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Small Business Administration Honors Outstanding Leaders



Voice publishers Dianna and Lonnie Lancione accepted the award for Family-Owned Business of the Year during the Small Business Administration Maryland awards ceremony on June 6.

By Dylan Roche
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Did you know that more than half of Americans either own or work for a small business? Did you know those small businesses create about two of every three new jobs in the

United States every year? It's in recognition of this impact that the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) recognizes small-business owners and entrepreneurs from all 50 states and U.S. territories every year as part of National Small **>> Continued on A6**

Optimist Club Names Officer, Citizen Of The Year



Glenn Whisman



Sam Tanner

By Zach Sparks
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Corporal Glenn Whisman rescued a woman from a burning car. Riviera Beach resident Sam Tanner extinguishes "fires" while planning National Night Out. Both men will be recognized by the Fort Smallwood Optimist Club during a ceremony at the Greene Turtle in Pasadena on June 13.

The club has awarded an Officer of the Year for two decades and a Citizen of the Year for 10 years, said Pam Bowman, president of the Fort Smallwood Optimist Club.

"The Optimist International branding statement is 'Bringing out the best in youth, in our communities

and in ourselves," Bowman said. "The recipients of these awards do just that, by going above and beyond in service."

OFFICER OF THE YEAR
CORPORAL GLENN WHISMAN

A 1995 Northeast High graduate, Corporal Glenn Whisman has been with the Anne Arundel County Police Department for 10 years, but he witnessed a new sight during the early morning hours of March 31.

He was working his normal assigned post in patrol when he received a call about a possible drunk driver on Route 100. What he found instead was an "orange glow distinctive with fire" in the median.

"Once I pulled up, I could **>> Continued on A7**

Construction Is Underway At Pasadena Crossroads Shopping Center



By Dylan Roche
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After months of anticipation, the community can finally see some progress happening at Pasadena Crossroads, the 319,518-square-foot shopping center at the intersection of Ritchie

Highway and Jumpers Hole Road.

"We're under construction on almost everything," said Rob Meeks, leasing officer with the Sterling Organization, which manages the center. "We have a good lineup of the best-in-class retailers, and it will totally rejuvenate

that center."

Although many of the storefronts have stood empty since Kmart, Rugged Warehouse, Babies R Us and other retailers closed down, new tenants will move in to open up shop once construction is done. Hobby Lobby, which will go into the old Kmart location,

is expected to be the first to open. It will be followed by Home Goods, TJ Maxx and Sprouts Farmers Market. Meeks declined to give a timeline because "a lot can change with construction," but he expects everything will be open in 2019. He added that **>> Continued on A6**

PBA's Scholarship Presentation Helps Make Dreams Come True For Rising Generation

By Dylan Roche
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Aspiring teachers, doctors, scientists and other admirable hopefuls gathered at the Maryland Yacht Club with their families and supporters on the afternoon of Wednesday, June 1, for what Chesapeake High School signature program facilitator Melissa Bajadek describes as her favorite meeting of the year with the Pasadena Business Association: the annual presentation of scholarships.

"You will do fabulous things," Bajadek told this year's recipients during the presentation. "The future is yours. It is — it really is, so go make your dreams come true."



A group of impressive graduates and eighth-graders accepted scholarships presented by the Pasadena Business Association.

This year's graduates who received scholarships comprised Steven Lewis of Northeast High School, Damian Wirth of Northeast High School, Jillian Taylor of Northeast High School, Anthony Liberatori of Old Mill High School, Layla Tiberio of Northeast High School, and Raymond Kovacsics of Mount St. Joseph High School.

Each of the students selected this year had impressive academic and extracurricular backgrounds, but even more impressive were some of their plans for their futures.

Steven Lewis, a sergeant with Northeast's Marine Corps JROTC, received the annual Isabel Shipley **>> Continued on A2**

Chesapeake Softball Caps Stunning Season With State Final Appearance



Photos by Colin Murphy

The Chesapeake Cougars softball team earned a convincing 5-0 win against the Linganore Lancers in the 3A state semifinals on May 21 at Bachman Sports Complex to advance to the state championship game at the University of Maryland on May 25. The final yielded a 2-0 loss to the reigning state champion Huntingtown Hurricanes, but Chesapeake players enjoyed a proud season, going 20-4. **Read more on page B1.**

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Margueritte Mills
Volunteer
Of The Month

Henry Schmidt Harvests Funds
For Hancock's Resolution

By Zach Sparks

A 10th generation Hancock who grew up on a farm, Henry Schmidt remembers routinely picking strawberries when he was 4 years old in 1934. He also reflects on the hardships that families endured.

"I grew up in a house that had no central heat, no central plumbing, no electricity," he said. "I would wake up sometimes and it would be 20 degrees inside."

As president of the Hancock's Resolution Foundation, Schmidt wants to preserve that way of life through the historical landmark of Hancock's Resolution on Bayside Beach Road.

"If you look at Kinder, it's a farm of the 1930s and 1940s," he said of the Millersville site. "Hancock's was before you had tractors; it was all hand and manual labor."

Not to be confused with the Friends of Hancock's Resolution (FOHR), which maintains the historic property and plans programming, the foundation is a fundraising arm of Hancock's Resolution.

Schmidt and Jim Morrison, FOHR president, saw the need for a foundation to supplement the financial contributions from Anne Arundel County government, so they formed the foundation in 2002. The non-profit is saving money for a barn to be used as a visitor



Henry Schmidt received his Volunteer of the Month award from Voice chief operating officer Larry Sells.

center, and members also want to staff one full-time employee who would live on the property.

"It solves a lot of problems," Schmidt said of having an employee. "It keeps people from vandalizing the property and also gives us someone to keep deer and geese from destroying the farm. We want to get Hancock's back to being a working farm and we can't do that with deer and geese."

For Schmidt, the key to fundraising is multifaceted. "We send solicitation letters, but you have to do more than send letters," he said. "It's about meeting people, forming relationships and creating interest."

Schmidt did plenty of networking after joining the Lake Shore Rotary Club when he was 23 years old, later becoming president. His favorite memory was when they loaned wheelchairs and crutches to people in need.

He also showed a collab-

orative mindset as one of 16 members who served on the Lake Shore Small Area Plan Committee in the early 2000s, recommending to Anne Arundel County ways to oversee land-use changes, environmental enhancements, road improvements and community services.

Schmidt also served on the Maryland Agriculture Commission and other committees, and he was recognized as grand marshal in the Pasadena Business Association's Carving & Sharing Parade in 2017.

Above all, his proudest accomplishments are raising two kids, providing guidance to his three grandkids, and, of course, preserving the Hancock's Resolution farmstead that his family worked so hard to maintain. Judging by the number of people who visit on Sundays during the farm's season from April to October, he's not the only one who has that interest.

"Some people are interested in participation in the wars," Schmidt said. "Some people are interested in the graveyard. Some people are interested in the house."

"Most people don't know the history of their family or they never met their grandfather or grandmother," he added. "You're missing a big part of your life if you didn't know your ancestors."

PBA's Scholarships

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Cunningham Scholarship. Headed to Anne Arundel Community College next year with hopes of applying to Hood, Towson or Bowie State, he plans to be a special education teacher and work toward a master's degree that would allow him to write and create curriculum for special needs students.

The recipient of the Ed Lauer Scholarship, **Damian Wirth** played on Northeast's lacrosse team and wants to obtain a bachelor's degree in either neuroscience or psychology and enter medical school. He will head to the University of Mount Union in the fall.

Jillian Taylor, who was honored with the Debi Smigovsky Grim Scholarship, was in the Scholars Program at Northeast and served as the vice president of the National Honor Society and as the president of the Spanish National Honor Society. She heads to UMBC this fall to double major in mechanical engineering and dance.

The former president of the Chesapeake Regional Association of Student Councils, **Anthony Liberatori** also was a member of the Old Mill string orchestra, four honor societies and the superintendent's teen advisory at the Board of Education. He plans to enter New York University or the University of Maryland to major in history or international relations/conflict resolution and international development.

During her high school days, **Layla Tiberio** demonstrated leadership skills through her participation

in Best Buddies, swim team, Northeast MCJROTC, National Honor Society and concert band. She is headed to Salisbury University to double major in exercise science and physical therapy with the hopes of becoming a therapist for people with special needs.

Last but not least, **Raymond Kovacsics** — who was active with the National Honor Society, the National Math Honor Society, varsity volleyball, varsity tennis, the leadership club and the audio visual club — will pursue a mechanical engineering degree from Loyola University.

In addition to the 2019 graduates, the PBA presented scholarships to eighth-graders as a way of acclimating the younger teens to the application process: **Navaya Taylor** of George Fox Middle School, **Ella Shannon** of Chesapeake Bay Middle School and **Aidan Durham** of George Fox Middle School. Like their high school counterparts, these standout middle schoolers were chosen for their academic accomplishments, their athletic participation, their club involvement and their ardent volunteerism.

These scholarships are made possible every year through the efforts of the businesses involved in PBA, and Bajadek expressed thanks to all of the organization's members on behalf of Anne Arundel County Public Schools. "We are incredibly grateful for the support that we get," she told the PBA. "We know how valuable your time and money is, and we appreciate everything you do."

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Riviera Beach Cleanup Gets Boost From Chesapeake Bay Trust Grant



Vines and trash were commonplace at the Beehive Cove lot that is now 60% clear thanks to volunteers, support from local businesses, and a grant from the Chesapeake Bay Trust.

By Judy Tacyn

When the neighborhood's motto is "where the bay, river and creek meet," it's certain there is a lot of waterfront to maintain. Riviera Beach resident Mike Vaccarino passed an overgrown community lot on Stony Creek on Carroll Road every day for years and knew the property had a lot of potential, but the cleanup would require time and money.

Members of the voluntary River Bea homeowners association held ongoing fund-raising events, but they were never able to raise enough money to adequately tackle the decades of neglect on the Beehive Cove lot.

In spring 2018, Vaccarino and his wife, Erin, were researching native Maryland vegetation and habitats when they found the Chesapeake Bay Trust website. According to the site, the Chesapeake Bay Trust awards more than \$10 million in grant funding each year to hundreds of

nonprofits and community organizations throughout the region for hands-on projects that ensure a cleaner, greener, healthier Chesapeake watershed for years to come.

Grants are offered for projects that educate Marylanders about the environment, include demonstration-based restoration, and are grassroots, community-driven endeavors.

"We had no idea that there might be money available for projects like ours," Vaccarino said. "When I called for information, I was asked to prepare a budget. Erin wrote the grant request. It took us about a month to prepare everything. We submitted the paperwork, and within two weeks, we heard from the CBT that we were accepted."

A survey was performed and work on clearing the lot began in earnest in October 2018. Since that time, neighbors and small businesses have jumped in to help. To date, Vaccarino said the project is about 60% complete.

Skip Hegarty and his son, John, are part of the volunteer contingent working on the cleanup.

"We have so many great neighbors and volunteers in our community who are happy to serve," said Dawn Hegarty, Skip's wife. "Getting our kids involved and passing on the desire and willingness to make this community even better is very important to us. The expression 'it takes a village' is just so very true."

Himmel's Landscape and Garden Center is one of the Pasadena-based businesses helping with the project by either offering discounted products, services or even manual labor. Vaccarino's employer, Commercial Contractors Group, has offered equipment use and provided trash hauling. He also said that Jeff Popp at the CBT has provided invaluable support throughout the process.

"Long-term, we know that we will have to manage the weeds and make sure we remove invasive plants and nurture the native ones," Vaccarino said. "We also hope to add a kayak launch, benches and event picnic tables. It's such a nice and quiet spot under a canopy of trees."

Volunteers started adding plants acquired from Himmel's in early June. Vaccarino believes the lot will be completely rehabbed by the end of this summer.

To learn more about the Chesapeake Bay Trust, the projects it funds or how to find a grant opportunity, visit www.cbtrust.org.

NHS Football Coach Earns Degree In Sports Management

By Maya Pottiger

After six and a half years, Brian Baublitz walked across the stage at Towson University to receive his bachelor's degree in sports management.

"It was everything I thought it was going to be," Baublitz said. "It was a magical moment."

Baublitz, who has been the head coach of Northeast High School's varsity football team since 2016 and is a 32-year veteran of Baltimore Gas & Electric, is preparing for his "final lap of life."

"I made a conscious effort to start planning for my later years here at BGE and my retirement years," Baublitz said. "I figured when I retire, I can go ahead and do something that I'm passionate about for the rest of my life. I'm never going to be that guy that sits in the recliner and just watches TV on my retirement."

Ever since he set foot on a football field 25 years ago to coach his son's youth team, Baublitz knew that's where he was meant to be. After a long career at BGE, Baublitz looks forward to shifting his focus.

"I want to do something where I jump out of bed and I'm passionate about it," Baublitz said. "I figured once I retire from here, I'll get a degree in sports management, and I'll go get a coaching job or maybe an athletic director job somewhere down south where it does not snow."

Over the last six and half years, Baublitz did not take one semester off. During the major semesters, he generally took three classes, and then



Brian Baublitz, head coach of Northeast's varsity football team, earned his degree in sports management from Towson University.

took one class over the winter and summer semesters. Because Towson has limited online classes, Baublitz made time to be in the classroom for 70% of his courses.

"Time management is something that we preach to our student-athletes over at Northeast all the time," Baublitz said. "If you want to do something, you can find time to do it."

This also served as motivation for Baublitz, who found many ways to keep his eye on the prize.

"A little bit of the driver was I got to show our kids at Northeast that you can do anything you want to as long as you stick your mind to it; the importance of time management," Baublitz said, "and the importance of not just doing a career that makes a lot of money, but doing something you're passionate about."

In preparation for the final lap, Baublitz moved his family into the Northeast school district. His son is entering high school, and Baublitz will coach his son in football for four years before fully entering retirement.

"I'm going to leave the team," Baublitz said. "Four years, and then I'm going to be done at Northeast and hunt for that job down south somewhere."

Until then, Baublitz looks forward to continuing to share all of life's lessons through football.

"I truly believe that we can teach student-athletes every life lesson that they're going to need to be successful through sports: teamwork, competitive, always strive for perfection, winning, integrity," Baublitz said. "Everything you need to be successful in life you can teach somebody through sports."



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Riviera Beach VFC Gears Up For Annual Carnival

By Maya Pottiger

Step right up to the Riviera Beach Volunteer Fire Company's annual carnival. This year, the carnival runs from June 24 through 29.

With the carnival, consistency is key.

"It's been a generation thing," said Gloria Lewis, who is on the board of directors for RBVFC and coordinates fundraisers. "It's always been there. It's

part of the community."

Attractions include carnival rides, raffles, a plant stand, kids games, face painting, spin art and more. This year's money raffle has three available prizes: first place for \$1,000, second place for \$500 and third place for \$250.

"We try to bring in a variety of rides. We have a pretty good-sized parking lot to put all that in there," Lewis said. "When you look at the parking lot, it doesn't

look big, but when we start putting that in there, we do get quite a bit of rides in there."

Come hungry to the carnival. The menu features pit ham, pit turkey and pit beef; hamburgers and hotdogs; the fire station's "famous" funnel cakes; French fries; chicken tenders; crab cakes; pizza; and a children's combo meal. Soda and bottled water will be available.

Advanced wristbands are on sale through Sunday, June 23. The advanced wristbands are \$15, and they offer all-you-can-ride access Monday through Thursday. The wristbands are not valid on Friday and Saturday. There will also be individual tickets for sale. Advanced wristbands are available at the firehouse. To schedule a time to pick up wristbands, call Lewis at 410-693-0020. The carnival is open



Photos by Zach Sparks

The Riviera Beach Volunteer Fire Company's carnival — which boasts rides, raffles, kids games, face painting, spin art, food and much more — runs from June 24 through 29.

Galilee To Welcome New Pastor On July 7



Galilee Lutheran Church is installing its new pastor, the Rev. Matt Hilpert, on July 7 at 2:00pm at the church, which is located at 4652 Mountain Road in Pasadena. Hilpert formerly served as senior pastor at Saint Mark Lutheran Church in Hawaii and vicar at St. Paul Lutheran Church in Texas. The installation ends a year-long search. Galilee Lutheran's last pastor, the Rev. Hank Simon, retired in June 2018 and moved to Florida with his wife, Mary.

from 6:00pm to 10:00pm Monday through Thursday, and from 6:00pm to 11:00pm on Friday and Saturday.

"If there's a good amount of a crowd out there and people are riding, then you paid for that wristband, and we try to stay open a little bit later," Lewis said. "This year, it'll be good for us because it's in June and school's out."

On Saturday, there is a parade prior to the carnival opening. The parade lines up at 4:00pm and kicks off at 5:00pm. The route runs from Lauer's Supermarket & Bakery on Fort Smallwood Road and goes past the firehouse toward Pine Grove Village Shopping Center. The parade features fire equipment, Boy Scouts, members of the station's cadet program and

antique firetrucks. The annual carnival is a way for RBVFC to thank the community for its support. "You're giving to us, and we need to give back to you," Lewis said. "That's really what we're all about is you guys help us out supporting us, helping us with donations, and then we turn around and want to give back to you and have a party."



RE/MAX Experience To Hold Adopt-A-Thon

RE/MAX Experience will hold Adopt Till You Drop, an adopt-a-thon in partnership with the Maryland SPCA, on Saturday, June 22, from 11:00am to 2:00pm. The SPCA will be at RE/MAX's office to show off

fur babies, and even people who are not looking to adopt can donate items off the wish list. RE/MAX Experience is located at 3820 Mountain Road, Suite H, in Pasadena. For more information, call 410-255-0000.

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June 23, 2019: Lavender Appreciation Day. Honeybees—Up Close 1:30pm to 3:30pm

June 28, 2019: \$ FOHR's 22nd Annual Meeting, Friday evening, Kurtz's Beach, Pasadena MD. Speaker: Historian, Author-Lecturer Scott Sheads, Ret. 2016 after 40 years service with NPS at Ft. McHenry. Reservations required. Call 410-255-4048.

June 30, 2019: Celebrating Independence Day - Patriotic Program for All Ages - Musket firing; historic flags; music; Interactive program exploring our National Symbols.

July 7, 2019: Open for tours of house and grounds.

July 14, 2019: Open for tours of house and grounds. Honeybees—Up Close 1:30pm to 3:30pm

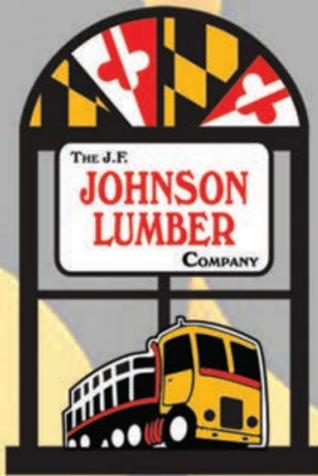
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Left: Tara Frame of Frame & Frame Attorneys at Law accepted the award for Attorney Advocate of the Year. **Right:** Rob Calhan and Artie Hendricks of Landmark Roofing accepted the award for Entrepreneurial Success of the Year.

» **Continued from A1** Business Week, observed in 2019 from May 5 through 11. As the SBA website emphasizes, “Every day, they’re working to grow small businesses, create 21st-century jobs, drive innovation, and increase America’s global competitiveness.”

This year, three local businesses were recognized: **Artie Hendricks and Rob Calhan of Landmark Roofing** were named the **Maryland Entrepreneurial Success of the Year**; **Lonnie and Dianna Lancione of The Voice Media Inc.**, publisher of the *Pasadena Voice*, were named the **Maryland Family-Owned Business of the Year**; and **Tara Frame of Frame & Frame Attorneys at Law** was named **Attorney Advocate of the Year**.

For these leaders, the award serves as a reminder that the hard efforts behind launching a business do not go unnoticed by others in the community. “It took guts to do what we set out to do,” said Rob Calhan of what he and Artie Hendricks accomplished in founding Landmark Roofing. “I’m extremely humbled by how far it’s come

in such a short period of time. With hustle and belief, you can accomplish a lot.”

Hendricks echoed Calhan’s sentiment, saying, “People often only see the success or failures of a business, and most don’t understand the time or hardship that sometimes take place. We are most proud of always doing the right thing even if it doesn’t help Landmark. By doing this, we know that we have created a name that we can be proud of.”

Like Hendricks and Calhan, the other winners also see their work as business owners being as much about being good community members as it is about offering a good product or service. For Lonnie and Dianna Lancione — who took over publishing the *Severna Park Voice* following the death of Dianna’s grandmother, founder Marguerite Mills, before launching the *Pasadena Voice* — using media to keep local readers connected with one another has always been a focus.

“We’ve been able to withstand a market that has seen newspapers disappear, and during that time, we’ve been able to grow, expand and con-

tinue our mission of unifying the community,” Lonnie said.

By providing advertising opportunities to other businesses, the Lanciones have also helped many in the local market thrive. “We’ve been able to help small businesses grow and prosper along the way — they’re the backbone of our community,” Dianna said, adding that she hopes the mission she and Lonnie always shared of providing feel-good news will help shape future generations. “There’s a lot of community pride,” she said. “People know and care about each other.”

Tara Frame is another who

takes her mission personally. “I’m proud to be able to carry on my father’s tradition of helping people in the community,” she said. “I try hard to educate people so they can make better-informed decisions ... It’s a nice feeling to be the go-to person when people need legal help or legal assistance.”

The winners of the Maryland SBA Awards were recognized at a formal ceremony on Thursday, June 6, at Martin’s West in Baltimore. For a full list of winners or to learn more about the awards program, visit www.mdsb-wawards.org.

Construction Is Underway At Pasadena Crossroads

» **Continued from A1** there have not been any problems with construction. “So far, everything has been good,” he said.

The change is great news for the businesses currently operating in the center. “From our perspective, it’s greatly needed because it was an older center,” said John Cole, owner of Party City. “It’s going to be the newest shopping center in the area. It’s going to

drive huge numbers of traffic because it’s going to be so different. It’s a total transformation.”

Cole added that business has been “rough” since many of the previous retailers left, causing a “downturn in the number of people” visiting the center. “We rely on foot traffic based not only on what we have to offer but on what other retailers offer,” he said. “This is greatly need-

ed from a business side.”

Others are looking forward to increased traffic to the center as well. “It’s going to bring brand awareness and a lot of new business to the area,” said Jennifer Thomas, business development officer for BayVanguard Bank, which is housed in a pad site in the shopping center. Thomas added that losing retailers in the shopping center did not hurt the bank, but she expects BayVanguard will benefit from having more people come and go in Pasadena Crossroads on a regular basis once new stores are in operation.

Similarly, Chick-fil-A has had a steady customer flow, but owner Patrick Cozadd expects increased traffic will be a boon. “When you get a new group of customers who are interested in new retailers, that will give us

new customers to serve,” he said. “We did have a lot of relationships with employees from Babies R Us and Kmart, and it was sad to lose them, but at the same time, you look forward to meeting the employees of the new retailers and look forward to being able to serve them.”

A full site plan of Pasadena Crossroads is available at www.sterlingorganization.com/properties/236. Cole expressed hope that construction will be finished and new retailers will be in business by fall, and he looks forward to seeing the community enjoy all that Pasadena Crossroads has to offer. “We think the center is going to be extremely vibrant,” he said. “There’s going to be a ton of activity. There’s so much newness. We see nothing but benefits.”

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Optimist Club Names Officer, Citizen

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see the vehicle had struck a support pole and the entire engine compartment was fully engulfed in flames," Whisman said. "As I exited my patrol vehicle, there were two males standing on the shoulder who I assumed were involved, but when I asked them, they stated 'no' and advised there was still someone in the vehicle. That's when I went into action to assess what needed to be done, so I grabbed my extinguisher and went at it."

Whisman attempted to gain access through the other doors. The flames intensified. The driver floated in and out of consciousness, unable to assist.

"I was able to use the extinguisher to knock down the increasing flames momentarily to buy myself a few seconds to navigate through the deployed airbags of the driver's window, climb in the driver's window, unbuckle the driver and pull them from the vehicle through the window," he said.

"I then carried the driver about 40 yards and placed them on the ground," he continued. "When I turned around, the flames had now consumed the interior compartment of the vehicle where the driver was sitting. During the extrication of the driver, I could feel the heat from the flames, and the front tire exploded and the windshield busted as I pulled the driver out of the vehicle."

The fire department arrived three minutes later. Whisman was praised by the battalion chief for saving the driver's life.

Whisman had never pulled someone from a burning car, but while working the midnight shift, he handled

many calls for service: domestic disputes, burglaries, robberies, business checks, community checks, traffic and drug enforcement, and drunk drivers. He is also a DWI instructor, field training officer and an informal mentor to young officers.

He was recommended as Officer of the Year by Lieutenant Charles Ravenell, a shift commander for the Anne Arundel County Police Department's Northern District.

"Though his primary responsibilities are to respond to calls in his service area, enforce traffic laws and ensure businesses are secure, Corporal Whisman is diligent in his pursuit to close cases," Ravenell said. "He works relentlessly to identify suspects to give victims closure by bringing their cases to successful conclusion. Those of us who work with Corporal Whisman are proud, and his recognition by the Optimist Club is well deserved."

CITIZEN OF THE YEAR SAM TANNER

Sam Tanner has plastered cans with pictures of villains, but he is no bad guy. A resident of Pasadena since 1980, he designs the cans as part of a game for kids during National Night Out (NNO) for the Anne Arundel County Police Department's Eastern District.

Tanner sits on the Pasadena Business Association board of directors, he has coached youth soccer and he serves his community of Bar Harbor, but he received the Citizen of the Year honor from the Fort Smallwood Optimist Club primarily for his work with NNO.

After coordinating the site and games for NNO, Tanner now chairs the August event,

taking over for John Spencer. Lieutenant Fred Crosse called it the largest NNO in Anne Arundel County.

"It's all about setting up the site, planning and making sure every vendor has some game or giveaway for the kids," Crosse said. "[Tanner] sets up carnival-style games."

Tanner joked that his wife allowed him to take over NNO in exchange for completing a list of tasks around the house.

"In order of difficulty, the hardest part is just finding the time and the next is trying to 'herd the cats' — get all committee members to agree," Tanner said. "John Spencer was great at the herding. I'm still a work in progress trying to overcome and accomplish that difficulty."

Crosse said the work of Tanner and other volunteers is important because NNO helps the police form trust with the community.

"It's that relationship we build with the community to make Anne Arundel County a great place to live," Crosse said. "Community members help us to solve crimes, give them pertinent information and build on those relationships so it feels like the police are approachable."

"We have so many people doing things through our Police Community Relations Council and through the Pasadena Business Association, so it's a testament to [Tanner] that he was honored after stepping up the last four years."

Tanner does feel honored. "Most volunteers don't give away their time for the recognition," Tanner said. "Some do and those are the ones doing it for the wrong reason. I do it in hopes of making where we live a better place."

Pasadena Mom Makes And Sells Homemade Elderberry Syrup

By Laura McElwain Colquhoun

Just over a year ago, Pasadena mom Elizabeth Parrott was frustrated that her then 2-year-old son was getting frequent colds and illnesses. Determined to find a natural and lasting solution to help combat the maladies, Parrott researched online and discovered the healing properties of elderberry. For a brief time, Parrott gave her son store-bought elderberry gummies, but she was discouraged by the large amounts of sugar in them, and during that time, her son also developed hand-foot-and-mouth disease. Fueled by her culinary enthusiasm as well as frustration that the gummies were not as effective as she thought they should be, Parrott began making homemade elderberry syrup in her kitchen.

Parrott's recipe includes dried elderberries from an area store, honey, a secret blend of spices, and lemon juice, which serves as a natural preservative. In addition, she has partnered with a local honey provider, and she uses local honey when in season. Parrott's elderberry syrup not only became an instant hit with her family but she also noticed an immediate decline in the frequency of colds and illness when taken daily. Parrott shared that her husband has not had a cold since taking the elderberry syrup, and a strep and



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stomach virus she had was shortened and lasted less than 24 hours.

Excited by the positive results in her own family, Parrott was happy to reveal her findings to friends and other family members. She soon began selling jars of the elderberry syrup.

"I know it works and wanted to share it with other people," Parrott said, explaining that she requested feedback from family and friends and adjusted her recipe. "I visualized what I wanted, and I created my own design based on feedback."

Hope in a Jar by Elizabeth was launched in September 2018, and Parrott quickly gained a group of regular clients. She sells 12-ounce

jars for \$16, and there are discounts for a subscription service. She also ships for out-of-town clients. Parrott advised that typically one jar will last a family one month, and most clients purchase monthly. She recommends a daily dosage of 2 teaspoons and to increase the dosage when becoming ill.

Parrott lives in the Chelsea Beach area of Pasadena with her husband, Ned, and 4-year-old son, Landon. In addition to her Hope in a Jar by Elizabeth business, Parrott is also a licensed real estate agent and has a T-shirt design business. More information can be found on Facebook by searching for "Hope in a Jar by Elizabeth."

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NEIGHBORHOOD OF THE MONTH

Lake Shore

Neighborhood of the Month takes an in-depth look at the unique communities that make up Pasadena as a whole. Each has its own history, its own special amenities and its own people who are happy to call that place home. Want to share with our readers all about your neighborhood and what sets it apart from others? Email pvnews@pasadenavoice.com and let us know!



Top right: The Fleshman family — (clockwise from top left) Rob, Kelly, Zachary and Aidan — is involved in the annual Lake Shore Youth Baseball Opening Day parade and the Panthers Athletic Club homecoming celebration.

Top left: J.P., Shay, Reed and Easton Phelps enjoy the small-town homey feel of Lake Shore.

Left: Opening Day is always a big cause for celebration in Lake Shore. (Photos by Colin Murphy)

Lake Shore Thrives In The Heart Of The 'Dena

By Judy Tacyn

Drive along Woods Road from Magothy Bridge to Mountain Road and you will be struck by the sky-high maple and oak trees that shield homes and sprawling yards. Small ponds attract wildlife of all kinds, making this small community feel far more rural than it is.

Almost at the midpoint of Woods Roads is one of Anne Arundel County's most popular parks, the Lake Shore Athletic Complex. The site has 12 baseball diamonds, four multipurpose fields, two basketball courts, a paved walking trail, an equestrian trail and playground equipment. The area falls under the Department of Natural Resources' Program Open Space, which means the land is dedicated to public recreational use. Thousands of children and adults are enrolled in the various Lake Shore athletic programs, while many more use the grounds for gatherings, walking, biking or other recreational activities.

Although individual properties are large, the community does come together for monthly meetings, holiday events, community

yard sales, and, of course, sporting events. The community utilizes the public areas, as well as a beach and boat ramp.

The Lake Shore community has easy access to both Mountain and Fort Smallwood roads, so no matter where in Pasadena or throughout the county residents may need to travel, the fastest route requires just a turn left or turn right. Residents are just moments away from all of the shopping and dining options Pasadena has to offer.

SHAY PHELPS
RESIDENT FOR THREE YEARS

Shay Phelps' in-laws have lived their entire lives in Lake Shore, so when it was time for Phelps to settle down with her husband, the couple considered the schools, the water access, the sports activities for kids, and, of course, proximity to family. The choice to continue the Lake Shore tradition was obvious.

"Lake Shore is unique because it has such a small-town homey feel to it, which is something I enjoy," Phelps said. "I grew up in a smaller town and it is comforting to feel home."

Now that she has children,

Phelps loves Lake Shore Elementary School. "The school has great events, they are great with children and their teaching techniques have had a huge impact on my son's education," she added.

Phelps loves Lake Shore so much that she routinely recommends the area to friends considering a move.

"Pasadena is special because it's a large yet close-knit community where everyone knows everyone," she said. "You will always have a helping hand one way or another."

Phelps and her husband both volunteer at Lake Shore Elementary School and through Lake Shore Baseball.

SHARON AMBROSE
RESIDENT FOR 19 YEARS

"We had family and friends living in Pasadena and were impressed with the reputation of the community and schools," said Sharon Ambrose. "Then there were few homes available for sale. When one became available, large enough to accommodate our family, we jumped on it."

Over the years, more than a dozen Ambrose children and grandchildren have taken advantage of the parks, playgrounds and

Lake Shore Elementary School.

"Lake Shore is such a family-friendly, water-oriented community with so much to do, from parks, playgrounds, boating, fishing, camping and much more," Sharon said. "Pasadena is home to us now. Pasadena is where our now adult children formed friendships through school and sports. Pasadena is where they found their significant others and where they have chosen to raise their own families."

Sharon's husband, Wayne Ambrose Sr., spent many years coaching for Panthers Football and also a few years coaching basketball. Her sons, Wayne Jr. and Dustin, followed in their father's footsteps by coaching football and wrestling. Sharon and Wayne's daughter, Lyndsay, coached young cheerleaders. And, for about nine years, the Ambrose family managed the community playground in Chelsea Beach, where they planted flowers, held community cleanups and hosted holiday parties.

KELLY FLESHMAN
RESIDENT FOR 17 YEARS

"We wanted to live in a community that was near the water, as

we had a boat at the time," Kelly Fleshman said. "Pasadena was our choice, and it turned out to be a wonderful decision. We hope that when our children are older, they stay in the area."

Fleshman and her husband wanted to live in the Chesapeake school district to ensure their children received a good education, and be in a community that had strong youth organizations. Naturally, Lake Shore fit the bill. "Lake Shore had everything we were looking for!" she exclaimed. Fleshman also likes that Pasadena is a peninsula and that the community is safe.

Her family is heavily involved in local youth athletics, most notably the annual Lake Shore Youth Baseball Opening Day parade and the annual Panthers Athletic Club homecoming celebration.

Fleshman's husband is a Lake Shore Youth Baseball coach. Her oldest son just joined the Chesapeake Bay Middle School National Junior Honor Society, and both children are active in multiple sports organizations such as Lake Shore Baseball, Panthers Football, Pasadena Soccer and Lake Shore Basketball.



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Sacrifices, Liberties And Hope For The Future

Nathan Volke
Councilman
District 3



In May, we celebrated Memorial Day and honored the brave women and men who have paid the ultimate price to secure our freedoms. We can never adequately thank them for their sacrifice. But we can honor what they gave their lives to protect — the liberties enshrined in our constitution and embodied in our optimistic, hardworking and fiercely independent American spirit.

The liberties and sacrifices of the past and hope for the future came together for me in a real way the week of Memorial Day when I spent two days at my alma mater, Chesapeake High School. While in that building, I was reminded of a quote from Nelson Mandela: “There is nothing like returning to a place that remains unchanged to find the ways in which you yourself have altered.”

My first day back was for a presentation to the AP Government class as part of Law Day. Started by President Dwight Eisenhower in 1958, Law Day is dedicated to celebrating the rule of law in our society. Today, legal professionals take this opportunity to speak to students about a theme and how the law has evolved over time; this year’s theme was free speech, free press and free society. Those bedrock principles are the foundations that secure, for ourselves and our posterity, the blessings of liberty. They began in the early 1700s when American courts decided to allow the press to criticize government officials, and they have continued to grow and morph over the centuries.

With rapid changes in technology, it is tough to answer the following questions. What is protected speech? Who is the press? Unlike when I was an AP Government student in 2004, today, anyone with a smartphone can immediately publish their ideas on Twitter or write a blog post to share their perspective. This has provided more transparency and access to information. It has also led to “fake news.” Surveys show that many people agree that we must strongly protect the right of the free press to publish any story without government censorship. But an almost equal number support government passing laws limiting

“fake news.”

As a society, we will likely spend a lot of time in the coming years debating how to make laws that respect both of those positions. Given the pace of change in society, it is likely that we will also have entirely new, unexpected issues to consider. Whatever the subject of debate, my hope is the discussion will be respectful and people consider that every one of us possesses equal rights to free speech. As my AP Government teacher would say, “your rights stop at my nose.”

The next day, I participated in the class of 2019 graduation. Talking to a few of the graduates left me beyond impressed and filled with so much hope for the next generation. As the national anthem was sung, I looked at the graduates and pictured what it was like for me to sit on that same field, in those seats, graduating and embarking on the next chapter in life. I did not know then that 15 years later I would have the opportunity to represent this community that I love on the county council. Life is unpredictable. But wherever life leads each of these graduates, I hope they always value and honor the sacrifices of those who came before, and go forward remembering, as I will, some of the advice imparted by the graduation speakers: Dream big. Work hard. Integrity matters. Remember where you started. Time is precious. The best is yet to come.

An Update On Environmental Matters

Steuart Pittman
County Executive



Anne Arundel County has some good environmental laws on the books. Those laws are designed to protect our natural areas and our many rivers, creeks and streams that flow into the Chesapeake Bay. Our county has a strong environmental ethic, and our communities depend on a clean, healthy environment as part of their quality of life.

But to truly protect our natural environment, our laws must be properly enforced. That is why I joined other conservation leaders at the Chesapeake Bay Foundation on May 15 to announce two new policies that will better protect our environment when land is proposed for development. These new policies are effective immediately and will save sensitive environmental wetlands from being developed and make it more difficult for developers to get waivers from existing laws.

Wetlands filter our waterways and provide important habitat for wildlife. And generally, if an area is wet enough to be a wetland, then it probably isn’t the best place to build something anyway. When I came

into office, I discovered that the current practice was to allow developers themselves to mark where wetlands were on a property they were proposing to develop. Wetlands are protected

be used to get around our environmental regulations. Not anymore.

From now on, when a developer seeks a modification to an environmental regulation, they will have to provide thorough

permits. We have a dedicated staff of planners and inspectors, but there simply are not enough of them. Our inspectors are responsible for monitoring far more sites than any other county in Maryland, with fewer inspectors to do it. In fact, our inspectors have triple the erosion and sediment control workload of the next busiest county.

Our proposed Fiscal Year 2020 budget adds four additional environmental inspectors to our Inspections and Permits team and six new planners to our Office of Planning and Zoning team, allowing them to establish an environmental review division. Together, these additional personnel will help us visit more sites more frequently and ensure that our environmental regulations are being followed.

We will continue to review existing policies to protect our communities, our environment, and our people and we will support those priorities with our budget. When we can, we will issue policy guidance to ensure our laws are properly enforced. When we identify a need for code changes, we will propose new legislation and work with the county council. A clean, healthy environment is an important part of making Anne Arundel County “the best place.”

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Miracles, Mathematics And Graduations

Brian Chisholm
Delegate
District 31



If I told you that you were going to win a \$100 million lottery 10 times in your lifetime, would you believe me? I am going to assume that every one of you would say this is impossible. Someone would be considered the luckiest person in the world because the odds of this happening are unimaginable to us. Yet every person reading this article has beaten odds even greater than this probability. The odds of this happening are around one in 400 trillion.

Let me add some perspective to this number since 400 trillion is hard to grasp.

One million seconds ago was just 13 days ago. Hopefully we can all remember

“The amazing things that will happen in your lifetime were thought impossible or never dreamed of just 10 years ago.”

13 days ago.

One billion seconds ago was 31,688 years ago. It was the late ‘80s, neon colors were plentiful, cassette tapes filled our cars and MTV still played music.

One trillion seconds ago was 31,688 years ago. Who knows, at that time we may have had a couple of cave-men running around banging rocks together trying to make fire and planning Geico commercials. Now, multiply that by 400 and we learn that it would take 13 million years for someone to

count to 400 trillion.

Here is the amazing part of these numbers. Scientists and mathematicians have calculated the odds of you being born at one in 400 trillion. That means you exactly who you are, with your unique DNA and parents. I was reminded of this “miracle of life” often as I had the honor to sit through several graduations and watch so many young, vibrant and enthusiastic faces cross the stage and grab their diplomas.

What would I tell these young and energetic graduates along with their families and friends as they proudly attended these ceremonies?

1. You are truly a miracle and that can never be disputed. After all, you already won the \$100 million lottery 10 times, statistically speaking.

2. Everyone is born with a purpose. If you did not have

a purpose, you would not be here today.

3. Every human being is born with special gifts. These gifts are given to you as the catalyst to help you fulfill your purpose while here on earth. These gifts cannot be learned and they cannot be taught in school; they can only be realized and refined by you.

Here is the major challenge to all these facts. As human beings, we are also blessed with free will. Scientist also note that most of us make up to 35,000 decisions every day. Some choices are much easier than others, but some choices can be more difficult and could change your life and those around you forever. You are a miracle with gifts unique to only you for a purpose, so choose wisely.

Here is my advice (simple to say but often hard to follow) to you.

1. Figure out what you truly love to do and pursue it with 100% confidence and commitment. Do not do it for the money or perceived fame it will bring you. It is fool’s gold to do anything just for the money or five minutes of fame. True happiness will come as soon as you realize your life is more valuable than money could ever buy because of your positive

impact on others.

2. You must have a vivid vision of what you want to accomplish. The world is filled with people who will quickly tell you that you can’t do something because they can’t do it themselves. You will be knocked down and discouraged by others who either fear your success or are trying to eliminate you as competition. Remember, though, you are your only true competition, so be the best that you can be and don’t worry so much about the opinions of others.

3. Spend every day trying to affect those around you in a positive way. You have the ability to change someone’s life for the better with a simple smile, helping hand or kind word. Never underestimate the immeasurable power you possess to lift someone else up at exactly the right time.

Despite what the news or social media might tell you, this is the greatest era to be alive in the history of the world. The amazing things that will happen in your lifetime were thought impossible or never dreamed of just 10 years ago. Be grateful, loving, confident and strong because you are a true miracle. You have a purpose and the gifts to do amazing things.

Election Day Page Program

Bryan Simonaire
Senator
District 31



We continue to hear that we want young people to get involved in their government and civic duties. However, every election, few young people come out and vote.

This past legislative session, I work with advocates to craft a bill that will hopefully help our youth become more active in local government for years to come. I proposed a statewide Election Day page program that would allow anyone 14 years of age and older, under supervision, to participate in polling centers on Election Day.

We had support from students, Anne Arundel County Public Schools, Chesapeake Regional Association of Student Councils, Maryland State Education Associa-

tion and more. I am pleased to report that my program passed the legislature and was recently signed into law by Governor Larry Hogan.

It is a voluntary program, so each county can decide whether or not to participate. The Maryland State Board of Elections is in the process of creating a standard procedure for training and implementation of the program. Once the procedures are complete, a county and its local board of elections can request to participate in the program in its jurisdiction.

The basics of the program are that a county student 14 years or older may apply to his or her local board of elections. The student must complete the necessary training and be available for at least one four-hour shift on Election Day. The parent would be required to come to the brief training session with the student on the night before the election.

The page would serve under the direct supervision of the chief election judges and assist in the duties assigned to them. For example, the youth could hand out “I voted” stickers, assist elderly voters, provide assistance to election judges or simply provide a smile while thanking voters for coming out.

A page may not engage in any partisan activity or touch any marked ballot at any time.

The board will partner with the local school system to establish a selection process, which will allow students from public and private schools, as well as home-schooling, to apply.

Since schools are typically closed on Election Day, it is easy for students to participate. Additionally, students can earn community service hours from their schools.

Some older students may already be allowed to help in the polling center if they

are register to vote, but this would allow them to test the waters in four-hour blocks and earn school community service hours in the process. Currently, workers sign up for entire day, which can be over 12 hours.

The goal is to get students involved in the election process and see how they can make a difference. Hopefully, this will ignite a lifelong love for our country, government and community service.

It is my hope that the program will be available in Anne Arundel County for the upcoming 2020 presidential primary elections next winter.

If you want your student to get involved, contact my office at bryan.simonaire@senate.state.md.us or 410-841-3658, and we will let you know the next steps.

It is my goal to continue to think outside the box and provide creative ways to help solve everyday problems.

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We want to hear your thoughts regarding what’s happening in the neighborhood. Is there a current issue at hand that you feel strongly about? We know our readers are passionate about their neighborhoods, schools, community and so much more — and the *Voice* would love for you to tell us about it.

Letters to the Editor can be emailed to pvnews@pasadenavoice.com and may be edited for space, clarity, grammar, spelling, etc. We encourage you to express yourself, but please be brief — letters should be limited to 250 words, though we do on occasion run longer letters. We look forward to hearing from you!

HEALTH & FITNESS

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When You Detect Illness In Your Cat

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As expressive and animated as your furry feline is at home, it can be difficult to determine when something is off with your cat. Cats often go to great lengths to hide signs of illness. In the wild, this protects them from predators. At home, this can make it difficult to recognize when your cat should visit the vet. Some signs of illness are obvious. Below are some of the more common signs and what might be causing them.

Vomiting is not normal for cats. While some people think it is normal for cats to vomit every few days, it is abnormal. The occasional vomit or hairball can be OK, but if it is a common or chronic occurrence, it indicates that something is wrong. Vomiting in cats can be caused by eating something they shouldn't (like string or hair ties), eating food they should not have, parasites, a food allergy, autoimmune disease and more. If your cat is vomiting, it should be checked

by your vet.

Diarrhea is also a sign of illness. It can be caused by bacterial, viral or parasitic infection; food allergies; autoimmune disease; and more. If your cat is having diarrhea, it should be seen since continued diarrhea can lead to dehydration and weight loss. There are many steps we can take to prevent this. Don't forget to bring a stool sample to your appointment!

Coughing or wheezing can indicate serious illness as well. It can be caused by feline asthma, parasites, masses and more. If you notice your cat suddenly looking as if it is trying to cough up something or struggling to breathe, have it seen promptly to help determine why.

A runny nose or runny eyes can be caused by bacterial or viral infection and

and sometimes abnormalities with the eyes themselves, like conjunctivitis, corneal ulcers, glaucoma and autoimmune disease. If you notice these signs, have your kitty evaluated to determine how we can best treat it and get it feeling better.

Other signs of illness are subtle, so it is important to get to know your cat's regular routine and pay attention to any deviations from this.

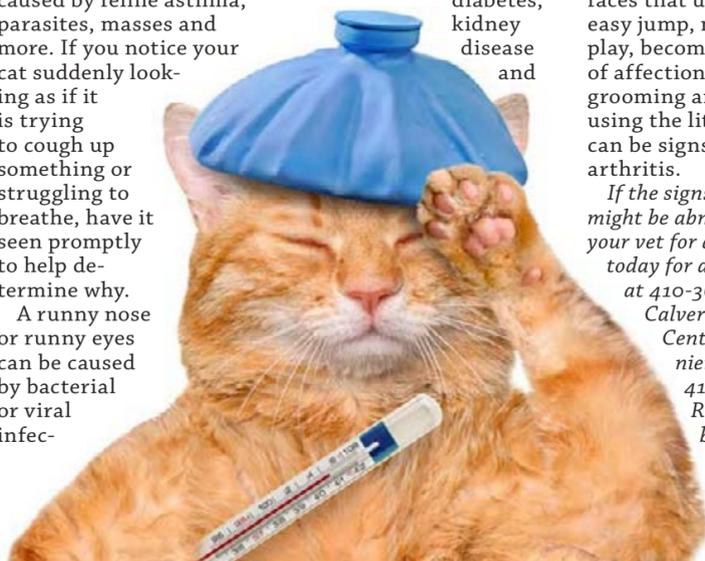
Metabolic and endocrine diseases, such as diabetes, kidney disease and

hyperthyroidism, can be manifested as your cat skips meals or develops a voracious appetite, weight loss, hiding tendencies, and increased thirst and urinations.

Subtle diseases like allergies can be detected by recurrent ear infections, persistent headshaking and ear-scratching, redness and scabbing of the skin, and hair loss.

Arthritis can be subtle and progressive. Pay attention to changes in your cat's mobility, such as inability to jump on surfaces that used to be an easy jump, not wanting to play, becoming intolerant of affection, decreased grooming and trouble using the litterbox. These can be signs of developing arthritis.

If the signs you are seeing might be abnormal, contact your vet for advice. Call today for an appointment at 410-360-PAWS. VCA Calvert Veterinary Center is conveniently located at 4100 Mountain Road and has been proudly serving the Pasadena community for more than 15 years.



News From Calvert Veterinary Center

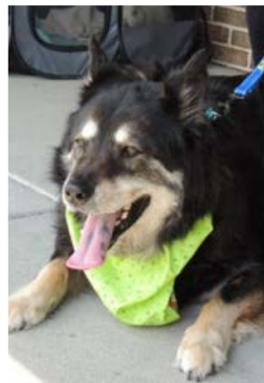
Dr. Calvert Sworn In To Maryland Board Of Veterinary Medical Examiners



Dr. Christine Calvert of Calvert Veterinary Center was sworn in by Scott Poyer, clerk of the Anne Arundel County Circuit Court, at a formal ceremony to serve her five-year term on the Maryland State Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners. Calvert was among the nominees appointed to more than 63 boards and commissions across the state. "Marylanders deserve the most capable and dedicated representatives for these critically important positions, and we are extremely proud of the qualified individuals being submitted today," said Governor Larry Hogan. "These appointments reflect the diversity of our state, and I am confident that these appointees will help us continue to change Maryland for the better."

Calvert Veterinary Center Celebrates 15th Anniversary

To celebrate its 15th year of caring for the health of Pasadena's pets, Calvert Veterinary Center held an open house at its office on Saturday, June 8, welcoming community members and their fur babies for an afternoon of camaraderie, information, giveaways, activities, and refreshments, including doggy-friendly ice cream.



Department Of Health Tests Water Quality From Memorial Day To Labor Day

Under Maryland regulations, the Anne Arundel County Department of Health conducts water quality sampling at community bathing beaches along area creeks and rivers from Memorial Day to Labor Day. The water bodies are tested for levels of enterococci bacteria. Below are the most commonly asked questions about the Department of Health's water quality sampling and recreational use of natural water.

How does the department determine which bodies of water to monitor?

The Department of Health follows criteria issued by the State of Maryland and the U.S. Environmental Protection

Agency (EPA). The EPA criteria are for recreational water bodies that are deep enough for most people to swim with their entire body underwater.

What are enterococci?

Enterococci are bacteria found in the intestines of all warm-blooded animals, including humans. Because the bacteria are always present in animal and human waste and are easy to detect, they are used as indicators of water quality conditions. Enterococci are in food, water and soils, but they cannot become airborne. The EPA recommends using enterococci levels to measure bacterial contamination in recreational water.

What does monitoring for enterococci in water

samples show?

Enterococci results are most useful for watching long-term trends in water quality. Results are collected over several weeks and then evaluated. Since many factors can affect readings, single-sample results may be misleading. Rainwater runoff, waterfowl and tidal action can cause high results that nature will fix in a day or two. If sample results remain high over time, the department will look to identify the source of pollution.

What causes the Department of Health to issue an advisory recommending against swimming and other direct water contact in a certain area?

Swimming in natural water

bodies poses certain risks. If enterococci counts exceed the acceptable level or when a water spill impacts a waterway, a human health risk exists. The Department of Health will issue an advisory against swimming and other direct water contact activities. There are no restrictions on boating, crabbing or fishing.

When will the Department of Health lift an advisory?

The advisory will remain in effect until test results show enterococci counts are within acceptable levels. The acceptable level for bodies of water sampled is 104 MPN (Most Probable Number of) colonies of organisms per 100 milliliters of water.

Tech Talk With Dr. Cranska

Jeffrey Cranska
Family Laser
Dentistry



In upcoming months, I will answer questions on high-technology dentistry. Please direct inquiries to my website at www.cranska.com or email me at familylaserdentistry@outlook.com.

FIVE STEPS TO MAINTAIN HEALTHY MOUTHS

Our dental mission statement should be not just reacting to and treating problems; instead, our priority should be preventing oral problems before they occur.

What five things can we all do to improve our oral health? Throw away your toothbrush. Toothbrushes should be replaced every three months and after illness (colds, flu, etc.) Consider a brush that fits the size and shape of your mouth, is durable and has soft bristles.

Brush your teeth for two minutes at least twice per day. Floss or use interdental cleaners at least once per day. Vigorously rinse with water or mouthwash after you finish your tooth cleaning.

Limit the number of sodas, sports drinks, sweet teas, and coffees you drink daily. Drink water. Tap water has no sugar to cause dental decay. It has fluoridation to prevent decay. There are no calories to cause weight gain. It also fights dry mouth (decreased saliva, which increases the risk of decay).

Avoid all tobacco prod-

ucts. If you are a smoker, you should be concerned about the effects smoking has on your health. Oral cancers accounted for more than 7,000 deaths in the United States last year (1% of all cancer deaths). People with a previous history of oral cancer, and combination tobacco and alcohol users over the age of 40, are at the highest risk. However, oral cancer is universally found in people of all ages and backgrounds.

Visit the dentist if it's been over six months or you can't remember the date of your last visit. At a regular dental visit, your teeth and mouth are examined. A periodontal (gums) evaluation is done. Your oral hygiene home care is evaluated. You get your teeth professionally cleaned and polished to remove plaque, tartar and stains. X-rays are taken if needed. Teeth are treated with fluoride compounds. Oral hygiene techniques (brushing, flossing, and the use of other inter-dental cleaners) are reviewed. This is your chance to address questions and concerns.

Dental diseases are not completely preventable. Without a cure, utilize the modern dental technologies for maximum prevention and limit destruction with early treatment.

The key tools in preventing tooth problems are cleaning your teeth every day, your diet, fluoride and dental sealants. Regular dental cleanings bring everything together.

Maryland Mobile Wellness Initiative

Lieutenant Governor Boyd K. Rutherford recently joined state and local leaders to announce the Maryland Mobile Wellness Initiative, a mobile health vehicle to support Anne Arundel County's array of substance-use disorder care. The lieutenant governor spoke at a press conference at 100 Community Place in Crownsville, joined by Executive Director Steve Schuh of the Opioid Operational Command Center (OCCC), Deputy Secretary Fran Phillips of the Maryland Department of Health (MDH), representatives from the Anne Arundel County Executive's Office and the Anne Arundel County Department of Health, as well as numerous other state and local officials and substance-use disorder advocates.

"Today I am pleased to announce the launch of the Maryland Mobile Wellness Initiative, a mobile wellness vehicle that will link individuals to community service providers for help with substance-use disorders," Rutherford said. "As we know, the decision to voluntarily enter treatment requires a significant level of engagement and readiness, and this will offer another way for individuals and their families to seek help in a local, non-threatening environment."

Supported with funds from the OCCC and MDH, the Maryland Mobile Wellness Initiative engages individuals in the community, offers prevention and treatment, and then links individuals to ongoing care and recovery resources.

"Maryland Mobile Wellness is the exciting result of Anne Arundel County's innovation and the state's strong support, delivering much-needed services in the

community," Phillips said. "This state-of-the-art vehicle with expert staff will provide critical health services in easy-to-access locations. Maryland Mobile Wellness offers prevention education, counseling, testing, immunizations and naloxone, and connects people experiencing substance use issues to medication-assisted treatment."

Schuh said, "The Maryland Mobile Wellness Initiative is another tool in our toolbox to fight the heroin and opioid epidemic that is affecting every part of our state. We hope this will serve as a promising practice for other jurisdictions to review and possibly implement."

Mobile wellness services are available on Tuesday and Friday from 9:00am to 3:00pm in the parking lot of the Arundel House of Hope, located at 514 Crain Highway North, Suite K, in Glen Burnie. It will be staffed by a certified registered nurse practitioner, registered nurse, and peer support specialist. The nurse and peer support specialist will be available during business hours to support clients and refer them to care. The vehicle has a client intake area, two exam rooms, and private blood work/discussion area.

"Fighting opioids is not a one-way street. There are many paths and proven strategies designed to offer practical, non-judgmental support to people experiencing substance use disorders," said Acting Anne Arundel County Health Officer Billie Penley. "Together with our state and county partners, the wellmobile and other innovative programs will help guide individuals successfully on the road to recovery."

For more information, call 410-823-9355.

PBA Update

Sandi Parrish
Executive Director



The Pasadena Business Association honored 52 fifth-graders for earning straight A's for the first three marking periods during this 2018-2019 school year. All of the elementary schools in the Northeast and Chesapeake feeders have participated in this recognition event for about 15 years. This year, the schools with students who qualified were Bodkin, Fort Smallwood, Jacobsville, Riviera Beach, Solley and Sunset elementary schools. These students were treated to lunch compliments of Two Rivers Steak & Fish House, ice cream from Bruster's Ice Cream and transportation provided by C. Muhl Bus Service. PBA collected items for each student to receive a goody bag, as well as citations from County Executive Steuart Pittman, Senator Bryan Simonaire, Delegate Nic Kipke, Delegate Brian Chisholm and the Pasadena Business Association.

Thank you to Paulette Morris of Idea Weaver Promotions for providing the drawing backpacks for each student. Thanks to Arundel Federal, Calvert Veterinary Center and Century 21 for their donations to the goody bag.

We hosted a ribbon cutting for a new PBA business, Chelsea Michele Hair Studios on Fort Smallwood Road; what an inspirational young lady who has just opened her new business. Delegate Chisholm presented a citation to

Chelsea on behalf of the District 31 delegation, Reece Peak presented a citation on behalf of County Executive Pittman, Sara Gannon presented a citation on behalf of Councilman Nathan Volke, Anita Dewling presented for the Anne Arundel Economic Development Corporation, and PBA Vice President Brian Conrad presented a citation from the Pasadena Business Association. Councilman Volke was also able to make it through the horrible rainstorm to congratulate Chelsea.

The PBA maintains the memorial flag site located at the Route 100 and Mountain Road intersection. Dotti Snyder, Troop 887 and the Chosen Sons of Pasadena recently revitalized the flag site. New rose bushes were planted, new mulch was put down, and weeding was completed. Check out the "Pasadena Veterans Memorial" Facebook page to see new pictures. The volunteers did a great job. PBA thanks them for their help and dedication to this project.

Our annual golf tournament will be on September 11 this year at Compass Pointe. This tournament is open to the public and all of the profit goes in the PBA Community Assistance Fund to pay for the Veterans Day ceremony, Caring and Sharing Parade, tree lighting ceremony, fifth grade straight A lunch, educational excellence, Hancock's Resolution donation, Downs Park concert series donation, flag site, etc. Watch our website or future articles to read more details. **» Continued on A12**

BUSINESS SPOTLIGHT

Quality Product And Keen Customer Service Make Design Tops A Top Pick

By Dylan Roche

Just like a piece of granite, every homeowner is unique — unique needs, unique tastes, a unique budget. It's one of the reasons Lisa and George Wendling at Design Tops are focused on providing one-on-one customer service. "Every counter-top going out of here is unique and different," Lisa said.

It was back in 1985 that the Wendlings founded Design Tops because they saw a need in the area. With George's construction background, they knew they could be successful in helping people increase the value and beauty of their homes and offices.

Nearly 35 years later, they have built a highly regarded business that serves all of Maryland as well as parts of Pennsylvania and Virginia.



The team at Design Tops, led by George and Lisa Wendling, as well as Marlin, can design, manufacture and install an array of kitchen countertops from material they carry onsite.

Design Tops designs, manufactures and installs an array of kitchen countertops, vanity tops, desktops, file cabinets, desk units, tabletops and much more, all from a selection of materials like granite, quartz, marble, engineered products, Corian and laminates.

"Our customers love the one-on-one with each one of us, the personal attention we give them as they go through the kitchen process."

— LISA WENDLING, DESIGN TOPS

It's the customer service, however, that really sets Design Tops apart from other places in the

industry. "Our customers love the one-on-one with each one of us, the **» Continued on A13**

Planning For Retirement? Then You Should Think Like An Engineer

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"If it's meant to be, it's up to me!" That's my mother's life motto and I heard that phrase so many times growing up that it's now my motto too. I use it at home with my kids and at work with my clients! It may seem simplistic, but its truth in relation to retirement planning is undeniable.

THE BIG QUESTION

At my Social Security and retirement planning semi-

nars, I ask the big question, "Can you quit your job tomorrow and know that you are going to be able to maintain the standard of living you desire throughout the rest of your life?" This question is ultimately what retirement planning is all about; a retirement planner's job is to help you take the necessary steps to feel confident in answering "yes," but the most important person in this process is you. If it's meant to be, then it's up to me (you).

HOW TO TAKE CHARGE OF YOUR RETIREMENT PLANNING

What does it mean that

your retirement success is up to you? It means that you take ownership of the situation and start actively planning for your retirement. It's a well-documented phenomenon that when you write down your goal and plan toward it, you're much more likely to achieve it. In fact, according to psychology professor Dr. Gail Matthews' study on goal-setting at the Dominican University of California, you're 42% more likely to achieve a goal if it's written down.

Writing down your retirement goal will force you to get clear on exactly what you need (or want) your retirement to look like, and how much money it will take to get you there. This, in turn, will force you to start strategizing, asking questions about where you currently are, and start planning out your specific steps for how you will achieve your goals. Once you have written down the precise steps you need to take to put your plan into action, you'll find checking

off each step is a powerful motivator while accomplishing your goal.

THINK LIKE AN ENGINEER

At my seminar, after I ask the big question — "Could you quit your job tomorrow?" — I encourage audience members to start thinking like an engineer. Why? Because many of my clients are engineers and one thing I've learned is that they like to gather and analyze data, which is one of the first crucial steps in planning for your future.

Here is how you start thinking like an engineer: Decide with your significant other what your vision of retirement looks like.

Gather all your current data, such as your monthly budget, balance in retirement accounts, contributions to each account, etc.

Meet with a financial professional who can help you determine how much you'll need in retirement income to make your vision **» Continued on A13**

Small Businesses Shine At PBA's Shop Local Fest

The second annual Shop Local Festival sponsored by the Pasadena Business Association delighted community members on Saturday, June 8, with music, food, games and giveaways. The event introduced attendees to some of the faces behind their favorite locally owned businesses and highlighted everything those companies did for the area they serve.



Becca Bors Joins The Team At Ace Hardware

Costello's Ace Hardware & Hearth has welcomed Becca Bors as its new business development manager. She holds a bachelor's degree in sport management and marketing from Towson University and an associate's degree in business management from Prince George's County Community College. Before joining Costello's Ace Hardware & Hearth, Bors worked for more than 17 years for a diverse range of organizations, including large corporations, nonprofits and government agencies.

Bors grew up in the construction industry, working with her father's home remodeling company at a young age and developing many skills used in the field. With that hands-on experience, she became an expert in new business



Becca Bors

development, assessing client needs, competitive market positioning and consultative solution sales. After college, she decided she wanted a career in the industry she knew best: construction material sales. She spent six years with a major paint retailer, furthering her education and expertise in paint, sales and customer management. **» Continued on A12**

Ribbon Cuttings



Tara Frame Marks 65 Years Of Practice In Pasadena



Carrying on the tradition started by her father, Tara Frame commemorated the 65th anniversary of Frame & Frame Attorneys at Law with a ribbon cutting recently held at Café Mezzanotte. Frame & Frame is located at 8562 Fort Smallwood Road in Pasadena.

Everhart Veterinary Rehabilitation Opens Office In The Dena



The team at Everhart Veterinary Rehabilitation recently gathered with members of the Pasadena Business Association and other community supporters for a ribbon cutting ceremony to mark their official opening in Riviera Beach.

Magothy Payments Holds Grand Reopening For New Location



A multi-chamber event, the grand reopening of Magothy Payments drew supporters from the PBA – as well as the Greater Severna Park and Arnold Chamber of Commerce and the Greater Crofton Chamber of Commerce – for a ribbon cutting performed by owner Jaron Rice. Magothy Payments is now located at 517 Benfield Road, Suite 101A, in Severna Park.

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Please remember the importance of shopping local.

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our community. Amazon and the big-box stores do not give back to our community.

You can reach me at

pasadenabusinessassociation@verizon.net or learn more about the PBA by visiting www.pasadenabusinessassociation.com.

Becca Bors Joins Ace

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Bors joined the Costello's family business because of the large impact it leaves in each of its communities and because the staff treats every customer like family. Costello's offers a wide variety of services to their customers, including The Supply Place, access to www.costellosace.com, a range of products, work-

site deliveries and special orders.

When she is not glued to her work, Bors enjoys volunteering to keep her neighborhood park clean. She is a dog lover; she rescued her pup, Nala, from the Baltimore Animal Rescue and Care Shelter in February 2017, and they have been inseparable ever since.

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Planning For Retirement?

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Execute your plan, making adjustments when necessary, until your retirement party.

LOOK FORWARD TO RETIREMENT

My mom was a teacher and my father was an office supply salesman. They worked hard and by living their motto, "If it's meant to be, it's up to me," they have been able to enjoy the retirement they envisioned. We didn't always go on big annual vacations or drive the newest, most expensive cars, but they enjoyed life, and when it came to executing their plan of stashing a little away each paycheck, they were like clockwork. They made a plan and worked the plan.

I think everyone should walk into their retirement party ready to dance the night away and kick off the retirement life of their dreams, and it all starts with getting clear on your retirement goals and thinking like an engineer. It isn't going to just happen. We have to make it happen. "If it's meant to be, it's up to me!"

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Customer Service Makes Design Tops A Top Pick



"We keep a couple hundred slabs of granite in stock for quick turnaround," Lisa Wendling explained.

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personal attention we give them as they go through the kitchen process," Lisa said. "It can be a little difficult and overwhelming."

The whole process begins with a visit to their Glen Burnie site where customers can discuss

their needs and wants. Lisa always starts by considering the customer's budget, then will segue into discussing material, color and edges, as well as whether the customer wants a backsplash or tile.

Meanwhile, in the back, Design Tops has a



Design Tops even carries remnants for smaller jobs, such as bathrooms, so that customers don't have to buy a whole slab.

workshop where George and his team create the countertops from one-of-a-kind slabs. "We keep a couple hundred slabs of granite in stock for quick turnaround," Lisa explained. "Customers can pick out their own slabs, and we have remnants for small jobs like bath-

rooms, so the customer doesn't have to buy the whole slab."

And because of their location's proximity to I-695 and I-95, they can reach a large number of customers. "We love it here because it's centrally located and has easy access to everything," Lisa said.

Customers who want to learn more – or who want to see everything that Design Tops has to offer – don't even need to worry about making an appointment.

Design Tops is available by phone at 410-761-6336 or by email at designtops@aol.com, but the best interaction, Lisa said, is always in person. Stop by their location at 435 East Stiemly Avenue in Glen Burnie anytime between 7:30am and 5:00pm Monday through Thursday or 7:30am and 2:00pm Friday. "We take walk-ins every single day," Lisa said.

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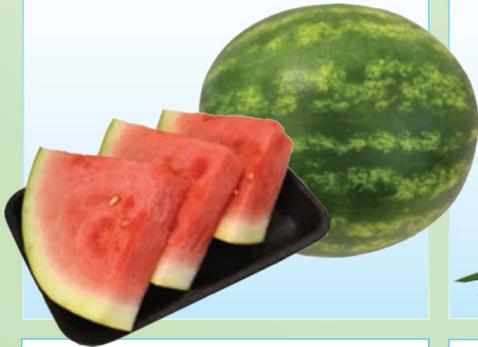


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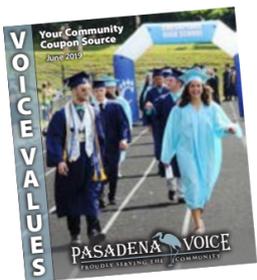


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Pasadena Proud: Chesapeake Softball Comes Up Short Vs. Huntingtown In State Final, Reflects On Outstanding Year

By Colin Murphy

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COLLEGE PARK, Md.—The Chesapeake softball team's outstanding season came up one win shy of a storybook finish.

The Cougars met a worthy champion in Huntingtown in the 3A state final on May 25, and the Hurricanes scored a 2-0 victory to capture their second straight championship.

Hurricanes ace pitcher **Victoria Fletcher** worked for key outs to escape jams in the third and seventh innings. Huntingtown benefitted from a pair of Chesapeake errors in the sixth inning to plate two unearned runs, ending the Cougars' otherwise sterling season.

"We had our opportunities," said Chesapeake coach **Don Ellenberger**. "We had runners on, and if we get a key hit I'm almost positive that game doesn't end the way it did. And then, we put pressure on them [in the seventh], so we came back



The Cougars appreciated their state-final appearance and excellent season following their defeat to Huntingtown on May 25.

Photo by Colin Murphy

and fought to the end."

In her final high school start, senior pitcher **Haley Downin** delivered yet another gem for the Cougars, going six innings, scattering five hits, striking out eight and allowing no earned runs

to give Chesapeake a chance against Fletcher, who brought a 0.68 ERA into the game along with 21 wins and a 64-mph fastball.

In Chesapeake's previous playoff wins over J.M. Bennett, Northeast,

Reservoir and Linganore, the Cougars jumped out to early leads, carried the energy and momentum and never relented while riding off into the sunset with memorable victories.

Against Huntingtown, they

enjoyed no such luxury, and the game hung tenuously in the balance while neither team managed to take a lead.

The Cougars nearly got to Fletcher in the top of the third. **Norah Hart** led off with a single, **Kexin**

Wang walked and Downin singled to give Chesapeake a bases-loaded opportunity with one out.

From there, **Tristyn Stewart** hit a sharp grounder, but the Hurricanes made the force at home to prevent the run. **Jerzie Nutile** came to the plate and blasted a towering drive to left field, off and over the top of the fence, but her would-be grand slam was just foul. Fletcher got Nutile to strike out on the next pitch and keep the game scoreless.

In the bottom of the sixth inning, Huntingtown led off with a single and a walk. After a groundout, a pair of Chesapeake errors on successive batters allowed the Hurricanes to plate two runs and take a lead.

Down to their final three outs in the top of the seventh, Chesapeake's **Ali Pollack** led off with a walk, and **Sophia Bianco** reached on an error; the Cougars had life and legitimate hope with two runners on and no outs. But a Chesapeake bunt attempt failed for the first out, and

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Panthers Lacrosse Girls Are Junior County Champs

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The next wave of Pasadena girls lacrosse players finished their youth careers with a county championship.

The Panthers junior girls lacrosse team went 12-0 this spring and capped its season with an 8-7 overtime win over General's Highway at Chesapeake High School on May 19 to win the Anne Arundel County Recreation and Parks Junior C county championship.

Addison Widmer scored the tying goal in the closing seconds of regulation to send the county final to overtime, and she assisted the game-

winning score by **Natalie Forman** that lifted the Panthers to sudden victory and the championship.

Head coach **Sonny Jones** said the title was a culmination of a season's worth of hard work as the group sought to bridge the divide between youth and high school lacrosse by focusing on high school-level fundamental skills and advanced offensive and defensive teamwork.

"I told them, 'We're going to set the bar high, these are the same plays the varsity girls are running,' and they rose to the occasion," said Jones, who has coached the varsity girls lacrosse program at Chesapeake

High School for four years. "I thought the girls played hard this year. I thought they learned a lot. Obviously I'm proud of them that they went undefeated and won their county championship game. It was a hot day, and they were kind of sapped, but they hung in there, and I was really proud of them for that."

The team of Widmer, Forman, **Brynn Carrier, Kaila Ansted, Lillian Barlieb, Ava Grant, Jordan Hood, Chloe Klein, Elaina LaSanta, Abbey McCarthy, Delaney Miller, Molly Parker, Lillian Patrick, Sydney Thatcher, Bridgette Van**

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The Panthers went 12-0 and defeated General's Highway 8-7 in overtime on May 19 to win the Anne Arundel County Junior C championship.

Panthers Lax Boys Win PeeWee County Crown



The Panthers PeeWee boys lacrosse team coached by Bryan Fulton defeated their brethren Panthers 5-1 in the county's Crusaders division championship game on May 19.

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As a team made up almost entirely of fourth-graders competing in a league comprising mostly fifth-grade teams, the Panthers PeeWee Crusaders-division lacrosse team faced a tough slate of games throughout the 2019 season.

The Panthers didn't just hold their own, however. They went and won the league championship.

The Panthers, coached by **Bryan Fulton**, defeated their big-brother Panthers fifth-graders coached by **Jon Pisano**, 5-1, in the county's PeeWee Crusaders division championship game at Annapolis High School

on May 19.

The team was made up of goalie **Brandt Widmer**; defensemen **Wyatt Thompson, Trace Klapaska, Alex McDonald, Nathan Schreiber, Jeremiah Morton and Rylan Grundy**; middies **Nolan Behler, Jake Forman, Nicholas**

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Orioles Win 10U PBC Championship Over Nats, 14-13



Photo by Colin Murphy

The Orioles are 10U Pasadena Baseball Club champs following a 14-13 win over the Nationals.

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In a wild back-and-forth playoff final, the 10U Orioles secured a 14-13 win over the Nationals to win the 10U Pasadena Baseball Club

championship at Havenwood Park on June 8. The 10U PBC champion Orioles are **Ashton Garman, Ben Johnson, MJ Taylor, Nath Goldmacher, Boaz Domizio, Lucas Nelson, Thomas Campbell, Durell Smith,**

Michael Carpenter, Xavier Glinowiecki, Desmond Hill, Connor King, TJ Morgan and Roman Flanagan. View a full photo gallery of action shots from the 10U PBC championship game at www.pasadenavoice.com/sports.

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Panthers Win PeeWee Title

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Zenker, Chase Cage, Alan McDonald, Eric Bieda, Braylon Tucker, Jaden Humphrey and Jaxon Vardy; and attack men **Chase Fulton, Mason Bombard, Davin Inglis, Landon Szymanski, Cayden Carey and Josh Morton** and coached by **Fulton**, middies coach **Bill Forman**, defense coach **Bobby Widmer** and attack coach **Todd Zenker**.

Made up of 20 fourth-graders and two fifth-graders, the team figured to be overmatched in a league of mostly fifth-grade teams, but the Panthers played well from the start, as 11 of them have played for five years, six have played for three years and five were playing their first season. The team went 8-2 in the regular season and was the only fourth-grade team to make the playoffs.

In the playoffs, the Panthers avenged one of their only regular-season losses by defeating Crofton 10-6; Crofton had defeated the Panthers just two weeks earlier. Fulton led the way

with seven goals while Tucker, Zenker and McDonald scored a goal apiece.

The Panthers then squared off with Pisano's 11-0 Panthers team for the championship. Fulton led the way with three goals and Cage had two, and Widmer and the defense locked down to secure a 5-1 win. Widmer surrendered only seven goals on 24 shots in two playoff wins.

In going 10-2 overall, the Panthers scored 76 goals and gave up only 44.

Coach Fulton said the team had high expectations going into the season based on their experience and despite being younger than most of their opponents, and they slowly began to believe in their ability.

"I told the boys on Day 1 of practice and throughout the season, 'If you want it, we can,'" said Fulton. "They all looked when I said it like I was crazy. When we won the championship, I asked them if they wanted to know what I meant and they all said yes. 'If you want it, we will win the championship.'"

Panthers Lacrosse Girls Are Junior County Champs

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Valkenburgh, Abbey Warner and Mikaela Warren went 2-0 in the six-team playoff tournament as the league's No. 1 seed.

Currier, a defender, was named the championship game's Most Valuable Player.

"Brynn is fast and fierce, a player we can count on to stop a drive," said coach **Lois Warner** of Currier. "Brynn won't quit."

Grant and Miller split time as the team's goalies.

Abbey Warner was the team's recipient of the Christopher Schultz Award and scholarship as the player who most embodies qualities of leadership, a love of lacrosse and a love of life. Warner has played eight years of Panthers/CYLA lacrosse in addition to eight years of county field hockey and two years of county basketball while maintaining honor roll

status at Bodkin Elementary and Chesapeake Bay Middle School. Warner scored 25 goals and recorded 21 assists for the 12-0 Panthers.

Jones said the focus of developing off-hand ability, learning offensive plays and deploying defensive sets was the perfect runway for high school success.

"Once we get everybody involved and everybody knows what their job is and you learn how to execute the play right, you get multiple choices for shots," said Jones. "So that worked well for us, and that's how we were able to engage the entire team."

Coach Warner is excited to send the girls to high school with a strong base of fundamentals and a great experience playing youth lacrosse with the Panthers.

"It has been a pleasure coaching these young ladies over the years," she said. "They are so much fun!"

Panthers Lacrosse Honors Christopher Schultz Award Winners

By Colin Murphy
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The Panthers youth lacrosse program ended its season with the presentation of the Christopher Schultz Lacrosse Life Awards and scholarships at an ice cream party at Loopers Field on May 30.

Paul and Kathy Schultz established the award in honor of their late son, Christopher, who passed away at age 12. Christopher Schultz displayed leadership and loved life and lacrosse, and the award recognizes one individual from each Panthers youth lacrosse team who most embodies those characteristics. Recipients of the award received personalized plaques, and the junior-level winners also receive scholarship money.

The girls 2019 recipients of the Christopher Schultz Lacrosse Life Award are **Calista Athas, Kaitlain**



Paul and Kathy Schultz (center) presented Panthers lacrosse players with this season's Christopher Schultz Awards, which recognizes recipients' leadership, love of life and love of lacrosse, all qualities personified by their late son Christopher Schultz.

Behler, Anna Kunes, Remi Morgan, Kelcie Gannon and Abbey Warner. Gannon and

Warner were the junior-level recipients. The boys 2019 winners are **Jude Abey, Maverik Croys,**

Wyatt Thompson, Ryan Kopp, Jack Laib and Nick Shade; Shade was the junior scholarship winner.

Cougars, Eagles T&F Represent At States

By Colin Murphy
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A handful of Northeast and Chesapeake track and field athletes competed on the state's biggest stage at the MPSSAA Track and Field State Championship meet at Morgan State from May 23-25.

Qualifying for the state meet is in itself a tremendous accomplishment, and the Eagles and Cougars who represented Pasadena did their school communities doubly proud by turning in strong performances at Morgan State.

Northeast's **Christal Pommells** placed seventh in the 3A girls 100-meter

dash in 12.64 seconds and sixth in the 200 meter dash in 25.84 seconds.

Josh Krcik placed seventh in the 3A boys 110-meter hurdles, sixth in the 300-meter hurdles and fourth in the long jump with a jump of 21 feet, 6 inches.

The girls 4x100 meter relay team of **Kamryn Johnson, Dae'Jour Long, Somorha Smith** and **Pommells** placed fifth.

Shawn Tyler finished 15th in the boys 300 hurdles for Northeast.

The girls 4x200 meter team of **Johnson, Yasmeena Jones, Long** and **Smith** also qualified for the state meet but suffered a disqualification

in the finals.

Chesapeake's **Jonathan Vasquez** placed fifth in boys 3A pole vault by clearing 11 feet, 6 inches. **Samantha Leo** placed seventh in girls 3A high jump and also finished 10th in triple jump. Cougar freshman **Bailey Healey** finished 13th in the 3A girls 1600-meter run.

The girls 4x400 team of **Brooke Brewis, Ashley Chew, Erin Hulbert** and **Leo** finished 13th. **John Yayi-Bondje** finished 12th in the 3A boys 800 meter run.

Carlie Wilkins and **Madeleine Gray** also qualified for states in pole vault.



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Northeast's **Christal Pommells** placed seventh in the girls 3A 100 meter dash.

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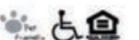
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CHS Frosh Is Youngest Marathon Runner In VT



Chesapeake rising freshman Bridgette Van Valkenburgh, 14, ran her first full marathon on May 26 at the Vermont City Marathon in Burlington, Vermont.

Rising Chesapeake freshman **Bridgette Van Valkenburgh**, 14, had a busy spring playing lacrosse for the undefeated county champion Panthers junior girls lacrosse team, but she still found time to train for her first full marathon.

On May 26, Van Valkenburgh was the youngest finisher of the 26.2-mile Vermont City Marathon in Burlington, Vermont. Van Valkenburgh ran the race in 4 hours, 7 minutes and 45 seconds.

An honor student as an eight grader at Chesapeake Bay Middle School this past school year, Van Valkenburgh plans to run for the Chesapeake High School cross country team in the fall.

Orioles Score Walk-Off 8-7 Win Vs. Nationals For 12U PBC Championship

The 12U Orioles came from 8-5 down in the bottom of the sixth inning to force extra innings and ultimately defeat the Nationals 9-8 in seven innings to claim the Pasadena Baseball Club championship at Havenwood Park on June 8. The 12U champion Orioles are **Amari Abraham, Jordan Bateman, Tyler Cameron, Devinn Costello, Nathan Doods, Cameron, Geiger Xavier Keil, Gavin Lewis, Grayson Petrusik, Peyton Pnitzko Maximus Schmidt and Joseph Stinchcomb.**

View a full photo gallery of action shots from the 12U PBC championship game at www.pasadenavoice.com/sports.



The 12U champion Orioles and runner-up Nationals posed for a joint picture following the teams' exciting extra-innings PBC championship game, won 9-8 by the Orioles.

Havenwood 8U Velocity Traveled Fast Track To Winning Season

The Havenwood 8U Velocity softball team ended a successful season on June 6. While scores weren't officially recorded, head coach Earl Smith lauded his team for winning almost all of their games and showing vast improvement throughout the season.

"Velocity has really advanced with their skills: batting, fielding, catching, throwing and base-running," Smith said. "Defensively, fly balls were caught and throws from third to first were made. Velocity made the impossible happen in 8U. Every week we strive to have fun, maintain good sportsmanship and play hard every time we step on the field. I couldn't be more proud of the team."

Velocity was also the top fundraising team for Havenwood Softball, with more than \$2,302.

The Havenwood 8U Velocity were **Mackenzie**



The Havenwood 8U Velocity had a strong season learning fundamentals and building a good base of skills.

Austin, Emma Herron, Andraya Martin, Jules Nguyen, Eleanor Olsen, Kendall Poling, Callie Richards, Cheyenne Smith, Sierra Stetcher, Kylie Sterry, Gabriella Stitt, Scarlett Sullivan and Ava Walter.

Poling, Stitt, Stetcher, Olsen, Nynguyen and Smith

were selected for an all-star tournament held June 22-23.

The team was led by head coach **Earl Smith** and assistant coaches **Dana Delucca and Steve Stecher.**

"As my third consecutive season as head coach, it has been very fun and gratifying," Smith said. "I can't help but notice how

Havenwood Softball Hit-A-Thon

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- First Place **Kendall Poling** (128 feet, 5 inches)
- Second Place **Emma Herron** (127 feet, 4 inches)
- Third Place **Jules Nguyen** (111 feet, 4 inches)

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close the team has become with each other. The parents have been wonderful to work with, we have a blast coaching and watching our girls play ball."

'Dena Players Help MSJ Rugby Team To MIAA Title



Pasadena athletes **Morgan Mooney and Dominic Troisi** competed on the Mount Saint Joseph High School team that defeated Archbishop Spalding in the MIAA varsity rugby championship, 28-17, at Calvert Hall on May 8. Mooney and Troisi were both members of the class of 2019.

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Chesapeake Softball Girls Reflect Proudly On Excellent Season After State-Final Defeat

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Hart grinded through an 11-pitch at-bat before belting a sharp grounder to first.

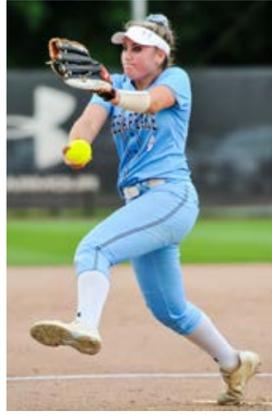
Huntingtown's first baseman fielded the short hop, stepped on first for the out and threw to second to tag Bianco for a game-ending, championship-clinching, 3-4 double play.

As a program, the Cougars have made the state final 14 times and have seven titles. Coach Don Ellenberger has taken six teams to the final and won back-to-back 4A crowns in 2007 and 2008. Chesapeake has fallen in its four finals appearance since (2011, 2012, 2014 and 2019).

Ellenberger knows how hard it is to win the whole thing, which is why his excitement for this group grew from the beginning of the season.

"We saw something in them probably around Week 2," he said. "I told them I believe if we buy into everything we're trying, we've got a shot to go to Maryland. The bottom line to it was, they bought in, and they work hard. ... We got a little better. That's what it's all about. They believed, and this group had no drama, which is rare. Usually you've always got some drama. They believed and they pulled together. You heard them cheering like crazy from the beginning. That's the way they've been all year. As a coach, can't ask for more than that."

Downin leaves Chesapeake as one of the most accomplished athletes in school history. In addition to her standout careers in soccer and basketball, she holds 13 program records for softball,



Chesapeake senior Haley Downin (left) graduates with 13 school records in softball and is one of the most accomplished athletes in Cougar history across three sports. Senior Kexin Wang (right) was all smiles while rounding the bases following a solo home run in the Cougars' state semifinal win.

including career records for wins (66), hits (176), batting average (.524), runs (145) and



Photos by Colin Murphy

doubles (44). Downin's 44 doubles set a state record.

"We grew up a lot [throughout the season] and gave it our all," said Downin. "It just wasn't our day. I'm just proud of our team for all the effort they've given and the time they put in at practice. This team this year was really close."

The state-final loss does not overshadow what was otherwise a tremendous season for Chesapeake. The Cougars went 20-4, defeated Severna Park for the county championship, ousted Pasadena rival and playoff nemesis Northeast from the 3A East and swept up the school community with a contagiously fun-loving spirit.

With a roster featuring five freshmen and three sophomores, as well as a JV program that won the county championship, the Cougars appear to be set up for continued success. Ellenberger is reluctant to predict greatness but conceded the team is well

equipped to contend in the next two to three years.

"If everybody stays healthy and all that, we'll be competitive with probably almost everybody again, and I hardly ever say that," he said.

Nutile, a rising junior, will step up as the primary pitcher and thinks the Cougars have the squad in place and motivation to go further.

"We're the second-best in the state, and it can get better, but that's good," said Nutile. "I believe that this won't be our last time here. I think the years ahead, I think we've got it."

Stewart, the team's catcher and also a rising junior, was appreciative of the team's accomplishments despite the loss, saying the fire is lit to keep the success going.

"We just played the No. 1 team in the state, and we just barely lost, and they didn't earn their runs," said Stewart. "For our first time appearing in this, it's incredible that we even got to step on this field in our lifetime. Like Coach Don said, there are so many people who wanted to get this chance. Even that we get this chance is incredible, and it's an amazing feeling. Hopefully in the near future we'll be back on this field again playing."

Downin had bittersweet advice for the players coming back for Chesapeake.

"It was a lot of fun," she said. "Just tell them to work hard and give it all they've got, because it goes by quick."

The 2019 state-finalist Chesapeake softball players are Downin, Hart, Wang, Stewart, Nutile, Pollack, Bianco, Courtney Croson, Brittany Ledson, Carina Royston, Skylar Storm, Charli Smith, Devan Wenger and Kendall

Thomas. They are coached by Ellenberger, Don Collins, Tom Owen and Leroy Downin and JV coaches Brittany Owen and Tony DeAngelis.

EXTRA POINTS

Ellenberger praised Downin and fellow seniors Wang and Ledson for their contributions and leadership.

"I can talk about Haley for probably the rest of my life," said Ellenberger. "She broke 13 school records and a state record, and almost all of them belonged to Lauren Gibson. That's all because of her and her dedication to her craft. She's been unbelievable. One of the best players ever to come out of Chesapeake for sure... Kexin Wang, for three years she wouldn't even say hi. She finally started talking to me this year. I think it was because I kept telling her, 'You can really play.' She's been unbelievable. She's hit over .400 for the year and played a great right field, and she's going into the Air Force, and that is, I told her, 'I'm most proud of what you accomplished, and you're going to go do what you really want to do, and that's pretty cool.' Brittany Ledson didn't hardly play because we had kids last year that were ahead of her, and then the freshmen came in and took her position away, but she never complained. She hardly got any at-bats, cheered, did everything. You don't always find those kids, especially a senior. They want to be out there, and sometimes they'll be mumbling more than you need 'em to. Didn't have any of that. I still think Brittany will come back and be a coach one day, because she's always talking about strategy. So I'll probably lose my job soon."

PSC U12 Storm Represent, Go 4-0 At SAC Tourney



The PSC Storm posed with championship opponent FC Copa (NJ) after their tourney-final win.

The Pasadena Soccer Club U12 Storm girls produced a championship result over Memorial Day weekend, going 4-0 to win the Soccer Association of Columbia Memorial Day Invitational.

Playing up to a more competitive bracket, the Storm roster of Emilee Mack, Jaide Whitehead, Lily Dorsey, Riley Haney, Gracie Asare, Ayla Weseman, Emily Bryant, Kendal Barnes, Maddie

Raynes, Maggie Cochran, Natalie Baker, Leilah Horrigan, Gabrielle Gray, Alexandra Lawrence, Alison Muzik, Lillian Barnum, Hutton Pitts and Ryleigh Smoot nonetheless soared to four impressive victories over Severna Park Premier, Pipeline, Bethesda SC, and FC Copa Academy of New Jersey.

The team won the championship game over Copa Academy on penalty

kicks after a regulation tie. Horrigan, the team's goalkeeper, allowed only one goal in the Storm's four games.

"These girls played with so much heart and gave it everything they had on that field," said coach Cary Shank. "We are so unbelievably proud of them. [The] coaches cannot wait to see what else they can do. They really stepped it up this weekend. Way to represent Pasadena Soccer Club."

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Richard Watts Earns AACPS Volunteer Of The Year Award



Photo courtesy of Anne Arundel County Public Schools
Richard Watts was named the AACPS Volunteer of the Year for his 14 years of service at Pasadena Elementary School.

By Maya Pottiger

When his grandson enrolled at Pasadena Elementary, Richard Watts started volunteering at the school. Now, two years after the same grandson graduated high school, Watts is in his 14th year volunteering at Pasadena Elementary. "After he left, I didn't

have that they need to get done, I work with them," Watts said. "I've always felt that no matter what I've done with the school, the bottom line is it's going to allow them a little more time with a child. That was my whole goal." Jennifer Quirino, principal of Pasadena Elementary, said Watts can be counted on for anything, even working as a shuttle driver to take teachers between the school and their cars on days when they have to park off campus. "Mr. Watts' sense of belonging and support is unparalleled," Quirino said. "He often plans vacations around school activities and ensures volunteer needs are satisfied in advance of his personal plans." In addition to Pasadena Elementary, Watts briefly volunteered at Chesapeake Bay Middle School for a few years.

"Whatever the teachers I continued doing it," Watts said. Watts serves as a helping hand to any teacher in need. On a shelf set up for him, teachers leave materials that need to be laminated, copied, made into posters, organized, etc. In the classroom, Watts helps students who need extra help with reading or word recognition. "Whatever the teachers

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NHS And CHS Valedictorians And Salutatorians Share Their Journeys

By Maya Pottiger

VALEDICTORIAN NORTHEAST

Jillian Taylor Dances Into Next Chapter

After four years of hard work, Jillian Taylor never thought the dreaded senioritis would hit her. But Northeast High School's class of 2019 valedictorian found herself pushing hard for the last few months of school. "I kept seeing the end of the tunnel, and I was like, 'I need to finish strong because I tried hard for all three years before this,'" Taylor said. "I knew there was a possibility I could be salutatorian or valedictorian, and I wanted to accomplish that if possible."



Jillian Taylor

During her four years at CHS, Taylor stayed busy. She was both vice president and president of National Honor Society, and president of Spanish Honor Society. Her senior year, Taylor took two classes at Anne Arundel Community College. She was also part of the scholars program at Northeast, which put her in a few classes with the same group of students all four years.

"It's been really nice to have all those classmates to study with and bounce ideas off of because they have similar goals to me and are very academically dedicated," Taylor said.

Outside of school, Taylor was involved in her competitive dance team through Edna Lee Dance Studio, and she went on summer mission trips with Arundel Christian Church.

Taylor has been dancing for 14 years, and her dream is to become a Rockette. This summer, for the second time, Taylor will participate in the Rockettes Summer Intensive.

"That has been such a cool experience for me," Taylor said. "It was

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VALEDICTORIAN CHESAPEAKE

Summer Smith Kickstarts Her Career

While many of her classmates are prepping for college, Chesapeake High School class of 2019 valedictorian Summer Smith is turning her part-time internship into a full-time job.



Summer Smith

During her senior year, Smith interned at a government agency as a computer aid. This summer, she will continue with the position as a full-time employee while taking classes part time at Anne Arundel Community College to pursue a computer science degree.

"Big picture, I want to use my computer science degree and work experience to catch the bad guys and help the good guys," Smith said.

While at Chesapeake, Smith was a four-sport varsity athlete. She created a buzz freshman year by earning starting spots on the varsity soccer, basketball and softball teams. Her junior year, Smith earned a spot on the varsity tennis team.

Outside of sports, Smith was a member of the National Honor Society, Spanish Honor Society and was in the Varsity Club, which helped with pep rallies and similar events. Staying busy helped Smith with her time management.

"It's the whole balancing act," Smith said, "learning to prioritize my time and what needs to be done now and what can wait. Making sacrifices to always be a good student."

For Smith, it was always important to maintain good grades and push herself to succeed. She has been ranked first in her class since her freshman year, and she earned scholarships from the Chesapeake High School Athletic Boosters and

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Chesapeake Graduates Bid Farewell To High School



They stepped onto the stadium field as seniors, but they left as graduates — on May 30, the class of 2019 at Chesapeake High School bade farewell to their teachers, accepted their diplomas, and set their sights on new adventures off in the big, wide world.

SALUTATORIAN NORTHEAST

Savannah Quick Is Ready To Dig Deeper

Since she was in fifth grade, Savannah Quick has dreamed of going to Penn State University. Now, that dream is becoming a reality.

Quick was the salutatorian for Northeast High School's class of 2019. During her time at NHS, Quick was on both the indoor and outdoor track teams, part of National Honor Society, Spanish Honor Society and the communications officer for Students Against Destructive Decisions.

As part of SADD, Quick helped bring public speakers to the school to discuss their life journeys through drug problems and afterward during their recoveries. SADD also helped organize the Haunted House of Addictions and Trunk-or-Treat, Red Ribbon Week and Tobacco-Free Kids Week.

One of Quick's most beneficial high school experiences was the Chesapeake Regional Association of Student Councils. Through CRASC, a handful of students from the county schools gather to be the representative student body and inform the Board of Education about student concerns.

"It helped me find myself. I found things that I like to do and what my passions were through that," Quick said. "It definitely helped me solidify that I love helping people, which is what I want to do."

Now, Quick is turning her attention to PSU. She plans to study forensic biology, and hopes to "solve cases, give families that closure that

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Savannah Quick

SALUTATORIAN CHESAPEAKE

From Cougar To Retriever: Leah Evans Heads To UMBC

Leah Evans always tries to push herself. This is how she earned the honor of being salutatorian for the Chesapeake High School class of 2019.



Leah Evans

"It was really exciting for me because I put in a lot of work throughout high school," Evans said. "To see it all pay off was really rewarding."

Though she always knew she had a high class rank, Evans said she never knew just how high it was.

"It's mostly self-motivation," Evans said. "I've always been a person to always get A's and not let my grades slip."

During her time at CHS, she was president of National Honor Society, the fundraising chair for the class council, and a member of both the math team and Spanish National Honor Society.

Being involved in the honor societies helped Evans maintain her integrity because she "always felt like I had to uphold what they were about," Evans said. Through her extracurricular activities, Evans learned "to be dedicated to all your work, not just to breeze through them but to actually be committed to everything and want to do them."

In addition to academic clubs, Evans played field hockey, winning two state championships, and was captain of both the indoor and outdoor track teams.

In the fall, Evans will attend the

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NHS Says Goodbye To The Class Of 2019



The Northeast High School Class of 2019 enjoyed an emotional graduation ceremony on May 29 as they donned the black and yellow one last time and looked ahead to promising futures.

Bodkin Students Undertake Efforts For Sarah's House



Above: Students from Bodkin Elementary School received a visit from Bruce Clopein, volunteer resource manager for Sarah's House, who accepted their toiletry bags and fundraising money.

Right: (L-R) Third-graders Abigail Nash and Lila Couslin talked about the bake sale they organized for Sarah's House.



As part of their participation in the Global Studies Changemaker program, students from Bodkin Elementary School recently made donations to Sarah's House. On their own time, fifth-graders undertook an initiative to fill toiletry bags for the shelter's residents. "When you help people, you have a warm feeling in your heart, and you want to do more," said fifth-grader Maria Nieves. As her classmate Michelle Fadele explained, changemaking means "showing empathy, leadership, teamwork and problem solving each day and every day."

Other grades also took

on projects. Third-graders organized what they dubbed the Sweet Spot Bake Sale to raise money for people in need. Similarly, second-graders undertook a lemonade stand to fundraise.

On May 30, students received a visit from Bruce Clopein, volunteer resource manager for Sarah's House, who accepted their donations, answered some of their questions about the shelter, and thanked them for their generosity.

Northeast Senior Logan Smith Earns McDavitt Memorial Scholarship

By Judy Tacyn

Although they never met, Logan Smith believes his likeness to Nathan McDavitt helped him become one of three 2019 recipients of the third annual Airman First Class Nathaniel H. McDavitt Memorial Scholarship Award.

"I found Nathan's scholarship through Northeast's webpage," Logan said. "Our interests seemed to blend together, so I was happy to apply for the scholarship."

Nathaniel McDavitt, a 2011 graduate of Severna Park High School, enlisted in the United States Air Force in 2014 with the goal to be a crew chief responsible for maintaining fighter jets. He became known as Airman 1st Class Nathaniel H. McDavitt, an F-16 Fighting Falcon tactical aircraft maintainer with the 52nd Equipment Maintenance Squadron.

Stationed in Germany, McDavitt deployed to the Middle East on April 9, 2016. The following day, he was working in a building when a severe windstorm caused it to collapse. He was immediately transported to a hospital but succumbed to his injuries on April 15, 2016, with his mother, father and wife by his side.

McDavitt's mother, Jeannette Middleton-Sudano, established the A1C Nathaniel H. McDavitt Memorial Scholarship Fund shortly after his death. The Airman First Class Nathaniel H. McDavitt Memorial Scholarship Award was then created to provide financial assistance to graduating high school seniors who have demonstrated the exemplary qualities of character,



Logan Smith visited Nathan McDavitt's grave on Memorial Day to tell McDavitt how honored he was to have earned the award in the scout and soldier's memory.

drive and service — qualities that defined the essence of Middleton-Sudano's son.

"Nate was always helping someone. We want to recognize other young people who work hard to contribute to their community and to be an advocate for people in need," Middleton-Sudano said.

John Smith, a longtime scout and venture leader, has known both Logan and Nathan.

"Having the pleasure of knowing both boys, I feel Logan is very deserving of this scholarship," John said. "Like Nathan, Logan earned his Eagle Scout rank. He has always been very helpful and puts others before himself on scouting events. He enjoys teaching the younger scouts and is always respectful to adults."

Although Logan and McDavitt never met, their paths could have crossed in scouting, as Logan knows Nathan's troop leaders and some of the

young men in Nathan's troop.

"Logan is a great kid and has always had a genuine spirit to help people, even at a very young age," said Amanda Smith, Logan's mom. "Through scouts, church and participating in the Orchard Beach Volunteer Fire cadet program, he's had opportunities to learn about his community and serve. God has presented Logan with some of the best mentors a kid could have, which Logan has learned many skills, values, and life responsibilities to live by."

Amanda Smith considers John Smith one of Logan's best mentors. "All young men face challenges in life, and rather than let those challenges win, both Nathan and Logan faced their challenges head on and turned them into positive experiences," John said. "Nathan was always active in providing service to his community, whether helping with disaster relief and feeding the homeless, or serving

our nation in the Air Force.

"Similarly, Logan has performed countless hours of active service in scouting and the community as a Cub Scout den chief, helping instruct archery at Cub Scout day camp, teaching new scouts as a junior assistant scoutmaster and representing his venture crew at events proudly carrying the American flag and promoting character development," John continued. "Logan, too, helps feed the homeless in our community. Their similarities in character, drive and service made Logan a wonderful recipient to be recognized in Nathan's honor."

Logan visited McDavitt's grave on Memorial Day. There, he told McDavitt how honored he was to have earned this award in the scout and soldier's memory.

"I told him I wish I could have met him," said Logan, "because I feel we could have been good friends."

Sudano, too, saw the similarities between her son and Logan.

"We are confident Logan will continue to honor Nathan's legacy of character, drive and service like Nathan, for Nathan, but in his own way in all his endeavors," added Middleton-Sudano. "We are so proud to honor him with this award."

Logan will study environmental science at Anne Arundel Community College. He would like to pursue a career either as a park ranger or within the Department of National Resources.

To learn more about McDavitt and the memorial scholarship, visit www.iamnathan.org.



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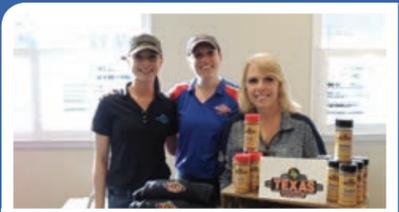
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Question of the month

Each month, the *Pasadena Voice* poses a question to a local fifth-grade class. This month, students from Ms. Elleman's class at Fort Smallwood Elementary answered the question:

What is your favorite memory from elementary school?

Alex N.
My favorite memory from elementary school is when I met all of my best friends. This is my favorite memory because my best friends are always there for me when I need them.

Amber J.
My favorite was the amazing teachers and how I always trusted them. All of the teachers are nice and caring even when they do not think so. This school is amazing and I do not want to leave this school.

Bryan M.
My favorite memory from Fort Smallwood is when I got to meet everyone in my class in fourth grade. I was in Mrs. Sienkiewicz's class when I first got to "the fort." I felt amazing and prepared at the time of the preview.

Cadence B.
My favorite memory from elementary school is when I met my best friend. Now I can have someone when I need comforting or when I just need to have a person by my side. She is always there for me.

Eli O.
In third grade, we went to Annapolis for a field trip. We had a tour of the attractions all over Annapolis, like a bunch of old houses and a really cool



For the month of June, we asked Ms. Elleman's fifth-grade class, "What is your favorite memory from elementary school?"

Fort Smallwood Elementary School

building, which was like a small museum. But the cool thing was we got to see the Blue Angels flying around.

Charlie R.
When I was in third grade, Mrs. Roussey's turtle, Farmer Pickles, tried to climb out of its tank. Luckily, she saw him and gently pushed him back in. It happened many more times that year and I thought it was funny watching him splash back into the water each time.

CJA.
I was really excited to start at a new school. I came late in the year, so no one knew me, so I felt like I didn't belong at that school, but then I met Zoey. She is so kind to me. She was my first friend at that school. I love when me and the boys play football, and some girls play too.

Destinie L.
My best memory is when we got special rewards and stuff. It was cool because everyone had fun. I like it when my school has fun.

Dillon W.
I remember in first grade when I won the candy corn contest.

Eldrick K.
My favorite memory was when Charlie and I made up happy feet wombo combo and everyone was laughing.

When I met my friends, so I wasn't playing by myself.

Gavin F.
My favorite memory is going to the National Archives Museum because I love history.

Hunter M.
In fifth grade, our long-term substitute was going to have his first day and that day was my lucky day because I knew him and he is my favorite substitute ever!

Josslyn L.
I remember in pre-K when I used to play at one station and it was a station with cars and a parking garage and I had to go there if I could.

Lincoln W.
My favorite elementary school memory is when I met my best friend ever because we are inseparable and he always brightens my day.

Luke B.
This year, I had a lot of fun. I met a girl named Sarah who is really nice, but I was really nervous. All the grades eat ice cream with Rocky. We had a lot of fun field trips. I love Fort Smallwood.

Madeline RV.
We had a class turtle named Farmer Pickles. My favorite memory with him was when he escaped

his tank. He ran out of the classroom. He went into the hallway. But he didn't get very far before my teacher noticed. She picked him up and put him back in the cage. She made sure it was closed.

Maria M.
When it was the perfect attendance/honor roll party because lots of kids were there and we got to sit wherever and eat popcorn. They also gave everyone an envelope. What was inside? Some people got pins that said honor roll; others got a bookmark saying perfect

attendance and everyone got a free children's meal at the best place ever, Texas Roadhouse.

Micaela M.
My best memory was when Mrs. S was my teacher for the second year. She is very nice and helpful and pushed us on our work and made us try harder.

Mikie B.
I loved when I was in third grade because my teacher was so nice to me and the class. I also liked when we went to the Baltimore Symphony Orchestra. It was so much fun because we got

to sit high up and the music was amazing.

Riley S.
In fourth grade, I had Mrs. Knight. Around Christmastime, we had hot cocoa. We also made snowmen with marshmallows and pretzel sticks.

Sarah W.
I liked when we went to Arlington Echo for a fourth-grade field trip. It was very cool and there were a lot of activities.

Shane K.
It was one of the first days of fourth grade, and when we came back from Cultural Arts, there was popcorn on our desks! Everyone was so surprised and excited. That was my favorite memory of the one of the best teachers I have ever had.

Tatiana M.
I've had many amazing memories at Fort Smallwood Elementary. But there is one that sticks out like no other memory. And that's when we made s'mores in fourth grade. But the fun part is we made a solar cooker out of a pizza box and aluminum foil. It was a great experience and I wouldn't give it up for anything.

Zoey W.

Summer Smith Kickstarts Her Career

» Continued from B6 Delegate Nic Kipke.

"I've always tried to stress good grades and doing well in school, so seeing that pay off is really awesome," Smith said. "My mom and dad have always encouraged me to do my best, whether it be academics, athletics or anything in life. They push me when

things get tough. They cheer me on when I do good. And they remind me to follow my heart no matter what."

Now, Smith is focused on starting her career. She is excited to build a name for herself and "do [her] own thing." Her final message to students in the class of 2019 would be to focus on

their mindset. "You can take the same situation, and you can either put a positive spin on it or a negative spin on it," Smith said. "That can either be something really cool for you and good for you or something that totally takes you down."

Leah Evans Heads To UMBC

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University of Maryland, Baltimore County. She plans to double major in public health and social work. On the public health side, Evans wants to study alcoholism and addiction. On the social work side, she wants to learn about the rehabilitation process.

"I've witnessed some

things where I'm like, 'I really want to change this about the world,'" Evans said. "If I can change one thing to say that I've done in my lifetime, that would be it, to help people with that."

Evans earned a handful of scholarships: the Grit and Greatness scholarship from UMBC; a scholarship from Jacobsville

Elementary, her former school; an athletic boosters scholarship; and a delegate scholarship.

During high school, Evans said her core group of friends influenced her a lot. "We're all so close. It's a really tight community," Evans said. "They all have pushed me to be where I am and help driven me to the path that I've chosen."

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Area Teachers Honored At NAACCC Awards

By Maya Pottiger

In May, the Northern Anne Arundel County Chamber of Commerce held its annual Excellence in Education Awards to honor employees from the Chesapeake, Northeast, Old Mill, Glen Burnie and North County feeder schools.

"Oftentimes, we take for granted the work that people do," said Dr. Anthony Alston, the regional assistant superintendent for the North County and Chesapeake feeder systems, who also serves on the NAACCC board of directors. "There's never a wrong time to say thank you and just to take the time to recognize and to say, 'I see what you're doing. I recognize what you're doing.'"

It's not only classroom teachers who are recognized but also anyone in a public school building who positively impacted the life of a child.

"These individuals don't do these things for the recognition," Alston said. "They do them out of the kindness of their heart because they know and believe that's

what's best for children."

Here are the winners from the Chesapeake and Northeast feeder schools:

-Melissa Cheatwood
Bodkin Elementary School

-Rachel Grula
Chesapeake Bay Middle School

-Daryl Watson
Chesapeake High School

-Emily Pfeifer
Fort Smallwood Elementary School

-Joshua Thompson
George Fox Middle School

-Beth Zimmerman
High Point Elementary School

-Jennifer Yerkey
Jacobsville Elementary School

-Rachel Miller
Lake Shore Elementary School

-Patti Delfs
Northeast High School

-Alicia Clift
Pasadena Elementary School

-Susan Lewis
Riviera Beach Elementary School

-Teri Abate
Solley Elementary School

-Susan McDonald
Sunset Elementary School

LSES Students Win County, State MESA Competitions



Left: The 12 students on Lake Shore Elementary's MESA team earned three awards between county and state competitions. Right: Fifth-graders Ana Moore and Grace Booth and fourth-grader Darnell Witten were on the Wearable Technology team.



By Maya Pottiger

Months of hard work paid off for Lake Shore Elementary students when they earned a championship win at the statewide Math Engineering Science Achievement (MESA) competition.

On May 18, the 12-student team competed in the four MESA challenges, earning first place in the Wearable Technology challenge. This was added to the two wins the team earned at the county competition on April 5: first place for the Wearable Technology challenge and second place for the Storybook Theme Park Ride challenge.

"It felt like we had an important job to do," said fifth-grader Ana Moore, who was on the Wearable Technology team. "It was no joke."

The MESA program is through the Johns Hopkins University Applied Physics Lab. All schools in Anne Arundel County have the option to have a MESA team at their school. This year, the MESA challenges were Wearable Technology, Storybook Theme Park Ride, Interactive Game Design

and Wood Bridge. Students on each team were split into groups to solve the different challenges.

Lake Shore Elementary fifth-graders Ana Moore and Grace Booth and fourth-grader Darnell Witten were on the Wearable Technology team. This challenge asked students to create a device using circuitry that would detect infant respiration.

"When it's hands-on like this and they are doing the troubleshooting, they're more or less coming up with the answers to all of the inquiries that they have," said Leigh Catterton, an arts and humanities

teacher at LSES who runs the MESA team. "It's this ongoing sense of ownership throughout the school year. It really gives them a sense of accomplishment."

Catterton calls MESA "the gift that keeps on giving." The Storybook Theme Park Ride team was made up of three girls who had to learn about motors to complete the challenge.

"The boys were very excited and impressed that the girls were so knowledgeable," Catterton said. "It kind of breaks down a stereotype that girls just like pink unicorns. It's really empowering for the students who are involved."

To that point, Ana said this experience was important to her because it's the first time she saw herself as an engineer, which is what she wants to be when she grows up.

This was Lake Shore's second year participating in MESA. Catterton credits some of the success to the group of parent volunteers who helped. Parents helped with coding, working with motors and sewing.

"I would love to say I'm an expert, but I certainly am not," Catterton said. "I have so many parents who are exceptional in helping us. They were the key to our excellence this year."

How MESA Helps, In Students' Words

The Voice asked the three students on the state championship winning team how MESA will help them in the future.

"I want to be a professional soccer player. This experience will help with my future because I am able to communicate my ideas more clearly, and that is important

on the soccer field or in the lab." - **Darnell Witten, fourth grade**

"I want to be a teacher and singer. This experience helped me become more outgoing and confident. I had to speak in front of five adult judges, and that really helped me. They were kind and made us want to feel

comfortable."

- **Grace Booth, fifth grade**

"I have always wanted to be an engineer. I have begun to see myself as this and all of the possibilities that are open to me, especially after being at states and watching so many [older] girls get scholarships."

- **Ana Moore, fifth grade**



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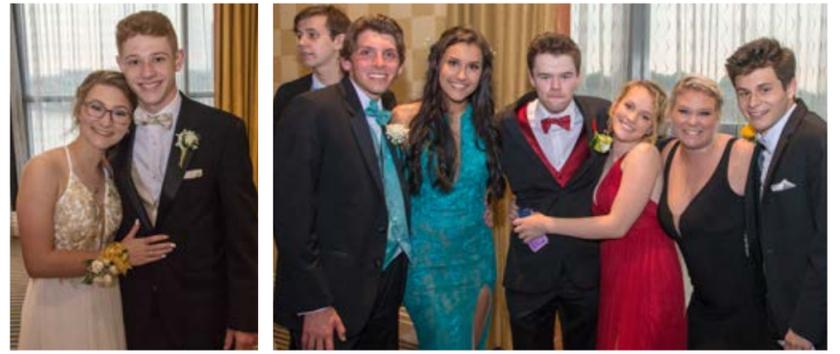
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At Ravens Nest 18's third annual scholarship dinner at the Bodkin Yacht Club, five graduating seniors from Chesapeake and Northeast high schools were honored with scholarships in recognition of their commitment to the community and the ways they have given back. (L-R) Layla Tiberio from Northeast, Hailey Bohn from Chesapeake, Mason Frechtel from Chesapeake, Matt Wukitch from Northeast and Lindsey Petersen (not pictured) from Chesapeake were presented certificates at the ceremony, which was attended by more than 50 people. Ravens Nest 18 holds several fundraisers and charitable events throughout the year to make donations to local families and individuals in need. Since 2011, the Nest has donated a total of \$124,000.

Chesapeake Seniors Go Out In Style At Prom



Photos by Stephanie Mennell Photography

Seniors from Chesapeake High School went all out for their prom on May 18, dressing to the nines and sharing laughs at the Baltimore Marriott Waterfront.

Jillian Taylor Dances Into Next Chapter

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really fun, but also painful. But it was really amazing to get to learn from the Rockettes."

With the mission trips, Taylor has traveled to Buffalo, New York, and to Nicaragua and Costa Rica. This summer, she is participating in a mission trip in South Carolina. On her mission trips, Taylor has helped refugees seeking asylum, sorted recyclables at a city dump and dug a trench to replace a water line.

"It's taught me so much about teamwork and persistence," Taylor said.

"I've learned so much about myself through those experiences and how much I can really handle with the help of others. It's definitely made me so much stronger as a person."

In the fall, Taylor will start school at University of Maryland, Baltimore County. She earned seven scholarships total from the following groups: Pasadena Business Association, Masonic Charities of Maryland, National Honor Society, Spanish Honor Society, Brian McDevitt, Fort Smallwood Optimist Club and Ravens Roost 129. At

UMBC, she will be part of the Linehan Artist Scholars Program and in the Honors College.

Taylor plans to double major in dance and engineering. Though she hasn't decided on a specific aspect of engineering, Taylor is interested in environmental and sustainability engineering.

"Pasadena has definitely helped me get to where I am and will help me with the next chapter by giving me these scholarships," Taylor said. "I'm so grateful. It's been really cool growing up in this area."

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In her spare time, Quick is an avid consumer of "CSI," "NCIS" and the podcasts "Crime Junkie" and "My Favorite Murder." With both of her parents working in the medical field, Quick always knew she wanted to follow suit.

"It's always changed, but it's always been something

that has a medical background in it," Quick said. "I've recently been thinking that after I get this bachelor's degree, I might consider going to be a coroner, but I'm not positive yet."

Looking forward to Penn State, Quick said she is excited to see a different part of the world.

"Pasadena will always be my home, but I'm ready

to go," Quick said. "I like that it's a big school. I like that I'm going to meet new people."

However, Quick credits her college preparation to Northeast.

"The entire school as a whole is supportive of all the kids that walk in there," Quick said. "I find myself very fortunate to have gone to that building."

Savannah Quick Is Ready To Dig Deeper

Richard Watts Earns Volunteer Of The Year

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and he started volunteering at Marley Middle School four years ago. Watts usually divides his week into Pasadena Elementary on Tuesday and Thursday, and Marley Middle on Wednesday.

"I've been retired for 14 years. It's always given me a reason to get up in the morning to be able to go in and see a smile on a child's face," Watts said. "They make me feel like I'm God, and I'm not. I'm just another person. I feel good, that's all."

Last year, after learning about the Medal of Honor, the fifth-grade class nominated people from the community to receive the school's version of the award. Watts was nominated by the class, and students requested the award be named the Mr. Watts Service Before Self Award.

"I just couldn't believe it," Watts said. "I don't feel like I am doing anything special to get recognized for something like that. I'm happy about it. This year, Watts received

the Volunteer of the Year award from the Anne Arundel County Public Schools system.

"I was shocked," Watts said. "I feel that I do what needs to be done. I get as much out of it as they get out of it, just seeing them smile and being happy and being there with them."

Watts has lived in Pasadena for roughly 50 years. He also volunteers during the vacation bible school at the Lighthouse Church in Glen Burnie.



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Pasadena Theatre Company To Put On "You're A Good Man, Charlie Brown"

By Ava Stanski

Everyone remembers being a child, from playing outside with friends to working diligently on worksheets in a classroom. Now, thanks to the Pasadena Theatre Company, all are welcome to revisit their childhood this July with the musical "You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown." This fun-for-all-ages production features a cast of 11 from a wide range of ages and backgrounds. "The cast really complement each other," said producer Sharon Steele. "We have a group of really talented people that know how to work well together and play on each other's strengths. You can really tell that they enjoy what they

do and that they have a lot of love for the production."

Follow Charlie Brown and his friends as he navigates friendships, crushes, baseball games and kite-eating trees in an attempt to discover what it truly means to be a good man. Watch as Lucy attempts to win Schroeder's heart, sympathize with Linus as he tries to rid himself of his blanket, and

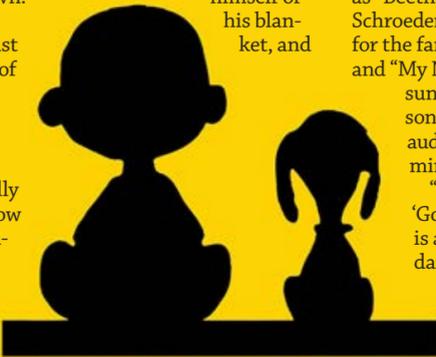
ride with Snoopy as he takes on the Red Baron.

"It's not a show that's performed very often," Steele commented, "and we wanted to do something with a smaller cast, so this show was a perfect fit."

Pasadena Theatre Company will perform the revised version, which features more songs, such as "Beethoven Day," sung by Schroeder in his admiration for the famous composer, and "My New Philosophy," sung by Sally. The songs are sure to have audiences humming along.

"It's a bit similar to 'Godspell' in that it is a very song- and dance-heavy production," Steele

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Joe Romano To Dazzle Pasadena This Summer

By Maya Pottiger

Don't blink, or you might miss it. Joe Romano is bringing his magical talents — and the magic of reading — to Riviera Beach Library on Tuesday, June 25.

This summer, Romano is introducing his program Take Me To Your Readers. This new show will premiere at the Riviera Beach Library.

"All the books are going to have an edge of space, science fiction, aliens," Romano said. "We've written this show beginning to end for the Anne Arundel County Library system. Those kids will be the first people to experience this show."

When Romano started doing his reading programs, his goal was for kids to learn that books are cool and magical and that they can transport you anywhere.

"I would hope that kids think that books aren't

it's something they look forward to or want to do," Romano said. "I think if kids say they don't like to read, they just haven't found the right stuff to read."

In addition to reading programs, Romano also performs shows about math, science and the environment.

Prior to performing the "Ultimate School Shows," Romano did magic on cruise ships, in casinos and at corporate events.

He got tired of traveling but still wanted to find a way of making a career out of magic.

Romano said performing for kids presents unique challenges, as they are accustomed to things being fast-paced and often have shorter attention spans.

"Kids want things at a pretty fast pace, so when you're entertaining them, you have to keep an eye out if anyone's losing interest," Romano said.

But when it comes to performing the Ultimate School Shows, Romano said he has the best seat in the house looking out and seeing all the smiling faces.

"It's almost like having superpowers," Romano said. "I always wanted to be a comic book character when I was a kid, and I think that you're doing

something not everybody else can do, so it gives you a feeling of having a superpower, and that's what I dig about magic."

Romano said he enjoys performing shows in Anne Arundel County because the audiences are appreciative.

"Live entertainment is getting to be a rare thing at times, so I think the audiences are very appreciative and always a lot of fun to perform for," Romano said. "I can't say that about all areas, but I can say that about Anne Arundel."

Take Me To Your Readers will be at the Riviera Beach Library on Tuesday, June 25. There are two performances, one at 1:30pm and one at 3:30pm, and the show runs

roughly 40-45 minutes.



Adjust The Sails Sets Its Course For Uncharted Musical Waters With Third EP



Former Pasadena resident Shane Hurst has taken his solo project Adjust the Sails to Georgia with hopes of advancing his music career.

By Zach Sparks

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Adjust the Sails' third EP, "You Asked For It," spans less than 12 minutes, but in those minutes, singer-songwriter Shane Hurst harnesses 25 years of life experience to explore the themes of heartbreak, suicide, long-distance relationships and self-medicating.

While the lyrics and subject matter are at times explicit, the Chesapeake High School alumnus hopes the messages will resonate with listeners who can appreciate his authenticity and his growth as a musician.

"I would sit there and be as overly poetic as possible," Hurst said of his early songwriting process. "Now, I'll sit down and just

write what comes to mind. It's more simplistic, but it's relatable."

Citing Taking Back Sunday, My Chemical Romance, and Blink 182 as some of his influences during his garage band days at Chesapeake, Hurst now gravitates toward modern pop-punk bands Neck Deep and Modern Baseball. But he wants to create a sound unique to Adjust the Sails.

something they have to do;

Hurst released the first EP for his acoustic solo project, Adjust the Sails, in February 2015. Titled "Til Death Do Us Part," the album is brooding but beautiful. Hurst followed it with "I'm Not Okay, But It's Okay" in May 2018, singing melancholy lyrics over brighter chord progressions than those featured in Hurst's debut. "You Asked For It" came in February 2019, featuring Steven Haller on drums.

Hurst's newest four-song release starts with a more upbeat version of the song "You'll Be Okay," which appeared on "Til Death Do Us Part." In the song, Hurst sings, "See there's lessons to be learned, like you should hope and not self-hate, but I know dear loving princess this is not how you think. Some find comfort in the dissonance while others just find pain, so please just know my dear that everything will be OK, you'll be OK."

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"Extremely Wicked" Is A New Take On True Crime



Photo courtesy of Netflix

In "Extremely Wicked, Shockingly Evil and Vile," the casting of Zac Efron as Ted Bundy raised eyebrows, but this casting choice works within the context of the film.

Zac Efron And Lily Collins Star In The Ted Bundy Drama, Now Streaming On Netflix

By Audrey Ruppert

Documentary maker Joe Berlinger ("The Ted Bundy Tapes") makes his directorial debut in drama in "Extremely Wicked, Shockingly Evil and Vile." The title is taken from the sentencing judgement passed down by the judge in the case of Ted Bundy, one of America's most notorious serial killers.

The casting of Zac Efron as Bundy raised a lot of eyebrows and drew accusations of glamorizing a violent killer. Efron is known for his boyish good looks and his whole-

some roles in films like "High School Musical" and "Hairspray." It is true that killers like Bundy and Richard Ramirez (the Night Stalker) have created a perverse base of "fangirls" who, rather macabrely, take an interest in or even admire these violent criminals. You can actually find Ted Bundy merchandise on Etsy and eBay. Bundy's trial was also the first to be televised to the public, ushering in an age of sensationalism and entertainment that centered on murder and violence, which many people have rightly labelled as problematic.

However, I find these accusations of glorification to be unfair. Berlinger attempts to take a different approach to true crime. Most serial killer dramas focus on the crime scenes, the bodies, and the lives of the investigators

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With "Towards Zero," Colonial Players Invites Audiences To Play A Grim Guessing Game

By Zach Sparks

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When people read about a murder, they usually start with the crime itself, but that is all wrong. A murder is the culmination of different circumstances, and it is the end of the story.

So goes the theory at the heart of "Towards Zero," the final show of the season for Colonial Players, which opened May 31 and runs through June 22. The show is based on Agatha Christie's 1944 book and the 1956 stage adaptation by Christie and Gerald Verner.

The premise involves a party at the seaside home of Lady Tressilian in the town of Gull's Point. Among the guests are Neville Strange;

his impassive ex-wife, Audrey; his new wife, Kay; Lady Tressilian's com-

panion; and others — an unusual meeting of characters marred by jealousy,

infidelity and other flaws. When a murder is committed, Superintendent Battle launches an investigation, tracing back toward the zero hour when the killing was committed.

Mark Allen is directing the show, which comes about two months after his portrayal of Sir Hugh Evans in the Colonial Players adaptation of William Shakespeare's "The Merry Wives of Windsor."

"There are some unique challenges with doing a murder mystery," said Allen, who has directed Agatha Christie plays at other theater companies. "You want to give the audience all the clues, but you don't want them to put it together. You have to mix in some red

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Based on Agatha Christie's 1944 book and 1956 stage adaptation by Christie and Gerald Verner, "Towards Zero" will captivate audiences with a tale of jealousy, infidelity and murder.

Adjust The Sails Sets Its Course

“You’ve been lied to, you’ve been cheated, ripped apart at all your seams, Darling that’s just what you get for leaving your heart out on your sleeve, But the pain will fade, the hurt will subside, And you’ll be fine, oh you’ll be fine...”

— ‘YOU’LL BE OKAY’
BY ADJUST THE SAILS

“I’ll drive until my gas light comes on, then I’ll drive a little while longer, I’ll drive these 800-something miles just to get to you...”

— ‘GEORGIA’
BY ADJUST THE SAILS

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The second track is “How Not to Pick Up Girls on the Internet.” The song was inspired by a conversation Hurst had with a friend. “How funny would it be to write a song from



the perspective of an internet-thirsty dude, basically about how not to act toward women?” Hurst explained.

The other two songs are “Pineknob,” inspired by Haller’s friend who took his own life, and “Georgia,” which reflects on a long-distance relationship.

“I’ll drive until my gas light comes on, then I’ll drive a little while longer,” Hurst sings in “Georgia.”

Georgia is also Hurst’s new home. After spending nearly his whole life in Pasadena, he moved to Atlanta in February 2019, quickly booking gigs in Pensacola, Florida, and the states surrounding Georgia.

The music scene offers a stark contrast from Maryland, he said.

“The Maryland scene is

mostly metal, ska or hip-hop,” he said. “Here, there’s a lot more acts like me. It’s a little more fun-loving.”

A newly hired booking agency will help him plan a tour taking him through college towns. Listeners can find his music on Spotify, Bandcamp, iTunes and other music platforms.

Hurst is working on a full-length Adjust the Sails album that, being longer than 12 minutes, will still pack an emotional punch.

“Music is my form of self-therapy. I stopped self-medicating with drugs and alcohol, and in term, started medicating myself with musical expression,” Hurst said. “Whenever I feel down, I just pick up my guitar, play some chords or melodies and talk out/sing out what’s bugging me.”

“Extremely Wicked” Is A New Take

» Continued from B11 and the police. “Extremely Wicked” barely mentions the police, showing bodies only in passing photographs during Bundy’s trial, and it only minimally shows the violence Bundy inflicted on the women. Instead, the story is told primarily from the perspective of Bundy’s longtime girlfriend, Liz Kloepfer, and emphasizes just how normal Bundy was. Domestic photographs of Bundy playing with Liz’s daughter from a previous relationship litter her apartment. Bundy is shown cooking her breakfast, adopting a dog with her, and generally being romantic and considerate. Berlinger attempts to show us that predators don’t always come from the shadows and don’t always appear to be monsters; they are seemingly normal people who walk among us.

The problem with Berlinger’s vision is that he expects us to play dumb - he tries to force us to see things from Liz’s perspective, to see Bundy as a loving partner, and to even doubt his guilt until the final moments of the film. While this is a noble and educational goal, it’s pretty much impossible to achieve because we know who Ted Bundy is, and we know what he did. The chemistry between Efron and Collins can also be flat - Collins

isn’t particularly convincing as a weeping or emotional partner (except in the final scene, which is excellent). Having her cry, drink and lie in her apartment doesn’t convey the horror of what she must have been experiencing, and therefore the attempt to tell the story from her perspective doesn’t always work.

Efron, however, gave his best performance to date. He excellently portrays a man who compartmentalized himself, who lived a double life, and who appeared to be perfectly charming but was internally sinister. We see a man who is narcissistic and controlling but manages to bend women to his will using emotional manipulation rather than violence (well, the women he didn’t kill, anyway). Sometimes you can see the sociopath glimmer through his grin, but most of the time, he just seems to be what we expect Zac Efron to be - cute, kind and convincing - and that’s what makes the whole thing so scary. If you saw someone with those traits walking down the street, would you suspect him of being a killer?

I have a few other minor complaints about the film - the first half feels like a TV movie rather than a proper drama, and Jim Parsons (Sheldon from “The Big Bang Theory”) as leading prosecu-

tor was a weird choice (he seems incapable of being anything other than Sheldon no matter what role he plays).

However, for the most part, I think the film teaches two valuable lessons; the first, as already mentioned, is that predators walk among us and you have to be careful whom you trust. The second is that privileged men can often get away with a lot. Some say Ted got away with things because of his attractiveness, but really, he wasn’t that attractive (seriously, look at his face). Ted Bundy got away with things because of who he was in society. He was allowed to escape from prison not once, but twice, as he wasn’t assigned particularly restrictive security despite being accused of multiple homicides. He was allowed to use a law library and represent himself in court. The judge even expressed sorrow at sentencing him, called him a nice young man, and even said he wished that Bundy could have practiced in court in front of him as a lawyer! Imagine someone less privileged getting away with that, despite brutally murdering scores of women.

For true crime fanatics or the average citizen, “Extremely Wicked, Shockingly Evil and Vile” is well worth the watch and teaches valuable lessons, despite some flaws in its execution.

With “Towards Zero,” Colonial Players Invites Audiences To Play A Grim Guessing Game

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herrings.” Allen expects those twists and turns to keep audiences engaged.

“This is, in a lot of ways, a psychological thriller,” Allen said. “It’s a balancing act. The opening act is heavy on giving all the background, but you don’t want to lose the audience’s attention. All of the exposition is necessary but challenging because you want to keep it entertaining.”

The characters, he said, make the play entertaining because of their varying motives. Bringing those characters to life is a cast of actors eager to accept the challenge of performing a murder mystery in the round.

“I am so proud and delighted with the cast,” Allen said. “With Agatha Christie, she starts with a stock character and then she builds. They have done a great job with the nuance of those characters.”

One of those actors is Ben Bell, who is cast as Nevile Strange.

“My friends and I got hooked on the ‘Miss Marple’ murder mystery shows, so when I heard about this, it was perfect,” Bell said.

Jeff Miller said he hadn’t “stretched my acting muscles in a long time,” but his background prepared him for the role of Superintendent Battle.

“I’ve been performing since high school,” Miller

said. “I’ve played a couple police officers. I work in security.”

Nicole Musho plays Audrey, Nevile Strange’s first wife. “My character is very different from me personally,” Musho said. “She doesn’t show emotion.”

Robin Schwartz plays Mary Aldin, the intelligent and well-read companion of Lady Tressilian. “I always wanted to do a murder mystery,” Schwartz said. “I’m honored to be a part of

it. It’s been amazing working with Mark as a director and the whole Colonial Players team.”

Several cast members praised BettyAnn Leeseberg-Lange, a dialect coach who helped them hone their accents. Leeseberg-Lange worked with actors on the television show “The Wire,” and she has assisted with many plays. Miller has relied on her help to perfect his cockney accent, and Bell credited her advice of

annotating every line in the script.

Just as the actors have work to do in becoming their characters, the audience has a job as well: finding the killer. Join Colonial Players for “Towards Zero” and see if you can solve the mystery. Showtimes are 8:00pm on Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays and 2:00pm on Sundays. For tickets or more information about Colonial Players, visit www.thecolonialplayers.org.

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Dining Out

We Reckon You'll Love Texas Roadhouse

By Mary Cobbler

Certain foods are just legendary: lobster in Maine, cheesecakes in New York, cheesesteaks in Philadelphia.

There is one often forgotten food legend, however: the fresh rolls at Texas Roadhouse. These rolls have a rightful place in the Hall of Food Legends (in my opinion), so I was happy to review the casual dining restaurant located on Mountain Road in Pasadena. Even though it's a national chain with hundreds of locations nationwide, "the Roadhouse" has been a favorite of Pasadena natives for years, and over time, it has developed its own local vibe.

My husband and I visited the Roadhouse on a Wednesday night around 8:00pm. The restaurant is everything you would look for in a steakhouse — low lighting, dark wooden booths that offer privacy, and the smell of delicious steak that floats so thickly on the air that you can practically taste it before you get to your table. The hostess seated us immediately and left us with a basket of warm, buttery rolls with honey-cinnamon butter. The rolls were fresh and soft, just as wonderful as I remembered them.

Within two minutes of being seated, a quick-moving, energetic server materialized beside our table to take our drink orders. Upon her



Above: The 10-ounce Fort Worth ribeye steak was juicy but lukewarm. **Right:** The salmon was hot and tender, grilled to perfection, and topped with lemon-pepper butter.

Photos by Mary Cobbler

recommendation, we also tried the fan-favorite appetizer called rattlesnake bites, which are served with a choice of honey mustard or ranch dressing. After one bite into the battered bites — filled with finely diced, soft jalapenos and creamy melted cheese — it was obvious why so many Roadhouse customers are addicted to them. The balls had just enough spice to give them a kick, and more than enough flavor and texture to start the meal in a satisfying way.

I decided to order grilled salmon with a baked potato for my entrée (one of several "dockside favorites" including fried catfish and grilled shrimp), while my husband went for the 10-ounce Fort

Worth ribeye steak with mashed potatoes and corn (other steak options included sirloin, T-bone, New York strip, and steak kabobs that include chunks of steak and grilled vegetables on skewers). Other tempting meal options included country fried chicken, a pulled pork sandwich with sides, and slow-cooked ribs.

It took about 30 minutes from the time we placed our order to receive our food. The server cheerfully topped off our drinks (and maybe even brought a few more rolls to the table, upon my request). The food was presented well and was full of flavor, but within a few minutes of reaching us, the steak was lukewarm



and the corn and mashed potatoes were nearly cold. The salmon, however, was piping hot, along with the baked potato, so it was obvious that the steak was done cooking well before the salmon and had sat for too long.

Once we got past the temperature of the steak, I was impressed with the savory taste. The meat, which was ordered medium, was seared and seasoned well on the outside with a reddish-pink center (a few parts were a bit bloody for my taste, so if you struggle with the decision about how well-done you want your steak, I recommend ordering it to be cooked longer). According to the website, the steaks are

all cut in-house and roasted over an open flame, and you can taste a difference. Aside from the temperature, my husband and I were both pleased with this entrée.

The salmon was hot and tender, grilled to perfection, and topped with lemon-pepper butter. The serving size was perfect — just enough to fill me up, along with the two sides, but I didn't feel completely stuffed afterward. My only real criticism of the salmon was that it tasted more oily than buttery, particularly in the middle. I would have preferred not to have so much oil in this dish, but I have no complaints about the way it was cooked or prepared otherwise.

The baked potato was also cooked well, and I enjoyed a side salad with crunchy, fresh lettuce and vegetables. I don't normally make a big deal out of the side salad, but I will note that the lettuce was cut into manageable bite-sized pieces rather than large chunks, which is particularly helpful for a clumsy person like myself who manages to spill salad dressing when I cram large slices of lettuce into my mouth. The blue cheese dressing here also has large chunks of blue cheese in it.

Although I felt guilty for far exceeding my carbohydrate goals for the day, I couldn't help drooling over the big ol' brownie dessert. The dessert options are pretty limited — just a couple of baked goods and vanilla ice cream — but the big ol' brownie lives up to its name: a large, warm brownie — gooey in the middle and crunchy on the sides, just as brownies should be — topped with a generous helping of vanilla ice cream and drizzled with a rich chocolate sauce. Every bite was packed with melty chocolate chips. It was filling and sweet, the perfect end to a savory dinner. After a dessert like that, even I couldn't order more rolls.

I've loved Texas Roadhouse for years, and this trip only enhanced my affection for the restaurant.

Pasadena Theatre Company To Put On "You're A Good Man, Charlie Brown"

» **Continued from B11** said. "The revised version also adds more scenes, so it gives all of our cast members more things to do and more opportunities to explore their characters."

"I think that anyone that

sees it will have a lot of fun," Steele added.

Joe Rose, who will play Charlie Brown, is making his directorial debut. "He's been in many of our shows over the years, like last year's 'How the Grinch Stole Christmas,'"

Steele explained. "He's done a really fantastic job working with the cast."

"You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown" opens on July 12 and continues through July 21 at Stage & Screen Studios in Millersville, a good fit

for the relatively small cast. There will be Friday and Saturday performances at 8:00pm, Sunday showings at 3:00pm, a Saturday matinee on July 20 at 3:00pm and a Sunday evening show on July 21 at 7:00pm. Tickets can be

purchased at www.ptcshows.com/tickets.html.

Whether you want to remember your childhood or are still enjoying it, this production will not disappoint. "Everyone wants to be a kid again," Steele said. "I think

we all want to go back to an easier, simpler time, and this production will certainly help to do that. This musical is also a great example of accepting others, even if they have different personalities or ideas than your own."

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