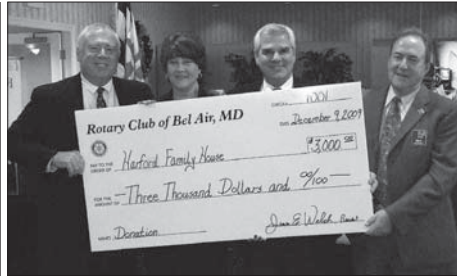


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William McComas, and a team he organized, helped Forest Hill Parks and Recreation fill in an unused piece of land with a drainage system for his Eagle Project. After other failed attempts at fixing the 180-square-foot area, William recycled the old mulch for a nearby trail, dug and installed a drainage pipe and filled in the area with sand and pea gravel for proper drainage. Benches were installed over the area.



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Bel Air Rotary Club helps Family House

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Joyce Duffy, Director of Harford Family House, was on-hand to accept the check. In 2009, Harford Family House provided assistance for 26 families in residence, including 94 individuals comprised of 24 mothers, 7 fathers and 63 children. Eleven families exited the program, 9 to permanent stable housing, an 81% success rate.

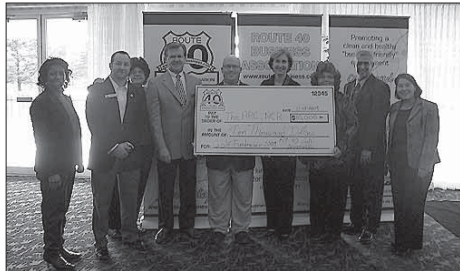
The event was held Sept. 18 at the Stars and Stripes Grille and Family Putt-Putt Fun Center in Abingdon. Local businesses sponsored the event and presented teams to play both putt-putt mini golf, as well as laser tag. The Rotary plans to make the event an annual event.

Event, food, beverage and media sponsors included: Freedom Federal Credit Union, Jeffrey J. Plum, P.A., APGFCU, Sengstacke & Evans, and The Aegis. Hole sponsors included: Linda and Lyle Aaby, Basta Team - Long & Foster Realtors, BB&T, Family Security Plan, Harford Bank, Karas and Bradford, Merrill Lynch, Marion Miller Associates - Nationwide Insurance, People's Bank, Rapid Refill Ink, Rockfield Manor, Bill Securo, Sunshine Designs, Joe Thompson, Mark Tree, Inc., Van Deusen Construction, James Welch, Weyrich, Cronin & Sorra, Debbie Williams, and WSMT Insurance. Donations in kind were provided by Lester Orsburn, master decoy carver who created the FIG PICKLE trophy, Bob Conavitch of SR&B Advertising and Preston's Stationary.



Patty Dresher won the Judge's Choice and Top Fund-raiser Awards at the second annual "Dancing for the Arts" Gala to benefit the Harford County Center for the Arts. Dancing with Tom Rzepnicki, co-owner of Dancing With Friends, she raised more than \$7,800 for the Center for the Arts.

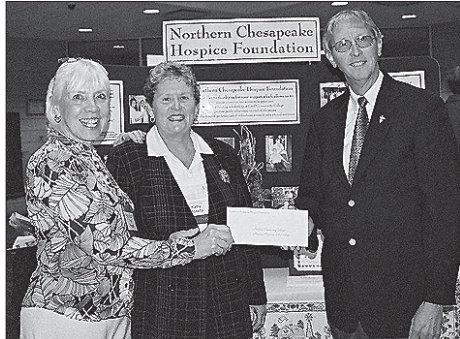
A proclamation was presented by Harford County Council President Billy Boniface Nov. 10, to Lyndi Richards, left, gala director and marketing/development specialist, and Sallee Kunkel Filkins, executive director, for Center of the Arts. The proclamation was in recognition of the Second Annual "Dancing for the Arts" gala and fundraiser Nov. 21 to help build a Center for the Arts in Harford County.



More than 70 golfers participated in the Route 40 Business Association Golf Tournament to benefit the Arc Northern Chesapeake Region June 29 at Maryland Golf and Country Clubs. From left: Maria Terry, Jay Kozak, Kathy Wajer, Fred Anderson, Scott Walker, Torri Dietrich, Judy Terrill, Alan Doran and Susan Deener.



The Blue Ribbon 4-H Club sold pumpkins and gourds as a fall fundraiser. Members picked the pumpkins at Maurice Jones' farm and sold them at the Cooperative Extension Office. Pictured here, the 4-Hers sold pumpkins and had games and face painting at the 4-H open house: front row, from left, Paul Johnson, Brandon Smithson, Samantha Fielder, Joey Burgess and Katelyn Bryant; middle row, Katie Poteet and Maddie Poteet; back row, Lauren Johnson, Nicole Welsch, Kristen Johansen, Deana Trimble, Becky Burgess, Gloria Sedney and Sarah Fielder. Other participants included Samantha Welsch, Beth Johnson, Kara Zito, Meghan Owens, Hannah Burgess and Laura Fielder.



Northern Chesapeake Hospice Foundation presented a \$3,000 check to be used for Continuing Education and Training/Allied Health Caregiver Training program scholarships at the Caregiver Training and End of Life Decisions Conference held at Harford Community College in November. The conference was funded by a grant from the MetLife Foundation/International Longevity Center. Pictured, from left: Pat Hogan, Director for Community Education, Harford Community College; Kathy Toriello, HCC Administrative Assistant, and Bob Lucas, Executive Director, Northern Chesapeake Hospice Foundation.



Librarians and media specialists from the Harford County Public Library, the Harford County Public Schools, John Carroll School, St. Joan of Arc School and Harford Community College Library attended the Harford County Information Literacy Symposium held recently at HCC.

On Dec. 14, Randy Smith Jr., a 13 year-old from Aberdeen, was presented his 1st degree black by Maryland State Taekwondo Association. Randy is a Taekwondo student under Master C.J. Chang, Master Jennifer Chang and instructor James Kim at U.S. Taekwondo Academy. Randy is also an honor roll student at Conowingo Rising Sun Christian School.



Harford County Executive David Craig was the keynote speaker at the quarterly meeting of the Susquehanna Human Resources Association held at Harford Community College Dec. 3. As they have each year for over a decade, SHRA members brought a large number of gifts to donate to the Empty Stocking Fund.