

# Taking a break, naturally

### Eagle Scout builds a rest stop on Ma & Pa Trail

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manager for parks and recreation, said the department does enjoy how the benches fit into Evan's overall project.

"Our opinion is, in terms of the way it sits in the area, the benches actually add to the naturalistic feel," he said. Overall, "I think actually it's a great project. Particularly the signage that he put in place there definitely enhances the trail itself and folks will enjoy using it."

Magness said there have been several other Scout-led projects along the Ma & Pa Trail.

The mile markers and some flat-backed benches were also built by Eagle Scouts, as well as a mulch trail, by a small wood bridge below the Equestrian Center, that leads to the largest hickory bitternut tree in Maryland.

Another boy has also been working on a GPS (Global Positioning System) program that provides information about the trail for walkers or runners, such as their current altitude.

"We enjoy obviously the partnership with the Scouts," Magness said.

Evan said the hardest part of his project was organizing and delegating the work that had to be done, noting that it ended up taking much longer to organize the fundraising needed to raise \$1,200, the project's total cost.

Now that it's finished, though, "it looks almost exactly like how I designed it," he said. "It was probably the most challenging thing I have done yet."



Evan Steere works on his Eagle Scout project along the Ma & Pa Trail in Bel Air.



Evan Steere found a lot of volunteers from his troop to help with his project.



Getting the project built took two days in early October, and a total of about 200 man-hours.

## PEOPLE



The local band Starbely raised \$3,000 at their annual charity golf tournament July 30 at Ruggles Golf Course at APG to benefit the Arc Northern Region. The band members donated their time and music to perform for about 115 golfers. The executive director at the Arc, Tim Quinn, left, is pictured with Starbely band member, Joe McKeever.



Former Highlands School student Alex Griffith, center, encouraged students to make a difference in the lives of others during a recent Service Project kickoff assembly at the Highlands School. Griffith recently returned from the city of Krasnoyarsk in the Siberian region of Russia, where he spearheaded the effort to build a playground at the orphanage from which he was adopted. Pictured, from left, are: Ben Crouch, Taylor Hoover, Michael Walshe, Kayla Mulqueen, Alex Griffith, Carraig Roth, Keala Fletcher, Dawson Reeder and Andrew Long.

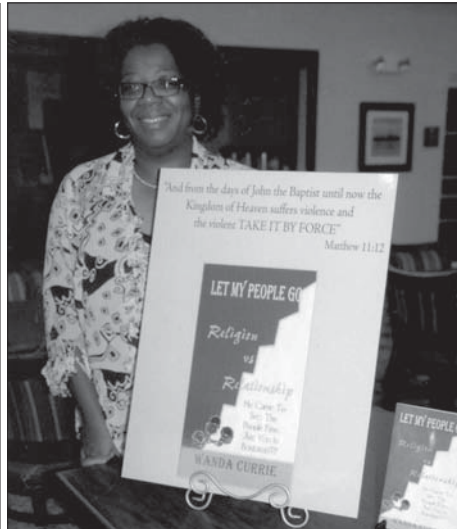


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Wanda Currie, formerly of Havre de Grace, has published her first book "Let My People Go — Religion vs. Relationship." The book examines the difference in having a relationship as opposed to the spirit of religion. Currie is the daughter of Rhetta Currie, of Havre de Grace.



"The Happy Hatters," of the Red Hat Society, Bel Air area, attended a Victorian Tea and train ride on Oct. 4, sponsored by the Strasburg Railroad Company, Strasburg, Pa.