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## Christmas Comes Early For Kids Who Shop With A Cop



Photo by Stephanie Mennell Photography

*This year, 56 kids shopped with a cop at the Pasadena Walmart. The annual holiday shopping spree is sponsored by the Fort Smallwood Optimist Club.*

**By Zach Sparks**  
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Kids from Pasadena and nearby areas have never had a better reason to wake up early. Between 8:00am and 8:30am on December 1, police cruisers pulled into their driveways and along their streets. But instead of delivering bad news, the police had a gift: a \$100 gift card to Walmart and an invitation to a shopping spree. This was the 15th year of Shop With A Cop, an event sponsored by the Fort Smallwood Optimist Club. Each year, the club's volunteers contact guidance counselors from all

Pasadena elementary schools, Severna Park Middle School, Brooklyn Park Elementary and Marley Glen School. This year, the Fort Smallwood Optimist Club helped 56 kids who were paired with 54 officers from the Anne Arundel County Police Department, Maryland Transportation Authority and Maryland State Police. "We think it's a very important project," said Pam Bowman, who chairs the event for the Fort Smallwood Optimist Club. "It gives the kids a positive experience with the police." The event commenced with photos of Santa. Then the kids were armed **>> Continued on A4**

## Pasadena Welcomes The Holidays During Annual Tree Lighting



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In a celebration rivaled only by that of the fictitious, hand-holding, carol-singing Whos of Whoville, the Pasadena Business Association held its annual tree lighting ceremony on December 4. Families and neighbors gathered at Lakeshore Plaza to play games, share jokes, shuffle to line dances, meet Santa and watch the 18-foot Frasier fur light up for the first time this holiday season.

Employees from Two Rivers Steak & Fish House and Mutiny Pirate Bar & Island Grille passed cookies to jolly kids and adults. The Greene Turtle served hot chocolate. Teens and their younger siblings danced in front of the stage.

Despite the 35-degree temperature, the tree lighting drew the typical crowd of several hundred attendees, according to event chair Doug Cashmere of Costello's Ace Hardware & Hearth.

"I thought it was very well attended," Cashmere said. "The community loves it."

Among those in the crowd was Dennis Bryant, who attends every year with his wife, son and daughter. All of the Bryants wore necklaces of colored bulbs and Bryant's son donned a red reindeer nose.

"It's just a way to be festive and embarrass my teenage daughter," Bryant joked. "It's really a great community event."

After being serenaded by carols from the Northeast High vocal ensemble and music from DJ Marcus, the crowd was ready to witness the tree's illumination. Delegate **>> Continued on A5**

## PIC Celebrates 25 Years While Planning For Future

**By Judy Tacyn**

Twenty-five years ago, friends Barbara Huston, Maureen Cavaiola and Sandy O'Connor wondered what support their parents would need as they aged. Together, gathered around a kitchen table, they founded Partners In Care (PIC).

"The mission then was exactly as it is today," said president and CEO Mandy Arnold. "We are kind hands supporting seniors. We provide the kinds of assistant seniors might ask of a neighbor. We are the organization where all generations support the independence of older adults."

PIC helps seniors navigate county and state agencies, resource referrals, form and application completion and home-from-hospital transitions. The nonprofit **>> Continued on A6**



*Partners In Care recently held its 25th anniversary celebration at Kurtz's Beach. (L-R) Sandy O'Connor, Mandy Arnold and Barbara Huston accepted a citation on behalf of the Maryland General Assembly.*

## A Look Back At 2018



What will you remember most about 2018 in Pasadena? Popular events like the Pasadena Boat Parade and Family Fun Day? The way students at Northeast and Chesapeake handled adversity stemming from national

school shootings and threats made to their own schools? Instead of a year-in-review story, the Voice staff decided to put together a whole section on this year's happenings. **Turn to page B1 to revisit all your favorite stories.**

## Anne Arundel County's New Leadership

### County Executive Pittman Pledges To Make Government Collaborative



**By Zach Sparks**  
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Stuart Pittman won the county executive race with a D next to his name, but he doesn't consider party affiliation to be the reason he overtook Steve Schuh to become Anne Arundel County's chief decision-maker after November's general election.

"You can be a Republican and be popular, as Larry Hogan showed, or you can be a Democrat and be popular among the same voters," Pittman said. "People are, **>> Continued on A8**

### With Political And Legal Background, Volke Is Equipped To Serve

**By Zach Sparks**  
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While many politicians preach about the need for change as they run for office, new Pasadena Councilman Nathan Volke wants to keep Pasadena on the current track established by its recent leadership. Limit overdevelopment and keep taxes low.

"From a budget standpoint, I think Pasadena has done well with the Lake Shore fire house and Eastern District Police Station," Volke said. "I want to make sure the funding stays for **>> Continued on A8**



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Volunteer  
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Michael Sohn Continues 10th  
Year As Earleigh Heights Santa



Michael Sohn (right) accepted his Volunteer of the Month certificate from Severna Park Voice editor Dylan Roche. "I enjoy it, seeing the expressions on the kids' faces," Sohn said.

By Maya Pottiger

Since Earleigh Heights kicked off Lunch with Santa in 2008, Michael Sohn has been at the event dressed in his Santa costume.

But Sohn started dressing as Santa before then. In the mid '80s, Sohn would rotate with other members of Earleigh Heights to sit on top of the fire engine during the station's Santa Runs.

"We would decorate the fire engine, take Santa on top of the fire engine and go around," Sohn said. "I've sat in that thing [in the] cold, rain. It's fun. I enjoy it."

Now, Sohn has swapped the fire engine for a chair inside the fire hall.

At Lunch with Santa,

roughly 120 kids cycle through the station to take photos with Santa, eat lunch and tour the fire engines.

"Kids come up, sit on my lap, just like you would do at the store," Sohn said.

Sohn asks each child what they want for Christmas. The answers are pretty standard, he said: bikes, Barbie dolls, toys — and, yes, even a pony.

The best part of Lunch with Santa is seeing the smiles on kids' faces, Sohn said.

"Some of them still believe," Sohn said. "They're all happy that they're seeing Santa Claus."

This year, Lunch with Santa was held on Sunday, December 2, from noon to 3:00pm. The event was free, and a photographer

took professional photos for \$5.

"I enjoy it," Sohn said. "It's something we do for the community."

This year, Earleigh Heights' Santa Runs were on December 1-2, with two remaining dates on December 15 and 16. Santa will ride behind the fire engine from 5:00pm to 9:00pm.

When the Santa Runs initially started, Santa was able to sit on top of the fire engine. After a few changes to the rules, Earleigh Heights crafted a sleigh out of plywood and hooked it to a trailer, which is pulled by the fire engine.

"They put music to it, and they play Christmas music as they come down the road," Sohn said. "I enjoy it, seeing the expressions on the kids' faces."

Editor's Voice

Dylan Roche  
Editor



What is it that makes you feel as if it's officially the holiday season?

Is it going to the community tree lighting?

Or maybe taking the kids to visit Santa and Mrs. Claus at one of the many events around town?

Or maybe it's participating in some sort of charitable effort through your church or a nonprofit organization?

Stop and think about it right now. My guess is that it has something to do with being around the people you care about — your family, your friends, your neighbors, the people with whom you work or worship, or maybe a stranger you've never met but are suddenly and inexplicably linked by the mission of spreading peace and good will.

Every year, as the months of November and December approach, our team here at the Voice scrambles to collect information on as many of these events as we can to let our readers know about them, primarily through the Holiday Gifts & Events Guide, which you read last month, or else through our website, Facebook and Twitter. I will admit — it sometimes feels a little strange to be trying to research all

of this so far in advance.

But then December arrives, and we get to experience all the activities that we've been promoting. Every year, it surprises me just how close the holiday season brings us together as a community. It's a great reminder of why we do what we do here at the Voice.

As hard as it is to believe, this year is drawing to a close. The next time I sit down to write this column, it will be 2019. We decided this year to do one better for our annual year-in-review article, and expanded our look back at 2018 to a four-page section so that we could share more details, more photos, and even some social media posts that excited our readers throughout 2018. Turn to page B1 to check it out.

Now that our December editions are in your hands, our team will be taking a quasi-hiatus for the next few weeks to enjoy the holiday season and ring in the new year. Our next edition comes out January 24. Even though it will be a few weeks until you see us in print, we'll still be around — follow us on Facebook, Twitter or Instagram, and if you have news, don't hesitate to shoot an email to me at [dylan@pasadenavoice.com](mailto:dylan@pasadenavoice.com).

From our entire team here, we hope you have a happy, healthy holiday season and a great start to your new year. See you in 2019!

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## Bella Napoli Hosts Breakfast With Santa



Photo by Cathy Ford

Children from Pasadena and beyond met Santa and made sure he had their most recent gift list on December 1. Families enjoyed photo opportunities, pizza and doughnut holes at Bella Napoli Italian Restaurant, which has hosted the event for roughly a decade. The restaurant asked only that attendees bring unwrapped gifts for ill children staying at area hospitals.

## Briefs

### Bingo To Benefit CHS Sophomores

The Chesapeake High School Class of 2021 will host a designer purse bingo (Michael Kors, Kate Spade, Coach, Vera Bradley) at the Severna Park Elks Lodge on Truck House Road on January 26. Doors open at noon. Bingo begins at 1:00pm. Tickets are \$20 per person, and attendees must have a ticket to enter. The event includes 18 games, three specials (Michael Kors luggage and more), raffle baskets and a silent auc-

tion. Food will be available to purchase. All proceeds directly benefit the CHS Class of 2021, assisting with costs for graduation and the after-prom party. For tickets, contact Lauren Smith at 410-245-9915 or laurensmith@kw.com.

### SPEP Church To Hold Christmas Carol Sing

Enjoy fellowship, light refreshments and caroling during a special event at Severna Park Evangelical Presbyterian Church on December 15 from 6:00pm to 7:00pm. The event is free. SPEP is located at 110 Ritchie Highway in Pasadena.

## Winter Gardening Tips And Enhancements

**Elizabeth Elliott**  
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The winter landscape provides beautiful color in warm and cool tones, fascinating texture, and architectural interest. You can enhance the aesthetics of your winter garden with a clean-up. Prune away dead or unsightly branches; rake any remaining fall leaves; and install a light mulch cover to retain moisture, prevent weeds, and insulate soil around tender perennials and evergreens. Save those clippings for a winter arrangement! Use pine boughs, holly branches laden with berries, interesting bare branches and other clippings in summer's leftover hanging baskets or artfully arrange them in a festive vase.

Enhance with lights. The bare branches of deciduous shrubs and trees will glow beautifully with the addition of fairy lights, seasonal-themed string lights or other decorative lighting. Swathes of golden and bronze-toned ornamental grasses, with their beautiful plumes and seed heads that provide winter food and cover for songbirds, look outstanding lit from below. Try solar LED landscape lights, or low-voltage selections like well or bullet landscape lights. Evergreen foundation or statement plants will look beautiful enhanced by net or string lighting. Solar lanterns are very popular and come in a wide variety to suit your unique taste and space. Planters make a wonder-

ful statement year-round but can really enhance the winter landscape. You can find interesting planters at antique and consignment shops, online, or at your local garden center. Make sure containers have good drainage so plants don't drown in soggy soil. Go bold! On your patio, arrange a series of planters filled with evergreen shrubs, tiny arborvitae, small trees, and perennials. Shrub and tree selections include camellia, Gold Cone juniper, Fairy Lights arborvitae, Sky Pencil holly, Gulfstream nandina, and Don Egolf redbud. Ornamental grasses and perennials like heuchera and verbena work well too. A pair of festively lit holly or dwarf Alberta spruce planters at your door will welcome guests with the holiday spirit.

Add some unique outdoor décor! Garden décor trends include whimsical figurines in all shapes and sizes, decorative stones and cairns, and bold statuary. Water features, fountains and benches are other great choices. And don't forget the birds! By using a selection of native trees, shrubs and perennials, you can transform your yard into a bird habitat and enjoy sightings year-round! Keep birds coming all winter long by providing fresh water and seed or suet.

Finally, use the gift of winter's peace, quiet and dormancy to plan for the garden of your dreams! Peruse seed catalogs and read up on the newest perennial and shrub selections coming to your local garden center in 2019. See you soon!

## Christmas Comes Early For Kids Who Shop With A Cop



Photo by Stephanie Mennell Photography

Despite having a rare opportunity to spend money freely on themselves, most kids were selfless with the funds.

» Continued from A1 with shopping carts and a \$100 limit.

This was the eighth Shop With A Cop for Corporal Glenn Whisman.

"I'm a person from humble beginnings myself and I have an adopted child who comes from humble beginnings," Whisman said. "It's a warming sensation to help children who are less fortunate."

Sergeant Erin Brandt had always wanted to participate but couldn't because she drove an unmarked vehicle and part of the experience for kids is playing with police cars and their sirens. For her Shop With A Cop on December 1, Brandt was paired with a second-grade boy who lives with his dad and grandmother.

"For his dad, he got a hammer," Brandt said. "He got a sparkly necklace for his grandma he lives with, and he got a basketball and pump for himself."

Despite having a rare opportunity to spend money freely on themselves, most kids were selfless with the funds. "Most of them are very fortunate [for this opportunity] and they want to share that with everyone in their household too," Whisman said.

When kids exceed the \$100 limit each year, officers often take money from their own pockets to help.

"We did have a child who wanted to spend the money on groceries," said Bowman, indicating that it happened four years ago. "The officer had the child spend the money on gifts and then the officer spent their own money to buy the child groceries. When the kids want to spend their money on food, that's heartbreaking."

Kids did enjoy food at Two Rivers Steak & Fish House after the shopping spree. They ate while volunteers from the Optimist Club and Annapolis Amblers Walking Club hid presents inside colorful wrapping paper and bows.

Not only does Shop With A Cop provide Christmas for Anne Arundel County families but it's also rewarding for the officers and it gives youth positive role models.

"Normally I only get to interact with people on their worst day," Brandt said. "Today we could focus on having fun and interacting with kids."

"If he ever needs the police," she added, referring to her new second-grade friend, "he won't be afraid to call us."

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## The Batmen Defeat The Stingers In Anne Arundel County Senior Softball Final



The championship of the Anne Arundel County Senior Softball Association's Tuesday night league was decided on the last week of the season when the Batmen, sponsored by Pappas Restaurant & Sports Bar, defeated their archrivals, the Stingers, 8-5. The Batmen were led by the pitching of their 84-year-old ace, Al Hunter, who held the Stingers to five runs. Timely hitting by Dick Baker, Ron Fitzhenry, Chuck Beall and Dennis Gosewsich were keys to the Batmen's win. The Anne Arundel County Senior Softball Association is looking for young men 59 and over to join the league for the 2019 season. Games are played on Tuesday nights at the Bachman Sports Complex in Glen Burnie. Interested? Contact Mike West (westarnld@verizon.net or 410-271-2446) or Karl Behringer (kbehringeraacps@hotmail.com or 410-533-4736).

## Pasadena Welcomes Holidays

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Nic Kipke provided the countdown amid a chorus of cheers. Perched behind the Frasier fur, members of Riviera Beach Volunteer Fire Company used a ladder to place the star atop the tree. Minutes later, a bright sleigh surfaced near Safeway. Lake Shore Volunteer Fire Company ushered Santa, toy sack in hand, past the throngs of families and to his seat on the grass.

"It's nice to see the smiles on the kids' faces," said Roger Gordon, chief at Lake Shore Volunteer Fire Company. "It's our chance to do something for the community."

Firefighter and emergency medical technician Jesse

Wright agreed, saying, "Just to be a part of it is an honor."

Many kids looked honored to meet St. Nick, who listened to their wish lists as Mojo Web Solutions snapped photos. Macaroni Kid provided games. Bruster's Real Ice Cream offered treats. To keep pets from feeling left out, Calvert Veterinary Center gave out dog bones.

Many groups collaborated to set up. Pasadena Signs and Gable donated equipment to reach the higher branches of the tree. Costello's Ace Hardware was the biggest contributor, clearing the area and helping to decorate the tree. Ace also provided three games, a balloon animal maker, a craft table and em-

ployees to man those tables.

Eastern District police officers and reserve officers, under the direction of Corporal Dave Bellis, controlled traffic and maintained a peaceful environment.

The inaugural tree lighting in 2010 — a last-minute celebration to gauge community interest — drew a crowd of more than 400 attendees despite the below-freezing temperature. That event showed that Pasadena was yearning for an event like this, and residents have continued to prove that to be true.

"It seems like it gets bigger and bigger every year," said Brian Gregg, chief of the Riviera Beach Volunteer Fire Company.

## RBVFC Santa Runs

The Riviera Beach Volunteer Fire Company has several Santa runs left before December ends. Check below to see when Santa is coming to your street. Schedule changes will be posted to the company's Facebook page.

### December 14 at 6:00pm

- Gladnor Road/Turf Valley area
- Hunt Ridge Road
- Marthas Vineyard Lane
- Golden Fleece, Peppercorn, King Arm, Wiltshire
- Red Lion Way, Rose Crown, Royal Mint, Brighton Court, Crystal Palace
- Almondberry, Flintshire

### December 15 at 5:00pm

- Notley Road (from Kings Bench toward Duvall Highway)
- Queens Park II
- Queens Park I
- Pine Haven
- High Point West
- High Point East (school side)

### December 21 at 6:00pm

- Mount Pleasant Beach
- Smallwood Circle
- Holmespun
- Moonfall Court
- Rockhill Beach
- Four Bouys
- Elizabeth's Landing
- Pine Grove Village/Cottage Grove
- Johnson Road
- Sunset Beach

### December 22 at 4:00pm

- Riviera Beach
- Starting from the Park Road side (Bridge side) working toward the Bar Harbor side

## Friends And Family Pay Tribute To Brad Cropper



Photos by Casey Pollock

Since 2014, the Pasadena Voice has covered the story of Brad Cropper, a Pasadena boy who was diagnosed with brain cancer. Known as "Sunshine" to friends and teammates, the Pasadena Chargers player fought valiantly and maintained a positive attitude until November 2018 when the cancer took his life. In his honor, friends and family members donned black and yellow while attending a ceremony on December 1 that started at Lake Waterford Park and moved to Earleigh Heights Volunteer Fire Company.



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# Elves For Elders: Cheery Volunteers Stuff Stockings For Seniors

By Jillian Amodio

Typically when we think of the magic of Christmas, we picture the joyous faces of children, but what about those on the opposite end of the spectrum? For some seniors, the holidays can be lonely.

Sue Origlio works with Partners In Care to ensure that older adults are not forgotten. The nonprofit organization is celebrating its 25th year serving the senior population through a variety of programs designed to preserve their independence. The organization initially began by providing transportation and has since grown to include social activities, a boutique, advocacy services and facilitating home repairs.

What sets this organization apart is its ability to thrive on members serving one another through their unique skills and talents, which fosters a sense of community, self-worth and purpose. Volunteers choose how often to volunteer and some do so from their own homes.

Origlio's mother frequently donated items to the organization's boutique and always spoke fondly of the work they were doing. Even now, she still volunteers with the organization. Since 2016, she has addressed and written more than 5,500 birthday cards for members, averaging about 200 cards per month. Remembering birthdays means so much to members.



Photo courtesy of Sue Origlio

Every year, a group of volunteers, led by Sue Origlio, stuffs stockings for the elderly members of the nonprofit Partners In Care.

When Origlio retired in 2014, she began to frequent the boutique herself. "As an only child and caregiver for my parents, I was intrigued about an organization that assisted seniors," she said. "I learned more about the organization and loved the idea of reciprocity."

On a November afternoon in 2014, while visiting the boutique, Origlio read a notice asking for donations of filled stockings that would be gifted to a few members who were in need that holiday season. In years past, the small staff from Partners In Care would each donate a stocking themselves. Origlio's father had recently died and she knew this particular holiday season would be especially difficult. She decided then to adopt this project in his honor.

Creating a Facebook event

called Elves for Elders, Origlio began her quest to gather as many stockings as she could to help brighten the spirits of elders in need. The response she received was blissfully overwhelming. The first year, she received an astonishing 80 stockings. In addition to the stockings she picked up from friends and family, large packages bearing overstuffed stockings were delivered to her home. The following year, the stocking count was 140, and in 2017, the organization received 180 stockings. Volunteers from the organization ensure that each stocking is delivered.

When asked about her favorite moment from her endeavors with Partners In Care, Origlio said, "It would be impossible to capture all of the touching stories shared about how Partners In Care

has touched people's lives. I often find myself saying this organization is too good to be true, but it is true! The people who work for this organization are dedicated and caring."

Origlio fondly recalled the

time one of the recipients was handed her stocking and replied "I can't remember the last time I received a gift. Partners In Care has really made my year. I'm so thankful." That's what this whole or-

ganization is about: touching the lives of those who might otherwise feel forgotten.

To volunteer, contact the Partners In Care staff at 410-544-4800. Even with a growing volunteer base, requests for assistance continue to exceed the capacity to help. Financial donations are appreciated and directly support the services and programs of Partners In Care. Donations can be made by contacting the office or through the [www.partnersincare.org](http://www.partnersincare.org).

Every year, Origlio looks forward to experiencing the kindness and generosity of friends who come together to provide stockings and donations.

"This event is my Christmas," said Origlio. "In a world where things can appear to be a bit uncaring and crazy, I am reminded of how caring and giving people can be."

## PIC Celebrates 25 Years, Plans For Future

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also assists with caregiver support, activities and gatherings to address social isolation, home visits, phone calls, picking up groceries and prescriptions, home repair, transportation (including Mobility Bus coordination), and occasional cleaning and laundry.

Every interaction between members is considered a "task," and more than 1,300 tasks are logged every month. Approximately 219 rides each week are provided by volunteers.

Partners In Care has grown from its initial three volunteers to 80, and original 10 members to now more than 3,100. Anyone who provides a service, or anyone who receives a service, is called a member. In many cases, providers and receivers are one and the same.

"We are members serving members," added Arnold. "The bonds we establish with each other are so amazing.

We've heard and experienced the most beautiful stories of friendship. We really are family."

PIC now services Anne Arundel, Caroline and Talbot counties.

To volunteer or to receive support, seniors must complete a member care application. Partners In Care screens every person who wants to come into the organization.

"We don't want to be Uber or Lyft," said Arnold of the transportation networks where a stranger appears at a doorstep. "Everyone deserves to be safe, and every family member wants to feel security in knowing that their loved ones are being taken care of by someone they trust."

Partners In Care runs its Upscale Resale Boutique, now located at 8151 Ritchie Highway in the Festival At Pasadena shopping center near BJ's Wholesale Club, which provides revenue to cover 40 percent of the operating expenses for the entire

organization. The boutique employs one full-time person and two part-time workers, and hundreds of volunteers provided more than 13,200 hours in 2017 alone. Other fundraising events are held throughout the year.

"In the future, we'd really like to expand our partnerships with the health care community," said Arnold. "We are helping people get to hospitals, physician's offices and other health care facilities. We've got 25 years of data that shows just how vital we are to seniors in our community. It would be wonderful to have strong partnerships with these providers."

"Partners in Care isn't just a business model, it's what we do and who we are," Arnold added. "I plan on doing this until I cannot do it anymore."

To get involved with Partners In Care, donate to the Upscale Resale Boutique, donate a vehicle or a financial gift, visit [www.partnersincare.org](http://www.partnersincare.org) or call 410-544-4800.

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## Strike Out Colorectal Cancer Doubles Its Fundraising Success Over Last Year



Among the local business owners working to help others this season was Mike Hall of Severna Park Lanes, who held the second annual Strike Out Colorectal Cancer concert, featuring Nashville artist Chad Bearden and Baltimore-based duo Case & Barley. Through sponsorship, silent and live auctions, tickets and donations, the event raised \$20,500 — essentially doubling last year's number — for the Fight Colorectal Cancer Organization, which undertakes research and clinical trials. Sponsors for the event were Landmark Roofing, Outback Steakhouse, Tree World Tree Experts, ServPro of Annapolis, University of Maryland Baltimore Washington Medical Center, AM Gable LLC, DynaSplint Systems Inc., Gardiner & Appel Group Inc., Huff Insurance, Maple Family Bowling Centers, Savvy Consignment and Lauer's Supermarket & Bakery.

## Design Of New Jacobsville Fire Station Unveiled



Prior to the election, County Executive Steve Schuh, along with Fire Chief Allan Graves, unveiled the design of the new Jacobsville Fire Station. The 11,750-square-foot, \$6.2 million Jacobsville Fire Station will be located at the old station's current location, 3725 Mountain Road. The station is set to break ground in mid-2019.

## Toys For The Dena Run Provides A Fun Way For Bikers To Support Pasadena Families

By Sharon Mager

It was a festive atmosphere at The Office Bar & Grill on the morning of November 3. Bikers, some dressed as Santa, and their riders arrived cheerful and ready to eat at the breakfast buffet before getting their motors running and heading on the highway for the seventh annual Toys for the Dena Run. For seven years, the restaurant has sponsored the event to collect toys and raise money to help needy families in Pasadena.

The merry riders traveled west to Woodstock Inn, then to the Severna Park Taphouse and on to Larry's Tavern in Millersville. At each stop, they picked up more toys, and more bikers and the whole group arrived back at The Office for an evening of food, fun, raffles and live music.

Bikers paid a \$20 registration fee. They also brought new toys for children ages 3 to 16. A truck followed the motorcycles and gathered toys at each stop.

"Each bar has a toy collection bin, and we pick up the toys," said Sarah Root, general manager of The Office Bar & Grill. "We also have people every year who'll ask, 'Can we donate to this?' and they'll hand us cash."

People genuinely want to help, Root explained. "It's our way of giving back to the community," she said. "We're all from Pasadena, and most of us have lived here all of our lives. We're big on family, and we want to help."

In all, The Office collected more than 100 toys. Root organizes the run each year



Photo by Stephanie Mennell Photography  
Riders of all ages were invited to The Office Bar & Grill's Toys For The Dena Run, which brings Christmas to families in need.



Bikers of all ages show up to help with Toys for the Dena, even Zander.

and has a blast doing it. She enjoys seeing the mountain of toys arrive. After collecting them and the funds from the registration, donations and the raffles, she contacts local schools to help her identify families that could use some assistance for the holidays. Then, she works with each family individually to provide toys, clothing and other needs.

"They always need coats and shoes," Root said. "We also give them a gift card to a food store."

Most of the parents come to The Office to pick up the gifts, and Root said employees are overwhelmed with gratitude. "That's one of my favorite parts is to see the families' faces when they come in," Root emphasized.

Root said the annual run has resulted in raising approximately \$38,000 in cash, and \$1,500 worth of toys over the last seven years to help Pasadena families.

The run is a lot of work and it takes a year to plan,

but Root said, "It's the most awesome event!"

Root recognized Howard and Lisa Thorn, customers and friends, who are a huge help, working each year to plan the routes.

She is also appreciative of the approximate 20 businesses, and the Anne Arundel County Police Department, for supporting the event.

During the event, then County Executive Steve Schuh presented Root with an executive citation, saluting her "unwavering support of our local elementary schools."



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## With Background, Volke Equipped To Serve

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the Riviera Beach Library. I think Derek Fink did a great job as councilman.”

With the term-limited Fink stepping down from the dais, Volke saw the opportunity to serve the area he has called home since childhood. And it's the type of role he has been groomed for after interning for former District 3 councilman Ron Dillon in 2006 and campaigning for Delegate Nic Kipke, who is well-respected in his role of House minority leader.

“One of the bright spots in this year's election was seeing Nathan Volke sworn in as Pasadena's councilman,” Kipke said. “I've known him for many years and am confident that he will fight to protect taxpayers and work hard to solve problems for the people in our community.”

Dillon remembers Volke as one of a handful of talented students from Northeast and Chesapeake high schools. “In particular, Nathan stood out to me because we had similar demeanor,” Dillon said. “He was easygoing and would listen before making a comment or answering a question. He was and is very even keel, which I think is an asset in life, especially politics these days.”

While Volke exudes the persona of a friendly and agreeable person, someone you'd never expect to get into a fight with, his background as a litigation attorney with the Law Office of Laura E. Burrows proves that he can be tenacious in arguing a case. But that doesn't mean he is close-minded or

argumentative.

“One thing about Nathan that will serve him well as councilman is that he's naturally collaborative,” Kipke said. “You don't always see that in people who get elected. He's smart, and the way he seeks input from others about important decisions will ultimately serve our area very well.”

Volke learned those lessons while working for Dillon and Kipke and also when serving on the Anne Arundel County Republican Central Committee for eight years. As the committee's president from 2013 to 2016, he corralled votes for Larry Hogan as governor and Donald Trump as president.

Whether he's making decisions about land use and the General Development Plan or he's voting on the budget, he knows he can consult past Pasadena councilmen at the county level or current representatives at the state level.

“It's such a unique process that doing it for the first time can be a bit overwhelming,” Volke said of the General Development Plan. “I have those connections and it would be foolish to not listen to those perspectives.”

At home, that other perspective is often his wife, Kristi, who was his high school sweetheart. Volke met Kristi at Chesapeake High School when they were cast in lead roles for the school's production of “Guys and Dolls.”

“We were in costume, but it wasn't anything weird,” Volke joked. “The guys wore tuxedo shirts and the girls wore glitzy dresses.”

Now, he uses his voice as

a singer on the praise team at Hope Springs Community Church, which has a non-denominational congregation that meets at Anne Arundel Community College in Arnold.

As he balances his work efforts to help people using his knowledge of family law and his service efforts to make Pasadena a better place, he's encouraged by his new colleagues on the county council. Following the election in November, the council underwent major changes. Only one member, Andrew Pruski of District 4, is entering a second term. The council features five women after having none since the departures of Cathy Vitale and Tricia Johnson in 2010. The council also has a 4-3 Democrat majority after having a 4-3 Republican majority the last eight years.

“It's a good thing and it's also going to be challenging,” Volke said of the council having several new members. “Everyone on the council has a different background. We all have experience taking public input and using public input. Someone like Andrew Pruski was on the school board, so he has that background in education ... there are new voices in the room, so they will listen in a different way.”

Drawing a humble but confident conclusion, he said, “I'm used to asking tough questions and I'm used to advocating for a position. My district is my client and my clients are paying taxes, so I will make sure they get what they are entitled to.”

## Pittman Pledges Collaboration

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fortunately, looking at the issues.”

Pittman, a Davidsonville farmer and father of three, won the county executive's race with 52.3 percent of the vote to Schuh's 47.6 percent. Although Schuh had over 3,000 votes more than Pittman on Election Day, Pittman had an 11,000-vote lead from early voting.

During his grassroots campaign, Pittman heard from county residents who lobbied for better pay for teachers, police and firefighters. He heard from advocates of smaller class sizes. But the most common feedback he heard was an outcry to stop overdevelopment.

“They see it in traffic and overcrowded classes in the schools,” Pittman said of his new constituents. “The fact that I am a farmer and a small-business person gives me credibility on those issues that I'm clearly not coming in here to pave the county over.”

Whereas Schuh fought overdevelopment with legislation to draw a rural conservation line, Pittman plans to hire an environmental policy director to oversee smart growth.

“We're going to strengthen the Forest Conservation Act in the county so that it drives development into the areas that do not have trees and make it tougher to develop in sensitive areas that do,” he said.

Pittman has also asked state legislators to draft a bill to limit campaign contributions from developers and make sure the rules are applied fairly to everyone.

“Some of these projects have 20 modifications because they don't fit, so all of a sudden, you're at the mercy of the planning director who is hired by the county executive,” Pittman said. “He controls your fate

and that's wrong.”

Other priorities will be funded in the budget, which is proposed by the county executive's administration each May and amended by the seven-member county council by June. Pittman plans to meet with each department supervisor to determine not only what they need to survive but what they need to accomplish the requests of voters.

“What would it cost for one step increase? What would it cost for 10 teachers?” Pittman said. “The taxpayers can look at the options, almost like walking into a store.”

That information will be presented online and shared again during two budget hearings, which are mandated by the county charter.

“The last administration did two meetings where you met with department heads, but there were no numbers to talk about and no public hearing,” Pittman said. “We're going to confront those issues of how to spend our resources and whether or not people want to pay more resources.”

As for other priorities, Pittman wants to form a gun violence prevention commission, he wants to end the county's participation in the 287(g) program and leave immigration enforcement to federal authorities, and he wants to see more workforce housing in the county.

“We're going to end up like California where people come here for jobs but live in a tent or in their car or on the street while working if we don't address that concern,” he said.

Janet Owens, who served as county executive from 1998 to 2006, co-chaired Pittman's transition team. Although Pittman has never held political office, Owens sees many similarities

between herself and the Davidsonville farmer.

During Pittman's inauguration ceremony at Maryland Hall in Annapolis on December 3, Owens said, “He listens. He advocates for education, public safety and the environment. But most importantly, he wants all of our communities to prosper. And he wants everyone to have a voice in sharing the decisions that guide that prosperity.”

With less than a month between Election Day and their respective inauguration ceremonies, Pittman and the six new members of the county council had little time to plan. But the new county executive foresees a smooth transition with the council, which just shifted from a 4-3 Republican majority to a 4-3 Democratic majority.

“There are seven of us kids in my family, two boys and five girls, same as the county council,” Pittman said. “Four from my dad's first marriage, three from his second marriage, so two different moms. Four to three, just like the county, and we all get along great.”

Regardless of the D or R next to someone's name, Pittman is looking for partners, on the county council and in the community, to make government more transparent and more accountable to the people.

“The Republicans all said there is overdevelopment in the county and something needs to be done about it,” Pittman said. “They all said we need more civic engagement, community input into the General Development Plan, and they all said Small Area Planning was a great thing. And they all said we needed more teachers, firefighters and police. What we campaigned on wasn't that different, so I think you're going to see a lot less division.”

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## Cedarwood Cove Honors Family And Traditions

By Judy Tacyn

Tucked behind Chesapeake High School off of Mountain Road, Cedarwood Cove boasts a beautiful pool, waterfront access to Bodkin Creek, a pavilion, a park and a neighborhood swim team. Best of all, the pool is open to the public. Members are not required to be Cedarwood Cove residents.

Just driving through the community, you feel the neighborhood's charm and rich history. With no new construction, the houses are not on top of one another, the streets are wide, people are always walking and children play outside all year round.

Community events include an annual Easter egg hunt, pool opening party, mid-summer cookout, pool closing party, and a Halloween bonfire and cookout. A community favorite is the Christmas Luminary project where residents help to assemble 1,600 white luminaries, which are placed on all of the streets on Christmas Eve and lit at dusk. This Christmas Eve will be the 33rd year for the luminaries when weather permitted. This event also attracts many non-residents who enjoy riding through the community to witness this event.

But the most unique part about Cedarwood Cove is the people and traditions — so much that the area is seeing more and more second-

generation families returning to the community they grew up in.

Stephen Abey and Stacy Meadows are two young homeowners who are raising their own families in the neighborhood they called home as children.

**STEPHEN ABEY**  
LIFELONG RESIDENT

When Stephen Abey was just a toddler, in 1985, his family moved to Cedarwood Cove after they built their two-story dream home. Abey, now with his own family, is a second-generation Cedarwood Cove resident.

"My wife and I built a new house outside of Pasadena. We loved the house but wanted more of a neighborhood," said Abey. "We knew we wanted to be in the Chesapeake school district, so we started looking back in Pasadena in 2013. With my parents in the neighborhood, we started to put feelers out to any neighbors potentially looking to sell. I knew I wanted to be back down in Cedarwood. This community was so good to me growing up, I wanted my children to experience everything this neighborhood had to offer."

Abey appreciates that the community traditions he grew up with are now becoming traditions for his own children.

"As a child, I remember getting so excited every year to help fill the bags of deer feed and candles,

then walking with other neighborhood kids and passing out the Christmas luminaries," he said. "All the community residents would then light the candles that evening! Coming home from church on Christmas Eve to see all the bags lit is such a magical moment and a tradition our community has upheld for 40-plus years. As a father, I get to experience that same joy with my children who also get excited every year for this tradition. It brings out my inner child."

Abey's children now attend Bodkin Elementary, the school he attended. He said he and his wife love the school for their children. "Seeing my kids walk the halls where I went to elementary school is amazing," he added. "They even point out some historical placards that have my brother's name on the wall. It's nostalgic."

**STACY MEADOWS**  
LIFELONG RESIDENT

Stacy Meadows' parents built a home in Cedarwood Cove when she was in fifth grade. In 2003, she and her husband were looking for a place in Pasadena to settle and begin their family. Luckily, they were able to find a home right across the street from her parents. Her children now play with other third-generation kids on the street.

"Our neighbors are awesome," Meadows said. "Many years grow-

ing up, we vacationed together, including a cruise in 1990 with 80 Cedarwood Cove residents. I met my husband through one set of neighbors and another neighbor helped my son after he was chased by some geese and couldn't get back home."

Meadows also remembers a time when neighbors came together to help each other when someone was in need.

"We had a small tornado touch down on Sail Court in 1985 and the neighbors pitched in and helped the street rebuild quickly including repairing the roof of a neighbor away on vacation," she added. "When [Hurricane] Isabel came through, my dad was able to secure a large wood chipper and all the neighbors brought their brush and downed trees to chip, and more neighbors helped haul the chips away. When it snows, everyone is out with plows and snow blowers making sure everyone is taken care of."

**DAN OGLE**  
RESIDENT FOR 34 YEARS

"I moved to Pasadena from Baltimore when I was 3 years old and was raised in Lake Shore," said Dan Ogle, who is the Cedarwood Cove Community Association president. "After I was married in 1972, I lived in another part of Pasadena for a while, and when we decided to build our second house,

we happened to find a building lot in Cedarwood Cove. We had looked for a lot to build on in the Chesapeake school area. We wanted a community that had water access."

Thirty-four years later, Ogle said Cedarwood Cove is still a safe, family orientated community where everyone looks out for their neighbors.

"There is a great recreation area with a community pool that offers memberships to both residents and non-residents," said Ogle. "The Cedarwood Cove Community Association offers many activities for residents if they desire to participate."

There is also plenty of open space.

"There are seven acres of community recreation property with water access. This access is oftentimes used for fishing and to launch kayaks for residents," explained Ogle. "There is a picnic pavilion with a meeting room and a playground on this property. We have a community pool, which is available for residents and non-residents."

He also takes pride in the traditions being continued by current homeowners.

"Many of the children who were raised in Cedarwood Cove return to purchase homes and raise families of the own," said Ogle. "This speaks volumes for the quality of our community."



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## An Open Letter To District 3

**Nathan Volke**  
Councilman  
District 3



Dear District 3, I am humbled and very honored to have been elected to serve on the Anne Arundel County Council for the next four years. It has been a dream of mine to represent this community since 2006, when I interned for Councilman Ron Dillon. Now, 12 years later, it is a dream come true to have the opportunity to sit in the same seat and advocate on behalf of the residents of District 3. Thank you for placing your faith and trust in me.

Just a little bit about my background: I grew up in Pasadena, attended Anne Arundel County Public Schools and graduated from Chesapeake High School. There, I met my high school sweetheart, Kristi, whom I married 10 years later. After high school, I attended University of Maryland, Baltimore County, and then University of Baltimore for law school. But this community has always been home; my wife and I have always known we wanted to raise our family here, and we are doing that today with our son, Luke. We have chosen to live here, like many of you, because we love the feeling of community, being close to our extended family and our lifelong friends, and the abundant access to waterways and other amenities.

In my day job, I am a litigation attorney focusing on family law in private practice. I have also assisted legislators at the county (Councilman Ron Dillon), state (Delegate Nic Kipke) and federal (Senator Ben Cardin) levels. In all of these endeavors, I have seen

firsthand what makes an effective advocate and legislator: Be well-prepared. Listen more than you talk. Ask relevant questions. Do not compromise your core beliefs.

I view serving on the county council as a chance to give back and help shape the future of the community I love. I will fight to keep taxes low while supporting incremental investments in our critical infrastructure and services like public education, fire, police, roads and libraries. I will work to modernize the way county government provides services. And I want to give our county employees the tools they need to perform their jobs and serve our citizens in the best way possible.

I will also ensure that any new development improves, not detracts from, the lives of current county residents. I will not support short-sighted, irresponsible, unchecked growth in our county. Any new development must be measured, transparent and carefully considered based on intensive community outreach and input. Translation: new development projects need input from the people who will be most affected — you — before they are passed!

I plan to be a responsive representative and advocate for your needs. I will be available and in the community - I want to hear your concerns and address your problems. I will fight for this community like I fight for my clients as an attorney every day. If I can ever be of assistance to you, please do not hesitate to contact me at [nathan.volke@aacounty.org](mailto:nathan.volke@aacounty.org).

I look forward to working together with you over the next four years and representing you on the county council. Again, thank you for your faith and trust in me.

## Anne Arundel County: Be The Best Place

**Steuart Pittman**  
County Executive



On December 3, I took the oath of office to be your county executive. That oath represents my commitment to you.

I want to thank county voters for sharing my vision and putting your trust in me to lead. Serving as county executive is an incredible honor — and a tremendous responsibility.

Throughout the campaign, we focused on a responsive government committed to transparency and community engagement. Since the day following the election, I have worked to bring that focus into reality in this administration.

We formed a transition team of highly experienced individuals with a vast knowledge of the county,

its key issues and know-how to get things done. These individuals have volunteered to help me follow through with my promises from the campaign. Our transition teams are full of talent and include people from all walks of life. We have Democrats and Republicans, urban folks and rural folks, environmentalists and developers, retired government officials and new up-and-comers with fresh ideas.

The transition is built on the same framework on which I based my campaign: with a focus on communities. Our transition teams are structured around making our communities safe, healthy, empowered, thriving, educated and sustainable. I tapped two veteran county government officials to be transition co-chairs, former County Executive Janet Owens and former Councilmember Chris Trumbauer.

If you attended the inauguration or read my speech, you know I have ambitious plans. Working with our transition leadership, we have begun to assemble an incredible team that will help to organize our plans and coordinate the steps to reach our goals. We want Anne Arundel County to be, simply, “the best place.” And we’re going to need the best people to help us get there.

I would like to thank Chief of Staff Jennifer Purcell and Chief Administrative Officer Benjamin Birge for guiding us through this transition and creating the solid foundation we will need to follow our vision.

A centerpiece of my administration will be public and community engagement. I encourage county residents to get to know their representative from our community liaison team. This team will help residents learn about the

resources, services and programs that are available through our county agencies and community partners.

We have a lot of work to do, but I would like to take this time to focus on this special time of year and what it means. The holidays are a time for gathering with family and friends, a time of giving to our loved ones and those less fortunate, and a time to reminisce about cherished memories we have experienced over the years. We celebrate our faith, our love and our tradition.

During this holiday season, I will reflect on the many people who helped me become the county’s 10th county executive and look forward to the many tasks before my new administration. I am both thankful and excited.

I wish all of you a very happy, healthy and fortunate holiday season.

## Freedom Is A Gift To Remember This Holiday

**Brian Chisholm**  
Delegate  
District 31



I want to take time this holiday season to thank everyone who has helped me along this long journey to becoming your state delegate. The support, kindness, time and resources you selflessly shared with me will never be lost on me or my family. I will always be available to all of you whether you choose to fill in the ballot for me or for some other worthy candidate. I am not sure whether I can ever repay you for giving me the honor of serving you, but here is one gift I will

always defend and share with you: freedom.

I believe everyone has a purpose and can accomplish incredible things and experience all the wonders of life because we were all born free. In this great country of ours, that fundamental right allows us to passionately pursue anything we imagine. Here are some of the true gifts of freedom that I share with you.

- The freedom to solve some of life’s greatest challenges
- The freedom to fail almost endlessly until we finally learn how to make something work or successfully learn several thousand ways something just won’t work

- The freedom to feed the hungry
- The freedom to lend a helping hand
- The freedom to inspire and motivate anyone within our influence
- The freedom to change the life of a child, sibling, parent, friend, foe or complete stranger with a smile, kind word or action that changes the course of their destiny positively forever
- The freedom to believe we can make tomorrow better than today simply by working hard every day to improve our own lives and those all around us
- The freedom to laugh with each other, but just as im-

- portantly, at ourselves
- The freedom to believe in others even more than they will ever believe in themselves
- The freedom to put down the newspaper, turn off the news and the internet, and separate from all the crap that gets pushed out at us every day in an effort to discourage, divide or play upon our fears
- The freedom to enjoy life to the fullest and realize you are in charge of your own destiny and no one else is

God bless you all and I wish you all a merry Christmas, happy Hanukkah, great winter holiday and happy new year.

## State Of Maryland Has A Thriving Business Scene

**Peter Franchot**  
Comptroller



It’s the time of year for giving thanks, and with the election now over, which we can all be thankful for, I want to express my deep and sincere gratitude to the voters of Anne Arundel County and all of Maryland for once again placing their trust in me to continue serving as your comptroller. It is an honor and a privilege to hold this office and I pledge to continue making sure your hard-earned tax dollars are being spent wisely.

I’ve always said there’s no such thing as a Democratic tax return or a Republican tax return, and my top priority is making sure my office respects the taxpayer, responds to the taxpayer and gets results for the taxpayer. After all, you pay my salary.

During my tenure as comptroller, I have been fortunate to travel across Maryland, visiting civic leaders, elected officials and business owners. These conversations have given me a firsthand perspective of the economic challenges and opportunities Marylanders face on a daily basis.

Maryland is home to some of the most innovative and prominent companies in the nation.

They are small start-ups, independent retailers and large corporations; they are creating jobs, building strong communities and transforming lives. They are the lifeblood of our economy and they should be lauded for their contributions.

That’s why I’ve created the Cornerstone Award for Local Business Excellence. I’m looking to recognize and celebrate businesses that strengthen Maryland’s economy, generate jobs and tax revenue, develop innovative ideas that more effectively deliver services and products within the marketplace, and lead by example in their local community. One business will be selected from each of Maryland’s 23 counties and Baltimore City. Businesses of any size and sector are eligible for the award.

Nominations are being accepted through the end of December. Just fill out the form at [www.marylandtaxes.gov](http://www.marylandtaxes.gov) (look for the link near the top of the page, over the lighthouse) and explain why the business is deserving of the Cornerstone Award. Nominations should be emailed to [abrody@comp.state.md.us](mailto:abrody@comp.state.md.us) or faxed to 410-974-2045.

Speaking of great Maryland businesses, let me make one final plea to shop local as you check off your holiday gift wish list. I’ve had the

opportunity to check out a number of great retailers from Cumberland to Leonardtown in the last few weeks. Shopping at these bookstores, clothing boutiques, chocolate manufacturers and gift shops keeps revenue in the state and supports jobs and investment in your community. And it’s just a good feeling to purchase something from a local business and experience real customer service, as opposed to keyboard shopping.

Thank you once again for your support at the ballot box. I wish you all a joyous holiday season and a prosperous new year.

## Merry Christmas, Pasadena!

**Nic Kipke**  
Delegate  
District 31



As I write this, my wife and I just returned home from the Pasadena Christmas tree lighting and the kids are now in bed. Earlier, at Lakeshore Plaza, my family and I had the honor of leading the countdown to light the Christmas tree, which was great fun! Some wonderful members of the Pasadena Business Association created this amazing tradition in our town and I know I am speaking for thousands of you in saying “thank you” to them. This has surely grown into something huge and important to our sense of community — I know the Kipke kids love it.

Merry Christmas and happy holidays, Pasadena!

I am also mindful that Election Day was just one month ago. While the results were not all exactly what I had hoped for, I am grateful to the people of our community for your votes and confidence in me to continue representing you for another four years. Representing our community is an amazing privilege, and despite how challenging politics can sometimes be, I am eager to continue working to help people right here in our community, support meaningful legislation, protect the rights of our citizens, and protect taxpayers.

I also look forward to working with Delegate-elect Brian Chisholm, Senator Bryan Simonaire and our new councilman, Nathan Volke. We all campaigned together, so I

already know we work well together, and I believe our team approach will benefit the district. Next month, the 90-day legislative session begins, and we are all eager to get to work to pass a fiscally responsible state budget and work to address important issues for our district. This is a good time to reach out to us regarding issues that you’d like to see addressed in our community, to express your thoughts about problems that need to be solved or to express your views about legislation that is likely to be introduced.

To get in touch, you can email me at [kipke@kipke.com](mailto:kipke@kipke.com) or call me at 410-841-3421. Our whole team values our community and we are all ready to roll up our sleeves and get to work to make our community an even better place to live, work, raise a family and retire!

## What Is The Role Of The Sheriff’s Office?

**Jim Fredericks**  
Sheriff



Happy holidays from the Office of the Sheriff of Anne Arundel County! It is truly my pleasure to be your newly elected sheriff and the 120th sheriff in the history of the county.

The Anne Arundel County Sheriff’s Office dates back to 1650 and plays several important roles in the law enforcement community. Its responsibilities include service of warrants, courthouse security at the Circuit Court, service of civil court docu-

ments, and domestic violence court orders, to name a few. In the few weeks I have had to learn and understand the knowledge and capabilities of the employees in the Sheriff’s Office, you can rest assured that they are a talented group of people who carry out their duties proudly on behalf of the citizens of our county.

As for me, I retired as a lieutenant from the Anne Arundel County Police Department on November 30 so I could be sworn in on December 3. I bring 26 years of law enforcement experience to the Sheriff’s Office, and I am excited for the challenges and leadership opportunities that lay ahead.

My staff and I have gotten immediately to work to identify needs and set priorities for the office. There is much to be done with budget and administrative procedures, personnel and staffing demands, improvements in technology, security enhancements, warrant reduction, community outreach, and the delivery of services.

I plan to bring a fresh approach and new ideas to the Sheriff’s Office and look forward to working with the new county administration to keep our communities safe.

I hope the holiday season so far has been a safe one for all, and I would like to remind everyone about good

holiday safety practices. During this busy shopping time, always be cognizant of your surroundings, keeping packages and valuables with you while in stores. Keep your vehicle locked and parked in well-lit areas when possible. Try to keep items out of sight or in the trunk of your vehicle. Practice good home safety inside and out. Start by replacing batteries in smoke detectors, and make a plan to have someone retrieve delivered packages from outside the home to deter theft.

Exciting times are on the horizon for the Sheriff’s Office and I look forward to serving the citizens of Anne Arundel County as sheriff.

## PBA Update

**Sandi Parrish**  
Executive Director



Our 23rd annual parade was great and what a beautiful day for a parade. Fifty groups participated, so there were a variety of entries. We thank the Anne Arundel County Police Department for its assistance. Thanks to everyone who participated and watched the parade. We thank all the volunteers that made this parade a success: Angela Balsamo (*Coffee News*); Jerry, Dalton and Nancy Nicklow (Huff Insurance); Lisa Hart (Arundel Federal Savings Bank); Christine Richardson (Q Marketing & Design); Dick Parrish (Dick Parrish Design); Juli Blanton and Sam Tanner (Keller Williams); Doug Cashmere and Scott Ellis (Costello's Ace Hardware); Brian Conrad (Edward Jones); Jim Anderson (Anderson Davis & Associates); Mike Agro (Cityline Business Park); and Larry Sells (*Pasadena Voice*).

This year, our grand marshal was Lauer's Supermarket & Bakery for all they give back to the community. Lauer's collects the food during the parade with the help of the Northeast High School football team, and also seeks donations in the store. They were able to purchase pallets of food. Gable also provides a large amount of food. We were able to donate this food to nine Pasadena food pantries.

You can watch the parade on YouTube by searching "2018 Pasadena Business Association Caring & Sharing Parade," and the video is published by user MaxstoneMedia.

Our eighth annual Veterans Day ceremony was a great opportunity for the community to thank our veterans and active military for our freedoms. This is a special event for us. Every veteran and active military member stood, stated their name and told us when and where they served. It is great to see so many of them year after year. The flag committee and Girl Scouts presented them with a gift from the PBA and cards made by the students at Bodkin, Jacobsville and Pasadena elementary schools.

We need to thank the flag

chair, Lisa Hart (Arundel Federal Savings Bank), who organizes everything. PBA President Doug Cashmere, (Costello's Ace Hardware) and Vice President Brian Conrad (Edward Jones) were great emcees. The Anne Arundel County Eastern District Police Station kept order at the road. Bay Country Rentals provided the chairs. Colby Burl, a local historian and military item collector, brought items for everyone to see. Dick Parrish Design provided the sound system for the event. FTGraphics made a "Proud to be a veteran" sticker for each veteran.

Girl Scout Troop 10249, Brownie Troop 1232, and Dottie Snyder helped us with the plantings and maintenance on the gardens. JB Machine Parts & Supply provided the sound truck for the singers. Maher's Florist supplied the wreath, which the Pasadena chapter of the Chosen Sons Motorcycle Club placed in front of the monument. Arundel Federal Savings Bank provided the flags given to the crowd, Bishop Greg Copley of Chesapeake Christian Center said prayers and Senator Bryan Simonaire was on hand for closing remarks.

The U.S. Navy Honor Guard of Fort Meade did the presentation of colors, Chesapeake High School chamber singers serenaded us with their beautiful voices, and Rick Barnes from the Maryland Defense Force Band played taps to end the program.

Army veteran Charlie Johns provides the trailer and drives everyone down the path from Lake Shore Athletic Complex to the flag site every year. Costello's Ace Hardware & Hearth helps us with lowering and raising the flag as directed, Himmel's Landscape and Garden Center provides the plantings at the site, JB Machine Parts & Supply help us with maintenance, and Pasadena Sign Company helps us keep the flag flying by maintaining the pole. The Anne Arundel County Department of Recreation and Parks keeps the grass cut and the weeds under control.

We thank everyone who helps with the flag site and all it entails. We thank our veterans and active military for your service to our country.

## Founders Tavern Celebrates Five Years

By Maya Pottiger

After opening five years ago, Founders Tavern & Grille has become a staple of the community.

"We've become a part of the community rather than just a new restaurant," said co-owner Steve Sumner.

The Founders staff commemorated the anniversary with a party in November, featuring all-day happy hour and a bunch of giveaways.

"I felt very lucky to have all the support of friends and family and regulars show up," Sumner said.

New at Founders this month is the debut of the fall/winter menu. During the year, Founders switches up the food menu twice and the drink menu three times.

"I love seeing some of the old regulars — the chicken pot pie coming back, the pot roast. Those hearty winter meals are always fun," Sumner said. "Comfort food is always a lot of fun to see back on the menu and have again."

With the seasonal menu changes, Founders is able to use the freshest in-season ingredients.

"Our job is much easier



Founders Tavern & Grille may have an old-fashioned interior, but it's all part of the charm — from the American flag to the wooden décor.

when we're using the freshest ingredients in-season," Sumner said. "We look like geniuses because it tastes good, but it's really the fact that it's in season."

The ingredients are sourced locally whenever they can be, Sumner said. During the summer, Founders' chef visits Papa John's Farm in Severn to get jalapeños, green tomatoes and regular tomatoes, as well as watermelon for the watermelon caprese, Sumner said.

In addition, the chicken is sourced from a farm on the Eastern Shore.

"Wherever we can get the best product, that's led to our success," Sumner said. "It's real food and we don't have to do a whole lot to make it better."

A bourbon fan, Sumner has enjoyed adding bourbon to the menu. With two currently available, Sumner is looking to visit Louisville and hand-select another barrel to be served

at Founders.

"We have two already, so we're looking forward to picking our third barrel and having our own Founders flight," Sumner said.

Founders also does a lot of philanthropic work, including donating to the food banks at local churches. Sumner doesn't talk about the work too much because "you do it because it's the right thing to do, not because you're looking for recognition," he said.

"To be honest, I feel like that's where we get our most satisfaction," Sumner said of giving back to the community. "Having the ability from having a successful business and being able to do that is probably the most rewarding out of all of this."

Founders Tavern & Grille is located at 8125 Ritchie Highway in Pasadena. It is open from 11:30am-10:00pm Tuesday through Thursday, from 11:30am-11:00pm Friday and Saturday, and 11:30am-9:00pm on Sunday. Founders is closed on Mondays. For more information, call 410-544-0076 or visit [www.founderstavernandgrille.com](http://www.founderstavernandgrille.com).

## Do You Hate Annuities? You're Not Alone

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Pensions used to be prevalent. According to the Center for Retirement Research at Boston College, at one time, 88 percent of private sector workers who had a workplace retirement plan had a pension. The center estimated that only 33 percent have a pension now. By other accounts, the discrepancy between full-time federal, state and local government employ-

ees with a defined benefit pension plan and those in the private sector is even larger at 87 percent and 19 percent, respectively.

I often talk about PAYchecks and PLAYchecks when planning for retirement; the PAYchecks should cover your necessities each month: housing, food, clothing, etc. Your PLAYchecks cover everything else. It's our practice to try and find guaranteed sources of income to be your PAYchecks in retirement, but if you don't have a pension, or your pension doesn't pay enough to cover everything, how do you do that? I propose you consider an annuity.

I can hear what you're likely thinking right now, "I hate annuities!" Annuities take a lot of heat, and I've had my own clients tell me they "hate annuities, but love that American Equity thing." That "American Equity thing" they mentioned is an annuity! Many people spout these types of statements without considering what an annuity really is, and they are usually unaware that there are more than

15 types of annuities, each providing its own unique benefits. To say you hate all annuities would be as broad a statement as saying you hate all mutual funds, so if you fall into the "I hate annuities" camp, read on and keep an open mind. Annuities aren't for everyone, but you may be surprised in how useful a tool they can be when planning for consistent retirement income similar to a pension.

#### WHY PEOPLE LOVE ANNUITIES — TWO BROAD BENEFITS

**1. Guaranteed income for life.** With more pensions going away, it is becoming increasingly important for retirees to find their own sources of lifetime income. You can think about shifting longevity risks to an insurance company as similar to shifting your home, car or life's protection to an insurance company in the form of auto, home and life insurance.

**2. Annuities provide for tax-deferred growth of non-IRA money.** IRAs already have this benefit, but using non-IRA money in annuities provide the same tax-deferred growth, which means any investment growth you enjoy is not immediately subject to taxes, but will be taxed later instead.

An annuity can provide probate avoidance, because you decide your beneficiaries when you first buy your annuity.

#### WHY ANNUITIES AREN'T FOR EVERYONE

Although annuities can be an effective tool in planning for your retirement, there are some things you need to consider and plan for if you are going to have an annuity as a part of your portfolio.

The biggest issue is liquidity. Most annuities that offer the benefit of lifetime income come with the stipulation that you give up liquidity for a certain period of time. It could range from seven years to 10 years, so when considering an annuity, look at all your options and make sure you understand these

limitations before you buy. Your financial professional should clearly state all limitations before purchasing any financial product.

Maintaining the proper liquidity amount outside the annuity is critical; you want to have enough available to you in non-annuity funds to avoid any early withdrawal penalties and that withdrawals will not decrease your future monthly payments so much that you can no longer cover your necessities.

To summarize this point, I advise that you never have all your eggs in just one basket, and the same applies for annuities. Annuities are just one tool to consider when creating your retirement plan, since they can certainly come in handy when paired with a pension and your Social Security benefits to create a dependable monthly PAYcheck in retirement that will cover your monthly budget needs.

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## COMMUNITY CONTRIBUTOR

## Rumors Salon Makes Christmas Magical For Local Girls

The months of November and December were a busy time for local businesses that sought to make the community a better place.

The team at **Rumors Salon & Spa** recently held its second annual Christmas with the Princesses event, when the stylists dressed up as Disney heroines and welcomed local girls for an afternoon of pampering as a way of collecting toy donations for families in need. "They are all such giving, caring people," owner Jessica Kenealy said of her staff, who volunteer their time to make this event happen. "I never have to convince them of anything. Their hearts are large, and they are always ready and willing to par-



ticipate in anything we come up with."

With more team members participating than in their successful inaugural year in 2017, Rumors provided hair services, nail services and some make-up for a group of 101 girls. Attendees also enjoyed

crafts, light refreshments and a visit with Mrs. Claus. Although an official number was not available when the *Pasadena Voice* went to print, the Rumors team expects to top the 120 gifts it collected in 2017.

Christmas with the Princesses is one of

many charitable projects undertaken by Rumors. "We try to do at least one thing a quarter," Kenealy explained. Other causes have included a fundraiser for Kennady Chamberlain, a local youth who was diagnosed with Stage 4 neuroblastoma, as well as Rockstar Moms, a contest to honor hardworking mothers from the area with a day of pampering.

Kenealy is motivated by her faith and sees giving back as an opportunity she has as a business owner. "Earning money might be my reward, but my purpose has to be greater than making money," she said. "I'm called to touch the lives of all people who work as part of my team but also touch the lives of people in the community."

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## LOOKING BACK ON ANOTHER GREAT YEAR

By Zach Sparks

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Life, it seems, is often a reflection of two states: continuity and change. Pasadena celebrated plenty of both in 2018. Longtime community linchpins enjoyed milestone anniversaries — Earleigh Heights Volunteer Fire Company with its 100th, Kurtz's Beach with its 85th and Lake Shore-Severna Park Rotary with its 70th. Local events like the Taste of Pasadena and Family Fun Day continued to enthrall families. But the year also saw a sea of change with new elected representatives, first-time accomplishments, and people making a significant impact in their neighborhood for the first time.

Join us in a look back at 2018 — a year when continuity and change both made Pasadena a better place.

### WINTER

For many parents and teachers, the beginning of 2018 was a time to applaud looming school improvements suggested by Anne Arundel County Public Schools Superintendent George



Arlotto in his budget proposal. The plan highlighted the last leg of construction for High Point Elementary, which later got 28 new classrooms, a kitchen, a cafeteria, two music rooms and a renovated gym.

"This school has been over capacity for years, so certainly the new building is going to alleviate overcapacity issues," High Point Elementary Principal Timothy Merritt said.

Solley Elementary School was allocated funds for six new classrooms, and Riviera Beach Elementary was slated to get three kindergarten classrooms and one pre-K classroom.

Elsewhere in the community, older kids made headlines. On January 22, Northeast High student Jake Ellencamp received a GOTCHA! award from the Department of Recreation and Parks after diving into the pool at the North Arundel Aquatic Center in Glen Burnie when he saw a woman having a seizure in the pool.

"Her aid was yelling, and I just let the training kick in," Ellencamp recalled. "Everything went as it was supposed to. The paramedics were there in a matter of moments."

In February, nationally ranked racer

Connor Sheffield went to Daytona International Speedway in Florida for Race Week, a United States Auto Club event. The 13-year-old proved that incurable

gastrointestinal medical issues weren't going to slow him down.

As for racing at Daytona, Connor said, "I only get a little nervous when I pull up to the starting line. Once the race starts, it's really thrilling and I just focus on winning."

Another Pasadena male earned a big win on February 20. At the Maryland 4A/3A state championship meet, Davon Carroll's banner day for Northeast included a pair of state titles in helping the Eagle boys to a fifth-place finish out of 29 teams. Carroll started his meet by winning the 300 in 35.5 seconds and followed by running a personal-best 6.459 seconds to win the 55-meter dash.

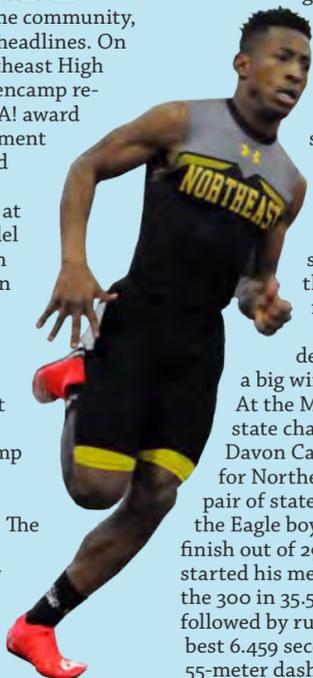
At the state level, Pasadena legislators in the Senate and House of Delegates worked with their colleagues to modify the Maryland tax code so families would benefit from the federal tax cuts.

### SPRING

While students across the country walked out of their schools on March 14 to honor the 17 victims of the school shooting in Parkland, Florida, one month prior, Northeast students had a walk-in. At Northeast, teens brandished signs with phrases like "We are not afraid" and "Fear has no place in our school," and they also engaged in 17 minutes of silence for the 17 lives lost in the shooting.

"This event is meant not only to support the school who faced the shooting and campaign for bringing an end to school shootings all over the nation, but also address some of the threats that our own school received with a period of complete unity among our students and staff," said Alison Clark, who planned the

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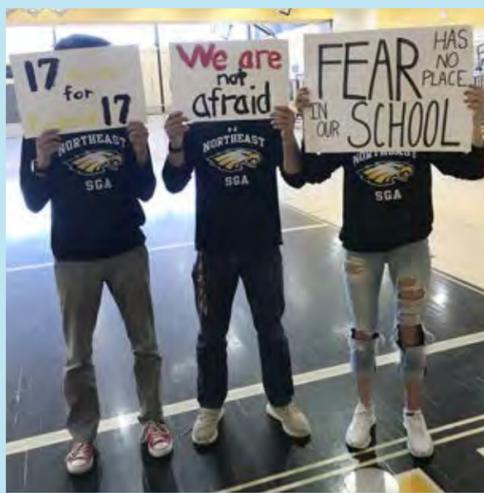
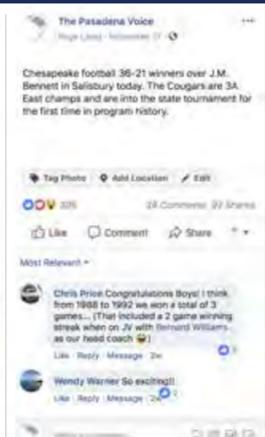
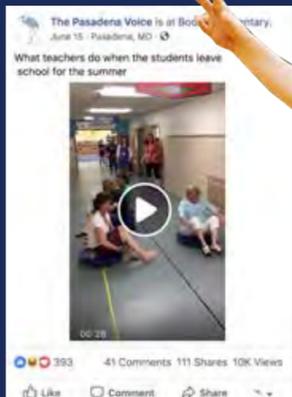
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event along with fellow students Noah Whiteman, Matt Doyle and Rushil Savalia. "This event has no connection to political matters; it is simply a demonstration of our school's unity and togetherness."

Chesapeake High School's a cappella group, Evolve, was invited to New York City in late March, when they performed at Total Vocal with Deke Sharon. The presentation celebrated a cappella with choirs and individual singers from all over the globe.

"A cappella singing is a complex style of music," said Evolve member Alexis Andrew. "We are singing all parts and creating all instrumental elements. This requires us to be constantly in sync with one another. Getting to work with Deke, we were able to get to work with the music in a different way than we would with our own director."

Back at home, Chesapeake's campus was the site of chalk walks in March and April, as people drew inspiring messages on the school's sidewalks to prove their community would not tolerate the racial incidents that had been making headlines throughout the school year.

Even though unseasonably cold precipitation on



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— ALISON CLARK, NORTHEAST HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 2018

April 7 meant some festivities had to be delayed, Pasadena's youth recreational baseball and softball teams were able to start their seasons with Opening Day ceremonies and parades on April 15.

Elsewhere in the community, the culinary artistry of Pasadena's best restaurants and caterers was on full display on May 1, when locals convened at Kurtz's Beach for the ninth annual Taste of Pasadena. The food festival, which is organized each year by the Pasadena Business Association, combined good food with good atmosphere for an overall satiating night.

On May 7, the seven-member county council unanimously passed a temporary moratorium to halt the acceptance of rezoning applications. They also passed Bill 27-18, which changed the review process for modifications, which relieve developers from meeting specific requirements of the code. Applicants now have to prove that the modification was discussed at a community meeting or that all property owners within 300 feet of the affected property were notified.

## SUMMER

The county council was hard at work in June, making minor changes to County Executive Steve Schuh's budget proposal. When Schuh presented his \$1.59 billion Fiscal Year 2019 budget proposal in May, he highlighted pay increases for police and teachers, major investments in roads and a property tax cut. The county council tweaked the budget to add 42 teachers to Schuh's proposal, for a total of 86.

Pasadena Republican Derek Fink said, "While we certainly can't fund everything the Board of Education has asked for, because that would essentially take up everything — we're still responsible for the police officers and the fire departments and the roads and everything else we do — I do think this is a good balance."

Speaking of fire departments, Lake Shore saw a six-year pursuit of a new station come to an end on July 31. The new \$6.8 million station spans more than 12,000 square feet at 4642 Mountain Road,



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in the span of a minute, first an equalizer by Shelby Benoit, then a go-ahead score by Hannah McKeon. Chesapeake won the region, but their season came to an end in the 3A state championship as they fell to C.M. Wright, 3-0.



Cristian Moreno, a 17-year-old Chesapeake High student and Food Lion cashier, scored some recognition after per-

forming chest compressions and CPR to resuscitate a man in the store's parking lot on October 6. "I feel like I helped him for sure, because he wasn't blue anymore, and I'm really proud I could do that," Moreno said.

near Galilee Lutheran Church. Lake Shore VFC Chief Tim Hall said the building was sorely needed. "The old station was outdated," Hall said. "We had old equipment, the floor is collapsing, the walls are old. There

services provided by law enforcement and they listened to music and played games like ring toss and basketball.

On a more somber note, John Polyniak of McCully-Polyniak Funeral Home passed away in

friend. And — most importantly — for his family, he was a father and husband who showed love, kindness, patience and humor in everything he did. No matter how they knew him, all agreed that when he passed away, Pasadena had lost someone truly special.

Displaying special athletic talent in August was Zeke Turner, who made the Arizona Cardinals football roster as an undrafted free agent. The safety-turned-linebacker became an underdog story as a player who was never offered a scholarship from a Division 1 college.

"Just put your head down and block out the outside noise because there are going to be doubters from every corner," Turner advised other aspiring athletes. "People aren't going to think that you're going to be able to make it, but just stay focused on what you want to get done and I promise it will come true."

## FALL

After 44 years of business, Pasadena Roller Skating Center closed its doors on September 5. Families lost a place to skate, but later that month, they enjoyed pony rides, swimming, a petting zoo, carnival games, face painting and a moon bounce during Family Fun Day, Lake Shore-Severna Park Rotary's annual

event at The Y in Pasadena.

Sports were a hot topic throughout the fall. Cheerleading won its 12th state championship on November 10. 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 during the 3A East region championship on October 31.

The Cougars scored two second-half goals



Northeast High School had much to be proud of after coming away with a thrilling 28-27 come-from-behind victory over the rival Cougars in the 2018 Dena Bowl on November

2. Stepping in for the injured Riley Pitt, Northeast quarterback Billy Katzenberger threw the go-ahead touchdown pass to Josh Krcik with 24 seconds remaining.

The Cougars earned

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wasn't enough space for all of the equipment."

Pasadena residents got to interact again with first responders in August when National Night Out came to Earleigh Heights Volunteer Fire Company. Attendees learned about the

August after a battle with cancer. For countless families in the Pasadena community, Polyniak was a voice of comfort and compassion during a time of grief. For members of the Pasadena Business Association, he was an active volunteer and uplifting



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## DENA BOWL 2018

“I’m proud of the way we started the season, and we kept going. We played our hearts out, and I will definitely remember the Dena Bowl for the fact that was a good birthday.”

— JOSH KRČIK, NORTHEAST SENIOR

Josh Krčik (3) scored three touchdowns on his birthday, November 2, in Northeast’s 28-27 comeback win over Chesapeake in Dena Bowl XLII.



their revenge a week later with a 38-13 win over Northeast on November 9 in the first round of the 3A East playoffs. It was the first playoff win in program history for Chesapeake, which had made its first two playoff appearances in 2015 and 2017 but hadn’t broken through

for a win. The following week, Chesapeake trekked to Salisbury to hand J.M. Bennett a 36-21 defeat and deliver the program and school its first region championship. Despite a disappointing end in the state semifinals against the



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— JASON ANDERSON, FORMER PRINCIPAL, RIVIERA BEACH ES

Linganore Lancers, a 45-6 rout on November 21, Chesapeake reflected proudly on its 9-4 season.

“It’s a hardworking group,” Chesapeake head coach Rob Elliott said of his team. “They’re not the biggest kids, they’re not all the fastest kids, but ... I’ll take a group that just grinds and works, and I think that’s what we have, is a group of grinders.”

After grinding each day to make Riviera Beach Elementary a better place, Principal Jason Anderson left his position on November 16 to become executive director of school performance, equity and accountability for Carroll County Public Schools.

“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.”

While Riviera Beach got a new principal with John Wojtala, the former assistant principal at Freetown Elementary in Glen Burnie, Pasadena as a whole got some new political representation alongside longtime public servants Nic Kipke and Bryan Simonaire.

Replacing the term-limited Derek Fink on the county council was Nathan Volke. Brian Chisholm won the House of Delegates seat vacated by Meagan Simonaire. Democrat Steuart Pittman beat incumbent Republican Steve Schuh to become the next county executive.

“People, I think, really want to have a voice in local government,” Pittman told the Voice. “They are irritated about what’s going on in Washington — people have always been that way — but local government is a place where neighborhood organizations and business groups, the little originations, they feel, ‘This is where we can have a voice.’ I think they felt as if I was offering them that.”

Mass amounts of people convened at the polls to vote for their preferred politicians and they also showed up in hordes to the Pasadena Business Association’s annual Caring & Sharing Parade in November. The Pasadena Boat Parade treated guests to iridescent, festive displays set against the black backdrop of the Chesapeake Bay on the night of December 2.

Pasadenians officially counted down to the start of the holiday season at the Lakeshore Plaza tree lighting ceremony on December 4, when hundreds of people flocked to the shopping center to enjoy live entertainment, activities, refreshments, and visits with Santa. “It seems like it gets bigger and bigger every year,” said Brian Gregg, chief of the Riviera Beach Volunteer Fire Company, one of the organizations that helps with the PBA-sponsored event.

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## Cougars Bow Out In State Semis, Conclude All-Time Best Season

By Colin Murphy  
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Chesapeake's football season was one that few saw coming but many will remember for a long time.

The Cougars (9-4) had their magnificent 2018 campaign brought to an abrupt end in the state semifinals on November 23 in Frederick, where the host Linganore Lancers mercifully earned their way into the state final in a 45-6 rout.

The night was cold, and the Lancers were a superior team. It was one possible ending to an unprecedentedly successful season for Chesapeake, which swept up the school community and all of Pasadena in pride and excitement while marching through accomplishments.

"Once we get past tonight, you couldn't be more proud of this group," said Chesapeake head coach **Rob Elliott**. "We really didn't know what we had coming in [to the season]. We knew we had the receivers and the quarterback, a brand-new offensive line. There were a lot of question marks. I'm happy the way we played as a team and a family. We've just got to get past this one



Chesapeake celebrated the program's first-ever region championship following its 36-21 win over J.M. Bennett on November 17.

Photo courtesy of Connie Raynor / Raynor Shine Events

tonight and then look back and celebrate the entirety of the season."

The season brimmed with success from the start, and Chesapeake built momentum all the way to the state tournament. The Cougars started 6-0 — the best start in program history — notching wins over Towson, Severna Park, Catonsville, Glen Burnie, Lansdowne and South River. The 21-10 win at Severna Park was spread over two days because of a lightning delay. Chesapeake faced early deficits against

both Catonsville and Lansdowne but combined for 94 points to come back and emphatically defeat both opponents in routs, and they posted a 14-0 shutout of Glen Burnie in between.

The Cougars made everyone in Anne Arundel County sit up and pay attention with a come-from-behind, 29-24, homecoming win over South River that moved the team to 6-0, the best start in program history.

Despite losses in three of their next four games, including a 28-27 Week-

10 Dena Bowl loss to Northeast, a resurgent program in its own right that did Pasadena doubly proud this season along with Chesapeake, the Cougars entered the postseason with confidence. They avenged the Week-10 loss to the Eagles by posting a 38-13 win over Northeast on November 9 in the first round of the 3A East playoffs.

Chesapeake overcame an early 7-0 hole against the Eagles, getting a rushing score by **Khalil Gary**, a

punt-return touchdown by **Russell Tongue**, a touchdown pass from **Dylan Young** to Tongue, a 37-yard field goal by **Colton Spangler** and rushing scores by **Jaylen Richardson** and **Zach Schuler** in victory. An interception by **Marcus Neal**, fumble recoveries by **Jimmy Revels-Allen**, **Cody Carpenter** and **Zach Baumann**; and a sack by **Devin Forrester** highlighted the performance of the defense, which held Northeast's dynamic offense scoreless from the opening

touchdown until another touchdown in the game's final seconds.

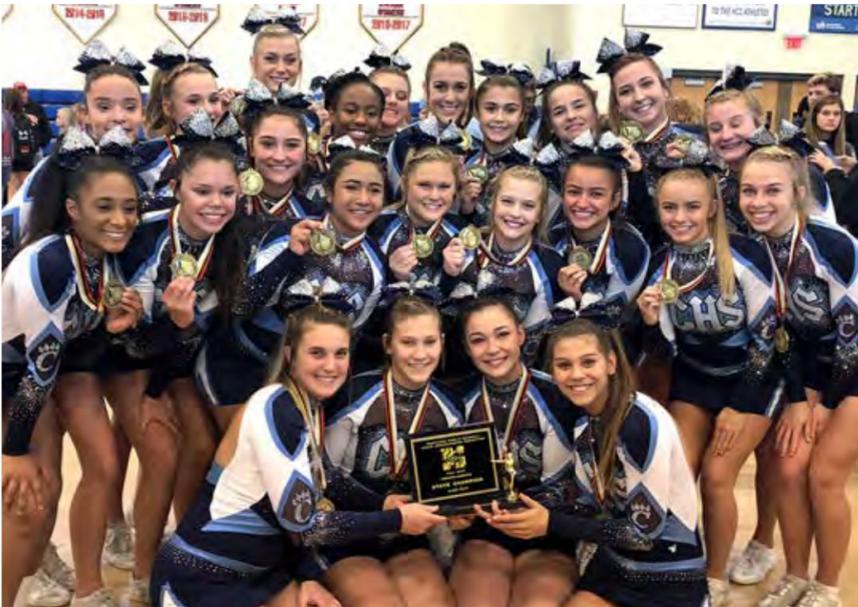
It was the first playoff win in program history for Chesapeake, which had made its first two playoff appearances in 2015 and 2017 but hadn't broken through for a victory.

Elliott put the playoff win over Northeast in context.

"When I took over, Chesapeake was 3-27 the three years before I took over," he said. "I played here, I helped build the youth program, and when I interviewed for this job, I said, 'Listen. Everybody you interview is going to come here as a stepping stone to get somewhere else. I'm interviewing because I want to coach here.' [All the coaches], just the pride that the community has, Chesapeake football is something to be proud of.

"It's been a lot of hard work, without a doubt, it's been the kids buying in, and I'm still taking it in," he said. "...I just go back to resiliency. It's a hardworking group. They're not the biggest kids, they're not all the fastest kids ... I'll take that over a super-talented team that just don't work. I'll take a group that just grinds and works, and I think that's what we have, » Continued on C7

## Chesapeake Cheerleaders Cap Perfect Postseason With State Title



**Baker's Dozen:** The Cougars captured their record 12th state championship on November 10, scoring a 126.5 on their routine to top the field of 19 teams at Harford Community College.

We just went into each one saying it's a stepping stone for the next, and then when we got to the big show, we just put it all out there. It was a nail-biter, and we knew it was going to be close, and that's good. We just said, whatever happens, happens. We did what we needed to do."

An interesting footnote is that Chesapeake's stiffest competition at states came from Linganore, which finished as runner-up. Chesapeake and Linganore's football teams squared off in the state semifinals a week later, a game won by the Lancers with both cheerleading squads looking on.

Brewis, a junior, praised the leadership of senior captains Peterson, Wright, Finnerty and Stallings.

"We had strong captains this year and really great leadership, and they knew how to bring us together," said Brewis.

Dixon, a junior, said the team overcame early difficulties but clicked when the stakes were raised.

"I think we really came together as a team toward the end of the season," Dixon said. "We had our struggles in the beginning, but we just came together in the end. Working together as a team was our biggest challenge, and once we got that together, we were solid the rest of the way."

With a fall state crown in the bank, Dixon said the team's year is not slowing down now.

"Since I've been on the team, we've been more of a winter team, and we've fallen short in the fall," she said. "We really harped on that this year. We want to win both."

said the Cougars had confidence throughout the year despite refreshing their roster with incoming underclassmen.

"We said in the beginning and I feel like even in summer workouts, I just had a good feeling about this group, and I have told them since day one that there were big things coming this season," Elliott said. "That's what we've been building on."

The team of **Lindsey 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** didn't just capture the state championship. Chesapeake swept through the postseason with a county championship on October 24, a region championship on November 3 and the state title on November 10.

Elliott noted the maturation and pressure performances of underclassmen fliers Simmons (a freshman) and Wilkins (a sophomore) and said the team improved with each practice and performance.

"I think they just started buying in," said Elliott, who coaches the team with assistant coaches **Lauryn Freburger, Joe Vecchioni and Nicki Abey**. "After counties, we got the jitters out there, and we kept them focused and knowing they could. Then we had the region title, which was awesome.

## Northeast Volleyball Reaches New Heights



Photo by Colin Murphy

The Eagles were all smiles while striding off the court after their first-set victory over Stephen Decatur on November 5. The Eagles went on to defeat Decatur and J.M Bennett to land in the 3A East region final.

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The Northeast volleyball program has never been known as a powerhouse, so it wasn't exactly surprising to head coach **Meghan Kulzer** that no one, including the Eagles themselves, were sure where to set the expectations coming into this season.

"Once the teams were made, I knew we were going to have a good season," said Kulzer. "I don't know that I ever could have guessed that we would have been this good and competitive."

The Eagles (15-3) weren't just good and weren't just competitive; they piled up win after win, went on a playoff run to the 3A East region final and finished the season as the best volleyball team ever assembled at Northeast.

"I am so proud of each and every girl on our team," Kulzer said. "There were a lot of changes this season, and I think they really rolled with the punches and embraced their role on the team. They worked hard and got better each and every day. I am extremely proud of what they were able to accomplish."

Even when the Eagles — **Mallorie Hetzel, Alia Esposito, Camille Coryatt, Faith Fangman, Tori Smith, Makayla Belanger, Taydam Bolling, Sabrina Sheppard, Lacey Schmidt, Ryleigh Spiegel, Kylie Plumb, Sydney McCrory, Caroline Makarovich and Sam Emrich** — kicked off the school year by defeating Chesapeake on September 4, the first day of school, no one outside the Eagle community expected the success that came. The team compiled a 13-2 regular » Continued on C2

## Bucs 11U's Run Playoff Table For Championship



The Bucs entered the AAYFA 11U Central playoffs as the No. 5 seed with a 5-4 record but went on an energized run to defeat three higher seeds and win the championship.

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Entering the playoffs as the No. 5-seed with a 5-4 overall record, the 11U Bucs football team was by no means the favorite to win the Anne Arundel Youth Football Association 11U Central championship.

That didn't matter to the Bucs. Pasadena clicked at the right time, reeled off three straight victories, and ended up hoisting the championship trophy and smiling for photos at Glen Burnie High School on November 11.

"I was very proud of these guys for the effort they put on the field," said head coach **Dave Fish** of the 11U Buccaneers. "Winning this championship is a direct result of their hard work and dedication."

The team of **Scott Anderson, Kaden Bergman, Brenner Bookhammer, Dylan Fish, Caleb Gandy, Trent Gillis, JT Hagood, Gabe Lynch, PJ Mason, Zach McConville, Jordan Miller, Danny Mitchell, Ethan Mitchell, Ayden Perez, Paul Plaugher,**

**Dominic Ransom, Layne Shiflett, Rodney Sterry, Nathan Wiest, Paul Williams, Ryan Williams and Josmell Zapata** started the season inauspiciously, with multiple factors working against them. The Bucs were a newly formed team with group of coaches who had never coached together, several players coming over from the Harundale Rebels, about 10 players who had been playing up an age group within the Bucs and 12 first-year football players.

"It took us like four weeks to make this team an actual team instead of just a group of kids wearing the jerseys," said Bucs football director **Kenny Browning**, who served as the 11U team's offensive coordinator. "Finally it clicked, and they got it together."

Seeds of belief were planted in week eight of the regular season, when the Bucs defeated the Harundale Rebels, who they had lost to in the season's opening game.

Come playoff time, the Bucs needed to avenge three regular-season losses to go all the way. No. 5-seed

Pasadena opened the eight-team bracket against No. 4-seed South Bowie, which they had lost to in the regular season by an extra point in a Wednesday-night makeup game. They shut out South Bowie, 13-0, to advance to the semifinals.

Next up was undefeated No. 1-seed Upper Queen Anne's, which had rampaged through the season and defeated almost everyone by multiple scores. The Bucs had lost to UQA in double overtime back in the season's third week.

Browning said facing the undefeated favorites in the semifinals brought the Bucs' confidence to new heights.

"They know it's a game they probably aren't supposed to win," said Browning. "But they buy in to everything you're telling them in practice, you tell them that 'No is not an answer,' and then they see it on the field, and you get to halftime and you've got the lead, and they believe, they're like, 'We might actually be able to do this.'"

The Bucs did it. Pasadena dominated possession, holding the ball for 31 of the game's 40 minutes, to oust

Upper Queen Anne's with a 20-12 victory.

In the championship game at Glen Burnie on November 11, the Bucs squared off with the No. 2-seed Severna Park Green Hornets, who had beaten Pasadena by one score in week four.

The Bucs put it on Severna Park to win the title, 33-12.

Pasadena finished 8-4 overall as 11U AAYFA Central champs.

"We just kept telling the kids, '5-seeds aren't supposed to go to championship games,'" said Browning. "We just got hot. Bringing that cohesiveness, that's really the biggest thing. It was a collective, group effort, the kids buying into what we were doing, the coaches putting in the work, the cold, rainy days, kids showing up to practice and just fighting through."

Fish and Browning coached the Bucs with defensive coordinator **Sheldon Pindell** and assistant coaches **John Hagood, Troy Shiflett and Brandon Matter**.

Fish said the championship was well earned, and the Bucs are poised for continued success.

"This group of young men worked hard, fought through adversity and learned to play together as a team," he said. "It was very exciting to watch them grow and improve together. You could see things coming together more and more, week after week. It is going to be fun to watch this team continue to flourish over the next two seasons."

## New Heights For Northeast Volleyball

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season, improving on the 9-6 mark set in 2011, when the program had its previous best season.

Highlights were many as the team notched victories over Chesapeake (twice), Long Reach, Hammond, Oakland Mills, North County, Glen Burnie (twice), Old Mill, and Southern. Northeast suffered a loss to Meade early in the season but came back to defeat the Mustangs in five sets on the road on October 2.

The football team joined with Northeast students to pack the house for the team's Dig Pink cancer fundraising match, a 3-0 home win over Glen Burnie on October 11, where they belted out songs and cheers and had a rollicking good time while the Eagles rolled over the Gophers on the court.

"Everybody was so excited to come to the games, so it made us feel proud as a program that people wanted to come support us," said Sheppard, a junior and one of the team's leaders.

Come playoff time, the Eagles shined. Northeast did well enough in the regular season to earn a home playoff game, the first home volleyball playoff game in program history, and they welcomed visiting Stephen Decatur with a 3-1 beating and a long bus ride back to Berlin. Sheppard was 19 for 24 serving with nine aces and three kills, while Hetzel was 15 for 19 serving with four aces and five digs. Coryatt had nine kills, Esposito had four blocks and Makarovich recorded three

blocks for Northeast.

From there, Northeast went on the road, traveling to Salisbury to knock top-seeded J.M. Bennett out of the tournament in four sets, 25-21, 22-25, 25-14, 25-22, to earn a berth in the 3A East region final.

Fangman, a senior captain, said the excitement of winning two playoff games was unmatched in her experience playing sports at Northeast.

"It was such an amazing feeling. I started crying actually because I was so happy," said Fangman. "We've never won two playoff games in a row since I've been here."

The Eagles had their season ended in the region final by eventual 3A state champion Atholton, but they appreciated taking the county and region by surprise while progressing throughout the year.

"They doubted us, they didn't think we were going to be this good," said Fangman. "We got some talent to come in, and it was fun to watch our team and the program itself grow."

Sheppard said the players shared a common mindset that helped move the program forward.

"It's out commitment to getting better," Sheppard said. "We all love each other, so it's just fun to play and easy to play together. It's probably my favorite season I've had in my three [high school] years. Everyone wanted to get better. It wasn't about ourselves. It was about doing it for the team, and that's what made it all worth it."



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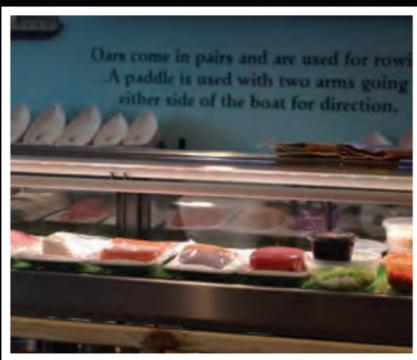


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## ATHLETE SPOTLIGHT

Alyssa Simms & Ava Cicchetti, Softball

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Two Lake Shore softball players recently returned from Florida as champions of the Junior All-American Games.

**Alyssa Simms** and **Ava Cicchetti**, who both play locally for the Lake Shore Lightning 12U fastpitch softball team, were selected to participate in the Junior All-American Games at the Miss Sarasota Softball Complex in Sarasota, Florida, in November. The event featured top softball athletes of various ages from 32 different states and included an opening ceremony, game competition, instruction, a skills showcase, player evaluations, a home run derby and the opportunity for athletes to be coached by college coaches. Simms and Cicchetti



Alyssa Simms (left) and Ava Cicchetti represented Pasadena at the Junior All-American Games in Florida in November. Both Simms and Cicchetti were named to the All-Tournament team. They play locally for the 12U Lake Shore Lightning.

played for the same team that went 3-0 and won the 12U Junior All-American Games championship. Both players were named to the All-Tournament Team as voted on by the opposing teams' coaches.

Additionally, Cicchetti was voted as the most valuable defensive player, and Simms placed second in the Golden Arm throwing skills competition, which was held the morning of the championship round.

## Makenzie Boyd & Ella Shannon, Soccer



Makenzie Boyd (left) and Ella Shannon are club teammates for Baltimore Celtic 2005 and state teammates on the Maryland Olympic Development team, and they have traveled nationally and internationally playing soccer. The pair will square off as rivals beginning next year as Boyd will attend Northeast and Shannon will attend Chesapeake.

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Before they end up as high school rivals, two rising soccer stars are representing Pasadena as teammates on an international level this fall.

Local eighth-grade student-athletes **Makenzie Boyd** and **Ella Shannon** are members of the same Olympic Developmental Program (ODP) girls soccer team that traveled to London earlier this year to play against teams from famed clubs Chelsea and Tottenham, among others.

Boyd, 13, attends George Fox Middle School and will move on to Northeast as a freshman in 2019. Shannon, 13, attends Chesapeake Bay Middle School and will move on to Chesapeake High School as a freshman next year.

Friends and teammates for the same Baltimore Celtic 2005 club team, Boyd and Shannon have taken similar routes to soccer success. They both have played soccer since a young age and began playing as teammates three years ago with the Severna Park Mambas before joining forces on their ODP and

Celtic teams. Both are multi-sport athletes; Boyd is a competitive swimmer and is on the school dance team at George Fox, while Shannon swims and plays basketball. The two are summer swim teammates for the Chesterfield swim team.

Both Boyd and Shannon are A students at their respective middle schools and members of the National Junior Honor Society. Family members describe both as caring, hardworking individuals who love giving full effort to everything they do and love soccer.

The duo's Baltimore Celtic team recently traveled to Florida for the Disney Soccer Showcase and went 2-1 overall, posting two shutout wins and falling only to the tournament's eventual champion, a team from South Carolina.

Boyd and Shannon will continue to play as ODP and Celtic teammates even as they move on to high school and become rivals for their Eagle and Cougar programs.

"I know they will enjoy playing against each other when the two Pasadena schools face off," said Shannon's mother, Lora Shannon. "Makenzie and Ella are dear friends and great teammates to one another, and we are excited to watch the girls play in high school."

## Chesapeake Football Players Say Thank You



Chesapeake High School teachers and staff were honored by the football players in the form of game jerseys they received and wore around school on Friday, November 15, the day before the Cougars won the region championship.

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For a select group of the Chesapeake school community, one of the most exciting aspects of the Cougar football team's region championship happened the day before the game.

In a show of appreciation, Chesapeake football players gifted game jerseys to school employees to wear around school on Friday, November 15, the day before the Cougars captured the region crown against J.M. Bennett.

Every member of the team picked a teacher or school worker to wear his jersey throughout the day, and the school employees received letters from the players expressing their gratitude.

Chesapeake athletic director **Chip Snyder** said the idea sought to bring the school community together, and it was met well by everyone.

"We wanted to do something to increase school pride and bring everyone together," Snyder said. "It was a way for the players to show

everyone who helps them and supports them that they're appreciated. The teachers and workers who received them were thrilled. And it wasn't just the teachers, it was lots of employees who work just as hard, so it was really cool."

Teachers, administrators, custodial workers, cafeteria workers and staff were among the many to receive jerseys, and they met for large group photo at the end of the day.

English teacher **Caprice Kennedy** received a jersey from Cougar senior **Jimmy Revels-Allen** and said the teachers were happy to know they have made impacts on individual students.

"The teachers who received jerseys, it made us feel wonderful," said Kennedy. "It made my whole week.

Just to have that little bit of recognition as a teacher who has made an impact on a student and to know that I've built a relationship with that student, it makes you feel like the job and the everyday stress is worth it, just the small moments like that. It is awesome that they won [the region championship].

It was really unique and special, and just a really cool thing for us."

School Resource Officer **Fred Titus** received a jersey from senior **Devin Forrester**. Titus was initially concerned that he wouldn't be able to wear it because of strict regulations on uniforms for county police officers, but, not only did his sergeant and captain approve, they were so supportive of the idea they requested pictures of Titus wearing the jersey to share on the social media.

"I came in Friday and had no idea it was coming," said Titus. "The jersey was on my chair and there was a nice little letter attached to it, and I felt more than blessed that a kid thought enough to have a uniform sent to me. What a great idea the school came up with to promote school pride. When we got our group photo at the end of the day, it was so uplifting to the teachers, even more to them than to the students. I felt a lot of pride and I was very thankful that Devin considered me to wear his jersey."

## Student-Athletes Sign National Letters Of Intent



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Chesapeake and Northeast student-athletes made their dreams official on November 14 by signing National Letters of Intent to play college sports.

Signing-day ceremonies were held at both campuses, and the student-athletes celebrated with family, coaches, teachers and friends.

At Chesapeake, signees included field hockey players **Rachel Fleig** (Appalachian State), **Tatum Schatt** (Washington College) and **Hannah McKeon** (Towson). Girls lacrosse signees included **Lindsey Spies** (Arizona State), **Hannah Leidig** (Shenandoah), **Kiersten Blanchard** (York), **Erin Shifflett** (Shepherd University), **Eryn Beal** (Temple) and **Grace Muller**

(Frostburg). **Haley Downin** committed to play softball at Wilmington, and **Megan Byle** committed to play soccer at Bridgewater. **Hunter Davis** will play football at Salisbury. **Thomas Bullen** and **Dylan Wolfe** committed to play lacrosse at UMBC and Lynchburg, respectively.

Northeast's **Adam Brooks** committed to Virginia Wesleyan for lacrosse.

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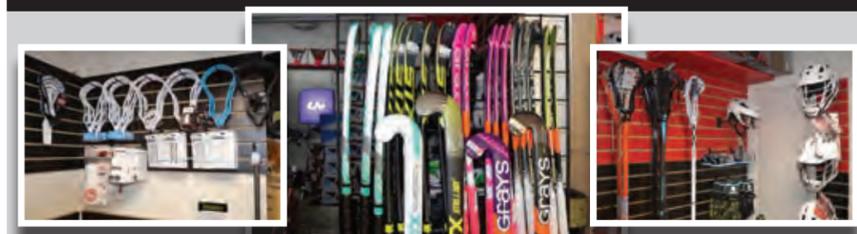
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# Chesapeake Defeats Northeast In Rivalry On The Mat, 50-30

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Wrestling season got underway as Northeast hosted South River and rival Chesapeake for a tri-meet on December 6.

South River, the county champion in two of the last three seasons, came away with a pair of victories, defeating Northeast 60-21 and Chesapeake 51-21 to start its year 2-0.

In the night's main event, Chesapeake outdueled its rival to take a 50-30 win over Northeast.

The two Pasadena schools have alternated victories in the rivalry each winter going back to the 2013-2014 season. Northeast owns the last streak in the rivalry, winning in both 2012-2013 and 2013-2014, and the Eagles edged out the Cougars in last year's matchup, 42-35.

This year, it was Chesapeake's turn to take the showdown.

"We're happy with the result," said Chesapeake head coach **Randy Curtin**. "There's a few things we need to sharpen up, but overall we're very happy with the end result. We're excited for the team this year. We have a lot of guys back from last year."

Chesapeake freshman **Chase Listorti** began the match by notching a first-round pin of **Andrew Petrusis** in the 106-lbs matchup.

"Our two schools have a huge rivalry, and we all joke, 'If you don't win, we're throwing you off the team,'" said Listorti. "So, I dunno, it was kind of blur. I love this sport. You try your hardest, sometimes you end up pinning him."

Listorti also won his bout by decision against South River earlier in the evening and was one of three Cougars to come away with two victories on the day.

The Cougars' **Reese Russell** followed at 113, and he led 11-7 in the third round when he was able to pin Northeast's **Dustin Morrow**



Northeast received pins from **Thomas Gargano** in the 160-lbs matchup (top right) and **Billy Katzenberger** at 145 (bottom left), but a decision by Chesapeake's **Victor Listorti** at 152 (top left) and a pin by **AJ Richardson** at 285 (bottom right) helped power the Cougars to a 50-30 victory over the host Eagles on December 6.

Photos by Colin Murphy

and give Chesapeake a 12-0 lead.

Chesapeake's **Aiden Yost** wrestled up a weight class at 132, and Northeast's **Owen Schmidt** took advantage, notching a first-round pin to keep the Eagles within striking distance at 12-6.

The Eagles were forced to forfeit the 138-lbs weight class, a less-than-ideal scenario they'd have to repeat at 195. Northeast coach **Chris Dyke** anticipates having a full lineup soon once roster members reach their goal weights.

Trailing 18-6, Northeast punched back into the match behind **Billy Katzenberger** at 145. Katzenberger was able to subdue Chesapeake's **Bryce Carleton** for a

second-round pin in a super athletic bout that zig-zagged all over the mat.

Not wanting to be outdone by his younger brother, **Victor Listorti** got Chesapeake back on track at 152 in a great matchup with Northeast's **Jayden Mason**. The two were tied 2-2 after one round, and Listorti scored five unanswered points in the second round to lead 7-2. He threatened to pin Mason in the third round, but Mason held him off before ultimately surrendering a 9-4 decision to Listorti in the full three rounds.

Said Dyke, "It's been every other year [with Chesapeake]. We can't get pinned and we can't forfeit. We got pinned twice when



we shouldn't have. Jayden did a great job not getting pinned and lost a decision to their best wrestler."

Northeast's **Thomas Gargano** notched a swift pin in the first round of his 160 match with Chesapeake's **Dion Ambrose** to get Northeast back to within three points, trailing 21-18. (Ambrose won his earlier match at 160 against South River, pinning his Seahawk opponent).

That's when the Cougars went on a run. At 170, Chesapeake's **DJ Hoover** led Northeast's **Brayden Young** 2-0 in the second round when he caught Young for a pin and a 27-18 Cougar lead. It was Hoover's second victory of the day; he won an 8-2 decision in his match

at 170 against South River.

**Hunter Beck** followed for Chesapeake with an outstanding match at 182 against Northeast's **Josh Arnold**. Beck led 8-1 after two rounds and wore Arnold down enough to pin him in the third round and give the Cougars a 33-18 advantage.

After the Eagles' forfeit at 195, Chesapeake's **Zakary Hardin** scored a second-round pin of Northeast's **Nick Oliver** at 220, and the Cougars led 45-18.

In the heavyweight matchup, Chesapeake's **AJ Richardson**, who had wrestled at 220 earlier in the night against South River and won his matchup against the Seahawks, gave up about 60 pounds to Northeast's

**Jeff Stinchcomb**, but Richardson was able to use his speed and stamina to win by tech fall, 19-4, in the third round, and put Chesapeake up, 50-18.

"I was really trying to outlast him, because usually heavyweights are a little slower in the third round, so I was just trying to do my thing," said Richardson.

Northeast won the last two bouts to make the final score line a little more respectable. At 106, **Jeisel Delorme-Sanchez** led 7-2 over Chesapeake's **Aaron Golden** when he notched a second-round pin of Golden. At 113, Northeast's **Colin Cook** won by fall in the first round of his match with Chesapeake's **Adam Taifouri** to end the evening with six points for the Eagles and make the final score 50-30 in favor of Chesapeake.

For Northeast, Schmidt, Katzenberger and Gargano were all 2-0 on the day including their bouts against South River, with Katzenberger and Gargano both notching two pins. Mason won by fall against his South River opponent, and Schmidt won his match against South River by decision.

Chesapeake's **Jacob Rosenbloom** did not wrestle against Northeast but wrestled a great match at 145 against his South River opponent, earning a third-round pin.

Richardson, a senior who played this fall for the Chesapeake football team, said he sees big things for Cougar wrestling moving forward.

Kicking off the winter with a rivalry win is a good start.

"We're feeling very confident," he said. "This year and the next two years are going to be really good for this team, because we're really young. We've got a bunch of freshmen and sophomores starting. So, the future is bright, but I feel like this year is going to be good as well."



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# Panthers Boys Rise Up For Dominant Championship Win Over Old Mill



The 11U Panthers went 9-1 overall and finished the season by shutting out Old Mill 32-0 in the Anne Arundel Youth Football Association American division championship game at Severna Park High School on November 10.

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The 11U Panthers football team lost only one game this season, and it was to an Old Mill program that boasted a slew of Anne Arundel Youth Football Association championship teams across multiple age levels and divisions.

When the Panthers and Patriots met for a rematch in the American Division championship game at Severna Park on November 10, no one would have been surprised to see Old Mill produce another champion.

But Pasadena wrote its own script. The Panthers erupted for a 32-0 shutout of Old Mill to avenge their only regular-season loss, finish the year 9-1 and win the 11U American Division championship.

The American Division is the top AAYFA division, and the 11U Panthers are the Panthers' first American champions in any age group

since league realignment several years ago.

The team of **Ronnie Day III, Isaak Hart, Connor McAndrew, Keller Herzberger, Colin Gilmore, Darius Williams, Xavier Borden, Leo Michalak, Connor Wright, Avaughn White, Peyton Jacobs, Jemere Branch, Sean Carroll, Jacob Cary, Robbie Hopper, Nathan Wheeler, Will Jacobs** and **Gordon Harris Jr.** had several exciting moments on the way to winning the championship.

During the regular season the Panthers posted dominant shutouts wins over South River, Generals Highway and GORC. They beat defending champion Severn 16-6 in Week 2 and edged out Crofton 16-6 and Andover 9-6. They lost 12-8 to Old Mill in the regular season in the game's closing moments on a touchdown by the Patriots but rebounded to crush Cape St. Claire 32-6 in the final week of the season.

In the playoffs, the team posted consecutive shutouts, topping Andover 19-0 before defeating Old Mill in the championship.

The team moved on to the All-Pro state championship tournament but fell in the state semifinals to the Randallstown Panthers, 32-20.

Team mom **Robin Herzberger** said the team showed its resilience against difficult opponents and gelled together throughout the year.

"Severn was definitely a key victory since they were last year's champs," she said. "Andover [was a] tough, physical team with a lot to prove. Of course, the shining victory was avenging our only loss of the season against Old Mill in the championship and holding them scoreless."

"We added a some new players this year, and they fit in seamlessly with our team, some of which have been together since flag football. Our team played as one unit. The kids get along on and off

the field. There are no gym class heroes and no dead weight. Everyone plays a vital role."

The team was led by head coach **Ryan Herzberger** and assistant coaches **Keith Williams, Andre White, Bucky Wheeler, Ryan Fagan** and **John McAndrew**.

Coach Herzberger said he didn't know if he expected a championship out of this group, but he said they've steadily progressed throughout their time playing together.

"I have been coaching this team for six years. Every year, we have gotten a little better," he said. "I would be lying to you if I told you that I knew this was going to happen. This is the first Panthers team to win an American Conference championship since the restructuring of the league. It's an honor and a privilege to be the head coach of this team. I'm beyond proud of these kids and our coaches, and I can't wait to get back at it next season."

# PSC Cobras Win Dual U12 Titles



The Pasadena Soccer Club U12 Cobras won the AAYSA D2 with a 7-3 record before going 2-0-1 to win the Mountain Road Soccer Tournament.

By Colin Murphy  
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The Pasadena Soccer Club U12 Cobras boys' soccer team followed up a stellar regular season with a trophy-winning performance at the Mountain Road Soccer Tournament in mid-November.

Playing this fall in the Anne Arundel Youth Soccer Association U12 Division 2, the Cobras team of **Evan Geho, Cole Gorham, Sawyer Grant, Dylan Grove, Ethan Johnson, Asher Kopf, Luke Phelps, Dylan Pratt, Ayden Simms, Dalton Smith, James Sparenberg III, Killian Stvartak, Trevor Webb** and **Shane West** started 2-3 but rallied for five straight victories to win the league at 7-3 overall. The Cobras avenged all three of their losses by beating Annapolis Soccer Club, Severn Athletic Club and LAS Cassa Viper during their win streak.

The Cobras fortified their

roster with the addition of **Ethan Kiniry** and **Aidan Richter** for the Mountain Road Tournament and went on to defeat Arundel Soccer Association United FC 3-2 and South River Youth Association 4-0 in addition to notching a 2-2 tie against Soccer Association of Columbia Lightning FC.

The team was coached by head coach **Jimmy Sparenberg** and assistants **Brandon Webb, Billy Grove** and **Ronnie Geho**.

Coach Sparenberg said the team focused on enjoying the experience over winning games, which led them to claim the regular-season title.

"I wanted them to go play and have fun, and not put any pressure on themselves," said Sparenberg. They did just that they went out and won the last two games of the season."

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## Cougars Conclude All-Time Best Season

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is a group of grinders.”

Chesapeake could have lost the following week and still been proud of its season, but the Cougars had different ideas. They took their grind on the road, trekking all the way to Salisbury to hand J.M. Bennett a 36-21 defeat and deliver the program and school its first region championship. Spangler caught a touchdown and kicked three field goals and three extra points in the win, while **Brandon Hackney** ran for a touchdown, **Richardson** ran for a touchdown, **Hunter Davis** caught a touchdown pass and Young threw two touchdown passes.

The region championship marks a peak achievement for the Cougar football program, which will join the school's myriad successful programs in the gymnasium's collection of banners commemorating county and region champions.

“It makes me feel happy that we gave it our all and how we got [to the state tournament] in the first place, and I want to give it out to my teammates,” said Tongue, a senior. “We had a hell of a season. Chesapeake's banner for regions, there's no football, so it's nice to see our name go up there for once.”

Once in the state tournament, there was no shame in being overmatched by Lincangore. The Lancers showed superior size, speed and depth. Lincangore scored on its first three drives to take a 20-0 lead, owned the line of scrimmage on both offense and defense and

stretched their lead out to 35-0 by halftime. The result was never in doubt.

Of note: Lincangore ended up losing 17-14 to Franklin High School (Baltimore County) in the 3A state championship game at Navy Stadium on November 29; Franklin's **Simon Spath** hit a 29-yard field goal as time expired to deliver the Indians the title over the Lancers.

Still, Chesapeake's players were celebrated by the fans who traveled up to Frederick, and they reflected proudly. Senior offensive lineman **Matt Blades** said the linemen exceeded expectations after graduating last year's entire starting unit.

“It's just crazy to me, [last year] having a whole O-line of 6-foot-4, 300-pound kids, to [this year], me being the biggest,” Blades said with a laugh. “It's just crazy what we've been able to do. We've gone into games knowing we wouldn't be able to out-strength people, but we'd be able to outplay them and out-scheme them.”

Tongue distributed thanks and credit all around him.

“I do want to give a special shout out to all the fans that came out and supported for all the games, because that was a big part for most of the games,” Tongue said. “They supported us all the way, and we couldn't have done it without them. I want to [thank] all my coaches. They prepared us for the season and got us all the way here, especially a big shout out to Coach Rob. We couldn't do it without him, and it's nice to finish out the season

with him.”

Spangler enjoyed the feeling of contributing to a winner and said the perspective around the county of Chesapeake has changed.

“I think we accomplished a lot,” said Spangler, a senior. “I don't think a lot of people respected the Chesapeake program. I think now we're starting to build a reputation with Rob and our coaching staff and all the players.”

The Cougars also carried the torch for Anne Arundel County. They were the only county team in any state tournament, and Elliott noted that the support extended beyond Pasadena.

“I heard from a lot of the coaches in the county supporting us and wishing us luck,” he said, noting the uniquely enjoyable experience of practicing on Thanksgiving Day. “Thanksgiving Day practice was incredible. Instead of getting up and watching football on TV, we got up and practiced.”

“But, in our gym, the banners are on the wall for all the region and county championships, and one of the few sports not on that wall is football, until this year. That's what I just told them. From here on, people are going to walk into that gym and see up on that wall, and it's you guys that did it.”

Blades reflected beyond just the state semifinal loss and the successful season on the field.

“We have one big family here, and it hurts to see it go, but I know I'm going to be friends with these guys for life,” Blades said.

## 10U Panthers Are AAYFA Champs



The 10U Panthers beat the previously undefeated Generals Highway Tigers 7-6 to win the Anne Arundel Youth Football Association National division championship.

By Colin Murphy  
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The 10U Panthers capped an impressive season with a redemption win over Generals Highway in the Anne Arundel Youth Football Association 10U National championship game on November 11.

The team of **Dylan Adams, Brayden Connolly, CJ Couture, Cayden King, Jayden Koletty, Gavin Lewis, Owen Lucas, Lucas McDonald, Dawson Mikovich, Jeremiah Morton, Braddox Pisano, Cole Smith, Austin Velenovsky, Gavyn Weatherly** and **Jason Windell** went 7-2 during the regular season, with both losses coming to Generals Highway.

In the playoffs, the Panthers notched victories over the Pasadena Chargers and Harundale Rebels to set up a rematch

in the championship game with Generals Highway, and the team came together for a 7-6 win over the previously undefeated and No. 1-seed Tigers.

“We were hands down the underdog coming into the championship game, but I knew my kids had it in them to win and were more than capable,” said head coach **Tony Lewis**, who coached the team with assistant coaches **Jon Pisano, Todd Beck, Keith Zolman, Gus Velenovsky, James McDonald** and **Dylan Lewis**. “It took a team effort to win the game, and everyone played lights-out.”

With a newly formed team of only 15 players, a new coaching staff and multiple first-year players, Lewis added that the team overcame a variety of obstacles but was never deterred from its ultimate goal.

“I came into this season hoping to win a few games, not expecting to win the division championship,” he said. “We started out slow but gained momentum as the season progressed. There were lots of tears shed throughout the season, and frustrations both by players and coaches, but we set a goal and accomplished the mission. My boys earned every right to be in that championship game, and all I asked from them was to go out there, have fun, be aggressive and play some smash-mouth football. I could not have been more proud of them as their head coach, not just because they won the championship, but because of how much they progressed throughout the season. It was an honor to coach every one of them, and I look forward to the seasons ahead.”

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## CHS Launches Conservation Club



Students in Chesapeake High School's Conservation Club meet during a free block on Fridays to listen to guest speakers and learn about conservation issues.

By Maya Pottiger

Chesapeake High School students were offered a new club this year: the Conservation Club.

"We realized that there's a club for sports, and there's a club for band and music, but there wasn't something for people who like to be outdoors and do stuff for conservation issues," said Stephanie Owens, the academic adviser for the Conservation Club and a teacher at Chesapeake High School.

Owens worked with Melissa Bajadek, the director of the Signature program, to create the Conservation Club at the end of the 2017-2018 school year.

"We're trying to gear it toward kids who have an interest in our area — the Chesapeake Bay area —

because they really don't understand all the resources we have near us," Owens said.

The Conservation Club meets during a free block on Fridays. Students are not required to attend, but many do. The club has grown from eight students to 32 members since September.

"Everybody feels like they can put their input in on how to help," said CHS

sophomore Savannah Davis. "It definitely will help the environment if we all put our hands in and work together. I think the club will make a change in our environment."

The Conservation Club connects students to real-world opportunities. The Friday meetings have featured several guest speakers: an officer from the Maryland Department of Natural Resources; someone from the Baltimore Zoo to discuss conservation issues and endangered turtles; and, coming up, a veterinarian from Hufard Animal Hospital will talk to the students who are interested in becoming veterinarians.

"One of the reasons for me to join this was to get more ideas of what I could do with [my interest] because I do know I want to major in something around the topic," said CHS junior Morgan Gray. "With the guest speakers explaining their jobs and stuff, it helps me see what they actually do."

In addition to guest speakers, the Conservation Club also takes field trips. On one trip, students went to the Smithsonian National Museum of Natural History in Washington, D.C. to learn about the coral reef systems.

The most popular activity was through the Coastal Conservation Association. Students made reef balls out of concrete and learned about how the reef balls benefit the bay.

"They got to do it from the beginning where they set it all up, they mixed the concrete, they got to see the

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## Beloved Shop Teacher Fondly Remembered



Gordon Hanna (seen here with his wife, Peggy) enjoyed a 33-year teaching career and he also was an avid woodworker.

By Jane Seiss

When Pasadena resident and longtime teacher Gordon Hanna passed away in October, former students responded to his son John's Facebook post about his dad with an outpouring of memories and photos. Many fondly recalled Mr. Hanna and the projects they had completed while they were his students.

Over the course of his 33-year teaching career, Gordon taught locally at Marley and George Fox middle schools. Before

retiring in 1991, he spent 25 years at Northeast High School. At his retirement picnic, it was estimated that Gordon had taught about 10,000 students.

"He liked working with young people. He not only taught them about woodworking. He also taught them about life, following through and doing your best," Gordon's wife, Peggy Hanna said, also sharing that, for many, he was a favorite teacher.

"We often met students when we were out, and they'd tell us what they

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## Sunset Music Teacher Auditions For "America's Got Talent"



Jill Beram-Liimatta traveled to New York to audition for the TV competition "America's Got Talent" in November. She sang Claude Debussy's "Nuit D'étoiles."

By Brad Dress

Jill Beram-Liimatta, a local singer and elementary music teacher in Pasadena, didn't expect she would ever try out for "America's Got Talent," a show far from her soprano-operatic musical style and one she believes is based on "shock value."

Still, she was in the car listening to the pop radio station 106.5 when it announced the "fastpass" for "America's Got Talent" auditions in New York on November 2 and 3. If she passed this radio "screening," she would be able to skip the long lines at the auditions.

"I had no idea what they were talking about; I just thought they were doing their own version of 'America's Got Talent' and I thought it would be fun to do it," she said. "So I called and got through — and had no idea what I was doing or doing it for — and when I sang, they said, 'Congratulations, you just scored a front-row pass to New York.'"

For the radio contest, Beram-Liimatta sang "I Wish It So." Once she got to New York, her audience was different. She performed for one "America's Got Talent" panelist, but both sides of the room were packed with other contestants.

Beram-Liimatta, who has a husband and two kids, a bachelor's degree in music from Towson and a master's degree in education from another university in Pennsylvania, as well as several side jobs teaching music outside of Sunset Elementary, just went with the flow and sang Claude

Debussy's "Nuit D'étoiles," forgetting all her momentary worries in the harmony of music.

It was no wonder she passed, because when she sings, and especially beautiful songs like that, her voice is simply "amazing" said Dayle Obrecht, a retail sales associate at Music & Arts in Severna Park, where Beram-Liimatta also teaches voice and piano to children.

"She has an amazing voice; I can't say that enough," Obrecht said. Beram-Liimatta is still waiting for an email to



be sent by early February to announce whether she will move to the next round, but Obrecht said "her chances are right up there — right up there to the standard of those who are on TV."

Beram-Liimatta is not expecting a callback, because "there's an element of shock value" to whom producers ac-

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## Whittington Completes Eagle Project At Pasadena Elementary

By Maya Pottiger

Pasadena Elementary now has two brightly-colored structures in its outdoor sensory garden: a xylophone and an abacus.

Jack Whittington, a senior at Severna Park High School, installed the structures for his Eagle Scout project.

"I always try to help out whenever I can," Whittington said. "It feels good to give something back to the community."

Whittington chose Pasadena Elementary because his mom used to work at the school. He spoke with Principal Jennifer



Jack Whittington completed his Eagle Scout project by installing two structures at Pasadena Elementary School's sensory garden.

Quirino to determine what addition would be most beneficial.

"We're looking to develop

that area and add more each year," Quirino said. "I was approached by Jack, and we offered him a couple different options for projects, and that was the one he selected."

The structures provide more tactile and visual equipment to the playground, Quirino said.

Whittington spent roughly six months working on the two structures. He had to special-order the pipes from a metal supplier.

"The hardest part was talking to all the different companies to get all the different materials we needed," Whittington said. "There was a lot of different places that were selling a lot of different types of materials that we needed."

Once completed, it took Whittington two days across two weekends to fully install the structures. "They've been really excited," Quirino said of the students' reactions. "The addition of these two have given students more sensory opportunities, as well as music with movement."

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## We've Got Questions, You've Got Answers

Santa Claus is running a pretty efficient operation. Somehow he manages to keep track of every child all the over the world, deliver presents for them, and stay out of sight the entire time. We're impressed. Especially because nobody seems to know how he's managing to do it all.

So, we turned to our readers for answers. We posted a few questions we had about Santa on our Facebook page to see whether any local residents could chime in and provide an explanation. Some of you were even able to ask your children for their theories.

Here are a few answers to the mysteries of Santa Claus.



### 1. HOW DOES SANTA GET THE REINDEER TO FLY?

Santa knows Tinkerbell and has used her dust to get them to fly.

-Rita Crawford  
Special reindeer diet.  
-Megan Gutierrez

### 2. HOW DOES SANTA MAKE IT TO EVERY MALL IN THE WORLD?

He has helpers.  
-Rita Crawford  
My girls, Kiley and Caroline, would tell people, "The real Santa hires Santas in training to do the malls and other events. Except the one

at Park Plaza. Ms. Barbara at Side Street Framers is good friends with Santa and Mrs. Claus.

-Brandy Curran

The mall Santas are special helpers who report to the North Pole.

-Julie Fling Irons

### 3. WHERE DID THE ELVES COME FROM AND WHY DID SANTA HIRE THEM?

Elf parents (duh), and he hired them because they are so fast at making toys.

-Kendall Smythe  
From Ireland, and they are kind and love children and work hard.

-Rita Crawford  
The elves are the native people of the North Pole. They were there before Santa came and thought that Santa

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## Bodkin Community Raises Funds For Wreaths Across America



In honor of Veterans Day, Bodkin students, staff and families gathered to plant about 100 American flags in front of the school on November 11 while also raising money for Wreaths Across America. Before the planting, Jeffrey Dever shared a trombone performance. A bulletin board inside the school recognized each veteran who was named in the donations and reminded students that America is the home of the free because of the brave. Bodkin raised \$750, which will fund 50 remembrance wreaths that will be placed on the graves of America's heroes.



## CHS Hosts Cybersecurity Day For Girls

By Maya Pottiger

After a successful inaugural trip, Chesapeake High School's signature program is hosting its second Cybersecurity Day for Girls.

The trip, scheduled for December 19, will take a group of CHS students to the Deloitte office in Annapolis for a panel, lunch and some hands-on activities. Of the activities, the panel was the most popular, said Melissa Bajadek, the Signature department chair.

"The girls were able to ask questions about, 'What is life like in this world that is very dominated by men? What's a realistic salary? If this is what I really like doing, is there a spot for me?'" Bajadek said. "I would say that was their favorite thing was having that exposure to those women and



Last year, 10 students from Chesapeake High School participated in the inaugural Cybersecurity Day For Girls at the Deloitte office in Annapolis.

having those honest conversations and to be able to ask those questions."

Panel members consisted of women who worked for the government, as well as some who worked in the private sector. The panel members were also in various stages of their

careers, ranging from recent college graduates to being close to retirement.

"Each of the women gave their spiel, which was awesome," Bajadek said. "It really enabled the girls to have an honest conversation about some of the challenges that

women face in cyber, in particular, and in STEM, more in general."

The event came together with the help of Jennifer Havermann, chairman of the Integrated Collaborative Stakeholders Team Signature Program. Havermann currently works at Deloitte and is a graduate of Glen Burnie High School. She has been part of the Signature program since 2012 and has been a "huge supporter," Bajadek said.

Last year, one of the topics covered was how the ability to speak a foreign language plays a role in the cyber field. During the hands-on part of the event, the CHS students worked with virtual reality technology.

Cybersecurity Day for Girls runs from 10:00am until 1:00pm on December 19.

## Sunset Music Teacher Auditions For "America's Got Talent"

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tually select to go on the show, and it's all about variety.

Still, she's happy she tried out, because this is a lesson she can teach her kids — who "went nuts" when they heard about the audition — whether she advances to the next round or not.

"It's a really big teaching moment for them," she said. "A student will get wrapped up in one audition or one role. And I think it's great to have those goals, but I have to constantly remind them that if you don't get that role that you want, there are others out there."

It's the teaching qualities like these that make Beram-Liimatta a unique and integral part of the team at Stage & Screen Studios in Severna Park, a company that puts on musical plays with chil-

dren. There, Beram-Liimatta orchestrates the entire musical direction of the plays, teaching students to "discover themselves in their roles," said Pete Garvey, the director at Stage & Screen.

"Her mastery of music is really astounding," he said. "It's amazing, and again her command of that is evident in how she leads these rehearsals and guides these kids. She's able to convey her knowledge to them and in such a way that they are able to absorb it."

Obrecht and Garvey agree on one thing: Beram-Liimatta has such a profound impact on her music students that she's already paved herself a legacy, and should already feel proud of what she has done.

"If she doesn't feel that way, she should," Obrecht said. "She's an amazing performer,

mother, friend — she has all the bases covered."

It turns out, she does feel that way. Beram-Liimatta said she is already "living her dream" every day, when she goes to school or any of her numerous side jobs to teach children music, voice and piano. It's something she is ferociously passionate about, especially when passing her knowledge on to younger children who may feel just as passionate.

"Teaching music is my dream," she said. "Let's leave it at that."

When the radio station announced she was going to New York, Beram-Liimatta figured she should audition to have a fun experience. Her principal, Toni Carr, whom Beram-Liimatta described as her "No. 1 cheerleader," went with her for

encouragement and support. She was confident while she waited in line, but mostly amused at some of the auditions. She saw one man, "not dressed for audition-appropriate wear" who screamed and ranted about Simon Cowell, one of the judges of "America's Got Talent" who became famous for his ruthless judging and personality. "That was his audition," she quipped.

She sang, went home, and hasn't really thought about it since. She admits that, if the opportunity presented itself, she would probably try out again. But it's not something she would seek out, and it's not something that would ever slide Beram-Liimatta her dream on a silver platter, because teaching music to children has already filled that spot.

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# Teen's Business Lucky Jade Is A Good-Luck Charm For Local Nonprofits

By Ally Fisher  
Student Intern

It was late September when Shelby Connor decided to make her own online shop, Lucky Jade. "It was something I had wanted to do for a long time, and one day I decided to finally make it," she said.

The name of the shop comes from Connor's middle name, Jade. Lucky Jade Shop can be found on the website Etsy. Connor is a Pasadena teen who began this process independently. She takes no profit; instead, all proceeds go to two nonprofit organizations that raise money for two issues: sexual violence and suicide prevention.

"The main thing I want from this is to give back while educating and spreading awareness," said Connor. Her online shop sells crystals and T-shirts. Her goal is to sell different items in the future, such as paintings and accessories. The crystals she sells, whether they are worn or simply admired, all have a specific meaning. For example, the orange calcite crystal promotes the importance of mental health, and sales proceeds go directly to the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention. The AFSP



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**Shelby Connor makes crystals and T-shirts for her online shop, Lucky Jade.**

aids those affected by suicide by funding scientific research and helpful resources. Connor's dad, a 24-year veteran of the police department, died of suicide.

The rest of the funds from Lucky Jade items go to RAINN, which has helped more than 2.7 million people affected by sexual violence since 1994. This organization was created to help survivors and prevent the acts of sexual assault, in making certain that offenders are disciplined.

"I think having more open conversations about these

certain issues is so important in preventing self-harm and sexual violence completely," said Connor.

The process of keeping up with her shop can be difficult, with having to buy supplies, packaging items and making business cards. Yet she is still a regular teen who was simply inspired by loved ones to create something special to help others.

Connor is not hesitant on speaking out about the education and awareness of suicide prevention and sexual violence, especially on the Instagram account @lucky-jadeshop. She created the account to better promote her items, but more importantly, to share information that influences her true purpose of Lucky Jade Shop.

Connor has been encouraged by loved ones' stories, which is ultimately why she began the process of a nonprofit business. She has support from family and friends, like Leah Buchholz, who will continue to help Connor expand her shop by creating paintings.

"What Shelby is doing is selfless, and the most important thing is that it is bringing awareness to everyone's safety and well-being," said Buchholz. "I love Lucky Jade."

## CHS Launches Conservation Club

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final product," Owens said. "They realized it's a habitat for all creatures in the bay. They got really excited once they realized, 'Oh, I did that!'"

The project was so popu-

lar that students are visiting the oyster hatchery in Cambridge in April.

Another upcoming project is researching and cleaning up the local bog.

"[Conservation Club] is a place where they fit in

with others that have the same passions as them," Owens said. "I have a lot of great kids in here that have a lot of imagination and drive, and they have goals. They're going somewhere, I promise."

## Beloved Shop Teacher Fondly Remembered

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made in his class," Peggy said. A photo of a carved wooden sailboat plaque was shared on Facebook. Another student posted a picture of a bedside table made in one of Gordon's classes, furniture that is still in use today. After spending time with Gordon, students took away more than treasured objects, they carried on their teacher's message to have a positive attitude about life.

"I'll always remember him telling us the first day in his class that if our grades were at the bottom of the ocean, like whale poop, that we wouldn't be doing anything in his shop!" recalled Craig Mauler, who still has a Canadian goose that he carved in Gordon's class.

Always resourceful and engaged, it is thought that Gordon Hanna was the first Eagle Scout in Anne Arundel County. He earned the distinction in the 1950s and never looked back. The longtime Pasadena resident earned a bachelor's degree from the University of Maryland, and after serving in the Army National Guard, became an industrial arts teacher. He and Peggy met at an after-work gathering in Harundale at what

was then known as the Sunset Lounge, while they were both teaching at Northeast High School. Over the course of his remarkable life, Gordon took pleasure in his creative talents and was generous with his gifts, sharing with those around him — from his family to the community at large.

After traveling to the western United States as a child, Gordon was mesmerized by the beauty of rocks. He began buying them, cutting, shaping and polishing them into smooth cabochons that could be worn as jewelry. At 14, he went into business with his brother, Dave, buying rocks and transforming them into beautiful art for sale. Gordon was still buying rocks a couple of weeks before he passed away.

His craftsmanship has been enjoyed locally. Over the years, Gordon made many renditions of the Bayside Beach community sign, and he built the cross on Mountain Road at Magothy United Methodist Church, as well as the cross at the church's chapel in the woods. Within the church, Gordon built the shelves for the Doorstep Mission food pantry closet. He was an assistant scoutmaster,

enjoyed regional waterfowl festivals and made many decorative carvings for family and friends.

Brian Sanders was with Troop 785, which initially met at Fort Smallwood Elementary School and later met at Magothy United Methodist Church as Troop 1785.

"He was a wonderful scout leader," Sanders said. "I remember him teaching me how to canoe, and we navigated the rapids on the Shenandoah River together by Harpers Ferry. He was an avid woodworker, too, and enjoyed mentoring scouts to help them earn their woodworking merit badge."

The Hanna family described Gordon as a humble man who loved his community. "He was a very special person," John Hanna said. "I'm grateful he got to meet both of my kids. He loved life and enjoyed it every day."

Until the end of his life, Gordon Hanna was teaching a woodcarving class at the Pasadena Senior Center. He was an active member of the Arundel Carvers. He had several works in progress, and members of the group are already finishing some of his pieces.

## We've Got Questions, You've Got Answers

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was a really nice guy and decided to share their special toy-making powers with him. They talked and thought that their ability to make toys with Santa's magic would work well together. They have been working together for 195 years.

**-Melissa Oswalt, answering on behalf of her 9-year-old, Wyatt**

**4. WHAT DOES SANTA DO IF THERE'S NO CHIMNEY?**

Walk through the front door.

**-Kendall Smythe**

Santa can make his own chimney.

**-Nicole March**

Santa has a special key. It unlocks any door, but it only works on Christmas Eve.

**-Julie Fling Irons**

**5. WHY DOES SANTA HAVE THE SAME WRAPPING PAPER AS MY MOM?**

He shops at same place and loved that pattern.

**-Rita Crawford**

Santa sometimes uses

your wrapping paper to cut down on cost!

**-Denise Mallet-Prevost Sobocinski**

I leave paper, scissors and tape out for him to use.

**-Beth George West**

**6. DOES SANTA EVER GET SICK OF MILK AND COOKIES?**

That's a trick question, not even reasonable.

**-Rita Crawford**

Santa never gets tired of milk and cookies, but you could leave out a nice bottle of wine if you want.

**-Kate Werner**

Of course he gets sick of it. That's why he looks in the fridge while leaving presents to see what else we have.

**-Megan Gutierrez**

**7. HOW DOES SANTA MAKE IT ALL THE WAY AROUND THE WORLD IN ONE NIGHT?**

He doesn't make it around the world in one night. He makes it around the world in one morning.

**-K.S. Fadin, answering on behalf of her 4-year-old**

He's magic. He can just teleport if he needs to.

**-Megan Gutierrez**

## Whittington Eagle Project

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They love that stimulation of touch."

Currently a Life Scout, Whittington said his motivation to become an Eagle Scout is due to his grandfather.

"My grandfather was an Eagle Scout, so it's always

been a goal of mine," Whittington said.

Pasadena Elementary School wants to continue adding to its sensory garden.

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## Question of the month

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

### If you had an unlimited budget, what gift would you buy and for whom?

I would buy a huge hotel for the homeless people in Maryland. In the hotel, there would be a Starbucks and Chipotle. Homeless people need a place to stay and be warm. With the rest of the money, I would buy a mansion for me and my friends so we could always have sleepovers.

**Ada P.**

If I had all the money in the world, I would buy a bike for my grandma because she likes to walk a lot and using a bike is much easier than walking.

**Alaniz D.**

I would get clothes for the homeless because they have almost nothing.

**Amya M.**

I would buy charms for my mom's charm bracelet because she does a lot for me and my sister.

**Ana M.**



This month, we asked Ms. Wilder's class, "If you had an unlimited budget, what gift would you buy and for whom?"

## Lake Shore Elementary School

I would buy my family a pool table because they have always wanted one, and also, I think it would be good to have a pool table to go along with our air hockey table.

**Anna K.**

I would get my baby sister something that she will always sleep in. This is because my mom is always scared my baby sister will fall off. My mom is also uncomfortable because she can only sleep on the couch downstairs. I don't like sleeping on the couch, so I know my mom doesn't like sleeping on the couch.

**Aubrey L.**

I would buy food for the poor and raise more money for hospitals so they can get more supplies. Hospitals need more help with their money, so I will give them money so they won't lose patients in the rooms. So

I give them money so they can save lives.

**Cole S.**

I would give every homeless person a house and food because a lot of homeless need help at this time of the year.

**Darley B.**

I would buy food and the toiletries for the people who need it and the homeless.

**Dalilah B.**

I would buy winning lottery tickets for everyone so that they can win lots of money.

**Dylan G.**

If I could, I would give my friend Aaryan a headset and an Xbox One so that he could play and talk with him.

**Ethan H.**

I would buy my parents their dream house in the mountains because when we're home, my mom and dad always talk about how

they want a home in the mountains.

**Gabby W.**

I would give my parents \$100 billion because my parents can buy lots of things and they would not have to worry about money.

**George W.**

I think I would buy a 1,000-piece Lego set for the Johns Hopkins kid area so the kids in the hospital could work together to build it for teamwork.

**Grace B.**

I would buy a mansion for my daddy, my mommy and my family. I would also buy a trip to South Korea so I could see my tummy mommy. I would also buy my parents, my sister and my brother anything they wanted for Christmas.

**Ian G.**

I would buy a Nintendo

Switch for my brother because he really wants it and he didn't get it last year for Christmas and I feel bad.

**Jacob H.**

I would buy a dog for my mom because she loves animals, and since my grandfather likes lottery tickets, I will buy a lot of tickets for him.

**Jordan N.**

I would buy food, water and clothes for homeless people because if you already have a lot of stuff, then why should homeless people not have anything?

**Kathryn O.**

I would give my family the unlimited amount of money for anything they want.

**Levi P.**

I would buy chalkboard wallpaper for me and my sister because we can write what we want and we can

write what we are doing for the week.

**Makenzie K.**

I would buy a recreational vehicle so my family and I could go camping. We could go camping in the woods and visit New York.

**Michael H.**

I would buy an empty plot and make it into a restaurant. I would do this because it has always been my friend Makenzie's dream for a restaurant. So I would give it to Makenzie.

**Miranda B.**

I would buy toys for children who don't have the money for toys. I wouldn't buy anything for myself because I know other children would want toys and stuff more than I, and it would make me happy to see other children happy.

**Olivia S.**

I would buy food, toys and drinks for homeless people because they don't get a lot of things. Homeless people could get hurt from not eating and not staying healthy. I would also get them a blanket because Christmas is coming and the blankets would keep them warmer.

**Reese C.**

I would buy every video game I want for me because I will have eternal happiness.

**Robbie G.**

If I had an unlimited budget, I would buy my family a massaging recliner chair for all of us to share. I would buy this so we all can relax and get a massage without having to go to the nail salon massage chairs.

**Samantha C.**

I would buy things for people who need it. Also, I would buy a lot of stuff for my mom because she does a lot of stuff for me and I want to give back to her.

**Shyane D.**

### CHS Seeks Noms For Alumni Wall

Chesapeake High School is continuing to build its Alumni Wall of Fame, and staff members are seeking help from the community. If you know someone who has graduated from Chesapeake

High School, someone you believe is worthy of this special honor, the school wants to know. Send your nominee to [chsalumnicommittee@gmail.com](mailto:chsalumnicommittee@gmail.com). The deadline for nominations is December 31.

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## Northeast Delights Families With "The Wizard Of Oz"



Photos by Stephanie Mennell Photography

The thespians at Northeast High School took audiences on a trip to the magical land of Oz in November as Dorothy, the Scarecrow, the Tin Man and the Cowardly Lion joined forces to find their missing parts while learning the value of friendship. The production was directed by Sarah DelSignore, who had the help of many volunteers.



## Audiences Gladly Feast On CHS Production Of "The Addams Family"



Photos by Stephanie Mennell Photography

The auditorium at Chesapeake High School became creepy and spooky in November as the school held its production of "The Addams Family." Part comedy, part musical, the show was directed by Michael Brisentine with help from his assistants, Rose Mullikin and Kristen Bishoff.



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## Derek Dunn Returns To Perform "Nutcracker" On Chesapeake Stage



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Derek Dunn is now a principal dancer with the Boston Ballet.

By Maya Pottiger

It's been 10 years since Derek Dunn performed "The Nutcracker" with Edna Lee Dance Studio (ELDS). He returned for the first time this month to join his youth school in the production.

"I have been wanting to do this ever since I joined a professional company," said Dunn. "It's a huge full-circle moment to come back and be able to do the first ballet production I did with my old studio. 'Nutcracker' specifically is a special thing to come back for."

Dunn, now a principal dancer with the Boston Ballet, first performed "The Nutcracker" with ELDS when he was 9 years old.

"I started dancing there when I was 6 just for fun. It developed into this huge passion of mine," Dunn said. "From a really early age, I knew it was something I wanted to keep doing for a long time."

Dunn attributes his passion for ballet to Ashley Cantera Hardy, one of his teachers at ELDS. The two started working together when Dunn was 8.

"For a lot of little kids, ballet can seem tedious because it's very disciplined, and it can be slow," Dunn said. "Ashley knew

how to get kids' attention, even when kids are being kids. She knows how to mold them into hardworking and focused students."

Dunn and Cantera continued to work together after Dunn moved to the Rock School for Dance Education in Philadelphia when he was 14. He sought out her help when coming up with choreography for his competitions.

"I was still able to have a hand in that, which was really cool and nice to still be a part of. He was such an amazing kid to work with," said Cantera Hardy, who started "The Nutcracker" at ELDS 14 years ago. "Not only is he honestly the most talented human being I've ever seen, he's the most kind and humble. It's nice that we've been able to stay in contact all this time."

At this year's production of "The Nutcracker," Dunn was cast as Cavalier and Cantera Hardy as Sugar Plum Fairy, meaning the two danced together onstage.

"Growing up, I always looked up to her as this huge role model," Dunn said. "My goal was always to make it and come back and be able to perform with her. This is a huge check that I get to check off my bucket list."

Dunn wanted to be hands-on in his return to his youth school. He taught a masterclass to the students during one of his visits.

"It was really neat because he wanted everybody to feel a part of it, not like he's this person who comes, dances, leaves and nobody has any contact with," Cantera Hardy said. "It's such a huge thing for the kids to see. That thought process is hard when you're like, 'One day, I want to be

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## Chris Davenport Makes Sheetz Design



With his bold "pop-op" art, Chris Davenport was chosen as one of 11 artists to redesign the next generation of fleet trailers for Sheetz.

Chesapeake Bay Middle art teacher Chris Davenport is used to making his art in the classroom, but his work will soon be traveling across the Mid-Atlantic. Davenport was recently chosen as one of 11 artists to redesign the next generation of fleet trailers for Sheetz, the family-owned convenience chain.

The project was commissioned from May 30 to August 15, and artists were selected based upon their ability to

communicate the Sheetz brand in a unique, fresh and dynamic way. Davenport impressed with his "pop-op" art style composed of heavy lines and striking attitude.

"The opportunity to have my artwork reproduced to the size of a billboard and traveling from state to state is almost too surreal to believe," said Davenport, a father of four. "It truly is a dream come true for a middle school art teacher from small-town

Maryland!"

In his art design, Davenport focused on the fresh food options at Sheetz, along with the convenience. "Sheetz is a bright, clean and safe beacon of convenience on the roadside to anywhere," he said. "No matter if I want to grab breakfast [while] dropping off the kids at school or pick up dinner for the while family, if I need it fast, Sheetz has me covered!"

Other winning artwork can be found at [www.sheetz-artproject.com](http://www.sheetz-artproject.com) and Sheetz swag featuring the winning designs — such as T-shirts, totes, mugs and more — can be purchased by clicking on "Sheetz Art Project" at [www.sheetzshop.com](http://www.sheetzshop.com). All profits will be donated to Sheetz for the Kidz, an employee-driven charity helping underprivileged children experience a holiday in a way they normally couldn't through the donation of new toys, clothes and other basic needs.

## The Burrows Bond Over Sign Making

By Maya Pottiger

It started by the "biggest mistake ever."

Ashley Burrows had been wanting a Cricut machine, so she put it on her Amazon wish list. But she never meant to order it.

"We still don't know," Burrows, a Pasadena resident, said of how the Cricut machine ended up shipping to her house. "Such a fluke mistake."

The mistake has blossomed into a family activity: sign making.

Burrows and her husband, Brian, work together to make the signs. Ashley designs the signs and then Brian does the woodwork. Their three children — Bryley, 10; Rylan, 7; and Kendyl, 3 — help however they can.

"They all try to help," Burrows said. "They're like, 'Mom, are we making signs tonight? What can I do?'"

The signs, sold through the magothymarket Etsy shop, are made of solid pine wood. Burrows stains the signs, instead of painting them,



Pasadena residents Ashley and Brian Burrows, along with their kids, make holiday and family-themed signs sold through their Etsy shop, magothymarket.

"to keep the integrity of the wood," she said.

Though the shop has a variety of signs, the Burrows are currently prioritizing Christmas and holiday items.

"We try to keep our designs pretty neutral in color so they can go with whatever decor you already have in your house without drawing too much attention or being too tacky. We try to create classic designs,

things with quotes that people are familiar with," Burrows said. "Since we're in Pasadena and we're on the water, we try to incorporate some water or coastal-themed signs with everything that we do."

One of the holiday signs features a seahorse wearing a Santa hat and says "seas and greetings." Two different signs say "Christmas on the Chesapeake" and "Christmas

on the Magothy."

The main focus of the shop is family-centric signs.

"We're a blended family, so we like to provide signs for blended families, too, as well as traditional families," Burrows said. "We have a few signs in our shop that will incorporate multiple last names or multiple initials. We have one that says 'A Perfect Blend' and the established year."

Each sign takes about two days to make, as it has to dry for at least 24 hours after being stained. After coming home from their full-time jobs, the Burrows get straight to sign-making three or four days of the week.

"My favorite part is the customer feedback," Burrows said. "I'll have customers that

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## "Widows" Nearly Lives Up To The Hype, But Not Quite



Photo courtesy of 20th Century Fox

In "Widows," the characters are strong women in very different ways, and they each have very different struggles they have to overcome.

By Audrey Ruppert

The highly anticipated "Widows" nearly lives up to the hype, but not quite. Packed with a superstar cast — Viola Davis ("The Help"), Liam Neeson ("Taken"),

Michelle Rodriguez ("The Fast and the Furious"), Daniel Kaluuya ("Get Out"), Colin Ferrell ("Miami Vice") and Elizabeth Debicki ("The Great Gatsby") — directed by the legendary Steve McQueen ("12 Years a Slave"), and written by thriller queen Gillian Flynn ("Gone Girl"), I'm not sure it was even possible for this film to live up to the hype.

"Widows" tells the story of three women not only widowed by their career-criminal husbands, but left in severe debt by them. Together they team up to commit one last heist in order to settle their husbands' debts to a crime lord and keep themselves and their families off the hit list.

The script has Gillian Flynn written all over it. As in "Gone Girl," her most famous work, "Widows" features a completely unforeseen twist that had the entire theater gasping out loud, and centers on the idea that men in relationships are not to be trusted by default and can be incred-

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## Holiday Events Worth The Drive To D.C. And Baltimore

By Maya Pottiger

This holiday season, set aside some time for a day trip to Baltimore or Washington, D.C. The neighboring cities have a variety of holiday festivities to offer, and you could create a fun memory to share with your loved ones. Here are our three picks for each city.

### WASHINGTON, D.C.

#### ZOOLIGHTS AT THE NATIONAL ZOO

Every year, the National Zoo invites thousands of visitors after hours for ZooLights. The event includes live music, winter treats and opportunities for holiday shopping. Oh — and more than 500,000

LED lights decorate the zoo, transforming it into a winter wonderland. There are additional rides and attractions, including the National Zoo Choo-Choo, Snow-less Tubing and Carousel. The ZooLights are open through January 1 (except December 24, 25 and 31) from 5:00pm to 9:00pm. The event is free.

#### TRANS-SIBERIAN ORCHESTRA

Trans-Siberian Orchestra, the famous American orchestra known for its Christmas hits "Carol of the Bells" and "Wizards In Winter," is playing two times in the District this December. The ensemble will be at Capital One Arena on Sunday, December 23, for two performances: one at 3:00pm and one at 8:00pm.

Tickets start at \$70 and are available on [www.ticketmaster.com](http://www.ticketmaster.com).

#### DOWNTOWN HOLIDAY MARKET

With more than 150 vendors, the 14th annual Downtown Holiday Market is a great place to shop for some locally made, unique gifts this holiday season. Located at 8th and F streets, this outdoor market is in the heart of Downtown Washington. The exhibitors rotate every day, with 60 on display at a time. There will also be live music and treats to sample throughout the market. The Downtown Holiday Market is open through December 23, and it's open from noon to 8:00pm daily.

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# Dining Out

## Enjoy The View And Food At Donnelly's Dockside

By Mary Cobbler

Location, location, location! This place has it. Donnelly's Dockside, at 1050 Deep Creek Avenue in Arnold, offers diners spectacular water views, inside and out. Choose from seating in the bar or in the bright, airy restaurant area. Or, if it's a beautiful day, take advantage of the large waterfront deck. This cozy spot is a neighborhood favorite.

On a Monday afternoon, just a few folks were eating lunch, but the restaurant began to fill up within a short time. The excellent wait staff chatted amiably, apparently familiar with many of the diners.

Our waitress, Jess, was a perfect server — friendly, knowledgeable and profi-

cient. We ordered the stuffed avocado for our starter, and it was an excellent choice. I don't really care for avocados, but I read it's a favorite item, so we gave it a try, and I'm glad we did. Beautifully presented and perfectly ripe, the fruit made an ideal bed for the generous portions of crab meat with chopped red pepper, onions, tomatoes and jalapeno cream filling. It was light and tasted healthy, with just a touch of heat.

My dining companion ordered a cup of cream of crab soup, soothing for a chilly day, with a moderate amount of backfin crab meat. The proffered bottle of sherry at the table added a nice touch.

I had perused the menu online before arriving at the restaurant and imme-



Photo by Mary Cobbler

*The stuffed avocado, filled with crabmeat, veggies and jalapeno sauce, was beautifully presented and perfectly ripe.*

diately gravitated to the sugar cane sea scallops. My companion chose jumbo shrimp steamed with Old Bay, with Vidalia onions and

red potatoes.

My scallops, skewered on sweet sugar canes, were seared and slightly crisp on the outside and tender on

the inside, and they paired wonderfully with the soft, creamy citrus rice and vegetables with pina colada butter. Though the sauce was excellent, there was not the slightest pina colada flavor. The dish came with green beans that were a bit too crisp for my taste.

The shrimp were steamed to perfection, and spicy. The potatoes and onions were cooked to the right consistency; they just needed more flavoring. With good-sized portions, this was a nice, filling lunch.

We finished off the meal with coffee and key lime pie, topped with whipped cream and a slice of lime. The generously portioned pie had the consistency of cheesecake, with a strong lime flavor that wasn't overly

sweet. It was excellent.

Everything tasted fresh. The creams and sauces were light — not overwhelming.

The menu offers a large selection of seafood, as well as a few beef and chicken entrees and plenty of sandwiches. Some items that looked tantalizing included the Magothy River club sandwich (which features fried crab cake, shrimp salad, bacon, lettuce, tomato and herb aioli served on Texas Toast), the seafood penne, or the salmon BLT.

Though we stuck to soft drinks, those who prefer something stronger can choose from a nice selection of beer, wine and cocktails.

Put this on your list of restaurants to visit, enjoy the food and drink in the view.

## Holiday Events Worth The Drive To D.C. And Baltimore

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### BALTIMORE

#### CHRISTMAS VILLAGE

The Christmas Village in Baltimore offers more than 50 vendors in a combined indoor and outdoor market. In addition to traditional European food, sweets and drinks, there is a unique shopping experience of international holiday gifts, ornaments, jewelry and arts. This year, the season starts with a preview on November

17 and 18 to offer a peek at what the village will hold. Then, the village opens full time through December 24. The village is open from 11:00am to 7:00pm Sunday through Thursday, and from 11:00am to 8:00pm on Friday and Saturday. The Christmas Village is located at 501 Light Street in Baltimore.

#### MIRACLE ON 34TH STREET

You've never seen anything like this before. For the last 72 years, the block of Baltimore's

34th Street between Keswick Road and Chestnut Avenue has transformed into a unique holiday light show. While you can drive down the street and ogle the lights from your car, the best way to get the full experience is to wander from porch to porch and really take in all the directions and hard work that goes into these displays. The display runs through January 1, and the lights are on from 6:00pm to 11:00pm. For GPS directions, enter 720 West 34th Street, Baltimore.

#### B&O'S MAGICAL HOLIDAY EXPRESS

All aboard! At B&O's Magical Holiday Express, there's something to see and do every day during this month-long event. Each holiday-themed weekend features a special guest, and guests can walk through a 30-foot Christmas tree. In addition to trains, there is a winter wonderland and holiday festivities for everyone in the family. Tickets range from \$12 to \$20. The Magical Holiday Express runs from through December 31.

## Dunn Returns To Perform "Nutcracker"

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that.' It's like, 'Well, you can be.' It shows them."

Since leaving ELDS, Dunn has worked in a host of cities across the East Coast. He studied at the Rock School for Dance Education for three years. Then, he was offered an apprentice contract with Houston Ballet in 2012, where he worked his way up as a soloist in 2016.

In 2017, Boston Ballet offered Dunn a soloist contract.

Performing "The Nutcracker" was exciting for Dunn because he was finally able to perform in front of his hometown audience. The performances were December 7-9 at Chesapeake High School.

"I haven't really made it easy for [my family] to come see me dance since

I'm never home," Dunn said. "I've had family come see me dance in different parts of the country, but this is home, and I get to have more friends and family come that haven't got to see me before since I was kid. It's really cool for me to show them what I've been working on and what I've been doing for the past eight years as a professional."

## Burrows

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send me pictures and tell me what they did with the signs or who they gave them to and how much somebody loved them."

The Burrows have sold their signs at a few local craft fairs, including the Made in Maryland Festival and Wine on the Water. The only place to regularly purchase their signs is on Etsy at [www.etsy.com/shop/magothymarket](http://www.etsy.com/shop/magothymarket).

## "Widows"

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ably deceitful, hypocritical and selfish (who hurt you, Gillian?). The three female leads are all strong women but in different ways, and they each have different struggles they have to overcome. Viola Davis' character must overcome grief and betrayal, Michelle Rodriguez's character must overcome financial ruin and Elisabeth Debicki's character must overcome physical abuse.

As the title suggests, the film is primarily centered around women, but focuses on their previously (or even currently) dysfunctional relationships with men, and how these women have to clean up the destruction left in their partners' wakes.

Steve McQueen brings racial tension and social commentary on the corrupt state of American politics to the table. The main protagonist, played by Davis, was in an interracial marriage to Neeson's character and this dynamic is explored in a lot of detail. The film takes place in Chicago and features

two warring politicians, one white and one black, both corrupt - to the point where you have difficulty telling which is meant to be "the bad guy." Every social side and scene of Chicago is woven together: white, black, Latino, rich, poor, the powerful, the powerless, the innocent and the guilty.

"Widows" certainly keeps you on the edge of your seat and is powerfully present, but for some reason, it doesn't quite pack the punch I was expecting. The twist, while shocking, wasn't "Gone Girl" level (although, that's a high bar), and while social, racial and political issues are heavily featured, the film isn't in itself meant to be social commentary.

Nonetheless, "Widows" is a thriller absolutely worth seeing, particularly in theaters. Like "Gone Girl," the film provoked strong audience reactions, and experiencing the film with a group of people (even with strangers) is highly recommended.



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**Q: What would a dentist do to my teeth?**

**A:** A dentist will thoroughly examine the patient's teeth and diagnose any issues to determine the best treatment. This includes a review of health history, taking blood pressure and pulse information, doing an oral cancer screening and examining the patient for oral diseases.

A comprehensive examination includes dental radiographs (X-rays) to check for abscesses, dental decay, oral pathology and periodontal disease.

Collected information will be used to plan treatment.

**Q: What is tooth decay?**

**A:** Dental decay (caries) is a bacterial disease. In their mouth, everyone has bacteria, which cause caries.

These bacteria form a plaque on teeth (sticky bacterial deposits); sugar from the diet is turned into acid by these bacteria, which causes decalcification of the tooth, destroys the tooth enamel and produces decay.

Dental caries is not completely preventable. No vaccine is available to prevent this common disease. Without a cure, use modern dental technology for maximum prevention, and limit destruction with early treatment. Decayed teeth need to be treated.

**Q: What are gum disease, periodontitis and periodontal disease?**

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

Gingivitis is the milder and reversible form of periodontal disease. No bone loss yet. If untreated, gingivitis can progress to periodontitis.

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## Pasadena Rallies Around Fundraising Campaign To Help Eddie Fischer

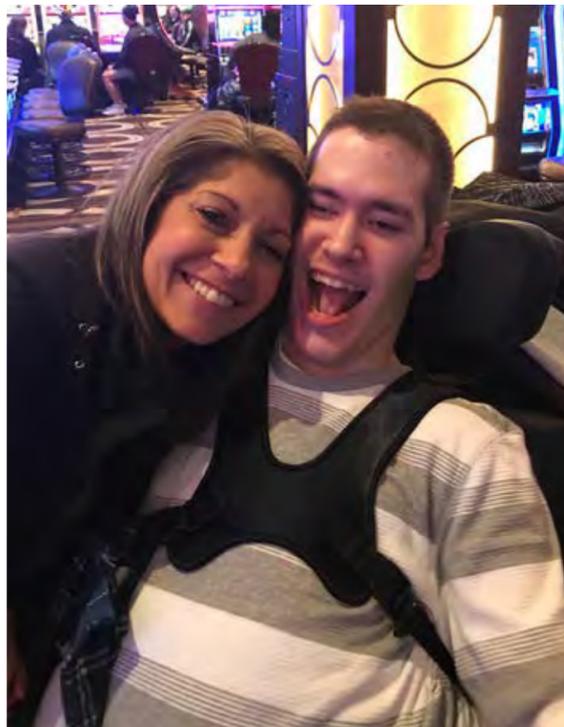
By Darrell Mak

This past October, Pasadena resident Krissie Fischer received the bleak news that she would lose assistance from Maryland Medicaid that had been paying for urgently needed nursing care for her son, Eddie Fischer, who is a quadriplegic who also suffers from cerebral palsy and other serious ailments. Aiming to help with the dire situation, Krissie's childhood friend and fellow Pasadena native, Deana Robertson, has started a GoFundMe campaign to help raise funds for Eddie's nursing care.

"None of us can understand why Maryland Medicaid thinks he doesn't need care," said Robertson. "It's so sad."

After initially being notified that Maryland Medicaid funding would stop, Krissie spent thousands of dollars to hire a lawyer to appeal, but she unfortunately lost the case in October. "Krissie is a fighter, but this one stung," Robertson attested.

Eddie graduated from the Kennedy Krieger Institute in June and is no longer attending school. "He's very smart," touted Robertson. Neither she nor Krissie understands the exact reason Maryland Medicaid terminated funding for Eddie's



Krissie Fischer and her son, Eddie Fischer, a quadriplegic who also suffers from cerebral palsy and other serious ailments, have appreciated the support they have had from the Pasadena community.

continued nursing-care expenses, although they suspect it might be that he was no longer in school or because Eddie, who turned 21 this year, reached a certain age.

Krissie now has had to quit her job to devote full-time care to Eddie, who also relies on assistance from family and friends to get in and out of bed each day.

"There are many other factors to his health," added Robertson, including seizures, sleep disorder, and breathing issues as well as feeding disorders with reflux disease and superior mesenteric artery syndrome, a rare and potentially life-threatening gastrovascular disorder.

Eddie's complex health situation requires dedicat-

"Please help Eddie get a nurse. Any amount is not too small."

— DEANA ROBERTSON  
FAMILY FRIEND OF  
EDDIE FISCHER

ed care. Although he can nod for yes and no, "he uses his body to communicate, and it takes a long time to understand his unique sounds," explained Robertson.

Robertson has helped fundraise for Eddie in the past. A couple years ago, she organized a restaurant fundraiser to help Eddie obtain specialized van transportation. This time, Robertson hopes to raise \$20,000 to help Eddie get nursing assistance for eight hours a day, which would allow Krissie, a single mother of two with a 5-year-old son as well, to return to work and avoid the possibility of losing her home if she is not able to get back to work soon.

"Krissie has kicked butt in raising these kids all by herself," emphasized Robertson. "She has never had to be on welfare or use food stamps."

Eddie's GoFundMe campaign can be found at [www.gofundme.com/please-help-eddie-get-a-nurse](http://www.gofundme.com/please-help-eddie-get-a-nurse).

"Please help Eddie get a nurse," pleaded Robertson. "Any amount is not too small."

UM BWMC Dedicates Expanded Psychiatric Unit

University of Maryland Baltimore Washington Medical Center (UM BWMC) recently dedicated its new expanded psychiatric unit. Attendees included hospital board members and local officials. UM BWMC President and CEO Karen Olscamp; Dr. Sandeep Sidana, chair of UM BWMC's Department of Psychiatry; and other dignitaries participated in the cutting of the ribbon, and Sidana spoke about the hospital's expanded inpatient psychiatric unit.

## Did You Know Pets Need Dental Care?

Elizabeth Hepner  
Calvert Veterinary Center



Does your pooch have bad breath? Does your cat drop kibbles while trying to chew them? Has your pet's appetite decreased? All of these can be signs of dental disease.

Without proper home care, plaque and tartar can build up on your pet's teeth, leading to periodontal disease or loss of the bone around the teeth. This painful infection can lead to teeth falling out and weight loss in extreme cases. The buildup of plaque and tartar can also negatively impact your pet's internal organs — such

as the heart, liver and kidneys — since the bacteria from the mouth can travel through the blood to these organs. Luckily, there are many things you can do at home to help prevent the development of dental disease.

Studies have shown that all pets older than 3 have some degree of dental disease that should be addressed. Proper home care is essential to preventing the buildup of plaque that turns into tartar, causing dental disease. Daily tooth brushing is the best way to prevent tartar formation. Use toothpaste specifically formulated for pets, one that will not be harmful if swallowed. Using human toothpaste can be harmful. You can use a pet toothbrush or a soft-bristle pediatric

toothbrush if your pet's mouth is very small. There are also dental diets, chews, treats, rinses and gels that can be used at home to help prevent disease. Visit the Veterinary Oral Health Council website ([www.vohc.org](http://www.vohc.org)) for a list of veterinary approved products.

Once tartar has built up on the teeth, a dental cleaning is necessary to remove the surface tartar and clean under the gum line. This must be done under anesthesia to allow for a thorough oral exam, dental X-rays to be taken, and allow for proper scaling and polishing of the teeth. Just as in humans, a lot of dental disease is hidden up under the gum line and can only be detected with dental X-rays. These are now an integral

part of a thorough dental cleaning procedure. Once all of the diseased teeth are addressed and the healthy teeth are cleaned, your pet will be on the right track for a good home oral health care routine.

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## News From The Anne Arundel Department Of Health

**SHARPS DROP-OFF BOXES ARE NOW AT ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY POLICE HEADQUARTERS AND DISTRICT STATIONS**

The Anne Arundel County Department of Health has placed sharps disposal boxes for public use at the Anne Arundel County Police Department's district stations and its headquarters. County residents can discard lancets, needles, syringes and other home health care sharps at any time daily at the following four district stations: Eastern District, 204 Pasadena Road, Pasadena; Pasadena District, 939 Hammonds Lane, Baltimore; Southern District, 35 Stepneys Lane, Edgewater; and the Western District, 8273 Telegraph Road, Odenton. A drop-off box is also available

from 8:00am to 4:00pm on weekdays, except holidays, at the Anne Arundel County Police Headquarters, 8495 Veterans Highway, in Millersville.

The goal of the sharps disposal program, a partnership between the Department of Health and police department, is to provide safe drop-off locations for individuals and families who may administer injectable home medications, including insulin.

The boxes are not intended for business use. By providing this safe disposal option, the county helps to reduce the risk of medical waste contamination and promotes a cleaner, safer community environment.

For more information about the sharps drop-off boxes and preparing items for disposal, visit

[www.aahealth.org](http://www.aahealth.org) or call 410-222-7095.

**DOH OFFERS FREE OPIOID OVERDOSE RESPONSE TRAINING AND NARCAN KIT**

The Anne Arundel County Department of Health is offering free training to community members on the use of intranasal naloxone, a medicine to reverse an opioid overdose, and a free naloxone (Narcan) kit. December training sessions will be held at Department of Health sites in Annapolis and Glen Burnie on the following dates:

**Behavioral Health Building**  
122 North Langley Road, Glen Burnie  
- Friday, December 14, from 10:00am to 11:00am  
**Health Services Building**  
3 Harry S. Truman Parkway, Annapolis

(Use Front Entrance)  
- Thursday, December 27, from 10:00am to 11:00am  
To register and for more information, call 410-222-1937 on weekdays.

**DOH OFFERS HEALTHY HOLIDAYS TIPS AND FREE INFORMATION KITS FOR PREGNANT MOTHERS AND BABIES**

The Anne Arundel County Department of Health is working to promote healthy pregnancies and healthy babies by offering tips on travel safety, home safety and healthy eating during the holidays. Tips are available on the "Healthy Moms and Healthy Babies" webpage at [www.aahealthybabies.org](http://www.aahealthybabies.org) or by calling 410-222-7223.

**Travel Safety:**  
Always use a child car safety seat that is installed correctly and is

appropriate for the child's height and weight. By Maryland law, all children under 8 years old must ride in a car safety seat unless they are taller than 4 feet, 9 inches.

**Home Safety:**

Always provide a safe sleep environment for infants and young children. Infants should never sleep on a chair, sofa, adult bed or with other people. Infants should be placed on their backs in a crib or portable crib without blankets, stuffed animals or pillows. Remember the ABCs of safe sleeping — Alone, on their Backs, in a safe Crib.

Closely supervise children at all times when visiting other people's homes. Make sure that poisons, medicine and household cleaners are secured and out of children's sight and reach.

Avoid secondhand smoke, which is dangerous for pregnant women and infants.

**Healthy Eating:**

Pregnant women and other family members should maintain a healthy diet. Eat fruit and vegetables, and cook with fat-free or low-fat substitutes.

Drink plenty of water, 100 percent juice and low-fat milk. Avoid sugary drinks.

To avoid foodborne illnesses, check expiration dates on all food. Do not eat foods that have been sitting out more than two hours and use leftovers within four days.

The Department of Health offers free Healthy Pregnancy and Baby Care Kits to Anne Arundel County residents. Kits can be ordered at [www.aahealthybabies.org](http://www.aahealthybabies.org) or by calling 410-222-7223.

# DOUGLAS REALTY NEEDS YOUR HELP!

We are joining forces with the Kamryn Lambert Foundation to collect toys & gift cards for local children in need!

This drive helps many families throughout our state at a time of year that can be very stressful, especially when caring for a sick child, facing financial hardship, or dealing with environmental struggles. The drive benefits pediatric patients at area hospitals and oncology clinics, CASA organizations, the Ronald McDonald House, the Boys and Girls Clubs, foster homes, shelters and needy families.



Drop off toys (must be NEW), gift cards, or a monetary donation between now and Dec. 17th at our main office, located at 8585 Fort Smallwood Road in Pasadena.

## HOLIDAY WISH LISTS COMPILED BY AREA HOSPITALS

### Infants/Toddlers

- Baby brushes
- Baby socks
- Baby spoons and sippy cups
- Bath time toys and plastic books
- Bibs
- Blankets
- Books (cardboard and cloth)
- Cause and effect toys
- Crib Aquariums (Fisher Price)
- Crib mobiles
- Infant mirrors
- Little Tikes Piano
- Onesies
- Pajamas
- Pillow Pets (brand new)
- Play gyms
- Rattles (Sassy, Bright Starts, First Years, Oball)
- Sensory blocks by Fisher Price
- Small soft balls (no Nerf balls)
- Snap beads
- Stacking toys (ring stack, cups, nesting animals)
- Teething toys
- Wrist and foot "jingles"

### Toddler/Preschool

- 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.
- I Spy/Seek and Find books
- Play-Doh
- Pop-up books
- Puzzles (24 pieces or less, wooden w/pegs)
- Shape sorters
- Stuffed animals (brand new)
- Toy kitchen and tea sets
- Toy phones
- Toys with lights & noises
- Viewmaster and slides

### School-Age

- 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

- Sports apparel
- Teen coloring books
- Travel toiletry bags
- Watches w/ alarms
- White t-shirts w/ set of fabric markers
- Wood building kits
- Yo-yos
- Critter Pillers
- Neck Rolls
- Pillow Pets

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