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Your Editors
Debbie Douglass
Delores "Mom" Douglass

Happy New Year! If you're not a Raven's fan, let me apologize now because this edition is mostly about Baltimore's phenomenal football team! Are you as proud as I? Hopefully, by the time the next edition arrives we will be celebrating our Super Bowl Champs. As a tribute to the Ravens, especially Linebacker #52, Ray Lewis, we've gone mad with purple this month.

Just as exciting is the second Inauguration of our 44th President, Barack Obama! We can't wait to get photos and articles about how you celebrated both of these remarkable events.

If you've never shared the Woodlawn Villager, this is the time to do it. We are carefully evaluating our options to continue in print due to the cost associated with printing and distribution. Every month, we feel we are getting closer to discontinuing. Pray for us.

That would be such a shame because it seems that the positive community news that we love to share has only increased over the years. We welcome your comments and suggestions as we get closer to making a final decision on this critical move.

This year, we celebrate our 10th year as editors of the Woodlawn Villager. The publication dates as far back as 1984 (based upon a premiere edition that was shown to us year ago). I inherited the Villager in February 2003 and Mom joined me officially in June. We have a lot to celebrate and a lot of good memories and stories to remember. We will be sharing some of them beginning next month, as well as including a few extra celebration articles. Stay tuned. In the meantime, enjoy this edition, consider advertising, and give us your feedback. Until next edition, stay blessed.

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Bible Points

by Chuck Brooks, Sr. Pastor
Graceway Church

Resolving to Live for the Glory of God

The Italians, have a custom. As midnight on New Year's Eve approaches, the streets are clear. There is no traffic; there are no pedestrians; even the policemen take cover. Then, at the stroke of 12, the windows of the houses fly open. To the sound of laughter, music and fireworks, each member of the family pitches out old crockery, detested ornaments, hated furniture and a whole catalogue of personal possessions which remind them of something in the past year they are determined to wipe out of their minds. With the New Year come new opportunities to make new goals. Have you resolved to do anything different this year? While there may be some honorable and admirable reasons from making resolutions, the Christian's purpose for making them should be for the *glory of God*. In the Old Testament the word "glory" is translated from words which convey meanings such as "weight" and "heaviness" lending itself to the idea of worth, wealth or majesty. The word "glory" in the New Testament is translated from the Greek words

doxa or *dokeo*, meaning an "opinion" (always good), "praise" or "honor." God's glory is His reputation. When it comes to making resolutions, it doesn't matter what your resolutions are; if you are a Christian, what matters is that your goal of success should be to bring glory to God. For example, if you want to lose weight like me, it should be for the glory of God. Some do it for the glory of girls or guys. Others want to attain "six pack abs" or "buns of steel". If you want to stop a habit, like smoking, drinking or even biting your nails, it should be for the glory of God. (1 Corinthians 3:16-17 - *Do you not know that you are the temple of God and that the Spirit of God dwells in you? If anyone defiles the temple of God, God will destroy him. For the temple of God is holy, which temple you are.*) If you are resolving to stop shouting at your kids (or your spouse), it should be for the glory of God (read Ephesians 6:4). Perhaps you are indulging in a cycle of immorality such as sleeping around, pornography or even fanaticizing about an illicit relationship. Your desire for deliverance from these sins should be for the glory of God. 1 Thessalonians 4:3-5 says, "*It is God's will that*

you should be sanctified: that you should avoid sexual immorality; that each of you should learn to control his own body in a way that is holy and honorable, not in passionate lust like the heathen, who do not know God..." If you are one who has resolved not to steal anymore—perhaps you are not completely honest with the IRS for example, the Christian's resolve to break this cycle of stealing arises from a conviction found in God's Word. Exodus 20:15 says, "*You shall not steal.*" Whether it be eating smarter, spending less, driving safer, spending more time with you family; whatever it is, the Christian's purpose for making resolutions should be for the glory of God. Let's resolve together in 2013 to make improvements that please God and thus cause His reputation to shine! Much of the *Bible Points* material comes from the sermons of Pastor Chuck Brooks who serves as pastor-teacher of GraceWay Church, 2001 North Rolling Road, Baltimore, MD. You can listen to or download many of Chuck's sermons at www.mygraceway.org or keep up with the events sponsored by GraceWay on our Facebook page.



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The 32nd Citizens' Academy Program has been scheduled for the Spring of 2013. The Program consists of 16 sessions which includes 15 consecutive weekly evening classes (6:30-9:30 PM) and one Saturday class. The following dates and days of the week have been selected for the 32nd Citizens' Academy.

March 5, 2013 through June 11, 2013 - Tuesday evenings

Exception: March 27, 2013 and April 3, 2013 - Wednesday evenings
Saturday date is pending at this time

The class size is being limited to 50 attendees.

If you would like to attend, Contact

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Ollie Matson on Area Sports

End Of An Era Thank You Ray

As we say good-bye to our legendary Raven, I can only think back to his rookie year when I met him. It is with both pleasure and respect that I can say he will be sorely missed. Is it the dance the passion and motivation in which he spurred us on to a Super Bowl and countless wins over the years or is it the way his play transended football mortality. Every decade or so we as fans have the privledge to watch a super performer, and Ray was it for my stay in Baltimore. This man answered the bell every week he was able. Pro football players have a career life of three to five years, and then they are gone. Ray lasted five times that and did it with grace and style. As we at the villager say good bye to Ray for the last time I want to thank him for his dedication to the community and the city of Baltimore. I hope the Ravens go all the way but whether they do or not will not diminish Ray's commiteement to excellence.

CMSA Spring Soccer League

Central Maryland Soccer Association is accepting registrations for the spring 2013 spring season scheduled to begin March 24th and conclude in mid-May. The league is open to all travel level USSF affiliated school, recreation and club level teams.

The league will consist of six games scheduled

Brain Injuries

This is a subject that should not be taken lightly. Every year that I have coached I have seen players hit hard and I wonder, are they really ok? As a person who is connected to a victim of brain trauma I have seen how all the hits plays out over a person's life time. Football is not the only sport with a lot trauma to the head soccer, lacrosse, baseball, and basketball players also suffer trauma to the brain. As a parent I urge you to if your child takes a blow to the head to check them out after the game. Schools are geting better but they are not trained to detect all the symptoms of head trauma. A star player wants to play and so does his coach. As a community we need to monitor our youngsters better in order to protect them from themselves. A game played now could ruin a childs academic future by causing extra trauma to the brain without time to heal itself.

for Sunday afternoons; teams can register for the league's Old Line State Classic tournament in April at a discounted fee. The league offers the single age groupings of 8 through 14 and the dual ages of 15/16 and 17/18 for both both separate boys and girls competition. Ages 7 through 12 will compete 8v8, with ages 12 through 17 competing 11v11.

For info, e-mail scorenews@aol.com or visit www.cmsasoccer.com

New Uniforms for Woodlawn Basketball



Check out Woodlawn Rec. Basketball's new uniforms designed by Chairman and Vice Chairman Mike Moulton and David Hayden

Woodlawn Falcons 7-9 Federal Suberbowl Champs



The Falcons had a 12-0 undefeated season beating the Bowie Bulldogs in the Mid-Maryland superbowl. The Falcons also had on an 18 man roster, 10 players who made the honor roll during the football season.

Nw Area Youth Lacrosse Registration

Player registrations are now being accepted for the Northwest Area Spring Lacrosse Program. The program is open to boys and girls between the ages of 7 through 14. The registration deadling for the youth program is Feb. 22, 2013

NWA Lacrosse will offer a Sunday in-house league for ages 7/8; travel league participation for the dual ages of 7/8, 9/10, 11/12 and 13/14; affordable boys and girls tournament teams for the ages of 13/14, 15/16 and 17/18; and a boy's high school level summer lacrosse league during the months of June and July. All NWA Lacrosse activities will take place at venues located in the Owings Mills area of Baltimore County.

For additional information on all NWA Lacrosse programs, e-mail us at nwasports@aol.com or visit the NWA Youth Lacrosse Page located at www.cmsasoccer.com

Junior Achievement Names Vice President of Education and Outreach

OWINGS MILLS, Md. (Jan. 4, 2013) – **Jonaye D. Ford** has joined **Junior Achievement of Central Maryland (JA)** as Vice President of Education and Outreach.

Along with managing program development, budgets, operations, team communication, and relationships with education partner organizations, she supports and collaborates with JA's fundraising team on program grants and donor/volunteer cultivation.

Ford most recently served as director of operations and business development for the **Y of Central Maryland**, where she managed 41 before- and after-school programs through acquisition, registration and quality program implementation in the mid-Atlantic region.

She previously served as area manager for **Educate Inc.** Prior to that, she spent 10 years with **Sylvan**, starting as executive director of in-school programs and ultimately becoming area manager of adult programs.

After earning a bachelor's degree in public administration from **Virginia State University**, Ford completed professional development courses in



Jonaye Ford

performance management, hiring for success, employment law and leadership skills.

A member of the **National Afterschool Association**, the **Maryland School Age Child Care Association** and **Girl Talk-Baltimore Chapter**, she resides in Randallstown with her husband, Dr. Michael Ford, and their two daughters.

Junior Achievement of Central Maryland is dedicated to inspiring and preparing young people to succeed in a global economy. Through a dedicated volunteer network, Junior Achievement provides in-school and after-school programs for kindergarten through 12th grade students which focus on work readiness, entrepreneurship and financial literacy. Founded in 1957, the non-profit organization annually serves more than 33,000 students throughout Central Maryland. For more information, visit www.jamaryland.org.

Gwynn Oak Mother Honored for Earning Diploma

Submitted by Caryn Sagal



Bahiya Abdul-Aziz

More than 225 learners and 36 graduates participated in South Baltimore Learning Center's (SBLC) Fall 2012 Learner Recognition and Graduation ceremony. Held twice a year, The event recognizes adult learners who have earned their diplomas through completing General Educational Development (GED) classes and passing the GED exam, or have demonstrated competency in 65 academic/life skills through the External Diploma Program (EDP).

Graduate speaker was Gwynn Oak resident, Bahiya Abdul-Aziz. She started the EDP, while maintaining her household, and running Delectable Confections, her home-based business! She pursued her diploma to be a role model for her children and demonstrate that it's never too late to complete an education.



De Jackson On Family and Careers

Hello family,

I would like to wish all of you a wonderful 2013. I think we should give serious kudos to the Villager for keeping our communities connected. It's not easy with so many things pulling families apart these days. Have faith, keep your children in positive activities and follow the old golden rule.

I have mentioned this before, but feel it is worth mentioning again, to start documenting family traditions. One of my sons gave me a small book to do just that. I know most of you are now using Facebook, Twitter or cell phones, but every once in a while I like to see a real "paper" photo. My sister presented an album to an older family member during our annual prayer dinner. We all looked, laughed and cried. What cool memories all at the flip of a page.

If you are going to make New Years resolutions, make realistic ones. Don't set yourself up for failure at the beginning of the year. Make sure your new goals are going to impact

your life in a positive way. Maybe you'll choose to help someone else in their journey thru life. It's known that, Random Acts of Kindness will bring lifelong rewards. Hey-what about the power and gift of forgiveness? Life is short. I have learned that life is not all about me. It's about providing service to others. Go for it.

As a side note, I used to be called the Career Doctor at work. So, I came up with this catchy phrase - The Career Doctor makes her last house call -into retirement. Yep-after 41 1/2 years I retired December 30. So, to my SSA friends, keep up with me via the Villager, Facebook, or at Morning Star Baptist in Catonsville. I will miss you dearly. I think an in-house reception is planned for me in January. Maybe I will celebrate again in the Spring, when the weather is warmer.

Until next time, enjoy life my family. Become a mentor or volunteer this year. Above all, pray and be good to one another.

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K-Pop Comes to the Library By Debbie Bastacky

On Mondays, the KPop club for teens meets at the library after school. K-pop music, which comes from South Korea, has been sweeping across Asia, Europe and now the United States since the late 90's. Although it has spread like wildfire with the teens, the adults are just starting to hear about it, so don't feel left out if you've never heard about it until now.

KPop is a huge business in South Korea, contributing 2 billion dollars a year to their economy. (The New Yorker, 10-8-12 "Cultural Technology and the Making of KPop") If you want to hear some of their

music or learn more about K-pop, go to YouTube, Facebook or Twitter. KPop idols perform live in concerts across the U. S. and appear on talk shows and movies made for TV. Their success is largely due to social media. Music producers turned toward social media when CD sales in Korea started to spiral downwards year after year.

K pop is a combination of new and old, Western and traditional. The lyrics are primarily in Korean, although some are in English. The music sounds Western, with strong rhythmical beats borrowed from Hip Hop, Rap, and Pop. The performers are mostly Koreans in their teens, who are groomed for this job from a very young age. Their outfits are fashionable; Their dance moves are synchro-

nized and described as "sexy and demure." (New Yorker) If their audience is younger, such as pre-adolescents, the lyrics are toned down a bit.

Our teens are very enthusiastic about the KPop Club at the Woodlawn Library. So far, they have learned to write their names in Korean, made a beef dish called Bulgogi, and have played Korean Jeopardy, answering questions about Korean history, current events and culture. There are about 15 teens who come regularly to the club and there's always room for more!

JANUARY PROGRAMS AT THE WOODLAWN LIBRARY

Mondays (3:00 PM except Jan 21)) **K-Pop Club:** Korean pop music is sweeping the globe. Join us every Monday to watch the newest videos, hear the hottest songs and celebrate all things K-pop!
Teens

Tuesdays (3:00 PM) **Zumba!** Dance your way to fitness! Break a sweat and get in shape as we groove to hot international beats.
Teens

Wednesdays (3:00 PM) **Knitting:** Create your own fashions as you learn to knit. All supplies provided!
Teens.

Wednesdays (7:00 PM) **Night Knits:** Learn to knit, share knitting tips and learn from each other as well. BYOM (bring your own materials) or purchase from the instructor. *All ages – children under 8 with adult.*

Thursdays (3:00 PM)

Gaming: Dominate the competition as you unwind after school with video games on the Xbox 360 and Wii.
Teens

Fridays (9:30 AM) : **Baby Story Time:** Join us for simple stories, music, movement and rhymes for you and your baby. *Birth through 23 months with adult.*

Fridays (11:00 AM): **Pre-school Story Time:** 2-5 years old with adult

Jan 3 (Thu 7:00 PM) **International Story Time:** Join us inside Storyville for stories and songs from around the world. *2-5 years old with adult*

Jan 5 (Sat 10:00 AM) **Paws to Read:** Practice literacy skills by reading to a loveable dog. Your new furry friend is happy to listen patiently as you read them stories. *School age—6-12 years old/ Children 6-7 with adult. Registration required*

Jan 5 (Sat 2:00 PM) **Chinese Story Time:** Enjoy a fun story time told in English and Mandarin, complete with Chinese cultural activities! *All ages – children under 8 with adult*

Jan 10 (Thu 7:00 PM) **Pajama Story Time:** Put on your PJs and bring your bedtime pal for stories and songs. *2-5 years old with adult*

Jan 12 (Sat 10:30 AM) **Fiestas and Siestas:** Enjoy simple stories, songs and rhymes in English and Spanish. *0-23 months with adult/0-23 mes con una persona adulta*

Jan 12 (Sat 2:00 PM) **Urban Pirates Story Time:** Ahoy, mates! Pirates sail into your branch with songs, games, stories and treasure. *All ages – children under 8 with adult*

Jan 17 (Thu 7:00 PM) **World Languages Story Time:** Join us in Storyville for stories and songs in English and French *All ages*

Jan 17 (Thu 7:00 PM) **Woodlawn Book Club:** Join us for lively discussions of great books. January, *Atonement* by Ian McEwan; New members welcome! *Adult*

Jan 23 (Wed 10:00 AM) **Sense-sational Story Time:** We welcome children with special needs and their caregivers to a supportive, judgment-free story time with playtime afterwards. Required registration begins a week in advance. *All ages – children under 8 with adult*

Jan 24 (Thu 7:00 PM) **Pajama Story Time:** Put on your PJs and bring your bedtime pal for stories and songs. *2-5 years old with adult*

Jan 26 (Sat 10:30 AM) **Fiestas and Siestas:** Enjoy simple stories, songs and rhymes in English and Spanish. *0-23 months with adult/0-23 mes con una persona adulta*

Jan 26 (Sat 2:00 PM) **LEGO Fun:** Create with LEGO blocks! All supplies provided. Registration required. *Elementary school age- 6 to 12 years old/children 6 to 7 with adult*

Jan 28 (Mon 2:00 PM) **American Sign Language Story Time:** Join us inside Storyville for stories told in American Sign Language with voice interpretation presented by teachers from the Maryland School for the Deaf. *2-5 years old with adult*



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Entertainment Review

BY LARRY KATZ

Is Ray Lewis the Next Michael Strahan?

Ray Lewis retired the other day from the Ravens. He may just be beginning a bright second career before he even folds up his fabled #52 jersey. There is nothing new about famous athletes becoming movie or tv stars. Olympic swimmer Johnny Weismuller became Tarzan. Bubba Smith was in the Police Academy movies. Bob Uecker was in Major League. Jim Brown was

in films as was Terry Bradshaw and Joe Namath. Mark Harmon and Merlin Olsen were star athletes long before acting success. Tiki Barber is in the media and look who is sitting next to Kelly Ripa now that Regis is retired...Michael Strahan. Ray has reportedly already been offered a job by ESPN. We know he'll have a steady career in sports reporting. Can movies be far behind? Knowing Ray's determination, we may just see him one day starring in a movie at a theatre near you.

Free Jazz Concert

Contemporary Arts Inc. presents The Carl Grubbs Ensemble with Special guest Rene McLean, Carl Grubbs, saxophones; Rene McLean, saxophones; Larry Willis, keyboard; Eric Wheeler, bass; and John Lamkin III, drums at the Randallstown Community Center, 3505 Resource Drive, Randallstown, MD on Saturday, February 23, 2013 at 5PM. Admission is free. Seating is limited. Reserve your ticket online at <http://www.instantseats.com/events/ContemporaryArts>. For concert info, visit Contemporaryartsinc@verizon.net or 410-944-2909. This event is supported by Baltimore County Commission on Arts and Sciences, the Maryland State Arts Council and The National Endowment for the Arts.

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Ray Lewis Day- 01-06-13 “A Families Thoughts And Reflections”

Amirah C. Burnett & Derrick A. Burnett II celebrating RAY DAY: “To be a part of the 71,000 fans in attendance and witness Ray Lewis’s final home game was an unforgettable experience. For 17 years the man of the hour, played the game the right way, week in and week out and gave it all he could for the city of Baltimore. The Ravens franchise would not be where they are today without their original draft pick. You couldn’t name one other professional athlete whose pre-game introduction, pumps up the crowd and teammates more that Ray Lewis does!!!”
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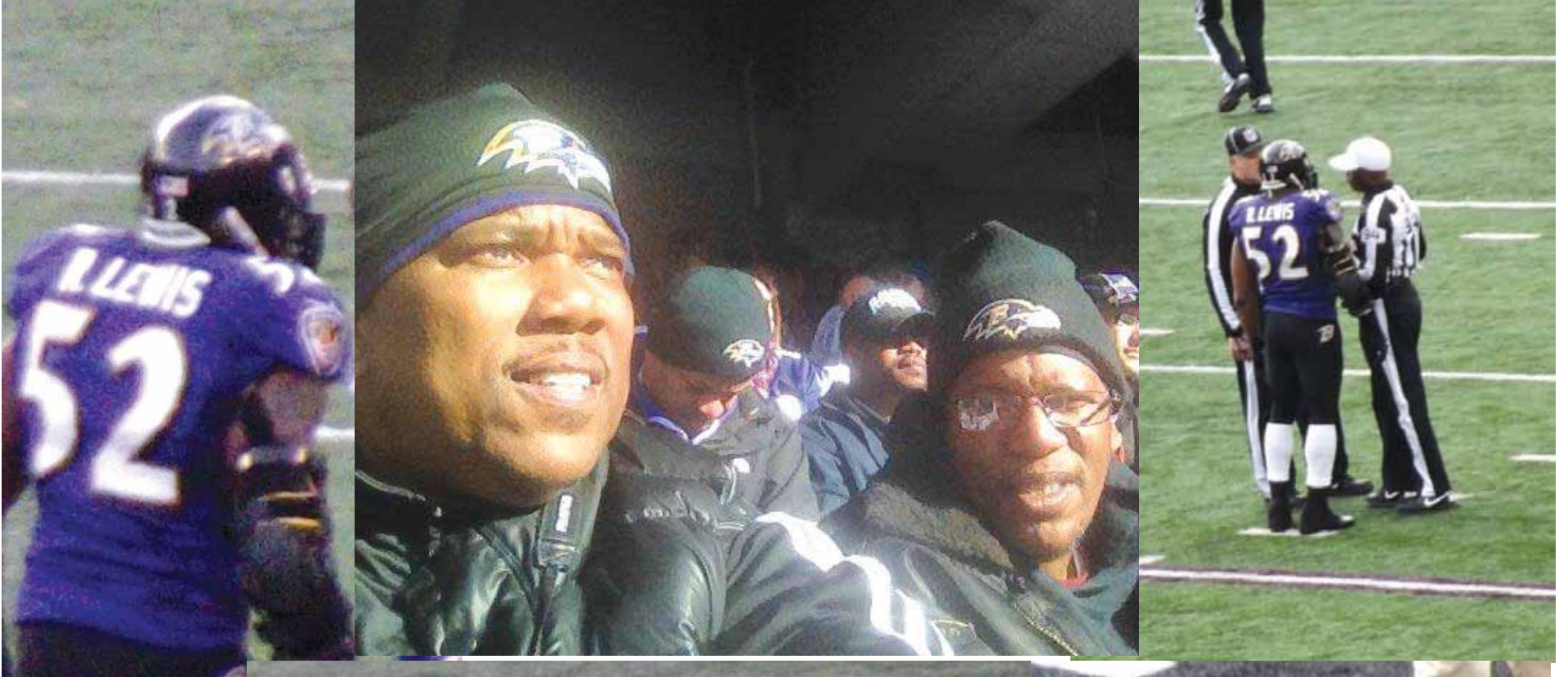
Sari Burnett (4), Steven D. Burnett Sr. Steven D. Burnett II (5) (JAN. 2001) Wearing Ray Lewis’s 1st MVP Super Bowl & Pro Bowl Jersey, have been fans as long as they have been able to **REMEMBER!!**. Twelve years later, the family is still celebrating Mr. Ray Lewis. (Steven D. Burnett II (17), Kevin Boyd, Amirah C. Burnett, Sarai Bur-

nett (16) Steven D. Burnett, Derrick A. Burnett II, Amirah C. Burnett, Derrick A. Burnett. “We’d like to THANK RAY LEWIS and all that he has indirectly contributed to the growth and memories of the Burnett family”.
Derrick A. Burnett Sr.



“Today is a very emotional day for all Ravens fans. It’s bitter sweet, to see our champ play in his city for the last time. Bitter because we won’t be able to come and support one of our favorite players, and sweet because we know it’s for a good reason, to spend time with his family. I grew up watching him come out of that tunnel, with all the energy in the world, claiming his field with his unforgettable signature dance that not only fired up him and his teammates but the fans as well... This day will go down in history, and I’m just glad to be a part of it.” # savethelastdance
~**Amirah C. Burnett**





**Ray Lewis
Shines in
His Last
Game at
M&T Sta-
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Photos by Aaron
Barnett

**WE'LL
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YOU,
RAY!**



Kamenetz Announces Legislative Priorities Focus on School Renovation and Construction Funding

Towson, Maryland (January 8, 2013) - Baltimore County Executive Kevin Kamenetz's legislative agenda has a very specific focus in 2013: public education, public education, public education.

The County Executive held meetings with each of the County's legislative district delegations during December to discuss the upcoming session. During those meetings, Baltimore County legislators expressed support for efforts to secure more education funding from the State.

"We have one of the oldest school inventories in the State, and 80 percent of our schools are more than 40 years old" said County Executive Kamenetz. "We have an aging infrastructure that must be addressed. When I took office in 2010, 54 percent of the County schools did not have air conditioning. In just two years, we have reduced that number to 36 percent, and we must continue to chip away at that issue."

O'Malley Announced Millions for Schools

On Monday, Governor O'Malley announced \$336 million in State funding for school renovation and construction projects across the State, including \$25 million for air conditioning. The County Executive

will seek support for the following education funding during the session:

- \$123 million school renovation and construction

- \$16.8 million from Energy Efficient Grants

- \$5 million for Safe School Initiatives

The school system's \$123 million capital request includes funding for a new elementary school along the York Road corridor, renovation and addition for Hereford High School, renovations for Pikesville High, Overlea High and Catonsville Elementary School.

The request also includes funding for air conditioning at the following elementary schools: Timonium, Fort Garrison, Middleborough, Franklin, Sussex, Hebbville, Woodmoor, and Middlesex.

Over the past 10 years, Baltimore County has invested more than \$1 billion in school renovation and construction projects, and the State has contributed \$350 million, for a total investment of nearly \$1.4 billion since 2003.

"Given Baltimore County's aging schools, it is imperative that we get a bigger piece of the school funding pie," said the County Executive. "Last year, Baltimore County only received 12.8 percent of the total allocation, and that is simply not sufficient."

County Executive Kamenetz also addressed the importance of funding for school safety initiatives. On the first day of school this year, a Perry

Hall High School student was shot in the school cafeteria, and following the tragedy at Sandy Hook, the County Executive wrote a letter to State and Federal officials urging them to pass effective gun safety legislation. In that letter he called for legislation that would: stop allowing exceptions to national background checks; stop the sale of military-grade assault weapons that can out-gun our police officers; and, stop the sale of high capacity magazines of more than 10 rounds.

"Police Chief Jim Johnson and his public safety team are working with Superintendent Dance's school security staff to conduct a comprehensive review of school safety in Baltimore County," said Kamenetz. "That group will be making specific recommendations in the near future, and State funding for school safety initiatives will be very important as we move forward."

County Executive Kamenetz also said that he will work with the delegation and the leadership in Annapolis to fund the County's transportation priorities: Expanded MARC Train Station in Middle River; Improvements to Reisterstown Road and its associated intersections; and improvements to I-695 and I-83.

"We have serious work to do over the next 90 days," concluded the County Executive. "In Baltimore County, we move beyond partisan politics to get things done, and we will do just that throughout the session."

Baltimore City Community College Board Names Interim President

BALTIMORE - The Board of Trustees of Baltimore City Community College has announced the appointment of Dr. Carolyn Hull Anderson as interim president.

Dr. Anderson's extensive professional experience in higher education includes nearly 30 years of service at BCCC, beginning in 1970.

Dr. Anderson began her career at BCCC as a full-time faculty member, attaining the rank of full professor. During her tenure she rose to the positions of assistant to the associate dean of arts and science; chair of English, Speech, Foreign



Dr. Carolyn Hull Anderson

Languages, Art and Music; and director of the academic development program.

Dr. Anderson holds a Bachelor of Arts degree from Morgan State University; a Master of Science and a Master of Liberal Arts degree from the Johns Hopkins University; and a doctorate in adult and community college education from North Carolina State University at Raleigh.

Kamenetz Launches Baltimore County Restaurant Week

Participating restaurants to offer specials January 11 - 27

Towson, MD - Baltimore County Executive Kevin Kamenetz will join Baltimore County Chamber of Commerce President Keith Scott to launch Baltimore County Winter Restaurant Week, which runs January 11 - 27. Forty-three participating restaurants across the County will feature special menus at a discounted, fixed price, offering one to three course lunch and dinner specials ranging from \$10.13 to \$35.13.

The kick-off for Restaurant Week will take place at Patrick's of Cockeysville on January 10 at 11:30 a.m., where Kamenetz will encourage County residents and

visitors to dine out and savor local flavor and delicious deals. "Baltimore County's restaurants provide not only enjoyment for its patrons, but employment to nearly 25,000 workers," states Kamenetz.

Several participating restaurants will serve samples of their Restaurant Week fare at the kick-off.

According to OpenTable, the online site for making reservations, Baltimore County Summer Restaurant Week 2012 saw over 1500 diners seated for the promotion via online reservations. Online reservations showed an increase of 53% over the previous summer.

A full list of participating restaurants, menus, and reservation links can be found at www.baltimorecountymd.gov.

In the Kitchen with Sue

Time-tested recipes from Susan Jackson-Stein

Resolutions

This year I have only two resolutions I am DETERMINED to keep. 1.) Eat more fruits and vegetables. 2.) Engrave In my mindset that there are no leftovers, just second chances. In this vein, I have discovered this recipe that fits these resolutions.

It is a muffin, no dessert. I bought two of these decadent treats at a local church bazaar before the holidays. I went on line to see if there was a similar recipe and lo! And behold! It was right there. The directions and ingredients were so simple that's it's almost sinful.

This all brings me back to my first resolution, leftovers. You know that one



can of pumpkin puree left over from holiday baking? The one that is gathering dust on the shelf.

Pumpkin is highly nutritious, but what to do with it? The kids won't eat it plain as a vegetable. It won't keep until next year and you hate to see good money go to waste.

Try this recipe. It's incredibly easy. It will be popular with the entire family. A handful of currants or mini chocolate chips may be added if you wish.

Chocolate-Pumpkin Muffins

Preheat oven to 350 degrees
1 box chocolate cake mix, any brand

1 15-ounce can pumpkin puree (no pie filling)

Mix the two ingredients well. The batter will be very thick and heavy.

Put the batter into muffin cups with paper or foil (best) muffin liners. Bake 25-30 minutes. Cool. Watch them disappear.

I have also iced them with cream cheese icing and orange butter cream icing. I bet they do well as mini muffins, too.

In Loving Memory of Ellamae M. Lewis



Ellamae M. Lewis was born in Pigtown, February 2, 1918. She died at St. Elizabeth in Baltimore, December 24, 2012. She was the daughter of the late Hattie A. (Fisher) and John H. Lewis.

She attended Baltimore City public schools She married Charles E. Creek, Sr. on November 26, 1939. He died in November 1978.

Christmas was her favorite time of the year. She always remembered family and

friends on their birthdays." She enjoyed sewing. She enjoyed traveling and was fortunate to see the Oberammergau Passion Play in Bavaria.

She was a member of St. Jerome's and the Sodality, Senior Citizens Club, the Parish Council, a Eucharistic Minister and a choir member for almost 50 years.

She was preceded in death by three brothers, John Lewis Jr., Charles Lewis and William Lewis, one sister Virginia Brooks, two sons Henry Lewis and Lawrence Creek and two grandsons, Michael Lewis and Kenneth Rice.

She is survived by one son, SGM. Charles E. Creek Jr., three daughters, Patricia Lewis, Virginia Creek and Regina Ravenell; a dear friend, Kathleen Whaley and a host of other relatives and friends.

Longtime Woodlawn Resident, Tim Allen Dies at 69



Following a lengthy illness on November 28, 2012 Richard Timothy Allen formerly of Woodlawn; beloved son of the late Phillip and Doris Allen. Also lovingly survived by many cousins.

Talk to Val

Conversations with Life Coach Valerie Matthews-Haynes



Don't Stop Believing

Dear Val,
I need encouragement. I set several goals for 2012, I am discouraged because my goals will not be met. I want to self-publish my first book and complete nursing assistant certification (CNA). I've completed the rough draft of my book and I have completed 3 of 7 courses for my CNA.

What slows me down is that I am juggling a full time job with home responsibilities, CNA classes, book writing, and other stuff. People who don't share my dream negatively influence me. My siblings tell me that I am wasting my time with book writing. My mom says I am wasting my money with my CNA classes. She thinks I should be working on something computer related.

I showed my manuscript to a few friends and a former professor. They all loved what they read and encouraged me to move forward. My grades have been B+ and higher in CNA classes. I believe in what I am doing but I am discouraged because I thought that I'd be much further along by now. How can I stay motivated?

Signed, Discouraged

Dear Discouraged,
My advice is very simple. Don't stop believing!! It's difficult to stay focused on a goal when important people in your life don't support your efforts. Ask around and check the internet to identify people who are working on similar things.

Look for local meetings with "Meetup" groups in your area. Check social networking groups. (I know for a fact that there are Facebook groups for aspiring writers and self-publishers.)

Consider accountability partners. Accountability partners are people who work together, often remotely, toward achieving their respective goals. Often the partnership is as simple as friends who touch base weekly or daily in 15-minute phone calls to check in, find out status of the latest goal, to briefly brainstorm on overcoming obstacles, and to discuss the next step in the process.

Stay connected with supportive friends and acquaintances. Surround yourself with images of where you are headed. Post pictures of your book cover. Display pictures of your (future) CNA certificate. Make these images the last thing you "see" at night and the first things you think about in the morning. It is critically important that you focus on your progress, not your problems. And, don't stop believing in yourself!

Valerie Matthews-Haynes is a Certified Life Coach practicing in Maryland, Florida and Georgia. As part of Be The Better You Empowerment Services (BTBY), Valerie conducts workshops and private coaching sessions. For more info, contact us at vmatthews@BeTheBetterYou.com.

Woodlawn Residents Sworn in as Baltimore County CASAs

TOWSON, Md. – Having completed 30 hours of classroom training and two to three hours of court observation, Peggy

Nicholson and Lela M. Yorbor of Woodlawn are officially able to help abused or neglected children in foster care.

Judge Kathleen G. Cox recently swore in the two women as Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASAs), along with three other Maryland residents.

Despite their diverse

backgrounds – Nicholson is a government contractor, and Yorbor a retired grandmother, both women share a common goal – helping others in need.

“I feel as though it is my obligation to give back to the community that has been so good to me,” said the former Social Security Administration manage-



L-R Doris Barnes_ Lela Yorbor_ Natalie Snell_ Corryne Deliberto

Area Playwright Presents at Center Stage

Photo and story by Jerry Williams

On Tuesday, November 13, 2012, the play, "Wait for the Sun", was presented at the Arena Playhouse. This was the most recent play written by E. Jerry Williams, a Woodlawn resident and a member of the Woodlawn Senior Center. The play, produced by Ben Prestbury, focuses on August 1963 when a group of African Americans living in a small town in North Carolina face various



Jerry Williams is a retired SSA employee.

challenges as they prepare to go to the March on Washington.

ment analyst who now contracts as an administrative specialist for various government agencies.

Currently, more than 600 Baltimore County children in foster care are waiting for a CASA volunteer. With ongoing economic problems causing additional stress on families resulting in increased reports of abuse, now more than ever, CASA volunteers are needed.

CASA of Baltimore County seeks dedicated men and women who care about children to volunteer. No special experience is required; training and supervision are provided by professional staff.

To learn more about becoming a CASA of Baltimore County volunteer, call 410-828-0515 or visit www.casabaltco.org.

Salaam Sunday Brings Spoken Word/Art to Peju's.

Nfinite Productions, Mello Music Group and QN5 hosted a creative arts event called "Salaam Sunday Home is Where the Art is" at Peju's Restaurant and Lounge on December 16, 2012. Headlining the show was spoken word artist, Substantial (Stan Robinson) and artist yU in a stop on their US Tour,



Substantial (Stan Robinson)

Also performing at the mic were artists, Leftist and Cruz Amor Poeta. Kane Mayfield, Jamaal Black Root Collier, Slick Vic Low and a few others also spotlighted their talents at the microphone.



Karim and Naimah were emcees.

Live art was performed by Debbie Douglass who painted as the various artists were at the mic. Vendors were also on site. Delicious African cuisine was available.

Visit Nfinite Productions on Facebook or at their website to obtain more information on CD's, bookings, vendors' products, or the art.



Artist performs spoken word



Securityplus Federal Credit Union Celebrates Three Weeks of Charitable Giving

Baltimore, MD, January 8, 2013 – During the month of December, Securityplus Federal Credit Union (SFCU) participated in a 'three weeks of giving' initiative to benefit those less fortunate in the Baltimore community.

Credit Union staff chose the following charities: Baltimore Outreach Service, Toys for Tots and the Maryland Food Bank. Each week, a specific charity was highlighted, and members and staff were able to share in this experience.

SFCU had an overwhelming response receiving monetary donations, as well as, women's clothing, soaps and lotions to benefit Baltimore Outreach Services; new, unwrapped toys for Toys for Tots; and non-perishable and canned food to benefit the Maryland Food Bank.

"As an organization, our hope is that we could positively impact people in our community during the holiday season," said Brett Noll, SFCU Chief Executive Officer. "The generosity of our staff and members made me even prouder to be part of this great team."

Securityplus Federal Credit Union is a \$365 million not-for-profit, member-owned, full service financial institution, with eight branches in Baltimore, Maryland, including their newest branch, in the Roland Park



Shopping Center. SFCU serves over 33,000 members in the greater Baltimore community.

For more information on

SFCU's history, upcoming events, products and services, visit <http://www.securityplusfcu.org>

Aaron Barnett Elected Vice President of ILA

Riker "Rocky" McKenzie is President-elect of the International Longshoreman's Association Local 333 here in the Port of Baltimore and Woodlawn's own Aaron Barnett is the newly elected Vice President. Barnett is the founder of R-BLOCK, Inc., a non-profit mentoring organization for at-risk youth.



Boys Choir of Powhatan with Director, Jo Ann Oatis

February 24, 2013, marks the 10th year the Boys Choir of Powhatan will be performing at Epworth United Methodist Chapel's Black History Month Program. Please join us at 2:00 pm, 3317 Saint Lukes Lane, Baltimore, MD 21207 (410-944-1070). A free-will offering will be collected to help fund the choir's spring 2013 tour to Boston and to help other local charities. A reception will follow in the Fellowship Hall.

The 2013 Black History month theme is "At the Crossroads of Freedom: The Emancipation Proclamation and the March on Washington." On January 1, 1963, the Emancipation Proclamation set the United States on the road to end slavery. And, this year marks the 50th anniversary of the historic March on Washington for Jobs and Freedom on August 28, 1963 that included an estimated 250,000 people.



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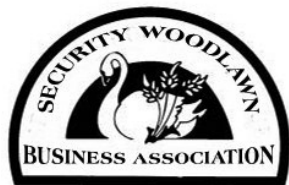


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 Meeting ends promptly at 10:00 a.m.
 We welcome:
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 Community Leaders
 School Representatives
 Government
 Elected Officials
 Local Organizations
 Join the SWBA for its first meeting of this new year on Wednesday morning at the Woodlawn Library. Network over coffee or tea from 8:45 to 9:00 when the meeting begins. WBA Treasurer, Albert Kim, CPA will share some information about taxes. a topic we all heard a great deal about on the news as commentators, elected officials and others have spoken about the Financial Cliff!!! Few of us know much about the impact of the legislation that was passed on our taxes either personally or from a business perspective. Learn how the new law is already impacting most of us as well as our employees.
 Next Meeting - Feb 20th

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Area Events, Meetings & Brief Announcements

“From Out Of Darkness Into His Marvellous Light Ministries World Wide”
 Founder/Director,
 Reverend Bernice Moore Wright, D.Min
 Will be hosting:

The 10th annual Dr Martin Luther King Jr’s Commemorative Birthday Celebration Service

and it will be held at St Luke’s United Methodist Church which is located at 2119 Gwynn Oak Avenue, Gwynn Oak/Woodlawn MD 21207. Mary W Conaway, Pastor. This event will be held weather permitting on , Sunday, January 20, 2013 from 3:00-5:00 PM.

Our key note speaker will be Mr Michael Eugene Johnson, who is known as the “Activist’s Activist”. Mr Johnson opened “Heritage Cinema USA” and he is Founder and Director of the “Paul Roberson Institute”.
 RSVP: Reverend Wright, 410-265-7537 Come And Be A Blessing Come And Be Blessed!

Woodlawn Falcons Youth Indoor Arena Football

Ages: 8U - 13U -
 Registration-\$100.00 will start in Feb. 2013
 More information contact:
 Coach Greg 443-846-8191
 Coach Corey 410-905-4079
 and Coach Mike 443-992-8066

BCASCO is seeking volunteers

to research and determine federal, state, and local legislative districts of our volunteer base. This work will be done on the internet; minimal skills required. In addition, we are seeking volunteers to assist in fund raising management, and writing testimonies for legislation. Time commitment and location of work to be mutually determined. Benefit: You will be aiding the work of a non-profit organization that seeks to

The Woodlawn Senior Center

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 Pinochle daily, 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
 Line Dancing with Randy Dennis on Thursdays 9 - 10 a.m. and 10 - 11 a.m. Beginners and advanced. Determine your level and join the class of your choosing. Fee.
 Karaoke with Herb - Monthly.
 Tuesday, January 29, 2013 Get information on ASSET PROTECTION. 12:30 pm. February 27 Get information on better breathing for asthma sufferers. 12-1 pm. Sign up at the front desk. Call 410-887-6887 for a complete list of activities. Make WSC your "Home Away From Home".

Classes at B'nai Israel,

27 Lloyd Street, Baltimore, 410-732-5454
 Taught by Rabbi Etan Mintz. Join us for these interesting and engaging classes through June 2013:
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 B'nai Israel is planning an Ulpan (Hebrew immersion class) with a focus on Jewish prayer. If you are interested, please e-mail the office at office@bnaiisraelcongregation.org to let us know.

The Liberty Senior Center

Let the fun begin with our Pinochle Tournament on Friday, January 18th from 1-8 p.m. for only \$25.00! Walk-ins are welcome. February is the month of love, history of a people, and history of service. The Liberty Senior Center will celebrate 35 years of service, love, and dedication to the older adults in the community with a 35th Anniversary/ Red & White Ball on Friday, February 8th from 2-7 p.m. Tickets are on sale now for only \$25.00. Call the senior center for further details.

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