eagles looked to turn the game into a shootout after an over-the-shoulder

sideline catch by **Josh Krcik** and a quarterback draw by **Riley Pitt**, but the drive stalled, and the team punted. Chesapeake's **Russell Tongue** fielded the punt and sliced through the Northeast special teams unit on his way to the end zone and a 13-0 Chesapeake lead.

Stepping in for an injured Pitt, Northeast

quarterback **Billy Katzenberger** lobbed a 14-yard pass to the right corner of the endzone where Krcik, with his arms outstretched, hauled in the touchdown throw. With 11:55 to play in the half and the score 13-7, the Dena Bowl looked more like the game both schools expected. But then Chesapeake's aerial
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Chesapeake Field Hockey Defeats Mount Hebron For Region Title, 2-1



Photo by Colin Murphy

The Cougars needed a second-half rally to defeat Mount Hebron on October 31, and two goals in less than a minute helped the program defeat the Vikings and win its fourth consecutive 3A East region championship.

By Colin Murphy
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For much of the night, it looked like the end of an era.

Chesapeake field hockey, three-time region winner, had its back against the wall in its quest for a fourth straight region crown, down 1-0 to a punchy Mount Hebron team that looked every bit like the team of their own dreams, slaying the defending state champs on their home turf and writing their way into history.

The Cougars weren't having it. Chesapeake scored two second-half goals in the span of a minute, first an equalizer by **Shelby Bennoit**, then a go-ahead score by **Hannah McKeon**, to flip the script, shatter the Vikings' dream-in-the-making and seize hold of the 3A East region championship on October 31 with a 2-1 win.

Every region championship has been

impressive for the two-time defending state champion Cougars. This one, the fourth straight for Chesapeake, achieved in a season of adversity, might be the most impressive yet.

"The seniors don't want to be done tonight," said coach **Joan Johnson**, emotional in postgame comments. "After you go to the state championship game, it's really hard to not have that as your goal. My girls have that focus, and that's where they want to be."

The Cougars (11-6) knew they had a game on their hands in the Vikings, who sought redemption after losing the region final to Chesapeake last year and who, having never won a state championship, were playing free of the burden of expectations. The Vikings were cheering their heads off on the sideline, performing coordinated dances, administering superstitious oils to each other's wrists prior to

substitutions, and playing lighthearted and fast. They were willing their way to the state tournament. They had a little swagger. They had fearlessness. They had mojo.

Then they had a 1-0 lead. Midway through the first half, a scrum in front of Chesapeake goalie **Eve Vickery** resulted in a penalty; Hebron was awarded a stroke. **Esha Shah** calmly flicked her shot into the left corner, and the Vikings were up 1-0, on the road, in the region final, against the juggernauts. Their dreams were coming true.

With trick-or-treaters enjoying Halloween in neighborhoods all around Pasadena, Maryland and the country, the mysterious descended on Mountain Road — the stadium lights cut out. Pitch black on the field. No explanation. A 20-minute delay ensued. The teams huddled around whiteboards, lit by cellphones, and talked

game plans.

Play resumed, and Mount Hebron made it to halftime with a 1-0 advantage.

Even when Chesapeake came out as aggressors in the second half, the Vikings still looked like they carried the momentum. Their defense bent but held, and Chesapeake's shots were parried away. **Caitlyn Johnson's** corner was deflected wide. **Mason Frechtel's** shot was off-target. Hebron goalie **Hailey Conklin** made a trio of kick saves. Chesapeake maintained pressure but couldn't find the net. The Cougars looked frustrated. The season was 15 minutes away from ending.

Then, the breakthrough. On a corner insert, Bennoit got her stick to a pass from Johnson, deflecting it into the board to tie the game at 1-1 with 14:54 left.

"The main thing we practice is deflections. It's not about the shot. No fancy
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CHS Cheer Wins County Crowns

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The competition keeps getting better, and yet the Chesapeake cheerleading program keeps asserting its grip on the county.

Will the state be next? That answer will come on November 10. In the meantime, the Cougars are Anne Arundel County champs.

Chesapeake earned that title for the 16th time in program history

on October 24, placing first at the county championship meet at North County High School to outperform runner-up Arundel, third-place Broadneck and the rest of the county field.

The Cougars' nearly flawless routine earned a score of 126.5 out of 130, which set a high bar to clear for regions on November 3 and states on November 10. (Notably, Chesapeake still holds the record for highest
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The varsity Cougars (top) and JV Cougars (bottom) were the class of the county on October 24, each placing first to make it a Chesapeake sweep of the county championship meet.

Successful Fall For Northeast Marksmanship Team

CHS Cheerleading Sweeps Way To County Crowns

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The Northeast marksmanship team has had a successful season competing locally and regionally. Marksmanship competitions use air rifles and test Junior ROTC students on accuracy, all while teaching gun safety and best practices. Eight Northeast students — JROTC cadets — have competed on the team this fall: Cadet **Scott Creamer**, Cadet **Sara Knight**, Cadet **Kyle Fall**, Cadet **Christopher Kroh**, Cadet **Caleb Dixon**, Cadet **Justin Hughes**, assistant team captain Cadet **Cecilia Swarthout** and team captain Cadet **Colton Shamer**. The team



The Northeast High School marksmanship team competed locally and regionally this fall.

is coached and trained by Marine Instructor and Head Coach Gunnery

Sergeant **Kevin Jenkins** (ret), Senior Marine instructor Master Sergeant

Christopher Mattis (ret) and assistant coach **John Maul**.

» Continued from B1 score ever at the state championship meet, a 148.55 out of 150 in 2013). Senior captain **Lindsey Peterson** said the Cougars' teamwork was evident in the result. "I think we worked really well as a team. The week leading up, we practiced really hard, and we came together as a team. We hit our stuff, and good things happened," Peterson said, adding the Cougars are not finished improving yet. "To win states, each performance when we compete, our goal is to do better than the time before."

The team of Peterson, **Amber Brisbane**, **Ashley Brewis**, **Carlie Wilkins**, **Emma McNamara**, **Ethena Stallings**, **Jessica Dixon**, **Julia Nicoli**, **Kelli Hawkins**, **Kennedy McNulty**, **Liley Simmons**, **Mackenzie Porter**, **Maddie Gray**, **Makayla Frommelt**, **Rachel Snyder**, **Savannah Wright**, **Shaylah Hunt**, **Sierra Finnerty**, **Skylar Storm**, **Faith Todd**, **Haley Steele** and **Isabelle Hann**, led by head coach **Lisa Elliott** and assistant coaches **Lauryn Freburger**, **Joe Vecchioni** and **Nicki Abey**, has timed its arc of growth to peak in the postseason.

"I'm just so proud of my team and how far they've come because from the beginning of the season to now, we've gone through hard practices and hard times, and always through to the end we work together and do what we have to do to make things

work," said Finnerty, also a senior captain. Wright said even though the competition continually improves, the Cougars' drive comes from within. "In practice, we don't settle for less," Wright said. "We push, not to beat other teams, but to be the best version of ourselves, individually and as a team." Stallings bridged the past with the present and the future in speaking of Chesapeake's cheerleading culture. "Our feeder program with the Panthers has always helped Chesapeake and helped us become the cheerleaders we are now," Stallings said.

Look no further than the Chesapeake JV cheerleading team for proof, as the JV Cougars likewise captured the county championship on October 24 to make it a clean Chesapeake sweep of the county. The Cougar JV team of **Alycia Mecka**, **Ashley Robinson**, **Avianna Negron**, **Bri Krammer**, **Emily Malle**, **Hailey Gouin**, **Marina Woodling**, **Ryah Pelley**, **Sadie Golden**, **Savannah Davis**, **Tamaya White**, led by head coach **Arynn Freburger** and assistant coach **Taylor Sank**, had mixed levels of experience but came together for a win at North County. "They have come so far since August, with great leadership from their captains, and I am beyond proud of the way they came together as a family," said coach Freburger.

What It's All About:

Havenwood 8U's Complete Successful Fall Season

By Colin Murphy
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Havenwood softball's 8U Velocity didn't keep track of scores or wins and losses this fall. They just got better and better at softball, and they had fun doing it. The team of **Jules Nguyen**, **Eleanor Olsen**, **Emma Perry**, **Kendall Poling**, **Callie Richards**, **Cheyenne Smith**, **Sofia Walker**, **Ava Walter**, **Ella Zimmerman** and **Kayla**

Zimmerman, coached by **Earl Smith**, **Kelly Zimmerman**, **Tara Zimmerman** and **Dana Delucca**, honed their skills while learning good sportsmanship and enjoying the game. "The objective for fall ball is strictly instructional and gives players extra time year-round for extra practice and to play the



great game of softball," said Smith. "As a head coach all year round, I feel so honored to be a part of this great Havenwood organization. One thing to me that's more important than the game itself is

sportsmanship. Along with the competition, good positive attitudes go a long way, win or lose, in any sport. This whole team has been impressive, and I hope to see them all playing again next year."

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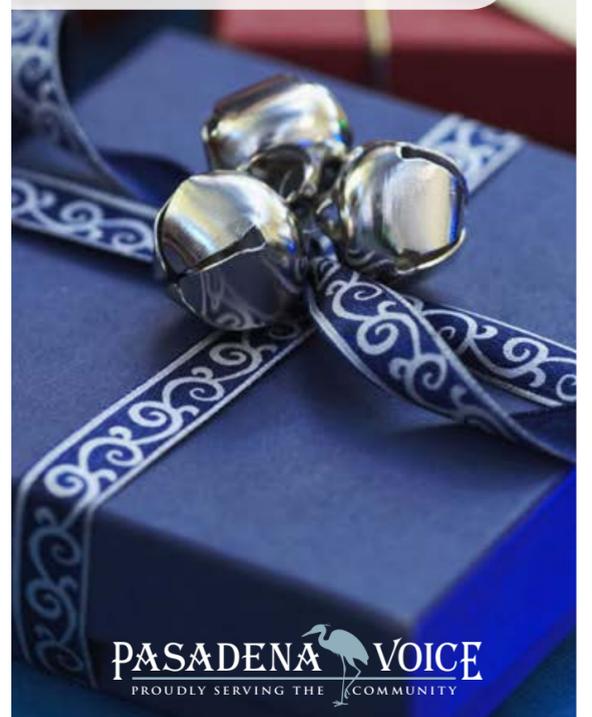
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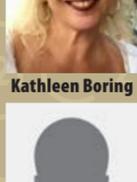
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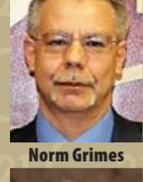
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Chesapeake Girls Knock Out Northeast, 2-0



Photos by Colin Murphy

Led by a first-half goal from Ashley Chew (above left), Chesapeake advanced past Northeast in the 3A East playoffs with a 2-0 win on October 30.

By Colin Murphy

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A Pasadena rivalry matchup in the playoffs? Yes please.

The girls soccer teams from Chesapeake and Northeast obliged on October 30, with the host Cougars earning a due result — a 2-0 win — against the overmatched but feisty Eagles in the first round of the 3A East playoffs.

Chesapeake's **Ashley Chew** finished a cross from teammate **Samantha Leo** early in the first half, and the Cougars spent the rest of the game pressing and possessing relentlessly before **Haley Downin** bookended the contest with a goal to lift the Cougars to a 2-0 victory and a spot in the Section II final on November 1.

"Throughout the whole field we're a little better than we've been, especially possessing the ball," said

Chesapeake coach **Kevin Keeter**, who said his team's finishing and set pieces need work but that the Cougars otherwise played great. "We possessed the ball the whole game, and we played to the corners. Defensively they covered every over-the-top-ball. So I'm really happy with how we're playing."

Chesapeake (10-6) had its season ended in Salisbury just two days later by J.M. Bennett, falling on penalties after playing the host Clippers to a 3-3 tie through regulation and two overtime periods. The victory over Northeast will remain as the Cougars' final win together in 2018.

Equipped with a speedy corps of midfielders and forwards and an organized defense, Chesapeake was the aggressor from the start against their visiting rivals on October 30. Chew, Downin, **Leia Black**, **Brooke**

Hurst, **Summer Smith** and **Megan Byle** led the charge, putting immediate pressure on the Eagles. Seventeen minutes in, Leo sent a cross in for Chew, who had her initial shot blocked but gathered and sent a blast over the outstretched arm of Northeast goalie **Sydney Bell**.

"Sammy Leo gave me the assist, I trapped it, it hit off another girl and I hit it back in. Thankfully it went over the goalie and in," said Chew, noting the emotion of a rivalry showdown in the playoffs. "I'm ecstatic. Always ecstatic to beat your rival. Girls on [Northeast] are my friends, but I love these games, they're just something else."

Northeast managed a few incisions in the Chesapeake defense but couldn't get any great open-play looks at goal. Their best chances came from free kicks after

speedy forwards/midfielders **Allyson Wills**, **Kayleigh Cassell**, **Asylin Weseman**, **Abigail Zimmerman** and **Jenna Donahue** got far enough up field to draw fouls. They sent a few shots at Chesapeake goalie **Sarah Cuttler**, who finished with four saves, but Cuttler played a high line to aggressively intervene with Northeast's long balls forward. Cougar backs **Amy Dolan**, **Kiersten Blanchard**, **Karlie Stracke** and **Jessica Calvert** had their marks covered and took away Northeast's over-the-top attacking scheme.

The second half was all Chesapeake. The Cougars relentlessly pressed forward, peppering shots on Bell, who finished with a whopping 14 saves. The Eagles' core defense of **Evelyn Cronise**, **Madison Hobbs**, **Hannah Kisielewski** and freshman **Marissa Ambrose** held up well until Downin's fatal blow in the 78th minute. Downin corralled a cross from Dolan outside the box, made a move and fired a low burner that got past a diving Bell and clanged the left post

before bouncing in.

Smith, a senior, said the team played to its strengths to get the all-important rivalry win.

"We have so much speed, and I love it, because we can just send it up there, and we're all up there, and that's fun to play with," said Smith, noting the absence of injured midfielder **Emily Barrett**, a big loss for the Cougars at playoff time. "Senior year, there's nothing better than going out there and beating your rivals one last time."

Northeast (5-6-2) expressed pride for its season. The Eagles went toe to toe with eventual county champion Severna Park in a 1-0 loss, played hard in close losses to Chesapeake and Arundel, and generally overplayed their own expectations with good-old-fashioned grit and hustle.

"I'm proud that no one ever gave up," said Cassell, a senior captain. "We always played our hardest, every game. No matter if we were going up against South River, Broadneck, we always knew we were going to try

our hardest."

Cronise, a senior and the team's other captain, said everyone embraced and filled their role.

"A lot of girls we didn't expect to step up, everyone stepped up, and they all played their hearts out," Cronise said.

Eagles coach **Scott Langlois** has built a legitimate program at Northeast and said this year's crop was another solid group.

"It's probably one of the funnest years I've ever coached," he said. "These girls never stop. They're all heart. Practice, games, it doesn't matter what the score is or how we're doing, they just play at 100 percent. I'm just amazed and honored to coach this group of girls. Sad to see the seniors leave, and this year we had great senior leadership. This is a good game and Chesapeake is a good team, and I'm just satisfied with the whole season."

For Chesapeake, the quick turnaround led to a heartbreakingly close loss to J.M. Bennett, who they defeated in 2017 en route to making the region final. The Cougars have come agonizingly close to making the state tournament over the past few seasons, without yet breaking the threshold.

Chew, a Frostburg commit, said the win over Northeast was the latest positive for an all-around great experience of playing soccer at Chesapeake.

"This team is my family," Chew said. "We work well together and we all communicate. There's no individuality. It's a team, and we work as a unit. My coaches are great, they're great teachers to teach us what we need to know about soccer. It's just a great atmosphere to be around."

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Chesapeake Defeats Mount Hebron For Region Title, 2-1



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Left: Shelby Bennoit jumped for joy and Mason Frechtel ran to embrace her after Bennoit's game-tying goal in the 3A East region final against Mount Hebron. **Right:** Hannah McKeon (7) scored the game-winner shortly after Bennoit's goal, while goalkeeper Eve Vickery, captain Tatum Schatt (2) and the Cougar defense held off the Vikings for a 2-1 win.

» **Continued from B1** stuff," said Bennoit. "All you need is just tip it in the goal, and that's what I did."

The Vikings barely had time to reorganize before another Chesapeake barrage was on their doorstep. This time, McKeon pounced on a pass from **Georgia Spangler** in front of goal, slotting a shot into the boards for a 2-1 Cougar lead and a mad celebration throughout the stadium right on 14 minutes to play.

"You can't give up until the last minute," said McKeon. "We've scored in the last minute, we've won games in the last minute, and in overtime. We're definitely a second-half team, and teams underestimate us because teams usually get tired and give up in the second half, but that's when we come back, and that's when we're fired up. We have that

[halftime] talk with each other, we set our goals, and we make them happen."

The crestfallen Vikings took some time to regroup but eventually mounted pressure. Vickery made two saves over the final 12 minutes, and she finished with four total. Chesapeake salted the clock down, experience and mettle and determination leading them back to the state tournament for the fourth straight year.

Coach Johnson spoke proudly of the girls who have come into their own just as Chesapeake needed them; the Cougars were without injured players **Madison Hoyer** and **Phoebe Lee**, and a slew of players have accepted shifting roles and performed under pressure. **Tatum Schatt** and **Leah Evans** moved from the midfield back to defense



to join Caitlyn Johnson. Attackers McKeon, Frechtel, **Rachel Fleig** and **Georgia Spangler** were bolstered by **Meghan Mayo**, **Alyssa Kreuger**, **Mariana Donohue**, **Madison Billing** and **Abigayle Dunn**.

"I really give kudos to Leah Evans and Tatum Schatt for stepping up and running the defense," said Johnson. "I'm really proud of my girls that were subs at one point."

Bennoit said through injuries and a couple players leaving the team, the pinch of small numbers is even greater than in years past.

"Every year our numbers get smaller and smaller, but we just work harder and harder," said Bennoit.

The Cougars have shown resolve in making it this far, and they'll have a chance to build on an already impossibly lofty legacy. Chesapeake will play 3A West champion Westminster on Monday at Broadneck High School.

Indian Creek Volleyball Wins IAAM C Title



Photo by Colin Murphy

Indian Creek freshman Laila Ivey had 20 kills, and the Eagle volleyball program capped its remarkable first season in the Interscholastic Athletic Association of Maryland with a C Conference championship victory over Friends on Oct. 27.

A third straight state title would put Chesapeake in the Maryland pantheon. The players believe the team has what it takes to do it.

"I'm just really proud of this year," said Schatt. "We're pulling together and working better than we ever had. The passes are connecting, and we're always talking on the field, and it's just really working for us."

Bennoit said the team cohesion is a driving factor.

"It's just such a team effort," she said. "It's not an individual thing on the field. We work as one. I have so much trust and faith in everybody on the field. I know they have my back."

McKeon revealed little doubt in the Cougars' shot at a three-peat.

"We've got ourselves and our skills," she said, "and we can do this."



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Northeast Rallies For Dena Bowl Victory Over Chesapeake, 28-27

» Continued from B1
 assault took over once again. Young threw a bomb to Tongue to pick up more than 50 yards, and the duo finished the drive with another hookup from 25 yards out to extend the lead to 20-7.

Northeast couldn't muster much offense on the next possession, and Chesapeake took over at midfield with 8:39 left in the half. The Eagles stuffed a run and forced Young to overthrow two deep passes, but the Cougars went for a fourth-down attempt. This time Young found Davis on fourth-and-11. Runs by **Jaylen Richardson** and **Zach Schuler** moved Chesapeake to the 9-yard-line. Taking the snap from the shotgun, Young took a few steps to his right and threw left to hit his receiver Tongue, who ran away from one defender and jumped over another to snare the pass before scoring to make it 27-7.

Down 27-7 with 2:46 to play in the half, the Eagles didn't relent. **Bennett Diaz** took a screen pass and squirmed through narrow running lanes to gain 20 yards. But the Cougar D, led by **Cody Carpenter's** sack and tackle-for-loss, kept Northeast from moving past their 32-yard-line.

Rain pattered both the field and the crowd after halftime. For the Eagles, who lost last year's Dena Bowl to their rivals, 17-0, it would have been easy to surrender.

Northeast head coach **Brian Baublitz** reminded his team of the 1984 college football comeback

“At the beginning of the game, things weren't really goin' our way. Then it started raining; I think we played better in the rain, just getting a little dirty. We just played as a team.”

— **JOSH KRCIK**
 NORTHEAST SENIOR

in which Maryland was down to Miami 31-0 at halftime. Frank Reich tossed six touchdowns in that game to give Maryland a 42-40 victory.

“My whole point was some of the best games you're ever going to be involved with are comeback victories, so we preach that,” Baublitz said. “We also preach that we cannot turn our backs on each other. Never.”

With that message in mind, Krcik rejuvenated his team and the visitors stands by taking a punt return down the sideline, swatting away several would-be tacklers to make the score 27-14 after the successful extra point by **Tyleek Coleman**.

“I knew that we needed to spark energy in our team, so I saw a hole, took it and it just led me to the promised land,” Krcik said.

On Northeast's ensuing possession, **Ethan Young** spun out of several tackles to pick up 23 yards. A sack from Cougar **Zach Baumann** pinned Northeast in a third-and-16 situation,



Photos by Steve Johnson

Northeast players and fans were fired up after the Eagles engineered a miraculous come-from-behind win in the Dena Bowl.

but Katzenberger saw Diaz cutting left across the field and they connected for a pass to the 1-yard line. Young barreled in behind the left side of his offensive line to score with 26 seconds remaining in the third quarter.

At 27-21 Chesapeake, the Dena Bowl was back to being anyone's game.

On Northeast's next possession, **Jayden Mason** came up with a big interception, **Danny Baker** gained 12 yards on a reverse and Krcik carried the ball up the middle to the 1-yard line. Just as Northeast was about to take a lead, a

fumble gave the Cougars possession and the home crowd erupted in jubilation.

With Chesapeake backed up to their own end zone, facing third-and-9, Dylan Young scrambled left and launched a pass 38 yards over a defender and into the arms of Davis. A few plays later, the game seemed in hand for Chesapeake, Young threw another interception, this time to Krcik.

The Eagles were forced to punt, but they would get one more shot at Dena Bowl redemption. With 2:19 left in the game, starting from their

own 45-yard line, they began their comeback by taking a sack from Baumann. A fourth-down conversion and subsequent personal foul penalty on Chesapeake put Northeast at the 25-yard line. Under pressure, Katzenberger rolled to his right and Diaz ran parallel across the field, making a sliding catch to move the Eagles to the 8-yard line.

Boisterous chants, applause and gasps of frustration bellowed from the crowd as Katzenberger sent Krcik in motion. The quarterback scrambled left and fired the ball to Krcik, who sprinted to the left corner of the endzone in time to catch the go-ahead touchdown. After the extra point, Northeast led 28-27 with 24 seconds left.

“When I was going in motion, I went right into the bubble as soon as I got to the outside of the field, and I was open,” Krcik said, summing up his monumental score.

The Cougars, not giving in, moved past midfield on a 21-yard strike from Dylan Young to Davis. With 4.8 seconds remaining, they went for the field goal. It missed.

“We battled,” said Chesapeake head coach **Rob Elliott**. “Northeast made one more play than we did. We knew they were a good team and that punt definitely was a momentum-changer for them. The fourth quarter was back and forth, and they made more plays than we did.”

It was especially exciting for Northeast and Katzenberger, who was the “next man up”

after the injury to Pitt. Katzenberger gave all the credit to his offensive line, receivers and running backs.

“It's big because we're both Pasadena teams,” he said. “They're always talking, we're always talking too. I did it for the seniors and everyone around me. It was so great. It's a big game and we pulled it out.”

Northeast also pitched a shutout in the second half.

“We were very surprised on the way they moved the ball on us in the first half,” Baublitz said. “We really thought our corners and our defensive backs matched up well with their receivers, so we were really surprised about that, but the second half we tweaked some things. We moved one of our corners who was on their No. 1 receiver, Tongue, into the slot and moved the other one outside. It made a difference.”

Coming into the game, Chesapeake had a slight lead in the 3A East standings. The following Sunday, the players learned that their first playoff game, scheduled for November 9 at 7:00pm, will be a rematch of the Dena Bowl at Chesapeake.

“We prepared like this was the last game of the season,” Baublitz said. “We said, ‘Look, we are playing in a championship game. No matter what happens, we get to push the reset button and go at it again.’ We also talked about how they're 2018 Dena Bowl champs and nobody can ever take that away from them. That's huge in this community.”

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Northeast And Chesapeake Bring Classic Shows To The Stage

Follow The Yellow Brick Road: NHS Will Take Audiences On A Journey With "The Wizard Of Oz"

By Zach Sparks
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With its engaging production of "Grease" last spring, Northeast High had actors hand-jiving and hip-thrusting, but this year, the thespians will be skipping and singing to songs from

a different classic, "The Wizard of Oz."

Set for November 15-17, Northeast's adaptation draws from L. Frank Baum's children's book and the 1939 film, with music by Harold Arlen and Yip Harburg.

A tornado sweeps a young farm girl named Dorothy and her dog,

Toto, away from Kansas and into the Land of Oz. She must venture to the Emerald City and persuade the Wizard of Oz to let her return home, but the Wicked Witch of the West stands in her way.

Asked why Northeast chose "The Wizard of Oz" **» Continued on B10**



"The Wizard of Oz" cast includes (l-r) Andrew Solley as the Cowardly Lion, Bethany Wright as the Scarecrow, Lillie Jewell as Dorothy and Zach Demers as the Tin Man.

CHS To Perform "The Addams Family" For Fall Musical

By Dave Topp

"They're creepy and they're kooky, mysterious and spooky, they're all together ooky" — Gomez, Morticia, Uncle Fester and the rest of "The Addams Family" are coming to Chesapeake High School. The famous cartoon turned television show turned Broadway musical will be performed November 29-30 and December 1 as this year's fall production.

"I know the kids are enjoying it, and I know that

the audience is going to really, really enjoy it," said director Michael Brisentine.

The appeal and desire to perform a more modern show led to selecting "The Addams Family," written by Andrew Lippa, Marshall Brickman and Rick Elice.

"For the past 20 or so years, every single show that was put on at Chesapeake High School was written before the '70s and '60s," Brisentine said. "We've done a lot of traditional Broadway. I wanted to spice it up a little bit and do something a little

more recent."

Last year, students performed Michael Stewart's "Bye Bye Birdie," a story inspired by Elvis Presley.

Several renditions of "The Addams Family" have made it to the television screen — a 1964 series and cartoon series in 1973 and 1992 — and live films in 1991, 1993 and 1998. Yet it wasn't until 2010 that the show debuted in New York on Broadway.

"When I heard that we were doing this musical, I watched the musical on YouTube," said Abby **» Continued on B9**



Chesapeake High School's fall musical, "The Addams Family," brings together a cast from all grade levels, about two-thirds of which are new to the theater program.

CHS Student-Athlete Uses CPR To Save Unresponsive Man



Relying on training he received during his Health and Sports Medicine classes at Chesapeake High School, Cristian Moreno pumped his hands on a man's chest and performed CPR to revive the man on October 6.

By Brad Dress

A 17-year-old Pasadena Food Lion cashier Cristian Moreno walked across the parking lot on his third day at work, October 6, he heard a scream.

Without thinking, Moreno helped drag the man out of the car and call 911. The operator told Moreno to remove his shoe, put it under the man's head, and perform chest compressions as well as CPR — if he was able.

Luckily, Moreno had taken two classes at Chesapeake High School, Health and Sports Medicine, that taught and certified him to do just that.

Still, he was nervous as he stooped down to potentially save this man's life.

"It was definitely jarring —

I was really, really surprised that I had to do that," he said. "I didn't really think that much; I just did what the 911 guy told me to do. Because I knew that would help him at that time."

Pumping his hands on his chest and blowing into his mouth with the proper procedure, Moreno saved the man within the three minutes it took for the ambulance to arrive. The man, who had overdosed on opioids, according to Anne Arundel County Fire Department officials, "regained the red color" on his lips, and he stopped choking, Moreno said.

Moreno stepped back. His hands were shaking and he felt "physically and mentally taxed." The EMT personnel took the man into an ambulance and, despite the exhaustion, Moreno then felt at peace.

"Right now, I feel great — **» Continued on B10**

Outstanding Youth Honored In Annual Young Heroes Essay Contest



Students from schools within District 31 were recently recognized for their essays about their peers whom they consider heroes.

By Jillian Amodio

What is a hero? A hero is defined as a person who is admired or idealized for courage, outstanding achievements or noble qualities. Recently, Senator Bryan Simonaire encouraged District 31 principals to have their students participate

in an essay contest. More than 540 fourth- and fifth-grade students submitted essays describing a hero in their life as part of the 11th annual Young Heroes Essay Contest.

The contest originated through a thought-provoking conversation between Simonaire and his oldest son, Isaac. Isaac observed that

many children were doing amazing things in their communities, but oftentimes, their good deeds were not heard beyond immediate family and close friends. Isaac discussed creating a program where these "young heroes" could be highlighted and celebrated in the hopes that their positive contributions would inspire

others to make a difference as well.

On October 22, all students who submitted essays were invited to attend a ceremony at Northeast High School, where they received citations from Senator Simonaire, Delegate Nic Kipke and Delegate Meagan Simonaire. This year's **» Continued on B8**

Chesapeake, Northeast Best Buddies Programs Display Unity



The Chesapeake High Best Buddies program held a Halloween party and extended an invitation to the program at Northeast High.

By Maya Pottiger

While the two Pasadena high schools are usually pitted against each other, the Best Buddies groups are join-

ing together.

The weekend before Halloween, the Chesapeake High School Best Buddies program held a Halloween party and invited Northeast High School's program.

"Our chapter presidents met each other at a conference in Indiana," said Beth Bogard, the adviser for Chesapeake's Best Buddies chapter. "Through that, they decided, 'Hey, we need to get

together; we need to do some functions together.' It was all student-run."

The Halloween party featured pumpkin painting, face painting, dancing and karaoke. Roughly 35

students from both schools were in attendance, according to Bogard.

"It doesn't matter what school you're from," Bogard said. "You're there because you want to make more friends, and it's all about building friendships."

The event was so successful that the groups decided to keep the momentum going and sit together at the Dena Bowl.

"Hopefully, we'll be seeing some of the people we saw at the dance and getting everyone to talk again, just creating stronger friendships with people they may not already know," said Alyssa Garofalo, the vice president of Chesapeake's Best Buddies program.

At the Dena Bowl, there **» Continued on B8**

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Question of the month

St. Jane Frances School



This month, we asked Mrs. Hammond's class, "If you could take any modern-day food to the first Thanksgiving, what would it be?"

Each month, the *Pasadena Voice* poses a question to a local fifth-grade class. This month, students from Mrs. Hammond's class at St. Jane Frances School answered the question:

If you could take any modern-day food to the first Thanksgiving, what would it be?

I want to take turkey because there wasn't even turkey at the first Thanksgiving, so I want to give them some turkey to see how it tastes.

Dominic Alexander

I would take a roasted ham. It would make my day and

maybe theirs. It is amazing that the grease makes the ham all juicy and good.

Chasity Annis

I would bring a roasted ham with pineapple rings and cherries in the middle. I would bring that because they didn't have pineapples and cherries back then. I

think the ham would have a savory flavor, but the cherries and pineapple rings would have a sweet flavor.

Celia Crimmins

I would take turkey because it is traditional to bring to Thanksgiving. It would taste very good to everyone.

Cooper Devine

I would take mushroom ravioli because I don't understand how to make mushrooms inside of a pasta shell and that shell inside of a sauce.

Matthew Farkas

If I could take one thing to the first Thanksgiving, I would take honey ham.

I would have honey ham because I really love it and I eat so much of it on Thanksgiving. I just think it is really good.

Aubrey Friese

I would bring stuffed turkey because all that they had was deer. It sounds like deer would be plain, and stuffed

turkey has stuffing in it.

Taylor Gaines

I would bring green bean casserole because it is so good. I have to have it for Thanksgiving because it does take time to make but it turns out great when cooked.

Andrew Jun

I would bring candied ham because they could cook a pig and cover it with glaze.

Nick Kemmerer

I would take some seafood to the first Thanksgiving. I love every kind of seafood you can eat. Blue crabs, snow crabs, every kind of crab. I like shrimp, clams, oysters, scallops, crawfish and all the fish, like tuna, salmon and dolphin. Most Thanksgivings don't have seafood.

Lexi Laumann

I would bring my Mumum's stuffing because it is so salty and it has turkey in it, which I love so much. It is so delicious and tasty. I wish I could eat it all year.

Clare Protani

I would bring stuffing because it is so soft. It is also warm. It even has spinach in it. The stuffing also consists of bread crumb cubes, potatoes, and a little bit of turkey. It is my favorite food.

Carter Schreiber

Outstanding Youth Honored In Essay Contest

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ceremony had the energy of a pep rally. Winning essayists and their heroes were invited onstage for additional accolades and photos with the legislators. Winners will also receive an invitation to an evening in Annapolis where they will be recognized on both the

Senate and House floors this upcoming session.

Winning essayists included Lillian Robidoux, Cecelia Hitchcock, Brian Hernandez, Kendra Holtman, Chelsea Poore, Eva Bombard, Nyasia Seabrook, Alexis Gunn, Mahliya Moaney, Hailey Herd, Andrew Jun and Ad-

dison Albert.

Heroes mentioned included a girl who used her birthday as an opportunity to raise money for the SPCA; a child who organized a canned food drive and helped beautify her neighborhood by picking up trash; and a kid who helped an elderly neighbor with yard

work, meals and housework after a heart attack.

Hometown heroes like brave volunteer firefighters were mentioned alongside classmates who helped make a new student feel welcomed and appreciated. Some essays, like the one describing the bravery and positivity of a young cancer survivor, or the story of a young boy being saved from drowning, evoked tears while others warmed hearts with their sincere appreciation for siblings and family members.

Contests like this are spreading awareness to the multitude of ways youth can influence their communities. "It is so wonderful to hear of the endless good deeds and goodwill of our youth," said Bryan Simonaire. "In our 11th year, their stories are just as moving as the first year. We have amazing young people in our communities."

Chesapeake, Northeast Best Buddies Programs

» **Continued from B7**
will be two honorary captains from each school.

"They'll go out with the football captains for the official coin toss in front of the spectators and get recognized as honorary captains," said Timothy Swann, the Best Buddies adviser at Northeast.

This is an invitation that Rob Elliott, the Chesapeake football coach, extends to the Best Buddies program for every home football game, Bogard said.

"It's wonderful that he did that," Bogard said. "I've had a student come out and join in the coin toss for every home game with their Best Buddy."

Best Buddies is the largest program in the nation that's focused on ending social, physical and economic isola-

tion of people with intellectual and developmental disabilities. It connects students with disabilities to students who don't have disabilities.

"It's important to get our buddies together and invite them out to other events and include them and give them the high school experience anyone else would have," Garofalo said.

The tie between schools gives the program and its students a broader perspective, Swann said.

"Since we're geographically tied together, even though we have friendly competition, we still want to include these kids to have the realization that they are part of a larger unit, and that includes all of Pasadena," Swann said.

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Pasadena Sure Knows How To Observe Halloween



Happy Halloween! Residents of Pasadena showed off plenty of creativity in the costumes they wore for October 31. Here are a few highlights from the pictures sent to us by people all around town.

CHS To Perform "The Addams Family"

» **Continued from B7**
Shakan, who will play Morticia Addams. "It was just fun to do something new. I think this musical is hilarious."

Students were excited to hear the selection of this year's musical and have been rehearsing regularly to prepare for opening night.

"I'm really happy that this is what we're doing," said Laura Fisk, who will portray Wednesday Addams.

Shakan and Fisk will be joined by fellow Chesapeake students Tim Edwards (Gomez), James Siffrin (Lurch), Sara Simmons (Grandma), Alex Simon (Pugsley) and Chris Smith (Uncle Fester).

Added to the story when it became a musical was the

Beineke family: Mal, played by John Johnson; Alice, played by Vivian Davenport; and Lucas, played by Alex Brown.

"This show has a lot of the dialogue and plot happen within these big ensemble numbers," Brisentine said. "So, it's important to make them entertaining, but also keep them enlightening and make sure the audience catches the story that's happening within each ensemble number."

Brisentine, who is the chorus and piano teacher at Chesapeake, said students have worked well together to grasp this musical comedy and all it entails.

"It's a comedy. They're fun rehearsals. They are pretty upbeat," he said. "The ensemble

numbers are very difficult, but I think that we are doing them pretty well."

More than one-third of the ensemble participated in last year's musical, but Brisentine believes this newer and younger group has responded well.

"We're actually a relatively new ensemble, which is cool but presents its own challenges," he said. "They are doing well."

Assisting Brisentine with the directing of the show are Rose Mullikin and Kristen Bishoff.

Opening night is Thursday, November 29. All three shows will begin at 7:00pm, and doors will open at 6:30pm. Tickets for the show are \$8 for students and \$12 for adults.

Friends Hope To Honor Josh Pack With Memorial Bench At Northeast

By Zach Sparks
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Halloween is revered for its frightful nature, but a group of teenagers received the scare of their life on October 31, 2015, when a drunk driver crossed the center line on Solley Road and collided head-on with their vehicle.

"We were heading to a Halloween party," recalled Dylan Dovel, one of five friends in the car that was hit. "It was a good night, a good day. Then someone came into our lane and hit us hard. It was life-changing."

Dovel, Nicholas Quigley, Ryan Caines and Christopher Dumsha were rushed to the Maryland Shock Trauma Center and later released. Their friend and driver, Josh Pack, did not survive. Neither did the drunk driver who steered into Pack's Nissan Maxima.

"My daughter had just come home from Fright Night and said there was a bad accident. We had to get to the hospital," said Ann Pack, Josh's mom. "My husband and I called all over the county and the city, and there was no information about anyone involved in accidents. It never dawned on me he was still at the scene, so I just assumed he was still alive."

Three years later, Josh's friends and their families are raising money for a memorial bench they want installed in front of Northeast



Josh Pack (red shirt), who was killed in an automobile accident on Halloween in 2015, was loved by his Northeast High School classmates.

High School.

"Everybody loved Josh, from the nerds to the jocks to the band people," Dovel said. "He didn't judge anybody. He loved people for who they were and he was a guy everyone could talk to."

Pack played football and enjoyed playing video games like "Madden" and "Call of Duty." His mom remembers him as a "quiet, gentle spirit" and a happy kid. "Josh was the kind of son who would take my shoes off and rub my feet," she said.

Amanda Mabrey, Dovel's mom, remembers Josh for his smile.

"He lit up a room with that million-dollar smile," she said. "He was a part of our lives since he was 7 years old. He was Dylan's best friend. I promised my son one day we would do something in Josh's honor."

The bench will keep Josh's name alive, Dovel said. The families want it to feature a picture of Josh along with

the names of his friends who were in the car that Halloween night.

"Having a bench in front of our old school, and Josh's little sister graduated from there and his brother, and it's for the future students too," Dovel said. "We thought the bench would forever hold his name and be the focal point when you walk into Northeast."

Ann said that when Josh died, his friends consoled the Pack family. They attended Josh's sister's graduation and surprised her at prom.

"When Josh passed, it was like a bond started between families, especially between the moms," Ann said. "Josh brought so many people together."

But Dovel emphasized it was the Pack family that helped everyone else after the tragedy.

"The Pack family is close-knit and gave us the strength through the hard times, even though they lost Josh," he said. "They are accepting of

everyone, whether you're Spanish, black, white — it doesn't matter."

Mabrey said, "The next day Joshua's brother came down to check on our son to see how he was doing, even though he had just lost his only brother the night before. The Pack family lost the ultimate (their son) but continued to be there for the rest of us [with] constant phone calls, emails, etc."

The families have a \$5,000 goal and have started a crowdfunding campaign at www.gofundme.com/josh-packs-memorial-bench. Mabrey said the families of Josh's friends will cover whatever expenses are not covered.

"Just honoring the kids and the message of not drinking and driving or getting into the car with someone who's drinking — I was speechless when [Mabrey] told me what she wanted to do," Ann said. "It really touched my heart. I'm grateful my son is still being remembered and not just by his family."

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Riviera Beach Elementary Principal Jason Anderson Says Farewell



Riviera Beach Principal Jason Anderson is leaving his position to join Carroll County Public Schools. He will serve as the executive director of school performance, equity and accountability. Anderson's last day at Riviera Beach Elementary is November 16. "I'll miss the kids the most," Anderson said. "In my new role, I'm excited to have more of an impact on a larger scale. But there's no substitute for working with the kids every day and working with their families every day." Anderson joined Riviera Beach Elementary at the start of the 2017-2018 school year. His replacement has not yet been announced.

NHS Will Take Audiences On A Journey

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as its fall musical, director Sarah DelSignore said, "It's a family show. We do really well with families because they can sit and enjoy. There will be little girls in their Dorothy costumes ready to watch."

Playing Dorothy is Lillie Jewell, who has performed about 25 roles including Rizzo in Northeast's production of "Grease." For "The Wizard of Oz," Jewell studied the film and other stage productions to capture her character's peppy personality.

"I just like how polite she is," Jewell said. "She always has a calm demeanor."

On her travels, Dorothy rescues the Scarecrow, the Tin Man and the Cowardly Lion from various perils, and the three newfound companions join her in her quest to reach the Emerald City. After all, the Scarecrow needs a brain, the Tin Man is searching for a heart and the Cow-

ardly Lion is in short supply of courage.

Senior Bethany Wright is portraying the Scarecrow. She previously had a role in Northeast's production of "Beauty and the Beast" in 2016 and she was brainy cheerleader Patty Simcox in "Grease."

"I like all of the falling," Wright joked when asked about playing the Scarecrow. "It's a very different character."

Joining Jewell and Wright are senior Zach Demers as Tin Man and senior Andrew Solley as the Cowardly Lion.

According to DelSignore, about 25 elementary school students are playing munchkins. About 45 high schoolers make up the high school cast.

"Students are sewing costumes and making scenery," DelSignore said, "so the students are getting a lot of experience with this production."

Those students are

aided by several dedicated volunteers. Lenore Martin makes costumes. Kevin Franc leads the stage crew. Rose Mullikin does choreography, Karen MacFie is involved in production, Tim Simmons is adding special effects and Karen Simmons works in the music pit.

DelSignore is excited for audiences to see the new technology and animated backdrops that will add color to the Land of Oz. Of course, they will also hear their favorite songs: "We're Off to See the Wizard," "If I Only Had A Brain," "Somewhere Over the Rainbow" and more.

A tale of friendship and courage, "The Wizard of Oz" runs at 7:00pm from November 15-17 in the school's auditorium. Tickets can be purchased at the door or by emailing sdelsignore@aacps.org. See the show to be enchanted and to be reminded that there's no place like home.

Chesapeake High School Student-Athlete Uses CPR To Save Unresponsive Man

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I'm so happy I helped that guy," he explained later. "I feel like I helped him for sure, because he wasn't blue anymore, and I'm really proud I could do that."

Captain Russ Davies, a public information officer for the Anne Arundel County Fire Department, explained that having able citizens in the community saves countless lives.

"We applaud Cristian for responding as a good Samaritan to the yell for help, for calling 911, and for assisting until our arrival," he said. "The patient was in car-

diac arrest and CPR was not needed when [EMT personnel] arrived."

The dramatic rescue highlights a crucial argument for a piece of legislation that was signed by then-Governor Martin O'Malley in 2014: Breanna's Law.

That bill — inspired by a Perry Hall student whose life was saved by a stranger who knew CPR — made it mandatory for all students in Maryland, beginning in ninth grade, to complete "instruction in cardiopulmonary resuscitation that includes hands-only cardiopulmonary resuscitation and the use

of an automated external defibrillator." More concisely, students must know how to perform hands-on CPR and use an AED, which shocks the heart to pump blood.

Kimberly Collins, a health and physical education teacher at Chesapeake High School, said she taught Moreno his junior year how to do hands-on CPR, which is performed mostly by chest compressions.

"The more people who can react and actually do something, [rather] than stand back and watch, can actually save someone's life," she said. "This law is really great in

that young people are learning how to do this and just becoming more comfortable if they ever get faced with it."

Davies encourages all citizens of the community to participate in the "Friends and Family CPR" monthly training the fire department offers, as well as Narcan training hosted by the Anne Arundel County Department of Health, which spreads awareness on how to combat opioid overdoses.

Moreno, a student-athlete whose mother is also a nurse, said the medical field is a possibility for his future career, although he has not decided

on his pursuit yet. Still, he took a sports medicine class in 2017 to learn more about health and medicine. The teacher of that class, Ken King, said Moreno earned his certification by taking an in-class test, which he passed easily.

King, who three years ago had another one of his students save someone's life with CPR on the side of the road, admitted that he was not surprised about Moreno's rescue.

"He's a great person, and we trained him enough to where we basically told him, 'You need to know how to do this,'" King said.

In the wake of his rescue, Moreno became an instant hero. Everyone at school knows about it, he said, and the story even traveled to Northeast High School, roughly seven miles away from Chesapeake, where a health teacher mentioned his daring rescue to her students as an example.

Moreno is simply glad he saved the life of the man, who has a wife and a daughter. Davies said the fire department is not able to follow up on the case, but "it was the belief at transport that his condition was not life-threatening and he was stable."

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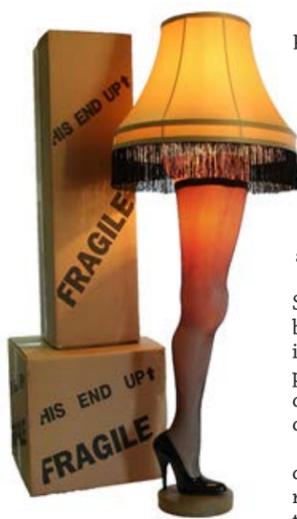
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PTC To Present “A Christmas Story”



By Jillian Amodio

It wouldn't be Christmas without reminiscing about the comically charming exploits of Ralphie Parker in “A Christmas Story.” The Pasadena Theatre Company invites families to see its stage adaptation of the holiday classic between November 30 and December 9. “A Christmas Story” follows the adventures of 9-year-old Ralphie, who wants nothing more than to receive a Red Ryder BB gun for Christmas. When he mentions this to his mother, she of course rejects his wishes, stating, “You'll shoot your eye out!” Ralphie begs and pleads and even asks Santa himself, but does he get his wish on Christmas?

Audiences can expect the production to be true to the movie. This is not a musical performance; PTC wishes to offer a show that is a nostalgic representation of the original classic, where families can find enjoyment and humor in remembering beloved scenes from the movie. PTC President Sharon Steele said audience members should expect “some incredible energy from the performers. They are truly dedicated to putting on quality shows.”

The cast has a great camaraderie. “The kids really look up to them, and the older performers are so patient and eager to share,” Steele said.

Performers come from numerous cities, including Pasadena, Glen Burnie, Annapolis, Crofton, Savage, Edgewater, Bowie, Severna Park and even Towson. The production has a cast of all ages. Despite many of the school-age performers being busy with academics and other extracurricular activities, the entire cast has been dedicated and full of energy, putting focus and effort into making the most of each rehearsal since convening in September.

After each showing, audience members are encouraged to take part in a meet-and-greet photo opportunity with Santa. After performing his onstage duties, Santa will spread holiday cheer in the theater
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Extra, Extra: Pasadena's Earl Smith Acts In Upcoming Installment Of “Rocky” Series

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Earl Smith was standing in a former Philadelphia penitentiary when a 60-year-old Swedish fighter wrestled his own son through the door flanking Smith. That fighter was Dolph Lundgren, the actor who Smith used to see sparring with Sylvester Stallone on “Rocky IV” movie posters.

It was a surreal moment for Smith, a Pasadena resident and Havenwood Softball coach, who appears in “Creed 2,” a spinoff from one of his favorite movie series.

In the movie, Adonis Creed — played by Michael B. Jordan — trains to fight Viktor, the son of Dolph Lundgren's character, Ivan Drago. For that scene, Eastern State Penitentiary was turned into a dance club.

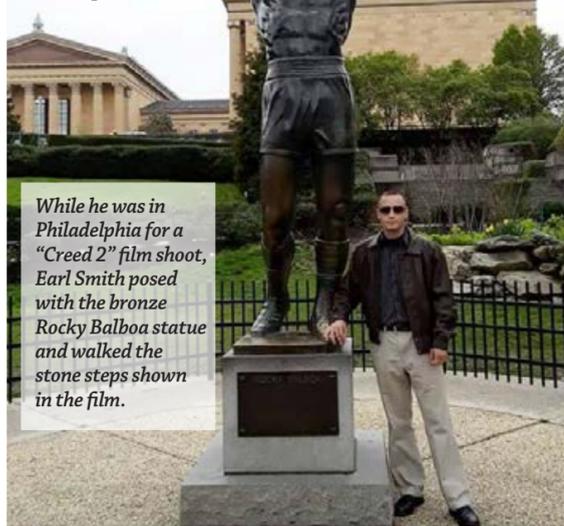
“I got on set and they gave me a fake Russian girlfriend,” Smith said. “I was wearing a brown leather jacket. A fight breaks out at the bar between [actor] Andre Ward and Florian Munteanu, who was portraying the son of Drago.”

That was as much as Smith could spoil in advance of his role in “Creed 2,” which opens in theaters on November 21 and also features Sylvester Stallone reprising his role as Rocky Balboa.

Smith said it was around the holiday season last year that he applied to be an extra in the film by send-

ing an email with his photo and background information. Six months later, Heery Loftus Casting asked him to visit Eastern State Penitentiary in Philadelphia on April 27 and be in a Russian night club scene.

Check-in was at 5:30pm. Smith arrived early. He walked the stone steps,



While he was in Philadelphia for a “Creed 2” film shoot, Earl Smith posed with the bronze Rocky Balboa statue and walked the stone steps shown in the film.

knows as the “Rocky steps,” at the Philadelphia Museum of Art. He ordered a hoagie. He posed for a picture with the bronze statue of Stallone's Rocky Balboa.

Once he arrived, it was a “very long night.” About 80 to 100 extras were packed in the “dance club,” he said. Fake snow peppered the prison floor. Actors stood in

line, mingling with sunglasses over their eyes. A director told Smith he had the face of a superhero.

Filming commenced until 7:00am or 8:00am. “The directors were serious,” Smith said. “I probably heard the world ‘reset’

spring hit-a-thon. The experience was priceless.

“I didn't know what to expect,” he said. “The people were great. The directors were cool. A lot of Russians were from New York or the Ukraine.”

Smith guessed that his scene is near the middle of film, but he'll wait to find out along with the rest of audiences.

“I have a new respect for acting,” he said. “That might sound strange, but it is a lot of standing and repeating the same thing.”

He received another acting gig with the film “17 Bridges,” which he worked on overnight from October 28 to October 29.

According to www.imdb.com, the film is about a disgraced detective who uncovers a massive conspiracy while hunting a cop killer. During the manhunt, all 17 bridges leading in and out of Manhattan are blocked.

Smith can't divulge any more details on that movie yet, but he encourages others to learn about Heery Loftus Casting and drive to the city of brotherly love if they're bitten by the acting bug. As for his personal experience, he hopes to find more roles. He is especially proud to be a small part of “Rocky” history.

“This could be the last of the ‘Rocky’ series,” Smith said. Then, pondering its significance, he added, “Rocky has a lot of motivational quotes and people can learn from his work ethic.”

“First Man” Makes For First-Rate Entertainment

By Audrey Ruppert

Damien Chazelle has wowed us once again with his versatility and his ability to turn dramas into thrillers. “Whiplash,” one of his first major works and one of my absolute favor-

ites, managed to turn a story about an aspiring drummer into a nail-biting, edge-of-your-seat whirlwind. “First Man” combines a touching and insightful biopic with cortisol-inducing scenes, and I left the theater both stressed and in awe.

Space films often focus on problem-solving that NASA has to conduct, either in the

timeframe of a day or two before the oxygen runs out in a spaceship (“Apollo 13”), or within a few years before the first moon landing, against a backdrop of racial tension (“Hidden Figures”), or even in fictional tales like “The Martian” and “Gravity.” The film “First Man” instead allows the audience to truly feel and experience just how long it took to reach the moon, and the enormous cost of that achievement.

As the title suggests, “First Man” centers on Neil Armstrong, the first man to walk on the moon. He watches astronaut after astronaut die in previous test launches, often needlessly (I'd normally say that's a spoiler, but the
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Photo courtesy of Universal Pictures

“First Man” puts the audience in the headspace of Neil Armstrong, played by Ryan Gosling, before he knew that we would succeed.

Mountain Road Library Presents History On Navajo Code Talkers

By Maya Pottiger

During both world wars, Native American tribes played an invaluable role: They used their language to protect United States' radio messages.

On Thursday, November 29, the Mountain Road Library will hold a Code Talkers program through the National Cryptologic Museum.

“I think most people find it interesting,” said Jennifer Wilcox, the educational coordinator at the National Cryptologic Museum. “They've heard about it, they've heard stories, and now they get the truth about it, which is what they want to come out and listen to.”

The first use of Code Talkers was at the end of World

War I with the Choctaw tribe, Wilcox said. A captain was walking near his troops and heard two of them

speaking in a language he didn't understand.

“They were Choctaw and
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On November 29, the Mountain Road Library will hold a Code Talkers program through the National Cryptologic Museum.

Live Music Roundup: What's On Tap This November

By Zach Sparks

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The new year is only a few months away, but that doesn't mean everyone is looking ahead. Local restaurants and bars are bringing in bands to perform hits from the '60s, '70s, '80s and beyond. What's your preferred genre? These upcoming performances will deliver your entertainment any way you want it.

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show. The five-piece band Spellbound likes to incorporate stage lighting and smoke effects in its show. Combine that aesthetic with some unique twists on popular songs and you have a typical Spellbound performance. The band's set-list ranges from the trippy tunes of the '60s to the hard-rocking '70s to the synthesizer-laced rock of the '80s, anthems of the '90s and today's hits.

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The Reagan Years will perform on Thanksgiving Eve at Twain's Tavern at 9:00pm. Band members like to say that they play music from the '80s — a day when Ronald Reagan was president, MTV first aired, CDs emerged and acid-washed jeans were cool.

to Stan & Joe's South in Edgewater. He will serenade the crowd at Rams Head Dockside on Novem-

ber 14 and November 28 starting at 8:00pm.

With their set-list of rock and country, the Bird

Daddy Project takes the stage on November 17 at 8:30pm. Other performers include Nicky Stacy on November 21 at 8:00pm and Loose Ties on November 24 at 8:30pm.

Acoustic duo Rev C is coming to Rams Head Dockside on December 8 at 8:30pm. Doug Wilson said he and fellow performer Kurt Lobdell play party rock and some country.

“We play songs that everyone knows and loves,” Wilson said. “It's a singalong-type acoustic act that always likes to have fun with the audience. We play a good variety of everything, from Zac Brown Band to Foo Fighters.”

There is no cover for any of these shows. For more information, call the res-

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With live music every Friday and Saturday at 10:00pm, Twain's Tavern has no shortage of fun. It's All Good and Cazmiere will perform on November 16 and 17, respectively. Celebrate Thanksgiving Eve with The Reagan Years at Twain's on November 21 at 9:00pm.

Andy “Sy” Seyler, drummer and co-founder of The Reagan Years, said it's been a while since his band has performed in Pasadena, so the musicians are excited to catch up with friends and fans they haven't seen in a
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Smith Acts In Installment Of "Rocky" Series

» **Continued from B11** talking to each other in their native language," Wilcox said. "He thought, 'Hey, if I get them on the radio, the Germans will hear it, but they won't understand it.' That's what he did."

It worked so well at the end of WWI that the practice continued to WWII. During WWII, the Marine Corps strictly used Navajo Code Talkers, while the Army used more than 30 tribes' languages, Wilcox said. "The Navajo is a very, very difficult language. If you don't hear it as an infant, you will not learn to speak it properly," Wilcox said. "It also wasn't a written language at that time. The Marine Corps thought this was probably the most secure of all the Native American tribal languages."

During her presentations, Wilcox said her favorite part is presenting the different code words. She plays a game with the audience where she gives a code word, and the audience has to guess the ac-

companying military term. Wilcox even has a G.I. Joe doll that speaks the code words, and she brings it to her presentations.

"That's a lot of fun because the connections are not always obvious," Wilcox said. "They are there because the Navajo had to memorize everything, so there had to be some connection so they could remember. It's kind of fun to play the game and teach the connections between the code word and the military term."

Her go-to example is "tortoise," which was the code word for "tank." The connection is that both are slow, green and have a hard shell.

Though the Code Talkers have been featured in movies like "Windtalkers," which came out in 2002, the history is largely untold.

"They come from a culture where they don't brag. They're proud of what they did, but they don't brag about it," Wilcox said. "If they weren't

out there tooting their own horn, the military wasn't out there saying, 'Hey, look what we did.' At the time, they didn't know whether they would have to call on these people again."

The Navajo Code Talkers presentation will be at Mountain Road Library on Thursday, November 29. The presentation starts at 6:30pm and runs for roughly 30 minutes.

PTC To Present "A Christmas Story"

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The Pasadena Theatre Company has been around for more than 40 years, and although these types of productions are time-consuming and expensive to produce, the organization has been fortunate with grants and community support, which have both kept the theater thriving.

Steele encourages families to purchase their tickets soon; all of last year's performances sold out. Ticket purchase links, showtimes and information about the theater can be found at www.ptcshows.com. PTC recently partnered with Stage and Screen Studios, owned by Pete and Julie Garvey in Millersville, and is eager to offer numerous performances for the upcoming 2019 season.

PTC is always looking for talented individuals of all ages and backgrounds to become involved with its productions whether as performers, set designers, makeup artists or costume designers, or by helping with technical needs. To become involved, contact PTC through its website or Facebook page.

Make this holiday season unforgettable with a family trip to the theater.

Live Music Roundup: What's On Tap This November

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The band also added two members — singer Raychel Harvey and Nat Doegen on vocals and acoustic guitar — in the last year, so the show will still be engaging even for those who have seen them perform before.

"Raychel has a higher range than Karen, so it has paved the way for Whitney Houston, Irene Cara and a wider catalog of Pat Benatar and Madonna songs," Seyler said. "Nat is an excellent singer with a wide taste in music, a dry sense of humor and excellent guitar player, all of which makes him an interesting 180-degree change from our previous lead singer. He can change his voice from a clean vocal style like Kenny Loggins, a rocker like Autograph, then to a charac-

ter voice like REM in back-to-back songs. Nat is a down-to-earth guy, which has helped fortify a strong bond within the band and fans. The motor is firing on all cylinders, wheels are turning smoothly and our sights are set on the same horizon."

Twain's will have music by Vertigo Red on November 23. Want to know how diverse the party rock band is? How many acts can go from Jimi Hendrix to Lady Antebellum to Gin Blossoms to John Legend, The

Weeknd and Bruno Mars? For those who miss the show or just want to return for an encore, Vertigo Red is slated to play at Twain's on New Year's Eve.

Crushing Day, on November 24, and Baltimore-based country band Red Dirt Revolution, on November 30, will close out the month's live music schedule at Twain's Tavern. The restaurant also has acoustic acts every Friday from 5:00pm-9:00pm. For details, call 410-647-5200.

"First Man" Makes For First-Rate Entertainment

» **Continued from B11** history is already known — just too often forgotten. The film stretches over two hours and is marked with tragedy from beginning to end. We are put in Armstrong's headspace, before he knew we would succeed. He must have thought, "Is all

this really worth it? The people who've died, the taxpayer dollars gone that could have been spent on the poor, on education? Are we doing this because we truly wish to as the human race, or because we're engaged in a pointless and dangerous arms race with the Soviets?"

While the film primarily focuses on Armstrong and his family, Chazelle gives an insightful portrayal of other key figures, particularly Buzz Aldrin (who is an alumnus of Severn School). Buzz often says what everyone else is thinking, albeit in a somewhat

tactless manner at times, and can break the long stretches of fear and grief with humor.

Some have criticized the movie for not showing Armstrong plant the American flag, but this is unfounded. The flag is shown on the moon, and obviously NASA is an

American organization. I don't think Chazelle tried to make a political statement by leaving it out — rather, he chose to focus on the moon landing as a human achievement. It's really quite incredible when you think about it — we made it to the moon, just because

we could, because we were curious, because we wanted to know and touch the stars. If that doesn't embody the best side of the human spirit, I don't know what does.

A powerful and compelling drama, "First Man" is an absolute must-see on the big screen.



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Dining Out



Spice It Up At Salsa Tex-Mex Grill In Pasadena

By Mary Cobbler

Craving a little spice in your life? Check out Salsa, the new Tex-Mex restaurant at 16 Magothy Beach Road in Pasadena, and enjoy a modern, fun atmosphere with a variety of flavorful options.

My husband and I en-

joyed Taco Tuesday recently with another couple and their daughter. We arrived at Salsa just as it opened at 11:00am and had the place to ourselves (it got a little busier as the lunch-time hour progressed).

The place is new and it shows — sparkling clean and carefully arranged from top to bottom with a chic, modern Mexican vibe. There are lots of roomy leather booths, a bar with tall stools, and polished wooden tables.

We ordered fresh-brewed iced tea and sparkling waters, then dove into the menu full of diverse, delicious-looking options. The salsa bar immediately stood out to us — for \$6, the entire table can help themselves

to six kinds of salsa: loco salsa (hot), morita salsa (hot), chipotle salsa (hot), verde salsa (mild), mango salsa (mild), and house salsa (mild). The server gave us baskets overflowing with warm, crunchy tortilla chips and we could help ourselves to the bar. This was a great



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Above: The steak in the burrito was seared to perfection and stuffed into a large, soft tortilla along with fresh lettuce, tomatoes, cheese, sour cream and ultra-fresh guacamole. **Left:** The garlic lime shrimp tacos were “bursting with flavor.” **Right:** Check out the presentation on these chicken fajitas in this triple layer holder with grilled chicken, soft onions and thick peppers on the bottom, soft, warm tortillas on the second layer and shredded lettuce, pico de gallo and sour cream on the top.



unique flavor combination that set the tone for an outstanding meal.

The service was not as fast as we would have expected on such a slow afternoon, but the waitress seemed new since she had to ask other servers questions about the menu items.

My husband and I split the chicken fajitas, which were served in an impressive triple-layer holder,

with grilled chicken, soft onions and thick peppers on the bottom; soft, warm tortillas on the second layer; and shredded lettuce, pico de gallo and sour cream on the top layer. It tasted almost as terrific as it looked. The chicken was perfectly cooked, complete with grill marks and a nice flavor. It wasn't as

spiced as we expected, but the salsa and spices on the toppings evened it out and created a crunchy, delicious final product. Two thumbs up on the fajitas for sure!

Our dinner partners got a steak burrito and the half-price street tacos. Both were outstanding. The steak in the burrito was seared to perfection and stuffed into a large,

three I tried were outstanding. I recently fell in love with street tacos when I tried them off a food truck, but these tacos topped my previous experiences. I tried the chipotle chicken tacos, the garlic-lime shrimp tacos, and the slow-roasted pork tacos, and all three of them were bursting with flavor. The meat was all smoked and lightly seasoned, and the salsa that came with them complemented them perfectly. No matter what mood you're in, you'll find something that suits your tastes on the street tacos menu.

We were full after all this food but couldn't say no to a deep-fried strawberry cheesecake. A thick, chewy shell covered in butter and cinnamon-sugar covered the creamy cheesecake. The whole dish was sprinkled with powdered sugar and sliced strawberries. What a sweet ending to a spicy, savory meal.

The bill for the salsa bar, the corn appetizer, five fountain beverages, three entries, a kids meal, and dessert came out to \$92 before tip — a pretty good price, and with the affordable daily specials it's possible to enjoy a nice of spice and ambiance anytime. Stop by Salsa and you'll be a fan. I guarantee it!

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