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Small Business Administration Honors Leaders In Severna Park



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The winners of this year's Small Business Administration state-level awards, along with the nominees, were recognized at a recent GSPACC luncheon held at Café Mezzanotte.

By Dylan Roche dylan@severnaparkvoice.com

id you know that more than half of Americans either own or work for a small business? Did you know those small businesses create about two of every three new jobs in the United States every year?

It's in recognition of this impact that the U.S. Small **Business Administration** (SBA) recognizes small-business owners and entrepreneurs from all 50 states and U.S. territories every year as part of National Small Business Week, observed in 2019 from May 5 through 11. As

"Every day, they're working to grow small businesses, create 21st-century jobs, drive innovation, and increase America's global competitiveness."

This year, four of the Greater Severna Park and Arnold Chamber of Commerce's nine nominees were recognized at the state level with SBA Awards: Artie Hendricks and Rob Calhan of Landmark Roofing were named the **Maryland Entrepreneurial Suc**cess of the Year; Lonnie and Dianna Lancione of **The Voice Media Inc.** were named the **Maryland Family-Owned Business of** the Year; Suzanne Brinks

Home-Based Business of the Year; and Tara Frame of Frame & Frame Attorneys at Law was named Attorney Advocate of the Year.

For these leaders, the award serves as a reminder that the hard efforts behind launching a business do not go unnoticed by others in the community. "It took guts to do what we set out to do," said Rob Calhan of what he and Artie Hendricks accomplished in founding Landmark Roofing. "I'm extremely humbled by how far it's come in such a short period of time. With hustle and belief, you can accomplish a lot."

Hendricks echoed Calhan's

FALCON LACROSSE: STATE CHAMPIONS

Photos by Colin Murphy Top: The Falcon girls dominated gameplay from the outset in defeating Dulaney 10-5 to ascend to the peak of Maryland high school lacrosse as 4A state champions on May 22 at Paint Branch High School.

Bottom: The Severna Park boys lacrosse team captured its fourth consecutive state title on May 22, defeating Howard High School for a 9-6 win at Paint Branch High School in Burtonsville.





With Summer Approaching, Broadneck And Severna Park Are Burdened By Beach Traffic

By Zach Sparks zach@pasadenavoice.com

lthough the official start of summer is June 21 and people are planning their beach getaways, not everyone is in a sunny mood.

Summer signals myriad problems for Severna Park and Broadneck residents who find their community roads clogged with travelers. The problem stems from two areas: summer beach traffic and backups from

Sandy Point State Park. An estimated 340,000 vehicles crossed the bay bridge on Memorial Day weekend alone, and Governor Larry Hogan has said that 2040 daily backups in the eastbound direction could extend up to 13 miles during the summer months and westbound backups could extend up to 14 miles.

After hearing from distressed residents of Skidmore, Whitehall and



other communities in 2016, Pat Lynch confronted the problem.

"The cars were piling up on College Parkway and blocking the Cape St. Claire entrance," Lynch said. "Peo-ple couldn't get into their communities. One day, just to go over Oceanic Drive, it took me almost one hour."

As president of Broadneck Council of Communities and vice president of both Growth Action Network and the Bay Bridge Reconstruction Advisory Group,

Lynch has been meeting with police officers, state officials and politicians to find a solution.

Some progress has been made. Four the fourth year, the Anne Arundel County Police Department (AA-COPD) will supply officers to assist with traffic congestion on the Broadneck peninsula during the summer even though the county is not responsible for state roads or state parks. AACOPD typically » Continued on A4

Sisters Of St. Joseph Honored For Service To St. John



St. John the Evangelist School presented Sisters Mary Jane Daily, Linda Larsen, Maureen Kelly, Kathleen Winner and Barbara Reuben with a plaque listing the names of all 72 Sisters of St. Joseph to have served at St. John the Evangelist.

By Judy Tacyn

n 1959, the Sisters of St. Joseph arrived in Severna Park by way of Chestnut Hill, Pennsylvania, to staff St. John the Evangelist School. Since then, 72 Sisters have dedicated themselves to the school, which serves prekindergarten through eighth grade. On Sunday, May 19, the final five Sisters to serve the parish community were honored during a Mass of Thanksgiving in their honor followed by a reception in the Parish Activities Center.

Sisters Maureen Kelly, Kathleen Winner, Mary Jane Daily and Linda Larsen took their seats, while Sister Barbara Reuben stood with the choir. Surrounded by current and former St. John the Evangelist School students and parents, former

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colleagues, friends and family members, these petite, demure and prayerful women humbly yet strongly led the St. John community from their center-front pew. Though they no longer work full-time in the school, the mere presence of these pious women made everyone sit up a bit straighter, pray a bit louder, and collectively give thanks for the opportunity to have crossed paths with these kind and gentle stewards.

In July, the Sisters will leave the St. John the Evangelist campus. Larsen will continue to reside in » Continued on A6

Construction Underway At Pasadena Crossroads

By Dylan Roche dylan@severnaparkvoice.com

fter months of anticipation, the community can finally see some progress happening at Pasadena Crossroads, the 319,518-square-foot shopping center at the intersection of Ritchie Highway and Jumpers Hole Road.

"We're under construction on almost everything," said Rob Meeks, leasing officer with the Sterling Or-



Sterling Organization is putting Pasadena Crossroads through a full revitalization to make it ready for new tenants and to bring in new customers.

ganization, which manages the center. "We have a good lineup of the best-in-class retailers, and it will totally rejuvenate that center."

Although many of the storefronts have stood empty since Kmart, Rugged Warehouse, Babies R Us and other retailers closed down, new tenants will move in to open up shop once construction is done. Hobby Lobby, which will go into the old Kmart location, is expected to be » Continued on A4

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Sigrid Kingsbury Helps Beautify Severna Park



Sigrid Kingsbury received her Volunteer of the Month award from Voice creative director Will Nauman.

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In the spring, the garden

By Maya Pottiger

Sigrid Kingsbury is very familiar with the gardens in Severna Park.

As part of both the Moonflower Garden Club and Friends of Anne Arundel County Trails, Kingsbury spends a lot of time outdoors beautifying Severna Park.

Kingsbury has been volunteering with the garden club for more than four years. She has served on several committees, but is currently chairperson for the committee that serves Woods Memorial Presbyterian Church.

As part of this committee, the garden club makes 65 flower arrangements to be delivered to Meals on Wheels recipients during Christmas.

"We try to make it as

"It's a great group of women," Kingsbury said. "We have speakers every month. It's all about gardening."

In addition to volunteering with Moonflower Garden Club, Kingsbury is the treasurer for Friends of Anne Arundel County Trails. She has held the position for four years and was previously in charge of the Lasting Gifts program, which sells bricks and benches.

"We try to do as much as we can for the people," Kingsbury said.

As treasurer, Kingsbury is responsible for keeping track of membership records, money coming in through Lasting Gifts, and all other money-making programs, like races.

"It's nice to see the money come through," Kingsbury said. "It's something I can handle that doesn't take too much time, but it does take a lot of time to be a treasurer."

Previously, Kingsbury volunteered as the PTA president for Benfield Elementary and president of the Women's Real Estate Council.

Kingsbury continuously reiterated the importance of giving back to the community.

"It helps people. It can make people smile," Kingsbury said. "Those people who get those flower arrangements from us, it makes their day."

Editor's Voice

Dylan Roche *Editor*



Out of all the months of the year, when does our team here at the *Voice* usually have the best time putting the paper together? It would probably be a toss-up between June and December. But if I had to choose, I would pick June.

Oh, don't get me wrong — there's definitely some stress that comes with the frenzied excitement of this month. But it's gratifying in a way that no other time of year can compete with, not even the merrymaking holiday season in December.

That's because June means the culmination of hard work on the part of so many people and organizations in our community. Everyone is enjoying their last hurrah before people slip into vacation mode for summer. More importantly, it's when this year's high school seniors close the books on one chapter of their lives and head off to other great adventures.

I don't have kids of my own (unless you count my dog), but I will admit that I join all the parents in being proud of our community's young people — not only for what they've accomplished but also for who they're proving to be, and what they hope to achieve in the years to come. I'm happy that

the *Voice* is able to pay tribute to the end of their high school days with our coverage of proms, scholarship presentations and graduation ceremonies. As for those students themselves (because I know a few of you are reading this), go out there and continue to make us proud!

To all our community readers, as the weeks go by and we get further into summer, I ask only that you don't forget about us here at the Voice. We want to hear from you and about how you're spending your summer. Whether you're a student, a professional, a volunteer, a parent, a senior, a business owner, whatever — we know that you will probably do something newsworthy at some point. Be sure to send us an email and tell us about it. Or snap a photo and shoot it our way. Maybe we'll share it with our followers on Instagram, or maybe it will end up being a story in the next print edition. However we end up using your tip, we'll be happy to hear from our readers. My email address is dylan@ severnaparkvoice.com, and I'll look forward to reading your news.

In the meantime, Severna Park, don't forget to take a few moments of pause this month to really enjoy the excitement that's always going on around us. Catch you in July! **Publishers** Dianna Lancion

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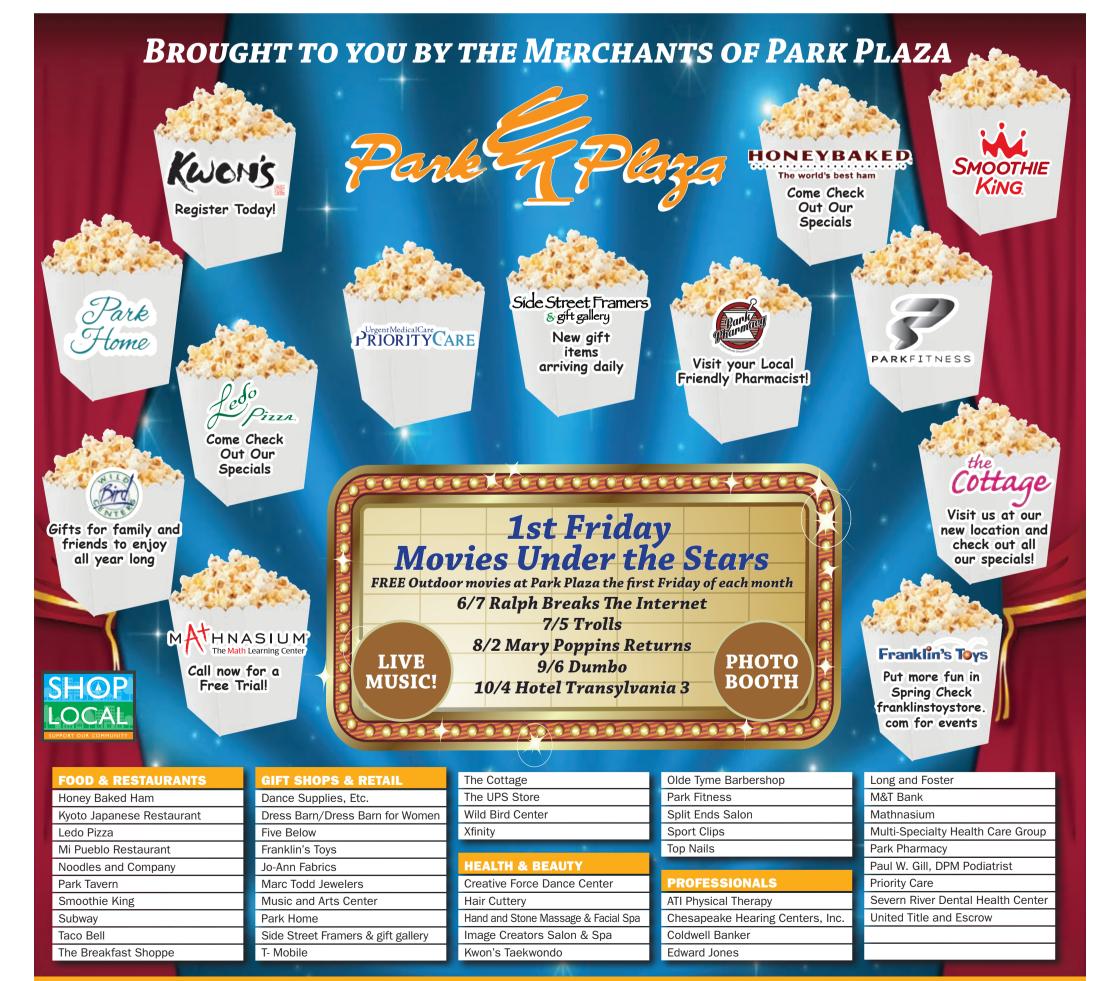
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Chick-fil-A Crew Cleans Up Leelyn Drive



On Saturday, May 18, the team at Chickfil-A of Severna Park volunteered time and energy to pick up trash and other debris that littered Leelyn Drive and the Park & Ride behind their restaurant location. This project was a part of Chick-fil-A's efforts to give back to the community. To be involved in future projects, email Teresa Bennett at marketing. director@spcfa.com.

Construction Underway At Crossroads

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the first to open. It will be followed by Home Goods, TJ Maxx and Sprouts Farmers Market. Meeks declined to give a timeline because "a lot can change with construction," but he expects everything will be open in 2019. He added that there have not been any problems with construction. "So far, everything has been good," he said.

The change is great news for the businesses currently operating in the center. "From our perspective, it's greatly needed because it was an older center," said John Cole, owner of Party City. "It's going to be the newest shopping center in the area. It's going to drive huge numbers of traffic because it's going to be so different. It's a total transformation."

Cole added that business has been "rough" since many of the previous retailers left, causing a

"downturn in the number of people" visiting the center. "We rely on foot traffic based not only on what we have to offer but on what other retailers offer," he said. "This is greatly needed from a business side."

Others are looking forward to increased traffic to the center as well. "It's going to bring brand awareness and a lot of new business to the area," said Jennifer Thomas, business development officer for BayVanguard Bank, which is housed in a pad site in the shopping center. Thomas added that losing retailers in the shopping center did not hurt the bank, but she expects BayVanguard will benefit from having more people come and go in Pasadena Crossroads on a regular basis once new stores are in operation.

Similarly, Chick-fil-A has had a steady customer flow, but owner Patrick Cozadd expects increased traffic will be a boon. "When you get a new group of customers who are interested in new retailers, that will give us new customers to serve," he said. "We did have a lot of relationships with employees from Babies R Us and Kmart, and it was sad to lose them, but at the same time, you look forward to meeting the employees of the new retailers and look forward to being able to serve them."

A full site plan of Pasadena Crossroads is available $at \ www.sterling organization.$ com/properties/236. Cole expressed hope that construction will be finished and new retailers will be in business by fall, and he looks forward to seeing the community enjoy all that Pasadena Crossroads has to offer. "We think the center is going to be extremely vibrant," he said. "There's going to be a ton of activity. There's so much newness. We see nothing but

Broadneck, SP Burdened By Traffic

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provides officers on Saturdays, Sundays and for the three major holidays, according to Acting Captain Fred Crosse of AACOPD's Eastern District.

"We quickly realized the traffic was not only causing quality-of-life issues with extended commutes and an influx of non-local traffic on smaller roads, but we also saw an inability to get emergency vehicles to the residents who may need them, which caused potential life-threatening safety concerns," Crosse said.

Still, it's a temporary solution. "We have continuously worked with our state partners to address some of the concerns, but did not feel we could afford to allow the problem to go unaddressed until the remedies are able to be realized," Crosse said.

AACOPD is paying overtime for its officers to address a problem that falls under jurisdiction of the state. Sergeant DaVaughn Parker, a spokesman for the Maryland State Police, said additional state troopers are also on patrol during the summer, with overtime assignments being funded by highway safety grants from the Maryland Department of Transportation Highway Safety Office. But the department declined to comment on how many extra officers are assigned to patrol traffic near Route 50 and the Broadneck peninsula.

For its part, the Department of Natural Resources has made some concessions at Sandy Point State Park: increasing the number of

seasonal contact station workers from five to eight, and designating a third entry lane for cash only.

"It seems to have really helped with the flow," said Dorna Cooper, park manager for Sandy Point.

More should be done, said Lynch, who suggested DNR complete a traffic study and charge by car instead of by visitor. "DNR has refused to participate in fixing any traffic problems outside of the park," Lynch said.

Asked about the suggestion of charging per car, Cooper said, "It was discussed and it was determined it would not make the entry time that much quicker. [The changes] have been doing really well, with the one exception being the Fourth of July. Other than that, the traffic has mostly come from people taking side roads to get around the bay bridge traffic."

When it comes to bridge traffic, Anne Arundel is at odds with Kent Island. The westbound bridge is designed to allow two-way, contra-flow operations, so a decision to alleviate traffic for one side means possible traffic for the other side.

"They have to send a truck out with cones to direct traffic for contra-flow," Lynch said. "One time, traffic was backed up beyond Route 2 because they didn't send trucks to remove the cones."

While the Maryland Transportation Authority is studying 14 potential sites for a new bay bridge crossing, construction is years away because the state must first decide on a location, fund the project and create the design. Any outcome could potentially make the traffic worse for Anne Arundel County if a third span of the bridge is placed near the other two.

Senator Ed Reilly and Delegate Michael Malone both represent District 33 and cross-filed unsuccessful legislation to give Anne Arundel County veto power whenever that decision is made. Nine Eastern Shore counties already possess that power to prohibit construction of any toll road, toll highway or toll bridge if the majority of the counties agree.

Former District 5 councilman Dick Ladd said the clock is ticking and Maryland must make a decision soon.

"The backbone of the system doesn't have enough capacity and the backbone of the system is the state roads," he said. "Now you have the four lanes eastbound across the Severn River. It eases up the congestion some, but then it backs up traffic on Route 2."

With no immediate solution to the traffic problem in sight for Broadneck and Severna Park residents, Crosse recommends that drivers be patient and avoid using local service roads if traveling across the bay bridge.

"As the traffic starts to back up, it takes time to implement the traffic plans we have in place," Crosse said. "We also have a number of officers directing traffic and safety is our most important goal. Please be aware of our officers and drive slowly through the traffic direction."

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The nonprofit was formed in memory of Phoebe Jeong-hui Ward, who loved penguins and wanted to be a veterinarian. Applicants for the scholarship must:

- •Be a female student
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Interested and eligible students should go to www. fightforphoebe.com and download the application.

Applications are due by July 1, 2019, and should be submitted electronically by emailing fightforphoebeinc@gmail.com or mailing the complete package to:

Fight For Phoebe Inc. Attn: Scholarship Fund 721 Cottonwood Drive Severna Park MD 21146

Congratulations, SPHS Class Of 2019!



Severna Park High School's Class of 2019 bade farewell to their peers, teachers and Principal Patrick Bathras during their graduation ceremony at the University of Maryland, Baltimore County in Catonsville on Tuesday, May 28.

SP, Broadneck Small Area Planning Meetings Slated For June

County Executive Steuart Pittman and the Office of Planning and Zoning encourage residents to join them for "Visioning Anne Arundel: A Continuing Discussion For Plan 2040," a series of meetings in the coming weeks. Each meeting will focus on a specific area. The meeting for Broadneck will be held at Broadneck High School on June 6, and the meeting for the Severna Park area will be held at Severna Park High School on June 10. All meetings will begin at 5:00pm with an open house that will continue throughout the evening. At 7:00pm, there will be a community discussion on:

- What is special about your community?
- What has changed in the

last 15 years?

What needs improvement?What should your commu-

nity look like in 20 years? Those who are unable to make the meetings in person can still make their voices heard regarding their wants and needs for the future of Anne Arundel County.

First, they can take the county's online survey. A series of three online surveys for each "Visioning Anne Arundel" meeting will mirror the open house activities. Links will be posted on the county website as each survey is opened. Surveys will then remain open for three weeks following the date of the meeting (see web information in the final paragraph of this article.)

Second, residents can

check out the recordings of the open comment session. The audience-style open comment session of each meeting will be recorded and uploaded to the Anne Arundel County YouTube channel. Links will be posted as they become available.

Finally, residents can review summaries of feedback received at each "Visioning Anne Arundel" meeting. Input received from participants at each meeting will be summarized and posted online.

To learn more, take the survey, listen to recordings or review feedback, visit www.aacounty.org/departments/planning-and-zoning and click "Help Shape the Future of Anne Arundel County."

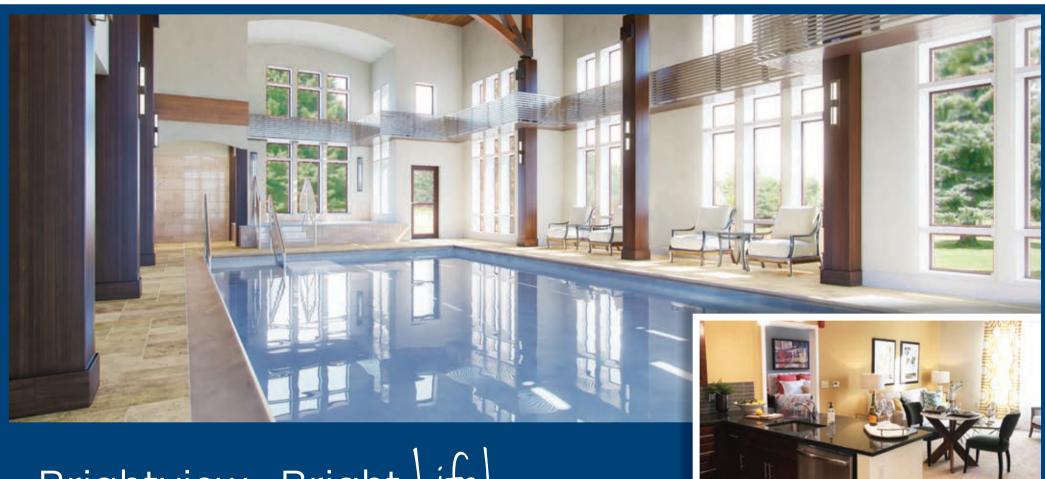
Meet The Kids Is A Furry Affair





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Sisters Of St. Joseph Celebrated For Service To St. John

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Severna Park and work in the memory care unit at Sunrise Senior Living and coordinate the ministry to the sick and homebound of the parish. Kelly, Winner, Daily and Reuben will live in or near the St. Joseph Villa, their community convent in Flourtown, Pennsylvania, and happily serve in new roles.

Kelly has been a Sister for 65 years. She came to St. John the Evangelist in 1995. She worked for a short time with fourth-grade students but has spent most of her time ministering to the sick and homebound. She was also a strong proponent and member of the St. John the Evangelist Jamaica outreach team. She said being part of the SJE community has been the greatest gift of her life.

"I was blessed to be part of our Jamaica outreach team and witness their dedication to our family in Jamaica," Kelly said. "The team workers and our Jamaica families were gifts of a lifetime! These people will be forever in my heart."

Reuben entered the convent in 1952, just three months after graduating from high school, almost 67 years ago. During her time at SJE, she served as assistant librarian for 15 years; planned children's liturgies, trained student lectors and cantors for nine years; accompanied the classroom choirs on the piano for 15 years; and prepared student lectors for Thursday 8:30am Masses. She sang in the traditional choir and was a Sunday lector.

As a musician and vocalist, Reuben said, "I am proud of the few times that parents told me how grateful they were when I recognized that their son or daughter had a beautiful singing voice. Some of these students went on to receive high school music scholarships."

Annie Gorski attended St. John the Evangelist School from prekindergarten through eighth grade, graduating in 2011. Gorski minored in theater in college and performed in numerous plays and four musicals.

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Each of these women, as well as countless others who lived with, served besides, and ministered before them have contributed to the beautiful fabric of St. John."

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PASTOR OF ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST CHURCH

"Sister Barbara always encouraged me to sing," said Gorski. "She reminded me my voice was a gift from God and I should always be singing."

be singing.' Daily has been a Sister for 65 years and came to SJE in 1997. After retiring from teaching, she served in the school as an administrative and office assistant. She's been a member of the St. Peregrine Cancer Support Group since 1998, a Eucharistic minister to Park View Senior Living and spiritual adviser to the SJE St. Vincent de Paul Society. Daily leads morning prayer two days per week in the school.

"The great blessing of being able to minister in St. John parish and school for 22 years will be my fondest memory," Dailey said. "I have been here long enough to feel that I'm a family member." Winner has been a Sister for 68 "all very happy years." She arrived at St. John in 2004 and served as the first friendly face school visitors met at the reception desk.

"I will miss all of the wonderful people I've met and grown to love here at St. John," she said. "I've always wanted to be more contemplative. These last few years, I have had the opportunity to do just that and I've loved growing closer to Jesus."

Larsen has been a Sister for 53 years. She taught grades five through eight over the years, but she will be remembered for her leadership as SJES principal from 1988 to 2015.

"My fondest memories center around the many accomplishments of the children under my care at St. John, as well as their accomplishments in high school and college," Larsen said. "I am most proud of our school being named a National Blue Ribbon School in 2008. Second on my list would include the renovation of seven rooms in the main school, which included a state-of-the-art computer lab, a dedicated science lab and the addition of a new wing, which opened in 2000, adding five classrooms to the main school."

Larsen wishes that everyone in the St. John community stays close to their faith and does their best in life.

"Each of these women, as well as countless others who lived with, served besides, and ministered before them have contributed to the beautiful fabric of St. John," said the Rev. James Proffitt, pastor of St. John the Evangelist Church. "As we sadly say goodbye to the sisters this summer, we will certainly not say farewell to the lasting impact they have made over so many years of faithful ministry in our community."

During a special ceremony following Mass, St. John the Evangelist School Principal Casey Buckstaff presented the Sisters with a plaque, which includes the names of all 72 Sisters who have served at St. John. It will hang in the school entrance as a reminder of the impact the Sisters have had, and will continue to have, on the St. John community.

"We will embrace your charisma and spirit and live according to the models you have been for us," Buckstaff said. "We will teach and pray and play with the enthusiasm and grace you set forth for us, and we will forever keep our memories of you in our hearts."

Though the Sisters will rejoin their community in Pennsylvania, Gorksi summed up their collective legacy at St. John.

"Having the Sisters at my school, in the classroom and in the library felt like God was always there. They made it so *everything* in school always came back to God and our faith," said Gorski. "I believe my strong faith comes from the foundation the Sisters instilled in me at St. John. Even today, I feel their love and support. They hold a special place in my heart. Their love will fill the halls even after they are

SBA Honors Leaders

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sentiment, saying, "People often only see the success or failures of a business, and most don't understand the time or hardship that sometimes take place. We are most proud of always doing the right thing even if it doesn't help Landmark. By doing this, we know that we have created a name that we can be proud of."

Like Hendricks and Calhan, the other winners also see their work as business owners being as much about being good community members as it is about offering a good product or service. For Lonnie and Dianna Lancione - who took over publishing the Severna Park Voice following the death of Dianna's grandmother, founder Margueritte Mills, and ultimately established The Voice Media Inc. – using media to keep Severna Park readers connected with one another has always been a focus.

"We've been able to withstand a market that has seen newspapers disappear, and during that time, we've been able to grow, expand and continue our mission of unifying the community," Lonnie said.

By providing advertising opportunities to other businesses, the Lanciones have also helped many in the Severna Park market thrive. "We've been able to help small businesses grow and prosper along the way - they're the backbone of our community," Dianna said, adding that she hopes the mission she and Lonnie always shared of providing feel-good news will help shape future generations. "There's a lot of community pride in Severna Park," she said. "People know and care about each other."

Tara Frame is another who takes her mission personally. "I'm proud to be able to carry on my father's tradition of helping people in the community," she said. "I try hard to educate people so they can make better-informed decisions ... It's a nice feeling to be the go-to person when people need legal help or legal assistance."

Though business ownership requires endless effort, all the honorees agreed that knowing what they do is valued makes it all worthwhile. "I'm proud of the fact that I can make women feel great by putting on one of my wraps," said Suzanne Brinks, who invented the DECA Wrap. "People like what I do, and it feels really good," she said.

In addition to these state-

level winners, nominees by the Greater Severna Park and Arnold Chamber of Commerce included Richard Kyaw of **Reliant Management** Consultant LLC., nominated for the **Rising Star Student** of the Year; Brian Taylor of Goldiata Creative, nominated for the Young Entrepreneur of the Year; Bess Clark of Coterie, a Boutique, nominated for the Woman-Owned Business of the Year; Cliff Johnson of State Farm Insurance, nominated for the **Minority-Owned** Business of the Year; and Kirk Lynn of the Kirk Lynn Agency of State Farm, nominated for the **Insurance** Advocate of the Year.

"It was a very competitive year and the SBA said that they received a record number of applications," said chamber CEO Liz League. "Four of our members beat the competition to be recognized as state winners, and we couldn't be happier for them."

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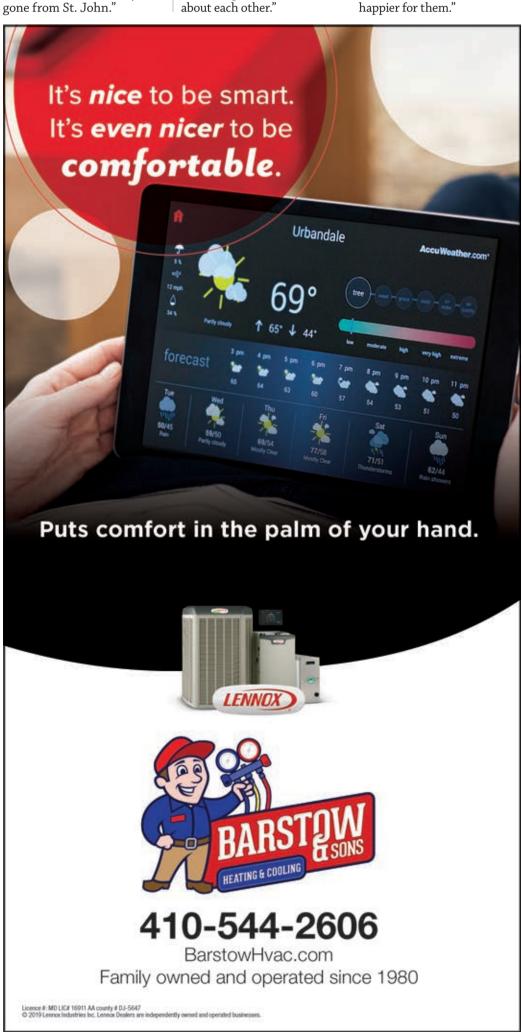
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SRA, ORP Launch Second Build A Reef Campaign

By Maya Pottiger

Despite 2018 being one of Maryland's wettest years on record, the oysters planted in last year's Operation Build A Reef campaign are thriving.

The Severn River Association conducted a dive in late April to monitor the oysters, and the results were encouraging.

"This proved that the oysters can survive even dire conditions down there," said Tom Guay, program officer at the Severn River Association. "It's assurance to everybody to know that, for our oyster growers, the efforts that they're doing are paying off."

The oysters were planted at three reefs in the Severn. During the dive, live oysters were found at every site.

"We were relieved to find that the spat on the surveyed sites not only survived but were found in high densities," said a statement from the Oyster Recovery Partnership. "The patent tong survey



During a dive on April 23, the Severn River Association found good news — the oysters planted last summer were surviving.

also revealed the presence of large, older oysters from plantings conducted in 2010 and 2013. This tells us that the water is suitable for oysters to grow into adulthood, which is also when they have the largest filtering capacity."

Because it takes an oyster three years to mature, there aren't yet any direct impacts to the health of the Chesapeake Bay from last summer's planting. However, there are signs that the reefs are helping the quality of the bay.

brought] up
these samples
of oysters,
they're like
mini reefs.
You can see
in there this
proliferation
of all kinds of
creatures in
there," Guay
said. "What
we have now
is the physical evidence

to see that there's life underwater, and they're beginning to form ecosystems around the oyster reef. That's the exciting part."

With reassurance that oysters are capable of thriving in the Severn River, the SRA and ORP are teaming up again for a second Operation Build A Reef. This year, the project is relying entirely on grassroots efforts.

"What we learned last year is that there is quite an appetite among people who live here in the watershed to support their own river," said Paul Schurick, the director of partnerships at ORP. "We set an ambitious goal to do this all with grassroots, private fundraising."

This year, the goal is to raise \$50,000 to plant 10 million oysters in the Severn. Each bushel of spat-on-shell costs \$100 and contains thousands of baby oysters.

"This is an opportunity and a model that we would be looking at other river groups to do similar projects around the state," said Stephan Abel, executive director of ORP. "If the local community wants to get active and have a measurable impact in their streams and rivers, why not do it elsewhere around the bay?"

Watermark Tours is donating a boat to invite the community to watch the oyster planting, which will take place in mid-August. To learn more about Operation Build A Reef or to donate to the campaign, visit www. buildareef.org.

Shop Local Festival Benefits Local Charities



At the annual Shop Local Festival put on by the Greater Severna Park and Arnold Chamber of Commerce, the event's gold sponsors had the opportunity to present a portion of their sponsorship — \$500 — to the beneficiary of their choice. Kogen Dojo (above) gave to Burgers & Bands for Suicide Prevention, SERVPRO of Annapolis and Severna Park (below) gave to SPAN, the Jing Ying Institute of Kung Fu & Tai Chi gave to SPAN, Opportunity Builders Inc. gave to Repke Fitness, and Chesapeake K-9 Funds gave to Cedar Square Homes. The donations were part of the event's mission to celebrate what local businesses do for their communities.



Fishpaws Marketplace And Homestead Gardens Team Up To Host Fundraiser Benefitting UM BWMC

Fishpaws Marketplace and Homestead Gardens of Severna Park are partnering to host Corks for a Cause, a fundraiser benefitting the Baltimore Washington Medical Center Foundation. The event will take place Wednesday, June 12, from 6:00pm to 8:00pm at Homestead Gardens in Severna Park (522 Ritchie Highway). Proceeds from the event will provide capital assistance to help fund services, programs and expansions to meet the changing health care needs of the community. Last year's inaugural Corks for a Cause was attended by more than 150 people, and raised \$10,000 for UM BWMC.

"We are committed to providing the highest

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quality health care to our community," said Kathy Burk, executive director of the Baltimore Washington Medical Center Foundation. "And events like Corks for a Cause play an important role in helping us raise much-needed resources."

Tickets are \$50 per person and include wine tastings, beverages, food samplings from area restaurants, and local cheeses
— and the cost is entirely
tax-deductible.

For more information about Corks for a Cause or to purchase tickets, visit www.umbwmc.org/giving/corksforacause or call the foundation office at 410-553-8560. For more information about the BWMC Foundation, visit www.bwmcfoundation.org.



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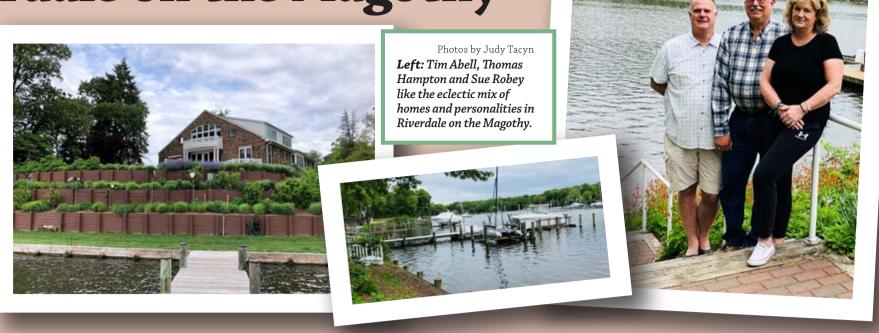
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NEIGHBORHOOD OF THE MONTH

Riverdale on the Magothy

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 and let us know!



Generation After Generation, Riverdale Residents Enjoy The Magic Of The Magothy

By Judy Tacyn

It's possible to live your entire life in Severna Park or Pasadena and never know about Riverdale on the Magothy, the quiet community northeast of Old Man Creek and Tar Hill Cove. For the residents, some of whom who have lived in this community for generations, being off the beaten path is exactly how they like it.

Take a right turn off north-bound Baltimore-Annapolis Boulevard just before the intersection of Magothy Bridge Road and you'll find Riverdale on the Magothy. Established in the 1940s, this community doesn't boast flashy amenities because it doesn't have to; it's home to some of the most gorgeous waterfront property in the area. Homes don't last long on the market, if they make it to a listing at all.

Situated west of the Magothy, Riverdale is within the Severna Park zip code; however, it's zoned for the Chesapeake cluster of public schools, including the coveted Blue-Ribbon Pasadena Elementary School. With easy access to all that Severna Park and Pasadena have to offer, these homeowners have the best of both worlds, all within a short drive. Riverdale is only minutes from Beachwood Park,

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a natural and historic gem on the shores of the upper Magothy River. Lake Waterford Park is also close.

TIM ABELL

RESIDENT FOR FOUR YEARS

Tim Abell and his wife, both native Washingtonians, moved to Riverdale nearly four years ago from Laurel, Maryland, to become "river people." After visiting about 100 homes on various rivers in Anne Arundel County, the couple chose their Riverdale on the Magothy home because of the elevational feature of their property in relation to the river, the number of no-wake zones on the river, and the traffic flow to their Laurel-based business.

"This community is unique because of the eclectic mix of homes and personalities," Abell said. "We have a diverse mix of lifestyles, income levels and interests. If we ever need anything in the way of help, knowledge or friendship, Riverdale residents have it covered. We have helicopter pilots to master mechanics to real estate appraisers!"

In his short four years in the community, Abell has become part of a resurgent homeowners association. While the group maintains a waterfront lot with a small

sitting area, residents are eager to have more seasonal get-togethers. Abell is part of a group of neighbors putting together the historical story of the Riverdale on the Magothy Community Association.

With the community perfectly situated between Severna Park and Pasadena, Abell said it's the "little things like [this] local newspaper, our very active church, a couple good restaurants, and plenty of hangout pubs and restaurants to watch sporting events that make our community so special."

The Abells are involved with several St. John the Evangelist activities and other charities in the greater Baltimore-Washington area.

SUE ROBEY

Lifelong Resident

"My parents, Leaston and Rose Booker, purchased property in 1958 and built a house on Dundee Road," said Sue Robey. "At the time, the neighborhood was all dirt roads, and there were not many houses. My grandfather purchased property next to my parents and he built a house in 1970. When he passed away, my parents sold their house and moved into my grandparent's house because it was larger and my grandmother

In 1985, Robey and her husband built a house on the property next door. When her parents retired in 1990 and moved to Florida, Robey's brother and his wife

bought their parents' house, so the

did not want to live alone."

siblings' children have grown up together and mark four generations in Riverdale on the Magothy. "I like that it is a smaller community. Everyone is friendly and very helpful to their neighbors," Robey said. "There are a lot of fam-

grown up here have come back."

One fun aspect about multiple generations in one neighborhood is that families attend the same schools.

ilies that have been here since I

was a kid, and neighbors that have

"[Pasadena Elementary] is a wonderful school. My father, my brother and I, and also my two boys, went there," Robey added. "Two of my grandchildren are going there."

THOMAS HAMPTONLIFELONG RESIDENT

Thomas Hampton's father grew up in South Baltimore and purchased lots in Riverdale in 1948. Family interest in waterfront was spurred by an uncle who owned

property on Stoney Creek. "My dad started building a small house shortly thereafter, doing the majority of work himself," Hampton said. "My mother's family had owned a property on the Magothy in the 1930s, directly across from the Riverdale restaurant, known as Town Hall in those days. My parents married in 1952 and began living in Riverdale, immediately. I came along in December 1953."

Though Riverdale is the demarcation zone between Severna Park and Pasadena, between the Magothy's north and south shores, Hampton said "old-timers still standing all went to Severna Park High School, but our kids mostly went to Chesapeake. Some might view that as choice between one or the other. I have always felt a part of both."

Hampton also remembers many years ago being on a flight home into BWI Marshall Airport on a sunny day with the Magothy and Chesapeake Bay waters sparkling off the side of the airplane.

"Some out-of-town folks were marveling at how beautiful that was and how great it would be to live someplace like it," Hampton said. "Today we teeter on the brink of declining quality of life. I hope my daughters' kids will know at least some of the magic of Magothy life the way I remember it."



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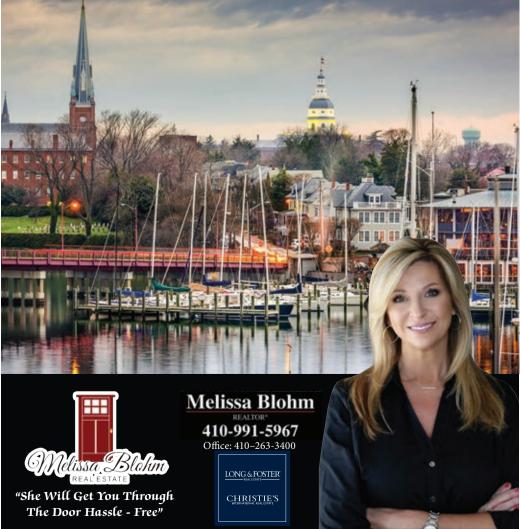
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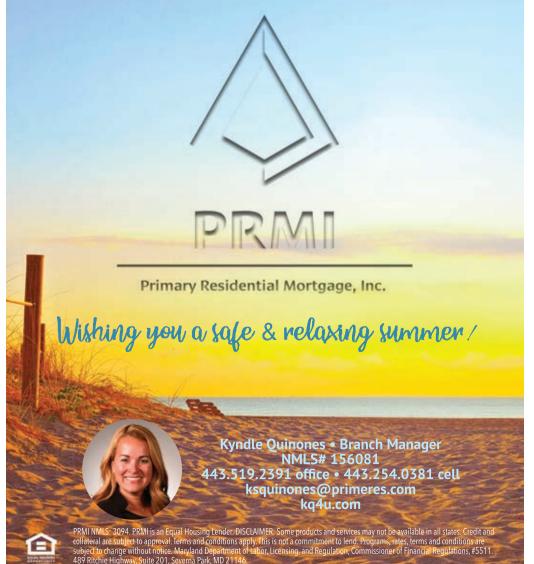
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POLITICS & OPINION

The County Budget

Amanda FiedlerCouncilwoman
District 5



une: the official beginning of summer. The school year comes to an end, family vacation countdowns begins, pools open, and the sounds of sno ball trucks chiming through the neighborhoods returns. For the county council, it also marks the month that we strike the budget. For 45 days, the council has dissected, analyzed, discussed and assessed the county executives' budget that was presented on May 1.

The Fiscal Year 2020 budget is a historic one. You have likely read about it or discussed it at the water cooler. For the first time since the property tax cap was passed in the early '90s, this budget proposes circumventing the revenue cap and increasing property taxes by 3.7%. Despite the 70% of voters who supported the tax cap, this loophole is possible due to legislation passed by the General Assembly in 2012 that allows jurisdictions to bypass revenue caps, so long as the additional taxes go toward education. Also proposed are a 12% increase to income tax, 15% increase to the environmental protection fee, 5% increase to water and sewer connections, and 5% for stormwater remediation. The proposed increase in taxes is the largest our county has seen since the '70s. So where is all that money going? It's going to increased funding for education, police, fire, detention and county departments like the Office of Law, Planning and Zoning, and Inspections and Permits. It may sound like a lot, because it is.

As your elected councilwoman, it is my job to ensure that your tax dollars are utilized in the most responsible way. Are we spending too much at once? What considerations have been made for the taxpayers? Are we making the best decisions this year to set us in a new direction for funding areas in the future? These are the questions I will continue to seek answers to before we finalize the budget on June 14. It is a careful balance between the essential needs of the county and the fiscal impact to the citizens. These are hard decisions that must be made.

The budget is not the only

work being done in Annapolis. On May 7, Bill 14-19 passed with bipartisan support, adding additional residential zones for farm breweries that meet necessary conditions. You may remember my May column detailing this bill. Bill 14-19 was my first piece of legislation, following through on my commitment to preserve our local agriculture. On May 20, Bill 24-19 passed unanimously, ending a civil case between the county and its employees over health care bargaining, thereby settling with the 12 bargaining units representing county employees. A resolution for a charter amendment that would place a 2.5% cap on income tax, if voted favorably by voters in 2020, failed with a split down party lines.

Discussions continue as we anticipate the work ahead on the General Development Plan, which will determine the use of land in our county for 10 to 20 years. There will be two opportunities for District 5 residents to be part of the conversation: on June 6 at Broadneck High School and June 10 at Severna Park High School. Each session of "Visioning Anne Arundel" will have two parts. From 5:00pm to 7:00pm residents can work with the Office of Planning and Zoning on activities for information sharing and gathering purposes. At 7:00pm, formal discussion begins and you can share what you love about the area. What has changed over the years? What should be improved? What is your vision for our future?

If you have thoughts on the budget, the General Development Plan or would like to reach me concerning any matter that is important to you, send me an email at *amanda*. fiedler@aacounty.org.

An Update On Environmental Matters

Steuart Pittman County Executive



nne Arundel County has some good environmental laws on the books. Those laws are designed to protect our natural areas and our many rivers, creeks and streams that flow into the Chesapeake Bay. Our county has a strong environmental ethic, and our communities depend on a clean, healthy environment as part of their quality of life.

But to truly protect our natural environment, our laws must be properly enforced. That is why I joined other conservation leaders at the Chesapeake Bay Foundation on May 15 to announce two new policies that will better protect our environment when land is proposed for development. These new policies are effective immediately and will save sensitive environmental wetlands from being developed and make it more difficult for developers to get waivers from existing laws.

Wetlands filter our waterways and provide important habitat for wildlife. And generally, if an area is wet enough to be a wetland, then it probably isn't the best place to build something anyway. When I came into office, I discovered that the current practice was to allow developers themselves to mark where wetlands were on a property they were proposing to develop.

Wetlands are protected areas, and delegating the authority to protect them to developers is counterintuitive. So, from now on, Anne Arundel County will partner with the Maryland Department of the Environment to verify the location of wetlands before any development occurs on a site.

Our second policy significantly expands protections for a broader classification of important natural features and sensitive areas, such as priority forests, streams, floodplains and steep slopes. Our county code is filled with protections for these areas, but unfortunately, these protections can be avoided using a mechanism called a modification.

Modifications allow developers to receive a waiver for specific development requirements. Modifications give planners flexibility with site design, but they can also

be used to get around our environmental regulations. Not anymore.

From now on, when a developer seeks a modification to an environmental regulation, they will have to provide thorough justification for why that modification is needed. Any modifications that would have an adverse impact on the environment must include a plan to mitigate those effects, subject to approval by our Planning and Zoning officer. If they cannot adequately protect our environment, then the request will be denied plain and simple.

The interesting part about these two new policies is that no new legislation is required. The laws are already on the books – we just need to enforce them. We must be true to the environmental policies that past county executives and county councils have passed. On May 15, my administration committed to doing that.

To further protect our environment, we need adequate staffing levels at our Office of Planning and Zoning and our Department of Inspections and Permits. We have a dedicated staff of planners and inspectors, but there simply are not enough of them. Our

inspectors are responsible for monitoring far more sites than any other county in Maryland, with fewer inspectors to do it. In fact, our inspectors have triple the erosion and sediment control workload of the next busiest county.

Our proposed Fiscal
Year 2020 budget adds four
additional environmental
inspectors to our Inspections
and Permits team and six
new planners to our Office of
Planning and Zoning team,
allowing them to establish
an environmental review
division. Together, these
additional personnel will
help us visit more sites more
frequently and ensure that our
environmental regulations are
being followed.

We will continue to review existing policies to protect our communities, our environment, and our people and we will support those priorities with our budget. When we can, we will issue policy guidance to ensure our laws are properly enforced. When we identify a need for code changes, we will propose new legislation and work with the county council. A clean, healthy environment is an important part of making Anne Arundel County "the best place."

The History Of Women's Suffrage

Michael MaloneDelegate
District 33



ineteen is the magic number for women's suffrage. It first took off in the 19th century, culminating in the 19th Amendment, which now celebrates the 100th anniversary of its passage in Congress on June 4, 1919. At that time, 19 states, Wyoming the first in 1869, had granted full or partial suffrage to women, but Maryland was not among them.

The history of women's suffrage in Maryland is checkered at best. Maryland

claims the first women's suffragist in colonial America: Margaret Brent. Born and educated in England, Margaret Brent and her siblings, Mary and Giles, settled in St. Mary's County in 1638 and soon became some of the largest landowners in the colonies. As an unmarried woman, Margaret Brent owned property in her own name, and likely was the first woman lawyer in the colonies, representing herself, her brother and other women in court. Thanks to Margaret's experience in public affairs, Governor Leonard Calvert named her executrix of his will. In 1646, an uprising mirroring the civil war raging in England erupted in Maryland. Governor Calvert raised some soldiers and defended the colonies but died before he paid them. In colonial America, representation in the legislature was based on property. Seeking to pay the soldiers and continue pro-

next 200 years.

As women became civically active in the late 19th century, women's suffrage organizations blossomed.
In 1889, Caroline Hallowell Miller organized her Sandy Spring Quaker community,

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Brent petitioned the assem-

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The assembly flatly denied

her request to vote, but the

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and in 1894, the Baltimore Suffrage Club was founded, both of which later merged into the National American Women's Suffrage Association (NAWSA), which in 1902 and 1906 held its national conventions in Baltimore. At the Lyric Theater in February 1906, Clara Barton, Julia Ward Howe and an 86-year-old Susan B. Anthony urged women, from factory workers to college students, to fight for the right to vote. Anthony died a month later. In 1909, Edith Houghton Hooker formed the Just Government League, which later ratified with the more militant National Women's Party. There was even a Men's League for Women's

Suffrage formed in 1910. While unified in their goal, these groups were plagued by divisions over how to progress and how high to aim. Should they circulate petitions, hold parades and open-air meetings, or engage in civil disobedience? Should they shoot for a federal constitutional amendment, a state constitutional amendment, or focus on gaining the vote in municipal elections? Either way, they took action: in 1912, the largely antisuffrage Democratic Party held its national convention in Baltimore, where suffragists lobbied conventioneers and staged a parade with 40,000 spectators. In 1917, Dorothy Ford re-enacted Paul Revere's ride by galloping into Annapolis on horseback with the message, "Keep not liberty from your own household." Most controversially, Maryland suffragists that same year picketed the White House and burned the president in effigy, and women like Amelia Walker, Nina Samarodin and Julia Emory were arrested, tried and incarcerated.

Locally, the movement enjoyed some success: In 1900, Annapolis granted women the right to vote in a special municipal bond election, and in 1908, the Kent County town of Still Pond granted the right to vote to all taxpayers over 21. In 1906, proposed suffrage legislation met with jokes and laughter, and, though defeated in 1912 and 1914,

in 1916 and 1917, it passed the Senate.

After Congress passed the 19th Amendment in June 1919, there was a huge push for 36 or three-fourths of the then 48 states to pass it. Many state legislatures, Maryland included, were adjourned, so special sessions were requested to pass the amendment so that women could vote in the 1920 presidential election. Maryland failed to hold such a session.

During the 1920 regular

session, on February 20, women gathered on the State House steps, trying to convince a legislature made exclusively of men to grant them the right to vote. They failed. Democrats, long opposed to expanding voting rights, controlled both legislative houses and the executive office, and they shut it down. Not only that, they passed resolutions decrying the 19th Amendment as infringing on state's rights, and sent representatives to swing states to urge them not to ratify the amendment. They failed, and in August 1920, Tennessee became the 36th state to ratify the amendment, making women's suffrage the law of the land. Maryland didn't vote to ratify the 19th Amendment until 1941, and didn't certify it until 1958, but that didn't stop millions of American women from voting in the November 1920 election. Nor did it stop the Supreme Court, which in 1922 held that the 19th Amendment was legally adopted in Leser v. Garnett, in which an antisuffragist Baltimore judge contested the right of two women to vote based solely upon their gender. In Maryland's defense, it

is one of the 37 states that passed the Equal Rights Amendment. In 1972, the Maryland Constitution, Declaration of Rights, Article 46, was amended to state that "Equality of rights under the law shall not be abridged or denied because of sex."

In an era where the House of Delegates just elected its first female speaker of the House, it's daunting to realize that 99 years ago, not only would a woman not be on the ballot, she could not have cast one.

The Value Of Focused Rage

Heather BagnallDelegate
District 33



s I write this column, this has been a challenging week for women in what has been a few years beset with outrage. I realize that I am an outlier in an otherwise conservative district, so I tread on hazardous terrain. However, as the saying goes, "Wellbehaved women rarely make history," and we are in a moment in our history that I never thought I'd see in my lifetime.

Last year, as I entered a race that was by all accounts impossible, I was asked how I kept going day after day, and I said in my self-deprecating way, I was surviving on a steady diet of string cheese and focused rage. It was intended as a joke, but it was a moment of honesty that I revisit often.

We have been having a regular dialogue about mental illness, self-care, and suicide prevention, but I want to talk about the value of focused rage because it can be a powerful tool if wielded wisely.

There is a clear distinction between focused rage and outrage. Outrage is debilitating and can even be paralyzing; it muddies our thoughts, and makes us slow to act, it is reactive and makes us feel powerless or even hopeless. Outrage can lead to fatigue, and that fatigue and feeling of helplessness can lead to or exacerbate a mental health crisis.

However, focused rage, anger channeled with laser precision, can be not only productive but proactive. I learned this years ago in a time of crisis, where I felt as though I was hacking through an endless forest with no direction. Focused rage is like climbing into the treetops. It doesn't reduce the size of the forest, but it gives a view to the edges so that you at least can see the forest has an end. Focused rage gives us each the opportunity to strategize, to feel empowered to act, to give ourselves a specific direction, and most importantly, to give ourselves an end goal.

In an era of 24-hour news cycles and a constant barrage of crises, each one seemingly more challenging than the last, focused rage can be a coping mechanism to keep us informed, engaged and harnessing our power, but like any power source, it has its limits and must be used sparingly.

It is challenging as a state representative at times knowing that I must limit my focus to the tasks before me, to protecting those most vulnerable within the scope of my office. However, one other advantage of focused rage is that it is also cumu-

lative. Finding those who share your focus expands your reach and your power.

It's important to find the opportunities to ground that rage so it doesn't become toxic, to find outlets and activities that inspire and renew. I was always a fan of the analogy of geese. Geese fly in V-formation because the front goose breaks the wind and the other geese are carried by the tailwinds, but geese take turns leading and honk encouragement to the lead goose. Now, find your issue and focus that rage with the precision of an artist until the task is complete and then find your flock, build your V-formation and when you need it, take a break on the tailwind until you're ready to lead again. Together we can soar.

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FIVE STEPS TO MAINTAIN HEALTHY MOUTHS

Our dental mission statement should be not just reacting to and treating problems; instead, our priority should be preventing oral problems before they occur.

What five things can we all do to improve our oral health?

• Throw away your toothbrush. Toothbrushes should be replaced every three months and after illness (colds, flu, etc.) Consider a brush that fits the size and shape of your mouth, is durable and has soft bristles.

• Brush your teeth for two minutes at least twice per day. Floss or use interproximal cleaners at least once per day. Vigorously rinse with water or mouthwash after you finish your tooth cleaning.

• Limit the number of sodas, sports drinks, sweet teas, and coffees you drink daily. Drink water. Tap water has no sugar to cause dental decay. It has fluoridation to prevent decay. There are no calories to cause weight gain. It also fights dry mouth (decreased saliva, which increases the risk

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Office and the Anne Arundel

Health, as well as numerous other state and local officials

and substance-use disorder

"Today I am pleased to

announce the launch of the

Maryland Mobile Wellness

Initiative, a mobile well-

ness vehicle that will link

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ecutive Director Steve Schuh

 Avoid all tobacco products. If you are a smoker, you should be concerned about the effects smoking has on your health. Oral cancers accounted for more than 7,000 deaths in the United States last year (1% of all cancer deaths). People with a previous history of oral cancer, and combination tobacco and alcohol users over the age of 40, are at the highest risk. However, oral cancer is universally found in people of all ages and backgrounds.

· Visit the dentist if it's been over six months or you can't remember the date of your last visit. At a regular dental visit, your teeth and mouth are examined. A periodontal (gums) evaluation is done. Your oral hygiene home care is evaluated. You get your teeth professionally cleaned and polished to remove plaque, tartar and stains. X-rays are taken if needed. Teeth are treated with fluoride compounds. Oral hygiene techniques (brushing, flossing, and the use of other interdental cleaners) are reviewed. This is your chance to address questions and concerns.

Dental diseases are not completely preventable. Without a cure, utilize the modern dental technologies for maximum prevention and limit destruction with early treatment.

The key tools in preventing tooth problems are cleaning your teeth every day, your diet, fluoride and dental sealants. Regular dental cleanings bring everything together.

community," Phillips said.

with expert staff will pro-

vide critical health services

in easy-to-access locations.

Maryland Mobile Wellness

counseling, testing, immu-

connects people experienc-

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Schuh said, "The Maryland

Mobile Wellness Initiative is

another tool in our toolbox

to fight the heroin and opi-

oid epidemic that is affect-

ing every part of our state.

We hope this will serve as a

promising practice for other

Mobile wellness services

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3:00pm in the parking lot of

the Arundel House of Hope,

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Maryland Mobile

Wellness Initiative

Graduating To A Healthier Life

Joe Bocek Park Fitness



t's the unofficial beginning of summer. Memorial Day has come, graduations are aplenty and soon it will be carnival season. It's a great time to be alive!

Speaking of graduations, we usually hear a commencement speech or two this time of year. Perhaps you heard a great story like Robert F. Smith paying off all graduating students' loan debt at Morehouse College. And inevitably, we think of life lessons to take with us or pass on.

It's times like this I wonder what a commencement speech focused on living long and living well would be like.

I am in the health and fitness business, so naturally I fill my days thinking of stuff like this.

I envision a picturesque May afternoon with a beautiful college background and thousands of cap-and-gownclad graduates sitting in attendance. I hear the speech going a little like this:

YOU GET ONE BODY

It's the greatest instrument and device you will ever own — even better than an iPhone. Take care of it.

SHARPEN YOUR MIND

You can do this with learning, reading books and experiencing things, but also by doing things to reinforce your mind and body connect. The World Health Organization recently reported that

exercise was just about the best way to help prevent dementia. If you take care of the body, the mind will follow.

Move!

Is there a greater expression of life than to use our body to move? Play, dance, run, exercise, just move! Move with purpose and move often.

EAT LIKE AN ADULT

This is a line from famous strength and conditioning coach Dan John and it holds up. If you are old enough to have a mortgage or even a family, you might be past eating Fruity Pebbles and fast food every day. You don't have to eat perfectly, if that even exists. But most times, lean protein, veggies and fruit

should be regularly on your plate.

LEARN WHEN TO WORK HARD BUT ALSO WHEN TO RELAX.

When you work, work hard. But also learn when to relax. Find opportunities to find peace, meditate and search for things you are grateful for. Enjoy nature, art and all of life's beauty. It'll fly by fast enough. "Now go out and live!"

It's funny how much of our life quality and quantity is impacted by exercise and healthy living. So now I pose you this question: What's one thing you can do today to improve your life?

That's tuition-free life advice. It is a great time to be alive!

Department Of Health Tests Water Quality From Memorial Day To Labor Day

nder Maryland regulations, the Anne Arundel County Department of Health conducts water quality sampling at community bathing beaches along area creeks and rivers from Memorial Day to Labor Day. The water bodies are tested for levels of enterococci bacteria. Below are the most commonly asked questions about the Department of Health's water quality sampling and recreational use of natural water.

How does the department determine which bodies of water to monitor?

The Department of Health follows criteria issued by the State of Maryland and the U.S. **Environmental Protection** Agency (EPA). The EPA criteria are for recreational water bodies that are deep enough for most people to swim with their entire body underwater.

What are enterococci?

Enterococci are bacteria found in the intestines of all warm-blooded animals, including humans. Because the bacteria are always present in animal and human waste and are easy to detect, they are used as indicators of water quality conditions. Enterococci are in food, water and soils, but they cannot become airborne. The EPA recommends using enterococci levels to measure bacterial contamination in recreational water.

What does monitoring for enterococci in water samples show?

Enterococci results are most useful for watching long-term trends in water quality. Results are collected over several weeks and then evaluated. Since many factors can affect readings, single-sample results may be misleading. Rainwater runoff, waterfowl and tidal action can cause high results that nature will fix in a day or two. If sample results remain $% \left\{ 1,2,...,n\right\}$ high over time, the department will look to identify the source of pollution.

What causes the Department of Health to issue an advisory recommending against swimming and other direct water contact in a certain area?

Swimming in natural water bodies poses certain risks. If enterococci counts exceed the acceptable level or when a sewage spill impacts a waterway, a human health risk exists. The Department of Health will issue an advisory against swimming and other direct



acceptable levels. The acceptable level for bodies of water sampled is 104 MPN (Most Probable Number of) colonies of organisms per 100 milliliters of water.

What health risks are associated with swimming and other direct water contact?

Natural water bodies can contain bacteria, viruses or other harmful microorganisms. Common problems associated with swimming in contaminated water are ear, eye and skin infections. Diarrhea and other water-related illnesses can occur from accidentally swallowing contaminated water. Disease-causing microorganisms, such as Mycobacterium marinum, can also enter the body through cuts and scrapes.

What are Mycobacterium marinum and Vibrio vulnificus?

Mycobacterium marinum is a bacterium most commonly found in fresh or saltwater that may cause infections in fish and people. It is a natural part of the ecosystem of the Chesapeake Bay and its tributaries and also exists in other water bodies worldwide. In humans, it can cause skin and

Water-related infections can also be caused by Vibrio vulnificus, a bacterium found

joint infections.

What precautions should I take before swimming in area creeks and rivers?

After rainfall, all Anne Arundel County beaches are under a no swimming and no direct water contact advisory for 48 hours due to predicted elevated bacteria levels. Do not swim until 48 hours or until the water clears. Never swim near storm drains. Look for trash and other signs of

pollution, such as oil slicks or scum on the water. These kinds of pollutants may indicate the presence of diseasecausing microorganisms that may also have washed into the water. Do not swim with dead fish or other dead animals. Don't swim if you have an ear infection, perforated eardrum, open cuts or skin lesions. Exercise caution if you have immunity problems.

What should I do if I have symptoms of a recreational water illness?

If you have symptoms of a gastrointestinal, skin, ear or other infection, consult your doctor for immediate treatment. Let your doctor know that you have had contact or suspected contact with contaminated water.

How can I get information about the water at my favorite beach?

From Memorial Day to Labor Day, the Anne Arundel County Department of Health provides water sampling results on this website and on a 24-hour information line (410-222-7999). Both the website and phone line provide reports on emergency closings of local waterways year-round. The Department of Health offers email alerts of recreational waterway advisories and closings. To sign up for these alerts, visit www.aahealth. org/health-alert, or receive text messages and tweets by following the Department on Twitter @AAHealth_Water.

Refresh Your Water Safety Knowledge For Summer

ith so much water access, it's important for Severna Park residents to have some quick water safety tips in their pockets heading into summer.

"The more we can educate people and get information to people, the more watersafe our community will be," said Shelly Beigel, director of programs and partnerships at the Severna Park Community Center.

Beigel offered a few tips and resources to keep in mind this summer:

Get lessons. If you're a non-swimmer, learning how to swim is essential to water safety. Drowning ranks as one of the leading causes of death in the United States,

the local waterways, make sure you have the necessary items on hand in case of an emergency. Beigel suggested personal floatation devices, Shepherd's Crook sticks and ring buoys.

Check the forecast. You don't want to get caught out on the open water in a thunder and lightning storm. Make sure to check the forecast for inclement weather before heading out.

Read up on boat safety. Anyone looking to spend time on a boat this summer should make sure they're practicing safe boating. Boating safety comes in a variety of forms, and Beigel suggested the Coast Guard Auxiliary as a reference for

happen. If you get caught in a rip tide, make sure to swim with the current until you can safely get out of it.

For those looking for a comprehensive water safety course, the Maryland Department of Natural Resources is hosting one of its Water Wise programs at the community center on Saturday, June 9, from 1:00pm-3:00pm.

The course features rotations stations to help participants learn essential skills and identify dangers. It costs \$5 per person or \$15 for families of three or more people.

"Being water conscious and water safety conscious is important," Beigel said. "Whether that means you're taking a Red Cross safety course or your local state water safety course, that's important. That's going to cover everything as

said Acting Anne Arundel County Health Officer Billie free programs and youth acwater contact activities. There Penley. "Together with our especially in children ages 14 tivity books to help children are no restrictions on boating, state and county partners, crabbing or fishing. learn the rules. or younger. the wellmobile and other in-When will the De-Always have water Swim with a lifeguard. novative programs will help partment of Health lift safety equipment on-Whether you're in a pool or guide individuals successfulan advisory? site. Whether you're on a out on the open water, it's ly on the road to recovery." The advisory will remain in boat, hanging out at the best to swim where a lifefar as getting educated." For more information, call effect until test results show pool or swimming in one of guard can see you. Accidents much-needed services in the 410-823-9355. enterococci counts are within

ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

ArtFarm Studios Relocation Unearths Common Ground

By Elizabeth Harwood

n April 2019, ArtFarm Studios relocated its West Street storefront in downtown Annapolis to a considerably larger location on Chinquapin Round Road. With access to more than 3,000 square feet of space and free parking, co-owners Alison Harbaugh and Darin Gilliam will continue to cultivate an ecosystem of growth for individual artists, workshop participants, neighboring businesses and organizations, and the greater community.

Since 2012, ArtFarm has hosted a robust assortment of workshops and classes, including wood burning, sewing, cartooning, drawing, painting and block printing. Over the years, their repertoire has grown exponentially to include gallery openings, live music, book releases, retail residencies and multiple partnerships. The motivation driving this vision is a commitment to endorse the creative expression of individual artists from different ages, backgrounds and mediums within a collaborative context. Harbaugh, a resident of Cape St. Claire, has noticed the impact of this approach.

"We're starting to see how everything that we've all been doing on our own can come together and create a stronger system," Harbaugh shared.

By welcoming a diversity of creative professionals and offering them a location for » Continued on A14



Photo by Elizabeth Harwood

ArtFarm co-owners Alison Harbaugh (left) of Cape St. Claire and Darin Gilliam of Annapolis are finally able to unleash their broader vision to support the arts through an ebb and flow of collaboration, community and commerce.

Local Talent Showcased At Burgers And Bands



By Zach Sparks zach@pasadenavoice.com

Then hosting a concert, a planner usually seeks a headlining band or solo artist known regionally or even nationally so the event can capitalize on their popularity. Burgers and Bands for Suicide Prevention followed a different model, utilizing homegrown musicians and making them all the star of the show.

Here are just some of the Severna Park musicians who helped make the 2019 Burgers and Bands a success as it raised an estimated \$80,000 in cash and in-kind donations.

SILVER SOUL

Composed mostly of musicians from Severna Park Middle School, Silver Soul is a six-piece blues band featuring Zane Brennan, Parijita Barstola, Bennett Terhune, Owen Blackburn, Elias Rivera and Will Crombie.

Zane explained that he met a singer through the SPMS talent show and collaborated with the drummer and bassist at Priddy Music Academy. The saxophone player was referred to the band by his dad.

A member of four bands, Zane plays guitar and drums while also contributing percussion to the SPMS band. Asked what he takes from his music idols, he said, "showmanship and a lot of licks and tricks on their instruments."

At Burgers and Bands, Silver Soul jammed to "Mustang Sally," "Feeling Good" and other tunes on the outdoor stage after Zane and Parijita performed as an acoustic duo inside.

When performing at Severna Park Taphouse, Zane and his bandmates were keenly aware of the cause.

"At the high school, there is a suicide problem," said Zane, whose mother, Ann Brennan, runs Burgers and Bands. "All the schools are super competitive. We can help to show people they're not alone. They can get help if they need it."

AC/DB

Roughly a month after notching second place in the 9- to 12-year-old contest in Priddy Music Academy's Battle of the Bands, AC/DB came to Burgers and Bands humble but confident.

Members come from Severna Park Middle School and Severn School. AC/ DB is Chris McCollum on vocals, bass and keyboard; Doug Schwartz on guitar; Ben Campion on vocals and bass; and Avery Landis on drums.

Avery looks up to Alex Van Halen and former Led Zeppelin drummer John Bonham. Doug is drawn to Jimi Hendrix. Chris cited a modern influence.

"There are probably a bunch of inspirations for me, but I gotta say Flea from Red Hot Chili Peppers is probably my inspiration just because of his stage presence and he's really outgoing."

"Can't Stop" by the Red Hot Chili Peppers is one of their favorite songs, as is "Hold the Line" by Todo, Schwartz explained.

"Chris is on keys and then our friend Ben plays bass and sings, so we have a lot of instruments and it all comes together well, so it's fun to play," Schwartz said of "Hold the Line."

As for the event, AC/DB was pleased with crowd. "The first year, it was kind of small, low-key, like no one knew about it," Avery said. "Last year, I feel like it would have been bigger, but it was kind of rainy, so not that many people came. This year, it's packed. I mean, you can barely find a place to stand, let alone sit."

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"Extremely Wicked" Is A **New Take On True Crime**

Zac Efron And Lily Collins Star In The Ted Bundy Drama, Now Streaming On Netflix

By Audrey Ruppert

ocumentary maker Joe Berlinger ("The Ted Bundy Tapes") makes his directorial debut in drama in "Extremely Wicked, Shockingly Evil and Vile." The title is taken from the sentencing judgement passed down by the judge in the case of Ted Bundy, one of America's most notorious serial killers.

The casting of Zac Efron as Bundy raised a lot of eyebrows and drew



In "Extremely Wicked, Shockingly Evil and Vile," the casting of Zac Efron as Ted Bundy raised eyebrows, but this casting choice works within the context of the film.

accusations of glamorizing a violent killer. Efron is known for his boyish good looks and his wholesome roles in films like "High School Musical"

and "Hairspray." It is true that killers like Bundy and Richard Ramirez (the Night Stalker) have created a perverse base » Continued on A14

Out Of This World: Sci-Fi Author Jonathan Roth To Visit SP Library

By Zach Sparks zach@pasadenavoice.com

Tonathan Roth has met four astronauts, but he's spent even more time with an alien named Beep and a space-school slacker named Bob. Those are the main characters in his comical sci-fi chapter book series that debuted in 2018. Kids can learn all about Beep and Bob when Roth visits Severna Park Library on June 25 at 2:00pm. In advance of his visit, Roth told the Voice how he came up with the concept for his series and he teased what's coming next.

Q: You credit your love of art and books to your mother, a painter, and your father, an English teacher.



Jonathan Roth

What spurred your interest in space?

A: I was a toddler as humans first stepped on the moon and one of my earlier memories is watching a lunar broadcast on my grandparent's grainy black-and-white TV in their flower shop in downtown Detroit. Then, soon, I was blown away by "Close Encounters," "Star Wars," "ET" and other science fiction of the time. But much of my interest also developed from simply gazing at the moon, planets and stars from the ground and cultivating my own sense of wonder at the beauty and mystery of it all.

Q: What inspired the "Beep and Bob" chapter book series?

A: I was working on a middle-grade novel a few years ago, but it wasn't going great. I then caught a talk by the ever-awesome author/ illustrator Dav Pilkey, and afterward, I realized I wanted to do something more in the fun and silly vein of his work. I went home and began writing about a boy in a school orbiting Saturn who was terrified of everything about space. I gave him a little alien friend and wrote fun adventures, which were initially just for my own amusement. To my surprise, it became my first book series published for kids.

A: By day, I teach elemen-

Q: Why did you choose

6- to 9-year-olds as the

target audience?

tary art to 5- to 11-year-olds, and that's the audience I know best. I love their imaginations and creativity, and I'm sure it helps fuel my own work. It also helps that I'm not shy about revealing my goofier side, in life or in fiction.

Q: In the four books, Beep and Bob have been to Saturn and Neptune. They have saved Halloween and made clones. What's next? Do you think you will continue this series or start a new project?

A: I'm currently developing a new series that also has a space theme and is aimed at elementary kids. They're graphic novels and not chapter books, though, so somewhat different as well. I'm also open to giving Beep and Bob new adventures, especially if enough kids cry out for more (hint, hint)!

Q: How did you meet four astronauts who have gone to the moon?

A: The Air and Space Museum in D.C. is a great place to catch lectures and signings by astronauts, even those who go back to the Apollo era. My favorite moon walker is Alan Bean, who commanded Apollo 12 (the second mission to land there) and later expressed his experience through a prolific series of amazing paintings of the lunar landings. If only I'd known you can be both an artist and an astronaut, I may have given it a shot (except for the fact that, like Bob, I'd be absolutely terrified about blasting to space).

Before they catch Roth at the Severna Park Library on June 25, children and families can meet him at the Chesapeake Children's Book Festival in Easton on June 8 between 10:00am and 3:00pm.

With "Towards Zero," Colonial Players Invites Audiences To Play A Grim Guessing Game

By Zach Sparks zach@pasadenavoice.com

Then people read about a murder, they usually start with the crime itself, but that is all wrong. A murder is the culmination of different circumstances, and it is the end

of the story. So goes the theory at the heart of "Towards Zero," the final show of the season for Colonial Players from May 31 to June 22. The show is based on Agatha Christie's 1944 book and the 1956 stage adaptation by Christie and Gerald Verner.

The premise involves a party at the seaside home of Lady Tressilian in the town of Gull's Point. Among the guests are Nevile Strange; his impassive ex-wife, Audrey; his new wife,

Kay; Lady Tressilian's companion; and others — an unusual meeting of characters marred

by jealousy, infidelity and other flaws. When a murder is committed, Superintendent



Photo courtesy of Colburn Images

Based on Agatha Christie's 1944 book and 1956 stage adaptation by Christie and Gerald Verner, "Towards Zero" will captivate audiences with a tale of jealousy, infidelity and murder.

Battle launches an investigation, tracing back toward the zero hour when the killing was committed.

Mark Allen is directing the show, which comes about two months after his portrayal of Sir Hugh Evans in the Colonial Players adaptation of William Shakespeare's "The Merry Wives of Windsor."

'There are some unique challenges with doing a murder mystery," said Allen, who has directed Agatha Christie plays at other theater companies. "You want to give the audience all the clues, but you don't want them to put it together. You have to mix in some red herrings."

Allen expects those twists and turns to keep audiences engaged.

"This is, in a lot of ways, a >> Continued on A12

Local Talent Showcased At Burgers And Bands

» Continued from A11 **LOPSIDED CHICKENS**

What exactly is a lopsided chicken? "At first, it was a joke, but it stuck and we love it," said Owen Blackburn.

The band features Owen (vocals, saxophone and keyboard), Cameron Blackburn (drums), Leo Havens (lead guitar and vocals), Dash Havens (rhythm guitar) and Jack Slote (bass).

All five boys live in Chartwell and have known each other since they first started attending Benfield Elementary School. Owen, Leo and Jack are in sixth grade at SPMS, and Cameron and Dash are in fifth grade

Burgers and Bands was their 12th gig since having their first show at Union Jacks in October 2018.

Their playlist includes "Welcome to the Jungle" by Guns N' Roses, "Bad to the Bone" by George Thorogood & The Destroyers, "Bad Moon Rising" by Credence Clearwater Revival, "Werewolves of London" by Warren Zevon, 'Seven Nation Army" by The White Stripes, and more.

The boys all have future music goals. Owen, who also plays in Silver Soul, wants

to write his own music and play saxophone in the allcounty jazz band. Cameron wants to show off his drum solos as a famous musician with the Lopsided Chickens. Dash wants to keep having fun while playing music at Priddy Music Academy. Leo also wants to write original music and tour the country.

"I would like classic rock 'n' roll to come back and be

the new thing," Leo said. "I would like my music to make people feel happy and inspired."

No matter what, they will continue growing as artists and making connections.

"My favorite thing about playing in the Lopsided Chickens is playing live," Jack said. "We get to show our community who we really are, and I can move around and sort of dance to the music. I also like all the new and extremely talented and kind people I have met through Priddy [Music Academy]."

GEORGE EVANS

Severna Park musician George Evans kept the inside crowd clapping and singing along during Burgers and Bands. He played songs by the Foo Fighters, Goo Goo Dolls and Dave Matthews Band along with his originals "Arienne," "Otis Rules" and "St. Patrick's Day."

He describes his original material as "a nice mix of blues and rock with some melody; a mix of The Black Keys, the Cure and a touch of metal."

His sound draws on his

experience harkening back to his teen years as a drummer and now as a guitarist "pushing 50."

"Music has always been a passion of mine and I'm finally living life reflecting just that," Evans said. "Music is so important to my own wellbeing. I simply want everyone to get involved. It's an incredible facet of life."

While he loves performing solo, he also likes playing with kids during Chartridge "pool jams" and with other musicians of any age.

"I play out almost weekly, folks see enough of me," he said. "I love seeing a kid perform their first time, watch them overcome nerves and see their eyes widen with fun. And not just kids; many adults have done the same thing with us."

Evans was proud to be involved with Burgers and Bands not only because the musicians had fun but also because of the event's uplifting message.

"My goal is to help folks understand there is no shame or hiding from emotional problems," Evans said. "We all have them. Let's talk."

"Toward Zero," A Grim Guessing Game

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psychological thriller," Allen said. "It's a balancing act. The opening act is heavy on giving all the background, but you don't want to lose the audience's attention. All of the exposition is necessary but challenging because you want to keep it entertaining."

The characters, he said, make the play entertaining because of their varying motives. Bringing those characters to life is a cast of actors eager to accept the challenge of performing a murder mystery in the round.

"I am so proud and delighted with the cast," Allen said. "With Agatha Christie, she

starts with a stock character and then she builds. They have done a great job with the nuance of those characters."

One of those actors is Ben Bell, who is cast as Nevile Strange.

"My friends and I got hooked on the 'Miss Marple' murder mystery shows, so when I heard about this, it was perfect," Bell said.

Jeff Miller said he hadn't "stretched my acting muscles in a long time," but his background prepared him for the role of Superintendent Battle.

"I've been performing since high school," Miller said. "I've played a couple police officers. I work in security."

Nicole Musho plays Audrey, Nevile Strange's first wife. "My character is very different from me personally," Musho said. "She doesn't show emotion."

Robin Schwartz plays Mary Aldin, the intelligent and well-read companion of Lady Tressilian. "I always wanted to do a murder mystery," Schwartz said. "I'm honored to be a part of it. It's been amazing working with Mark as a director and the whole Colonial Players team."

Several cast members praised BettyAnn Leeseberg-Lange, a dialect coach who helped them hone their accents. Leeseberg-Lange

worked with actors on the television show "The Wire," and she has assisted with many plays. Miller has relied on her help to perfect his cockney accent, and Bell credited her advice of annotating every line in the script.

Just as the actors have work to do in becoming their characters, the audience has a job as well: finding the killer. Join Colonial Players for "Towards Zero" and see if you can solve the mystery. Showtimes are 8:oopm on Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays and 2:00pm on Sundays. For tickets or more information about Colonial Players, visit www.thecolonialplayers.org.



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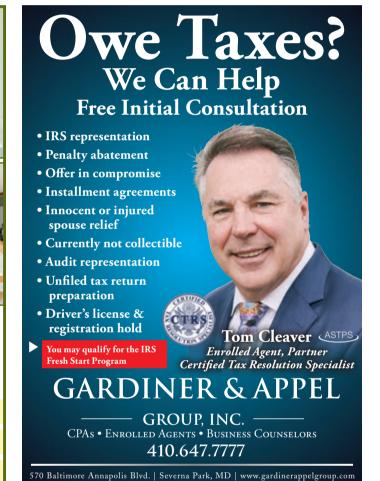
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Dining Out

We Reckon You'll Love Texas Roadhouse

By Mary Cobbler

Certain foods are just legendary: lobster in Maine, cheesecakes in New York, cheesesteaks in Philadelphia.

There is one often forgotten food legend, however: the fresh rolls at Texas Roadhouse. These rolls have a rightful place in the Hall of Food Legends (in my opinion), so I was happy to review the casual dining restaurant located on Mountain Road in Pasadena. Even though it's a national chain with hundreds of locations nationwide, "the Roadhouse" has been a favorite of Pasadena natives for years, and over time, it has developed its own local vibe.

My husband and I visited the Roadhouse on a Wednesday night around 8:00pm. The restaurant is everything you would look for in a steakhouse — low lighting, dark wooden booths that offer privacy, and the smell of delicious steak that floats so thickly on the air that you can practically taste it before you get to your table. The hostess seated us immediately and left us with a basket of warm, buttery rolls with honey-cinnamon butter. The rolls were fresh and soft, just as wonderful as I remembered them.

Within two minutes of being seated, a quickmoving, energetic server



Photos by Mary Cobbler

Above: The 10-ounce Fort Worth ribeye steak was juicy but lukewarm. Right: The salmon was hot and tender, grilled to perfection, and topped with lemon-pepper butter.

materialized beside our table to take our drink orders. Upon her recommendation, we also tried the fan-favorite appetizer called rattlesnake bites, which are served with a choice of honey mustard or ranch dressing. After one bite into the battered bites — filled with finely diced, soft jalapenos and creamy melted cheese — it was obvious why so many Roadhouse customers are addicted to them. The balls had just enough spice to give them a kick, and more than enough flavor and texture to start the meal in a satisfying way.

I decided to order grilled salmon with a baked potato for my entrée (one of several "dockside favorites" including fried

catfish and grilled shrimp), while my husband went for the 10-ounce Fort Worth ribeye steak with mashed potatoes and corn (other steak options included sirloin, T-bone, New York strip, and steak kabobs that include chunks of steak and grilled vegetables on skewers). Other tempting meal options included country fried chicken, a pulled pork sandwich with sides, and slow-cooked ribs.

It took about 30 minutes from the time we placed our order to receive our food. The server cheerfully topped off our drinks (and maybe even brought a few more rolls to the table, upon my request). The food was presented well and was full of flavor, but within a



few minutes of reaching us, the steak was lukewarm and the corn and mashed potatoes were nearly cold. The salmon, however, was piping hot, along with the baked potato, so it was obvious that the steak was done cooking well before the salmon and had sat for too long.

Once we got past the temperature of the steak, I was impressed with the savory taste. The meat, which was ordered medium, was seared and seasoned well on the outside with a reddish-pink center (a few parts were a bit bloody for my taste, so if you struggle with the decision about how well-done you want your steak, I recommend ordering it to be cooked longer). According to the

website, the steaks are all cut in-house and roasted over an open flame, and you can taste a difference. Aside from the temperature, my husband and I were both pleased with this entrée.

The salmon was hot and tender, grilled to perfection, and topped with lemon-pepper butter. The serving size was perfect just enough to fill me up, along with the two sides, but I didn't feel completely stuffed afterward. My only real criticism of the salmon was that it tasted more oily than buttery, particularly in the middle. I would have preferred not to have so much oil in this dish, but I have no complaints about the way it was cooked or prepared otherwise.

The baked potato was also cooked well, and I enjoyed a side salad with crunchy, fresh lettuce and vegetables. I don't normally make a big deal out of the side salad, but I will note that the lettuce was cut into manageable bite-sized pieces rather than large chunks, which is particularly helpful for a clumsy person like myself who manages to spill salad dressing when I cram large slices of lettuce into my mouth. The blue cheese dressing here also has large chunks of blue cheese in it.

Although I felt guilty for far exceeding my carbohydrate goals for the day, I couldn't help drooling over the big ol' brownie dessert. The dessert options are pretty limited — just a couple of baked goods and vanilla ice cream — but the big ol' brownie lives up to its name: a large, warm brownie — gooey in the middle and crunchy on the sides, just as brownies should be — topped with a generous helping of vanilla ice cream and drizzled with a rich chocolate sauce. Every bite was packed with melty chocolate chips. It was filling and sweet, the perfect end to a savory dinner. After a dessert like that, even *I* couldn't order

I've loved Texas Roadhouse for years, and this trip only enhanced my affection for the restaurant.

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ArtFarm Studios

» Continued from A11 expression, ArtFarm gives local residents access to opportunities popular in larger cities, such as improv, hip-hop open mics, spoken word art, and physical theater. The day-to-day interactions of different groups organically create conversations that often nurture the collaboration dynamic. For example, a night where audiences are given paint and a sketch pad to creatively respond to a live chamber music performance, as well as team-building activities for working professionals outside of the art industry,

are currently being planned. Both Harbaugh and Gilliam believe in the importance the arts has in human lives, from unplugging from technology and reducing everyday stress to increasing problem-solving skills and building relationships. Overall, Gilliam said there's been a shift in the arts culture in Anne Arundel County, a deeper respect for the industry and the value art brings to the community as a whole.

Gilliam sees this not only invigorating the quality of lives but also the commerce of local art businesses, new and old.

"[Long-established art businesses] are either still standing or getting new life," Gilliam said, "and a lot of career artists are making their voice heard that artists should be taken seriously."

ArtFarm's activity schedule is back-to-back this summer, beginning with various camps for kindergarten grads through high school students (street art, art in nature, animation, sculpture, circus skills, and photojournalism for fearless girls). Adult learning includes "Make It" workshops, alternative sketch nights, and more. Past and future events include family comedy nights, tiny concerts, and burlesque shows.

ArtFarm has open studio hours most weekdays, and stopping by to visit the individual studio work of their in-house partners is encouraged. Visit www.artfarmannapolis.com to keep a pulse on the momentum!

"Extremely Wicked" Is A New Take On True Crime

» Continued from A11

of "fangirls" who, rather macabrely, take an interest in or even admire these violent criminals. You can actually find Ted Bundy merchandise on Etsy and eBay. Bundy's trial was also the first to be televised to the public, ushering in an age of sensationalism and entertainment that centered on murder and violence, which many people have rightly labelled as problematic.

However, I find these accusations of glorification to be unfair. Berlinger attempts to take a different approach to true crime. Most serial killer dramas focus on the crime scenes, the bodies, and the lives of the investigators and the police. "Extremely Wicked" barely mentions the police, showing bodies only in passing photographs during Bundy's trial, and it only minimally shows the violence Bundy inflicted on the women. Instead, the story is told primarily from the perspective of Bundy's longtime

girlfriend, Liz Kloepfer, and emphasizes just how normal Bundy was. Domestic photographs of Bundy playing with Liz's daughter from a previous relationship litter her apartment. Bundy is shown cooking her breakfast, adopting a dog with her, and generally being romantic and considerate. Berlinger attempts to show us that predators don't always come from the shadows and don't always appear to be monsters; they are seemingly normal people who walk among us.

The problem with Berlinger's vision is that he expects us to play dumb - he tries to force us to see things from Liz's perspective, to see Bundy as a loving partner, and to even doubt his guilt until the final moments of the film. While this is a noble and educational goal, it's pretty much impossible to achieve because we know who Ted Bundy is, and we know what he did. The chemistry between Efron and Collins can also be flat — Collins isn't particularly convincing as a weeping or emotional partner (except in the final scene, which is excellent). Having her cry, drink and lie in her apartment doesn't convey the horror of what she must have been experiencing, and therefore the attempt

to tell the story from her perspective doesn't always work.

Efron, however, gave his best performance to date. He excellently portrays a man who compartmentalized himself, who lived a double life, and who appeared to be perfectly charming but was internally sinister. We see a man who is narcissistic and controlling but manages to bend women to his will using emotional manipulation rather than violence (well, the women he didn't kill, anyway). Sometimes you can see the sociopath glimmer through his grin, but most of the time, he just seems to be what we expect Zac Efron to be — cute, kind and convincing — and that's $\,$ what makes the whole thing so scary. If you saw someone with those traits walking down the street, would you suspect him of being a killer?

I have a few other minor complaints about the film – tĥe first half feels like a TV movie rather than a proper drama, and Jim Parsons (Sheldon from "The Big Bang Theory") as leading prosecutor was a weird choice (he seems incapable of being anything other than Sheldon no matter what role he plays).

LIMITED TIME OFFER

ingly Evil and Vile" is well worth the watch and teaches valuable lessons, despite some flaws in its However, for the most

execution.

part, I think the film

teaches two valuable les-

sons; the first, as already

mentioned, is that preda-

whom you trust. The second is that privileged men

can often get away with a

lot. Some say Ted got away

with things because of his

attractiveness, but really,

he wasn't that attractive

things because of who he

prison not once, but twice,

as he wasn't assigned par-

ticularly restrictive secu-

rity despite being accused

himself in court. The judge

of multiple homicides.

He was allowed to use a law library and represent

even expressed sorrow

at sentencing him, called

even said he wished that Bundy could have prac-

ticed in court in front of

him as a lawyer! Imagine

someone less privileged

getting away with that,

scores of women.

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For true crime fanat-

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Chamber Update





Te are excited to announce our newest members of the chamber: Bent Bodywork, Therapeutic Massage; **Curtis Appraisals LLC**; doTerra/Essential Clarity; Bye Insurance; The **Anne Arundel Home Ser**vices Company; Northern Birth Roots; and Lee Kail, Long and Foster Real Estate.

Ribbon cutting celebrations continued to thrive in May. On May 4, right before our Shop Local Fun Fiesta, we held a ribbon cutting ceremony celebrating the annual opening of the Severna Park Farmer's **Market.** On May 8, the Benfield Gallery celebrated 35 years of successful business. On May 15, **Eco Interior Maintenance** owner **Doug Bradford** cut the ribbon on 33 years in business. And on May 18, Massage Envy and owner Joann Hess celebrated a grand reopening at Magothy Gateway shopping center and 10 years of successful business with a ribbon cutting and outdoor party.

On May 4, we held our annual Shop Local Fun Fi**esta at Park Plaza.** It was a fantastic outing featuring more than 60 businesses, and we had food, entertainment, music and more. We had five gold sponsors who donated 50% of their sponsorship to their charities of choice. Louben Repke, owner of **Repke Fitness**, donated \$500 to Opportunity Builders Inc. Robert

Van Valkenburgh, Matthew Van Valkenburgh and **Dwayne Bowie of** Kogen Dojo donated \$500 to Ann Brennan of Burgers and Bands for Suicide Prevention. Diane Whittles of SERVPRO of **Annapolis and Severna Park** donated \$500 to SPAN. The Greers of Jing **Ying Institute of Kung Fu & Tai Chi** donated \$500 to SPAN. And Cedar Square **Homes** and **Touchstone Title** donated \$500 to the Chesapeake K-9 Fund founded by Wendy Oliver of Coldwell Banker.

Bronze sponsors included the **Severna Park Racquetball and Fitness** Club, Mathnasium and Honey Baked Ham.

Thank you, exhibitors, entertainers, sponsors, the committee and especially the community for coming out to make this a great event with more than 1,000 visitors.

On May 15, we held a special luncheon for our Small Business Administration Award nominees and winners who were carefully selected in December to submit detailed applications to the Maryland SBA

Our nominees for the

state awards are 2019 Rising Star Student of the Year, Richard Kyaw of **Reliant Management** Consultant LLC.; 2019 Young Entrepreneur of the Year, Brian Taylor of Goldiata Creative; 2019 Woman Owned Business of the Year, Bess Clark of Coterie, a Boutique; 2019 Minority Owned Business of the Year, Cliff Johnson of State Farm Insurance; 2019 Insurance Advocate » Continued on A16

COMMUNITY CONTRIBUTOR

Many People Bank On The Support Of Arundel Federal

By Zach Sparks

Then people think of banks, money is often the first thing that comes to mind. But at Arundel Federal Savings Bank, employees do much more than handle money. They serve meals to the hungry, collect toys for children whose parents have limited incomes, educate adults about fraud, and start youth on a lifelong path to financial literacy.

FEEDING THE HUNGRY

Once a month, a team of four to five Arundel Federal volunteers participates in the Feeding the Hungry program at Harundale Presbyterian Church in Glen Burnie. The program, which serves approximately 5,400 meals per year, welcomes anyone in need.

'You're clearing tables, peeling potatoes, setting a table and greeting people," said Jeanne Slaughter, marketing manager with Arundel Federal Savings Bank. "We do so many other volunteer activities, but this is personal. We put a smile on their faces and they put a smile on our faces."

HOLIDAY TOY DRIVES

Christmas is a time when children often smile, but not if they don't receive any gifts. Each branch of Arundel Federal Savings Bank collects presents for a charity of its choice during the holidays. The Lake Shore branch partners with A Child's Christmas,



Photo courtesy of Arundel Federal Savings Bank

Lisa Hart, business community development leader, educates the public on many issues relating to fraud, with appropriate red flags and precautions to take.

which is organized by the Pasadena Business Association. In Severna Park, bank employees collect for SPAN (Serving People Across Neighborhoods). Several branches give to Toys for Tots.

BRINGING KIDS INTO THE FUTURE

Even though they are too young to be customers at Arundel Federal, kids are the biggest beneficiaries of the bank's charitable work.

Bank representatives invite children from local schools to tour one of the six branches, giving them a sneak peek at the vault and safe deposit boxes while teaching them the importance of saving money at a young age. All visitors receive a backpack full of goodies, including a \$5 savings account opening voucher.

Arundel Federal also provides two workbooks to schools, one for elementary students and one for teens. Currently, Freetown Elementary in Glen Burnie and Maree G. Farring Elementary School in Brooklyn both take advantage of that service.

"Parents talk to their kids about drugs and alcohol, and this needs to be as important," said Lisa Hart, business community development leader who has been with Arundel Federal Savings Bank for 43 years.

Each Arundel Federal branch gets a budget to spend on community service projects, and most branch managers spend the majority of funds on education.

In Pasadena, Arundel Federal has supported the students versus teachers basketball game to raise money for Chromebooks, the Lake Shore-Severna Park Rotary's effort to give third-graders in Pasadena, Severna Park and Arnold a dictionary, and a wellness event hosted by the Northeast High School Marine Corps Junior ROTC program.

At nearby Severna Park High School, Arundel Federal gives financial literacy presentations to kids in 11th grade to show the importance of a budget and how to save.

CHIP IN FOR THE ARTS

Much of Arundel Federal's outreach is focused on Brooklyn Park, which is home to its first branch and to the Chesapeake Arts Center. Tom Herpel

not only serves as the executive vice president and chief operating officer of Arundel Federal but he is also the treasurer on the CAC board of directors. Seeing a need for the center to raise more money for after-school programs, he started a partnership between the bank and the CAC.

"He thought our efforts could help because the center focuses on family and children, and Arundel Federal is a big supporter of family and children," Slaughter said.

For its second year, Arundel Federal hosted CAC's annual Chip in for the Arts golf fundraiser tournament at Compass Pointe Golf Courses on April 17 with the support of 93 players and more than 50 sponsors from Anne Arundel County and beyond.

In its first year, the tournament raised \$17,000. Totals are still being tallied for the 2019 event.

Proceeds will extend educational outreach programs and provide bussing to students who otherwise would not be able to participate.

"It's great for the kids to have a place to learn, expand and get into the arts," Hart said.

FIGHTING FRAUD

Hart gives talks to help people prevent personal and business fraud. Audiences come to community and senior centers, homeowners association meetings, and other events.

'What can people do » Continued on A16

Ribbon Cuttings

Benfield Gallery Celebrates 35 Years



Cynthia McBride recently welcomed supporters from the community to a ribbon cutting ceremony to celebrate 35 years of framing, displaying and selling artwork and other treasures at Benfield Gallery, located at 485 Jumpers Hole Road in Severna Park.

Frame & Frame Marks **65 Years Of Practice**



Carrying on the tradition started by her father, Tara Frame commemorated the 65th anniversary of Frame & Frame Attorneys at Law with a ribbon cutting recently held at Café Mezzanotte. Frame & Frame is located at 8562 Fort Smallwood Road in Pasadena.

Eco Interior Maintenance Shines For 33 Years



After 33 years of residential and commercial cleaning and restoration, owner Doug Bradford was proud to celebrate the milestone year at a formal ribbon cutting. Eco Interior Maintenance is headquartered at 1244 Ritchie Highway, Suite 14, in Arnold.

Massage Envy Moves To Magothy Gateway



Massage Envy has officially made the move to a beautiful new location in Magothy Gateway shopping center. To celebrate 10 years of business and the grand reopening, owner Joann Hess welcomed community supporters for a ribbon cutting. Massage Envy is now located at 145 Ritchie Highway in Severna Park.

When It Comes To Retirement Planning, Think Like An Engineer





T f it's meant to be, it's up to me!" That's my mother's life motto and I heard that phrase so many times growing up that it's now my motto too. I use it at home with my kids and at work with my clients! It may seem simplistic, but its truth in relation to retirement planning is undeniable.

THE BIG QUESTION

At my Social Security and retirement planning seminars, I ask the big question, "Can you quit your job tomorrow and know that you are going to be able to maintain the standard of living you desire throughout the rest of your life?" This question is ultimately what retirement planning is all about; a retirement planner's job is to help you take the necessary steps to feel confident in answering "yes," but the most important person in this process is you. If it's meant to be, then it's up to me (you).

HOW TO TAKE CHARGE OF YOUR RETIREMENT PLANNING

What does it mean that your retirement success is up to you? It means that you take ownership of the situation and start actively planning for your retirement. It's a well-documented phenomenon that when you write down your

goal and plan toward it, you're much more likely to achieve it. In fact, according to psychology professor Dr. Gail Matthews' study on goal-setting at the Dominican University of California, you're 42% more likely to achieve a goal if it's written down.

Writing down your retirement goal will force you to get clear on exactly what you need (or want) your retirement to look like, and how much money it will take to get you there. This, in turn, will force you to start strategizing, asking questions about where you currently are, and start planning out your specific steps for how you will achieve your goals. Once you have written down the precise steps you need to take to put your plan into action, you'll find checking off each step is a powerful motivator while accomplishing your goal.

THINK LIKE AN Engineer

At my seminar, after I ask the big question — "Could quit your job tomorrow?" — I encourage audience members to start thinking like an engineer. Why? Because many of my clients are engineers and one thing I've learned is that they like to gather and analyze data, which is one of the first crucial steps in planning for your future.

Here is how you start thinking like an engineer:

Decide with your significant other what your » Continued on A16

Chamber Update

» Continued from A15 of the Year, Kirk Lynn of the Kirk Lynn Agency of State Farm.

Our winners of the state awards are 2019 Maryland Entrepreneurial Success of the Year, Landmark Roofing, Artie Hendricks and Rob Calhan; 2019 Maryland Family Owned Business of the Year, **Dianna** and Lonnie Lancione, The Voice Media Inc.; 2019 Home-Based Business of the Year, Suzanne Brinks, DECA Wrap; 2019 Attorney Advocate of the Year, Tara Frame, Frame and Frame LLC.

They competed against

hundreds of entries across the entire state, and the winners will be recognized at the state SBA luncheon at Martin's West on June 6. We are so proud of our nominees and winners and thank them for operating their businesses in our county and supporting our community!

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When It Comes To Retirement, Think Like An Engineer Execute your plan, mak-

» Continued from A15 vision of retirement looks like.

Gather all your current data, such as your monthly budget, balance in retirement accounts, contributions to each account, etc.

Meet with a financial professional who can help you determine how much you'll need in retirement income to make your vision a reality.

Make a plan with specific steps to reach your income goals, such as how much you'll contribute to your 401(k) each month, how often you'll meet with your financial professional, etc.

ing adjustments when necessary, until your retirement party.

LOOK FORWARD TO RETIREMENT

My mom was a teacher and my father was an office supply salesman. They worked hard and by living their motto, "If it's meant to be, it's up to me," they have been able to enjoy the retirement they envisioned. We didn't always go on big annual vacations or drive the newest, most expensive cars, but they enjoyed life, and when it came to executing

their plan of stashing a little away each paycheck, they were like clockwork. They made a plan and worked the plan.

I think everyone should walk into their retirement party ready to dance the night away and kick off the retirement life of their dreams, and it all starts with getting clear on your retirement goals and thinking like an engineer. It isn't going to just happen. We have to make it happen. "If it's meant to be, it's up to me!"

For more information about the author, Jason LaBarge, visit www.jasonlabarge.com.

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to avoid and spot fraud? We tell them how to check their credit report, we show them the free resources that are out there," Hart said.

Slaughter added, "We

just want people to be aware and alert so they can prevent it. We always have such an engaged crowd. They have good questions and stories of something that has happened to them or someone they know."

Fraud presentations are free to the public. Contact Lisa Hart (*lhart@arundelfed*eral.com) or Jeanne Slaughter (jslaughter@arundelfederal.com) to schedule a presentation.

CEMENTING A PLACE IN THE COMMUNITY

Arundel Federal is involved in many other charitable projects: providing free school folders to students; supporting March of Dimes and March

for Babies; collecting food for local organizations and pantries; and hosting Shred Fest, a free communitywide event for customers and non-customers alike to guard against identity theft and cyber securityrelated crimes.

"I believe we have been servants of the community, but I feel like we're even bigger servants of the community when we're out beyond these walls personally helping people," Hart said.

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SEVERNA PARK SPORTS



On Top Of Maryland: Severna Park Girls Lacrosse Caps Dominant Playoff Run With State Championship

By Colin Murphy colin@sevenaparkvoice.com

When the Severna Park girls lacrosse team squared off against Dulaney in the state final at Paint Branch High School on May 22, Severna Park's players had the opportunity to show what they had believed and lived for much of the 2019 season.

The Falcons were the stronger and faster team, deeper and more complete, superior in technical aspects of the game, wielding fine-tuned teamwork and driven by a years-brewing determination to show the lacrosse world they were the best in the state.

Severna Park wasn't about to let the last opponent of the season derail the goal they set out to achieve, and they



Photo by Colin Murphy

The Severna Park girls are 4A state champions after overpowering all their opponents in a 4-0 playoff run that culminated with a 10-5 win over Dulaney in the 4A final at Paint Branch High School on May 22.

brought their ambitions into reality: the Falcons

dominated gameplay from

champions. Three goals by **Alex** Miller, two by Hunter **Chadwick**, nine saves by Delaney Ott, swift passing, tenacious defending and an overwhelming start-tofinish delivery left no doubt that Severna Park rightfully earned its crown.

the outset in defeating

Dulaney 10-5 to ascend to

the peak of Maryland high

school lacrosse as 4A state

"It's huge. I'm so excited, so proud," said Severna Park fifth-year head coach Kaitlyn Hines. "That's it — we can't go any further, can't do anything more. We did what we set out to accomplish, and that's what we said at the beginning of the year: 'We're going to states, and not only are we going, we're winning.' We did it, so I'm so proud."

If dominant playoff victories were not enough indication — Severna Park (19-1) beat Glen Burnie, Arundel, Broadneck and

Finally. It's our senior vear, last season. Finally my team is running toward me. Finally we can win one."

 SEVERNA PARK SENIOR Delaney Ott

Walt Whitman by doubledigit scores en route to the final — the first few minutes against the Dulaney Lions (11-7) showed that the Falcons were on a ruthless playoff rampage without any intention to slow down before

finishing the job.

Ott, a senior, made three saves in the opening minutes to offset draw control losses by the Falcons, and each time, Severna Park cleared quickly and patiently worked through their ensuing offense to turn the possession into a score. They jumped out to a 3-0 lead on goals by Miller, Chadwick and a **Julia Putzi**-assisted goal by Hailey Blachly, then made it 4-0 less than 10 minutes in when Chadwick willed her way to goal for her second score.

"We knew Dulaney was good on the draw, and [early in the game] they had still been dominating on the draw, we just had our solid defense back there coming up with it for us," said Hines. "[Ott making early

saves] was huge. I've been saying it throughout the entire year with her. She's just phenomenal in cage and I feel so secure back there... We kept up on it and kept finishing everything on the offensive end, and that's hard, and that's deflating for a team, and that's kind of where we wanted to keep that momentum going."

Dulaney broke the spell with a goal, but Severna Park answered with goals by Maddie Brady and Miller to go up 6-1. A pair of scores by the Lions didn't seem to swing momentum, especially when Miller scored her third before halftime for a 7-3 lead at the break.

Expecting Dulaney to make a push, Severna Park's defense stood defiantly in the Lions' path. The core defensive unit of Rachel Spilker, Kate Bray, Kaila Stasuli and **Sophie Grazioli** as well as midfielders Miller, Cam Chew and Theresa Bragg disrupted seemingly every Dulaney action, ending possessions with a save by Ott or a Falcon takeaway. Severna Park cleared effectively throughout the game, and Ott finished with nine saves.

By Severna Park's defensive will, Dulaney's comeback never came.

"[The defense has] been pretty strong all year, and we really have been working together since the beginning," said Ott. "Being able to rely on each other, we know that our » Continued on B3





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our crashes are going to be there, and we know that we are going to clear it out. So it's just really helpful knowing that you can rely on everyone on the team."

An unassisted score by Chew and a goal by Putzi midway through the second made it 9-3. After a Dulaney score, senior Brooke Atcheson put the finishing touch on the game with a goal with under two minutes to play. The Lions scored a goal with under a minute left, but the outcome was secured: at the final buzzer, Severna Park's players flowed off the sidelines and into a jubilant pile of celebration in front of Ott's net.

"Finally," said Ott. "It's our senior year, last season. I play three sports, and we've just never been able to get to that state championship, or we have but we weren't able to win it, so it was like, 'Finally, my team is running toward me, finally we can win one.'

The win capped a long journey for many of the Falcons, as Severna Park's 11 seniors were a group that had suffered its disappointments. Some were freshmen on the 2016 team that was stunned by Broadneck in the region semifinals. Many were on the 2017 team that lost to Bel Air in the closing seconds of that year's state final. Most all of them were on last year's team that fell to South River in the region final.

The losses became motivators. Their final season was their time.

"I think definitely playing my sophomore year in the [state final], running back to the opposing goal and







As seniors, Severna Park's Hunter Chadwick (2), Brooke Atcheson (17), Maddie Brady (22) and Kailyn McCulloch endured their share of tough losses in recent years, but they and the Falcons made their last season count with an overwhelming victory against Dulaney in the 4A final on May 22.

turning around, hearing the cheering and the ball in the net in the last 11 seconds really fuels your fire last year and this year," said Chadwick. "Our seniors were really good at getting everyone really excited and making everyone want to be here.'

The title is the 14th in program history and the first since 2015, when Hines took the Falcons to the second of back-to-back titles in her first year as head coach.

Miller noted the heft of history and reputation that comes with wearing the Severna Park jersey.

"We wanted to make our alumni proud," Miller said. "Being Severna Park, there's always someone pushing us, and everyone wants to play us. So, making our alumni proud was a big thing. There was a bunch of

our seniors [when we were underclassmen] in the stands, so seeing them really happy was a good feeling too.

Hines said the team showed mental discipline and toughness by locking into its collective pursuit from the start of the season. Citing the alumni and administration, she said the Falcons drew strength and support from the broader Severna Park community.

"It's nice to support our fans and players and parents and all the ones who are kind of the background for

us," said Hines.
"It feels good to be able to get that win."

The Severna Park lacrosse players are ${\bf Sophia}$ Villagomez, Hunter Chadwick, Carson Shoop, Grace Ferguson, Cam

Chew, Reagan Clark, Kaila Stasuli, Emma Marsh, Abbi Jones, Alex Miller, Kate Bray, Theresa Bragg, Cameron Brinegar, Lily Echeverria, Emersyn Kelter, Kayla Minton, Brooke Atcheson, Genevieve Mullervy, Haley Betch, Kennedy Wolfe, Rachel Spilker, Maddie Brady, Kate Rott, Jenna King, Courtney Youngwood, Kyla Vendemia, Sophie Grazioli, Hailey Blachly, Kailyn McCulloch, Julia Putzi, Delaney Ott, Kayla McCool, Ashley Faini and **Zoe Day**. The program is coached by Kaitlyn Hines, varsity assistant coaches Gretchen Mayer and **Colleen McGee**, junior varsity head coach Annie Houghton and JV assistant coaches **Jen Edwards** and Paige Thumel.







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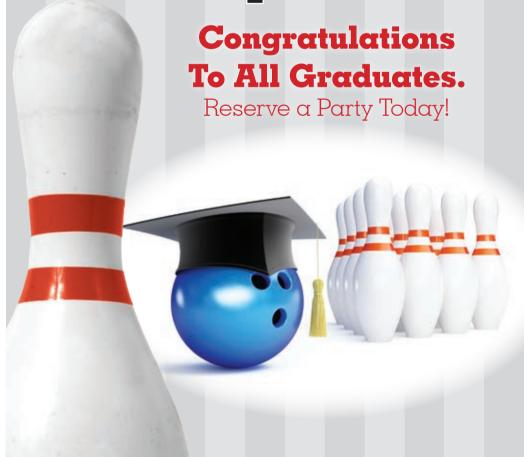
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Green Hornets Thrive In Pitch, Hit & Run Contests













(L-R) Jodi Deaton, Megan Young, Sara Antinucci, Vince Nguyen, Brett Boeskin and Jeremy Peiffer all placed first in their age groups at the Pitch, Hit & Run sectional championships in May.

Several Green Hornets baseball and softball players excelled in local and sectional Pitch, Hit & Run competitions, and a handful will move on to the championship round at Camden Yards in June.

After competing in the Pitch, Hit & Run contest locally at the beginning of spring — competitors first joined the contest on April 6 at Kinder Park — many advanced to the sectional championships on May 11 at Bear Creek Elementary

School in Dundalk. Kids who placed first at sectionals will compete in the championships at Camden Yards on June 1.

Jodi Deaton, a secondgrader at Oak Hill, is a third-year softball player who played two years of baseball before beginning softball. She placed first in the sectional championships in the 7/8 girls group.

Megan Young placed first in the girls 9/10 age group at sectionals, and in April she was also crowned Best All Around Champion at the local competition for the fourth consecutive year. She won all three categories at the local competition, and her firstplace finish at sectionals is her third (2016 and 2018).

Sara Antinucci placed first at sectionals in the girls 13/14 group and is advancing to the championship round at Camden Yards. The niece of Green Hornets executive director and former MLB pitcher Josh Banks and

the cousin of Severna Park softball senior Emma Hall, Antinucci comes from a strong family of baseball and softball success.

Jeremy Peiffer placed first in the boys 9/10 group at sectionals in his first time entering the competition.

Vince Nguyen placed first in the 11/12 boys group. Nguyen plays for the Green Hornets 12U White travel team. His appearance at sectionals

was his third, and he is advancing to the championship round for the first time.

Brett Boeskin placed first in the boys 13/14 group. It was Boeskin's third trip to sectionals, and he will be making his second trip to the championship round. Boeskin, and eighthgrader at Severna Park Middle School, currently plays for the 14U Green Hornets travel baseball team and also plays travel basketball and football with

Green Hornets.

There were additional strong finishes at sectionals for Green Hornets athletes. Maggie Moran placed second at sectionals in the 11/12 girls group. Kameron Walker placed second in the boys 7/8 group. **Dillon Autry** placed third at sectionals in the boys 9/10 group. Andrew Kummer placed second in the boys 11/12 group. Carter Ignacio placed second in the boys 13/14 group.









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SP's Moghtader Sisters Win Tennis Doubles State Championship

By Colin Murphy colin@severnaparkvoice.com

It took a battle against nerves, but Severna Park sisters Abby Moghtader and Miriam Moghtader became tennis state champions on May 25.

Playing in the girls doubles 4A final at Wilde Lake Tennis Center in Columbia, the Moghtader sisters defeated Northwest's Radha Patel and Janvee **Patel** 6-2, 7-6.

Abby Moghtader is a senior who has mostly occupied the Falcons' No. 1 girls singles slot throughout her high school career, while Miriam Moghtader is now a rising senior in the Class of 2020.

In a roster shuffle, they teamed together late this season with the ambition of winning a doubles state title.

"I am so proud that I could win a state title my senior year with my sister and with my team," said Abby Moghtader. "My team and my coaches are one of the most important reasons Miriam and I felt so comfortable out on the court because we knew they were there right beside us supporting us.'

The pair dropped only five total games in a couple of straight-set victories over opponents from Urbana and Whitman in order to reach the final.

Once in the final, the Moghtaders cruised to a 6-2 win in the first set and appeared to be in firm control of the second set before relinquishing a 4-1 lead and ultimately falling behind, 6-5. The Moghtaders rallied



Courtesy photo

Abby Moghtader (left) and her sister Miriam Moghtader won the 4A girls tennis doubles final 6-2, 7-6 over their opponents from Northwest on May 25.

to retake a 7-6 lead, then won the sets tiebreaker to win the match.

Miriam Moghtader said she tried to suppress her nerves and keep it light on the court.

"When our opponents made their comeback, it was a little intimidating at first because we were up by a big lead and they really turned things around, but we knew that the only way we could win is if we stayed calm on the outside (even though we were both anxious on the inside) and supported each other," she said. "On the court we'd joke with each other and make each other

laugh to make the match less worrisome and a lot of fun overall."

She said she was happy to send her sister off with a big win.

"I think I'm most proud to win a state title because it's my sister's senior year," she said. "I think it's so cool for her to finish off high school like this, and I'm really happy I got to be a part of it with her.'

Abby Moghtader said she took lessons away from the pressure she felt in the moment.

"From this accomplishment I've learned to trust my instincts and depend on my teammate in moments when things get tight or tricky," she said. "I avoided letting doubt creep into my head during tense moments of the match. Having a teammate that gives me unwavering support and confidence when we get to the critical moments of a match (such as the tiebreak) is one of the most emotionally satisfying parts of playing doubles."

In a largely individual or doubles sport like tennis, Abby Moghtader said she cherished the team aspect of playing at Severna Park.

"Playing high school tennis for four years has shown me how well a team can do if they all work together and support and trust each other," she said. "From playing practice sets against them to hearing them yell on the sidelines, is something I will never forget. I could not have asked for a better high school tennis

SPHS Athletics Hall Of Fame Honors Three Inductees



(L-R) Julie Shank Obringer, Barbara and Chip Elgert (holding photo of Kenny Elgert) and Katie Pumphrey attended a ceremony to honor the Severna Park Hall of Fame Class of 2019.

By Judy Tacyn

The Severna Park High School Falcon Athletic Boosters Club inducted three new members to the Hall of Fame on April 5 during an emotional ceremony in the gymnasium followed by an onfield recognition at halftime of

the boys varsity lacrosse game. Katie Pumphrey, M.D., Julie Shank Obringer and Kenny Elgert are the inductees for 2019. Pumphrey, Obringer, and Chip and Barbara Elgert, who accepted the award on behalf of their late son, were

award by Falcon Athletic Boosters Club president Patrick Killpatrick, The new members join approximately 120 HOF members inducted since 2003.

Read a full story on Pumphrey, Obringer and Elgert online at www. severnaparkvoice.com/sports.



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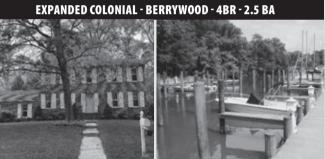


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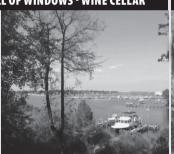


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Falcon, Bruin Track Athletes Triumph At State Championships

By Colin Murphy colin@severnaparkvoice.com

In late April, Severna Park track and field senior **Emily Knight**, an accomplished sprinter, had a request for Falcons head coach **Josh** Alcombright.

"I just asked my coach if I could try [the mile] because I wanted to see what I could run," said Knight. "He ended up putting me in it."

Four weeks later, it turned out Knight's curiosity was well-founded: on May 25, she ran the fastest mile at the Maryland Public Secondary Schools Athletic Association state championship meet at Morgan State, becoming the 4A state champion in the 1600-meter run in just her fourth-ever competitive metric mile race.

Knight's performance was one highlight of a superb weekend for Severna Park and Broadneck athletes, who excelled in an array of events and did their programs proud to close the season.

A seasoned sprinter who has indoor state titles in the 500 and 800, Knight ran a meet-best 1600 time (across 1A, 2A, 3A and 4A classifications) of 5:02.45. Knight was all-but impossibly far behind both Knight, Adams, Fenn Claim Individual Titles; Falcons Win 4x800 Relay Crowns



Photo by Colin Murphy

Severna Park's Emily Knight (1) trailed Howard's Amanda Eliker (3) and Walter Johnson's Ella Gaul (2) with 150 meters left in the 4A 1600 meter final on May 25, but she sprinted past both to win the race at the finish. Broadneck's Mollie Fenn (6) won the 3200-meter state championship one day earlier with a sub-11-minute time of 10:59.35.

Howard's Amanda Eliker and Walter Johnson's Ella

her sprint training to pass both runners, out-leg Eliker second, falling to her knees in exhaustion as she crossed the finish line.

She capped her season and high school career with individual 1600 victories at the county, region and state championship meets, saying she figured after counties that she might have the ability to win at states.

"I thought I probably had a shot," she said. "I didn't really feel any pressure. I

knew my coach was going to be happy either way. As long as I try my hardest and I'm having fun, he'll be happy with what I do. I wasn't really feeling any pressure. I just wanted to go out there and have fun for my last high school states.'

If one state title is fun, two is even more so; Knight also was the lead leg for the Falcons' 4x800 relay team that included

Brenna Mullanev, Alyssa Combs and Sophie Zell.

The foursome clocked a 9:28.19 to win the state championship over Walter Johnson's runner-up team by more than 10 seconds.

Knight, Mullaney, Combs and Zell weren't the only Falcons earning statechampionship medals in the 4x800 as Severna Park's boys won a tight 4x800 race as well. Carson Sloat, Alex Chaisson, Jack Muldoon and Josh Mercado clocked a 4x800 relay time of 8:02.14 to edge out Paint Branch's team (8:02.82) for a state crown of their own, with Mercado running a blistering final leg to overcome his opponent from Paint Branch and seal the win.

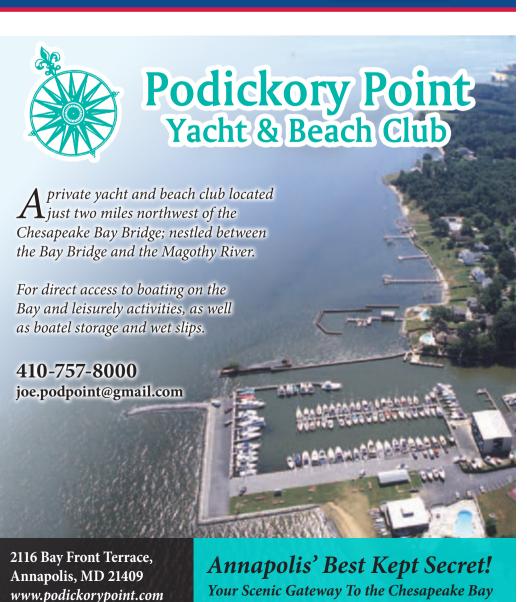
Sarah Adams was a state champion for Severna Park in pole vault. The senior closed out her high school career by winning with a personal-record vault height of 11 feet. She was one of only three competitors to clear 10 feet, 6 inches, her previous personal best, and she cleared 11 feet on her second attempt to ultimately secure the state crown. She's a first-time state champ in pole vault after finishing as runnerup at states twice, once in indoor and once outdoors.

"It is really cool and I couldn't have done it without my amazing coaches, supportive friends and family, and the team as a whole," said Adams. "I knew going into this meet that I had a chance to win. I worked really hard to get » Continued on B7



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» Continued from B6 where I am, but I definitely couldn't have done it without my team...I'm so proud of everyone here, especially the seniors, who I'm going to miss so much next year. The Severna Park track program is so special and we are all a big family and I'm so happy that I get to spend every day with them."

On Friday, May 24, Broadneck's **Mollie Fenn** produced one of the amazing results of the weekend in winning the 3200-meter 4A state championship. Just a freshman, Fenn ran a sub-11-minute time (10:59.35) to win the race by six seconds over Eliker.

Fenn said her typical 3200-meter race plan became immediately inapplicable once the gun went off.

"It was definitely a different race than I was used to running. It was a totally different strategy," said Fenn. "In the past 3200s I've done, I try to lead with the pack for the first mile and then pick up the pace and get a lead, and that's usually been my strategy, but [this] was not at all like that. The pace was pushed right away. It was stiff competition from the beginning. I had [Walter Johnson's] Jenna Goldberg right on my hip for the entire race. It helped having someone next to me and pushing me. Usually I make my move about a mile in, and

this time I was not away until 800 meters left. I was not really expecting it, but it pushed my limits and my boundaries a little, so it really helped me get the time. I wasn't sure if I was going to break 11 this season, but with good competition and a good team, it really helped."

The county had a heavy presence in the girls 3200 as Broadneck teammate Anna **Janke** placed fourth and Zell placed fifth. Severna Park's Grace Cambon finished ninth.

Qualifying for states is in itself a significant accomplishment, and Severna Park had many subsequent successes to celebrate as the boys finished third out of 34 teams and the girls tied for sixth out of 33 teams.

On the boys side, Chaisson was fractions of a second off a state title in the 800, earning second with a time of 1:54.74, just behind race winner **Drew** Dailey of Dulaney (1:54.30). Sloat finished ninth in the 800 final. Garrison **Clark** placed second in the 3200 and sixth in the 1600. **JoJo Kelliher** placed third in high jump, clearing 6 feet, 2 inches. Matthew Tagle competed in pole vault, clearing 11 feet to place seventh. **Andrew Weinstein** qualified in long jump and finished 10th. Nathan Vandemeulebroecke and

freshman **Nick Benedict**

finals and finished 12th and

qualified for 3200-meter

14th, respectively.

For the girls, Zell placed third in the 800; Mullaney was 10th and Knight was 11th. Adams competed in 300-meter hurdles and finished 10th. Knight, Zell, Olivia Wright and Mullaney ran the 4x400 and finished 11th. The Falcons' 4x200 team of Janice

Chukwu, Shania Johnson, Claire Kintzley and Adams competed and finished 14th. Kintzley finished 10th in triple jump.

For the Broadneck girls, the meet was highlighted by Fenn's performance along with teammate Anna Janke. Janke and Fenn finished fourth and fifth, respectively, in the 1600 race won by Knight. Janke finished fourth in the 3200 won by Fenn. Janke also competed in the 800 and finished 15th. The 4x800 team of Jasmine Jones, Madeleine Hurley, Grace Denius and Madison **Palmer** placed eighth. Sienna Rhee, Amanda Nash and Tori Ochoa all competed in pole vault, finishing 10th, 11th and 13th, respectively. Erica Jacobson competed in discus, placing 11th.

On the boys side, Broadneck's **Joe Simpson** placed third in shot put.

Other state champions from Anne Arundel County included Meade's **Preston Duffield**, who won the 4A shot put title with a 55 foot, 1 inch throw; and South River's **Corey Troxler**, who won the 4A pole vault with a vault of 14 feet, 6 inches.





Photo by Colin Murphy Anna Grace Keller seeks to impact the community positively through an array of volunteer efforts.

> **By Colin Murphy** colin@severnaparkvoice.com

With how involved she is in the community, chances are you've crossed paths with Anne Grace Keller.

The rising Severna Park senior is not just an impact player on the athletic field but a force for good at her school, in Anne Arundel County and beyond.

"My objective remains to be a positive driving force in my community," said Keller. "Having been dealt a good hand in life, I feel privileged enough to be able to do so.'

Keller's accomplishments as an athlete underscore her many extracurricular commitments. She is the starting goalie for the Severna Park field hockey team, a competitive ski racer for the Blue Knob Ski Team and a first-year rower with Annapolis Junior Rowing.

In the classroom, Keller is an exceptional student, having achieved straight A's throughout high school and a 4.79 GPA in her most recent quarter. She is a five-times-running recipient of the

Carson Scholarship for academic excellence and dedication to serving the

Outside of school, Keller is pursuing her interest in trauma care by interning at Shock Trauma at the University of Maryland Medical Center, where she has observed various trauma procedures and shadowed several doctors. Her interest in trauma stems from her own experience several years ago when she was in a wakeboarding accident, was rushed to shock trauma and received care that saved her and eventually allowed her to resume her life and live fully.

"It's something that I'm very called to," said Keller. "I'm motivated by being able to empathize with those who I aim to help, because I was once in their

With health care as a possible career path, she has complemented her shock trauma internship with further medical experience by interning in the pathology lab at Anne Arundel Medical Center.

Separately, Keller volunteers with the Paws4People Foundation, which helps people navigate various struggles through canine companionship, and the SPCA of Anne Arundel County. She volunteers as a student facilitator with the One Love Foundation, which seeks to educate young people on relationship violence and safety, and leads escalation workshops with sophomores. She is also a member of the Teen and Children's Council at John's Hopkins Children's Center, which seeks to improve relationships between patients and the Hopkins health care team.

Keller is a budding photographer who has started her own photography business, and she is also an intern and student correspondent for the Severna

More than anything, Keller recognizes and appreciates the good fortune of coming from a supportive family and living in a resource-rich community, and she realizes that others are not as lucky as she is. Her involvement in so many activities and pursuits that aim to help others is a reflection of this.

"I'm driven by being completely unable to imagine the magnitude of others' hardships," said Keller. "I want to do what I can to prevent such tragedy from ever happening.'

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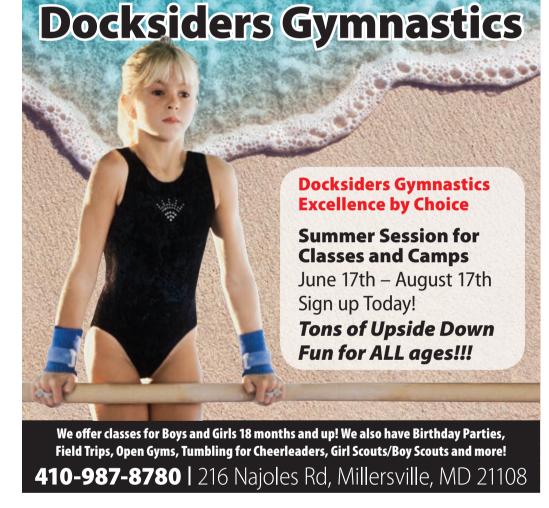








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Severna Park Boys Lacrosse Win 4A State Championship With 9-6 Victory Over Howard

By Colin Murphy colin@severnaparkvoice.com

This was supposed to be the year the Severna Park boys lacrosse team took a step back.

The graduation of players, the program's unsustainably high standard of success over the past three seasons, and the ascending level of competition in Maryland were going to give 4A programs across the state hope that the sun was setting on the Falcons' incomparable reign of state championships.

Nope.

Driven by their own vision for the season, the 2019 Falcons secured their state title on May 22, receiving an admirable challenge from a game-ready Howard High School team but ultimately powering through the Lions for a 9-6 win and the 4A state championship at Paint Branch High School in Burtonsville.

Mikie Harmeyer led Severna Park with four goals, Connor Panebianco scored three goals and Colin Shadowens won 15 of 18 faceoffs to help crack a tricky Howard defensive game plan; Casey Fox made six saves to anchor a stout Severna





Photos by Colin Murphy

Mikie Harmeyer (7) got the crowd fired up after his goal gave Severna Park a 7-6 lead over Howard in the fourth quarter. The Falcons' Kyle Griffith (right) battled for a ground ball in the first half. The Falcons finished the season 19-1 overall.

Park defense; and the Falcons held their collective nerve in turning a tenuous 6-6 fourth-quarter tie into a proud finish and a duly earned place atop Maryland high school lacrosse.

"I think it's just a great accomplishment," said Severna Park fifth-year head coach **Dave Earl**. "It says a lot about the kids at Severna Park, the families, the administration. We couldn't do it without all the support

we get. I'm really proud to be a part of it."

On a beautiful and mild evening, thousands of spirited spectators from both schools turned out to see which side would bend in a strength-onstrength matchup that pitted presumptive favorite Severna Park (19-1) and its potent offense against Howard (13-6), a team that didn't allow double-digit goals to any team this season

and rested its title hopes on defensively grinding the Falcons' powerful offense into frustration.

The plan worked in spurts, only for Severna Park to eventually overcome the obstacle.

The Falcons moved toward that outcome early, taking a 1-0 lead on a goal by **Kurt Klaus** and extending the lead to 4-1 by the end of the first quarter on two goals by Harmeyer and one by

Shadowens, who turned a faceoff win into a oneman fast break and a score. Shadowens won nine of 10 faceoffs in the first half.

The Lions began scraping their way back into the game behind brilliant individual ability of **Henry Frazier IV**, who scored all three Howard goals in the first half as Howard closed to within 5-3 by halftime.

Howard ratcheted up its defensive deployment in

the third quarter, clogging up Severna Park's cutting lanes and turning the ball back over to its offense, a theme that held throughout the most of the period as Severna Park impressively whipped passes around the perimeter, unsuccessfully searching for seams in the defense.

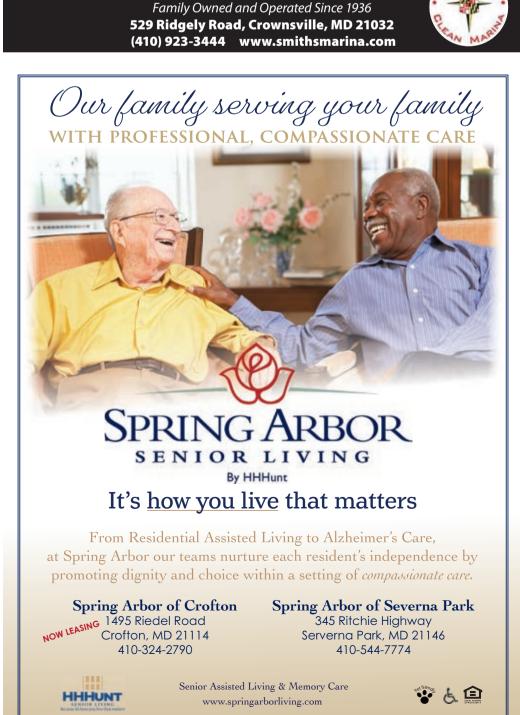
Frazier IV scored to make it 5-4, and, after a long defensive stand, freshman **Nathan Boone** scored for a 5-5 tie.

Panebianco ended a long drought by regaining the Severna Park lead at 6-5 heading into the fourth quarter, but **Jeff Bruner**'s goal for Howard with 8 minutes, 50 seconds to play in the game rewarded another Lions defensive stand to tie the contest at 6-6.

Howard's fans cheered for a turning tide; there was a sense that the Lions just might push the game all the way to the closing moments and somehow come out on top.

With the game hanging in the balance, Severna Park seized control. Shadowens won the ensuing faceoff and sprinted down the field to find Panebianco, who quick->> Continued on B9

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sticked a pass to Harmeyer for a dodge and an overhead shot — the junior Virginia commit's goal was his 99th of the season and gave Severna Park a 7-6 lead just nine seconds after Howard had tied the game.

Howard had a possession to tie the game, but Severna Park's defense came up big. **Matt Alton** dispossessed a Howard attackman and retrieved the ball, pushing it ahead to the offense.

With possession, the Falcons fired the ball back and forth in search of an opening — Howard goalie **Matt Hubbard** said after the game that they hadn't faced any team that moves the ball as fast and as well as Severna Park. After a series of passes, **Joey Killpatrick** found a cutting Panebianco in front of the cage, and Panebianco stuck his shot low for an 8-6 lead with 5:46 left.

Harmeyer said the speed and crisp passing of the offense is the yield from dedicated practice.

"It starts in practice. Every day we do stick work," said Harmeyer. "We just have great chemistry on offense. I think just working on our stick work every day in practice and getting better at it really helps us, and it showed tonight against the zone, we were able to just move the ball around and get

looks off of it."

After another Shadowens faceoff win, Howard frantically tried to doubleteam the ball, but to no avail. Harmeyer played keep-away before finding **Cam Bear**, who fed Panebianco for another score and a 9-6 lead with just over two minutes to play. Another Shadowens faceoff win gave the Falcons two minutes to salt away the clock before rushing the field in celebration of their state crown.

Earl credited the defensive game-planning of assistant coach **Travis**Loving with empowering the primary defensive unit of Alton, Mark Bredeck, Ben Morgan and Trent Bellotte to protect Severna Park's goal in front of Fox, a junior who stepped into the starting role midseason after an injury to senior Shane Carr.

"Our defense, I have the most respect for them," said Fox, rattling off his teammates by name in describing the attributes that helped Severna Park lock down late in the game. "They help me. They guide me through everything... They were all there, and they played a hell of a game. They came out with determination and had the guts to come out with great defensive play."

For all the fanfare of the game, Severna Park's 19 wins (including a 10-9 region-



Goalie Casey Fox made six saves for Severna Park, while faceoff man Colin Shadowens won 15 of 18 faceoffs to help the Falcons capture a fourth straight state title.

final victory over Broadneck and a 12-4 state semifinal win over '17 and '18 finals opponent Churchill), the Falcons returned several times during the postgame press conference to an important theme.

"We practice all day," said senior **Jimmy Maher**, who led the Severna Park in points with an astonishing 40 goals and 59 assists this season. "It's all credit to our coaches. They really set us up for something. They told us exactly what was going to happen. They set us up in the right way to be successful. We just kept fighting and kept working hard, and our discipline really showed."

"I think it goes back to practice," said Earl, describing the coolheaded way the Falcons were able to finish strong out of pressure-filled moments. "We work on a lot of situations in practice, and these guys are all business. When we get out on game day, we just try to do what we do, trying to emulate how we play in practice, and that's where the calmness comes from."

With four straight championships, the program now has nine all-time, surpassing Dulaney's eight and tied with Hereford for most in the state.

Maher said he received messages of support from many recent alumni before the game, and members of past teams were in the stands cheering on their program. "It gives you bigger purpose," said Maher, one of only six seniors on the team. "You're not just playing for this year's team. You're playing for anyone who's ever worn the Severna Park Falcons [jersey]."

The lights in the stadium shut off prematurely, cutting the postgame celebration short before any team photos could be taken, but it didn't damper the spirits of the Falcons, who embraced family members across the playing field's fence.

Then, out of it all, with the extended Severna Park community and lacrosse families basking in the warmth of another state title, the Falcons shot out a cold notice.

"We can be happy now, but as soon as the next season arises, we're coming out, we're fighting," said Fox, his tone measured and deliberate.

"We're looking for number five."

The Severna Park lacrosse players are Cameron Caouette, Joey Killpatrick, Anders Hansen, Henry Wood, Tommy Haskell, Joaquin Villagomez, Michael Harmey, er, Kyle Griffith, Stephen Oxley, Cameron Bear, Conner Koistinen, Matt Alton, Colin Shadowens, Cameron Sauvageau, Will Bray, Eddie Sullivan, Charlie Evans, Shane Carr, Jack Chadwick, Casey Fox, Jimmy Maher, Austin Persico, Braden Layne, Gavin Mullervy, Alex Miller, Connor Panebianco, Rory Sullivan, Trey Smack, Sean Ladas, Ben Morgan, Michael Morreale, Dawson Duckworth, Kurt Klaus, Pat Fenn, Alix Soliman, Christopher Savani, Mark Bredeck, Trent Bellotte, Tad Naylor, Akshay Shah and Niles **Tinsley**. They are coached by **Dave Earl** and assistant coaches Travis Loving, Peter Papaleonti, Walter Dearborn and Michael Hofstedt.

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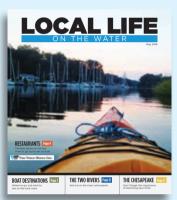


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By Judy Tacyn

In just her second pageant, Folger McKinsey Elementary School first-grader Sophia Biddle finished in first place in Maryland in her age group at the Miss East Coast

The First-Grader Prepares For National Pageant

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USA Beauty Pageant held in Towson, Maryland, on March 24. The statedivision winners receive sashes featuring their hometown, making Sophia Miss Severna Park 2019. She will advance to the national competition to be held July 26–28 at the Hilton Hotel in Parsippany, New Jersey.

Park Sash In Local Pageant

Sophia's mother, Hazar Biddle, said initially she wasn't sure that she wanted her young daughter competing in pageants

until she better understood the goals of the organization.

"Sophia first heard about the pageant from a friend," Hazar said. "This pageant focuses on character and personality. I, too, believe in instilling confidence with the girls rather than focusing solely on beauty."

Contestants performed two dance routines (Sophia's dances were tap and jazz), a beauty walk in a gown and a casual walk, all before finally being interviewed by the judges. Contestants had three wardrobe changes: formal, casual and active wear. They also supplied their own outfits. The judges look for stage presence (confidence, poise), character (personality) and photogenic-ness.

"At first, I was a little nervous," said Sophia, "but it's fun to meet girls >>>>>>>> Continued on B13

Shipley's Choice Service Project Raises Funds, Awareness For Diabetes

By Maya Pottiger

or its annual service project, the fifthgrade class at Shipley's Choice Elementary School voted to raise money for the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation.

The fifth-graders have a personal connection to this foundation, as one of their classmates has Type 1 diabetes.

"It enabled them to make the connection to him, and then their mission and their fundraising had a purpose," said fifth-grade teacher Lucy Nash. "He became the face of juvenile diabetes for them, so they could make that connection."

Students had a starting goal of raising \$5,000, which they exceeded halfway through the school year. By the end of May, the students raised more than

\$8,000 to donate to JDRF.

"From start to finish, we wanted this to be their fundraiser, their service project where they picked exactly what they were doing," said Kristin Jackson, a fifth-grade parent and one of the three parent organizers for the project. "They pretty much were involved or participated in every single activity the whole year."

Jackson organized the project with Carolyn Campion and Janel Rollin.

"We wanted to do things that would educate kids on what diabetes is and what does a diabetic's life look like on a day-to-day basis," Campion said. "Ultimately, we were hoping after we did that, armed with knowledge, they could then do these fundraisers and spread that knowledge to the community."

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Fifth-graders at Shipley's Choice Elementary raised more than \$8,000 for the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation.

Olivia West Leads Environmental Efforts Through Girl Scouts, NJHS



On May 11, Girl Scout Troops 10084 and 2478 worked together to plant bay grasses at Lake Claire Beach in Cape St. Claire to earn their Silver Awards.

By Maya Pottiger

uring her daily trips to Lake Claire Beach in Cape St. Claire, Olivia West noticed many unsuccessful efforts to remove invasive species and combat erosion.

When it came time to brainstorm ideas to earn her Silver Award through Girl Scouts, Olivia knew what she wanted to do.

"I know in the past, groups have tried to plant stuff, but it wasn't all that effective because they didn't tell anyone about it and they didn't have a lot of signs," Olivia said. "I realized how badly we were affecting the environment and that I could do something to help the environment."

Olivia planned a day — Saturday, May 11 — for her Girl Scout troop to spend a few hours planting 250 bay grasses at Lake Claire Beach. Olivia even partnered with another Girl Scout troop on the project with the help of her science teacher, Christine McCallister.

"I thought it was a good way to get the troops together, and also, we're fighting for the same cause," said McCallister, whose troop is working on an oyster restoration project to earn their Silver Award.

However, the project wasn't as simple as putting plants into the sand. Olivia >>> Continued on B13

Broadneck Prom Was A Night To Remember



Photos by Stephanie Mennell Photography

The Bruins stepped out in style on Friday, May 17, the night of their senior prom, when they kept the dance floor energized all evening long at the BWI Marriott.

Severna Park Seniors Enjoy Last Hurrah

Katrina Reinhart Earns McDavitt Memorial Scholarship

By Judy Tacyn

Atrina Reinhart never met Nathan McDavitt, but as she read about him, she was struck by his involvement, service and commitment.

Now that she is a 2019 recipient of the third annual Airman First Class Nathaniel H. McDavitt Memorial Scholarship Award, she's even more influenced by his story.

"I am so, so honored to have this opportunity to try to continue his legacy and carry his all-in spirit of service forward as best I can," Reinhart said, "because helping others and building up communities in need is really the way to make a difference in this world."

Nathaniel McDavitt, a 2011 graduate of Severna Park High School, enlisted in the United States Air Force in 2014 with the goal to be a crew chief responsible for maintaining fighter jets. He became known as Airman 1st Class Nathaniel H. McDavitt, an >> Continued on B14



Katrina Reinhart received a scholarship from Nathan McDavitt's mother, Jeanette Middleton-Sudano, in recognition of Reinhart's academic excellence and commitment to her community.

Photos by Stephanie Mennell Photography
The Falcon class of 2019 convened at the BWI Marriott on Saturday, May 11, dressed in
their best and ready to dance the night away at their senior prom.

Go Shipley's Go: **Students Perform Mini** Rock 'N' Roll Revival







Photos by Stephanie Mennell Photography

Shipley's Choice Elementary School took audiences back in time for Mini Rock 'N' Roll Revival on May 18 and 19, performing hits like "Singin' in the Rain," "Jamaica Farewell" and "Johnny B. Goode."

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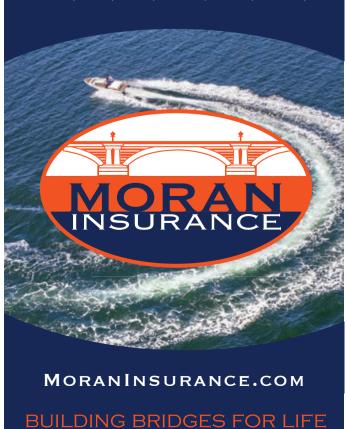
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Redefining Valedictorian

Dana Schallheim Board of Education $District\ 5$



Typically, when hearing the word "valedictorian," you think of stellar academic achievement. This person has worked hard for years, probably taken nearly every possible AP class, and achieved the highest GPA of that year's graduating class. Becoming valedictorian is likely the result of enormous sacrifice in every facet of high school life.

But what if 100th of a point separates the first and the fifth or 10th student? Are students forced to sacrifice their passions, such as orchestra, in favor of an additional AP class to obtain the honor? Does becoming the highest academically achieving student equate to selecting a class schedule not based on one's interest but on the maximum potential weighted points achievable? Does student mental health suffer in the race for the top spot?

The overwhelming response from students to

the above questions is a resounding yes. Students filled the Anne Arundel County Public Schools board room during the April 17 meeting. Nearly everyone testified in support of eliminating class rank, traditionally the sole determinant of valedictorian. In fact, I remember only one student testifying in support of retaining class rank. We must have heard from 20 students that night, including students from Severna Park High School, each with compelling testimony in support of eliminating class rank, thereby eliminating valedictorian and salutatorian. Most students spoke of oppressive stress and of feeling defined by their class rank. I was particularly moved by the testimony of the pending 2019 Severna Park High School valedictorian. She spoke of selecting classes based on how they would affect her weighted GPA instead of personal interests. AP classes replaced those that piqued her interest, such as creative writing, robotics, piano, aerospace engineering, architecture, social issues, and speech and debate.

Times have since changed since I was in high school in the early '90s. Now, scholarship pools for valedictorian and salutatorian are smaller and colleges and universities have moved toward the Latin Honors designation for both admissions and scholarship opportunities.

AACPS currently uses both systems of distinction. Students can achieve summa cum laude with a weighted GPA of 4.3 or higher, magna cum laude is awarded for a weighted GPA of 4.0 or higher but less than 4.3, and cum laude is awarded for an unweighted

GPA of 3.4 or higher. On May 15, the AACPS Board of Education proposed a new way of defining valedictorian in response to growing concerns amongst students and staff regarding student mental health. If passed, AACPS would remove class rank but continue to select a valedictorian and salutatorian via a new selection process. Students would be selected from those poised to earn summa cum laude through a voluntary application process, which aims to select high achieving, well-rounded students. Selection criteria would include evaluating students' service, leadership and character - the same pillars of success utilized by the National Honors Society. If passed, the final application and selection process will be determined by Dr. George Arlotto, the AACPS superintendent, and be effective beginning with students entering the ninth grade in the 2021-2022 school year.

I have received feedback both in support and in opposition to removing or redefining valedictorian and salutatorian. Some have stated the proposed system corrects the mental health concerns that plagued the traditional selection process by evaluating the whole student, while others characterize the changes as too subjective and worry about bias.

I am interested to know where you stand on this issue. Please send your feedback to dschallheim@aacps. org. The Board of Education will vote on proposed changes to the grading policy on during its June 5 meeting at 10:00am. Public comment is encouraged.

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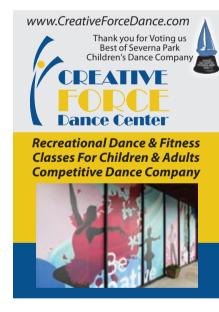
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Severna Park Soccer Players Get A Kick Out Of Their Trip To Scotland

By Zach Sparks zach@pasadenavoice.com

Four Severna Park youth soccer players traveled more than 3,000 miles to Scotland in late April to compete against some of the country's talented athletes.

Jordan Lovejoy, Declan Karney, Nicky Melfi and Brayden Wedlake were all selected to the 2006 Boys Olympic Development Program team after excelling during a series of practices.

The U.S. Youth Soccer ODP identifies and develops youth players to represent their state and regional associations. Maryland ODP teams are composed of the state's best players in various age groups.

All four boys are seventhgraders at Severna Park Middle School. Lovejoy, Karney and Melfi play for Baltimore Celtic South whereas Wedlake dons a jersey for Green Hornets.

During their trip overseas, the boys stayed in Glasgow but also visited Edinburgh, Renfrew and Stirling, playing four soccer matches and touring during their free time. The chance to compete against the Scottish players was invaluable.

"It was a good experience," said Karney, a center back. "It's a lot more aggressive in Scotland. Over here, we have three referees, but they have one.'



(L-R) Declan Karney, Nicky Melfi, Brayden Wedlake and Jordan Lovejoy visited Tynecastle Park to watch a Scottish Professional Football League game between the Heart of Midlothian and the Rangers.

The 2006 Boys split the matches with their various Scottish opponents, going 2-2.

Between games, the Severna Park boys enjoyed the sights as they traveled by chartered motor coach. They saw the rolling countryside of Loch Lomond, and the castles and cobbled alleys of Edinburgh.

Karney singled out the National Wallace Monument – named after national hero Sir William Wallace — as his favorite.

"It has a really nice view," Karney said. "You can see villages nestled in the mountains and you can see Sterling Castle."

They watched the Rangers overcome the Heart of Midlothian in a Scottish Professional Football League matchup on April 20.

Melfi enjoyed visiting Celtic Football Club stadium in Glasgow. "We got to walk field-side and it was cool to see the whole stadium," he said.

If the boys make the ODP team next year, they will travel abroad to another country.

The experience was especially rewarding because all four athletes aspire to play college soccer.

"It exposed me to a different level of play than I'm used to and that should help me raise my game," Karney said.

Jordan Lovejoy said, "I've never played soccer internationally; it was a whole different experience of what you do there, and it provided a chance to show what I can do in the future and how I can play internationally."

Service Project Raises Funds, Awareness

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Kristina Florczyk, a fifth-grade teacher, said that the student with diabetes was able to be more open about his life because his classmates had a better understanding from the project. The connection also helped students be better engaged with the project.

They're more willing to want to do the fundraisers and want to learn about it and share that information with other people," Florczyk said.

One of the students has an aunt who has diabetes, and she came in to give an educational presentation about the condition.

"She taught us about how insulin helps our bodies and that when you have Type 1 diabetes, it doesn't work, so you have to have insulin put into your body," said fifth-grader Natalie Bonk. "I also learned that you have to be very careful about what you eat, and you can't eat too much sugar.'

Through the project, students made not only the community more aware of Type 1 diabetes but also themselves.

"It made it seem not so far away. Suddenly you're alert to it," Carolyn Campion said. "It brings the community together in that way."

What The Shipley's Choice Fifth-Graders Had To Say

This project was important to me because one of my friends has Type 1 diabetes, and it's sad that kids have to deal with this. It meant a lot to me because it's fun selling stuff and doing these things, and helping out to serve a cause and to help people that you don't know.

– Robbie Ballagh

[Our classmate] has diabetes, so it's nice to help him. I liked the activities that we did. It made me happy just to know that people are getting help.

– Andrew Bonk

I know it's hard to live with Type 1 diabetes, and anything can go wrong. The more money we can raise, we can get a cure for them to make their bodies create more insulin. – Natalie Bonk

This was important to me because it made me feel like I was part of something, and it made me feel important. I was also helping other people who are less fortunate than me, so that made me feel really good. – **Annie Campion**

It made me feel good.

We didn't just help [my classmate], we also helped other people. We got food and we had special events, and we were selling stuff to them, which would raise money for the foundation. - Taylor Jackson

My aunt has Type 1 diabetes, and I requested this to be our fifth-grade service project. It means a lot to me to be helping people out like her.

– Brooke Klima

It's important to me because one of my best friends has diabetes. I thought it would be important to raise money to try to find a cure for something that he has.

– Garrett Moden

Before we did it, I didn't know what diabetes was, so it helped me learn what it was and why it's important. I think everything we did was pretty fun, but I liked going on the JDRF walk. It was just fun to walk around and talk to people. - Molly Procida

We tried to raise money for JDRF so we can find a cure to have a world without Type 1 diabetes. - Jake Rollin

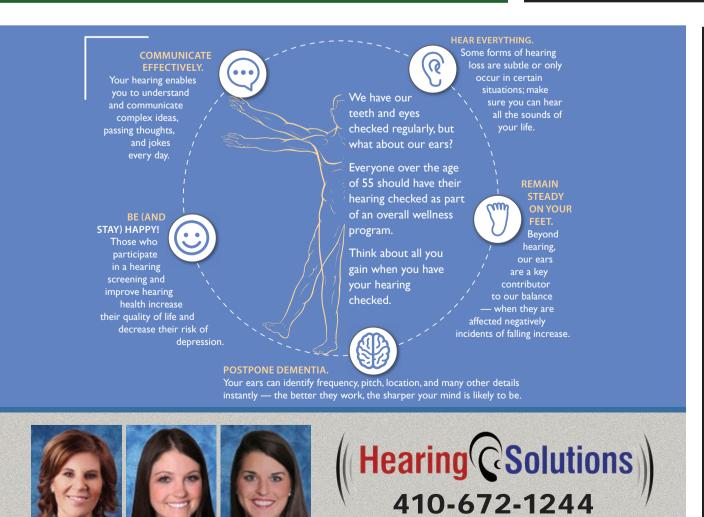




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Olivia West Leads Environmental Efforts

» Continued from B10 went to a Cape Conserva-

tion Corps board meeting to get permission for the project, ask how it would be the most impactful and get funding for supplies. Olivia received donations from the Cape Conservation Corps and Thrivent Action Team.

On the day of the project, Olivia set up a map of methodically spaced popsicle sticks to show her fellow troops where to place each

plant. The project also required Olivia to learn about plants native to the area and why they were needed to replace invasive plants.

"I learned that if you put two plants too close together, one will probably kill the other because their roots will be fighting for water," Olivia said. "I also learned that we couldn't put them too close to where part of the erosion actually is

Sophia Biddle Earns Miss Severna Park Sash

» Continued from B10

from other states, and being onstage makes me feel good. Everyone sees me, and I feel happy."

For her interview, Sophia told the judges about her plans to become a veterinarian and spread the word about animal abuse and proper care of animals. She and her mother are reading everything they can about the proper care and treatment of animals and practicing answers to the questions

judges might ask her on the topic.

Sophia is a busy 6-yearold. She has been dancing with Creative Force Dance Center in Severna Park for four years; she is a Girl Scout; she enjoys swimming, singing and reading; and she is fluent in Arabic. She hopes to participate in the Severna Park Fourth of July parade to show everyone her Miss Severna Park sash and perfect pageant wave to the crowds.

because the plants will just fall into it, so we had to put them in a very specific area."

Finally, Olivia put caution tape around the area and hung signs to alert beachgoers from trampling her work.

This wasn't Olivia's only environmental effort. As part of the National Junior Honor Society at Magothy River Middle School, Olivia, a seventh-grader, wanted to help beautify the gardens. Through donations, she received 69 bags of mulch to use around the school grounds.

"Magothy is a really, really nice place, and we have lots of teachers that really help. I think it's a way of giving back because the teachers do so much, and all the people in the school, we don't see," Olivia said. "I thought I could do something there, and it would make people happy."

Now, the gardens are weed-free.

"She doesn't give up and she's a hard worker and she's a great leader," Mc-Callister said. "I'm so proud of all that she's done this school year."

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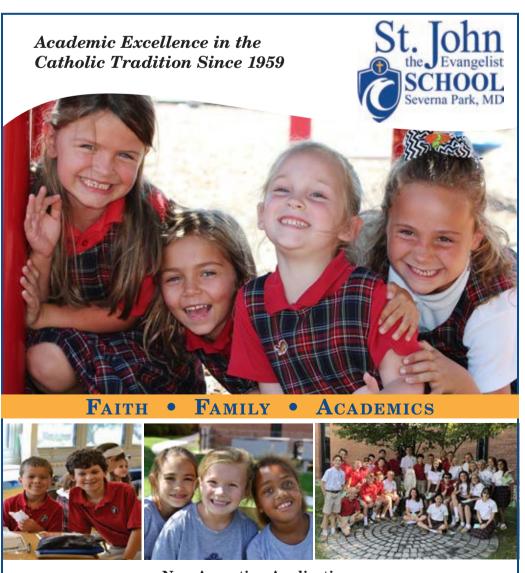








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Severn School Senior Katrina Reinhart Earns McDavitt Memorial Scholarship

» Continued from B10 F-16 Fighting Falcon tactical

aircraft maintainer with the 52nd Equipment Maintenance Squadron.

Stationed in Germany, Mc-Davitt deployed to the Middle East on April 9, 2016. The following day, he was working in a building when a severe wind storm caused it to collapse. He was immediately transported to a hospital but succumbed to his injuries on April 15, 2016, with his mother, father and wife by his side.

McDavitt's mother, Jeanette Middleton-Sudano, established the A1C Nathaniel H. McDavitt Memorial

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Scholarship Fund shortly after his death. The Airman First Class Nathaniel H. McDavitt Memorial Scholarship Award was then created to provide financial assistance to graduating high school seniors who have demonstrated exemplary qualities of character, drive and service — qualities that defined the essence of her late son.

"Nate was always helping someone," Middleton-Sudano said. "We want to recognize other young people who work hard to contribute to their community and to be an advocate for people in need."

She felt that Reinhart

demonstrated outstanding achievements in the criteria of character, drive and service. "Katrina embodies Nathan's legacy in her academic, athletic, community and social life," Middleton-Sudano said. "Her commitment to her community through volunteer services while maintaining her other responsibilities seems like normal life to her but exceptional to us."

Reinhart said, "Nathan gave his life in service to others, and I can't even imagine the sorrow his family must feel, but I could see the overflowing pride of Mrs. Sudano upon meeting and talking with her.

Her son lived a life of purpose, as serving others and giving oneself to a greater cause is the best purpose in life and is something for which everyone should strive."

At Severn School, Reinhart's leadership was evident in her roles as an activist and an athlete. She was instrumental in organizing Zonta Club's hugely successful prom dress drive this spring, which collects donated prom dresses and offers them to other teenagers who are not otherwise able to afford them.

"She took the lead and communicated with the community about the event, reserved

space and set up for the event, and transported the dresses and shoes back and forth to the reserved space," said Sandy Sanders, advisor for the Severn chapter of Zonta Club International.

Richard Zmuda, Severn cross country head coach said, "Trina is a natural leader. A perfect example is on the athletic field. Her teammates unanimously selected her as a captain of the cross country team this past fall and she did not disappoint. She organized voluntary preseason practices throughout the summer, mentoring younger runners during the season and setting

an example of hard work and dedication for everyone on the team."

Reinhart will attend Georgia Institute of Technology in the fall with a focus on structural engineering.

"I plan to find avenues through which to serve my new communities [in college], but also to return to serve around Millersville, Severna Park and Maryland in general, too," Reinhart said. "No matter where I go, I hope I will continue to contribute in a way that is worthy of Nathan's legacy."

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ach month, the Severna Park Voice poses a question to a local fifth-grade class. This month, students from Ms. Birrane's class at Oak Hill Elementary answered the question:

What is your favorite memory from elementary school?

My favorite memory was when I made friends with Nick and everybody else. Matt Abedi

My favorite memory of Oak Hill is when I won a trophy in first grade for Race for Education.

Adam Akbari

I made a lot of friends in fourth and fifth grade. Making a lot of friends meant a lot to me in both grades. I hope to succeed and graduate fifth grade and move on to sixth grade!

Andre Boone

My favorite memory is making friends. But the best part is being able to enjoy it, and we are all brothers and sisters inside. If people are mean to you, just remember you are you and that is great. Never ever change yourself because of others. Love yourself for who you are.

Tristan Bormuth

My favorite memory of elementary school is when we had the laser light show in fourth grade. It



Ms. Birrane's fifth-grade class at Oak Hill Elementary School answered the question, "What was your favorite memory from elementary school?"

ak Hill Elementary School

was awesome! Jaime Boyd

In fourth grade, I did a split and then I split my pants wide open.

Kam Brown

In second grade, I made a tinfoil box and I put a s'more in the box. Then I put it in the sun and made a s'more.

Shea Cassidy

When we were making the gingerbread house in fourth grade and the laser show. Rachel Colgan

My favorite memory of elementary school is this year and last year because my friends and I got to help the kindergarteners in P.E.

Madelyn Corey

When I met two of my good friends in third grade. Kaelin Cservek

When we got ice cream floats in fifth grade. Jonah Darcy

When I had a root beer float for the first time, and also when we had the laser show. Maddie Goodwin

My favorite memory from elementary school would be when I was in kindergarten. I sneezed and my tooth flew across the room when I was in a tent playing with my friend Kathy. Also, when I met my best friend, Kaelin Cservek.

Emily Greaves

My favorite memory of elementary school was when I was in third grade when we had a laser light show. Nicholas Howie

My favorite memory is getting a concussion in third grade on the last day of school. My best friend, Noah, punted a soccer ball two feet away from me, and it hit me right in the head. Best day ever!

Asher Knickerbocker

My favorite elementary school memory has been meeting my teachers over the years. They are all so kind, loving and warm-hearted. They treat me with kindness. Also, making my friends who are always there for me. Blair McDaniel

My favorite memory from elementary school is when I found my friends, my two friends that I would never want to lose. We met by accident in third grade. Now the two girls are still my best friends.

Taylor Moran

My favorite part of elementary school was when we had the ice cream float party and watched a movie. We got to choose between root beer, Pepsi, Coke, or cherry soda with our ice cream.

Callum Olenec

My favorite memory of elementary school was doing my first school play last year. We did "The Little Mermaid," and I was Ariel. I had a lot of fun getting to know the older fifth-graders and getting to perform in front of lots of people.

Elizabeth Ranaghan

My favorite elementary school memory was last year. In dance company, at the end of the year, we had root beer floats.

Angela Reed

Meeting new friends, having the best teachers, me and my best friends getting to help our P.E. teacher with the younger grades during their class period, and riding the bus with my class on field trips because we sing, play games and have funny

conversations. Abigail Roberts

My favorite memory in elementary school was when I was in fifth grade in Mrs. Birrane's class and we got ice cream floats, soda and watched a movie.

Tristan Schultz

My favorite memory in elementary school is dance company and root beer floats! Marissa Scott

When I made new friends throughout the years of elementary school. Now that I am going into sixth grade, I can't wait to make

more friends. **Karlie Shockey**

My favorite memory is last year when me and a couple of friends got to spend our recess time helping the kindergarteners do P.E.! It was really fun getting to have a little extra P.E. time and

helping out. Parren Smith

I have so many memories in elementary school. I recently was manager of the lightboard for the school's production of "Mary Poppins." I also made an oven out of a pizza box in second grade. I also loved to draw when I was done my work. I really liked elementary school.

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Denver Straub

My favorite memory is when my friend threw a book at my eye, and with my eye, I saw everything doubled. It was like when your eyes are crossed.

Jance Vaughn

When I tricked people into thinking my best friend was my twin. We do look alike, but we are not twins. When his dad went to a place for military reasons, he had to ride my bus for a week, so I told everyone we were.

Elijah Wells

My favorite elementary memory was when I did SeaPerch with my friend. We made our robot fly through the water! Josie Wong

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