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Dave Conde and Lauren Nodd try to block Ed Tucholski in a summer tournament sponsored by the Crofton Volleyball Association at Crofton Middle School Saturday. See cover story pages 18-19.

Photo by Allison O'Brien.

SCHOOL'S OUT! Enjoy 8 full pages of photos covering the last day release

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WHERE ON THE SCENE ?

It may be hard for this guy to find a bed that fits, but a local store promises it can find the right mattress for you.



This Week with Suburban Scene invites you to participate in a name-that-local-landmark contest. Each week we will publish a photo of a local landmark.

To participate, inspect the photo and email its identity along with your own name and address to roxanne@suburbanscene.net

Those who correctly identify the picture will be entered into a monthly drawing for a \$25 gift certificate from a local merchant.

Deadline to identify this week's mystery photo is 11:59 pm. June 17.

Brad Porter, Melissa Beaudry and Mike Sweeney (on his second try) correctly identified last week's mystery photo as the Johns Hopkins Medical Center in Odenton. They have all been entered into the drawing for our June mystery photo prize, a gift certificate from My Butcher and More.



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POLICE BEAT

Single-vehicle crash fatally injures man

A man was killed early Monday morning in a single-vehicle crash off Route 295, authorities said. The man, who was not identified, was traveling southbound near Route 100 when his vehicle left the roadway and overturned. Fire officials who responded about 2 a.m. found a man trapped in the vehicle with fatal injuries.

Officials said speed, alcohol and driver error appeared to have contributed to the accident, and police were investigating.

Worker injured in Route 100 median

About 12:50 p.m. Monday, a box truck ran off of Route 100 at Route 170 in Hanover and struck a State Highway Administration worker who was cutting grass on a median, state police said. The worker did not appear to have serious injuries, and he and the truck driver were taken to a hospital as a precaution.

Construction: Route 450 Davidsonville

RT-450 | Defense Hwy is closed between Rutland Rd and The Ridges Gateway due to - Bacon Ridge Branch bridge reconstruction - until August 25, 2008 | after detour ends, construction continues until September 30, 2008 || DETOUR: EB: SB RT-424 | Davidsonville Rd to EB RT-50 | John Hanson Hwy to RT-450 | Defense Hwy (#23) | WB: WB RT-50 | John Hanson Hwy to NB RT-424 | Davidsonville Rd to WB RT-450 | Defense Hwy

HERE'S THE SCOOP

THIS WEEK'S NEWSTORIES OF LOCAL INTEREST —

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Crofton company hailed for environmental work hits permit holdup

<http://www.baltimoresun.com/news/local/annearundel/bal-farm0606,0,765898.story>

Chesterfield Farms has permit troubles

http://www.hometownannapolis.com/cgi-bin/read/2008/06_06-15/CCR

BRAC workers spurred by weak economy

http://www.hometownannapolis.com/cgi-bin/read/2008/06_10-16/TOP

Math whiz eases onto the fast track

<http://www.baltimoresun.com/news/local/annearundel/bal-ar.harris08jun08,0,6782785.story>

South River Class of 2008 said to be 'mellow,' very talented

http://www.hometownannapolis.com/cgi-bin/read/2008/06_05-38/SCH

High energy, commitment mark Severn School's Class of 2008

http://www.hometownannapolis.com/cgi-bin/read/2008/06_05-36/SCH

Odenton teen trains with country's top female hockey players

http://www.hometownannapolis.com/cgi-bin/read/2008/06_09-15/HIG

Women's giving circle to award grants

<http://www.baltimoresun.com/news/local/annearundel/bal-ar.briefs08jun08,0,4491198.story>

Best Buy launches recycling program

http://www.hometownannapolis.com/cgi-bin/read/2008/06_05-42/BUS

Comcast bumps D.C. stations to digital only

http://www.hometownannapolis.com/cgi-bin/read/2008/06_10-05/TOP

Crofton Go-Kart Raceway longest in state outside Ocean City

http://www.hometownannapolis.com/cgi-bin/read/2008/06_10-04/CCR

Registration for Nantucket Elementary

Registration Packets for Nantucket Elementary can be picked up now at the new school. Those students that are currently enrolled in non-public schools and will be attending Nantucket Elementary for the 2008-2009 school year, will need to complete these forms. For further questions, please call 410-721-8482.

Nantucket Elementary PTA sets initial meeting

A meeting will be held on Monday, July 14, at 7 pm at the Crofton Library for the purpose of organizing a Parent Teacher Association (PTA) for the new Nantucket Elementary School (NES) opening in the fall.

At this meeting attendees will:

- Vote to organize the Nantucket Elementary Parent Teacher Association.
- Adopt Bylaws for the NES PTA.
- Hold elections for officers of the newly formed NES PTA. Candidates are needed!
- Provide parents with the first opportunity to join the NES PTA. Regular Memberships will be \$10. Special Charter Memberships and Business Memberships will also be available.

Representatives from the Maryland PTA will be present to explain the objects, basic policies, and procedures of the association, allowing time for questions and discussion.

The following committees have been formed by the Steering Committee to establish the NES PTA. If you are interested in participating in any of these committees, or you are interested in running for an office on the NES PTA Board, please send an email to nantucketpta@gmail.com.

- Steering Committee Chair – Maggie Schubert
- Steering Committee Secretary – Caroline Gasbarrini
- Bylaws Committee – Gail Burcky
- Nominating Committee – Dawn Scalza
- Membership Committee – Arlene Joyner
- Publicity Committee – Leanne Miller

To stay updated on the formation of the Nantucket PTA, send an e-mail to nantucketpta@gmail.com stating that you would like to be added to the mailing list.

PUBLIC MEETINGS

Staples Corner development plan

The Anne Arundel County Office of Planning and Zoning, Long Range Planning Division is beginning work on an Urban Design Study for the Staples Corner area in Crofton. The purpose of the study is to develop a concept plan to enhance the commercial area, create a local activity hub or village center, improve traffic flow, and create an attractive gateway to Crofton.

Input from property owners in the study area as well as local community representatives will be valuable to the process, and we encourage everyone to attend and share their ideas for a creative plan for the area.

WHEN: June 18, 7 pm

WHERE: Crofton Middle School, 2301 Davidsonville Road

For more information, please contact Lynn Miller at 410-222-7432.

Individuals needing special accommodations must communicate with the contact person at least 7 working days prior to the meeting at the appropriate number, or by e-mail or through the Maryland Relay Service at 7-1-1. All materials are available in an alternative format upon request.

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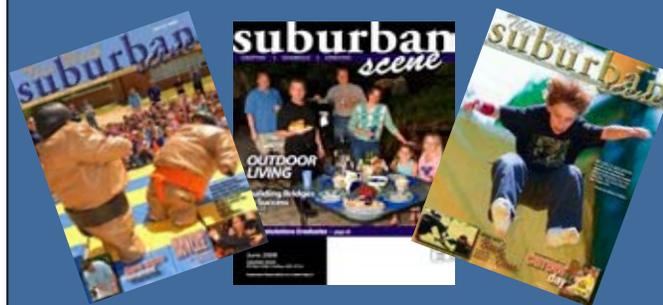
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Crofton Middle student Miranda Arnold waves goodbye before her last school bus ride of the 2007-08 school year.



SCHOOL'S OUT!

Teachers and students dash into summer vacation

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CROFTON ELEMENTARY

Madison Wagner-Olivio is happy to be on vacation!



Crofton Elementary Principal Donna O'Shea gets a farewell hug from Areeba and Anna Tufail.

School's out for the summer! And at Crofton Elementary, the grins Friday say it all. Photos by Allison O'Brien.



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Kindergartners Cheyenne Lustig, Raphael Arias, Daniel Nunez, and Katie Harvan pack up their backpacks for the last time in Mrs. Joop's room.



Third grade teacher Arden Powley gets tons of goodbyes from her past and present students on the last day of school at Crofton Meadows. Photos by Laura Tayman.

Grin

and **EXIT!**

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Kristen Viands, Morgan Wolf,
Paige Schulze, Alena Naritsin,
Joy Hoover and Megan Moxley



Promoting 5th graders from Crofton Woods Elementary School celebrated with a Disco party. They all agree its . . .

Outta Site
to be
Outta the Woods!



Aaron Barclay, Paul Scamurra, Miles Barron, Austin Shuttle, Jason Hyers
(LtoR front row): Christian Adams, Devin Conroy, Alex Luscher, Jack Crino and
Michael Vitacolonna. Courtesy photos by Roxanne McClanahan of Croftonliving.net



Principal Susan Errichiello enjoys a moment with Congressman John Sarbanes, the guest speaker at the Piney Orchard Elementary School 5th grade promotion.



Cameron Peeples and Isabella Privitera visit their lockers for the last time.

one last hug!



Mrs. Errichiello hugs a group of POES students on the last day. She has been transferred to become principal at Belevedere Elementary School in Arnold next year.



Staff waves goodbye to Four Seasons students to the song "Na Na Na Hey Hey Goodbye."



Four Seasons students line up for their last dismissal day of the school year, some for the last time ever at that school.

Hey, hey GOODBYE!



Mrs. Shrader gets lots of hugs goodbye at Four Seasons Elementary School.



year ends - yippee!

Arundel Middle students race for the buses Friday as school closes for summer vacation.



Some AMS students were sad to leave their friends for an entire summer. Photos by Donna McCormick.



Arundel Middle School students Jennifer Pittman, Kat Schaufele, and Raige Eaton perform a group hug before leaving the school.

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No more lessons, no more books!

Teachers smile, too, at Crofton Middle



Joon Lee celebrates in the hallway at Crofton Middle. Photos by Allison O'Brien.

The eighth grade boys are not quite as teary eyed as the girls.



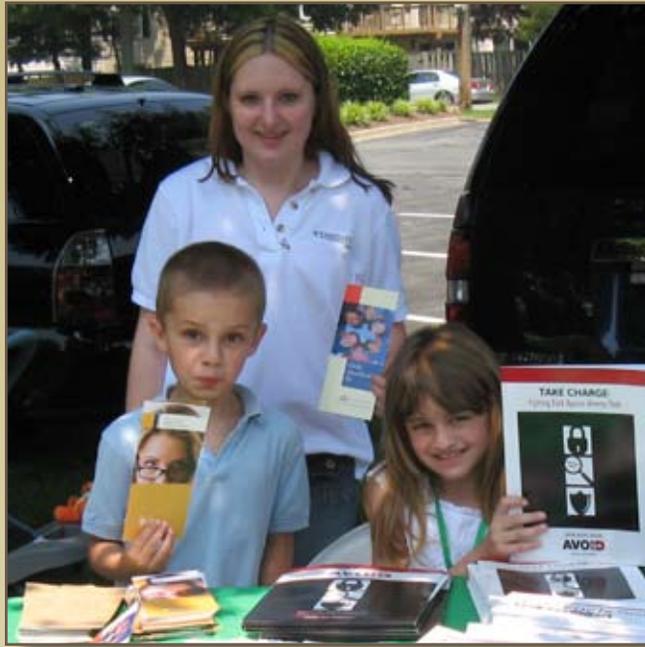
CMS administrators and teachers wave goodbye as the buses pull out.

Crofton Middle student Sara Edelen gives a tearful goodbye hug.



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Pennoyer Group sponsors **safety day**



Brandon Palfi, Jessica Showalter, and Gabrielle Palfi show only some of the safety information distributed that day. Photos by Laura Tayman.



Crofton Police Chief Booth offers safety information and other goodies including fans (which were a big hit) at the event.



Members of the Pennoyer Team pose in front of the Travelers Insurance disaster van. Pictured are: Sally Martin, Robin Lumbel, Linda Baldwin, Debbie Palfi, Megan Kahler, Debbie and Brandon Palfi, Jessica and Robbie Showalter, Heather Gonzalez, Nancy Dupuis, Judy Jacobs, and Nicole and Sofia Payne.

Megan Kahler mans the raffle table.

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Nicholas Lumbel becomes Spiderman for Safety at the the Pennoyer Group-sponsored Safety Day at Crofton Depot last weekend.

The Pennoyer Group, which has provided insurance and financial services to the community for over 35 years, held their second annual Safety Day at the Crofton Depot center this past weekend.

The event provided an avenue for local residents to learn more about safety in many areas, including seat belt use, natural disaster planning, and bike riding.

Guests included Crofton Police Chief Bill Booth, the Maryland State Police (who provided car seat checks), and a shredder truck where attendees could bring their personal paper to shred.

The company also sponsored a raffle where everything from lunch at Christopher's to Orioles tickets to smoke detectors were given away.

A special guest was the Travelers Insurance disaster van, that provides local agents a place to take claims and offer help to disaster victims after the unthinkable happens. Richard Stankovich, the driver, said he has been all across the country, recently from the sites where tornadoes have struck. The van provides work stations with computers and a conference room for such events.

Crofton swimmers

Laps For



Justin Henderson swims laps at Crofton Swim and Tennis Club last week to help raise funds for friend Cameron Diamond's medical expenses.

Photos by Allison O'Brien.



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take

for Cami

Local children from different swim teams joined forces last week to help celebrate the life of their friend "Cami" Diamond who passed away after a long illness on May 10.

The kids earned monetary donations for each lap they performed at the Crofton Swim and Tennis Club, raising money to help defray the medical expenses the family incurred during Cami's illness.

"The children were so happy to be able to give to Cami and her family, and we are very proud of all of them," said Rita Rose, one of the adult coordinators of the event.




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IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD



Sheryl Kline was the first woman to finish.

Matt Stressing wins again!
Photos by Allison O'Brien.



The fleet of foot turned up in Saturday's torrid heat to participate in the Crofton Kiwanis/Team Surlis 20th Annual 10K Run. The event took the runners down the Crofton Parkway and throughout the residential streets of the Crofton Triangle community.

Former Crofton Kiwanian Bill Burlison was the founder of the event which has proved to be a great Kiwanis fund raiser and positive community activity for two decades now.

The Club's members wanted to thank all of the sponsors of the event who included: Team Surlis of ReMax Leading Edge Realtors, Reilly Nationwide Insurance Agency, Popham Statewide Insurance Agency, Carpenter Statewide Insurance Agency, Provident Bank, First Mariner Bank, Dunn's Title & Escrow, Bob Sharpe Construction, Callahan & Callahan PC, Federal Contract Consultants, Friends of Bob Duckworth, the Crofton Country Club, Curves of Crofton, Chick-fil-A, Dr. Tom Lo, and [suburban scene](http://www.suburbanscene.net).

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Foot Power!

That's Me!
I finished 10th
overall with a
time of 42.30



Saturday's hot, humid haze hangs over runners on Crofton Parkway as the Kiwanis/Team Surlis 20th Annual 10K run begins Saturday morning. Photo by Matt Korbela.



Some of the South River High School athletes who participated included Clare Bubniak, Leah Levendusky, Meredith Willson, and Catherine Quinn. Photo by Allison O'Brien.

CROFTON 10K BRINGS OUT THRONGS FOR 20th YEAR

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Crofton Volleyball Association
welcomes players of all skill levels



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It was a scorcher on Saturday, but believe it or not, there were lots of brave souls out at Crofton Middle School for the Crofton Volleyball summer tournament.

The Crofton Volleyball Association has been around for close to a decade, with many participants who have long been playing volleyball in the D.C., Baltimore and Annapolis area. In the summer of 2000, the CVA started a tournament series. The age range of members is from late teen to 50s.

From the months of April to October, CVA participants play Tuesdays and Thursdays from 5:30 pm to dusk in front of Crofton Middle School, in many cases rain or shine. On most days 20-30 people stop by and they set up 3-6 nets. They welcome co-ed and womens teams and always have a net that will accommodate any skill level. For more information, log on to www.croftonvolleyball.com.



Photos by Allison O'Brien.

ABOVE: Carlos Silva attacks the ball.

LEFT: Kevion Farber and Ted Bloom vs. Aaron Conner and Richard Gustafson in an exciting match.

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LEFT: Heidi Mass takes her turn.

RIGHT: Bobby Clark and Kris McGlothlin use teamwork.

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It was a

Hot Time

in the

old town

Bay Jazz Project wows crowd at Village Green Summer Concert



The kids in the crowd perform a special number with the band.

Sophia, 5, and Paige, 7, Wells enjoy the evening with mom Barbara. Photos by Laura Tayman.



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LEFT: The Bay Jazz Project performs for the crowd: (l to r) Sean Lane, Seth Kibel, Mark Lucas, and Bob Abbott.

BELOW: Enjoying an evening of good food and music at the nearby Sly Horse Tavern are: Nancy Mills, Chris Marsh, Andrew Hall, Gary Mills, Scott Marsh, and Sean Fitzgerald.

The hot sounds of the Bay Jazz Project matched the temperature on the Village Green Sunday Night during the Crofton Civic Association's Summer Concert Series.

Local favorite musicians Sean Lane, Bob Abbott, Seth Kibel, and Mark Lucas entertained the crowd with interesting jazz compositions and old favorites.

There will be no concert next Sunday evening because of the CCA's Ice Cream Social next Saturday at Crofton Town Hall at 2-4 pm.



The series will resume the following Sunday with:

- June 22: Annapolis Bluegrass Coalition;**
- June 29: Melanie Mason Trio;**
- July 6: Pet Rock; and**
- July 13: Big Band Caliente.**

The concerts are funded by the CCA and a grant from the Arts Council of Anne Arundel County, Inc.

Ralph Eckhardt and Town Manager Larry Schweinsburg offer refreshments at the event every week.

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THIS WEEK JUNE 12

WEST COUNTY ROTARY

June 12, 7:30 am, Kaufmann's

ALEX ALLIGATOR SUN SAFETY

June 12, 10 am, Crofton Library

CHESAPEAKE TREASURES SMOCKING GUILD

June 12, 7:30 pm, Crofton Middle

BABIES IN BLOOM

Saturday, June 14, Crofton Library, 10 am

CCA Ice Cream Social

Saturday, June 14, Crofton Town Hall, 2-4 pm

SUMMER READING CLUB KICKOFF

Monday, June 16, West Co. Library, 10 am – 8 pm

Odenton Kiwanis

Monday, June 16, Kiwanis Center, 7 pm

CROFTON ROTARY CLUB

Tuesday, June 17, VWC Bob Evans, 7:30 am

SUMMER READING CLUB KICKOFF

Tuesday, June 17, Crofton Library, 2-4 pm

SETON PROGRAMS

Tuesday, June 17

St Elizabeth Ann Seton parish, Crofton, announces the meetings of the following support groups, all of which are open to the public:

ON YOUR WAY HOME. A time for men to meet on their way home from work to share and reflect on various passages from Scripture. Every 1st and 3rd Tuesday from 6-7 pm. in the Conference Room – first floor of the Parish Center.

EVENING FOR WOMEN. Resource: - "Chasing Joy" by Edward Hays. Find humor and holiness in everyday moments. Join us for snacks, socialization, and some spirituality. Held every 3rd Tuesday from 7:30 - 0 pm in the Parish Center second floor. Books are available in the Parish Office. For additional information call Sr. Katherine at 410-721-5770 or email SetonParish@seaseton.org

CARP PICNIC IN THE PARK

Wednesday, June 18, Crofton Park, 10 am - 2 pm

SUMMER READING CLUB

Wednesday, June 18, Kickoff off for ages 6+ Crofton Library, 2-4 pm

WEST COUNTY ROTARY

Thursday, June 19, Kaufmann's, 7:30 am

SUMMER READING CLUB

Thursday, June 19, Kickoff for ages 2-5, Crofton Library, 10 am and 2 pm

BUGGY PRESCHOOL STORYTIME

Thursday, June 19, Crofton Library, 10 am and 2 pm

HOSPICE OF THE CHESAPEAKE

Chesapeake Treasures, Hospice of the Chesapeake's Consignment and Donation Resale Shop, is in need of volunteers to help staff the store. Hours and days are flexible. Orientation and training will be provided. The shop, which is located at 562-B Ritchie Highway in the Park Plaza Shopping Center in Severna Park, is open from 10:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Saturday and from 10:30 a.m. until 7 p.m. on Thursdays. Community service hours will be documented for students.

For more information or to register, please contact **Kathy Bourgard**, Director of Volunteers, at 443-837-1549 or kbourgard@hospicechesapeake.org.

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