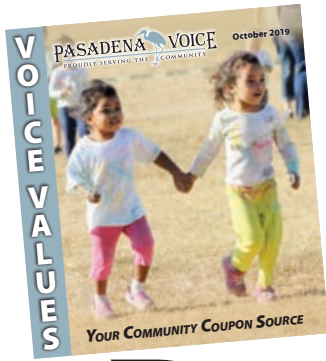


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New-Look Pasadena Crossroads Shopping Center Is Here



By Zach Sparks
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When Hobby Lobby held its grand opening celebration on September 23, it signaled a new era for the 316,753-square-foot Pasadena Crossroads shopping center at the intersection of Ritchie Highway and Jumpers Hole Road.

Gone are Kmart, Babies R Us, Shoppers Food, and Rugged Warehouse. In their place will be Hobby Lobby, HomeGoods, TJ Maxx, Ulta Beauty, Sprouts Farmers Market, and DSW Designer Shoe Warehouse.

Sterling Organization acquired the property in November 2015 when it was fully leased, but the real estate firm saw an opportunity to improve the space by replacing stores that paid below-market rent.

Gardiner Wolf Furniture,

Party City, and LA Fitness are the holdovers from the main strip, which includes BayVanguard Bank in a pad site, and is bordered by Chick-fil-A.

"You try to merchandise it as well as you can," said Rob Meeks, leasing officer with the Sterling Organization, when asked about the new shops coming to Pasadena Crossroads. "We sort of had a blank canvas."

The 48,000-square-foot Hobby Lobby is the company's sixth Maryland location. Hobby Lobby is primarily an arts-and-crafts store, but also includes picture-framing, jewelry-making, fabrics, floral supplies, cards and party ware, baskets, home accents and holiday merchandise.

"The success of our stores in Maryland is a good indicator that Pasadena shoppers will be pleased with the quality, selection, and value we offer in the craft and home decor" » Continued on A4

Lake Waterford Remains Unsafe, Future Unclear



Years Of Inaction Have Created Long-Term Sustainability Questions

By Chris Fincham
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More than three months after Anne Arundel County officials identified serious concerns about Lake Waterford's water quality, little has changed, and it

is unclear if there are any plans or solutions.

On July 3, the Anne Arundel County Department of Health issued a health advisory that warned people to avoid any direct contact with the water in the 12-acre Pasadena lake" » Continued on A6

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Pasadena Says Goodbye To Lauer's Supermarket & Bakery After 45 Years



By Haley Weisgerber

In 1974, Ed and Helen Lauer opened the first Lauer's Supermarket with the dream of creating a community-based and family-run store with exceptional customer service.

After Lauer's reached 45 years of serving Pasadena, their daughters, Bernie Snoops and Babbie Poyer, announced in September

that they were selling both Lauer's locations.

The first location was originally a Super Thrift grocery store at the intersection of Mountain and Tick Neck roads. In 1982, Ed and Helen bought the ACME Supermarket in Riviera Beach and opened a second location. The original store was relocated to the current Chesterfield location in 1998.

In 2006, Snoops and Poyer

bought both locations from their parents and have maintained the same community values.

"The community is the people, and so many of them have become like extended family to us," Poyer said. Lauer's has certainly made the community feel like family with their constant support over the years.

Through the Lauer's Learning Ladder, a program

started in 1992 to benefit local schools, Lauer's raised over \$1 million and donated \$40,000 to schools annually.

"Another favorite event was the Caring and Sharing Community Harvest Parade sponsored by the Pasadena Business Association," Poyer said. Lauer's matched donations and sold food bags to raise money for local food banks.

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Starbucks Could Be Coming To Lake Shore

By Zach Sparks
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Pasadena residents will have a new coffee option on the menu if a Starbucks gets built at 4314 Mountain Road, across from the Lakeshore Crossroads shopping center that has a Giant, 1978 Pizza and other shops.

The proposal by Insite Real Estate Investment Properties meets zoning requirements since the land is zoned C2-Commercial, but the company is seeking a modification for road frontage improvement requirements. According to a letter shared by Hyatt & Weber, P.A., the attorneys

for Insite Real Estate, the modification is to preserve environmental features on the property and install a small section of sidewalk.

The current lack of sidewalks, along with the excess traffic caused by people cutting through Belle of Georgia Avenue to avoid Mountain Road traffic lights, is one reason Sharonville residents are wary of the proposal.

"They have a right to build on the property, but the entrance is on a residential street, Temple Road," Fran Burton Zimmerman said. "There are no sidewalks, and we have traffic-calming barriers" » Continued on A4



A Starbucks is located in a Lakeshore Plaza Safeway store near the proposed site at 4314 Mountain Road.

Earleigh Heights VFC Loses Appeal To Rezone Property For New Station

By Zach Sparks
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At Earleigh Heights Volunteer Fire Company, first responders aren't just battling fires; they're facing numerous threats to their health.

"The bricks are cracked outside and our station is about as cancer-growth as possible," said Chief Dave Crawford. "The sleeping quarters are above the apparatus floor, and the tile is from 1957, so I'm sure it's made of asbestos."

"We're asking [the firefighters] to do a dangerous job while living in a dangerous environment."

The crew at Earleigh Heights — dozens of volunteers along with four career staff and one



One issue is the height and width of the engine bays, which aren't meant for modern apparatus.

lieutenant — say the station is too old to be renovated, so it needs to be replaced. No one disagrees with that assessment, but the Severna Park

and Pasadena community is divided on how to pay for the \$6 million replacement building and where to put it.

Chief Dave Crawford wants

Earleigh Heights to build and lease three pad sites to businesses. Those profits would allow them to build a new Earleigh Heights" » Continued on A5

Marguerite Mills
Volunteer
Of The Month

Bunnie Clark Treasures Her Chance To Give Back

By Zach Sparks

When she travels to Glen Burnie, she's known as the casserole queen. In Pasadena, she's known as the treasurer of the Lake Shore-Severna Park Rotary Club and the Venice on the Bay Civic Association.

Wherever she goes, Bunnie Clark enjoys helping people in need.

She first heard about Rotary when her two stepsons attended meetings as part of their work with Chesapeake High School's Interact Club. When her husband, John, became a Rotarian, Clark also got involved.

"What appealed to me was giving back to the community and to others," she said. "Rotary is all about service above self — that's the motto. It's like-minded people."

While she has her hand in the pot of many Rotary functions, she is most involved with making meals for the homeless and supporting children through the backpack program.

On the second Wednesday of every month, Clark and a few other Rotarians serve meals at the Salvation Army in Glen Burnie. Clark and Carolyn Wisthoff alternate



Bunnie Clark (right) received her Volunteer of the Month award from Voice Editor Zach Sparks.

get free lunch on the weekend, so we help with that, so they might get something like spaghetti as a weekend dinner."

Clark has been a Rotary member for nine years, as the treasurer for eight, and she helped out in an unofficial capacity beforehand. She has been

a driver for Partners In Care for about eight years.

"You meet some interesting people because they're sitting next to you while you drive," she said. "There's a lot of conversation. I like that it's an organization that helps people who remain in their homes as long as possible."

To continue their mission of serving others, Rotary members welcome support at the Maryland Renaissance Festival on October 20. The beer stands will be manned by one employee and a bunch of volunteers collecting tips for their charitable organizations. The Lake Shore-Severna Park Rotary Club is one of those groups.

For more information about Rotary and volunteer opportunities, go to www.rotarycluboflakeshore.org or find "Lake Shore-Severna Park Rotary" on Facebook.

meal-making responsibilities, and Clark is known for her casseroles and salads.

"They're always thankful," she said of the homeless men and women. "Being the person who's cooking, it's nice to see people coming back for seconds and thirds," she said with a laugh.

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— Bunnie Clark

Her other Rotary project, the weekend backpack program, also involves meals.

"Counselors identify kids on the free meals program at school," she explained. "They don't

Calendar Of Events

OCTOBER

OCT 19: Anne Arundel County Literacy Council's "Literacy Lights the Way" 5K walk-a-thon from 8:30am-11:30am on the B&A Trail. Info: 410-269-4419.

OCT 19: Outreach Ministry Craft Fair at Community Methodist Church from 9:00am to 2:00pm.

OCT 19: Fall Craft Fair from 9:00am to 2:00pm at Pasadena United Methodist Church. Info: 410-647-3090.

OCT 19 AND 20: Wine on the Water at Kurtz's Beach at 11:00am, benefiting the Tate Cancer Center. Info: www.wineonthewaterfest.com.

OCT 23-24: Pasadena Senior Center fall craft fair from 9:00am-2:00pm. Info: 410-222-0030.

OCT 24: Riviera Beach Library Witch's Slime event at 3:00 pm. A glow-in-the-dark slime event for teens. Info: 410-222-6285.

OCT 25: Gold In Fight Halloween party at Sidelines Sports Bar & Grill in Glen Burnie from 7:00pm-2:00am.

OCT 25: St. Jane Frances de Chantal paint and wine night at 6:00pm.

OCT 26: Friends of Downs Park Trick or Treat trail from noon-4:00pm. \$5 for tickets. Must buy tickets in advance. Info: 410-222-6230.

OCT 26: Bull and oyster roast at Glen Burnie Loyal Order of the Moose Lodge 1456 from 5:00-10:00pm. Info: 410-977-5841.

OCT 26: LiviDoodles first Halloween Costume Bash from 7:00-11:00pm at Cheshire Crab. Info: rikrod1@gmail.com.

OCT 26-27: Estate Sale from 10:00am-3:00pm at 984 Point Pleasant Road. Info: gmanges2015@comcast.net.

OCT 27: Halloween Pet Parade at Hancock's Resolution. 2:00pm. Info: 410-255-4048 or info@historichancockresolution.org.

OCT 27: Trunk or Treat at Galilee Lutheran Church at 3:00pm. Info: 410-255-8236.

OCT 29: Mountain Road Library

Robotics Night at 7:00pm. Info: 410-222-6699.

OCT 29 AND 30: Riviera Beach Library Spooktacular Storytime at 6:30pm on Oct. 29 and at 10:00am on Oct. 30. Info: 410-222-6285.

NOVEMBER

NOV 1: Dena Bowl: Northeast High School at Chesapeake High School at 6:30pm.

NOV 1-17: "Tarzan, The Stage Musical" at Children's Theatre of Annapolis. Info: www.childrenstheatreofannapolis.org.

NOV 2: Winter Relief Dinner and Auction at 6:00pm in the Gathering Place at Our Lady of the Chesapeake. Info: www.olchesapeake.org.

NOV 3: Pasadena Business Association Caring and Sharing Parade from 2:00pm to 5:00pm. Info: pasadenabusinessassociation.com.

NOV 6: Spooky Silents: A Silent Film Halloween at the Mountain Road Library at 6:30pm. Info: 410-222-6699.

NOV 7: Harry Potter Escape Room at Mountain Road Library 2:00pm to 7:00pm for children. Stop by or call 410-222-6699 to register.

NOV 7: Mosaic Make and Take at Riviera Beach Library at 3:00pm. For teens. Info: 410-222-6285.

NOV 9: Comic Book Club: Daredevil at Riviera Beach Library at 11:00am. For adults and teens. Info: 410-222-6285.

NOV 21: Bad Art Night at the Riviera Beach Library for teens at 3:00pm. Create bad art using random craft materials. Info: 410-222-6285.

NOV 21: Harvest for the Hungry Happy Hour at Twain's Tavern from 5:00-8:00pm. Tickets are \$10 in advance and \$20 at the door. Nonperishable food items will be collected. Info: 410-544-4554.

NOV 23: Chesapeake High School Fall Craft Fair hosted by the Band Boosters from 10:00am to 3:00pm. Info: www.chescougarband.com.

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» **Continued from A1** market,” said Kelly Black, Hobby Lobby’s director of advertising. Hobby Lobby hours are Monday through Saturday from 9:00am to 8:00pm. Stores are closed on Sunday. DSW Designer Shoe Warehouse has a ribbon cutting scheduled for Thursday, October 24, at 8:30am. Meeks expects the other stores to open by mid-November, but he doesn’t know opening dates because it depends on when the stores are stocked and have all the necessary permits. HomeGoods offers a variety of products, from

designer bedding, table linens, and dishes to kitchen essentials, bath decor, and rugs. TJ Maxx is a clothing store. Ulta Beauty specializes in cosmetics, makeup, fragrances, skin care, and bath and body products.

Although Pasadena Crossroads is nearly at full capacity, Sterling Organization will likely work into summer 2020 to complete the redevelopment project.

“We’re looking for a great restaurant, a local place that has a good bar,” Meeks said. “We’ve had a lot of interest, but we’re looking for something with romance and charm.”

Starbucks In Lake Shore?

» **Continued from A1** ers that are useless. “People don’t understand the already excess traffic from people cutting through from Hog Neck,” she added. “Now, there will be so much more because of the small, inadequate entrance proposed on Temple.”

Burton Zimmerman noted that her neighbors have had no problem with the half-way house that currently occupies the space at 4314 Mountain Road.

The 2,349-square-foot Starbucks with a drive-thru is expected to bring in approximately 200 cars a day, according to a traffic study. Burton Zimmerman shared a police report showing that 16 accidents have occurred near the intersection of Mountain Road and Temple Drive in the last three years.

Sharonville residents talked about closing the entrance to Alberta Avenue or Belle of Georgia Avenue, but people use those streets to get to and from work.

Attorney Steven Hyatt explained that the “safety concerns are well-voiced and appreciated,” and his firm is working with engineers to find solutions that keep traffic from flowing into the neighborhood.

“The county wants us to improve sidewalks all the way to Sharon Drive, and I think that might encourage more cars to go back into the neighborhood,” Hyatt said. “Also, there are wetlands we’d have to dig into, and we’d rather not do that.”

Burton Zimmerman said some of her neighbors are wondering why a Starbucks might be developed at the site when Lakeshore Plaza across the street has a Dunkin’ Donuts and a Starbucks inside of Safeway.

Hyatt isn’t authorized to

speak on behalf of Starbucks, but he said, “It’s a corner on a pretty busy intersection. A lot of retailers like to be where their competition is so people have a choice. They don’t want to be located on an island where there is nothing.”

Revised preliminary plans have been submitted. Hyatt expects to hear back from the county around the end of October or beginning of November, and then there will be a few more exchanges between the developer and the county.

“We’re looking at February, realistically, before we have a yes or no from the county,” Hyatt said.

Burton Zimmerman understands that the Starbucks is likely getting built, but she wants to minimize adverse impacts to both adults and the kids who board a bus stop near the property.

“If they have a right to build, that’s fine, but don’t destroy a community that doesn’t even have sidewalks,” she said.

Saying Goodbye To Lauer’s

» **Continued from A1** Lauer’s also donated to community groups, veterans, volunteer fire departments, churches, sports teams, scouts and more on a daily basis.

Joe Millsap, brother-in-law of Snoops and Poyer and a 29-year employee of Lauer’s, said his favorite memory is the charity dance put on by a group of employees over 15 years ago, when the grocery manager was diagnosed with cancer. The \$10,000 raised went into a scholarship for his two children.

In addition to having outstanding customer service, Lauer’s has been a great first job for many high school students, as well as a great place to work long-term.

“It hurts my heart that they’re closing. I’ve been here for so long and [we’ve] been through so much,” said Kim Getty, who has been with Lauer’s for 29 years.

Getty has worked at both locations and in many posi-

tions over the years. Both of her children also worked for Lauer’s and met their spouses at the store.

Lauer’s is the only company that John Prager has ever worked for, and he had the pleasure of working with Ed and Helen.

“They’re a great family and it’s a good place to work,” said Prager, who has worked at the Riviera Beach location for 36 years. “I love coming here. You don’t find too many places where you can go to work and enjoy it.”

Wade Johnson has enjoyed working at the Riviera Beach location for 15 years.

“You can’t find better people to work for, you really can’t,” Johnson said. “I came here 15 years ago, cleaning toilets. Now I’m meat manager. These people have looked out for me from day one, and I just love working for them.”

Pasadena will miss the community support, the homemade salads in the deli, the smiling faces during the meat sale, and the exceptional customer service.

“They deserve to retire,” said Getty. “They’ve worked hard. It’s emotional, but it’s exciting for them.”

Snoops and Poyer are not sure where exactly the future will take them just yet, but Poyer is sure it “will include travel, catching up with friends and volunteering.”

As Pasadena says goodbye to Lauer’s, Snoops and Poyer leave behind a legacy that would make Ed and Helen proud.

The Riviera Beach location will become Geresbeck’s Food Market. On October 3, the Chesterfield store re-opened as Green Valley Marketplace, which will still operate the Lauer’s Bakery. Both locations are still family-owned supermarkets.

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Earleigh Heights VFC Loses Appeal

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leigh Heights station 600 feet to the east, downhill by the post office. About 4.5 to 5 acres would remain as open space.

Crawford said EHVFC raises about \$350,000 a year and it spends \$300,000 for operating costs. "That doesn't count apparatus and equipment," he said.

The county contributes \$57,300 a year, he said. That plan requires the fire company to get the zoning changed from residential to commercial. Magothy River Association President Paul Spadaro thinks that's a bad idea because of drainage into Cattail Creek and the precedent that would be set by a zoning change.

"Our opposition is to the spot zoning, which is something the MRA has always opposed," Spadaro said. "The MRA opposed Beechwood Park's liquor license in 1957 because it said spot zoning. If we allow spot zoning to go in, it's going to be a domino effect. People don't want Route 2 to look like Rockville Pike or Mountain Road and be commercialized all the way down."

Crawford said the volunteers have paid for traffic studies.

"When Harris Teeter went in, there was a 10 to 11% increase in traffic around that

intersection," he said. "There's no way with three pad sites there will be another 10 to 11% increase."

After having an initial request denied by the Office of Planning and Zoning in early 2019, EHVFC took its case before the Board of Appeals on September 11. The board dismissed the case, so members of Earleigh Heights must now take their argument to circuit court or wait for the comprehensive rezoning process, which will take place following the adoption of the next General Development Plan in 2020.

It's an unwelcome delay to Crawford. "Construction costs go up eight to 10% each year, and those costs are coming out of my pocket, not the county's," Crawford said.

The volunteers could lobby the Anne Arundel County government for a new station. Crawford doesn't see that as a viable possibility.

"When the county makes a decision like that, you start losing volunteers because there's no ownership of the building," Crawford said. "The volunteers lose their independence. It's as much about their pride as anything."

Spadaro acknowledges the need for the new station but doesn't like the way Earleigh Heights personnel are handling the matter.

Crawford sees the issue as a bunch of volunteers trying to do what the EHVFC has done for a century: serve the people of Anne Arundel County.

To make his case, he cited several figures prepared by the Anne Arundel County Volunteer Firefighters Association.

When accounting for more than \$31 million in volunteer-owned apparatus, \$77 million in volunteer-owned stations and \$3.5 million in volunteered hours, the volunteer fire services in Anne Arundel County save taxpayers \$111 million annually.

"If all the volunteers said today, 'You're on your own,' [the citizens] have to come up with \$111 million," Crawford said. "But our point isn't to throw stones at anyone. We all have to work together."

Crawford has met with nearby community associations to allay their fears and find an agreeable solution. For example, after initially asking the county to rezone the property to C3, he changed the request to C1 because it would allow less commercial development.

EHVFC holds meetings on the first and third Thursday of each month at 8:00pm. Crawford encourages people to attend a meeting or email dcraz2@att.net with questions.

See the full story at www.pasadenavoices.com.

Eighth Annual Toy Run Continues To Support Local Families

On Saturday, November 9, The Office Bar & Grill will host the eighth annual Toys for the 'Dena Run.

Since 2012, the community-focused, biker-infused toy drive and fundraiser has collected donations to support families in Pasadena during the holidays. Last year, the effort collected more than 100 toys and over the years has raised nearly \$40,000 to help local families.

Lifelong Pasadena resident Sarah Root is the general manager of The Office Bar & Grill and organizes the run each year.

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

From now until the event, donations can be placed at several locations from Annapolis to Pasadena including Stan & Joe's Saloon, Ellie's Place and Severna Park Taphouse. On November 9, bikers will meet for breakfast at The Office, and head out to collect the donated items from each location.

One of Root's favorite parts of the tradition is seeing a mountain of toys arrive at The Office. After collecting the



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toys and the funds from registration, donations and raffles, she contacts local schools to help her identify families who could use some assistance for the holidays. Then, she works with each family individually to provide toys, clothing and other needs.

To participate in the Toys for the 'Dena Run, the cost is \$20 per bike, \$10 for any additional passengers, and a new unwrapped toy. Root asks that toys and clothing items be in the age range of 3 to 15 years old. Doors open at 9:00am on November 9 for a breakfast buffet and registration. The run will start at 11:00am.

"Everyone is welcome to

come out upon our return," said Root. "Kalediscope is donating their time and will take the stage at 4:00pm, and we will do 50% off and raffle baskets when we get back."

Root also encouraged other local businesses to reach out to The Office Bar & Grill to participate in this year's event, whether by donating a basket for the raffle or a gift card. The success of the event comes from local businesses, organizations and community members collaborating to support others.

For more information about the Toys for the 'Dena Run, visit www.officebargrill.com/event/8th-annual-toys-dena-run.

PBA Serves Community With November Caring And Sharing Parade

By Haley Weisgerber

The Pasadena Business Association is kicking off the holiday season with the Caring and Sharing Community Harvest Parade on November 3.

In true holiday spirit, the main goal is to remind people of the reasons for the season: being thankful and giving back to their community.

"It is fun for the community, but the most important thing is the food we collect for our local church

pantries so those in Pasadena in need are taken care of," said Sandi Parrish, the PBA executive director.

A Pasadena tradition, this event will feature local businesses, school clubs and teams, and community groups.

Everyone in the community is invited to watch and is encouraged to bring nonperishable food to donate. Donation boxes will be available along the route and at participating PBA member businesses for collection prior to

the event.

Anyone unable to attend the parade is still encouraged to donate. PBA members are also making pickups for people who contact them to schedule a time.

Before Mountain Road is closed for the parade, head to The Office Bar & Grill, where there will be a football- and parade-watching party. The parade is expected to pass at halftime.

Floats will leave from Tick Neck

Park at 2:00pm; make a right on Tick Neck Road; make a right on Mountain Road; make a right on Outing Avenue; and end at George Fox Middle School.

Please note that police will close off streets as needed, and will reopen them when they are clear. They will be available to help with traffic.

A \$500 reward will be given to the best overall entry. Additional awards will go to Best Business Display on Float, Best Patriotic Entry, Most

Original & Judges Award, Best Community Entry, Best Youth Group Entry, and Best Musical or Performance Entry.

The reviewing stand will be at Antiques On The Go on Mountain Road. Judging will begin at 1:00pm at Tick Neck Park before departure.

To learn about sponsorship or participating in the parade, contact Sandi Parrish at 410-360-4PBA, or by email at pasadenabusinesassociation@verizon.net.



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Mount Carmel UMC Celebrates 135th Anniversary

By Laura McElwain Colquhoun

Since 1884, Mount Carmel United Methodist Church (UMC) has been "The Guiding Light on the Hill" in the Lake Shore area of Pasadena.

The community is invited to share in a day of celebration Sunday, October 20, to recognize the 135th anniversary of the church.

The day of celebration will begin during the 10:00am church service. There will be a special presentation from the church-sponsored Mount Carmel Child Development Center and will include music from both the church choir and praise band. There will also be a special Sunday school for children.

A variety of activities will be available following the service. From 11:00am to 12:30pm, there will be face painting, a petting zoo, pony rides, vintage games from 135 years ago, and entertainment from the local magician Wild Willy Woo Woo. At 12:30pm, the church will host a luncheon - open to all - featuring special guests, such as former pastors of Mount Carmel UMC, and family members of original founders of the church.

The Rev. Mike Fauconnet shared why he believes Mount Carmel is a vibrant congregation and continues to be a strong church after 135 years.

"People have all sorts of political positions, but they manage to work well together," he said. "They keep their minds open to new ideas and are not afraid to go in new directions in exploring their faith. Openness is rare in congregations."

Parishioner Deb McMurtrey believes the many strong outreach programs of the church help maintain its vitality.

"Global missions and local missions are the heart of what



The two stained glass windows at the front of the sanctuary are original and are known as the "founders windows."

we do," she said.

The outreach ministries range from serving meals monthly at Sarah's House in Odenton and weekly at the Seventh Day Adventist Church soup kitchen in Pasadena, to participating in the Anne Arundel County Schools Back-to-School program. They also provide donations to local organizations such as Arundel House of Hope, Winter Relief, Be More Caring, and globally to United Methodist worldwide missions.

Many and varied traditions also keep the "Guiding Light on the Hill" flourishing. The choir presents annual Christmas and Easter cantatas. The child development center, which began 35 years ago as a nursery school, also continues to grow. Today it includes a full-time day care, preschool, and before- and after-school care. Recently, a new group called Girls Night Out was formed, encouraging women to meet monthly at the church for food and fellowship.

Mount Carmel UMC is proud of its rich history. Land for the church was donated by the Linthicum family, and

the church was built in 1884. The original church was lit by kerosene lamps hanging from the ceiling, and was heated by a wood stove. Music was provided by playing a reed organ with a foot pump, and parishioners came to church by both boat and horse. A public wharf was nearby for boats, and horse hitch posts were constructed in front of the building for those coming by horseback.

Relics from the original church are still present today, including the pulpit, three sanctuary chairs, a Bible and a silver communion set. The two stained glass windows at the front of the sanctuary are original and are known as the "founders windows."

The Guiding Light on the Hill will likely celebrate many more anniversaries as the church continues to grow.

"We're looking at the future," Fauconnet said. "We're in the midst of a five- to 10-year strategic plan about what direction we want to be going. It's a watershed moment."

Mount Carmel UMC is located at 4760 Mountain Road in Pasadena.

Lake Waterford Unsafe, Future Unclear

» Continued from A1 because of a blue-green algae bloom.

"The yellow signs up around the park are from the health department, and are there just to give people a heads up to the situation and provide recommendations for visitors," explained Matthew Grey, a park ranger at Lake Waterford Park. "The current policy is that people can fish at the lake, but should wash their hands immediately after, simply out of an abundance of caution."

These blooms "naturally occur in fresh waters and in Maryland's Chesapeake Bay. The blooms are in nutrient-rich environments and may become harmful when they occur in high concentrations or if they produce toxins," according to Anne Arundel County Department of Health. Along with the yellow advisory signs, a cautionary measure has been taken by closing the parking lots adjacent to the lake.

Officials have been sampling and testing the water throughout the summer and into the fall, according to Grey, who has spent 14 years as a park ranger. He explained that the Maryland Department of the Environment conducts the sampling and testing and provides the results to the Anne Arundel County Health Department.

"The water is sampled regularly, and when you get an algae bloom it's taken very seriously," Grey said.

"It's going to come down to the health department and us to monitor regularly and report as soon as possible and staying vigilant."

The decision to remove the signs and "reopen" the lake would be up to the health department, according to Grey.

"With cooler weather coming, it's only a matter of time before the algae dissipates," Grey said. "Some rain wouldn't hurt either.

Any time you manage a body of water, you have great joy when things are going well, but a lot of anxiety when issues arise; this algae bloom has been very unfortunate."

The president of the Magothy River Association, Paul Spadaro, would argue that "unfortunate" is a bit of an understatement. He feels that the community and his organization, which is dedicated to preserving the river that Lake Waterford feeds into, have been left in the dark.

"I knew the water quality wasn't great, but the process in general has been a bit of a mystery to [the MRA]," said Spadaro, who has also been monitoring the water all summer.

He thinks the county needs to do more to address the issue, and to re-establish Lake Waterford as a healthy natural resource for Pasadena and the surrounding communities to enjoy.

"The county has to realize it's a problem. At the very least, we want to force the county to have a plan," Spadaro said. "This is a toxic substance and needs to be addressed - rather than just putting up a few signs and closing the lake. This is [part of] a county park that has essentially been closed since July. That can't be acceptable."

Later this month, Spadaro and the MRA will be out on the lake to facilitate work he hopes will help spur officials toward taking action to restore this vital part of the upper Magothy. The MRA has contracted University of Maryland to get core samples from the bottom of the lake. The group is providing the boat and the funding for this effort, and it will provide all of its findings to the county.

"This is a pollution source if these core samples have high levels of toxins like phosphorus and nitrogen," explained Spadaro. If this is the case, he said it would

demonstrate that, "Lake Waterford is starting to act like a holding pond for sediment, which would necessitate dredging every 20 or 30 years."

Contributing factors to the deterioration of the lake could be increased sediments making their way into the lake from runoff and increases impervious surfaces related directly to the ongoing development in and around the area. However, none of this should come as a surprise. According to Spadaro, a 2008 report identified significant issues related to sediment and water quality. The report recommended that the only way to fix water quality in lakes facing these issues would likely be to dredge the lakes.

Two years after this report, in March 2010, the Maryland Department of Natural Resources and the Department of the Environment reported a large fish kill at Lake Waterford - a day after the lake had been stocked with fish. Approximately 500 fish, including gizzard shad, sunfish and stocked rainbow trout, were found floating along the surface of the water due to severely low oxygen levels.

The following year, the DNR discontinued its annual practice of stocking the lake with thousands of trout each spring due to insufficient oxygen levels and poor water quality. The entire lake had essentially become a dead zone.

Fast-forward nine years later, and the lake is not dangerous only to fish but to the community as well.

More information about blooms can be found on the Maryland Department of Natural Resources website: dnr.maryland.gov/waters/bay/Pages/algae_blooms/Algae-Bloom-FAQ.aspx. To report human illness from bloom water contact, call the bay health hotline at 877-224-4229.

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Royal Beach

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Little-Known Royal Beach Is A Water Lover's Dream

By Judy Tacyn

Royal Beach is tiny waterfront community at the head of the Magothy River, with easy access to Bodkin River and the Chesapeake Bay. The community has about 60 homes; more than half are waterfront, and most offer views of the water. There is also a community boat ramp and pier.

Royal Beach had its own artesian well that supplied water for 40 homes from the early '40s until 1987. Then, Anne Arundel County water came through, but water still comes from the natural spring.

The community comes together for flea markets and yard sales, and occasional gatherings at the beach deck. There is also a public field with a backstop used for community baseball and softball games. Another special charm is the friendly, if not spoiled, stray cat, whose medical and nutritional needs are taken care of by the community.

STEVE & GAIL DiFATTA
LIFETIME RESIDENTS

Steve and Gail DiFatta are living in the home where Steve grew up. Gail, also a Pasadena

native, first met her husband in 1969. The couple married in 1975 and continued to live in Pasadena. When Steve's mother passed away in 1982, his father offered Steve and Gail the opportunity to purchase the family home. Now, with two grown sons of their own, Steve and Gail can say as a family they've lived in Royal Beach for 36 years.

"Our choice for living here was mostly the opportunity from his dad to sell us the family home," said Gail. "Also, we both loved being so close to the river. I grew up on the waterfront, and Steve was right across from the community beach. We wanted to raise our boys here and share and teach them the love and respect we had for the Magothy River."

Gail grew up on Country Life Road and learned crabbing, boating and swimming from her father, who loved the river.

Steve attended Pasadena Elementary, as did the DiFatta's two sons and their two children. Gail volunteered at the school when her children were young, and in 1998 she became part of the staff as a teaching assistant for special education.

"How awesome and special was that for me and my

grandchildren?" Gail asked, rhetorically. "Pasadena is a Blue Ribbon School and we have an awesome staff; as does all of AACPS."

Gail said she would recommend Royal Beach to anyone searching for a home, noting that her neighbors are always willing to lend a helping hand.

"Our neighbors especially look out for our elderly families," said Gail. "My husband and others will cut grass, share meals, and generally make sure everyone is OK."

"I grew up on the waterfront and Steve was right across from the community beach. We wanted to raise our boys here and share and teach them the love and respect we had for the Magothy River."

— Gail DiFatta

Gail is treasurer of Royal Beach Improvement Association and has been a member of the association for 36 years.

Steve has always been involved, too, cutting the grass at the ball field and participating in any work events that are going on, such as repairing the pier or working on the boat ramp. He even works on neighbors' lawnmowers.

Steve and Gail are hoping their grandchildren will love Pasadena and Royal Beach as much as they do, and continue to live nearby when it's time for them to go out on their own.

JEFF GIBBS & TORGUNN ECKROAD
RESIDENTS
FOR 16 MONTHS

Neither Jeff Gibbs nor his wife, Torgunn Eckroad, had any history in Pasadena prior to moving to Royal Beach. They were looking for a waterfront home within an easy commute to both Baltimore and Washington, D.C.

"The house we loved happened to be in Royal Beach," said Eckroad. "We have been pleasantly surprised to find we have wonderful neighbors and lots of wildlife, like rabbits, fox, blue herons, and ducks."

Everyone enjoys the outdoors and the community is safe. "There is a farm with a friendly

horse to feed carrots to," Eckroad said. "It is safe for young kids to learn to ride their bike with training wheels. We have met super nice people!"

Jeff appreciates that they live in a quiet neighborhood on the water but are minutes away from the hustle and bustle.

"The families here are very nice, friendly, interesting to talk to, and outdoor oriented," added Gibbs. "We hope to have family move closer, too!"

Even though they are relatively new to Royal Beach, Gibbs and Eckroad are making friends quickly and hope to become Watershed Stewards soon.

JESSI DiFATTA
RESIDENT FOR 17 YEARS

Jessi DiFatta's family would come to Pasadena in the early 1980s to boat and fish on the Magothy. They loved it so much the family moved to the area in 1989. After marrying into the family, DiFatta cannot imagine living anywhere else and relish being close to family.

DiFatta attended Pasadena Elementary School, as did her children. She recommends the small and quiet community, noting that "it's a great place to live and raise your kids."



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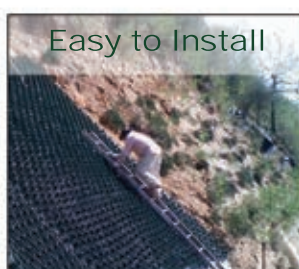
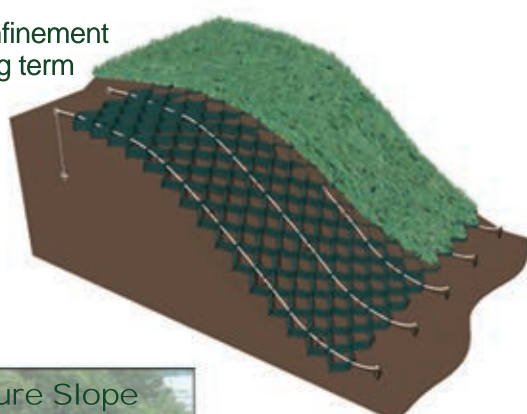
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Feel-Good Educational Policies

Bryan Simonaire
Senator
District 31



Education is so important to our children's success that our educational leaders must get back to primarily teaching our students reading, writing and arithmetic, as opposed to cuddling them and setting them up for failure.

Let me preface this article by saying I have great respect for our principals and teachers in our county. I have met many of them and they are doing an outstanding job given the challenges facing them. I believe the real issue is with the educational policy-makers on Riva Road in Annapolis.

Over the past year, several examples jump out to me as concerning. We have educational leaders focusing more on positive, feel-good educational experiences over preparing our students to be well-equipped to handle the real world and work environment.

ELIMINATING CLASS RANKING

Out of fear that some people may have hurt feelings, the policymakers are getting rid of class ranking. Just for clarity, removing class ranking does not change the facts but merely hides the facts.

For those who work extremely hard, their ranking will be withheld from others who use that information for scholarships, etc. For those who are not doing well, the ranking comparisons are just ignored so the student undeservingly feels good about his or her lack of achievements. Unfortunately, the real world doesn't care about how you feel, nor do they give out participation awards. Businesses want hardworking, prepared employees.

COMMENCEMENT SPEAKERS

Historically, the valedictorian speech was given by the student with the highest academic achievements from his or her class. Now, the selection process is supposedly done with more compassion, and from a culturally sensitive standpoint. The speech honor is now chosen by the school, based on other factors. They argue that the student with the highest GPA is not as important as considering the challenges of poverty and peer pressure, how popular the student is among the teachers, or having an acceptable draft speech or political views, etc.

Eliminate Graduation Gown Colors

The policymakers are working to eliminate any gender distinction in graduation gown colors for boys and girls, because it might offend some student who isn't sure of his or her gender identity. Therefore, all students will wear the same color gown.

PATRIOTISM UNDER ATTACK

Finally, it seems a handful of students can threaten the celebration of patriotism in our schools, because they would be offended by the celebration of our country's red, white and blue colors. When patriotism is attacked, we do not need to retreat and suggest canceling events that promote our patriotism. There are proper ways to protest, but we cannot cater to every whim out of fear of hurting someone's feelings. That is a dangerous road to travel down.

I appreciate and have great respect for the principal who eventually worked through the issue and moved forward with the event. America is the greatest nation on earth, and many brave men and women have died for our freedoms. These freedoms are worth protecting and valuing, even if some do not value them.

Our educational policymakers should focus more on educating our students instead of walking on eggshells worrying about who will be offended next.

We have a school board election this upcoming year, so get to know your candidates, as they set much of this policy.

If I can be of any assistance, or you have any feedback, please contact me at bryan.simonaire@senate.state.md.us or call my office at 410-841-3658.

Trick-Or-Treat: Conflicts And Confusion In New Fair Housing Law

Nathan Volke
Councilman
District 3



Halloween is almost here! As you are carving a pumpkin, making your costume or buying candy for trick-or-treaters, you may be wondering what will be the scariest thing you will see on October 31.

But the scariest thing may be what happens when Bill 55-19 goes into effect on October 27. It is the county executive's new Fair Housing Act, the most restrictive fair housing law in the state.

Even before this law, housing discrimination has been illegal in Anne Arundel County for decades. Federal law already prohibited housing discrimination on the basis of race, color, national origin, religion, sex, familial status and disability.

State law keeps those same prohibitions and adds prohibitions on discrimination because of marital status,

sexual orientation, and gender identity. Anne Arundel County now adds even more, prohibiting discrimination for age, ancestry, citizenship, creed, gender expression, occupation and source of income. These rules apply to all landlords, whether you rent a room in your house or own an apartment complex. I proposed 16 amendments to fix some of the key issues with this new law, 15 of which were defeated on a party-line vote, including:

Occupation: The Anne Arundel County Association of Realtors testified this new law stops homebuilders and landlords from offering incentives or discounts to teachers, police and firefighters. Offering an incentive to a teacher, but not to a plumber or electrician, is discrimination under this new law.

Source of Income: You now have no choice whether to accept renters paying with housing vouchers (Section 8). Section 8 comes with many requirements. Some landlords choose not to par-

ticipate. That used to be your choice; not anymore. What if you want to participate in the Section 8 program, but to do so you have to fix the property to meet Section 8 standards, and instead you choose not to rent to that tenant? Have you violated the law?

Citizenship: County law now conflicts with federal law (aka a catch-22). Federal law makes it illegal (with fines and jail time) to "knowing or in reckless disregard of the fact that an alien has come to, entered, or remains in the United States in violation of law, conceals, harbors, or shields from detection ... such alien in any place, including any building..." (8 U.S.C. 1324). But this new county law says if you know someone lacks legal status, you cannot refuse to rent to him or her. You now have to decide whether you will violate federal law or county law.

Ancestry, Creed or Gender Expression: I thought it made sense to define what these words

mean. You should be able to read the law and understand it, right? Apparently not. Without defining what these mean, county law now makes discrimination on these grounds illegal, and members of the housing commission will decide what they mean.

In another bill (Bill 57-19), the council created a new housing commission to investigate and penalize occurrences of housing discrimination. Originally, the county executive wanted fines of \$21,000 for a first offense, \$52,000 for a second offense and \$105,000 for a third (or more) offense. I felt these fines were exorbitant and not appropriately scaled given the offense. A compromise amendment I proposed to lower the fine to \$10,000 for each violation was the only amendment I proposed that the council passed.

The confusion and uncertainty this law creates for landlords and renters alike may be the scariest thing you see this year. Happy Halloween!

Victim Witness Advocates: Silent Strength

Anne Colt Leitess
State's Attorney



The year 2019 marks the 40th anniversary of the creation of the Victim-Witness Services division in the Office of the State's Attorney for Anne Arundel County.

The idea that victims and witnesses shouldn't have to navigate the legal process on their own began modestly, with just one employee hired in 1979. Now, 17 professionals divided among the three courthouses in the county serve as a voice for victims and witnesses in the courtroom.

While the prosecutor — an assistant state's attorney — leads each case to court, he or she does so with the support of a case manager, paralegals and clerks, and their right-hand partner, the victim-witness advocate. Advocates know the direct impact that damaged property, medical bills, or lost wages have on a person's life. Advocates are trained to help a victim cope with the untimely and tragic loss of a loved one from homicide and vehicular crashes. They understand that innocent people may become overwhelmed by the judicial process, and they offer guidance for those who are

unfamiliar with the workings of court proceedings. Advocates provide information and support — procedurally and personally — in matters such as pre-trial meetings with prosecutors and the logistics of appearing in court to testify.

Also, they find and recommend counseling services for adults and children, assist with filling out victim notification and compensation forms, and provide a compassionate and caring presence throughout the proceedings. In some cases, they help a victim or witness with safety planning and relocation following a serious criminal event.

The Office of the State's Attorney prosecutes cases in three locations: Glen Burnie and Annapolis district courts and in the Annapolis Circuit Court. Seven advocates serve citizens in the district courts where cases such as domestic violence, assaults, impaired driving, and other misdemeanor matters are heard. Advocates serve as the first point of contact for victims and witnesses and typically help gather important evidence from them, such as medical records, photographs and financial documents for court.

Historically, the sheer number of criminal cases in the district court resulted in victim-witness advocates

having to limit their services to assisting mainly victims of domestic violence. However, since July 2019, I have been able to expand their services to also include the victims of serious traffic offenses, thefts and non-domestic violence assaults. I am grateful that our county council saw the importance of the victim-witness advocate program and provided our office with the funding for the addition of a district court advocate to handle these other important cases.

In the circuit court, 10 advocates are assigned to assist victims and witnesses in more serious felony cases. Cases in the circuit court include burglary, robbery, felony assault, child abuse, sexual assault and homicides. These cases often involve significant financial loss and damage to property, costly medical bills and the need for referrals for trauma and survivor counseling. All of our victim-witness advocates provide referrals to community resources for housing, financial aid, safety planning, restitution information, community education, and legal and social assistance.

Additionally, the victim-witness advocates connect victims to various financial resources such as the Criminal Injuries Compensation Board (CICB) and

the Victim's Fund, which is comprised of money donated to the Anne Arundel County community for the sole purpose of aiding crime victims who have no other means to replace or repair damages that are a direct result of a crime — think broken windows, damaged cars and other property.

While each day is different — and some challenges greater than others — each victim-witness advocate remains committed to assisting our county's citizens throughout the course of a criminal case every step of the way.

Letter To The Editor

Mountain Road Assault

Some rocket scientist (insert sarcasm here) at the Maryland Transportation Authority has foolishly and unknowingly suggested that the scenic, historic Mountain Road peninsula be considered for an access to another bridge across the Chesapeake Bay ending at Rock Hall. We, the established residents here on the Mountain Road peninsula, have been fighting over development on this 11-mile dead end since the Eisenhower administration. Now, some misguided and ignorant individual has suggested that this would be a viable access route to alleviate the horrendous traffic on the existing two Chesapeake Bay bridges. Mountain Road is a parking lot in the morning and evening, even with the X's and arrows that we, the residents of the peninsula, were responsible for having installed.

I'll write that article for you, and I will also send the article to our governor, delegates, the county executive, and senator, all of whom think this is not only a very bad idea but the death knell for this last aesthetic, pristine, open-space area in Pasadena. And, in order to build on any scenic/historic roadway, the "criteria," which must be met, is such that it would be extremely difficult to even build a doghouse on it.

JAMES "JEEP" BILENKI JR.
PASADENA, MD

The Importance Of Health Services

Steuart Pittman
County Executive



Last week during a town hall meeting, I introduced two new county health and human service leaders to members of the community gathered at Annapolis High School. That evening, I also shared a personal story about something that many of us take for granted sometimes — until something happens. I'm talking about health and well-being. That's what I care about most. I believe that's what government *should* care about most.

My wake-up call came during a family emergency. I was driving my son to urgent care after learning that his acute stomach pain might require surgery. He was screaming in pain, and I was trying to remain calm, as my mind ticked off the boxes I'd need covered

in a fight for his life.

Thank goodness my son turned out to be fine. But I will never forget that day. We all experience difficult and unforeseen circumstances at some point during our lives. Far too many people are coping with chronic illnesses that never go away. For some of us, childhood traumas alter our lives forever. Well-being, or the lack of it, affects virtually everything: where we live, and what help we access when we need it the most.

The latest term referring to the universe of underlying issues that affect health and well-being is "social determinants."

With the appointments of Dr. Nilesh Kalyanaram as the county health officer and Kai Boggess-deBruin, Ph.D., as the new deputy chief administrative officer for health and human services, we are signaling a fundamental shift in how we ap-

proach wellness.

We are rebooting the county's dashboard that traditionally has measured our progress more narrowly in terms of data on housing starts, retail sales and building permits issued, for example.

But what about the overall health of our population, housing affordability, access to public beaches, fresh fruits and vegetables, preserving leafy forests and green open spaces, and maintaining a healthy Chesapeake Bay? Think about what it will mean if the goals of our policy decisions are aimed at improving the health and well-being of county residents while also preserving the natural environment in which we live.

The field of medicine widely accepts the conclusion that 80% of health outcomes have nothing to do with medical treatment. So in Anne Arundel County, we will instead evaluate the effectiveness

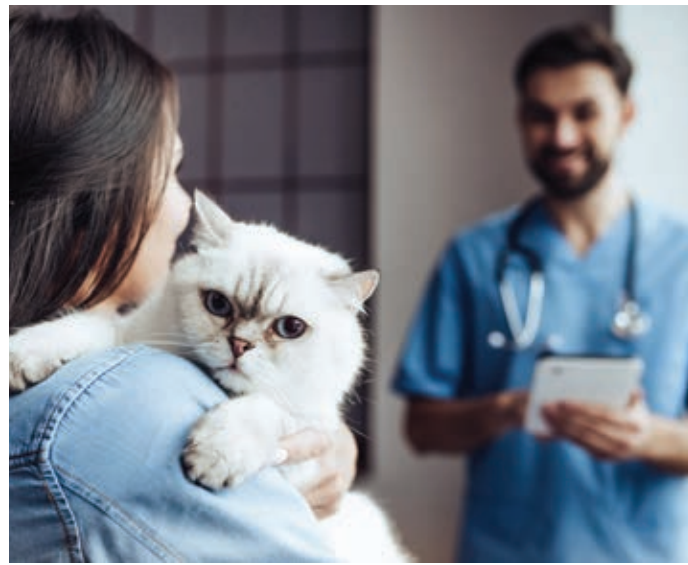
of our policies in terms of health outcomes and not solely by wealth.

I can't take credit for the idea. It's actually the focus of a lot of research and experimentation. New Zealand calls it well-being and organized its national budget around the concept.

Our Healthy Communities Transition Team recommended that every piece of legislation before the Anne Arundel County Council should include a health impact statement alongside the currently required fiscal impact statement. We are working to make that happen.

In the 10 months since I've taken office, we have accomplished many good things. We increased staffing to better address mental health issues in schools. We funded unmet education and public safety needs. We shifted the General Development Plan to a process that is community driven rather than developer driven. I

Weighing In On Pet Obesity



Dr. Lacy GilMurray
Co-Medical Director
VCA Calvert Veterinary Center

October 9 was Pet Obesity Awareness Day, and the statistics are staggering.

In 2018, an estimated 60% of cats and 56% of dogs in the United States were overweight or obese according to the Association for Pet Obesity Prevention. Obesity in pets causes many of the same issues in people including:

- Diabetes
- Arthritis
- Joint disease
- Skin disease
- High blood pressure
- Cancer

One study showed that overweight pets live, on average, two years less than pets at a normal body weight. That's a long time in the life of your beloved Fido or Mittens!

How can you tell if your beloved furry family member has packed on a few (or many) extra pounds? You may notice your pet is slowing down, it seems short of breath with even mild activity, or that it is slowly taking on the shape and size of your favorite ottoman.

One way to see for yourself: when running your hands along your pet's chest, you should be able to easily feel its ribs with slight padding. If the ribs protrude or are undetectable, your pet is likely at an unhealthy weight.

OK, so your pet has a bit of extra "love" on its body; what can you do now? Dogs and cats are different in their weight-loss needs, so consulting with your veterinarian will help determine the best plan for your individual pet. There are some steps you can take at home to help jumpstart the weight-loss journey.

- Swap your high-calorie treats for healthier "human food" alternatives such as baby carrots, Cheerios, green beans, bananas, or even breaking up the normal treats into three or four pieces and giving those throughout the day. One Milk-Bone is like eating a full-size candy bar for your pet, so you can see how three or more a day can really add up.

- Get moving! Walk your dog, get out that cat toy, and encourage as much aerobic exercise as you can. This has the added benefit of improving your cardiovascular health as well.

- Make them work for it! Using puzzle toys, Kong toys, and slow feeders can stop your pets from inhaling its food. This can allow them time to feel "full" and have fun at the same time.

Sometimes, though, the scale just won't budge, and you have to enlist the help of professionals. Your veterinarian can help determine if there is an underlying condition, like Cushing's or thyroid disease, or if your pet may need a prescription weight-loss diet to help curb its cravings and speed up its metabolism.

Call VCA Calvert Veterinary Center to schedule a comprehensive physical exam and an in-depth nutritional counseling, and to formulate a complimentary weight-loss plan for your pet's unique caloric requirements. They can help you win the battle of the pet bulge!

VCA Calvert Veterinary Center has been serving Pasadena for over 15 years and is currently accepting new clients for dog, cat and exotic animal species. The center is located at 4100 Mountain Road in Pasadena. Call 410-360-7297 or visit www.vcahospitals.com/calvert.

Tech Talk With Dr. Cranska

Jeffrey Cranska
Family Laser Dentistry



In upcoming months, I will answer questions on high-technology dentistry. Please direct inquiries to my website at www.cranska.com or email me at familylaserdentistry@outlook.com.

WEAR YOUR SPORTS MOUTHGUARD

Soccer and football seasons are here. School-age children are the most likely to suffer injuries to their mouths and teeth while playing contact sports or even low-contact sports.

Athletic mouthguards can save teeth and surrounding bone from breaking. They also can prevent lacerations and bruising of the lips and cheeks.

A mouthguard should always be a part of your sporting gear. Keep in mind that to be effective as a protector, the mouthguard needs

to fit and stay in place. That being said, no guard will prevent 100% of mouth and jaw injuries. Your dentist's office is the first place to go for information and treatment options.

Q: What is the difference between a boil-and-bite guard and a custom sports mouthguard?

A: The purpose of the guard is to prevent your top and bottom teeth from contacting each other during violent contact. A custom guard is more desirable than over-the-counter mouthguards because of better retention, controlled thickness, less bulk, and the ability to adjust.

The perfect guard will be comfortable; not affect speech; and be tear-resistant, odorless, tasteless and resilient to wear.

Q: How expensive are these protective athletic mouthguards?

A: Some custom guards are not much more expensive than traditionally used ones. The real savings is the

significant amount of damage they can prevent.

Q: What sports require guards?

A: The National Federation of State High School Associations mandates use of protective mouthguards in football, field and ice hockey, and lacrosse. The American Dental Association recommends that athletically active people of all ages use a properly fitted mouthguard in any sporting or recreational activity that may pose risk of an injury. This includes use in almost 30 sports. The regulated use in these sports may be optional, but an individual's mouthguard usage should be mandatory.

MOUTHGUARD CARE AND REPLACEMENT

Ask your dentist about the right time to replace your mouthguard. Replace it immediately if it shows sign of wear, distortion, damage, or if it becomes ill-fitting. Teens and children may

need to replace their mouthguards more often because their mouths are still growing and changing.

Between uses, keep your mouthguard clean and dry. Regularly clean the mouthguard in cool, soapy water, and rinse it thoroughly.

Always bring your mouthguard for a thorough cleaning during your regular dental checkups. Store and transport the mouthguard in a sturdy closed container that has vents so it can dry. Also, never leave the mouthguard in the sun. Regularly check the fit and for signs of wear and tear to see if it needs replacing. Lastly, pets can see any dental appliance as a chew toy, so be sure to store your mouthguard in its case, and don't leave it out in plain sight.

The important message is to wear a well-fitted mouthguard and take proper care of it. Guards only work if you wear them. Play safe and have fun.

Pasadena Vet Competes In Ironman Maryland



Photo by Chris Fincham

A 35-year-old, Dr. Sean Etter trains every day while balancing life as a dad and as a veterinarian working alongside his father at their clinic on Mountain Road.

By Chris Fincham
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Nearly 2,000 athletes from around the world converged on Cambridge, Maryland in September for the sixth annual Ironman Maryland triathlon.

The field included Pasadena Animal Hospital's Dr. Sean Etter, who also made his way to the Eastern Shore to compete in a race that included a 2.4-mile swim in the Choptank River, biking for 112 miles through Dorchester County and the Blackwater National Wildlife Refuge, and then a 26.2-mile run marathon to finish 23rd in his division and 117th overall.

The 35-year-old Severna Park native and father of two — with one on the way

— trains for hours every day, while still balancing life as a dad and as a veterinarian working alongside his father at their clinic on Mountain Road.

"There are some mornings when I'll run a marathon before I go into work at 8:00," Etter said casually. "I'll get up anywhere between 3:30-4:30[am] usually, and I will either run, bike, swim or do a combination of something."

And that's just during the week. Most weekends, he's headed out early for 100-mile bike rides.

"Anywhere between 60-120 miles," he explained. "I start at about 5:00am and get back around noon."

The training ensures his body is physically capable, but the race is a hugely mental challenge according to Etter.

"I swam for an hour and 18 minutes; then I biked for five hours and two minutes; and

then I ran for about another four hours," he said. "No matter how much you train, you never train that much in a single day, and that's where the mental tests come into play."

"I did really well on the swim and did awesome on my bike, and then the run I did great for the first five miles and then I hit a wall," said Etter. "You end up talking to yourself a lot during these races. 'Multiple times during that race was me just trying to convince myself that I still had energy in my tank even though I sure didn't feel like it.'"

Fighting the urge to stop becomes ever-present.

"Everything in your body says you should not go any further; you should stop; you should sit down and have a nice cold drink probably with some electrolytes, and relax," he said. "But then you're like,

"Well, I didn't do all of this training to stop here."

Each Ironman race rewards its age-group champions with an entry into the Ironman World Championship event in Kailua-Kona, Hawaii. For many triathletes — including Etter — earning a spot in Kona would be a dream come true. He grew up watching the Kona race on television, and recalls being immediately impressed and inspired by the competitors.

"My long-term goal would definitely be to qualify for Kona. Watching it on TV when I was little, everyone seemed super nice; their personalities seemed like my personality," said Etter. "I thought those guys were so cool."

His plan for achieving this goal is pretty straightforward: train harder.

"For me, it will be finding time to train harder. Not necessarily longer, but definitely harder," he said. "I will continue to do these until my body doesn't let me anymore. And then I'll probably find another sport."

Meanwhile, the college-lacrosse-player-turned-Ironman-veterinarian hopes to continue the work of his father at Pasadena Animal Hospital by providing high-quality medical care and support to the community.

"There are so many veterinary hospitals nowadays. What makes people stick out is reputation, and we have a great reputation, all started by my dad 30 years ago," he explained. "That's what I want; I want people to leave the hospital with a positive experience."

Area Family Gives \$25,000 To Aiello Breast Center At UM BWMC



Photo by Larry Sells

In honor of Breast Cancer Awareness Month, the Aiello family presented a \$25,000 check to the Aiello Breast Center at the University of Maryland Baltimore Washington Medical Center on October 11. The Aiello family is pictured here at their business, JBA Chevrolet in Glen Burnie.

UM BWMC Octber Calendar

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 16

5:30-6:30pm: Diabetes Support Group meets to discuss current issues regarding diabetes management (Center for Diabetes and Endocrinology at UM BWMC, 300 Hospital Drive, Suite 223). Reservations are not requested. For more information, call 410-787-4940.

6:30-8:00pm: BWELL Seminar Series: The Beat Goes On - Living with Congestive Heart Failure. Join UM BWMC cardiologist Vasundhara Muthu, MD, as she discusses congestive heart failure (CHF) and how to manage the disease on a day-to-day basis. UM BWMC outpatient dietitian Brooke Sawicki, MS, RD, LDN, will discuss how diet, particularly salt, affects people with CHF and provide tips on choosing healthier options. A ques-

tion and answer session will follow. Registration is required by calling 410-787-4367. (4 West Conference Center, 301 Hospital Drive, fourth floor).

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 18

9:00am-2:30pm: American Red Cross blood drive sponsored by UM BWMC. To schedule an appointment to make a lifesaving donation, call 1-800-RED-CROSS or UM BWMC's community outreach department at 410-553-8103. (Dr. Constantine Padussis Conference Center, 301 Hospital Drive, third floor).

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 19

Breast Cancer Screening Event - UM BWMC and Advanced Radiology are providing free breast cancer screenings to women. The free clinical breast exams and mammograms are for women who meet

certain criteria. For more information or to register, call 410-553-8103. (Aiello Center at UM BWMC, 203 Hospital Drive).

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 23

8:30am-noon: Free Blood Pressure Screenings at Harundale Presbyterian Church. No registration needed. (Eastway and Guilford Road, Glen Burnie).

2:00-3:00pm: Lactation Support Group. Open to all breastfeeding mothers and their children. No registration needed. For more information, call 410-595-1782. (301 Hospital Drive, 3 South classroom).

5:30pm-7:30pm: Stork's Nest -Incentivized prenatal education classes for expectant mothers living in Anne Arundel County. Class topics include the importance

of prenatal care, what to expect during labor and delivery, breastfeeding, basic infant care, and safe sleep. Registration is required by calling 410-787-4366. (301 Hospital Drive, 3 South classroom).

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 26

9:00am-5:30pm: Mental Health First Aid Training. The AFSP Maryland chapter and UM BWMC are teaming up to offer a free mental health first aid training for everyone over 18 years. The eight-hour course teaches participants how to identify, understand and respond to signs of mental illnesses and substance use disorders. Registration is required by calling 443-591-7274. (Dr. Constantine Padussis Conference Center, 301 Hospital Drive, third floor).

BUSINESS SPOTLIGHT

Indian Creek School Offers Families A Unique Education Experience

By Haley Weisgerber

Indian Creek School promises students a challenging and nurturing environment, where they are celebrated as individuals.

A private, co-educational school based in Crownsville, Indian Creek has taken on unique philosophies since its beginning.

Founded in 1973 as an elementary school by Anne Coleman Chambers and Rebecca Randolph, the school had only 33 students in its first year.

Chambers dreamed of giving students a personalized education based on their learning style. She wanted to challenge students but not overwhelm them.

Now with two campuses, Indian Creek has 600 students enrolled in kindergarten through 12th grade.

"The best part about my job is interacting with all the kids, parents, staff and alums," said Booth Kyle, head of school.

Kyle, who was appointed this summer, is only the third person to hold



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the position.

Indian Creek School focuses on student excellence in three areas: teaching and learning, diversity, and family values. The goal is for all students to be prepared for the world they graduate into, to make school a family experience, and to ensure that people of all backgrounds can attend.

The Flexible Tuition Model offers families the opportunity to select a tuition level that they can reasonably accommodate. Kyle explained that inclusivity is a driving factor in

this program. Indian Creek School is also constantly evolving and changing to adapt to the needs of their students.

"In the next few years, we are focusing on curriculum to prepare students for the 'next step,'" said Kyle. "We are interested in project-oriented programs and curriculum."

The entire staff is dedicated to providing students and their families with a school experience that makes them proud.

"The staff is committed to the school, and because

of that, they are uniquely committed to the students and their best interest," said Kyle.

The staff's commitment encourages students to love their school and the Indian Creek community.

"As a new person, this is a very welcoming and warm community," said Kyle. "People look out for one another here."

Indian Creek offers sports programs and after-school activities, which are available to students of all ages at different levels. Upper school students are required to join an after-school activity or a team to encourage them to develop their interests beyond the classroom.

Families interested in visiting Indian Creek School are invited to two open houses scheduled in November. On November 6 from 9:00am to 11:00am, families can visit the lower school (pre-kindergarten through sixth grade). The open house at the upper school (grades seven through 12) will be November 17 from noon to 2:00pm.

VCA Calvert Veterinary Center Has The Same Vision With Added Support

By Zach Sparks

For more than 15 years, Calvert Veterinary Center has been a community mainstay on Mountain Road.

While pet owners may have noticed some changes over the last few months, medical director Dr. Christine Calvert, who founded the center, said the focus remains the same.

"It's all the same employees, same vision, and same philosophy to serve our patients," said Calvert, who is now partnering with the Veterinary Centers of America (VCA). "The transition helped me focus more on medicine and client interactions so we

can continue to give high-quality care."

Now that she is not tied up with as many administrative tasks, Calvert has more time to tend to animals and to work with her staff of six doctors and roughly 15 support staff members.

The transition has also allowed the center to reach out to the VCA network for resources and to find continuing education courses.

"The courses cover such things as how to treat pets with weight loss, and hands-on training with skin disease," Calvert said.

VCA Calvert Veterinary Center has unveiled other upgrades, such as an online store with home deliv-



Dr. Christine Calvert is now focusing more on medicine and interactions with pets like Mia.

ery. A new website can be found at www.vcahospitals.com/calvert.

The center will still be involved in the same community events, like the Halloween pet costume contest,

and serve a diverse group of patients.

"We're one of the few places that serves the range of animals from small mammals to birds and reptiles," Calvert said.

PBA Update

Sandi Parrish
Executive Director



The Pasadena Business Association is having its 24th annual food drive in conjunction with the **Caring & Sharing Parade on November 3.**

All food collected goes to local Pasadena church pantries and to organizations and schools that send care packages home on the weekend for local children who need a meal outside of school. We have blue collection barrels and boxes out in many PBA businesses with PBA food drive signs.

The following businesses have signed up so far: **Angel's Food Market, Arundel Federal Savings Bank, Atlantic Marina Resort, Baker Sisters Family Dental Care, Bay Vanguard Bank, BB&T, VCA Calvert Veterinary Center, Chesapeake Bank, Clark & Anderson, Edward Jones - Brian Conrad (Severna Park), Everhart Well-Pet Center, Let's Grow, Pear Tree Assisted Living, and The UPS Store at Riviera Beach.**

If you want to put a box in your business, we can send you a flyer to accompany your box. If you're interested in just donating, please either drop off items to one of these businesses or contact the PBA office via email at pasadenabusinessassociation1@verizon.net.

Our 16th annual golf tournament was a lot of fun for all in attendance. I had a great committee. Brenda Fraley Garver from **Permit Services Inc.** and Lisa Hart and Jeanne Slaughter from **Arundel Federal Savings Bank** made this one of the best tournaments ever.

Proceeds from the event will benefit the **PBA Community Assistance Fund**, which provides the fifth-grade straight-A lunch, school supply drive, Education Excellence Awards,

National Night Out, A Child's Christmas, Caring & Sharing parade, Friends of Downs Park donation, Friends of Hancock's Resolution, tree lighting ceremony, Veterans Day ceremony, the flag site at the intersection of Route 100 and Mountain Road, and new flags.

PBA members enjoyed perfect weather at this year's annual crab feast hosted by **Kurtz's Beach**. Nearly 200 members and their guests enjoyed this Maryland tradition along with cornhole, lay down boards, door prizes and great conversation. A special thanks to those who donated their lay down board winnings to our scholarship fund.

We will have a new member ribbon cutting for **Schaner Insurance Agency Inc.** on Thursday, October 24, at 4:30pm. It is located at 4730 Mountain Road, No. 24, in Pasadena.

Schaner Insurance Agency is a veteran-owned local Erie Insurance agency serving Pasadena and beyond. Erie is ranked No. 1 in the JD Power Award for customer satisfaction for the seventh year in a row. Specializing in home, auto, boat, commercial and Medicare supplemental plans, the Schaner Agency will exceed your expectations. Please come and welcome Scott and his staff to the Pasadena business community.

PBA will hold the annual Veterans Day ceremony 11 at 1:00pm at the Route 100 memorial flag site. Please park at Lake Shore Athletic Complex off of Woods Road. Follow the signs to the back of the park and a shuttle will take you to the flag area. Come out and thank our veterans and military members for their service. We will have the U.S. Navy Honor Guard, Northeast High School vocal ensemble, a flag folding ceremony, laying of the wreath, presentations, and the sounding of "Taps."

How To Save For Retirement Without A 401(k) Plan

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More than 28 million full-time American workers don't have access to a 401(k) plan. This is often because they are self-employed or working for one of the more than 5 million smaller companies that doesn't offer a 401(k) plan. Not having access to a 401(k) shouldn't keep you from saving for your retirement though, as there is still much you can do to save for retirement.

Here are two retirement accounts you can open outside your employer to contribute toward your retirement savings.

Traditional IRA
Retirement plans outside of your employer are called Individual Retirement Plans or IRAs. The IRS introduced these plans with the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974, or ERISA, and they have steadily grown in popularity over the years. As a way to incentivize retirement savings, the IRS allows each individual to contribute \$6,000 per year into this account and deduct that

from your annual income on your tax return. If you are over the age of 50, you can contribute a "catch up" amount and contribute a total of \$7,000.

It is important to note that in order to contribute to an IRA, you must have "earned income." The IRS allows for a spousal IRA contribution where a non-working spouse can contribute to their own IRA as long as the other spouse has earned income.

If you're self-employed, please note that you can start a SEP-IRA and you're allowed to save more than the IRA limit mentioned above. The exact amount you can save is 25% of your net earnings from self-employment, up to \$56,000 in 2019.

Roth IRA
The second retirement account available to you is the Roth IRA. It carries the same contribution guidelines of \$6,000 for those under age 50 and \$7,000 for those over age 50. The value of the Roth IRA is that gains are tax-free when the money is withdrawn, provided the account has been open for five years and you're over 59 and a half years old. To contrast, when you withdraw money from a

traditional IRA, the amount is fully taxable at income tax rates. While you do not get the immediate tax deduction for the contribution like you do with the traditional IRA contribution, the withdrawn money is fully taxable. This is incredibly valuable. When you plan for retirement, it is a good idea to know what the tax implications will be with each scenario, because it's hard to know what the income tax rates will be in the future.

Be aware that the Roth IRA comes with income restrictions; in 2019, if you are single, the phase-out range begins at \$122,000; if you are married and filing jointly, the income phase-out range begins at \$193,000. You will want to check the IRS website for specific information. In effect, if you make too much money, you are ineligible to contribute to a Roth IRA.

What if One Spouse has a 401(k), 403(b) or TSP?

Using the IRA accounts mentioned above are a great way to save for retirement, but if you are married and your spouse has the ability to contribute to a 401(k), 403(b), most 457 plans, or the federal government's

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PBA Trade Show Showcases The Best Of Pasadena



The Pasadena Business Association's 26th annual trade show had it all: restaurants, a grocery store, real estate agents, a financial advisor, a pharmacy, numerous nonprofit organizations and more. Attendees packed the hall at the Earleigh Heights Volunteer Fire Company for the event, which was held October 10.

How To Save For Retirement

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Thrift Savings Plan (TSP), then you might consider maxing their account as part of your retirement savings plan as well. This is especially true if their employer offers a 401(k) match.

According to the IRS, the 401(k), 403(b), most 457 plans, or the federal government's Thrift Savings Plan (TSP) give you the ability to contribute more per tax year than the IRA or Roth IRA. In 2019, an employee is able to contribute \$19,000, and those over 50 years old can also catch up with an additional \$6,000.

Determining what option is best for you can be difficult. Should you open a traditional IRA or a Roth? Should you contribute the max? If not, what amount should you contribute? These are questions that can be answered by a CPA or other financial professional. Generally speaking, I always suggest contributing the max that you can. If you are married and your spouse has access to a 401(k) savings plan, you

might consider how to maximize their contributions and possible employer matching.

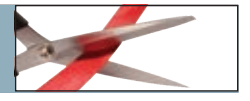
If you have any other questions regarding any of these retirement savings account options or if you'd like a referral to a CPA in our area, please don't hesitate to reach out.

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Ribbon Cuttings



Let's Grow Plants Its Roots On Magothy Beach In Pasadena



Photo by Shannon Vitielliss

Let's Grow owner Meredith Jiraneck was joined by the PBA and community members on September 24 to celebrate the opening of the new store at 25 Magothy Beach Road, Suite 103. Let's Grow specializes in fresh flowers and plants, creative workshops, kids birthday parties, wedding/event designs, natural art and more.

Hospice Of The Chesapeake Celebrates A Special Anniversary



On September 19, the Hospice of the Chesapeake staff welcomed the community, including many area business leaders, to a special ribbon cutting ceremony at its John and Cathy Belcher campus to mark 40 years of service to area residents. Attendees included members of the GSPACC. The campus is located at 90 Ritchie Highway in Pasadena.

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Battling Addiction To Provide New Life In Anne Arundel County

By Zach Sparks

For 35 years, New Life Addiction Counseling and Mental Health Services has broken barriers.

When Thomas Porter started New Life Addiction Counseling Services in 1984, he came at the issue from a unique perspective. He was celebrating 15 years of sobriety and he knew firsthand the struggles caused by addiction.

He asked his daughter, Beverly Porter Ervin, to join him, and together they opened five Maryland facilities within five years. Today, New Life operates solely in Pasadena, where Beverly continues to carry on her father's legacy.

"He had 15 years of recovery, and I was very aware of the impact that made on the family," Beverly said, explaining the valuable opportunity to join her father in starting the centers.

New Life provides outpatient treatment and addiction treatment services (including detox, if needed) for those struggling with substance abuse and drug and alcohol addiction, as well



as for those with mental health issues. Sobriety is reached through education, self-awareness, therapy, counseling, and participation in specialized groups. New Life follows the 12-step program made popular by Alcoholics Anonymous and Narcotics Anonymous.

The group space in Pasadena is warm and inviting for people in recovery, said Jennifer Wheeler, director of community outreach and business development.

"Sometimes they come here and they have self-esteem issues," Wheeler said. "They have been shunned by their friends. I want them to feel happy, com-

fortable and accepted. Then **The New Life staff provides outpatient treatment and addiction treatment services.**

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That comfortable environment grew in 2016 when New Life moved to a bigger space at 4231 Postal Court. People in recovery can be deterred by the idea of hopping from place to place to get the care they need, which is why New Life tries to offer all services in one location.

"Our goal is to remove as many barriers as possible, so they can come here and at the same time see a nurse practitioner and a psychiatrist, for example," Wheeler said.

Over the last three decades,

the number of patients at New Life has hardly changed, but services have. When Tom founded the company, alcoholism was rampant. Cocaine followed, and then pain medication became a primary source of substance misuse in the early 2000s. Now, heroin and fentanyl are the newest enemies in the battle against addiction.

"The face of these addictions has changed," said Beverly, who noted that 90% of people in her program are addicted to opiates.

Technology has helped in the battle against addiction. New Life can utilize Uber to help clients get to and from meetings. Another promising change is that treatment centers and government groups have ramped up marketing efforts to educate the public about addiction and to erase the stigma.

"Right now, we're at the advent of harm reduction, which is things like the Safe Stations Program, providing Narcan to members of the community, and having the good Samaritan law, which says you can't be

arrested for being on the scene to save a life," Wheeler said.

People are coming forward to discuss their recovery — a rare occurrence in 1984 when Porter founded New Life.

"Less and less people are anonymous about their addiction," Wheeler said. "I think social media is their platform, and they wear it not as a badge of honor but as a badge of life, especially the younger people who have no qualms about admitting it openly. It's like a casual conversation and that's been good for recovery."

The staff at New Life hopes that optimism continues as they continue to help people in recovery. That would be the wish of Tom Porter, who was sober for 46 years when he passed away in September 2018. Even though he retired 20 years earlier, he was still involved in the recovery community until 2018.

"We wouldn't be in business for 35 years if people didn't need our services," Wheeler said. "We have always been here and we will continue to do battle on the next addiction that rears its ugly head."

Arundel Federal Appoints Thomas Herpel As President

The board of directors for Arundel Federal Savings Bank has appointed Thomas Herpel to the position of president



Thomas Herpel

and chief operating officer.

Herpel has been serving as the bank's executive vice president and chief

operating officer since 2018 and succeeds Dave Costello as president. Costello will retain the title of chief executive officer and provide leadership support for strategic initiatives through early 2020. He will remain a member of the board of directors.

"Tom has spent the majority of his career with Arundel Federal, so he is very familiar with its business model, people, history and solid reputation as a great community bank," Costello said.

Herpel joined Arundel Federal as controller in 1991. He is responsible for the oversight of the daily operations within the bank, ensuring a focus on strategic goals, working closely with senior management to develop and implement growth initiatives as well as direct oversight of the marketing, IT and residential lending departments. As he transitions into his new role, his additional responsibilities will include internal and external communications, strategic planning, goal setting, and governance matters.

Adults Should Ask Thier Parents About Financial Plans

Submitted by Frame & Frame

It can feel strange for an adult child to ask his or her parents about their financial plans, but it is a conversation that not enough children broach.

Eventually, the finances of your parents will affect your own, especially if they have not created or updated their estate plan. Do they have a will? Have they set up a trust?

Obscure or non-existent plans can unintentionally cause painful arguments and disagreements among siblings and other loved ones of the deceased. Without clear

directions, no one really knows what the parent's wishes were. Talking to parents about their financial plans and estate plans can help prepare adult children for what lies ahead financially.

HOW FINANCIAL PLANS OF PARENTS INFLUENCE THEIR ADULT CHILDREN

More and more adult children are paying attention to their parents' finances, and are making day-to-day spending decisions, not taking on debt, and limiting spending based on the financial plans of the parents, or lack thereof, according to the Teachers Insurance and Annuity Association of America (TIAA). Confidence in

the financial state and financial plans of one's parents has much to do with age. Millennials, on average, are more confident in their parents' finances than Gen Xers or baby boomers are of the financial plans of their parents, revealing what might be misguided optimism in the younger generation. The confidence of millennials in the finances and estate plans of their parents may be a false sense of security, particularly if they believe that they will receive a large inheritance.

TALKING TO PARENTS ABOUT ESTATE PLANNING

It can take a while to get parents to open up about their

financial plans and estate. Because of this, many financial planners and attorneys urge adult children to start early and simply plant the seed. Below are some ideas about how to get the conversation started.

- Bring up a real or fabricated situation that your "friend" or "coworker" had in which his or her parent passed away and no paperwork could be found. Use this example to ask if your parents have their wills and legal documents in place.

- Choosing a relaxing location during a relative moment of calm can help get your

parents to open up.

- Be sincere and clear with your intentions.

- Bring up your own estate plan and ask your parents about their thoughts on it as a way to break the ice.

It is never too early or too late to discuss your parents' estate plans. For professional assistance with creating or altering a will, trust or other aspect of an estate plan, or for the administration of an estate after a parent's death, the Maryland estate planning attorneys at Frame & Frame are here. Call 410-255-0373 to schedule a free consultation.





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10U Panthers Stay Unbeaten With 19-0 Win Over Bucs



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The Panthers' Dennis Bailey ran the ball while the Bucs' Dylan Powell closed in for a tackle during the Panthers' 19-0 win at Loopers Field on October 5.

By Colin Murphy
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Pasadena enjoyed a mini Dena Bowl on October 5 as the 10U Panthers hosted the 10U Bucs at Loopers Field, and the Panthers emphatically held it down at home with a 19-0 win to improve to 7-0 on the season.

Two long touchdown runs by **Braylon Tucker** and a rushing score by **Alan McDonald** powered the Panthers, who stayed undefeated in the Anne Arundel County Youth Football Association 10U Central Division.

Head coach **Tony Klapaska's** postgame comments centered on process over results.

"This whole year we've

been focused on character-first football," Klapaska said. "So we've really been focused on the attitude of the player, not necessarily the win or the loss. Win, lose or draw, I tell them, 'I care about how you play the game. It's not about winning or losing, it's about how you play the game.' We want to play it with integrity and we want to play it with sportsmanship, and we want to play the game the way it's supposed to be played: hard-nosed football."

The Panthers executed well on their coach's charge right from the outset against the Bucs. Tucker had a 15-yard run to get into the red zone on the Panthers' opening drive, >> Continued on B2

By Colin Murphy
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With a roster full of skilled players, the Chesapeake boys soccer team probably expected to win its senior night matchup with visiting Northeast on October 10.

They just had to overcome a considerable fight by their local rivals to do so.

In a physical battle chock full of playmaking on both sides, Chesapeake received goals from **Samuel Adams**, **Julian DeNardo** and **Nick Wells** to overcome a spirited Northeast effort and claim the Pasadena derby, 3-1.

Leyton Calzado scored a second-half goal for the Eagles, who received 14 saves from junior goalie **Jason Meckley** in defeat.

Chesapeake coach **Drew Belcher** credited Northeast with bringing a hefty challenge to Mountain Road, saying his Cougars played to their strengths to come out on top. "Hats off to Northeast,"



Photo by Colin Murphy

Chesapeake's Samuel Adams, who scored the game's opening goal, pushed the ball forward against the defense of Northeast's Tanner Calzado during the Cougars' 3-1 win on Oct. 10.

said Belcher. "These derby matches, there's a lot of energy, there's lots of excitement, they played great, they played hard, and that's what these games are about. It was great."

Chesapeake's aim to mount steady attacks was met with stiff resistance early by the visiting Eagles, including Meckley and the starting defensive unit of **Justin Wirth**, **Mason**

Switzer, **Angel Amaro** and **Jacob Bartlett**.

With the Cougars pressing high into Eagle territory throughout the first half, Northeast almost turned the game on its head with a counter-attack chance. Senior captain **Karl Maloy** chased down a long ball forward and sent a cross to the foot of **Kaden Koester**, but Koester's one-time shot was batted down expertly by Chesapeake goalie **Ethan Belcher**.

On the other end, Adams put teammate **Juan Jose DeNardo** into space nicely, but DeNardo's shot was saved with a diving punch by Meckley.

Chesapeake midfielder **Eli Belcher** nearly opened the scoring after 20 minutes when he one-timed a curling shot with the outside of his foot from 30 yards away, but his lofted attempt drew the crossbar and was cleared away. Switzer saved his Eagles from going down 1-0 on another Chesapeake attempt by making a great >> Continued on B5

Eagles Run Past Eastern Tech, 41-19

By Colin Murphy
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The Northeast football team turned in a strong all-around performance in its Week 5 matchup with visiting Eastern Tech as the Eagles put up 41 points on 467 yards of total offense in a 41-19 win.

Myles Macon rushed 12 times for 85 yards and two touchdowns; **Tyleek Coleman**, **Jaden Roberts** and quarterback **Riley Pitt**

added rushing touchdowns; defensive lineman **Jason Arnold** returned an interception for a score; and Northeast moved to 3-2 overall.

With its 37-26 victory over Glen Burnie in Week 4, the Eagles racked up 294 and 263 yards on the ground in consecutive weeks.

Senior offensive lineman **Will Yocum** said the team was clicking against Eastern Tech, with the line, the running backs and Pitt working in concert to exploit openings in the defense.

"We always strive for more," said Yocum. "We keep holding our blocks and just keep making a play happen. The running backs have to read our blocks, so I give them credit for that and finding the" >> Continued on B3



Photo by Colin Murphy

Myles Macon coasted over the goal line for one of his two touchdowns in Northeast's 41-19 win in Week 5.

CHS Girls Defeat NHS, Aim For County Championship

By Colin Murphy
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The defense was stalwart. The midfield kept possession and orchestrated pacy buildups. The goals came in a 20-minute wave, with incisive passes and well-timed runs setting up precision finishes.

Altogether, the Chesapeake girls soccer team showed why it might be the best in the county — and possibly beyond — with a 4-0, senior-night win over visiting Northeast on October 12.

Two goals by senior **Ashley Chew**, a goal and two assists by **Brooke Hurst**, and a goal and an assist by freshman **Ella Shannon** powered the victory for the Cougars, who improved to 8-1-2 overall.

Chew agreed the Cougars are gelling on multiple levels this season.

"We work better together this year," Chew said. "We all click."

The Cougars' connectivity was evident throughout a first half in which they pinged the ball through the midfield, put it on each other's feet and found space to run. If it was possible to earn three assists on a single goal, the Cougars did it on their opening score. Center back **Jessica Calvert** dispossessed speedy Northeast freshman forward **Caitlyn Cornwell** with a



Photo by Colin Murphy

Chesapeake senior **Leia Black** bounded down the field while Northeast's **Taylor Stahl** gave chase during the Cougars' 4-0 win on October 10. Chesapeake is 8-1-2 overall.

stiff tackle and passed wide to outside back **Lauryn Hill**. Hill sent a pass quickly across midfield to Hurst, who turned and placed a perfect through-ball to Shannon. Shannon had a clear one-on-one with Northeast keeper **Sydney Bell** and passed the ball into the bottom corner of the net for a 1-0 lead on 12 minutes.

Chesapeake doubled its lead minutes later, when Hurst skillfully sent another through-pass to Chew, who punctuated her run with a goal and a 2-0 advantage. Hurst and Shannon

traded roles for Chesapeake's third goal, as the freshman midfielder found Hurst, a junior, with another pass from the midfield through Northeast's back line, and Hurst slotted her shot low for a 3-0 lead.

Chesapeake made it 4-0 before halftime on a throw-in by Hill. Hurst came to meet Hill's throw, but her move to receive the throw was actually a crafty dummy, allowing Chew to race in behind her and corral the ball untouched with a head >> Continued on B4

Cougar Field Hockey Prepping For More Postseason Glory



Photo by Colin Murphy

Chesapeake's **Abigail Dunn** defended **Severna Park's Lila Slattery** in the teams' matchup on October 1. The Cougars' tough schedule has them well prepared for the 2A playoffs.

By Colin Murphy
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It wasn't long ago — six or seven years — that a Chesapeake-Severna Park field hockey rivalry was an impossibility, a pipe dream. For decades, the Falcons

were a perennial dominant force that plowed through the county year after year on their way to state titles almost annually, and the Cougars labored in the middle of the pack or finished low on the county totem pole. But here we are in

2019, and the current Cougar varsity girls scarcely remember a time when Chesapeake wasn't one of the top programs in the state. After all, **Joan Johnson** took over the program in 2013, and Chesapeake has been to four straight 3A state tournaments since 2015, with two state championships in the bank. Battling annually for county supremacy with the Falcons, still every bit the state powerhouse they've always been, is Chesapeake's not-so-normal.

Against this backdrop, the Cougars' 2-0 road loss to the Falcons on October 1 felt less like a crushing blow or heartbreaking missed opportunity than a hiccup along the way of yet another successful season.

"Severna Park is always a challenge," said Chesapeake co-captain and senior midfielder **Shelby Benoit**. "We've always had this rivalry. It's always back >> Continued on B3

10U Panthers Stay Unbeaten With 19-0 Win Over Bucs



Photos by Colin Murphy

Playmaking and intense game faces could be seen all over the field when the Panthers and Bucs met at Loopers Field on October 10 for their 10U football clash.

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and McDonald ran up the middle from 5 yards out to give the Panthers a 6-0 lead.

In the second quarter, Tucker took a handoff and juke'd his way out of a backfield full of Bucs tacklers before blazing 55 yards up the sideline for another touchdown. The Bucs' **Corey Malloy** made a great tackle on the extra-point try to keep the score at 12-0.

In the third quarter, McDonald broke a trio of tackles to gain 10 yards for an improbable first down, and Tucker took the next handoff and charged up the middle for a 45-yard touchdown. On the extra-point try, ball carrier **Caden Herzberger** benefitted from good blocking and lowered his shoulder into a Bucs defender at the goal line to earn the point and make the score 19-0.

The Bucs produced some playmaking in the remainder of the game as **Nathaniel Nelson** made a great interception on an overthrown Panthers pass, showing tremendous body control and ball-hawking by turning and making a break to the right spot. The Bucs' Malloy, **Mason Leichling** and **Jack Foster** all produced runs of 10 or more yards for first downs. But the Panthers had the final say. **Alex McDonald**

sliced through the Bucs' defensive line for a sack, and Herzberger recovered a fumble to allow the hosts to wind down the clock and cement the victory.

The Bucs team of Malloy, Nelson, Leichling, Foster, **Dylan Williams, Colton Meirick, Elijah Robinson, Dylan Powell, Landon Perkins, Tanner Henry, Adonis Scott, Evan Henry, Tyler McConville, Jacob Walter, Caron Scott, Jaden Wells, Carter Forster, Jack Zipp, Eden James, Travis**

Turner, Cole Harrison and **Bennett Martinez** fell to 3-4 overall.

The Panthers, who are Tucker, Herzberger, Alan McDonald, Alex McDonald, **Dennis Bailey, Brodie Turc, Wyatt Thompson, Dakari Bailey, Lucas Rothenhoefer, Brodie Collins, Nolan Behler, Mason Mombard, Jayden Humphries, Eli Buckmaster, Chase Fulton, Jake Handy, Brandt Widmer, Cooper English, Trace Klapaska, Garrett Michalak** and

Josh Morton, have an offense that is gelling and a collective will for everyone to star in their roles.

"Our O-line executed their blocking, and they did a wonderful job," said coach Klapaska. "All the fullbacks made their key blocks, and all the running backs hit their holes. You didn't really see it today, but our passing offense is pretty good as well. But the whole team did excellent. Everybody carried out their assignments, and it was a total team win today."

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Cougar Field Hockey Prepping For Postseason

» Continued from B1 and forth every year. We always see them in the county championship or whatever it might be. So, congratulations to them, they played a great game, and good luck to them the rest of the season.”

Classy words from a program more concerned with preparing for a state-title run than with proving their worth against the fellow elite within the county. Chesapeake knows what it has because they've worked the formula before: play solid defense, ride tremendous goalie play, maintain peak fitness, finish scoring chances and play a ruthless schedule of juggernaut opponents in preparation for November.

At 7-3 through early October, so far, so good. The highlight of the season for the Cougars came on September 13 when the Cougars defeated South River — back-to-back-to-back reigning 4A state champions — in an overtime shootout, 2-2 (3-2). **Madison Hoyer** and **Stephanie Brown** scored regulation goals for Chesapeake against the Seahawks, both assisted by senior defender and co-captain **Caitlyn Johnson**. After scoreless overtimes, the game went to a shootout, where **Caitlyn Johnson**, **Hoyer** and **Georgia Spangler** sank their takes, and goalkeeper **Eve Vickery** made multiple saves to lift Chesapeake to the win. Vickery finished with 12 saves in the win, while Johnson, **Natalie Forman**, **Abby McFarland**, **Avery Sesney** and **Abby Dunn** led the team's win with defense.

Johnson said her shootout goal and the team win is a lifelong memory against the preeminent juggernaut opponent, who, like all of Chesapeake's opponents, has a far deeper roster



Photo by Colin Murphy **Caitlyn Johnson and the Chesapeake defense contend with lots of firepower in the county — which should help their playoff chances.**

theoretically better suited to endure the rigors of overtime games.

“We're in shape, but we just wanted to finish the South River game and get it over with,” said Johnson. “When we went to shootouts, I did the air dribble, popped it over the goalie, and it went straight in. I'll remember that forever. It was like a state game.”

Chesapeake scored a 3-2 win over Old Mill on October 11, getting two goals from Spangler, including the winner in overtime. Johnson scored the other goal for the Cougars, and Vickery made 10 saves.

The signature win over South River and the challenging slate of games give Chesapeake a level of preparation unlikely to be rivaled once they enter the revamped playoff landscape, in which the Cougars will not only drop into the 2A playoff bracket this year but will also navigate the state-wide decision to re-seed brackets after section finals.

They will avoid 3A mainstays Mount Hebron and C. Milton Wright in this year's playoffs but will nonetheless have to contend with Kent Island in their own playoff section as well as traditional 2A powers Hereford and Glenelg.

Still, coach Johnson believes the Cougars are rounding into form.

“The competition is great. We're looking forward to it, and these games are getting us ready for it,” she said. “My girls are becoming more and more of a cohesive unit of knowing when to talk and what to say and knowing where to be on the field, which I'm really happy about.”

With only 20 girls on the team and only five seniors — Johnson, Bennoit, **Jenna Latham**, **Mariana Donahue** and **Madison Billing** — the Cougars are restocked after losing 12 seniors from last year's team, including scoring and assisting wunderkind **Rachel Fleig**. Chesapeake knows they will have strong defense, and when the goals start coming, the Cougars will be as tough as anyone in the state.

“Our goalie [Eve Vickery] — amazing,” said Caitlyn Johnson. “She's the best goalie I've ever had in my life. Our defense is amazing, our middies are amazing, everything's amazing. We just need to work on getting it into goal.”

Bennoit concurred and said how the team handles scoring chances will determine its ultimate level of success.

“The seniors we lost last year were the majority of our starting lineup from last year, so we've had to do a lot of rebuilding this year,” Bennoit said. “But Eve's always got our back, the defense has our back, and we just need to work on finishing right now.”

Northeast Runs Past Eastern Tech, 41-19

» Continued from B1 opening. And, a pass play can easily turn into a great run play when you have Riley.”

A welcomed sight was the strong play of the defense, though the Eagles initially got off to an inauspicious start. Arnold made a great backfield tackle on a Mavericks rusher on the opening drive, but Northeast botched a fourth-and-5 by jumping offsides and extending their opponents' drive. The Mavericks capitalized with a running touchdown to go up 6-0.

The Eagles struck right back. Pitt hit receiver **Mason Kanipe** on an out route, and Kanipe dragged tacklers with him across midfield for yards after the catch and a 30-yard gain. Macon bounced out to the left for a long run, and Roberts finished the drive with a 1-yard touchdown run to tie the game at 6-6.

In the second quarter, the Northeast offense really began to hum. Pitt, Macon and Roberts all had long runs, and Macon capped an 80-yard drive with a 4-yard score. **Kayla Alexander** made her first of five extra points (Alexander was 5 of 6 kicking) to put Northeast ahead 13-6.

They made it 20-6 before halftime. Pitt scrambled for a first down, then broke off a long run across midfield for a big gain. After a screen pass to Roberts got Northeast down within the 3-yard line, Macon punched in his second touchdown for a 20-6 lead.

Macon said the trio of running backs he forms along with Roberts and **Tyleek Coleman** present challenges for defenses.

“Jayden, Tyleek, all our running backs, they're all versatile,” said Macon. “As a runner I just follow my blockers and have faith in my linemen. They're always there to pick me up, so I appreciate them.”

Senior offensive lineman **Brandon Baublitz** said

the line takes pride in its blocking.

“Our motto is ‘Expect to win,’” Baublitz said. “Every game, we set little goals and try to break our goals each game. The O-line likes to get pancakes and finish our blocks.”

In the second half, Arnold came up with one of the game's highlight plays, picking off the Eastern Tech quarterback and running it back 66 yards for a touchdown.

“**Sebastian [Sorto]** flew around to make the sack, and the quarterback threw it over and dumped it to me, and it landed right in my hands,” said Arnold, adding he wasn't used to carrying the ball and having people chase him. “I've never run that fast. I could hear them breathing behind me. I was so scared, I got to the end zone and said, ‘Thank God it's over.’”

Arnold said having the defense come together to play well was an improvement the players and coaches have worked hard for.

“[Defensive coordinator] Coach **[Brian] Brown** and [defensive line] Coach

[Charles] Kirby were happy because our defensive line, we haven't had a great season, so we finally started waking up for this game,” said Arnold. “The defensive line was making a lot of plays. We were rushing, getting a lot of pressure on the quarterback, people flying around making good plays, so it was awesome to finally have a good stop like that.”

Coleman added a 21-yard rushing touchdown in the second half, and Pitt ran in an 11-yard score as the Eagles ran away with the win. Coleman rushed 6 times for 55 yards. Pitt ran 7 times for 81 yards.

Still with important games left, including a season-ending matchup with Chesapeake on November 11, Macon said the team is gelling with its eyes on a playoff berth.

“We should be able to push to the playoffs,” Macon said. “It's all about chemistry and how we come together. That's what matters in the end.”

EXTRA POINTS

Pitt was 13-of-23 passing for 204 yards. Kanipe caught three passes for 55 yards. Roberts caught three passes for 55 yards, and Coleman had three catches for 32 yards. Tight end **Stephen Haley** caught one pass for 20 yards, **Cole Souvenir** had a 15-yard reception, and Macon had two catches for 27 yards.

Pitt and Sorto led the team defensively with eight tackles each, and Sorto added a sack. **Devin Wagner** (six tackles), **Cam Arrington** (three tackles), Arnold (four tackles) and **RJ Breeden** (three tackles) all made defensive plays. Souvenir, Coleman, Haley and **Brayden Young** each had two tackles.

Northeast fell to Annapolis 29-14 in Week 6 to drop to 3-3. Roberts rushed for two touchdowns against the Panthers.



Photo by Colin Murphy **Northeast's Jaden Roberts rushed for a touchdown against Eastern Tech and had two against Annapolis.**

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Chesapeake Girls Defeat Northeast 4-0; Cougars Set Sights On County Title Chance



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Chesapeake's scoring proved too much for Northeast in a 4-0 Cougar victory, though the Eagles allowed no goals in the second half and vowed to fight even harder if the teams meet in the playoffs.

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 full of steam heading to goal. Northeast's **Rebekah Butler** came flying in to block Chew's first shot attempt, but Chew's momentum carried her and the ball to the edge of the goal, where she buried her second attempt for a 4-0 lead. "I think we finished a ton better than we have been all season," said Chew, a Frostburg commit, when asked what helped the Cougars to success on their senior night. "We've been focusing on our finishing and doing it quick, with speed, and that's what we did today, quick one-two's, and we worked inside-out the whole game." Northeast played with pride in the second half, showing their conditioning by running relentlessly and

competing hard, shutting out the Cougars despite continued excellent passing and attacks by Chesapeake. Freshman goalie **McKenzie Lanham** made a pair of dazzling diving saves in the half for the Eagles to keep the final score at a respectable margin. Eagles coach **Scott Langlois** has a characteristically Northeast team — endless fight, no quit, no excuses, resilient play and pride in its small roster's conditioning against typically deeper opponents. "From our goalies, both goalies are phenomenal, to our defense, our defense comes in and they work extremely hard, to our midfielders, everyone's working together, and our striker has so much speed

up there," Langlois said. "The biggest thing is they work together as a team and trust in each other. It's not like we have a couple people trying to do it all. They're very cohesive. They're all very solid players. They're one my favorite teams to coach because they're such great girls. There's no attitudes. They work hard every single practice. They try to get better. They ask questions. They try to improve. "The girls are very conditioned, so when we get to that second half we're able to run a little bit more than the competition. They like to run, and it shows. They don't get tired out there. It helps us out. I'm excited. I'm sure we'll see Chesapeake again in the playoffs. We've got to change some things up. It was four

goals, but it was four foot-race goals. They just got through us. I thought we played real good from 18 to 18, probably the best we've played with them. We'll have something for them." If a rematch happens, the Cougars will be waiting and confident, as they're enjoying one of their finest seasons. Chesapeake has a pair of signature results, getting a 2-2 tie against South River on September 11 and a 3-0 win over Broadneck on September 17. Against the Bruins, Chew, Shannon and senior **Leia Black** scored, with Hurst, Black and Shannon all recording assists and **Sarah Cuttler** making six saves. A 1-0 loss to Arundel on September 24 is Chesapeake's only blemish; otherwise, the Cougars have allowed only

seven total goals, and all eight of their wins are shutouts. With forwards **Sammi Leo** and **Morgan Brown**; midfielder **Emily Barrett**; backs Hill, Jessica Calvert, **Julia Calvert**, **Amy Dolan** and **Megan Miller**; and a deep roster of strong reserves, the Cougars have the depth and ability to break through the region come playoff time, said head coach **Kevin Keeter**. "This has probably been one of our deepest teams in terms of we can bring people off the bench when we haven't historically," said Keeter. "Our back line is really solid, not giving up a lot of goals. And offensively, we're dangerous. We're scoring some goals. Our central midfield is playing really well and distributing the ball, so I think the depth of the team and then how we're moving the ball, and we've got speed up top, those are our strengths." Dolan, a junior captain on defense, said the team is working as one to build its

attacks from the defense on up to the forward. "We're starting to click with our midfield more and using our wall passes, which is making us successful," Dolan said. "We know that we have to make a run after we pass and that we can't sit still. We're working off of rebuilding seasons, and it is finally coming together." If the Cougars can defeat North County on Oct. 15 and win at Severna Park on Oct. 17, they'll clinch a spot in the county championship on October 22 for a likely rematch with South River. Chew and Black agreed that this year's team can take Chesapeake further than any Cougar outfit in over a decade; Chesapeake last advanced to the state tournament in 2005. "I think this is the team that's wanted it the most," said Black, a senior. "I've been [on varsity] since freshman year. We want it. We want to go as far as we can in the playoffs."



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Chesapeake Boys Turn Back Northeast On Senior Night, 3-1

» **Continued from B1** sliding tackle just off the goal line.

Shortly before halftime, Chesapeake earned its breakthrough, as Julian DeNardo sent a pass into the middle that was misplayed by the Northeast defense, and Adams was there to take advantage.

"I saw the ball go through, made the run and was thinking, 'This is it,'" said Adams, a junior.

Adams calmly left-footed the ball past the charging Meckley for a 1-0 lead before the break.

Chesapeake's skill and passing through the middle of the field allowed the Cougars to take control of gameplay to open the second half. Eli Belcher sent passes from the central midfield position to Adams, DeNardo, **Grant Dickerson, Christian Angel and Lucas Panzer**, and one found Julian DeNardo perfectly in stride for an easy strike and a 2-0 lead with 35 minutes to play.

Chesapeake's march toward a relatively easy win on senior night was then interrupted by a wondrous display of Northeast skill that pierced gameplay like a lightning bolt. Maloy took a throw-in on the right sideline in the Eagles' attacking third of the field, and Calzado was there to receive it. The sophomore midfielder/forward trapped the ball with his chest and in one motion turned and blasted the ball on the volley into the top right corner of the net, leaving Chesapeake's Ethan Belcher flat-footed without a diving chance and pulling Northeast to within a goal at 2-1.

"It feels really good," Calzado said of scoring in the rivalry match, adding that the Eagles have improved in every way since last season. "This is my second year on varsity, and it's just different this year,



Photo by Colin Murphy

Northeast's Jacob Bartlett and Chesapeake's Christian Angel collided mid-air while fighting for a header on Oct. 10.

more chemistry."

The goal galvanized the Eagles, who pushed for an equalizer and tightened their defense on Chesapeake for much of the remainder of the game. Meckley made save after save on Chesapeake chances, including a point-blank stop on DeNardo's bid for a brace, but a few minutes later he earned a yellow card and had to exit the game temporarily when he came off his line to make a sliding challenge. He quickly gave his shirt and gloves to Wirth, who was suddenly called into goalie duty and charged with stopping a penalty shot to keep the game within reach.

Wirth was up to the task, diving to his left to punch away the penalty attempt of **Micah Diggs** and fire up his Eagle teammates.

Their celebrations were short-lived, however, as Northeast couldn't find its equalizer, and Wells bookended the game on the other end, finishing a pass from Eli Belcher with three minutes remaining to give the Cougars their final advantage of 3-1.

shutout with 7 saves.

Ethan Belcher, a senior and the Cougars' goalie, wasn't tested repeatedly against the Eagles, but he showed his ability in a 2-0 loss to Arundel on September 24 in which he made 23 saves. With his booming, 60-plus-yard free kicks and aggressively high line, Belcher is also the rare offensive weapon from the goalkeeper position, forcing gameplay deep into Chesapeake's attacking end of the field. He scored a free-kick goal while playing goalie in Chesapeake's 4-1 win over Southern on September 21.

Still, he believes defense will be key for the Cougars. "We've got to clean up defensive mistakes from when we play bigger teams with better offenses, but for the most part we can hang in there and beat a team 1-0," Belcher said.

His brother, Eli, also a senior, said the team has had several strong results in victories, like a 2-1 win over South River in September, but also in losses, like a 1-0 loss to Broadneck and a 3-2 loss to Annapolis.

"We just have to keep playing our way. Our results don't show it, but we have been unlucky," he said. "We just want to keep creating chances and make the defense turn."

Their coach and dad knows the Cougars aren't the most physically imposing team around, but they have the skill and smarts to go far.

"We're not big, we're not fast," said Drew Belcher. "Our big strength is technical ability. When we can get the ball in the middle and move it quickly, it's beautiful. That's what they're really good at. They're listening and getting better and better and better. The next three weeks, we're going to shock some people and do some really good stuff. I feel it."

Northeast coach **Cliff Buck** has seen his much-improved Eagles bring strong efforts against deeper competition this season. Maloy, a senior, said his side had no fear coming into the game, and they knew they would play hard against the Cougars.

"I'm proud of the hard work and dedication we put in tonight," Maloy said. "One thing I'm extremely proud of is we kept our heads high even though we were down. We didn't come out with the mentality of no one expects us to win. We came out with the mentality of, we're going to fight, and we're going to work our butts off and see what happens. I'm proud of the boys for keeping their heads up and fighting to the end."

Chesapeake, meanwhile, has a group they believe can make some noise in the playoffs. The Cougars moved to 5-4 on October 11 with a 4-0 win over Meade in which Angel had a hat trick and Juan Jose DeNardo scored. Eli Belcher had 2 assists, and Adams and Wells both had an assist. Ethan Belcher posted a

Lake Shore 9U's Win Annapolis Fall Brawl Title



Lake Shore's 9U Gray Sox went 4-0 at the Annapolis Fall Brawl.

The Lake Shore 9U Gray Sox went 4-0 to win the championship at the Annapolis Fall Brawl at Peninsula Park over the weekend of September 21 and 22.

The team of **Austin Lawler, Colt Wanner, Chase Stauffer, Brooks Burris, Iverson Castillo, Brenden Smith, Jacob Doggett, Greyson Watkins, Levi Grimes, Grayson Duffy and Chase Diluca** defeated the top 9U's from Gambrills 10-9 in extra

innings of the tournament final to take first place on Sunday, September 22.

The championship win came after a pair of mercy-rule wins on Saturday, a 13-1 win over Severna Park and a 14-0 win over Bowie. In the semifinals, Lake Shore defeated Crofton 13-3 to set up the final matchup with Gambrills.

The team is coached by head coach **Mike Lawler**, assistant coach **Jamie Wanner** and helpers **Chris Barger** and **Mike Watkins**.

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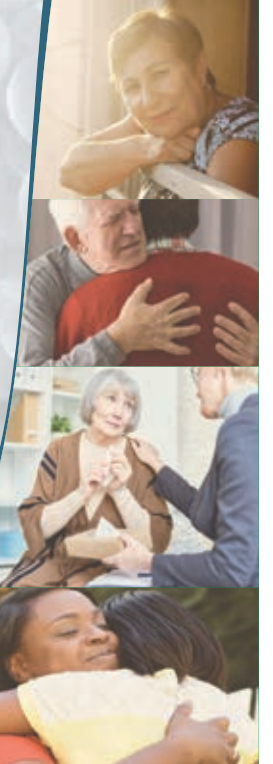


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Aces For Abby Volleyball Raises Funds For Diabetes Research

By Colin Murphy
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The Chesapeake volleyball program supported a worthy cause on October 3 as the Cougars and senior **Abby Mollick** raised \$2,600 for the Junior Diabetes Research Fund at the Aces for Abby volleyball game against Glen Burnie.

Mollick, a senior member of the Chesapeake volleyball team, was diagnosed with Type-1 diabetes in February of 2018, and for the second consecutive year, the program devoted a game to raising money for the Junior Diabetes Research Fund.

Mollick used the event to champion the goal of finding a cure for Type-1 diabetes, a chronic condition in which the body produces little or no insulin to regulate blood sugar levels. Type-1 diabetes affects 1.25 million Americans and can occur at any age, according to the American Diabetes Association.

"My classmates and school community have been very supportive," said Mollick. "There's ways to

manage diabetes, but there's no cure, and money and research is how we're going to find a cure."

Attendees at the Aces for Abby match offered donations throughout the night, with many buying refrigerator magnets made from recycled insulin pumps that were painted and decorated by Chesapeake's varsity and JV volleyball players. The event raised \$2,600, eclipsing last year's total of \$2,500, which will go directly to JDRF.

Mollick was first diagnosed with Type-1 diabetes in February of 2018 after experiencing significant weight loss and excessive hunger and thirst over a period of months. Type-1 diabetes is distinct from Type-2 diabetes in that Type-1 diabetes generally occurs in younger people, though it can occur at any age, and must be treated with regular insulin injections or an insulin pump. Type-2 diabetes can occur at any age and is often a result of diet and exercise levels, and can be dramatically reversed (though not fully cured)

with proper diet and exercise and often without medication.

Mollick now wears an insulin pump and monitor and, like everyone with Type-1 diabetes, must be constantly mindful of her blood sugar levels to make sure she is pumping or injecting enough insulin to keep her blood sugar at normal levels. Insulin is neutralized by stomach acids, which is why it cannot be taken in pill form and must be injected.

Holly Mollick, Abby's mother, said Abby took the diagnosis in stride and immediately turned it into an initiative.

"From the get-go, she just took it right away and went with it. She's never let it get her down," said Holly Mollick. "She's a great kid, it's her new normal, and she just has to manage it. We're



Photo by Colin Murphy
Abby Mollick and Chesapeake volleyball raised \$2,600 for diabetes research.

super proud of her. She's so passionate about being a youth ambassador, that she loves giving back."

As a three-sport athlete in volleyball, basketball and tennis and a representative of Anne Arundel County at this past summer's National Student Leadership Summit, Abby Mollick is accustomed to taking charge

when presented with challenges. Her father, **Frank Mollick**, said even amidst the uncertainty of hospital visits and treatments at the time of her diagnosis, Abby was itching to get back to her pursuits.

"We remember being in the hospital, and she had basketball practice that day, and she wanted to get out and go to practice," Frank said.

The event had an

immediate inspirational impact on **Kirra Weibe**, a fifth-grader at High Point Elementary. Kirra's mother, **Tina Weibe**, posted a comment to the *Pasadena Voice* Facebook page directed to Abby and applauding her efforts.

"My daughter is fifth-grader at High Point Elementary and also has Type 1," Weibe wrote. "Some days are tough for her (and us), I'm sure you know it. She smiled SO huge when I read the story to her! Keep up the great work and thanks for adding a little inspiration to my sweet girl's day!"

Weibe added in a subsequent message that Mollick has made her daughter feel more comfortable being open about living with Type-1 diabetes.

"[Kirra] doesn't run into too many Type-1's locally, so seeing Abby and her story was super exciting," said Weibe. "She loves finding others, especially girls, that get up and 'do things' (be active, play sports, etc). The story is a big deal for Kirra because she is not always comfortable to show herself

caring for T1D, nor does she talk openly about T1D, so seeing people like Abby do it helps her feel comfortable and empowered."

In a short speech to attendees before the match, Sheldon noted that technology and treatment for Type-1 diabetes has improved tremendously over the past 40 years since the JDRF was founded, to the point where people living with Type-1 diabetes can live normal, healthy lives as long as they stay continuously aware of their condition and manage it throughout every day.

Still, a cure for Type-1 diabetes remains the goal, which is why Mollick spurred her team and the community into action for the past two years. The Chesapeake girls basketball team plans to host a similar fundraising event this winter, and Mollick knows her efforts are already having a positive effect on the community and the search for a cure.

"They're more aware of the difference between Type 1 and Type 2 diabetes," Mollick said, "and it definitely brings the community together."

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Pasadena Resident Attends The U.S. Military Academy

By Wornden Ly

A former student of Archbishop Curley High School is attending the U.S. Military Academy at West Point, New York, commonly known as West Point. Parker Boomer was inspired to join the military by his family and adult role models, especially his father, Jeff Boomer, and his grandfather, Jerry Castle.

"They both told me their one biggest regret was not joining the military," Parker Boomer said. "I

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Parker Boomer

CHS Students And Staff Breaks Down The Walls



"There are lots of things that tear us apart, but this is an opportunity to build community by recognizing that we share experiences."

— JOHN YORE
CHESAPEAKE HIGH SCHOOL PRINCIPAL

By Haley Weisgerber

A line from Maya Angelou's poem "Human Family" succinctly captured the spirit of Chesapeake High School's recent unity event.

"We are more alike, my friends, than we are unlike," read Principal John Yore during the event.

This was the motivation behind the Breaking Down the Walls unity event held at CHS the week of September 23.

"The purpose of Breaking Down the Walls is to establish connections and to build relationships as a school community," said Yore.

"There are lots of things that tear us apart, but this is an opportunity to build community by recognizing

that we share experiences."

On September 7, a letter was sent home with students to encourage them to complete an application to participate in the event. The application included students' names and the reason they wanted to participate.

On Monday, September 23, students had an advisory lesson on unity and the way that the event would work. The school was split in half on Tuesday for a morning and afternoon assembly to ensure that message reached all students — even if they didn't fill out the application, while the 600 students who signed up were split into one of three all-day sessions.

"I expected it to be another as-

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At Chesapeake High School in September, students and staff used shared experiences to find common ground.

Fort Smallwood Elementary Races For Education



Photos by Haley Weisgerber

Families, friends, and Rocky the Raccoon gathered outside Fort Smallwood Elementary for the annual Race for Education fundraiser. Students enjoyed Friendly's ice cream, music provided by a DJ, and the chance to dunk their principal, David Sembly, in the dunk tank.

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George Fox Students Better The Community One Lap At A Time



In its second year, the Foxtrot replaced the Race for Education, which had been held at George Fox Middle in previous years.

By Haley Weisgerber

On October 4, George Fox Middle School students participated in the second annual Foxtrot to raise money for their school.

The Foxtrot is put on by the George Fox Parent Teacher Student Association to raise money in a way that holds the students accountable.

"Our students are doing fundraisers, and the parents are doing the fundraising, but this is truly one that the students own," said Glenna Blessing, principal at George Fox. "They are the ones held accountable for walking those laps."

Respecting the honor system, students ask for pledges per lap or a flat donation from their family or members of the community. The amount of money raised is reliant on the students advocating for their school.

The Foxtrot took place during students' physical education or elective class period. Sixth-, seventh-, and eighth-grade students were rotated, so each group had their own attention and time. PTSA volunteers were also there to cheer students on and hand out water bottles as students made their laps.

In its second year, the Foxtrot replaced the Race for Education, which had been held at George Fox in

previous years. "We wanted to brand the event with a school theme in order to further promote the 'Fox spirit,'" explained Jim East, George Fox PTSA president.

Designed to be a health campaign, the event encouraged students to also exercise outside of their physical education classes.

Blessing said the focus is to promote healthy choices and encourage kids to embrace a lifestyle focused on wellness.

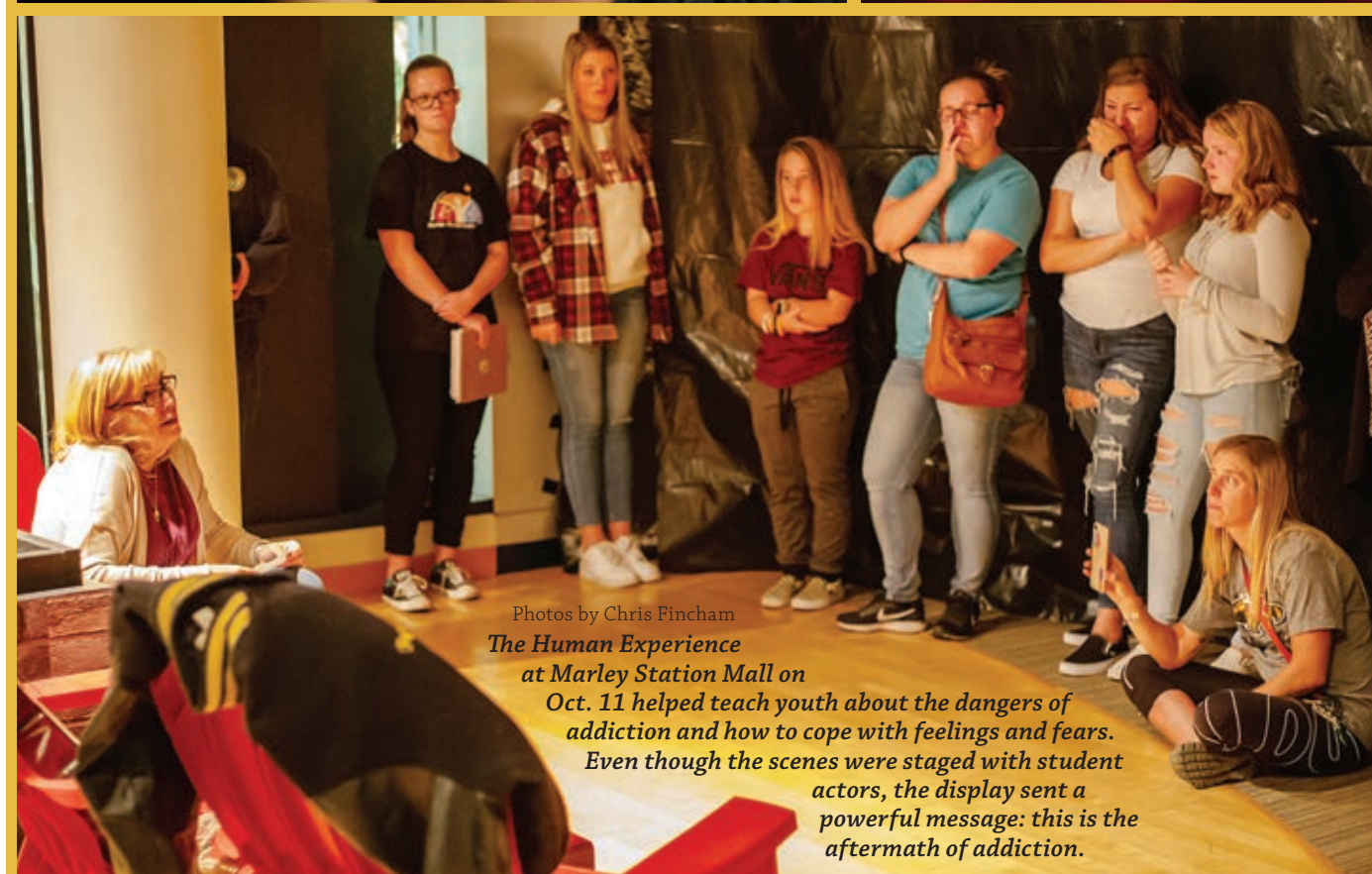
"They can run or walk," Blessing said. "It really is based on making sure they feel confident and comfortable. It doesn't require being competitive as an athlete. This is something that everybody can rally around."

All of the money raised will go back to the school to support programs like Advancement Via Individual Determination (AVID), Literacy Night, Fox Family nights, additional supplies, and field trips.

George Fox hopes that students will make the decision to embrace wellness, and bring those ideas back home.

Blessing encourages students to bring these ideas into the community. If they encourage their families to take a walk, they are making a positive impact, and "that is something that everyone can do and be proud of," said Blessing.

Students At NHS Aim To Fight Addiction, Provide Resources



Photos by Chris Fincham

The Human Experience at Marley Station Mall on Oct. 11 helped teach youth about the dangers of addiction and how to cope with feelings and fears. Even though the scenes were staged with student actors, the display sent a powerful message: this is the aftermath of addiction.

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Question of the month

Sunset Elementary School



This month, we asked Mrs. Fleck's class, "What was the best Halloween costume you ever wore?"

Each month, the Pasadena Voice poses a question to a local fifth-grade class. This month, students from Mrs. Fleck's class at Sunset Elementary answered the question:

What was the best Halloween costume you ever wore?

Kakashi Hatake from "Naruto Shippuden" because he's my favorite character.

Anthony D.

My doll costume because it was scary and cute at the same time.

Bella J.

I really liked when I was an astronaut because I liked the helmet I wore.

Boaz D.

Black Panther because that is my favorite costume out of all of mine.

Chase H.

A wolf pack because me and my friends dressed up as a wolf pack together.

Danielle C.

Bubbles from "The Powerpuff Girls" because I love the pigtails and the outfit.

Dorothea T.

My best Halloween costume was Uma from "Descendants" (last year's costume) because I liked the skirt.

Elisa O.

Harley Quinn because I got to dye my hair red and blue.

Emma R.

The best Halloween costume I wore was a ninja because it was red and black.

Gregory H.

Jason because I would scare people and they would run.

Hunter K.

Clown costume because I

scared people.

Jack Z.

Deadpool because he is my favorite, but I did not see the movie.

Jill G.

A ninja because sometimes it is more realistic and not as cartoonish.

Khalil B.

My best costume was when I was a spy because I like how some spies are sneaky and they have a lot of gadgets and tools to use.

Layla A.

The best costume was a Pikachu because it was pajamas.

Lily S.

A kitty cat because not many people had that costume.

Natalee O.

My favorite costume was Black Panther because he is my favorite superhero.

Owen H.

A black suit because I can scare people since I match the night sky.

Parker G.

A clown because it was scarier.

Ryan M.

A goddess costume because it was cute and comfy.

Shalom I.

My best Halloween costume was when I was a unicorn last year because I love unicorns.

Sierra L.

I dressed up as Slytherin with my Harry Potter robes I got from Universal Studios.

Teodoro M.

Pasadena Resident Attends The U.S. Military Academy

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didn't want to regret the same thing."

He decided to attend a military academy after high school and could have stayed local at the U.S. Naval Academy. Instead, he chose to attend the Navy's biggest rival, West Point.

"I want to get away [from] the culture I knew really well and go into a new atmosphere and meet new people," Boomer said.

After making the decision to go to West Point, Boomer had to fulfill the application requirements to attend a military academy. One of the major requirements for all military academies is to receive a nomination from someone in Congress, either from the House of Representatives or the Senate. Boomer said he received his former nomination from Congressman Anthony Brown.

Another reason Boomer chose to attend West Point is the opportunities available after he graduates. The Army has 16 branches that he could potentially commission into, while the Navy offers only three options for their academy graduates.

Before his first day of academic classes at West Point, Boomer had to go through a six-week program called cadet basic training, informally known as Beast Barracks.

"Going through Beast helped me grow as a person," Boomer said. "It was physically and men-

tally taxing, and gave me a sense of pride and self-confidence that I completed it."

Cadet basic training (CBT) is an important program for first-year cadets, as it helps them prepare for their experience at West Point, and helps transition the new class from civilian to a military environment, according to West Point's website. After going through CBT, the new class was officially recognized as first-year cadets, also called Plebes, at the academy.

As he continues his first year at West Point, Boomer said he is excited about the upcoming Army-Navy football game on December 14 in Philadelphia and Plebe-Parent Weekend, which is in March.

Plebe-Parent Weekend is when parents, family, and friends can come and visit West Point and their cadet. They have the opportunity to meet the instructors, and see the living space and other places that are restricted to the public. In addition, Plebes are allowed extended time to be with their family members during this weekend.

"I miss my family and can't wait to share my experience with them," Boomer said.

Boomer is deciding between engineering or mathematics as his major at West Point.

Photo of Park Boomer is courtesy of Brandon O'Conner.

St. Jane Frances School Enjoyed A Colorful Fundraiser



To raise funds for their school, St. Jane Frances students and staff participated in a color run/race for education on Oct. 4. Some kids tried to jump and dodge away from the colored powder, while others embraced the chance to be covered in multiple colors from head to toe.

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AACPS Announcements

AACPS Now Accepting Nominations For 2020 Teacher Of The Year

Nominations are now being accepted for the 2020 Teacher of the Year for Anne Arundel County Public Schools and the county's independent schools.

Nominees and winners will be recognized at the 34th annual Excellence in Education awards, hosted by the 21st Century Education Foundation & Anne Arundel County Public Schools, on April 16, 2020.

Teresa Beilstein, a third-grade teacher at South Shore Elementary, was named the 2019 AACPS Teacher of the Year at last year's event and is now a finalist for the Maryland State Teacher of the Year. AACPS has had finalists for the state honor in each of the last five years, including 2017-2018 Maryland State Teacher of the Year, Josh Carroll of South River High School.

Do you know a #AACPS-Awesome teacher who should be recognized? Colleagues, parents, or other community members who would like to nominate an educator from their school

should speak with the school's principal. Nomination forms are available at www.aacps.org/toy.

Nominations are due by 3:00pm on Wednesday, October 23.

BOE Approves \$209.1 Million Capital Budget Request

On September 25, the Anne Arundel County Public Schools Board of Education unanimously approved Superintendent George Arlotto's recommended \$209.1 million Fiscal Year 2021 capital budget request.

The proposal contains funding for nine major school projects, including

the design of a new west county elementary school and a new Old Mill Middle School South.

The board's request is \$43.2 million more than the Fiscal Year 2020 approved capital budget. It contains \$3 million for the design of the elementary school, to be constructed on the west side of Route 3/301 in the vicinity of the Two Rivers community, and \$4 million for a feasibility study and design of a new Old Mill Middle School South, to be built on the current Southgate/Old Mill Park.

The request also contains nearly \$139 million for the following major ongoing projects, in priority order:

- **Edgewater Elementary School**, construction (\$5.6 million)
- **Tyler Heights Elementary School**, construction (\$4.8 million)
- **Richard Henry Lee Elementary School**, construction (\$4.4 million)
- **Quarterfield Elementary School**, design/construction (\$18.4 million)
- **Hillmere Elementary School**, design/construction (\$15.2 million)
- **Rippling Woods Elementary School**, design/construction (\$21.9 million)
- **Old Mill West High School**, construction (\$68.4 million)

Also included is \$9 million for full-day kindergarten and prekindergarten additions

at Sunset and Van Bokkelen elementary schools, and \$11 million for a classroom addition and cafeteria expansion at Arundel Middle School.

The board also approved a six-year capital improvement plan, which allocates requested funding for projects through FY2026.

The plan will be submitted to the State of Maryland for funding consideration. The plan will also be part of the school system's overall FY2021 budget request, to be forwarded to the county executive in February 2020 after the board holds additional public hearings. The county council will review that plan and adopt a final capital budget for the school system by June 2020.

CHS Students And Staff Breaks Down The Walls

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sembly where they would talk to us, and then we would go back to class," said David Espinoza, a senior at CHS. "They went beyond all my expectations and got all of the students involved."

Funding from an anonymous donor enabled Chesapeake to invite Dean Whellams, who travels the country "breaking down walls" and bringing people together.

Student ambassadors and students from the Athletic Leadership Counsel, a new program at Chesapeake featuring representatives from all teams, were trained by Whellams on Tuesday to lead small groups during the event.

"We started with large group teambuilding, and after lunch, they formed small groups with the student leaders," explained Melissa Bradshaw, CHS assistant principal and lead on the project. "We heard students say, 'You brighten my life just by being in it,' and we heard students say, 'I haven't been a very nice person to someone in this room,'" said Yore. "There were a lot of tough realizations, and those stories were touching."

The students participated in a variety of activities during the day, but Bradshaw said there is likely one that "students will never forget."

The Cross-the-Line activity was quiet. All of the students in the gym were silent as Whellams called out things like, "Cross the line if you've ever played a sport," and progressively moved into, "Cross the



line if your parents are divorced."

"Mr. Dean said you can't hate someone whose story you don't know. You never really know what's going on," said Espinoza.

"Someone seems like they have the perfect life, and you find out they're going through the same things as you," added Amber Brisbane, a junior.

Students credit Yore, Bradshaw and the rest of the administrative staff for the event's success. It is because of their hard work that the students are open to making positive change in their school, and they encourage other schools to follow suit.

"Mr. Yore and administration's positivity is spreading. You're always greeted with a smile and they check up on

us," said DaMiya Williams, a junior.

Yore stayed through the entire day with the students and even participated in small groups to encourage students, something that was very important to them. He made them feel "understood and comfortable," according to Brisbane.

"The little things matter," said Brisbane. "They are making small changes and it is making a huge difference."

Bradshaw, who is in her first year at Chesapeake, was in charge of bringing this project to life from little things that were already in process from previous staff.

"This was placed in my lap to take the lead and we just went with it," said Bradshaw. "It was stress-

ful, but I saw the benefits that week."

As for the students, they believe the event has made a world of difference already.

"People who used to sit alone at lunch are being invited to sit with groups," said Espinoza. "They are starting to open up and see the bigger picture."

This is not the last unity event at Chesapeake High School. On October 23, students are encouraged to wear orange for National Unity Day as a symbol of their pledge to end bullying and other negative behaviors.

Yore explained that unity is not achieved in a day or a week, but the Chesapeake community is committed to becoming a place where all students feel valued and respected.

"The true measure of our success will be the positive impact now, and in the future, for our community," said Yore.

Sunset ES Recognizes "Outstanding Young Man"



John Rafiq

George Fox Middle School eighth-grader and Sunset Elementary alumni John Rafiq was praised by the Sunset administration for volunteering more than 60 hours to help the school prepare for the 2019-2020 year. John, who also volunteered in summer 2018, helped custodians with summer cleaning, unpacked and sorted new supplies, and never failed to smile, even on the hottest days.

Third-Grader Aces Tests

Fort Smallwood Elementary third-grader Claire Brown received a perfect score in language arts and writing and also a Level 5 in math for tests issued by the Maryland Comprehensive Assessment Program. Congratulations Claire!



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ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

Two Plays To Be Presented At Chesapeake Arts Center

By Laura McElwain
Colquhoun

Chesapeake Arts Center in Brooklyn Park is abuzz with two organizations presenting productions this fall. Both have the distinction of being a theater in residence at the arts center.

The AngelWing Project (AWP) is presenting "Tears of the Soul" on Saturday, October 26, at 5:00pm. Stand up for...Theatre will entertain audiences with its adaptation of "Carrie the Musical." It will be performed for three weekends beginning Friday, October 25. There will also be a special evening showing on Halloween.

Written by local playwright Angela Wilson of the AWP, "Tears of the Soul" is a fictional story based on true events in 1968 surrounding the march of Memphis sanitation workers, and the assassination of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

"I started imagining a family around the time that included sanitation workers, Black Power movements and the Vietnam War — all elements which are brought into the story," Wilson said.

Wilson shared that she originally did not plan to write a play on the subject, as she was initially interested in learning more about what led to the death of King.

"What inspired me was being curious. We didn't know the backstory of why he [was] in Memphis on that day," Wilson said.

Her interest piqued when she learned that King was in Memphis for the third time in support of marching sanitation workers. As she developed her story, Wilson reached out to original sanitation workers in Memphis. The only response was from Cleophus Smith.

"He told me things that were not documented," Wilson explained. "He told me what it was really like."

Wilson later brought Smith to Maryland to see one of the first performances of "Tears of the Soul."

One of prevailing themes of story is economic empowerment. Wilson said most people do not know the civil rights movement of nonviolent protest was losing popularity against the rise of the Black Power movement. Many are also



Above: Written by local playwright Angela Wilson of the AWP, "Tears of the Soul" is a fictional story based on true events in 1968 surrounding the march of Memphis sanitation workers and the assassination of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.



Photo courtesy of Shealyn Jae Photography

Adapted from a Stephen King novel, "Carrie" focuses on a teenage girl with telekinetic powers whose lonely life is dominated by an oppressive mother.

unaware that King was in Memphis because he believed the struggle in Memphis exposed the need for economic equality that he was hoping his Poor People's Campaign would highlight nationally.

The October 25 performance will be the eighth time AWP has presented

"Tears of the Soul." Wilson believes feedback from the play has been "overwhelmingly positive" because themes from the play resonate with people. Contradictory themes of peace versus fighting back emerge, as King's civil disobedience approach conflicts with the more ag-

gressive Black Power movement that promoted racial pride and self-sufficiency.

Wilson also believes the play resonates with people today, because they see parallels to what is happening in society.

"They learn things they didn't know, but they also see solutions to society are when we come together, no matter of color," she said.

Tickets for "Tears of the Soul" can be purchased at www.theangelwing-project.org.

Stand Up For...Theatre is presenting "Carrie the Musical," a play adapted from Stephen King's popular novel "Carrie." It focuses on an awkward teenage girl, Carrie, with telekinetic powers whose lonely life is dominated by an oppressive, religious fanatic of a mother. When she is humiliated by her classmates at the high school prom, she unleashes chaos on everyone and everything in her path.

Ed Higgins, vice president of Stand Up For...Theatre and director for "Carrie," said the musical was chosen because of the bullying aspect of the play. Higgins shared one of the missions of Stand Up For...Theatre is to open up dialogue against bullying, especially toward the LGBTQ community.

Higgins would like for the play to elicit discussions about themes of the play.

"Keeping in mind the bullying theme, we hope people will talk about it after the show," he said. "Carrie was lowest on the totem pole. There are people who are in that position. They know what it's like, and we hope the play starts a conversation."

Higgins shared the play is dramatic and uses theatrical blood, and, as such, the play is not aimed for those younger than high-school age.

"We have some edge," he added. "With 'Carrie,' we want to keep everybody on their toes."

"Carrie The Musical" will be performed on October 25, 26, 31 and November 1, 2, 8 and 9 at 8:00pm. It will also be performed on October 27 and November 3 at 2:00pm. The show on Halloween night is \$10 off per ticket if in costume. Tickets can be bought online at Eventbrite by searching for "Carrie" or at www.hdylmn.org.

Country Band Brings A Show To Baltimore Area Bars



Photo courtesy of Benny Panella

Like many modern country bands, Red Dirt Revolution mixes rock elements in their songs. Because of this fusion, the band can play at venues that don't traditionally book country singers.

By Alyson Kay

With driving dual-guitar sound, lights and harmonizing vocals, country band Red Dirt Revolution brings a party to bars around Maryland.

The band started when a fellow musician called lead vocalist Phil Lathroum and asked if he'd like to start a country band, one that played modern country music heard on the radio, instead of classic country. Another former member came up with the band's name.

"We started off predominantly as a cover band," said Lathroum.

Along with Lathroum, the band's current lineup includes guitarists Chad Boston, Craig Warner and Glenn Schloer, with Andrew Florh on drums. As the band grew, they

started to play at venues around the mid-Atlantic region. They also started to make their own songs, like "A Place like This," a love song about meeting a girl at a dive bar and "County Fair," a tune about taking a girlfriend to the fair as a kid.

Eventually, radio stations such as WDSD in Delaware and 99.9 Froggy in Salisbury started playing their music.

Like many modern country bands, Red Dirt Revolution mixes rock elements in their songs. Because of this fusion, the band can play at venues that don't traditionally book country singers.

"We play a lot of the clubs that would traditionally be rock rooms," said Lathroum. "There aren't a lot of country-exclusive bars around to play in, so that's why we wanted

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"The Current War" Fails To Provide A Jolt Of Excitement



The film presents two powerful and enigmatic figures, Thomas Edison (Benedict Cumberbatch) and George Westinghouse (Michael Shannon), played by talented actors, but neither is fully explored in the time given.

By Audrey Ruppert

"The Current War," had all the elements needed to be a captivating period drama, including a star-studded cast and a fascinating storyline about one of the most influential, yet rarely discussed, periods in history.

Unfortunately, the film was plagued with production problems, and it shows. The result is, sadly, a rather disjointed mess, with flashes of brilliance that get lost in a slog of underdeveloped vignettes.

"The Current War" attempts to tell the story of Thomas Edison's "war of the currents" with George Westinghouse. The electricity titans fight city-by-city to light America, with Edison promoting his DC current and Westinghouse, who eventually joins forced with Nicola Tesla, promoting an AC current. The war culminates in one final battle to win a bid and light the Chicago World's Fair.

Harvey Weinstein served as executive producer for the film (which was made in 2017) and it was pulled from release when the sexual assault allegations made against him went public. After being pulled, it was

resold to another company, and the director added five additional scenes and cut the runtime. This series of setbacks may be what makes the film so disjointed.

We are presented with two powerful and enigmatic figures, Thomas Edison (Benedict Cumberbatch) and George Westinghouse (Michael Shannon), played by talented actors, but neither is fully explored in the time given. The film chooses instead to flicker its focus between various other interesting figures, all of whom are once again underdeveloped. The eccentric Nicola Tesla (Nicholas Hoult) seems to pop in and out, capturing our attention for a few moments before disappearing again. Edison's assistant, Samuel (Tom Holland), is given undue time when he doesn't seem to serve much purpose at all.

We are briefly given an insight into Edison's wife (Katherine Waterston), and how her tragic death impacted her husband, but once again this subplot seems to be forgotten as the film rambles on to another topic. J.P. Morgan (Matthew Macfadyen) is seen on the phone and in a room with both electricity titans now

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Baltimore Comic-Con Is A Fan-Based, Family Experience

Event Returns
October 18-20

By Zach Sparks

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Whether comic book fans like to dress up as their favorite superheroes or simply follow their stories in print, Baltimore Comic-Con introduces them to a unique experience.

The event will return to the Baltimore Convention Center from October 18-20, with new guests and fan favorites.

Confirmed media guests include Aaron Douglas (Chief Galen Tyrol on "Battlestar Galactica" and the Turtle on "The Flash"), Johnathan Schaech (Jonah Hex from "Legends of Tomorrow" and the upcoming "Crisis on Infinite Earths" crossover in the Arrowverse shows), Greg Cipes



Photos courtesy of John Milewski

The event features respected comic guests and media stars, art for sale, and so much more.

(Beast Boy in the "Teen Titans" animated series, Stinkfly on "Ben 10" and Michelangelo on "Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles")

and Tara Strong (Batgirl, Harley Quinn and Raven in "DC Super-Hero Girls," Twilight Sparkle in "My Little Pony" and Raven in

"Teen Titans Go!")

What sets apart the Baltimore convention, though, is the emphasis on comic creators.

"We have some 200-plus indie and small-press comic stars, to legends of the industry that have created key and award-winning content over the course of comics history, like Jim Lee, Brian K. Vaughan, Jim Steranko, Walt and Louise Simonson, Neal Adams, Marv Wolfman, and so many more," said Randy Tischler, a member of Baltimore Comic-Con's executive staff.

While Baltimore Comic-Con honors the history of comics, it has a milestone of its own to celebrate this year: its 20-year anniversary.

"We started out 20 years ago as a comic book show in a hotel with a small handful of big comic guests, and just kept grow-

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Baltimore Comic-Con Is A Fan-Based Experience



» **Continued from B10** ing with that as the underlying model,” Tischler said. “With that growth, we’ve added aspects to the show, such as panel programming; the annual show-exclusive yearbook; costume contests for kids, adults and cosplay professionals; cosplay panels; a scavenger hunt; the Kids Love Comics Pavilion; hosting the comics indus-



try’s Ringo Awards; an art auction; and media guests, among other things, not to mention a much larger space.”

To check out the many activities, plan to attend on Friday between 1:00pm and 7:00pm, Saturday between 10:00am and 7:00pm, or Sunday between 10:00am and 5:00pm. Tickets can be purchased at www.baltimorecomiccon.com.

“While our profile has grown, our original spirit remains,” Tischler said. “We try to put on the show that we’d want to attend as fans — because that’s what we are too — and we strive to make it the best experience we can for our attendees, guests and exhibitors. We think that’s why they keep coming back!”

Ken Brenneman Self-Publishes Children’s Book About Social Justice

By Abigail Gilbert

A curious young boy named Sammy realized that his family is different. Sammy is adopted, and his family is made



Ken Brenneman

of people from different races, religions and social identities. Would a “normal” family be better? Ken Brenneman’s self-published children’s book, “A Family of One,” introduces Sammy as he begins to explore his family’s diversity and discover that unique families are uniquely special.

Through rhyming and beautiful illustrations by Rachaele Taylor, Brenneman’s book relays Sammy’s discovery on how his family is different from others and how he learns to appreciate these differences.

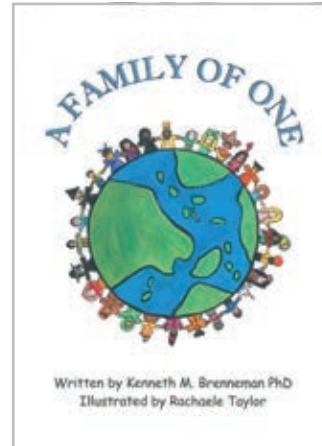
Brenneman is a scientist who works for the University of Maryland. Before writing this book, he spent his free time writing social justice pieces, wanting to share his knowledge on the subject. Though writing a book was not something he had ever considered, one day he conceived the idea of writing a

children’s book that advocates for equality.

“I have this idea about using a children’s book as a platform to get this concept to the next generation early on,” Brenneman said. He wants to use his book to instill acceptance of others in children, especially in today’s political climate.

Brenneman’s mother also provided inspiration when he decided to write a children’s book. She had always wanted to write her own children’s book. However, she was never able to actualize her dream. One of the obstacles in her way was the publication process. Not only did she need a good idea, but she also needed the support of a publisher. This drawback was one of the reasons Brenneman decided to self-publish his children’s book.

After finishing his book, Brenneman searched the internet in search of publishing tips. He even went to the Baltimore Book Festival to try to meet with peers in the field to help him circulate his book. After speaking with several people, he discovered how hard it was to find a publisher who also wanted to accept him. Brenneman then attended a meeting of the Maryland Writers Association to educate himself about the publication process. There, he



learned about self-publishing and decided that was his best chance at producing his book. Brenneman decided to use Amazon’s Kindle Direct Publishing (KDP) to publish

his work. Brenneman’s words and Taylor’s hand-painted illustrations were all digitized and spaced in the book by Brenneman himself.

Despite the added responsibilities that came with self-publishing, Brenneman found that the most difficult part was the writing process. He needed to find a way to relay complicated ideas in as few words as possible, and written in a way that children would be able to understand.

“It would have taken me a lot less time to write a hundred-page chapter book,” Brenneman said.

“A Family of One” is available now on Amazon in paperback and on Kindle.

“The Current War” Fails To Provide A Jolt Of Excitement

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and again, but the influence of one of the world’s most powerful financiers seems to be rather underplayed. The result feels like a montage of Oscar-baity scenes poorly stitched together.

The film severely lacks direction, as we are presented with four main arcs that don’t fit together well — Edison and Westinghouse’s personal rivalry and individual characters; Edison’s insistence that AC current is dangerous and deadly; Tesla’s fight to be taken seriously despite being a Serbian immigrant; and Edison’s unwilling implication in the first use of the electric chair. All of these plots could have been interesting, but the film’s inability to properly weave the threads together means that too much is covered in too little time, and nothing is explored in depth. Even the choice of actors and

setting seem disjointed — this is a distinctly American story, but the cast is almost entirely British and the film feels like an English-period drama.

All that was really needed to make this a great movie was an examination into the characters of Westinghouse and Edison — the acting ability of Cumberbatch and Shannon could have carried the film and made it far more compelling.

The war of the currents laid the foundations for the Industrial Revolution, and the modern world in which we live. Without it, we would not have electricity in our homes, our factories, or our streets. Yet, this electrifying tale is reduced to something rather yawn-inducing, with slow pacing that drags on far too long. It’s honestly a shame, because “The Current War” had so much potential, but it falls flat.

Country Band Brings A Show To Baltimore Area Bars

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to do the modern stuff that people were listening to, to expand where we could play.”

Even though they mix their music with pop and rock, the band is careful not to stray too far from their roots.

“We want to be a country band,” said Lathroum. “But we want to be a country band that puts on that big show like the rock bands do.”

Like some modern bands, they do not release physical CDs, choosing to release singles on Spotify and make music videos on the internet.

Band members grew up listening and playing music. A Pasadena resident, Schloer started playing guitar when he was 9. His two older brothers played in a popular local band that gigged around Baltimore, and Schloer started playing music to join them.

“I was going to be their guitar player until they kicked me out of the room every day,” said Schloer.

Meanwhile, Lathroum has a degree in music and teaches at St. Philip Neri School in Linthicum; Warner always played music, starting with

a plastic toy guitar; Florh plays in a marching band with his father; and Boston started playing when he got a Stratocaster guitar and Judas Priest steel album from a friend in 1984.

Schloer continued to learn and play guitar, taking classical lessons to become a better-rounded guitarist. He started out playing rock before transitioning to modern country.

To make their shows and websites look their best, Red Dirt Revolution gets help from many people such as Ed Lord with Live Wire System, which

does their lighting and production, and Rob Myer with their management company, Starleigh Entertainment.

The musicians’ collection of experiences and talent has established Red Dirt Revolution as a high-energy country act.

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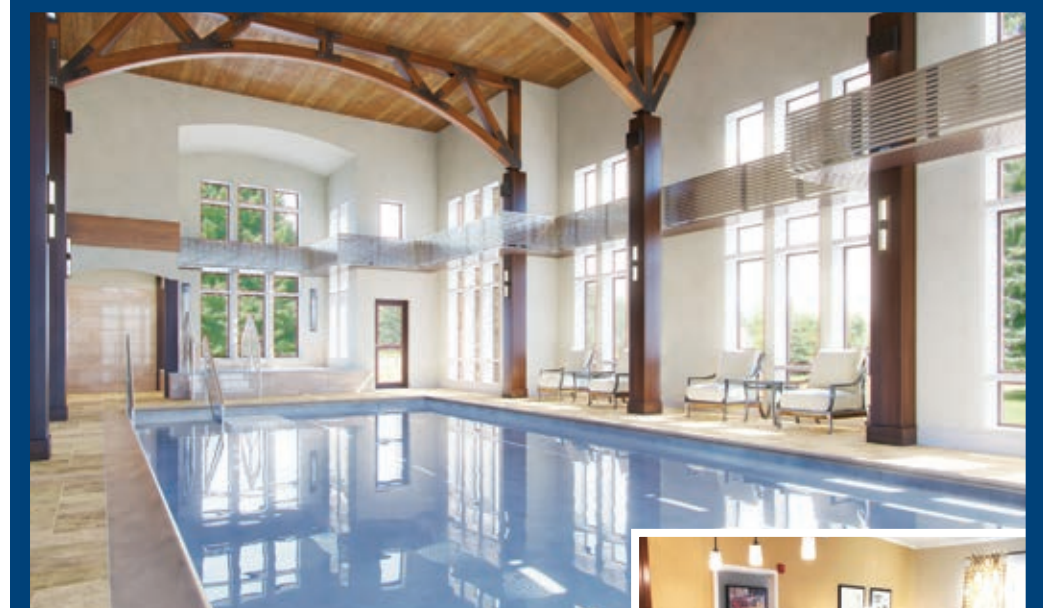
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