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A Backstage Look At Rock 'N' Roll Revival XXXI

By Emily Allgair
Student Intern

For over 30 years, the annual production of Rock 'N' Roll Revival at Severna Park High School has entertained the community through the showcase of its talented student body. With the start of a new decade, meaning newer songs being added to the set list, and new artistic ideas joining the show's vision, Rock 'N' Roll Revival XXXI: True Colors is an exciting experience for everyone. And who better than this production's student leaders to give the inside scoop on what happens backstage?

This year, the students involved in Rock 'N' Roll Revival XXXI have been hard at work since January. Despite their role in the show, each student involved has had to handle the diligent task of "being able to manage your school life, social life, and performance life and getting it all together, but especially being able to put it all behind you when you get on-stage," said student producer Annabelle Cotton.

"The most difficult thing about being a student leader is knowing that [Rock 'N' Roll Revival] is almost over for all of us," said student choreographer Simone Werner. "I know that when the show comes to a close in March, we are all going to miss it so much."

For those who know the show, it is hard to pick a favorite or most satisfying moment, but for student director Sarah Kalafos, "there is nothing better than watching people trying new things and being successful, and being happy and proud of themselves because they didn't know they could do that."

"Just watching the discovery on kids' faces when they realize that they can do something," added Kalafos, "is just, like, the best feeling ever."

When asked what she thinks audiences would find most surprising about the actual process of putting Rock 'N' Roll together, student director Emily Allgair said how each number has only two or three rehearsals up until the » Continued on A9

The Shack Is Back!



By Judy Tacyn

Last year when Arnold resident Ben Hilliard heard that Bill and Stacey Prevezanos were hanging up their aprons after more than 30 years as owners of Severna Park's beloved Donut Shack, he put in a bid in hopes of keeping the area's sweetest destination open for generations to come. Though he didn't ultimately purchase the Donut Shack, Hilliard was relieved to learn the new owners were going to keep the tasty business running, until it wasn't.

For several months in 2019, something, or even many things, didn't add up to Severna Park's expectations. Locals took to social media to share their frustration that the Prevezanos family wasn't the only thing missing in the Donut Shack's special ingredients. Daily Facebook posts and clever memes showed just how much "Parkies" loved their "shack."

"It was heartbreaking," said Hilliard of the social media backlash. "It was clear that everybody wanted their Donut Shack back, the shack they grew up with and loved. I thought, 'What if [I had purchased the business]?"

Hilliard's lament was short lived. As quality, service and cleanliness went down, the chatter in Severna Park ramped up. After being open for only seven months, the Donut Shack closed and was up for sale again. This time Hilliard wasn't going to let his donut dreams leave a sour taste in his mouth.

Hilliard quickly mobilized a group and put in another bid in December; this time he purchased the Donut Shack.

Longtime friend and former restaurant coworker Ali Matthews is a co-owner with Hilliard. She, too, is a local resident who wanted to restore the business to its former glory. They entered the store on January 3, 2020, and have since spent every waking

hour cleaning the store. On February 8, Matthews made the following post on the Donut Shack's Facebook page:

Good morning! My name is Ali, and I am one of the new owners of the Donut Shack. We took over two weeks ago and have been working hard to reopen. I have so many wonderful memories of the Donut Shack and am thrilled to now be on the other side of the counter helping make them. I have been in the restaurant business for 30 years. I live locally. I am a mother. I am already a part of the community. Most of all, I love donuts and I am fully committed to re-establishing the legacy of the Donut Shack. Plainly stated, this means FRESH donuts, GREAT coffee, and a WELCOMING atmosphere.

News of Donut Shack's purchase by local people willing to re-establish its legacy in Severna Park spread faster than a grease fire. This time, social media chatter lit up with expressions of support and promises to return to the new and improved Donut Shack.

"The Donut Shack was an affordable destination and it was special," said Matthews. "I started bringing my son here as a treat for just us. Another partner remembers sitting at the same stool every Sunday to enjoy a donut with family. These are our memories, and we know most of our neighbors have memories, too."

Hoping to bring the traditions alive again, Hilliard and » Continued on A5

School Buses To Get Stop Sign Cameras

By Zach Sparks
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When the Anne Arundel County Council unanimously passed a school bus camera law on February 3, they didn't have to go far to put a face to the issue. Students across the county have been put at risk by drivers cruising past the red flashing lights and extended signs.

Severna Park High School sophomore Allie Johnson was one of those students. She had just exited her bus on Truckhouse Road on October 24, 2019 when an oncoming car hit her. The day is still fresh in the mind of Allie's mom, Stefanie Johnson.



Allie Johnson

"My husband and I both felt complete terror," Stefanie said. "No one thinks they will get a

phone call about their child like that. It is terrifying and frightening not knowing what you're about to see going to an accident site knowing your child has been hit by a car, being thrown in the air."

Some buses currently have cameras on the inside, but the new law designates that cameras be placed on the » Continued on A7



Teen Climate Activists Warn Delegation Of Air Quality, Highlight Chances To Act



Fridays for Future Annapolis teens addressed the Anne Arundel County delegation of the Maryland General Assembly on February 14. Students included (l-r) Emma Seiss, Ella Moulds, Grace Pilar Ebel, Nicole Rubilotta and Jessica Garbarczyk.

By Brenda Wintrode

On February 14, two Severna Park High School students sought the support of the Anne Arundel County delegation on environmental legislation aimed at improving air quality and banning plastic grocery bags and bee-killing chemicals.

"We're here to take back

our futures," said Severna Park freshman Ella Moulds, as she read from a prepared speech at the delegation's weekly public meeting. "As political leaders in Maryland, we want your commitment to supporting bills that help the environment."

The young activists shared Maryland air quality statistics and asked the

delegation to cap carbon emissions on power plants located in the state. They were met with silence from the delegation and left the meeting saying they were frustrated they were not heard.

"We really need to treat this as a crisis," Moulds said afterward. "I think this should be our top priority, and it didn't look like it was our top priority today."

A spokesperson for the region's Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) confirmed that portions of Anne Arundel County that are within 26.8 kilometers of one of Pasadena's two power plants, H.A. Wagner's unit three stack, are

currently designated by the EPA as "nonattainment," or not meeting the 2010 sulfur dioxide national ambient air quality standards (NAAQS). The EPA in 2010 established the maximum acceptable sulfur dioxide air measurement as 75 parts per billion.

Maryland Department of the Environment (MDE) spokesperson Jay Apperson said the measurements of a monitor installed at Riviera Beach Elementary in January 2018 has "provided reassurance" of the air quality.

"We are measuring very low levels of [sulfur dioxide], as we expected, with an annual hourly average of 1.7 ppb, well below the health-based standard of 75 ppb," Apperson wrote in an email.

Three years of clean measurements are required by the EPA to designate an area as "attainment," or having acceptable air quality measurements. The EPA said the earliest MDE could apply for attainment designation for this portion of Anne Arundel County again would be midyear 2021. Until then, the area is listed as "nonattainment."

The media and community relations manager for Talen Energy, the parent company of Brandon Shores » Continued on A4

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Margueritte Mills
Volunteer
Of The Month

Local Volunteers Dress
Up Rock 'N' Roll Revival



Rock 'N' Roll Revival volunteers Jenn Allgair (center) and Gina Dicks (right) were presented the Margueritte Mills Volunteer of the Month award by the Severna Park Voice Chief Operating Officer Larry Sells.

By Haley Weisgerber

Severna Park High School's annual Rock 'N' Roll Revival has become an important tradition in the community. The elaborate sets, musical numbers and costumes "wow" audiences year after year. While the students are hard at work in rehearsals, parent volunteers like Jenn Allgair and Gina Dicks are behind the scenes making sure every detail is in place. Allgair and Dicks put their imagination to work in the costume department. Before student rehearsals began, Allgair and Dicks were already working on costumes. "When the song list comes out, we are given direction on the vision and the colors for each song," said Allgair, whose daughter is a senior cast member and student leader. "Other costume volunteers sign up for different songs. Then it becomes working to-

gether with everyone to accomplish this overall look of the show." This year's theme is "True Colors," so each color scheme has been carefully chosen to represent the title of the song, the time period or the artist.

"You get to know all of the kids and they all become your kids. They are all amazing. They really are."

— GINA DICKS

Allgair was initially invited to join the costume team when her daughter was a freshman, and she was instantly hooked. "What I like about the costumes is that you are just a little part of making their time out on-stage a big deal to them," said Allgair. Dicks, who has a daughter and son in the

cast, worked on costumes for her daughter's shows for years. When the opportunity arose to join the Rock 'N' Roll Revival team, she jumped at the chance. "It gives them the confidence to go out there," said Dicks. "When they feel good, you can see it come across onstage." While there is some shopping involved, the women try to repurpose costumes from previous years. This is where their creativity comes into play. Allgair and Dicks said that they didn't realize how imaginative they were until they began working on costumes. "It is really cool to see what other people come up with," said Allgair. "You kind of work off of each other and suggest things." Allgair and Dicks agreed that working with the other costume moms and collaborating makes the experience a little easier. "It's a village to costume the show," said Dicks. "We develop some great friendships." While the friendships are an added bonus, both women agree that the best part of volunteering is working closely with the students. "This is one of the opportunities you have to work directly with the kids," said Dicks. "As they get older, it gets harder to volunteer in school and do things with them. You get to know all of the kids and they all become your kids. They are all amazing. They really are."

Cast Your Votes For The
Best Of Severna Park

There's still time to participate in the Best Of Severna Park contest. We want to know which businesses and organizations you consider the best of your community. The ballot ran in the February 5 edition of the *Severna Park Voice*, and we're still collecting votes through Friday, March 20. If you have not yet cast your vote, visit www.severnaparkvoice.com/

bestofsevernapark to vote online. Please note that all ballots, whether digital or print, must have your name and contact information and should be filled out with at least 10 categories. Print ballots can be mailed directly to *Severna Park Voice*, P.O. Box 608, Severna Park, Maryland, 21146. Votes will be counted and the winners will be published in our April 2 edition.

The Arc Announces Fund
To Support Children
With Disabilities

The Arc Central Chesapeake Region, a nonprofit committed to transforming lives for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities (I/DD), has more than \$30,000 available for Maryland youth through their Family Fund grant. Created in 2017, the Family Fund provides grants for services and supports not covered by insurance. "We are very grateful for the generosity of our community, which makes this fund possible," said Jonathon Rondeau, CEO of The Arc. "There are effective therapies, services and adaptive equipment available to support children with disabilities, but these resources are expensive, and are often not covered by insurance. With our Family Fund, we work to fill the gaps in access to the supports we know make a significant difference in the lives of youth with a disability." This grant cycle includes \$10,000 of autism-specific funding, contributed by

The Bowen Foundation for Autism. "We are excited to widen the reach of the Family Fund, with the support of our affiliate, The Bowen Foundation for Autism," said Rondeau. "Last year we granted out \$20,000. We are grateful for the opportunity to provide even more support to the community, as access to these supports are critical in ensuring children with disabilities thrive." The Arc is seeking applicants who have a child with I/DD under the age of 21, who reside in Maryland. Applications for the Family Fund opened March 1, and awards will be issued in May. The complete application is available on The Arc's website, www.thearccc.org/familyfund. The Family Fund does not cover emergency or crisis requests. If you require emergency funding, contact resources@thearccc.org and The Arc will assist you with appropriate resources.

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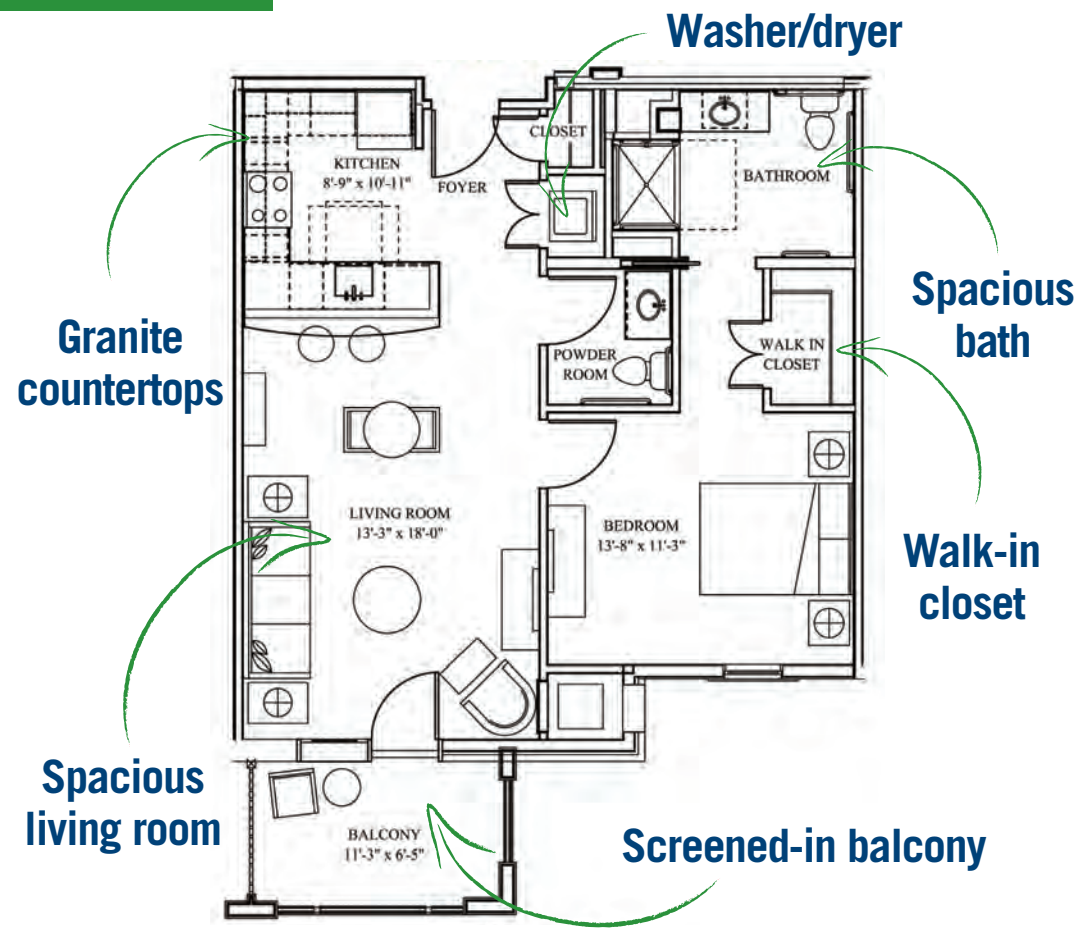
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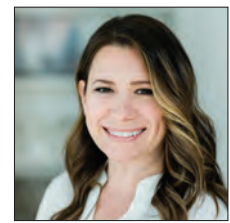
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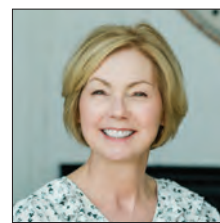
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Strike Out Cancer Returns March 14

By Zach Sparks

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Country music singer Craig Campbell was 11 years old when his father died of colon cancer.

"The older I got, the more questions I had about what took him away from me," said Campbell, whose father was just 36. "I realized it could have been prevented had it been caught earlier."

Determined to educate people that the cancer is preventable, Severna Park Lanes owner Mike Hall and *Severna Park Voice* Chief Operating Officer Larry Sells started the fundraiser Strike Out Cancer in 2017.

Calling the event a "Two Good Guys production" — named for two good guys trying to support a great cause — Hall and Sells invited Campbell and other musicians to perform while guests enjoyed bowling, a silent auction and food.

Strike Out Cancer raised \$10,250 in its first year and doubled that total with \$20,500 in its second year. All funds went to Fight Colorectal Cancer (Fight CRC), an advocacy organization providing information on colon and rectal cancer research,

treatment and policy.

For this year's Strike Out Cancer event on Saturday, March 14, attendees can expect the same exciting atmosphere.

"We have a great lineup, so people can come put for music and a good meal," Hall said.

Campbell will perform "Stronger Than That" and a couple songs "to get people drinking." Joining Campbell will be Devon Nickoles, Case & Barley, Dwayne Wilson, and Jackson Dean, the former Arundel High School football player who captured widespread media attention after his national anthem video went viral in October 2018. Dean has since signed with Little Louder Music and is working with writers from Eric Church's team.

In addition to music, this year's event will have prize drawings, 50-50 raffles, a silent auction, and food catered by Outback Steakhouse.

Campbell expects the day to be just as fun as his last outing in 2017.

"I had a blast," he said. "The only time I've ever performed on a bowling alley was that day."

Like Campbell, Hall and

Sells have reason to advocate for change. Sells' father had colorectal cancer, but luckily, it was diagnosed early and he survived. While not colorectal, Hall's mother had cancer.

With March being Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month, it's a good time for Strike Out Cancer.

"For the advocates and survivors and Fight CRC, this is the kickoff event to call on Congress to make sure they're giving this the funding it needs," Hall said.

As a spokesperson for Fight CRC, Campbell is one of those people advocating for more support.

"My goal is to make sure people know that colon colorectal cancer, if detected early, is preventable," Campbell said. "No kid has to grow up without a parent because of this."

Strike Out Cancer is a private event at Severna Park Lanes from 5:00pm to 10:00pm on March 14. Advance tickets are required. For a \$50 donation, guests can enjoy music, bowling, food, soda and water. A \$35 ticket buys standing-room-only, no bowling.

To learn more, visit www.gobowlingsevernapark.com or call 410-647-0811.

Activists Warn Delegation Of Air Quality

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and H.A. Wagner, wrote in an email that the company would not provide comment for this article.

State Delegate Mark Chang, a District 32 Democrat and the delegation vice chair, said Mouldsdale and a fellow student activist were heard.

"They did a wonderful job," Chang said, noting his colleagues may not have commented because the activists sent out their statements in advance, and the meeting's time limit was approaching.

House Minority Leader Nic Kipke, a Republican from District 31B, said he wanted to encourage the students to know they were heard.

"I'm sorry that they left feeling that way, but they certainly had an impact by being there," said Kipke.

Mouldsdale, along with Severna Park senior Emma Seiss, started Fridays for Future Annapolis, a branch of the climate strike group started by Swedish activist Greta Thunberg. Since convening last September, the local group has held two climate strikes in downtown Annapolis and is planning another for April 22, Earth Day.

Mouldsdale told the delegation that the air Marylanders breathe is unhealthy based on EPA standards.

"Warming temperatures and sea-level rises are due to the astronomical amount of carbon dioxide in the atmosphere," she said.

The American Lung Association's report, "State of the Air 2019," gave Anne Arundel County, five other Maryland counties, and Baltimore City an F, or an "unhealthy" rating, based on a weighted average of days with elevated air pollution levels.

"We sit before you today not asking for your help but begging you to save our futures," said 17-year-old Seiss.

Seiss and Mouldsdale scheduled their slot at the delegation meeting in January to share their legislative priorities. Topping the group's list was House Bill 1545, which would place carbon emission limits on six coal-burning power plants in Maryland. Two of them, H.A. Wagner and Brandon Shores, are in Pasadena.

"Nonrenewable energy is a thing of the past that harms the employees and the air breathed by your constituents," said 15-year-old Mouldsdale. "If Maryland puts a cap on carbon emissions from these plants, we'll be doing our part to prevent climate crisis and provide cleaner air."

The bill, sponsored by Delegate Kumar Barve, a Montgomery County Democrat, would also establish funds to invest in clean and renewable energy sources, apprenticeships and job retraining, the decommissioning of existing coal-burning infrastructure, and financial support for coal plant workers close to retirement age.

Senator Sarah Elfreth (Democrat-District 30) is the only member of the county delegation co-sponsoring the bill. Senator Chris West (Democrat-District 42) is the lead Senate sponsor.

The U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics projected the two fastest-growing occupations from 2018 to 2028 will be solar panel installers and wind turbine service technicians, at 63% and 57%, respectively. During the same time period, power plant jobs are expected to decrease by 6%.

The students said they

are also watching House Bill 229, which would ban any use of the pesticide chlorpyrifos, or insecticide containing the chemical. The EPA rejected a proposed ban on the chemical in 2019 but still issues strong warnings on its website for those applying the chemical.

Two other bills the students named were House Bill 209, a ban on plastic grocery bags, and the Climate Crisis Education Act, which would fund state education enhancements with fines imposed on corporate polluters.

When the presenters finished speaking, Chang asked the delegation if they had questions for the guests, and seeing none, he requested the other "Fridays" members in the audience stand and introduce themselves. Grace Pilar Ebel, a Severna School junior, and South River High School juniors Jessica Garbarczyk and Nicole Rubilotta responded to his request.

Chang said in a phone interview that he was "very impressed" with the young women's presentation.

Delegate Heather Bag-nall (Democrat-District 33) approached the young women after their talk on Friday. A staff member for Delegate Alice Cain (Democrat-District 30A) met with the group on Wednesday to hear their agenda. Cain was out sick on Friday but shared in an email that she was "impressed by [the girls'] commitment and enthusiasm."

Before she left the microphone, Seiss shared a final message.

"The youth will be watching," Seiss told the delegation in closing. "We will hold you accountable for your actions that prevent us from having a future."

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The Shack Is Back!

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Matthews feel the pressure to restore Donut Shack in all of its glory. They reached out to Bill and Stacey Prevezanos, who also watched in horror as their legacy, the business they loved and nurtured for decades, began to decay. "There is certainly a learning curve. Mr. Bill made it look easy, but it's definitely not easy!" said Matthews. "The success of the business, the heart of the business, is because of Bill and Stacy. We knew we had to include them in the rebirth of the Donut Shack.

"Look, a donut is a donut, albeit a delicious donut, but it is everything else they did," said Matthews of the Prevezanos family. "There is so much more that goes into the Donut Shack experience. We know that, and we are completely committed to honoring the history and recipes that made the Donut Shack special. It's a tremendous responsibility."

Hilliard and Matthews said that the menu won't change, although the coffee brewed will be Annapolis-roasted Ceremony Coffee. They will produce what was offered with Bill in the kitchen, but prob-

ably not all at the same time.

"I'd rather do 30 donuts really well than attempt 60 donuts not so well," said Matthews. "We will get there, but we have a lot to learn before we can get to Bill's level of proficiency."

Matthews hopes the social media comments will be different this time around.

"Feedback is essential, and I'd like to address comments in person," said Matthews, noting that she and Hilliard will be present in the 24-hour business.

"Feedback leads to relationships, and that's what we want to foster," added Hilliard.

Hilliard teased that a new neon window sign will be hung soon. "When the paper comes off the windows and the new sign is on, we will be open," he said. "The tradition will continue, and we sincerely hope that Severna Park residents will give us a chance."

Matthews concurs. "This isn't just a job, it's a long-term investment. We are 100% committed to maintaining the legacy that Bill and Stacey created, and to keep the Donut Shack firmly woven into the fabric of the community," she said.

Patrons Brave The Shave Against Cancer



Photos by Kyle Cleary
O'Loughlin's invited guests to its Brave the Shave event on March 1 to raise money for the St. Baldrick's Foundation. The event honors hometown hero Joey Sudo, who lost his battle with cancer in 2012 at the age of 12.

Lauren's Law: Animal Tales



As an Annapolis resident, I'm afraid to admit this: I haven't always been an animal person. I'm told that I was fond of our family Lizard, Sammy. In fact, my middle name used to be Elizabeth, so it's likely how my childhood nickname of Lizard came to be.

Later, when I was in fourth grade, it was time for the big leagues. My neighbors trusted me to watch their dog, Calvin. You could say we didn't get off on the best of foots. Calvin emptied his bladder upon my entrance. Nothing a few paper towels couldn't help. However, things got interesting on Christmas Eve when I dropped their house key down a sewer ... talk about some yuletide excitement. The family wasn't

set to return for a few more days. Thank goodness for the engineering minds of my next-door neighbors, who recovered the key with a fishing rod in less than an hour.

One year later, I drew the lucky straw and was the chosen one to take the class hamster home for the first weekend of the school year. My even luckier parents were fortunate to take in those hamster fumes for three days of Labor Day weekend. I was petting the hamster when he peed in my hand. Startled, I dropped the hamster and ran to get paper towels. These animal adventures were certainly keeping Bounty in business. When I came back, I couldn't find the hamster. My first thought was that all my classmates would hate me for losing the class pet. Thankfully, he didn't get too far. I found him on our screened-in porch. Crisis averted, and the class hamster lived to go home with

another responsible 10-year-old the next weekend.

Over the years, there were many goldfish in the Burke household. St. Andrews Swim Club would do fun contests on the Fourth of July to win goldfish. If memory serves me right, we won goldfish during a greased watermelon contest. Classic suburbia. The fish won that day didn't survive their breadcrumbs feeding. However, fish from a pet store did live to see many more days. Our beloved Tic Tac lived to be 7 years old. We may or may not have played a few games of tag. There was no greater sign of love to this fish than my father cleaning out our oversized fish tank on Sundays.

In 2011, my roommate, Kearny, wanted my blessing to bring a puppy into the house. I was on the fence about it. Luckily, that didn't stop Kearny from bringing home a yellow Lab named Lilly. Before I knew it, I was volunteering

for dog-sitting again. Lilly kicked like a little kid, but I'd still share my bed with her any day. I even brought her to work. I felt like a first-time parent, incredibly nervous while we drove there. One of my favorite memories of Lilly is when my roommates and I came home after a night out in downtown Annapolis. The *Us Weekly* was shredded to pieces and *The Capital* laid next to it unscathed. The girl knew what she liked, and it was clearly a gossip magazine. While no longer my fourth roommate, Lilly lives down the street from me, and I can visit to give her belly rubs any time I want.

Well, I must go search on Petfinder or Lab Rescue now. Hope to find my own Lilly one day.

Lauren Burke Meyer is a Severna Park native who was inspired to write *Lauren's Law* as a play on the well-known Murphy's Law adage: "anything that can go wrong, will go wrong."



Donut Shack's new owners, Ben Hilliard and Ali Matthews, are learning from original owners Bill and Stacey Prevezanos as they attempt to bring the spot back to its former glory.

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MILITARY SPOTLIGHT

Family Has Sent Six Into Service

By Zach Sparks

When 2011 Chesapeake High graduate Brandon Bryley decided in 2017 that he wanted to join the Navy, he didn't have to look far for inspiration. His grandfather, John Williams, was once a Marine and had four brothers who also served in the military.

Only one of the brothers is still alive, but two generations later, Bryley is carrying on the tradition of the family's service. He initially wanted to join the Marine Corps, but as he grew older, he developed an affinity for being on the water.

A Navy recruiter found the right words to sway Bryley. He was at Divers Academy International in New Jersey after attending Wesley College, and he decided to finish his diving season before heading to Pensacola, Florida, in winter 2018 for A School as an air traffic controller.

The eight-week boot camp in Illinois was not what he expected.

"I thought it was going to be if you're strong and you're smart, you get by and it's actually the complete opposite," he said. "We were put in divisions. You're only as strong as your weakest link."

After arriving in Pensacola, Bryley held positions as administrator of his barracks (assisting the military training instructors), class leader and formation leader.

Now, Bryley is at FACSAC VACAPES (Fleet Area Control and Surveillance Facility Virginia Capes) doing air traffic control, "which is all radar extending from Maine down to South Carolina," he said. "I've gotten qualified on Langley and Yankee sector (two sectors which were part of trying to stop 9/11 from happening); my facility was all over the 9/11 tapes."

Bryley has three years and three months left at his command, and he expects to be a fully qualified supervisor before the end of summer. After receiving accelerated advance-



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Brandon Bryley came in second place for the 25 to 29 age group at the sixth annual Blue Angels Rock N Fly 5K on March 23, 2018.

ment in November and getting promoted to petty officer third class (AC3), he is set to take the second class exam in two weeks.

"I hold multiple collateral duties: repair parts petty officer, which is in charge of the division's budget for any equipment we would need, and publications evaluation board member, which looks over our letters of agreement with other facilities, our FACMAN (facility manual) and any other publication which is used in ATC," he said.

While Bryley is in the early stages of his military career, his family has been piecing together the past using news clippings. One in particular noted the service of his grandfather, Williams, and two half-brothers named James "Jimmy" Hannan and Joe Hannan.

Williams was a supply specialist in Quantico, Virginia. Younger half-

brother Joe Hannan was a Marine serving in Korea but was lucky enough to avoid the war zone. Two other half-brothers, Charles "Leo" Kelm and Bernard Kelm of Pasadena, also joined the Marines.

The sole living veteran is James Hannan, who lives in Bowie, Maryland. He said he joined the Air Force at age 18 in 1950 because everybody else was doing it, and it was a good job and training to start with. James was a staff sergeant with the 57th Strategic Reconnaissance Squadron in Oahu, Hawaii.

"I worked in the supply office," he said. "I received all kinds of materials, clothing, tools, etc. I handed out tools to the airplane mechanics and clothing to pilots."

His military service spanned November 1950 to July 1954.

"As part of my job, I was one of the few people who had the opportunity to see the box that held the first hydrogen bomb for testing in the Pacific in 1952," he said.

James also has a strong recollection of his younger half-brother Charles "Leo" Kelm serving in the Marine Corps.

"He originally volunteered for Seal training, but when the war got going, he was pulled from that training to become a squad leader in the jungles of Vietnam," James said.

Bryley won't be thrashing through the jungles of Vietnam, but he's pleased with his decision to join the Navy, and he has sage advice for anyone considering the same decision.

"If somebody is thinking about doing it, don't overthink it, because you might psyche yourself out or think of only the cons or other routes you can take with your life," Bryley said. "You might think eventually you will find something better, but then you'll look back with regret."

Neighbors Score Big With S(o)uper Bowl Food Drive



The event was successful due to the participation of 26 neighborhoods from Severna Park and the Broadneck peninsula.

The Kansas City Chiefs weren't the only big winners this winter. Good Neighbors Group held its S(o)uper Bowl Food Drive, collecting more than 4,500 items for Serving People Across Neighborhoods (SPAN) and My Brother's Pantry.

The event was successful due to the participation of 26 neighborhoods from Severna Park and the Broadneck peninsula. Severna Gardens, an 82-home community, donated 615 items and was named the winning neighborhood.

"To determine the winning neighborhood, we look at a ratio of the size of the neighborhood to the number of items collected," said

Julie Shay, the founder of Good Neighbors Group.

Ron and Jen Weist were the neighborhood captains responsible for the success of Severna Gardens, which was also one of two winners in 2019. Runners-up for 2020 included Woodberry Farms, West Severna Park, Winchester on the Severn, Westridge and Fair Oaks.

To learn about other service opportunities offered by Good Neighbors Group, email contact@goodneighborsgroup.org. The nonprofit will be included in the Severna Park Earth Day Festival on April 25 from 10:00am-1:00pm at Severna Park High School.

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School Buses To Get Stop Sign Cameras

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stop arms that extend out from the bus.

Peter Baron, director of government relations for County Executive Stuart Pittman's administration, said it was no coincidence that this was Pittman's first proposed bill of 2020.

"We've all seen it happen, right. Somebody is impatient while a school bus is stopped and goes past it ... It's terrifying," Baron said. "The bill won't stop people from being reckless and irresponsible, but it will allow us to find them and deter them and hopefully lessen this."

According to the Anne Arundel County Police Department, there were 88 cases where drivers failed to stop in 2019 and 13 cases where drivers failed to remain stopped. Those numbers were down from 2018 when 134 drivers failed to stop and 14 did not remain stopped.

Montgomery County has passed similar legislation, with great impact. In July 2019, Montgomery County Police Department Assistant Chief David Anderson emphasized that point to the Montgomery County Council. "Unfortunately we've had

some very high-profile criminal acts with students as victims, and this camera system ... captured those acts and are going to put people in prison for victimizing children," Anderson said.

When caught on camera, motorists can be imposed with civil fine of \$250. Drivers pulled over by police officers after passing school buses can pay up to \$500 under Maryland law, according to Major Ross Passman of the Anne Arundel County Police Department.

No amount of money can make up for the harm done to Allie Johnson, but Allie is happy to see positive changes that may keep another student from being put in danger.

Allie is currently taking two classes a day at school and receiving home health teaching. According to Stefanie, Allie has several severe injuries from the accident.

"One current obstacle is daily debilitating headaches," Stefanie said. "It limits her on school and everyday activities. Allie is 16 and should be able to enjoy time with friends and start driving; this accident has changed that completely for her. She can't think about driving or

do fun outings if she can't get through a day without a severe headache and constant doctor appointments. Allie was a normal teenager just getting off the bus to go home, and in an instant, it has changed her and our families lives forever."

For the seven-member Anne Arundel County Council, there was no debate. The cameras offer additional safety measures while accruing no extra cost to taxpayers.

"The company owns the equipment — they install it, they calibrate it, they monitor it, they provide the feeds," said Alex Szachnowicz, chief operating officer for Anne Arundel County Public Schools. "They will also provide expert witness testimony should a matter go to trial and the veracity of the equipment on the calibration needs to be questioned."

Bill 1-20 was signed into law by Pittman on February 14, and from that date, it has 45 days before going into effect.

"Our hope is if drivers that pass stopped school buses are heavily fined, it will make drivers think twice about that decision and have drivers take that decision more seriously," Stefanie said.

Kinder Playground Gets Facelift



Since its construction in 1998, the Kinder Farm Park playground has been enjoyed by thousands of kids. Its service life had finally come to an end, according to the Friends of Kinder Farm Park, an advocacy group that supports the park through fundraising and volunteer activities. Park workers began dismantling the 22-year-old playground in December to make way for a new one. Starting in late January, construction began. Work will be completed this spring. The new playground will incorporate swings, slides, climbing equipment and farm-themed pieces.



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Health Coach, Author Creates Healing Slumber Party For Women

Nationally acclaimed wellness expert and speaker Lisa Consiglio Ryan has created the Winter Healing Slumber Party for women to be held on March 7 and 8 at the Annapolis Westin Hotel, coinciding with International Women's Day on March 8.

The *Voice* caught up with the energetic Severna Park resident to get the 411 on the area's healthiest sleeper.

Hi, Lisa. Can you tell our readers a bit about yourself?

Hello! I'm Lisa Consiglio Ryan. I taught elementary school and was a mentor teacher in Prince George's County Public Schools for 15 years before I decided to follow my passion of wellness and teach nutrition and healthy lifestyle.

After trying every diet out there, which led to spending years struggling with a growing arsenal of health-destroying conditions that ranged from fibromyalgia, hypothyroidism, candida and rosacea to cystitis and tons of allergies, plus depression, I decided to turn to nutrition and lifestyle to reclaim my health.

I grew up with the typical standard American diet and had been known to sprinkle sugar on my Frosted Flakes as a child. Clean eating was not on the radar for me and my family, obviously. After finding ways to heal alternatively (acupuncture, cranial sacral therapy, polarity, massage, chiropractic work, energy healing), I was able to take that last step and add in the food factor - real, whole, organic and anti-inflammatory food. I haven't been on medications for more than 20 years and counting, and I rely on clean eating as my staple of self-care.

Looking to up my nutrition game, I became a certified integrative nutrition health coach and published



Lisa Consiglio Ryan

the award-winning, best-selling cookbook "Go Clean, Sexy You." I also found juice. As I got involved in the plant-based way of living, I realized how powerful juice was to reverse illness and heal the body. Now I drink cold-pressed organic juice every day.

How long have you been interested in women's health and wellness?

Probably as far as I can remember. Unfortunately, I started out with a negative view of wellness and food at a young age of 8 years old. I was told I was fat and chubby growing up, so I constantly had food on the brain. I dedicated my days to eating as little as I could. This, of course, led to dieting in my 20's, but it wasn't until I realized that food was fuel for my body that I began to take my interest in wellness and help others. I believe it's been 20 years of delving deep into the positivity of the wellness world after growing up with a different perspective.

How did the idea of the retreat and slumber party come about?

It's been a vision of mine since I founded my health consulting business, Whole

Health Designs, LLC. That was 10 years ago!

I wanted to not only bring holistic health and wellness awareness to the local and surrounding communities but to support women who are in crisis in our area, who are struggling with the basics in life, who also need self-care strategies, such learning to take deep breaths, asking for help, etc.

A portion of the slumber party proceeds will go to YWCA's Weinberg Residence, a domestic violence safe house, which is in need of basics like towels, toiletries, and anything that will assist in keeping the residence available to house women in crisis. When women support women, magic happens. Healing happens.

Who should attend this event and why?

All should attend! Mainly if you are someone who is in need of a timeout in life. WHSP is a way to invite a good friend who makes you feel good to participate in anti-inflammatory behaviors like yoga and meditation, learn more about different holistic modalities for healing and disease prevention. Even getting away for the night and treating yourself and your partner or friend to a Westin experience of a good night's sleep and getting away from it all. Putting a pause on day-to-day life and retreating, reviving and restoring can really be a great winter pick-me-up.

What has been the response from participants so far?

The response has been overwhelmingly positive

with lots of excitement.

This is the very first and only wellness-fest in our area, so many are thrilled to attend. We are limiting it to 100 participants, so there are more one-on-one, personalized wellness opportunities.

Why is it important for women to take care of their health?

Everyone should take care of their health so that they live healthy and happy lives. But for women, we do so much for others. We take care of others before we tend to our own needs. Underlying inflammation caused by daily ongoing stress, busyness of life, trauma, taking care of others and neglecting of our bodies, our minds can wreak havoc on our system, so it's crucial to take time out to breathe, be

still and connect to others so that you can restore a relative balance not only deep within our cells but in our daily routines.

Most health conditions affect both men and women in varying degrees and conditions. However, women need to be aware of setting boundaries and giving more to themselves so they can minimize and hopefully prevent chronic illness caused by prolonged inflammation. It's not selfish to do so and understanding that we have a different hormonal makeup that can present different challenges is crucial for preventing chronic illness.

For a list of speakers and panelists, a full schedule of events, more information and to register, visit www.wholehealthdesigns.lpages.co/winter-slumber-party.

Proceeds From Gala Benefit CASA And Others



Board members, volunteers and the staff of CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocates) recently gathered to accept a donation from Severna Town Club representatives. CASA, as the major beneficiary of proceeds from STC's 2019 Holly Ball, received nearly \$17,000, enabling the organization to expand its volunteer training program, which advocates for children in the foster care system in Anne Arundel County. The women's club also gave smaller grants to several other local nonprofits, including the Boys and Girls Club, Hope for All, Charting Careers, Seeds 4 Success and the YWCA Weinberg House.

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State Of The Magothy Set For March 27

The annual State of the Magothy presentation on the water quality of the Magothy River is set for March 27 at Anne Arundel Community College. Guest speaker Chris Phipps of the Anne Arundel County Department of Public Works will discuss sewer lines.

According to Magothy River Association President Paul Spadaro, Phipps will talk about converting systems for people on septic to sewer. "A lot of homes in the Magothy are still on septic," Spadaro said. Also, the Magothy River Asso-

ciation will talk about new Native American discoveries and their relationship to the Magothy.

This year's water quality grade is around 39 C, the closest in recent years to a 40-grade C rating. Last year it was at 30, and it has been over a decade since it has exceeded a 40-grade C rating.

"We've had a really substantial jump in underwater grasses this year," Spadaro said.

When asked what he attributes that to, he said, "The mussels played a major role, and the clarity is slightly better."

He also said that many stations along the Magothy are improving, except for Cattail Creek. Spadaro applauded the Berrywood community for a restoration project completed by residents, but more needs to be done, he said.

"We can't think a project that is 300 feet is going to fix something that is 2.5 miles long," he said. "Cattail Creek runs through an area with commercial development and by schools. It has a huge influx of heavier-than-normal pollution."

Still, there are signs of hope. A Berrywood neigh-

bor caught a yellow perch from the end of his pier in late February.

In other news, the Magothy River Association is also working on a trivia game, which Spadaro compared to Chutes and Ladders.

"It's an outline of the Magothy, but the chute part is [replaced by] these ferry crossings," he said. "I'm hoping families could use it if they're anchored out on the river. The answers are easily given, they're multiple choice, and it's an interesting mix of history and science."

Rock 'N' Roll Revival XXXI



Rock 'N' Roll XXXI: True Colors student leaders posed with the show poster.

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tech rehearsals. "I think that the most interesting, and honestly mind-boggling, behind-the-scenes aspect of Rock 'N' Roll is how quickly it comes together," she said. "Despite starting to rehearse in January, our first attempt at piecing

together the show that audiences will eventually see happens in early March."

Because of this, student director Rebecca White admits that rehearsals for the production can get a little hectic at times, but are "overall, so much fun!" White said that the process starts out small,

with little rehearsals and set designs.

"Then we move to build days and costume fittings, and then, all of a sudden, it snowballs into a show-ready performance!"

The collective answer when asked what the audience should look most forward to in this year's

"True Colors" production, other than the intricate set built by students of the tech crew, is the student band. Made up of 11 students, the band plays all but one song of this 40-number show. Student band leader Peter Cope spoke on behalf of this year's band, saying that "the band jam is our moment to shine!"

"Every band member takes a turn improvising as they are introduced to the audience," added Cope. "It's the most fun song for us to perform, and it's a really exhilarating song this year."

From the performers to the band members to the tech crew, every aspect of Severna Park High School's Rock 'N' Roll Revival XXXI: True Colors production will be filled to the brim with talent.

Now that you know the inside scoop, make sure not to miss this Severna Park tradition and get your tickets quick! For more information about the show, go to www.sphsdrama.com.

St. Jude Zumbathon Just Keeps On Moving

Annual Fundraiser Set For March 21



By Zach Sparks
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For the eighth year, people will shuffle their feet, gyrate their hips and move to the groove as they raise money for families affected by childhood cancer. The St. Jude Zumbathon is coming to the Severna Park Community Center on March 21 from 2:00pm-4:00pm.

Over the years, the event has raised \$83,000. Event organizer Natalie Haskell hopes this year's Zumbathon brings that total to \$100,000.

"These events are critical to St. Jude because they help raise awareness and funds to this incredible cause," Haskell said. "St. Jude operates mostly on donations. These donations help the families to never receive a bill for treatment, housing, travel or food."

This year's event promises more than Zumba. A chil-

dren's performance, vendors, a DJ and more are part of the fun.

"In addition to our normal raffles and door prizes, we will have a section where people can purchase a raffle ticket — one ticket for \$10, two tickets for \$15, or three tickets for \$25," Haskell said. "Those who purchase these tickets are guaranteed a prize based on the number of tickets that they purchase."

To learn more, find the "MD 8th Annual St. Jude Zumbathon" Facebook page or look for the Maryland/North Carolina donation link at www.fundraising.stjude.org.

"There are going to be many amazing raffle prizes, gifts baskets, a party bus raffle for four hours, and a party host to help plan your next party for four hours, valued at \$180," Haskell said. "[We'll also have] massages, facials and an array of gift certificates."

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NEIGHBORHOOD OF THE MONTH

One Of Severna Park's Oldest Communities, West Severna Park Continues To Thrive

By Judy Tacyn

Located in the area at the intersection of Benfield Boulevard and Evergreen Road, West Severna Park truly is at the heart of it all. There are approximately 238 homes, most of which were built in the 1950s and 1960s. The community has a beautiful beach with a playground and cabana, a marina with a ramp and boat storage, and is an easy walk to the Severn River Swim Club and Evergreen pool. Kinder Farm Park is a short hike up the B&A Trail, and downtown Severna Park is just a short walk or bike ride away.

The community cabana can be reserved for parties, and includes a

long pier for fishing, a kayak rack, big sandy beach with a playground, and swimming pier. It is one of the few, maybe only, beaches with indoor plumbing and an outdoor shower.

The West Severna Park residents host several events, including Oktoberfest, a luau, newcomers key exchange, cleanup days at the marina and beach, fishing derby, and an active moms group and senior group.

Located directly across from the new Severna Park High School, children in this neighborhood attend Severna Park Elementary, Severna Park Middle and Severna Park High schools

ED KNEBEL
RESIDENT FOR 24 YEARS

Ed Knebel's family was planning a move in 1996, so they asked everyone they knew for suggestions. A coworker mentioned that he loved West Severna Park because of the sense of community, water privileges and the schools.

"The schools helped [with our decision]," said Knebel, "but I really fell in love with the marina. This is a very friendly community, with amenities that bring people together."

Knebel said when he gets asked about West Severna Park, he recommends the community for its easy access to locally owned restaurants and businesses.

"The amenities here are a great way to build relationships with neighbors," said Knebel, adding that volunteering with neighbors and attending community events is a great way to get to know people.

"Many times over the years I have witnessed the community supporting each other, mostly with food support, but even with dog walking and dog play dates," Knebel added. "We have personally received support from the community on several occasions, and were overwhelmed with the magnitude of generosity. We are grateful to live in such a caring community."

Ed has volunteered as the community's marina chairman since 1999.

SCOTT AND MARY SCHANER
RESIDENTS FOR 20 YEARS

Scott Schaner graduated from Severna Park; his wife, Mary, graduated from Andover High School. When it was time to put down their family's roots, they chose West Severna Park.

"Mary and I were looking for a neighborhood with great schools and water amenity access. We lived in Pasadena and decided that once we had children, we would either send them to private school or just

spend the same money on a house in Severna Park."

All four Schaner children attended Severna Park schools. Their youngest will graduate from Severna Park High School this May and study nursing at Towson University. Their two oldest children are a teacher in Anne Arundel County Public Schools, and a naval officer who recently earned an engineering degree. Their fourth child is in college now.

"West Severna Park is a very active community with amazing volunteers," said Scott. "Our community is 100% volunteer and there is a ton of work! It is incredible to see how much work our members volunteer for, but they do it because it is the culture of our community."

Scott credits his neighbors as being the best part of living in West Severna Park, and estimates that there are about 50 active community members serving as officers or members of committees, or simply doing things that help without recognition.

"Just recently, the Sullivans organized an annual Souper Bowl that collects pantry items for SPAN, a local food bank, on Super Bowl Sunday," noted Scott. "One of our residents, Charlie Phelps, who just turned 100 years old, volunteers his time regularly cleaning up tree debris and other items at our community beach. Charlie seeks no recognition, but I think he is the embodiment of a WSP resident."

If Scott had to narrow down the best aspects of West Severna Park, he'd say first, that the community loves to have a great party, so there are lots of them, and second, is the very active volunteer mindset.

"Our neighbors, the Trentlys, are original homeowners, so I got to hear the stories about Severna Park back when Benfield was a dirt road and that the high school was originally very small," added Scott. "Our adjacent neighbors are all very nice and vary in family size. I walk my

dog daily and it is always just nice to see my neighbors as we are out."

Scott was the community beach maintenance chairman for a few years and also served as community president for five years. Currently, he's on the board of directors. Mary organizes a showcase of homes for neighbors who had home improvements and want to share ideas with neighbors.

DAN & KATIE MILLS
RESIDENT FOR 5 YEARS

Dan, Katie, Ashley and Noah Mills moved to West Severna Park from Canton in Baltimore City in 2015. Katie Mills is a Linstead native and a Severna Park High School graduate.

The Mills children attend Severna Park Elementary School, and Dan and Katie say the family could not be happier.

"We absolutely love the school! Amazing teachers and staff who organize fun activities including a spring fair, ice cream social, plays and musicals, a variety show, and more," said Dan. "When our oldest child, a girl, started kindergarten, there were at least 13 other West Severna Park girls in kindergarten at Severna Park Elementary School!"

Katie isn't the only one who wanted to move "back" to Severna Park.

"When we moved here in 2015, we met so many kind people, many of whom have lived here for a long time, but also folks like us who wanted to move back to Severna Park once we had kids," added Dan. "To us, the residents are what make West Severna Park so special. The amenities are great, but it's our neighbors who make it where we want to live in for a long time."

Dan serves on the community board, and Katie and Dan both volunteer at the elementary school on a weekly basis. The whole family helps out with beach cleanups and, and Katie is in the community moms club.



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Ellen Kinsella
Director of
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Henry is a 40-year-old lifelong Anne Arundel County resident who had been working two jobs and making minimum wage at both. Although he and his wife didn't have any savings, they managed to make ends meet. Recently Henry began experiencing headaches, blurry vision and fatigue. He was unable to keep up with one of his jobs stocking merchandise at a home center because he became unable to do the strenuous lifting. He was let go.

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Dying For Insulin?

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Henry is looking into other employment and hopes to land a full-time job that offers insurance with a prescription plan. We were happy we could at least ease his burden during this stressful period of his life.

All of our clients have unique stories, but they have one thing in common: an emergency left them with no other choice but to seek assistance. It doesn't matter that we live in an affluent area — emergencies still happen, and they don't happen only to low-income families. In fact, the more affluent a family is, the more difficult it is if the breadwinner loses employment, because the bills are higher.

SPAN has been blessed with extremely generous donors. Presently, our food pantry is full, and our greatest need is financial.

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I also want to thank the Good Neighbors Group for organizing another successful Souper Bowl neighborhood food drive. More than 4,500 items were donated this year by 26 local neighborhoods.

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sary Celebration and Ribbon Cutting – Tuesday, May 12, 4:00pm at the SPAN house. Come early to tour SPAN, and plan on joining us with food and festivities following the ribbon cutting at Our Shepherd Lutheran Church!

Follow us on Facebook, and visit our website at www.spanhelps.org. SPAN (Serving People Across Neighborhoods) is an independent nonprofit food pantry and emergency services provider that has been helping local families with eviction prevention, utility turnoffs, medical/prescription bills, and food since 1990. SPAN serves 14 zip codes in Anne Arundel County. SPAN is located behind Our Shepherd Lutheran Church at 400 Benfield Road in Severna Park. Hours are Monday through Thursday from 10:00am-1:30pm. For more information, call 410-647-0889, email spanhelps@yahoo.com, follow SPAN on Facebook, or visit www.spanhelps.org. Financial donations may be made through the website. Food donations may be dropped off 24/7 using the storage bin behind the building.



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A Child Custody Statute For Maryland?

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A child custody statute may be coming to Maryland. Recent legislative sessions have seen the introduction of bills that would make joint custody and/or shared parenting the presumptive custodial arrangement. Every year, these bills are defeated, as unnecessary intrusions upon judicial discretion, leaving Maryland in the minority of states with no statute or case law creating a presumption favoring shared parenting.

For many legislators, this annual rite has highlighted the absence of a custody statute in Maryland. In the past, bills sponsored by family law practitioners, including Delegate Kathleen Dumais (Democrat, District 15, Montgomery County), have recited the guiding principle that “the best interest of the child shall be the primary consideration” in any custody litigation. Beyond this familiar starting point of best interests, the bill would serve to codify and streamline custody case law. It defines physical custody as “a child’s living arrangements.” Legal custody is defined as “the right and obligation to make long-range decisions involving education, religious training, discipline, medical care, and other matters of major significance concerning the child’s life and welfare.” This provision serves as a useful clarification because, in many instances, “legal custody” is a vague concept that often means whatever the court says it means.

With the guidance provided by a new statute, the

trial court would still retain broad authority to craft a custody order suitable to each individual case. Legal custody could “be joint, sole, or any other arrangement the court may determine is in the best interest of the child.” Likewise, physical custody “may be any timesharing arrangement the court may determine is in the best interest of the child.” Family law attorneys agree that a statute would be useful in codifying in one place the countless cases that make up custody law now. This would also lend predictability to these cases, making them easier to settle and thereby less time-consuming and expensive.

In past sessions, proposed statutes have drawn inspiration from *Montgomery County v. Sanders*, the seminal case setting forth those factors that a court must consider when ruling on custody. Past bills have expanded upon *Montgomery County v. Sanders* and added to that case’s 10 factors other relevant considerations found elsewhere in the case law, including:

- The capacity of the parents to communicate and to reach shared decisions affecting the child’s welfare
- The relationship established between the child and each parent
- The demands of parental employment
- The sincerity of a parent’s request
- The benefit to the parents where such benefit will likely result in a benefit to the child
- The age, sex and health of the child, except that any such consideration shall not, in and of itself, be a conclusive consideration
- The number of children each parent has in

the household

- Any history of domestic violence between the parties or by a party and a child
- Any other consideration the court determines is relevant to the best interest of the child

In determining physical custody, the court would also be directed to consider “geographic proximity ... the potential disruption of the child’s social and school life ... and any impact on state or federal assistance.” Impermissible factors include race, ethnicity, gender and the religion of either the parent or child. Extramarital sexual conduct and sexual orientation are not to be considered, “except upon a showing of harm to the child.” The parents’ relative financial situations are to be considered only to the extent “the combined financial resources of the parents set practical limits on the custodial arrangements.”

The proposed statute serves family law practitioners and children well by codifying custody law that is scattered among the appellate decisions of generations. It would foster uniformity and predictability, while still leaving to the trial judge ample discretion to fashion the best resolution for each family.

Finally, if you or a loved one has questions about custody, you should consult with an attorney who is familiar with this area of the law and who will assist you in making informed decisions.

David Diggs is experienced in all facets of family law. If you need further information regarding this subject, contact **The Law Office of David V. Diggs, LLC, located at 8684 Veterans Highway, Suite 204, in Millersville. Call 410-244-1171 or email david@diggsllaw.com.**

Myths About Estate Planning

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Many people have misconceptions about the need for, or costs of, estate planning. Some individuals think that unless you are wealthy, a will is all that is needed. But if you have children, especially young children, a trust may be a much better option to cover your needs. If you have a house, boat or other assets, it’s important to ensure they are handled according to your wishes, and in the best manner to minimize tax implications. All of these factors can greatly impact you, in the event of your incapacitation, and your family, in the event of your death. Take the quiz below to determine how much you know and check your answers below.

“If I have a will, I will avoid the probate process, right?”

False. A last will and testament will not help you avoid the probate process. A will actually guarantees probate! A last will and testament only informs the probate court how you wish to have your assets distributed upon your death.

“I can handle a decedent’s estate because I am the power of attorney.”

False. A power of attorney is a document that applies only while a person is living. After that person passes away, the power of attorney

and your authority ceases to exist. A power of attorney dies with the person. If you continue taking actions after a person passes away, you could become legally liable for actions taken.

“I heard a revocable trust protects my assets from the nursing home. Is that true?”

False. A revocable trust will not give you protection from the costs of nursing home care. A slightly different trust, called an irrevocable trust, can offer such protections, but it comes with a number of factors worth considering if you want to see if such a tool is right for you. There are certainly other reasons to consider a revocable trust, but nursing home care protection is not one of them.

“I do not need to have a trust because I am not wealthy.”

False. Wealth has little to do with whether you would benefit from a trust or not. It is more important to evaluate whether the efficiencies of avoiding the probate process and avoiding potential conflict and time for your heirs justifies the creation of a trust. Additionally, trusts can protect assets for minor children, special needs children, and family members who may have substance abuse issues, as well as general protection from your children’s divorce, bankruptcy and creditors.

“I can use online resources to set up a trust or will.”

While almost anything

can be obtained online in today’s technologically advanced world, there are a few areas where this is particularly unwise. Using templated documents for your will or trust is not a one-size-fits-all approach and could actually cause more harm than good. It is wiser to discuss your particular situation with an experienced estate planning attorney to determine the best options for you and your family. The costs to set up and file a will or trust are about the same as a weekend getaway and will potentially save your family a lot of pain and frustration when faced with the grief of your death. They will be glad you took the time to think through these processes with the help of an advisor. That advisor will also be there to help them should any questions or issues arise.

How did you do? Is your family protected in the event of your incapacitation or unexpected death? What happens to your children if something happens to you? Do you have questions about the best approach for your situation? Want more information? Visit www.frameandframe.com to download a free guide to wills, trusts and probate.

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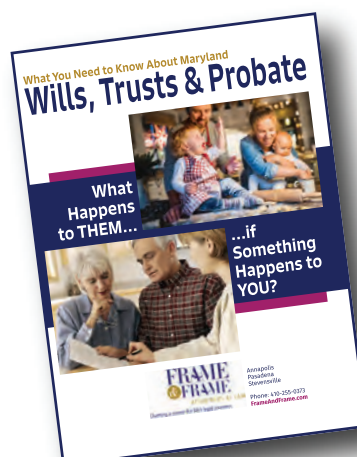
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Experience Free And \$1 Events During Maryland's Birthday

On March 25, Maryland turns 386. During Maryland Day weekend from March 20-22, the area's historical, heritage and cultural sites will come together to celebrate that milestone with family-friendly events that are free or just \$1. Events include nature hikes, historic homes, farm and garden tours, museum exhibits, historical re-enactments, and open house events at galleries and art centers.

As it is also the Year of the Woman, there will be a free guided tour (Women of Achievement Walking Tour) in downtown Annapolis by Watermark Tours, and award-winning actress and Smithsonian scholar Mary Ann Jung will perform "Elizabeth Cady Stanton" at the Eastport Library, a new exhibit at Banneker Douglas called "Verda's Place: A Homage to a Valiant Woman." Guests can also visit the new sculpture of Harriet Tubman at the Maryland State House.

Other new events this year include a Maryland Day block party on Market Space in downtown Annapolis, tours of the Anne Arundel Free School in Davidsonville, an American Indian art exhibit at St. John's College, pirate fun on the Back Creek Campus of the Annapolis Maritime Museum, open house at the historic Goshen Farm, and a scavenger hunt in downtown Annapolis by Visit Annapolis.

This is the 13th year that the Maryland Day celebration has been sponsored by the Four Rivers Heritage Area. The sponsorship allows sites that typically charge an admission fee to either waive the admission fee or charge only \$1 for the weekend. Most sites also

bring on extra staff for tours, demonstrations, and other events for the public to enjoy and enhance their visit during the Maryland Day weekend.

"This is an opportunity to experience a wide range of historical and cultural sites that fit in every family's budget," said Erik Evans, the marketing director for Maryland Day.

MARYLAND DAY WEEKEND EVENT HIGHLIGHTS

Tour historic homes: Visit and tour the Deale Area Historical Society, which is filled with buildings from the late 1800s to the early 1900s. Visit a two-room home, a one-room school, an African-American beneficial society building, an outhouse, a tobacco barn, a Russian Orthodox chapel, and various smaller buildings. In Annapolis, check out the homes of two signers of the Declaration of Independence, the William Paca House, and the Charles Carroll House, and see the newest restoration work at the Harwood Hammond House. Plus, don't forget the State House, which is packed with history.

Enjoy the outdoors on one of several guided hikes, a walking tour of downtown Annapolis or Brewer Hill Cemetery, or by visiting a local farm. Plus, all of the Anne Arundel County parks are offering free admission. On City Dock, tour the tall ship, *Pride of Baltimore II*, and watch a flag-raising ceremony. Visit the block party on Market Space between visiting the sites and enjoy music and food.

Kids activities are in abundance at the Chesapeake Children's Museum, Hammond Harwood House, An-

napolis Maritime Museum's Back Creek Campus, and Maryland Hall for the Creative Arts. Also, check out the flag-raising ceremony at Susan B. Campbell Park with the mayor and flag detail by the award-winning USNA League Cadets of the Training Ship *Mercedes*.

Take in the arts at Maryland Hall's annual open house ArtFest. It's an afternoon of fun for all ages, featuring art demonstrations, music recitals, dance performances, exhibits, hands-on activities, and children's crafts. This free open house showcases Maryland Hall like no other single day and ends with a free concert. Stop by the Maryland Federation of Art and see local artists' work for sale. On Sunday, head to downtown Annapolis to hear the live music on Market Space.

Learn about African-American history at the Banneker Douglas Museum. Discover culinary history at the Galesville Community Center, visit the historic Brewer Hill Cemetery, check out the new sculptures of Frederick Douglas and Harriet Tubman at the State House, and experience the performance *Our Legacy of Greatness* at the Wiley Bates Legacy Center.

Check out all the Maryland Day events online at www.marylandday.org.

Professional Fire Fighters Launch Foundation



The Anne Arundel County Professional Fire Fighters have launched the Anne Arundel County Professional Fire Fighters Charitable Foundation, which will provide emergency assistance and charitable support to the victims of fire, disasters and tragedies in Anne Arundel County as well as support for firefighters who are injured or who perish while serving the community.

"We've been doing this great work all along," said IAFF Local 1563 President

Joe Addivino. "We are excited to have this new vehicle to help us raise awareness and further our work in support of the Anne Arundel County community."

The Anne Arundel County Professional Fire Fighters announced the launch of their charitable foundation at their sold-out annual Italian dinner, where funds are raised in support of the Anne Arundel County Professional Fire Fighters Widows and Orphans Fund. About Anne Arundel

County Professional Fire Fighters/IAFF Local 1563

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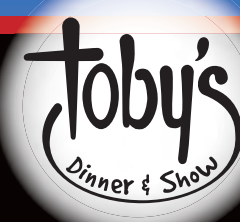
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POLITICS & OPINION

Preventing Crisis Among Our Youth

Sid Saab

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When I last wrote in the *Severna Park Voice*, I shared some recommendations and concerns of the Kirwan Commission's Blueprint for Education. I said that I have consistently supported innovative programs in schools that will challenge students, broaden their horizons and reach at-risk students to keep them engaged, safe and attending school through graduation.

During school, each teacher has so many challenges to teach the material, maintain order in the classroom, engage every student, help them find their passion and excel in classwork. We cannot expect them to also be clinicians or social workers or addiction specialists. If a student is distracted by a disruptive home life, drama from older siblings, or if their parents are not healthy or engaged, these factors can lead to behavioral problems, which are best dealt with early.

To that end, I have introduced House Bill 535, an innovative three-year pilot program for three to four middle or elementary schools in Anne Arundel County. This Preventive Measure Unit pilot program is designed to build

on the success of the existing Crisis Response System (CRS) by adding a team member to each participating school for the full class day. The pilot seeks to help youth who are identified by behaviors early in their life to prevent them from developing into crisis situations. The program would assist with minimizing suspensions and juvenile citations while increasing the youth's school attendance and performance.

Students may be identified by the school administration or school resource officers (SROs) as vulnerable or at-risk youth and are referred to a crisis intervention team (CIT). This team will consist of a licensed mental health professional (which may be an addiction specialist, psychologist or counselor, to name a few), a specially trained Anne Arundel County police officer and a care coordinator. The officers are trained in "Mental Health, First Aid and Crisis Intervention," a 40-hour class. The CIT can assess, stabilize and connect youth and their families to community-based services and engage the individual and the family to build rapport and address a myriad of trauma-related issues in order to prevent crisis occurrence.

Why pilot the program even in an elementary school? After many conversations with teachers, clinicians and

mental health professionals, it became clear to me that early intervention for struggling kids is key. For that reason, we amended the bill to include an elementary school. Reviewing the data from crisis center calls shows that the age of youth in crisis is getting younger. This is alarming to me.

We want to keep students in their schools and in their classrooms while they are getting needed help, rather than isolating and sending them out of the classroom only to return a day or two later without addressing the problem. And, if possible, we don't want to remove students from their local school to another school that deals with behavioral and mental issues.

I emphasize that this program is 100% voluntary for students and their families. Our goal is to prevent crisis through intervention and access to treatment.

House Bill 535 was heard in the House Ways and Means Committee on February 19. It is now awaiting further committee action.

As always, your thoughts are appreciated. I can be reached at 410-841-3551 or sid.saab@house.state.md.us.

All columns this month were edited for space. Please find the full versions at www.severnaparkvoice.com.

The FY2021 BOE Budget

Dana Schallheim

Board of Education
District 5



The Board of Education budget meeting on February 19 was a marathon. By 1:30am Thursday morning, both the Fiscal Year 2021 capital and operating budgets were finalized. Overall, I am pleased with what we collectively put together.

I fought for well-thought-out and carefully targeted reductions in spending presented by my colleague, because I deeply care about how our taxpayer dollars are spent. Unfortunately, my colleagues didn't agree and both measured attempts to control spending — as well as a more realistic budget for teaching positions — failed. Although few were successful, I also voted on cuts during last year's budget and will again in the future to ensure our precious and limited resources are focused on our students and limit, as much as possible, bloat in other categories.

For a second year running, this board recognized the importance of properly compensating our teachers who have the awesome task of educating

our students. The Board of Education included an additional equivalent of a 1% cost of living increase (COLA) to all employees in addition to Dr. George Arlotto's compensation recommendation. These extra funds, while still subject to approval by both the county executive and county council, as well as negotiations with the teacher's union, can be used to address mutually agreed upon priorities including rectifying longstanding pay inequities.

One possible use of the funds is the restoration of docked experience steps. Since FY2010 and until this academic year, teachers were docked one to three years of experience upon hiring as a way to create equity between new hires and veteran employees whose steps were frozen during the economic downturn. Now that those lean economic times are behind us, it's important to consider restoring these steps before these teachers, and all their experience, leave for better-paying jobs in nearby counties. We all know that retention costs less than recruitment, and paying

teachers in accordance with their experience should be a part of our retention strategy.

Amendments passed by the Board of Education included additional school counselors, special education staff, community ambassadors, bilingual facilitators, bilingual teaching assistants, and college and career counselors for three challenged high schools.

The budget is now in the hands of County Executive Stuart Pittman, who will announce his countywide budget on May 1. From there, the budget will be reviewed and potentially amended by the county council, whose members will strike the county FY2021 budget by June 15. During its review process, the county council will hold budget hearings on May 7 at 7:00pm at North County High School and on May 11 at 7:00pm at the Arundel Center. Please contact County Executive Pittman and the county council, attend these hearings, and advocate for our schools.

Your opinion matters! Contact me at dschallheim@aacps.org.

Council Update

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Councilwoman
District 5



In 2017 and 2018, I spent most of my evenings and weekends in communities, meeting constituents at their doors. It was an opportunity for you, the voter, to learn about me. More importantly, it gave me an opportunity to understand the issues that concerned you and your community. Time has passed, but those concerns are still at the forefront of my mind. So too are my commitments that I made, especially when it comes to spending your hard-earned tax dollars. I make no bones about it. I am a fiscal conservative.

It alarms me to hear what is happening across the street from council chambers in Annapolis. The halls have been abuzz with terms like "progressive tax," "service tax" and "historic tax increases." Bills have been introduced and are making their way through committees, the delegation and senate chambers. Let us not forget that Anne Arundel County residents are still adjusting to the "historic" tax increase under County Executive Stuart Pittman in 2019, an increase I did not support. The more that government reaches into your wallet, the more you have to adjust your family budget. Families will limit how much they invest in our locally owned businesses. Individuals will cut back on visiting their favorite local mom-and-pop store, in favor of the more affordable online option.

"Historic" tax increases mean "historic" losses for small business, and those businesses are the backbone of our local economy. This is the reality of what we are facing. As a member of the county council, I cannot vote on state legislation, but tax increases and reckless fees come before the council as well. In February, the county council passed bills 88-19 and 89-19. These bills, also known as the "short-term rental" bills, impose a hotel tax to anyone who rents their primary residence and/or second home on a hosting platform such as VRBO or Airbnb, and requires a registration with a \$400 fee, respectively. Short-term rental owners range from the retiree who is sharing their home to supplement a fixed income, to someone who has a second home that is used primarily as a short-term

rental, and everything in between.

Because of our proximity to Annapolis, the fifth district has many homeowners who use their home as a short-term rental on only one or two annual occasions. The most prominent of these occasions is Commissioning Week. It is unreasonable to me that someone who opens their home to support Navy families could now have to pay a \$400 fee to register their home. This will deter families from participating in a decades-long tradition of supporting our only military academy in the county. While I believe we need to protect the integrity of our existing communities as this industry evolves, I could not support a bill that hurts local families.

I will continue to take this fiscal conservative approach as we move through the Fiscal Year 2021 budget process that begins with the county executive's budget presentation on May 1, 2020.

There are other key issues ahead in 2020 for the council, including the General Development Plan (GDP). The GDP will guide land use for the next 20 years in our county. Currently, the Office of Planning and Zoning is reviewing land use change applications that have been submitted for specific parcels all over the county. There will be an opportunity for public comment on those applications during town halls in the spring and summer. The Department of Planning and Zoning will then formulate recommendations on each of these applications and present those recommendations to the county council within the GDP in September 2020. It is important to know that the recommendations for land use changes are a step in the process. I encourage you to visit www.aacounty.org/departments/planning-and-zoning and click on "Anne Arundel 2040" to understand the entire process.

At the council's February 18 meeting, Bill 6-20 passed unanimously. Bill 6-20 adds a permitted use in certain residential areas, for watermen in existence since January 1, 1990. Council chambers were full of watermen who came to testify about the heritage of what they do, and explained that it is their livelihood. The council came together to support small business.

I take the commitments I made very seriously. Please remain engaged, in our county legislation and the budget process. Your voice is important to me.

Last Chance To End Gerrymandering

Michael Malone

Delegate
District 33



I received special valentine cards the morning of February 14, but they weren't from my wife. The valentines received that morning at my General Assembly desk from the governor and the League of Women Voters had notes like "just as fine as a fairly drawn district line" and "roses are red, violets are blue, together let's ensure voters' votes remain true." All sweetness aside, with the decennial U.S. Census beginning next month, and that data soon being used to redraw congressional and state legislative district lines, Maryland's ongoing gerrymandering is hard to swallow.

Last year's Supreme Court *Benisek v. Lamone* decision squarely placed redistricting reform in the hands of individual states. Change must happen here. The Maryland Constitution requires that state legislative lines be drawn so that each district

would be "of adjoining territory, be compact in form, and be of substantially equal population," with due regard given to "natural boundaries and the boundaries of political subdivisions." This, however, does not apply to Maryland's congressional districts. If Maryland's Constitution applied the same standards to both state and congressional districts, Maryland's current congressional district lines would be unconstitutional under Maryland law. In 2002, Maryland's highest court applied these same Maryland Constitutional standards to invalidate gerrymandered state districts in response to 15 petitions challenging the map prepared by Governor Parris Glendening and the General Assembly. In any event, gerrymandering reform in Maryland requires amending Maryland's Constitution, so any reform passed by the General Assembly would then be placed on the ballot to be ratified by the people.

This year, I've again introduced anti-gerrymandering legislation: House Bills 1460,

1491 and 1495. HB 1491 is the same bill I proposed last year, which would require that our requirements for state legislative boundaries be extended to congressional boundaries. It is a bipartisan effort and has 65 co-sponsors. HB 1495 would require that state legislative districts be drawn without accounting for how people are registered to vote, how they have voted in the past, or their political party, in accordance with Maryland District Court ruling in *Benisek v. Lamone*. HB 1460 would impose those same requirements on the redrawing of congressional districts.

Governor Hogan has introduced anti-gerrymandering legislation for the fifth year, this time as the Redistricting Reform Act of 2020. The Redistricting Reform Act of 2020, which I've co-sponsored, is two-pronged. House Bill 341, cross-filed as Senate Bill 266, is aimed at congressional redistricting. If enacted, HB 341 provides for Maryland's congressional and state legislative districts to be drawn by an indepen-

dent commission, rather than our rather partisan General Assembly. Each legislative district would be drawn to be geographically compact and to respect communities and natural boundaries, without regard to how individuals are registered to vote or their actual voting patterns and without regard for incumbents or potential political candidates. House Bill 346, cross-filed as Senate Bill 284, would take effect upon ratification of HB 341 and provides the structure needed to implement it. HB 346 would create a nine-member commission of three Democrats, three Republicans and three independents who are not political insiders. The commission would conduct public hearings in a transparent process before drawing a redistricting plan and submitting it to the General Assembly for ratification.

Redistricting reform bills were heard before the House Rules and Executive Nominations Committee on March 2. A vote has yet to occur on the bills. Now is the time to end GerryMaryland.

The Steaming Reality About Vaping

Ed Reilly

State Senator
District 33



Approximately six years ago, members of my staff had questions and concerns about the new e-cigarette or vaping industry, so they visited a small vape shop in Severna Park. They talked to the owner about how one "vapes," the devices that are available for vaping, and the cartridges that are available for purchase for the devices. They were told that vaping was such an excellent step down from cigarettes and nicotine addiction. Concerns were raised about the product not having any federal approval, but the shop owner didn't feel their product needed federal approval. That was then, before the massive growth in the vaping market, the development of the disposable vaping devices, and severe illness and deaths attributed to vaping.

Today, more than 8,400 retailers in Maryland are licensed to sell tobacco

products, including products used for vaping. It has become a known fact that vaping products are highly addictive and contain nicotine salts, which make the flavors more palatable. Unfortunately, the targeted audience has become teenagers and young adults; products are specially flavored to appeal to them. There are more than 15,500 flavors including fruit, candy and dessert flavors.

As the industry has developed, so has the marketing of disposable vaping devices. JUUL is one manufacturer of these devices. These disposable devices are found wherever tobacco products are sold. This has made their purchase incredibly easy for minors at local convenience stores. It's common knowledge that students will vape at school, in the lunchroom, in classrooms, and during instruction time. Bathrooms are even called "vaping lounges." The disposable vaping device is small and easily hidden, and there is no smoke, but a vapor so they are not easily detected. I did support the successful effort to raise

the sale of these products to people over the age of 21 years old.

In January, the FDA (Food and Drug Administration) acted on the unregulated marketing of vaping products and placed a partial federal ban on all flavored nicotine vaping products that use a cartridge system. Menthol and tobacco flavor cartridges were not included in this ban. However, the federal government did not ban disposable devices.

On February 6, Maryland Comptroller Peter Franchot announced that he would use his authority as the state's chief tobacco regulator to immediately ban the sale of disposable flavored e-cigarette devices in Maryland. This closes the loophole created by the FDA that did not address the disposable devices. Agents from the comptroller's Field Enforcement Division, along with local health departments, will inspect retailers across the state to make sure the product is no longer for sale and is off the retail shelves. In mid-February, the comptroller's vaping task

force came up with several recommendations pertaining to vaping rules and regulations. They covered everything from banning online sales to permitting vape shop vendors to sell only to patrons over 21 years of age. They also recommended that retailers have ID scanning technology to make sure the person was actually 21 years old or older. Tougher punishments would be established for "straw buyers." These are adults that go in and buy the product with intent to sell or give to a minor.

There are currently several pieces of legislation in the Maryland state legislature. One will totally ban all flavored tobacco and nicotine vaping products. Public safety representatives are concerned that this would create a huge black market supplied by out-of-state products. If this bill becomes law, any action done by the comptroller's office is complementary to legislation.

If you have any comments on this issue or others, contact me at edward.reilly@senate.state.md.us, or call my office at 410-841-3568.

BUSINESS SPOTLIGHT

Houck's Menswear Finds Perfect Fit In Cape St. Claire



Larry Houck takes pride in offering affordable American-made clothing at Houck's Menswear in Cape St. Claire.

By Zach Sparks

In the age of big-box stores and online retailers, the brick-and-mortar shop Houck's Menswear has prospered without a huge Internet presence, instead relying on great customer service and bargain prices.

"Americans are often fooled because they're not shopping, they're buying," said owner Larry Houck. "Here, I have that customer service like the old days. People can come in, feel the clothing and try it on."

Houck opened his Cape St. Claire shop in 2016 after one year in Centerville and more than three years in Chestertown, Maryland. "This location has parking and is in the center of quite a few people," he said of the Cape St. Claire shopping center. "The community here is young and diverse."

When Houck was young, he didn't know he would eventually be in the menswear business. He originally had aspirations of being a lawyer. Soon after graduating from the University of Maryland in 1979, the Glen Burnie

High School alum was hired to sell clothes at Phillips Men's Shop in Laurel, Delaware.

Houck realized that career suited him better, although he took a round-about journey to get there. He spent time in Palm Beach, Florida, and then 20 years in the fulfillment business before opening his own menswear store.

"Moving product around intrigues me, and I like being with the public," he said.

Houck's Menswear carries suits, jackets, pants, shirts, hats, gloves and an array of other apparel.

"My theme is business casual," Houck said. "The suits and sports coats are only for funerals and weddings."

He also offers tuxedos for students to rent during prom season, a service used by teens from Severna Park and Broadneck high schools, as well as St. Mary's and Archbishop Spalding.

From Bills Khakis to Schott NYC, the brands at Houck's all sell American-made clothing.

"It seems like everyone has to have a North Face, but there are American

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Goska's Liquors Celebrates Nine Decades Of Service

Located in a red house on Leelyn Drive, Goska's Liquors is older than most people who live in Severna Park. The business just turned 90 years old.

Goska's wasn't always a liquor store. When brothers Walter and Alex Goska bought the building from the Kleiss family in 1930, it was a general store.

"We had gas pumps, ice house, feed house, they did butcher — basically everything from A to Z, from candles to canned goods to etc.," explained Kevin Sosnoski, who runs the store. "So it's really been a business that's changed over the years to what it is now."

In 1933, the repeal of Prohibition meant that the Goska brothers could start selling beer and liquor. Long-forgotten brands such as Gunther and American were the beers of choice.

As Severna Park developed over the years, Goska's continued business, despite the advent of large grocery stores that displaced many small general stores. When Walter Goska died in the 1950s, his wife, Helen, continued to run the shop with the help of her sister, Eva.

Kevin's father, Walter Sosnoski, nephew to Helen and Eva, relocated to Severna Park from Arbutus and helped run the store. Walter was the one who helped solidify the store's place in the community, according to the history provided on the Goska's website.

"Walter always greeted and thanked every customer that walked in the door," it recalls. "His appreciation for every customer was genuine and it was his practices that set the standard for Goska's



Above: Kevin Sosnoski (second from left) and his team at Goska's Liquors put an emphasis on customer service — knowing people by name and helping them carry products to their cars.

Below: Brothers Walter and Alex Goska (left) were always friendly when greeting customers who patronized their general store (right), which they acquired from the Kleiss family in 1930.



renowned service."

As a third-generation owner and a resident of Severna Park, Kevin Sosnoski recognizes the importance of being a community-oriented business leader.

"We make you feel welcome when you walk in the door," he said. "We help you along the line with your purchase if you have any questions. I have an extremely knowledgeable, friendly staff."

Over the years, the staff included Kevin's recently retired brother, Michael; mom, Emilie; sister, Carol; Michael's wife, Debbie Sosnoski; and Kevin's brother-in-law, Tom Mullen.

Recognizing the importance of reinvesting dollars in the community, Goska's Liquors supports local organizations and charities throughout the year. Some groups that the store has supported are Providence

Center, SPAN, the VFW, the Elks club and Green Hornets.

Goska's Liquors is located at 501 Leelyn Drive in Severna Park and is open Monday through Saturday from 7:00am to 8:00pm and Sunday from 8:00am to 6:00pm. For more information, visit www.goskas.com or call 410-647-4041.

"It's something that should be celebrated," Sosnoski said of the 90-year milestone. "It doesn't happen very often."

A Retirement Parable

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John's struggling to steer his boat toward shore. He can see the shoreline, but wind and rain are slapping his face with cold water from the bay. The water's choppy and waves are spilling over the bow of his boat. He'd checked the forecast just before setting

out to cross the Chesapeake Bay, but this storm had come out of nowhere!

He looked over and saw his friend, Tony, was struggling as well. The storm was rocking his boat just as much, but as he watched, John noticed his friend has started to change course. Tony was now headed toward the peninsula to his right, a shorter distance than the shoreline straight ahead.

John was perplexed; he'd carefully planned for this trip for years. He and Tony had decided they'd take an epic trip crossing the Chesapeake Bay on their own; each man in his own boat. After much research, John decided he'd cross in a sailboat and Tony chose a rowboat.

As the chosen date approached, both men carefully analyzed the weather forecast and John felt confident that he'd have the

tailwinds needed to propel him forward and make it to his desired marina. Unfortunately, after the men were well on their way across the bay, the weather had unexpectedly changed and now John had only one choice: he'd need to wait out the storm and hope that once it subsided he wouldn't be too far from his goal.

WHAT DOES THIS PARABLE HAVE TO DO WITH RETIREMENT PLANNING?

If you're planning to take an epic trip called retirement, what should your planning look like? What strategies will you use when investing for your future?

With investing, there are a variety of strategies you can take. Broadly speaking, there are two to choose from. These two approaches I'm referring to are called passive

management (the sailboat strategy) or active management (the rowboat strategy).

THE SAILBOAT STRATEGY VERSUS THE ROWBOAT STRATEGY

Passive management, the sailboat strategy, is a way to invest your portfolio that includes setting your sail and taking advantage of the tailwinds to get to your destination. You will coast quickly along toward your destination without much effort on your part, however, should an unexpected storm arise, you must stay in the boat and ride out the storm, no matter the severity.

Active management, the rowboat strategy, is a way to invest that allows you to change your strategy based on the conditions around you. It can notice the incoming storm and indicate that

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Chamber Update

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We are excited to announce our newest members of the chamber: Bay Area CPR, LLC; Healthspan Nutrition; Kwik Dry of Anne Arundel County; Ally 4 Pets, LLC; Equinox Innovative Systems; and Cruise Planners American Express Travel.

We held five ribbon-cutting celebrations in February. On February 5, we held a hugely attended ribbon cutting for owners Daniele Morgan and Winsome Brown of Lean on Dee, Senior Care Advocates Inc. These energetic sisters work to help families identify senior care solutions for elderly loved ones. On February 7, Wild Ewes Woolery welcomed guests to its wonderful store filled with gorgeous knitting and crafting supplies. Libations were provided by Annapolis Home Brew and desserts by Lisa's Cakepops. On February 22, we held a ribbon cutting for Kumon in Severna

Park. Owners Robin and Liz Kim welcomed over 50 friends and family to our area's newest learning center. On February 27, we held a ribbon cutting celebration for Kwik Dry of Anne Arundel County. Franchise owners Lou and Susana Goodwin are anxious to get started in their carpet and upholstery cleaning business. And on February 29, we held a ribbon cutting for Donut Shack. We are so happy "the Shack is Back" to its original look, feel and recipes thanks to new owners Ali Matthews and Ben Hilliard, and community members couldn't be happier.

On February 6, we held a multi-chamber networking event at La Fontaine Bleue in Glen Burnie. More than 100 attendees enjoyed meeting one another and exchanging cards.

The Learn and Lead Committee held a workshop on February 11 at Romilo's Restaurant in Severna Park. The workshop was part two of the Motivation Series kicking off the new year. Meetings are sponsored by Popham and Associates and co-chaired by Tree-

branch Group.

Our Successful Women in Business group held a Valentine's mixer on February 12 at The Blended Essentials in Severna Park. Attendees created candles, bath salts and scented rollers. Owner Danielle Bowen is a master in project management, ensuring that everyone created perfect products. This has become a hugely popular place for events ranging from bridal showers to kids' parties, and it's a wonderful gift store too.

We are planning for our Shop Local Fun Fiesta, which will be held at Park Plaza on May 2. We anticipate over 60 participants and will have food, entertainment, shopping, kids' games and more. Please mark your calendar for this fun spring event that is free. Hours will be 11:00am to 3:00pm.

It's beginning to look a lot like parade time! Our annual July 4 parade will be held on Saturday, July 4, from 10:00am to 11:30am in Severna Park. This year's theme is "Celebrating Our Rich Community History." Our grand

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Ribbon Cutting



The Donut Shack Has New Owners



Longtime friends and former coworkers Ben Hilliard and Ali Matthews reopened Donut Shack on February 29. The community showed up in force to support the new owners, who have promised to do all they can to re-establish the shop as a local favorite.

What Can Investors Expect In 2020?

Brian M. Conrad, CFP
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In 2019, investors enjoyed a pretty good year. The S&P 500 Index, one of the most widely used tools for measuring stock performance, was up 30% for the year, and other indexes also rose significantly. But now that we've turned the page to 2020, what can you expect from the financial markets?

First of all, keep in mind that it's always difficult to predict how investments will perform, because any number of factors — economic, political, even meteorological — can affect the markets in the short term. Nonetheless, here are four areas that could play a role in the investment world in 2020:

Consumer spending – In recent years, consumer spending has helped drive economic growth, which, in turn, has supported rising share prices over time. In 2020, the combination of low interest rates and a strong labor market may continue to support strong consumer spending. However, some possible headwinds remain, in the form of sluggishness in business investment and continued trade uncertainty between the U.S. and China, despite the recently signed partial trade deal.

Interest rates – As mentioned above, interest rates are still low, which is usually good news for invest-

ors, because low rates make it cheaper for businesses to borrow to expand their operations — and growing businesses are often attractive investment opportunities. Investors will closely follow the Federal Reserve this year for signs of where rates may be headed. Given that global interest rates are also quite low — and even negative, in some cases — it seems likely that the Fed will keep rates low for the foreseeable future, but an unexpected pickup in inflation could possibly lead to a policy reversal.

Global growth – Global growth slowed in 2019, but some factors point to the possibility of improved growth in 2020. For one thing, if we do see an improved trade relationship between the U.S. and China, it could help accelerate or increase global trade

and manufacturing. Also, major central banks have been trying to boost their economies by cutting interest rates, and since there's usually a lag between rate cuts and their impact, we could see evidence in 2020 that these stimulus efforts are working.

Politics – Of course, 2020 is an election year. At this point, no one can accurately predict the outcome of either the presidential or congressional races; furthermore, it's also difficult to forecast the reaction of the financial markets to any change in political leadership. Issues such as taxes, tariffs and regulations can influence market sentiment — sometimes far in advance of their actual effect on the economy — but it's probably unwise for you to adjust your investment

strategy in response to what may happen. In general, it's a good idea not to "play politics" with your portfolio.

No matter how any of the above factors play out in 2020, you'll almost certainly help yourself by following a long-term investment strategy based on your goals, risk tolerance and time horizon. Along the way, you may need to adjust your portfolio somewhat in response to external events, but you don't want to overreact to the headlines of today — or the anticipated headlines of tomorrow. Ultimately, the decisions you make will determine your success as an investor.

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Chamber Update

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marshal is local historian and retired business owner Scott Jay. We would love to see an outpouring of community participation with floats and walkers! Please contact our office at 410-647-3900 with questions. Applications can be downloaded from our website at www.gspacc.com

Please join the chamber and support the Shop Local movement!

Houck's Menswear Finds Perfect Fit In Cape St. Claire

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companies that compete in the trend world," Houck said. "American companies are just as competitive. I [sell American clothing] because I'm patriotic and because it keeps people employed."

Houck has a patriotic spirit, and that support starts in the local community as a member of the Lions Club and the Knights of Columbus. Through silent auctions and items donated, he also supports Devine Mercy Academy, the Goshen

Farm Preservation Society, the Marine Toys for Tots program, the Cape St. Claire strawberry festival, Hospice of the Chesapeake Foundation, Arnold Senior Center, and Chesterton Academy of Annapolis.

"In the fraternal organizations, you meet people of all backgrounds," he said.

Those connections have been just one rewarding aspect of being a small-business owner. With community support and an emphasis on customer service, Houck hopes his store will continue to thrive.

To learn more about Houck's Menswear, visit the shop at 1382 Cape St. Claire Road or call 410-757-5500.

A Retirement Parable

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it's an appropriate time to go in a different direction and change course, just like Tony did when he decided to row to the peninsula to get out of the storm.

Passive management uses benchmark-sensitive strategies that are primarily driven by the market. They seek to take advantage of the tailwinds of bull markets to capture investment returns. Active management is not constrained by a benchmark and you have the freedom to disconnect from the benchmark anytime you choose. Active management strives to avoid the risk in bear markets when headwinds threaten your returns. In other words, the passive management approach follows an index like the S&P, where active management strives to beat the market by predicting market trends and outcomes.

SHOULD YOU CHOOSE PASSIVE OR ACTIVE MANAGEMENT?

No matter the approach you choose, you'll have waters that are smooth and waters that are choppy as you journey toward the retirement shoreline. By and large, however, you will get to your destination. I believe that a well-constructed retirement income plan will include both strategies. This way, you can adjust your sail when needed, and you can use your oars when needed.

Generally speaking, active management of your investments is for when you're concerned about risk and want downside protection, when you have a specific investment objective (such as income), and a shorter time horizon. Passive manage-

ment of your investments, on the other hand, is better used by the hands-off investor. This works best if you want the lowest possible cost (fees) and you don't believe it's possible to beat the market on a regular basis.

Neither approach is better than the other; when you find yourself in the middle of the bay on your sailboat and there is no wind, you sure would love some oars! On the other hand, any sailor will tell you the enjoyment they get from tracking the water and making decisions based on something as fickle as the wind.

THE IDEAL RETIREMENT PLAN

The ideal financial plan will have both approaches built in. No matter your net worth or position in life, you should consider your personal circumstances and how each of these strategies can help you pursue your retirement goals. If you need help, you should seek out a licensed financial advisor and speak to them about your retirement goals and how they can help you launch both boats as you prepare for your own personal trip across the bay.

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Ribbon Cuttings



Wild Ewes Woolery Finds A Soft Landing



The Greater Severna Park and Arnold Chamber of Commerce welcomed Wild Ewes Woolery to the community. Wild Ewes Woolery is located at 836 Ritchie Highway, Suite 17S.

Kumon Math And Reading Center Joins Severna Park



During a ribbon cutting, owners Robin and Liz Kim showed off the new Kumon Math and Reading Center, which helps students become proficient in math and reading skills. Kumon is located at 474-B Ritchie Highway.

Lean On Dee To Provide A Helping Hand



Sisters Winsome Brown and Danielle Morgan were joined by the Greater Severna Park and Arnold Chamber of Commerce during a ribbon cutting for their senior care business, Lean On Dee.

Chamber Welcomes Kwik Dry Of Anne Arundel County



Kwik Dry of Anne Arundel County, led by owners Lou and Susana Goodwin, celebrated the opening of their business alongside the Greater Severna Park and Arnold Chamber of Commerce. Kwik Dry specializes in an earth-friendly approach to carpet and upholstery cleaning.

Clean Sweep Awarded Best Of Houzz 2020

Clean Sweep Of Anne Arundel County has won a Best Of Houzz award for Customer Service on Houzz, the leading platform for home renovation and design. A chimney sweep and repair service company serving Anne Arundel County since 1978, Clean Sweep was chosen by the millions of homeowners who comprise the Houzz community from among more than 2.5 million active home building, remodeling and design industry professionals. The Best Of Houzz badge is awarded annually in three categories: design, customer service

and photography. Design awards honor professionals whose work was the most popular among the Houzz community. Customer service honors are based on several factors, including a pro's overall rating on Houzz and client reviews submitted in 2019. Architecture and interior design photographers whose images were most popular are recognized with the photography award. A Best Of Houzz 2020 badge will appear on win-

ners' profiles as a sign of their commitment to excellence. These badges help homeowners identify popular and top-rated home professionals in every metro area on Houzz. This marks the fourth year Clean Sweep of Anne Arundel County has been awarded this honor. "This year's Best Of Houzz awards go to an incredibly talented and service-oriented group of home remodeling and design professionals, and we're proud to high-

light the winners on the Houzz website and app," said Liza Hausman, vice president of industry marketing for Houzz. "This award is particularly meaningful as it reflects the sentiment of the millions of homeowners in the Houzz community who are hiring home professionals for their projects across the U.S. and around the world." Follow Clean Sweep Of Anne Arundel County on www.houzz.com or visit www.cleansweepaa.com.

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St. Patrick's Day Events Around Town

By Haley Weisgerber

March 17 is right around the corner, and many local restaurants and bars are embracing the luck of the Irish. Check out this list of local St. Patrick's Day events.

BRIAN BORU IRISH RESTAURANT AND PUB

489 Ritchie Highway, Severna Park

Every day feels like St. Patrick's Day at Brian Boru, especially in March. The establishment is hosting its annual Guinness etching March 10 at 6:00pm featuring live music from the Cypress Creek Band. Starting at 9:30am, there will be constant entertainment on March 17. The O'Riain Academy Irish Dancers are performing at 5:00pm and live music will be provided throughout the day.

For more information, call 410-975-2678 or visit www.brianborupub.com.

DOWNTOWN ANNAPOLIS PARADE

On March 10 at 1:00pm, the streets of Downtown Annapolis will be flooded with green. The parade will begin at West Gate Circle, follow West Street to Main Street, and end at City Dock. There will be a family-friendly after-party at Susan Campbell Park from 3:00pm to 7:00pm with face painting, food and libations. Live music will be provided by We're NOT Hand-some and the Dublin 5.

For more information, visit www.naptownevents.com.

O'LOUGHLIN'S RESTAURANT & PUB

1258 Bay Dale Drive, Arnold

There is no better way to celebrate St. Patrick's Day than to eat authentic Irish food. O'Loughlin's is serving a traditional Irish menu complete with shepherd's pie, Irish stew, corn

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Hot Club of Baltimore will bring their gypsy jazz style to Severna Park when they visit Café Mezzanote on March 15.

Sunday Jazz At The Mezz

By Judy Tacyn

Jazz Beyond Borders hopes to quench a cultural thirst for world jazz performances in this part of Anne Arundel County through Sunday Jazz at the Mezz. This six-month series opened in January and will run through June at Café Mezzanote at 760 Ritchie Highway in Severna Park.

"I think there is great local curiosity about the jazz culture in the rest of the world," said Paula Anne Delve Phillips, event creator. "I feel very privileged to bring this series to my hometown area."

Phillips was a regular performer in her parents' Pasadena home even before she could take her first steps. By the time she hit double-digits, her parents were driving Phillips and her friends to not only lessons, but to experience dance and music performances in Baltimore and beyond. The artistic family loved the live performances but always

wished there were more programs in Anne Arundel County. This sentiment turned out to be Phillips' life-long passion.

Phillips co-founded and served as administrative director of Maryland Summer Jazz, a festival of workshops, jams and concerts. She also served as director for inDepth Jazz Clinics, highlighting Brazilian, Latin and other world jazz and women artists, and earned awards for developing county arts programs. After decades of working with and in the arts and entertainment industry, Phillips formed The Phillips Agency, a public relations firm representing nonprofit organizations associated with arts and culture, individual performing and recording artists, and record labels.

Her latest creation, Jazz Beyond Borders, a presenting organization and artist-booking agency, was born to help venue hosts, event planners and

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The Call Of The Wild: A Sterilized Remake With No Bite

By Audrey Ruppert

I was initially excited to hear "The Call of the Wild" was going to be remade yet again, with Harrison Ford; I have always been a fan of Jack London and read many of his novels when I was a child. Then I realized it was going to be a Disney movie.

For some reason, the brutal source material behind "The Call of the Wild" always seems to get the Disney treatment and always becomes a happy story about dogs. London's survivalist tale of human cruelty and kindness, set in the bitter Yukon cold, is more like "The Revenant" - with dogs - than "Lassie." London himself lived a sort of gothic tragedy. Born out of wedlock in a 19th-century slum, the young author panned unsuccessfully for gold in the arctic before skyrocketing to stardom and becoming a legend of American literature, taking his place next to greats like John Steinbeck and F. Scott Fitzgerald. He became an alcoholic and died of a likely overdose at the age of 40, shortly after his Wolf Palace man-

sion burnt to the ground. All this rich, profoundly interesting source material and we get CGI dogs and Harrison Ford reading contrived, corny lines. And I mean corny.

In this sterilized retelling, we see Buck, a spoiled Saint Bernard mix from a California home, kidnapped and sold as a sled dog to work in the Alaskan wilderness. Along the way, he encounters good owners (such as Harrison Ford) and bad owners (such as Dan Stevens), but eventually answers the call of the wild and lives in the wilderness with a wolfpack.

I suppose I should put my gripes about the source material aside. Disney can't exactly adapt ghastly source material; in the original "Little Mermaid," the protagonist turns into sea foam and dies, and in the original "Call of the Wild," almost everyone dies.

Well, did we at least get some charming songs sung by a Jamaican crab, or, as with more modern Disney films, a good message for kids? Vaguely. Buck learns that people can be good or bad masters, but that he

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Join Toby's For "Shrek The Musical"



Photo courtesy of Kirstine Christiansen

Toby's Dinner Theatre last performed "Shrek the Musical" in 2004. The production combined over-the-top performances with splendid theatrical effects.

Everyone's favorite ogre will return to Toby's Dinner Theatre from March 27 to June 7 in the hilarious stage spectacle based on the Oscar-winning, smash hit film. In a faraway kingdom, an unlikely hero finds himself on a life-changing journey alongside a wisecracking Donkey and a feisty princess who resists her rescue. Throw in a short-tempered bad guy, a cookie with an

attitude and more than a dozen fairy tale misfits, and you've got the kind of mess that calls for a hero ... and his name is Shrek.

Toby's Dinner Theatre is located at 5900 Symphony Woods Road Columbia. Tickets can be purchased through the Toby's box office by calling 410-730-8311. Box office hours are 10:00am to 9:00pm. To purchase online, visit www.ticketmaster.com.



Vocalist Alexis Tantau will join Hot Club of Baltimore when they bring their gypsy jazz style to Severna Park.

Dining Out

Wash Away Your Cravings With A Meal At Sullivan's Cove

By Mary Cobbler

It seems like everyone in Severna Park has been talking about Sullivan's Cove, the new restaurant that has taken over the space previously owned by Annapolis Seafood. My husband and I, along with our 6- and 7-year-old sons, visited the restaurant on a Wednesday night. Business was slow when we first arrived, but by the time we left, nearly all the roomy booths, wooden tables and the bar area were mostly filled up.

Sullivan's was like a cozy refuge on a freezing, drizzly evening. A fire crackled in a rustic cast-iron fireplace, inviting us into the clean, trendy atmosphere. It was classy enough for a terrific date night but relaxed enough that we felt comfortable bringing the kids.

Our waiter, Mike, quickly arrived at our table and greeted us. He was friendly and knowledgeable of the menu, able to offer us multiple spot-on recommendations for appetizers, meals and desserts. He had a great sense of humor and kept our drinks topped off throughout

Where To Find Sullivan's Cove

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the evening.

Per Mike's recommendation, we opted for the crispy sprouts. Truth be told, I ordered this dish somewhat begrudgingly — on an appetizer menu filled with candied bacon, trip dip (three creamy types of dip paired with naan), and pretzel monkey bread, who really wants to order a vegetable-based appetizer? I ordered the sprouts in an effort to assuage my guilt for the carbs I would eat at dinner, but I still fretted that it would be a mistake.

The sprouts arrived quickly and steaming hot. The (nearly) guilt-free dish was filled with chargrilled, crispy Brussels sprouts and diced apples cooked in browned butter and mixed with creamy, tangy feta cheese. This ignited a flavor explosion, and large enough that — even though it's defined as a "kitchen snack" on the

menu — it could have made up a whole meal for me.

My husband ordered a 1759 stout smash burger, and I went with a fancy ramen bowl from the "Large Plates" section of the menu. There were also several kinds of salads and sandwiches to choose from, along with large plates of crab cakes, rockfish, ratatouille, muscles linguine, and a few meat-based deals. Multiple vegan options were available. Both of our kids ordered burgers and fries from the kids menu.

Again, the food arrived quickly and was served hot. My ramen bowl was large, filled with flavorful broth, soft noodles, and colorful pickled vegetables. I've tried fancy ramen only a few times; I tend to associate the noodles with the stuff I ate in college when I had only a dollar in my account. This ramen was light years away

from my college nightmares, however, it was full of flavor, and the noodles were dense and not at all mushy, and the pickled vegetables and split boiled egg added a dimension of texture that created a modern comfort food classic. You can choose between chicken, shrimp, beef, pork belly, or salmon; I opted for the shrimp, which were juicy and firm and just the right size to scoop up with chopsticks. It was the perfect portion size, enough to fill me up without overstuffing myself. I will note that it is a very salty dish, which, of course, brought out the flavor undertones of ginger, cilantro and sesame. If you are a salt lover, you will be satisfied with this dish; if not, it could be slightly overpowering by the time you get to the bottom of the bowl.

My husband's meal was a melt-in-your-mouth burger that exceeded the flavor, texture, temperature and size standards that I have for my burgers. The bun was buttered and grilled so that it was crispy on the outside and soft on the inside. Two grilled patties were juicy and

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Photos by Mary Cobbler

Above: The 1759 stout smash burger was a treat. The bun was buttered and grilled so that it was crispy on the outside and soft on the inside. Two grilled patties were juicy and satisfying, and topped with sweet caramelized onions. Below: The cookies and cream was a large, warm, salted caramel cookie cooked in a skillet and topped with creamy white chocolate ice cream.



Sunday Jazz At The Mezz

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educators connect to world-class artists, educators and vice versa.

The first two nights in the series were sold out. "We are absolutely thrilled with how well-received these performances have been," added Phillips. "It is so satisfying to see a very happy audience."

"There was live jazz in Anne Arundel County before our series, but not enough to match the interest and rarely anything between Baltimore and Annapolis," added Theresa Sise, who performed in January as the kickoff artist and who also works to organize Jazz Beyond Borders events. "It's great to bring jazz to mid-county."

Recent renovations to Café Mezzanotte provided Phillips a perfect venue for live jazz performances. A large meeting room is transformed into a 100-seat "theater" where artists perform two 50-minute sets with an intermission, between 5:00pm and 7:00pm. Café Mezzanotte opens its doors at 4:00pm for those who would like an early dinner before the performance. Guests are also treated to a meet-and-greet after the show.

When presented with the idea of the jazz series, Café Mezzanotte owner Tommie Koukoulis was onboard almost immediately. "We are thrilled to be able to feature live jazz in a setting where the music is the focus; it's not just background music."

Many of the artists have

performed on expansive stages in large theaters, so they welcome the intimacy of the Café Mezz venue.

"These are international performing artists who may not often have an opportunity like this. Guests are very close to the music," added Koukoulis. "Music is art, and food is art. Live jazz is a very good fit for us and we're very happy to be able to bring it to the people of Anne Arundel County."

Noting the success of the first two sold-out performances, Koukoulis is already looking to future jazz series, perhaps even events held outdoors.

"We made some great music and the audience response fueled us on. Mezzanotte staff were helpful," said Sise of her January concert. "The circular tables and glowing fire created a feeling of warmth and intimacy despite having 100 people in the room."

The next Jazz at the Mezz performance will be **Sunday, March 15**, when **Hot Club of Baltimore** will bring their gypsy jazz style to Severna Park. Bandleader and prolific composer Michael Joseph Harris will be joined by fellow guitarist Sami Arefin, bassist Shawn Simon, and feature vocalist Alexis Tantau.

To purchase tickets, call 410-647-1100 and visit www.instantseats.com. For more information or to find out which performers are up next, visit Jazz Beyond Borders on Facebook or at www.jazzbeyondborders.com.

The Call Of The Wild: A Sterilized Remake



Photo courtesy of Twentieth Century Studios

Harrison Ford stars in the latest adaptation of Jack London's novel "The Call of the Wild."

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should be his own master, I guess? The unfortunate truth is that Buck could learn his lesson only through experiencing trauma—learning "the law of club and fang," from being beaten by bad masters — and from

watching good masters die in the unforgiving wilderness. It's not a lesson that you can really make PG, and there's no other charm to recommend it even for children.

They should have made the bears sing a musical number.

St. Patrick's Day Events

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beef and cabbage, and fish and chips. There will be giveaways, bagpipes and green beer.

For more information, visit www.oloughlinpub.com or call 410-349-0200.

PARK TAVERN

580 Ritchie Highway, Severna Park

Park Tavern will start celebrating on March 14 with week-long deals on Irish drafts and food. On March 17 at 6:00pm, Greg Viola from the Mad Planet Band will play an acoustic set of Celtic, rock and reggae music.

For more information, visit www.parkavernsp.com or call 410-793-5930.

UNION JACK'S OF ANNAPOLIS

2072 Somerville Road, Annapolis

Though it is traditionally an English-style pub, Union Jack's is embracing St. Patrick's Day. Its three days of shenanigans event will kick off on March 13 at 6:00pm

with The Fighting Jamesons and The Amish Outlaws. On March 14 at 3:00pm, Here's To The Night and Ballyhoo will perform. On March 17 from 9:00am to 11:00am, there will be free breakfast, and the Dublin 5 will perform at 6:00pm.

For more information, visit www.unionjacksannapolis.com or call 410-266-5681.

WOODS MEMORIAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH FELLOWSHIP HALL

611 Baltimore-Annapolis Blvd., Severna Park

Woods Church is hosting a St. Patrick's Day dinner on March 13 from 6:00pm to 8:00pm. Corn beef, cabbage, carrots and potatoes will be served while the Cypress Creek Band plays. Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$5 for children.

To purchase tickets, call Maureen Adams at 410-647-6550. For more information, visit www.woodschurch.org.

Wash Away Your Cravings At Sullivan's Cove

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satisfying, and topped with sweet caramelized onions that made my eyes roll back in my head. The flavor was so good that I didn't even mind the raised eyebrows from fellow diners as I licked the juice off my chin. The French fries I nabbed from my kids' plates were tasty as well.

There were only a few choices for desserts, but they all looked so good. I wobbled back and forth between the

"midnight snack" (made from chocolate ganache, caramel, peanut butter powder, and ice cream) and the "variations of berries" (raspberry sorbet, blackberry sponge cake, citrus meringue, and candied blueberries), but finally settled on the "cookies and cream" recommended, again, by Mike. The cookies and cream was a large, warm, salted caramel cookie cooked in a skillet and topped with creamy white chocolate ice

cream. The salt added another taste dimension to the super-sweet, melted cookie, and the ice cream was indulgent. The white chocolate added another flavor surprise to a dish that exceeded the ordinary.

The whole meal, including a coffee, a soda, an appetizer, two kids meals, a burger, an entrée and a dessert, came out to a little over \$75. The price tag is a little heftier than we would normally opt

for on a night out with the kids, so I think that when we go back we will probably choose to do so for a date night.

A final note: this is a great place to eat if you have gluten allergies. My son, who has celiac disease, was able to eat the French fries and a burger on a gluten-free bun.

Next time you're in Severna Park, head to Sullivan's for a night of flavor and fun you won't soon forget!

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Sloat's Mile Title Highlights State Meet For Severna Park T&F



Carson Sloat (center) won the 1600-meter 4A state championship on February 18, and teammates Jake Gelfand (left) and Jack Muldoon finished second and fifth, respectively.

lead a 1-2-5 finish in the event for the Falcons, as teammate **Jake Gelfand** was the runner-up in 4:26.52 and **Jack Muldoon** placed fifth in 4:27.21.

All three runners are juniors, and Sloat said they used the power of numbers in the championship race.

"I always love running with these two guys because we know how to push each other," said Sloat. "It also gives us an advantage because we can plan out strategies and control the race. And of course, they aren't only my teammates, but they're two of my best friends, and it just makes racing that much better."

Sloat said the state title was less a culmination of seeking a specific goal and more a step along his progress in the sport.

"I've always been committed to this team, since freshman year, but I wouldn't say I really began to compete at the state level until last indoor and outdoor seasons," Sloat said. "I wouldn't have even thought about gunning for a state title until this year."

Merely qualifying for and competing at the state meet is an accomplishment in itself, and Sloat, Gelfand and Muldoon were among a larger group of athletes to represent Severna Park at the state championships. Sloat also placed fourth in the 800, while Muldoon placed eighth and **James Louie** finished 12th.

Gelfand and **James Glebocki** finished fifth and 10th, respectively, in the 3200-meter run. **John Tyler** placed fourth in

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By Colin Murphy
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Carson Sloat didn't think about a state championship when he began running with the track and cross country teams at Severna Park High School as a freshman two-plus years ago. He just kept running and training with his friends and teammates.

It turns out that process can yield pretty good results.

On February 18, Sloat, a junior, became the latest in a string of Severna Park athletes to garner individual success in distance running when he won the 1600-meter title at the 4A state championship meet at Prince George's Sports and Learning Complex in Landover.

Sloat ran the race in 4:25.81 to win the crown in the 1600, also known as the metric mile, and

SP Ice Hockey Wins MSHL Eastern Conference Championship



The Severna Park ice hockey team won the Maryland Student Hockey League Eastern Conference championship on February 12 with a 2-1 win over Easton at Bowie Ice Arena. The Falcons won three playoff games in the conference playoffs.

By Colin Murphy
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There's no better way to avenge a defeat than to come back and beat a rival in the playoffs.

Even better if it's for a conference championship. The Severna Park ice hockey team achieved that

feat on February 12, coming from 1-0 down to defeat Easton 2-1 and win the Maryland Student Hockey League Eastern Conference championship at Bowie Ice Arena.

Goals by **Marcus Good** and **Henry Testerman** and 20 saves by **Nic Howland** allowed the Falcons to rally

for the win and lift the MSHL's massive Eastern Conference trophy cup as conference champs.

The Easton Warriors, who defeated Severna Park 3-0 in the regular season, presented a challenge that required a focused effort and a commitment to minimizing penalties,

said Falcon coach **Eric St. Lawrence**.

"Our team came into this game knowing what they were up against," said St. Lawrence. "The Easton Warriors are well-coached and committed (with) heart, skating athletes. They play a heavy game and often take

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Gottimer, Broadway Win County Championships For SP Wrestling

By Colin Murphy
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Scenarios of celebration abounded at Annapolis High School on February 22 as a pair of Severna Park wrestlers received congratulations from coaches, teammates, friends and families after winning individual county championships.

Carson Gottimer and **Ty Broadway** both emerged from the county's annual two-day tournament as champions in their weight

classes, with Gottimer blazing his way to the top of the 182-lbs bracket and Broadway dominating the competition en route to the 220-lbs championship.

The tournament was a broad success for the Falcons, who advanced a total of six wrestlers to the regional tournaments. **Jack Chadwick** (132 lbs), **Bohdan Andrusis** (152), **Caleb Robinson** (195) and **Patrick Ellis** (heavyweight) all finished fourth in their weight classes to earn automatic qualification for regionals.

Severna Park coach **Trevor Bryden** was proud to see the Falcons capitalize on the opportunity to move on to regions while also producing two

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Severna Park's Carson Gottimer took hold of the leg of Arundel's Clint Mills in the 182 final at the county championships. Gottimer won a 9-2 decision and the county title.

SPark U14's Win Jr. Premier Indoor Tournament



The SPark U14 field hockey team emerged from a 22-shot shootout to win the Junior Premier Indoor League tournament championship in New Jersey on February 8.

By Colin Murphy
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Spark field hockey's U14 Blue team represented Severna Park with a victory in the championship game of the Junior Premier Indoor League Tournament in Pittman, New Jersey, defeating Central Penn Purple in a thrilling shootout on February 8.

The team of **Kylie Corcoran, Marisol Torreyson, Avery**

Ruckman, Emily Najarian, Kelsey Rowe, Madeline Lancione, Kelly Webber, Tori Miller, Libby Russell and **Ryleigh Osborne** played Central Penn to a 3-3 tie through a 40-minute regulation period. From there, SPark endured a 22-shot-attempt marathon in the shootout finale to emerge as 6-5 winners.

Osborne, the team's goalie, made a save on Central Penn's final shot

attempt to seal the victory.

Corcoran was named Player of the Tournament with 19 goals. Torreyson (15 goals), Ruckman (15), Najarian (12), Rowe (6), Lancione (6), Webber (5), Miller (2) and Russell (1) all contributed scoring and playmaking.

The championship victory came after a 4-3 semifinal win over Main Line Mayhem earlier on the same day. SPark U14's championship

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Mavericks Defeat Jazz 32-27 For Scrub League Title



The Mavericks avenged their lone defeat on the season by beating the Jazz in the Green Hornets scrub league championship on February 16.

By Colin Murphy
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On February 16, the Mavericks defeated the Jazz 32-27 in the championship game of the Green Hornets boys scrub basketball league at Severna Park High School, avenging their only loss of the season,

finishing 15-1 overall and capitalizing on a season-long vision of winning the championship.

Seniors **Trey Huber** and **Brendan Murphy** came together prior to the season with a plan to draft a championship-caliber team and win the league. After securing fellow senior

Will Kennedy, sophomores **Decklan Gentile** and **Ryan Minton**; and freshmen **Will Huber, Nathan Clarke, Hayden Warren, Davis Cawfield** and **Carter Johnson**, captains Huber and Murphy enlisted their mothers, **Renee Huber** and **Patty Murphy**, to become

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Ballers Take Skills To The Court, Win Hoops Title



The Ballers won the Green Hornets club title in their first year playing basketball together.

By Colin Murphy
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The Ballers are all good athletes — they've shown it on the lacrosse and soccer fields of Severna Park and beyond.

It was time to give basketball a try. The Ballers balled out on the court, too.

Severna Park's group of neophyte hoopers took to the sport enough to claim a 21-15 win in the Green Hornets seventh-/eighth-grade girls club basketball championship game at Severn School on February 21.

Keira Abere, Isabella Belotte, Francesca



Gelfand, Grace Lamon, Caroline Levin, McKenna Miller, Avery Serpa, Adalynn Smith, Alyssa Tutas, Ava Tutas and Isabella Van Gieson formed the team, which was coached by Eric Van

Gieson, Chris Tutas, Christina Morganti and Chris Belotte.

"The girls have never played basketball together before this season, and most of them haven't played organized basketball ever," said Van Gieson. "They used this team as a chance to have no worries, laugh and enjoy each other's company. New friendships have formed and they now spend time together as much as they can outside of basketball."

He shared one element of the Ballers' successful first year playing basketball. "They laughed almost nonstop this season."

Knicks Top Pelicans For Club Championship, 20-0 Season



Story and photos by Colin Murphy
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The Green Hornets boys seventh/eighth-grade club basketball championship was decided on February

21 as the Knicks defeated the Pelicans 28-17 at Severn School to win the postseason tournament.

The Knicks, who are Gannon Cope, Isaiah Green, Athan Bigelow, John Burkhardt, Evan



Campbell, Trevor Oakes, Gabe Lamberti, Jonathan Mazzola and Brady Jones, finished the season 20-0 overall. The team went 4-0 in the playoffs. Mike Mazzola coached

the Knicks with Justus Burkhardt.

"I thought they played really well together, and they instinctively play really well," said coach Mazzola. "We kind of lucked out in the draft. I

had no idea who half the team was, and I just drafted and got lucky. They all played their roles, and they ended up playing really well together. They had good chemistry just playing rec basketball, so they had a lot



of fun, and I just let them go out there and play."

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Hornets 9U Girls Go Unbeaten In County



Severna Park's 9U select girls went 11-0 in county play and 6-1 in the Arbutus League for a 17-1 overall mark.

By Colin Murphy
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The Green Hornets 9U select girls basketball team finished the Anne Arundel County league season with an 11-0 record to claim the championship in the top division. The team also went 6-1 in the Arbutus Girls Travel League of fourth- and fifth-grade teams to place second. **Kendall Austin, Presley Davis, Claire Farley, Ella Hartman, Brynn Houghton, Cate Gage, Caroline Mosher, Alex Murray, Finley Silk and Carly Weeks** comprise the team, which was coached by **Stephanie Hartman, Darby Davis and Eric Silk**.

"The girls really excelled as a total team this year," said coach Hartman. "After almost every game

the opposing coach would comment to me about what an unselfish group of girls we had and how impressive our passing and teamwork was for this age level. Every game, each girl contributed in some way, and it was exciting to see different players step up when we needed them to. We asked a lot of the girls in practice and in the games, and they always rose to the challenge. We continued with our defensive intensity this season, which helped us to an undefeated season in the county. Even when we played bigger and more skilled fifth-grade teams in the Arbutus league, the girls never gave up or got down on each other. I am so proud how each of them developed as basketball players this season. The future for SP hoops looks bright!"



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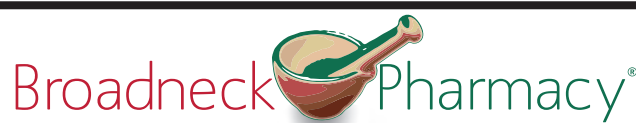


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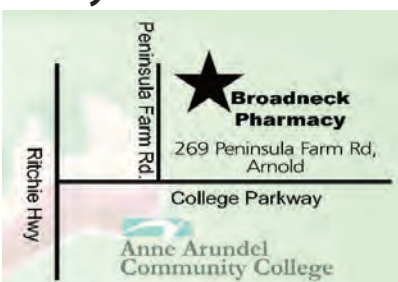
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Gator Girls Go Unbeaten For Green Hornets Third-Grade Club Crown



The Gators went undefeated at 8-0-2 in Green Hornets third-grade girls club basketball.

By Colin Murphy
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On February 22 the Gators wrapped up an undefeated season to finish the year as champions of Green Hornets third-grade club girls basketball.

The team of **Addy Dorn, Charlotte Mazzola, Elsa Cliffe, Emme Willis, Hunter Flynn, Kate Wallace, Lily Dunlap, Lola Phippen, Marin Schaffer and Naomi Baker** went 8-0-2 on the season.

"This is a very coachable group that loves to play basketball," said **Adam Phippen**, who coached the team with **Dawn Cliffe and Kristy Wallace**. "Outstanding team effort on offense with each player stepping up at critical times to secure victories. Defense wins championships! An athletic roster top to bottom coupled with heart created a defense that was tough to puncture. The team allowed a league-low points-against (total) of 59 points allowed for the entire regular and post season."

Feisty Fireworks Are Girls Hoops Club Champs

By Colin Murphy
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The 2020 Feisty Fireworks are the Green Hornets girls club basketball fourth-grade champions.

The team's explosive arsenal of **Rowan Berman, Millie Evans, Maddie Hale, Preslie Havens, Molly Koistinen, Lila Posey, Claudia Somerset, Ava Swartz, Olivia Swartz and Sienna Thompson** engineered their basketball pyrotechnics in a 9-7 double-overtime win over Team Davis in the final game of the season at Benfield Elementary School on February 22.

Hale lit the fuse with a basket in the second quarter to tie the game at 4-4. Koistinen's flash and flare helped secure overtime with



The Feisty Fireworks are champs of the Green Hornets fourth-grade girls club basketball league.

two big free throws at a close of regulation. Evans detonated in overtime, scoring the winning basket on a back-door layup off a

pick-and-roll play and pass from Koistinen.

Bob Evans coached the team with **Mark Koistinen**.

"This was a great group of girls, really fun to coach," said Evans. "A true team effort was the key to our success."

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Green Hornets 10U's, 12U's Win Eagle Classic Crowns



Both the Green Hornets 10U (bottom) and 12U (top) select boys basketball teams came away champions of the Northeast Eagles Classic Tournament.

By Colin Murphy
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A pair of Green Hornets select boys basketball teams

excelled at the Northeast Eagles Classic Tournament over Presidents' Day weekend. Both the 12U and 10U Green Hornets won their

age group and division championships.

The 10U team of **Charlie Cavanaugh, Jack Corkin, Easton O'Brien, Connor Hill, Ryan Jubb, Nate Sanders, Myles Goger, Noah Cerny** and **John Batty** is led by head coach **Kurt Cerny** and assistant coaches **Casey Corkin** and **Todd Batty**.

The 12U **Green Hornets** are **Cooper Croley, Matt Schisler, Charlie Gonzalez, Luke DeBaugh, Charlie Hartman, Landon Zawartka, Benji Beisler** and **Keaghan Gorski**. They are coached by **Tim Croley** and **Chad Hartman**.



SP 11U Select Hoops Girls Finish Strong Season



The Severna Park 11U select basketball girls had strong seasons playing in two different leagues.

By Colin Murphy
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The Severna Park 11U select girls basketball team produced a fine season by finishing as runner-up in the Arbutus League and in third place in the Anne Arundel County 11U A League.

Severna Park's team of **Alexandra Vandiver, Naomi Batty, Maria Bragg, Madelyn Ripley, Gabi Villegas, Valerie**

Wagh, Lucy Soden, Rowan Laughon, Annabel Williams, Hope Wagner and **Maggie Goodman** fell to the Maryland Sting AAU in the championship game of the Arbutus League on February 23.

The team finished the season with only six players suiting up as the group navigated injuries, but the players still fought admirably to the finish.

The team was coached by **Alex Vandiver, Adam Williams** and **Brandon Goodman**. "The girls were really great in taking on new roles and responsibilities as lineups were adjusted throughout the season," said Vandiver. "They all had such terrific attitudes, including those that were at every practice and game supporting their team even though they couldn't play."



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STUDENT-ATHLETE OF THE MONTH



Peyton Sullivan — SPHS Basketball, Softball

By Colin Murphy
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Every team needs a player whose entire mindset revolves around togetherness and inclusion.

At Severna Park, that player is **Peyton Sullivan**.

As a member of the Falcons' basketball and softball teams, Sullivan takes on the role of binding the team together through her words and actions.

"Togetherness and being included has been very important to me for as long as I can remember," said Sullivan, a junior. "My parents taught me the 'Golden Rule' at a young age, treat others the way you want to be treated, and I try to stick to that."

Recently, Sullivan extended her approach beyond the school and into the rest of the county as Severna Park's representative on the Student Athlete Advisory Council. Sullivan took part in a panel discussion at the AACPS Spring Coaches Professional Development meeting at Broadneck High School in which coaches and student-athletes had collaborative discourse about education in sports. Coaches were able to hear firsthand from student-athletes what is most important to them in a team or sports setting.

"It was very empowering to help these coaches with the subjects they thought they needed to work on," said Sullivan. "The specific questions I was able to answer were along the lines of techniques in unifying a team and having a personable relationship with their players."

As a committed student-athlete, Sullivan has to carve out time for her

responsibilities. She is a member of the National Honors Society with a 4.31 GPA and on the Principal's Honor Roll while taking AP courses. She also is involved with multiple organizations such as One Love, Chick-Fil-A Leadership Academy and Young Life.

She received the softball team's Sportsmanship Award last season, and her head coach, **Meredith McAlister**, recounts that Sullivan forced her way onto the varsity team as a freshman in 2018 by her skill and athletic ability but also by her sheer eagerness, willingness and demonstrated effort.

"We were looking at a couple of freshman players who all had similar ability and we wanted someone who could run bases, who would work as a backup and just be a sponge, learning and growing with those upperclassmen," said McAlister.

On the last day of tryouts, the coaches asked the girls to run bases as part of a scrimmage. Sullivan outlasted everyone and kept coming back to first base for another round, insisting she could do it all day. "That day, our staff unanimously put Peyton on the varsity team," McAlister said.

McAlister also recounted a time when Sullivan took the initiative to bring younger players into the fold during travel team workouts.

"We were working out with our summer travel team and there were two younger girls who were playing catch on the field next to us," McAlister said. "I walked over and said, 'Hey Peyton, who is that over there?' She said, 'That's so-and-so, do you want me to go over and see if they want to work out with us?' She knew what the right thing to do was before I could even get it out of my mouth. A lot of teenagers either wouldn't have wanted to offer others to join us, would have felt too awkward to go over and offer, or would have been too lazy to run all the way over and ask. It's those simple day-to-day things that really set Peyton apart."

Sullivan expressed gratitude to her parents, brother and coach McAlister for helping her thrive in sports, and she said she keeps her guiding principles in mind when in a team setting.

"Being a teammate, to me, is not only someone you are on a team with, but someone you can go to if you need something, like built-in family," Sullivan said. "For high schools sports you see your team almost every day, so it's important to have a good relationship with them. A leader is not someone who bosses their team around. As a leader, your job is to ensure everyone feels welcome and allowed to be themselves."

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Sharks Cap Successful Season



The Severna Park Green Hornet Sharks capped a sterling 17-4 season with a 17-7 win against the MD Sting on Sunday, February 23. The fifth-grade Sharks won their division of the Arbutus Sunday League. They also finished second in the Hoosier's Division of the Anne Arundel County Saturday League. The Sharks were led by centers Jordyn Raistrick and Morgan Rausch, power forwards Addy Anders and Maggie Morgan, small forwards Carys McKenzie and Sydney Pasko, shooting guards Jordyn Urban and Harper Wallace, and point guards Ruby Bauer and Anya Diggs.

Mavs Beat Jazz For Scrub League Title

» **Continued from B1** first-time basketball coaches for their sons' final season of high school basketball.

Warren's basket with 26 seconds left in the game gave the Mavericks a three-point lead. Clarke, who had ended his family vacation early and driven four hours home for the game, made two foul shots with six seconds left to give the Mavericks a five-point lead.

Kennedy was the team's leading rebounder, while seniors Murphy and Trey Huber were the team's leading scorers.

Players and coaches expressed pride for the season and the bond the team shared.

"Having both my senior, Trey, and freshman, Will, on the same team was really special," said coach Huber. "I was happy to be part of a

great scrub season!"

Coach Murphy said, "I loved getting to know these boys and watching them develop as a team. Renee and I subscribed to a hands-off coaching style, letting the seniors take the reins, putting together the lineups for each game and drawing up the plays. The offense played unselfishly which meant every win was a team effort."

Brendan Murphy spoke of the team's togetherness.

"I can't say enough about the chemistry of this team," he said. "I had so much fun the entire year watching some of our younger players develop to the point where they were confident enough to take shots they would not have early in the season. I think it's important to mention that we won almost all our games with 10 kids

this entire year, which is commendable in a league where many teams play each game with seven or eight players...The Jazz were also the only team that beat us in the regular season, so it was even more special that we avenged that one loss in the championship."

The team garnered praise from opposing teams and coaches, referees and league administrators for their sportsmanship and positives attitudes. Trey Huber said everyone on the team contributed and was important to the outcome of the season.

"Our success was due to our large team effort," said Huber. Everyone played an important role. We had our full team for most games and we played with great team chemistry. Everyone had a lot of fun."

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SP Swim Teams Win Region Crowns



The Severna Park swim teams showed resilience after tough battles with Broadneck and South River in the county championship meet to come back and win 4A East region titles on both the girls and boys sides on February 15 at the Arundel Olympic Swim Center.

Falcons, Bruins T&F Shine At States

» Continued from B1 high jump, clearing 6 feet, 2 inches. **Matthew Tagle** placed eighth in pole vault, clearing 10 feet, 6 inches.

Louie, **Nick Engleman**, **Eddie Sullivan** and **Collin Mullaney** placed sixth in the 4x800 relay.

Muldoon, **Chris Kirchner**, Engleman and Sloat finished 10th in the 4x400 relay.

As a team, the Severna Park boys finished third with 41 points, behind runner-up Richard Montgomery High School (52 points) and team champion Paint Branch High School (53) in the 31-school field.

On the girls side, **Sophia Zell** was Severna Park's top individual finisher, placing fourth in the 3200 and sixth in the 800. **Grace Cambon** finished 10th in the 3200. **Alyssa Combs**, **Kelsie O'Neill** and **Brenna Mullaney** finished 15-18-19 in the 1600.

The 4x800 team of **Caroline Gage**, **Cara Vandemeulebroecke**, **Lexi Ensor** and **Reagan Clark** placed eighth.

Claire Kintzley finished 10th in high jump, clearing 5 feet. **Rebecca Praley** finished ninth in shot put, throwing 31 feet, 9.075 inches. **Sarah Adams** competed in the 55-meter hurdle preliminaries. The Severna Park girls finished 23rd in the team standings.

For the Broadneck boys, **Calvin Mohler** and **Joe Simpson** were the Bruins' top individual performers. Mohler claimed third place in pole vault by clearing 11 feet, 6 inches. Simpson was third in shot put, throwing 53 feet, 4 inches. **Spencer Tate** placed eighth in the 3200. **Reilly Joyce** was 10th in the 500. **Grayson Miller** was ninth in pole vault, clearing 10 feet, 6 inches. The 4x400 relay team of **Aidan Rand**, **Luke Stout**, **Zephyr Crestwell**

and Joyce placed sixth. Stout, Rand, **Henry Taylor** and **Jack Collier** teamed to place eighth in the 4x800 relay. The Broadneck boys finished 12th out of 31 teams.

For the Broadneck girls, **Anna Janke** was runner-up in the 1600 in 5:07.34, and teammate **Grace Denius** placed fifth. **Jordan Rawlings** placed fourth in pole vault, clearing 8 feet, 2 inches. Janke placed seventh in the 3200, and **Madison Palmer** finished 13th. Denius was 11th in the 800. **Molly Wilson** and **Nadia Javid** finished 11-12 in the 300. **Grace Gibbs** was 11th in the 500.

Javid, Gibbs, Wilson and **Jasmine Jones** teamed to finish ninth in the 4x400. **Addison Booberg**, **Zoe Barbour**, **Lela Clark** and **Lilah Sage** finished 11th in the 4x800. The Broadneck girls finished ninth out of 28 teams.

SPark U16's Win NIT



The SPark U16 field hockey team went 5-0 at the National Indoor Tournament and secured the tournament championship with a win on March 1 in Manheim, Pennsylvania.

By Colin Murphy
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The SPark U16 field hockey team finished an excellent season on March 1 by winning the National Indoor Tournament in Manheim, Pennsylvania.

SPark's U16 team of **Bridget Donovan**, **Lily Mullen**, **Linnea Alsted**,

Ally Keith, **Meredith Schepens**, **Sydney Rowe**, **Bekah Mayron**, **Ava Drexler-Amey** and **Aleah Dinmore** went 5-0 at the tournament, defeating teams from Delaware, Pennsylvania, New York, Chicago and New Jersey while scoring 35 goals and allowing only 11. The team had multiple games in the

tournament with at least five players scoring.

With college coaches in attendance for every SPark game, coach **Betz Wild** said the team "received several compliments from officials for playing a skilled, clean game."

The SPark U16's went a combined 27-5-1 on the season.

SPark U14's Win JPIL Tournament Title

» Continued from B1 win also avenged its only loss of the season, a 4-3 defeat to Central Penn Purple in early January. In total, the team finished 12-1, in first place atop the 16-team standings in the JPIL, with a league-high 81 goals (the next closest was the South Jersey Edge with 58 goals).

In addition to SPark's fantastic JPIL season, the U14 SPark Blue also won the Leaping Into NIT's tournament at API on February 2, going 4-0 in pool play.

At another tournament, the National Indoor Tournament over the weekend of February 14-16 at the Spooky Nook Sports Complex in Lancaster, Pennsylvania, the team went 4-1 in the Top A pool, losing a close game 5-3 to the undefeated WC Eagles Blue team on the tournament's final day. Osborne had another outstanding performance in goal, and as a team the Sparks Blue U14's conceded a tournament-low nine goals overall.

For the season, the SPark

U14 Blue team posted a 20-2 cumulative record.

The team was coached by **Katie Corcoran**.

"I am extremely proud of these girls as they are the true definition of a team!" said Corcoran. "They worked so well together, supporting each other and pushing each other to be the best they could be. Their never-give-up attitude was apparent from the beginning of the season, and it was an honor to have coached these girls and see them grow this season. They all are fantastic field hockey players."



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Briggs Sisters Win Wrestling Titles



Shannon Briggs (left) and sister Ailee Briggs (right, center) won region and state wrestling championships, respectively, over the weekend of February 29-March 1.

By Colin Murphy
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The Briggs sisters had a pretty good weekend. As in region- and state-champion good.

Shannon Briggs, a freshman on the Severna Park wrestling team, won her match by pin at the 4A/3A

East region championships at South River High School on February 29 to claim the individual region crown at 152 lbs. She will move on to the state tournament over the weekend of March 6 and 7.

Ailee Briggs went 2-0 with two pins at the Maryland State

Wrestling Association state championship meet at Showplace Arena in Upper Marlboro on March 1, winning the state championship in the 12U/95-lbs bracket. Briggs came back from a broken elbow suffered at Christmastime to win the tournament and the state crown.

SPark U19's Soar To JPIL, NIT Championships



The SPark 19U's are the first SPark team to win both the Junior Premier Indoor League and National Indoor Tournament championships in the same season.

By Colin Murphy
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The SPark U19 Blue field hockey team earned a pair of highly-regarded tournament titles this indoor season.

The team of **Kendyl Underwood, Melanie Borneman, Isabelle Benoit, Libby Wild, Lila Slattery, Haley Davis, Eva Gormley, Hope Davis, Carson Smith, Zoe Day and Ruby DeFrees** claimed victories at the both the esteemed Junior Premier Indoor League Tournament and the National Indoor Tournaments.

On February 16, SPark rallied from a deficit to win a back-and-forth game over Freedom HKY in the JPIL final in Pottstown, Pennsylvania. Slattery scored a game-tying goal in the closing seconds to equalize the game at 5-5, and she scored four goals in the overtime shootout to lift SPark to the victory.

Underwood (Indian Creek), the team's goalie, was named the tournament's Most Valuable Player. Slattery (Severna Park) was the tournament's top goal-scorer.

Over the weekend

of February 21 and 22, the team traveled to Richmond, Virginia, to compete in the National Indoor Tournament at the Richmond Convention Center. The team went undefeated at the pool-play tournament, defeating teams from Pennsylvania, New Jersey and Texas.

The team was coached by **Shannon Garden** (head coach at Severna Park High School) and **Jesse Larson** (head coach at Indian Creek). Garden said it's the first time that a SPark team has won both the JPIL and the NIT in the same season.

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Gottimer, Broadway Win County Championships For Severna Park Wrestling

» **Continued from B1** county champs.

"As happy as we are for Carson and Ty, we get another week of everyone coming to practice and working hard and grinding, and we're really happy for them," Bryden said.

Gottimer's chance at a county crown came after he won matches against Old Mill's **Tristen Cole** and North County's **Greg Deavers**, setting up the final against Arundel's **Clint Mills**. Gottimer took immediate control of the bout, taking down Mills early in the first round for a 2-0 lead. Starting in down position in the second round, Gottimer rolled for an escape, then shot for a takedown and a 5-0 lead. A reversal, escape and a takedown built his lead, and he won comfortably with a 9-2 decision to improve to 23-6 on the year.

Gottimer, a junior, didn't wrestle at counties last year, and by his own admission, wasn't up to the challenge.

"I honestly wasn't good enough," Gottimer said. "I was a punching bag in varsity practice. I started winning this year and realized how much more fun winning is than losing, so I just kept going."

He said he received a wakeup call as a freshman, realizing he was out of shape and lacking strength,

and that he had to set goals and pursue them every day.

"Freshman year, I was fat," Gottimer said. "We have a board in the gym with the names of all county, regional and state champs, and I wanted to see my name on that board every time I walk in. I just started working out every day for two years."

Bryden credited Gottimer with transforming his body, adding strength and working hard to get to where he is.

"He deserves all the credit, he really does, because he works hard," Bryden said. "He's come a long way since his freshman year, and that doesn't come along just by normal, ordinary stuff. He works hard in the offseason, he runs and he lifts, he's obviously much bigger and stronger than he was as a freshman, and he deserves it."

Broadway took a more direct approach to this year's county title, to much fanfare. The Severna Park junior is now a staggering 36-0 on the season and is the only wrestler in the county who hasn't lost a match.

Broadway got to the final after two wins in the tournament, winning by tech fall over **Alex Ditto** of Annapolis, then pinning Arundel's **Amir Connell**.

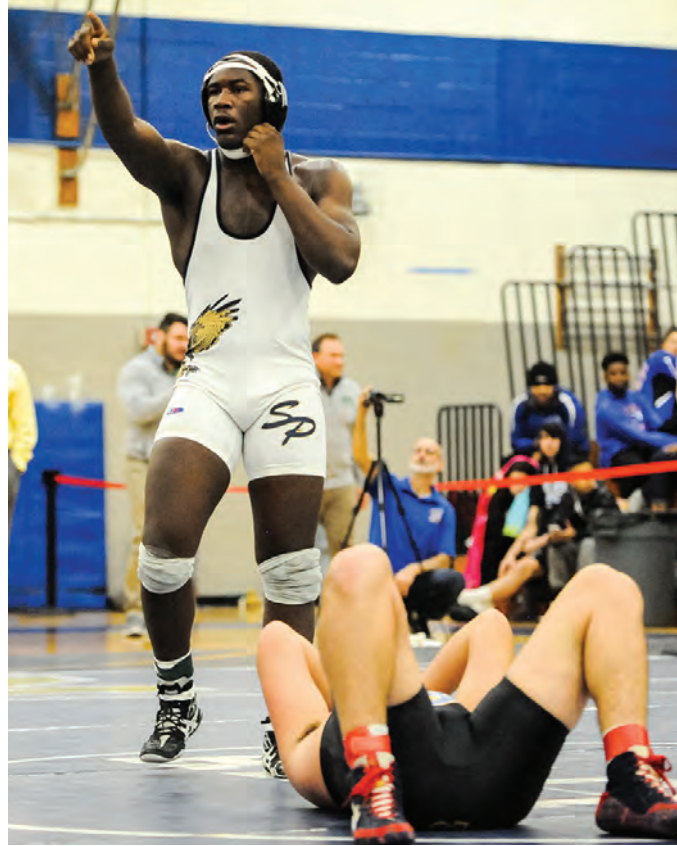


Photo by Colin Murphy

Ty Broadway kept his undefeated season intact with a pin of Southern's Jojo Herring in the 220-lbs final at the county championships at Annapolis High School.

In the final against Southern's **Jojo Herring**, Broadway deployed his fearsome combination of strength, athleticism and technique to stack up points early and often. He repeatedly took Herring down in the first two rounds, almost pinning Herring at the end of the first round before Herring

admirably fought to the buzzer. In the second round, Herring thought he had Broadway in a hold, but Broadway did a front flip escape out of it, springing off his head and onto his feet, drawing oohs and ahs from the crowd. He led Herring 16-5 late in the third round when he put Herring on his back and

ended the match.

Broadway said he's relied on movement this year to keep his opponents guessing, and no one has yet cracked the code.

"I just set up with motion," Broadway said. "Coach wants me to just continue doing motion, and then all else just kicks in. If you keep doing motion, he's not going to know where you're at."

He said that a county championship is a welcome steppingstone on the path to his goal.

"I'm just thinking about the next matchup at regionals," Broadway said. "I just really want regionals, I want states. I was county champion last year. I love that part of it. I love all of it. I'm looking for states. I'm going to states, one match at a time."

Asked to put Broadway's undefeated season in context, Bryden said Broadway has indeed been unbeatable, but he hasn't allowed his success to undermine his goals.

"He has been dominant," Bryden said. "We want to keep him in check, and I think he does a nice job of that. He realizes that he's faced some good competition, and there are good kids in the county, but there's some good competition in front of us. He's wrestled some tough

kids, and he knows what's waiting at regionals and states and that he has to continue to work hard and elevate. As well as he's done and as good as he's wrestled, he's not satisfied."

Bryden said the Falcons, who enjoyed a huge crowd of friends and families at Annapolis to support the team on Friday and through the finals on Saturday, have benefitted from an improved culture of accountability and work ethic in the wrestling room.

He credited the program's county champs with leading by their actions.

"Ty and Carson, these guys come in, they work hard, and they make their teammates work harder," Bryden said. "They don't let other guys get away with stuff. They're leaders in the wrestling room, they push other guys hard, and they want us to push them hard as a coaching staff. They don't want an easy day. They don't want an easy practice. They want us pushing the pace. They want to be challenged in that way. They just naturally crave that challenge, that pressure. They want to be drained and dead at the end of practice, and then they want to wake up and do it all over again, and those are the guys you want on the team who are going to work hard and have success."

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Severna Park Middle School Takes On “The Pirates Of Penzance Jr.”



Students at Severna Park Middle School rehearsed one of the challenging and well-known musical numbers from “The Pirates of Penzance Jr.”

By Haley Weisgerber

The Severna Park Middle School’s Spartan Lyrical Society will present “The Pirates of Penzance Jr.” from April 3 to 5.

Written by dramatist William Schwenck Gilbert and composer Arthur Sullivan in 1879, “The Pirates of Penzance” is a comic opera that tells the story of Frederic, a pirate and indentured

servant who is freed on his 21st birthday. Frederic, who has never met a woman aside from his nursery maid Ruth, meets the Major General’s daughter, Mabel, and the two fall in love. All is right

in the world until Frederic learns that he is still indentured to the pirates due to a technicality.

“With my background in opera, I have always wanted to do the junior version of Pirates,” said music director Sara Metcalfe. “This year, the stars aligned and here we are!”

With over 59 students in the cast and 20 in the crew, this production splits the ensemble into three groups — the pirates, the daughters and the police. The show stars **Jon Garvey** as Frederic, **Annabelle Wellschlager** as Mabel, **Nicholas Stohler** as the Major General, **Reilly Miller** as the Pirate King, **Spencer Feldmann** as Samuel, **Mason Fleming** as Ruth and **Brandon Chisholm** as the Police Sergeant.

“We’ve become really good friends and the characters in general are really funny,” said Stohler. “It’s an entertaining show.”

Stohler said he is most excited for the “iconic” Major General’s song.

“The [‘I Am The Very Model of a Modern-Major General’] song is my favorite part,” said Stohler. “It was the first rap song ever recorded. It’s a bit hard to sing, but it’s fun.”

The song was written as a patter, an early form of rap with a fast melody most common in operatic music. This Gilbert and Sullivan classic is famous for its unique, challenging musical numbers.

“I like that most of it is singing,” said Wellschlager. » **Continued on B13**

Area Teacher Recognized For Excellence



Stacy Kearns was a semifinalist for the 2020 Anne Arundel County Public Schools Teacher of the Year award.

By Haley Weisgerber

Severn River Middle School’s Stacy Kearns was one of the 14 teachers from across the county who were named semifinalists for 2020 Anne Arundel County Public Schools Teacher of the Year.

Though she did not advance to the final round, Kearns said she was honored to be considered.

“I was excited and honored that my colleagues thought I was deserving of the nomination, because I feel like all teachers work so hard,” she said. “I have so many amazing colleagues.”

Kearns, who is originally from Williamstown, New Jersey, did not plan to work in a classroom when she graduated from college.

“I went to Salisbury University and graduated with a degree in psychology and communications,” said Kearns. “I wasn’t going to be a teacher.”

She was working in a group home when she discovered her true passion.

“The students that went to the group home attended a school and had a lot of negative feelings about it,” said Kearns. “I felt like education was their way out, and if they had more caring and passionate teachers, they would have more motivation to go to school. That is what started my journey to become a teacher.”

Kearns applied for Teach For America, a program that places aspiring educators in schools that have a teacher shortage while they are being trained. » **Continued on B14**

BHS Senior Earns Coveted Gold Key Award For Self-Portrait

By Judy Tacyn

Isabella Ferreira’s art has been on display somewhere for the last 16 years. First it was her home and even a T-shirt transfer made by her mother when she was 4. By middle school, Ferreira was already taking gifted and talented art classes on the weekends while also a student in the Performing and Visual Arts magnet

program at Bates Middle School. Throughout her four years at Broadneck High School, she has excelled in the school’s strong art program.

On March 1, Ferreira was honored as a Gold Key award recipient in the painting category at the

2020 Maryland Recipients of the Scholastic Art & Writing Awards Showcase in Baltimore. Only a dozen teens in Maryland earned the prestigious Gold Key Award for painting. All Gold Key recipients’ work are on display. Students » **Continued on B14**



Isabella Ferreira’s vibrant oiling painting, entitled “18,” is a self-portrait visually representing the ups and downs of her life.

Just Dance: Severna Park High Students Notch All-State Honors

By Vanessa Reis

Two dancers from Severna Park High School earned All-State honors in the late January competition, and a third achieved Honorable Mention All-State honors. Faith Bender and Alexa Kasten are now ranked among the 26 best in the state, with Maggie Kubista earning Honorable Mention. The dancers were honored at the Maryland Public High School Dance Showcase event at Goucher College in January.

Kasten, a senior at Severna Park High School, started dancing at the age of 2, doing mainly ballet, tap and jazz. At age 5, she became a competition dancer at Spotlight Studio of Dance in Millersville. There, she said, the studio director Wyndee McGovern served as her mentor.

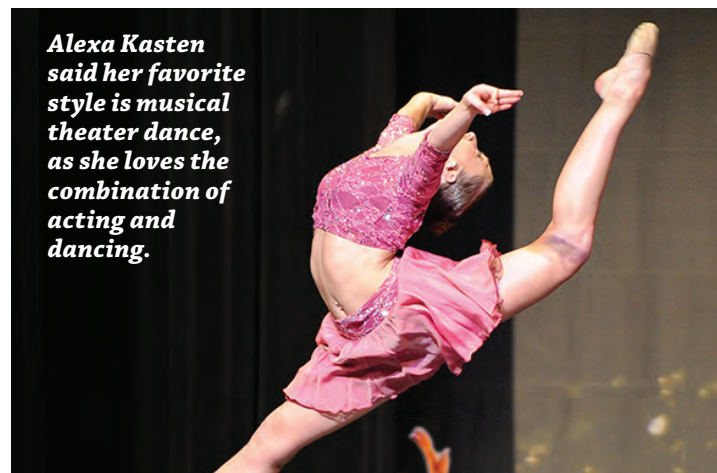
“I’ve grown up with her,” Kasten said, “and I’ve had so many opportunities from her that have made me a better dancer.”

Today, Kasten’s favorite style is musical theater dance, as she loves the combination of acting and dancing. “It’s so fun and energetic to me, and I hope one day to audition for Broadway shows and things like that, because that’s a passion of mine,” she said of musical theater dance.

Last year at Severna Park High School, she choreographed a musical theater dance, and she will choreograph again for this year’s spring show.

After dancing at All-State last year and earning Honorable Mention, Kasten said that this year she “went into it with the same mindset but a little bit more confidence.” The combination of dance styles at All-State worked well for her as, she said, “the

Alexa Kasten said her favorite style is musical theater dance, as she loves the combination of acting and dancing.



Maggie Kubista hopes to perform as a Rockette in the future, and to become a dance teacher later in life.



modern class allowed me to display a lot of emotion and show my personality, and the ballet class allowed me to show my technique.”

The dancers were selected via audition by a panel of judges, including professional dancers and college/university dance faculty.

They were judged in various categories including technique, musicality, professionalism, performance, attitude and likelihood of future success in dance.

As for the future, Kasten recently committed to Towson University, where she hopes to be on the school’s PomSquad, which is the university’s dance team.

Kubista, a junior at Severna Park High School, hopes to perform as a Rockette in the future, and to become a dance teacher later in life. She started dancing at age 3, and when at age 10 she realized that she wanted to be a dance

teacher, she became more invested in it.

Kubista said that she especially loves that dance is “both a sport and an art ... and you can just be creative with it.” She added, “You can always improve with dance. There’s no limit to what you can do with it. And I also just fell in love with performing.”

At the All-State audition, Kubista said she felt prepared, but that “it was harder to show my personality in my dancing,” as the two All-State classes, modern and ballet, are more technical styles of dance with “less room for personal flair.”

Outside of school, Kubista dances with Maryland Performing Arts Center under the direction of Kelsey King. King, she said, helped to “ignite my love for dance and my passion for dance.”

Spalding Students’ Be CUREageous Campaign Raises Funds For LLS

By Judy Tacyn

Kiley Cassidy, an Archbishop Spalding sophomore and Severna Park resident vying for Student of the Year with the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society (LLS), knows how much progress has been made in the fight against blood cancers.

“Since the early 1960s, five-year survival rates for many blood cancer patients have doubled, tripled or even quadrupled. And, many LLS-supported therapies not only help blood cancer patients but are helping patients with other cancers and serious diseases,” said Cassidy. “Drugs first approved for blood cancers are now approved to treat patients with stomach cancers, skin cancers, and autoimmune diseases like rheumatoid arthritis. We really are changing the face of blood cancer and beyond!”

Survival rates have improved due to research, and research is costly. The LLS created Student of the Year, a philanthropic leadership development program in which high school students hone professional skills such as entrepreneurship, market-



Kiley Cassidy and a group of friends have raised nearly \$30,000 for the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society.

ing and project management, to raise funds for the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society. The title Student of the Year is awarded to the candidate who raises the most funds for LLS during a seven-week competition. Half of the funds will support pediatric cancer patients currently in the hospital, and the other half will go to research.

High school students must be nominated to be part of the program, though Cassidy doesn’t know who nominated

her. Her nominator was likely an administrator or teacher at Spalding who knew of Cassidy’s passion for service in her community, but it’s unlikely that person knew of Cassidy’s prior connection to LLS. Cassidy readily accepted the LLS challenge on behalf of her grandfather, **Donn Davis**, who lost his battle to multiple myeloma, a blood cancer, in 2006.

LLS contacted candidates in October 2019 with instructions to form a team and a marketing plan to fundraise. With a plan in place, the competition opened in mid-January with the students having just seven weeks to raise as much money as they can before the competition closes on March 7. A gala will be held that night at the BWI Marriott, where the winner will be announced.

Participants are also assigned to a young leukemia or lymphoma patient who serves as their inspiration throughout the competition. Cassidy and her team were introduced to Emma, a 10-year-old whose blood cancer is in remission.

Cassidy’s team of nine friends, including **Meredith** » **Continued on B13**

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Question of the month

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

If you could make one rule that everyone in the world would have to follow, what rule would you make?

If I could make a rule, it would be to not allow guns. I would do that because lots of people lose their lives in shootings and I want to prevent that.

Alena W.

I would have the rule that there could be no wars, and everyone must live in peace. I want people to not fight or kill — just be happy.

Ally C.

I would make the rule that nobody can be poor. It is not fair that some people don't have money. There are people who are cold and hungry, while others who have money

Benfield Elementary School



The Voice posed its question of the month for March to Mrs. Bartlett's fifth-grade class at Benfield Elementary School.

are not caring about the ones who need money.

Artin T.

I would choose that when you adopt a pet from a shelter, they are free. Then more pets will be adopted.

Barrett V.

I would make a rule for world peace and not polluting. I chose that rule because no one would go to jail, and the earth would be clean.

Ben G.

The rule would be that you must do one kind deed each day. I think this would keep people kind and not mean.

Chase G.

My rule would be treating others the way you would want to be treated. I chose that because everybody wants to be treated fairly.

Declan S.

The rule would be that everyone gets free food. Food should be free because poor people won't have to starve and food is a need, so it should be free.

Everly N.

One rule that everyone should follow is to not harm innocent citizens. I think that would be a good rule because if we couldn't harm anyone, then we wouldn't need wars to accomplish things and solve

conflicts.

Finley M.

The one rule I would make is no hurting someone mentally or physically. Hurting people has been a big problem in the U.S. and other places in the world and I would like to stop it.

Hadley C.

If I could make one rule for everyone in the world, I would make it that no one can smoke. Smoking can kill you, and it can cause a lot of lung problems.

Izzi S.

I would have a rule of no smoking because it is terrible for your lungs. Smoking can give you a greater chance of lung cancer, brain cancer or blood cancer.

Lauren B.

I think that there should be no violence. If we had a non-violent rule, there would be no war or other terrible things.

Liam B.

I would make a rule that you can't take drugs unless they were prescribed for you. When people take drugs for fun, it doesn't only harm them but those around them too. For example, when people take drugs, it can make them

do crazy things like shooting people and robbing banks.

Luke L.

If I could make one rule that everyone in the world would have to follow, it would be that no one can smoke or litter. Our society/planet will be in better shape if we don't smoke or litter.

Madison C.

Every month, everyone must do a day of community service. This rule would solve some of our problems like world hunger and people without shelter, but it would also make many people feel good because they helped other people.

Maggie B.

My rule would be that every kid should read every night. Reading helps you learn about life, people and helps create a love of learning.

Marlaina V.

Everyone would have to pick up trash on the highway or streets. There would be less pollution and trash in the areas where we live, and we would have more breathable oxygen.

Melissa A.

I would make the rule that there could be no violence in the world. This rule would make the world a better place because no one should die

of violence and there would be no wars.

Nick T.

My rule says teachers' salaries should be raised because they're helping us learn and they need to be appreciated more for their hard work. Also, it's not just information they're teaching us, they're teaching us life skills and that is important for our future.

Regan G.

I would make a rule that everybody should have a job even if they are poor. This is a good rule because then everybody will get money to have food, water and shelter.

Riordan K.

I would want everyone to have peace and have no violence in the world. Also, I do not want anyone to fight. All people should be treated nicely.

Ruby B.

I would make the rule of no smoking. This is important because smoking is bad for your health and the health of those around you.

Ryleigh C.

One rule I would make is to be kind to everyone, because almost everyone needs to be treated that way. I love seeing people happy and love when people are nice to them.

Samantha F.

Everyone should smile at everybody. I think this is a good rule because it will make the world a happy living environment.

Sydney P.

If I could make one rule that everyone would follow, it would be to have no violence. Violence is very hurtful and damages a victim's family.

Vaughn W.

The rule I would make is that slavery, segregation and other causes of racism are not allowed. I chose this rule because many countries, not the U.S., continue to have slavery and segregation in their lives.

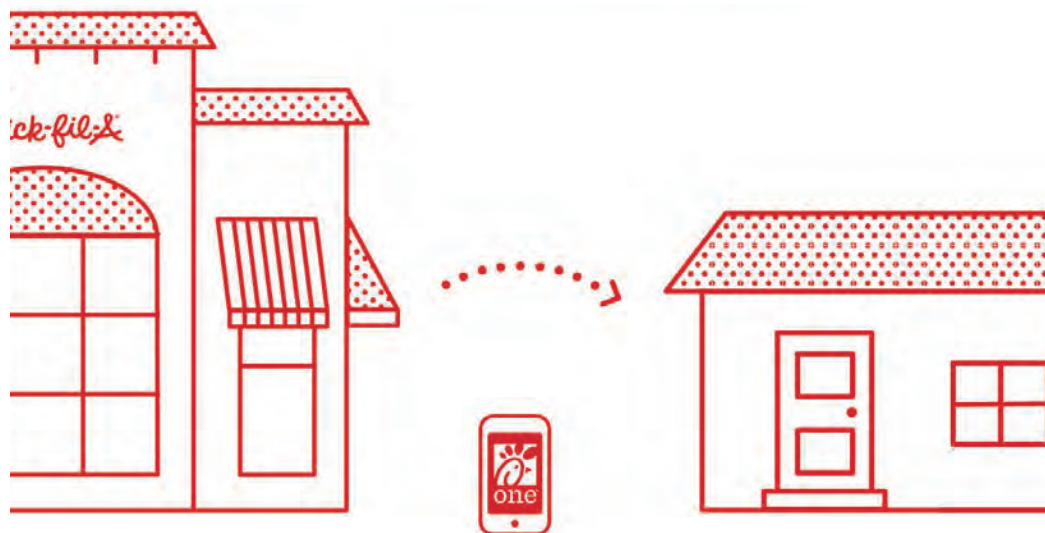
Warren W.

I would make a rule that you can't litter or hurt the environment. I would make this rule because we are really hurting our environment and we need to change.

Zoey S.

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Spalding Students Raise Funds for LLS

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DePole, also a Spalding student and Severna Park resident, came up with the name Be CUREageous, created a website, developed a list of companies and individuals to solicit donations and designed custom Purvida bracelets to sell. To date, Cassidy has raised nearly \$30,000 for LLS. Cassidy is one of just 17 students in the northern Maryland division LLS competition and the only student from Anne Arundel County. Should her team be the top fundraiser, Cassidy will be elevated to the national competition. "This has been a very cool experience because everyone you know has been impacted by cancer; it's a cause everyone can relate to," added Cassidy. "Everyone always tells

me how great this is and how proud they are of me for doing this, and I am really proud of myself to be doing it." Cassidy and DePole have been nominated to be on the leadership board for LLS, ensuring that these two young altruists will be involved long into the future. "I am so excited and happy to be doing this; I love that I know where the money is going," added Cassidy, who toured the Johns Hopkins research lab as part of this program. "Service is very important to me. I want to stay involved, and I'm really proud to now be part of the leadership board." To donate to Be CUREageous or to purchase a bracelet, visit www.events.lls.org/md/MDSoy20/kcassidy.

SPMS Takes On "The Pirates Of Penzance Jr."

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 "There's not a lot of dialogue and it's different." With a multi-level set based loosely off the film "Jumanji: Welcome to the Jungle," the production is filled with "magical" moments and modern references to keep the audience from feeling like they are watching a 19th century opera. "We've added a small twist into all the numbers, pulling from current musicals and adding in jokes from different movies and current musical culture," said director David Merrill. "It's a fun, inclusive experience for all. I would kindly ask [people] to come out and support these young people, cheer them on and go on this journey with them." The cast promises a night of laughs and entertainment for the audience. "The directors are great and it's a fun show," said Garvey. "There's really nothing

that I don't like." Rehearsals began in early January and the students are anxious to show off all of their hard work. "These young people are just incredible," said Merrill. "I mean they're not just talented with beautiful voices, but they're kind, considerate and respectful. It speaks wonders of the environment and education that Severna Park Middle School is providing our young people. I know when the show goes up and we turn the show over to be completely run by the middle school students, we will be in great hands." Tickets will be available on March 20 online at www.spmssings.org and at the door for \$10. "It's not really a production that you see our age group do," said sixth-grader Violet Thompson, who plays a daughter. "It just opens up what kids can do if they put their minds to it."

Severna Park Eagle Scout Wins Maryland Award



Photo courtesy of Staff Sergeant Michael Davis, National Guard
Benjamin Van Brunt of Troop 993 was awarded Eagle Scout of the Year by the Maryland Society of the Sons of the American Revolution.

The Maryland Society of the Sons of the American Revolution (SAR) has selected Benjamin Van Brunt of Severna Park as the 2020 Maryland SAR Eagle Scout of the Year. Van Brunt was selected from among finalists representing chapters across the state and will represent Maryland in the SAR Arthur M & Berdena King Eagle Scout Award competition, which will award \$20,000 in college scholarships. Van Brunt is a member of Troop 993, which is chartered to Severna Park United Methodist Church, and earned the rank of Eagle Scout in August 2019. He is currently a junior at Severna Park High School. Van Brunt was presented with the Maryland

SAR Eagle Scout of the Year trophy and cash award at the society's annual George Washington Luncheon held Saturday, February 15, at the Eagle's Nest Country Club in Phoenix, Maryland. He was previously awarded the SAR Eagle Scout Medal as the Maryland SAR John Paul Jones Chapter winner for Anne Arundel County. The Arthur M. & Berdena King Eagle Scout Award is open to all Eagle Scouts who are currently registered in an active unit and have not reached their 19th birthday during the year of application. The application consists of a two-page Eagle Scout Award application form, a four-generation ancestor chart and a 500-word patriotic themed essay. For his application essay, Van Brunt wrote about the Maryland 400. The Sons of the American Revolution is a historical, educational and patriotic nonprofit organization whose goals are to maintain and extend the institutions of American freedom, an appreciation for patriotism, a respect for national symbols and the values of American citizenship. Additional information about the Sons of the American Revolution Eagle Scout program is available at www.mdssar.org.

SPHS Teen Wins Scholarship From Huntington Learning Center



During the check presentation, Amelia Horrell was joined by her mom, Kate, and Cheryl Queen, director of Huntington Learning Center in Pasadena.

Amelia Horrell won \$4,000 in February following a nationwide contest sponsored by Huntington Learning Center. The contest had few requirements — a name, address, contact information, school name and graduation year. A senior at Severna Park High School, Horrell is still mulling her college options, from Maryland to Florida, but she said,

"College is expensive, so this will really help." At Severna Park High School, Horrell is on the mock trial team, she works on *The Talon* literary magazine, and she is involved with the improv troupe. "I like to think I'm passionate about everything I do," Horrell said. "Each activity focuses on different things, so they're making me ready for life and college."

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STEM Festival Debuts In Severna Park



Children discovered a newfound appreciation for science during the first Severna Park STEM Festival on February 29 at the Holy Grounds building at Severna Park Community Center. The STEM Festival was presented by PAAGE, a Severna-Park based nonprofit that uses STEM tools to improve the academic performance of students.

BHS Senior Earns Gold Key Award

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Ferreira's vibrant oiling painting, entitled "18," is a self-portrait visually representing the ups and downs of her life. Loaded with researched symbolism she's learned through her tarot card passion, the painting depicts a young woman anxious about the road ahead, yet still grounded in the comfort of friends and high school.

Catie Russo, Broadneck High School art educator, has known Ferreira for four years, and said she's honored to be Ferreira's sponsor in the National Art Honors Society.

"When I first met Bella, it was very clear that she had a lot of natural technical ability; she easily assimilated to the more challenging projects that required students

to find their own way through a guided prompt," said Russo.

Russo recalls Ferreira's style evolution. "Bella's style originally could be described as diverse and experimental," said Russo. "She loved trying new things and processes, making more than one of something but in a totally different direction. And, portraits! All of the portraits! Focusing on aesthetic choices excited her the most."

Throughout high school, Ferreira has honed her personal style into the beautiful, large oil paintings like her Gold Key self-portrait; bright, imaginative and purposeful in her intentions. Her favorite medium is oil paint, and she describes her style as realistic.

In addition to the Gold Key award in painting, Ferreira also earned honorable mention awards for a

painting entitled "Closed" and a photograph entitled "Coroaci." She plans to attend art school in the fall and one day work as a full-time artist and possibly own a gallery.

"I am incredibly proud of Bella. She has the biggest art spirit, is totally invested in her work and future as an artist, and I cannot wait to see where she goes," Russo said. "I absolutely know she will keep impressing."

To learn more about the Scholastic Art & Writing Awards competition or to see a list of all Maryland student artist award recipients, visit www.promotionandarts.org. Even with the scholarship offers she's receiving, Ferreira needs assistance to attend the prestigious art schools where she has been accepted. She's created a GoFundMe account at bit.ly/bella_art and would appreciate help.

Asbury Preschool Obtains Accreditation



The staff at Asbury Community Christian Preschool in Arnold is excited to announce their accreditation achievement. This stamp of excellence validates the quality of their program, which has served the area for more than 30 years. Under the leadership of Vickie Whitley, the staff welcomes children and their families each day with excitement and shares the love of learning.

Area Teacher Recognized For Excellence

» **Continued from B11** She spent two years teaching in Camden, New Jersey, before she found a job with Anne Arundel County Public Schools.

After working as a language arts teacher for many years, Kearns began teaching Advancement Via Individual Determination (AVID) at Severn River. AVID is a student-centered program that strives to make every student college

and career ready.

"I feel like it's a place where we are teaching so many skills that are so critical to success in life but don't fit into any other curriculum in other areas," said Kearns, "like goal-setting, perseverance, how to work with other people and collaborate, how to study and how to take notes."

Kearns' students are going through an important developmental stage as middle-

schoolers. Her favorite part of the job is setting them up for success.

Kearns hopes that she inspires her students to take control of their education and use their voice throughout their lives.

"[My students] give me a purpose for coming to work," said Kearns. "Not everyone can say they love their job. I really do love coming to work. I'm so passionate about it and it's exciting."

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