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High School Sports: Anne Arundel Is On The Clock

When Maryland State Superintendent Karen Salmon announced that high school sports would be able to resume practices on October 7 and competition on October 27, each local school system was left to decide whether or not to adopt a new plan. Anne Arundel County Public Schools (AACPS) had planned to follow the Maryland Public Secondary Schools Athletic Association's initial decision to hold the winter season from February 1 to March 27, the fall season from March 15 to May 8, and the spring season from April 26 to June 19.

The October 7 option provides for seven weeks of competition for fall sports — including cross country, field hockey, football, golf, soccer and volleyball. With the October 7 option, winter sports can begin practice on December 14, and spring sports can begin practice on March 15.

State rules require 20 calendar days between the first athletic practice and the
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The General Development Plan will govern land use decisions for the next 20 years, including decisions that affect the environment, schools and transportation.



SPCC Spaghetti Dinner Is Back



The Severna Park Community Center is reviving a beloved tradition, the annual spaghetti dinner. This year's event, altered to meet social distancing guidelines, will be held at the center's Andy Borland Gymnasium on November 7. **Flip to page 13 for details.**



Plan2040 Draft Released

Citizens Have 45-Day Window For Comments



By Zach Sparks

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Severna Park and Arnold residents, it's your turn to grade county government. It's your turn to fill out a report card.

County Executive Stuart Pittman released a preliminary draft of the Plan2040 General Development Plan (GDP) on September 30 during a press conference at the Brooklyn Park Library. The plan will govern land use decisions

for the next 20 years, including decisions that affect the environment, schools, transportation, housing and public safety. Pittman's administration is giving county residents until November 15 to share their feedback.

"As the GDP is being developed, we recognize that it's the start of a major planning effort in Anne Arundel County," said Planning and Zoning Officer Steve Kaii-Ziegler. "It sets the footprint, the
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Volunteer
Of The Month

Janet Lindsay Cares For People And Animals

By Haley Weisgerber

Since retiring, Severna Park resident Janet Lindsay has dedicated her spare time to serving her community in many capacities. From animals to women in prison, there is no one she won't help.

Lindsay and her family attend Woods Memorial Presbyterian Church, where she has volunteered with the Meals on Wheels and Winter Relief programs. After working with the church for many years, Lindsay felt called to work with animals and in prison ministry.

Lindsay was trained with an international organization, the Trauma Healing Institute, and connected with a female chaplain at the Anne Arundel County Department of Detention to minister to female prisoners.

"It's a Christian-based program that helps people understand why they've made some of their decisions in life," Lindsay said. "Some of it leads back to some trauma, so we help them work through it. We help them understand that it doesn't make them a bad person."

Lindsay said that she works hard to relate to the woman that she meets within the prison, as many of them just need a support system.

"It really opens your eyes to how resilient the human spirit can be and how damaging we can be to one another," Lindsay said.

Two years ago, Lindsay was trying to find somewhere to work with animals when a friend suggested Anne Arundel County Animal Care and Control. Now, Lindsay volunteers a minimum of 16 hours a month at the shelter.

In Anne Arundel County, Animal Care and Control is an agency of the Anne Arundel County Police Department, which means many of the animals are in the shelter for protective custody.

"Many of the animals are in because someone is ill or incarcerated, so you never really know," Lindsay said. "You're taking care of other people's animals who really need the care. They're coming from homes and going into this new environment that they don't understand."

Lindsay primarily assists with dog-walking and cleaning cages. She has also assisted with the shelter's frequent live videos, which were started during



the COVID-19 lockdown as a way to show off the animals without having people visit. Animal Care and Control is letting people in by appointment only, so the live videos help people look for their lost animals, or see the animal's personality before committing to take it home. Though her primary focus is taking

care of the animals, Lindsay said that she enjoys working with the animals to clear her head.

"It's kind of a mediation of sorts when you're walking the dogs," Lindsay said. "You get some fresh air, you get some exercise and you have a tail wagging because they are excited that someone is paying attention to them. It's very freeing from all of the nonsense we deal with every day."

She also fosters cats and dogs from the shelter. She has fostered a few puppies, one of which was adopted by her neighbor, two litters of kittens and paired two elderly cats with elderly women.

"It's an enriching experience, and generally you get to see who they go to, and so it's very rewarding," Lindsay said. "There's always a picture of the adoptee and the animal."

While the prison ministry has been paused and less volunteers are allowed at Animal Control because of the pandemic, Lindsay found another opportunity to serve her community. She had been donating to the West Annapolis Pop Up Pantry, when a friend asked if she would consider delivering groceries.

Two days a week, Lindsay filled her car with groceries and delivered milk, eggs, canned food, diapers and more to families who were struggling to make ends meet.

"Sometimes you don't have to go very far to find people who are struggling, and sometimes they don't have a support system," Lindsay said.

Though she would not admit it, Lindsay has made a lasting impact in the community with both humans and animals alike.

"As you get older, your needs become less materialistic. My fulfillment comes more from making the world a better place," Lindsay said. "It's not always in a big way, but sometimes the littlest things you can do for someone makes a difference in how they treat the next person."

Taylor Wild Golf Tourney Set For Nov. 7

The sixth annual "Forever Smiling" Taylor Wild Golf Tournament is set for Saturday, November 7, at Compass Pointe Golf Courses at 9010 Fort Smallwood Road in Pasadena. The tournament will have a 9:00am shotgun start and feature a scramble format.

The tournament keeps alive the memory of William "Taylor" Wild IV, who was just 21 years old when he was killed in a military training exercise before his third deployment in 2013. He was a best friend, a brother, a son and a Marine. All proceeds benefit the Herzberg-Taylor Scholarship. The scholarship has totaled \$10,000 for Anne Arundel County high school seniors over the last five years.

To register or to learn more, visit www.app.eventcaddy.com/events/6th-annual-taylor-wild-memorial-golf-tournament-40.



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first competition. Complete information about both options may be found at www.mpssaa.org.

Anne Arundel County Public Schools has said that logistics prevent the school system from starting as early as October 7. The Board of Education heard details on both plans during a meeting on October 6, before the *Severna Park Voice* went to print. For updates, go to www.severnaparkvoice.com or follow the *Severna Park Voice* on Facebook.

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Gold Star Memorial Pays Tribute To Severna Park Soldiers

By Zach Sparks

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Along the B&A Trail, and across from Woods Memorial Presbyterian Church, now sits a gazebo and memorial in honor of Eric Kavanaugh, William “Taylor” Wild IV, Eric Herzberg and Nathaniel McDavitt — four Severna Park heroes who made the ultimate sacrifice.

Their sacrifices, along with the completion of the gazebo, were recognized during a ceremony on September 11.

“This structure is important because it’s a visible, public manifestation of our commitment to never forget that sacrifice,” said retired colonel Mark Mitchell, former acting assistant defense secretary for special operations and low-intensity conflict for the U.S. Department of Defense. “And it represents the fulfillment of that very same promise to these Gold Star families who are here with us today. You, too, have sacrificed and we owe you our gratitude and honor also.”

A plaque for each of the four heroes surrounds the gazebo.

Private First Class Eric Kavanaugh died in September 2006 when an improvised explosive device detonated near his Humvee during combat operations in Iraq. The 20-year-old enjoyed fishing, swimming, boating and playing guitar.

Lance Corporal Eric Herzberg was also 20 when he died while conducting combat operations in Al Anbar Province, Iraq. A member of the Severn River Rugby Club, he was an avid video gamer and a fan of Irish and patriotic country music.



Left: The family of William “Taylor” Wild IV gathered by the gazebo following the ceremony on September 11. **Right:** The gazebo was made from steel. Standing from the gazebo, Delegate Brian Chisholm introduced guest speakers.

Lance Corporal William “Taylor” Wild IV was at Hawthorne Army Depot in Nevada, training for his third deployment, when he died in 2013. The 21-year-old was a former Severna Park High School baseball player and a “Harry Potter” fan.

Airman First Class Nathaniel McDavitt was in an Afghanistan building that collapsed in April 2016. The 22-year-old played football and basketball at SPHS, was an Eagle Scout, and was an active community volunteer who enjoyed fishing and hunting.

Tom Chisholm explained that the memorial idea was born from conversation between himself and friends Tom Lindsay and Kevin Kavanaugh, Eric’s father.

“We started this project on August 10 and worked seven days a week until

we had it built,” Chisholm said. “We did the pavers first and the concrete and then we ordered the building after we collected enough money. We set a high budget, but we were able to get as close as we could to it ... we were fortunate to get some government donations and grants. The response we had from both the private and public sector has been great.

“We built this so it’s totally accessible to B&A Trail users,” Chisholm added. “We want people to come in, visit, reflect, and it’s a tribute to all soldiers even though we simply pointed out four.”

Kevin Kavanaugh said the committee looked at existing monuments at the Naval Academy in Annapolis and others, until the Anne Arundel County Depart-



ment of Recreation and Parks graciously offered a gazebo that was “dilapidated, falling apart.”

“We’re all members of the American Legion Post 175, and that facilitated our ability to fundraise,” he said. “Everybody chipped in and called friends, neighbors and businesses, and it took several thousand dollars to build this. This is not a homebuilt wood structure. This is all pre-engineered steel. We meant it to last forever and it will.”

William Wild II, Taylor’s grandfather, became emotional when talking about the ceremony. William remembers the advice he gave Taylor upon his enlistment.

“I spent my four years in the Marine Corps, and I told him it was a great experience and take it for what it’s worth,” he said. “It’s a growing experience. You’re going to learn a lot, and be the best you can be, and he did. He never ceased to amaze me, and he was always smiling.”

The memorial honors service men and women who were active duty when they were killed in harm’s way during operations in either Afghanistan or Iraq.

“We can add,” Kevin Kavanaugh said, “but God forbid we have to.”

Chisholm was proud of the turnout, which he attributed to the “cause and the dedication.” It was especially rewarding to see the reaction of the families, including his friend Kevin Kavanaugh.

“To watch a man lose his two sons, one to cancer and one as a soldier, that’s tough,” Chisholm said. “So to give back, to do this, it’s nothing. It was easy to do.”

To make a donation or to learn more about the Gold Star memorial, visit www.heroesofsevernapark.com.

Johnson Lumber Holds Fundraiser For Cool Kids Campaign



On September 16, 124 golfers swung at the chance to raise money for the Cool Kids Campaign of Baltimore as the J.F. Johnson Lumber Company held its third annual Timothy Ray Golf Tournament at Renditions Golf Course in Davidsonville. The tournament raised \$8,000 to support pediatric oncology patients and their families.

The winning foursome of Bob Felts, Eric Milton, Larry Sells and Leo Latonick (pictured left to right) shot an 18 under par 54. Among the other teams were Johnson Lumber staff and an Orioles foursome of Scott McGregor, Ross Grimsley, Ken Singleton and Al Bumbry.

“In a year of constant change and unknown, we were very happy to have this event this year and contribute to a charity that we care so much about,” said Jeff Johnson, marketing manager at the J.F. Johnson Lumber Company. “We were equally as happy to have some of the same familiar faces along with some new ones. The support of the community is vital to our business and its success.”



Local Pantry Strives To Help Neighbors Out Of Poverty

By Haley Weisgerber

It was a regular Friday morning at The Society of St. Vincent de Paul food pantry at St. John the Evangelist Roman Catholic Church when a woman pulled up to collect the food that she ordered through the new contactless system. When the woman mentioned that she needed additional financial help, the volunteers talked with her for more than half an hour to find a solution. It is moments like these that make The Society of St. Vincent de Paul special.

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul is an international organization founded in the 1800s to provide assistance to those in need. As of August of 2018, there were 4,441 conferences in the United States. Within the Archdiocese of Baltimore, there are over 39 churches involved and over 800 society members, including the St. John the Evangelist conference.

"What's special about St. Vincent de Paul is that it helps in all aspects of people's lives," said the Rev. Evan Ponton, who is the associate pastor at St. John the Evangelist. "They are caring for the whole person. It's not just supplying material needs, but doing so with a spiritual heart."

The St. John the Evangelist conference has existed for more than 30 years to serve

neighbors in Severna Park, Arnold, Millersville, Pasadena and Severn.

"That is what St. Vincent de Paul does," said conference president Cindy Halloran. "We don't want to put Band-Aids on people in need. We want to help them move on."

Several of our volunteers have backgrounds in social work. We have school teachers, we have lawyers, and they are able to work together to find resources."

There are no paid staff at the pantry. St. Vincent de Paul is run entirely by volunteers.

"Our volunteers have a way of being empathetic and asking the right questions to make people feel comfortable opening their hearts and help them in many ways," Halloran said.

So long as funding is available, and it will increase someone's quality of life, St. Vincent de Paul will not turn anyone away.



"Our financial assistance is funded entirely from the poor box," said Halloran. "That is all from the generosity of the parishioners at St. John. We have a certain amount that we generally offer to people who need help with an eviction, rental assistance, utilities or medications."

St. Vincent de Paul works with Anne Arundel County to find resources that provide additional support to neighbors who are struggling. The pantry also receives food from the Anne Arundel County Food Bank, although most of the supply is from parishioner donations.

Due to the pandemic, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul went on hiatus. The financial assistance went remote quickly, but it took time to come up with a solution for meal distributions.

"We shut down our in-person contact because of the virus," Halloran said. "We

overcame that in a unique way. We had our neighbors call us. People who needed food, we would send gift cards to Walmart, Giant and local grocery stores."

The gift card total was determined by the amount of people in the family, and the cards were distributed by mail.

After much consideration and "out of the box" thinking, the society decided to try contactless delivery in addition to the remote system. Where neighbors would typically be allowed to select their own food from the pantry, volunteers are now pre-filling bags and distributing them during scheduled pantry hours by appointment.

Although the experience is not the same, Halloran said that all of the volunteers are excited to get back to doing what they love — helping people in need.

"The pantry is important to the volunteers," Halloran said. "We all get something out of it. We gain friendships among ourselves and among our neighbors."

The pantry is staffed by volunteers on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10:00am to noon and 2:00pm to 4:00pm, and Fridays from 10:00am to noon. To learn more about St. Vincent de Paul or to get in touch with a volunteer, call 443-261-0109 during pantry hours.



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A Tale Of Two Pregnancies

By Lauren Burke Meyer

Labor Day was celebrated in September, and I can't help but wish it was my Labor Day. For those who didn't read my column about my pregnancy brain last month, I'm expecting and hopefully due any day or week now.

As I inch toward my due date, I'm reflecting on how different my first and second pregnancies were.

Differing Diets

For my first pregnancy, I had the structure of bringing my breakfast and lunch to work five days a week. Typically, mornings began with fruit and yogurt, with afternoons followed by salads. I'd pack healthy snacks too. Weekends were a different story. Back when I was eating in restaurants, I was so full of fried food after a glorious meal at Davis' Pub in Annapolis with my sister that I accidentally called the baby Charlotte. We had hoped to keep the name a surprise. Whoops.

Fast forward to baby two, and chili nachos and BLTs are a rare highlight of the COVID-19 pandemic during family lunches at home. With nowhere to go on the weekends, a doting husband making pancakes or French toast is our commonplace.

Gender Reveals

For Charlotte, we found out the gender the first chance we could. Then in very non-millennial fashion, my husband and I spotted a half-deflated

pink balloon and snapped a picture that was used to share with our family and friends that a baby girl was on the way.

Our second time around, I convinced (begrudgingly I might add) my husband to be surprised. As an adult, there are truly few good surprises, and I feel like a kid ahead of Christmas that could explode with anticipation of knowing if our baby is a boy or girl.

Celebrations

For my first pregnancy, my best friend and co-workers each threw me over-the-top baby showers in the best way possible. One with an elephant theme, which matched the nursery motif, and led to so many adorable elephant-inspired décor, stuffed animals, clothes and more for Charlotte. Then another shower with a "Parks & Recreation" theme came complete with a waffle bar that would make Amy Poehler's character of Leslie Knope proud.

My coworkers recently surprised me with a Zoom baby shower. Three days later, my mom surprised me with a socially distant, intimate sprinkle with my sister, sister-in-laws and mother-in-law, complete with a delicious brunch and adorable baby gifts.

An outsider would easily assume that the first pregnancy was better. However, they were both so incredibly special in their own ways.

Read the rest of this column at www.severnaparkvoice.com.

Blessing Of The Animals



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From the comfort of their vehicles, pets were blessed by the Woods Church pastors on October 4. All pet owners received a certificate of the blessing and a treat bag for their pet.



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MILITARY SPOTLIGHT

By Haley Weisgerber

Severna Park native Ronan Williams made his community proud this May when he graduated from the United States Naval Academy with a bachelor's degree in English.

When Ronan was in the sixth grade, he began playing on a water polo team that practiced at the Naval Academy. During Ronan's sophomore year, the Navy coaches reached out to him about playing water polo for the academy.

"The coaches sat me down and talked to me about everything the academy had to offer, and I had never considered going there for real," Ronan said. "There is something about having a representative sitting down with you. It would be ridiculous not to consider it as an option, so I started looking into it."

Ronan continued to research the Naval Academy as more schools began to recruit him. During his junior year, Ronan officially accepted.

"I was surprised," said Ronan's mother, Kari Williams. "His decision was between Navy and Harvard. I was certain he was going to choose Harvard. Looking back on it, though, he always admired and appreciated what the midshipmen did and what the academy had to offer."

As a Severna Park resident, Ronan grew up supporting the Naval Academy like most of his community.

"Severna Park is so supportive of the Naval Academy in general," Ronan said. "I mean, the way they view midshipmen is what got me interested in the Naval Academy. It's a community built around supporting the academy. That is what I wanted to feel at a college anywhere."



Ronan Williams

Though Ronan cheered on Navy at many football games before attending the academy, there was nothing like being on the other side. One of his favorite memories was watching the Navy football team beat the Army team after losing the previous three years.

"That is something I will never forget," Ronan said. "We just destroyed them. I was standing with my teammates and we were jumping and cheering. That was one of my top moments."

During spring break of his senior year, Ronan was informed that he would not be returning to campus because of COVID-19. His senior year may not have been what he was expecting, but the modified graduation ceremony

was more than he imagined.

"Graduation was kind of upended, but the ceremony they put together was really special," Ronan said. "Normally, it takes place in the football stadium, but we were able to do it in Tecumseh Court, which is actually where you start your Naval Academy process over plebe summer."

Although Kari was not able to physically attend the ceremony, she was comforted in knowing that it was memorable for Ronan and the other graduates.

"He was the very last person to graduate and was front and center when the Blue Angels flew over Memorial Hall as the midshipmen tossed their covers in the air," Kari said.

In September, Ronan moved to Charleston, South Carolina, where he is attending Nuclear Power School for 18 months. While there, he will learn the foundational skills needed for a career in the submarine force.

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Kiwanis Club Celebrating 65 Years Of Service



The Kiwanis Club of Severna Park recently completed a Fill the Pantry project with members of the Kensington community — benefitting the ACAN food bank and the Kiwanis Kids Closet at Belle Grove Elementary in Brooklyn.

The Kiwanis Club of Severna Park will celebrate its 65th anniversary this December and would like to thank the Severna Park community for all of its support over the years. The club is a group of volunteers dedicated to serving children and young adults on both a local and international level.

The club recently completed a Fill the Pantry project with members of the Kensington community — benefitting the ACAN food bank and the Kiwanis Kids Closet at Belle Grove Elementary in Brooklyn. Kiwanis members dropped off bags to fill for each community member and picked them up the next week.

“We are so thankful that we can still be out supporting the community, with our members and members of our high school Key Clubs,” said Past President Rachel Jacobs.

“This year has been hard for organizations, and so we are banding together with other nonprofit groups and members of the community to get as many people involved as possible,” she said. “The response has been great.”

The Kiwanis Club partners with the Severna Park Community Center, Anne Arundel County Special Olympics, Meals on Wheels and other organizations. The Kiwanis Club has upcoming joint projects

with the Magothy River Association and Orphan Grain Train.

Unfortunately, due to COVID-19 and local restrictions, the Kiwanis Club will not host its October apple sale fundraiser this year to raise money for service projects. The Kiwanis Club uses proceeds from the annual apple sale for projects throughout the year, including high

school scholarships and sponsoring five high school Key Clubs (Severna Park, Annapolis, Chesapeake, Old Mill and North County).

“We look forward to holding it next year — bigger and better than ever,” Jacobs said.

“Even though we cannot hold our fundraiser, we are still finding ways to give back to the community,” she added. “We need to do our part and support our

businesses like they have supported us over these last 65 years. Kiwanis started as a business networking club.”

To do their part in this COVID-19 recovery, Kiwanis is currently offering 10 free business memberships to businesses owners in the community. The Kiwanis Club is also selling Anne Arundel County coverlets for \$40.

Please check out www.severnapark-kiwanis.org or contact Rachel Jacobs at racheljacobs@gmail.com for more information.

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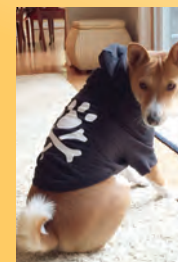
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Plan2040 Draft Released; Citizens Have 45-Day Window For Comments

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foundation for how we'll do other planning efforts ... it's like doing planning from 30,000 feet."

Pittman explained that the real "teeth" of the plan will come with nine subsequent regional plans, but he also said the all master plans and development regulations adopted subsequently by the county must be consistent with the goals, policies and recommendations of the GDP.

Past land use plans have been ignored by "developers, politicians and bureaucrats," Pittman said. He vowed that this time will be different.

"They were pretty good plans with a vision for protecting our natural environment, doing smart growth, getting cars off the road, and alternative forms of transportation," Pittman said of the last plans, implemented in the early 2000s. "My gripe was that those plans got stuck on a shelf and were not implemented. And the real decisions about land use were getting made during the subdivision approval process. They were getting made through modifications to circumvent our county laws."

The newest draft of the GDP comes after nearly three years of work by the Department of Planning and Zoning,



and two iterations of the Citizens Advisory Committee — one formed by former County Executive Steve Schuh, and one with some different representatives chosen by Pittman. CAC Chair Elizabeth Rosborg was part of both committees.

"One thing this GDP does that has not been done in the past is recognize peninsulas," Rosborg said. "We are extremely excited and pleased that the county has recognized that peninsulas are different and should go through an approval process that is different."

Citizens also had the opportunity in September to use an online community engagement portal, which Pittman called "way better than any video game that you've ever played," to zoom in on their neighborhoods, see where land owners have requested changes in use for their properties, view the application and staff recommendations, and

express their support or opposition to the change.

"The interactive map is incredible," Rosborg said. "It provided so much information. The Planning and Zoning staff has really bent over backwards. They have been very good listeners."

The Plan2040 draft has been released in two parts, a 97-page portion and a 274-page report with background information. Pittman said he doesn't expect residents to read the entire document, just the parts that are important to them. Rosborg hopes that each community voices its unique concerns.

"I can't look at every street, but you can look at your street and the neighborhood and roads that are important to you," Rosborg said.

After the public comment period ends, the draft will be reviewed during meetings with the county Planning Advisory

Board (PAB) in December and January. "PAB looks at the big picture, at the entire county," Rosborg said. "It deals with budget. It deals with law."

Pittman will then submit the proposed plan to the county council, which has the final authority to adopt the plan. That is expected to occur in January or February 2021, with public hearings in March 2021.

Kaii-Ziegler emphasized that the plan is not law, so implementation needs to be done through zoning maps and legislation.

"The Department of Planning and Zoning, we are not set up to review every development application or deny every development application," he said. "Our job is to apply the plans and the codes as they are currently written."

After the GDP is adopted, the county will begin working on the nine regional plans. Kaii-Ziegler said Planning and Zoning has the resources to do three plans at a time, with each taking 18 to 36 months.

Rosborg encourages anyone with questions to contact her at plan2040cacchair@gmail.com or send feedback to plan2040@aacounty.org. The public can download the GDP draft at www.aacounty.org/plan2040 and provide comments through an online questionnaire.

"Now is the time to make comments online," Rosborg said. "People get upset when they see builders coming. They should get upset when they see the surveyor on the property and trees getting tagged."

The Truth About Dementia



Winsome Brown
Lean on Dee Senior
Care Advocates



Dementia is one of the most heart-breaking, baffling situations that people face as they age. Families are left trying to make sense of symptoms that make no sense at all. Getting information, even from health care

professionals, may be difficult, because dementia affects people in different ways. My goal in this article is to increase your understanding of dementia and to talk about ways you can help your loved one living with these symptoms.

Is Dementia A Disease?

We speak of dementia as if it is a disease, but it's actually a set of symptoms that are present in many conditions. Those affected by Alzheimer's, Huntington's disease, Lewy Body Disease, head trauma and mini strokes can all exhibit signs of dementia. Dementia is often thought of as a personality disorder, or mental illness, but these assumptions are false.

Is Dementia The Same For Everyone?

This is perhaps one of the more baffling aspects of dementia. These symptoms may not be the same for each person affected. They may not even be the same day to day. Caregivers need to evaluate and regularly adjust to meet the needs of their loved ones.

In fact, a person may be experiencing a completely different disease. Most people have heard of Alzheimer's, but few are familiar with frontotemporal dementia, which is often misdiagnosed as Alzheimer's. In FTD, as it is commonly called, the frontal and temporal lobes of the brain actually shrink, and certain substances increase in the brain. FTD can be recognized by the physical, movement-related symptoms present, in addition to common dementia behaviors. These include tremors, spasms, difficulty swallowing,

and rigidity.

FTD and Alzheimer's are good examples of how the symptoms may be similar, but they have a different origin.

Sundowner's Syndrome

Symptoms often increase or appear at the end of the day. This condition is known as "Sundowner's Syndrome," after the time period in which it takes place. You'll notice that your loved one may seem incredibly tired or sad and may be argumentative and uncooperative. Confusion increases and wandering around the house is common.

Your best strategy here is to avoid planning complex activities in the evening hours. You may want to consult with the doctor, as many seniors react positively to medication designed to help Sundowner's symptoms.

Tips For Communication

Communicating with your loved one after they become diagnosed with dementia may become more and more difficult. It can be exhausting for both parties! Be sure to maintain eye contact and a friendly expression on your face. Speak slowly and clearly, but use your natural speaking voice. Be patient and don't try to rush the conversation.

Body language becomes more important than ever now. Watch for body language clues and be mindful of the messages you send through your own body language.

Remember that you did not win every argument before dementia, and you won't win every conversation now. Learn to recognize the non-negotiables and the things you can overlook in the interest of communication and getting along.

Get Professional Help For Dementia

Many caregivers feel an obligation, family or otherwise, to assume sole care and responsibility for their loved one with dementia. But the truth is unless you are trained and educated as a dementia care provider, it's going to be difficult for you to be objective about the situation. It won't benefit either one of you to try to provide full-time care.

Contact Lean On Dee if you need help with your family member or loved one who has received a dementia diagnosis. Lean On Dee can provide support by helping you with housing placement or doing check-ins. They also offer a Dementia Live program, a high-impact dementia simulation experience that allows you to understand what it's like to live with cognitive impairment and sensory changes. Call 800-413-8733 today and get the support you need.



A Community Classic Returns

Sarah Elder
Executive Director
Severna Park
Community Center



Center, we believe that a part of our mission is to make it possible for people to connect in a meaningful way. Social distance — this is pretty much an oxymoron, if you stop and think about it. Webster's Dictionary defines the adjective "social" as follows: Marked by or passed in pleasant companionship with friends or associates. Of or relating to human society — the interaction of the individual and the group.

It's hard to imagine being social and also being distant! We live to connect, and after so many months of carefully socially distancing, SPCC is hoping to provide a way for our friends to connect in "pleasant companionship with friends or associates" once again. There will still be masks — sorry. And no hugs — unfortunately. But it does mean that we believe we've found a safe way to bring back a fan favorite — our classic spaghetti dinner. This

In this unusual time in our history, we have socially distanced ourselves so much from our neighbors that we may have missed the opportunity to truly connect with one another.

At the Severna Park Community

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year, Ledo Pizza Severna Park has stepped forward to sponsor this family-centered event, and we've found a way to make this favorite fundraiser work for all friends of the center. If you're ready to come back to the Andy Borland Gymnasium for this delicious dinner on November 7, 2020 — know that you will sit with only your family at your table. Tables will be spread out, to allow tons of space for safety, while still providing you a chance to once again see your neighbors. All safety precautions will be in place, including servers in masks and gloves, and lots of distance between you and others.

And if you're not yet ready to sit inside, Ledo Pizza will offer a takeout option for this classic dinner event. That's right — you can support the center and pick up your dinner at the restaurant.

"We have all been socially distant for so long now, Ledo Pizza Severna Park is excited to support this event that returns to an in-person tradition, the all-time favorite spaghetti dinner," said Ledo Pizza owner Martin Gorman. "For more than 20 years, we have been a part of this event, and we can't wait to see everyone again!" Come back to the Severna Park Community Center. Come back for companionship. Come back for that delicious spaghetti sauce. Just come back. We know your neighbors have missed you. We have too.

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Protect yourself from the flu and **spread the word** so others get vaccinated too.



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Sunrise Resident Edith Ramsay Turns 106



Edith Ramsay has been alive for two World Wars and has witnessed women getting the right to vote and humans landing on the moon. The Sunrise of Severna Park resident celebrated another kind of milestone on September 25 when she turned 106 years old.

On the morning of her birthday, Ramsay was greeted by groups of kids singing “Happy Birthday” from a distance, followed by a chorus of noisemakers.

“I enjoy them every year,” Ramsay said of the kids. “I had pictures from the last few years, and I like keeping memories.”

Ramsay has lived at Sunrise since 2016. She was born in Baltimore County and, at 2 years old, moved to Anne Arundel County, where she spent many years living on the water in Riviera Beach. Some of her favorite memories from growing up are helping in the family’s large garden and climbing trees to help harvest the fruit. She was married for 53 years and has one son, and several grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

When asked about her secret to a long, healthy life, Ramsay said, “Walking a lot and trusting the man upstairs.”



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Linstead Cup Challenging For RBSA Sailors



By Mary Marta

The Linstead Cup race was held September 12 this year, with winds stronger than normal on the Severn River. Wind shifts and gusts made demanding work for skippers and tacticians onboard the seven Round Bay Sailing Association competitors. The start for the cup is always a pursuit start, meaning that boats do not start together and are not scored at race end per a handicapping system. Rather, boats start at differing times, depending on their handicap rating, which allows the first boat to cross the finish line to know that they have indeed taken first place. The race goes down the Severn River through Round Bay, continuing through the narrows and then rounding any Route 50 bridge span, and back again. The course sounds simple, but in reality, is no cake walk. First, through the narrows, boats must dodge powerboat and sailboat cruisers. Penny Zahn, past RBSA commodore aboard Firefly, commented that boat traffic was not as brisk this year, but there was one very large boat on the course that racers had to dodge. Next, the narrow section of the Severn is difficult to maneuver under sail

alone with its shifty winds and many shoals. Many RBSA boats have gone aground in the narrows over the years! Ken Shuart, skipper of Lightfoot, reported no groundings this year, and said that boats finished in “record time” because of the favorable winds, despite the shifts and shoals in the narrows. According to Gary Patenaude, winning skipper of Seamma, the winds held up most of the race. He recalled that some past Linstead Cup races have been “painful” slogs up and down the river because of low winds. In the pursuit start, Seamma started fourth; Gary knew it would be difficult to catch up to competitors but Seamma was able to pass the leader, Quintet, after rounding the bridge. Mike Miller, skipper of Quintet, also happily reported good winds. Mike explained that if the wind dies after the cup’s start, faster boats (which start after the slower boats per the pursuit start) always catch up to the slower boats that start earlier, so this year the steady winds kept the race competitive. Despite the shifts, the narrows and long race course, RBSA sailors all reported a fun race. Congratulations to the winners and all participants!

COVID-19 And The Maryland Courts, Part 5

David Diggs
The Law Office of
David V. Diggs



This is my fifth update to friends and neighbors regarding the COVID-19 pandemic and its impact upon the administration of justice in Maryland, with a particular emphasis on our Anne Arundel County courts. As I write this article on September 25, we are regrettably into our sixth month of social distancing, sheltering in place and wondering when it all might end. Most of us are itching for a return to normality.

The Center for Systems Science and Engineering at Johns Hopkins University is reporting 32.4 million confirmed cases of COVID-19 globally, with 984,590 deaths. The United States has the largest number of known cases at more than 7 million cases and 206,417 deaths. That represents an increase of over 1 million cases and 22,000 deaths in the past month. So far, 3.8 million Americans have recovered from the virus. See the statistics at www.coronavirus.jhu.edu/map.html. The data is updated daily at 8:00pm.

In Maryland, we have had 122,774 cases, 3,917 deaths and 7,431 persons recovered. See www.coronavirus.maryland.gov. With 8,264 cases and 236 deaths, Anne Arundel County trails only Baltimore, Montgomery, Prince George’s counties and Baltimore City. Most of our children have started the school year with online learning at least for now. College towns where students have been welcomed back have seen spikes in their cases, although, for the young adults who contract the virus, symptoms are generally less severe, and many are symptom-free.

Cases that were postponed from mid-March through June are now being reset. A case that I had ready to go in September was reset for January and then postponed to May recently. The backlog of cases is ponderous.

Jury trials resumed October 5, with Phase V, the final phase in reopening the courthouses. Judges are getting creative, as they consider conducting jury selection via Zoom. There will be no more cramming of jurors into small rooms to deliberate, as they will likely commandeer an entire courtroom, sending the judge and litigants elsewhere to await a ruling.

Since June, the courts have been slowly easing restrictions. As of August 31, Phase IV of the Maryland Judiciary’s reopening plan took effect and all matters are being heard except for jury trials. Parties, witnesses and attorneys seeking admission to our courthouses are subject to temperature checks and health screening. Masks must be worn at all times.

Over the summer, I have been to court on several emergency matters. It is a challenge to question witnesses through a mask, and I’ve actually had to catch my breath at times. It’s also difficult to read an opposing party, counsel and judges through them. Facial expressions tell us much about the speakers’ veracity. We have also conducted depositions, crucial discovery tools involving extensive questioning, via Zoom.

At the Law Office of David V. Diggs LLC, we are starting to see more clients in person, while masked and socially distanced. We’re also spending a lot of time on the phone and we have eagerly adapted to some new technology, including Zoom conferences. We are still able to come to the office because we are fortunate to be among the essential businesses “that support the judicial system.” Certain members of our staff are teleworking, as they are able.

If you or a loved one have questions about the legal ramifications posed by the COVID-19 health crisis, you should consult with an attorney you can trust and who will assist you in making informed decisions. David Diggs is your neighbor and legal counsel. If you need further information regarding this subject, contact The Law Office of David V. Diggs LLC, at 410-244-1171 or email david@diggsllaw.com. The office is located at 8684 Veterans Highway, Suite 204, in Millersville.

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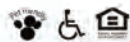
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Council Update

Amanda Fiedler
Councilwoman
District 5



The Anne Arundel County Council is in full legislative swing after returning from our annual recess month of August. September was full of legislation ranging from land use zoning of small cell infrastructures and pawn shops, to an update of our code for building and maintenance of structures. There were also discussions surrounding pending legislation on safety bills that would prohibit the use of vaping devices in restaurants and require written permission for off-road motorcycles within a certain distance of a residential dwelling.

September was also declared Back to Business Month in Anne Arundel County, following a unanimous vote, 7-0, for my resolution introduced at our meeting in July. As a member of the Severna Park and Arnold Chamber of Commerce, I have come to know and love the businesses that are part of our communities. From Severna Park to the Broadneck peninsula, you can notice the foot traffic on Riggs Avenue, Evergreen Road, Bay Dale Drive or the Broadneck Trail, of families and individual residents heading to the local shopping center to support a small “mom and pop” retailer or restaurant. These sights bring a smile to my face, as I know how much each of these establishments value the customers who walk in their doors every day. The last six months have posed a challenge for many of our small proprietors and their employees. These are the community partners who donate items to school fundraisers, offer coupons for sports fundraisers, support events at our local houses of worship and donate food to nonprofit events. Local businesses, owned by people who live here, and who give back in ways we don't always know about or appreciate.

In these unusual times, they have faced more difficult challenges as there was a shift to online shopping, a method of shopping that only larger box stores were fully prepared to handle as they maintained limited reduction in profit mar-

gins. In recent months there have been grant funding opportunities for small businesses made possible through the CARES Act and efforts of the Anne Arundel County Economic Development Corp, but those are a life raft to the long-term challenges each of these small retailers, restaurants and bars will face. With the passage of the “Back to Business” resolution, I have been able to highlight some amazing local places of commerce, entertainment and dining in our district and personally give them my support.

My efforts will not end in September. Every month should be a back-to-business month, and I have committed to supporting them each, in any way that I can. Behind the storefront is a staff that depends on the employment, and an owner who depends on supporting their own family. Many of our small businesses are a place where local teens have their first job and begin saving for their personal goals. These small pieces of the American dream are an important part of our local economy. The relationships of the people behind the counter, serving your favorite fare, or knowing what color scarf you prefer, or the collectable you are scouting for is what makes them part of our community. They get to know us in a way you cannot experience elsewhere. As part of the county executive's COVID Recovery Workgroup, I have been able to not only share the struggles of the businesses themselves but also the people behind them.

It was the discussions in the workgroup and within the business community that led me to introduce Resolution 38-20 in September. This resolution asked the county executive to lift the 10:00pm closing restriction on indoor dining and allow for additional safety precautions, much like what other sectors have done that serve food and beverages late into the evening. The resolution passed with bipartisan support, 5-2. The council body listened to over 100 minutes of discussion, and by a super majority vote, supported the end of this forced closure.

On October 1, the county executive announced that he would allow indoor facilities to extend their hours to 11:00pm, although alcohol service must still cease at 10:00pm.

October and the months that follow

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Referendum Items On The November Ballot

Ed Reilly
Senator
District 33



Question 1 - Authorizes the Maryland General Assembly to increase, decrease or add items to the state budget as long as such measures do not exceed the total proposed budget submitted by the governor.

There will be two referendum items on the November ballot that you should be aware of prior to voting. The items will be presented to you as “questions,” and you will vote for or against each “question.”

This is how Question 1 will appear on your ballot:

The proposed amendment authorizes the General Assembly, in enacting a balanced budget bill for fiscal year 2024 and each fiscal year thereafter, to increase, diminish or add items, provided that the General Assembly may not exceed the total proposed budget as submitted by the governor.

(Amending Article II Section 17 and Article III Sections 14 and 52 of the Maryland Constitution)

- For the Constitutional Amendment
- Against the Constitutional Amendment

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Fall Update From Delegate Michael Malone's Office

Erin O'Neill
Legislative Aide
to Delegate
Michael Malone



See you in September, see you when the summer's through. For those old enough to remember these original lyrics from The Tempos, it is odd this year with the pandemic since none of us have been able to experience the places we might have, and life has not been a normal routine. For me, I have been looking forward to going back to the State House in my full-time capacity working for Delegate Michael Malone. I have enjoyed the slower pace of the interim, and with summer over, I love the excitement leading up to session in January. This interim was busier than usual as our offices became a resource to navigate the unemployment issues, which have plagued so many people. I know every staff member in the House and the Senate assisted many people who found themselves in a situation not in their control. I hope we helped not only our constituents but also the Depart-

ment of Labor and Labor Relations with the backlog of requests they have received.

What will session look like this year? Can constituents and interest groups come into our offices to see us and talk about upcoming legislation? I know the process will remain the same because we must follow the historical protocol of the General Assembly, but how to do this safely in this environment is now being developed by the speaker's office.

With this, I know some fundamental events must still occur for a bill to become law. As an Anne Arundel County delegate, Michael Malone is also a member of the Anne Arundel County delegation, which consists of 15 delegates and four senators. We are located mostly together in the Anne Arundel County corridor of the House office building at 6 Bladen Street in Annapolis. Each office has its staff of interns, legislative aides and volunteers to assist the delegate. We rely on each other to share information in this fast-paced environment. Many times, we work across party lines with much debate and passion and with the utmost respect. Each county in Maryland has its own delegation similar and consistent in its approach like the Anne Arundel County delegation.

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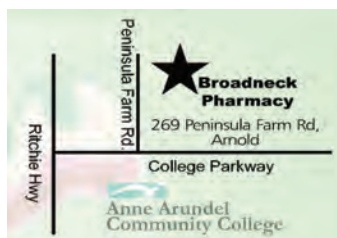
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Fall Update From Delegate Michael Malone's Office

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The days of session are a whirlwind of people and interest groups who swarm our hallways throughout the day. How will it be now?

The Anne Arundel County delegation normally meets every Friday morning during the legislative session. It is open to the public, the press and any organization. At least, in a non-pandemic world, this would be business as usual.

In November, the delegation usually holds a legislative priorities day whereby any local organization can come in to present and introduce themselves. So, what's the plan during a pandemic? This day is a kickoff of sorts to what priorities the delegation will address during the upcoming session. They will have to go through the same course as any bill introduced, assigned to a committee and by having a hearing scheduled. If a local delegation bill is passed through the committee then onto the House floor, most members will vote in favor of it, knowing the majority of the local delegates favor the bill. This is reciprocated when other counties' delegation bills come to the House floor.

For a non-delegation bill, a request from a delegate is sent to the bill drafting office, then reviewed and approved by the requesting delegate. The delegate has the responsibility to "market" the bill by finding co-sponsors. Normally, and intuitively, it is often a good idea to find those delegates who sit on the committees in which the bill will be assigned and heard to get their sponsorship. This year, my prediction is emails, phone calls and Zoom meetings will be the "work of the day" in getting co-sponsors. What many folks do not know is that so much goes on behind the scenes within the committees during the interim. Where will they convene in January? In Virginia, the Senate met at a science museum and the House of Delegates under a tent outside the Capitol during a special session this summer.

For the upcoming session, there may be a different way in which the session will be planned, but the behind-the-scenes workgroups, delegations and subcommittees will be well prepared to do business as deemed safe and constitutional.

So, like the students who could not go back to class or college and for those employees who continue to work from home each day, your delegate has been and may be doing the same in the coming months. For January, history may be made in how the General Assembly gathers.

Have a good time but remember, there is danger in the summer moon above. Please stay safe.

It's Your Turn To Make History

Heather Bagnall
Delegate
District 33



In 2016, over 100 million eligible voters didn't vote, for myriad reasons. History is made by those who show up, yet elections can easily be decided by those who sit them out.

This November, we have one of the most consequential elections in our lifetimes, with some of our most broad-scale barriers, and no clear commitment from our executive branch for a free and fair election.

This election, it is essential to have a plan to vote. We will have four options this year: vote by mail, vote at the drop box, vote in person during early voting, October 26 to November 2, and vote in person on Election Day, November 3.

Voting in person will look different this year as well. Instead of polling stations at our assigned precinct, Election Day voting will look more like early voting, with voting centers that are open to any eligible voter in the county. We'll be socially distanced, required to wear masks, and I suspect our poll workers will skew younger than we've seen in some

time, all changes to address the pandemic and assure our safety and our right to vote.

There is an existential consequence of COVID, which is also on the ballot. November 10, a week after the election, while the ballot counts continue nationwide, the Supreme Court will begin oral arguments among a host of civil rights and equity issues, on the potential dismantling of the Affordable Care Act.

Since its passing, there have been nearly 100 attempts to end — in part or in whole — the Affordable Care Act. In the 2020 Maryland General Assembly session, we passed a bill to codify the protections established by the federal law into our state law; however, this bill, which passed into law without the governor's signature, extends only to the insurance market managed by the state.

Viewed through the lens of a pandemic, the attempts to end the protections of the ACA, particularly "pre-existing conditions," seem all the more disastrous. According to the Center for American Progress, even before COVID and the loss for many of employer-based insurance, the end of the ACA could potentially strip 23.3 million Americans of their health insurance, but now, in light of the information coming out regarding the potential long-term impact of recovery from COVID, there is a more insidious implica-

tion not being discussed: the reality that COVID-related disease would now, under any new law, constitute a pre-existing condition. We don't yet know the "whys," but we have a good idea of the "whats" — long term and irreparable organ damage to the heart, lungs and brain; blood clots and clotting disorders; extreme fatigue that worsens with activity; post-traumatic stress disorders; anxiety and depression. It took 10 years to find an effective treatment for HIV/AIDS; we are on track to have a COVID vaccine in the next year, but the rollout could take up to three. In the interim, there are those in office now pushing for herd immunity by invoking widespread infection. Herd immunity requires an infection and recovery rate of 60 to 80 percent.

Whether you ascribe to the 100 percent mask and social distancing camp, or the low-mortality herd immunity community, that is a huge percentage of the population to potentially be ineligible for health care due to their pre-existing COVID-related medical condition.

Mask up and go vote. I'm not asking you to vote in any direction, but I am asking you to vote because the future of our nation is too important to be left to those who didn't show up, and we owe it to the more than 200,000 who no longer can.

Parent First, Public Official Second

Sid Saab
Delegate
District 33



The Anne Arundel County Public Schools system educates 84,000 future leaders, entrepreneurs, thinkers and problem solvers. We are home to dedicated teachers and staff who lift up every child to meet their full potential. As many parents may know, you learn that all your kids are different — not just in personalities, but also in their learning styles. Understanding these differences has helped me, as a parent, make the best decision about choosing what kind of school setting is best for my kids.

County leadership and the teachers union are obstacles to parents being able to have that option. The teachers union is wielding their power unchecked and stifling the growth of our students. They are keeping our dedicated teachers out of their vitally important positions. For the record, there is no doubt that teachers hold one of the most challenging jobs out there. Constituents are not satisfied with politics affecting their chil-

dren and how they earn an education.

Unfortunately, the reality of not reopening schools is considered political because the persona is political. On many levels, we are being disproportionately affected by county leadership in their idea of preventing the spread of COVID-19. Anne Arundel private schools have demonstrated their ability to effectively host in-person classes, so why is it that Anne Arundel public schools cannot?

As per the two requirements expected of nonpublic schools set by the Anne Arundel County Department of Health, non-public schools must submit a safety plan for approval prior to reopening in-person and contact the health department if a student or teacher is positive. If Anne Arundel County Public Schools cannot meet this expectation, are they then demonstrating ineffective leadership incapable of proposing strategic planning?

We have invested to ensure that special needs learners are offered services that allow them the same opportunities in life as their peers who learn differently. Families who are low-income are supported to ensure that regardless of a family's economic status, their children have the same opportunity for success as those with higher incomes and more resources. What we are silently and complicit-

ly witnessing is the deteriorations of all those necessary efforts. The taxpayers have spent their hard-earned money to offer top-notch education opportunities for children, regardless of who they are.

Virtual learning has shown to be less valuable than in-person class settings, according to the Centers for Disease Control.

The fact that children are not back in school is exacerbating the education gap we have worked hard to minimize. Families with special needs learners who can afford to have private educators come into their homes and meet their needs are doing so. Families without those financial abilities are watching their children's learning opportunities go downhill.

Every child deserves the same opportunity, and we as a community have always fought for exactly that.

We need to speak loudly and clearly to the county executive and the health officer that a balance must be met. Let's be a part of the solution and not the problem: safely reopen our schools, even if a hybrid system is in place. We cannot just address a virus and then forget about depression, special needs learners, lower-income families and every child who deserves to have their future be as bright as we possibly can, within the means that we have.



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Referendum Items On The Ballot

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Question 1 is a constitutional amendment that will increase the power the Maryland General Assembly has over the state budget. Currently, the Maryland General Assembly can only decrease budgetary items. The governor has the sole power to increase or add items to the budget when necessary.

A “for” vote will allow the Maryland General Assembly to make more changes to the state budget, including making increases to or changing the state budget.

An “against” vote will maintain the Constitution as it is currently written.

This is a constitutional amendment that will change the Constitution of Maryland.

Question 2 – Authorizes sports and events wagering at certain licensed facilities.

This is how this question will appear on your ballot:

Do you approve the expansion of commercial gaming in the state of Maryland to authorize sports and events betting for the primary purpose of raising revenue for education?

- For the Referred Law
- Against the Referred Law

A “for” vote supports authorizing sports and events wagering at certain licensed facilities with state revenue intended to fund public education.

An “against” vote opposes authorizing sports and events wagering at certain licensed facilities.

The Maryland Constitution requires that the Maryland General Assembly

submit laws expanding commercial wagering to a referendum item at a general election. Due to this requirement, the voters will have to decide on whether or not to allow sports and event wagering at certain licensed facilities.

The revenue generated will primarily be dedicated to support public education. The measure would also authorize the Maryland Department of Transportation, the State Lottery and Gaming Control Commission, and the Maryland attorney general to contract with a panel of experts to review the “Business Disparities in the Maryland Market Area” study completed in 2017 and determine whether remedial measures need to be taken for minorities and women in the commercial gaming industry.

If this referendum item is approved by Maryland voters, it will authorize the General Assembly to pass a law allowing the State Lottery and Gaming Control Commission to issue licenses to offer betting in the state on sports and other competitive events. This law must specify:

1. Who is eligible to apply for a license to operate sports and event betting
2. What forms of betting are allowed
3. How betting must be conducted
4. Where an individual can place a bet

This law will be worked on in the 2021 General Assembly session.

I hope this overview will give you the information you need to vote on these two important questions that will be on the general election ballot. If you have any questions pertaining to these items, you may contact my office at 410-841-3568. We will return your call as soon as possible. Or you may email me at edward.reilly@senate.state.md.us.

Council Update

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will bring colder days and nights. Outdoor retail and dining will be forced to make some difficult decisions in Anne Arundel County. Restaurants and bars have been trying to make plans to extend their outdoor dining by investing more in heating and enclosing what they created for warm weather in parking lots and sidewalks. Can they afford it while facing a financial loss? Will they invest more to try and stay afloat? When will they get the answers they need to make these important decisions for their survival or permanent closure? I believe they deserve more.

Back to business is important. Balance

is also important. Balance of government is the foundation of good government. A government made up of three separate but equal branches should never be forgotten. I look forward to addressing this and other matters in future legislation. I support getting back to business and back to balance in the months ahead.

A full list of upcoming bills and resolutions, as well as ways to submit testimony, can be found here: www.aacounty.org/departments/county-council/legislation.

As always, if you have any thoughts or comments related to county matters, you can contact me at amanda.fiedler@aacounty.org.



Photos by Zach Sparks
Several Green Hornets field hockey teams squared off against Crofton on September 27 at Severna Park High School.



Photos courtesy of Elaine Rom
The Severna Park Storm won two games, including a 1-0 match over Montgomery County United, during the Labor Cup tournament in Crownsville in September.



Green Hornets Sports Are Back!

Soccer and field hockey were among the youth sports that returned to the field in September. Whether they were on the turf fields at Kinder Farm Park or the fields at Severna Park High School, the athletes all enjoyed the opportunity for game action. Do you have photos or sports news to share? Send them to spvnews@severnaparkvoice.com.



Photos courtesy of Karen Zaniker
The Severna Park Premier White 09G Hurricanes and Severna Park Storm clashed in the Labor Cup championship in Crownsville on September 6, with the Hurricanes sealing a 2-1 victory.



Arnold Resident Brody Kelly Finds Joy In Kart Racing

By Sharon Mager

Like most kids at ages 7-8, Arnold resident Brody Kelly had a good time playing local sports, but what really made his eyes light up was racing. After returning home from basketball, soccer or baseball, Brody would immediately turn on the television to watch NASCAR or another auto race.

Seeing his son's enthusiasm about the sport, Don Kelly, who owns Park Tavern in Severna Park, began doing some research in 2017 and discovered kart racing at Sandy Hook Speedway in Street, Maryland. The speedway had a race the following weekend, so Don and Brody drove north.

"The minute we pulled in, we were hooked," Don said. "We weren't even out of the car when Brody was grabbing my arm and saying, 'This is so cool!'"

Don and Brody began going to Crofton Go-Kart Raceway so Brody could start driving. "He'd go lap after lap.

Brody Kelly has raced at Daytona, Charlotte and tracks in the Southeast and Midwest.



That's what he enjoyed doing," Don said.

Don purchased a kart and a trailer for Brody in 2018, and they excitedly headed to Kannapolis, North Carolina, to take the delivery. The hobby took off from there, and so did Don and Brody, not only competing locally but around the country, racing 25 to 30 weekends a year.

They recently returned from New Castle, Indiana, and in early October were preparing to leave for a national cup race in Indianapolis. They've raced at Daytona, Charlotte and tracks in the Southeast and Midwest. The father and son team are enjoying the bonding, seeing the country together, and meeting others who love racing and "speak the same language," Don said.

Brody agrees that relationships are a big draw to the sport. "The people I meet, the friendships I've made are really good," he said. "Mostly that's my favorite part, but I also like going fast. The fastest speed I've gone is 63 this year at Indianapolis."

Brody also likes the competition — both individually and as a team, and how contestants support and help one another.

Don, who acts as his son's » **Continued on page 26**

STUDENT-ATHLETE OF THE MONTH

Jordan Dill

Green Hornets
Soccer, Basketball

By Zach Sparks

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In soccer, there is an expression that hustle and heart set a team apart from the competition. Jordan Dill has brought both of those characteristics to the Severna Park Storm.

"Jordan joined the Storm in the fall of 2019 and displays the characteristics of a natural leader," said Storm head coach Chris Rom. "She's vocal on the field, but also leads by example with her work ethic at practices. The players and coaches all respect her ability and love her attitude and commitment to the team."

With four of her five brothers having played soccer, Jordan, an 11-year-old Alaska native, has grown up with the sport and developed a natural leadership style.

"I communicate to my teammates a lot, so I tell them if there is someone behind them or something," said Jordan, who plays center midfielder and striker. "I like to help them. Like Coach said, communicating is a really key point, and I'm really positive."



With four of her five brothers having played soccer, 11-year-old Jordan Dill has grown up with the sport and developed a natural leadership style.

That positive attitude helped Jordan contribute to her team's strong Labor Cup championship run in September. The team went 2-1 before falling to the

Severna Park Premier White 09G Hurricanes, 2-1, in a penalty kick shoot.

Jordan is enjoying the opportunity to play select soccer.

"For club you move around a lot, so you're only with them for a year and then you switch teams," she said. "For select, you stay with the same team, so you bond more with them."

To better herself as a player, Jordan constantly works on passing and shooting. She said the Storm emphasize game situations when practicing. Practice, she insisted, is the key to making anyone a better player.

"You want to practice. Don't give up if you feel like, 'Oh, I'm really bad at shooting,'" Jordan said. "Just keep on practicing, because you will eventually get better. And listen to what your coach says. Don't poke the ball with your foot. Use your laces."

Jordan also enjoys playing basketball with her friends, and she pointed to the fast-paced nature of the game as her favorite attribute. Soccer, though, offers a different challenge. Because of futsal, the sport can be played year-round regardless of the weather.

"I like how competitive [the sport] is, and I like shooting the ball because I feel like I did a good job," Jordan said.

In partnership with The Matt Wyble Team of Century 21, the Voice's Student-Athlete of the Month series recognizes the many student-athletes in our area who make an impact not necessarily by way of statistics or stardom, but by their unique contributions. Contact Zach Sparks at zach@severnaparkvoice.com to nominate a young person in our community making a positive impact through sports.

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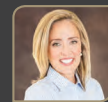
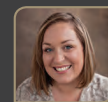
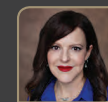
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9U Green Hornets Win Rogue September Shootout

The 9U Green Hornets baseball team capped an impressive tournament run during the Rogue September Shootout in Mt. Airy, Maryland, on September 27 by earning a 19-12 win over the Rogue 9U Liberty. Through five games, the Green Hornets outscored the competition 82-49. Pictured left to right in the back row, the coaches are Tad Trias, Pete Buck and Jim Viera. The team is (l-r, middle row) Angelo Coppola, Micah Gossard, Nate Oehling, Ryan Buck, Davis Balderston, Ben Chu, Dylan Trias and (l-r, bottom row) Chase Connell, Will Viera, Cooper Bullough, Max Anderson and Nick Kessler.



Brody Kelly Finds Joy In Racing

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manager, pit crew, chief and counselor, said, "It's a lifestyle. You get hooked very quickly."

Brody, who attends St. John the Evangelist School, is now 13 and has taken the racing "full-on," said Don. When he's not at school or racing, he does race simulations on the computer.

Brody is starting to qualify and to win. "He's at the top of the leader pack, and he's having fun," Don said. "That's all I can ask for."

Next year, they're planning to do a racing series that will take them to Wisconsin, Iowa, Texas and Michigan.

Brody's mom, Kerry, and his four sisters, 18-year-old Maeve, 16-year-old Maggie, 11-year-old Ainsley and 8-year-old Molly, are proud of Brody's accomplishments. When their schedules allow, the girls enjoy going to the track to cheer on Brody.

Don said Kerry has been supportive, providing transportation to the girls while Don is away, and filling in at Park Tavern.

"It's a family affair even if Brody and I are at the track," Don said. "Kerry and I are very fortunate to find this for Brody, and we've all been enjoying it."



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SCHOOL & YOUTH

Severn School Senior Modifies Surgical Helmets To Protect Against Coronavirus



Regan King (pictured) consulted Stephanie Ebersole, coordinator in the Surgical Simulation Center at AAMC, who perfected the process of 3D printing the adaptors. Then King made a workshop in her basement, where she assembled and tested the devices.

supplies of protective equipment that is effective against COVID-19.

During a Zoom meeting, Severn School senior Regan King overheard her father discussing a Duke University invention that uses custom 3D printed adaptors to convert commonly used surgical helmets to be used for high-level infection protection. To help health care personnel everywhere, Duke developed and tested the concept and then made the code "open source" so that other institutions could

have access to the technology for free.

The algorithm uses sophisticated 3D printed adaptors that can be used to retrofit helmets already in use at the hospital. The helmets alone do not provide adequate protection against small particles



like viruses during high-risk surgical procedures, but when taken apart and rebuilt with the 3D printed adaptors and advanced filters, they protect health care
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In the face of nationwide personal protective equipment (PPE) shortages, surgical teams at hospitals across the country, including Anne Arundel Medical Center, have been relying on limited

Keeping Students Engaged With E-Learning



Madelyn Corey is one of the FACS students who received a sewing kit for e-learning.

By Haley Weisgerber

When Anne Arundel County announced that the first semester of the 2020-2021 school year would be completed virtually, many teachers were forced to think outside of the box to keep students engaged. With over a month of e-learning under their belts this year, two Severna Park educators reflected on how they have kept their students engaged virtually.

Heather Barnstead, who is currently teaching Leadership 1 and Introduction to Microsoft Office 2013 at Severna Park

School, said a lot of thought went into student engagement while adapting the virtual curriculum, particularly for highly interactive Leadership 1 class.

"For Leadership, my co-teacher and I sat down and really looked at everything we do in a normal year and thought, 'What can we change about it,'" Barnstead said. "We did a lot out of the classroom."

Although they cannot attend field trips or gather for events like they have in previous years, Barnstead said students
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School Shutdown Inspires New Educational Opportunities

By John Singleton

What will public education look like in a post-pandemic world? Will homeschooling and learning pods increase in popularity? Will the emergence of new educational models emphasize the social-emotional needs of students?

"This disruption has been a chance for parents to explore beyond the norms of accepted educational settings," said Ruth Popp, a United States Naval Academy graduate and mother of five. "When resources become limited, it can be a clarifying experience."

With public schools choosing to remain online for the start of the school year, more families have opted for learning pods, homeschooling and private schools.

"Our hybrid approach to homeschooling has attracted lots of new families," explained Melinda Deras, director of the St. Thomas

Aquinas Tutorial (STAT) in Arnold. "Our Catholic identity offers a way to support our students' spiritual and emotional needs."

STAT offers a classical curriculum that includes traditional homeschooling on Tuesday, Thursday and Friday combined with in-person classroom instruction on Mondays and Wednesdays from 8:30am to 3:00pm. In-person instruction is held at Our Lady of the Fields in Millersville and capped at 12 students per class.

"STAT is like having someone hold your hand to homeschool," shared Melissa Freymann of Severna Park, whose children attend STAT. "The hybrid approach offers the opportunity for community and peer friendships while also having the benefit of being with your kids."

Educational innovation was not necessary
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Geoff and Jessica Hermanstorfer have retrofitted the basement of their West Severna Park home to accommodate six second-grade girls during the shutdown of Anne Arundel County Public Schools.

Samantha Shock Kicks Her Way Into Martial Arts History

By Declan Keefe

In this past summer like no other, a Millersville resident overcame the odds and achieved a goal unattainable for most. Thirteen-year-old Samantha Shock received her black belt in taekwondo at Kick Connection in Pasadena in August.

Obtaining the honor of a black belt is a crowning achievement for anyone, regardless of background, but Samantha's accomplishment is even more noteworthy due to her circumstance: she has Down syndrome.

Samantha started taking taekwondo lessons five and a half years ago after her older brother, James, currently a freshman at the University of West Virginia, started taking lessons. Samantha thought the lessons looked fun and eventually decided to join. Samantha made steady progress over the years and had advanced to be ready to test for her black belt this past March. Once the lockdown struck, it seemed Samantha would be unable to get her black belt as originally intended.



Samantha Shock is the first person with Down syndrome to earn a black belt in Kick Connection's 31-year history.

Nevertheless, she refused to give up. Samantha's parents, Cindy and Walter, set up an area in their garage to give their children

the needed space for the online taekwondo classes. Upon reopening in June, Kick Connection began to hold classes in its parking lot. In the weeks leading up to the test, Samantha started going to classes four days a week, two and a half hours per class.

"There is never an argument about going to class. She just gets dressed and is ready to go," Cindy said of her daughter's enthusiasm.

The big day finally came in August. Samantha was awarded her black belt after passing a near four-hour test that included performance of the patterns, sparring, breaking boards, reading, and writing an essay explaining why she wanted to become a black belt, as well as verbal knowledge. All with pushups in between.

"They didn't water down the test at all," Cindy noted. "She did everything she was supposed to do."

Upon receiving this award, Samantha's instructor, Grand Master Carlos Patalinghug Jr., announced that Samantha was not only the first person with Down syndrome to earn a black belt in the 31 years Kick Connection has been in operation, but she is also the first person with Down syndrome to get a black belt on the East Coast. Patalinghug also believes it's possible she may be the youngest person with Down syndrome in

the United States to get a black belt.

"She's just an amazing young girl," Patalinghug said. "She always has had a spitfire attitude. I didn't sugarcoat or minimize anything at all. She spoke so eloquently during her speech. There was not a dry eye in the room."

Samantha began her speech, "I have been taking taekwondo for many years. In the beginning it was hard, and I did not think I could do it. Some people did not think I could do it either. They thought I would not be able to remember the patterns. But I proved them wrong. I went to class, I tried hard, I practiced at home and I did not give up."

She concluded, "For me, earning black belt makes me feel like all the other students who are testing with me. I can do anything I work hard for, even if it takes me a little longer than most. I am strong, I am smart, and I can do anything I put effort into. I have learned many things from taekwondo: patterns, kicks and self-defense, but the most important thing I've learned is that Down syndrome will not stop me from having integrity, perseverance, self-control and an indomitable spirit!"

Samantha does not plan on stopping. She intends to return to class and begin work on her second-degree black belt.

Teens Partner With Local Businesses To Serve Seniors

By Haley Weisgerber

The coronavirus pandemic has been tough on many people, but with assisted living facilities limiting visitors for several months, many seniors have been isolated from their families, friends and community. When the opportunity arose for Severna Park High School seniors Edie Deegan and Anders Hansen to give back to the many assisted living communities in Severna Park, they dove in headfirst.

The two friends established Snacks4Smiles in late July to partner with local businesses to bring smiles to the staff and seniors at six local assisted living facilities.

The idea struck Deegan while she was picking up her brother from work at Donut Shack.

"I was waiting for him and he was taking out a ton of trash," Deegan said. "It was all boxes of doughnuts, like 20 boxes. I just thought it was wasteful and then I talked to Anders and we decided we should do something with them."

A former Donut Shack employee, Deegan reached out the shop's owners and they were excited to donate the leftovers.

Deegan and Hansen agreed that they should donate the treats to a group of peo-

ple who needed the smile the most: seniors.

"We decided the best place to donate them would be assisted living and nursing homes because they haven't been able to see their families with everything going on with the coronavirus," Hansen said. "We thought it

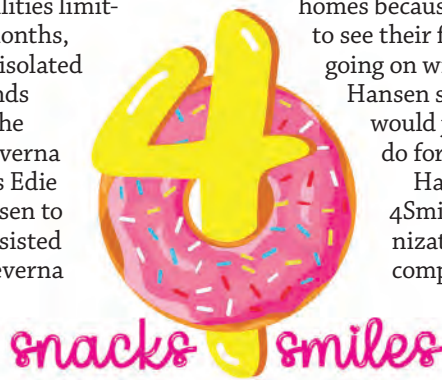
would just be something nice to do for them."

Hansen registered Snacks4Smiles as a charitable organization and limited liability company. Though they are currently paying the fees with their own money, they are considering accepting

donations, which would be used entirely for the charitable work and not for profit.

The duo reached out to the Anne Arundel County Department of Aging & Disabilities and were put in touch with all of the assisted living facilities in Severna Park. They currently deliver to Spring Arbor Senior Living, Household of Angels Assisted Living, Heartlands Assisted Living, Abby Cottage, Brightview and Heart Homes three nights a week with the help of five volunteers.

Hansen and Deegan are currently applying to colleges. Though they are not sure how their roles will change in Snacks4Smiles after graduation, they would like to expand to include more vendors, senior living homes and volunteers this year.



School Shutdown Inspires New Educational Opportunities

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ily the goal for Jessica Hermanstorfer and her husband, Geoff, when they retrofitted the basement of their West Severna Park home to support the needs of their daughter Ashton, a second-grader at Severna Park Elementary School.

"We took a challenging situation and made the best of it," Jessica said. "After collaborating with some local moms, we came up with a model that would meet the academic and social needs of six second-grade girls."

Committed to the county curriculum and its online instructional schedule of Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday from 9:00am to 11:00am and 1:00pm to 3:00pm, Jessica hired a classroom teacher to supplement the virtual learning experience.

"I saw Jessica's post on Facebook looking for a teacher," said Melody Wukitch of Severna Park. "As a teacher, I was looking for a small group atmosphere that would benefit students in new and unique ways."

It turns out Melody Wukitch was more than a teacher. As an adjunct English instructor at the U.S. Naval Academy and a K-12 reading specialist, she was the perfect fit for six energetic second-graders.

"Partnering with the girls' public school teachers has been seamless," Wukitch explained. "We have a mutual respect for one another. We share a common goal. And because I'm a former public school teacher myself, we speak the same language."

The exercise in educational entrepreneurship has gone so well that Jessica Hermanstorfer now jokingly refers to her basement classroom as the Cedar Academy for Girls - On the Severn. But many educational innovators are more serious about these pioneering new forms of learning.

"This has been a period where parents have gained practical knowledge as teachers. The shutdown gave the opportunity to observe children's educational needs more closely than before," explained Popp, whose children have attended public, private and homeschools. "These experiences equip parents to take a greater role in their children's education. They may gain confidence to advocate for their children as they return to school and be inspired to offer more support and gratitude to teachers. Parents who have seen their children thrive at home may seek out and develop alternative learning environments."



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Severn Senior Modifies Surgical Helmets

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workers from the viruses that caused COVID-19, Duke testing showed.

King worked with Stephanie Ebersole, coordinator in the Surgical Simulation Center at AAMC, and an expert in 3D printing, who perfected the process of 3D printing the adaptors. Then, after researching and assembling the needed supplies based on the published protocol, King made a workshop in her basement, where she assembled and tested the devices.

"I wanted to help keep my dad and keep the hospital workers safe," King said.

"The job they are doing is so critical right now, and it is of the utmost importance that they have peace of mind while they are saving lives. These adaptors, I hope, can do that for them."

The modified helmets have now been used routinely in high-risk cases by surgical teams in the operating rooms at AAMC. With uncertainty about access to testing for surgical patients, and fears about a possible resurgence of COVID in the winter months, King has adaptors and supplies available to rapidly increase the number of protective helmets if it becomes necessary.

Keeping Students Engaged

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will have guest speakers and a virtual entrepreneurship fair. The Signature Program team at Severna Park is working to create a live panel experience for the entrepreneurship fair, but will also include videos from local businesses that cannot attend the live event. Barnstead said she is excited for students to interact with business leaders as they would at the in-person fair.

While plans are being finalized on larger projects, Barnstead is focusing on giving students brain breaks, especially after a long day of screen time, and engaging activities during class time.

"All of these things take time, but in the meantime, we have been using a program called NearPod," she said. "Today I ran a race. So, a question pops up and they have to determine the answer while they are competing. Adding that competition element gets them excited."

Barnstead said she is also focusing on connecting with students and getting to know them the same way she would if they were in a traditional classroom setting.

"There is chemistry when you're in the room with them," Barnstead said. "As teachers we always talk about your proximity around the room. You kind of have to pull something out of what you're hearing and seeing so that they know that you're listening."

Fortunately, the Google Classroom technology has allowed Barnstead to be more available than ever to her students, as she is always near her devices to answer students' emails or jump into office hours.

Barnstead said Anne Arundel County Public Schools has done a great job of connecting her with resources and ideas for continuing to make this experience pleasant for her students.

"I would love for them, at the end, to

say, 'Well it was a bummer that I wasn't with my friends, but I was learning,'" Barnstead said. "That is really the goal."

Rebecca Jenkins teaches Family and Consumer Sciences (FACS) at Severna Park Middle School. During virtual learning in the spring, Jenkins had a hard time engaging students from their homes.

"The students were watching rather than participating," Jenkins said. "We challenged ourselves over the summer to figure out a way to 'bring FACS home' and that is exactly what we have done this fall."

Jenkins and fellow FACS teacher Angela Carbone came up with the idea of creating sewing kits for all FACS students to take home. Prior to the first day of school, Jenkins and Carbone put together 600 kits in less than a week. The kits contained hand-sewing needles, thread, embroidery floss, embroidery hoops, fabric, shears and buttons.

The students will use these kits on a variety of projects this year, including felt pouches, "ugly dolls" and embroidered bags from upcycled T-shirts.

"They love having a needle and thread instead of a keyboard," Jenkins said.

In addition to the projects, Jenkins is keeping students interested with breakout groups, scavenger hunts, movement and even music.

Jenkins was originally drawn to FACS because she valued real-world lessons for her students, and many students take FACS simply because it is more hands-on than their other courses. E-learning may have been a challenge initially, but Jenkins' creative alternatives are an experience that students will never forget.

"I long for the day that we will be back together in the classroom, but I have learned that 'this too shall pass,'" Jenkins said.



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Entertainment Venues Adapt To Make Visitors Feel Safe



At Severna Park Lanes, bowlers are distancing by using every other lane, and the arcade is open.



By Zach Sparks

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When bowling alleys across Maryland closed in March, business owners were unsure how long they would be closed and if they fit into Phase 2 or Phase 3 of Governor Larry Hogan's Maryland Strong: Roadmap to Recovery plan.

Severna Park Lanes owner Mike Hall, who is also the president of the Maryland Bowling Proprietors Association, said the Maryland organization and the affiliated national organization worked together to establish reopening procedures.

"We were fortunate to open in Phase 2," said Hall, who was eager to return to business on June 19. "We can only have 50 percent of our facility occupied, and in most cases, we have been social distancing by utilizing every other lane. Masks are required everywhere except the tables where people are eating and drinking."

Severna Park Lanes requires its staff to do

"Bowling alleys are often part of the fabric of the community, and we want to encourage people to support us."

— MIKE HALL
OWNER, SEVERNA PARK LANES

daily temperature checks. Shoes and bowling balls are taken to a special area to be sanitized. Hall hopes that these efforts encourage visitors who may be nervous about returning to the bowling alley.

"We were hopeful it would be cabin fever and people would come out in large numbers. We haven't really seen that," Hall said. "It's important to recognize that we've all become smarter than we were pre-COVID in March. We make sure our staff and customers are coming into a safe environment."

"Like other businesses, we're trying to build confidence with the customer to come in and show them a good time," he said.

One of those other businesses is EscapeTime, which also reopened in June after implementing changes

that might be noticeable to guests. Arrows on the floor were added to direct foot traffic. A hand-sanitizing station is set up in the lobby.

Manager Anthony Dunning said bookings are on the rise as customers take advantage of EscapeTime's online reservation system that automatically books the whole room when a person submits their information.

"You can have fun and not worry about exposure to strangers," Dunning said. "We guarantee a safe, germ-free, fun environment."

Dunning was thrilled to get back to EscapeTime, a place where he can pose puzzles to guests who are looking for a fun challenge. He remembers his first experience with escape rooms, and he wants to share that joy with others.

"I got hooked," he said when asked about his first experience. "I loved solving these puzzles right there instead of on an app or website. The atmosphere, the creativity, the immersion was amazing."

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Dining Out



Founders Tavern And Grille Offers A Touch of Class In Pasadena

By Mary Cobler

Founders Tavern and Grille in Pasadena was a surprise to me. Tucked away in the corner of a shopping center at 8125 Ritchie Highway, the restaurant offers a surprising touch of class, along with great food and excellent service.

Inside, the décor impresses — a modern tavern with a historic theme featuring a centerpiece U.S. Cowpens flag, silhouettes of founding fathers, maps and other 1700s decorations.

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Photos by Mary Cobler

Above: Filled with shrimp, avocado-infused sour cream and "Chesapeake salsa" — tomato, cucumber, chili peppers, cilantro and shaved lettuce — the "broken" shrimp tacos are a hit. Below Left: The chocolate chip cookie, baked in a pan, had a great homemade flavor. Below Right: Founders serves lemonade, iced tea, soda and a variety of specialty drinks.





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Theater Company Brings Mystery To Millersville

By Haley Weisgerber

Do or Die Mysteries has found a new home at Hellas Restaurant and Lounge in Millersville.

For six years, Do or Die Mysteries performed at Sunset Restaurant and Lounge in Glen Burnie. In April, when Sunset announced that it would be closing, Do or Die Mysteries founder CJ Crowe was devastated.

"When Sunset closed, I thought that after 27 years of doing this, I was done," Crowe said. "At moments like that, it's so devastating because I'm not a spring chicken. I don't want to start all over again. That is when my customers came to the rescue."

The moment that Crowe announced that Sunset was closing, her regular customers refused to let her throw in the towel. The phone was ringing off the hook with recommendations for a new location.

"Hellas was recommended several times," Crowe said. "The nice thing about Hellas is that it hit all my buttons. It's close to Sunset; it's not a chain; the food and service is awesome. In a way, it's starting again because it's a new relationship, but it's better than starting from scratch."

Crowe was impressed when she walked

away from her first meeting at Hellas. The management was organized, the service was great and the staff was closely following COVID-19 safety guidelines.

Since 1993, Do or Die Mysteries has specialized in performing interactive murder mysteries, typically written by Crowe or another actor.

"We are doing theater with people, not at them," Crowe said. "We do everything in the moment."



Do or Die Mysteries specializes in interactive murder mysteries, where the audience is as much a part of the show as the actors.

At the start of each show, customers are told about the scene and the audience's reason for attending. Unlike a typical murder mystery, Do or Die does not assign characters because they have no way of knowing which audience members will participate. Do or Die allows the audience to choose who they are and how they want to interact.

"If you want to draw attention to yourself, you can," Crowe said. "If you want to

sit and watch the show, you can."

Crowe said in today's world, interactive theater is the best way to keep people entertained.

"In this day and age, you don't have to leave your living room to be entertained," Crowe said. "You can get plays, you can get movies and films, you can get interactive games. If you are going out for live theater, it's got to be something more than turning off your devices and sitting in a dark room next to a stranger."

Crowe hopes that people will leave the show feeling better than when they walked.

"My goal is that at my show you're an adult, but you can play here," Crowe said. "I want you to laugh enough that you can tackle your problems, because they don't seem insurmountable anymore."

Do or Die Mysteries' first show, "Grave Matters," opens on October 26 and 27. Currently, there is one show a month scheduled through September 2021.

To keep her customers safe without covering vital facial expressions, Crowe invested in clear masks for actors to wear while they perform. Only 25 customers will be allowed in the private dining room and the actors will be mindful of social distancing when they approach tables.



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Local Theaters Prepare For Fall Season

By Haley Weisgerber

Two children's theaters, Theater in the Park (TITP) and Stage & Screen Studios, are kicking off the fall season with creative productions that keep students and staff safe, and get them back onstage.

TITP ran workshops in groups of eight students this summer, as students created their own skits. At the end of the class, students performed for their parents. This format allowed students to showcase their talent and allowed parents to see their children in the spotlight. When it came time to plan the fall season, the TITP staff jumped at the opportunity to do it again.

"We decided to do the same thing for this session," said TITP director and founder Jennifer Lee Kraus. "We are calling it 'Once Upon A Time...A Fractured Fairytale,' so the premise is putting a modern twist on a classic fairytale and taking it in whatever direction that students take it in. The directors come up with their own plot and characters, and they are working with the kids to formulate it."

TITP will also offer multiple acting workshops, a show choir-style vocal workshop called Pitch Perfect for Kids, and for the first time, a Broadway Babies Pre-K musical theater workshop.



Photos courtesy of Jennifer Lee Kraus

"Once Upon A Time...A Fractured Fairytale" will allow Theater in the Park students to perform in smaller groups instead of large ensembles.

On October 4, TITP also livestreamed and recorded a talent showcase for the students who were supposed to be in productions during the lockdown.

Kraus is grateful that TITP is up and running. Although it may be a different world, she is excited to be a part of some normalcy. "There's just a feeling I get when I'm

there," Kraus said. "I can truly say that my heart is there, and when I get started with the programs, I almost forget that there's this COVID world going on. I get to see kids laugh and play and get creative. It is such a blessing."

Stage & Screen Studios would typically be doing a large musical show this time of

year, but the staff is focusing on projects with smaller groups this year and vocal, dance, piano or private or group lessons.

For the foreseeable future, Stage & Screen will focus on straight plays with smaller casts to limit the number of people onstage and make room for social distancing.

"I would love to see that we are back to doing musicals, but it's imperative that we stay on the safe side until things are sort of under control," said Pete Garvey, Stage & Screen director and instructor.

The biggest project at Stage & Screen this fall is the newest television endeavor.

"We have 11 people in our new show called 'The Point,'" said Garvey. "It's a suspense and mystery surrounded around a location in Virginia on the Chesapeake Bay."

The show will be uploaded on Youtube and Vimeo when the project is completed.

Though they did perform "High School Musical" virtually, most of the Stage & Screen "family" had not seen one another for months.

"It's different, perhaps in a good way," Garvey said. "Regardless of age, this is impacting all of us in similar ways. Everybody has a greater appreciation for being together. Even with a small class, there is positive energy that is more evident than it has been before."

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Our hostess greeted my two tween dining companions and me and seated us quickly.

Ashley, our efficient and friendly waitress, arrived to take our drink and appetizer orders. My companions immediately chose the crab dip, and with Ashley's suggestion, I ordered the Eastern Shore chips.

Beautifully presented, the food was impressive. The crab dip, topped with fresh blue crab meat, filled a homemade bread bowl, toasted with butter and Old Bay — pure comfort! All of us raved over the creamy, cheesy dip with that fabulous crispy bread. If you're someone who wants lots of crab meat in the dip, this may not be your pick, but it hit the mark on the crab taste, and we loved the smooth texture and spicy flavor.

The Eastern Shore chips were skinny cut potatoes, with ale cheese, tomatoes and green onions. They were tasty, but really needed more of the toppings.

We went to Founders on a Sunday, and they were serving brunch, salads and sandwiches. Per Ashley's suggestion, I ordered "broken" shrimp tacos with French fries, and the chicken fried steak, bacon gravy and waffles.

I found the tacos better than most I've tried locally. Like the restaurant itself, the tacos were unique. Filled with perfectly cooked shrimp, and "Chesapeake salsa" — tomato, cucumber, chili peppers, cilantro and shaved

lettuce — the dish had a nice bite, but what really ramped it up was the avocado-infused sour cream. Not only were the tacos visually appealing with excellent taste, but they gave me that satisfying mix of textures and flavors — crunchy vegetables, tender shrimp on a soft taco, with the smooth, cool taste of the sour cream. I highly recommend this. The girls found the homemade French fries exceptional.

The chicken fried steak, bacon gravy and waffles impressed one of my young friends so much she said it was one of the best things she's ever eaten. It was flavorful, yes, but I wouldn't give it those high marks. The meat had a fair amount of gristle and was dry — it didn't come with the gravy. The Belgium waffle was bland, but a nice contrast.

We finished our meal with tiramisu and a chocolate chip cookie baked in a pan. Both desserts were baked in-house and were excellent; there was no disagreement there.

Founders has a great selection of sandwiches and burgers that I will definitely try.

Though we didn't indulge in libations, the bar has some great offerings, especially for whisky enthusiasts. Other specialties included Rhubarb & Rosemary, a historic cocktail from the 1930s called "The French Quarter," a Jefferson Mule and other specialty drinks, craft beers and seasonal varieties.

The entire meal came to about \$75, very reasonable. Overall, this place is a hit.

Entertainment Venues Adapt

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The Blended Essentials has tried to brainstorm creative ways to keep people engaged since the pandemic started. An 11-week summer camp was held from July through September. The Blended Essentials and Annapolis Home Brew partnered in July and August for a two-night event to teach people how to make wine and candles.

During an interview with Greater Severna Park and Arnold Chamber of Commerce CEO Liz League in June, The Blended Essentials owner Danielle Bowen said staffing was a challenge. She credited local businesses like The Big Bean and Annapolis Home Brew for supporting her during a difficult time. That support, combined with the business' online presence, has kept The Blended Essentials in operation, she said.

"We built an online store and then we built packages, such as candle-making and bath-making kits," Bowen told League. "We hosted two birthday parties, meaning we sent all the packages out, so we created birthdays at home. We embraced the new opportunities to grow and stay connected."

Outside of Severna Park, some regional venues are welcoming people for the first time

since the pandemic started. Rams Head On Stage reopened September 25 for live music. Due to government restrictions, Rams Head is operating with a 100-capacity limit until further notice.

To create a safe, socially distanced experience, Rams Head On Stage is requiring customers to purchase all available seats at their table. Masks must be worn to the table and also at the table when guests are not consuming food or beverages.

Whether they run a music venue like Rams Head On Stage or a bowling alley like Severna Park Lanes, proprietors are eager to see more faces in their establishments. As Hall explained, proprietors are proud to give people a place to congregate and celebrate life's major milestones.

"Bowling alleys are often part of the fabric of the community, and we want to encourage people to support us," Hall said. "We're a community center in a way, because people come to celebrate their birthday parties, New Year's Eve, to celebrate their sports achievements. Bowling will always be fun for people of all ages."

"Bowling centers are safe, sanitized and ready to roll," he said. "It's time to get back to fun."

The Dangers Of Chocolate And Xylitol Toxicity In Dogs And Cats

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With the fall weather comes the beautiful parts of the season — carving pumpkins, apple pies, the changing of the leaves and the excitement of Halloween. With the hocus pocus, spooky ghosts and holiday fun also comes one of my favorite parts of all — the candy!

It's no surprise that our furry friends also find these sweet treats appealing, but for them, there are real dangers hiding behind the shiny wrappers.

Chocolate toxicity is a common problem we see this time of year in veterinary medicine, and we are going to go through what signs to look for in your pets, some tips and tricks for minimizing exposure for your pets, and helpful resources for owners to contact in the event of ingestion. At the end of this article, we will also highlight some major points about xylitol toxicity.

There is a significant variation in how your dog may respond to chocolate toxicity relative to other dogs. Smaller dogs and pre-existing conditions like liver, kidney, heart and neurologic disease may make your dog more susceptible to chocolate toxicity. Mild to moderate signs we look for in dogs are vomiting, increased urination, diarrhea and restlessness. Additional warning signs can include agitation, hyperactivity, ataxia (stumbling gait), increased heart rate, breathing faster, high temperature and high blood pressure. Severe toxicity may cause tremors, seizures, severe abnormal heart rhythms, coma and death, which is why identifying exposure and being as informed as possible is critical when contacting an animal poison control center.

Tips And Tricks For Owners

- Know what type of candy/chocolate you have in your home. The amount of methylxanthine/theobromine (the ingredients in chocolate that are harmful to pets) vary significantly between types of chocolate products. For example, it is much higher in unsweetened (dark) baking chocolate than milk chocolate. If you need to contact an animal poison control center, the staff will ask what type of chocolate your pet consumed and if you can estimate how much.

- Keep all candy/chocolate in closed containers in high cabinets or pantries that can lock. Many dogs are skilled at opening low cabinet doors, opening pantry doors, and especially getting into the trash!
- Talk to members of your family about what signs to look for in your pets and the next steps in case your pet were to get into some chocolate/candy. We recommend contacting an animal poison control center and also your veterinarian as soon as possible.

Helpful Links/Resources For Owners

- **ASPCA National Animal Poison Control Center:** 888-426 4435
- **Pet Poison Helpline:** 800-213-6680
- **Chocolate Toxicity In Dogs**
<https://veterinarypartner.vin.com/default.aspx?pid=19239&id=4952115>
- **Chocolate Toxicity Signs In Dogs**
<https://veterinarypartner.vin.com/default.aspx?pid=19239&id=6107960>

Xyla—what? Xylitol!

Xylitol is a sugar substitute compound that has become more popular in today's market and is found in products like

sugarless gum, toothpaste and certain brands of peanut butter. Your dog's normal response to sugar intake is the same as in the human body — ingestion of sugar leads to release of insulin to help move that sugar into the tissues to be used for energy. The problem with Xylitol is that we can see an increased release of insulin (three to seven times greater) in dogs, leading to severely low blood sugar. Signs can include vomiting, tremors, incoordination, collapse, and seizures within 30 minutes — 12 hours of ingestion. Unfortunately, Xylitol ingestion in dogs can be a two-part problem as the liver becomes affected, leading to acute liver failure, bleeding and clotting problems. If you suspect your dog has ingested Xylitol, contact your veterinarian and poison control center immediately to learn the next steps and have your pet evaluated.

Helpful Links/Resources For Owners

- **Xylitol and Dogs, A Deadly Combination** (video produced by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration):
www.youtube.com/watch?v=gNUK-kWaN-4w&feature=youtu.be
- **Xylitol Poisoning in Dogs**

www.veterinarypartner.vin.com/default.aspx?pid=19239&id=4952819

In regards to chocolate and Xylitol toxicity for your pets, the best medicine is preventative medicine. Staying informed and limiting your pet's risk of ingestion will help make this fall season safe and enjoyable for everyone in the family, including your canine and feline companions. The veterinarians and staff at VCA Calvert Center thank you for your time and dedication to the care of your pets, and they are available by phone or email if you have additional questions or concerns. We wish everyone a season of safe and happy memories during these times!

The veterinarians of VCA Calvert Veterinary Center have over 35 years of combined experience helping pets stay healthy and happy. For more information about how to care for your exotic pet, call today for an appointment at 410-360-PAWS or schedule online at www.vca-hospitals.com/calvert. VCA Calvert Veterinary Center is conveniently located at 4100 Mountain Road and has been proudly serving the Pasadena community for over 16 years.

UM BWMC Briefs

UM BWMC Encourages Individuals To Get Flu Vaccine

As scientists and researchers continue working on clinical trials of COVID-19 vaccines, there is something even more important for individuals to receive this year — their annual flu vaccination.

Although about 64 percent of Americans got a flu vaccine last season, about one-third of the population remained unprotected from the flu. As many as 20 percent of people in the United States come down with the flu each year.

"Flu shots can increase the chance of staying healthy through the winter months," said Michelle Gourdine, interim chief medical officer and senior vice president of population health and primary care for the University of Maryland Medical System. "Getting vaccinated will not only help keep you healthy, but it can help to prevent you from getting others sick too. Vaccinations this year are more

important than ever, not only for individuals to reduce their risk from flu but also to help conserve potentially scarce health care resources."

Each year in the United States, flu, or influenza, kills between 12,000 and 60,000 individuals, and leads to hospitalization for more than 200,000 people. It is recommended that everyone 6 months and older get a yearly flu vaccine. According to the Centers for Disease Control, during 2018-2019, flu vaccination prevented an estimated 4.4 million influenza illnesses, 2.3 million influenza-associated medical visits, 58,000 influenza-associated hospitalizations and 3,500 influenza-associated deaths.

"The best way to prevent seasonal flu is to get vaccinated every year," said Bahador Momeni, medical director for Primary Care Practices at the University of Maryland Baltimore Washington Medical Group. "Unfortunately, every year there are individuals who don't get vaccinated against the flu; some get very ill and tragically some die from what is generally a preventable illness."

More information about the flu and vaccines is available on the UMMS Flu webpage at www.umms.org/community/flu-shot. UM BWMC is holding free community flu

vaccination clinics throughout the month of October throughout Anne Arundel County. For a complete list of locations, dates and times, visit www.umbwmc.org/flu.

UM BWMC To Host COVID-19 Drive-Thru Testing In Hanover

The University of Maryland Baltimore Washington Medical Center (UM BWMC) and Anne Arundel County Department of Health are providing no-cost drive-thru COVID-19 testing every Tuesday and Thursday from 9:00am to noon at Joe Cannon Stadium, located at 7551 Teague Road in Hanover.

Testing is open to anyone who believes they may have been exposed to coronavirus. Symptoms are not required, and a doctor's note is not needed. Test results are usually available within five days, and no appointments are necessary. People with insurance should bring their insurance cards.

For more information, call the COVID-19 Healthline at 410-222-7256 or visit www.aahealth.org/covid19-testing.

Election 2020: What Can We Expect?

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For thousands of years, ruling a country came down to who won a battle. In 1066, William the Conqueror defeated King Harold of England to rule the United Kingdom for the next thousand years. We don't fight battles in the traditional sense any-

more, but this year's election certainly feels like we are. Donald Trump and Joe Biden are asking for your vote November 4 and I am going to illustrate the impact that vote may have on the market.

Up until Friday, September 18, I was telling clients that the market did not care who won. The market likes elements of both candidates. Donald Trump represents a pro-business, laissez-faire approach to regulation. Historically, this is what the markets like. Joe Biden represents a renewed faith in the institutions of our country, like the electoral and lawmaking process. Whether his supporters want to admit it or not, Trump has brought instability to some of those institutions. Joe Biden's followers believe he brings back an element of stability into the systems we have been living with for our entire lives. Under Trump, we have seen our institutions shaken, and Biden renews that faith. In other words, a vote for Biden is a vote for the way the system has worked for years.

On September 18, I read through Joe Biden's tax plan, focusing on the impact it would have on investors. His plan increases capital gains and eliminates stepped up basis on inheritance among several other things. While I can completely understand the need for tax reform, the impact these two changes would have on investors, and by extension the market, are extensive. You might see a large sell-off by investors trying to capture the smaller capital gain tax before implementation. On the other hand, it is one thing to talk and it is another to achieve. Biden would need congressional support, and the complexion of congress

is a big factor to be decided November 3.

It's policies like this that changed my opinion on what winner would negatively impact the market. It is important to note that Joe Biden winning doesn't create the market downturn, rather the policy implemented upon him winning that impacts the market. The complexion of congress matters here; if either party were to win the White House, Senate and the House, then the market would respond negatively to that. The market likes gridlock. If Trump were to win, I could pinpoint his relations with China as a concern the market would have with a Trump second term. Some of the largest companies in the country build all of their products, to some degree, in China. Continued strained relations with China and the impact that has on these companies influences the market.

More important than who wins is the fact that we need an actual winner in a timely manner. Several analysts are predicting a prolonged battle deciding the winner of this election. For reference, it took Al Gore 40 days to concede in the 2000 election. I am not a constitutional attorney, but from what I have read, there are several scenarios that can play out in deciding our nation's president that do not include the American people. These situations provide ample opportunity for market volatility. The longer it takes for one of the candidates to concede, the bigger the volatility. It seems to me that both parties are putting the proper chess pieces in place to make their arguments before the courts. However, the American people are ultimately the jury that matters.

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Chamber Update

Liz League
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Severna Park and
Arnold Chamber
of Commerce



Please give a warm welcome to our newest members of the chamber: **Living with the Magic Vacations, The Axe House Annapolis, Pic N Paint Pottery and Larry Sells Consulting.**

An incredible day was had by all at the annual Driving Force for Business Golf Tournament, held at the beautiful **Chartwell Golf and Country Club** on Monday, September 14. With COVID protocols in place, we had a record number of golfers and sponsors, and fantastic volunteers who kept the tournament running smoothly. We also had perfect weather!

Our wonderful sponsors of the tournament were **Lean on Dee Senior Care Advocates, Chick-fil-A Severna Park, Emerald Financial Partners, The Matt Wyble Team of Century 21 New Millennium, Alexander Animal Hospital, Pasanante's Home Food Services, Fellner Legal Services, Kris Leigh Assisted Living, Garry's Grill & Catering, Bernward Construction and Mechanical, Moran Insurance, Spring Arbor Senior Living, Minuteman Press of Crofton, M&T Bank, Griswold Home Care, The MWE Partnership, Consolidated Insurance + Risk Management, Reliant Management Consultant, LogoZone Promotions, Steak 'n Shake in Millersville, Landmark Roofing, Bruster's Real Ice Cream, the David Orso Team of Compass Real Estate, Bank of Glen Burnie, Gardiner and Appel, Cedar Square Homes, Firehouse Subs, Broadleaf Tobacco, The Blended Essentials, Virtual Safety Man, Chesapeake Think Tank, SERVPRO of Annapolis and Severna Park, Wilkins Automotive, and Barranco Funeral Home and Cremation Services.**

The tournament winners were Team Eddie Conway of **Garry's Grill**, taking first place out of 29 foursomes,

Team Wyble of the **Matt Wyble Team of Century 21 New Millennium**, taking second place, and Team Freddie Cassilly of the **Cassilly Financial Group** coming in third. Winners of the specialty holes were Chris Schenck of Chick-fil-A Severna Park (putting contest), Dave Ambrose (closest to the pin) and Matt Griswold (longest drive). Congratulations to all!

On Thursday, September 24, our Successful Women in Business group held a tasting at **Annapolis Home Brew**. Co-owner Steve Bolton could not have been more accommodating, setting up socially distanced tables and introducing us to amazing libations and teas. Annapolis Home Brew is a unique business where you can make your own wine, mead, beer, kombucha and more! They hold classes on a regular basis, and you can learn how to make so many things that make great gifts, complete with your own private label!

We sampled raspberry chocolate port, cherry bombs soaked in "moonshine," spiced cider, "apple pie" and several more delicious concoctions. It was a great time and so nice to network in person.

On the third Tuesday of each month we host a Learn and Lead webinar from 8:00am to 9:00am. The event is free and open to all and led by Todd Popham of **Popham and Associates** and hosted by Jenn Triplett of **Treebranch Group**. Topics include time management, coping with stress, and many other aspects of being an effective leader. You can register for the event at www.gspacc.com.

We also hold a virtual networking event called Chamber eClub on the fourth Tuesday of each month. Our sponsor for the past two meetings has been **Minuteman Press of Crofton**. This networking event is also free and open to the public, and you can register through our website.

We are so excited to have some ribbon cuttings on the horizon. Larry Sells, semi-retired from The Voice Media Inc., has started a consulting business. We will have a ribbon cutting for **Larry Sells Consulting** mid-October, so check the website for details.

A new business has opened in Severna Park. **» Continued on page 43**

BUSINESS SPOTLIGHT

Arundel Federal Savings Bank Specializes In Longevity, Community Outreach

By Haley Weisgerber

In 1906, a group of citizens and local businessmen met in Brooklyn and formed the Arundel Perpetual Building and Loan Association, now Arundel Federal Savings Bank, to assist neighbors in financing their homes. Over 100 years later, the staff at Arundel Federal still operates under the original mission: to serve the community and help their neighbors.

Arundel Federal is a mutual savings bank with all of the bells and whistles of a larger corporate bank, but it focuses business within the state.

"We only accept deposits from Maryland residents and make loans for Maryland residents, which helps our communities grow and become stronger," said marketing manager Jeanne Slaughter. "This is where we live too, so it's important for us to reinvest."

Mortgage loans have always been Arundel Federal's "bread and butter," but within the last few years, commercial real estate and business checking programs have been established.

Currently there are branches in Annapolis, Brooklyn, Severna Park, Gambrills, Pasadena and Glen Burnie. The six branch managers have worked for Arundel Federal for an average of 25 years.

"We have a great staff," said President and Chief Executive



According to Arundel Federal Savings Bank President and Chief Operating Officer Thomas Herpel, the company will continue to expand and appeal to a younger demographic with online and mobile banking, but will always be the same presence in the community that it has been for over 100 years. Herpel has worked for the bank for 29 years.

Officer Thomas Herpel, who has been with Arundel Federal for 29 years. "A lot of the employees here have been here longer than me. We have one employee that's been here for 45 years. She started here when she was 18."

Though Slaughter has been with Arundel Federal for only four years, she understands why people stay for so long.

"The best part of the job is the community outreach," Slaughter said. "It's the most fun and it's the most fulfilling."

The staff at Arundel Federal strives to be active in the community. All of the branch managers serve

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RIBBON CUTTINGS



Blown 25 Hair Studio And The FaceBar Medispa Come To Lake Shore



Pamela Faraci, owner of Blown25 Hair Studio, and Arlette Cross, owner of The FaceBar Medispa, recently gathered to celebrate the grand reopening of Blown25 Hair Studio and the opening of The FaceBar Medispa. They were accompanied by Katie Jeffers, Tiffany Hartlove, Paige Flanagan, Kristina Mack, Tiffany Heartlove, Heather Krom, Paris Ogonowski and Erin Brennan.

The Axe House Annapolis Brings An Edge To Park Plaza



The Greater Severna Park and Arnold Chamber of Commerce welcomed the Axe House Annapolis to its new home at 570 H Ritchie Highway on October 3. The business is ideal for corporate events, birthday parties, divorce parties, bachelor/bachelorette parties and date nights.

Call For Coats

Admiral Cleaners, one of Maryland's oldest and largest dry cleaners, has been coordinating a "Call for Coats" campaign for over 25 years. The dry cleaner has collected and distributed over 100,000 coats for area families in need.

Once again, Admiral Cleaners hopes to collect, clean and distribute thousands of coats to needy people in the community with the help of many national and local charities throughout October and

November of 2020.

Admiral Cleaners is asking local families to donate their seldom-used or outgrown coats by dropping them off at any of Admiral's four locations and help warm up someone's winter — the more, the merrier! The Severna Park location is at 40 West McKinsey Road.

Admiral's pickup and delivery laundry and dry-cleaning customers may leave their coats in a separately marked bag for their driver.

Arundel Federal Specializes In Longevity, Community Outreach

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on various boards and have a budget for community service each year.

"We are committed to the health and well-being of the communities that we serve," Slaughter said. "Various management serve on the local board and all of our six branch managers are very involved in the surrounding communities."

For 12 years, Arundel Federal has hosted a food drive at each of the six branches and the administrative office. This year, the food drive began on October 1 and will end on November 9. Each branch manager selected an organization to receive donations. Among the organizations receiving donations are SPAN, the Pasadena Business Association and the Anne Arundel County Food Bank.

Arundel Federal also hosts a toy drive during the holiday season. For the last 17 years, the community, staff and bankers have dropped off toys for families in need. Most years, enough toys are collected to empty the collection boxes multiple times and make two trips in the company van. Herpel hopes that this year's drive will be even more successful.

"We just figured it's even more important now with COVID to bring in the toys and get them to people who need it," said Herpel.

Arundel Federal's relationship with

the community is especially important, as the community dictates the bank's success.

"A strong community makes for a strong bank," Herpel said. "If the community is having issues, that will roll into the banks."

While the community has been struggling with the effects of COVID-19, Arundel Federal has followed through with the promise to assist the community. The bank's new Free Mortgage Checkup was established to help community members assess their mortgages or current rent to make their living situation more manageable during the pandemic. Each branch is also encouraging bankers to utilize the drive-thru at each location and bank online as much as possible to keep themselves and fellow bankers safe at this time, though the branches are open to the public once again.

Herpel said that the company will continue to expand and appeal to a younger demographic with online and mobile banking, but will always be the same presence in the community that it has been for over 100 years.

"As long as we remain active in our community, the bank will continue to grow," Herpel said.

To learn more about Arundel Federal Savings Bank, visit www.arundelfederal.com or call 410-768-7800.

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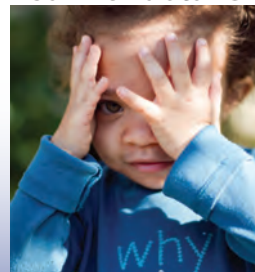
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5 Myths About Estate Planning

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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.

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na Park: **Axe House Annapolis**. It is an axe-throwing entertainment venue, and we are helping them celebrate on October 3 at noon. It is a ton of fun and is open for parties, small groups, and anyone from 4 to 104 can enjoy target practice!

On October 8 at noon, we are holding a ribbon cutting for a new pest control business in Severna Park called **Paramount Yard Pest Control**. The event will be held at the chamber location. Congratulations to this new business that has been doing very well over the summer!

On October 21 from 2:00pm to 4:00pm, there will be a ribbon cutting celebrating the grand opening of a new Coldwell Banker Residential Brokerage office in Severna Park. Congratulations to all!

Our health and wellness committee is going strong with practitioners in many fields including acupuncture, cranial sacral massage, essential oils and more. We are working on a community-based forum to present ways to keep your immune system strong, especially as we enter the cold and flu season.

Stay tuned for "A Slow Walk to Alzheimer's," a webinar that will be presented on October 29. The webinar is being organized by Winsome Brown of **Lean on Dee Senior Care Advocates**. Check our site for more details.

We would love to have you join our mailing list to stay current on events and activities. Please send us an email at info@gspacc.com or visit our website at www.gspacc.com.

1. "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.

2. "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 dies, 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.

3. "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 there are several factors worth considering 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.

4. "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.

5. "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. Your family 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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Shop Safe, Shop Local

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The unpredictability and uneasiness that has settled into our daily routines has pushed many of us to find solace in the things that remind of us of a more predictable time. Streaming on our TVs has helped connect us to movies, Broadway shows and sporting events, the latter with its own cheer track.

One thing that has not changed is people's need to shop and dine. In today's environment, both can still be done but with safety and health as priority considerations for consumers and businesses. Public health organizations have advocated masks, hand-washing and social distancing as the three legs of the stool that can drive down our infection and transmission rates. Keeping those numbers down means we can keep our local businesses open and available for customers to patronize. Open businesses are good for our economy and add to the stability and appeal of any community.

In Anne Arundel County, the Bureau of

Labor Statistics shows there are more than 3,300 restaurants, retail shops and personal service businesses. These stores, cafes and beauty salons employ upward of 59,000 workers. So when you buy local, the money stays in our county. According to the website civeconomics.com, when a customer spends \$100 at a locally owned business, \$73 stays in the community.

Buying local also supports nonprofits in our community. A study from the University of Central Oklahoma showed that nonprofits receive 250 percent more support from small, local businesses than large businesses.

Familiarity is also a motivating factor to shop local. Local business owners know their products and want to earn your trust. They're counting on customers like you to come back and spread positive feedback to others. According to the website founders.com, for workers at locally owned businesses, there is high commitment, about 56 percent, to their employers, which is 20 percentage points higher than other business ownership types.

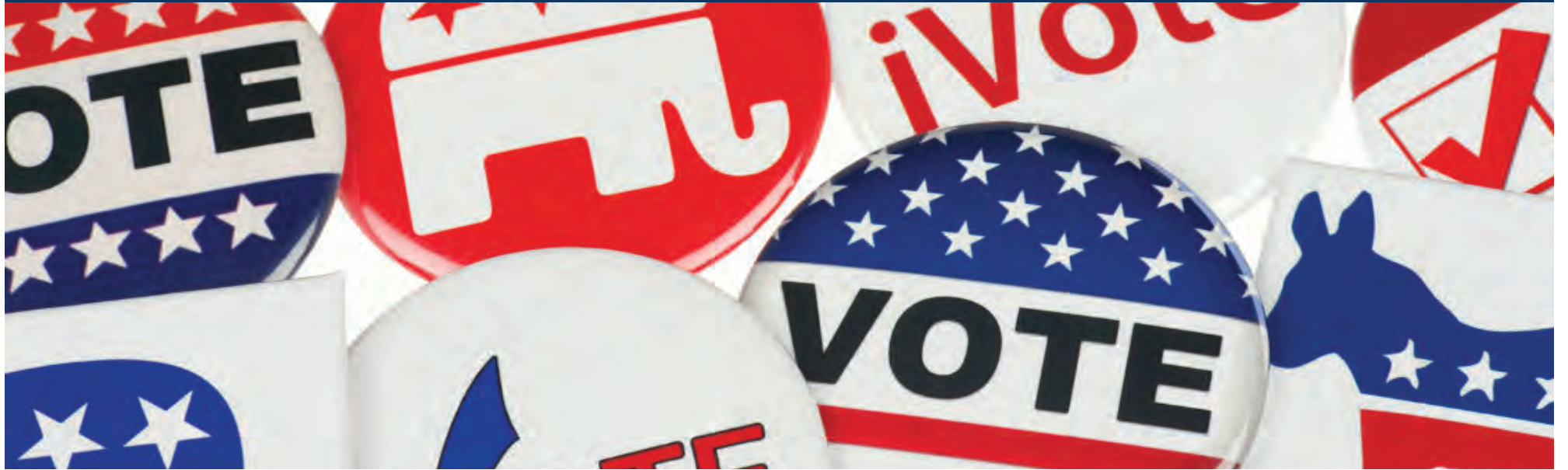
At AAEDC, we support small businesses in a number of ways such as financing "credit worthy but not quite bankable" companies, providing counseling to business owners and offering no-cost services

such as real estate searches and permitting assistance. Over the summer, Anne Arundel County Executive Stuart Pittman provided AAEDC with \$5 million in CARES Act funding to help businesses reopen by implementing safe and healthy practices. The grants helped businesses pay for enhanced cleaning costs, make changes to their physical space to improve social distancing, and purchase or upgrade their website and other technology to facilitate e-commerce and virtual services.

On the heels of that successful program, AAEDC has launched a new grant program to assist licensed child care facilities and at-home providers. These businesses are part of the foundation of many communities, and their viability is essential to the county.

When you shop local, you are literally investing in your community. But these days it also means shopping safely to protect yourself, your neighbors and the businesses you love. Many of our businesses have put a lot of energy and investment into making the dining and shopping experience as safe as possible. So let's do our part by adhering to the three W's — wear a mask, wash hands and wait for those moving around you as a way to practice social distancing. Let's support our county. Shop safe. Shop local. Shop ArundelBiz.

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