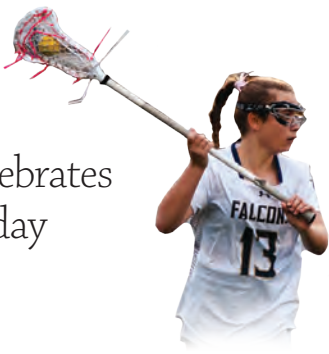




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State Of The Magothy Reviews Waterway's Health

By Zach Sparks
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*"Does an oyster sneeze
beneath the seas, or wiggle
to and fro? Lord, I don't
know. But we're going to
plant them in the Magothy
to see if they will grow."*

With that rousing rhyme, Magothy River Association (MRA) President Paul Spadaro kicked off the 22nd annual State of the Magothy presentation at Anne Arundel Community College on

March 28. The event gives an overview of the river's health and MRA environmental projects. Here are some of this year's takeaways:

Magothy River Index

Each year for its Magothy River Index, the MRA tests three components and assigns the river a letter grade. The Magothy maintained its rating of a D this year with a rating of 33, down slightly from 2023, which was the best year since 2019. Sally Hornor led this part of the
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Giving Parkinson's Disease A Run For Its Money



(Top row, l-r) Nick Brozowski, Nick Manis and LJ Urie each ran 26.2 miles and swam 2.2 miles to support Brian Adam (front, center) and the Michael J. Fox Foundation in 2020.

*Trio Will Honor Brian Adam
With 100-Mile Challenge On
World Parkinson's Day*

By Zach Sparks
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To friends and family members, Brian Adam was larger than life. So, it's no surprise that his inspirational story has continued to outlive the disease that took his life in December 2023.

In honor of Brian, his nephew Nick Manis, Manis' childhood friend LJ Urie, and Brian's son-in-law Jeff Begin will each run 100 miles from Centreville, Maryland, to Ocean City during World Parkinson's Day on April 11. Their goal: to collectively raise at least \$100,000 for the Michael J. Fox Foundation and spread awareness about Parkinson's disease. The run is no small feat. To understand their sacrifice is to know how Brian's influence left a lifelong impression on them all.

Big B And His Resilient Spirit

A tight end at the University of Delaware from 1974-1978, Brian set numerous records during his time as a Blue Hen. He still holds

the school's single-game reception mark for a tight end with 12 receptions.

He had a large stature at 6-foot-3, 220 pounds. That earned him the nickname "Big B." "Brian was the biggest, strongest guy in the room but humble," said Harriet Adam, Brian's wife for 40 years.

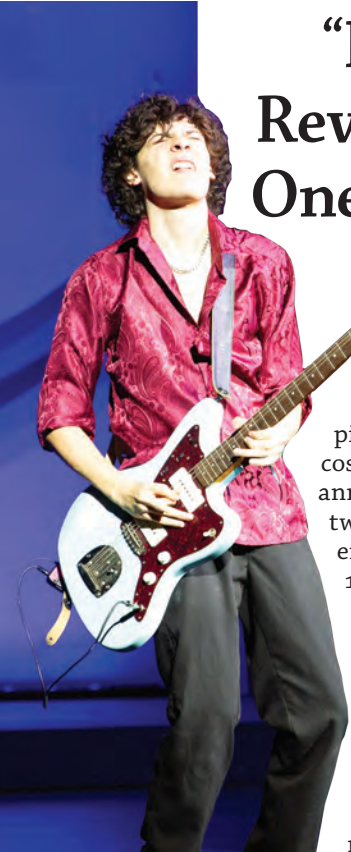
The couple met at the University of Delaware during Brian's junior year. Together, they raised three daughters who played lacrosse at Severn School, and the family moved from Annapolis to Severna Park in 2002.

Nephew Nick Manis, literally and figuratively, looked up to Brian. "He was almost like the big friendly giant," Manis said. "It was great having a male figure to look up to, along with my dad, and he did things right, personality wise with his heart and how kind he was."

Brian's career took him from acting chief financial officer for Amtrak to investment banking at Capstar Partners in New York City. He later took a job at SunTrust Bank in Baltimore to be closer to his girls, Jessica, Anastasia and Elizabeth.

"He was an investment banker and the guy who
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"Rock 'N' Roll Revival XXXVI" Is One To Remember



Severna Park High School transformed into the Heartbreak Hotel during "Rock 'N' Roll Revival XXXVI" during two weekends in March. With showstopping vocals, flashy choreography and costumes, and colorful set design, the annual show captivated audiences for two weekends. Hits covered a range of eras, from the 1950s (Elvis Presley), 1960s (Nancy Sinatra, The Jackson 5), 1970s (Barry Manilow), 1980s (Rick Springfield, Bonnie Tyler, Bon Jovi) and 1990s (Goo Goo Dolls, Eric Clapton, Alanis Morissette) to the 2000s (Alicia Keys, Carrie Underwood), along with many other songs.

For more RNR photos, flip to **page 12**. To read about a special inaugural musical number, go to **page 37**.

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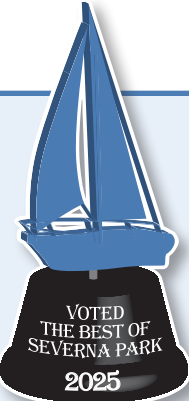
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Congratulations, 2025 Best Of Severna Park Winners

The votes are in. For two months, we have polled Severna Park, Arnold and Millersville residents about their favorite community amenities, services, businesses and organizations in town. Votes cast for people and places outside those zip codes did not count, unless the category stated otherwise. Without further ado, this year's Best Of Severna Park winners, chosen by you, have been decided.
Turn to page 6 to see the list of winners.





Margueritte Mills - Volunteer Of The Month

Every month, the Voice recognizes the good work of a local volunteer to honor Voice founder and lifelong Severna Park resident Margueritte Mills.

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Amy Hicks Is An All-Star For The Severna Park Elks

By Zach Sparks

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For some people, life is all sunshine and rainbows. In the world of Amy Hicks, it's all about sundaes and hoops.

A volunteer with Severna Park Elks Lodge 2482, Hicks chairs the area's Hoop Shoot basketball competition for youth athletes, and she started Sundae Funday, an event held three times a year for adults ages 18 and older with disabilities.

For as long as she can remember, Hicks has enjoyed volunteering. A mom of three boys and one girl, Hicks previously coached Green Hornets soccer and her kids' swimming teams.

Five years ago, she followed her husband, Terry, by joining the Elks. A year and a half ago, she put her own stamp on the organization with Sundae Funday.

"I think I've been very lucky in my life," Hicks said. "I feel good when I give back."

Sundae Funday

As a physical therapist for 16 years, Hicks worked with kids who had disabilities. Once those kids became adults, she thought at the time, they did not have as many opportunities for fun.

She had a simple vision for Sundae Funday: a day of games, food, karaoke and dancing. She pitched the idea to Elks leadership, which then partnered with Bello Machre, The Arc Central Chesapeake Region, and Special Olympics Maryland to identify adults who would enjoy the day of fun and activities.

This March marked the fourth Sundae Funday and the biggest turnout yet with 167 guests. The first Sundae Funday had 80.

Guests enjoyed carnival-style activities: toss games, cornhole, make-and-take, bingo, crafts and face painting. Prizes included gift cards, fidget toys, activity books, jewelry, nail polish and hats.

Karaoke might have been the biggest hit with attendees.

"Many of them know the words by heart and don't even read the screen," Hicks said.

The three-hour event included a visit from the Oriole bird. Past events have featured Eco Adventures and Pets on Wheels. Those special visitors give guests an opportunity to interact.

"The families came over and said it felt like a safe place where they can



Photo by Zach Sparks

Five years ago, Amy Hicks followed her husband, Terry, by joining the Severna Park Elks Lodge. Her fellow members credit her for taking Sundae Funday and the Hoop Shoot to new heights.

have a good time," Hicks said.

Once one event ends, planning for the next Sundae Funday begins. Hicks sets a date, books a DJ — usually Jim Cropper — and coordinates with Lynne Bailey, who prepares a feast of corn dogs, desserts and gluten-free offerings.

"I think I've been very lucky in my life. I feel good when I give back."

— AMY HICKS

Hicks oversees a budget of about \$2,000 for pizza, hot dogs, ice cream sundaes, games, and prizes for adults with disabilities and for their caregivers.

"I can't tell you how many wonderful compliments we received from parents and caregivers of these outstanding people," said Severna Park Elks President Andre Denault. "Amy Hicks goes above and beyond to ensure they have the best experience."

Hoop Shoot

Each year, Elks organizations nationwide invite kids to put their basketball shooting skills to the test. Physical education teachers narrow down a list of possible participants who then compete. For the Severna Park contest, Benfield Elementary School physical education teacher

Emily Clark assists Hicks, who took over the local Elks Hoop Shoot responsibilities about three years ago.

The Hoop Shoot has separate contests for boys and girls ages 8-9, 10-11 and 12-13. Each participant shoots 10 free throws, takes a break and shoots 15 more for a total of 25. Whoever makes the most shots advances to the next level: district, state, regional and then national.

Folger Elementary School student Jack Burke won five straight free-throw contests through the Elks National Hoop Shoot this year, and on March 8 in Charlottesville, Virginia, he qualified for the national championship in Chicago for the 8-9 division. He is one of 12 finalists who will vie for a championship on April 26.

The Elks National Foundation pays for each family's travel and lodging expenses during the national event. Winners receive personalized trading cards. Also, their names and pictures are displayed in a digital exhibit in the Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame in Springfield, Massachusetts.

Jack hopes to be next on the list.

"I think he has a real shot," Hicks said. "He gets 22 out of 25 every time."

Severna Park has had two national finalists in three years. Davis Balderston was a finalist for the boys 10-11 national competition in 2023. He made 21 of 25 shots while the winner, Tennyson Smith of Idaho, hit 24 out of 25.

"It's a really good program because it helps kids focus on a goal," Hicks said, adding that it develops grit.

Feeling Good

Hicks is proud to be a member of Severna Park Elks Lodge 2482, which donated an estimated \$73,000 in goods and services over the last year. She also helps members submit grant requests to the Elks National Foundation to support Anne Arundel County nonprofits.

It's a rewarding volunteer role. Plus, who wouldn't want to spend their time thinking about sundaes and hoops?

"It's nice," Hicks said. "Without the Elks, I could never help all of these people by myself."

Bingo

The Severna Park Elks Lodge hosts bingo on Thursday nights for fundraising. Doors open at 5:30pm and the games begin at 7:00pm. All guests are welcome. The lodge is located at 160 Truck House Road.



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Good Neighbors Group Set To Host 23rd Annual Earth Day Festival

“Good For The Earth Is Good For Us” is the theme of the Good Neighbors Group’s (GNG) annual Earth Day Festival, taking place this year on Sunday, April 27.

For over two decades, the festival has brought together dozens of organizations, vendors, and school groups to create a fun and impactful event that challenges attendees to learn something new about the world in which they live and how to take care of it.

While enjoying music and food, festivalgoers can learn from environmental organizations, animal welfare organizations, recycling and composting exhibitors, alternative energy specialists, and physical and mental health providers.

As in years past, GNG will also host its Good Neighbors Depot, where people can recycle, upcycle and donate what they no longer need while helping the planet.

GNG Founder and Executive Director Julie Shay shared that hosting the festival on a Sunday is a major change for the event this year. “Judging from the over 50 confirmed exhibitors and vendors, we think it’s going to be a popular change,” Shay said in early April.

Exhibitors this year will include the Anne Arundel County Public Library, Anne Arundel County Bureau of Waste Management Services, BikeAAA, Buy Nothing Project, HOPE For All, Magothy River Association, Severn River Association, SPAN and more. The list also includes many schools, food vendors, nonprofits and local businesses.

Entry to the event is free, and registration is not required. The Earth Day festivities will take place again this year at Earleigh Heights Volunteer Fire Company and will run from 11:00am-3:00pm. Find a complete list of vendors and learn more about the festival at www.goodneighborsgroup.org/earth-day-festival.

SPCC To Honor Philanthropist Dr. Diane Lebedeff At Annual Gala

By Meredith Winter

Dr. Diane Lebedeff was brought up to give back to her community, always taught that “you give 100% or you don’t give at all.”

Over the last quarter-century, she has given her best to the Severna Park Community Center (SPCC), whether that be time, treasure or talent in various seasons.

Lebedeff, who has worked as a podiatrist for 35 years — 30 of them locally, was also brought up to do good things quietly, without boasting. So, being selected as this year’s SPCC gala honoree left her feeling both excited and humbled.

SPCC Executive Director Sarah Elder explained that in selecting gala honorees, the center looks for people who are not only active with the SPCC but also active in the community in other ways. Originally from Detroit, Michigan, Lebedeff has been involved with the center and its mission since she moved to the Severna Park area in 1999, and she has also volunteered with the Maryland Ballet, the Kennedy Center’s Ballet Troupe, Girl Scouts and the Live Arts Studio at Annapolis Mall.

“Out of the kindness of her heart, she just truly believes in giving back to the community,” Elder said of Lebedeff, noting that she is a “can-do, gets-it-done kind of lady.”

Elder cited an example of when the SPCC needed a new boiler, and Lebedeff raised \$60,000



A key supporter of the Severna Park Community Center since 1999, Dr. Diane Lebedeff has been selected as this year’s SPCC gala honoree.

“overnight” to replace it.

Lebedeff has spearheaded fundraising initiatives, served on the SPCC’s board of directors for more than 20 years, led many improvement projects around the facility and grounds, and more — all done quietly, out of a simple passion for helping others.

“If they need somebody, they can count on me, and they know it,” she said of the SPCC.

Lebedeff and her husband, Steve Gersh, who is also a podiatrist, are parents to two grown children. They have all supported the SPCC as a family over the years, and Lebedeff is proud of her kids’ own commitment to giving back.

“(A) proud-parent moment is they see how Steve and I have modeled ourselves — and we don’t tell them what to do — but it was really cool to see that they give back,” she said, citing examples of them serving in leadership roles in college and supporting charity events. “As a mom and dad, that makes you smile.”

The theme of this year’s SPCC gala is “Gin & Jazz,” a celebration of the 1920s that will recall the flappers and gangsters of the Prohibition Era. The event will take place on Saturday, April 26, at 6:00pm at Chartwell Golf & Country Club in Severna Park. Attendees can enjoy a cocktail reception, silent and live auctions, dinner, live music and dancing. For more information or to purchase tickets, go to www.spcommunitycenter.org/events.

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Best Club/Organization: Green Hornets
Best Nonprofit Organization: SPAN
Best House Of Worship: St. John the Evangelist
Best Pastor/Church Leader: The Rev. Erik Arnold
Best Preschool: Woods Child Development Center
Best School: Severna Park High School
Best Business To Open In 2024: The Sugar Shoppe

KIDS’ ACTIVITIES

Best Activity Center: Severna Park Community Center
Best After-School Program: Kwon’s Taekwondo
Best Children’s Dance Company: Creative Force Dance Center
Best Day Care: Vineyard Child Care Center
Best Music Instruction Program: Theater in the Park
Best Educational Services: Mathnasium
Best Party/Special Occasion Venue: Eco Adventures
Best Playground: Kinder Farm Park
Best Summer Camp: Creative Force Dance Center
Best Sports Facility: Kinder Farm Park
Best Youth Sports League: Green Hornets

BEAUTY & FITNESS

Best Fitness Club: Park Fitness
Best Hair Salon/Barber Shop: The Park Salon & Barber
Best Martial Arts Program: Kwon’s Taekwondo
Best Place For A Massage: Face It! Spa and Wellness
Best Nail Salon: Extravagant Nails
Best Spa: Face It! Spa and Wellness
Best Weight-Loss Program: Park Fitness

HEALTH

Best Medical Practice: Inspire Integrative Medicine
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Best Chiropractic Practice: Fare Chiropractic
Best Dental Practice: Severn River Dental Health Center
Best Orthodontic Practice: Wright Orthodontics
Best Eye Care/Ophthalmologist: Severna Park Eye Care
Best Audiologist: Hearing Solutions Audiology Center
Best Pediatric Practice: Annapolis Pediatrics
Best Pharmacy: Park Pharmacy
Best Physical Therapy Practice: FX Physical Therapy
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Best Hardware Store: Park Hardware
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Best Jeweler: Traynham’s Jewelers
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Best Toy Store: Franklin’s Toys

FOOD/DINING

Best Restaurant Overall: Cafe Mezzanotte
Best Wait Staff: Cafe Mezzanotte
Best Breakfast: The Breakfast Shoppe
Best Lunch: Park Tavern
Best Dinner: Cafe Mezzanotte
Best Kids’ Menu: JB’s, Severna Park
Best Barbecue: Adam’s Taphouse and Grille
Best Burger: Park Tavern
Best Coffee: Rise Up Coffee Roasters
Best Crab Cake: The Point Crab House & Grill
Best Bakery/Cakes: Donut Shack
Best Dessert: Cafe Mezzanotte
Best Ice Cream/Frozen Treat: Rita’s Ice
Best Pizza: Squisito Pizza and Pasta
Best Salad: Park Tavern
Best Sandwich/Sub: Jersey Mike’s Subs
Best Seafood: The Point Crab House & Grill
Best Wings: JB’s, Severna Park
Best Fast Food: Chick-fil-A
Best Asian: Thai Paradise
Best Italian: Cafe Mezzanotte
Best Mexican: Mi Pueblo II and Señor Chile (tie)
Best Gluten-Free Menu: Cafe Mezzanotte
Best Vegetarian Menu: Life Pho
Best Caterer: April’s Table
Best Bar: Severna Park Taphouse
Best Food Truck: B&A Acai Bowls
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The grief experts at Chesapeake Life Center aim to help individuals navigate this difficult journey

with their upcoming event, “Dating While Grieving.” This heartfelt panel discussion will feature bereavement counselors alongside individuals navigating their own paths through grief. Panelists will share personal stories, challenges and successes they’ve encountered while re-entering the world of dating.

The event offers a safe and supportive space for attendees to explore the emotional complexities of finding love again. Whether you are grieving or supporting someone who is, this conversation provides valuable insights, understanding and hope for the future.

“Dating While Grieving” will take

place from 11:30am to 1:00pm on Saturday, April 26, at the Hospice of the Chesapeake’s new Center for Hope & Healing on the John & Cathy Belcher Campus at 90 Ritchie Highway in Pasadena. Light refreshments will be served. The cost is \$10.

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Whitehurst Celebrates Resident's 104th Birthday



Photos by Zach Sparks

Juanita Williams enjoyed a special surprise on March 27 when neighbors brought her 104 flowers to mark her 104th birthday.

By Zach Sparks

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Juanita Williams credits two activities for helping her reach the milestone of 104 years old. "Bowling and ballroom dancing, all my life. Into my 90s, I was bowling and ballroom dancing," she said. "I just like to be with people and there's always people when you're dancing and bowling."

Plenty of people turned out for a celebration in Williams' community, Whitehurst, during her birthday on March 27. To mark the occasion, neighbors delivered 104 flowers to Williams, who sat in front of her home, which displayed flags representing her birth state (Ohio), her family rearing state (California), her retirement state

(Maryland) and the family military service — the United States Navy.

Born in Youngstown, Ohio, Williams moved from San Diego, California, to Maryland eight years ago to be near her family.

In addition to bowling and dancing, an optimistic outlook has helped her longevity. She has also kept her mind sharp by playing the card game Cribbage and by using her wit.

"I'm inquisitive," she said. After a pause, she added, "Which just means I'm nosy."

The outpouring of love from her neighbors and family members on March 27 served as another reminder of Williams' good fortune.

"I've had a good life," Williams said. "I have no regrets."



Spring Shop Local Fun Festival Set For May 3

Celebrate spring and support local businesses at the Greater Severna Park and Arnold Chamber of Commerce's (GSPACC) annual Shop Local Fun Festival on May 3. Held each year at the Park Plaza shopping center in the heart of Severna Park, this free event showcases why local businesses and non-profits are essential parts of the community.

Attendees of all ages can look forward to a fun day of live music, dancing, food, entertainment and, of course, shopping. New to Park Plaza, Nothing Bundt Cakes will be on hand with its unique desserts, Bruster's Real Ice Cream will bring its truck, and Ledo Pizza will return to the plaza for the day to offer food as well. Shoppers can look forward to browsing specialty items including jewelry, soaps, candles, art and more. Festivalgoers can also meet adoptable pets at the SPCA of Anne Arundel County's mobile pet truck, and kids can check out a fire truck onsite.

The Spring Shop Local Fun Festival will run from 11:00am-3:00pm. Learn more on the GSPACC's website at web.gspacc.com/events.



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presentation. As she explained, the three index components are underwater grasses, or submerged aquatic vegetation (SAVs); water clarity; and dissolved oxygen.

MRA gets data from the Virginia Institute of Marine Science, which flies over the river and maps the grasses. BayLand Consultants & Designers also shares data; its team travels by boat. Last year, the BayLand team went to about eight creeks, and this year, five: Deep, Cypress, Cattail, Old Man and Mill creeks.

“We audit grasses that are rooted in shallow water and provide food and habitat for all kinds of critters, and supply oxygen, and also hold the sediments in place,” Hornor said. “So, they have a really important role in the Magothy for habitat.”

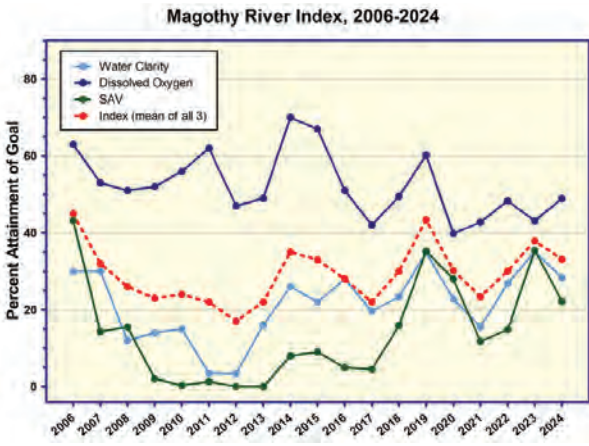
MRA charted an increase in dissolved oxygen, a welcome improvement. Most fish, shellfish and aquatic invertebrates require at least five milligrams per liter of oxygen for sustained growth and reproduction.

Not as welcome, more algae appeared in the river. MRA’s theory is that the decrease in water clarity and increase in bottom dissolved oxygen is most likely due to algae blooms.

“Anybody who’s spent any time on a creek, on a river, if you look down through the water, you can’t see very far. The water is dark,” Hornor said. “That is mostly because of that algae that’s growing. So the more algae we have, the darker it is, and the less the grasses can grow.”

From April through October of 2024, MRA sampled water quality at 30 sites, seven by boat and 23 from the shore. Of those sites, 12 showed improvements over 2023, seven had poorer water quality and 11 exhibited no change. While many south shore sites had better water quality than the previous year, Cattail and Old Man creeks were exceptions.

“The question always is, ‘Why isn’t the river better? Why don’t we have better water quality?’” Hornor said. “And the answer is basically it’s us. We don’t really have an industry on the river. We don’t really have agriculture to speak of. We just have a



The Magothy River Index assigns the river a letter grade. The Magothy maintained its rating of a D over the last year with a score of 33.

lot of people, and as a result, we have a lot of septic systems. On the north shore especially, there is no sewer line, so everyone has a septic system.”

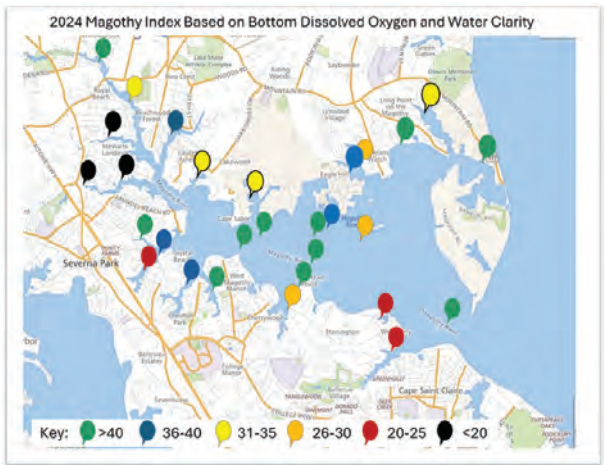
Safe Swimming?

For Operation Clearwater, Anne Arundel Community College students collect water samples and monitor a bacterium called enterococci as an indicator of fecal waste from mammals and birds. Using data from the past year, 87% of the bacterial water quality data shows swimmable conditions. However, swimming in the river within the 48 hours following a heavy rain event is not recommended.

Special Guests

Representing the Anne Arundel County Bureau of Watershed Protection and Restoration, Joe Ports highlighted ongoing and upcoming projects for Lake Waterford in Pasadena.

Spadaro also honored two key MRA partners: Chris Judy from the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) and former MRA President Mike Christiansen. Judy’s relationship with the MRA started in 1995.



The Magothy River Association sampled water quality at 30 sites.

“Chris was instrumental in all our oyster restoration projects,” Spadaro said. “Chris was the one person at DNR who actually suggested to build the chestnut oyster reef, which is one of the best oyster reefs on the western shore.”

Spadaro praised Christiansen’s role in keeping MRA afloat. “Mike Christiansen had the vision, the foresight and energy to when the association began to fall apart, he resurrected it not once but twice,” Spadaro said. “After he retired, he didn’t disappear. He was always available through my long-tenured presidency for questions, support and guidance.”

Upcoming Projects

MRA is planning an Earth Day rain garden planting, and the organization is seeking volunteer help for tree-planting at Lake Waterford in Pasadena on April 22.

The Chesapeake Bay Program’s SAV Watchers look for underwater grasses by kayak. For more information, contact Hornor at sally.hornor@gmail.com.

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SPAN Celebrates 35th Anniversary With Birthday Fest

Following a ribbon-cutting ceremony on April 1 to mark 35 years of serving the community, on April 5, the leadership of SPAN (Serving People Across Neighborhoods) hosted an outdoor Birthday Fest at Severna Park United Methodist Church to celebrate the nonprofit's 35th anniversary with the community. Churches, Scouts, and other businesses and groups were on hand to make the party enjoyable for all. Live bands entertained with music, kids played games, adults enjoyed food from food trucks and other vendors, and SPAN collected both monetary gifts and food donations to help stock its pantry. Learn more about all that SPAN does, from helping those in need with food to providing emergency financial assistance to help avoid utility shutoff and other hardships, at www.spanhelps.org.



Photo by Zach Sparks

Community members joined SPAN's leaders to celebrate the nonprofit's 35th anniversary with a ribbon cutting.



SPAN's mascot danced to the music as a live band entertained crowds at the nonprofit's Birthday Fest.



Emily (left) and Tim Greaves competed in the "Raingutter Regatta" that Cub Scout Pack 918 hosted during SPAN's Birthday Fest.



Birthday Fest attendees placed food donations in one of two pickup trucks based on their favorite local baseball team. Joanne Petrik (left) and Maia Grabau received donations from Orioles fans.



Nancy Stow (left) and Linda Murphy collected food donations from Washington Nationals fans during the friendly competition.

Photos by Meredith Winter



Ava Wilusz had her face adorned with a unicorn by face painter Amy Theune.

NAMI Anne Arundel County Announces Annual Mental Health Gala And Awards Dinner

By Margaret Bates

Eight years ago, to support his son, Fred Delp became an active volunteer with the National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) chapter for Anne Arundel County. A former Navy aviator, Delp worked his way through the volunteering ranks of NAMI Anne Arundel County and now serves as its executive director. A small staff of three employees are aided by the generous efforts of volunteers and fellow family members of individuals with mental illnesses.

NAMI's mission is to "positively impact the lives of individuals living with mental illness and their families and friends in and throughout Anne Arundel County, Maryland, by reducing stigma and providing support, education and advocacy."

Delp shared, "One of our big goals is to continually reach more people. We've reached over 1,000 so far in the county. We'd like to reach more than that."

To accomplish this goal, NAMI offers a variety of programs, including support groups for family members, peer-to-peer education classes and support groups for individuals facing mental illness, and initiatives like "end the silence" that provide mental health educational talks for middle- and high-school students.

NAMI also has developed educational classes for veterans dealing with mental illness. The nonprofit works to educate family members about resources available through state and county governments, acting as a conduit to help families find assistance within the greater community.

This winter, Delp has been meeting with state representatives to urge for more funding allocations to statewide mental health initiatives in the 2026 Maryland budget.

At a national level, NAMI has worked to expand its services and offer support groups for children and

teenagers under the age of 18 who are affected by mental illnesses. In Anne Arundel County, the chapter Delp leads has reached out to underserved groups including minorities and Spanish-speaking residents. The organization hopes to recruit Spanish-speaking family support group leaders and class facilitators soon.

On May 17, NAMI Anne Arundel County will host its fifth annual mental health gala and awards dinner at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Annapolis. Delp explained, "The purpose of this gala is to raise awareness for mental health and mental illness."

The team members at NAMI Anne Arundel County view their galas as opportunities to have mental health agencies and providers meet and share resources and institutional knowledge to nurture connections between community resource providers.

Moreover, the galas are a time to honor two to three Anne Arundel

County residents, whether hospital or state agency employees or volunteers, who have gone above and beyond to help those with mental illness and their families.

The accolades they receive, known as the Shining Star awards, are given in memory of deceased loved ones by families who want to recognize the providers, counselors and volunteers who work tirelessly to help improve mental health in Anne Arundel County. Recipients will be named at the gala in May.

Delp expressed enthusiasm about this year's keynote speaker: Daniel Gillison Jr., the CEO of NAMI. As the organization's senior leader nationwide, Gillison plans to bring a thoughtful and invigorating speech for this year's event.

Tickets are \$125 prior to April 30, or \$150 after that date, and can be purchased at www.namiaeac.org/gala.

To connect with NAMI Anne Arundel County for help for your family, or to become a chapter volunteer, go to www.namiaeac.org or call 443-569-3498. If you or a family member are in immediate danger, call 911, 988 (suicide and crisis lifeline), or 410-768-5522 (Anne Arundel County Crisis Response).

“Rock ‘N’ Roll Revival XXXVI” Is One To Remember



Photos by Zach Sparks

Severna Park High School transformed into the Heartbreak Hotel during “Rock ‘N’ Roll Revival XXXVI” during two weekends in March.



How To Avoid Being The Next Victim Of The Health Insurance Industry’s Policy To Delay, Deny And Defend

David V. Diggs, Esq. and Lisa Bogan-Reohr, Esq.



The firm was recently hired by a 90-year-old woman and her family to secure health insurance benefits to which she was entitled. Unable to ambulate at all, our client had been transported via ambulance to a local hospital, where she remained for nine days. She was diagnosed with urinary tract infections (UTI), transient ischemic attacks (TIAs) and multiple falls. After a nine-day stay in the hospital, she was released, with a recommendation that she be transferred to a subacute rehabilitative care facility for further care and treatment.

The woman is insured by Humana. This is a Medicare policy, of sorts. Specifically, she had chosen Humana’s Gold Plus HMO, an alternative to standard government supported Medicare. It is an HMO or health maintenance organization. After Humana discussed the referral with our client’s in-hospital physician, the referral was denied.

It can be intimidating facing off against a large health insurer. We were hired to file an appeal. We insisted that the appeal be expedited, meaning that a decision was to be rendered within three days. We noted the woman’s history of falls and the diagnosis of UTIs and TIAs. We added that our client remained in the hospital due to Humana’s refusal to follow the treating physician’s recommendations. While awaiting the decision on the appeal, the client was discharged.

It helped our client’s case that a class action suit was brought against Humana in December 2023 in Kentucky federal court by plaintiffs whose post-acute care coverage was terminated based on Humana’s use of artificial intelligence (AI) to deny medical care under Medicaid Advantage plans.

In the Kentucky case, the plaintiffs claim that Humana wrongfully denied care that the elderly patients’ doctors recommended because Humana uses an AI algorithm, nH Predict, rather than actual doctors, to determine what care is medically necessary. Furthermore, the plaintiffs allege that Humana knew that the AI algorithm was flawed but used it anyway because Humana knew that only about 2% of policyholders would appeal the denial of their claims.

Humana insures approximately 5.8 million seniors under Medicare Advantage plans. The nH Predict model predicts unrealistically short recovery times in post-acute care. The plaintiffs alleged that Humana had a policy of disciplining and terminating employees who approved more care and departed from the AI model’s strict prediction of how much care elderly patients needed.

Similar cases are pending against Cigna and UnitedHealth Group for using AI to deny claims. By using AI, these medical insurance companies profit from policy premiums at the expense of elderly patients who must forgo necessary medical care or use their own resources and become encumbered with medical debt. Seems as though the health insurance industry’s policy of delay, deny and defend operates to swell the insurer’s coffers, while ill patients are refused required care.

Ultimately, the expedited appeal that we filed on our client’s behalf was granted. The denial of care was reversed. The client can now secure the rehabilitative services to which she is entitled. I am convinced that we succeeded in securing the reversal of this ill-advised refusal to provide necessary care because we noted Humana’s involvement in the above-noted lawsuit.

If you find that you or a loved one has been wrongfully denied health insurance benefits to which you are contractually entitled, you will have questions. You should consult with an attorney who is familiar with this area of the law and who will assist you in making informed decisions. If you need further information regarding this subject, contact the Law Office of David V. Diggs LLC, located at 8684 Veterans Highway, Suite 302, in Millersville. Call 410-244-1189 or email david@diggsllaw.com.

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Giving Parkinson's A Run For Its Money

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walked in the room and made things happen," Harriet said.

Everyone knew Big B for his energy and optimism, often hearing him repeat the phrase, "Great day to be alive."

That optimism was put to the test in 2013. Following up on a neck injury from his football days, and numbness in his fingers, Brian had some tests done. Doctors delivered a startling diagnosis to the 58-year-old Brian: Parkinson's disease.

Harriet remembers the terminology doctors used. "It was a mild case, they said."

Mild is not a word often associated with Parkinson's disease. While not always fatal, the progressive neurodegenerative disorder can cause tremors, loss of balance, slurred speech and pain. In one word, it can be "debilitating," as Harriet described Parkinson's.

But early after the diagnosis, the description of "mild" fit.

"He was still driving, going to the gym, working," Harriet said. "Then, his symptoms started progressing more rapidly."

By 2019, the stiffness and limited ability to move was so arresting that Brian underwent a seven-hour surgery called deep brain stimulation (DBS). By implanting electrodes into brain tissue, the procedure controls motor symptoms.

"DBS is like having a pacemaker put in your brain," Harriet said, noting that the procedure helps during "off" periods. Those are times when the Parkinson's symptoms become more noticeable between medication doses.

The gentle giant became confined to a wheelchair.

"This disease diminished his physical presence but not his spirit," Harriet said. "He never complained. He never said, 'Why me?'"

He did not complain either when being diagnosed with multiple system atrophy (MSA) about eight years after he learned he had Parkinson's.

Brian also attended lacrosse games played by his nephew Manis, who advanced from Severn School lacrosse to the University of Maryland and, later, to the Chesapeake Bayhawks.

Big B even watched from the stands at Gillette Stadium in Massachusetts as Manis' Terps won a Division I championship against Ohio State in 2017.

"He didn't hide behind his disease," Harriet said. "If somebody invited him somewhere, he went. It wasn't easy, but he went."

Before his battle with Parkinson's and MSA ended in 2023, Brian witnessed another heartwarming show of support from his family.

Continuing A Legacy

Manis, along with childhood friend LJ Urie and former Maryland lacrosse teammate Nick Brozowski, did not let COVID deter them from honoring Brian with a fundraiser for the Michael J. Fox Foundation in 2020. They each ran 26.2 miles through the Bacon Ridge Trail in Crownsville and swam 2.2 miles across the Severn River. The expected length of their challenge equaled the amount of time Brian's DBS surgery lasted.

"That was very special," Manis said. "I learned why in triathlons, you're always supposed to swim first. If you run and then swim, you cramp up. We

kind of limped across the river."

Brian and Harriet waited at their Linstead home to greet the men from the finish line.

"He was fired up," Manis recalled of Brian's reaction.

In California, Manis' friend and former high school teammate Blake Wood ran his own marathon. Elizabeth Adam ran a solo marathon in London, where she was on COVID lockdown, to contribute to the fundraiser.

Those combined efforts raised over \$50,000 for the Michael J. Fox Foundation, which is committed to finding a cure for Parkinson's and improving therapies for the nearly 90,000 people in the U.S. who are diagnosed with the disease each year, according to the Parkinson's Foundation. The nonprofit also supports people with MSA.

"They were a tremendous resource to our family as Big B navigated the disease, and their funding toward research to end the disease is unmatched," said Jeff Begin, husband of Brian and Harriet's daughter Anastasia. The younger couple moved from San Francisco to Severna Park during the COVID pandemic.

The fundraising did not stop there. Manis and Elizabeth ran a New York City marathon in 2024.

Now, Manis, Urie and Begin have been training to undertake a 100-mile run on April 11, 2025, World Parkinson's Day. Each participant has his own reasons for accepting this major test of endurance.

"I consider myself extremely fortunate and hit the in-law jackpot, if there is one, with Big B and his wife, Harriet, as in-laws," Begin said. "While I never met Big B before his Parkinson's/MSA symptoms, he was a larger-than-life figure who seemed to leave a lasting imprint on anyone he met. For me, he was a role model in how he carried himself even with the disease — always providing encouragement to others, never complaining or dwelling on the negatives."

Urie considered Brian "a close family friend — someone I've known my entire life — and an inspiration to all who knew him. Throughout his battle with Parkinson's, he radiated love, joy and unwavering mental strength."

Urie sees the 100-miler as an opportunity to push past limits, witness the positive power of community and "give praise and thanks to God for the blessings he has bestowed upon me and to use it to do something positive."

For all three runners, it's the biggest physical and mental challenge they have attempted. Urie trained for just two months to do the 2020 event. For this run, he has trained for one year.

Beyond fundraising, they hope their effort sends ripples of inspiration and love throughout the Parkinson's community. All of Brian's daughters and his extended family are doing their part to ensure his larger-than-life persona endures.

Harriet said, "Nothing like this has ever been done before in their fundraising efforts, so we are thrilled to support them every step of the way."

Manis, Urie and Begin have raised nearly \$90,000 of their \$100,000 goal. To learn more about the fundraiser or to donate, visit give.michaeljfox.org/fundraiser/5780533.

Auxiliary Bishop To Celebrate Easter Sunday Mass At Alma Mater

By Judy Tacyn

Bishop Adam Parker will celebrate Easter Sunday Mass for St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church on Sunday, April 20, at 9:00am in the auditorium of Severna Park High School.

Long before Severna Park native Most Rev. Adam Parker, auxiliary bishop of Baltimore in the Archdiocese of Baltimore, earned his title and place among the leadership of the Catholic church, he was simply one of the Parker brothers, attending Benefield Elementary School, Severna Park Middle School and finally Severna Park High School (SPHS).

On March 31, Parker returned to SPHS and was welcomed by class of 1990 classmate and current SPHS teacher Kevin Schiavone. There were no formalities, just two friends who've known each other since middle school catching up, reminiscing and talking about mutual friends.

"Never in 100 years could I have ever imagined returning to Severna Park High School, as a bishop, to celebrate Mass!" Parker said.

Due to the renovation of St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church, the church has rented the high school auditorium on Easter Sunday, when two masses will be celebrated at 9:00am and 11:00am. Parker will be the 9:00am mass celebrant.

SPHS Principal Nathan Johnson, Schiavone and senior Emilie McKenna, a St. John parishioner who was con-



firmed by Parker in 2022, escorted the bishop through the new school, which opened in 2016.

As they walked the hallways, the bishop received an education on school vernacular. Home economics is now FACS, or family and consumer sciences. The library is the media center and includes much more than books.

Photo by Judy Tacyn

Bishop Adam Parker was given a tour of his alma mater, Severna Park High School, by senior Emilie McKenna and class of 1990 classmate Kevin Schiavone ahead of the Easter Sunday Mass he will celebrate at the school on April 20 at 9:00am.

Technology in the 1980s meant overhead projectors and high-speed copy machines. Today, classrooms are filled with technology that wasn't even invented in the 1980s.

As the group passed the wall of "Rock 'N' Roll Revival" posters, Parker was quick to note it was the class of '90 that came up with the first show.

"It was only about an hour long and it was put together by a couple students," Parker recalled. Schiavone added that football coach Andy Borland sang in the event as "The Big Bopper," Jiles Perry Richardson Jr. "It was so much fun. It's great that it's lasted this long and has gotten to be so good," Parker said.

The bishop was stopped by a staff member who said he had confirmed her daughter years before. As the tour ended, Parker was gifted Severna Park Falcon spirit wear. At McKenna's request, he blessed the school.

Parker wanted to extend a personal invitation to former classmates, friends and neighbors to join him for Easter Sunday Mass on April 20 at 9:00am, asking that they take a moment to say hello and catch up.

Easter Means There Is Hope

Stephen Mitchell

Pastor
Trinity Bible Church



The trees are budding, the sun is setting later, flowers are beginning to grow, and temperatures are finally getting warmer — well, some of the day anyway. Spring is here, and with that, Easter is coming.

I have always loved Easter coinciding with the arrival of spring, because there's no better vivid illustration of what Easter conveys than nature coming to life again after months of death, cold and darkness. Easter can bring many things to mind for people, but for me, every year, Easter brings a reminder that life triumphed over death, light overcame darkness, and hope is greater than fear or despair.

For those of us who know the greatest story ever told, we know from the benefit of 2,000 years of hindsight how Easter weekend ends. It ends with Jesus Christ risen from the dead, triumphing over death, hell and the grave. It ends with a group of cowards being transformed into bold and unwavering martyrs. It ends with the fastest-growing movement in all of history, inspired by the tomb that remains empty to this day. It ends with the miracle of the resurrection validating the claims of a Jewish rabbi, who is alive today and who invites you and I to receive him into our hearts and lives.

Napoleon Bonaparte once remarked

that Jesus of Nazareth is different from any other great leader with a great empire in history because he conquers not by force, but by love, by winning over our hearts. Does Jesus have your heart today?

Easter is a time of celebration in 2025, but for Jesus' disciples who followed him for three years, Easter weekend was a time of mourning, despair, and a sense of utter hopelessness. They watched the man they knew and believed to be more than man willingly allow himself to be beaten, tortured and crucified. Their hopes and dreams were dead. Darkness enveloped the land. It looked as if all had been lost.

Sometimes it seems and feels that way in life, doesn't it? We face a tragedy or health limitations or marital challenges, or our careers are lost, or our children are wayward, and we've lost hope. Easter is the ultimate example of God turning tragedy into triumph, evil into good, defeat into victory, hopelessness into hope. For the one who trusts in Jesus, the Bible says we have a "living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead" (1 Peter 1:3).

What does Easter weekend have to do with you and me? How does the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ have any bearing on your life? Since the dawn of time, humanity has had a problem: we sin. All other problems in our society and our lives stem from the underlying spiritual condition that we have with sin, and our condition is terminal. We have chosen to follow the example of our ancestors and sin against a holy and just God every day.

The Bible tells us that sin separates us from God, and after having warned humanity of the dire spiritual and eternal consequences of choosing our way instead of his way, he could have given us over with no recourse or rescue. Yet, the good news of Easter is summed up in these words: "For God so loved the world that he gave his only son, so that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life" (John 3:16).

Because of Easter, there is hope for you and me to be saved from our sin, to be made right with God, to have the presence of God in a loving relationship in our everyday lives, and to have the promise of eternal life. That is what Easter is about. I have spoken at many funerals over the years, but one of the toughest speaking opportunities I had was last year at a gathering of parents to remember their children who had died. The theme was hope. When I arrived, someone thanked me for coming and summed up the challenge before me saying: "How do you talk about hope to parents who lost their children?" I knew then, and I know now, where my hope comes from. It comes from an empty tomb and the promise of having Jesus Christ in my heart and life. Where do you get your hope?

"I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me, though he dies, yet shall he live, and everyone who lives and believes in me shall never die. Do you believe this?" (John 11:25).

Stephen Mitchell is the senior pastor of Trinity Bible Church in Severna Park. He also is the host of a regular podcast, "Real Christian Talk with Pastor Steve," available on all podcast platforms.

Woods Church Services

Maundy Thursday April 17 at 7:30pm

Maundy Thursday begins the Three Day (or Triduum), remembering the new commandment that Christ gave his people in word and deed as he taught them how to love one another, washing their feet as a servant. Woods Church also celebrates the Lord's Supper, remembering the meal Christ shared with his disciples before death.

Good Friday April 18 at 7:30pm

During a Good Friday service, Woods will move the story of the last days of Jesus' earthly life forward from the early morning hours when Jesus was condemned to be crucified to the dark early evening hours when Jesus died on the cross and was laid in a borrowed tomb. The last words Jesus spoke from the cross will be remembered.

Easter Sunday April 20

There are six opportunities to celebrate the resurrection of Jesus at Woods on Easter Sunday.

6:30am Sunrise Service – Holy Grounds Amphitheater

8:00am Traditional Service – Sanctuary

9:30am Traditional Service – Sanctuary

9:30am Family Service – Fellowship Hall

11:00am Contemporary Service

– Sanctuary

11:00am Sunday School for Children

– Fellowship Hall

All are welcome to attend both services. Woods Memorial Presbyterian Church is located at 611 Baltimore Annapolis Boulevard in Severna Park.

Delivering Results: Lowering Prescription Drug Costs



In 2019, Maryland became the first state in the nation to create a prescription drug affordability board. Last year, the board gained the authority to set upper payment limits for drugs purchased by state and local governments, such as Medicaid and public employee health plans.

to establish statewide upper payment limits on high-cost prescription drugs. This is a bold but necessary step to provide meaningful relief to Marylanders and bring greater accountability to drug pricing in our state.

Even those who can afford their prescriptions are paying the price. Through higher insurance premiums, out-of-pocket costs, and taxpayer-funded programs, we're all carrying the burden of what amounts to a hidden "prescription drug tax." Excessive drug prices hurt all of us — whether we realize it or not.

In 2019, Maryland became the first state in the nation to create a prescription drug affordability board. Despite early setbacks, including delayed funding and the challenges of the COVID-19 pandemic, the board has made remarkable progress. Last year, it gained

the authority to set upper payment limits for drugs purchased by state and local governments, such as Medicaid and public employee health plans.

The board is now focused on establishing fair rates for two medications, Jardiance and Farxiga, used to treat diabetes and heart disease. These drugs alone account for a significant and growing portion of our public health spending, with costs to the state employee health plan more than doubling from \$14.5 million in 2020 to \$29.3 million in 2024.

And here's the kicker: U.S. taxpayers contributed a combined \$870 million toward the research and

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Dawn Gile
Senator
District 33



I hear it time and again from constituents: The soaring cost of prescription drugs is one of the most urgent threats to the health and well-being of Marylanders across our

state. For too many families, the cost of medication is a barrier to essential care — forcing impossible choices between filling a prescription or putting food on the table. This crisis not only undermines individual health outcomes, but it also threatens the strength and sustainability of our broader health care system.

That's why I was proud to sponsor Senate Bill 357, which would expand the authority of Maryland's prescription drug affordability board (PDAB)

A Budget Overview

Heather Bagnall
Delegate
District 33C



Every year, I debate what to discuss for April, but this year, despite the work we've been doing to protect Marylanders against attacks by

an adversarial federal government, it's all about the budget. This has been an unusually difficult session. As the chair of the appropriations committee said, "Like it or not, we are a company town," and the cuts to federal funding and the federal workforce are having an outsized impact on our economy. So, when we received a \$600 million write-down in the first 30 days of the administration, and as we saw the dismantling of our federal agencies, and the firing, rehiring and repeat firing of federal employees, we knew we were going to have to act.

We knew our federal grants for health care and education were in jeopardy. In fact, during the last week of March, we got a report that we are going to lose between \$360 million to \$418 million in federal funds when the Trump administration announced it was reneging on a promise to give Maryland schools up to \$418 million in pandemic recovery funds, even though some of the money has already been spent.

So how do you budget for a moving target? Well, you work to create stability in uncertain times. You pass a budget that maintains and supports the priorities of Marylanders; you raise the revenue needed to close the deficit; and you put money in the rainy day fund to prepare for future cuts, losses, write downs and unemployment benefits. And you prepare for a special session in the coming months.

So, what did we do and how did we do it? First, we surpassed our spending affordability goals (SAC) with both a general fund balance of \$392 million and a structural surplus of \$15 million, surpassing SAC goals of \$100 million fund balance and eliminating the structural deficit for fiscal year 2026.

With more than \$2.4 billion in cash resources preserved, including \$2.1 billion in the rainy day fund, we adopted general fund reductions of \$1.63 billion including \$524 million through the Budget Rec-

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Expanding Athletic Opportunities For Homeschool Students: House Bill 1185

LaToya Nkongolo
Delegate
District 31



This legislative session, I introduced House Bill 1185: Homeschool Students Right to Play, a critical step toward ensuring all students have access to athletic opportunities. This bill allows

public high schools to permit homeschooled students to participate in sports at any high school within their county of residence, provided they meet specific eligibility requirements.

If space is limited, priority will be given to students enrolled in the school. Currently, Maryland has approximately 40,000 homeschooled students, with Black students representing the fastest-growing demographic — now totaling nearly 15,000. By allowing homeschooled students to join public school sports teams,



this bill helps coaches maintain full rosters and ensures schools can field competitive teams.

Homeschooled students will be held to the same eligibility standards as their enrolled peers, and families will cover all costs and transportation, pre-

venting any financial burden on public schools. This legislation strengthens public schools by making them more competitive with private schools, which actively recruit public school athletes. Additionally, it provides homeschooled

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A Budget Overview

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conciliation and Financing Act (BRFA), reducing special funds by \$339 million.

The budget also reduces planned spending by transferring to the general fund over \$200 million of funds earmarked in the dedicated purpose account for future spending on specific programs and projects. We reduced our state budget with the abolition of 212 state positions and reduced general fund spending by \$414 million compared to fiscal 2025.

The proposed budget restores funds for legislative priorities that the governor proposed reducing, including \$122.4 million for collaborative time in public schools, \$15 million for cancer research by the academic health centers, almost \$11 million for victims of crime grants, and \$7 million of grants to local governments for enterprise zone tax credits. In response to our minimal growth rate, we invested \$136 million in growing the private-sector economy.

State support for public schools will total \$9.8 billion, and the Blueprint for Maryland's Future formulas are fully funded. Direct aid to local school systems will have a 7.4% increase.

We made good on our promise to leave no one behind by ensuring we were funding Medicaid, allowing the state to provide coverage to about 1.5 million residents. The budget plan adds \$181.5 million for community services for the developmentally disabled to undo cost containment actions proposed by the governor and rate increases of 1% are

funded for providers serving the developmentally disabled, behavioral health providers, nursing homes, and most Medicaid community-based providers.

Finally, the budget prioritizes public safety, funding police aid, victims' services, and creating a new fund investing in community-based services for juveniles, while increasing staffing levels for the Maryland Division of Parole and Probation.

Though I believe the committee worked hard to give us a balanced budget, I did not ultimately vote for the BRFA, the Budget Reconciliation and Funding Act. Some have asked how I could vote for the budget but against the BRFA and the answer is you. I could vote against both, but that would signal, as your representative, that our district no longer prioritizes funding our education system, our transportation infrastructure, our health care, and a safe environment. I could vote for both, but that would be disregarding the will of my constituency who have overwhelmingly asked to not increase taxes.

I truly believe the committee did the best they could, and we must make tough decisions, but this district has made it clear you want us to find another way. I voted for the budget and against the BRFA. This was a difficult vote, but it demonstrates the balance between ensuring I'm keeping our district at the table, clearly representing our overarching priority of funding services while demonstrating greater fiscal responsibility. The budget moved to the Senate, and as I write this column on March 31, we have yet to see if our priorities continue to align. Stay tuned.

Expanding Athletic Opportunities

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students with crucial social, emotional and physical benefits while creating opportunities for college recruitment and athletic scholarships.

Maryland has the opportunity to join 30 other states that have enacted similar laws. During the hearing for House Bill 1185, we had 12 individuals testify, including seven students, demonstrating strong community support. Additionally, we gathered over 1,000 signatures between an online petition and handwritten submissions from families across Maryland. The bill

also received bipartisan support from 16 co-sponsoring delegates.

If you are a coach or a parent who supports this bill and would like to help push it forward, I encourage you to reach out to my office to learn how you can get involved. Your voice and advocacy can make a difference in ensuring equal access to athletic opportunities for all students.

You can contact me by phone or email: 410-841-3510 or latoya.nkongo-lo@house.state.md.us. My office, the 156 Lowe House Office Building, is located at 6 Bladen Street in Annapolis.

Lowering Prescription Drug Costs

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development of these two drugs — yet today, they are sold at prices more than 10 times higher here than in other countries. These medications have generated more than \$45 billion in sales worldwide, while our state budgets and families bear the brunt of those inflated costs.

The board's current authority is a strong start, but it doesn't go far enough. Senate Bill 357 would expand that authority, allowing PDAB to set maximum allowable prices statewide, not just for government purchasers, but for all Marylanders and the entities in the drug supply chain.

At the time of this article's submission, I'm proud to share that Senate Bill 357 has passed the Senate, and its cross-file, House Bill 456, has passed

the House of Delegates. Our hope is that a final version will soon be passed by both chambers and sent to the governor's desk for signature, bringing us one step closer to real, statewide relief from skyrocketing prescription drug costs.

The urgency of this legislation couldn't be greater. With fiscal pressures mounting at both the state and household level — and with continued uncertainty at the federal level — Maryland must lead where others have stalled. This bill gives us the power to make a real difference in the lives of our residents.

At its core, this is about making sure no one in our state has to suffer — or worse — because they can't afford the medication they need. It's time we put patients over profits.




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Falcons Brush Competition Aside Early In Lacrosse Season

By David Bashore

The Severna Park boys lacrosse machine is up and running. Again.

The Falcons aren't about to rest on their laurels, though.

Though they've breezed through the first five games of the season, allowing two or fewer goals in each game and scoring in double figures in each as well, they know there are even stiffer tests in store.

They seem well positioned to run at yet another state championship, but even though they've blown out every opponent so far, the first few minutes have been cagey in each. The offense, thus far, seems to be a large boulder—it takes a while to get the thing rolling, but once it starts, it runs downhill and doesn't stop.

"Every time we come out, it's in the first three, four minutes and we're making turnovers, moving picks, things like that," said Severna Park

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Photos by David Bashore

Above: Jack Fish opened the scoring for Severna Park, scoring the first of his team's 14 goals against Glenelg. **Right:** Landon Zawartka (8) and Colin Whitacre (4) celebrated one of Whitacre's three goals against Glenelg on April 1.



Photo by David Bashore

Ceci Facciponti won the majority of draws for Broadneck and willed the team to a 6-5 victory against South River.

Bruin Girls Clip South River, Prove Growth

By David Bashore

At this point in the calendar last year, the Broadneck girls lacrosse team might have lost a game like they played against South River, the way their April 4 contest unfolded.

But the Bruins, who were up and down for a lot of last year, have had more ups than downs in 2025, and are better for the experience.

And against the Seahawks, they flipped the script.

Avery Katzen scored her second goal of the game with less than two minutes remaining, giving the Bruins their first and only lead of the night. They won the ensuing draw and played keep-away, bleeding the clock dry for a 6-5 victory.

Nora Lopes also netted twice for the Bruins, while **Ceci Facciponti** and **Savannah Libby** both also scored.

Though Broadneck didn't lead through the first 46 minutes, they battled and fought through offensive execution issues and held on long enough to make

the victory stick.

"I'm proud of their grit and resilience. I'm proud of their composure on the defensive end to continue and fight to give our offense an opportunity," said Broadneck coach **Katy Kelley**. They were very aggressive, very united, connected. A couple of transitional issues, but they made big plays when they needed to."

The decisive moment came after one of those defensive plays. **Kaitlyn Kearns** twice intercepted a South River pass in the final few minutes, allowing the Bruins to race the other way. On the second of those turnovers, Broadneck's eighth takeaway of the game, the offense finally clicked.

"Our strength is just being able to fight through those hard times, keep doing our job helping out the offense as much as possible," Kearns said. "Knowing we had the chance to take the lead gave us a ton of energy."

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Severna Park Unbeaten Ahead Of Tough Slate

By David Bashore

Five games into the season, the Severna Park girls lacrosse players have proven they can win in a variety of ways.

The Falcons have dominated in games against North County and Crofton, winning by a combined 35-12, and they were able to win a wild one with Marriotts Ridge, coming out victorious 14-9 on March 25.

Perhaps more vitally, though, they have been able to win more defensive struggles. They beat Glenelg 6-5 on the road on April 1, four days after a 7-4 victory at Arundel.

That 5-0 record will be put to the test in April, as the upcoming Falcons schedule gives them a chance to test themselves against some of the area's best teams. They hosted Archbishop Spalding on April 7 and will go to Broadneck on April 11. After that is a trip to Mount de Sales, followed by a one-day, two-game tilt with Manchester Valley and St. Mary's.



Photos by Alex Bardakh

Severna Park outslugged Marriotts Ridge, coming out victorious 14-9 on March 25. They have started the season 5-0.

Bruins Softball Off To Promising Start



Photo by David Bashore

Broadneck's Rylan Crisafulli (left) and Lily Kisling celebrated a strikeout during their game at Severna Park on March 21.

By David Bashore

Eight games into the season, the Broadneck softball team is trending in the right direction.

Behind the pitching of **Rylan Crisafulli** and steady hitting, the Bruins picked up six wins in their first eight games, dropping the season opener at Severna Park and a game to Northeast on April 2.

After falling 4-2 to the Falcons on March 21, the Bruins rebounded by beating Easton 4-3 the next day when **Corinn Benett** hit a walk-off single in the ninth inning. That victory spurred a run of four consecutive shutouts for the Bruins.

They beat Glen Burnie 12-0, with **Aliceanna Weibley** and **Addie Cornelius** both driving in two runs. The Bruins then topped Meade 24-0, with Bennett, Cornelius, **Bella Herrera** and **Abby Favazza** all plating a pair of runs.

Alex Burroughs drove in three runs to pace their 15-0 win over Severn Run, and then the Bruins beat Crofton 1-0 on a dropped fly ball. After the setback against Northeast, Broadneck rebounded with a 19-1 win over Old Mill. Herrera and **Malayna Owens** both drove in three runs to help in the win.

Backstopping all of this, Crisafulli has been sterling in the circle. Through 39 innings in eight games, the sophomore has posted a 1.44 ERA, striking out 77 batters and walking just 12.

Next up for the Bruins was a rematch with Severna Park on April 7, followed by a trip to Annapolis two days later and a home date with South River to end the week. Over spring break, Broadneck will play at Northern.

Early On, Falcons Softball Working Toward Consistency

By David Bashore

Andrea Rom could hardly have picked a better moment for the at-bat of her life.

With two on and nobody out in a scoreless game against rival Broadneck, Rom stepped to the plate sensing it was a big moment.

"My team has had my back, and I knew I needed to have theirs in that moment," she said.

The off-speed pitch that came never dropped. The sophomore third baseman swung, and the ball launched from her bat: a no-doubter, the first home run she'd ever hit in a game, at any level of play.

Just like that, she'd provided breathing space for pitcher **Quinlyn Bary** and the Falcons defense, and they held it down to win 4-2 in the season opener over the Bruins.

"That one came in a little late, but it felt so good right off the bat. I knew it was over, and I just can't believe it," Rom said. "We just started to relax, and on the bench, we got a lot louder and we were able to support Q. We knew our defense was enough to get through the rest of the game."

After beating Broadneck and then topping Old Mill 22-4, the Falcons have settled into the grind of a spring season. They dropped a 7-4 game to Northeast in eight innings but then beat North County 12-3. Then came successive losses against



Photo by David Bashore

Falcons players mobbed Andrea Rom after her three-run home run against Broadneck. Severna Park downed the rival Bruins 4-2.

Arundel (8-4) and Chesapeake (5-4).

Most recently, the Falcons beat Glen Burnie 3-0, with Bary striking out 12 and pitching a two-hit shutout.

In the Old Mill game, **Lucy Benner** had four hits and knocked in four runs, while **Taylor Moran** homered.

Though the Falcons have been up and down, more up than down, it's part of the growing process. But they feel like they're ahead of where they were last year.

"It's a big difference from last year. A lot of kids have carried themselves very well, like they're a lot older, even though they're still young," said Severna Park softball head coach **Bailey Benedick**. "We just need to make adjustments a little bit sooner, and defensively we just need to clean up a little bit and keep our cool all seven innings."

Next up for the Falcons was a rematch at Broadneck on April 7, followed by a home game with Crofton and another rematch at Northeast.

Falcons Baseball Searching For Right Balance

By David Bashore

When the county put Severna Park's baseball season opener as a home date with Broadneck, there was always going to be some extra juice.

Unfortunately for the Falcons, they didn't look like the preseason version of themselves against the Bruins.

Twelve free passes, 10 on walks and two hit batters, gave the Bruins more than enough extra opportunities to put the Falcons away 8-5.

Severna Park tied the game at 2-2 in the third inning, but a four-run fourth inning consigned the Falcons to defeat.

"That's something we preach is throwing strikes, and today they weren't the guys that I've seen all spring," said Severna Park baseball head coach **Eric Milton**. "They looked great all spring and intrasquads, scrimmages, throwing strikes. The last intrasquad, we had eight innings and two walks. But if you're going to give a team 12 free bases, you don't deserve to win that game."

The loss to Broadneck was followed up by a 3-1 setback against Old Mill, in which the bats were held almost completely silent.

A three-game win streak over Northeast (6-2), North County (8-7) and Arundel (9-4) looked to have righted the ship until a 3-2 loss to Chesapeake put the team back at .500.

But the Falcon bats woke up in a big way against Glen Burnie, their most recent opponent. **Benji Beisler** and **Adam Clark** both hit grand slams, **Charlie Hartman** also homered, and Severna Park won 15-3.

Beisler homered and **Jacob Williams** drove in four runs in the team's win over Arundel.

"We've got confidence in our hitters. They want to hit line drives and hard ground balls, drive the ball," Milton said. "I love the team this year and we'll be there in the end."

Next up for Severna Park was a rematch at Broadneck on



Photo by David Bashore

Severna Park's Eric Benner pitched during the Falcons' season opener against Broadneck on March 21.

April 7, followed by a home game against Crofton two days later and a trip to Northeast to round out the week. Over spring break, Severna Park will play Baltimore City College, Huntingtown and St. Mary's Ryken.



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With 8-0 Start, Bruins Baseball Is Flying High

By David Bashore

When **Noah Forman** took the ball for Broadneck in their 2024 matchup at Severna Park, it didn't go well. He struggled, got shelled, and was chased early on as the Falcons pummeled the Bruins.

In 2025, though, it was a different story.

Forman struck out the side in the bottom of the second inning, letting out a roar as he strode from the mound. The adrenaline kept flowing, as he homered in the third to extend Broadneck's lead, and it became clear he was rewriting the script.

It wasn't all smooth sailing for the Broadneck senior and his teammates, but he had enough juice in the tank to get to the seventh inning, and his teammates backed him up to score a season-opening 8-5 win at Severna Park on March 21.

"I felt like I failed my team last year, and I wanted to perform this year for my team," Forman said. "It feels like we are performing well as a team and the offense is rolling, so we can get some motivation for that."

That was the first of many wins for Broadneck this season. The Bruins sit 8-0 heading into the teeth of their schedule, and the contributions have come from all over the lineup, no matter who coach **Matt Skrenchuk** plays on a given day.

Forman shone against Severna Park, supported by leadoff hitter **Mike Swick**, whose two-run double broke the game open in the fourth inning. **Chase Hannon** tossed a one-hit shutout against Kent Island the next day, with **Nick Cicale** driving in a pair of runs in an 8-0 win.

Against Glen Burnie, the Bruins logged a 10-

Photo by David Bashore
Broadneck's Noah Forman pitched 6 1/3 innings and homered in the Bruins' season-opening 8-5 win at Severna Park on March 21.

o, six-inning shutout, with **Cooper Mengel** and **Landon Gossard** combining on the one-hitter. Swick and **Avik Cherry** each plated two runs. Broadneck beat Meade 28-0, with seven players knocking in at least two runs and three pitchers combining on another one-hit shutout.

Forman pitched the fourth one-hit shutout in a row in a 3-0 win over Severn Run, with Cherry driving in two runs in support. **Cade Schuetter** knocked in three runs and **Garrett Drish** plated two in a 12-1 win over Crofton, **Grant Morsberger's** two-run single pushed Broadneck past Northeast 4-2, and five players drove in two or more in a 16-4 win over Old Mill.

The approach is pretty simple: give your teammate a chance.

"The bottom of our lineup, we're just trying to get the next guy up, and anytime we can turn the lineup over to our leadoff hitter, that gives us a great chance," Skrenchuk said.

Forman added, "We have a very good culture and a very good mindset. Our mindset is to go 1-0 each day, whether it's practice or a game."

The next chance for the Bruins to go 1-0 came during a rematch with Severna Park on April 7, followed by a trip to Annapolis and a home date with South River. They then have three out-of-county games over spring break, against La Plata, Parkside and Montgomery Blair.



Play Ball: Baysox Break Ground On Stadium Upgrades

By Zach Sparks

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When Attain Sports CEO Greg Baroni became owner of the Baltimore Orioles' Double-A affiliate, the Chesapeake Baysox — then known as the Bowie Baysox — in 2022, he saw ample opportunities and a lot of room for improvement. Three years later, this March 27, the Baysox marked a milestone in that growth during a groundbreaking ceremony to celebrate Prince George's Stadium enhancements.

Upgrades include the construction of a state-of-the-art performance center with enhanced batting arenas and two new videoboards with high-definition visuals and in-game content.

"I just had this vision that this should become the premier destination for minor league baseball around here," said Baroni, who toured ballparks nationwide with ownership group members Mark Davis and Rich Roberts to gather ideas.

Their targets took them west to see the facilities of the Las Vegas WooSox in Nevada and the Akron RubberDucks in Ohio, and back east to see the Fredericksburg Nationals in Virginia, Lehigh Valley IronPigs in Pennsylvania and Durham Bulls in North Carolina, among other teams.

"What I saw was the evolution from what I call traditional, with lots of posterboards — and I like those old-field things — but some of those modern stadiums have those massive video boards and it was like, 'We have to get this,'" Baroni said. "And we got digital lighting. It's really enriching the fan experience."



Photo by Zach Sparks

Baseball representatives and elected officials participated in a ceremonial groundbreaking for upgrades at Prince George's Stadium on March 27. Orioles Hall of Fame player and current part-owner Cal Ripken (middle) attended the event.

Improvements to the player experience have become a priority, too. Baroni surveyed players in the clubhouse about their ideas: outlets to charge their phones, internet service, and a game station and ping pong table. Next up is a weight room, which Baroni expects to be "one of the nicest and largest weight rooms in all of the minor leagues."

The newest \$50 million in upgrades is possible thanks to partnerships with The Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission (M-NCPPC) and the Maryland Stadium Authority (MSA).

M-NCPPC, MSA and Attain Sports

chose Gilbane, with design partner EwingCole, as the design-build team to execute the upgrades. Canopy Team is assisting Attain Sports and M-NCPPC throughout the design process.

In collaboration with M-NCPPC, the Baysox are actively exploring opportunities to expand the use of the new facilities to serve the broader community.

M-NCPPC Deputy Director Steve Carter attended the groundbreaking, as did MSA chair Craig Thompson, acting Prince George's County Executive Tara Jackson, Bowie Mayor Tim Adams and Orioles representatives: Hall of Famer Cal Ripken, Baltimore Orioles Execu-

tive Vice President and General Manager Mike Elias and Director of Minor League Operations Kent Qualls.

"One of our missions for keeping Baltimore baseball healthy and ingrained, you need to have first-rate infrastructure and first-rate facilities for our players up and down the organization," Elias said. "We've been doing that everywhere: in the Dominican Republic, Florida, it's been happening in Camden Yards. But this is going to be one of the best in the league."

For Baroni, the future is full of excitement as he is enjoying "the thrill of a lifetime" by owning the Chesapeake Baysox, Aberdeen IronBirds, Frederick Keys and Spire City Ghost Hounds in Maryland, along with the Loudoun United FC in Virginia.

Baroni grew up in Southern California and played for his first Little League team, called the Orioles, and was coached by his dad. With the help of aforementioned state and community partners, and the support of others — Ellen Walsh, Attain Sports chief marketing officer and chief of staff, and Senator Angela Alsobrooks, formerly the Prince George's County executive — his vision is coming to life.

"This project is a testament to the power of collaboration among state, county, local and private partners, and we look forward to seeing the lasting impact it will have on our region," he said.

"It's great family-friendly entertainment," he later said of the minor league baseball experience. "Kids get a chance, and fans get a chance, to make these lasting memories that go on generationally."

Bruins Feeling Good Despite South River Setback

By David Bashore

The triumvirate of public school boys lacrosse in Anne Arundel County has been Severna Park, Broadneck, South River. Sometimes in that order, sometimes with the first two inverted.

Broadneck's first real test of the 2025 season, though, came at the hands of that third name.

And though South River delivered a reality check with a 6-5 double-overtime win over the Bruins on April 4, Broadneck is feeling pretty good about the team's development.

Having graduated so many seniors from last year's state finalist team, the Bruins are young at every position. That talent is gaining experience that should prove well in the long run. Against South River, nothing was quite right offensively, and Broadneck never led. But they rallied from two goals down in the final minutes to force the extra periods and had multiple opportunities to win.

"That's adversity," said Broadneck coach **Jeff McGuire**. "I was super proud. We were sitting down 2-0, sitting down 4-2. Just happy to see what we're made of six games in, and being able to battle."

"It's minor details on defense and minor details on offense, and guys just doing disciplined things all the way."

The Bruins have developed a multiple attack, supplementing seniors **Blake Levicki** and **Brayden Schmidt** with

freshmen **Wyatt Hicks** and **Braden Cornett**. Hicks had three goals against South River, while Cornett missed the game due to injury.

That may have thrown Broadneck's offense off a bit, but McGuire appeared unconcerned, as in the long run it will lead to more guys with experience at the end of the season.

Defensively the Bruins have proven stingy, with senior defenders **Noah Yoder** and **Donovan Boyer** helping anchor the rearguard with sophomore goalie **Braedon Goloboski**, and defensive midfielders **Wyatt Shaw** and **Grayson Boone**.

It was Boone who drew the tough assignment of guarding one of the best attackers in the county, South River's **Trevor Phipps**. Boone kept Phipps largely in check on the night.

"(Boone) was definitely up to the test, and anyone watching this film might want to nab up Grayson as quick as they can," McGuire said. "He's our best cover guy, and that's why we put him on Phipps."

Broadneck's schedule beefs up even more after the South River game. Next is a trip to Cape Henlopen (Delaware), followed by Severna Park's visit on April 11. Then they play two of the tougher public schools in Virginia.

"That's not an easy run right now," McGuire said. "But this is playoff-like, though, which teaches us an early lesson."



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Above: Aiden Gillette dodged and cleared possession from Broadneck's defensive zone during the Bruins 6-5 double-overtime loss to the Seahawks.

Below: Keaton Walker won most faceoffs for Broadneck against South River.



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Boys Lacrosse

By David Bashore

As **Carter Marquardt** looks at the 4- and 5-year-old children he's wrangling during Broadneck Area Youth Sports' lacrosse clinics, he sees himself in their shoes.

That's the age when the Broadneck senior developed his own love for lacrosse, despite the challenge of keeping focus and interest at such a young age.

But that's part of why he loves what he does.

"I remember being young, not wanting to participate, going back to my parents, and all that," Marquardt said. "I remember doing the same thing, but when they see the older kids there, and I know some of these kids that are my neighbors, that helps them be entertained and get them more excited about lacrosse."

In his second year as a varsity lacrosse player for the Bruins, he's finally able to put a cap on the things he's learned over the last 12-plus years.

The senior is part of a rotational offensive attack, and he's one of



many players getting their first crack at significant minutes. But for Marquardt, it's just as much about doing things the right way as it is excelling on the field.

"At practice, it's making sure everyone is working as hard as they do in the game," he said. "We all play our role, so it's working hard and being physical, showing the underclassmen the right things to do. We work as hard as we can in practice and we know that will be good for us in the game."

Marquardt takes working hard seriously, no matter what he does. Owner of a 3.93 unweighted (4.38

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Carter Marquardt is in his second year as a varsity lacrosse player for the Bruins. The senior is part of Broadneck's rotational offensive attack.

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— **JEFF MCGUIRE, BHS BOYS LACROSSE COACH**

weighted) GPA, he has acceptance letters from Maryland, Penn State and Virginia Tech. He's mulling which school is in his future but knows that, wherever he goes, he wants to study mechanical engineering.

His grandfather, also a mechanical engineer, inspired him in the field, and the enjoyment of working on his own car has him thinking about automotive engineering as a focus.

When not on the lacrosse field, Marquardt is usually doing one of two things: fulfilling all of his responsibilities as a high school student, and fishing.

At Broadneck, he's a member of the Math Honor Society and National Honor Society, participates in the school's academic club, and tutors other math students.

On the water, he's an avid fisherman whose biggest catch to date is

a seven-foot shark he caught in the waters off of Assateague Island, one which took him between 35 and 40 minutes to bring to shore.

"That fight is crazy, just the sheer size and weight of the shark," Marquardt said, noting that all those years in lacrosse probably played a hand in his ability to land the shark. "It's incredibly hard to bring it all the way in."

It's a testament to his mindset of both doing well in whatever he does and doing whatever he does well.

"Carter's an awesome young man who does all the right things," said Broadneck boys lacrosse coach **Jeff McGuire**. "As a freshman, he was a tiny guy, but he was one of only three that passed all of our conditioning tests this winter. Great character, high GPA kid, and he really gives back to the community. Can't say enough good things about him."

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Bruin Girls Clip South River



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Naomi Doyle sprinted with the ball to clear possession out of the defensive zone against the Seahawks.

left me, and when I saw her leave I trailed behind her, and Ceci found me right in front," Katzen said. "It's definitely hard to do, but I know that if I see an opening, it's this or nothing. That's our chance."

Katzen, just a sophomore, has developed a knack for showing up in big moments. It's her second game-winner for the Bruins, the first coming in last year's state championship.

"I think (Katzen is) very even keeled, and I think she's very intelligent," Kelley said. "I don't think she really cares if she scores goals or doesn't score goals. She's just reading what's in front of her, and sometimes that's what it takes."

"She's not even thinking it's the last minute of the game. She's thinking that she's done this a million times before, and she does have that composed, quiet style about her."

That even keel is serving Broadneck well so far. Through seven games, they're 5-2, the losses coming to Cape Henlopen (Delaware) and St. Mary's. They'll pick up at home to Severna Park on April 11, followed by a one-day, two-match tango with Northern and Huntingtown on April 14.

The tussles they're enduring now, the Bruins hope, will pay off as they hit the stretch run.

"Our schedule is very different from last year, and we have a lot of big games coming up," Katzen said. "Our scrimmages weren't too strong, but we knew after that we will only go up from here."

Falcons Brushing Competition Aside

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head coach **Bob Zichelli**. "Our defense is really good, but teams like Landon, Broadneck, South River are going to punish those mistakes. We just want to do a little bit better with our possession and shots."

That's not to say Severna Park hasn't done well. But the margins between victory and defeat against longtime rivals Broadneck and South River, as well as one of the nation's premier programs in the Landon School, are as fine as they come.

The Falcons' 14-2 demolition of reigning 2A champion Glenelg on April 1 was a positive sign. It took a few minutes to get things going offensively, but once it started, it was an onslaught. **Jack Fish** got the team on the board after **Merric Warren** caused a turnover and raced the other way, both doing what they do best to put Severna Park ahead.

After that, multiple attackers got in on the bit. **Colin Whitacre** and **Timmy Sullivan** both netted hat tricks, and two goals each came from **Mason Pugh** and **Ben Ruppert**. **Landon Williams** and **Warren** rounded out the scoring.

"We've got three short-stick defensive midfielders who are really good, and our poles are great too. They're so strong, and they clear the ball well. That might be the strongest part of our team," Zichelli said. "We want to challenge from behind. We want to be a little unorthodox, because we want all six guys (in the attacking zone) to be able to score. Every game, it's been a little bit different guys scoring."

Fish, the UMBC-bound attack man

who has spearheaded the last two championship runs, was a peripheral figure against Glenelg, playing his role in setting up others for the attack. Every cog is going in the machine that is Severna Park lacrosse. From disruptive sticks in the midfield — Williams, Warren, **Landon Zawartka**, **Dash Havens** and a host of others — to the six-man attack, every person is doing his part.

A lot of that has to do with playing together so long. In addition to their varsity experience, some of the seniors have been playing together for 12 or 13 years, dating back to before elementary school.

"It's kind of a magical feeling, when you're just consistent and playing with guys for so long, you're consistent and everything just clicks," Warren said.

That connection helps keep the team up, but it might pay an extra dividend as their loaded schedule's teeth begin to bear in earnest. The Falcons went to Landon on April 8 and will travel to Broadneck on April 11, James W. Robinson (Virginia) on April 16, and South River on April 23.

It's a stretch that will really show the Falcons' mettle.

"We've got a tough schedule, going away, hostile environments, and we're looking forward to seeing how we can do in those situations. Playing against higher level teams is good for our program," Fish said. "Sometimes folks say, 'Oh yeah, Severna Park's good, but sometimes they don't play the best competition,' so if you get the chance to play teams like that, it's a good thing. I'm excited to see how it goes."

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National Lacrosse Association Eliminates Women’s Junior College Lacrosse Programs

AACC’s Program Is Discontinued After 21 Years And Three National Championships

By Kevin Murnane

For the last 21 seasons, excluding two years for COVID, Anne Arundel Community College (AACC) head women’s lacrosse coach **Jim Griffiths** prepared his talented teams for the rigors of the season of facing small four-year colleges and junior college teams from the lacrosse hotbeds of upstate New York.

Instead of passing and shooting drills this year, AACC’s practice fields are eerily quiet as the National Junior College Athletic Association (NJCAA) made the difficult decision last summer to halt the women’s lacrosse program nationwide.

“We never want to discontinue a sport,” NJCAA Assistant Vice President for Sports Governance **Rod Lovett** stated in a press release. “Unfortunately, we were not seeing growth in women’s lacrosse, and we are disappointed to curtail this sport.”

AACC Athletic Director Duane Herr said, “Because many four-year colleges were adding women’s lacrosse programs and recruiting the pool of players who may have attended junior colleges, many junior colleges stopped their programs, and we were having fewer and fewer teams to play.”

For comparison, in 2018, AACC played 19 regular season games plus a four-game postseason tournament. In 2024, AACC played nine regular season games while facing only three NJCAA opponents, playing home and away series, and one NCAA Division III team.

“It’s disappointing that the NJCAA is no longer sponsoring women’s lacrosse, however, it was inevitable,” Griffiths said.



Photo by Kevin Murnane
Anne Arundel Community College (AACC) head women’s lacrosse coach Jim Griffiths is proud of the program’s 215-68 record and three national championships during his 21 years at the college.

Griffiths began coaching in 2004 when the NJCAA recognized women’s lacrosse as a championship sport with regional and national tournaments. Since then, AACC has had an overall record of 215-68 and has celebrated three national championships. Those national titles were in 2006, 2007 and 2023. The college appeared in 15 national tournaments during those years, the most of any program in the country.

Broadneck graduate **Jenn Gappert Phelps** played on the first team led by Griffiths and then returned to coach at AACC from 2007-2018.

“It’s definitely an end of an outstanding era,” Phelps said. “Many of us didn’t receive scholarships coming out of high school, but by playing four-year schools and getting exposure to college scouts, we were able to secure scholarships to continue playing and get a degree.”

AACC scheduled games against numerous four-year colleges during their regular season. Those opponents included Pfeiffer University, Iona University, Presbyterian College, Lycoming College, Guilford College and Southern Connecticut State University.

Phelps was a JUCO All-American at AACC in two sports, soccer and lacrosse, and she played lacrosse at Pfeiffer University in North Carolina.

“Playing for coach Griffiths had a huge impact on my life, and he elevated my game to the next level so I could be offered a scholarship,” Phelps said. “I know two of my Broadneck teammates, **Kristen Kibler** and **Jenny Deans**, were also given scholarships to Pfeiffer after playing at AACC.”

Griffiths will miss coaching lacrosse and seeing his players go on to four-year schools, get their degrees and become successful adults.

“The great aspect of junior colleges is that it gives the student-athlete a chance to continue playing the sport they love and gain recognition from four-year schools that may offer them a scholarship,” Griffiths said. “Many players did not have the resources for an out-of-state tuition, but by playing a high-level of competition and national tournaments, they were noticed by numerous four-year schools.”

Griffiths also taught physical education and health at Bates Middle School for 37 years and continues to be AACC’s head women’s soccer coach.

“As I think back on all those seasons and the terrific and talented players I had, I recall the fun memories of the long bus rides, dinners and hotel stays, which bonded the players together,” Griffiths said. “For many of those road trips, we used the college’s large vans, and you sat very close to one another, so they told stories about their childhoods, played word games and had a constant flow of laughter.”

Phelps echoed those sentiments by stating, “I made lifelong friends at AACC, and I think about the bad facilities we played at during the early days, like playing on a baseball outfield at a junior college in New York. It was an amazing time.”

The players still have get-togethers and invite Griffiths so he can remain in touch with his players.

“It’s so good to see my players married, having families and being successful,” Griffiths said. “We won many national championships, but seeing my players happy is the biggest joy I receive.”

AACC has added two sports, women’s golf and women’s cross country, to try to offset the loss of lacrosse and to provide more opportunities for female student-athletes.



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Optimism Is Soaring For AACC's Golf Teams

Increased Popularity Of Golf Traces Back To COVID

By Kevin Murnane

Golf has had a dramatic rise in popularity among young athletes, and according to Anne Arundel Community College (AACC) men's golf coach **Dave O'Donnell**, the volume of new golfers is a silver lining to the COVID pandemic.

"These are COVID kids," O'Donnell said. "My players that I have this year were in middle school during the pandemic. They were looking to get out of the house, and golf was a game that was safe and could be played with their friends and parents."

O'Donnell has a record number of golfers on his men's team this year with 11 student-athletes. The first-year women's program has six golfers participating.

Both teams have been practicing since February, and during the cold and inclement weather, the programs have used the golf simulators at X-Golf in Pasadena to hone their skills in a climate-controlled facility. During good weather, the athletes use Severna Park Golf Center, and their home golf course is The Golf Club at South River.

The men's team has had two matches with Division III four-year colleges so far and has finished third during a match at Washington College and seventh in a match at Lebanon Valley College in Pennsylvania.

"This is the best team that I've had," said O'Donnell, who has been the head coach since 2022. "They have phenomenal potential, and they are driven to get better every day."

O'Donnell has three golfers from the Severna Park and Arnold area that he is counting on to make AACC competitive this year, with the goal of the team qualifying for the junior college national tournament in May.

Returning from last year's squad is Severna Park's



Photo by Kevin Murnane

AACC's men's golf team had a record turnout of 11 student-athletes this spring. The team includes (l-r) Arnold's Darren Hoffman and Severna Park's Tim Brophy and Will Maddox.

Tim Brophy, who has a handicap index of 0.5, which is equivalent to a "scratch golfer," meaning he shoots close to par for an 18-hole match.

"Tim is my best golfer and is incredibly consistent," O'Donnell said. "Tim is very good at all three phases of the game: driving, chipping and putting. The experience he gained from last year will really help him this year."

Another returning golfer from last year, Broadneck graduate **Darren Hoffman**, has improved by working on the mental side of the game and focusing on every shot.

"Darren has a tremendous upside," O'Donnell said. "Darren has all the tools to have a great season, and he shot a 73 (one over par) at the junior college district tournament in Tennessee last year."

Freshman golfer **Will Maddox** has traveled a unique road to get to AACC. Maddox played in the

National Junior Hockey League with stints for the El Paso Rhinos and Hampton Road Whalers as a goalie. Players in these leagues gain experience and exposure from colleges as they hope to gain scholarships.

"I just got burnt out playing hockey, and I've played golf since I was 5, and I like playing golf so much more," Maddox said. "In 2023, I really started to take golf much more seriously."

Maddox's strengths are his long-driving and putting skills. He averages about 300 yards per drive.

"Will hits the ball a mile," O'Donnell said. "His confidence is soaring now and he's a great story with changing sports and will only get better with experience."

AACC will have matches with several junior colleges in Maryland, Hagerstown, Carroll and Southern Maryland, before heading to the national junior college southeast district championship in late April in Bristol, Tennessee. If the team or individuals do well in the districts, they can qualify for the national junior college tournament in May in Plymouth, Indiana.

"Coach O'Donnell has been very excited about this group for a while," said AACC Athletic Director **Duane Herr**. "The goals are high, but we expect to compete well at districts and have the opportunity to participate as a team at nationals."

Herr is also excited about the new women's golf team, which had a great turnout for a first-year program.

"With this being our first year for the women's program, we're really working to establish a strong foundation for the future," Herr said.

Two of the golfers are student-athletes from other fall and winter sports who joined the team to add a competitive environment to the team.

"Our student-athletes have all shown great progress in improving their game," said AACC women's golf coach **Mike Rice**. "They are excited to compete in our three matches as well as in the district championships."

Green Hornets Wrestlers Take Down Opponents At States

By Judy Tacyn

Wrestling is one of the oldest sports in history. Two competitors use strength, technique and strategy to defeat each other. The sport requires both physical and mental toughness. Athletes must be strong, fast and strategic while enduring intense training.

Wrestlers also need discipline to manage their weight, maintain endurance, and compete with minimal breaks. The athletes learn that their bodies are more powerful than they could imagine.

Few understand the demands of wrestling better than Green Hornets wrestling coach **Jeff Eveleth**. Eveleth had outstanding wrestling careers in high school and at the University of Pennsylvania. After graduating from college in 2005, he returned to his alma mater, Chesapeake High School, where he stayed as the wrestling head coach for seven years. He started coaching for the Green Hornets in 2021, a full-circle moment as Eveleth was a Green

Hornets wrestler at age 5 under his father, Brian Eveleth Sr.

A decade ago, 52 youth were in Green Hornets wrestling, Greater Severna Park Athletic Association executive director **Josh Banks** shared. The 2017 season was cancelled due to low enrollment. **Tom Wheeler** took over as league commissioner in 2018 and the program has been growing ever since.

"More than 100 youth registered for the Green Hornets wrestling program this year, one of the largest enrollments in program history," Eveleth said. "Eight wrestlers qualified for the Maryland Junior (Wrestling) League state tournament, including **Daniel Morgan, Conrad Kuhn, Holden Rothenbecker, Grayson Terrill, Gabriella Gauthier, William Abboud, Nolan Lyons and J.D. Moran**."

Overall, Abboud finished first in the 120-pound class; Rothenbecker finished eighth in the 65-pound weight class; Kuhn finished sixth in the 60-pound weight class; Moran

finished sixth in the 190-pound weight class; and Lyons fifth in the 190-pound weight class. Eveleth said everyone wrestled with maximum effort to put five Hornets on the podium.

Some of the Green Hornets' strongest leaders are eighth-graders heading to high school next year. Eveleth said he has a strong core of young athletes who continue to get better every year and will no doubt take on leadership roles to ensure the success of the wrestling program next year and beyond.

"Severna Park High School is building their team and has some young talent that will hopefully do well in state tournaments in the next few years," Eveleth added. "They took two boys to the state tournament, with **Michael Queen** placing second. My goal for the Green Hornets is to build a strong wrestling team that can feed into the high school. We are preparing our boys and girls so they can step up to the high school level when they reach that point."

To better prepare his wrestlers for the tournament, Eveleth partnered with other Anne Arundel County Recreation and Parks athletic clubs to share space and provide practice matches. The state tournament takes place after the recreation program's season has ended, which causes space constraints against spring sports. The partnership allowed better preparation for all involved.

"The heart of our program is the kids themselves. Their enthusiasm, determination, and willingness to work hard inspire everyone around them," Wheeler added. "Watching these young athletes develop — not just as wrestlers but as confident, respectful and disciplined individuals — is what makes this program truly special. They bring an unmatched energy to the mat, supporting and pushing each other to be their best."

If kids are the heart of the program, Wheeler calls the coaches the backbone because they have created a positive and nurturing environment where young athletes can thrive.

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Former Severna Park Student Gives Back As A Coach

Hunter Roberts, a Severna Park High School class of 2021 graduate, and Jeremy Carr earned the Volunteer of the Month award from the Board of Education of Anne Arundel County in March. Roberts and Carr founded an after-school basketball program for students at Belle Grove Elementary School in Baltimore. Both men have dedicated countless hours coaching their team, the Belle Grove Bulldogs, since its inception in fall 2024. In that time, 17 young basketball players have had the opportunity to learn new skills, be part of a team, and play in Saturday games through the Anne Arundel County Department of Recreation and Parks. School administrators have noticed improved attendance, behavior and school pride among the players.



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Green Hornets Rec Basketball Champions

THIRD/FOURTH-GRADE (A BRACKET)

Champions: Wizards **Head Coach:** Tim Milauskas

This was a special season for the Wizards. Half of the team had never played organized basketball before and the other half had limited experience. "We focused on playing solid defense and getting rebounds," said head coach **Tim Milauskas**. "Every week, someone new stepped in to lead us in scoring, or rebounding, or playing great defense; everyone contributed to our success. We finished the season 10-0 because we played as a team, worked hard, and trusted one another. We couldn't be more proud of this group of boys!"



THIRD/FOURTH-GRADE (B BRACKET)

Champions: Spurs **Head Coach:** Jason Carlin

The Spurs' journey to success this season was a long and winding road. Their turning point came when the coaches delivered a game-changing lesson: Basketball isn't just about taking shots — it's about actually making them, and maybe even playing a little defense too.

"Once that clicked, it was a joy to watch the boys work hard, improve each week, and see their practice pay off on game day," said head coach **Jason Carlin**. "The team's chemistry was undeniable, as they encouraged each other throughout the season. The ultimate reward? The pure joy on their faces when the final buzzer sounded in the championship game."



FIFTH/SIXTH-GRADE (A BRACKET)

Champions: Magic **Head Coach:** Matt Briggs
Assistant Coaches: Craig Swanson and Bob Jones

The Magic won the fifth/sixth-grade championship title, thanks to a formidable defense that allowed the least number of points in the league. The win was the result of a collective team effort, with every player playing a vital role in the team's success. Their selflessness throughout the season created a strong, united team. The Magic excelled offensively as well, finishing at the top of the league in total points scored.

FIFTH/SIXTH-GRADE (B BRACKET)

Champions: Bucks **Head Coach:** Brian Wintermyer

As the saying goes, defense wins championships, and that was the case for the Bucks. The championship game saw the Bucks get rebounds, steals and numerous defensive stops. Contributions from every team member led to holding the opponent to 14 points, including zero points allowed in the second quarter. This was a theme carried throughout the season as the Bucks played in numerous one-score games, sealing victories with strong defensive efforts.



SEVENTH/EIGHTH-GRADE

Champions: Celtics **Head Coach:** Pete Buck

The Celtics showed great team chemistry throughout the season, according to head coach **Pete Buck**. "Every player contributed in the playoffs with either steals, rebounds, passes and/or points," Buck said. "A great team effort that led the Celtics to the championship!"



SCRUB LEAGUE

Champions: 76ers **Head Coach:** Lisa Decker

The Green Hornets' scrubs basketball league culminated its 2024-2025 season with its annual championship game, which featured the 76ers and the Raptors. Although ultimately victorious, the 76ers had a season that was far from smooth sailing. After losing two of their first four games, the squad posted an undefeated record for the remainder of the regular season.

The playoffs too came with adversity. An early loss to the Hawks put the 76ers just one game away from elimination. Still, the team did not shy away from a challenge, winning seven straight losers' bracket games to advance to the championship. In the end, after a back-and-forth contest in front of a rowdy crowd, the 76ers defeated the Raptors 45-37 and hoisted the championship banner, the second time in two years for players **Cayden Decker** and **Dammy Adepoju**.

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The Green Hornets 11U A select boys basketball team captured the county championship against the undefeated No. 1 seed, Monsignor Slade. The Hornets were led by the exceptional point guard play of **Wyatt Priem**, **James Dooley** and **Philip Norton**. The guards played shutdown defense, ran crisp offensive sets and had several key steals for layups. The Hornets dominated the glass on both sides of the court with the physical play of **Guy Massella Walker**, **Sullenger Martin**, **Sebastian Bethel** and **Leo Clary**. The Hornets' perimeter shooters had key 3's from behind the arch: **Everett Trevillian** sinking one in each half and **Cole Herring** splashing the go-ahead 3 with under two minutes left in the game. In the final moments, the team played with grit and composure, hitting key foul shots to secure the championship. It was a complete team victory with every player contributing to raising the trophy.



Severn Park 13U Green Team Wins County Title

The Severna Park 13U Green team capped their last year together with their second girls basketball county championship in the last three years. This group has also won multiple tournaments over the last few years including the MLK Day Tournament of Champions Classic and 413 Sports Presidents Day tournament this season. This year's squad included (back row, l-r) coach **Chris Locher**, coach **Mike Worthington** and (front row, l-r) **Ava Worthington**, **Elizabeth Locher**, **Delaney Jones**, **Layal Daniel**, **Riley Strom**, **Lola Phippen**, **Gianna Procaccini**, **Addy Doss**, **Scarlett Burrows** and (not pictured) **Sienna McPhee**.



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Boys U13 Green Team Wins Palm Beach Tournament

The Green Hornets boys 2012 soccer Green team won the U13 bronze division/blue division championship at the Palm Beach Gardens Classic in Florida during the weekend of March 8-9. To win the tournament, the boys overcame Strikers Miami FC, 5-4, in overtime on penalty kicks. The team was led by head coach **Ryan Parisi** and assistant coach **Reid Shaklee**.



FORCE Green Girls Soccer Team Wins Third Championship

The Severna Park U14 FORCE Green team has played in the Jefferson Cup, an exclusive nationwide tournament in Virginia, for the past three years. In that time, the girls soccer players have won two championships and made the finals in the other year, going 9-1-1 overall. During that stretch, the girls scored 27 goals and allowed only five. This year, they made the finals, but the game was canceled because of the potential for severe weather on March 16. As such, they shared the trophy with Baltimore Celtic. The team includes (front row, l-r) **Annie Bigelow, Grace Distler, Elizabeth Locher, Olivia Johnson, Kaitlyn Filo, Abby Tingler, Megan Williams** and (back row, l-r) **Amelia Doherty, Carlee Scott, Hunter Flynn, Layla Daniel, Kate Verrusio, Elena Martinez, Kaitlyn Williams, Emma Dooley and Lauryn Dix**.



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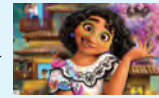
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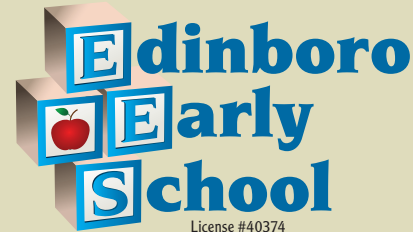
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Unified Performance Moves Audiences During “Rock ‘N’ Roll Revival XXXVI”

By Zach Sparks

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Contrary to the lyrics included in their performance of “Don’t Go Breaking My Heart,” Severna Park High School students did not cause any heartbreak during “Rock ‘N’ Roll Revival” in March. They provided a few heartwarming moments that brought auditoriums of people to their feet.

For the first time, special education students from the school’s Alternate Curriculum Classes (ACC) program got onstage during the annual show. Donning a variety of colored shirts and floral headbands, the students were paired with their peers outside ACC for a rendition of the song by Elton John and Kiki Dee.

They danced, they flashed peace signs, and they showcased a “disco finger” reminiscent of John Travolta’s in “Saturday Night Fever.”

When their last performance ended on March 22, the crowd responded with a roar and a standing ovation.

“It was really beautiful to see the community stand up,” said ACC teacher Noelle Cruder. “Some people don’t necessarily have a kid in the show, and they showed their support. It was waterworks everywhere.”

During the planning phase, performing arts students suggested that ACC should be part of this year’s event. Meetings followed, and Cruder recruited a nurse to attend shows and assist.



Photos by Zach Sparks

Above: Shelby Comboy (second from left) and William Leizear (second from right) stole the show with their dance moves. **Right:** Morgan Johnston got into the groove with a “disco finger” and by clapping.

Student Maddie Masone pitched the idea for the musical number, and she became particularly helpful with logistics and choreography.

“I have always watched or participated in ‘Rock ‘N’ Roll,’ and as someone with a younger brother with special needs, I always wondered why the ACC students were never included,” she said.

According to “Rock ‘N’ Roll Revival” producer Karah Parks, “Don’t Go Breaking My Heart” was intended to be part of the show originally, but it got cut because the drama program did not have the right inspiration or grouping.

“When ACC was brought into the show, it was the perfect song with so many different directions it could go in based on the students’ abilities,” Parks said.

Presented with the option to participate in “Rock ‘N’ Roll Revival,” ACC students did not miss a beat.

“If you ask these kids what they want to do, they only know what they have experienced,” Cruder said. “So, this provides a new opportunity.”

The kids practiced the routine in class with their “best buddies,” and Cruder tied the experience into the curriculum. The result? “The students all showed off their personalities and took on a light of their own,” Cruder said.

Fourteen students participated in the musical number. The non-ACC students volunteered because they wanted to support their ACC peers and be part of this new chapter of “Rock ‘N’ Roll Revival.”

“Every staff and cast member welcomed everyone with open arms and turned this into a magical experience for them,” Masone said. “Seeing their smiling faces being able to enjoy being onstage and performing as much as I do was amazing. Getting to experience the arts in such a unique community is such a special experience that they have gained. I am beyond grateful that I could be the stepping stone that is helping to create a lasting tradition full of inclusion and joy!”

Masone and other students have reached out and “bridged a friendship” with the ACC kids, Cruder said.

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Folger McKinsey Brings “Shrek The Musical Jr.” To Life



By Jaina Peveto

Folger McKinsey Elementary School students performed “Shrek The Musical Jr.” the weekend of March 21 to an audience of family, friends and fans.

“Shrek The Musical Jr.” is based on the film “Shrek” and tells the story of an ogre who agrees to save a princess so he can evict fairy tale creatures that were just forced to move into his swamp. Full of both humor and ro-

mance, the show turns the fairy tale genre on its head, as Shrek discovers that happily ever after is possible even for ogres.

The cast was made up of Folger McKinsey fourth- and fifth-graders, and being onstage wasn’t the only way students got involved. Stage and tech crews also involved students. The production presented opportunities for students to explore theater in the capacities that most interested them.

“I’m really proud of the hard work that they put in and proud of how consistent they were night after night doing this show,” said Andy Lawrie, the show’s music director.

Atticus Boidy, director of the production, explained that performing in the show was a new experience for many cast members. “The kids really work hard on something that a lot of them have never done before,” Boidy explained. “For a lot of the kids, this is

Photo courtesy of Alexis Oehling

Fourth- and fifth-graders at Folger McKinsey Elementary School — many of whom were new to theater — performed “Shrek The Musical Jr.” in late March.

the first time they’ve tried theater.”

The comedy of “Shrek The Musical Jr.” was one highlight of the show. Comedic timing from characters, such as Lord Farquaad and Donkey, had a lot of impact. Another high point for many members of both the cast and the audience was the song “I Think I Got You Beat.”

While the audience clapped for every song and scenes throughout the show received laughter, “I Think I Got You Beat” was seemingly the song that got the most laughs in the show. It was also a favorite moment for some of the actors, including Addie Oehling, who played Fiona.

In addition to getting to experience musical theater, the show also gave students a chance to bond with their classmates and work together to create something fun.

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Troop 918 Soars With Seven Elevated To Eagle Rank



Scout Troop 918 members (l-r) Cole Christesen, Aaron Morrison, Parker John, Cian Curtis, T.J. Laning, Eric Pham and Cooper Alahverdian (not pictured) recently attained the rank of Eagle Scout.

BY JUDY TACYN

To say that Scout Troop 918 is active would be an understatement. This school year, under the direction of Scoutmaster Chip Bulgin, the troop has elevated seven Scouts to the rank of Eagle. Since the inception of the rank in 1911, it is estimated that only 4% to 6% of Scouts nationally go on to earn the rank. The young men of Troop 918 of Our Shepherd Lutheran Church recently shared details about their journey to scouting’s highest rank. For more information about Scout Troop 918, email Scoutmaster Chip Bulgin at chip.bulgin@comcast.net.

COOPER ALAHVERDIAN

Senior, Severna Park High School

Court Of Honor: November 30, 2024

Eagle Scout Project: Dismantled unusable fire pit at Colchester on the Severn community beach and installed a new one.

Reflections On Scouting: “The most important lesson I learned from scouting was resilience. At the bottom of an

11,000-foot mountain, you can feel overwhelmed and doubt your abilities. Halfway through the climb, you may feel even more discouraged and fatigued. But when we reached the summit of Mount Phillips on Philmont Scout Ranch in New Mexico, I realized that struggle was worth every second. This experience motivates me to stay disciplined in other areas of my life, which in turn has grown me into a better man.”

AARON MORRISON

Senior, Severna Park High School

Court Of Honor: November 30, 2024

Eagle Scout Project: Installed a meditation garden at Temple Beth Shalom synagogue in Arnold, including a plaque dedicated to the victims of the October 7, 2023, Hamas attack in Israel.

Reflections On Scouting: “I came up with the idea for the meditation gar-

den immediately after the attack, and I assessed that my community, especially the Jewish community, needed a place to heal and pray because of all of the tension and war in Israel. Through scouting, I’ve learned that life isn’t about the destination; it’s about the journey. Cherish every moment and know that the process is just as special, valuable and important as the end-goal itself.”

ERIC PHAM

Senior, Glen Burnie High School

Court Of Honor: February 1, 2025

Eagle Scout Project: Planned and facilitated a diverse repertoire of a musical recital/concert at The Sheridan at Severna Park, an assisted living facility, giving the residents a chance to connect with community

members, scouts and musicians, and enjoy snacks, refreshments and cards handmade by the Scouts.

Reflections On Scouting: “I plan to apply the skills and values of scouting into my everyday life with my daily interactions with others. Growing as a person requires you to exit your comfort zone, physically, emotionally and socially.”

T.J. LANING

Sophomore, Chesapeake High School

Court Of Honor: January 4, 2025

Eagle Scout Project: Repaired or built new cabinets, shelving and counter

space in Pasadena United Methodist Church’s food pantry.

Reflections On Scouting: “I plan to continue to stay involved with scouting until I go to college, then possibly help lead a troop after college.”

COLE CHRISTESEN

Senior, Severna Park High School

Court Of Honor: December 14, 2024

Eagle Scout Project: After the Our Shepherd Lutheran Church sign was replaced, Scouts leveled the ground, built a retaining wall, added a small garden area, and created a paver path from the sign to church.

Reflections On Scouting: “The best skill I gained in scouting is leadership. Serving as a senior patrol leader at a relatively young age helped prepare me well for future leadership. I found I gained a lot of valuable skills in leading those who I consider to be my peers, which led me to excel in other leadership positions, like serving as editor-in-chief of my school’s yearbook.”

PARKER JOHN

Senior, Severna Park High School

Court Of Honor: December 14, 2024

Eagle Scout Project: Led construction of two gazebos to provide picnic table coverage at Lake Waterford Park’s playground.

Reflections On Scouting: “The most important lesson I learned from scouting is perseverance. No matter the mental or physical challenge, if you set your mind to something, you can accomplish it ... no matter what. You may not know your boundaries, but you can keep pushing forward, learning from your experiences, and finding success. Teamwork does make the dream work. The people I enjoyed scouting with know that teamwork is crucial for success.”

CIAN CURTIS

Senior, Archbishop Spalding High School

Court Of Honor: March 16, 2025

Eagle Scout Project: At Maryland Therapeutic Riding — created a sensory station of small doors with horseshoes, including photos and information on the horses who wear the shoes; refurbished beanbag toss station; and repainted other areas.

Reflections On Scouting: “I decided on Maryland Therapeutic Riding because I firmly believe in their mission: connect human and horse to help conquer physical, developmental, and emotional challenges and improve the quality of life of children, adults, active military and veterans with special needs. Through scouting, I’ve gained self-confidence as I learned to hold myself accountable always.”

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Educator Of The Month

Stephanie Earley Broadneck Elementary School



Photo by Zach Sparks

For 10 years, Stephanie Earley has taught at Broadneck Elementary School near her hometown of Cape St. Claire.

By Zach Sparks

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Just like her students at Broadneck Elementary School, kindergarten teacher Stephanie Earley never stops learning.

She cited an example from a recent lesson when children asked about the location of a Canadian town, one that Earley then had to research online.

"It shows that they're really thinking," Earley said of her students. "That's why I feel that I learn something new every day."

Earley has taught at Broadneck Elementary for 10 years and in education overall for 20 years, covering kindergarten and the first, second and third grades. But teaching was not always the plan.

She considered a career in advertising while attending the University of South Carolina. Ultimately, she wanted to be closer to home. Earley grew up in Cape St. Claire and played volleyball at Broadneck High School.

Her first teaching gig came alongside her sister, a fellow educator.

"I really love kids, and it's a good job when having a family," said Earley, who has three kids — a daughter in eighth grade, a daughter in fifth grade and a son in first grade.

"The rewards and growth you see in your students will overshadow any difficult times or trials you can overcome ... It's one of the most rewarding jobs you can have."

— STEPHANIE EARLEY

Her husband is a Capitol Police officer and K9 technician, so her 20 students love hearing about the family's three dogs.

Whether they are planning to learn about dogs or history, Broadneck Elementary kindergartners always come to school with enthusiasm.

"They are just fun," Earley said. "They are little sponges, and they absorb everything that is said. I always wake up and am ready to see them and get hugs from them."

"Each classroom is like a little family and they think about you," she added, noting that students often bring her cards.

That positivity continues throughout that day, regardless of the difficulty of that day's schedule.

"Kids rise to the occasion," Earley said. "Our curriculum right now is really rigorous, but my kindergartners are loving it and I'm loving it. They're learning about photosynthesis, the Mayflower and Native American tribes."

When it comes to her teaching style, Earley likes to incorporate movement. "If we're learning about a topic, (the kids) might need a brain break," she said. "Like we were learning about pollination and about bees, so we started acting like bees and flapping our wings."

Broadneck is a great community with a supportive parent-teacher organization, she emphasized. The school is active with events including a fun run in the fall and spring fling, which Earley compared to a talent show.

"It's a kids showcase ... you get to see all these kids on pogo sticks with lacrosse sticks throwing back and forth," she said as one example. "They're so talented."

Although teaching can be challenging, Earley would recommend it as a career.

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Financial Literacy Week At SPHS: “Money Grows On Skills, Not Trees!”



Freshmen Bradley Vaught, Peter Anderson and Brody Clark participated in lunchtime trivia.

During Financial Literacy Week, March 10-14, Severna Park High School (SPHS) engaged students in a series of informative events to promote financial literacy. Sponsored by the Signature Program: Business, Innovation & Leadership in collaboration with the school’s Integrated Community Stakeholders Team (ICST), the week was packed with activities designed to give students the tools they need to make informed financial decisions.

The week kicked off with a trivia contest, where classes competed in a live event and brought their answers to the office for a random drawing. Laura Greenlee and Brigid Harrington’s advisory classes were the lucky winners.

On Tuesday, a panel discussion featured industry experts including James Henson Jr., owner of Henson & Associates; Joanna Kouvaras, certified public accountant and tax consultant; and Ryan Thompson, senior wealth advisor at Wilmington Trust. The panel covered budgeting, taxes and investing. Throughout the week, follow-up sessions offered students hands-on, activity-based learning, including practical lessons like filling out a W4 form.

Thursday’s session on investing with Thompson was heavily attended with 24 “Financial Falcons” there to learn about how to invest and grow their money. Ragnhild Erdely’s Algebraic Apps classes also gained valuable insights from guest lessons, including Matt Wyble’s session on “Building Credit from Scratch” and M&T Bank’s overview of “Banking Basics.”

On Wednesday evening, the community was invited to attend Financial Family Night, which covered college costs, trade certifications, and military options. The Signature Program partnered with AVID, and together, students developed informational trifolds linking finance and business majors to the colleges and universities that offer them, as well as the career opportunities associated with those degrees and certifications. The week concluded with lunchtime trivia on Friday, hosted by Henson, as students answered questions about dollar bills to win prizes. A total of 569 students took part in the week’s activities, making it a resounding success.

Severna Park High School Signature Site Facilitator Annie Houghton called Financial Literacy Week a great week for volunteers and students.

“Teaching financial literacy is so important,” Houghton said. “When high school students are financially literate, they have the essential foundation for a smart relationship with money. It’s important to start early as it can help start a lifelong journey of learning about the financial aspects of life. The earlier you start to become financially literate, the better off you’ll be because education is the key to a successful financial future.”

“Through these activities, students gained valuable knowledge that will set them on a path toward financial success.”

Applications Being Accepted For Military Service Award

The Board of Education of Anne Arundel County is now accepting applications for the 2025 Military Service Award in honor of Candace C.W. Antwine. This initiative is designed to provide assistance to Anne Arundel County Public Schools (AACPS) students who enlist in the military after graduation.

The monetary awards are given each spring in honor of Antwine, a Navy veteran who served on the Board of Education from 2018 until her death in 2021, to Anne Arundel County Public Schools students who have made a similar commitment by enlisting to serve in the United States military upon graduation. Awards assist recipients with initial expenses related to enlisting, including uniforms and basic training supplies, and aim to remove

financial barriers to military service.

“Those who serve our great country give so much, and the board firmly believes it is fitting that we, in Ms. Antwine’s honor and memory, do what we can to help them do that,” said board member Dawn Pulliam, who chairs the award committee. “Many of these expenses would otherwise be deducted from an enlistee’s paycheck, so this is a way to provide them with support right from the outset.”

Applications for this year’s award can be found online at www.aacps.org/serviceaward. The deadline to apply is April 21.

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Question of the month

Each month, the Severna Park Voice poses a question to a fifth-grade class. This month, students from Mrs. Smearman's class at St. John the Evangelist School answered the question:

If you had your own airplane, where would you go and what would you do there?

If I had an airplane, I would go to Italy to enjoy the incredible food because it is fresh and they don't use pesticides.

Alan S.

If I had my own airplane, I would fly to Jeju Island in South Korea. I would visit their cafés with delicious pastries and hike to see their waterfalls.

Bellie C.

I would go to Singapore because I would be able to see the city and try the interesting foods.

Ben N.

I would go to the Jordan River with my family and learn about where Jesus was baptized.

Bradley G.

I would go to Bethlehem to see the town where Jesus was born, and to

ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST



Jerusalem to see Calvary Hill.

Brooke O.

If I had my own airplane, I would go to ancient Greece to see the sculptures and buildings that people built.

Catherine T.

I would go to Jerusalem to learn about Jesus and to strengthen my faith.

Claire M.

I would like to see Italy with my family and visit the amazing landmarks, eat the food, and explore the place my family's heritage is from.

Dominic C.

If I could go anywhere, I would travel to Hawaii to scuba dive in the clear blue water and watch the beautiful sunset from the beach.

Eden G.

If I had an airplane, I would go to Ukraine to help the people who are struggling.

Ella D.

If I had my own airplane, I would fly to South Sudan, bring a lot of teachers, and help with education and food.

Ellie K.

I would go to Paris to stand on the Eiffel Tower and see the view up high, and to see all the city lights at night because Paris is called the "City of Lights."

Elliot W.

I would go to Egypt to see the Great Pyramids. I would also teach the people about God.

Grant S.

If I had an airplane, I would fly to South America because I would like to explore their rainforest.

Jacob B.

I would like to go to Jacksonville, Florida, with my family because I have not seen my aunt or cousin for two years.

Juliet A.

I would fly my airplane to the

Warriors' stadium with my family and play with the team. I would sit courtside and watch them play and bring others with me so that they could experience an NBA game.

Kane N.

I would go to Alaska to see the beautiful animals and the mountains. I want to watch the northern lights.

Kate W.

I would go to the Niseko Ski Resort in Japan for a one-month ski trip with my family. I would try the different foods and see the museums to learn about the history of Japan.

Killian G.

I would go to Italy to see where some of my family is from. I would also visit churches and see the artwork there.

Lyla G.

If I had my own airplane, I would travel to Paris. I would try their pastries, such as chocolate crois-

sants, and visit the Eiffel Tower.

Madelyn G.

I would take my family to South Korea to try their foods because I've heard many good things about their food.

Maya S.

If I had my own airplane, I would go see the Jesus statue in Rio with my grandfather so we could have one last big trip together.

Margie C.

If I had my own airplane, I would fly to Africa and teach kids how to surf.

Mona E.

I would like to go to the grotto in Lourdes, France, where Our Lady appeared to Bernadette. I would also like to see the Eiffel Tower when it lights up.

Nicoletta C.

If I had my own airplane, I would go to Paris to see the Notre Dame Cathedral that just reopened.

Paolo P.

I would travel to Denmark to learn all about how LEGOs are made and engineered.

Peter S.

I would go to Europe to visit Notre Dame.

Sadie B.

If I had my own airplane, I would fly to Mexico and pick up all the stray dogs and take care of them.

Sloan S.

If I had an airplane, I would go to Rome to see the ancient structures.

Stone G.

If I had my own airplane, I would fly to Barcelona. I'd fly there for the football, beautiful sights and sports.

Tugg G.

I would fly to Burundi, South Africa, and bring clothes, food and water. I would tell the people to pray to God for help when they needed it.

Wynne B.

Kids Can Discover Hidden Treasures At Local Easter Egg Hunts

This year, Easter falls on Sunday, April 20, and churches and community organizations across town plan to host Easter egg hunts in the days leading up to the holiday. Grab an empty basket and check out these fun events in the greater Severna Park area for kids to hunt for hundreds of eggs filled with small treats and treasures.

EASTER JOURNEY

Severna Park Baptist Church

Saturday, April 12, 11:00am-1:00pm

Families are invited to walk through interactive stations to learn about Holy Week, or the week that leads up to Easter Sunday each year, at Severna Park Baptist Church. Kids can also enjoy crafts, an outdoor bounce house, photos with the Easter Bunny, and of course, an Easter egg hunt for various age groups. Food will be available for purchase as a fundraiser for a youth summer missions camp. In the event of rain, the Easter Journey will be held indoors.

www.spbcm.com/events

EASTER EGG HUNT

Kinder Farm Park

Saturday, April 12, 1:00pm-3:00pm

Children ages 8 and under can enjoy Easter egg hunts organized by age group, meet the Easter Bunny, and visit with friendly farm animals at the Friends of Kinder Farm Park's annual Easter egg hunt. Online pre-registration is required for one of four egg hunt start times — 1:00pm, 1:30pm, 2:00pm or 2:30pm — and the cost is \$8 per child. The hunt will be held rain or shine, and gate fees do apply for entering the park.

www.kinderfarmpark.org

EASTER SPLASH

Severna Park Community Center

Friday, April 18, 6:00pm-7:00pm

Putting a unique twist on a beloved tradition, the Severna Park Community Center will host an in-water Easter

egg hunt with toys and treats. The Easter Bunny will be in attendance for some egg-stra special fun. Activities for swimmers ages 6 and under will take place in the SPCC's therapy pool, and swimmers ages 7 and older will hunt for treasures in the main pool. The cost is \$13 per person.

www.spcommunitycenter.org/family-fun-community-events

EASTER BREAKFAST & EGG HUNT

Saints Baptist Church

Saturday, April 19, 9:00am-11:00am

Families can enjoy breakfast, photos with the Easter Bunny, a classic egg hunt and giveaways at Saints Baptist Church's Easter breakfast and egg hunt. The event is free, but registration is required and can be found on Eventbrite via the events tab on the church's Facebook page. Saints Baptist Church gathers at the Severna Park Elks Lodge, where the egg hunt will take place.

www.facebook.com/saintschurchmd

EASTER EGGSTRAVAGANZA

Severna Park United Methodist Church

Saturday, April 19, 9:00am-11:00am

Bring your baskets and come prepared for a great time celebrating Easter weekend with an egg hunt, games, crafts and snacks at Severna Park United Methodist Church.

www.severnaparkumc.org/events

EASTER EGG HUNT

St. John the Evangelist

Saturday, April 19, 9:30am-11:30am

Kids ages 10 and under can grab their baskets and their friends to collect goodies at St. John the Evangelist's annual Easter egg hunt. A fun time of games and crafts will begin at 9:30am, followed by the egg hunt at 10:00am. The Easter Bunny will make a special appearance at the event, and refreshments will be available.

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Students Excel During SkillsUSA Championship

(L-R) Solomon Nkongolo earned an honorable mention for pin design while Jackson Morton got silver and Ryan Fleishman finished with bronze, both for technical computer applications.



(L-R) Ty Miller, Ryan Jamison and Brody Stavrevski earned gold for career pathways: business.

Severna Park High School competed in the SkillsUSA Maryland state championships on March 28-29 in Carroll County. Gold medalists have qualified to attend the national leadership and skills conference in Atlanta, Georgia, from June 23-27.

SkillsUSA is a workforce development organization that prepares students for trade, technical and service jobs.

Congratulations to the medalists, who topped their respective competitions:

GOLD

Ryan Jamison — Career Pathways: Business

Ty Miller — Career Pathways: Business

Brody Stavrevski — Career Pathways: Business

Emilie McKenna — American Spirit

Gabrielle McKenna — American Spirit

Victoria McKenna — American Spirit
Holly Braughton — Entrepreneurship
Jackson DuPee — Entrepreneurship
Evie Elder — Entrepreneurship
Cody Gleason — Entrepreneurship
Tiiu Nomm — Entrepreneurship

SILVER

Michael Pastine — Chapter Display
Brady Smith — Chapter Display
Candace Williams — Chapter Display
Parker Carroll — Community Action
Nyla Chestnut — Community Action
Brooke Barnes — Community Service
Grace Lopez — Community Service
Kendall Williams — Community Service
Jackson Morton — Technical Computer Applications

BRONZE

Covenant Akinremi — Community Service

Angelica Coleman — Community Service

Addie Faust — Community Service

Ryan Fleishman — Technical

Computer Applications

HONORABLE MENTION

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Nate Jerdal — Employment Application

Solomon Nkongolo — Pin Design

Laurel Coard — Promotional Bulletin Board

Abby MacRobbie — Promotional Bulletin Board

Caroline Were — Promotional Bulletin Board

Stella Nardone — Prepared Speech

Kenzie Glasgow — Related Technical Math

"Shrek The Musical Jr."

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"Being with my friends in my first play, getting an awesome opportunity," was Jocelyn Casciano's favorite aspect of participating in the production. Jocelyn played the dragon.

Violet Edwards, who played Shrek, said, "All the silly things they had in the show, that's what made it really fun."

Each actor knew their lines and was confident about what they were supposed to do onstage. No one shied away from leaning into their character's personality. From leads to ensemble, each cast member was important to the show, with some ensemble members playing multiple roles.

The parents and staff were clearly just as excited about the show as the students. "The support is incredible, and we're lucky to have it," Boidy said. "It's a great program here."

Though many of the students were new to musical theater, it was clear that they gave it their all. The classic story and the cast and crew's passion for the show made it a joy to watch.

"I'm really hoping they continue with all this," Lawrie said. "I think they've learned a lot through this process."

SPHS is looking for local businesses to sponsor its team. Interested businesses can contact Severna Park High School SkillsUSA co-advisor Roxanne Angerer at rangerer@aacps.org or 410-544-0900. "We are self-funded, so communication and collaboration with our local businesses will be essential to ensuring these students have every opportunity to go and experience this amazing opportunity," Angerer said.

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Children's Book Educates About Plight Of Endangered Tern

By Judy Tacyn

Prolific author Jennifer Keats Curtis has released her 27th book, entitled "Return of the Terns: How Scientists Are Saving Island Birds." The illustrated kids' nonfiction book details how and why experts are creating artificial habitats for migrating birds because their normal summer place, a small island off the Maryland coast, has washed away.

Fourteen birds are on Maryland's list of endangered animals, with loss of habitat due to sea level rise and erosion of their habitats as the primary causes. Keats Curtis' latest children's book tells the real-life story of Maryland's common tern, one of the most endangered colonial nesting waterbirds on that list, and what scientists are doing to bring the migratory birds back to Maryland.

A Severna Park High School graduate, Keats Curtis works with biologists, environmental specialists, herpetologists, and animal care specialists to research and write her books. Not only will people read about the tern's story in "Return of the Terns: How Scientists Are Saving Island Birds," but locals will soon be able to see the newest habitat raft after it's towed to a location off Assateague Island in time for migrating birds to use as their summer getaway.

The tern raft, a partnership between the Maryland Department of Natural Resources, Audubon Mid-Atlantic, and Maryland Coastal Bays Program (MCBP), is a 48-by-48-inch floating island built to temporarily



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replace the island where common terns once summered. The raft was built by MCBP scientists and volunteers and will be towed to a spot not far from where their island once was.

"I'm excited to help kids understand how Maryland scientists are saving these birds from being 'locally extinct.' With this book, I want kids to understand what happens when a migrating animal faces habitat loss and how MCBP worked together to save them from local extinction," Keats Curtis said. "Kids relate to

animals, saving animals, and this raft. When I talk with them, they are already thinking of ideas to improve it. I think it's important for them to think about that."

The latest tern raft isn't the first. MCBP states on its website that the initial year of the project had an immediate impact. A tern raft was "successfully used for nesting by 23 pairs of common terns, making it the largest breeding colony of this species in the coastal bays in 2021." In 2022, that season ended with 155

common terns nests, 181 chicks banded, 91 adults banded, and at least 140 fledglings, which the program called "a very nice boost."

Though her latest book focuses on the tern, Keats Curtis reminds readers to be kind to their animal friends on land and at sea. The Chesapeake Bay and Maryland coastline provide habitats

for thousands of land- and sea-life animal species. Humans can do their part to protect all animal neighbors by obeying posted signs in and around parks, shores and islands.

"If you see posted signs that animals are using sandy areas as habitat, please heed those signs!" Keats Curtis emphasized. "Many birds who nest in or near the sand lay eggs that are well camouflaged and can easily be missed and crushed."

The same is true for grassy, swampy areas along shorelines.

For more information about the tern raft project, go to www.mdcoastalbays.org/the-programs/nesting-platform.

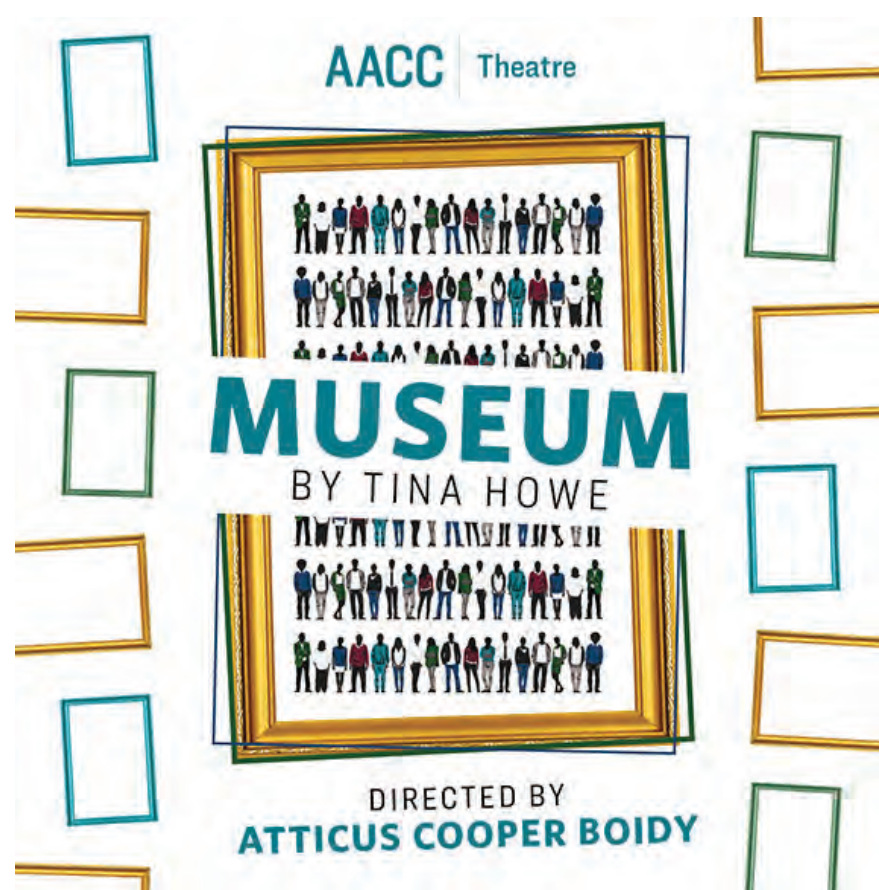
To learn more about Keats Curtis or her books, or to schedule a presentation at a school or community organization, go to www.arbordalepublishing.com and select the "books" tab or email jenniferkeatscurtis@verizon.net.

AACC Theatre To Present "Museum" April 11-19

This month, Anne Arundel Community College (AACC) Theatre will present Tina Howe's "Museum," an absurdist contemporary comedy set in a modern art exhibit. The show depicts museum visitors and their relationships and interactions with one another and the exhibit itself, wherein an artistic secret may or may not be concealed. Audiences will be graced by the visitations of over 40 unique and double-cast characters, including art lovers, skeptics, critics, students, artists, tourists and museum guards.

Atticus Cooper Boyd is directing the show. The cast includes Cameron Ashley, Aryana Chamberlain, Olivia Comeau, Dean Cottrill, Zaura Denton, James Reed Estep, Eliza Geib, Angela Germanos, Ray Jung, Dylan Klebahn, Shannon McElwee, Jana Naylor, Meridian Toalepai, Cameron Walker, Nyla Waskiewicz, Kestrel Watson and Robin Whewell.

The design team for "Museum" includes Sean Urbantke (production manager), Aurora Bricker-Hofmann (stage manager), Maggie Cunningham (lighting designer and stage



manager advisor), Gabby Bly (set designer), Michelle Hickman (costume designer), Steven Ney (sound designer), Stephanie Condon (sound design advisor), Kendra Reese (props artisan and props coordinator) and Liz Fall (marketing and social media assistant). The crew includes Andrew Agner-Nichols, Kage Burnside, Olivia Comeau, James Comstock, Sharnita James, Shannon McElwee, Martine McGinnis-Tingel, Caleb Rassofsky, Ramsey Shafea, Kyle Shehade and Wes Traverson.

AACC's "Museum" will run April 11-19, with shows on Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays at 7:30pm, and a 2:00pm Sunday matinee followed by a public talkback on April 13. Performances will take place in the Robert E. Kauffman Theater, Pascal Center for the Performing Arts, at AACC's Arnold campus.

General admission is \$20, with discounts for AACC staff, faculty, seniors, active military and students with a valid ID. Tickets can be purchased through boxoffice@aacc.edu, by calling 410-777-2457, or on Eventbrite.



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"Snow White" Is An Uninspiring Remake

By James Buxton

"Snow White," Disney's latest live-action barrel scraping, has been on the receiving end of a disproportionate amount of bad press over the preceding weeks and months. An ill-advised dip into the audience reviews for the movie on IMDb would reveal tens of thousands of identical one-star reviews, all seemingly written by bots or AI in an effort to discredit the film as one of the worst films put to screen since the dawn of cinema. These reviews are unfair and oftentimes based on nothing more than mob mentality, and they are a firm reminder of just how toxic some corners of the internet can be.

Much of that ire seems directed at Disney for reasons unrelated to the narrative elements of the film. These nonsense complaints, often surrounding the casting of lead actress Rachel Zegler, are presumably all written by people who haven't seen the film, as anyone made to sit through the 109 minutes would know that there are countless actual reasons to dislike this movie.

To list what works about "Snow White" is a short task but one that feels necessary. At the core of it all is Rachel Zegler, who manages to salvage a three-star per-



Photo courtesy of Walt Disney Studios

Rachel Zegler plays the lead role of Snow White in the new adaptation.

formance out of sub-one-star material. Even when everything around her seems held together by nothing but aggressive corporate oversight, she's able to inject a hint of something that resembles artistic expression. She deserves better than what she's given and in an ideal world would have flourished in something closer in quality to 2017's "Beauty and the Beast."

Beyond Zegler, there's little to keep "Snow White" from occupying the bottom rung of the live-action Disney ranking. The setting looks bland and unrealistic — there's rarely a scene where the movie doesn't look like actors on a poorly lit soundstage. Costumes look unconvincing at best and like cheap fancy dress at worst, with designs somehow failing to replicate the original or feel unique simultaneously. It's visually unappealing from the word go and only gets worse from there.

The controversy surrounding the seven

dwarfs, who were quietly dropped from the title of the film long before release, is a long and tiring story that benefits no one. What resulted is a near-total overhaul of their appearance and role in the story, leading to some of the ugliest CGI characters ever put to screen.

The most glaring issue with "Snow White" stems from the fact that it's trying to recreate details of a film from 1937 while still appealing to a 2025 audience. The original "Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs" hasn't aged brilliantly, not just in terms of social progress but in how a story is told onscreen. Attempting to balance the key elements of a 90-year-old story for children with modern narrative standards leaves a final product that feels both incredibly dated and deeply cynical.

By trying to preserve the sincerity of "true love's kiss" between exposition dumps and explanations for everything from Snow White's hairstyle to why

Dopey doesn't talk, the final product somehow achieves the double bogey of having no faith in the material it's trying to celebrate. It's not an easy task to obfuscate the evil queen's outdated obsession with beauty in a story so reliant on that jealousy, but "Snow White" attempts it regardless, failing spectacularly in the process.

Speaking of the evil queen, Gal Gadot delivers an all-time villain performance, though likely not in the way she expected. She is comically bad in the role, often eliciting laughter from an audience of mostly children and bored parents whenever she attempts a serious tone. She brings nothing to an already one-dimensional role, and when paired with one of the movie's few stars who can act, she feels wholly out of place.

"Snow White" is a movie cursed by its own inevitability. When Disney began remaking its animated back catalogue a decade ago, it was clear that "Snow White," the first feature that started it all, would be somewhere along the production line. On top of being a shallow copy of the original, it's also an artless, soulless rework of every remake that came before. Every character, including Snow White, comes across as reimagined or invented by a committee of people determined to appeal to the widest, least defined audience imaginable.

Ultimately, all that leaves is a bad movie without a hint of identity; the only thing memorable is what doesn't work, and there's so much there that it's barely notable for that. Songs are forgotten before they've even finished, and despite a budget of well over \$200 million, it's the cheapest a Disney product has ever felt.

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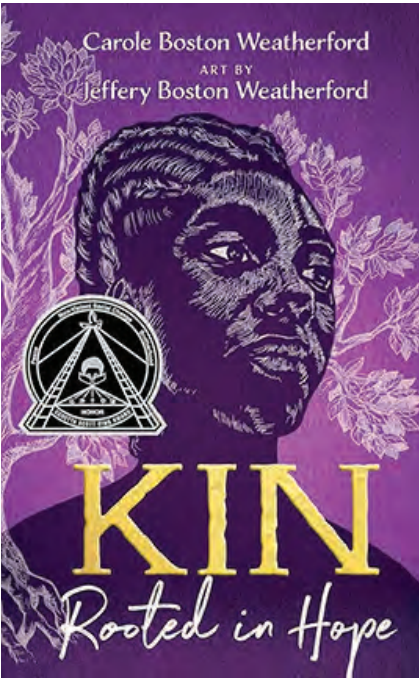
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One Maryland One Book Selection For 2025 Announced



“Kin: Rooted in Hope” is a poetry collection and a mother-son collaboration on a family saga dating back to colonial Maryland.



Maryland Humanities has picked “Kin: Rooted in Hope” by Carole Boston Weatherford as the 2025 One Maryland One Book selection. The poetry collection from the Maryland author includes art by Jeffery Boston Weatherford.

A combination of history, art and personal genealogy depicts the author’s search for her family tree, which leads her to ancestors who were some of Maryland’s founders. Through art and poetic voice, Carole and Jeffery Boston Weatherford impart their family’s lives and offer a view into Maryland’s African American history.

“‘Kin: Rooted in Hope’ is a family affair, a mother-son collaboration on a family saga dating back to colonial Maryland,” Carole Boston Weatherford said. “‘Kin’ conjures the past, reclaims lost ancestral narratives, and brings us to the realization that knowing your history is generational wealth.

“As a Marylander, I am so proud that ‘Kin’s’ selection as the 2025 One Maryland One Book will further amplify our ancestors’ voices,” she continued. “Their story of bondage and freedom — a history shared by many African Americans — is the American story.”

The collection weaves the personas of the Weatherfords’ ancestors, from experiences on the Wye House plantation in Talbot County through the Civil War and into the 20th century. Maryland locations feature prominently in the book, many the subject of their own poems, including the Chesapeake Bay, the port of Oxford, Fort McHenry and the Wye River, where the Wye House plantation sits.

“Kin: Rooted in Hope” is a Coretta Scott King Honor Book and a Boston Globe-Horn Book Award winner. A selection committee consisting of Maryland teachers, scholars, librarians, writers, booksellers and community workers chose the book for One

Maryland One Book under the theme of “What We Collect/What We Tell.”

Maryland Humanities looks forward to staging programming that invites readers to explore histories of African Americans, of Maryland, and their families. Maryland Humanities will announce its 2025 author tour details this summer. A calendar of free public events, including the annual author tour and VIP reception, will be available online. To keep up with this year’s One Maryland One Book, follow @mdhumanities on all social media platforms, sign up for the literature newsletter, or with a monthly donation, become a Humanities Hero and receive special OMOB perks.

“I couldn’t be more excited about ‘Kin: Rooted in Hope’ as our 2025 One Maryland One Book pick,” said Lindsey Baker, CEO of Maryland Humanities. “This book does exactly what our theme asks of us — it pieces together history, memory, and loss to reclaim stories that deserve to be told. Carole Boston Weatherford and Jeffery Boston Weatherford don’t just bring the past to life; they remind us why it matters today. With deep Maryland roots, ‘Kin’ is a powerful, moving, and necessary read, and I can’t wait for people across the state to experience it.”

Carole Boston Weatherford recently received the 2025 Children’s Literature Legacy Award from the American Library Association. She holds a Newbery Honor and Non-fiction Award from the Children’s Book Guild.

One Maryland One Book is a program of Maryland Center for the Book at Maryland Humanities, presented in partnership with the National Endowment for the Humanities and Howard County Library System. One Maryland One Book 2024 is sponsored by the Institute of Museum and Library Services via the Maryland State Library Agency, and other funders that may be announced later.

Motherhood Unfiltered: Suzy Shaw’s Guide For Moms Of Boys

By Lauren Burke Meyer

Parenthood. It’s the hardest job on the planet. Thankfully, professional storyteller Suzy Shaw is giving us all permission to be “highly mediocre parents.”

This is just one of the many helpful themes in Shaw’s newly authored book, “Mothers of Boys Survival Guide: Funny Adventures and Tested Advice on Raising Happy, Independent Boys.”

The Arnold resident and mom of two grown boys explained, “I think our culture of social media and ‘keeping up with the Joneses’ has made mothering very judgmental.”

So, Shaw wanted to share the adventures in raising her boys, appropriately nicknamed Earnest and Exuberance, in an authentic way so other moms could relate, laugh and possibly pick up tips. She shares her story and lessons learned in the way a good friend or older sister would.

Published by Archway and just under 180 pages, the quick read for busy moms has original illustrations inspired by the “Calvin and Hobbes” comic strip. No topic for mothering boys is off limits. Shaw takes on the birds and the bees, cussing guidelines, the death wish stage, and so much more with honesty, humor and grace.

“It’s guaranteed to make the reader laugh out loud,” Shaw said.

New moms will find it a helpful resource as they begin to figure it out. Mothers “in the thick of it,” as Shaw calls it, will appreciate that the journey is bumpy, that they aren’t alone, and to keep their sense of humor. It will remind moms who’ve launched kids of their forgotten adventures.

While the book is geared toward moms of boys, mothers of daughters will also find many helpful nuggets from Shaw. She reminds her readers often to be kind to themselves.

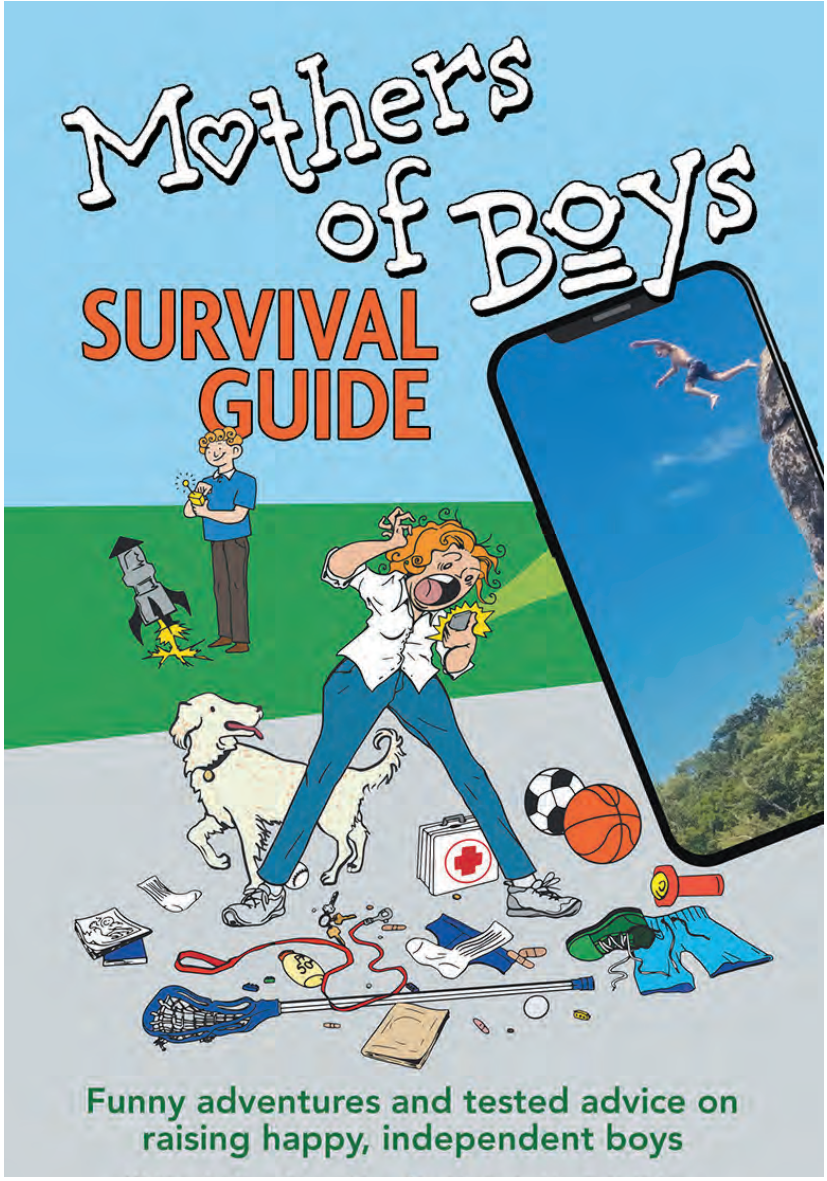
The book has an accompanying podcast — “The MOB Podcast” — that recently launched as a resource for moms. Co-hosts Shaw and Cheryl Bohn ask experts and other moms questions about a variety of topics, including caring for newborns, navigating neurodiversity, autism, ADHD and more. New podcasts (roughly 20 minutes each because moms are short on time) drop on Wednesdays.

“It’s my hope that a community of supportive moms grows, so we can together build a better world of humans,” Shaw said.

Each podcast ends with the reminder: “Be kind to yourselves, moms!”

And they mean it. “Sometimes we’re our own worst critic,” Shaw said.

Visit www.mothersofboys.life to learn more about Shaw’s book and podcast. Buy the book on Amazon, Barnes & Noble and Archway.



Unlocking Your Creativity

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Recently, I listened to a great podcast called “The Diary of a CEO” with Steven Bartlett. In the episode titled “Neuroscientist Reveals Four Hacks to Rewire

Your Brain for Growth and Success,” Bartlett and neurologist Tara Swart discuss how making minor changes in your life can supercharge neuroplasticity — train your brain for growth and success. These items include eating dark-skinned food like blueberries (and dark coffee too), using positive self-talk, and exercising.

After opening an arts and crafts store in Severna Park just over six months ago, I’m in the business of helping people “exercise” their brains to become more successful at creativity.

Raising four kids over the last 22 years, I developed a saying, “The more you do, the more you do. The less you do, the less you do.” My kids are sick of hearing me say that, but they know what I mean: Be active and you will want to stay active; be still and you will find it hard to get motivated. I believe this applies to not only exercise and staying active but also to creativity.

I have never felt more creative and inspired, and I have also never been involved in so many creative projects and been so social with others who are creative or want to become creative in some way.

And I propose that we are all creative! As humans, we creatively solve problems to survive. Many people who come into the shop say, “Oh, I’m not creative. I’m just here because my friend is a quilter.” And then I frequently find out that he or she is a baker, a gardener, a writer, a teacher, a frequent party host, or a great stylist. These are all creative outlets. By expanding our creativity and using positive self-talk, our brains become strong muscles of creativity, capable of so much original thought and output.

Getting kids to try a craft, any craft, is a great opportunity to give them positive feedback and to show them how to move out of their comfort zones — exercising their creativity. I’m thrilled when kids want to take part in something they have never done. Using their hands to mold something out of clay, using colored pencils on black paper, crocheting a little animal, or sculpting with pipe cleaners are all things that help them learn how to be creative thinkers. Positive feedback and positive self-talk train their brains to continue this behavior and grow into creative beings.

At Cottonwood, we host nonprofit groups like Stitches of Kindness and have open stitch nights that foster a sense of community and give people the chance to talk with others about being creative. Making minor changes in your life can supercharge your brain. Instead of family game night, perhaps family craft night is a fun alternative and will spark some hidden talent in the family. Keep those neurons firing in the realm of creativity!

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“The Music Man” Comes Onstage At Toby’s Dinner Theatre



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Jeffrey Shankle (Harold Hill) and Janine Sunday (Marian Paroo)
performed “Marian the Librarian” at Toby’s Dinner Theatre.

Now through May 18, Toby’s Dinner Theatre in Columbia is presenting “The Music Man,” a rousing production once hailed as “the great all-American musical.” The show follows fast-talking traveling salesman Harold Hill as he promises to invigorate a small Iowa town by selling the idea of a boys’ band. Marian, the town librarian, is skeptical until she too falls for his charm. This six-time Tony Award winning musical features the tunes “76 Trombones,” “The Wells Fargo Wagon,” “Trouble,” “Goodnight, My Someone” and “Till There Was You.” As the New York Times said, “The Music Man” is “musical comedy at its feel-good best.”

Eastport Welcomes Video Game Music Concert

Video game music is being created for gamers and music lovers around the world. Performed by symphony orchestras and jazz groups alike, the pieces are composed by musicians from the United States, Japan, England and Finland.

On May 4, from 4:00pm-6:00pm, Ravita Jazz and guest saxophonist Herb Scott will perform “Video Game Music: the Sonic Edge” in a free, family friendly afternoon concert at Eastport United Methodist Church. Listeners of all ages will have the opportunity to enjoy some of the best gaming music ever written.

Gamers can enjoy hearing musical compositions from their favorite games in their entirety, to fully appreciate the unique melodies and rhythms and changes in key and tempo. Non-gamers will get a fascinating introduction to a new genre that embraces multiple styles such as classical music, jazz, funk, pop, rock and Latin.

Among the pop tunes are the “Angry Birds” theme and “Kokiri Forest” from “The Legend of Zelda: Ocarina of

Time.” On the jazzier side are the Kendo composition “Overworld” from “Super Mario World” and “Rainbow Road,” a composition from “Mario Kart 8.”

The concert is hosted by Eastport United Methodist Church in partnership with Annapolis Jazz & Roots. The church offers a relaxed and welcoming atmosphere with wheelchair access. Free and convenient onsite parking is available behind the church at 926 Bay Ridge Avenue in Annapolis. Drivers may want to use Forest Drive to avoid West Street, which will be closed until 6:00pm that day.

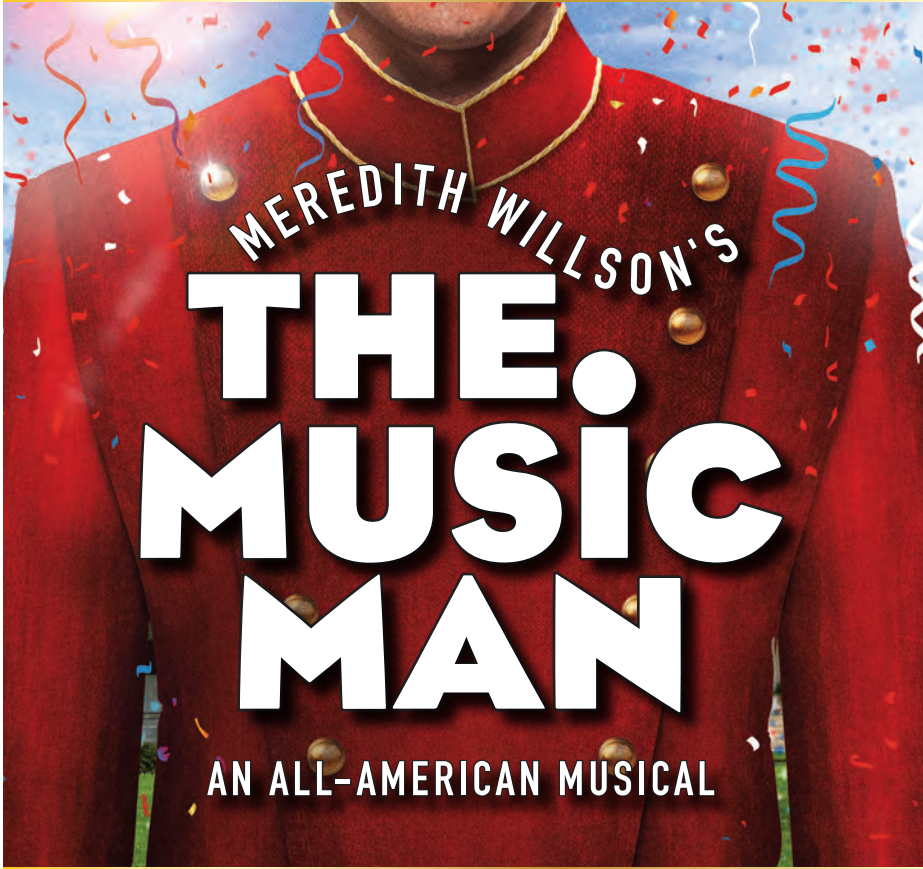
This free concert is made possible by a grant from the Maryland State Arts Council. Reservations are strongly advised. For tickets, visit www.instant-seats.com and select Ravita Jazz to ensure your seats. Event organizers ask that attendees consider making a small donation to fund free events like this and the Annapolis Jazz & Roots Festival in November. Note: in the event of a sellout, call 410-263-5490 or 410-972-7325 for ticket availability.




Above: Saxophonist Herb Scott will perform video game music alongside Ravita Jazz at Eastport United Methodist Church on May 4. **Below:** Music is a big part of the video game experience.



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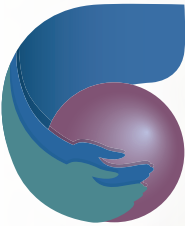
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BUSINESS SPOTLIGHT

JK Organizing Helps Declutter Homes And Lives

By Meredith Winter

Many professionals, parents and individuals going through life transitions have experienced the reality that a messy home can amplify mental and emotional stress as well.

In 2020, lifelong Marylander Jessica Terenyi became the first entrepreneur in her family when she launched a business centered around helping people declutter both their homes and their minds. Five years later, JK Organizing continues to offer clients professional home organizing services to reduce clutter — and ultimately stress — in every space of a house, from closets to attics, basements to garages, and more.

"When our physical environment is cluttered, and even our mental and emotional mind is cluttered, we can't see straight, we can't think straight, we can't function in our day-to-day lives, and it can be such a hindrance and such a burden," Terenyi said, underscoring the correlation



Jessica Terenyi, owner of JK Organizing, is a professional organizer and certified life coach.

between a lack of organization and a lack of peace.

As she built her faith-based business, Terenyi saw a common thread among her clients, who are typically working women who have families and/or who are going through life transitions ranging from expanding families to divorce.

"I noticed there was a greater need beyond serving clients

with getting decluttered and getting organized, so I actually went through the Health Coach Institute and certified as a life, health and transformation coach so I could provide more to my clients," she said, noting that mental health is important to her as well.

As a life coach, she now also provides one-on-one support to help clients overcome the over-

whelm and anxiety that stand as roadblocks to a simple and happy home and life. Terenyi comes alongside clients to not only help them unearth what is holding them back but also develop a plan to successfully achieve goals in their homes and lives.

Terenyi shared that there is no one-size-fits-all approach to organizing and coaching. With some clients, she is hands-on in organizing their spaces. But her desire is to be an equipper to help individuals discover what is most helpful to their unique situation.

"I really want to focus more on the person and empowering the person to do the work, because when I'm not there and things are falling apart, I want them to be able to move forward," she said. "It's powerful to be able to take ownership and to be able to do the work yourself and not have to rely on delegating."

Simply taking ownership was a game-changer for one client. Terenyi told her on a strategy call, "you need to own your

clutter," and that profound phrase changed the client's perspective on her clutter.

Terenyi explained that it's common for people to be able to roll up their sleeves and help a friend or family member get organized, but when it comes to tackling their own clutter, it's harder to deal with. "I don't want to take care of myself, but yes, I will pour out into others," she said as an example of this mindset.

"And then we empty our cups, and we have no room to take care of ourselves, foundationally," Terenyi added.

Launching a professional organizing service was not a new idea for Terenyi in 2020. She shared that she's loved organizing since she was little, helping friends and family over the years. The idea of starting a business came a decade prior to launching JK Organizing, but there were a couple of stops along her career path prior to realizing her dream.

"You never know where life's going to take you," she said.

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Severna Park Middle School Student Grows Community Landscaping Business

Carson Viskocil, an eighth-grader at Severna Park Middle School, sat in his riding lawnmower, surrounded by the equipment that he uses for his landscaping business.

By Alyson Kay

Carson Viskocil, an eighth-grader at Severna Park Middle School, has been making some extra money by helping to beautify his community with his own landscaping business, Prime Lawn and Landscape.

It started when Carson was 9 years old with a two-day leaf-blowing job that he completed with his older brother, Joey, his neighbor Jack Queen, and Jack's older brother, Michael.

Although Joey and Michael have since stopped doing landscaping projects, Carson and Jack have continued to take new projects around the Shipley's Choice area. They work with two other eighth-graders, Chase Vican and Davis Deagan, for a team of four.

Carson's dad helped with supplies for the first jobs. "My dad bought me and my brother a corded leaf blower and I just started using it," said 14-year-old Carson. "I really liked it, and I liked the idea of getting money from it. Even though I only got 10 or so bucks from it, I still got the thrill from it."

He was drawn to landscaping, in part, by the fact that it was a service that wouldn't easily be automated. "I noticed that the need for landscaping was there, and that (artificial intelligence) can't necessarily fix landscaping," Carson said.

He also enjoys being able to visibly impact his com-



munity in a positive way. "I just like seeing people's faces when they see the work that I've done and how happy they are," he said. Over time, Carson has expanded the business. "I saved up the money that I got from leaf blowing with the leaf blower that my dad got me, and I was able to save enough from that and birthdays that I had enough to buy a push mower," he shared. In his first year, Carson had two customers. To get more work, he has used various strategies. "At first, I started just going door-to-door knocking," Carson explained. "Then, I got business cards and business flyers, like door tags, and that worked all right. Then, my mom just posted about it on Facebook and

that did really good." Carson has since done landscaping projects for 83 customers and gets jobs mostly through Facebook. He has also expanded the kinds of projects that he offers. "We offer mowing, weed pulling, leaf blowing, mulch application, bush trimming, kind of whatever you need," Carson said. He gave the business its name after two other name ideas, Perfect Lawns and Premium Lawn, didn't quite fit. It can be a struggle to fit his landscaping jobs into an already busy schedule, especially as his business has grown. Along with the commitments of his business and his schoolwork, Carson also plays three sports. "I don't want to take too much work on and leave a customer stranded, so I do kind of limit myself there," Carson said. At the end of 2024, Carson upgraded to a riding lawnmower. He's looking to hire more employees and add more tools in the future to be able to take a wider variety of jobs. He also wants to get into

hardscaping to work on the various man-made features in his community. He's even thinking about long-term goals for the business for when he can drive. "I'm waiting for my first truck or car to get a trailer because then I can expand my business pretty big," Carson said. Working for four years as a landscaper in his community has underscored the benefits of a good job. "If you do the work well, customers will come," Carson explained. "You'll get most of your work from being at the job in person and people walking by, driving by, will see. People will always want to support a young kid working."

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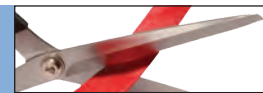
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HeartLands Assisted Living At Severna Park Hosts Grand Re-Opening



Located at 715 Benfield Road, HeartLands Assisted Living at Severna Park welcomed community members for a tour of its newly renovated space, along with music and hors d'oeuvres, in March. The Greater Severna Park and Arnold Chamber of Commerce marked the occasion with a ribbon-cutting ceremony. HeartLands is a senior community that offers assisted living and memory care services. Learn more by calling 410-729-1600.

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To learn more about the chamber, please visit www.gspacc.com.

JK Organizing Helps Declutter

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A longstanding interest in forensics and law enforcement led Terenyi to earn bachelor's and master's degrees in criminal justice. She explored opportunities in police work, even going through the police training academy before making the difficult decision that the field was not a good fit for her.

But she is grateful for the training experience: It was there that she met her husband, who is a county police officer and in the Army reserves. The Terenyis are a blended family: they each have a daughter from previous relationships, along with a dog named Bear.

In 2020, Terenyi knew it was time to step away from her job as a surgical assis-

tant and take a leap of faith to launch JK Organizing. Within months, she was pursuing her dream full-time, later evolving the company to include life coaching.

"I want people to know that I truly do meet them right where they are, in the hardest of times, and we're going to go as slow as you need to go and work where you're at, and we're going to build on that," Terenyi said of how she partners with clients. "And it can be super simple, very small steps. This isn't extreme; it can be super easy and not overwhelming."

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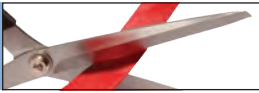


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Bay Area Counseling & Consultation Celebrates Grand Opening With Ribbon-Cutting



In mid-March, Bay Area Counseling & Consultation LLC (BACC) welcomed community members to its newly opened location at 601 Baltimore Annapolis Boulevard in Severna Park. To celebrate BACC's grand opening, the Greater Severna Park and Arnold Chamber of Commerce hosted a ribbon-cutting ceremony. With a mantra of "where mental health meets happiness," BACC is a mental health group practice specializing in trauma-informed therapy. Its services range from individual and family therapy to equine psychotherapy group work and more. Learn more about the practice at www.bayareacounseling.consulting.

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