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## Pittman Previews Fiscal Year 2020 Budget

The Severna Park Voice went to print two days before County Executive Stuart Pittman announced his Fiscal Year 2020 budget proposal. To keep readers informed, we asked Pittman to share his priorities in advance, knowing he must withhold certain details until May 1. See [www.severnaparkvoice.com](http://www.severnaparkvoice.com) for an update of this story after Pittman has held his budget announcement.

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The Bay Bridge isn't crumbling and giant meatballs aren't falling from the sky, but Anne Arundel County has severe needs. If this realization weren't apparent to County Executive Stuart Pittman during his campaign in 2018, it was made obvious during the seven budget town hall hearings his administration held across the county from February 27 to March 28. Taxpayers said teachers are woefully underpaid, traffic is unbearable, police and fire stations are understaffed, and the county lacks sufficient sports fields and facilities. While Anne Arundel will receive more than \$40 million in additional revenue than the \$1.59 billion Fiscal Year 2019 budget, Pittman said only \$10 million of that amount can be used to fund new priorities for Fiscal Year 2020. "It's obligated with debt service that we didn't have last year and basically our pay packages and retirement packages," Pittman said, "so there's not a lot of new revenue left." Days before sharing the full details of his budget, Pittman explained the county's needs and his budget priorities in vague detail. "People aren't getting everything they asked for, but I think they are going to be >> Continued on A4

## Rise Up: Kyle Lowman Helps Athletes Afford Prosthetic Limbs



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Kyle Lowman is optimistic 95% of the time, which is impressive for someone who is missing 100% of his right leg. The 2017 Severna Park High School graduate was riding his motorcycle on August 24, 2018, when the driver of a Jeep Wrangler failed to yield at a stop sign in St. Pete Beach, Florida, at 5:00pm. Kyle remembers landing face-first on his stomach after the two vehicles collided. "They had a tourniquet on my leg and then they put me on a stretcher," Kyle said. "At that point, I knew my legs were mangled, but I didn't know to what extent. From there, they got me in the ambulance, took me in and put me to sleep immediately. When I woke up, I found out my leg was gone." It took Kyle one week to stand and another week of rehab before he could return home. Two months later, he was fit for a prosthetic leg. All the while, he received hundreds of calls of support from former football and lacrosse teammates, friends and family members. A GoFundMe page for Kyle has raised nearly \$17,000 in seven months. Now he wants to uplift other people facing similarly bleak circumstances. With support from his father, Rich Lowman, 19-year-old Kyle started the Rise Up Foundation to provide young amputee athletes with top-of-the-line, structurally sound prosthetics. "I want to give kids the prosthetic they need, because of the expense," Kyle said. "I was fortunate enough to have the whole Severna Park area come together and get me >> Continued on A4

## Lawmakers Push Long-Term Policies During 2019 Session



Senator Ed Reilly



Delegate Michael Malone



Delegate Sid Saab



Delegate Heather Bagnall

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Undoubtedly, no one is turning to Maryland General Assembly proceedings to get their fix of drama and intrigue, but this year's 90-day session had plenty of both. Lawmakers raised the minimum wage, allocated funds for Maryland's new educational blueprint and required the state to reach 50% renewable energy by 2030. They also dealt with fallout from a University of Maryland Medical System scandal and mourned the death of Mike Busch, the Annapolis Democrat who had served as speaker of the House of Delegates since 2003 and member of the House since 1987. Busch had been hospitalized for pneumonia and his condition worsened on April 7. The final day of session on April 8, known as Sine Die, was somber. "Even though he was on the other side of the aisle and we often disagreed, he was always respectful," said Delegate Sid Saab, a Republican from District 33. "His job was tough. He had to handle 140 members who come from all walks of life and ideologies. He was helpful to a lot of us as freshmen. No matter the issue, he was always available to talk." Tears aside, Republicans and Democrats alike worked to finalize a slew of bills before capping the 2019 session. Here are the biggest takeaways. **MINIMUM WAGE** Both the House and Senate overrode Hogan's veto of a bill that will increase the minimum wage to \$11 by January 1, 2020. Businesses with 15 or more employees must increase that wage by 75 cents per year until reaching \$15 in 2025. Businesses with 14 or fewer employees will increase the rate by 60

cents per year, reaching \$15 in 2026. Workers under age 18 must earn at least 85% of the minimum wage. Delegate Heather Bagnall, a Democrat from District 33, was happy with the outcome. "I know people are still worried, and that's the nature of change," Bagnall said. "Change is scary, but we have given ourselves a lot of time to get this right and to make sure we aren't locked in if we are seeing an adverse impact on the economy." The bill gives the Board of Public Works a one-time option to temporarily suspend an increase to the minimum wage rate if the year-over-year seasonally adjusted total employment is negative. Republicans wanted more protection for mom-and-pop shops. "Small businesses will have to do one of a few things: cut hours, cut positions, cut benefits or raise prices," said Senator Ed Reilly. A small-business owner himself, Saab reiterated his stance that raising the minimum wage will cause employers to cut jobs in favor of automation. He also expects the spike to eliminate some entry-level opportunities for teens looking to get valuable experience. "Is the sky going to fall? No, but it is going to be very harmful to the people it's supposed to help," Saab said. Delegate Michael Malone echoed his fellow Republicans' concerns. "One amendment provided that there would be consideration for areas of the state that are less metropolitan and more rural to have a decreased minimum wage," Malone said. "There are parts of Western Maryland and the Eastern Shore that about other states which have a much lower minimum wage. Businesses in >> Continued on A12

## Community Conversation Emphasizes Mental Health Awareness

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Depending on whom you talk to, mental health can be a tricky subject. Maybe you're a student who's afraid to ask about it because it's taboo. Maybe you're a parent who thinks of mental illness as a chemical imbalance, something that you can't control and something that could never affect your child. Or maybe you're an educator or a youth leader who knows a teenager in need and just doesn't know how to help. But members of the Severna Park community are looking to change the way people look at mental health. This May — which also happens to be Mental Health Month, a nationwide observance started by Mental Health America in 1949 — a group of students from Severna Park High School is launching Our Minds Matter with two events to raise awareness of the problems they and their peers face. "We want more funding in public schools focused on



SPHS students Parker Cross, Lauren Carlson, Sabina Khan, Megan Mouldsdale and Katrina Schultz started Our Minds Matter and are planning a rally in Annapolis on May 18. mental health, more training for teachers, and more counselors available," explained Katrina Schultz, who is leading the movement with classmates Parker Cross, Lauren Carlson, Megan Mouldsdale and Sabina Khan. "We believe that mental health in our community must be de-stigmatized." Our Minds Matter launched with a march on May 1 before the start of the school day, when students walked from St. Martin's in-the-Field to Severna Park High School to raise awareness of mental health problems among >> Continued on A6

## Congratulations, Best Of Severna Park Winners!



Last month, we were proud to announce the winners and runners-up that you, our readers, selected in the Best of Severna Park contest. Throughout the past few weeks, our staff has been hurrying around town to distribute certificates and window decals to those esteemed businesses. The team at Severna Park Taphouse was thrilled to accept the title of Best Bar, Best Wings and Best Happy Hour, as well as runner-up status in several other categories. To see photos of more winners, turn to page A8.

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Edie McGee Keeps SPHS  
Drama In Stitches



Edie McGee received her Volunteer of the Month award from Voice staff reporter Maya Pottiger.

By Maya Pottiger

Edie McGee can't resist a good challenge.

"I see something that needs to be done, and I'm like, 'I'll do that,'" McGee said.

This is how she ended up on the costume committee for Severna Park High School's Rock 'N' Roll Revival, working the dressing rooms during the show and serving as treasurer for the school's Drama Boosters.

McGee's daughter, now in her junior year, has been part of the popular show for the last three years. With a background in sewing and working on costumes, McGee knew this committee was the perfect fit for her.

At the first meeting, costume chairman Michelle Hickman went over the show's philosophy, which really resonated

with McGee.

"She said, 'All of these kids are talented singers and dancers. They come in all shapes and sizes, and they all deserve to be beautiful,'" McGee said. "It was like, 'Yes, this is my tribe.'"

Over the last three years, McGee's skills as a seamstress have really been tested during RNR. She has done numerous repairs, alterations and embellishments to the costumes. But the most common addition? Velcro.

"We do a lot of replacing snaps or buttons with strips of Velcro, which makes it easier for the kids to get dressed and undressed," McGee said.

During the shows, McGee is backstage in the dressing room doing last-minute repairs and making sure that everyone gets onstage in time.

The agreed-upon rule

amongst the costumes committee is "nothing has to be as perfect as you might want it to be for your closet. What it has to be is it has to look good from 20 feet away," McGee said.

An attorney for the federal government, McGee has had various experiences being a treasurer, be it for a union or a political campaign, so she volunteered to take on the role for the Drama Boosters.

"It is a much bigger budget operation than I ever thought," McGee said. "It's a lot to keep track of. I made some small innovations in the bookkeeping to make things where I felt we could achieve some efficiencies."

McGee enjoys mingling with the kids in the show.

"They come from different parents of the school," McGee said. "The show cuts a swath across the student body. It's just delightful to get to know so many types of really good kids."

Above all, McGee said it's important to be able to provide these types of opportunities to kids, and there has to be a huge community buy-in for it to be successful.

"I can afford the extra time. I can work this into my life, and I can give back in this way," McGee said. "There are so many adults that have given so much that my daughter has benefited from that it's my turn."

Editor's Voice

Dylan Roche  
Editor



And just like that — it's May. I don't know how this year is a third of the way over already. Doesn't it just feel as if we celebrated New Year's only a couple of weeks ago?

We're now getting to a fun time of the year. That's because May means it's time for schools to draw to a close, and that brings with it an array of activities we're going to cover in the upcoming six weeks. Proms, championships, scholarship presentations, graduation and much more are all coming up on the calendar, and we can't wait to be part of it.

Spring also means the end of the Maryland General Assembly and the announcement of the Anne Arundel County budget (you can find full details on each of those on page A1), as well as fun runs (page A19), Eagle Scout projects (page B11) and — let's not forget — Opening Day (page B9).

For us at the Voice, we're especially proud of this month's edition because it has two special features in it. First, there are all the photos of our Best of Severna Park winners receiving their awards. You might have seen the photo of Severna Park Taphouse on the front page. Be

sure to turn to page A8 to see more photos, or visit us online to check out the full gallery. We know these businesses work hard to please their customers, and we count ourselves lucky to be able to recognize them for their excellence.

This edition also contains a special section called On The Water, which has all the details you need about boating, swimming, fishing and more. Turn to page A14 and read up on how you can make the most of your time on the water this upcoming summer.

Those of you who follow us online might have noticed that we've been providing a lot more web-exclusive coverage over the last few weeks. We always love to get photos and flyers from our readers so that we can share them — it could even be something simple, like that pic you took of last night's amazing sunset (of course, we'll give you credit when we share it). Be sure to find and like us on Facebook or follow us on Twitter @SPVoice and Instagram @SevernaParkVoice.

That's all for now. Enjoy the many spring activities, Severna Park. And remember that if you have feedback on anything you read in this edition, or if you have a great story idea, don't hesitate to reach out to me at [dylan@severnaparkvoice.com](mailto:dylan@severnaparkvoice.com).

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Rise Up: Kyle Lowman Starts Nonprofit



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off my feet and change the attitude I had toward it, and for people who are less fortunate and don't have that, I want to be there for them.”  
A prosthetic leg can cost \$5,000 to \$50,000. Kyle is raising money by selling T-shirts and bumper stickers and by accepting donations. He expects to become more involved once he is comfortably mobile again. Kyle is consulting a third company, Prosthetic & Orthotic Associates (OPA) in Orlando, for a prosthetic after having bad experiences with two other suppliers.  
“Immediately, [OPA] was able to distinguish why the prosthetic I have now was causing me severe back pain and the alignments were wrong,” Kyle said. “... To have a company like we just ran into with people coming from Texas and all that, it's definitely an eye-opener and a new light of hope.”  
He is currently reviewing two options. A micro-processor would swing

more freely and allow him to walk faster. A mechanical knee would be less advanced but still “life-changing” if properly aligned.  
Despite the setbacks, Kyle is cautiously optimistic about his outlook.  
“He's 95% positive,” Rich said, “but like anyone, he's going to have his bad times.”  
The Lowmans are trying to channel that positive energy into the nonprofit. The Rise Up Foundation held its first fundraiser at Franklin Manor in Tampa, Florida, on April 28.  
“We're planning to do more sports-oriented events in the future,” Rich said. “We're talking about doing a lacrosse tournament and hopefully we can get some Maryland teams to Tampa to play.”  
Much of the marketing has been free or at a discount courtesy of MTD Marketing in Tampa, which is run by Broadneck High graduate Alex DeMarco.  
Overall, Kyle has broad support according to Rich and people from Severna Park. Kyle was the 2016 Severna Park Falcons football team's Defensive Most Valuable Player as an outside linebacker. He was also a faceoff specialist for the school's 2017 4A/3A state champion lacrosse team.  
“Kyle was a quiet leader,” said his former football coach, Will Bell. “He showed tremendous growth through high school academically and athletically. He was the type of player you loved to have out at practice because he always practiced


the way he played games. Intensity was always high, and he expected the most of himself and his teammates. We could always count on Kyle to make a big play during games.”  
As he encourages others to be optimistic, Kyle is transparent about his own struggles. Before losing his right leg, he had taken the Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery (ASVAB) test and was prepared to enter the Army.  
He lost his leg, and for many nights, his ability to sleep.  
“It felt like a razor blade was going underneath my toenail, and my brain couldn't perceive my foot not being there,” Kyle said. “To this day, I still feel like my foot is inside my leg.”  
Asked about the suicide epidemic in Severna Park, Kyle expressed that he has had similar thoughts. But he thanked the Severna Park community for its overwhelming support, and he shared some encouragement for anyone else who feels there is no way out.  
“I was stuck in a very deep hole and I could not see any sign of life,” Kyle said. “When I got my first prosthetic, it was such a disappointment that I could not walk when I had anticipated it for two months. I was knocked back into the hole and even deeper that time.”  
“Anyone who is in a bad situation in life, they need to understand that it is only temporary. Nothing is ever permanent. There is always another side to the page.”  
To learn more, visit the Rise Up Foundation on Facebook or go to [www.riseupnevergiveup.org](http://www.riseupnevergiveup.org).

Pittman Previews Fiscal Year 2020 Budget

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happy for the most part,” Pittman said. “... In this county, we have a lot of needs because we have grown so fast, with 10% population growth every decade, and we have not kept up in our schools and our public safety in particular as well as in our infrastructure and our roads.”  
While Pittman did not fully fund the Board of Education's \$1.28 billion Fiscal Year 2020 operating budget request, he planned to fund much of it.  
“The big increase from the superintendent's budget to the school board's was to address some back step increases for some of our more senior teachers to bring them closer to what they should be,” Pittman said. “I'm sympathetic to that. We cannot continue to lose our best, our most experienced teachers to other counties. That is the kind of thing that lowers your rankings overall. If our schools aren't doing well and they don't have a good reputation, our property values go down.”  
School officials weren't the only people looking to Pittman for support as his administration prepared the budget. Local police and fire departments and detention facilities are all in need of employees they can recruit and retain. While the county has grown, those departments have stayed stagnant, said Pittman, who wants to implement three- or four-year plans to fully upgrade each department.  
“In some cases, we have the positions and haven't been able to hire, and in other cases, we haven't created the positions,” Pittman said. “... We're taking step one and doing it in a way that we believe that they can recruit the posi-

tions we create rather than just creating positions just because it looks good to create new positions.”  
As for the fire department, Pittman said call volume is increasing faster than the population is growing.  
“We have apparatus going out with two firefighters when they should have four according to national standards,” Pittman said. “As for detention, we have to staff up. We have been 40 detention officers short. We're not running the 287(g) program and we don't have the ICE detention center, so that has freed up some staffing, but we're going to have to staff up for the new central booking facility at Jennifer Road by the end of the year.”  
Pittman said his budget would also address workforce housing, invest in parks and focus on the environment.  
He recently replaced the Inspections & Permits director and he said other changes were included in his budget proposal.  
“We have had fewer inspectors by far per construction site than any other county in the state,” he said, “and the fact that we have so many failing sites where the erosion and sediment control efforts are not working and nobody has been inspecting them, we're going to be boosting environmental inspectors and, of course, enforcement of some of our environmental laws.”  
To pay for each of these priorities, from teacher raises to more public safety officials, Pittman considered several alternatives: raising the voter-imposed tax cap, which can only be done when using the added funds for education; raising the income

tax rate from the current 2.5 percent; and raising developer impact fees.  
Pittman didn't disclose his full decision before his May 1 address, but he did explain his reasoning. He said to expect a “mixed bag” of tax increases in his proposal to give the county more than \$10 million in new revenue.  
“I had hoped that we'd have enough revenue and, of course, you don't know about all of the new obligations until you sit down with the budget office and they show you the projections, but it's not possible to do it without some more revenue,” Pittman said.  
Following the budget, the county will seek places to make cuts. Ben Birge, chief administrative officer for the County Executive's Office, will help in that effort.  
Overall, he thinks people will be pleased with the budget.  
“There will be people who say you should have done more,” Pittman said. “There will be people who don't want to spend money. So you can't make everyone happy, but I feel very good about it.”  
“The process worked well,” he continued. “As a new county executive, it is a bit of a daunting process to figure out how to spend taxpayers' money, and the budget office has a system. They have been through a lot of county executives. They know the departments and they know what the departments' needs are, and the process worked really well. It took a while. There were some pretty intense meetings and difficult decisions, but between the budget office, the department heads and our staff here in the county executive's office, I feel good about what we've done.”



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# Moms Need To Unite To Support Mental Health



Jillian Amodio  
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The most valuable tool we can have in our mental health tool kit is a solid support system. While there is still more work to be done to remove the stigma of mental health and making mental health treatments more accessible, hope remains that we are heading in the right direction. People are starting to open up, perceptions are starting to shift, and resources are becoming more steadily available. Without a support system of people one can trust and rely on, an already difficult battle toward achieving mental wellness can seem all the more unobtainable.

As a mom myself, I noticed quite often that people in my inner circle, those I know on social media, from around the neighborhood and through my children, were often struggling with emotional turmoil and other mental health issues. Even if someone did share details of these struggles, there was often a hint of shame or fear. I realized that there was a great need for a safe space for people to discuss openly the struggles they themselves, or loved ones, may have with mental health. The worst thing anyone can do when going through emotional hardships or mental health struggles is to remain silent and suffer alone. Those feelings only become amplified through isolation.

But where does one go to discuss such sensitive and personal topics? For

some, therapy is inaccessible whether financially or logistically. Others are not ready to take that leap or they have no idea where to begin in the search. Some people simply need someone to vent to, helping them realize, "Hey! I'm not alone."

Along with local moms and mental health professionals, I have helped launch Moms For Mental Health, an online community for non-judgmental communication and support. In less than two weeks, the group blossomed to more than 300 members. We meet monthly for in-person meetings at Cape Wellness Studio in Cape St. Claire and host teen talks where youth can get answers to tough questions and receive support and guidance from peers and parents.

When we began compiling a lending library made up of self-help and inspirational titles, we were met with incredible support from the local community. In only two days, we received more than \$300 in new books from an Amazon wish list, as well as numerous other used books.

Perhaps the greatest gift this group has brought to all who have joined is the understanding that we don't have to do this life alone. We are a group of women who are all dealing with something, but we all have one another to rely on for love, acceptance and support.

As moms especially, we always talk about the need for a tribe or village of support and guidance, and for many, this group feels like the start of that village. For more information, email [capewellnessstudio@gmail.com](mailto:capewellnessstudio@gmail.com).

# Millersville Pediatrician Provides Relief In Mozambique After Disastrous Cyclone Hits

By Dave Topp

On March 15, the catastrophic Cyclone Idai ravaged southeast Africa. The countries of Malawi and Zimbabwe were hit hard by winds exceeding 100 mph and floods, but the neighboring country of Mozambique saw the greatest devastation. More than 1.7 million people total were affected by the storm and more than 1,000 people have been confirmed dead.

Hearing this news and wanting to help was Dr. Andre Gvozden, a Millersville-based pediatrician and owner of Gvozden Pediatrics. "As a physician, you always want to give and it's an opportunity to give a lot in a short period of time," Gvozden said.

No stranger to disaster relief efforts, having assisted with Hurricane Harvey in Houston and Hurricane Maria in Puerto Rico, Gvozden jumped at the opportunity to partner with Project HOPE and travel to Mozambique. "It's a great group," he said. "They have a very good reputation in the humanitarian field."

Project HOPE is global health and humanitarian relief organization with more than 60 years of service. Upon arriving in Mozambique on March 23, Gvozden joined the Project HOPE team and set up camp in Beira, the country's fourth-largest city. Due to damaged roads or flooding that prevented ground access into several towns, Gvozden and a small team of doctors were flown via helicopter to neighbor-



Photo courtesy of James Buck

Dr. Andre Gvozden and a small team of doctors were flown via helicopter to Mozambique towns in late March to provide medical relief.

ing towns to provide medical relief.

In situations such as these, cholera, an infectious and sometimes deadly disease, is caused by infected water. Gvozden also noted the large concern over malaria, with volunteers treating nearly 30 children a day who struggled with the disease.

"Every location is unique," he said. "It has its own challenges to start with."

Mozambique is one of the world's poorest countries and had recently finished its season of rain before Cyclone Idai complicated matters.

"They got decimated," Gvozden said, pointing out the poor construction available to the people.

Thousands of people were displaced from their homes and businesses. The World Bank estimated that the recovery process will cost more than \$2 billion. Researchers believe this is the deadliest storm to hit Mozambique in the last 50 years.

"Those people are hurting and scared and lonely," Gvozden said.

Gvozden was aided by his ability to speak Portuguese, the official language in Mozambique. Still, there can

be language barriers when traveling across the world to help others. Gvozden noted that there is one language that has no boundaries in times like these, the language of care and compassion for others.

"There is an eye contact or a touch," he said. "Often, part of the healing is you being there and caring about them."

For more information about Project HOPE, its relief efforts across the world or how to get involved, go [www.projecthope.org](http://www.projecthope.org).

"Every little bit counts. If everyone did a little every day, we would be in good shape," Gvozden said about humanitarian efforts. "We need volunteers and people to contribute. I think that's the message I like to transmit to people."

“There is an eye contact or a touch. Often, part of the healing is you being there and caring about them.”  
— DR. ANDRE GVOZDEN

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# Community Conversation Emphasizes Mental Health Awareness

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students in the community. Up next on the calendar is a rally in Annapolis on Saturday, May 18, from 11:00am to noon at Susan Campbell Park. Schultz said the rally will be followed by two workshops, one for students and young adults and another for parents and adults.  
“De-stigmatizing mental health will be a long, drawn-out process, but we’re trying to start a conversation in our community,” Khan said.

## CULTURE IS HARD TO SEE

Mental illness isn’t unique to Severna Park. It can affect any community of any demographic in any geographical location, but culture plays a role in how mental illness manifests itself.  
“In the United States, we focus on mental health being tied to a biological, genetic or psychological condition, and we focus way less on the ways our social relationships and community culture have an effect on mental health,” observed Dr. Anna Mueller, assistant professor within the Department of Comparative Human Development at the University of Chicago, who recently spoke at Severna Park High School’s “What If We Put Mental Health First: Now What?” presentation. “If you don’t address the root cause, it doesn’t matter if you teach coping skills because you’re putting young people in a world where they have to cope, cope, cope.”  
Changing the culture has been a mission for such Severna Park-based organizations as **Ellie’s Bus**, which aims to de-stigmatize mental

illness; **Burgers & Bands for Suicide Prevention**, which helps fund mental health initiatives in local communities; and **Parenting for a Different World**, which wants to shift the dialogue about priorities and achievement to attain greater balance in the physical, intellectual, social, and emotional development of young people.  
“Mental health isn’t just a chemical imbalance,” explained Nancy Lincoln Reynolds, associate pastor at Woods Memorial Presbyterian Church and a licensed psychotherapist who works with Parenting for a Different World. “Mental health has to do with life experiences, family culture, community culture.” She urges people not to look at mental health in a vacuum but instead within the context of a person’s family, community and school. “There’s a high level of pressure these kids experience that has an effect on their emotional wellbeing,” she said.  
For an example, one need look no further than a 2016 study Mueller undertook with fellow sociologist Dr. Seth Abrutyn of the University of Memphis. In “**Adolescents under Pressure: A New Durkheimian Framework for Understanding Adolescent Suicide in a Cohesive Community**,” Mueller and Abrutyn explore what they found when they talked with 71 people who lost loved ones to suicide, as well as focus groups, mental health professionals and school personnel, all from an anonymous com-

munity that, for the sake of privacy, the study refers to as Poplar Grove.  
Between 2000 and 2015, Poplar Grove suffered 19 suicides, all of which “were current students or recent graduates of Poplar Grove High School (PGHS), the only public high school in the community,” according to the study. It goes on to describe Poplar Grove High School as “a large school with approximately 2,000 students” and one that “is widely recognized for its high-achieving student body.”  
As Mueller pointed out, “Culture is hard to see.” Without even realizing it, many Poplar Grove residents set expectations for the community’s youth to fit a certain image: playing varsity sports (ideally with a state championship or two), getting into an elite college (on a merit or athletic scholarship), and eventually moving back to Poplar Grove to buy an expensive home. As one youth in Mueller’s study described it, students were held to a standard with “everything being perfect: good grades, good kids, who go to good colleges.”  
The problem is exacerbated by a stigma around mental illness, so, as the study says, “help-seeking behaviors are often suppressed.”  
**FINDING SOLUTIONS**  
Following her presentation in Severna Park, Mueller took the opportunity for one-on-one interaction with parents and students, and she found that many people wanted to point a finger of blame for

the mental health crises the community recently suffered. “That’s not productive,” Mueller said. “The only way to stop it is to own the fact that we each play a part in youth suicide and prevention. If you expect other organizations to take a look at themselves, you can’t do that without looking at yourself.”  
As for our community, in addition to alleviating the pressure, Severna Park culture needs to start empowering youth to be resilient. Lincoln Reynolds explained that Parenting for a Different World has emphasized that parents who shield their children from hardship can end up doing more harm than good. “Kids in our community lack coping and resilience,” she said. “They’re not good at recovering from difficult circumstances. Parents have to let them fail, let them make mistakes and learn from them.”  
She explained further, saying, “If I have never had an experience of having to suffer the consequences of my actions because parents or teachers come in to fix everything, when I am faced with a problem, I don’t have the skills to be resilient and bounce back. I can’t handle it. Resilience is bouncing back from difficulty, and if you never run into difficulty, you never learn to bounce back.”  
**MAKING MENTAL HEALTH RESOURCES ACCESSIBLE**  
The most accessible place for students seeking mental health resources is the place where they spend most of their waking hours – their

school. Counselors within Anne Arundel County Public Schools work with students on a variety of items in three domains: personal/social, academic and career/post-secondary planning.  
“On any given day, this can range from counseling a student in emotional crisis, practicing healthy coping skills, assisting with getting help from teachers, coaching study skills, writing letters of recommendations on behalf of students, or discussing the best college or career fit,” said Lindsay Brown, who chairs the counseling center at Severna Park High.  
Each counselor at SPHS serves about 400 students, and the school also has a full-time psychologist on staff. “Our school psychologist works with students who have counseling-related goals on their IEPs, conducts psychological testing, and provides crisis counseling for the general education public when needed,” Brown added.  
Counselors, however, are not therapists and cannot provide long-term therapy or diagnose mental health issues. They are simply available to help in the short term. “School counselors are solution-focused and we aim to try to remove whatever barriers are impeding the success of our students at any given time,” Brown said. “School counselors will refer families to outside counseling as well if a student is in need of more support.”  
Anne Arundel County Public Schools is making an effort to increase resources for students, specifically by bringing more school counselors and psychologists on staff. Even though

Severna Park High School’s student-to-counselor ratio of 400:1 exceeds the American School Counselors Association’s recommendation of 250:1, it is still better than some schools where there is only one counselor for 700 students.  
“We do understand the great need,” said Dana Schallheim, who represents District 5 on the Board of Education. “Kids are coming to our schools a lot more traumatized. We are working on it and doing what we can while being realistic regarding funding. We need to be supportive of our students and do the best we can to provide a safe and healthy learning environment for them so they can be successful.”  
This year, the BOE asked the county for funding to increase the number of guidance counselors, social workers, psychologists and pupil personnel workers. “They’re critically needed positions,” said Terry Gilleland, the president of the board. However, he acknowledged that providing all the necessary resources isn’t something that can happen automatically. “This is a multiyear approach,” he said. “This is not going to be fixed in one budget cycle.”  
Gilleland added that he is encouraged to see so many students and parents coming forward to talk about the need for mental health resources. “They need to continue with these conversations,” he said. “It’s in those conversations that I think we’ll see discoveries that will provide us opportunities to learn, to grow and to provide better supports where we can.”

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# Cyber Bullying And Harassment: Can The Law Catch Up With Technology?

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As a proud parent of three children, I am scared of the internet. Decisions abound. When should my child receive a smartphone? What parental filters work best? How can I protect my daughter from the bullying and harassment that has become headline news? As a lawyer, I know that the law often lags behind technological advancements.

High-profile cases of cyberbullying have been a news staple since the turn of the millennium. Maryland's own cyberbullying law, "Grace's Law," is named after Grace McComas, a 13-year-old girl who committed suicide on Easter Sunday in 2012 after

cyberbullying that lasted for months. Phoebe Prince was a 15-year-old student at South Hadley High School in Massachusetts when she took her own life on January 14, 2010, after months of harassment. Megan Meier committed suicide on October 17, 2006, three weeks shy of her 14th birthday.

According to the National Crime Prevention Council, cyberbullying is defined as "the process of using the internet, cellphones, or other devices to send or post texts or images intended to hurt or embarrass another person."

Of course, my best parental advice, handed down to me by my dad, is, "You have to stand up to a bully." That may have been easier done on the schoolyard than on the World Wide Web, however. It may be impossible to confront an anonymous and

vicious online harasser.

As noted above, the Maryland legislature passed Grace's Law, which became effective October 1, 2013. Under Maryland's Criminal Law, cyber bullying and cyber harassment have been made illegal as follows:

**1.** A person may not maliciously engage in a course of conduct, through the use of electronic communication, that alarms or seriously annoys another:(I) with the intent to harass, alarm, or annoy the other;(II) after receiving a reasonable warning or request to stop by or on behalf of the other; and(III) without a legal purpose.

**2.** A person may not use an interactive computer service to maliciously engage in a course of conduct that inflicts serious emotional distress on a minor or places a minor in reasonable fear

of death or serious bodily injury with the intent:(I) to kill, injure, harass, or cause serious emotional distress to the minor; or (II) to place the minor in reasonable fear of death or serious bodily injury.

A person who violates this section is guilty of a misdemeanor, and on conviction, is subject to imprisonment not exceeding one year or a fine not exceeding \$500 or both.

Likewise, federal law criminalizes threats via the internet and other media as follows: "Whoever transmits in interstate or foreign commerce any communication containing any threat to kidnap any person or any threat to injure the person of another shall be fined under this title or imprisoned not more than five years, or both."

Of course, there is a tension between free speech protections and prohibitions from harassment. The deciding factor may be the individual's intent to do harm, and that may be difficult to prove. Lawsuits against platforms that enable bullying — for example, Facebook, Twitter and Instagram — have met with varying success, and these areas of the law are still catching up with technology.

The parents of alleged bullies who may be better situated to prevent bullying by restricting access to social media may be liable for their minor child's tortious actions under Criminal Procedure Article 11-604.

Possible causes of action to consider include defamation and intentional infliction of emotional distress. A cease-and-desist letter from an attorney may be helpful in curbing bullying and

harassing conduct. This may be small solace to the victims of cyberbullying, particularly teens, who may have lower self-esteem, increased suicidal ideation and a variety of emotional responses, including being scared, frustrated, angry and depressed.

Maryland's cyberbullying and cyber harassment laws are complicated. If you or a loved one has been victimized by this sort of conduct, you will have many questions. You should consult with an attorney who is familiar with this area of the law and who will assist you in making informed decisions. David Diggs is experienced in tort litigation, family law and securing fair compensation for injured parties. If you need further information regarding this subject, contact The Law Office of David V. Diggs LLC, located at 8684 Veterans Highway, Suite 204, in Millersville, by calling 410-244-1171 or emailing david@diggsllaw.com.

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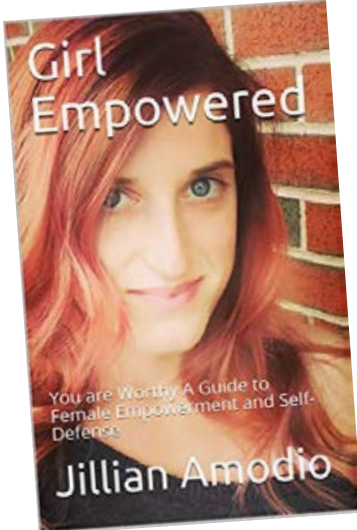
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# Jillian Amodio Empowers Women Through Book, Classes



By Maya Pottiger

With her book “Girl Empowered,” Jillian Amodio hopes to do just that: empower the next generation of women. The book, which was published in November 2018, caught the attention of athletic-wear company Athleta. The company reached out to Amodio and asked her to teach one of her self-defense classes at the Annapolis store. “I was really excited, and I was really taken aback that such a large company would take interest in me,” Amodio said. “I’m just one person, and I thought it was really cool that people outside of my little circle were hearing about it and recognizing the importance for female empowerment and wanting to take the next step in empowering our next generation.” The initial class went so well that Athleta invited Amodio back for a two-day workshop in June. The classes help bring Amodio’s book to life with self-defense demonstrations

and practicing mindfulness. Amodio owns Cape Wellness Studio, a yoga studio in Cape St. Claire, so she balances the heavy topics of self-defense with mindful practices. Her book follows the same structure: each chapter builds on the last one, ending with lighter topics. “Some of the content is kind of heavy, so we taper back down with the mindfulness and meditation,” Amodio said. The book “covers self-defense in a broad spectrum,” Amodio said. While there are tips for physical self-defense, like getting out of wrist grabs or kidnap scenarios, there are also tips for protecting your entire well-being. “I realize that a lot of girls and women don’t seek out self-defense because they don’t know their worth,” Amodio said. “Sometimes just physical self-defense isn’t the answer. We need to treat self-defense as this all-encompassing concept.” “Girl Empowered” is written with short chapters that are easily digestible. The chapters are written using short paragraphs and bullet points, as well as guiding images to serve as a quick reminder. Amodio teaches her classes to a variety of groups, including Girl Scouts, in schools, at libraries and privately. “We can’t protect our kids from everything, but we can empower them to protect themselves,” Amodio said. “By empowering myself, I strive to empower others, especially my daughter and other kids so they don’t have to have that negative self-image.”

# Nancy Kules To Serve As Dole Caregiver Fellow

By Zach Sparks  
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As a kindergarten teacher, Nancy Kules educated kids a few years after they learned how to walk and write. She never expected to watch as her husband relearned those same skills. That experience came back in 2005 when Ryan Kules was critically wounded, and Nancy has served as his caregiver ever since. That background makes her an ideal candidate for her new role as the Dole Caregiver Fellow for Maryland until 2021. Nancy was chosen for the position by the Elizabeth Dole Foundation, which empowers, supports and honors U.S. military caregivers: the spouses, parents, family members and friends who care for America’s wounded, ill or injured veterans. Her advocacy for veterans started after November 29, 2005, when her life and Ryan’s changed forever. Ryan was serving in the U.S. Army as an armor officer. He was in Taji, Iraq, roughly 15 miles north of Baghdad. “We were doing an early morning raid on a house we determined had some insurgent activity,” Ryan said. “We were on our way back to base.” An improvised explosive device was buried in the road. “It cut our vehicle in half and severed my right arm and my left leg above the knee,” Ryan said. “I was found about 15 to 20 minutes after the explosion went off.” Two of Ryan’s comrades were killed. Ryan was taken

to a hospital in Germany and then to Walter Reed Medical Center in Washington, D.C. He spent two weeks in a medically induced coma. Eighteen months of rehab later, he went home.

At 22 years old, Nancy had to leave her job teaching kindergarten in Arizona so she could be with her husband, to whom she’d been married for only a year. Ryan and Nancy later settled in Severna Park and had three children — who are now ages 11, 9 and 7 — adapting to their “new normal” as Nancy calls it. “Ryan and I both work very hard to anticipate potential challenges associated with his disabilities before they arise, and accommodate for those things in advance so things generally look pretty seamless from the outside,” Nancy said. “That might mean huge undertakings, such as modifying our entire home to be ADA [Americans with Disabilities Act] accessible, down to small tweaks like penciling in extra moments to relax at theme parks, finding summer vacation options that don’t include the beach (because sand plus prosthetics is a challenge for us) or calling ahead to see if an activity is one hand or prosthetic friendly.” Ryan has worked for



The Kules family has adapted to their “new normal,” raising three kids while advocating on behalf of members of the military community battling “invisible” injuries.

Wounded Warrior Project since 2007 and Nancy has been his tireless advocate. Together they have supported families battling “invisible” injuries like post-traumatic stress disorder and traumatic brain injuries. Nancy applied and earned the position as the Elizabeth Dole Foundation’s Maryland Caregiver Fellow. During her two-year term, she wants to use her background in education and communication to work on the Hidden Hero Cities aspect of the Elizabeth Dole Foundation. Hidden Hero Cities is a growing network dedicated to identifying local military and veteran caregivers and increasing awareness and support for them. Through this program, cities join the Elizabeth Dole Foundation and participating communities across the nation to streamline services and share best practices for addressing the needs of caregivers at a local level. More than 110 cities have

signed on but none are from Maryland. To get there, Nancy is following a detailed plan. Get stakeholders from Annapolis or Baltimore to pledge their support. Designate a local point of contact from the public or private sector to spearhead the initiative. Form a steering committee, or integrate the Hidden Hero initiative into an existing committee, so a group of volunteers can assess and address the unique needs or Maryland’s military caregivers. “I hope I can utilize my platform as Maryland’s 2019 Dole Fellow to launch a statewide conversation including policymakers, businesses and individuals,” Nancy said. So far, she has met the new Fellows from Virginia and Washington, D.C. “The hope is to figure out with the three of us if we can outline this process more for our area but also for Alabama, Arizona, Colorado and other states so [the Fellows] can identify solutions specific to their demographic, their region,” Nancy said. “We don’t have a playbook, but we’re trying to write the playbook as we go.” Ryan has no doubts Nancy will advance the Hidden Heroes agenda and continue to support military members and caregivers nationwide just as she has supported him. “My injuries will never go away and her advocating for me will never go away,” he said. **May is the Month of the Military Caregiver. Learn more at [www.elizabethdolefoundation.org](http://www.elizabethdolefoundation.org).**

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## Lawmakers Push Long-Term Policies

community planting



Underwood & Associates finished all of the major construction by December 2018. The goal was to finish the project by February, which is when yellow perch spawn on the creek and construction is

"We'd like to use this as a flagship program to start this off, and then move forward to increase the water quality going up the Cattail Creek watershed, but also use it as a leading example for other neighborhoods to do the same in their area," Royer said. "If we can do this one stream at a time in other areas, then the [Chesapeake Bay's] health will approve dramatically."

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

Saab said he respects both sides of the argument but was worried about patients being coerced. He also questioned the bill's "vague" definition of the term "terminally ill."

"Diabetes, if you stop taking your medicine, is considered terminally ill," Saab said.

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

"A ski boat club wanted to control 80 hours of access to Maynadier Creek," Reilly said. "Homeowners felt like that was too much, so we got it

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

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# Dinner Menu

# Tavern Menu

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NEIGHBORHOOD OF THE MONTH

Cape Arthur

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



Photos by Judy Tacyn  
*Brian Johnson and Mary Patz are among the Cape Arthur residents who enjoy Arundel Beach as a community gathering place.*



Stunning Beach Views, Tranquil Streets Accentuate Cape Arthur Appeal

By Judy Tacyn

For many Severna Park residents, the neighborhoods off McKinsey Road are known as little more than “that area behind Giant,” and that’s just the way those who live between Route 2 and the Magothy River, such as Cape Arthur residents, like it. The community is anything but cookie-cutter and boasts one of the most spectacular beaches in all of Severna Park.

For a “typical suburban development,” Cape Arthur has some unique history. Cape Arthur was founded by Arthur and Lydia Giddings, who moved to the United States from Wiltshire, England, in 1925. Starting in 1948, the couple began purchasing tracts of land along the Magothy River, and eventually subdivided the land into 213 lots, known today as Cape Arthur.

In addition to the home lots, several open spaces were deliberately left to be developed as shared community spaces, including the Lydia Giddings Memorial Playground and Park at the center of the community. Here, children congregate for fun and play tennis, basketball, soccer and lacrosse.

The annual fall festival, the

Easter egg hunt, and the judging for the neighborhood Fourth of July bike parade all take place on this shared open and public treasure. On Halloween, a giant bonfire in the center of the park brings together all neighbors. It is telling that this playground was not a byproduct of zoning laws or stormwater management requirements but rather a conscious decision by the developers that public gathering spaces are critical and valuable components to well-designed communities.

The jewel in the Cape Arthur crown is its spectacular and expansive beach, known as Arundel Beach. From this popular gathering point, residents enjoy a perfect view of North Ferry Point to the east, Magothy Marina in Manhattan Beach to the south, and Stony Point in Arnold to the southeast. Sitting at the point where Cypress Creek enters the Magothy River, the beach is a gathering place for neighbors to grill, boat, crab, or just catch some sun while their kids are swimming. Between the long pier and the cove, there are slips for more than 40 boats. Kayak

“We walked down to the beach and were amazed by the beauty of it; the views, the opportunities to swim, kayak, and boat are all right around the corner.”

— MARY PATZ

racks on the beach provide additional storage.

**MARY AND JIM PATZ  
RESIDENTS FOR 16 YEARS**

“With three children under 2 years of age, we were suddenly outgrowing our rowhouse in South Baltimore,” Mary Patz said. “Our preference was to move south to Anne Arundel County to avoid becoming part-time residents of the Baltimore Beltway. Looking at public schools, Severna Park seemed desirable.”

Mary and her husband, Jim, looked at a house for sale in Cape Arthur without knowing much about Severna Park.

“The house was nice, but the Cape Arthur beach blew us away,” Mary said. “We walked down to the beach and were amazed by the beauty of it; the views, the opportunities to swim, kayak, and boat are all right around the corner. In

2003, houses in Severna Park were being snapped up often before they hit the market. When we didn’t get that first house, we kept looking but with the stipulation that our new home be in Cape Arthur.”

The Patz children attended Folger McKinsey Elementary School, which is an easy walk for many of the school’s students.

“The school was named for one of Cape Arthur’s most famous residents,” Mary said. “Also known as the Bentztown bard, Folger McKinsey was a poet and columnist who wrote a daily column titled ‘Good Morning’ for the *Baltimore Sun* from 1906 to 1942. He lived in Magothy Hall, a red brick structure adjacent to the neighborhood beach, from 1906 to 1914. Of course, this was long before the neighborhood’s development, so one might imagine a mile-long dirt road that led from the Baltimore Annapolis Road to the residence on the Magothy.”

**BRIAN AND DEANNA JOHNSON  
RESIDENTS FOR 12 YEARS**

Brian and Deanna Johnson came

to the area after Deanna remarked during her pregnancy that she wanted to raise their kids closer to family.

“I was totally content with life in the Pacific Northwest, a nice position at Microsoft and close proximity to Puget Sound and thus said ‘no’ to her offer,” Brian Johnson said. “So, we compromised and moved anyway.”

Deanna flew to Maryland first to house-hunt and stumbled upon Cape Arthur with its great beach with stunning views of the Magothy River and the Chesapeake Bay.

“I wouldn’t hesitate to recommend my neighborhood to a friend,” said Brian. “Houses don’t stay on the market very long in Cape Arthur.”

Brian is currently the president and beach chair of Cape Arthur. Deanna organizes the fall festival, helps orchestrate the Christmas party and neighborhood get-togethers, and competes in the peninsula Olympics.

“There is a high level of volunteering among Cape Arthur residents,” Brian added. “This says volumes to our desire to always make this neighborhood better.”



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# LOCAL LIFE

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This summer, Annapolis School of Seamanship will again offer its Junior Captains Course, designed to provide on-water, hands-on boating education for kids who want to learn how to operate powerboats safely.

Taught by U.S. Coast Guard licensed instructors from the school, the course will teach kids fundamentals like knots and line handling, docking and close-quarters maneuvering, and operating at speed. Unlike other programs out there, these lessons aren't restricted to the classroom. "From day one, these kids are hands-on driving the boat," said Captain Matt Benhoff, vice president of Annapolis School of Seamanship.

Learning on single outboard 16-foot rigid hull inflatables, kids can safely and comfortably learn



docking and close-quarters maneuvering, while also getting up to speed and even learning how to safely tow a tube. Even when they are not docking or going fast, though, they will learn rules of the road, aids to navigation, and weather. Back at the docks, instructors will cover safety equipment, predeparture checks, and how to use VHF (very high

frequency) radios.

The Annapolis School of Seamanship has been educating recreational and professional boaters since 2002. Located in Eastport right in Annapolis, courses are offered year-round, offering hands-on classroom training, U.S. Coast Guard courses and on-water training for adults. With the Junior Captains Course, the school can now offer educa-



tion to younger generations who want to get into boating in a fun and exciting way. "It's equal parts fun and educational," said Captain Devin Noone, program director. A small boat presents kids and young adults their first taste of freedom, even when they are still too young to drive a car. The goal of the new program is to provide them with the skills, knowledge and the

confidence to operate a boat safely.

Each lesson is a five-day, half-day course offered for ages 11 to 15. New this year for graduates of the Junior Captains Course is a level II course for students who want to build on their boating skills and knowledge. The level II course will cover more in-depth training on rules of the road and navigation. Students will

learn electronic navigation, using chartplotters to navigate to locations using waypoints and routes.

Students need not worry about tons of classroom time and tests. After a brief classroom chalk talk, students will hit the boats to reinforce educational points, gaining real-world experience and learning by doing. Each day will cover a portion of the national safe boating curriculum, and after completion of the course, students will receive their Maryland safe boater card. The goal of the program is for the kids to walk away with the knowledge, skills and confidence to operate powerboats safely.

To register or for more information about the school and course, visit [www.annapolisschoolofseamanship.com](http://www.annapolisschoolofseamanship.com) or call 410-263-8848.



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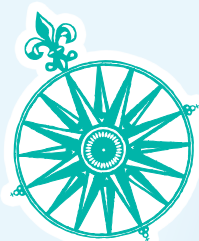
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# Marylanders Grow Oysters: What’s That?

State Program Provides Free Cages And Oyster Spat To Volunteers Who Want To Help Make An Environmental Difference

Provided by the Maryland Department of Natural Resources

Through the Marylanders Grow Oysters program, more than 1,500 waterfront property owners are growing millions of young oysters in cages suspended from private piers. Their goal? To protect the young oysters during their vulnerable first year of life so they may be planted on local sanctuaries where the oysters can enrich the ecosystem and the oyster population.

There is no charge to participants, but the rewards — both personal and ecological — are significant. By fostering these young oysters, our citizen partners are also generating an abundance of fish and other aquatic life and creating live bottom habitats, populated by oysters and other creatures, on sanctuaries closed to harvesting.

Marylanders Grow Oysters is managed by the Maryland Department of Natural Resources in conjunction with the Oyster Recovery Partnership, the University of Maryland Center for Environmental Science, and local organizations. Maryland Department of Public Safety and Corrections inmates produce the cages for the program.

This summer, more than 2 million oysters will be planted in sanctuary areas by the growers in the Marylanders Grow Oysters program. In September 2018, approximately 7,500 cages were stocked with spat to prepare for this summer’s plantings. There are 30 tributaries in the program with more than 5,000 people involved to grow oysters to enhance the ecology of the planted sites.

### OYSTERS AND YOU

Young oysters, called spat, are small, vulnerable and subject to numerous stresses in open waters. In your cages, however, they can grow while being protected from smothering silt and from predation by blue crabs. By making your pier a temporary home and providing protection and care



for the young oysters, you will give them an optimal start in life.

Through your participation, you will also create new life for the river. Thousands of organisms will inhabit your cages, which will become miniature living oyster reefs suspended from your pier. Each time you pull a cage onto your pier, you’ll view an abundance of aquatic life such as mud crabs, grass shrimp, worms and numerous fish such as blennies, gobies, baby eels and minnows — an educational and inspiring experience for you and your family.

Additionally, each cage with spat at about 1 inch in size will filter up to 50 gallons per day per cage. Oysters and other creatures in the cage eat and remove algae, which is far too abundant in the bay.

Given the oyster’s function as an important bay species, Maryland and its partners have implemented a large-scale native oyster restoration program; the oysters that you grow will support these efforts.

### GETTING STARTED

- To begin, you’ll need:
- An existing pier or wharf with at least 4 feet of water at low tide located in one of the tributaries selected for the program, including creeks, coves and inlets in that tributary.
  - The willingness to provide maintenance for up to four cages of oysters up to 12 months.
  - An interest in the welfare of the Chesapeake Bay and becoming a bay and oyster steward.

### AFTER I SIGN UP, WHAT CAN I EXPECT TO HAPPEN?

You will receive notification from the local sponsor (not DNR) that the cages containing up to 500 oyster spat per cage are ready for pickup in your local community. At the time of pickup, you will receive a short briefing and information package on how to care for your oysters and then receive your oyster cages.

### HOW BIG ARE THE CAGES?

The cages are 18 inches long by 1 foot wide. They will weigh about 20 pounds when the oysters are grown after a year.

### WHAT DO I DO WITH THE CAGES?

On the day you receive your cages, attach them to your pier or wharf (with the rope provided) so the cage hangs at least 6 inches off the bottom, away from sand and silt. The cage shouldn’t touch the bottom. Also, the cage should be far enough below the water surface that in frigid winter weather the oysters are not exposed to the freezing air.

### WHAT TYPE OF MAINTENANCE IS REQUIRED?

While the cages and oysters are in your care, little maintenance is required. The main task is to keep them clean and, in the winter, keep them from freezing. Every two weeks, you should rinse your oysters by lifting the cage up and down out of the water to remove silt and sediment buildup. If needed, you can rinse them with a hose if you have one at your pier or you can scrub the cages with a brush and then rinse them by dunking them in the water. You don’t need to scrub the shells or the oysters. The goal is to reduce fouling growth on the wire cage so water can flow through to the oysters and so the cage doesn’t become too heavy.

During the winter, the oysters will die if exposed to freezing air temperatures; the oysters must be kept entirely in the water even on low winter tides. Place the cages so they are just above the creek bottom to minimize the potential for freezing. In the spring, you can re-raise the cage.

### WHAT HAPPENS AT THE END OF THE GROWING PERIOD?

In about nine months, you will be contacted and arrangements will be made for tributary representatives to collect your oysters for permanent placement on a sanctuary, an area closed to oyster harvesting. You will keep the cages to begin caretaking another group of spat.

### WHAT HAPPENS AFTER THE OYSTERS ARE COLLECTED?

If you want to continue with the program, you will receive new oyster spat. If you elect not to continue, your cages will be collected.

### WHAT HAPPENS IF I HAVE ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS?

Feel free to contact the Marylanders Grow Oysters program manager, Eric Campbell, at [eric.campbell@maryland.gov](mailto:eric.campbell@maryland.gov).

# Automated Window Coverings Offer More Than Convenience

Margaret Blunt  
Sew Beautiful

Just a few years ago, automated window coverings were considered a luxury that required a substantial investment. But advanced technology and lower costs have made automated window coverings more affordable and readily available. Such technology offers convenience as well as safety, security and energy efficiency.

Draperies, blinds, shades, shutters, outdoor awnings and storm shutters can all be automated with battery, hardwire and plug-in systems. All can be controlled from a handheld remote, a wall switch, or even a smartphone. Many can be connected to and voice-controlled through Amazon Alexa, Google Home and Apple Home. With today’s technology, automated window coverings can be scheduled through a programmable application or tied into existing home automation systems.

The ability to control shades with just the push of a button or with a voice command eliminates the need for draw cords, which pose a tangling risk for households with young children or small pets. Simple operation also benefits those who are elderly or handicapped. Power systems are also a great option for large, tall or hard-to-



reach window coverings, which can be heavy and difficult to lift with a single cord-drawn system.

Automation offers the added benefit of security. With today’s automated systems, window coverings can be scheduled to routinely raise, lower, open and close even if you’re not home. Imagine an automated home in which the lights go on and off, and shades raise and lower at the same time every day whether the residents are home or away. This is an attractive option to many people who frequently travel or have second homes.

When we talk about energy efficiency, one might wonder how automation ties in with this. Well, consider you’ve just purchased shades to provide protection from the hot afternoon sun and its harsh ultraviolet rays. Now imagine your new automated shades can

be scheduled to lower or close at the exact time of day when the afternoon sun is the hottest and rise or open when the heat is less intense. Take it one step further and these same shades may be tied to your HVAC (heating, ventilation and air conditioning) system via an app like Nest or IFTTT (If This Then That). In this case, the shades or draperies can be lowered or closed when the room reaches a certain temperature.

Home automation is becoming increasingly common with systems like Amazon Alexa, Google Home and Apple Home, which are easy to set up and use. Why not add automated window coverings?

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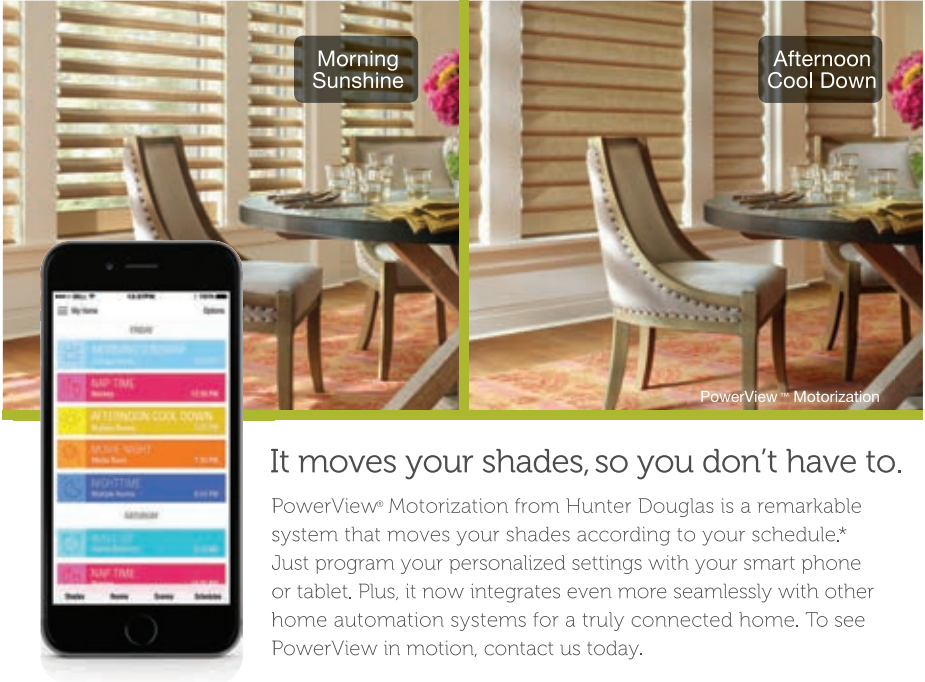
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## Envisioning Anne Arundel County

**Steuart Pittman**  
County Executive



On April 13, nearly 250 people spent their Saturday with community representatives and professional planners to discuss the future of Anne Arundel County. The workshop, Visioning Anne Arundel, was the kickoff for the enhanced General Development Plan (GDP) process.

The most important component of community planning is the community – and I was inspired to see the turnout and the energy in the room. During my opening remarks, I emphasized that this was the most important task we've undertaken since the election. The

decisions we make in the upcoming GDP will live with us for decades to come and it is imperative that we get them right.

We have a dedicated and talented team at our Office of Planning and Zoning who are working hard to apply a fair, open and transparent process that communities trust and have a say in. To help them, we brought in national experts from Smart Growth America, a nonprofit organization that assists local government with responsible planning policies. Former Maryland Governor Parris Glendening and his team shared best practices and models from around the country to show us what success looks like and how to achieve it.

It's fair to say that Anne Arundel County has grown

quickly over the last 10 years. Our population has been rising by about 1% annually since 2010, but the demand on our services is rising much faster. Fire and

*“While we work to address our traffic choke points, we must enhance our entire transportation network to give people more options and mobility.”*

ambulance call volumes are rising closer to 5% per year. And don't get me started on traffic. These are the consequences of rapid growth without the infrastructure to support it.

We've allowed this to happen, but now it's time to change the rules. Our GDP will map out a responsible, community-based plan to direct growth where we want it – and away from the areas we don't. We will get back to Small Area Plans to protect the character of our communities, and we will use some new planning tools to help us do all of this.

Our partners in this effort will be the reconstituted Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC). In March, we announced our new CAC, which has community representatives from each of the county's former 16 Small Areas. We selected people capable of bringing their neighbors together to get engaged in the process; they are community leaders whose livelihoods do not depend on developing land. We also appointed developers and environmental advocates to at-large seats to ensure that their voices are heard.

I believe citizens should know what is being planned in their communities. We are working to better equip communities with information by putting development plans and proposals online, and we are pursuing legislation to give better legal standing to communities to challenge planning decisions that they think are inconsistent with adopted planning guidelines.

We're working with Governor Larry Hogan's administration to acquire the Crownsville Hospital Center, which is currently owned by the state Department of

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## Farms Amid A Growing County

**Amanda Fiedler**  
Councilwoman  
District 5



It's hard to imagine we are just a few generations removed from a district that was once a farming community connected by dirt roads. By all accounts from local historians, it was an agricultural community. Yet today, our district has but two small areas on the Broadneck peninsula that are designated as “rural agricultural” by county zoning. A short trip back in history can identify the 1950s and 1960s as a residential boom in a post-war era for our area. The residential and commercial growth has been moving in one direction since.

The 5th district — Severna Park, Arnold, and Annapolis east of the Severn River — is identified predominately as tier one and tier two for growth out of a four-tier rating system. The four tiers were established by the General Assembly in 2012. The Sustainable Growth and Agricultural Preservation Act required local jurisdictions to adopt this tier system to plan for future residential growth in relation to septic and sewer impacts on the Chesapeake Bay.

In our area, new communities are being added

every year. Older communities are getting facelifts by new homeowners. Amid change, some of our farms have remained. Maybe you drive by them on your way home. Perhaps they exist down the street from you. You see acres of land with crops, livestock, farming equipment and a farmhouse that serves as a memory of what our area once was. They remain because of the owner's desire to farm, despite the residential growth that surrounds them. In most cases, the farms remain in original family ownership dating back hundreds of years. How do we help to preserve them? Do we want to preserve them?

Shortly after taking office, I attended a local farming commission meeting and heard the desire to open a farm brewery from a local farmer. Farm breweries are considered accessory uses to existing farms. We have seen success in our county with farm wineries; however, farm breweries were recently added to the county code in 2015, and are permitted only in rural agricultural zones, unlike farm wineries, which are permitted in four residential zones. We currently have no farm breweries in our county. As with many of the agritourism uses, farm wineries and farm

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## The Relentlessness Of Stress And Mourning

**Heather Bagnall**  
Delegate  
District 33



I didn't want to write another tribute to Speaker Michael Busch as so many others have already written more articulate tributes and my time with the speaker, though immensely impactful, was painfully brief. After Sine Die, I felt quite alone in our district. However, I can't stop thinking about the relentlessness of mourning and the cruelty of a calendar that refuses to yield to it.

The interim, for legislators, is usually a time when they return to their home districts, their families, their jobs and their lives. However, this interim, we returned for the welcoming of Michael Busch back to the State House, we returned for the funeral, we will return for the special session to elect a new speaker and, of course, as my home district is here in Anne Arundel County, I never left. My district mates will return to welcome the new delegate in District 30A once the Central Committee makes their recommendation and the governor makes his appointment.

I was reflecting on this because, as these events transpired, my life calen-

dar ticked on, as I'm sure did so many others with health issues and family issues, financial issues, speaking engagements, community events, and obligations. No vacation, no break, no chance to catch our collective breaths, the very nature of crisis.

Saturday, I met with a group of young people from Severna Park High School who are also feeling the stress and relentlessness of mourning, and as we discussed how they had dealt with the death of their friend while trying to maintain their GPAs and ranking, prom, sports, and other activities, I was struck by how we are not even cognizant of the raised base level of stress at which we are operating.

As many of you know, I have a particular passion for mental health as preventative care and for strategizing how best to expand access to mental health services. When crisis management and law enforcement officials came before our delegation, I asked the question, “Who cares for the caregivers? Who helps those who deal with trauma on a daily basis process that trauma? When are we asking too much?”

As an elected official working for the state, there were times when it felt disjointed, focusing on the issues before me,

blocking out national politics and global tragedies while we worked to ensure we were doing everything in our power for our constituents and the state of Maryland. However, as I now find myself with just the briefest amount of time to broaden my view and look past the Maryland General Assembly, I have discovered that instead, I want to focus even closer on our local community and working with our local leaders to ensure we are addressing the need for honest dialogue about suicide, drug overdose, depression, and mental illness in our own backyard.

I'm proud to stand with our young people who have started the Our Minds Matter Movement as they organize outreach and workshops to address the rising tide of suicide, depression and mental illness. On May 18, they will hold a rally in downtown Annapolis followed by workshops for adults and students. Normally I would not use this column to endorse an organization; however, extraordinary times call for extraordinary measures. As an educator and ally, I know my job is to make space for others. Join me and other community leaders on May 18 in this youth-driven movement at 11:00am at Susan Campbell Park on

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## When Did We Stop Being Americans First?

**Sid Saab**  
Delegate  
District 33



When did we stop being Americans first? I came to the United States as a teenager, with a suitcase in hand, in search of the American dream. Through hard work and determination, I made my own American dream come true. I followed the laws of this great country down the path to becoming an American citizen. I am and will always be proud to be an American.

America is and has been

a melting pot for the world for over two centuries. People from all corners of the globe have traveled across oceans to jump into the pot and be melted into an American citizen. It clearly

states in our Declaration of Independence that “all men are created equal.” Man, defined by Webster's Dictionary as “an individual human,” is created equal to all other men, yet I fear we are slowly slipping away from equality as we fall into different categories of man. White, Black, Hispanic, Asian, Latino, Arab, Lebanese-American, African-American, Irish-American, Korean-American, Christian, Muslim, Jew, Hindu, Republican, Democrat, Progressive, Libertarian, and the list goes on and on. These are all labels that, instead of defining us, are being used against us to divide us.

Our heritage is something we should all be proud of and celebrate, but not by dividing us into different kinds of Americans and exalting some over others. This isn't what brings America together; it is what tears America apart. It is a road this country has been driving down for a long time. America has grown, matured, and been sculpted by our mistakes and experiences. That is a big part of why America is so great and such a draw to those outside of it. Yet this long road has had many turns, some with deep darkness and others full of light, but overall, it

moves us forward.

Over the past couple of years, America seems to have turned toward one of those dark bends in the road. Our country is becoming divided even

further as two distinct ideologies are pushed by political leaders and the media. Instead of our political leaders in Washington D.C. coming together to

find common ground, they attack one another relentlessly and further push the wedges of division among the people.

As Americans, we must respect our differences and work together to make our country an example to the world — a place where we are Americans first, willing to put in the sacrifice and hard work to keep this the greatest country the world has ever known. We can't be a nation of people who lash out at one another because of our differences, but we can be one that comes together in spite of them. Making accusatory allegations of racism against those who don't agree with you is oppression and should have no place in the land of the free. Hundreds of thousands of people died for us to have that right. Let's not become like the nations we have escaped.

So, I ask you, are you willing to look past what makes us different and see one another for what we all have in common? We are Americans. Together we can make this country even better.

## The Budget Season Isn't Over Yet

**Dana Schallheim**  
Board of Education  
District 5



By the time this article prints, the Anne Arundel County Public Schools Fiscal Year 2020 budget will be in the hands of our esteemed county council. This is the last, but crucial, step in the budget cycle before we will know whether our operating and capital budget requests will be fulfilled. With our school system being woefully underfunded for years, we have a lot of catching up to do. The level of funding received will affect every aspect of our schools.

Our priorities for this year's budget were clear and included increasing school mental health staff, expanding ESOL (English for Speakers of Other Languages) services, and

decreasing class sizes.

The mental health of our students is critical to their success. When our student's mental and emotional needs are met, they are more likely to rise to the life's challenges and are less likely to self-harm, abuse substances, and suffer from anxiety and depression.

Our school mental health staff members are wonderful and well-qualified but are sometimes spread far too thin. One student recently commented to me that it can take weeks to get an appointment with her school counselor and, when they do meet, might not have the time desired to help resolve problems. Likewise, it is not uncommon to not have a psychologist on-site some days during the school week if the psychologist is shared between multiple schools. While we are far from achieving rec-

ommended mental health staff to student ratios at all schools, the enormous positive impact by adding an additional 18 school counselors, 7.6 psychologists, and six social workers is immeasurable.

Our community is growing and becoming more diverse every year. Some of the most powerful testimony I heard before voting on the budget was from students involved in our English Language Acquisition (ELA) program. These students beautifully articulated how they benefited from the ELA program. Each of them finished their testimony by telling the Board of Education how they could have given their testimony in their native language but wanted to speak in English, highlighting their newly acquired English language skills as a result of participating in the program. If funding isn't

provided for the requested additional English Language Acquisition teachers, bilingual facilitators, and bilingual assistants students will begin to fall through the cracks.

As our county grows, so does class size. I've heard that some high school classes top 40 students, while it is not uncommon to have 30 students in elementary school classes. Large class sizes equate to inadequate one-on-one time with teachers, behavior problems, and a less supportive learning environment. In recent years, despite growing enrollment, funding for additional teachers has not been supported. I am hoping that this year is different and we can finally see some relief in this area. When our class sizes are reined in, so many academic and behavior problems will dissipate.

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# What Citizens Should Know About The Warrant Process



The Anne Arundel County Sheriff’s Office is beginning a serious, long-term effort to educate and inform the public about outstanding warrants and the warrant service process. This information can be critical to helping citizens know they might have a warrant for something as simple as not appearing in court for a traffic case or criminal summons. Ignoring a warrant, not being aware of a warrant, or avoiding warrant service can often be more troublesome than the original charge that caused the issuance of a warrant. Aside from failing to appear in court, citizens can be issued warrants for not completing court-ordered programs, failing to pay fines, or violating the terms and conditions of release from a county jail or state prison. Here are some simple scenarios and suggestions that might

help demystify the warrant process.

**How Do You Know If You Have A Warrant?**

Most citizens who have a warrant usually have received ample notice from the courts and law enforcement that a warrant exists. However, there are cases when someone is not aware that they have a warrant against them. Many people believe they can check for warrants through the Maryland Judiciary Case Search website. You might find the existence of a warrant on the site, but not in all cases. Soon, the sheriff’s office will begin publishing links to outstanding warrant lists that will be comprehensive and updated weekly. If your name appears in case search or on the sheriff’s list, contact the sheriff’s office to speak to a deputy and arrange service of the warrant. Additionally, the sheriff’s office has a new show called “On the Look-out with Sheriff Jim Fredericks” on the county cable

network. The show highlights 60 wanted people per month and airs daily on Anne Arundel County government channels at 10:00am and 7:00pm.

**RECALL OF MISDEMEANOR WARRANTS**

More than half of over 12,000 outstanding warrants in the county are for minor criminal violations and for failing to appear for traffic court cases. Willfully failing to be responsible for committing a crime or serious traffic infraction usually leads to more significant penalties through the court system. If there is a legitimate, understandable reason for someone missing a court case, there is a process to have warrants recalled by the courts. Most misdemeanor cases are heard at the district court level, and the process to recall those warrants is relatively easy. A person merely needs to go to the district court in Annapolis or Glen Burnie, proceed to the clerk’s office and complete a request for warrant

recall for a judge to review. Upon review, a judge may approve the motion, deny it, or request a brief hearing with the wanted person to get more information about the case, or advise the wanted person about legal counsel. The sheriff’s office strongly urges persons with a warrant to use this process. The alternative, a sheriff’s deputy tracking you down for service, can cause significant additional problems for someone with a warrant.

**WHAT IF A DEPUTY SERVES A WARRANT?**

Sheriff’s deputies often serve warrants where people are most likely to be found, such as at home, their place of employment, at the home of friends or relatives, or during a traffic stop. Each of these scenarios can be costly to a criminal defendant. Service of a warrant at someone’s home can often unnecessarily expose children and loved ones to the arrest process. Deputies often find conditions in homes that

lead to further investigation by law enforcement, or intervention by county agencies like Animal Control, the Department of Health or Child Protective Services. Unexpected service at a place of employment can lead to lost wages and loss of a job for a defendant. Service of a warrant during a traffic stop will result in a public arrest and likely the towing of a vehicle. Vehicles towed by law enforcement can amount to significant costs to a defendant to have his or her vehicle released from impound.

If you belong to an organization or community association, take this information to your next meeting and let others know about the warrant process. If you want the sheriff or a representative to talk about warrants and reduction efforts at your next meeting, email the office at [shwebmail@aacounty.org](mailto:shwebmail@aacounty.org). If you know someone who has a warrant, pass along this important information so he or she can get

the warrant served. If you want to leave anonymous information about a wanted person, contact the sheriff’s office warrant tip line at 410-566-5688 or 410-LOOKOUT. So far this year, sheriff’s office warrant teams have served more than 900 warrants for the district and circuit courts.

The most important part of the warrant process is to bring justice to victims of crime, victims of poor driving, and businesses victimized by crime. Ignoring or avoiding warrant service often leads to further costs for victims, law enforcement, and prosecutors. If you think you might have a warrant, take a few minutes and find out. If you know you have a warrant, be responsible, have it served, and have your day in court. Call the sheriff’s office at 410-222-1570 and speak to a deputy to arrange for warrant service. Let’s be responsible to one another to make our communities safer and enhance our quality of life.

### The Relentlessness Of Mourning

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Dock Street in Annapolis and let’s try and solve this crisis.

Together we can slow the relentlessness of

mourning. I mentioned before that I didn’t want to write a tribute to the speaker because I did not feel equal to the task. Perhaps a more fitting

tribute would be to honor his legacy by continuing his heritage of public service in Anne Arundel County, and in doing so, establish my own.

### The Budget Season Isn’t Over Yet

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The county council will hold two public budget hearings in May. The first will be on May 9 at 7:00pm at the Arundel Center (44

Calvert Street in Annapolis). The second will be on May 13 at 7:00pm at North County High School (10 E. 1st Avenue in Glen Burnie). I encourage anyone want-

ing to testify to attend these hearings and advocate for full school funding! Speak from the heart, share your experiences and make your voices heard.

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Letter To The Editor

SB93 SETS PRECEDENT TO REDUCE ACCESS TO WATERWAYS

Maynadier Creek off the south side of the Severn River, known by locals as “Cocktail Creek,” has one of three Maryland public ski courses where boaters often anchor to watch the skiers. From the 1950s until present day, sailboats, powerboaters, skiers, kayakers and paddle-boarders have peacefully coexisted. The course has been in Maynadier Creek since the 1950s and regulated by the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) and the Boat Act Advisory Committee (BAAC) since 1960. More restrictive times of use were put in place from 1990 to 2016. In 2016, the BAAC decided to realign the hours of the three courses as Maynaider Creek had more restrictive hours due to erroneous issues of erosion and noise that were disproved by the Horn Point Environmental Laboratory Center back in 1992.

In October 2016, the BAAC conducted a hearing regarding the realignment of the

hours and nine homeowners from Maynadier Creek testified. Their claims of the ski boats causing 3-foot wakes, erosion, and denying other boaters’ access to the creek were dismissed by the BAAC. The BAAC is made up of experienced boaters from across the boating spectrum with intimate knowledge of all the activities that take place on Maryland waterways. Members include ex-Navy, Marine surveyors, watermen, boat and tug captains, United States Coast Guard Auxiliary, waterfront property owners, kayakers, paddleboarders, yacht club members, etc.

In 2017, two waterfront homeowners in Maynadier Creek were not happy with the BAAC and DNRs decision to stand by the COMAR regulations. So, they looked for a legislator to propose a bill that would circumvent the COMAR regulations. Senator Ed Reilly proposed such a bill, but it failed. In 2018, Senator Reilly again proposed a bill, and this time he withdrew his own bill. So why in 2019 would Senator

Reilly again propose such a bill? The two homeowners made heavy contributions to Senator Reilly and other influential politicians and then hired Democratic and Republican lobbyists to push the bill through the Maryland political machine. It was not easy as there were legislators against it; Delegate Rick Impallaria wrote a letter on April 8, 2019 to the General Assembly exposing some of the “pay to play” tactics. Delegate Brian Chisolm was also an outspoken critic of the bill. Both Delegates Impallaria and Chisolm demonstrated unwavering courage and integrity. Now, the only person who can sink this bill is Governor Larry Hogan.

This is a shot across the bow of public access to Maryland waterways. If the bill makes it across the governor’s desk, there will be a precedent for waterfront homeowners who don’t want crabbers, fishermen, jet skiers — you name the activity — in front of their house to circumvent DNR and BAAC regulations to

suit themselves.

Boaters, watermen and everyone who seeks access to Maryland public waterways need to pay attention to what is going on in Annapolis as money now trumps Maryland voters’ right to public waterway use in Maryland.

Captain Christopher S. Yearwood  
Severna Park

Farms Amid A Growing County

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breweries allow farmers to diversify their land, preserve their farm, attract new neighbors as customers and support our local economy.

In April, I introduced Bill 14-19, which creates parity between farm wineries and farm breweries. This bill would allow existing farmers to add a new element to their farms. It adds two allowable zoning districts, residential low density and R1 (areas zoned for one house per acre). Both farm wineries and farm breweries are

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Health. The hospital center property, along with the adjacent Bacon Ridge Natural Area, is a green oasis in the heart of our county — and I want to keep it that way.

Along with saving green space from development, we must also preserve our agriculture lands and working farms, which are an important part of our landscape and our heritage. While we

work to address our traffic choke points, we must enhance our entire transportation network to give people more options and mobility.

These are the challenges we face as we build our General Development Plan. It’s a daunting task, but that’s why I’ve reached out to the community for help. Working together, we can make Anne Arundel County “the best place,” now and in the future.

required by county code to be on at least 10 acres. For farms that exist on land classified as residential, this classification means that where the farm now exists, there could one day be 10 homes or more.

Surrounding counties have successful farm breweries that are an asset to the community and good neighbors. They typically open to the public three to five days out of the week and are open only from the afternoon to evening hours, closing anywhere from 7:00pm to 9:00pm. They

are gathering locations for community residents and families.

Growth is happening all around us. Should we also support the growth and preservation of farms that have a deep history in our county, or should we limit what our farming families can do with their land, restrict their abilities and encourage residential growth over agricultural?

I welcome your thoughts. As always, my best work is done when you are engaged. You can reach me at [amanda.fiedler@aacounty.org](mailto:amanda.fiedler@aacounty.org).

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Stigma Has No Place In Mental Health

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Where does it hurt? That’s the question so many children need to be asked. May is Children’s Mental Health Awareness Month. While one in five children experience a mental health condition in a given year, nearly 50% of adolescents between the ages of 8 and 15 are experiencing a condition and do not receive treatment. In a time when more people are aware of mental health, and potentially more access to services, why then is there a disconnect? Stigma. Mental health professionals like myself are grateful for the increasing presence of public awareness campaigns like #EndingTheSilence by National Alliance on Mental Illness, or the Substance Abuse and Mental

Health Services Administration’s National Mental Health Day, which shines a light on the need to consider mental health essential to a child’s development. And while celebrities and professional athletes like Cleveland Cavaliers basketball player Kevin Love (who wrote the article “Everyone Is Going Through Something”) are breaking the silence by sharing their own struggles, there is still more to be done by us as a nation and community to make mental health a priority. Parents, schools and communities need to break down barriers. Meeting children and teens where they are — with support rather than shame, with compassion and acceptance rather than mistrust — requires that as adults, we look first at ourselves and our own internalized messages about mental health. What were the spoken and unspoken messages that we inherited

from our families’ reinforced shame? What is the unintentional impact of a “push through the pain” approach to mental health in children and teens that implies weakness rather than an acknowledgment a legitimate hurt that needs addressing? In a culture where children and teens are often measured and assessed by achievements and valued for what they do rather than for who they are, we as adults, parents, mental health professionals and community leaders have the opportunity and responsibility to change the narrative on mental health and make it a priority. As a clinical mental health professional specializing in working with kids, teens and families who are grieving, I often see stigma continue after a death. Deaths by suicide and substance use are complicated by the fact that, often, these losses cannot be acknowledged by society or publicly mourned. Children

and teens learn to internalize this response and further isolate themselves when there is a reinforcement that there are limits to what we can talk about or discuss openly. We do not hesitate to treat our children when they are hurt physically or suffer an illness that can be diagnosed by a pediatrician. We should never hesitate to take seriously our children when they are hurting emotionally, psychologically or spiritually. Here are some resources that can help start the process of normalizing mental health: • [www.nami.org/find-support/nami-programs/nami-ending-the-silence](http://www.nami.org/find-support/nami-programs/nami-ending-the-silence) • [www.childrensmentalhealthmatters.org](http://www.childrensmentalhealthmatters.org) Stigma keeps people silent. It has no place in the conversation about mental health. Each person has a right to be acknowledged and valued in life, and death, without judgment.

Tech Talk With Dr. Cranska

Jeffrey Cranska  
Family Laser Dentistry



In upcoming months, I will answer questions on high-technology dentistry. Please direct inquiries to my website at [www.cranska.com](http://www.cranska.com) or email me at [familylaserdentistry@outlook.com](mailto:familylaserdentistry@outlook.com).

TOOTHPASTE FOR SENSITIVE TEETH

Toothpaste in a tube has been sold since 1896. Desensitizing toothpastes can help people with teeth that are sensitive to heat or cold. With all the changes and improvements to toothpaste over the years, the numerous options you have when you buy a tube can be overwhelming.

Q: What is sensitive toothpaste?

A: These toothpastes contain ingredients such as potassium nitrate and stannous fluoride that help block the transmission of pain signals from the root surface of your tooth to the nerve inside. The nerve impulses are thus desensitized and there is no longer pain.

The first toothpaste marketed for sensitive teeth was in 1961. It was based on a strontium chloride formulation. The active ingredient in most brands changed to potassium nitrate in 1980.

These toothpastes also offer the benefits of regular toothpaste by including fluoride. They provide cavity prevention and are flavored for a fresh taste. If sensitivity is resolved now and returns in the future, brush with the toothpaste for sensitive teeth twice a day, every day and continue to use it as your daily toothpaste.

Q: There are so many toothpastes to choose from. Why all the choices?

A: Toothpaste (whether paste or gel) improves your tooth-brushing technique with additional mechanical help in removing dental plaque. Plaque is a bacteria-filled biofilm, the major component that causes tooth decay and

gum disease. The major ingredients of all toothpastes are abrasive agents, detergents, thickeners, flavorings and fluoride. Another consideration is the type of toothpaste: sensitivity, fresh breath, tartar control, whitening, gum care, all-natural ingredients, etc.

Q: What do I look for when purchasing the best toothpaste for my family?

A: I tell all my patients, what matters most is to use toothpaste that has the American Dental Association (ADA) seal of acceptance. This ensures the product has fluoride that meets the ADA requirements for

“The major ingredients of all toothpastes are abrasive agents, detergents, thickeners, flavorings and fluoride.”

safety and effectiveness in reducing tooth decay with its use. This ADA seal has been on approved fluoride toothpastes since 1955. The seal relates only to a product’s fluoride content — how it is released and its effectiveness — not any other product claims.

Personal preference of taste and feel is important. Change to a different product if the ingredients irritate your teeth, cheeks or lips; don’t make your mouth feel fresh and clean; or if you have sensitive teeth.

The best advice in selecting among these products is to ask your dentist or dental hygienist about your individual needs at the present time.

Q: Toothpastes don’t help my sensitive teeth. What should I do?

A: You need to visit your dentist to determine the cause of your problem. Common causes of temperature toothaches are tooth decay, gum disease, grinding and clenching of your teeth, cracked and eroded tooth enamel, use of tooth whitening gels and diet effects (acids, soda, citrus fruits, etc.). Find out what can you do to treat your problem right now. Different causes require different solutions.

Utilize the modern dental technologies for early treatment of tooth sensitivity. Make regular dental visits to take advantage of your dentist’s experience.

Grab Your Shoes, Severna Park – It’s Time To Run

By Dave Topp

April showers bring May 5K races. That’s how the saying goes, right? As the weather begins to warm up, people are more willing to get outside and run. Below are a list of upcoming 5K races in and around the Severna Park area to help benefit business foundations, first responders, a healthy lifestyle and local schools.

BELVEDERE ELEMENTARY 5K SATURDAY, MAY 4

This 13th annual race also includes a 1-mile fun run and has plenty of prizes for its top runners. The fun run begins at 8:00am and the 5K kicks off at 8:30am. Proceeds will be used for school assemblies. To register, go to [www.active.com](http://www.active.com) and search for “Belvedere.”

SHIPLEY’S CHOICE TECHNOLOGY TROT SUNDAY, MAY 5

Run a 5K race to support the purchase of technology equipment for Shipley’s Choice Elementary School. A 1-mile fun run for elementary school students precedes the 5K. Packet pickup and registration begins at 7:00am, with the fun run starting one hour later. The 5K race will begin at 8:30am. To register, visit [www.active.com](http://www.active.com) and search for “Shipley’s.”



Shipley’s Choice Elementary School’s annual tech trot, set this year for May 5, helps raise money for technology equipment students can use in the classroom.

FIRST RESPONDERS RACE SATURDAY, MAY 18-FRIDAY MAY 31

This virtual run has been arranged to honor the first responders for their selfless acts of courage. Register to run any day in the given May timespan and receive a medal and race bib for your efforts. A portion of the proceeds will go to the Gary Sinise Foundation. To register, go to [www.eventbrite.com](http://www.eventbrite.com) and search for “First Responders 5K.”

5K FOR THE DOGS IN BLUE SUNDAY, MAY 19

This third annual event, sponsored by Cedar Square Homes, benefits the Chesapeake K-9 Fund. The race starts at 9:00am in the Sassafras Pavilion at Quiet Waters Park in Annapolis. To register, visit [www.whatsuptix.com](http://www.whatsuptix.com) and search for “Dogs in Blue.”

EVERY STEP COUNTS SATURDAY, JUNE 8

Bello Machre, a nonprofit based in Glen Burnie, provides care, opportunity and guidance to people with developmental disabilities in Maryland. The organizers behind this walk, bike and 5K run event have a fundraising goal of \$200,000. Every Step Counts will be held at Anne Arundel Community College. Check-in begins at 7:00am. To register, go to [www.bellomachre.org/every-step-counts](http://www.bellomachre.org/every-step-counts).

RIVIERA BEACH VFC 5K COLOR RUN SATURDAY, JUNE 8

Get sprinkled with colored powder as you run around Riviera Beach Community Park. Marshall from “Paw Patrol” will make a special appearance at the event. On-site registration and packet pickups start at 8:45am and the race will commence at 10:00am. To register, visit

[www.eventbrite.com](http://www.eventbrite.com) and search for “Run for the Hoses.”

RUN/WALK FOR MENTAL HEALTH 5K TUESDAY, JUNE 11

This non-competitive event takes place at the Dogwood Pavilion of Quiet Waters Park and is a part of a nationwide event. The 5K will kick off at 6:30pm. To register, go to [www.raceroster.com](http://www.raceroster.com) and search for “Annapolis Mental Health.”

DAWSON’S FATHER’S DAY 10K SUNDAY, JUNE 16

Celebrate Father’s Day with a 10K race at Severna Park High School for the 39th annual Dawson’s Father’s Day 10K, along with the Annapolis Striders group. Participants will travel down Robinson Road and over the B&A Trail beginning at 8:00am. For more information, visit [www.annapolisstriders.org](http://www.annapolisstriders.org) and click on the “calendar” tab.

UM BWMC May Calendar

WEDNESDAY, MAY 1 5:00-6:30pm: Cancer Survivorship Support Group. This free, self-care skills class and group discussion offers information and support for cancer patients and survivors. In addition to networking and peer support, the group will discuss timely topics related to treatment and care. For any type of cancer. No registration needed. For more information, call 410-553-8179. (Tate Cancer Center, First Floor Conference Room, 305 Hospital Drive).

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

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

WEDNESDAY, MAY 8 8:30am-noon: Free Blood Pressure Screenings at Harundale Presbyterian Church. No registration needed. (Eastway and Guilford Road, Glen Burnie). Noon-1:00pm: Self Care — The Key to Living Well. UM BWMC primary care physician Dr. Jana Davis will discuss the benefits of having a primary care physician and tips to manage certain health conditions. Free blood pressure screenings

and light lunch provided. Registration is required by calling 410-553-8103. (Glen Burnie Regional Library, 1010 Eastway, Glen Burnie, MD 21060). 2:00 to 3:00pm: Lactation Support Group. Open to all breastfeeding mothers and their children. No registration needed. For more information, call 410-595-1782. (301 Hospital Drive, 3 South classroom). 6:30-8:00pm: Mental Health Support Group. Community members and families discuss helpful information on psychiatric issues. No registration needed. For more information, call 410-553-8070. (Room A of the Partial Hospitalization Program or PHP, 301 Hospital Drive, second floor). THURSDAY, MAY 9 1:30-2:30pm: Preventing Diabetes Class. A diabetes educator

discusses factors leading to diabetes and lifestyle changes to prevent diabetes and improve overall health. To register for this free class or for more information, call 410-787-4940. (Center for Diabetes and Endocrinology at UM BWMC, 300 Hospital Drive, Suite 223). TUESDAY, MAY 14 6:00-7:30pm: Stroke Support Group. Survivors, caregivers and community members meet to discuss stroke recovery and prevention. For more information, call 410-787-4732. (Dr. Constantine Padussis Conference Center, 301 Hospital Drive, third floor). WEDNESDAY, MAY 15 5:30-6:30pm: Diabetes Support Group. Diabetes support group meets to discuss current issues regarding diabetes management (Center for Diabetes

and Endocrinology at UM BWMC, 300 Hospital Drive, Suite 223). Reservations are not requested. For more information, call 410-787-4940. THURSDAY, MAY 16 UM BWMC offers a free CPR Anytime community class at 301 Hospital Drive in the Dr. Constantine Padussis Conference Center, 301 Hospital Drive, third floor. Learn basic CPR, AED skills and choking relief. Adult skills class is offered at 5:30pm, followed by infant skills at 7:00pm. Preregistration is requested by calling 410-553-8103. The course does not provide CPR certification. TUESDAY, MAY 21 6:30-7:30pm: Parkinson’s Support Group. Open to patients with Parkinson’s disease, their caregivers, family mem-

bers, friends and anyone interested in learning more about the disease. Discussions include managing symptoms, maintaining an active and high-quality life, and sharing experiences and support. Preregistration is not required. Call 410-787-4433. (Dr. Constantine Padussis Conference Center, 301 Hospital Drive, third floor). WEDNESDAY, MAY 22 8:30am-noon: Free Blood Pressure Screenings. Harundale Presbyterian Church. No registration needed. (Eastway and Guilford Road, Glen Burnie). 2:30-3:00pm: Lactation Support Group. Open to all breastfeeding mothers and their children. No registration needed. For more information, call 410-595-1782. (301 Hospital Drive, 3 South classroom).



## After 30 Years, Side Street Framers & Gift Gallery Continues To Evolve

By Maya Pottiger

You never know what you're going to find when you walk into Side Street Framers & gift gallery.

Now 30 years into business, the store has gone through many evolutions — and is continuing to evolve.

"We're constantly evolving. We're never still," said co-owner Barbara Daniels.

The store's first evolution was offering shadowbox framing, which no one else was doing at the time.

"We started doing it because it was very interesting and became the experts in the area," Daniels said. "We got a reputation, and we've framed for people all over the country because of it."

Another evolution was beginning to frame more unique items as opposed to only pictures. Over the years, Side Street Framers has framed whale eardrums, Elvis Presley's scarf and a Naval Academy sword.

"We end up framing things that other people don't want



Among the dedicated team at Side Street Framers & gift gallery are (l-r) framer Stephanie Lavis, and mother-daughter co-owners Barbara Daniels and Dawn Wilson.

to frame," said Dawn Wilson, Side Street co-owner and Daniels' daughter. "They say no, but we never say no. We frame everything."

To keep up with the changing times, Side Street Framers started offering media transfer services. Whether you want to turn an old VHS tape into a DVD or restore old photos, Side Street can offer assistance.

About 15 years ago, Side Street added handcrafted gift items to its inventory.

"Everybody can buy the same pocketbook or the same necklace, everybody can have the same thing," Daniels said. "When you come in here, you get something unique and different and everybody does not have it."

Now, to continue its evolutions, the store is adding a new department: tea and honey.

"[My family has] been on this big health mission, and it's really helped a lot," Wilson said. "We're going to add a whole little department of some of these little treasures we find. We're trying to focus a little bit on all aspects of life."

Wilson helped drive the Shop Local movement in

Severna Park. The idea resonated with her because of how much local stores give back to the community.

"In order for people like us to be able to do that, you need to also shop in those local stores so they can give back," Daniels said. "If nobody shops in locally owned stores, how would they give back? It comes full circle."

Side Street Framers & gift gallery gives back to the local schools and provides auction items for many community events.

"It makes the community so unique when you have individual stores that are different," Wilson said. "It makes the whole community healthier, stronger, a better place to live and play."

## Whittles Receives Citation For Contributions To Small-Business Scene

Diane Whittles, president of SERVPRO of Annapolis/Severna Park, was among three business owners to receive a Governor's Citation in recognition of their contributions to Maryland's small-business community and the community at large. Along with Carolina Seledes, CEO of ITnova, and Roy White, president of Diverse Concepts Inc., Whittles received the citation at the Ready, Set, GROW! Procurement Connections Workshop held by the Governor's Office of Small, Minority & Women Business Affairs. More than 70 business owners — including minority business owners, female business owners and veteran business owners — attended the event to learn how to do business with state agencies.

"Maryland is open for business, and these entre-



preneurs have a big impact on the communities they serve," said Jimmy Rhee, special secretary of the Governor's Office of Small, Minority & Women Business Affairs. "We take the time to showcase some of the local superstars at each event as we move around the state. Their stories are both inspiring and motivational."

## What Is A Reverse Mortgage?

Jason LaBarge  
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John and Mary grew up during the Depression era. John had an eighth-grade education and Mary had a high school education. Both of them were hardworking, and although they did not have high-paying jobs, they were able to build a future for themselves and purchase a home where they raised their family. As retirement approached, their main asset was their home, which they owned outright. After looking at their options, they decided to consider a reverse mortgage to help fund their retirement. According to National

Mortgage News, seniors aged 62 and up hold \$6.6 trillion in equity, and since seniors tend to age in place, a reverse mortgage can make sense for some.

There are a lot of myths and misunderstandings about how reverse mortgages work. I am *not* a reverse mortgage expert, but enough people have asked me about them and I want to share basic information with you. Reverse mortgages can be complicated, so you should always get a financial professional's advice if you are considering one.

### REVERSE MORTGAGE EXPLAINED

The simplest explanation is that a reverse mortgage allows the seniors (aged 62 and older) to take out a mortgage loan based on the equity in their

home and receive monthly payments or a lump-sum payment. This is typically used to supplement retirement income.

### HOW A REVERSE MORTGAGE WORKS

A reverse mortgage loan is different than a traditional mortgage loan. With a traditional mortgage, your debt will fall over time and your equity in the home will rise. It's opposite with a reverse mortgage; over time, your equity will fall and your debt will rise.

After your home is appraised, a reverse mortgage will give you a loan in the amount of a percentage of the home equity in your home, however, it will not be 100%, because this loan is a non-recourse loan. This means that you will never owe more than the appraised value of your home, even if your home loses value after you get your reverse mortgage. Current interest rates and the youngest borrower's age are also considered.

You can receive the reverse mortgage loan amount as a lump sum or as monthly payments. You will not be required to make any further payments; however, the loan will accrue interest. You will also be responsible for maintaining the home, paying property taxes, and home insurance. In some instances, if you have an outstanding mortgage, the reverse mortgage company will pay off your outstanding balance, therefore saving you the cost of your monthly mortgage payment. The loan is repaid when you pass away or sell your home. Any remaining equity will go to you or your heirs.

### REVERSE MORTGAGE STABILIZATION ACT OF 2013

Prior to 2014, the reverse mortgage industry was a bit like the Wild West. There were not a lot of laws and regulations about what companies could do when setting up a reverse mortgage. Congress passed the Reverse Mortgage

Our monthly Business "Bites" meeting was held at **Romilo's Restaurant** on April 15, with **Scott Wallace, director of business solutions** for the **Anne Arundel Workforce Development Corporation** educating us on the many facets of AAWDC and its new internship program.

April 25 was the launch of the Learn and Lead program, sponsored by **Popham and Associates** and chaired by **Todd Popham and Jenn Triplett of the Treebranch Group**. The topic was "The Art of Giving and Receiving Feedback."

Our **Fourth of July Parade** has been a cherished tradition for decades, and this year will not disappoint. Our theme is **"Let Freedom (B)ring – Celebrating America's and Our Community's Generosity."** Visit our website and register your booth or walking entry. We are especially looking for communities with floats! Get your neighbors together and have some fun in the parade.

Visit our website to learn about all the free events and happenings. We would love to have you as a member of our chamber, as we know the value that small businesses and local organizations bring to our community. Call us at 410-647-3900 or [info@gspacc.com](mailto:info@gspacc.com) or visit [www.gspacc.com](http://www.gspacc.com).

## Chamber Update

Liz League  
CEO  
GSPACC



We are excited to announce our newest members of the chamber: **Meals on Wheels of Central Maryland, Tutor Partners, Waypoint Wellness Center, Maryland Coupons, ADP, Three Blue Bunnies, Green Healthy Cleaning/ Landscaping and Home Services, What's Up? Media, Caring Transitions of Annapolis/Wee-Sale LLC, Massage Envy — Severna Park, Healing Thyme Therapeutic Massage and Wellness Center, Adaptive Accounting Services and Children's Theatre of Annapolis.**

On April 3, **Branch Manager Melanie Ferragut of PNC Severna Park** hosted our Successful Women in Business First Cup Club coffee. More than 20 people attended for great networking and an opportunity to meet the bank employees.

On April 4, close to 100 people attended the multi-chamber joint business networking event hosted by our chamber and held at the wonderful **Hellas Restaurant & Lounge**. It was a high-energy morning of speed networking, exchanging business cards, and fabulous door prizes.

## COMMUNITY CONTRIBUTORS

### The Cornetts' Focus On Giving Back Comes Full Circle

By Elizabeth Harwood

Nestled within the Cypress Creek Road corridor is Cornett Heating and Cooling, a father-son business built on the foundation of hard work and serving the community.

In 1980, Severna Park resident Jim Cornett began an HVAC career on staff at Fort Meade, which included contract management and contract development. In 1992, Jim added his own evening and weekend HVAC work in the Severna Park area to support his growing family, thus founding his business, Cornett Heating and Cooling. Jim juggled the demands of two jobs and eight children for years, often taking advantage of his side business to spend time with his kids as they took turns hopping in the work van and going along for the ride. Jim saw this as bonding time, of course, but he emphasized a second purpose. "It was



Jim and Josh Cornett like giving back to the area they call home.

quality time, but it was also training," Jim said.

Jim believed in teaching his children the importance of planning ahead, not painting themselves into a corner, and finishing what they start. "When they go through all those steps," Jim said, "...they're proud of what they can do, and they have something that they've achieved; then that

starts to flow over into other things like schoolwork and gives them the confidence to do a lot of other things."

Josh Cornett, Jim's fourth child, returned to Severna Park after college in 2011 with his eye on rejuvenating the family business. Josh officially took the reins in 2016. Continuing through the two generations is his father's commit-

ment to community, a quality the Severna Park Community Center (SPCC) benefited from when met with a six-figure financial investment.

While attending the annual SPCC gala, Josh learned of the need to install a massive dehumidification system to improve the air quality of the popular indoor pool facility.

Josh felt like the numbers weren't adding up and he wanted to help. Entrenched in the HVAC business, Josh immediately donated his knowledge and his network to assemble a competitive alternative with a colleague. This decision saved the center, a nonprofit organization, a whopping \$200,000 that can now be used to fund other things, including programs. Interestingly, when asked why he loves his HVAC work so much, Josh's first response was because of his fondness for the local community and how there are so many ways to contribute.

"I don't like the added attention about bringing someone else in," Josh shared. "That's what I want the whole community to do, you know, that's just what you do — you help."

To learn more about the services, business ethos and family behind Cornett Heating and Cooling, visit [www.cornethvac.com](http://www.cornethvac.com) or call 410-647-6979.

Stabilization Act of 2013, which made the reverse mortgage industry much more consumer-friendly by directing the Federal Housing Administration to establish additional rules to improve the fiscal safety and soundness of the program.

When thinking about their future retirement, most people plan their retirement income to consist of maximizing their Social Security benefits, pension plan and retirement savings. However, some seniors, like John and Mary, need an additional way to supplement their income and they see a reverse mortgage as a viable option. If you are considering a reverse mortgage, you should meet with a professional to look at your specific situation and all your options; this is not a decision to make in a vacuum.

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### COMPLIANCE NOTES

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Ribbon Cuttings



Absolute Party Rental Turns 30 Years Old



Members of the Greater Severna Park and Arnold Chamber of Commerce gathered with other well-wishers to congratulate Brian Holt, owner of Absolute Party Rental, on 30 years in business.

ILoveKickboxing Celebrates Second Anniversary



At its annual festival at the Severna Park Community Center, ILoveKickboxing marked its second anniversary with a ribbon cutting ceremony, where owner Heather Myers did the honors.

Providence Center Launches New Pottery Studio



The Providence Center was proud to cut the ribbon on its new pottery studio — which will be open to the public for classes and parties — with a formal ribbon cutting.

Vital Fitness Holistic Center Opens In SP



Owners Scott Goldberg and Michelle Krause were excited to greet GSPACC members and other supporters to celebrate the grand opening of their business, Vital Fitness Holistic Center.

We Rock The Spectrum Under New Ownership



Devon and Octavia Brown welcomed members of the GSPACC for a ribbon cutting ceremony to celebrate their new ownership of We Rock The Spectrum.

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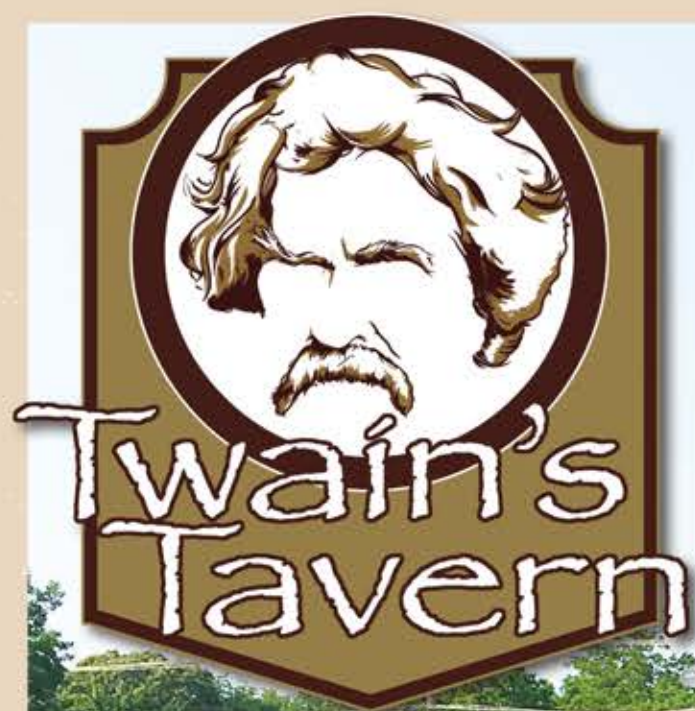


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**May 31st** - Alter Ego

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# Park Softball Defeats Broadneck, Stays In County Title Race



Photo by Colin Murphy  
Mackenzie Rice stepped off second base during Severna Park's 12-8 win over Broadneck on April 24.

By Colin Murphy  
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The Severna Park softball team has achieved an enviable but double-edged level of play in its pursuit of county and state supremacy this spring: the Falcons can play below their best and still win.

A rough-around-the-edges victory over Broadneck on April 24 showcased as much, as the Falcons pounded out 12 runs on 12 hits to nullify seven errors and come out on top of the host Bruins, 12-8.

In their first game coming off spring break — when Severna Park's games at Archbishop Spalding's Cavalier Classic, scheduled to be played at Bachman Park, were cancelled due to rain — the Falcons' abilities outweighed their mistakes to defeat the Bruins. **Campbell Kline, Maddy Gerard, Kylie Dingess** and **Emma Hall** all had two-hit

games as Severna Park used a seven-run second inning to take a sizable early advantage. **Livi Driver** had a two-run triple, while **Emily Wilson, Mackenzie Rice** and **Petyon Sullivan** all had hits in the victory; Sullivan added three steals.

But the Falcons nearly sweat out the win, committing seven errors, squandering multiple offensive opportunities and seeing Broadneck fight from a 9-2 deficit to ultimately fall by just four runs. “Not our best effort coming off of break,” said Severna Park head coach **Meredith McAlister**. “We made a lot of errors, seven, and then had three or four base-running mistakes, but we hit very well and made a couple nice plays defensively.”

Still, at 11-2 through 13 games, there is plenty to cheer about for Severna Park. An early-season loss to Glen Burnie and » **Continued on B4**

# Broadneck Baseball Sweeps Season Series Over Severna Park With 7-4 Win

Falcons Rebound With Win Over Arundel, Still Excelling At 13-4 Overall

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There's a positive feedback loop occurring for the Broadneck baseball team this spring, in which winning begets fun, which leads to winning, which snowballs into more fun. Attend a game, and a hilarious stream of antics spills out of the Bruins' dugout. A gaudy wrestling championship belt makes an appearance. Spontaneous fist-pump dances pop off. The sneak-attack untucking of teammates' jerseys is a constant danger. Patrolling over it all like sentinel gargoyles is a mysterious pair of magnificently ugly,

plastic chupacabra-like creatures perched atop the fencepost. The Bruins are letting it rip, and they don't care what anyone thinks about it. It was all on display in the Bruins' 7-4 win over visiting rival Severna Park on April 24. The Falcons fared better than any other team this season against Broadneck starting pitcher **Nick Gatton**, totaling nine hits and four earned runs against the Bruins' senior ace. But Gatton kept his composure, got outs and defensive backing when he needed it, recorded all 21 outs in seven full innings and led the Bruins' offensive charge to help Broadneck to a victory. Gatton was 4-for-4 at the plate, **Dylan Tenney** had two hits and three RBIs, **Nick Toskov** had two base



Photo by Colin Murphy  
Broadneck pitcher Nick Gatton got his fifth win of the year as the Bruins defeated Severna Park 7-4 on April 24.

hits, and Broadneck racked up 13 hits in overcoming the Falcons to move to 12-2 overall on the season, including 10-2 in Anne

Arundel County. “It's always a good day to beat Severna Park twice in a season,” said Gatton, who was the winning pitcher in a 3-0 defeat of the Falcons on March 26 and entered the game having not given up a run in 24.1 total innings. Despite his relatively substandard performance on the mound against the Falcons this time around, he said the win is the latest example of the Bruins' energy and confidence carrying them to a solid win against a good team. “We've been playing with each other for a while now, and guys really love each other,” Gatton said. “We've got great chemistry this year, and that's what's really propelled us to do how we're doing right now.” Broadneck got offensive production to jump out to » **Continued on B3**

# Indian Creek Baseball Sets Sights On Titles, This Year And Beyond

By Colin Murphy  
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The plan for Indian Creek baseball is straightforward: win, win again, move up, and win some more. Already sitting on a championship earned last May, the Eagles have the next phase of their plan off to a strong start this spring. At 7-1 in Maryland Interscholastic Athletic Association C Conference play through eight games, the Eagles and their young core of primarily juniors and sophomores have beaten opponents with a mix of potent hitting, slick fielding and pitching depth. “It's getting real good real quick on the competitive

side,” said head coach **Matt Selmer** following Indian Creek's 18-2 win over Chapelgate Christian Academy on April 23. “Our starting nine are juniors and sophomores now, and next year we bring them all back again. That core is really starting to gel. They're really playing together. It's exciting. They give us confidence.” It wasn't hard to see why during Indian Creek's overpowering win over Chapelgate. **Evan Selmer** hit for the cycle with seven RBIs in a 4-for-4 day that included a grand-slam home run, while **Parker Harris** (three hits), **Alex Seidleck** (2 for 2 with a home run and three RBIs) and **Travis** » **Continued on B8**



Photo by Colin Murphy  
Jordan Cann pitched for Indian Creek during the Eagles' 18-2 win over Chapelgate on April 23.

# Broadneck Boys Claims Public/Private Challenge Supremacy

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Local allegiances, rivalries and friendships were thrown into a blender for the boys lacrosse Public/Private Challenge as Severna Park and Broadneck both played matches against prep counterparts Severn and Spalding over spring break.

Broadneck came out on top of it all. The Bruins came from behind to defeat the Admirals at Severna Park High School on April 18, rallying late in the second half to come away with a 10-9 victory, and they completed a 2-0 sweep of the tournament on April 20 with a 9-7 victory over Archbishop Spalding at Severn. Severna Park suffered its first loss of the season by falling 13-6 at home to Archbishop Spalding on April 18 but salvaged the second leg of the Challenge by defeating Severn 9-8 in double overtime on April 20. The Cavaliers scored some important neighborhood

bragging rights by avenging last season's loss to the Falcons, while Severn suffered the sting of two one-goal losses. It was Broadneck that stole the spotlight. Coming off a defeat to Severna Park on April 12 in which the Bruins lost to the visiting Falcons 16-7 — **Jimmy Maher** scored seven goals and had three assists for Severna Park in the Falcons' win over Broadneck — the Bruins trailed Severn for most of the game and nearly the entire second half in the Challenge's opener at Severna Park on April 18 and looked to be headed for another loss. But a late flurry of goals combined with effective defense and



Photo by Colin Murphy  
Broadneck's Vinny Facciponti fought off Severn defensemen AJ McNemar and Cameron Mang (15) in leading a Bruins comeback that culminated with two goals in the final three minutes for a 10-9 win on April 18. Broadneck won both its games in the Public/Private Challenge.

faceoff supremacy powered Broadneck to swipe the win from the Admirals. With the Bruins down 9-8 with three minutes to play following a goal by Severn's

**AJ McNemar**, Broadneck's **Vinny Facciponti** won a faceoff, took the ball down and scored to tie the game at 9-9. Facciponti won the ensuing face-off, and the

Bruins worked a lengthy possession before **Keegan Houser** scored the game-winner with 57 seconds remaining. Facciponti and **Brendan Kennedy** each scored three goals for the Bruins, while Houser had two and **Bubba Bowen** and **Dan Shea** both had goals. **Ben McGrady** made five saves for the Bruins, while Facciponti won 17 of 23 face-offs. **Jon Jarosz** had three goals for Severn in the loss, while **Zack Kinsella** and **Henry Rentz** had two goals each and **Collin Earvin** added a score. **Loukas Sotiropoulos-Lawrence** made 12 saves, but Severn couldn't close out the win in the face of an unrelenting Broadneck mentality to keep pushing.

“A lot of our team was on the team last year, when we were down at halftime in almost every game, and we'd always fight back and win,” said Facciponti. “We've just got to keep that same mentality, and we knew that if we all believe it, we can definitely do it.” Spalding was walking onto the field to take on Severna Park as the Bruins were high-fiving following their win over Severn, and the Bruins and Cavs exchanged some spirited chirping in anticipation of their Saturday tilt. That one ended up going Broadneck's way, too. Houser scored four goals; Facciponti scored a goal and won 15 faceoffs; McGrady made eight saves; Kennedy had three assists; and Bowen, **Casey Demanski, Hayden Gourley** and **Parker Griffey** added goals in a 9-7 Broadneck victory over the Cavs in which Broadneck never trailed. Houser said after beating Severn that the Bruins showed resolve to produce a » **Continued on B2**



# Bruins Claim Supremacy, Spalding Wins Rivalry With SP In Public/Private Challenge

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quality win following a disappointing loss at home to Severna Park.  
“We try to stay humble, but we took a bad loss [to Severna Park] last week, so we’re trying to build our confidence back up and get back in the swing of things,” said Houser.

Archbishop Spalding may have been the victim of Broadneck’s rising confidence on April 20, but the Cavs authored a memorable victory in their win over Severna Park on April 18. The Falcons jumped out to a 2-0 lead against Spalding on goals by **Connor Panebianco** and **Cam Bear** and looked to be on course to another impressive win and a continuation of their hitherto undefeated season. The Falcons likewise won the rivalry matchup with Spalding in 2018 and 2017, and their public-over-private grip seemed initially to be tightening.  
But from there, the only thing that tightened was Spalding’s defense. Cavaliers goalie **Jake Oliver** made a pair of saves on Severna Park’s next few possessions, and senior defenseman **Ryan McDaniel** led a Spalding defense that went on to shut out the Falcons over the rest of the first quarter, all of the second and most of the third. Russell Melendez assisted on goals to **Hudson Stramanak** and **Michael Weisshaar**



**Left:** Archbishop Spalding’s Russell Melendez went to work against the defense of Severna Park’s Mark Bredeck. **Right:** The Cavaliers’ Stephen Ripley fired a shot over his shoulder to score late in the first half of Spalding’s 13-6 win over the Falcons. “It’s everything,” said Spalding senior Will Sherwood of his team’s win over Severna Park. “This is one of the biggest games of the season for us.”

before scoring a goal of his own to put Spalding up 3-2 after one quarter.  
From there, Spalding was off to the races. **Will Sherwood** and **Ryan Schrier** both scored in the second period, and **Stephen Ripley** capped the first half with a sensational over-the-shoulder goal for a 6-2 Spalding lead at halftime. Spalding extended its lead to 9-2 in the third quarter behind goals by Weisshaar, Sherwood, Schrier and **Josh Tang** before Bear ended the Severna Park drought shortly before the end of the third quarter to make it 10-3.  
The Falcons pulled to

within 10-4, but the Cavs didn’t relinquish the momentum, and McDaniel, a Severna Park resident, punctuated the night with his first goal of the season. A defenseman, McDaniel corralled a ground ball near midfield and barreled down toward the goal before firing a shot directly at the facemask of Severna Park goalie Casey Fox. The ball bounced off Fox’s helmet and directly back to McDaniel, who punched in his own rebound for an 11-4 lead.  
Schrier completed his hat trick late to cap the Cavs’ 13-6 win; Oliver made 12 saves in the victory.  
“We went down 2-0 pretty quick, so give credit to our guys for kind of staying with it and battling back, chipping away and staying with



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the ‘Next play, next play, next play’ mentality,” said Spalding coach Brian Phipps. “I’m happy for our guys to get the win. Severna Park does a great job, Coach [Dave] Earl’s got a very well-coached team and a talented team, so give credit to them. But I’m happy for our guys.”  
For Sherwood, McDaniel and junior middle **Tucker Denault**, a trio of Severna Park residents who play for Spalding, the win held special significance.  
“It’s everything,” said Sherwood. “We’ve played with these guys and against these guys for our whole lives. I’ve got a lot of friends on that team. So, this means everything, and this is one of the biggest games of the season for us.”  
Said Denault, “We grew up

playing football with these guys, and in middle school we were boys playing football together and everything, and then we split up. Two years ago they beat us by one and last year they beat us by one, and then this year we got the win.”  
McDaniel said he couldn’t have dreamt up a better scenario than scoring his first goal of the year in a win over Severna Park.  
“I don’t even have words, that was the happiest moment of my life right there,” McDaniel said with a laugh. “It came right back to me, and I just shot it again, and it went in. I was so happy. ... It’s a big thing to finally beat them. For me, this is definitely the biggest game of the year.”  
Severna Park got right

back to it a couple days later, needing a game-high four goals from Panebianco and three from **Mikie Harmeyer**, including the game-winner in double overtime, to defeat Severn at Severn, 9-8. Fox, now the Falcons’ goalie after an injury to senior **Shane Carr**, made nine saves against the Admirals in victory, and Severna Park received additional scores from **Kurt Klaus** and Maher; Maher also had four assists.  
For Severn, Jarosz had three goals; Rentz scored two goals and had an assist; **Kain Domenech** and Kinsella both had a goal and an assist; and Sotiropoulos-Lawrence made eight saves in the defeat.  
For Severna Park, Spalding represented one of the Falcons’ toughest opponents so far, and the loss should ultimately prove useful as Severna Park seeks to firm up any weaknesses with the postseason approaching.  
“I think we can always get better,” said coach Earl, a message that stays consistent through wins and losses. “Hats off to Spalding. They had a great game plan against us, they’re extremely well-coached, they’re very athletic, and they took it to us tonight. ... You learn a lot. You learn a lot about yourselves. Everybody has to look in the mirror, and it starts with me. We have to figure out what went wrong, look at the film and go from there.”

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Bruins Defeat Falcons 7-4, Sweep Season Series With Severna Park

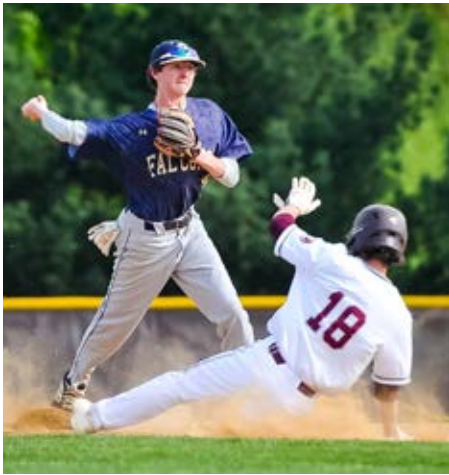
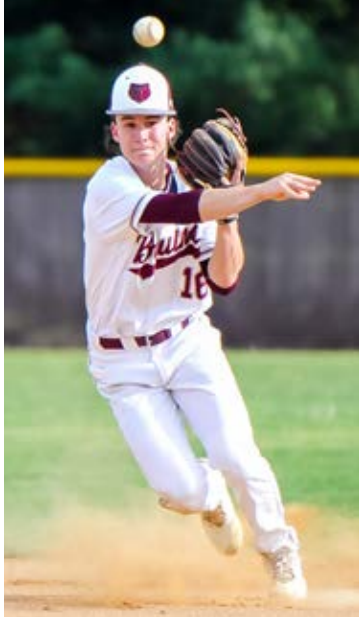
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an early advantage, taking a 4-0 lead with two runs in both the first and second innings. Even after Severna Park got to Gatton for two runs in the top of the fourth, the Bruins responded with another two in the bottom of inning and tacked on another in the sixth. **Ben Schultz, Jackson Halla, Matt Isaac, Ryan Smolen** and **Ethan Soto** all had hits to help Broadneck answer every Severna Park comeback attempt.

Severna Park battled back from deficits with two-run frames in the fourth and sixth innings. **Jordan Hallet** and **Brendan Simonds** had two hits apiece for Severna Park, while **Tom McGalliard** added an RBI base hit and **Jackson Merrill, Camden Handwerger, Josh Horgan** and **Corey Bodnar** all managed hits against the normally stout Gatton.

Gatton crept up on the 105-pitch limit to close the game (he threw 103), getting three consecutive fly outs to center fielder Toskov to end the game. His ERA rose from 0.00 to a still stellar 0.90 in earning the win, his fifth of the season.

Broadneck coach **Matt Skrenchuk** said Gatton has been superb both as a pitcher and offensively, and it has led an energized Broadneck season, in which the Bruins are firmly in the mix for a spot in the county championship game and top region seeding.

“Nick really gives us a great chance to win every time he steps up. He’s playing with a lot of confidence. ... The guys play with a lot of confidence.



With El Hefe the battle coyote(s) watching, the Bruins were able to make the plays they needed to defeat Severna Park 7-4 and sweep their season series against the Falcons.



the Falcons, who scored a combined 34 runs in recent wins over Meade, North Point and Huntingtown and are 8-2 over their last 10 games. In the win over North Point on April 20, a 17-2 drubbing, Simonds had a grand slam and a double, Merrill had three hits, Horgan had three hits and two doubles, **Evan Lewis** had two hits and a double, and **Caleb Robinson** added a double and three RBIs. In a 6-5 win over Huntingtown that same day, Horgan doubled and homered and had two RBIs, and Lewis hit a solo home run. Catcher **Mark Sasse** added a double, Merrill and Bodnar each had two hits, **Parker Jones** had an RBI and **Matt Simms** had two hits.

Severna Park rebounded with a strong win over Arundel on April 27, defeating the Wildcats 11-5. Horgan homered and doubled and had four RBIs, while Merrill was 3-for-3 with two runs. Lewis doubled, Handwerger singled and scored three runs, Bodnar singled and scored twice, and Sasse had an RBI. Simonds was the winning pitcher.

With playoffs nearing, the feeling is the Falcons still have another gear to reach. Starting pitchers Simonds and Lewis and reliever **Logan Harris** been strong for the Falcons, who are looking to round fully into form as the calendar turns to May, when pitching will be key as always.

“We have Evan and Brendan, and Logan is our go-to in relief,” said Milton. “Evan and Brendan have been great, and that’s who we’re going to ride.”

Last year, we started seven underclassmen out of nine. So we’ve returned just about everybody except for two outfielders. Last year we took some lumps with that, but it’s starting to pay dividends this year, because the guys have had a lot of experience and have played in a lot of tight games. They play at a high level in the offseason, and it’s starting to pay off for us.”

Tenney, a senior, said the Bruins are working hard and receiving pragmatic benefits from El Hefe, the pair of

snarling creatures adoring the Bruins’ dugout.

“It’s just everyone communicating and working together,” Tenney said. “Everyone pushes each other at practice. We get better every day. It’s the little things we do really well. Making plays, making contact, moving the runners over. It’s the simple things. ... El Hefe is our battle coyote. Sometimes he has armor. We’ll put catcher’s gear on him. He’s like the mascot. He keeps away the geese, because they doo-doo

all over our field. He’s our good luck charm.”

There’s a chance the Bruins will see Severna Park again. The Falcons are still having a strong season at 12-4 overall, and with losses only to Broadneck (twice), South River and Chesapeake, the Falcons could secure a spot in the county championship game and a potential rematch with the Bruins; South River, Chesapeake and Arundel are all still alive for the same opportunity.

Severna Park head coach **Eric Milton** was happy to

see the Falcons battle back and hit Gatton better than anyone else has this year but said his lineup might have been going for the haymaker early in the game.

“[Broadneck] got out to a lead and put the ball in play,” Milton said. “First couple innings, we were trying to go for the home run instead of putting the ball in play. We had some hard-hit balls right at guys. It was a close game at the end. Their balls found holes, and ours didn’t.”

The loss interrupted a recent strong stretch for



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## Falcons, Bruins Unite To Honor Kenny Elgert



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The Severna Park and Broadneck softball teams joined together to honor the memory of longtime county sports fan and Severna Park supporter **Kenny Elgert** by inviting Elgert's family to throw out the first pitch of their game on April 24. (Top L-R) Kenny's brother-in-law **Ben Roberts**, nephew **Nolan Roberts**, sister **Stephanie Roberts**, Kenny's father **Chip Elgert**, niece **Abby Roberts**, and mother **Barbara Herget-Elgert** went to the circle to throw out the first pitch, and Kenny's nephew **Owen Roberts** was at home plate with a catcher's mitt to catch the ball. Broadneck and Severna Park players and coaches presented the Elgert family with flowers before the game and a framed softball jersey, and the Falcons wore special game jerseys with "Kenny" and No. 1 on the back.

## County Title Hopes Alive For SP Softball

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a midseason loss to Chesapeake haven't shaken the confidence of the Falcons, who are still in contention with both the Gophers and Cougars for a spot in the county championship game on May 7.  
"We're just always learning," said Driver, asked about what the team rebounds from losses. "We're always giving each other advice, from what coach says to what we say to each other, it's a team thing." She concurred that beating the Bruins always carries a little extra heft: "It's always exciting to beat Broadneck because of the rivalry, and we know a lot of them from travel ball," Driver said.

Dingess, Severna Park's go-to pitcher, likewise reframed the team's losses as opportunities.

"It just motivates us to work harder, and we can come out and beat them the next time we see them," Dingess said.

As the performance against Broadneck showed, Severna Park's offensive



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**Emily Wilson** took a lead off third base during Severna Park's 12-8 win over Broadneck on April 24.

fight," she said. "We've been trying to get that back, so it's good to get that back. Do you want to come out the winning side? Absolutely. But, we made the plays we needed to make, and we hit the ball. They hit the ball where we weren't a few times, and that was the difference. Hats off to them. They're a good team."

Contributions came from throughout the lineup, as **Shania Kellison**, **Cori Berezney**, **Julia Harrison** and **Brooke Magoulick** all had two-hit games and **Elizabeth Shafer**, **Madison Chadwick** and **Ryan Finazzo** added hits. Shafer, Berezney and Kellison all had doubles as part of their days, while Harrison had two steals.

At 5-8, Broadneck has been on the losing end of close games against good teams, including a 4-2 loss to South River in late March and a 6-3 loss to Northeast in mid-April.

Romeo Hamilton knows her lineup is going to be a scary draw for some team in the region tournament, and if they play up to their potential, as they did for several innings against Severna Park, a playoff run is there for the taking.

"We've been on the wrong side of some close games," said Romeo Hamilton. "If we play like we did today against a good team, there is confidence in that."

depth gives them a chance to win every time out.

"Our mental game is there for hitting," said Dingess. "We have finally caught up with being confident in the box and just trying to hit the ball in play."

In the Broadneck dugout, coach **Deanna Romeo Hamilton** and the Bruins see reason for optimism. Romeo Hamilton liked the fight her Bruins showed in coming back to make the game close against Severna Park.

"I'm happy to see that, because there's been times this season when we've gone down and haven't had that



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# Indian Creek Girls Prep For Postseason



Left: Indian Creek's Kara Matthews attacked the goal against Oldfields on April 23. Right: Sarah Mathes is the Eagles' leading scorer this season and netted the game-winning goal in the closing seconds of a 16-15 win over Beth Tfiloh on April 16.

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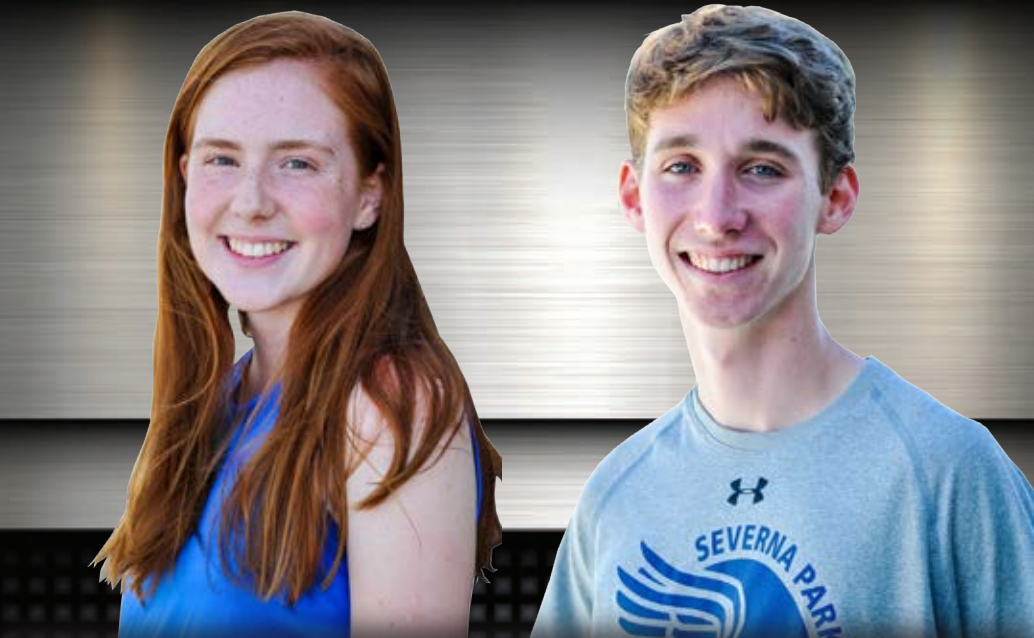
The Indian Creek girls lacrosse program has taken a circuitous path in recent seasons. After excelling in the Interscholastic Athletic Association of Maryland C Conference and winning consecutive championships in 2013 and 2014, the Eagles moved up to the B Conference for the last four seasons, only to run up against the often superior depth of other teams from larger schools with larger student populations. Back in the C Conference this season after a four-year tour, the Eagles are once again squarely competitive and playing well. "We're playing similar-sized schools, and it's

great to be competitive again," said Indian Creek coach **Steve Willett**. "In the B Conference we'd be competitive for a half or three-quarters of the game, and then the depth of the other schools would take over." A 15-2 win over Oldfields on April 23 moved the Eagles to 5-3 in IAAM C play this season. **Sarah Mathes** led Indian Creek with nine goals on the day, while **Kallie Huff** scored three goals, **Megan Bunker** added two goals and 12 draw controls, and **Kara Matthews** scored one goal and added three assists. **Cali Schwerdfeger** and **Mary Kate House** added assists in the victory for the Eagles. A notable win came in a 16-15 defeat of Beth Tfiloh, when Mathes scored the game-winning goal in the

closing seconds for a 16-15 win over a team ahead of Indian Creek in the conference standings. "Beth Tfiloh, they're always strong, tough kids, well-coached, great home-field atmosphere, and we won in the last seconds," said Willett. "[Sarah] has been our big scorer this year as a senior leader and captain, having a great season for us." Willett noted that many of the team members were part of the school's spring musical production of "Newsies," and with their successful theater performances now complete, they're turning their attention to the rest of the season and the postseason. "We're psyched now to have some continuity until the end," said Willett. "We're looking forward to the playoffs."

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# STUDENT-ATHLETE OF THE MONTH



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Stephanie Brenneman and Matthew Bateman are valued role players and leaders for the Severna Park cross country and track teams.

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In the sport of running, individual excellence is the headline-grabber, and the fastest times speak for themselves in identifying the cream-of-the-crop ability. But the top runners at any distance will tell you: training partners and teammates make all the difference. That's a big part of how Severna Park's **Matthew Bateman** and **Stephanie Brenneman** shine for the Falcons. As members of Severna Park's highly successful cross country, indoor track and outdoor track teams, Bateman and Brenneman have excelled in their roles as leaders and team captains, embracing their places — often out of the limelight — for the betterment of everyone around them. "Matthew and Stephanie are both fantastic leaders that help make everything go smoothly," said Severna Park assistant coach **Justin Marvel**. "They are hard workers that are irreplaceable." Both Bateman and Brenneman are highly capable runners — Bateman runs a 4:30 mile and was part of Severna Park cross country's state championship lineup last fall, while Brenneman runs a 6:17 mile that ranks in the JV range for the Falcons — but neither occupies the very top spots for the exceptionally deep Severna Park cross country and track teams. Brenneman, a junior, has established herself as a leader and force of positive encouragement within Severna Park's team-centric culture. "Stephanie is a big motivator in workouts, cheering for every person down the line,"

said teammate **Grace Cambon**. "She'll be out of breath cheering every person's name as they run. She gets the team to be more cohesive, gets girls hanging out, and she always has a positive attitude, and she does it all with a smile on her face. She brightens the team." From running extra warm-up or cool-down laps with teammates to helping the freshmen navigate pre-race jitters, Brenneman said she's another limb of support in a strong family tree of Severna Park cross country and track. "I think my role on the team is, I like to believe I'm a positive person and can encourage my teammates and make them feel welcome and included," Brenneman said. "Us having each other to work off of and encourage each other, it feels like a family, so I just like being a part of that. I really give everything to my teammates, who make me feel like a part of the team."

"Maybe freshman year he was lower on the team, then sophomore and junior year he made a huge jump, and everybody saw what he was doing, and they came to realize how hard he works," said Clark. "He's not only a leader as a captain, but people look to him and want to be like him because he pushes himself harder than anyone I can imagine." Chaisson lauded Bateman's ability to return from injury as a junior, and Bateman noted that his running injury forced him to become stronger mentally and establish deeper resolve to commit to best training practices. "That was kind of my turning point as an individual because I sat out for awhile trying to heal," said Bateman. "I was watching my friends work really hard during these workouts and stuff, and I was like, 'I've got to start taking this really seriously.' My times actually got better after my injury because I had this mental change more than a physical change. That injury kid of pushed me forward instead of setting me back, and it helped me get back to being able to run with my friends."

Bateman, a senior, is a strong runner in the 800-meter, the mile and the two-mile. His name often follows teammates (and best friends) **Alex Chaisson** and **Garrison Clark** in placements, but they cite both his work ethic and strong times as a motivating factor in their success and that of the team. "He's right there with us every day. He's working hard and getting the job done, and everybody's looking at him like, 'If he's working this hard, I've got to work this hard,'" said Chaisson. Clark noted how much Bateman has improved over the course of his high school career as indicative of his drive and as a model for others seeking to reach their potential.

Bateman's character aligns with Severna Park's team-centric culture, and he sees himself as someone who slots into wherever his coaches put him and does his best to strengthen the whole unit. "Something that I've learned through the years and developed while being on this team is how important the group is, not the individual," said Bateman. "Cross-country is a very team-oriented sport. That's where our strengths come in, when we're working for each other and working as a group."

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# BHS, SP Athletes Commit



Photos courtesy of Broadneck Athletics, Severna Park Athletics

Broadneck High School celebrated a proud day on April 25 as a total of 20 student-athletes made their college commitments official at a signing-day ceremony on campus. **Jack Alperstein** (men's swimming, McDaniel College), **Luke Boone** (men's soccer, Roanoke), **Carlos Coates** (football, Moorpark College), **Luke DelRosario** (football, Merchant Marine Academy), **Claire Flynn** (women's basketball, Goucher), **Justin Fogt** (football, Dickinson), **Michael Garlington** (wrestling, York College), **Finn Garner** (tennis, Navy), **Louie Kerdock** (men's soccer, Frostburg), **Matt McAllister** (football, Wesley College), **Robert McDonald** (men's lacrosse, Northern Vermont University), **Sebastian Radovic** (men's lacrosse, Marymount University), **Luis Rodriguez** (football, Geneva College), **Ethan Romito** (men's soccer, Robert Morris University), **Romeo Simonds** (football, Albright University), **Dillon Smith** (baseball, Chesapeake Community College), **John Vaaler** (men's soccer, United States Coast Guard), **T-Naejah Watts** (football, Wesley College) and **Bradley Zoellner** (baseball, Chesapeake Community College) will all play their respective sports at the college level. At Severna Park, **Emily Knight** (track and field, Tennessee) and **Julia Ryan** (basketball, Marymount University) made their college commitments official in a ceremony on April 15.

# Indian Creek Baseball Focused On Titles

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**Garnett** (2 for 3 with three RBIs) all had multi-hit days. Additional hits my **Maurice Elder, Jordan Cann, Matthew Hawes, Logan Harris, Chris Kokoski** and **Andrew Biggers** rounded out the Eagles' overwhelming offensive output, while Cann earned the victory on the mound, allowing two earned runs on four hits and striking out eight in five innings.

Other wins throughout the season have highlighted Indian Creek's strengths. Harris hit a solo home run on April 18 that lifted the team to a 1-0 victory over Concordia Prep, who the Eagles defeated in last year's championship and who dealt Indian Creek its only conference loss this season, a 3-2 defeat on March 27. Seidleck pitched a no-hitter in a dominant 19-0 victory over St. Frances on April 8, striking out 12 and walking only one on 65 pitches.

Offensively, the exploits of Seidleck (.433 batting average, three home runs, 10 RBI, team-high 13 runs), Selmer (.433, 12 RBIs), Garnett (.467, 12 RBIs, team-high 14 hits), Harris (.370) and Elder (.368, team-high 14 hits, 10 runs) jump off the page.

The pitching has been there, too. Selmer has a 1.34 ERA in a team-high 26 innings, while Elder has two wins, Cann has three wins, and Seidleck hasn't allowed a run in 8.2 innings. They've accomplished a team ERA of 2.063 almost entirely without Garnett, the towering 6-foot-5 sophomore lefty ace and University of Maryland commit who has thrown only 1.1 innings while working his way back from minor arm soreness, primarily just

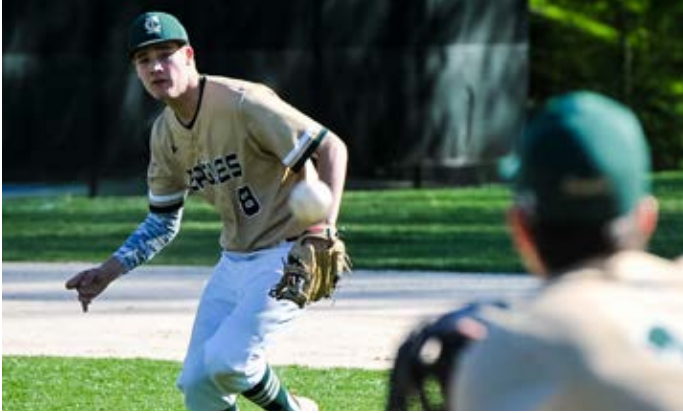


Photo by Colin Murphy

*Alex Seidleck's standout play at shortstop has been one of many bright spots for Indian Creek baseball this spring.*

playing first base and batting. Garnett is returning fully to the rotation with the playoffs just near on the horizon.

"We're getting a lot of good pitching," said coach Selmer. "Maurice has really done well, Alex has pitched well, so our big-game pitchers are Maurice, Evan, Alex and then of course Travis."

Depending on who's pitching, the players' versatility allows them to star in multiple roles. Harris has excelled as the team's catcher, while Selmer plays multiple infield spots, Cann and Elder possess excellent speed and athleticism in the outfield, and Seidleck has fielded superbly at shortstop.

Add it all up, and Indian Creek's ceiling lies above the opportunities that will be afforded them this season, when the Eagles can max out with another C Conference title.

Elder said the team just focuses on continuing to build on its success.

"This year we came in already knowing who we are and getting ready to play baseball every single day, and we're tracking for the championship game while

working on fundamentals," Elder said.

Cann noted the program's window is wide open not just with the current core, but also with the pipeline of kids coming in, many of whom train at Athletic Performance Inc., where coach Selmer is the baseball director.

"We've got really good freshmen coming in," said Cann, a junior. "So we're a young team, and we're just getting better each day."

Opponents, notably Concordia Prep, will probably have some say in whether Indian Creek fully executes the vision for this season, but as of late April the Eagles are established as favorites to win a second consecutive championship.

Said Evan Selmer, "Obviously this year the goal is to win the C Conference and then next year move up to the B Conference and make a solid record up there."

He didn't stop at just a solid record, and the program isn't shy about stating its long-term goals once promoted to the more competitive B Conference.

"The plan is to win it," said Selmer.

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# Opening Day Home Run Kicks Off Green Hornets’ 70th Anniversary

**By Judy Tacyn**

Baseball and softball Opening Day ceremonies in Maryland are as unpredictable as the Orioles’ season, and they often succumb to the ever-changing Maryland weather. League commissioners are always at the mercy of April showers. Luckily for the nearly 900 players in the Greater Severna Park Athletic Association who anxiously awaited the kickoff the Green Hornets’ 70th year on Saturday, April 6, at Kinder Farm Park, Mother Nature decided not to deliver the fans a curveball.

“We plan Opening Day each year knowing there is a 50% chance we could possibly be rained out, snowed out or simply frozen out,” said Michael Phillips, Green Hornets baseball commissioner. “This past Saturday, we were blessed with what I believe might have been the most beautiful weather we have experienced on Opening Day in the past 10 years.”

Opening Day is filled with decades-long tradition. The annual parade of teams and banner contest was spectacular, and the Wild Pitch, Hit & Run competition was made extra special for the kids because they were escorted by Severna Park High School players from the varsity and junior varsity softball and baseball teams.

The annual Wild Pitch, Hit, & Run effort is



Nearly 900 players in the Greater Severna Park Athletic Association attended the kickoff for the Green Hornets’ 70th year on Saturday, April 6, at Kinder Farm Park.

coordinated by the Wild family in memory of their son, Taylor Wild, a former Marine and Severna Park High School baseball player. “We had about 140 youth players compete in the Wild Pitch, Hit & Run. We are so proud every year to keep a connection to Green Hornets and Severna Park baseball and softball,” Betz Wild said. “So many memorable moments in Taylor’s life happened while playing sports. As a big brother, Taylor was always good to his siblings, Griffin and Libby. The high school players did a great honor to Taylor by showing the youth players kindness and encouragement. We are so thankful to the high school coaches for helping to make this a great

event for everyone!”

Now in her first year at the helm of Green Hornets softball, commissioner Christina Young had the perfect way to honor Eddie Proulx — a former Green Hornets baseball player whose life was tragically cut short on March 1, 2019 — while highlighting an up-and-coming pitching standout, Lydia Proulx. “Opening Day was an amazing first experience for me as commissioner,” Young said. “The highlight of my morning was watching my own daughter, Megan Young, catch the first pitch thrown by Lydia Proulx, who stood perfectly confident on the mound and nailed her underarm pitch straight to home plate. The

sound from the crowd’s cheers are still echoing in my ears days later. It truly was an amazing moment for all.”

Lydia is wearing her brother’s No. 43 in his honor this season.

The occasion was also special for Michael Phillips, a Severna Park native who can remember four decades ago standing in line at Severna Park Middle School with his mother while waiting to register for Green Hornets baseball. “It is an honor for me to play a small part in carrying on the now 70-year-old vision of Harvey Garcelon, who formed the first Green Hornets teams back in 1949. As baseball commissioner, I hold the bragging rights

to overseeing the longest standing Green Hornets sport,” Michael Phillips said. “I’ve now come full circle in the Green Hornets program as a player, father of sons who played Green Hornets sports and are now in high school, coach and administrator,” Phillips continued. “My guess is there were a few hundred kids in the baseball program when I first played. Our program has grown to more than 760 players in the spring who play America’s favorite pastime and more than 350 players who join us again when autumn rolls around for fall baseball.”

The parade of teams proudly walked behind their banners down the asphalt path at Kinder, through the “tunnel of brotherhood and sisterhood” formed by the Severna Park High School baseball and softball players. They went out onto the 90-inch baseball diamond, filling the infield three rows deep with teams. Michael Phillips was struck by the emotional tradition and strong sense of community. “As I stood on the mound and looked around at all the Green Hornets and Severna Park High School baseball and softball players and coaches circling the infield, I was overwhelmed by the realization that baseball is not only a game but a sport that binds communities, families and friends like none other,” he said. Grayson Phillips and

## WHAT COACHES SAID ABOUT OPENING DAY

“I am just honored to be a small part of such a great tradition. The Green Hornets is such a wonderful organization for so many kids, including my own, over the years. I would like to thank the Green Hornets for including the Severna Park High School baseball team in the festivities.”

**Eric Milton, SPHS Varsity Baseball Head Coach**

“I always look forward to the Green Hornets Opening Day because it brings back lots of great memories while raising my own children. In representing Severna Park High School as a coach, I enjoy bringing my team each year and seeing them interacting with the young kids.”

**Dave Ferris, SPHS Junior Varsity Baseball Head Coach**

Colin Gillespie presented the Maryland and United States flags as part of Boy Scout Troop 450 before Cameron White, a freshman at Archbishop Spalding, sang the national anthem. Then, commissioners Young and Phillips stood on the pitcher’s mound and jointly shouted what everyone came to hear: “play ball!”

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# Park Girls Turn It On In Second Half, Defeat Broadneck 14-7

By Colin Murphy  
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The Severna Park girls lacrosse team kept its exceptional season rolling against its rival on April 12, turning a tight game at halftime into a thorough win by defeating Broadneck 14-7.

The Falcons received a game-high five goals from **Hunter Chadwick**, who also had two assists, as well as hat-tricks by **Julia Putzi** and **Haley Betch** in subduing Broadneck and remaining undefeated at 7-0.

**Alex Miller, Maddy Brady** and **Cam Chew** added goals for Severna Park, which got stout play from its defense in limiting Broadneck to three goals in the first half and four in the second. Chew led the Falcons with four ground balls.

Chadwick said a week of preparation translated to performance on game day.

“We work on a lot of

footwork of defense, and then we work on getting big and moving the ball and keeping our head up and making sure we have outlet passes when we get doubled, because that’s where we’ve struggled and sometimes lose the ball,” said Chadwick, a senior.

“We’ve been working really hard on getting the outlet and hitting the open girl.”

It yielded positives for Severna Park (7-0) on a rainy afternoon at Broadneck (4-3). The teams battled throughout a low-scoring first half, and the Falcons led 5-3 at halftime.

That’s when Severna Park began to pull away. The Falcons led 7-5 early in the second when they called timeout and focused their efforts. Chadwick gave Severna Park some breathing room with a superb individual effort, dodging through two defenders and shoveling a goal beneath Broadneck



Photo by Colin Murphy

All smiles after defeating Broadneck, Severna Park remains undefeated entering the final week of April.

goalie **Devon McCue** to make it 8-5 with under 15 to play. Putzi followed with a goal to make it 9-5. The Bruins’ **Sammy Dupcak** converted a nice feed from behind the goal by **Olivia Abe**, one-timing her shot in to make it 9-6. Dupcak led Broadneck with three goals, while **Alexis Sullivan** had two and Abe and **Kaala Puglisi** had one each. McCue saved nine shots.

Putzi got it right back for Severna Park, as Chadwick found her in front of net, and Putzi top-shelfed it for a 10-6 lead. Putzi secured her hat trick moments later, fortuitously corralling an errant pass, circling the net and slotting it low for an 11-6 lead.

On the other end, **Delaney Ott** saw Puglisi’s shot the whole way on a brief

Broadneck possession, saving it and getting the ball back for the Falcons. Ott made five saves.

Chadwick’s free-position goal, her fourth of the game, extended Severna Park’s lead to 12-6. Another free-position shot under four minutes gave her five for the game and all but sealed Severna Park’s win with a 13-6 lead. Dupcak scored late, but the Falcons killed a couple minute of clock on their offensive end before Chadwick assisted to Betch for the final score.

Bruins coach **Katy Kelley** said Broadneck made some plays but regretted its mistakes.

“I thought the girls fought hard and did some very good things to slow down a very talented team,” Kelley said. “We need to minimize our own unforced errors and capitalize on our opportunities. It was an intense, hard-fought game.”

Severna Park coach **Kaitlyn Hines** was particularly proud of the defense, as the Falcons’ core unit of Ott, **Kate Bray**, **Kaila Stasuli**, **Rachel Spilker** and **Sophie Grazioli** swarmed and contained Broadneck’s talented attackers.

“I’m really proud of them,” said Hines. “They’re that solid, defensive set that I don’t have to worry as much about down there. They always know when to slide and how to slide. The big thing for us is stepping out, pushing off the [8-yard line] some and to cause those turnovers and those knock-downs, so we really look to capitalize on that. Not to mention, my defense is one of the fastest I’ve ever seen. So I can trust that when they get the ball they are just going to take off down the field, so it’s good to have down there.”

The Falcons remain in the driver’s seat for top region seeding at 13-0.

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# Time Twisters: Author Educates Severn School Students About The Past

By Zach Sparks  
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Severn School students were treated to an atypical lesson on April 22 as they were regaled with tales of Abraham Lincoln as a professional wrestler, Abigail Adams as a Caribbean pirate, and the reckless Benedict Arnold, who, as the kids learned, was a hero before he was a traitor.

Those tales came courtesy of author Steve Sheinkin, who traveled from New York to speak with students about his books and the writing process.

Before meeting with middle-schoolers, Sheinkin addressed the Lower School. He talked about making comic books, producing a “total flop” of a film and rebounding to become a successful author.

A former textbook writer, he also discussed fascinating historical figures, like Sarah Edmonds and Loreta Velazquez. Both women dressed as men during the Civil War, acting as



Author Steve Sheinkin visited Severn School on April 22 to share quirky historical tales and to talk about his writing process.

soldiers and spies for the Union Army and Confederate Army, respectively.

Students beamed at the story of Benedict Arnold, who

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# Dean Kyle Hits The Right Note With Eagle Scout Project

By Monica Resa

Broadneck High School senior and soon-to-be-graduate Dean Kyle recently reached Eagle Scout status for a project he finished in 2016, a project that brought music to many people’s ears.

“The reason I wanted to improve the field for my Eagle Scout project was because I saw a need,” he explained. “Mr. [Matt] Heist, my band director, was having trouble seeing the marching band during practices because of the brush on the hillside. He, also, was constantly dropping his stuff off the ledge of the staircase because there was nothing at the top to hold it. My project hasn’t helped the marching band as much as it has helped Mr. Heist because he can give us instructions and actually see the band to see if we’re following them correctly.”

Kyle cleared the hillside to make the field more visible, fixed the staircase so it was safe to traverse, and installed a music stand at the top so his band director would have a place to keep his stuff.



Kyle loves both music and scouting.

“Being part of the marching band has been one of the best experiences of my life,” he shared. “The things we can accomplish as a group after months of practice is simply mind-blowing, and being an Eagle Scout has been one of the biggest payoffs in my entire life.”

Kyle was a Boy Scout for seven years. Being an Eagle Scout, he said, has introduced him to countless opportunities.

“Employers and colleagues will see that I am an Eagle Scout, and because of that,

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Dean Kyle (pictured above left) cleared the Broadneck High hillside to make the field more visible, fixed the staircase so it was safe to traverse, and installed a music stand at the top so his band director would have a place to keep his stuff.

# The SPES Bobcat Book Club Earns Crystal Apple Award



By Maya Pottiger

Over the summer, a group of parents and teachers met at Severna Park Elementary to create a new book club.

The school’s previous book club, the Black Eyed Susan Book Club, was not meeting the needs of students, and it needed to be revamped.

Now, the Bobcat Book Club is wrapping up its inaugural year. The new book club challenges students to read four books in the first marking period, and six books in both



As part of the Bobcat Book Club, students can create alternate book covers or draw scenes from the book to prove they read it. Severna Park Elementary students received medals for completing all three marking periods of the Bobcat Book Club.

the second and third marking periods. Students are allowed a lot of choices: choices in what they read and choices in how they prove they read the book.

“Reading is so important with our kids, and keeping them interested and allowing them choices makes them

want to read more,” said Melissa Connelly, the school’s media specialist, who helped create the book club. “When there’s not a lot of choice, they tend to do just what they have to and be done with it.”

Margaret Sullivan, whose children attend SPES, is a

graduate student at the University of Maryland and has done

research on reading groups and what motivates kids. Sullivan was part of the team that met over the summer to create the club.

“I wanted to be part of it when they were expanding beyond just reading for the numbers,” Sullivan said. “It’s important to associate reading with an intrinsically good feeling and the enjoyment part, not neces-

sarily a physical reward.”

After reading a book, students have a “menu of options” to show they read it, Connelly said. They can have a lunch bunch with a teacher or parent volunteer to discuss the book; draw a scene or alternate book cover; or even write a diary entry, among other options.

“It’s a fun time that has a reading aspect to it,” Sullivan said. “We wanted to do more stuff like that.”

The program is optional for students. Roughly 40 to 60 students participate each marking period.

Those who complete the program are rewarded at the end of the marking period, usually with extra recess.

Those who completed all three marking periods will be treated to a field trip to the Severna Park Library, which will have an escape room based on one of the novels students read this year.

“I was super excited [to win] because a lot of time went into

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# Falcon Scholar-Athlete Earns Prestigious Award

By Judy Tacyn

The Anne Arundel County Council of PTAs has selected Severna Park High School’s Sophia Dutton for its Phoebe Apperson Hearst Scholarship, which is presented to students who exhibit the council’s core values of being a successful and productive learner and citizen, with skills in leadership, participation, involvement and scholarship.

“When I heard about the scholarship, I knew that it would be a great opportunity to help offset the cost of college for my family,” said Dutton. “But most importantly, I felt as though this scholarship’s values aligned with what I valued throughout high school as well.”

The namesake of this scholarship, Phoebe Apperson Hearst, was a remark-



Sophia Dutton

able women’s suffragist, philanthropist, and one of the nation’s most generous advocates of learning in the 1800s, Dutton explained. “I am honored to have been selected for this scholarship as I advance into a traditionally male-dominated STEM field,” she added.

Dutton was a four-year, two-sport athlete at SPHS in swimming and cross country. She played cello (first chair), and was a member of the SPHS Leadership Institute, and participated in several honor societies. She volunteered at Anne Arundel Medical Center, and for her

Leadership Senior Capstone project, she worked with Sarah’s House to help children celebrate their birthdays. She also tutors students in Japanese and plays cello to raise money for amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (ALS) research.

Additionally, she completed an internship in the radiation oncology department at Johns Hopkins Hospital. For the last 11 years, she’s played the piano.

“I’m so thankful for the support I’ve received from AACPTA for my college education,” Dutton said. “As with most families, college is a big financial commitment. Having this sort of support and recognition for my education means a lot.”

Dutton will attend Washington University in St. Louis to study neuroscience on a pre-med track with a

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# “Leader And Friend” Jack Whittington Completes Eagle Scout Project



Jack Whittington, a senior at Severna Park High School, completed his Eagle Scout project by installing two structures at Pasadena Elementary School’s sensory garden.

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,” Whitting-

ton 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 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

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## Question of the month

Each month, the *Severna Park Voice* poses a question to a local fifth-grade class. This month, students from Mr. Fell's class at Broadneck Elementary School answered the question:

**If you could be any movie character, who would you be and why?**

I would be Wonder Woman. I think this because she's strong and determined. Wonder Woman is a great role model for young girls.  
**Reese Antaran**

I would be Rocket the Raccoon from "Guardians of the Galaxy." I would be him because he's funny. Also because he is small and he has his own spaceship.  
**Alex Barrett**

I would be Princess Ariel. I have always wanted to be a princess. Also, I love to explore new areas.  
**Samantha Beltran**

I would be Alex from "Wizards of Waverly Place: The Movie." I would want to be her because she's pretending to be a wizard and you can use any spell to get whatever you want. She is also my choice because her life



Mr. Fell's fifth-grade class answered the question, "If you could be any movie character, who would you be and why?"

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is really enthusiastic, so I'll never be bored.  
**Jadyn Betts**

I would be Pele from the documentary on Netflix because the story of Pele's life is amazing. He grew up without a penny in his pocket and used a bundle of socks to make a ball. His perseverance and determination overcame his hardships and helped him become one of the greatest soccer players of all time.  
**Hadley Crooks**

I would be Thanos because I can control anything and destroy the world in one

snap. Another reason is that he is feared and powerful.  
**Brady Dement**

I would be Dustin from "Stranger Things." I would be him because he does a lot of epic things and he is funny. He is also my favorite character from the show.  
**Jackson Fisk**

I would be Deadpool because he is really funny.  
**Christopher Frost**

I would be Spongebob because everybody loves Spongebob and I could work at the Krusty Krab and I could be friends

with Patrick.  
**Javier Guerrero**

I would be Thanos because I could be unstoppable and nobody could hurt me. I would also be able to go to different places and collect rings.  
**Alijah Hawkins**

I would be Hazel from "Dolphin Tale." I would be her because I love dolphins and she gets to swim and be around them constantly.  
**Talia Keithley**

I would be the mom from "Jaws," Ellen. I would be her because of the crazy adventure she went through. Her husband went to kill a Great White and her son almost got killed by it.  
**Mia Lang**

I would be the Black Panther because no weapon can penetrate the suit. Another reason is he or she has superhuman speed, strength and instinct.  
**Marcel Madison**

I would be Thanos. I would be him because he has a whole army. I would

also choose him because the powers he has are super cool.  
**Callan Marchant**

I would be Spongebob from the movie "Sponge Out Of Work." I would be Spongebob because he's funny, he can do whatever he wants and he can eat a lot of sugar.  
**Mallory McGowan**

I would be the Cheshire Cat. One reason is that I can do an evil laugh like him. Another reason is that I love anything to do with cats.  
**Karlee Moxley**

I would be Thor. This is because he's a god, so I would live forever. Also, he's super powerful because he's the only one who actually really hurt Thanos. Last, no one can steal my stuff if I put my hammer on it.  
**Nick Nelson**

I would be Clark Griswold from "Christmas Vacation." I chose this because he is funny and overachieves with Christmas lights. Also, he has a hilarious uncle who owns an RV.  
**Gabriel Noon**

I would be Ant Man because he can shrink his body! He is strong and it would be cool to shrink.

**Zachary Ravello-Arceo**

I would be Thanos because if I had math homework that I didn't want to do, I could destroy all of it before the teacher passes it out. Also, I could have a cool glove with space rocks.

**Gavin Richards**

I would be the character Will Ferrell played in "Daddy's Home 2." I would be this character because Will Ferrell is my favorite actor and because he is funny.

**Michael Rohm**

I would be Superman because he has a lot of different superpowers. I would use those powers to help other people. I would also protect the country from crime.

**Logan Sabo**

I would be Moana because I love the ocean and her pig. I also would want to be her because of her silly chicken.

**Callie Schlude**

I would be Violet from "The Incredibles." She's a shy girl who fights crime! She can turn invisible and has a force field.

**Allana Segree**

I would be Rapunzel from "Tangled." I would be her because she has beautiful long hair and she's allowed to walk barefoot. Also, she has a handsome prince to save her from that mean witch. That would be so cool to go on fun adventures as Rapunzel.

**Anabelle Segree**

I would be Ash Ketchum from the Pokémon movies. I choose this because I wanna be the very best like no one ever was. ... Also because I would love to see the Pokémon world in Ash's humorous point of view.

**Gautham Thangaavel**

I would be Hiccup Haddock because he is cool. Also, he rides dragons. Last, he is a lot like me.

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I would be Quicksilver because he's super fast. Also I'd be able to slow time. That's why I want to be Quicksilver.

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# SPMS Festival Band Is Off To State Competition

By Jillian Amodio

After excelling at the county level, Severna Park Middle School's festival band is now headed to states. The festival band is led by band and orchestra director Randy Norris. Norris has been with Anne Arundel County for 28 years, 24 of which have been spent with Severna Park Middle School.

The festival band features a select group of students chosen through an audition process to become part of the competition team. It is made up of about 76 members. There are a few sixth-graders who earned themselves a spot in their first year; however, the majority of members are in the seventh and eighth grade.

The Maryland State Band Festival, held on May 6, will showcase the talents of the band members. All bands in attendance have excelled at the county level, earning them a spot in states. Being a member of the festival band takes intense focus and dedication from each student chosen. In preparation for competitions, the group practices twice a week either before or after school, and each member has a dedicated home practice schedule. Each student offered a seat in festival band is required to sign a contract saying that he or she understands the commitment needed to be involved. In addition to honing their musical talents, students learn valuable lessons pertaining to dedication, commitment and teamwork.

"We are, in fact, a team," Norris said. "Instead of jerseys, we wear tuxedos, but this is very much a team

effort." The pieces selected for performance by the festival band are typically more complex than those frequently used for school concerts and in the classroom setting. Therefore, practice, dedication and talent are needed from each member for the group to be a success.

At the state level, about 50 bands are expected to be in attendance. While not technically competing against one another, each band has its sights set on achieving a superior rating from the judges. After a brief warmup period, each band will play three prepared pieces in front of three judges. The panel of judges typically includes military musicians or college professors.

In addition to performing prepared pieces, bands are tasked with performing a piece of music they have never seen. Each band director has only two minutes to read over the selection and another three minutes to talk to the band members. Then, they will play the piece for the first time. While bands can read the sheet music, talk and clap beats, they are prohibited from touching their instruments prior to performing the selection. While this seems like a grueling task, this is a skill and concept that the band practices in the school setting as well.

Norris looks forward each year to seeing the students thrive, especially those who may have had to overcome self-doubt. He considers it the greatest honor to watch kids blossom as musicians once they realize their fullest potential.

# Severna Park Elementary Will Mystify Audiences With "Alice In Wonderland Jr."

By Judy Tacyn

A drowsy Alice has been falling through a rabbit hole and into a fantasy world for more than 150 years, delighting audiences every time. On Saturday, May 18, the drama club of Severna Park Elementary School will bring Alice's adventures to life once again in "Alice in Wonderland Jr.," an adaptation of Lewis Carroll's 1865 novel.

By now, audiences know Alice will follow the white rabbit down his rabbit hole only to end up in an odd hallway of doors. Director **Atticus Boidy** said, "While audiences can expect a very ensemble-heavy show with great humor and crazy characters, I have definitely taken some innovating staging choices and also did a lot of gender-neutral casting."

Fifth-grader **Emery Day** believes her character, the disheveled and quirky Mad Hatter, will be the audience's favorite. "I just love to play the



Photo by Judy Tacyn

The cast of "Alice in Wonderland Jr." has four rehearsals a week and is working hard on music, dances and blocking.

Mad Hatter," Emery said. "He's funny and sarcastic and so fun to act out."

**Elsa Webster** enjoys playing her character, the Queen of Hearts, because she uses her full vocal range and has a lot of fun with the part. The fifth-grader practices her lines at home by reading them with

her sister.

Auditions were held in January and practices started in early February. The young thespians have dedicated hours for practice before and after school and even on weekends. Boidy said the cast has four rehearsals a week and is working hard on the music, dances and blocking.

**Jane Honeywell**, a fifth-grader, plays the lead, Alice. "Alice is fun to play because she's curious and interesting," Jane said. She added that she is constantly practicing her lines with her mom and has all of the music stored on her phone so she can listen and practice her songs.

"The kids are doing amazing!" exclaimed Boidy. "This is my second year with SPES, so I have worked with some of the cast members before, but most of them are new faces. I am so

proud of all of them, especially the ones who are trying theater out for the first time."

**Violet Thompson** is already a seasoned veteran of SPES musicals and Theatre in the Park, and she's only in fifth grade. Violet plays the Caterpillar.

"I just love the theater," said Violet enthusiastically. "I love 'Alice in Wonderland' and I cannot wait to join the Severna Park Middle School Stage Company next year."

Violet's brother, **Garrett Thompson**, plays the Dodo bird. Garrett is a fourth-grader following in his sister's acting footsteps yet making his presence known as the cheerful yet absent-minded character. Having a partner to read lines with at home is great, but Garrett said he likes to practice his songs by listening to and singing along with his CDs in his basement.

**Emmy Wright** is a fifth-grader who plays small Alice, a part she enjoys because of the amount of singing and dancing she gets to do onstage. "Alice in Wonderland Jr." is just her second musical, but she's hooked on acting.

"I enjoy watching the kids discover talents they never knew they had," Boidy said. "I also love learning from them and being challenged to work harder to make sure they have the best show possible."

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## Falcon Scholar-Athlete Earns Prestigious Award

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Japanese minor. "SPHS is truly a place that encourages academic excellence. I've had some amazing teachers and friends who have supported me through music, sports and academics," Dutton added. "I feel prepared for new challenges of college thanks to how I've grown as a person at SPHS. "I believe that cost

should never be a barrier to a college education," Dutton continued. "Going into senior year, I was pleasantly surprised to see how many scholarships I could apply for, especially local ones from this area. Backed by a such a supporting community, it's 100 percent possible to earn much-needed awards to help fund your college goals. You just have to reach out and look."

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# Stage & Screen Studios Takes Audience Under The Sea

By Maya Pottiger

With its production of “The Little Mermaid,” Stage & Screen Studios wants the audience to become part of Ariel’s world. Though it’s a live theater production, the performance has multiple aspects including motion picture backdrops and green screen segments. Audiences can expect to see Ariel pop out of the water and perch on a rock during the “Part Of Your World” reprise. “What we do is a very immersive experience; it’s not just doing a play,” said Stage & Screen Studios co-founder Pete Garvey. In addition to being immersive for the audience, the experience provides a lot of new opportunities for actors in the show. “Now you can put on your resume that not only have you done live acting stage performances, but you’ve also done work on a screen,



Stage & Screen Studios presents “The Little Mermaid” with the cast ranging in age from 7 to 17.

which definitely sets them apart from the other talent in the area,” said Jen Degnan, a producer for this show. Since opening in December 2017, Stage & Screen Studios has been growing. Roughly 50 kids auditioned for this show, so the company introduced a new idea of having two full casts. The Flotsam cast and Jetsam cast are made up of 48 cast and crew members, and each group has a full weekend of performances. “It creates an opportunity

for an understudy without having to have that designation of an understudy, which oftentimes leads to an actor not being able to play that part,” Degnan said. Garvey has noticed many benefits to having a full double casting. “There’s a camaraderie that has developed between the casts. They help each other out. They work together,” Garvey said. “There’s some friendly competition going on as well. It’s all very beneficial and amazing to see the energy each cast brings to the stage here supported by one another.” The Jetsam cast features Tommy Engstrom from Jones Elementary as Prince Eric, and the Flotsam cast features Annabelle Wellschlager from Severna Park Middle School as Ariel. “This is a journey that carries not just the cast but the audience through the story,” Garvey said. “That’s the most endearing quality of these productions is the audience is going through the story, they’re not just watching.” There will be eight performances: The Flotsam cast will perform May 3-5, and the Jetsam cast will perform May 10-12. The shows are at 7:00pm on Friday and Saturday, and at 2:00pm on Saturday and Sunday. Purchase tickets online by visiting [www.stagescreenstudios.com](http://www.stagescreenstudios.com).

# Dean Kyle Hits The Right Note With Eagle Project

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they will know that I am a hard worker, am dedicated and will get the job done,” Kyle shared. He still can’t forget the look on his teacher’s face when he completed his project. “When Mr. Heist saw the results of my project, the look on his face was priceless,” Kyle said. “He was elated to see how well the music stand came out. He thanked me profusely and he has enjoyed the results for the past three years or so.” Kyle’s mother, Dawn Hite, has only positive things to say about the project and about Kyle’s career thus far in scouting and music. “I thought Kyle’s Eagle project was a great way for him to be of service to his band director, who he just loves,” Hite emphasized. “Mr. Heist really liked the music stand Kyle built for him. The stand, which Kyle built by hand entirely out of wood, is beautiful and functional for the director. I think he was very grateful for all the hard work that all of the kids put in to improve that area. The marching band spends a lot of time on that back field, so the project was very useful to the school and the band.” She hopes someone can continue to trim the brush each year after Kyle leaves

for college this fall. Kyle will attend Towson University to study forensic chemistry while minoring in clarinet performance. Kyle has played clarinet since fourth grade and is considering joining a military band. He also has many other musical accolades: he is principal clarinet for Chesapeake Youth Symphony Orchestra in Annapolis, he is a co-section leader in the Broadneck marching band, he is first chair in the Broadneck wind ensemble, and he has been first chair in the All-County band and orchestra. His passion for music is rivaled only by his enthusiasm for scouting, which he has participated in since first grade. “I think both scouting and music have given Kyle stability and helped define who he is,” Hite said. “He is very sure of himself musically, and then he gained a lot of confidence from running that Eagle Scout project from beginning to end. He was worried that because of his youth, the older scouts wouldn’t listen to him during the project, but he showed great skills in managing that project.” One thing is for sure, Kyle has left a lasting tribute to the Broadneck High School band and to his troop in Crofton.

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# Windsor Farm Elementary To Present “The Lion King”



By Maya Pottiger

Let us hear your roar! Windsor Farm Elementary is putting on “The Lion King” as its spring musical. The cast features **Alyx Stamp** as Scar; **Andrew Luisi** as Simba; **Mary Allen Smith** as Nala; **Bella Emery** as Timon; **Addy Russell** as Pumbaa; and **Gavin Douglas** as Mufasa. “The Lion King” follows the Disney movie but doesn’t emphasize Mufasa’s death as intensely, said special education teacher Lucy Harris, who is producing the show. There are 60 students acting in the show, 20 involved in the tech work and another 15 students from the art club who helped make the sets. “Our Pride Rock is in construction, and it’s going to be really, really cool,”

Harris said. “It’s going to be a versatile piece where it’s going to be Pride Rock, but you can flip it around and have stairs to be just another piece on the set, as well, for in the jungle.” Harris highlighted that the students involved in the show are from all different backgrounds. “What we end up seeing is a lot of kids who come out are students who don’t really have the arts as a hobby outside of school,” Harris said. “This is a thing that students have tried out for on a whim and ended up shining and getting lead roles out of it.” Andrew, who plays Simba, spends his free time playing baseball and T-ball, Harris said. After he was cast as Aladdin last year, he auditioned this year to land another leading role. Windsor Farm will showcase three performances of “The Lion King.” The first showing is a school-wide performance on Thursday, May 30. There are two performances open to the public: Friday, May 31, at 6:30pm and Saturday, June 1, at 2:00pm. Tickets are \$5 and must be purchased from Windsor Farm Elementary in advance. Tickets are not available online or at the door.

# Oak Hill Elementary Celebrates Planet Earth

On Friday, April 26, Oak Hill Elementary students celebrated Earth Day. Due to the predicted inclement weather, some of the planned activities extended into Monday. Fifth-graders were paired with pre-K students to do different art projects. One of the projects was painting rocks with kindness words on them to add to the school’s growing One And Only You rock garden, which lines the sidewalk leading to the main entrance. Students also colored in pictures of the Earth. Third-grade teacher Lori Pere created the Green Team and organized its student ambassadors. Because Oak Hill is a Green School, the Green Team meets monthly to come up with new ideas for making the school environmentally friendly, like posting reminders to save water and electricity. During the Earth Day festivities, Green Team ambassadors taught lessons to the younger grades, gave Earth Day speeches and read books. Prior to Earth Day, students had the opportunity to create a replica of the Earth. Each replica

includes a note on how that individual person can make the Earth better. There were roughly 20 submissions, which are now on display in the school’s media center. Other Earth Day activities included taking nature walks and making tie-dyed shirts. On Monday, everyone took a school-wide photo in their tie-dyed shirts. The shirt colors were broken up by grade level to make a rainbow.



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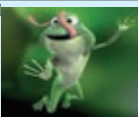


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## Jack Whittington Completes Eagle Scout Project

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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. They love that stimulation of touch.”

He said his motivation to become an Eagle Scout is due to his grandfather.

Whittington’s grandfather was an Eagle Scout, so Whittington has always had that same goal. According to Troop 918 scoutmaster Mike Binnix, Whittington has also served as patrol leader, senior patrol leaders, and troop guide.

“In these roles, he was

responsible for organizing groups of scouts of anywhere from five to 30 at a time in planning and executing camp trips, and back-country adventures such as backpacking, canoeing and biking,” Binnix said. “He led the effort by the scouts to set the schedule, duty rosters assigning camp tasks and keeping the troop moving in the right direction. He learned to lead by example, and to ensure everyone had a safe, fun experience.”

Whittington’s Court of Honor ceremony will be held on May 7 at Our Shepherd Lutheran Church.

Binnix, who has known Whittington for six years from his time as assistant scoutmaster and then scoutmaster of Troop 918, emphasized the teen’s impact on both his peers and elders.

“The other scouts and adult volunteers of Troop 918 look up to Jack and aspire to follow his example as a leader and a friend,” Binnix said. “We’re all going to miss him when he leaves the area for college in the fall.”

## Author Educates Severn School Students About The Past

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is infamous for defecting to the British but who is lesser known for his success as a general in the American Continental Army during the Revolutionary War.

“It’s like an action hero in a movie, but he existed 200 years before movies,” Sheinkin said. “His story is an over-the-top action adventure spy movie.”

Another cinema-worthy story detailed how Chicago counterfeiters planned to rob Abraham Lincoln’s grave in the 1870s.

“That’s not too much of a spoiler I hope, that Lincoln was killed at the end of the Civil War,” Sheinkin joked.

Kids were enthralled with those stories but equally eager to hear about Sheinkin’s books, which some students had read prior to the visit.

“Usually history doesn’t strike me, but ‘Abigail Adams Pirate of the Caribbean’ was easy to understand and really good,” said Olivia, a fifth-grader. “I like chapter books with pictures that make you want to keep going. Every time you stop reading, it’s a cliffhanger.”

Sheinkin’s most popular sto-

ries are from the “Time Twisters” books in which siblings Doc and Abby meet historical figures who are doing activities vastly different from the ones that made them famous.

“I wanted to take characters that were interesting and send them on an adventure, almost as if they escaped from their history textbook,” Sheinkin said of his “Time Twisters” series.

Those stories include convincing Abraham Lincoln to accept the presidency instead of pursuing professional wrestling, and trying to lead Abigail Adams from a pirate ship to the White House.

“Everything in the book has some truth to it,” Sheinkin told his audience. “Lincoln is in the National Wrestling Hall of Fame.”

Sheinkin tried to pin down the answers to many of the kids’ questions following his presentation.

What inspired him to write books? Had he ever done a book with gladiators? Had he used real-life people as inspiration?

“One biology teacher was mad when I made the comic because he thought I made him too bald,” Sheinkin said with a laugh.

One student asked about the painstaking editing process.

“I don’t want to sound discouraging, but that’s typical,” Sheinkin responded. “You

send it out, it gets rejected and you send it out again. Almost every author has a version of that story.”

Lastly, students accepted the challenge of placing historical characters in bizarre scenarios just like the ones depicted in Sheinkin’s “Time Twisters” books.

What were some of the ideas?

Sacagawea on Broadway. James Madison as a basketball player. George Washington as a dentist.

“He might not enjoy the joke, because he had horrible teeth,” Sheinkin said in response to the dentist idea, “... and that could be the reason he was in a bad mood a lot of the time.”

Students were in a good mood as they reflected on the author visit.

“It was fun and interesting to learn about how he got started,” said Tyler, a fifth-

grader. “He was good with us, he asked for our ideas. It was interesting to learn about how many publishers said no to him at first!”

Another fifth-grader, Jack, called the visit awesome. “It was cool that he tried to write movies but then found something else that he really liked,” Jack said.

Sheinkin was impressed with the students.

“Not only do I get to share my stories, but I also get ideas and I get to try out ideas,” Sheinkin said. “That’s vital for keeping me in touch with what kids want to read.”

“One thing kids would never say is, ‘That could never happen. That’s not realistic,’” he continued. “The imagination kids have is better than most adults.”

For more information on the author, go to [www.stevesheinkin.com](http://www.stevesheinkin.com).

## The SPES Bobcat Book Club Earns Crystal Apple Award

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it,” Connelly said. “It was a very collaborative, and to have it be successful and be recognized for it is huge.”

The Crystal Apple Award recognizes exemplary programs within the Anne Arundel County Public Schools system. It was started by Nancy Mann

when she was the assistant superintendent of curriculum and instruction.

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# SupremeTemptation, Guava Jelly Coming To Hatton Regester Green

By Maya Pottiger

Coming up at Hatton Regester Green, SupremeTemptation returns for an evening of Motown on the B&A Trail. “We’re older white folk playing Motown music,” said Gary Peresta, the band’s bass player. “I started this band because I like the bassline, and I wanted to play them.” SupremeTemptation features Nadine Wobus on vocals and keys; Frances Moyer on vocals and percussion; Al Tate on drums; Debbie Annen and John Annen on vocals; LJ Montgomery on guitar; and Gary Peresta on bass. The cover band’s signature genre is Motown, but the group has expanded to play other music from the same era. Some of the more popular songs are “I’ll Be There,” “My Girl” and “Just My Imagination.” “We all grew up in that era. We love this music,” Peresta said. “We love the music so much, so we’re keeping it up.” SupremeTemptation has played at Hatton Regester Green previously, and Peresta said the band has been lucky with the weather. “An interesting thing about playing there is people who are using the trails will be running by and some of them stop and stay,” Peresta said. “If not, they always give us a wave”

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Guava Jelly’s range of music appeals to many diverse audiences.

# Severna Park And Broadneck Alumni Dive Into The “Shark Tank” Waters



Photo courtesy of Disney ABC Television Group

In a “Shark Tank” episode that aired in April, Teddy Giard, Austin Maxwell and Logan LeMance pitched their product Kase Mate, an iceless cooler designed to fit around an entire case of beverages.

By Elizabeth Harwood

The April 7 “Shark Tank” episode of Severna Park High School alumnus Teddy Giard, Broadneck High School alumnus Austin Maxwell and their Clemson University (CU) classmate Logan LeMance ended with a \$100,000 deal from Shark investor Mark Cuban. The show aired only two years after the Kase Mate product first came to mind. In spring 2017, an entrepreneurship class at CU became an arena for the student team to resolve their frustration of hauling tailgate coolers by leveraging the convenience of individual can insulators. A prototype was made, the class ended, and by May that same year, the company Kanga LLC was founded with its first product, Kase Mate, described as “the iceless cooler designed to fit around an entire case.” The team refined its business plan, branding strategy and product development before launching a

Kickstarter campaign in March 2018. Up to this point, LeMance, Giard and Maxwell had no ambition to pitch their product on “Shark Tank.” However, watching “Shark Tank” in high school did have an impact on Maxwell. “I didn’t really have a ton of opportunity to learn about business or entrepreneurship,” Maxwell explained, “and I always wanted to learn more about how to start a company and how to take something really small and make it really big.”

Halfway through his engineering studies at CU, Maxwell realized not investing in his true passion for entrepreneurship was taking its toll — and he was miserable. He worked double-time with multiple entrepreneurial projects while he finished his engineering degree. Upon graduation, however, he pursued entrepreneurship instead. “I couldn’t just talk about it,” Maxwell said. “I had to go out and prove that it’s possible.”

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# Seeing Clearly: Grifo Has A Vision And A Talent For Handpainted Glassware

By Judy Tacyn

While home from college one summer seven years ago, Danielle Johnson Grifo was tinkering with her craft projects and painting wine glasses for her sorority sisters when the idea for Wine by Design was conceived. “My mom threw out the idea of painting crabs on wine glasses for an auction item she was donating to a local fundraiser,” Grifo said. “To be honest, I laughed out loud at the idea of being able to paint crabs on a wine glass! But sure enough, I gave it a shot and was pleasantly surprised with how well they turned out. Before I knew it, my mom was sharing pictures of the glasses with friends, who shared with their friends, and just like that, Wine by Design was born.” Grifo is currently a fifth-grade teacher at an elementary school in Fairfax, Virginia, but that’s about to change as she prepares to turn her art into her full-time career. “Teaching has been my passion for as long as I can remember. However, at the conclusion of this school year, I will be leaving the teaching profession and taking my business full-



Photos by Judy Tacyn

Danielle Johnson Grifo beautifies wine glasses with colorful crabs, starfish, sea turtles, sailboats, anchors, fish and more.



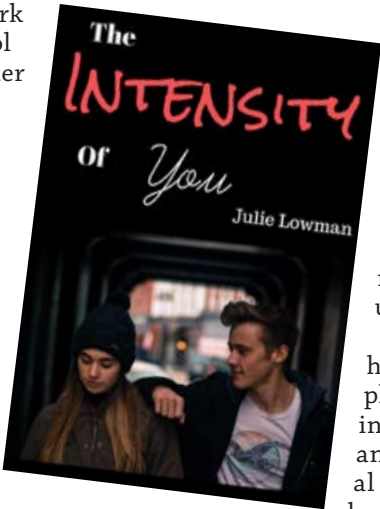
time,” Grifo said. “Never in my wildest dreams did I expect to launch my own a business and join the ranks of the self-employed.” Grifo’s art is inspired by the water and anything nautical. She said that growing up on the Severn River played an integral role in the overall theme of her designs. “I guess it’s that Maryland blood running through my veins, or possibly the crabs and Old Bay, but I love adding a nautical flare to my wine glasses,” she added. “What started as a whimsical blue crab design quickly

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# SPHS Teacher Pens Novel Addressing Unhealthy Relationships

By Judy Tacyn

With 13 years of teaching experience, Severna Park High School math teacher Julie Lowman has met some interesting characters. In her first novel shared with the public, Lowman used her knowledge about how teens act, react and speak to one another to create astonishingly realistic characters in “The Intensity of You,” a young adult novel that addresses the prevalence and consequences of unhealthy relationships. “The One Love campaign was introduced into our school a couple of years ago. There are signs all over the school about it,” Lowman said. “When I wanted to write a book, I needed a compelling plot. The campaign really spoke to me. I have had friends and family in unhealthy relationships and I know this is something that many people will encounter.” Lowman’s story is about a girl named Sydney who was in a relationship that was in the gray area. The boy never physically hurt her, but he manipulated and scared her. “Those things are unacceptable, even if they are hard to verbalize to some-



one,” Lowman said. “When I was writing about the boyfriend’s actions, I was careful to make his actions and words clearly bad when it was happening, [but] it would be hard for Sydney to repeat what happened and make people understand.” Lowman has seen people of all ages in her personal and professional lives make bad choices in relationships. As an educator, Lowman feels that sometimes teenagers think they are the first to ever deal with specific issues, not knowing that bad relationships have happened since the beginning of time. “When people make bad relationship decisions, it often stems from a misinformed feeling of their self-worth,” Lowman said. “They think they deserve what they get, or they shouldn’t ask for more. I hope that everyone realizes how much they are worth and holds themselves in high regards. That is the best way to avoid being treated poorly.” Lowman said one of the main reasons she is a high school teacher, and why she decided to pen a young-adult novel, is because she is fascinated by teenagers, the way they think and the decisions they make.

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# “Little” Has Cute Premise But Leaves Big Questions

By Audrey Ruppert

“Little” is indeed, if you were wondering, inspired by the Tom Hanks classic “Big,” but only in premise — the latter is a heartfelt drama, while the former is a comedy that fell just a bit flat. It seems that the director, Tina Gordon, is into loose remakes, as she recently wrote the screenplay for “What Men Want” — a remake of “What Women Want” featuring Mel Gibson. “Little” is a body-swap story, which centers on Jordan (Regina Hall) — a terrifying, “Devil Wears Prada”-esque executive who belittles and demeans everyone around her, including her devoted assistant, April (Issa Rae). It is later revealed that Jordan behaves this way because of childhood trauma; after the experience, she vowed to become successful at all costs. While Jordan’s company is mostly thriving

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Marsai Martin absolutely shines as the 13-year-old version of Jordan, capturing the mannerisms and attitude of her adult counterpart perfectly, but the rest of the movie doesn’t hold up.



# CTA Puts Steampunk Spin On Upcoming Production Of “Chitty Chitty Bang Bang”



Photo courtesy of Atticus Boidy  
(Counterclockwise from bottom left) Andrew Wilson, Mackenzie Currie, Blake Martin, Pilot Earle-Smith and Anya Lengbeyer are excited to present a unique version of “Chitty Chitty Bang Bang Jr.” from May 11-19.

**By Judy Tacyn**

Most parents can relate to wanting to give their children an object of their kids’ obsession, only to have that desire just out of reach. Adults sometimes resort to creative problem-solving rather than disappoint a child. Thus is the case for Caractus Potts, an eccentric inventor focused on salvaging a dilapidated old racecar for his children, Jemima and Jeremy Potts. When it’s discovered that the car has magical powers, it seems everyone in town wants to own the one-of-a-kind

vehicle. Hijinks and mayhem ensue as it becomes a wild ride to see who will take the elusive car home.

The always talented Children’s Theatre of Annapolis (CTA) will raise the curtain on “Chitty Chitty Bang Bang Jr.,” a fantasy adventure and musical based on Ian Fleming’s 1964 novel “Chitty-Chitty-Bang-Bang: The Magical Car,” on May 11 for eight performances through May 19. If you think you know the story, director **Atticus Boidy** hints that audiences can expect “all the fun that the movie provided, but with even more

family friendly entertainment, including new songs.”

“I think audiences are really going to enjoy our take on the production of something they may have seen before,” said **Blake Martin**, an eighth-grader at Magothy River Middle School, who plays Grandpa Potts, the war-hero father of the determined Caractus Potts. “Atticus is an amazing director with a unique style.”

Atticus said he likes to put an untraditional twist on his productions and “Chitty Chitty Bang Bang Jr.” won’t disappoint.

“There is a steampunk aesthetic to this show,” Atticus said. “This twist affects the costumes, props, set and set decoration. The script also calls for the car to be a puppet made of multiple pieces controlled by the actors, but we decided to build a car as a set piece.”

**Andrew Wilson** plays Caractus Potts, and is the eldest thespian in the cast. The homeschooled ninth-grader has been performing with Children’s Theatre of Annapolis since 2012, even though he lives in Bowie, nearly 20 minutes away.

“I think the audience will be amazed by this cast,” Andrew said. “The energy and talent on this stage is unlike anything I’ve ever experienced before.” As for calling CTA home for the past seven years, Andrew said, “This is such a welcoming and supporting environment. Everyone from the actors to the production crew have a high level of professionalism that is simply incredible.”

The 28-member cast ranges in age from 9 to 14, but as with all CTA productions, the extraordinary music and vocal quality, the complex choreographed dance numbers, and refined acting talent that emerges when the lights come on will have audiences feeling as if they are watching professionals with decades of stage experience.

“These kids are by far some of the most talented performers in this area,” Atticus said. “I work with actors of all ages and the talent that comes through CTA always impresses me.”

“As a director, the most fun part about directing is watching the kids grow as actors and to help put on a production that they can be proud of,” Atticus added.

For more information or to purchase tickets, visit [www.cta.ticketleap.com/chitty-chitty-bang-bang-2018/details](http://www.cta.ticketleap.com/chitty-chitty-bang-bang-2018/details).

## Grifo Has A Vision



Photo by Judy Tacyn  
Grifo’s wine glasses depict all kinds of maritime imagery.

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transitioned to colorful crabs, starfish, sea turtles, sailboats, anchors, fish and so much more.”

Grifo has no formal art training; however, she’s inspired by Kim Hovell, an Annapolis artist.

“Kim is best known for her work with oysters; however, she has a coastal theme to her designs as

well,” Grifo added. “I also love her support of local philanthropies such as the Chesapeake Bay Foundation.”

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## SupremeTemptation, Guava Jelly

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because they like what we’re doing.”

Guava Jelly, another band featuring Peresta on bass, will also perform at Hatton Regester Green this spring. This will be Guava Jelly’s first time playing the venue.

The band features Bridgette Michaels on guitar and vocals; Dawn Madak on percussion and vocals; and Peresta on bass.

Often known for its children’s music, Guava Jelly boasts a broad repertoire:

reggae, pop, country and rock ‘n’ roll. With such a wide range of genres, Guava Jelly will base each set list off previous shows at the venue or similar venues.

“I feel like one of our strengths is that we know how to read the crowd and play to the crowd,” Madak said. “If we see that the crowd is leaning toward one kind of music or another, we’ll change it up; if not, we’ll stick to the set list.”

Michaels, who was born in Jamaica and grew up in Trinidad, started out

by writing music for her children. She has produced three CDs of children’s music.

“We’ve played a lot of summer concerts all over,” Michaels said. “What a lot of people tell us is they really enjoyed the mix of music we played.”

SupremeTemptation plays on Sunday, May 12, and Guava Jelly plays on Sunday, May 26. Both concerts start at 4:00pm. Hatton Regester Green is located at the intersection of B&A Boulevard, Evergreen Road and Holly Avenue.



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“Little” Has Cute Premise

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ing, she has some eccentric clientele and nearly loses an important client. She is told she has 48 hours to come up with an idea to bring the client back into the fold. In the middle of this dilemma, Jordan runs into and bullies a child, who wishes that Jordan was “little” so that someone could “check her.” The child casts a spell, and Jordan wakes up as her 13-year-old self. She is forced to go back to the same school she went to as a kid by child protective services, and April has to take over for her at the company.  
The problem with “Little” is that it doesn’t seem to know what it wants to be. At first, it tries to be a “black” comedy (as in, a comedy starring and largely directed toward a black audience) in the vein of “Girls Trip” and “Night School,” but later, it tries to have some kind of heartfelt moral — yet it gets bogged down by mixed messaging. By trying to be two things at once, it seems to fall short of both — it can be funny but isn’t that funny, and what moral were we supposed to learn, exactly? Be true to yourself? Ultimately, Jordan doesn’t seem to face a lot of consequences for her behavior (and trust me, her behavior is a lawsuit waiting to happen), which further dilutes any power the already tenuous message might have had to begin with.

While it tries to buck the trend somewhat (we have seen films where children are transformed into adults, or where two people switch bodies, but rarely see adults transformed into children), in the end, the film is formulaic and predictable, as well as hokey; some of the one-liners land, but most of them don’t.  
That being said, the film is definitely a showcase of talented black performers. Marsai Martin absolutely shines as the 13-year-old Jordan, capturing the mannerisms and attitude of her adult counterpart perfectly; we can expect great things from her in the future. Regina Hall sets the stage rather well despite not having much screen time, and Issa Rae, while understated, has great chemistry with Martin.  
Some parts of the film are genuinely funny as well, particularly scenes involving the child-sized but adult-minded Jordan and her extremely uncomfortable and (very attractive) middle school teacher.  
If you don’t take the film too seriously, it’s definitely a fun watch. It does drag slightly toward the end, but I imagine it would be enjoyable to see with a mature teenage daughter. And, of course, it’s always encouraging to see the normalization of a black, female CEO — even if she’s channeling Miranda Priestly for most the film!

Teacher Pens Novel Addressing Unhealthy Relationships

» **Continued from B17**  
“I hope readers take away the idea that anyone can be in a bad relationship, even people who have a lot of other things going for them,” Lowman said. “I also hope they see that relationships aren’t all good or all bad and someone who makes you happy can also hurt you. From the beginning of the novel, it’s obvious to the reader that Sydney is in a bad relationship. However, she doesn’t see it. I hope that people can realize that when someone is in a bad relationship, they may not know or want to know.”  
The mental health of teens is a constant topic of concern and focus for Severna Park residents for the last two decades. Lowman’s students are always her first priority.  
“My first thoughts are always the mental health of my students. Teenagers deal with a lot, often in adult situations without the benefit of adult experiences,” Lowman said. “I hope the book shows that anyone can be in a bad situation and that there are people that can help. In Sydney’s case, it was her older brother and her coach. Hopefully, the reader can see that these people care about her a lot and would help her.”  
“I want to make sure my students know I care. After the tragedy this year, I stood in front of my classes and told them I loved them and that I would always care about them,” Lowman said, referring to the suicide of a Severna Park High School student in March. “Looking at all

of their faces, I started to cry. No one said anything at the time, but later, a student emailed me and thanked me for caring.”  
Lowman said she’s adamant about noticing student behavior, and if she sees someone having a bad day, she’s deliberate about asking if they are all right.  
“My favorite quote is from Rita Pierson: ‘Every child deserves a champion; an adult who will never give up on them, who understands the power of connection and insists that they become the best they can possibly be,’” Lowman said. “I want to be that champion.”  
The One Love Foundation estimates that more than one in three women and nearly one in four men will be in an abusive relationship during their lifetime. The foundation was formed to help young people recognize and understand domestic violence, especially relationship violence, following the death of Yeardley Love in May 2010 in Charlottesville, Virginia. Love was a University of Virginia women’s lacrosse student-athlete who was killed by her boyfriend at the time, a fellow UVA men’s lacrosse player. Love wore No. 1 while playing lacrosse for the University of Virginia, a number that her team retired. For more information about the One Love Foundation, visit [www.joinonelove.org](http://www.joinonelove.org).  
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DINING

What better way to enjoy lunch or dinner (or even late-night drinks or a weekend brunch) than by choosing a table outside on the water, where you can revel in the cool breeze and the sights of boaters passing by. Here are a few of our top picks:

- The Broken Oar Bar & Grill**  
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- The Point Crab House**  
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458 Forest Beach Road, Annapolis  
[www.cantlers.com](http://www.cantlers.com)
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RECREATION

What's your favorite hobby on the water? Maybe it's powerboating, sailing or kayaking. Or maybe you enjoy crabbing and fishing. Maybe you don't even want to do anything except jump in and swim. Whatever you want to do, you're sure to find it at a public beach nearby. Here are a few highlights of what you can do at some of our favorite public water access points.

- Sandy Point State Park**  
1100 East College Parkway Annapolis  
7:00am-Dusk  
410-974-2149
  - Swimming
  - Fishing
  - Crabbing
  - Kayak/Canoe Launch
  - Boat Launch



Downs Park in Pasadena is a local gem that offers a public fishing pier and hosts weekly waterside concerts in the summer.



- Fort Smallwood Park**  
9500 Fort Smallwood Road Pasadena  
5:30am-Dusk  
410-222-0087
  - Swimming
  - Fishing
  - Boat Ramp

- Downs Park**  
8311 John Downs Loop Pasadena  
7:00am-Dusk, closed Tuesdays  
410-222-6230
  - Fishing
  - Kayak/Canoe Launch

- Beachwood Park**  
8320 Beachwood Park Road Pasadena  
7:00am-Dusk  
410-222-7317
  - Kayak/Canoe Launch
  - Fishing

- Harry and Jeanette Weinberg Park**  
1543 Fairview Beach Road Pasadena  
410-222-0088
  - Fishing

- Solley Cove Park**  
7360 Carbide Road Curtis Bay  
7:00am-Dusk  
410-439-0039
  - Kayak/Canoe Launch
  - Fishing

- Jonas Green Park**  
1997 Baltimore-Annapolis Boulevard Annapolis  
7:00am-Dusk  
410-222-6141
  - Fishing
  - Kayak/Canoe Launch

LIVE MUSIC

Sometimes, you just need to kick back and relax, and there are plenty of outdoor summer concerts that give you the chance to do just that. Pack a picnic blanket or a lawn chair and hit one of these waterside locations to enjoy some live music this summer.

- Downs Park**  
8311 John Downs Loop, Pasadena  
Bring your family, blankets or lawn chairs, a picnic dinner or just a dessert, and soak in the sounds of summer. Park admission is waived for the evening. Please note that alcohol is prohibited on the grounds of all Anne Arundel County parks. All

- concerts begin at 6:00pm and run until 8:00pm.
  - June 2: Appaloosa (Top 40)
  - June 9: Summer Knights (Country/Classic Rock)
  - June 16: George Garis & Friends (Country/Classic Rock)
  - June 23: The Rebels (Classic Rock)
  - June 30: The Sunset Band (Big Band/Motown)

QUIET WATERS PARK SUMMER CONCERT SERIES

- 600 Quiet Waters Park Road, Annapolis  
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  - July 13: U.S. Navy Band (Concert Band)
  - July 20: Guava Jelly (Reggae, Pop, Rock, Country)
  - July 27: Folken Phunk (Folk, Bluegrass, Blues, Pop)
  - August 3: Fractal Cat (Psychedelic Rock)
  - August 10: Assisted Living (Golden Oldies)
  - August 17: Zakke (Funk, Disco, Rock)
  - August 24: Kelly Band (Blues, Hip-hop, Funk)

ANNAPOLIS MARITIME MUSEUM

- The Annapolis Maritime Museum's 2019 concert series runs June 13 through August 15 with performances starting at 7:00pm at the museum's waterfront McNasby campus (723 Second Street, Annapolis). The Tides & Tunes Summer Concert Series offers 10 weeks of popular music, from rock to folk to jazz, with the incomparable backdrop of the Chesapeake Bay. Concerts are free; however, donations are gratefully accepted. Food and spirits are available for purchase. Beverage sales support the museum's education program. Bring a chair or blanket.
  - June 13: Sweet Leda (Rock, Soul, Pop)
  - June 20: Higher Hands (Funk, Hip-hop, R&B)
  - June 27: Timmie Metz Band featuring Tambo (Modern and Classic Rock)
  - July 4: Kings of Crowns-ville (Americana, Blues, Jazz)
  - July 11: Dublin 5 (High-Energy Irish Rock)
  - July 18: Mike McHenry Tribe (Soul, Funk, Rock)
  - July 25: Joey Harkum Band (Unique Brand of Americana)
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# Severna Park And Broadneck Alumni Dive Into The “Shark Tank” Waters

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One month after the Kickstarter campaign opened in March 2018, LeMance, Giard and Maxwell learned that “Shark Tank” auditions were coming to nearby Atlanta in two days. The team could not ignore the remarkable timing and jumped on the opportunity. There was no news from “Shark Tank” for months, but Kanga was thriving with \$120,000 in sales through e-commerce and its 100-plus business-to-business (b2b) clients. In September 2018, they learned they were selected, flew to California, and recorded their “Shark Tank” pitch in a Los Angeles studio. They had strong support fine-tuning their presentations skills, but nothing could prepare them for what Giard describes as feelings of extreme excitement

and nervousness. “We felt really, really prepared,” Giard said, “but you know, you’re about to meet five extremely successful business men and women, people we’ve looked up to for a really long time, so we really wanted to make a good first impression.” After they finished the pitch, the mood synthesized into a blur of astonishment, something Giard said is known as the “Shark Tank effect”. “We all looked at each other and we were like, ‘What just happened?’” Giard remembered. “[It was] the biggest adrenaline rush I’ve ever felt in my life.” The result of the September 2018 recording was kept quiet until the show was aired in April. LeMance, Giard and Maxwell “shook on a deal in the tank” of



Photo courtesy of Disney ABC Television Group  
(L-R) Teddy Giard, Logan LaMance and Austin Maxwell were inspired to design the Kanga Kase Mate from their time tailgating at Clemson University, where the trio went to school.

\$100,000 with Cuban, and the successful outcome is currently being integrated into Kanga’s business plan. “Once the show aired,” Giard said, “it definitely

just catapulted the business to like another level that we’re still trying to comprehend right now.” Partnering with LeMance (founder/CEO), Giard (branding) and

Maxwell (sales) are Kyle Self (marketing) and Ryan Frazier (finance/operations). Many people supported the college entrepreneurs. CU’s Spiro Institute of Entrepreneur-

ial Leadership provided the formal mentorship needed to support the journey. The team currently has new ideas for products coming down the pike, but the friends also believe success includes inspiring people. Maxwell and Giard plan to continue to share their story with the hope others, too, find their passion. “We’re building a product,” Maxwell shared, “and finally we’re turning it into a company and we hope to have success with it, but there’s just a much larger picture here.” To learn more about Kanga’s products and story, visit [www.buykanga.com](http://www.buykanga.com). “We are super humbled to be in the position that we’re in,” Giard said, “and we’ve had a lot of people tell us that what we’ve done is inspiring, which is really cool to hear.”

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# Dining Out

## Donnelly’s Dockside Exceeds Our High Expectations

By Mary Cobbler

I’ve lived in Maryland for the majority of my life, but there are certain things I never get tired of experiencing: crabs overloaded with Old Bay and butter, the excitement in the air after a Ravens or Orioles game, the magic of the Annapolis harbor in the summertime — but one of my favorite things is enjoying a seafood dinner at one of the many gorgeous marinas in our area.

Donnelly’s Dockside, located at 1050 Deep Creek Avenue in Arnold, is one of those desirable waterfront locations. The nautical-themed restaurant sits directly on the Chesapeake Bay. Natural light spills through the many tall windows that surround the dining room interior, providing a beautiful panoramic view of the bay from any of the roomy wooden tables upstairs or the colorful bar downstairs. A large patio, filled with a variety of tables and wide umbrellas, sits over the water, bringing diners up close to the plethora of boats stationed there.

A hostess led me outside to the patio during the Monday evening dinner hour. I enjoyed watching osprey dive into the water around me as I waited for my husband and kids to arrive.

There were a few boisterous patrons who were dining nearby, and because I knew I would have my kids with



Photos by Mary Cobbler

**Above:** Full of flavor and texture, the nachos were topped with grilled chicken, cheese, jalapeno cream sauce, sliced jalapenos, sliced black olives, guacamole and sour cream.

**Right:** The crab cakes were baseball-sized, slightly crispy on the outside, and full of lump crab meat with very little filler.

me, I asked to be relocated to a table inside. I share this story to say that the wait staff handled the issue in a professional and helpful way. Nearly every member of the wait staff stopped by our table to apologize, including a manager. Overall, we were impressed by how everything was handled.

Once we were reseated, it was time to dive into the food! We came during happy hour, so all the appetizers — along with several wine and beer options — were half-priced. Upon the waitress’s recommendation, we chose the macho nachos to start with. She steered us right! The nachos at Donnelly’s rank several notches above

standard nacho appetizers. The chips were warm and chewy with crisped edges; they were also laden with layer after layer of toppings all throughout — grilled chicken cubes, nacho cheese, jalapeno cream sauce, sliced jalapenos, sliced black olives, guacamole and sour cream — so that each chip had a healthy burst of flavor and texture. My husband and I started dinner under the pretense that we would maintain our diets during the meal, but that goal went out the window as we polished off every last topping-covered chip.

Most of the entrees on the menu included some kind of seafood, including

the sugar cane sea scallops, haddock Veracruz, seafood penne, and, of course, locally sourced blue crabs. Several waitresses mentioned the crab cake dinner (two crab cakes with two sides), so I felt compelled to try it, and my husband ordered the Deep Creek chicken (another house specialty). My kids ordered a burger patty and corn dog from the children’s menu, and I have to credit our server for being understanding of my younger son’s Celiac disease issues. The server promised that the staff would carefully prepare my son’s food to prevent any reactions. They seemed willing to work with any allergy issues, which is a big deal for

families like mine.

The food came out quickly and looked appetizing. I tried the Deep Creek chicken first and was surprised at how decadent the dish was. The chicken is panko-breaded and fried, and it’s stuffed with crab meat, spinach and tomato. The generous-sized chicken breast is situated on top of creamy mashed potatoes and doused generously in Chesapeake hollandaise sauce (I couldn’t really taste the “Chesapeake” in the sauce; it was good, but it tasted like classic hollandaise to me). The dish had a terrific texture — crispy on the outside, juicy on the inside — and several delectable taste dimensions.

The crab cakes were baseball-sized, slightly crispy on the outside, and full of lump crab meat with little filler. The texture was great, and Donnelly’s left nothing to be desired as far as the quality of meat, but the taste was, unfortunately, blander than I would prefer in my seafood. The crab cakes, along with the steamed asparagus and French fries that we ordered as sides, were perfectly cooked and generously sized, but all of them needed more spices and flavor overall.

The Deep Creek chicken was still sitting in my stomach when it was time to order dessert, but that didn’t stop a sugar-lover like me. The dessert menu includes a mini key lime cheesecake, a chocolate torte, ice cream, and crème brûlée. The creme brûlée was the only dessert that was prepared in-house (everything else is ordered in), so we ordered it. The custard was creamy and satisfying, and the hardened sheet of caramelized sugar added a crunchy, full-mouth finishing touch to the meal.

If you enjoy fresh, well-cooked food in a pretty bay-side setting, try Donnelly’s Dockside (and don’t forget to order the nachos).



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