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Severna Park Native Leads Eastern District Police Station



Photo by Chris Fincham

Captain Jeff Adams, the commanding officer of the Eastern District Police Station, graduated from SPHS in 1987 and took over the leadership position in July.

By Chris Fincham
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Jeff Adams always wanted to be a police officer. Growing up in Severna Park, he was raised to help others, and police work was a natural fit.

More than three decades after graduating from Severna Park High School, Adams is now a police captain and the new commanding officer of his hometown Eastern District Police Station.

“Throughout my career, I’ve gone to other divisions, but now I’ve worked my way back home,” Adams said. “I really like it here,

it’s a great place.” An SPHS class of 1987 alum, Adams worked at Fort Meade briefly before applying to become a police officer. Baltimore City accepted him, and he worked more than four years there, and then transferred to the Anne Arundel County Police Department. His transition to Anne Arundel County was actually his first homecoming as an officer. As a patrolman in the Eastern District in the ‘90s, he covered familiar ground in Severna Park, Arnold and Cape St. Claire.

“I knew all of that area growing up, and it was >> Continued on A7

Council Continues Debate On Complex Forest Conservation Law

Amended Bill Will Be Heard On Nov. 4

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The seven members of the Anne Arundel County Council are attempting to see the forest for the trees as they con-

template a conservation law that would impose tougher restrictions on developers. Bill 68-19 was introduced at the October 7 council meeting on behalf of County Executive Stuart Pittman and his administration. At that meeting, Chris Trumbauer, Pittman’s senior advisor for policy and communications, said the bill is complex, but the intent is simple.

“County Executive Pittman

wants to strengthen protections for our remaining protected areas,” Trumbauer said.

Citing data provided by the Environmental Protection Agency’s Chesapeake Bay Program, Trumbauer said Anne Arundel has lost more acres of forest since 2010 than any other Maryland county under the Forest Conservation Act.

“This is a significant problem because forests are

important to the county,” Trumbauer said. “They soak up rainwater, reduce flooding from pollution. Forests add property value, and improve health and quality of life of communities. They provide habitat for wildlife and allow people to interact with nature, and they remove air pollution.”

In its initial form, the bill increased the amount >> Continued on A4

Changes To The Critical Area Map Will Affect Homeowners

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In September, the Critical Area Commission for the Chesapeake and Atlantic Coastal Bays sent a letter to some homeowners informing them that changes had been made to the critical area boundary. The letter let them know that the boundary now included their property or included more of their property.

A critical area includes land within 1,000 feet of the tidal waters and wetlands that make up the Chesapeake Bay and its tributaries. State-adopted critical area criteria and the local critical area programs, serve as guides that govern all development and land-disturbing activities in the area — whether a homeowner is clearing trees, removing vegetation, or building a shed or pool.

The critical area doesn’t physically alter a person’s property; it’s a line on a map.

The changes come as a result of a state law passed in 2008. House Bill 1253 was

enacted in 2008 to update the critical area boundaries, which had not been updated since being established in the 1980s using 1972 paper maps. The legislation directed the Department of Natural Resources to prepare a statewide base map that includes a state-determined shoreline and landward boundary of tidal wetlands and a digitally-generated, georeferenced 1,000-foot critical area boundary.

So why is this happening now if the law was passed in 2008? Kate Charbonneau, Critical Area Commission executive director, said two pilot counties were selected and it took “quite some

time” because the process is data-intensive.

“We selected pilot counties: Talbot, which has a lot of rural areas, and Baltimore County, which has a lot more development,” Charbonneau said. “We created a map and had to determine how we design shorelines around piers and open water. All these things came about.”

The Critical Area Commission started by taking historic shoreline and wetland data and comparing it to current aerial imagery, color-infrared imagery (CIR), light detecting and ranging (LIDAR) data, and topographic maps. Limited >> Continued on A2

Griswold Joins Elite Company Among Virginia Tech Athletes

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What does Severna Park native Matt Griswold have in common with former NFL quarterback Michael Vick, former MLB manager and catcher Johnny Oates, and the NFL’s all-time sacks leader, former Buffalo Bills defensive end Bruce Smith? Griswold is a now a member of the Virginia Tech Sports Hall of Fame.

The outfielder got the nod in September, along with runners Tasmin Fanning and Brian Walter, former NFL cornerback Brandon Flowers, sports information direc-



Matt Griswold and his nephew, Severna Park High School senior Drew Griswold, were introduced to fans at halftime of the Virginia Tech-Old Dominion football game on September 7.

tor Dave Smith, and golfer Drew Weaver.

“This is the professional honor of my life,” Griswold

said. “I chose Virginia Tech because of my love for the state, and I was fortunate >> Continued on A6

All Are Welcome To Attend These Yuletide Events

By Zach Sparks
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It wouldn’t quite feel like the holidays in Severna Park without the celebration of three events that have become traditions for area

residents.

The Greater Severna Park and Arnold Chamber of Commerce (GSPACC) will bring back Taste & Sip on December 5 and its Christmas tree lighting December 6. Park Plaza will also ring in the season on December 6 with the arrival of Santa.

Now in its 10th year, Taste & Sip will occupy a new venue for the 2019 season as it moves from Homestead Gardens to Chartwell Golf & Country Club.

“We love Homestead, and the staff has been wonder-



ful,” said GSPACC CEO Liz League. “It just made sense this year, to have the event in December instead of before Thanksgiving.”

Taste & Sip invites guests to mingle, sample tasty food and drinks, shop, enjoy live music, and bid on silent auction items that appeal to people of all interests.

Chartwell Golf & Country Club can accommodate additional parking, so guests no longer have to park in a separate lot and be shuttled to the event.

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Volunteer Of The Month

Arnold Woman Is Dedicated To Serving Others

By Chris Fincham
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From classrooms to the Ballet Theatre of Maryland, Debbie Mayer never stops finding ways to support others.

After moving from New Jersey to the Annapolis area in the early '80s, Mayer worked as an airspace systems engineer at ARINC (now Collins Aerospace). Then, Mayer and her husband, Joe, started a family, and her priorities shifted.

"My husband and I have raised five children here and they all still live in the area - and we now have three grandchildren," she said. "We lived in Annapolis until 2003 and then we moved to Arnold in the Glen Oban neighborhood. We just love the area, love the water, and it was a great place to raise a family — it's home."

Once her family started growing, Mayer stayed home to raise her kids, which is when she began volunteering. And once it started, it evolved and grew over the years.

"I started volunteering in the classroom, and then my daughter was a dancer and she started dancing at Maryland Hall, and that's how I got involved there," Mayer said. "So I started volunteering and then I became a board member, and that kind of evolved into the schools. I was on the board of the Severna Park High School Booster Club, and I did a lot of work at St. Mary's with the athletic association and the classrooms."

After raising athletic kids, Mayer has developed a distinct passion for the arts.

"I like what it does for the whole person — the well-

roundedness of it — and I really just enjoy it," she said. "Over the years, I've done many things. I've been on the board of the Ballet Theatre of Maryland. I've volunteered at all my kid's schools. Right now, I am on the board of directors for the Maryland Hall for the Creative Arts; I have chaired their Arts Alive fundraiser and will be chairing that again in 2020."

She is also passionate about helping kids. She has supported a number of youth-oriented organizations, including The Summit School in Edgewater, which serves students with dyslexia and other learning disorders.

"Probably the best feeling was being able to help The Summit School," Mayer recalled. "I do work with some of the kids there, and I've worked at their summer camp, and I tutor at the Summit Resource Center."

Every year, the Severn Town Club organizes and hosts the Holly Ball, which collects thousands of dollars to donate to local nonprofit organizations. Money raised during last year's Holly Ball was donated to support The Summit School's scholarship fund.

"To be able to see the impact that going there can have on these children, and to be able to help them have the opportunity to get more kids at the school ... It has an immediate impact on those kids," she said. "They



Volunteer of the Month Debbie Mayer received a certificate from Chris Fincham, Severna Park Voice assistant editor.

struggle; some of them have dyslexia and trouble reading; some have dysgraphia and can't write, or dyscalculia and they can't do math. All of that makes their self-esteem suffer, and when you see that things are starting to click, you can see their confidence start to grow."

The Severn Town Club is a group of active, diverse women whose goal it is to contribute to the greater Annapolis community through service projects. Their 56th annual Holly Ball will be Friday, November 22, at the Westin Annapolis Hotel. This year's gala is themed "Unfold the Child Within" and will support several nonprofits throughout the county. The event's major beneficiary is Anne Arundel County CASA, which provides Court-Appointed Special Advocates for children across the county.

"CASA is a really incredible organization that provides a constant for these children in foster care who are experiencing tremendous and almost unspeakable difficulties in their lives," Mayer explained. "The CASA who is assigned to them will stay

with them throughout their entire time in the system — they are the constant. The judge may change, the social workers may change, the lawyers may change, but their Court-Appointed Special Advocate is there to know everything: to know their teachers, to know their family, to know everyone on the legal side and report to the judge.

"It's really amazing," she added. "I've done a lot of volunteering from elementary schools to chairing arts events, but the people who volunteer to take this task on, these CASA volunteers, are amazing. It costs a lot to train them, and the cost of employing supervisors at CASA who work with the volunteers is enormous."

The money earned from the Holly Ball will help them hire more people. The people they have, the more volunteers they can supervise, and the more children that can be served.

Along with volunteering, the Catholic University and Johns Hopkins University graduate still finds time to be a preschool teacher at Severna Park United Methodist Church. How she finds the time or energy seems unimaginable — but it's the only way she knows how.

"I don't think I know any different," she said. "I just do it."

The Holly Ball will include hors d'oeuvres, dinner and dancing, along with a raffle and silent auction. For more information, or to purchase tickets to the event, visit www.severntownclub.org/56th-holly-ball-information or email SevernTownClub@gmail.com.

To learn more about CASA, visit www.aacasa.org.

Changes To
The Critical
Area Map

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site visits were performed to verify on-the-ground conditions where tree cover restricted the view of the shoreline or where an analysis of the imagery did not allow for a clear determination. Once maps for Talbot and Baltimore counties were complete, the commission began its county-by-county review.

The first set of working draft maps have been prepared for Anne Arundel County, and public reviews were held at four locations including Riviera Beach Volunteer Fire Company in Pasadena on October 15 and Magothy River Middle School in Arnold on October 16.

Homeowners learned that existing structures and other items on their property are grandfathered and do not have to be removed. Anyone who applies for a building permit in the future will be subject to the state-mandated law for the portion of their property in the critical area.

The changes will not affect flood insurance rates or property taxes.

Department of Natural Resources officials say the resulting critical area maps will provide a uniform, consistent, and seamless product that can be easily updated and accessed by the public. To see an online mapping tool, visit www.webmaps.esrgc.org.cbca/desktop/map. Anyone with additional questions can call the Critical Area Commission at 410-260-3460.

"When you get a letter from government, it can be confusing, so we're always willing to answer questions," Charbonneau said.

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Severna Park Resident To Compete In 2020 Miss Maryland USA Pageant

By Haley Weisgerber

Paige Perchinsky grew up watching pageants, but she never thought she'd be a state finalist in the 2020 Miss Maryland USA competition.

A Severna Park native and Severn School graduate, Perchinsky was a Division I rower for Temple University in Philadelphia studying business and marketing before she felt like she was being pulled in another direction.

"I was always an athlete, but I felt a calling with something new. Something was pulling me away from rowing," said Perchinsky. "I saw a pageant video and grew up watching Miss Universe and thought I would try it out."

During her journey as a contestant, Perchinsky decided to support a cause that she believes

deserves added attention and support.

"I have chosen to spread awareness for the foster care system, as I feel a deep passion for those children and teens who have not yet found their forever home."

Perchinsky has been volunteering with the Family & Youth Initiative (DCFYI) in Washington, D.C. to draw attention to issues within the foster care system, and the importance of mentorship. DCFYI is an organization that supports children in danger of aging out of the foster care system before they are adopted or find a home.

"A large percent of aged-out kids end up in rehab or jail because they didn't have the mentorship they needed," said Perchinsky. "Think about the gift of family you were given and think about what you would have if you didn't grow up like that. As

a society, it's on us to guide these kids."

Perchinsky is passionate about ensuring foster children have the resources they need, because she attributes much of her success to her family and community, which always supported her.

"Severna Park is such a supportive community, and they gifted me with a community that made me who I am today, and I wanted to make sure that was available to everyone else," said Perchinsky.

All Miss Maryland contestants have to find sponsors in their community to support their pageant journey and their cause. Perchinsky has been sponsored by Dr.



Dave Sortisio of the Arnold Chiropractic Center, Stacey Cassidy of Savvy Consignment, Hartcorn Studios, Dr. Michelle Decere of the Pediatric Dental Specialists, Christie Sappington Coster and Greg Coster at The Big Bean, and Melissa Wright and Dr. Benjamin Wright of Wright Orthodontics. These sponsors will help Perchinsky through the pageant and raise awareness for her cause within

the community.

Hartcorn Studios in Annapolis, which photographed Perchinsky's headshots for the pageant, recently photographed a family that adopted two children from the foster care system. Perchinsky chose to work with this organization because of their family values and how closely their ideals aligned with her cause.

"I'm so excited and thankful. Severna Park is the most supportive community ever," said Perchinsky. "Getting to know the community and giving back is the best part so far. I just want to raise awareness and give back."

If Perchinsky advances to the Miss United States competition, she will use her platform to continue to better the community she loves.

"If I were to win, I would

use my platform to raise awareness for kids who don't have a voice to speak up for themselves," said Perchinsky. "They need help and guidance."

Perchinsky hopes that she can inspire other women to follow their childhood dreams. Growing up watching Miss Universe and admiring all of the women in the pageants led Perchinsky to find her true calling. She intends to make the world a better place.

"If you told me last year I would be doing this, I wouldn't have believed you," said Perchinsky. "You can always improve yourself and follow your dreams. I made the decision to do that last year and I am so happy."

The winner of the Miss Maryland pageant, held November 8-10, will move on to compete in the Miss United States competition.

Broadneck Community Members Go Zero-Waste

By Haley Weisgerber

Members of the Cape St. Claire community are looking to change the world, starting in their own backyards.

The Zero Waste Capers have made it their mission to introduce zero-waste practices in Cape St. Claire through their educational Facebook group, turned community environmental activist group.

"The Facebook group was started to help educate ourselves about reducing our waste," said Audrey Lengbeyer, a founding member of the group. "We discuss zero-waste hacks like reusable fabric lunch bags, beeswax wraps, container-less shampoo bars and toothpaste tablets, permanent safety razors, refillable coffee pods, reus-

able notebooks, stainless steel drinking straws, and bamboo toilet paper."

The Facebook group, which was started by Stacey Wildberger, has grown to include 237 members. Learning about zero-waste alternatives and interacting with neighbors is the driving force.

In April 2019, Lengbeyer led the first Cape Community Swap event with the support of the Cape St. Claire Improvement Association. People were encouraged to bring toys, clothes, and other items they no longer needed and swap them for new items.

"We want to encourage swapping and reusing goods rather than landfilling them and shopping for more," said Lengbeyer. "It's so much fun to watch people excitedly tak-



ing home things you no longer need, and participating together in a swap is a fantastic way to meet and get to know one's neighbors."

Lengbeyer has been hosting smaller versions of the community swap in her front yard for years, as well as a puzzle swap at the Broadneck Library last winter.

On October 27, the Zero Waste Capers hosted their

second Cape Community Swap, following the success of the spring swap. The goal is to host two swaps in the spring and fall each year to encourage people to hold off on throwing items away.

People bring everything from clothing, shoes, books, toys and games, to housewares, electronics, and even furniture.

All items are free, however,

swappers are asked to bring a \$2 donation for the Chesapeake Bay Foundation. The spring swap raised over \$200.

"We chose Chesapeake Bay Foundation because everyone in Cape knows the health of the Chesapeake Bay is a cornerstone of our quality of life in Cape St. Claire, and we all want to support their work on our behalf," said Lengbeyer.

Though a yard sale is a more popular method of getting rid of unwanted items, Lengbeyer prefers the simplicity of swapping.

"There's no pricing, no bringing money, no worrying about whose things and whose money," said Lengbeyer. "Everyone has so much junk they want to get rid of, and this is the easiest way. Just leave your stuff on the tables and

take home new treasures."

All leftovers will be donated to Unity by the Bay Church to be sold during its garage sale fundraiser.

The Zero Waste Capers are making strides to better Cape St. Claire and raise awareness. Two members even helped the Cape St. Claire Garden Club go zero-waste. They compost food waste using a bin system for reusable flatware, tableware, and cloth linens.

"The wonderful thing is seeing people learning and working together to generate and implement efficient ways to reduce or even eliminate waste," said Lengbeyer.

For more information on the Zero Waste Capers, find the group on Facebook or email zerowastecapers@gmail.com.

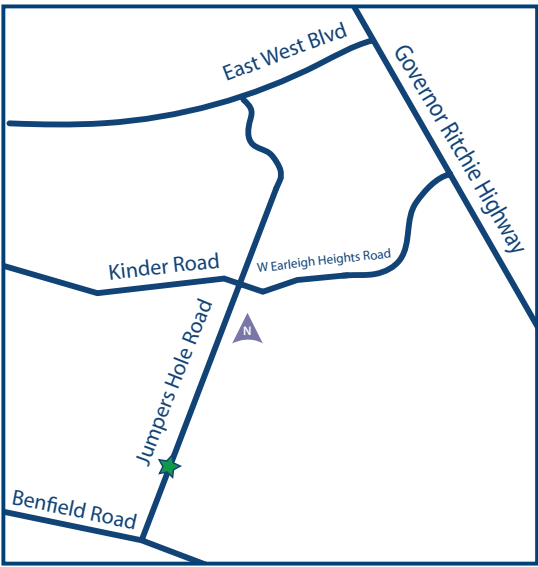


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Tips To Get Your Home Ready For The Holidays

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The “most wonderful time of the year” is rapidly approaching, and for most of us, that means the busiest. While you may be getting ready to shop until you drop, cook lavish feasts, and spend time with your loved ones, don't forget about your home and the cold that is coming. Here is a list of items to help you get your home ready for the holiday and winter season.

CHECK AND INSTALL NEW SMOKE DETECTORS

Make sure to put new batteries in all smoke detectors, and ensure they are working. If not, have them replaced. House fires happen more often in the winter months. Make sure you are protected.

CLEAN AND INSPECT THE FIREPLACE, AND BRING IN FIREWOOD

It's going to get cold. Make sure you have the chimney inspected and cleaned before using the fireplace this year. Stock up on firewood and store it in a dry place. Make

your home a warm and cozy place to stay.

REPAIR OR REPLACE ROOF

The last thing you need with a house full of people is a leaky roof. Have a new roof put on or replace loose shingles. Keep those winter elements out of your home.

DEEP CLEAN

Make sure to clean all appliances, like ovens, microwaves and refrigerators, to prepare for all the feasting. Also, Great Aunt Shirley will probably notice the dust on the baseboards. Make sure you get those too.

CLEAN AND REPAIR DOWNSPOUTS AND GUTTERS

Remove any twigs, leaves and other debris that would prevent proper drainage, and then flush with water. Consider installing a gutter guard as well.

For assistance with any of these projects, reach The Anne Arundel Home Services Company at www.annearundelhomeimprovementcompany.com or 410-589-2819.

Council Continues Debate On Forest Conservation Law

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of existing forest that must be conserved on a development site in order to avoid mitigation. It also called for an increase to the fee-in-lieu, money that developers pay in exchange for clearing trees or causing other environmental damage.

Anne Arundel's current fee-in-lieu is 40 cents per square foot, an amount Pittman wants to multiply sixfold.

“But we don't want developers to pay this fee. We want them to replant the trees, and we believe they will be able to do it for much less than the proposed fee-in-lieu in this bill,” Trumbauer said.

As discussion got underway, council members brought up concerns about unintended consequences, and they questioned some of the statistics provided by the Pittman administration. They also asked why the county has difficulty finding land that can be used to plant trees using money that is currently in the fee-in-lieu fund.

“When we're talking about forest mitigation banking and increasing the fee-in-lieu so high that developers don't want to pay that, but we don't have the mechanism for them to plant right now; I have concerns that there are projects in my district that are going to go from single-family homes to a smaller, condensed project, and are going to go up, which is increasing density,” said Councilwoman Amanda Fiedler, who represents District 5. “So when I'm looking at turning the knobs on this bill, I'm trying to make sure that we're not swapping out trees for more cars.”

District 3 Councilman

Nathan Volke asked, “The administration has not performed any economic analysis on the impacts of this bill and what it will do to local taxes, employment, and housing availability?” The response from Trumbauer was “no.”

The council ultimately passed 14 amendments during the subsequent county council meeting on October 21, setting the stage for a public hearing that will take place November 4.

Public input took over three hours during the first public hearing on October 7, with the crowd divided between supporters and opponents of the bill. Many people thought the bill didn't go far enough in protecting forests, while others expressed that it went too far.

An Odenton resident and environmental consultant said that while Pittman's administration claimed that the annual forest clearing in Anne Arundel County is 300 acres, Maryland Department of Natural Resources records show the clearing is 32% less than that amount.

A few members of the development community called the legislation an anti-development bill as opposed to an environmental bill.

Jeffrey Schomig, Arnold resident and former commissioner on the Severn River Commission, disagreed.

“Every single time an environmental bill comes up, any sort of regulation on development comes up, you hear from the development community about the parade of horrors that's going to result, and it actually doesn't end up resulting,” Schomig said. “We have seen what easy access to forest does in this county. It has not lowered housing prices. It has not made traffic better. It has not improved the environment, and it has not improved the county coffers.”

Planning and Zoning Director Steve Kaii-Ziegler doesn't think the changes will halt development in Anne Arundel County.

“My view in land use over 31 years is the market is the primary driver,” he said. “The market for development in Anne Arundel County has been strong. It will continue to be strong.”

Also in support of the bill were representatives of the League of Women Voters of Anne Arundel County; Severn River Association; Growth Action Network; Scenic Rivers Land Trust; Chesapeake Bay Trust; Chesapeake Conservancy; and other groups. Many land use planners and environmental scientists also debated both sides of the issue.

“Let us not delude ourselves by thinking that replanting with small saplings is going to offset the loss of mature trees,” said Rich Warden, a former city planner for Los Angeles, and a former environmental science professor at three universities. “It will take perhaps 20 to 40 years for a sapling to provide the same ecological services of a mature tree.”

Amy Kolev saw Pittman's proposal as an obstacle to people seeking affordable housing.

“My fellow community members include police, fire, military, veterans, the elderly, as well as families like mine,” said Kolev, who lives in Glen Burnie. “Had this bill, or anything near it, been approved prior to my community's construction, it wouldn't have been built, and it's possible that a good portion of my community members wouldn't even live in this county.”

Alderman Rob Savidge, who serves on the Annapolis City Council, noted the many options are available to developers.

“Yes, if they pay the fee-

in-lieu, it will cost them \$1.3 million to clear 16 acres of forest,” he said, “but the point is they have six other mitigation options when seeking to remove forests, yet they are dwelling on the very last option, which is the fee-in-lieu.”

Other options include altering their design at no cost, performing the restoration themselves at minimal cost, or utilizing landscaping mitigation.

After hearing all of that testimony, the council reconvened on October 21 to consider 25 amendments, passing 14. One lowered the proposed fee-in-lieu increase from \$3 per square foot to \$1.25, with the exception of trees in critical or priority funding areas.

For those who violate the forest conservation bill, the council agreed to bump the fee from 80 cents per square foot to \$3 per square foot of cleared trees.

To testify for or against the amended bill, attend the county council meeting on November 4 at 7:00pm at the Arundel Center, located at 44 Calvert Street in Annapolis.

The council could vote on the bill that evening or continue to deliberate, since the bill does not expire until December 7.

District 1 Councilwoman Sarah Lacey is ready to put the debate to rest and pass the forest conservation reform. She doesn't want her fellow councilmembers to get too caught up in the details, to miss the forest for the trees.

“I think the last thing that people really want to see is that anybody should be able to preferentially pay their part out of the obligation to try to keep as many healthy, or in good condition, trees up and living and being part of the environmental infrastructure that we depend on,” Lacey said.



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Severna Park Family Starts Tucker’s Teddies To Help Families Grieve

By Haley Weisgerber

After the loss of her son, Tucker, Sierra Mullen and her mother, Michele Mullen, made it their mission to help families experiencing loss.

Tucker’s Teddies was established in May to give teddy bears to grieving families and inpatient children. Their services will also include hospital staff appreciation, memory-making crafts, and anything else these families may need during their hospital stays or after a loss.

“We wanted to help other families who were dealing with loss or inpatient children and the nurses who were taking care of the babies in the hospital,” said Sierra.

After a healthy pregnancy, Sierra gave birth to Tucker on September 26, 2017. Everyone believed Tucker to be in perfect health until his two-week checkup at the pediatrician, when his doctor heard a heart murmur.

“They came to us and said, ‘Nine times out of 10 a murmur is nothing, but unfortunately, this time it is something,’” said Michele.

Tucker was sent to Children’s National Medical Center in Washington, D.C., where he stayed on and off until he passed away on January 7, 2018. He was only three and a half months old.

Many foundations helped Sierra and Michele while Tucker was in the hospital, but when he passed away, the care stopped.

“When we suffered the loss of Tucker, it was so heart-breaking and we didn’t know how to go on,” said Michele. “We had to find a way to channel our grief and to help others.”

Michele, who is a respiratory therapist at University of Maryland Baltimore Washington Medical Center (UM BWMC), said she heard a patient’s family member talk about how a teddy bear helped her deal with the loss of a child years before Tucker was born.

After Tucker passed away, Michele told this story on a bereavement panel at Children’s National Medical Center, and emphasized that no one should ever leave the hospital empty-handed.

“Later on, we got a call from one of the palliative care doctors and she said, ‘Everyone thinks this is such a great idea. We’ll only do it if you guys will back it,’” said Michele. “That’s how Tucker’s Teddies became a thing.”

It had all come full circle. When Tucker was in the hospital, Sierra was sent a fruit basket with a stuffed bear. Sierra put the bear at the end of Tucker’s bed, and it left his



Sierra Mullen (right) and her mother, Michele Mullen, established the nonprofit Tucker’s Teddies to comfort inpatient children and grieving families.

Teddies held its first staff appreciation day, providing lip balm, bath bombs, lotions, and other self-care items to the UM BWMC staff.

The first Tucker’s Teddies benefit dance will be held on November 2 at Michael’s Eighth Avenue in Glen Burnie.

“It feels like for so long we were wondering what we wanted to do, but having the bears and getting ready for our first fundraiser, it makes the loss a lot easier,” said Sierra.

Sierra and Michele plan to hold many more fundraisers, staff appreciation days, and to give families the opportunity to grieve within a supportive community.

“People need to know that they aren’t alone,” said Michele. “Grief and joy can coexist; you just have to find a way to let that happen.”

Both Sierra and Michele are channeling their grief into joy by making sure that Tucker’s memory lives on through this nonprofit.

“It is nice to know that Tucker’s name is going to continue to be said,” Michele noted. “Tucker lived; Tucker continues to live on. It’s just in a different way.”

Yuletide Events



A Christmas tree lighting and chamber open house will be held this year on December 6 at 5:00pm.

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“There’s going to be an infusion of new energy and excitement,” League promised.

GSPACC will follow that event with its Christmas tree lighting on December 6. The chamber will have an open house starting at 5:00pm, and the countdown to the tree lighting will commence at 5:30pm. Visitors can enjoy cookies, meet the Grinch, and relax to the entertainment of a bagpipe player and a performance by Creative Force Dance Center.

“It’s just such a wonderful hometown event that brings the community together to kick off the season,” League said. “It really is like Whoville.”

Last year, we started out with a small crowd, wondering if people were going to show up, and all these people came out of nowhere.”

Families can make their way to Park Plaza at 6:00pm to see Santa and another Christmas tree lighting. Kids can join Santa for free photos when they make a food or monetary donation to SPAN (Serving People Across Neighborhoods). The event will also feature raffles, a scavenger hunt, and music.

Tickets to Taste & Sip will be available in early November. Stay updated by visiting www.gspacc.com or by following the “Greater Severna Park & Arnold Chamber of Commerce” Facebook page.

St. John Outreach Team Spreads Generosity In Jamaica



Photos courtesy of Judy Tacyn

The St. John the Evangelist Jamaica Outreach Team made its annual fall trip in late October. In Jamaica, the group painted St. Philomena Basic School, attended Mass, engaged in nightly reflections, and visited a home for the disabled.



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Ross and Demelza Poldark — names and locations have been changed to protect the innocent and as a nod to my favorite PBS series — suffered a catastrophic fire loss to their waterfront home in Cornwall, Maryland on St. Patrick's Day 2018. The blaze started in the main fireplace flue and destroyed 90% of their home. Luckily, no one was home when the blaze leveled the property.

Following the fire, the Poldarks, with their three children, were out of their home for 18 months as it was rebuilt. Their homeowners insurance company, ZZZ Insurance, was reasonable in dealing with temporary lodgings, replacement of the home, and the two vehicles lost in the conflagration.

The Poldarks were greatly inconvenienced during the 18 months, but they were happy to get back into their rebuilt home after being away for so long. ZZZ Insurance, however, turned to an ironfisted negotiation stance when it came

to valuing the loss of personal property within the home.

The initial offer to replace all of the Poldarks' furniture, appliances, clothing, jewelry, valuables, mementos and other personal belongings was \$30,000. Moreover, ZZZ Insurance hired a large Washington D.C. law firm — Dewey, Cheatum & Howe LLP — to handle the claim on their behalf. The Poldarks received a six-page letter from the law firm, outlining 16 categories of documentation they were allegedly required to produce in order to receive reimbursement for lost belongings. The law firm was seeking credit card statements, receipts, income tax returns, photographs of lost property, and appraisals.

The Poldarks felt intimidated by the process. Rather than continuing to handle the claim on their own, they hired our law firm, and we took over negotiations on their behalf.

We assumed responsibility for all negotiations. We studied the complicated insurance contract. We gathered, organized, and produced all the requested documentation in a logical and useable fashion. We dealt with the

insurance company and its attorneys. We were prepared to file suit for breach of contract. Fortunately, litigation was avoided. Ultimately, the Poldarks received an amount more than triple the initial offer from their insurer.

The best news for our clients was that they did not owe us one-third of the amount they received. Many times, these sorts of cases are handled on contingent fee bases, with the attorneys receiving a percentage of the recovery. However, we reduced our hourly rate in deference to our clients' circumstances as working individuals battling a large corporation.

If you or a loved one is negotiating with a large insurance company, you will have many questions. You should consult with an attorney who is familiar with this area of the law and who will assist you in making informed decisions.

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Griswold Joins Elite Company

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to have some special memories there."

WELCOME TO HOKIE NATION

Griswold joined Virginia Tech's baseball program in 1996, and he blossomed in his sophomore season when he posted a .408 batting average, the highest by a Virginia Tech player in 22 seasons. That average still ranks as the ninth-best in school history. He also led the team with 69 RBIs, a .527 on-base percentage and a .697 slugging percentage. Those totals earned him honors as third-team NCAA Division 1 All-American, and he was nominated for the U.S. Olympic baseball team.

Behind Griswold, the Hokies won the Atlantic 10 Conference championship in 1997 and earned an NCAA regional bid. Individual accolades came as well, with Griswold earning third-team All-America honors after the season.

As a junior in 1998, Griswold hit .361, and shared the team lead with nine homers, while again leading the squad in RBI (65), slugging percentage (.607) and on-base percentage (.483). He set a school record with three grand slams in a season. Following the regular season, he was named the Atlantic 10 Player

of the Year.

During his senior year in 1999, Griswold hit .345, with 12 homers, 49 RBI, and a single-season school-record 59 walks on his way to earning first-team All-Atlantic 10 recognition again and honorable mention All-America honors. He again led the team in on-base percentage (.489) and also in runs (67), but more importantly, guided the Hokies to a 43-win campaign and another Atlantic 10 Conference championship. In addition, the Hokies earned another NCAA regional bid that year.

Why was Griswold such a successful collegiate player? It started with his youth in Severna Park.

A SPORT OF REPETITION

The grandson of a short-stop in the Detroit Tigers organization, Griswold played baseball from an early age.

"As a kid, I liked sports and had a natural attraction to the sport of baseball," Griswold said.

He had natural ability, but he credits American Legion Post 175 Spartans coaches Jim McCandless and Charlie Becker for helping him hone those skills.

"The time Jim and Charlie put in was the greatest thing they gave me," Griswold said. "We learned from them, the sacrifice and dedication it takes. Jim would throw batting practice for three or four hours to develop our skills. Baseball is a sport of repetition, so that was important to my development."

Becker still keeps in touch with Griswold, calling his former player one of the best he's ever coached, a list that includes prolific switch-hitting first baseman Mark Teixeira, outfielder Mark Budzinski and a few others.

"Matt was the kind of player you wanted," Becker said. "He could hit, run, field, and he was good on the bases. In a way, he was like Nick Markakis, who played for the Orioles. When Markakis played, he didn't jump out as an amazing player, but you look at his stats and realize he could do everything well."

"When we played games at 6:00pm, we would get there at 4:00pm and he never complained," Becker said of Griswold. "He was always on time. He was a fierce competitor."

That work ethic helped Griswold at Severna Park High School, where the 5-foot-11, 180-pound, left-

handed outfielder grew under coach Jim Pitt. In college, he played for the revered Chuck Hartman.

"He was an interesting character, along the lines of an Earl Weaver or Billy Martin," Griswold said of Hartman. "He taught me a lot about baseball."

Griswold departed Virginia Tech as an All-American, a three-time all-conference choice, and a two-time Atlantic 10 all-tournament selection. He shares the school record for walks in a season (59 in 1999) and for putouts by an outfielder in a season (170 in 1999), and he is one of just three players in program history with more than 200 RBI in his career, amassing 203, which ranks third on the program's list.

He hit .354 for his career, with 39 homers and the 203 RBI. Also, he was one of the rare baseball players to walk more than he struck out, walking 161 times in his career compared to just 125 strikeouts.

After his storied career at Virginia Tech, Griswold signed with the Baltimore Orioles and played two years in the minor leagues.

"Although I wasn't able to make it to the major leagues, it was a dream of mine to play for the Orioles as soon as I knew what they were," Griswold said. "I wanted to play and retire as an Oriole after a long major league career. Unfortunately, things didn't work out that way, but I'm grateful I got to live a big part of that dream."

COMING FULL CIRCLE

Griswold is an avid golfer — he almost qualified for U.S. Open in 2018 — and he has stayed involved in baseball by volunteering as a hitting coach for the SPHS varsity Falcons team for the last five years, "Because it's just fun."

Reflecting on his career, he feels grateful for the opportunities he was offered, and he is humbled to be mentioned on the same list as so many great Virginia Tech athletes.

"When you're able to develop relationships and succeed as a team, it doesn't get any better," Griswold said. "I was fortunate that baseball allowed me to travel all over the world and meet people of all backgrounds and all ethnicities. The personal accolades were great, but they pale in comparison to the experiences I had with people."

Lauren's Law: Going To Court

Lauren

Burke Meyer



The irony of this article's title is not lost on my visit to the Annapolis District Court. No, I'm not a lawyer, and I'm not here to offer legal advice. I know where your mind is headed next: is Lauren in legal trouble? Also, no.

Two years ago, I was pulled over. I can admit that I'm not the *best driver*, however, I couldn't think of why I was being pulled over. I quickly learned that my registration tags were two years out of date. Oooops.

This is 100% out of character for me. I never pay bills late. When I moved, I set my mail to forward and continued to renew it, but I never

received notification that my tags were expired. I received a ticket for \$75, however, I believed I deserved the opportunity to be notified at least one time. So here I was, at court to fight for justice.

There wasn't parking available near the court, so 36-week-pregnant me parked across the street. There was a possibility of getting a parking ticket while fighting another ticket. My memory instantly flashed to a moment in college when I parked at a parking meter, saw a free Red Bull car, and in all the excitement of getting a free Red Bull, forgot to feed the meter. The \$1.99 I saved on a free energy drink was not worth the \$13 ticket I received that day.

Anyway, back to my day at court. Let's just say nothing about my visit was pregnancy friendly. I was forced to pour

out my water bottle — which was awful because being pregnant makes a woman so thirsty. Next, no food is allowed in the court room. Are you kidding me? The real kicker was that people couldn't go to the bathroom while waiting for their cases to be called because they'd run the risk of missing it. At this point, I needed to pee every 30 minutes. The courtroom was packed, and it was going to be a long morning. No cell-phones were allowed, and, not my usual self, I forgot to bring a book. I had a notebook, so I started writing a few baby shower gift thank yous. Take that, judicial system!

As I awaited my turn, I listened to all the cases. One stood out when a jerk realtor was asked by the judge to state his profession and he retorted, "I already told you my

profession." Gasps throughout the room. Some Judge Judy drama y'all. The judge was a middle-aged man who didn't put up with that. He quickly and effortlessly put the jerk in his place. For the younger defendants (maybe this can be a legal article after all) fighting their speeding tickets, he would impart lessons like, "You think you'll live forever, but you won't. So, slow down already." I liked the judge and thought he was fair.

After my day in court, everyone asked me: "Did you win?" That day, it wasn't about winning or losing. It was about standing up for what I thought was unfair. The judge waived the ticket fee and then just made me pay for the court fees, saving me \$50.

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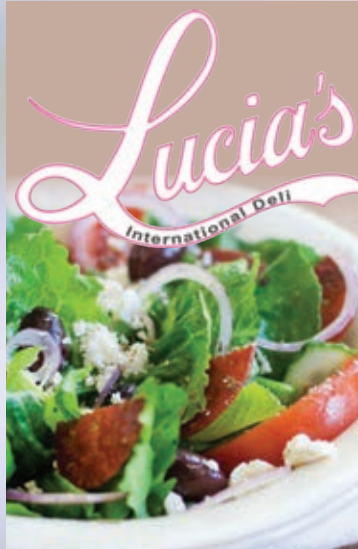


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great to be a police officer there,” explained Adams. “I was glad to come back to where I grew up. You take a little pride when you work in an area that you grew up in.”
Whether it was city streets or county patrols, Adams honed his craft following a simple principle, the Golden Rule. “The way I was raised is to always treat someone the way you want to be treated,” he said. “I went from the inner city in Baltimore to Severna Park, but I treat people fairly and that’s just the way I am as a person, and that’s how I carry myself as a policeman. I’ve taken that through my whole police career, and I’ve been pretty successful with it.”

In July, Adams came back to the Eastern District, which includes Severna Park, Arnold, Pasadena and parts of Glenn Burnie - now as the commanding officer.

“As a captain, they put you where they need you,” he explained. “I worked in the chief’s office as a captain; went to northern as a captain; then they asked me to come back to eastern, and I was very happy to come back. It’s like coming home again.”

Adams is now charged with leading a large, diverse team that provides everything from patrols to specialized units. His focus is being in touch and active with the community, a priority he imparts while coaching and mentoring the four platoons of officers, who serve throughout the district 24 hours a day and 365 days a year.

“As the captain here at eastern, that’s what I want to instill in these young officers,” he said. “I try to instill in them to make contact with the community, especially if you work the same area.”

“You should know the people in your post — good and bad — and it’s important to get out, and take time to talk to people and get to know them. People feel that trust if you’re interacting with them regularly. If you just drive by in the car — the

fishbowl as I call it — they don’t typically have a positive idea of us.”

The goal is to create opportunities to have positive and personal interactions with the people they serve.

“It’s easy to think, ‘Oh there goes the police; the only time I see them is when they stop me for a ticket or tell me why I’m wrong,’” Adams said. “I’m trying to [develop] a relationship with the community. We know not everyone likes the police, but if you see them in situations where there’s no tension or a hectic situation, they may realize that, ‘Oh hey, that guy or gal is OK.’”

Adams also encourages members of the community to be actively involved. The second Wednesday of the month, the Eastern District hosts the Police Community Relations Council (PCRC).

“We can tell the community what’s going on in the district. If they have concerns they can bring them up to us directly,” said Adams. “I’d love to see more people coming to those meetings.”

If residents have concerns for their communities, would like to see more police presence, or would like an officer to speak at a community meeting, Adams wants people to know that all they have to do is reach out.

The area will also see an increased presence when “holiday patrols” start in late November and throughout December, when shopping centers will have extra officers. Adams is quick to point out that the police are not out to lock people up or chase people around. They’re out and active to provide a positive presence in the communities that they serve.

“For Eastern [District], my goal — and I’ve only been here a couple of months — is to really push community interaction,” he reiterated. “We’re a part of the community. I want our officers to reach out and be part of the community; don’t just say you’re part of the community and ride by.”

Military Spotlight

Severna Park Native Enjoys Leadership And “Warrior Ethos” Of The Marine Corps

By Laura McElwain Colquhoun

Growing up in a family with many veterans and active duty service members, combined with growing up near the United States Naval Academy (USNA), Severna Park native Madeline Zell Calves was naturally drawn to military service.

Calves graduated from Severna Park High School in 2011 and began her tenure at USNA later that year.

“My family sponsored midshipmen, and when I met one of ‘our mids,’ Jessica, I started to see USNA as a place I might like to attend too,” Calves said.

Though she originally thought she wanted to be a pilot in the Navy, Calves changed her mind while at USNA due to her height.

“I chose to commission into the Marine Corps at the beginning of my senior year because of the leadership opportunities and warrior ethos,” she said. “The Marine Corps

advertises high expectations of its junior officers in leading Marines, and I was eager to accept the challenge.”

Based out of Camp Lejeune in North Carolina, Calves is a communications officer for an infantry battalion and was recently promoted to the rank of captain. Currently on deployment in Japan, she leads a platoon of more than 60 Marines.

“Since I am the only communication officer in the battalion, I get to play a key role in making sure each mission has the communication capabilities and support it needs,” she said. “I’ve learned a lot about radio frequencies, antennas, satellites, virtual networks, servers and cybersecurity since graduation.”



Currently on deployment in Japan, Madeline Zell Calves leads a platoon of more than 60 Marines.

Previous to her current role, Calves was a platoon commander and company operations officer.

Calves is in a unique position because is able to serve in the Marine Corps with her husband, David. Though they both attended USNA at the same time,

they did not meet until after graduation while attending the Marine Corps Basic Officer Course in Quantico, Virginia. Originally from West Windsor, New Jersey, David is also based at Camp Lejeune. He is platoon commander and company executive officer. The Calves married at the USNA chapel in January 2018.

Though she has served all over the world, Madeline Calves is drawn to her roots in Severna Park.

“I had a great time growing up there and would love to settle down in Severna Park after the military,” she said.

Her parents continue to live in Severna Park, and her sister is a senior at Severna Park High School. Her brothers also live in the area. Madeline Calves is proud to continue her family’s legacy by serving in the military.

“I’m very glad I went to USNA and joined the Marine Corps,” she said. “If I could go back in time, I wouldn’t change a thing.”

SPCC Welcomes New Board Members

Four new members have joined the Severna Park Community Center (SPCC) board of directors, bringing with them years of experience and a desire to give back to the community.

Dr. Diane Lebedeff, former member of the board of directors, has rejoined the group after a year off. An amazing supporter of the center for many years, Lebedeff helped to raise funds for the recently completed pool dehumidification system replacements, and renovations made to the dance studios a number of years ago. Lebedeff is a local podiatrist, and lives with her husband, Dr. Steve Gersh, in Severna Park.

Jennifer Lighthizer has joined the board of directors with a strong background in finance and has quickly become an excellent resource

for the board and staff. Lighthizer is the controller for Chesapeake Real Estate Group, a local commercial real estate company owned by her husband, Jim Lighthizer. The Lighthizers live in Severna Park with their two children and are enthusiastic fans of the center’s swim and basketball programs.

Artie Hendricks, owner and president of operations for Landmark Roofing, has joined the board of directors with expertise not only in roofing but also in facilities operations. Hendricks has been a supporter of the center for many years. An avid swimmer, he is a regular at the main pool. Hendricks lives in Severna Park with his wife, Dr. Missy Hendricks, and their two children.

Patt Haun is a former executive director for the

Severna Park Community Center. She rejoined the board of directors after years away from the center, once again providing her experience and expertise to the community. Haun is a longtime supporter of the center, and also a regular pickleball player, and charter member of the center’s Pickleball Donor Club. Haun lives

with her husband, Tom Haun, in Arnold.

Joining a board made up of a maximum of 16 volunteers, these new members are a welcomed addition to the center’s vision and mission: to serve as the community gathering place that enhances family life and individual development in a Christian environment open to all.

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Kilmarnock Is Hidden Between Millersville And Severna Park

By Judy Tacyn

Anyone who has ever walked the entire loop at Kinder Farm Park knows there is a dead-end street that butts up to the park's path through the wooded area, but where does that street lead? Kilmarnock in Millersville, that's where!

Nestled between Chartwell Golf & Country Club and Kinder Farm Park, the secluded Kilmarnock neighborhood in Millersville is an active family's dream location. Homes are large and stately. Lots are at least an acre, some with professionally designed hardscapes and tall trees. A walking path leads directly to Kinder Farm Park. Families can easily walk to Green Hornets sporting events at the Kinder sports complex.

The community holds four major events, two for adults and two for families. Around St. Patrick's Day, they hold a wine-tasting party. At Easter, **Jill and Tom Grupski** open their yard for an Easter egg hunt for the children of the community. In the summer, the Grupskis also host a community pool party. A fall festival just before Halloween is held for families, and the kids get to wear their costumes, enjoy a bouncy house, games and a big bonfire. In December, there is an adult-only Christmas party.

SUSAN GILLESPIE
LIFELONG RESIDENT

After growing up in Kilmarnock, Susan Gillespie and her husband were presented with the opportunity to purchase her childhood home from her parents.

"My parents were the original homeowners," Gillespie said. "I loved the idea of buying my childhood home, the home I grew up in."

One of the many reasons why Gillespie loves Kilmarnock is that it's a small community unknown to most people who live in Severna Park and Millersville. Another reason is Benfield Elementary School.

"I attended Benfield Elementary School and made some lifelong friends there," Gillespie said. "Now my son is in first grade there, and so far he loves it."

Naturally, Gillespie would recommend Kilmarnock to friends hoping to move to the area, especially if they were looking for large homes on larger lots with neighbors who are "fun to hang out with." She also said it's fun to know she's not the only kid who grew up in Kilmarnock and decided to return or stay in the neighborhood as an adult.

"Growing up, I remember one neighbor, who was a nurse, would come over and help out just to check on things and sometimes

just sit and chat with someone who just needed someone there," Gillespie said. "I know when some of my neighbors go out of town, others will help out by looking after their pets or gardens."

Gillespie is on the community association's social committee, and her husband takes photos at community events.

LINDA & DAVID TURNER
RESIDENTS FOR 31 YEARS

"David and I lived in Silver Spring, Maryland, then moved to Corning, New York, for a career change for David," explained Linda Turner. "His previous manager and work colleagues had lived in Severna Park, and we liked the area. So when we moved back to Maryland, we looked for a home in Anne Arundel County."

The housing market was booming in Severna Park in 1987, with few resale homes on the market, and those were selling quickly. David and Linda heard that Kilmarnock was adding a new section to the community and they purchased the "builder spec" home, which they were able to get into in just 60 days.

"Kilmarnock is a relatively small community compared to those around us, like Shipley's Choice and Chartwell," added Linda. "We have a mix of Maryland natives and transplants (like

us) and we have 1-acre lots, which are hard to come by today. We also border Kinder Park, so we have active dog walkers, runners and bikers, and neighbors to visit with on their way to the park."

And, as usually the case with close-knit communities, Linda loves her neighbors.

"We have wonderful neighbors, the kind you can count on in an emergency or watch a pet in a pinch," she said. "What is amazing about this community is that the people who have moved even come back to our social events and they miss the camaraderie we have developed here. We have residents that grew up in this neighborhood who made the decision to move their families to Kilmarnock 30-plus years later."

Linda recalled a time when her daughter was just 4 years old when she fell out of her bedroom window onto the deck below.

"Maryland State Police landed a helicopter in Kinder Farm Park and medevaced our daughter to Johns Hopkins Pediatric Emergency in Baltimore," said Linda. "I was working in Pittsburg, and my neighbors jumped into action to retrieve me from the airport and rushed me to the hospital, while another neighbor babysat my son. My daughter was fine, and I knew then that I could replace this house, but not the great neigh-

bors we have."

Linda is a past secretary and social committee member of the homeowners association.

GINA UBRIACO
RESIDENT FOR 18 YEARS

"My family moved to Kilmarnock in 1983 for my father to start a new job," said Gina Ubriaco. "I remember my mom saying that she wanted my sibling and I to grow up in a neighborhood where we could hop on our bikes and take off for the day to play with friends."

When choosing a neighborhood for her young family, she picked Kilmarnock. With her parents still in the community, Ubriaco bought a house next to her brother. Another sibling lives in Timonium.

"I wanted my children to be close to family," said Ubriaco. "It's a great place to grow up. Tons of kids, next to the Kinder Farm Park and bike loop."

Ubriaco also notes that the location of Kilmarnock is great.

"I can go out one entrance to easily get to Severna Park or I can go out the second entrance to get to Pasadena and major highways like 10, 100, and 97."

Some of Gina's neighbors are the same ones she had growing up. She is currently on the social committee.



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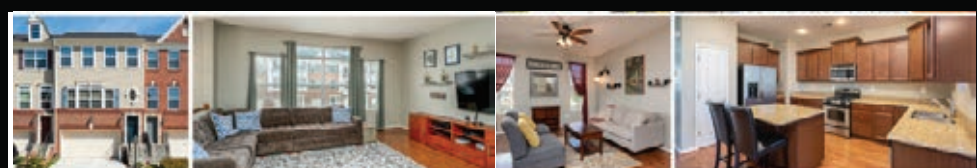
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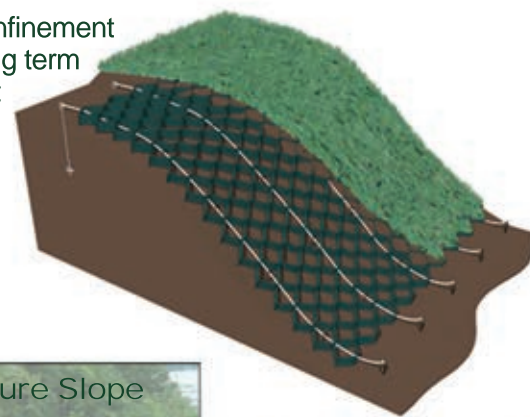
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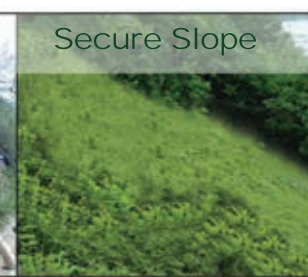
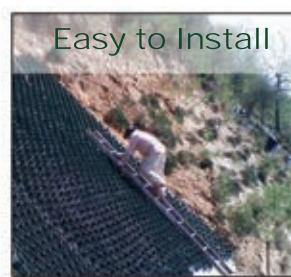
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Our Secret Weapon Is You



Stuart Pittman
County Executive

We're closing in on the end of year one, and we've made good progress. Our first budget passed largely intact with long-overdue investments in education, public safety, and the environment, and we did it while keeping our taxes in the bottom quarter of Maryland counties. We finally confronted our affordable housing crisis, with a workforce housing and a fair housing bill. We ended the divisive 287(g) immigrant screening program, and we let developers know that land use decisions will be made not based on who you know and whose campaign you fund, but on consistent enforcement of our county code. And, we are on the verge of a transition from being the state's leader in development-driven forest removal, to the leader in forest conservation. Lots of other work has been done and much is in progress, but an important question to ponder

is, what's working? Why have we been able to move the needle on issues that have been challenging our county for decades? Our No. 1 asset is great staff. Nothing moves forward without talented, hardworking people who share a vision. We also came in at the right time, with the right message. People are fed up with traffic and overcrowded schools, and they are ready to do something about it. They want local government to step up and do its job. I can't leave out the legislative body that actually passes the bills. We have a smart and hardworking county council that gets the job done. But there is something else happening, and I think it's what really counts. We are engaging people in what we are doing. I've spent most of my adult life working to empower people through organizing — from my community organizing days in Chicago and Des Moines, to my work on behalf of farmers, to my efforts to secure the futures of ex-racehorses. Every success came from the power

wielded by large groups of people coming together with a shared goal. As I look back on my first year as county executive, I am realizing that old habits linger. Every major success has been backed up by engaged residents. People came out in huge numbers to advocate for smart investments at our seven budget town halls, and again at county council hearings. We also held two town halls on 287(g); a town hall on land-use planning; a town hall to introduce our new planning officer; a town hall to introduce our health officer and health and human services deputy CAO; a North County public safety town hall; a forest conservation town hall; and most recently, a town hall on the redevelopment of Laurel Park. When we weren't organizing town halls, we were engaging residents through new and rejuvenated task forces and commissions. We created a community-based citizens advisory commission for land use; a citizens environmental commission; a gun violence prevention task force; a mental health task force with the Board

of Education, a stakeholders group to close the student achievement gap; and a newly-empowered human relations commission. Where residents are already organized around issues, we meet with them, listen to them, and encourage them. It was the 500-person rally organized by Anne Arundel Connecting Together (ACT) that provided the springboard to success for our housing initiatives. It's a lot of work to govern this way. My staff spends a lot of evenings at community meetings, and so do I. But it's the only way I'm comfortable operating in this job, and it seems to be working. Therefore, I'll repeat what I said in my inaugural address: If you want a voice in this government, you don't get it by who you know, or how much money is in your bank account. You get it by building community ... my advice is to organize. Find others with the same concerns. Bring them together and speak up. That's how you create community and that's how you get heard. So I'll see you at the next meeting!

Impeachment – High Crimes And Misdemeanors



Michael Malone
Delegate
District 33

Much rhetoric has been bandied about recently about presidential impeachment. (Fans of courtroom drama likely know that impeachment also can mean questioning a witness's veracity, but I digress.) At its heart, impeachment is a constitutional process. "The president, vice president, and all civil officers of the United States shall be removed from office on impeachment for, and conviction of, treason, bribery, or other high crimes and misdemeanors." So says Article II, Section 4 of the U.S. Constitution. Article III, Section 2(3) defines treason as "consist[ing] only of levying war against [the United States] or in adhering to their enemies, giving them aid and comfort." Article I, which delineates the powers and scope of the legislature, provides at Section 2(5), that the House of Representatives shall have the sole power of impeachment, and at Section 3(6) and (7) provides that the Senate has the sole power

to try all impeachments; that the chief justice of the United State presides when the president is tried; that conviction must be by a two-thirds majority; and that judgment extends only to removal from, and disqualification to hold future, office. To put the presidential impeachment process in the more familiar context of a trial: the House of Representatives acts like a grand jury, conducting an investigation and determining whether to bring articles of impeachment. The Senate tries the case and determines the outcome like a jury, with the chief justice presiding like a judge. Little case law exists to flesh out these constitutional bones. Constitutional scholars like Alan Dershowitz and Laurence Tribe have written entire books on the subject, and tomes by lesser-known authors are flooding bookshelves. History provides few examples. Only two presidents, Andrew Johnson in 1868 and Bill Clinton in 1998, were actually impeached, and neither was convicted. Richard Nixon was not impeached - he resigned after the House of Representatives' judiciary committee authorized articles of

impeachment against him. (Governor Hogan's father, Lawrence J. Hogan Sr., then the congressman from Maryland's fifth district, was the only Republican to vote for all three articles of impeachment, but again I digress.) The House of Representatives has brought impeachment proceedings against only 19 people - including Johnson and Clinton - in 230 years, on charges ranging from bribery to perjury to favoritism in appointments. Of those 19, eight were found guilty, seven were acquitted, three resigned before trial, and the Senate expelled one, a senator, in 1797 before trial. Of the seven acquittals, one was Samuel Chase, one of Maryland's four signers of the Declaration of Independence and the only Supreme Court Justice to be impeached. Justice Chase's impeachment shows how what should be a constitutional process can become a political one. Jeffersonians, alarmed at how Federalist judges like Chase had claimed and used power through judicial review of legislation to determine constitutionality, sought to remove them for partisan reasons. Much of the dispute surrounds the meaning of

Article II's "high crimes and misdemeanors," which remains undefined in the Constitution. Commentators have defined it as how the Framers would have in the context of prevailing English and American law in the 1780's, or even whatever George Washington would not have done. Then-representative Gerald Ford cynically quipped in 1970 during an investigation of Supreme Court Justice Douglas, "[a]n impeachable offense is whatever a majority of the House of Representatives considers it to be at a given moment in history." We are unlikely to receive much official guidance from the Supreme Court because, in 1993 in U.S. vs. Nixon, an impeachment case unrelated to the former president, the Supreme Court determined that it lacks the power to review the Senate's impeachment proceedings. Whatever one thinks about the process, one thing remains clear: impeachment, designed both to be a check on the president's power and a path for removal short of assassination when voting a president out, can be a divisive, yet powerful weapon not to be wielded lightly. Our integrity and unity as a nation hangs in the balance.

Sherriff's Office Continues To Evolve



Jim Fredericks
County Sheriff

Ten months into my term as sheriff, I am very happy with progress made in the sheriff's office, and we continue to move the agency forward toward even greater success. Over several months, I've requested and reviewed multiple assessments of strengths, weaknesses and capabilities within the sheriff's office. At the end of October, the agency underwent a reorganization of field operations, which handles processing of warrants, domestic violence orders, civil process, and child support enforcement. Primarily, this reorganization concentrates the greatest number of deputies during peak times to

maximize our ability to efficiently serve court orders, periodically increase courthouse staffing for critical trials, such as the Capital Gazette shooting case, and to serve a greater number of warrants every month. The reorganization certainly gets the agency, and citizens, more for their tax dollars. In addition to restructuring, I plan to expand the canine capabilities of the agency to further protect our deputies and citizens. Through social media, many of you have already met our new dog, Bodi, who was recently acquired from the Rockville Police Department. In October, the Nam Knights Motorcycle Club, an organization dedicated to providing canines to wounded veterans and first responders, made a sizable donation to the Community Foundation of Anne

Arundel County to provide a grant for another canine member of the sheriff's office. This will allow us to reach our goal to have three canine teams working with deputies in the field, and three canine teams protecting the citizens and employees of the Circuit Court. During November, the sheriff's office will have a number of promotions and an annual award ceremony to recognize outstanding achievement by the dedicated men and women of the agency. We can achieve even more if I can successfully obtain new positions in the next budget cycle. Thankfully, the sheriff's office added two new deputy positions in the recent budget process, but fell short of the number needed. Your sheriff's office is one of only a few agencies that operates at near full staffing. Expand-

ing our numbers is necessary for growth, citizen engagement, and the overall safety of our communities. If you have not seen "On the Lookout with Sheriff Jim Fredericks," the local cable television show highlighting wanted persons throughout the county, check your cable listings to find the Anne Arundel County government channels. The show features dozens of persons wanted for criminal, traffic and child support offenses. Many people have called the tip line to help deputies find subjects seen on the show. If you know the whereabouts of a person with a warrant, you can leave an anonymous tip at 410-566-5688 or 410-LOOKOUT. Please continue to follow us on social media, through our website, and of course, through articles like this one.

Arts In Education



Heather Bagnall
Delegate
District 33

As we prepare for the upcoming legislative session, during which education will be a large component of our agenda, I thought it appropriate to return to my wheelhouse and take a deep dive into the essential nature of arts in education. For those who don't know, I have spent two decades working in arts non-profits, and three decades working in theater. I taught in the Performing and Visual Arts (PVA) program at Bates Middle School and Brooklyn Park Middle School. I have seen firsthand the transformative and essential nature of arts integration in education. As we begin the hard work to make our education system competitive not only nationally but globally, I think it is important to return to the basics. Not reading, writing and arithmetic, but music, dance, theater and visual arts. When I taught for the PVA program, I developed a curriculum called "Cultivating Kindness through Theatre Arts," which utilized theater games to teach empathy, communication, teambuilding, and critical and analytical thinking. I taught theater the way I wish I'd been taught theater, not as a skill in itself, but as a set of transferable skills that translated to any other field. Arts must be part of a comprehensive education if we wish to be competitive. During Arts Day last year, I gave an impromptu 20-minute talk on how to

effectively advocate for the arts. Because we have all been trained to devalue the arts as a non-essential, luxury item, they are easily stripped from the budget as we look to increase test scores and outcomes. Multiple studies confirm that the arts prepare students to learn, increase test scores, reduce the impact of stress and trauma, and increase synoptic responses. These studies also confirm that these programs teach students to approach problem-solving from a big picture point of view: to start from the end and work backward, to have a vision of what one wishes to achieve, and to make discoveries and adjustments along the way. As we look to our early education, we must ensure we expand our early music and visual arts education. As we work to ensure we have adequate behavioral health resources for our at risk middle school population, we need to ensure they have theater and dance programs that will help train them to communicate. As we expand our career readiness training, we need to focus on STEAM, not STEM programs, so we are preparing our young people to think critically, to expand their imagination beyond the confines of the text, and to visualize, communicate, and fully realize their vision, in whatever field they pursue. Arts and science both teach us how to fail, how to recover, and that each failure is informational. They work not in opposition, but in synchronicity. Art and architecture, art and engineering, and dare I say it, art and politics.

More Oysters, Less Taxes And A Better Bay!



Peter Franchot
Comptroller of Maryland

While Swedish teenage climate activist Greta Thunberg inspires youth from around the world to solve the environmental crisis, right here in Severna Park, we can do our part to restore clean water just by eating oysters! Well, more accurately, by recycling the oyster shells. Once the Chesapeake's most plentiful fishery, the oyster population has been shellacked by overharvesting, disease and degraded water-quality conditions. Oysters have been overharvested, resulting in dreadful water quality grades and a suffering economy. Captain John Smith, the first English explorer to sail the Chesapeake Bay, experienced great difficulty navigating as he noted the oysters laid "thick as stones." Today, the opposite is true, and, as the Shell Recycling Alliance suggests, it is our duty to shuck responsibly. In 1980, the total dockside value of the Chesapeake oyster harvest was \$29.3 million; in 2001, it was \$4.3 million — more than an 85% decline. Maryland has a history steeped in boating, swimming and fishing with a responsibility to restore not only the environment but also the economy that depends upon it. Small Maryland businesses are doing their part. In Severna Park, Brian Boru Irish Restaurant and Cafe Mezzanotte participate in the Oyster Recovery

Partnership through shell recycling. Many more delicious eateries from Millersville to Annapolis partner in this critical recycling alliance as well. Visit www.oysterrecovery.org to see all the locations doing their part to bolster oyster restoration efforts. The shells collected from these partners are sent to an environmental research lab and oyster hatchery on Maryland's Eastern Shore, where they are cured, power-washed, and put to work as settling material for the billions of oyster larvae that are planted to replenish reefs in the Chesapeake Bay and its tributaries. Just one adult oyster can filter as much as 50 gallons of water a day. This is vital component to ensuring a cleaner, safer bay. The Office of the Comptroller is committed to doing what we can to help restore the oyster population. Maryland's Oyster Shell Recycling Tax Credit allows an individual or corporation to claim an income tax credit of \$5 per bushel of recycled oyster shells, for a credit up to \$1,500. To claim the credit, you must receive certification from the Maryland Department of Natural Resources. By simply collecting the shells and returning them to a designated site, you could help grow more oysters, pay less taxes, and promote a better bay! To learn more about the Oyster Shell Recycling Tax Credit, visit www.marylandtaxes.gov. Oyster season is now underway — enjoy shucking responsibly while supporting our wonderful, locally-owned restaurants!

Opportunities And Choices

Dana Schallheim
Board of Education
District 5



The high school landscape today does not resemble what it did when I was going through in the early/mid '90s in Southern California. My high school offered general and advanced placement courses, and students were generally expected to attend a four-year college upon graduation. There were no choices in terms of programs of study or the four-year college path everyone was expected to follow, at least not at my school.

Fast forward 25 years and 2,638 miles later, and the landscape in Anne Arundel County is quite different. Our students have choices. Magnets, signature programs, and internships give our students a plethora of options for both middle and high school.

One such option is enrolling in programs offered at the Centers of Applied Technology (CAT). Severna Park and the Broadneck peninsula are both in the CAT-South feeder.

The business and community partnerships cultivated by CAT-North and CAT-South are simply incredible and truly a win-win. Students get educated by experts in their field of study, and business partners have the opportunity to hire students, some of whom they've taught themselves in the classroom or taken on as interns.

This symbiotic relationship with the business community is the key to the centers' success. According to the CAT-North website, last year business partners donated their time valued at \$574,927 supporting students and teachers by participating in student mock interviews, the work-study program, business advisory boards, guest-speak-

ing engagements, mentoring programs, open-house demonstrations, Skills USA competitions, and job-shadowing experiences. Additionally, the business community also donated \$62,933 in materials, equipment and scholarship funds. Incredible!

Workshops are kitted with tools and equipment to provide a stellar career and technology education, setting up our students to pursue their college and career dreams in high-wage, high-skill and high-demand occupations. In some cases, students graduate not only with a high school diploma but also with college credits and certifications in their field of study. Associated certifications can be earned in IT systems, plumbing, welding, electricity, masonry, HVAC, culinary arts, cosmetology, graphic design, and others.

Students commonly enter the program in the ninth or 10th grades in the Career Ex-

ploration Program, where they get a chance to learn about four areas of interest for one semester. These classes occur either before second period at their home school or after school. During the 10th and 11th grade years, students follow their chosen path of study, building toward internships or work-based study during the 12th grade.

CAT-North and CAT-South each offer students roughly 20 programs of study within eight career clusters: arts media and communications; construction and development; consumer services, hospitality and tourism; environmental agriculture and natural resources; health and biosciences; information technology; manufacturing engineering and technology; and transportation technology.

For more information about the fabulous programs offered at our CATs, visit www.cat-north.org or www.catsouth.org.

Letter To The Editor

SUPPORT THOSE WHO SERVE US

I am not often motivated to respond to an article, but the one about the Earleigh Heights Volunteer Fire Company being turned down to improve their ability to serve the community really stuck in my craw!

As someone who has enjoyed this world's resources and the need to protect our land and water, I appreciate the efforts of the Magothy River Association. I have been a Severna Park resident since 1991. My wife has lived here since the mid '70s. I have watched the community grow so much since then. It seems that there is always another subdivision or group of homes everywhere you turn here.

I'm no NIMBY (Not In My Back Yard), but if I need emergency services, I'm not



going to call the Magothy River Association! How is it we can find a way to squeeze more homes in Severna Park (homes or their occupants that may eventually require emergency services) but not give the members of our community that don't turnout gear and/or our EMT's the leeway to serve us?

David Giordano
Severna Park

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.



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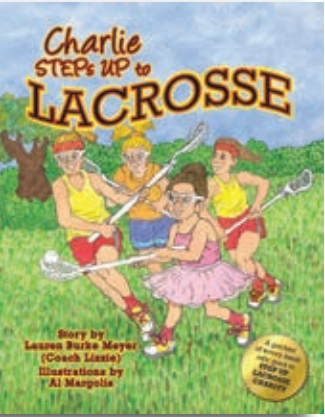
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Local Author Publishes
Children’s Book About Lacrosse



Meyer and daughter Charlotte recently celebrated the release of “Charlie STEPs UP to Lacrosse.”

By Abigail Gilbert

“Charlie STEPs UP to Lacrosse,” a children’s book six years in the making, was published this September. Written by Lauren Burke Meyer and illustrated by Al Margolis, the story follows a young girl named Charlie as she begins her journey with lacrosse. The reader can learn

along with Charlie, as the book contains inspirational songs and lessons on how to play lacrosse. The book also focuses on body positivity, teaching kids that size does not matter. “Lacrosse does not have a cookie-cutter body type,” Meyer said. The inspirational songs taught in the book come from the organization STEP UP Lacrosse, a charity for which Meyer volunteers. The organization was founded in 2010 by Becky Clipp Cassilly and Jenny Vela. Their mission is to help underprivileged youth to learn lacrosse from the most elite players, including Division I athletes and college coaches. STEP UP Lacrosse also provides free clinics and holds camps for children. Meyer plans to donate a portion of her proceeds to the charity. Meyer has been playing lacrosse since she was 10 years old and went on to become a Division I player in college at Pennsylvania State University. Now she coaches lacrosse and helps children to learn the game. Her years of lacrosse in-» Continued on A13

Comedians Can Shoot Their
Shot At Open Mic Night

By Chris Fincham
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Comedians from around the area will make their way to Shooters Bar & Grill for the open mic comedy night on November 9 at 7:00pm. From D.C. and Baltimore, to Ellicott City and Severna Park, comedians will entertain the crowd while competing for a cash prize. The winner will be crowned based on audience votes. Chris Lowman is organizing and emceeing the open mic comedy nights at Shooters, and he encourages everyone - whether you’re a comedian, an amateur, or just like to laugh - to come out for a good time and to support local comics, which can be a rare opportunity locally. “To see live comedy is just not something that you find in Anne Arundel County a lot,” said Lowman, who also hosts weekly trivia in venues around the area. In May, John Sparkman took over Shooters and has

been focused on changing the image from a pool hall to more of a sports bar and restaurant. Adding a monthly comedy night is all part of the evolution of the venue, and he plans to continue trying new entertainment options to draw more patrons. “We are looking to renew the image at Shooters as we rebrand fully in the near future,” explained Sparkman, “moving from



more of a pool hall feel to a family friendly sports bar by day while having a lively fun atmosphere for adults at night. In the future, we will be looking to do more live entertainment including a karaoke night.” Most people have two or three friends who think they’re funny, and Lowman said this is a perfect opportunity for them to prove it. But if you’re scared, “just come and watch,” Lowman added. “Sign up to go at the end; it’s a lot of fun, there’s not a lot of comedy opportunities in the area.” The next open mic comedy night at Shooters is November 9 at 7:00pm. The following month’s event will be on December 7. Anyone interested in signing up is encouraged to send a message to Lowman from his website at www.triviadude.com. Shooters is open from 11:00am-2:00am every day. To learn more about Shooters, swing by 904 Ritchie Highway in Severna Park or call 410-544-4669.



In a world full of tired reboots, this sequel manages to revive the magic of the original and bring in fresh faces without spoiling what has become revered as a near-perfect classic.

By Audrey Ruppert
“Zombieland: Double Tap” takes us back to 2009, when its predecessor debuted, and it is finally an example of nostalgia done right. In a world full of tired reboots, this sequel manages to revive the magic of the original and bring in fresh faces without spoiling what has become revered as a near-perfect cult classic. I recommend showing up on time, because “Double Tap” begins the gags right from the opening credits. In the decade since “Zombieland,” the gang has taken residence in the White House, which is evidently safe from zombies. But this domestic bliss is not to last. Little Rock (Abigail Breslin) begins to feel stifled by the overbearing Tallahassee (Woody Harrelson) and has an urge to leave the nest. Meanwhile, Wichita (Emma Stone) is alarmed by how serious her relationship with Columbus (Jesse Eisenberg) has become. When Little Rock runs off to find others her own age, the other three chase her in order to ensure her safety in a land filled with zombies. Some critics complained that while “Zombieland” was original, “Double Tap” was exactly what audiences expected, but I think that is precisely the point. Neither of the films took themselves seriously at all, and that was the magic of them. “Double Tap” is aware it is an outdated sequel that’s come five years after the zombie craze, and it lampoons itself. It’s not attempting to be groundbreaking cin-

ema. It merely exists to be 90 minutes of breathless escapism, and it serves its function well. Director Ruben Fleischer brings a wry, witty self-awareness to the film, and makes delightful use of on-screen text and other gimmicks to bring on the laughs. I will say that the exposition is a bit long — probably because it’s been 10 years since “Zombieland” premiered, and some of the audience will have inevitably not seen it. Once the

ball gets rolling, the same chemistry that made the gang so compelling in the first place comes back, and not a second goes by without some wisecrack or riff between this odd, but endearing, cast of characters. We are also presented with new characters, including a seemingly ditzzy — but perhaps unintentionally brilliant — girl named Madison (Zoey Deutch), who Columbus found hiding in a mall fridge. Rosario Dawson also makes an

appearance as a cast-iron fighter who has a love for ... Elvis? More characters are introduced as well, but to describe them would be spoiler-inducing. Nonetheless, the new faces are a welcome addition and nobody feels expendable. If you haven’t seen the first film, I wouldn’t sweat it — “Zombieland: Double Tap” is funny enough to stand on its own, even if it is somewhat forgettable. Make sure to stay for the end credits to see an outstanding cameo.

CTA Opens 61st
Season With “Tarzan”

The King Of The Apes Swings To Children’s Theatre Of Annapolis In This Adaptation Of The Disney Film

Children’s Theatre of Annapolis (CTA) will kick off its 61st season with “Tarzan,” based on Disney’s epic animated musical adventure, and featuring music by Phil Collins. The production runs from November 1-17 at CTA’s theater, located at 1661 Bay Head Road in Annapolis. Washed up on the shores of West Africa, an infant boy is taken in and raised by gorillas, who name him Tarzan. While striving for acceptance from his ape



Ronan O’Toole plays Kerchak and Annabelle Cotton portrays Kala in “Tarzan.” O’Toole is a senior at North County High School, and Cotton is a senior at Severna Park High School.

father, Tarzan enjoys a life mostly full of monkey business until a human expedition treks into his tribe’s territory, and he encounters creatures like himself for the first time. Tarzan struggles to navigate a jungle, thick with

emotion, as he discovers his animal upbringing clashing with his human instincts. CTA’s production features 28 local teenagers, who attend various middle and high schools, includ-» Continued on A12

Meet The Artist
Behind Joseph’s
Dreamcoat

By Megan Ruge

A coat of many colors is exactly what was caused in Woods Memorial Presbyterian Church’s production of “Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat” from October 3-6. The coat contained an array of colors and patterns, and caught the attention of many of the show’s patrons.



Phyllis Hatcher

When the artistic team at Woods decided to put on a production of “Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat,” they asked member Phyllis Hatcher to design the coat. A quilt appraiser and a costume veteran, Hatcher knew her way around a sewing machine. But when she started the project, she had no idea just how intricate and elegant the coat would be. Hatcher started the project by closely examining a song from the production titled “Joseph’s Coat.” In the song, the coat is described as long and elegant, with long sleeves. After looking to the song for inspiration, Hatcher watched live versions of the show online. Finally, she sat down with the show’s director, David Merrill; the head of costumes for the show, Susan Bohlman; and the actor who played Joseph, Drew Sharp, to hear their ideas for the coat. “There are women in our church who went on an African mission to Malawi and they deliberately brought back the fabrics from Malawi to use in the coat,” Hatcher said. Bohlman was one of those women, and she passed the fabric to Hatcher, along with her ideas of what the coat should be. Hatcher also received inspiration for the design from Merrill’s vision for the show and Sharp’s knowledge of both the Broadway and London versions of the play. At first, Hatcher was worried that the coat wouldn’t be enough and wouldn’t make sense for the story. “The brothers are so jealous, you don’t want the guy to



The coat took two weeks to design and six weeks to sew.

come out in something that’s tacky and dull,” Hatcher said. But when the design came together, her granddaughter had worried it might be too much. “My youngest granddaughter said, ‘Grandma, I just want to say – with all those colors – there’s a 40 to 50% chance it could be tacky,’” Hatcher said. This thought stuck in her mind as she went along, but she soon realized it wouldn’t be tacky at all. Hatcher started the design with a 90-inch tablecloth and a giant cardboard triangle for pattern. She then cut large triangles in fabrics of each color of the rainbow. The finished tablecloth looked like a brilliant color wheel. Hatcher then lined each fabric triangle with different panels of the African fabric. Finally, to finish it off, she cut a hole for the waist, and suddenly the tablecloth became the skirt of a dream coat. The torso was a tan-colored fabric, with the African fabric lining a strip of downward-facing arrows on each arm, also in the color wheel pattern. “These triangles are a quilting technique,” Hatcher said. “You actually sew them on paper ... at the end, you sew all the papers together, and then rip all the papers off.” While making the coat, Hatcher worried about ruin-» Continued on A13

Dining Out

Your Taste Buds Will Sing “That’s Amore” At Bella Napoli



The caprese salad was generously portioned, with the mozzarella made in-house.

Photos by Mary Cobbler

The shrimp scampi was nothing short of fantastic! Plump gulf shrimp were nestled in a large bowl of linguine, and tossed in a flavorful sauce made of garlic, butter, lemon and wine.

By Mary Cobbler

Bella Napoli serves great food at reasonable prices in a comfortable atmosphere. Tucked away in a shopping center at 350 Mountain Road, near Food Lion and Dollar Tree, this Italian gem has some of the best pasta and seafood in the Pasadena area. I enjoyed lunch with a friend on a Tuesday afternoon. The restaurant was fairly busy around 1:00pm, but the hostess seated us quickly, and the server, Chris, brought us warm, homemade bread and stayed on top of drink refills throughout our meal. The owners have put a lot of effort into making the restaurant feel like a tiny piece of Italy right here in Pasadena. Murals of the Amalfi Coast graced

the walls, and classic songs by Frank Sinatra played softly in the background. My friend and I started off with the caprese salad appetizer and a bowl of Bella Napoli’s cream of crab soup, which has won several awards during the Lake Shore-Severna Park Rotary Club’s crab soup cook-off. The caprese salad was generously portioned and fresh. The mozzarella is made in-house, the tomatoes were juicy and crunchy, and the basil was fresh and flavorful. The whole thing was drizzled with olive oil and spices. It’s the kind of savory appetizer that teases your taste buds but does not leave you feeling overly stuffed before the entree comes. The cream of crab soup was knock-your-socks-off good. The consistency

was perfect, boasting the creamy decadence of the Maryland classic without the congealed fattiness that creeps into many local cream-based soups. Spiced right, each bite was filled with substantial chunks of flavorful crab meat. From there, we moved on to entrees, which arrived quickly and were served hot. I enjoyed the shrimp scampi, and my friend got the chicken parmigiana. The shrimp scampi was nothing short of fantastic! Plump gulf shrimp were nestled in a large bowl of linguine and tossed in a flavorful



Try the chicken parmigiana. The indulgent taste of the chicken was incredibly satisfying and buried under a thick, bubbly layer of cheese.

sauce made of garlic, butter, lemon and wine. Strong garlic undertones paired with acidic lemon notes to make my taste buds sing (not sure what they were singing, but it was probably something Italian). This was my favorite dish of the afternoon, and what I will probably order when — not if — I visit Bella Napoli again. The chicken parmigiana was everything you would hope for in the classic



A classic dessert, the tiramisu had a strong coffee flavor, accompanied by Kahlua that added a deeper dimension.

dish. The large chunk of chicken was juicy and coated with a light layer of crispy, fried breading. I’m usually cautious of fried chicken dishes, because many that I’ve tried are overcooked or breaded so heavily that it feels more like I’m eating a funnel cake than an Italian dish. This was not the case with Bella Napoli’s version of the Italian favorite. The indulgent taste of the fried chicken was incredibly satisfying, buried under a thick, bubbly layer of cheese. The chicken sat atop a bed of spaghetti noodles and marinara. The spaghetti was pretty standard, nothing to write home about, but I had no real complaints. It paired well with the chicken. We ended our meal with homemade tiramisu and coffees. The tiramisu was unique. The classic layered dessert had a strong coffee flavor, accompanied by Kahlua that added a deeper flavor dimension, and made the

dessert feel almost sinful. If you’re a serious coffee lover, you will want to order this. If not, it may be a little overwhelming for you. Thankfully, I’m a serious coffee lover (and my lunch partner is a serious Kahlua lover), so we scraped the bowl nearly clean. The meal cost around \$70 for two iced teas, soup, an appetizer, two entrees, two coffees and a dessert. I have to make special mention of our waiter, Chris. He is the epitome of a smooth and charming waiter. He was not only efficient, balancing multiple tables with apparent ease, but his warm smile, gregarious personality, and helpful menu suggestions made us feel right at home. Next time you’re in the mood for Italian, make the trip to Bella Napoli. You’ll be glad you did, and I guarantee when you taste the pasta, pizza or seafood, you’ll walk away singing.

CTA Opens 61st Season With “Tarzan”

» Continued from A11 ing Bates Middle, Dr. Henry A. Wise Jr. High, Magothy Middle, Severna Park Middle, Annapolis Area Christian, Annapolis High, Broadneck High, Kent Island High, Key School, North County High, Severna Park High, and South River High, as well as home-schooled students. The production is directed by Gerrad Alex Taylor, who also oversees all programming in The Studio at Chesapeake Shakespeare Company and teaches at University of Maryland, Baltimore County. He’s joined by music director/conductor Emily L. Sergo, a CTA alumna who’s also worked with Annapolis Summer Garden Theatre and Colonial Players of Annapolis, and choreographer Jason Kimmell, who also serves at CTA’s theater operations manager/educa-



Photo courtesy of Andrew Wilson

Liam O’Toole (left) stars as Tarzan and Zoe Argabright as Jane Porter in “Tarzan” at Children’s Theatre of Annapolis from November 1-17.

tion director. The trio last teamed up as the artistic staff for CTA’s production of “Shrek” during the 2013-2014 season.

Tickets are \$15 for adults and \$12 for seniors, military and kids 12 and under, and can be purchased at www.cta.ticketleap.com.

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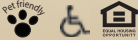
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Meet The Artist Behind Joseph's Dreamcoat



Phyllis Hatcher was worried the coat would look tacky and dull, but the finished result was a beautiful display of color.

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ing the fabric from Malawi. Hatcher described the fabrics as waxy, and she was worried they would shrivel under heat, so she had to be extra careful.

On the back of the coat sits the Woods Presbyterian cross. Hatcher printed the cross onto the fabric using an inkjet printer. She then framed it using a blue African fabric and piping around the edges to give it an almost three-dimensional quality.

She finished the coat with a silky, golden lining, a detail she picked from another of the show's songs. For this element, Hatcher used the remnants of an old skirt. The skirt had pockets that she was able to use and make a feature on the inside of the coat.

Hatcher also included some surprise features, such as a patch of African fabric displaying a giraffe hiding just under each arm, and a ribbon of yellow fabric across the bottom of the inside of the skirt that looked like a streamer when Sharp would twirl it around.

In total, the coat took two weeks to design and six weeks to sew.

"The first time I saw [Sharp]

spin in [the coat] ... I was sitting in the audience and my jaw was dropping," Hatcher said. "I never made [a costume] that did something ... what he did in it is a whole other thing."

Hatcher was worried about having to make major repairs to the coat, but it held through countless dress rehearsals and five performances with only a few threads out of place.

Hatcher said that the coat has been recognized by many people, putting her in the spotlight for what she calls her "15 minutes of fame."

"People will see me and go, 'You made the coat,'" Hatcher said with a laugh. "Yes, thank you very much."



Theater In The Park's Next Production Will Give You Chills

For its next show, Theater in the Park is venturing into uncharted territory with "Frozen Jr." from December 13-15 at Anne Arundel Community College (AACC).



Jillian Sank, a 13-year-old from Pasadena, plays Elsa in the upcoming production of "Frozen Jr."

A story of love and acceptance between Princesses Anna and Elsa, "Frozen Jr." was released this year by Music Theater International, and Theater in the Park is the first local company to do the show.

"Frozen Jr." is based on



Bringing the production to life are more than 43 kids ages 8 to 14.

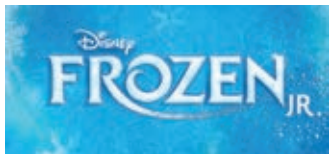
the Disney film written by Jennifer Lee, who directed the film with Chris Buck. Bringing the production to life are more than 43 kids ages 8 to 14. Audiences will also recognize their favorite "Frozen" tunes by Kristen Anderson-Lopez and Robert Lopez.

Atticus Boidy will direct the show, with Kristin Rigsby serving as choreog-

rapher, Trevor Greenfield as music director, and Marci Sank as stage manager.

Theater in the Park normally performs in Holy Grounds at the Severna Park Community Center, but the group sought a bigger venue for this show. They chose the Kauffman Theater at the Pascal Center for the Arts at AACC.

Showtimes for "Frozen



Jr." are December 13 at 7:00pm, December 14 at 8:00pm and December 15 at 4:00pm. Tickets are \$12 for reserved seating and \$15 for premium seating.

A younger cast from Theater in the Park will perform in "Lion King Kids" on the same weekend. That cast consists of 35 kids ages 5 to 9.

To learn more about both shows or to purchase tickets, visit www.theaterinthepark.net.

Local Author Publishes Children's Book About Lacrosse

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spired her to write "Charlie STEPs UP to Lacrosse."

"I wanted to do something for the lacrosse community to enjoy," Meyer said.

She wanted to be an author since she was 8, and writing this children's book allowed her the opportunity to fulfill one of her lifelong dreams. It also allowed her to give something back to the community that had done so much for her.

Meyer started working on her book in 2013. Challenges ensued. "I felt like I was

pushing this rock up this hill", Meyer said.

While writing was easy, the publication process was tricky. Local businesses, including The Cottage, came together to help her fundraise. Though she was able to raise the money, Meyer was faced with another obstacle when the printer she was going to use went out of business, forcing her to find an alternative.

Throughout the process of creating the book, Meyer's own life has changed significantly. She is now the mother of a 6-month-old

girl, named Charlie.

"I feel like I was meant to publish this at this time," Meyer said.

With such big events happening while she was creating this book, Meyer finds it hard to believe that she is finally published. That does not mean she is finished

writing. Meyer writes a column called "Lauren's Law" for the *Severna Park Voice*.

"Charlie STEPs UP to Lacrosse" can be purchased and will be coming soon to The Cottage in Severna Park. The book will also be sold at upcoming STEP UP Lacrosse events.

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The Matt Wyble Team Of CENTURY 21 New Millennium Seeks Everyone's Best Interest

By Zach Sparks
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During the Great Recession, Matt Wyble took a gamble: he left a salary job and threw his hat into the arena of real estate. Many of his friends questioned why.

"My great-grandad did real estate, and my grandad and my dad. It's in my blood," Wyble said. "But that's not why I do it."

"I looked around the marketplace in 2009 and saw how there were almost no young people in the business," added Wyble, who graduated from Virginia Tech in 2007. "The average age of a Realtor was 68 when I got into the business."

The market bounced back and interest rates came down. After a rough



The 18-person staff helps clients buy, sell, invest and rent, but it's not the typical real estate firm. The multilingual team shows dedicated customer service in English, French, Korean, Spanish and American Sign Language.

first year in 2010, Wyble found success. In 2014, he was named Maryland Young Entrepreneur of the Year.

Now, he oversees The Matt Wyble Team of CENTURY 21 New Millennium, located in his hometown.

"It was intentional

for me to live and work where I grew up," Wyble said. "My boys are fifth-generation Severna Park residents, so my roots are super deep. It's not a matter of I have to do it, but I want to do it."

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not the typical real estate firm. The multilingual team communicates in a variety of languages including English, French, Korean, Spanish and American Sign Language.

"There's a culture that goes with the native language, so it's not just, 'I picked up Rosetta Stone, but I'm not fluent,'" Wyble said. "We can connect with them on that cultural level."

The team can accommodate anyone who uses sign language, because Joe Smith grew up in a household with deaf parents, so even though he was not deaf, he learned to sign.

"A lot of times, a transaction is done by an interpreter and something might get lost in translation," Wyble said. "I thought, 'We can be-
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Indian Creek School Offers Families A Unique Education Experience

By Haley Weisgerber
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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 stu-



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dents 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 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
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Battling Addiction To Provide New Life In Pasadena And Beyond

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,



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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, comfortable and accepted. Then they will be more willing to participate in their treatment."

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 new-
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Chamber Update

Liz League
CEO
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We are excited to announce our newest members of the chamber: **Cassilly Financial Group**; **Johanna Kouvaras, CPA**; new bronze member **Victory Packaging**; **W.A. Booth Plumbing Services**; and **Find and Follow Your Passion**.

We held four ribbon-cutting celebrations in October. **Your Daily Finances**, a new member and new business in Severna Park, held a grand opening ceremony for its financial management and accounting services company. We participated in a multi-chamber ribbon cutting for the grand opening of **Anne Arundel Dermatology and Meridim Derm Spa's** newest location in Millersville. **Capitol Title** opened its doors to a new location in Severna Park with a ribbon cutting. And **Thinking Tree Psychology** celebrated its three years in successful practice.

The Successful Women in Business, chaired by **Nancy Greer of the Jing Ying Institute of Kung Fu & Tai Chi**, and **Pam Spearman**, independent consultant, held a multi-chamber women's luncheon at the **Walden Country Club** in Crofton. Our featured speaker was Dr. Laura Amodei, radiologist and owner of **Bay Radiology**. Dr. Amodei spoke about the latest advancements in the treatment of breast cancer. Her practice is the first facility in Anne Arundel County to offer ultra-high-resolution, low-dose 3D mammography and tomosynthesis-guided biopsy.

Our **Shoptoberfest** event, held at **Park Plaza** on October 5, was a resounding success. The event featured exhibitors (many who were selling products), trick-or-treating at every booth, a costume contest

held at 1:00pm for all ages, food, music, live broadcasting by WNAV and more. We thank our sponsors, **SERVPRO of Annapolis/Severna Park**, **Landmark Roofing**, **Continental Realty Corporation**, **WNAV** and **Franklin's Toys**.

Our 2019 Driving Force for Business golf tournament was held at the newly renovated and gorgeous **Chartwell Golf and Country Club**. The weather was perfect, and the golfers had a wonderful time. Many thanks to our sponsors: **Live! Casino & Hotel**, **Chick-fil-A**, **Cedar Square Homes**, **David Orso**, **Rosso Commercial Real Estate**, **Garry's Grill**, **The Matt Wyble Team of CENTURY 21 New Millennium**, **Barranco Severna Park Funeral Home**, **Eco Interior Maintenance**, **The Bank of Glen Burnie**, **Severn Bank**, **Persico Asset Management**, **Park Tavern**, **SERVPRO Annapolis/Severna Park**, **Moran Insurance**, **M&T Bank**, **Title Excellence**, **Severna Park Handyman**, **Gardiner & Appel**, **Severna Park Lanes**, **Griswold Home Care**, **Bruster's Ice Cream**, and **Broadleaf Tobacco**.

Our second meeting of the chamber's new **Health and Wellness Coalition**, hosted by **Spring Arbor of Severna Park**, was well-attended and well-received. **Louben Repke of Repke Fitness** was our speaker and talked about ways to work with medical practitioners for referrals. We have also settled on a model for the monthly meetings, which will feature a main speaker and two others giving shorter talks. We are thrilled about the direction of this new group, chaired by **Jennifer Crisp of A Bridge to Wholeness**.

We would love for you to be a part of all the exciting things going on. Join our chamber, and connect with other businesses and the community. Call us at 410-647-3900 or info@gspacc.com or visit www.gspacc.com.

How Veteran And Military Benefits Fit Into Your Retirement

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Many of my clients are former military and although I've never served in uniform myself, I like to think I'm serving my country in my own small way by helping our veterans prepare for their retirement.

Most of us have heard about the pension that is associated with military service. Most of us have also heard about the benefits from Veterans Affairs hospitals. That's just the tip of the iceberg when it comes to benefits available to those who served our country. With Veterans Day right around the corner, I want to highlight the basic pension and some additional resources available to those who have served.

BASIC MILITARY PENSION

Veterans with 20 or more years of service receive a monthly annuity pension for life based on a calculation of 2% or 2.5% per year served depending on when they joined the military and the retirement system they are in.

Some military retirees do not pay federal income taxes on their military pensions,

and, in contrast to some their federal government counterparts, veterans who have retired from military service can also qualify for Social Security benefits in addition to their military pension.

VETERAN BENEFITS

As mentioned above, veterans receive benefits beyond just their pension, and veterans who did not serve the full 20 years required to receive a military pension may also be eligible for some of these benefits, including a range of health care coverage options, VA education benefits, VA-backed home loans, life insurance, Social Security, and more.

Health coverage can be a big obstacle to pre-retirees, but it's a necessary and essential element to consider when planning for a successful retirement. It can be expensive to pay for before Medicare begins at age 65, so veterans who qualify for health benefits through the VA are a step ahead and should look into taking full advantage of this benefit.

DISABILITY BENEFITS

A few of my clients are disabled veterans and have found that navigating the military disability environment can be daunting. The numerous programs to help our disabled veterans need to be considered when creating your retirement plan.

In some cases, VA disability compensation is available for some conditions related to your military service. As stated on the U.S. government's website, "Disability compensation is for an illness or injury that happens because of, or was made worse by, your military service. It's not income-based and war service is not required."

In contrast to the military pension given for 20-plus years of service, there is also a VA pension for low-income war veterans who may have a disability that is not service related or because of age. This pension is based on income.

Other disability benefits include aid and attendance (A&A) or housebound benefits, housing grants, and more.

VETERANS' RESOURCES

Navigating all of the resources and benefits available to veterans can be overwhelming. Luckily, some organizations can help. During a recent meeting with a client, I asked him to name a few of the organizations that he thought were important for all veterans to know about, and this is what he said:

- Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) is the largest and oldest war veterans service organization giving assistance to our veterans.
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Matt Wyble Team Seeks Everyone’s Best Interest

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Epecially impressive is that the team isn’t selfish; agents work together.

“It truly goes beyond a work relationship; we’re like a family,” Wyble said. “That shows up through people rolling up their sleeves to help each other out. That shows strongly to our clients. Until we get the job done, it’s all hands on deck.”

Their enthusiasm for helping others is evident outside of work, too. Wyble and his wife, Ashleigh, started the For Ellie Foundation in loving memory of their infant daughter, Ellie, after her unexpected death in August 2016. The third annual cornhole tournament on October 19 again supported the pediatric department at Anne Arundel Medical Center.

The Matt Wyble Team is also inviting the community to join them for a blood drive at their Millersville office January 17 from 11:00am-3:00pm. Guests at Chartwell Golf & Country Club will also spot the team at the Greater Severna Park and Arnold Chamber of Commerce’s 10th annual Taste and Sip event on December 5.

As they reflect on a successful year, with more than \$60 million in sales and more than 130

homes sold, The Matt Wyble Team is keeping its emphasis on home buyers and sellers.

“We’re in that sweet spot of being big enough to matter but small enough to care,” Wyble said. “We have the manpower with all of our agents, but we are not too big that we’ve lost focus of the customer.”

Wyble is proud that he took the gamble and entered the field of real estate, with his team now accounting for more than \$300 million sold and more than 750 transactions settled.

“It’s special to sell someone their first home and to see them tear up as you hand them the key,” Wyble said. “When you think about the heart behind the business, it’s pretty cool. People come in the door shaking our hands, and they leave hugging us.”

The Matt Wyble Team of CENTURY 21 New Millennium office is located at 8530 Veterans Highway, second floor, in Millersville. The team serves Anne Arundel, Baltimore, Calvert, Caroline, Carroll, Frederick, Howard, Queen Anne’s, Prince George’s and Montgomery counties, in addition to Baltimore City. To learn more, call 833-698-3261, email info@themattwybleteam.com or visit www.themattwybleteam.com.

Ribbon Cuttings

Anne Arundel Dermatology Opens New Location



Photo by Shannon Vitielliss

Anne Arundel Dermatology opened its newest location on October 15 at 231 Najoles Drive, Suite 300, in Millersville. The dermatology practice was formed more than 40 years ago and now encompasses more than 60 locations. The Meridien DermSpa in Millersville offers a range of cosmetic dermatology services.

Your Daily Finances Sets Up Shop



The Greater Severna Park and Arnold Chamber of Commerce held a ribbon cutting on October 3 to celebrate the grand opening of Your Daily Finances LLC at 540 Ritchie Highway in Severna Park. The firm will provide accounting and business consulting services.

Battling Addiction To Provide New Life

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

Medications have changed, too. Suboxone was developed for opiate detox and stabilization. Vivitrol can be injected to block opioid receptors in the brain.

“They don’t have to think about taking a pill to reduce a craving,” Wheeler said of Vivitrol users. “The pill can be

a trigger.”

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.”



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Emile Debsia and Hooverlay Rodas, owners of the 2 BOLD Chefs & a Mediterranean Food Truck, are celebrating one year of owning a deli in Glen Burnie. Lucia's International Deli & Catering is located inside the Empire Medical Building. The menu features fresh cut, handmade sandwiches, salads, homemade soups, and their award-winning lamb gyros and chicken shawarmas. The deli is open for breakfast and lunch from 7:30am until 2:30pm Monday through Friday. Lucia's International Deli & Catering is located at 200 Hospital Drive inside the Empire Medical Building on the first floor.

Lucia's International Deli is a proud sponsor of Team USA of Maryland in ITF Taekwondo. Lucia's International Deli also works closely with the U.S. Naval Academy on Food Truck Thursdays. Last year, they helped raise money for the Chesapeake K-9, a cause they will support again this year.

Unique Education Experience



Indian Creek School focuses on student excellence in three areas: teaching and learning, diversity, and family values.

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"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 (prekindergarten through sixth grade). The open house at the upper school (grades seven through 12) will be November 17 from noon to 2:00pm.

How Veteran And Military Benifits Fit

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- Military Order of the Purple Heart is a congressionally-chartered veterans organization whose members have been awarded the Purple Heart medal. They provide support to all veterans. (www.purpleheart.org)

- American Legion is a veterans service organization aimed at advocating patriotism across the U.S. (www.legion.org)

- Maryland Department of Veterans Affairs was created in 1999 and provides assistance to men and women who have served in the uniformed services of the United States. (www.veterans.maryland.gov)

One of the best parts of my job is helping those who served our country with their retirement. I take pride in what I do every day, and helping those who have served in the U.S. Armed Forces fills me with a sense of patriotism, and gratitude. As Veterans Day approaches, we proudly declare that we honor the

brave men and women who have served our great country. Thank you for protecting us and keeping our freedoms safe.

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Varsity, JV, Boys And Girls: SPXC Sweeps To County Crowns

By Colin Murphy
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The Severna Park boys cross country program is at the point now where the Falcons are running at a nationally competitive level, so the goal of winning the county championship isn't exactly the end-all-be-all each year. Still, the Falcons will take it — for the ninth straight time, too. Running in wet conditions at South River High School on October 22, the Falcon boys totaled 26 points to defeat Broadneck (78), South River (83) and the rest of the field in winning the county championship for the 12th time in the last 13 years. Severna Park's girls, meanwhile, captured the

county crown that eluded them even in last year's state championship season. The Falcons totaled 35 to best Broadneck (49) and Arundel (49) in winning their first county title since 2011. The Falcon JV boys and girls both dominated in the JV races to claim team county titles as well. "The boys have really probably exceeded expectations from what we thought at the beginning of this year," said head coach **Josh Alcombright**. "That's because they put in the work and developed a little bit more quickly. ...For the girls, I was proud that they were the favorites coming in, and they delivered. They handled that, they handled the conditions, they've » Continued on B2



Photo by Colin Murphy
The reigning state champion Severna Park girls cross country team won the program's first county championship since 2011 on October 22.

Severna Park Football Dominates Glen Burnie On Homecoming, 48-6



Photos by Colin Murphy

Left: Severna Park's Wylen Tompkins broke loose for a 60-yard touchdown in the first quarter of the Falcons' win over Glen Burnie. Right: Fullback Craig Johnson rushed for his first career touchdown in Severna Park's homecoming win.

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With only one previous win this season, it was imperative for the Severna Park football team to produce a strong performance for its homecoming matchup with Glen Burnie on October 18. The Falcons did that and much, much more. Severna Park used a relentless ground attack, game-breaking defense and 34 second-half points to deliver a 48-6 rout of the Gophers and a proud victory for homecoming. **Wylen Tompkins** gained 221 all-purpose yards, including 174 rushing yards on nine carries with two touchdowns, to lead Severna Park's impressive all-around win. Touchdown runs by **Demetrius Powell**, **Craig Johnson**, **Pat Fenn** and **Tommy Haskell** — and

a fumble recovery returned for a touchdown by **Ashton Antinucci** — rounded out Severna Park's scoring and helped the Falcons to their first home win in their final home game of 2019. For a memorable night in what has at times been a trying season, everything clicked for Severna Park (2-5), said head coach **Mike Wright**. "It's been a challenge with wins and losses. I know the team knows, but I don't think outsiders realize how close we are," said Wright. "So with the adversity we've faced, the perseverance this team has is amazing." After senior football players and cheerleaders were introduced to the packed home crowd, Severna Park set about a three-hour playmaking boon that gave fans plenty to cheer. The Falcon defense forced a three-and-out on

Glen Burnie's opening drive, and junior defensive end **Kaleb Blackwell** capped the stance with the first of several big plays on the night by partially blocking the Gophers' punt. With decent field position at their own 40-yard line, the Falcons' second play from scrimmage was a handoff to Tompkins, who took a middle lane, stiff-armed a man in the secondary and dashed down the field for a 60-yard touchdown. **Trey Smack** converted his first of six extra points for a 7-0 Severna Park lead. **James Henson** made a leaping interception for Severna Park on Glen Burnie's next possession, but the Falcons couldn't convert it to points before the Gophers scored on their next chance. The Falcon defense forced a missed point-after attempt to maintain a 7-6 lead.

In the second quarter, the Falcons put together a solid drive to get into scoring position, getting a completion from senior quarterback **Casey Fox** to **Andre Murphy** and several long runs by Tompkins. Glen Burnie made a stand and forced a field goal try, which was wide. The Falcon defense picked the team up, stopping Glen Burnie and forcing a punt. Again Blackwell swooped in for a block, and the ball came down to senior linebacker **Pat Fenn**. Fenn initially returned the ball 25 yards untouched for the score, but the touchdown was called back for a penalty. Severna Park nonetheless had good field position in Glen Burnie territory, and they capitalized with a 16-yard running score by Tompkins. Tompkins, a senior, had his second consecutive » Continued on B10

Falcon Field Hockey Wins County Championship Over Arundel, 2-1



Photo by Colin Murphy

Severna Park field hockey improved to 11-2 and beat Arundel for the second time this season with a 2-1 victory in the county championship game at Glen Burnie High School on October 21.

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When the moment came, **Kat Esposito** was ready. The junior forward for Severna Park field hockey was tapped to take a penalty stroke with less than a minute remaining in the October 21 match against Arundel, her Falcons tied 1-1 with the Wildcats and the Anne Arundel County championship hanging in

the balance. "Stepping up to take the stroke, I was a little nervous, but I kept my composure," said Esposito, "and just did what I know how to do." Her shot was true, the Falcons reclaimed the lead they had fought to preserve throughout a physical battle with Wildcats. Severna Park closed out a 2-1 victory to claim the 2019 county championship at Glen Burnie High School.

In the latest chapter of the state's elite field hockey rivalry, the Falcons (11-2) endured a fiery battle by sticking to their season-long path. "I think just this whole year our mentality has been going forward and trying to improve, so this is a big stepping stone," said senior forward **Lila Slattery**. "We definitely love playing Arundel because they're great competition, but it's always a tough game, so we

knew it would be hard, so we had to want it the most." It was Slattery's goal inside the game's first four minutes that gave Severna Park a 1-0 lead. Slattery weaved through a maze of Arundel defenders and from a seemingly impossible angle fired a rocket destined to boom on the baseboard. It was her 14th goal of the season to go with her 17 assists. "I got a free possession on » Continued on B3

Park Boys Claim OT Playoff Win Over Annapolis, 2-1



Photo by Colin Murphy

Severna Park's Gordie Bernlohr (pictured earlier this season against Arundel) scored the overtime game-winner in the Falcons' 2-1 playoff win at Annapolis on October 25.

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You see it almost every year in the 4A boys soccer playoffs: the competition is so cutthroat, inevitably one of the region's top teams sees its season end sooner than expected. This year's victim is Annapolis. The vanquisher is Severna Park. On October 25, the Falcons went to the home

turf of the Panthers and came out with a 2-1 overtime win, knocking Annapolis out of the 4A East playoffs and advancing into the bracket's final 16 teams. "It was just a great atmosphere. Just a great high school game, back and forth in the beginning, but we played really well in the second half, and really the whole game we played very well," said Severna Park » Continued on B5

Varsity, JV, Boys And Girls: Severna Park XC Sweeps To County Crowns



Photos by Colin Murphy

The Severna Park varsity (left) and JV (right) boys cross country runners excelled at the county championship meet, both winning county titles.

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handled trying to figure out the best way to run this year. They've grown a lot in the last year. I told them I'm real proud of where they've brought the program to. They're awesome."

In the boys race, Arundel senior **Tanner Piotrowski** ran the course in 15:01.61 to become county champion. South River senior **Sam Keeny** followed in 15:11.48 to finish as runner-up.

From there, a parade of Falcons led Severna Park to the title. **Jake Gelfand** took third, and fellow junior **Carson Sloat** placed fourth. **James Dennison** and **Nick Engelman** finished fifth and sixth, respectively, ahead of Broadneck's top finisher, **Spencer Tate**, who placed seventh. **Nick Benedict** placed eighth to give the Falcons their team score, while **James Glebocki** (10th), **Philip Bansemer** (11th), **Collin Mullaney**

(15th), **Colin Leeds** (21st) and **Chris Kirchner** (24th) all finished in the top 25 of the 107-runner field.

Broadneck's Tate, **Aidan Rand** (13th), **Ryan Gibb** (23rd), **Henry Taylor** (25th) and **Colin Booberg** (26th) gave the Bruins their team score of 49.

Gelfand said winning the county against other local talents is special because the Falcons have a friendly rivalry with the area's top runners.

"We get to be friends with these guys, Tanner and Sam and Spencer, and hang out with them, so it's pretty cool," said Gelfand, noting the Falcons' dominant win in the JV race as a point of pride in the program. "It's just cool to show our depth, because we went 1-13 at the JV level, so it shows that we're not just a top-10 team. We're a complete team."

While the region and state meets are near on the horizon in the next

few weeks — the state meet is November 9 at Hereford High School — the Falcons also have their eyes on competing at the Nike Southeast Regionals in North Carolina over Thanksgiving weekend with hopes to qualify for the Nike Nationals in Oregon in early December.

Alcombright said the current Falcon runners are ahead of schedule in their progress.

"We thought maybe next year would be a really solid, big-time, qualify-for-nationals kind of year, and the boys are right in the mix right now," he said. "If they just keep their heads down, keep grinding and continue, it could be a really special year."

While every year's team is different, Alcombright said qualifying for nationals has become a goal that is within reach most years. "We want to be in the discussion and give ourselves a shot," he said. "As long as we have the capabilities to do that. I don't want to give them something that's not

achievable, but we've shown that we deserve to be in that discussion, and it's exciting."

Sloat said the Falcons are not getting ahead of themselves.

"We don't want to get complacent," he said. "We don't want to think we're better than anyone just yet, because we haven't had the chance to prove that on the national level. But, I think that come November we can really prove we're as big as we know we are."

Severna Park senior **Sophia Zell** was the girls race's runner-up in 18:36.81, as she finished second to Annapolis senior **Niya Torres**. Broadneck's **Anna Janke** was the Bruins' top finisher, taking third. Zell, **Alyssa Combs** (fifth), **Grace Cambon** (seventh), **Caroline Gage** (10th) and **Kelsie O'Neill** (11th) gave the Falcons their winning score, while **Cara Vandemeulebroecke** (12th), **Neela Baker** (13th), **Bella Dowdell** (17th), **Cameron Zaniker** (24th) and **Olivia Wright** (28th)

all finished in the top third of the race, which had 84 runners.

Zell said the Falcon girls have ambitions to defend their state crown, and winning the county championship for the first time in their careers was a welcome stepping stone on their path.

"I think it's really exciting to win the county championships, especially because our team has doing really well this season, and we've been working on getting closer as a group," she said. "That's really preparing us for the state championships. Very exciting."

Broadneck's Janke, **Grace Denius** (sixth), **Madison Palmer** (eighth), **Stephanie Costello** (15th) and **Jasmine Jones** (18th) teamed for the Bruins' score.

The Falcon JV boys were dominant in the JV race, winning the team title with a perfect team score of 15. Severna Park produced the race's first 13 finishers, starting with JV county champion **Eddie**

Sullivan, who won the race in 16:47.57. Sullivan was followed in order by **Ronan Byrne**, **Reid Figlioli**, **Tyler Engelman**, **Colm O'Connor**, **Holden Tatem**, **Scott Engelman**, **Conlan McConnell**, **Mark Antal**, **James Louie**, **Spencer Woodbury**, **Matt Chaisson** and **Grady McConnell**. Broadneck's **Noah Heim** was the Bruins' top finisher, finishing 14th.

The girls JV race was initially postponed due to the rain and course conditions. At practice on October 23, Severna Park assistant coach **Justin Marvel** told the program how proud he was that the JV Falcon girls were so upset that they didn't get to race when most everyone else at South River seemed glad to get out of the rain. Marvel described how the Falcons' anger at the race's postponement, and how it represented the program's broader culture of competitive drive, would be a lasting memory of this year's county championships.

When the opportunity to run finally came in the rescheduled race on October 24, the JV girls made the most of it, winning the team JV championship with score of 17. Severna Park's **Nadia Alijunaidi** became JV girls county champion by winning the race in 20:17.9, and she led Severna Park's top five of **Brenna Mullaney** (second), **Ashley Siebenhaar** (third), **Abby Weist** (fourth) and **Cameron Glebocki** (seventh) as Severna Park produced the race's top four finishers and 10 of the first 14. **Taylor Green** (eighth), **Jackie Testerman** (ninth), **Sophie Magyarosi** (10th), **Kara Hartley** (11th) and **Grace Yearwood** (14th) all had top-15 finishes in the 97-runner field.

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Falcons Win County Championship Over Arundel, 2-1

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the dashes, took it myself, dodged a few girls and dribbled in, and I just like, ‘OK, I’m going to shoot this ball,’” Slattery said. “I just let it rip, and it went in.”

For the rest of the first half, game play was mostly even, with both teams creating scoring chances. Severna Park nearly doubled its lead when a corner led to a shot by Slattery. **Anna Marcoon** was on the edge of the goal to fire a rebound, but the shot came off the leg pad of Arundel freshman goalie **Savannah Brooks**, dinged the post and trickled out.

As the second half began, Severna Park’s lead was simultaneously a blessing and a curse. Slattery had a chance to put the Falcons up 2-0 at the start of the period after Marcoon earned a stroke, but Slattery’s penalty attempt thumped the left post and fell harmlessly to the turf as the Wildcats breathed a collective sigh of relief.

Mounting cards on Severna Park led to ongoing man-down situations, and the Falcons played nearly the entire final 25 minutes with at least one less player than Arundel, sometimes two less players. For a stretch, the Falcons were playing seven-on-10.

With numbers in their favor, Arundel deployed progressively deep attacks, and Severna Park’s defense met the challenge with epic defiance. The back line of **Lauren Aguilar**, **Carson Smith** and **Zoe Day** doggedly deflected, disrupted, jammed and cleared everything coming their way. Slattery, Marcoon, **Sarah Adams**, **Jenna King**, **Emma Marsh**, **Bekah Mayron**, **Meredith Schepens**, **Erin Schaner** and **Ava Drexler-Amey** all joined the fight,



Photo by Colin Murphy

Teammates embraced Kat Esposito after her winning stroke against Arundel lifted Severna Park to the county championship.

tracking back from the midfield to provide valuable minutes on defense. With 10 minutes remaining, facing a string of corners, Severna Park freshman goalie **Charlotte Kramer** made a trio of dazzling saves, the third the best of the bunch as she dived to make a stick save on a sure goal.

Arundel was undeterred. The Wildcats’ belief was palpable, and they kept charging toward goal. Even Arundel’s traveling band of students was deemed too loud for the same sideline as the players and was forced to relocate to the opposite stands, where they grew even louder.

Finally, the breakthrough came. With under four minutes to play, junior **Hailey Kohlman** was waiting on the far post and pounced on a rebound, firing over Kramer’s stick and into the goal, tying the game at 1-1 and setting off a roar from the Arundel sideline.

The game seemed

destined for overtime when the Falcons worked the ball to the other end. King was on the goal with a chance to score for Severna Park line when Arundel was called for a penalty.

Esposito acknowledged the tension of the moment, but she also relished the opportunity and recognized the effort needed to pull out the win against a determined Arundel side.

“It was a little stressful knowing the outcome was in my hands, but I just had to stay confident in myself,” said Esposito. “As a team, we had to work for each other to stay in the game. We knew that not recovering after a mistake could mean losing the game, and we had to give everything we had during that time. Even after Arundel scored, we kept pushing hard and fighting for the ball, and we never gave up.”

Severna Park head coach **Shannon Garden** said the county championship was a great opportunity the Falcons pursued throughout the season.

“We were honored to be in this game and with such a great opponent,” said Garden. “We wanted to have fun with it. It’s what we talked about before the game in our huddle. Arundel’s the best team we’ve seen. Twice now. Tonight got a little chaotic.

We just kept taking it minute by minute.”

A defensive-minded coach, Garden praised the effort by the Falcon defenders.

“The defense, they’re just, they’re my heart and soul,” said Garden. “Are they amazing or what? They’re incredible. They have such great chemistry and such awesome field hockey skills, I can’t say enough about them. My freshman goalie — they were all incredible. No matter what happened in front of them on the field, they stayed composed, and that just shows a lot of maturity, and I can’t be any more proud of them.”

Arundel, meanwhile, showed why belong among the state’s elite since defeating Severna Park in last year’s 4A playoffs. Wildcats coach **Carrie Vosburg** was dismayed by the overall amount of cards the referees gave in the game, but she knows a rematch is likely in the playoffs and was resolute in her postgame comments.

“I am proud of my girls for playing an extremely clean game,” Vosburg said. “In that, we won. The scorebook speaks for itself. Clean game...We will see them, and we’re ready. And when it matters, it’ll be us.”

Severna Park’s players celebrated their achievement but tempered their excitement with measured comments about what’s still to come when the region playoffs begin next week.

“It feels really good to beat Arundel, because last year was the beginning of the rivalry,” said Adams, a senior and captain. “But it’s not over, because playoffs, and we still need to keep tunnel vision. But it does give us confidence. We just need to keep working hard like we have been.”

Green Hornets Soccer 2012’s Battle It Out



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Severna Park’s 2012 soccer players were hard at play during Saturday morning training at Severn School on October 19.



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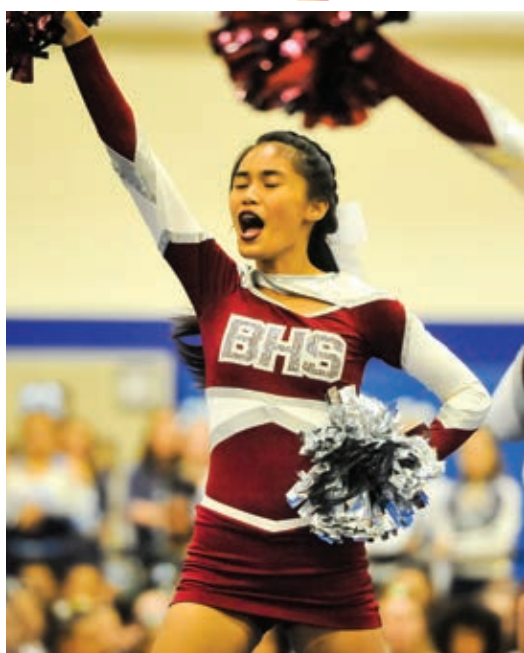
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The Severna Park and Broadneck varsity cheerleading teams competed at the county championships at Severna Park High School on October 23.

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11U Hornets Baseball Wins Tourney



The 11U Green Hornets select baseball team got some quality fall ball experience this October when the team won the one-day Next90 Tournament hosted by the Southern Maryland Bulldogs on October 7. The team went 2-1 in the tournament, losing its opening game 7-6 to the Maryland Senators before winning 13-2 over Sykesville and coming back to avenge their prior defeat with a 10-2 win over the Senators in the championship game. The Green Hornets are Andy Blanck, Logan Clarke, Jonah Downey, Brett Hudson, Silas Lane, Jonah Lucas, Conrad Maillard, Cooper Merlino, Logan Moran, Easton O'Brien and Fletcher Warner. They are coached by Chad Moran, Jeff Mengel, Eric Clarke and Brett Hudson.

Park Boys Claim OT Playoff Win Vs. Annapolis

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coach **Ryan Parisi**.
Annapolis took a 1-0 lead inside nine minutes on a rebound goal by **Eddie Contreras**. From there, the Falcons began to turn the momentum and apply steady pressure throughout the rest of the night.
Trailing 1-0 midway through the second half, Severna Park equalized on a score by **Bennett Jefferds**, who headed home a set-piece pass from **Gordie Bernlohr**.
“They had some opportunities in the second half, but for most of the second half we were knocking on the door,” said Parisi. “The goal was coming, and it finally came when Bennett got one.”
The game went into overtime, then double overtime, before Severna Park brought the night to

a halt. **Jay Pierce** beat his man to the end line and sent a cross through the box. Bernlohr gathered the pass at the far post, took a touch and smashed a shot past Annapolis’s goalie to win the game and vault Severna Park into the next round.
The Panthers (12-2) were enjoying one of their all-time finest seasons. They suffered only one regular season loss, all the way back on September 24 — to Severna Park. **Elliott Skopp** scored unassisted and **Ben McLay** had five saves in the Falcons’ shutout win over the Panthers in September.
From there Annapolis proceeded to rattle off seven straight wins. The Panthers defeated Arundel on the final day of the regular season to win the regular-season county championship and usurp Arundel’s berth

in the county championship game on October 21. Once in the county championship, Annapolis defeated Meade 2-1 in overtime on a game-winning goal and brace by **Iriarete Herrera**.
But Severna Park was the Panthers’ bugaboo. The Falcons improved to 10-2-2 overall and demonstrated once again why the 4A East playoffs are where signature seasons are brought to ruthless ends.
“Annapolis was great this year. What a great year for their program,” said Parisi. “I can’t really say enough about them and their program and [coach **Jake Shinn**] and the kids on that team to turn the program around...But we played well all night. Even when we were down 1-0, we had them on the ropes. It was a slugfest between two really good teams.”

STUDENT-ATHLETE OF THE MONTH



Erin Schaner, Severna Park Field Hockey

By Colin Murphy
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You won’t see **Erin Schaner**’s name making headlines for Severna Park field hockey. The Falcon senior isn’t the top goal scorer or the leading assist woman for the county-champion Falcons, and by her own admission, she’s not the greatest field hockey player.
But Schaner is everything a team needs.
Schaner is the *Voice*’s Student-Athlete of the Month for November because of the positive energy she relentlessly brings to the Falcons.
“Erin’s energy is infectious,” said Severna Park head coach **Shannon Garden**. “When she’s around, the whole team is laughing and happy and pumped up. She’s got a way about her. She’s very spunky and happy and positive. Nothing gets this kid down. It’s amazing.”
Schaner said that her focus is on contributing when and how she best can.
“I’m not the best at field hockey, but I really like to cheer everyone on,” said Schaner. “I have a really loud, annoying voice, and I’m always screaming. If you listen to our film, I get really excited. Even with the littlest things I get excited, because why not? I’m not the best, so that’s my way of contributing.”
Garden said that every team needs someone like Schaner, whose positivity is genuine and doesn’t get eroded by a lack of playing time — a difficult situation for any strong team with a deep bench of capable and hungry players who all want to get on the field.
“She’s a team-first kind of kid and will do whatever it takes for the team,” said Garden. “She is so happy for her teammates. You don’t get a lot of kids like that.”
Schaner takes a self-deprecating tone and is quick to downplay her field hockey ability, but Garden made a point of noting how much she contributes on the field, too. A midfielder, Schaner can

be inserted anywhere on the field and relied upon to spell the starters and play hard. In Severna Park’s county-championship win over Arundel, Schaner was one of the many midfielders called into emergency defensive duty when the Falcons played long stretches in man-down situations and managed to fend off the Wildcats for the county title.
“She’s a great utility player,” Garden said. “I can plug her in anywhere and she’s like, ‘OK!’ and she just goes and does it. Anywhere on the field. Defense, midfield, forward, I’ve had her in everywhere, and she goes in and gives 110 percent.”
Teammate **Amalia Hagerty** said Schaner is one of those teammates you love playing with and hate playing against because she sticks to her assignment and relentlessly hounds opponents.
“She’s really good at sticking to her man,” Hagerty said. “She’s very determined. She’s a big part of hyping our team up. She brings the energy. She’s the hype man.”
With a competitive smile, Schaner concurred about her defensive efforts.
“I annoy people on the field,” she quipped — clearly not joking.
More than anything, Schaner’s overarching outlook is to take advantage of the opportunities in front of her, both in field hockey and beyond. She is a strong student, a member of the National Honor Society, and she takes part in extracurricular clubs like the Young Republicans, Students Helping Others and the Spirit Club.
“I try to get involved with school as much as I can,” said Schaner. “Especially since it’s our last year.”
Garden said the Falcons know how important Schaner is to the team even if it’s not immediately clear to outsiders.
“She’s not an unsung hero,” said Garden. “She’s more like an unsung spirit. She’s the spirit of the team.”

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SP 2010 Boys Win Dual Titles At Arundel Cup



The Lightning (top) and Lads (bottom) won their respective division titles at the Arundel Cup in mid-October.

By Colin Murphy
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The Green Hornets U10 boys soccer program has a slew of talented players across two separate teams, and both represented Severna Park in championship fashion over the weekend of October 12-13.

The Severna Park Lightning and the Severna Park Lads both claimed first-place wins at the Arundel Cup in Divisions A and B, respectively.

Team Lightning,

comprising **Nicholas Wintermyer, Zephyr Elliott, Mason Hausworth, Connor Perry, Grant Accinelli, Nolan Whitley, Jeffrey Landis, Liam Mack, David McCaskey, Liam Lambert, Chase Goldman and Zachary Waugh**, went 4-0 at the tournament to win the Arundel Cup A Division for the second straight year. The team posted wins of 8-0 and 6-0 over Maryland United and South River Youth Association on Saturday, then came back with a 6-2 win over the Bowie Bulldogs

in the semifinals and an 8-0 thrashing of South River in the final in pouring rain and cold on Sunday. The Lightning outscored teams 23-0 combined in the second halves of their games, and 11 of the team's 12 players scored goals from free kicks, corners, open play, crosses and breakaways. Whitley and MacCaskey combined for three shutouts as the team's goalkeepers.

After an 0-2 start in the Central Maryland Short-Sided League in which the Lightning were outscored 16-1, the Lightning went on a seven-game win streak through mid-October, including three CMSSL wins and four in the Arundel Cup.

The Lightning are coached by **Anthony Perry** and **Brian Whitley**.

The Lads, who are **Heath Gardner, Evan Williamson, Henry Singer, Hudson Grow, Miles McGuinness, Landon Clewley, Emmett Williams, Luke Raino, Rodney Anderson, Owen DiMauro and Carter Browning** fared equally well in winning the Arundel Cup B Division. Even missing DiMauro and Browning for the tournament, the Lads outscored the opposition 19-0 in three wins, with every player scoring at least one goal. The Lads defeated the Broadneck Soccer Club Raptors 6-0, the Laurel Tigers 5-0 and the Broadneck Panthers 8-0 in winning the B Division Cup.

The Lads are coached by **Ian Grow** and **Mark Gardner**.

The Lightning and Lads play each other in the Severna Park Derby at Kinder Park on November 2.

Severna Park U9 Soccer Boys Destroy At Arundel Cup For Tourney Win



The U9 Destroyers went undefeated at 2-0-1 at the Arundel Cup to claim the B Division title.

By Colin Murphy
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The Severna Park U9 Destroyers boys select soccer team had an outstanding showing at its first tournament of the season, going 2-0-1 in the Arundel Cup U9 B Division and winning the championship 2-1 over the Harundale Renegades on October 13.

The team of **Jack Baille, Carter Coleman, Jake Campbell, Charlie LaBrier, Elijah Lewis, Colton Listmann, Ryan Maher, Brody Makowski, Ben Mentesana, Blakely Polvani, Bryson Scott and Liam Sipe** was undefeated at 4-0-1 overall through

mid-October.

In the Arundel Cup, many of the players were playing their first-ever tournament. The team defeated Pasadena Soccer Club 9-0 in its opening game, and after a 1-1 tie with Linthicum Ferndale in their second game, the Green Hornets made it to the championship game the following day.

In the final against Harundale, who the Green Hornets had beaten 3-1 the previous weekend in league play, Severna Park received a clean first half with many saves from Sipe, the Destroyers' first-half goalkeeper. Severna Park nonetheless went down 1-0 after a Renegades goal early in the second half. The

Green Hornets continued to fight for an equalizer, and LaBrier scored to level the game at 1-1. With second-half goalkeeper Lewis coming up with several saves to keep the game tied, Sipe scored to put Severna Park up 2-1. The Destroyers closed out the game to win the tournament and remain unbeaten.

"I am very proud of the team for coming back rather than conceding after the first goal was scored," said head coach **Christina Sipe**, who coaches the team with assistants **Mary Makowski** and **Mike Baille**. "Our win was a team effort and every one of them worked super hard."

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Severna Park JV Football Defeats South River, Glen Burnie



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The Severna Park JV football team was unstoppable throughout a 36-0 homecoming rout of Glen Burnie on October 18. The win followed the previous week’s big win over South River.

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The Severna Park JV football team kicked off the Friday of homecoming weekend with a 36-0 win over Glen Burnie on October 18.

The Falcons (5-2) received three rushing touchdowns from **Joe DeSimone**, a rushing touchdown by **LJ Cooper**

and a 75-yard kickoff return for a touchdown by **Caleb Sartalamacchia** in their dominant win over the Gophers. **Talan Livingston** highlighted a shutout defensive game for the Falcons with two sacks, while quarterback **Aiden Milewski** had positive gains running and throwing and **Tristan Newhouse** was 4-of-4 kicking on extra points in the victory.

Coach **Sam Hudson** commended the JV Falcons on their efforts in a complete win.

“Our offensive line did a really great job firing off the ball and opening up holes for our running backs,” Hudson said. “Our defense just did their job, stayed in their gaps, stayed in their holes and really worked together as a unit to shut them down.”

The win came a week after the Falcons notched their biggest victory of the year in a 14-6 win over previously undefeated South River on the Seahawks’ home turf on October 11. Against the Seahawks, Milewski threw a touchdown pass to **Chad Brown**, and **Omar White** had a rushing touchdown. **Kevin Bredeck** had two interceptions, and

Sartalamacchia and **Evan Stroble** both had interceptions in the win.

The victory was a signature win for the season against the presumptive favorite Seahawks.

“We had a really good week of practice leading up to [the game against South River],” Hudson said. “They were preparing every single day, working hard, they were just really focused.

Defensively, they knew what they were going to run; they had just prepared so much. As soon as [South River] would shift, they had an idea what they were going to run. Offensively, same thing. [Aiden] did a great job of switching it right to left for us and leading the offense, and again our line opened up holes, and the running backs ran hard.”



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The Severna Park 14U select softball Green Hornets produced a strong finish to their fall season by making a tournament final and winning a tournament championship in back-to-back weeks.

The 14U Green Hornets team of **Madison Sayre, Alyssa Sweet, Alexa Jimeno, Miranda Dameron, Sydney Wiseman, Ally Weaver, Krissy Testerman, Randi Alphonso, Leigha Mellon, Lily Gleisner, Elisabeth Krupinsky and Ryleigh Smith** won nine of its final 10 games, making the final of the United States Specialty Sports Association Save Second Base for Cancer tournament with a 4-1 record and winning the championship at the USSSA OKtoberFast tournament with a 5-0 record. The team finished 12-5 overall across four fall tournaments.

After a heartbreaking loss in extra innings in the championship game of the Save Second Base tournament, Severna Park came into the OKtoberFast tournament motivated to win. They won their first game by mercy rule, 12-0,

getting a walk-off two-run home run by Sayre in the third inning.

In the championship game, the Green Hornets defeated the Mason Dixon Stingers from Marion, Pennsylvania, capping a two-game stretch in which they outscored the opposition 23-1. Krupinsky was dynamite pitching throughout the tournament, as she pitched in all five games and threw a two-hit shutout in the championship win over the Stingers.

Smith played solid defense as catcher throughout the tournament and made a highlight play at a critical moment in the final, throwing out a runner attempting to steal second base.

Sayre, Sweet and Jimeno each had multiple RBIs in the championship. Infielders Dameron, Wiseman and Weaver provided solid defense and multiple put-outs. Testerman, Alphonso and Mellon each made several key contributions on offense that led to runs.

In the semifinal victory, Gleisner had six RBIs, including a grand-slam home run.

The Green Hornets will resume tournament play in the spring.

Coach Greg Jimeno

praised the Hornets for using prior defeats as motivation to close their season with a win.

“The team was disappointed to lose in the championship game the prior weekend,” Jimeno said. “Entering the final weekend of the fall season, they were focused and determined to win and literally came out swinging and had their best offensive performance. Our pitching and defense were outstanding all weekend, especially in the championship game. There was a well-balanced attack and a contribution from all players to secure a championship.”

Severna Park Girls Win Playoff Opener



Photos by Colin Murphy

Goals by Severna Park's Lauren Campbell (left) and Ella Raines, seen above against Chesapeake, powered the Severna Park girls soccer team to a 2-0 playoff win over Leonardtown on Oct. 26. Follow the playoffs on Twitter @SPVoiceSports, on Facebook and Instagram and at www.severnaparkvoice.com/sports.

Eagles Soar In Creekfest Games



Photos by Colin Murphy

Indian Creek's annual homecoming event, Creekfest, saw action from the middle school soccer teams, varsity field hockey and varsity boys and girls soccer. View a full gallery at www.severnaparkvoice.com/sports.



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another strong defensive performance for the Falcons. “The defense is always lights out,” Wright said. With a berth in the eight-team region playoffs still possible, Wright said the team needs to continue focusing on getting better each day. But the players naturally enjoyed the moment. It was the first home win of the year in the team’s final home game, and Fox described it as a memorable sendoff for the Falcon seniors. “There’s nothing like winning in the final home football game of your career,” said Fox. “[The seniors] are not going to play probably another home football game ever, so winning 48-6 on our home field with our student section cheering like they

did, it’s the greatest feeling.” **EXTRA POINTS** Through seven games, Tompkins has 668 yards rushing on 115 carries with four touchdowns in addition to 12 catches for 175 yards and one touchdown receiving. Fenn has 60 total tackles through seven games along with one interception and two sacks, plus seven tackles for losses. He set a single-game SPHS record with 15 total tackles in the team’s October 11 loss to South River, eclipsing the previous record of 12.5 held by **Kyle Lowman** (SPHS ’17). The Falcons did not slow down after their win over Glen Burnie. Severna Park’s defense played an outstanding game in a 7-0 over Annapolis on

October 25. It was Severna Park’s first victory over Annapolis since 2013 and improved the Falcons to 3-5 overall. With the win, Severna Park held on to the eighth and final playoff position in the 4A East with one game remaining on the schedule. With the boys soccer team having bounced Annapolis from the 4A playoffs on the neighboring field mere hours earlier, Severna Park’s football team likewise went about producing a victory on the Panthers’ home turf. **Demetrius Powell** ran for 55 yards on nine carries, and **Wylen Tompkins** picked up 47 yards on 14 carries. **James Henson** (six solo tackles, four assisted), **Patt Fenn** (five and five), **Jordan Robinson** (five and four), **Brett Butz** (three and two), **Jacob Russell** (two and three), **Ben Morgan** (two

and three), **Kaleb Blackwell** (two and two) and Tompkins (two solo) all made big plays for the Severna Park defense. **Corey Bodnar** had an interception, and **Colin Shadowens** had a blocked punt. Quarterback **Casey Fox** scored on a 1-yard quarterback sneak with six minutes left in the game after a long run by Powell down to the goal line to give Severna Park the win. “Great game plan and prep by our defensive coaches **[Don] Linnell, [Nick] Marks** and **[Andrew] Gardner** this week and all season,” said Severna Park head coach Mike Wright. “And outstanding performance by the players, especially since more players than we typically have played on both sides of the ball because of some key

injuries. Everyone stepped it up. Wylen Tompkins had to fill in on defense and caused a forced fumble and recovered it, meanwhile Patrick Fenn and Ben Morgan still piled up tackles while having to pull double duty at fullback due to offensive injury. Demetrius Powell coming back from injury really stepped up at key moments running the ball on offense [and] gave Tompkins the ability to help out on defense. A great win for this team when they knew the ramifications and needed it most.” The win keeps Severna Park in playoff contention in the 4A East. The Falcons play at Southern on November 2 and can likely clinch the eighth playoff spot with a win over the Bulldogs. Severna Park has not made the playoffs since 2008.

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Pasadena Vet Competes In Ironman Maryland

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 the contest. Etter conquered the course in just over 10 hours and 44 minutes 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



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.

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 sin-

gle 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.

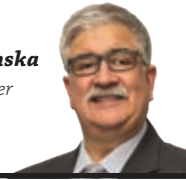
"For me, it will be finding time to train harder. Not necessarily longer, but definitely harder," he said. "I will continue to do these until my body doesn't let me anymore. And then I'll probably find another sport."

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."

Tech Talk With Dr. Cranska

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Q: What is a crown?

A: A dental crown is a restoration that completely caps and covers a tooth. Crowns are used to improve the form, function, strength and appearance of a damaged tooth or to cover a dental implant. Crowns originally were made of all gold. Technology in the 1960s and 1970s gave us porcelain-covered gold crowns and all porcelain crowns. These crowns improved cosmetics, but porcelain is not as durable as a natural tooth or solid metal.

Twenty-first century CAD/CAM (3D printer) technology

has developed a chip-proof, solid, all-ceramic crown. Computers are utilized to design and mill these restorations from a solid block of ceramic. These meet the dentist's requirements for fit and high-strength, and your desire of being tooth colored. There is no metal sensitivity or allergies with these ceramics.

Q: How can I have a broken tooth repaired to look like my original tooth?

A: A dentist will examine the tooth to determine the best treatment for the patient, evaluate the benefits versus the risk, and determine what treatments are necessary. Fillings are designed to go inside a tooth. Worn, broken and cracked teeth — and weakened teeth with large restorations with excessive decay — may not leave enough healthy tooth structure to support a replacement filling. Root-canaled teeth need crown coverage to protect against tooth breakage. Ceramic crowns are used as needed to restore the tooth back to its original size and shape so it can work like the original tooth structure.

Q: How long will the tooth restored with a crown last?

A: With a miniscule fracture rate, zirconia crowns covering the tooth should last for several years. Proper maintenance is important to prevent decay around the crown. Like any tooth, the tissue around it can get gum disease.

Dental crowns are one of many choices in restoring your teeth back to proper function. The decision about how to restore teeth is determined between the patient and dentist.

Lung Screening Saves Lives

In honor of Lung Cancer Awareness Month, thoracic surgeon Dr. Galen Ohnmacht talked about a lifesaving lung cancer screening program at the Tate Cancer Center at University of Maryland Baltimore Washington Medical Center. He also talked about some of the common myths associated with lung cancer.

Q: Can non-smokers get lung cancer?

A: Yes, that's absolutely true. There are risk factors other than smoking. One is radon exposure, which is an issue in northern Anne Arundel County especially. Also, secondhand smoke is a risk factor for non-smokers. But we do screening on people who are smokers, because the people who are smokers are the highest risk group. You want to screen high-risk people, and we have some things that define smokers who are at the highest risk; people who have smoked what are called 30-pack years. Basically, a pack year is the number of years smoked times the number of packs per day. Someone who smokes for 30 years, one pack a day, that's 30 pack years. Someone who smokes 15 years for two packs a day, that's also 30 pack years.

We also are looking for people over the age 55 and those people who have quit less than 15 years ago. So those three



Dr. Galen Ohnmacht

necessarily mean that nothing is wrong, correct?

A: Lung cancer is particularly insidious. There is no way for the body to know that there is a lung cancer growing in the chest until it's fairly advanced, in many cases. By the time you feel pain, or you're coughing up blood, sometimes the cancer is advanced. That's why screening is important, because you can't see or feel your lungs. It's not like skin cancer where you look at your skin and go, "Oh, there's something there. I should see a doctor." With lung cancer, we can't see or feel it, so it's important to get screened, especially for those people who are at high risk.

Q: Screening is fairly non-invasive?

A: I would say it's completely non-invasive. It involves a reduced dose or low dose. Some people have different things they call a CT scan, but it's a reduced-dose screening CT scan, so it's not even the same radiation as a regular

criteria we look for are pack years, age and then quit date.

Q: If there are no symptoms, that doesn't

CT scan, but it does enable us to see inside the chest and screen for things so we can see what's going on.

Q: How often do the tests find cancer?

A: Major studies funded by the government have shown a 20% overall reduction in mortality [due to] screenings. And not everything we find is a lung cancer. So we find things that are not lung cancer. They can be benign nodules. That's why it's important to have cancer screening program, so you can work with your health care provider to find out what needs follow-up and what doesn't.

Q: Is there anything else our readers should know?

A: Smoking cessation is really the key to this. You can reduce your risk by just stopping smoking or by never smoking at all. Anne Arundel has programs to help people with smoking cessation, like group programs. Anyone who is smoking should talk with their provider about strategies to stop smoking. It is critically, critically important.

We're saving lives with this stuff, and it's, in my opinion, a breakthrough in cancer care. I think we've been able to help a lot of people.

To schedule a screening appointment at the UM BWMC Tate Cancer Center in Glen Burnie, call 410-553-8100.

Medicare Part D 2020

Marcus LaChapelle
Broadneck Pharmacy



Lately at the pharmacy counter, I have been talking about Medicare Part D open enrollment for 2020. Open enrollment occurs every year and gives Medicare Part D prescription drug plan enrollees a chance to compare their current plan to other options.

Medicare Part D plans follow a basic design that is prescribed by Medicare law, including the Affordable Care Act. However, the available plans are administered by private insurance companies that are able to design different plan options within the legislated framework. This flexibility provides lots of

choices for enrollees and lots of confusion.

For 2020, the good news is the "donut hole" or "coverage gap" is finally gone for generic drugs (it ended in 2019 for brand drugs, could you tell?). In the coverage gap, copays for generic and brand drugs will be capped at 25%. That means for a prescription with a total cost of \$100, whether brand or generic, the copay will be no more than \$25.

The bad news is the catastrophic limit has increased from \$5,100 to \$6,350. That is almost a 25% increase. Patients with the highest level of spending may be impacted the most due to this change in catastrophic limit. Copays in catastrophic go down to a maximum 5%. Brand-name drugs get manufacture discounts of up to 75%, which get credited toward a patient's out-

of-pocket expenses. Therefore, a patient with a high level of spending that approaches the catastrophic level may actually reduce his or her out-of-pocket expenses by using more expensive brand-name medicine.

In most cases, generic medicine is the most cost-effective option, and it is therapeutically similar. It is important to evaluate your plan because the right choice is dependent on your specific medication profile. Often times, it makes financial sense for spouses to be on different plans due to different medication profiles. It may not make sense for your household, though.

Medicare plans can be compared on Medicare's website using their plan finder tool. Your local community pharmacist can also provide you with a custom report using the Medicare data.

UM BWMC November Calendar

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 6

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

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 12

6:00-7:30pm: Stroke Support Group. Survivors, caregivers, and community members meet to discuss stroke recovery and prevention. For more information, call 410-787-4732. (Dr. Constantine Padussis Conference Center, 301 Hospital Drive, third floor.)

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 13

8:30am-noon: Free Blood Pressure Screenings at Ha-

rundale 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.)

6:00-8:00pm: Bariatric and Surgical Weight Loss Management Seminar offered by the University of Maryland Center for Weight Management and Wellness. Registration is required by calling 1-800-492-5538. (Dr. Constantine Padussis Conference Center, 301 Hospital Drive, third floor.)

6:00-8:00pm: Opioid Overdose Response Program. Free classes help the community learn the signs and symptoms of an opiate overdose along with how to safely administer naloxone (Narcan), the FDA-approved emergency treatment nasal spray. Preregistration is required as space is limited. For more information or to reg-

ister, call 410-787-4490. **Also meets Saturday, November 23, from 10:00am to 2:00pm** (BW Health Services, 7556 Teague Road, Suite 440, in Hanover).

6:30-8:00pm: Mental Health Support Group. Community members and families discuss helpful information on psychiatric issues. No registration needed. For more information, call 410-553-8070. (Room A of the Partial Hospitalization Program (PHP), 301 Hospital Drive, second floor.)

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 14

1:30-2:30pm: Preventing Diabetes Class. A diabetes educator discusses factors leading to diabetes and lifestyle changes to prevent diabetes and improve overall health. To register for this free class or for more information, call 410-787-4940. (Center for Diabetes and Endocrinology at UM BWMC, 300 Hospital Drive, Suite 223.)

5:00pm and 7:00pm: UM BWMC offers a free CPR

Anytime community class in the Dr. Constantine Padussis Conference Center, 301 Hospital Drive, third floor. Learn basic CPR, AED skills and choking relief. **Adult skills class is offered at 5:30pm, followed by infant skills at 7:00pm.** Preregistration is requested by calling 410-553-8103. **The course does not provide CPR certification.**

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 16

11:30am-3:30pm: 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.) ***While appointment times last.**

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 19

6:30-7:30pm: Parkinson's Support Group. Open to patients with Parkinson's disease, their caregivers, family members, friends and

anyone interested in learning more about the disease. Discussions include managing symptoms, maintaining an active and high-quality life, and sharing experiences and support. Preregistration is not required. Please call 410-787-4433. (Dr. Constantine Padussis Conference Center, 301 Hospital Drive, third floor.)

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 20

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

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 24

10:00am-4:30pm: Safe Sitter. This program helps preteens ages 11 to 13 gain confidence with babysitting skills and abilities in caring for young children in emergency and non-emergency situations. Participants will

learn about child care essentials, choking child/infant rescue, preventing problem behavior, introduction to first aid and injury management. For more information, call 410-553-8103. (Dr. Constantine Padussis Conference Center, 301 Hospital Drive, third floor.)

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 27

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.)

5:30-7:30pm: 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. Four-week session. (301 Hospital Drive, 3 South classroom.)

From Loss To Redemption: Broadneck High Presents A Play Worth Rooting For

By Jillian Amodio

Broadneck High School is set to feature its fall theater production, “Almost, Maine,” a lighthearted yet introspective romantic comedy written by John Cariani.

The entire play takes place over the same 10-minute timespan, artfully depicted through nine vignettes.

Audience members are invited to explore themes of love, loss and redemption in a remote, fictional town called Almost, Maine. This production first premiered at the Portland Stage Company in 2004 and immediately broke box office records. “Almost,

Maine” is still one of the most-produced full-length plays in high schools throughout the nation.

Last year, Broadneck’s production of “Antigone” won several awards at the annual Cappies Gala. When asked

why this production was selected for fall, theater program director Kevin

Whewell said that recent productions such as “And Then There Were None” and “Antigone” were both heavier and more serious productions. The department wanted to lighten the tone for its next production, and expand the student experience with dif-

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SPHS To Enchant Audiences With “Cinderella”

By Emily Allgair
Student Intern

This November, get ready to relive the magic and fantasy of “Cinderella,” as Severna Park Stage Company performs Rodgers and Hammerstein’s Enchanted Edition, a mix of the Disney classic and the 1997 movie starring Whitney Houston.

“Most people would think of the animated one, so I think it will be an interesting twist to see the other story,” said sophomore Ryan Koutras.

When asked about what will make this show memorable, Koutras emphasized the layered ideas added by director Atticus Boyd. Whether it be the professionally made puppets or the coordinated color scheme, the show

will be “filled with little moments of magic,” said senior Sarah Kalafos.

Rehearsing every day for almost two months, the student leaders — juniors Lucy Feldmann, Kaitlyn Mummert and Sydney Astle, and senior Kiley Clements —

have all been working hard to put on this magical production. As student music director, Mummert is proud of how each aspect “works like clockwork, as everything different that everybody’s doing has all come to-

gether to make this show as amazing as it is.”

As for the audience, this year’s production features opportunities to be involved. Freshman Alex Hilbert said she is most excited for the audience to notice and realize the little details, such as nods to Disney and physical elements of the set that tie into the plot, that are embedded within the show. Student director Lucy Feldmann and sophomore Leslie Robinson have been setting up tea parties with the cast before matinees and contests for elementary school kids to win free tickets and even be cast as young Cinderella.

Make sure to see the whimsicality of these students’ talent and ambition in this classic fairytale.

The show is set to run November 15-23. More information on competitions, tea parties, and tickets can be found at www.sphsdrama.com. In the words of senior Jared Smith, “this show’s one for the books!”



Leslie Robinson (left) and Nick Ivey star as Cinderella and the prince, respectively, in SP Stage Company’s production of “Cinderella: The Enchanted Edition.”

Witness The Circle Of Life During Stage & Screen’s “The Lion King Jr.”



By Megan Ruge

Stage & Screen Studios will open its immersive production of Disney’s “The Lion King Jr.”



on November 1 to start its eight-show run.

“There are definitely certain expectations, but I wanted to exceed those expectations,” said Pete Garvey, who is directing the show. “I want people to come here and be transported.”

The show uses full-motion backdrops to give the actors and the audience the feel that they are in the story.

“Our goal is to transport them ... it’s not just seeing a show, it’s about feeling an experience,” Garvey said.

“Taking them away into this awesome story.”

Garvey said the studio uses green screen technology to film a lot of the actors and sequences that then become backdrops. All of the green screen scenes



“The Lion King Jr.” will bring characters to life with makeup and green screen technology.

take about eight hours to film and two more weeks to edit and finalize.

Green screen was used for the famous scene where Rafiki tells a grown Simba



that his father is still alive. The monkey then takes the skeptical Simba

to the water to show him the truth.

“[Rafiki] motions to the movie screen and we see Simba’s reflection. Simba says, ‘That’s just my reflection,’” Garvey said. “Rafiki says, ‘No, look closer’ and then his reflection dissolves into Mufasa’s face.”

Another use of the green screen includes putting hyenas on the rocks in the background.

Also bringing the show to life is a cast of 38 students, ranging in age, from about 20 local schools. Garvey said that a lot of emphasis

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Arnold Teen Honored For Community Work



In September, Severn School senior Mackenzie Boughey became the first-ever recipient of a Tribute to Women and Industry (TWIN) Award in the youth category.

By Haley Weisgerber

Mackenzie Boughey, a senior at Severn School, is the first-ever youth recipient of a Tribute to Women and Industry (TWIN) Award for her work in establishing the March for Our Lives Annapolis chapter.

The TWIN award ceremony has been hosted by the YWCA of Annapolis and Anne Arundel County since 1985 and recognizes professional women in the following fields: nonprofits or community, health, education, environment, the arts, and business and the next generation of leaders.

Boughey, who was nominated by Douglas Lagarde, the headmaster of Severn School, did not expect anything to come from the nomination.

“In late August, I got an email from the YWCA with some information and put it aside to read later,” said Boughey. “I showed the email to my parents and they were like, ‘Mackenzie, this says you won.’”

Boughey said her love of community service comes from her parents.

“When I was in elementary school, after the [Sandy Hook Elementary School] shooting, my parents and I participated in the 26 Random Acts of Kindness campaign to

honor the 26 lives lost,” said Boughey. “That inspired me to do something; I wanted to help everyone.”

In 2018, after the Parkland, Florida shooting at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School, Boughey, then a high school sophomore, said she couldn’t understand why school shootings kept happening.

The victims’ families and survivors used their voices and took a stand against gun violence in schools. This was the beginning of March for Our Lives, a youth campaign that brought together millions of people to put an end to senseless gun violence, and Boughey was inspired to start a chapter in her community.

“They called for ‘sister marches,’ so I brought their message to Annapolis,” said Boughey.

Over 2,500 people showed up in Annapolis on March 24 to convey their message to lawmakers.

“At the march, I told everyone that we weren’t done there,” said Boughey.

Since then, Boughey has organized letter-writing campaigns to legislators, roundtable discussions to establish connections, and heard a lot of solutions.

“There has been some push-back and a lot of ageism.”

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Principal Spotlight

DENEEN HOUGHTON
OAK HILL ELEMENTARY

How well do you know the principal at your neighborhood school? We’re surveying local principals to learn more about their hobbies, their best stories and some facts that might surprise you. Our first volunteer was Nuria Williams of Magothy River Middle School. Now, get to know Deneen Houghton of Oak Hill Elementary.

Q: How long have you been at Oak Hill Elementary School?

A: 12 years

Q: What is your favorite part of being a principal?

A: My favorite part about being a principal is interacting with the students. There is so much joy when visiting classrooms and seeing students grow academically and socially.

Q: Which school event do you look forward to the most each year?

A: Two events I enjoy are our silent and live auction and our Race for Education. The silent and live auction is an event held for Oak Hill parents. Weeks leading up to the event, grade levels create beautiful pieces of



Oak Hill Elementary School Principal Deneen Houghton enjoys horseback riding and camping.

art that are then auctioned off during the live auction. Each year, the event has a theme. Last year, it was a western hoedown, and this year, it is “Caddy Shack”. The event builds community and relationships as parents and staff attend this fun-filled evening together.

The second event is our Race for Education. The entire day is devoted to student fitness. Each grade level has an hour to run, jog or walk around a track. Parents and family members are welcome to participate in this event.

Q: What’s something interesting most people don’t know about you?

A: I have four horses.

My husband, daughter and I enjoy trail-riding with friends through various places in Maryland, such as Patapsco State Park and Gunpowder Falls.

Q: Which decade do you love the most and why?

A: I like the ‘80s. I enjoy the music from the 1980s.

Q: What is your favorite professional sports team?

A: I am a Ravens fan. I have season tickets. I went to the Super Bowl when they played the San Francisco 49ers.

Q: You’re gathering friends or family to play a board game, card game or video game. Which game do you

Q.

Question of the month

Each month, the *Severna Park Voice* poses a question to a local fifth-grade class. This month, students from Mrs. Pickinger's class at Jones Elementary answered the question:

If you could switch places with one person for a day, who would it be and what would you do?

- I would switch places with Kazu Kibuishi so I could publish books and become a famous comic book person for a day.

Nathan Bergman

I would switch with Carson Wentz so I could play quarterback for the Eagles. I would like to do this because he is super-duper good.

Jack Bigelow

If I could, I would switch places with Alex Morgan because I love soccer and I would play soccer for the whole day.

Reagan Cotgreave



- I would be the richest person in the world, and what I would do is donate to St. Jude for kids that have cancer.

Nick Cregar

I would switch places with Haley because she is nice and friendly. I would like to switch places with her because she is always helpful.

Matthew Dempsey

Tom Brady is a good quarterback. I want to be a quarterback in football.

Ryan Dempsey

If I got to switch places for a day, I would switch places with the author Sharon M. Draper because she is the

- author of my favorite book "Out of My Mind." I would be able to publish a book of my own.

Haley Elfenbein

If I could trade places with one person, it would be someone with cancer. I would take the pain from their body, and they could feel happiness again.

Destiny Felder

I would want to switch places with a CEO of an orange manufacturing company so I could organize a soccer game played with an ultra-big tangerine.

Liam Garman

I would switch places with

- Evgeny Kuznetsov, because I love skating and I want to do the "Kuzu bird."

Griffin Grotheer

If I could switch places with one person for a day, I would choose my cousin Josh. I would choose him because his kind and responsible.

Megan Guerette

My brother Christian because he is a rapper and I would make a song.

Matthew Jones

I would be the owner of PetSmart because I love pets.

Leif Michelsen

Jeff Bezos because I could mail myself all his money

- and be very rich. I could give my friends money.

Ulysses Nelson

I would switch places with Aunt Brigid. I would switch with her because she is an amazing athlete, is very kind, and is a strong person over all.

Keira Noonan

I would like to switch with Abraham Lincoln so I could see what it is like beyond the grave.

Liam Norton

Ryan and Matthew J. would be the people I would switch places with. They are very good friends!

Ian Polvani

- I would switch places with Alex Morgan because I would like the feeling of being famous and she is my favorite player of my favorite sport.

Andrea Rom

I would trade places with Max Scherzer, the Nats pitcher, since he controlled the pace of the Nats game in the World Series.

Nate Sanders

I would switch places with my brother because he is older. I think I would be a lot more mature and would have a lot more stuff to do.

Aiden Santiago

If I can switch places with someone, I would wish with my dad because he is kind, honest and funny.

Tristen Spruill

I would switch with Katie Ledecy. She's strong and smart, and for the day, I would swim and race against all the boys.

Cassie Steppe

I would switch places with Marshmello because he is a cool DJ.

Matthew Stimpson

If I were a Power Ranger, I would do good.

Grayson Twentymon

I would want to switch places with Simone Biles. I could do amazing gymnastics skills and I would practice and perform.

Evie Vanech

Zach Ertz because he's super rich, famous and awesome.

Brenden Woods

Witness The Circle Of Life During "The Lion King Jr."

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is put on the actors becoming the characters they are portraying.

"It's not just about repeating lines or memorizing lines," he said. "It's really about where these characters are, where they're coming from and where they are going in the story."

Garvey found it important that the actors understand the words spoken in Zulu so they really understand what they were saying.

"It really takes time in the process of directing the show to help the talent discover what it means to be a character," Garvey said.

The production also uses an expert makeup artist to help the students get into

their characters.

"It helps transport [the actors] as well," Garvey said. "They kind of become the characters."

The makeup is expected to take about two hours to complete, meaning cast members will arrive three hours prior to prepare.

Overall, Garvey said working with a group of students produced a major reward.

"We've got a wonderful family here," Garvey said. "They play off of one another, they play with one another. It's a great, healthy learning environment where they're all very comfortable."

Tickets are available at www.stagescreenstudios.ticketleap.com/lionking.

Arnold Teen Honored For Community Work

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People don't think we're old enough to have a voice," said Boughey. "Gun violence affects everyone. If something affects you, you should have a say."

All of the negativity has inspired Boughey to take a different approach to her efforts,

and she has been looking for solutions from people of all political backgrounds.

"People are divided in national politics, and nothing is getting done," said Boughey. "I want to start up a conversation from the middle and get everyone to compromise."

Boughey, who is graduating this spring, will attend Washington College in the fall to study political science or sociology.

"I'm hoping to bring the March for Our Lives message with me to college. I just don't know if it will be a few events,

or if I'll start a chapter," said Boughey.

Boughey has started the process of looking for a leader of the Annapolis chapter after she graduates.

She hopes to work in social justice and bridge the gap between people and politics.

Broadneck High Presents A Play Worth Rooting For

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ferent styles.

"I want my students to be challenged," Whewell said, "and they are with this script."

While the play might seem simplistic, once the actors get deeper into the script and its intentions, the play takes on a more complicated, emotional and in-depth view, looking at love from various angles and stages. These

unique stages and angles are portrayed through each vignette featuring various characters.

"Some are about loss — some, redemption. But all are deeply, utterly human," Whewell said. "Each character has been hurt in some way, and that pain lends depth to their performance, even in the most funny of scenes."

This production takes a universal approach to looking at love and is all inclusive in its narrative, including a depiction of a same-sex relationship and their unique experience. When asked what he hopes audience members

will take away or how they will react to the performance, Whewell replied, "Because of the inherent humanity of the characters, I think everyone, regardless of age, will relate to the incidents depicted."

Cast members for this production include **Jerrel Barnes, Winnie Carlton, Paul Cosby, Katherine Dreiss, Jordan Fuhrman, Owen Hoggard, Blake Martin, Virginia Marzoratti, Gwen McCarren, Sedona Salb, Katie Thayer, Hadlee Walker, Kestrel Watson, and Sarah Wilde**.

Cast member Blake Martin remarked, "As a freshman, I

wouldn't have guessed that when I auditioned, I would actually be welcomed a seat at the table. However, I was, and I'm ineffably thankful. As for the show, ultimately the varying types of actors in 'Almost, Maine' are beauties to behold. Everyone manages to take me entirely by surprise in some form or another, [which] goes to show how passionate each solitary person is in this show."

Dates for the show are November 21, 22 and 23 at 7:00pm. Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$5 for children and students. Tickets will be sold at the door.

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Entrepreneur Fair Inspires Students To Get Involved In Business

By Haley Weisgerber

The Severna Park High School Signature Program hosted its annual entrepreneur fair on October 24, to get students thinking about their future.

“Our Signature Program is business, innovation and leadership,” said Joanne Brack, Signature Program facilitator. “This is our sixth annual entrepreneur fair, and it is a wonderful opportunity for students to experience an entrepreneurship mindset and to learn the journey from local entrepreneurs.”

Local entrepreneurs were invited to share their journey and offer students advice on starting businesses. “I’m really interested in entrepreneurship, so it’s really entertaining and enjoyable,” said Drew Griswold, a student. “There are so many varieties of businesses, and I like that the majority of these people are from Severna Park.”

One keynote speaker, James Henson of Henson and Associates, is a SPHS alum. After graduating, Henson found his passion in finance and now owns a financial consulting agency.

Local businesses included Keller Williams Flagship of Maryland, LRN2DRIVE, Spring Arbor Senior Living, FantaSEA Aquariums, and Severna Park Automotive. Also present was Ellie Heath, a Severna Park student who owns and operates her own repurposed denim jacket business called Three Blue Bunnies.

“It’s important for students to learn about business because if they want to start their own business, this gives them some ideas

on how to do it,” said Heath. “And I like to get my product out to them and inspire them to start creating.”

Brack hopes that this event will “help [students] become successful in whatever career path they choose in the future,” and encourage them to think about starting their own business down the line.



Local entrepreneurs were invited to Severna Park High School on October 24 to share their journey and offer advice on starting businesses.

SPHS Senior Earns Eagle Scout

By Chris Fincham
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Garrett Bulgin, former senior patrol leader of Boy Scout Troop 918 and current senior at Severna Park High School, received scouting’s highest award, the rank of Eagle Scout, during his Eagle Court of Honor, October 12 at Woods Memorial Presbyterian Church.

The Eagle Scout rank is recognized across the country and has represented a milestone of accomplishment since 1912, according to the Boy Scouts of America website. “Those who have earned the Eagle Scout rank count it among their most treasured achievements. Eagle Scout is not just an award; it is a state of being,” according to the site.

Bulgin echoed those sentiments and said that earning Eagle Scout was always his goal when he started in Cub Scouts more than a decade ago.

“I started with Cub Scouts when I was 6 years old and bridged into Boy Scouts in 2013,” explained Bulgin, who is also actively involved with Venture Crew, which emphasizes adventure, leadership, personal growth, and service. “It started with me being young and just wanting to be the highest rank possible. What it means to be an Eagle Scout has definitely taken root. An Eagle Scout is all about giving back, and that’s just how my personality has been. ... Giving back is what I am.”

Over the years, he has earned nearly 50 merit badges for various skills and accomplishments. His development as a leader stands out when he reflects on his time in scouts; lessons learned through a time of adversity.

“At one point, I was bullied by my senior patrol leader, so I took that into consideration when I became senior patrol



SPHS senior Garrett Bulgin received scouting’s highest award, the rank of Eagle Scout, during his Eagle Court of Honor, October 12 at Woods Memorial Presbyterian Church.

leader of how not to behave; how to conduct myself properly,” Bulgin said.

“I took all those negative lessons and made sure I became nothing like that when I was senior leader. It also taught me how to stand up for myself.”

Being able to lead is a requirement to achieve Eagle Scout, especially when it comes to the service project requirement.

“Instead of being told what service project you have to do, you have to plan out the service project from start to finish,” said Bulgin. “The point of it is to give leadership to your troop.”

For his service project, Bulgin talked to the leaders at his church and discovered that they could use a table for their outdoor worship space. He coordinated with the pas-



tor; determined and collected the pieces, tools and resources; and coached the scouts of Troop 918 through the building process.

Bulgin is looking forward to graduation and plans to attend Anne Arundel Community College to start while he figures out his next path. In the meantime, he’ll continue with Venture Crew and continue finding paths to hike and explore.

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Friends Start Severna Park Chapter Of 100 Teens Who Care



(L-R) Caroline Smith, Alexandra Jones and Rachel Reed started a Severna Park chapter of 100 Teens Who Care so their peers could spread awareness about their favorite nonprofits.

By Zach Sparks
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When Alexandra Jones, Rachel Reed and Caroline Smith started a Severna Park chapter of 100 Teens Who Care, they didn't just create

a group; they empowered their peers to advocate for causes that demonstrate their passions.

A giving circle, 100 Teens Who Care works by bringing youth together to share information about their favorite

local nonprofits.

Each teen brings a monetary donation, nominates a nonprofit by writing its name on a slip of paper, and drops that paper into a fish bowl. Three slips are fished from the bowl at random, and the nominating teens make their case for their organizations during a brief pitch. Attendees then vote by secret ballot to choose the recipient of all the funds.

Once they heard about the

concept, Jones, Reed and Smith were all in.

"We got the idea from a friend of ours, and also our parents who were involved in 100 Women Who Care Annapolis," Smith said. "We didn't have anything like this at Severna Park High School that was youth-oriented."

The girls held their inaugural meeting on October 13 at the Whitehurst Clubhouse, with more than 30 students in attendance. The

three nonprofits chosen at random were Fridays for Future Annapolis, a group spreading awareness about climate change; Ellie's Bus, which supports mental health awareness and suicide prevention; and Maryland Animal Sanctuary & Rescue Organization.

Ellie's Bus was chosen by the teens as the recipient of the funds. The students raised \$500, and two adult donors, unrelated to the

event organizers, helped the group reach \$1,000.

So what's next for the newly established chapter of 100 Teens Who Care? The girls plan to hold another event around February. In the meantime, they hope the event not only raised money for charity but also raised awareness, spread knowledge and gave hope.

"We want to give more exposure to small charities," Jones said.



More than 30 students attended the inaugural meeting held at the Whitehurst Clubhouse.

St. Martin's To Debut New Building



By Haley Weisgerber

St. Martin's-in-the-Field Episcopal School is updating its campus to improve the learning experience for students.

The construction on a new building wrapped up in October, and stu-

dents are expected to be in the building as early as December.

"The addition will have many student-centered features and will be used primarily for middle school teaching and learning," said Jamey Hein, head of school at St. Martin's.

The building offers four new state-of-the-art classrooms, administrative offices, a science laboratory, and an art studio for students and staff to enjoy.

"This project is the first of its kind for the St. Martin's community," said Jill Rowlett, director of development and marketing at St. Martin's. "We are looking forward to entering through one safe and secure entrance, a bright and useful art studio, as well as an age-appropriate learning space for our middle school students."

Families interested in visiting St. Martin's-in-the-Field Episcopal School are invited to an open house on Monday, November 11, from 9:00am to noon.

Code Orange: Anne Arundel Schools Celebrate Unity Day



On October 23, students across Anne Arundel County wore orange and participated in special projects to unify against bullying and to celebrate National Bullying Prevention Month. Benfield Elementary (left) and Belvedere Elementary (right) students were especially active. **Be sure to read the full story at www.severnaparkvoice.com.**

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