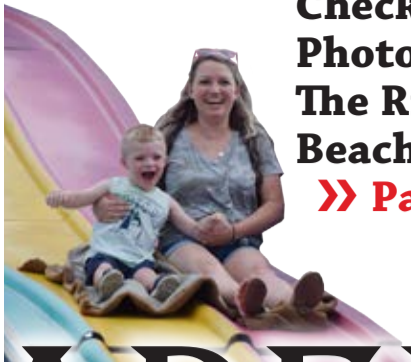


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Dobbins Island: A Jewel Of The Magothy River



Although Dobbins Island is privately owned, boaters and swimmers are allowed to recreate around and up to the mean high tide line.

By Dylan Roche
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Jenny Vedrani of Pasadena remembers how her kids learned to swim and paddleboard off the shores of Dobbins Island in the Magothy River. “We try to go once a week,” she said. “Our youngest was afraid to be in water above his head and it took lots of coaxing to get him in the water. Things change fast.” Now Vedrani’s

son can jump straight off the boat into the water — and he has a blast while doing it.

Their family’s story is one of many memories you might hear from people living in the Magothy watershed not only in recent times but also as far back as a few hundred years.

Dobbins Island — which has also been known as Big Island, Raspberry Island and Dutch Ship Island throughout the years since

the Chesapeake region was settled — has long been what local historian Marianne Taylor described as a “focal point for rendezvous” and “a center of social life” on the Magothy River. In her book “My River Speaks: The History and Lore of the Magothy River,” the former

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Visioning Anne Arundel Offers Blueprint For Future Growth

By Maya Pottiger

Shortly after taking office, County Executive Stuart Pittman implemented Visioning Anne Arundel, a series of small area meetings to get public input for the upcoming General Development Plan.

There were 17 small area meetings from April through June. The meetings allowed community members to prioritize remaining recommendations from the Small Area Plan and 2009 GDP looking toward 2040.

“The biggest takeaway that I got from [Visioning Anne Arundel] is that no one who was in those meetings wants to see new developments in Pasadena that do not make sense for this community,” said Nathan Volke, District 3 councilman.

Volke highlighted areas in Pasadena that can be redeveloped before starting new development projects.

“We need to go back in those areas and look at how they were developed originally, and does the development



At the Visioning Anne Arundel small area meetings, community members voiced their opinions about traffic, sidewalks and other changes they want to see in the county.

still make sense for that area, or do we need to do something differently,” Volke said.

One of Pittman’s priorities is providing affordable workforce housing. On July 1, the Anne Arundel County Council passed Bill 54-19, which established incentives for developers to create affordable housing. According to Pittman, the affordable housing is aimed toward the new hires coming to the county, as

well as for young people starting their careers and seniors who want to age in place.

He highlighted allowing a higher density around transportation networks — trains stations, the airport — to allow them to be mixed use areas.

“By having these mixed-use, smart-growth and transit-oriented developments, we maintain open space, we get cars off the road and we continue to have a tax base that helps to pay for the needs that we have in our community,” Pittman said.

Though Volke heard similar concerns from constituents during Visioning Anne Arundel that he heard during his campaign, the need for sidewalks surprised him.

“If we’re able to invest in more sidewalks along the roads, that right there could give some of that walkability to people,” Volke said.

Pittman plans to submit the GDP in the spring of 2020. The Citizens Advisory Committee is currently reviewing information gathered from the Visioning Anne Arundel meetings, and the representative from each small area will be responsible for knowing what those communities are saying to represent it in the process, Pittman said.

The new plan will be refined during a phase of drafts and revisions through the

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FY2020 Budget Sets “A New Normal”

County Council Approves Plan Raising Taxes While Adding Teachers, Public Safety Personnel

By Zach Sparks
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Since Anne Arundel County started keeping logs in 1998, only once have two councilmembers voted against the budget.

On Friday, June 14, three members voted against it.

The Fiscal Year 2020 budget passed 4-3 along party lines with Democrats approving a \$1.7 billion spending plan almost identical to the one Pittman proposed on May 1.

The budget pushed the property tax rate from 90.2 cents per \$100 of assessed value to 93.5 cents per \$100 of assessed value. County residents will now pay 2.81% in income taxes instead of 2.5%. Water and sewer rates, along with stormwater remediation fees, will also cost taxpayers more in 2020.

The council’s Democratic majority argued that the tax increases were necessary.

“My colleagues have mentioned this budget is transforming the county, and yes, it’s transforming the county, a county that has spent two decades underfunding itself, and we can no longer wait for someone else to rescue us,” said Allison Pickard from District 2. “It’s time. It’s time we take care of ourselves and invest in our children, in our public safety, in our communities.”

Both Democrats and Republicans presented the budget as “a new normal.” For Democrats, that new normal meant supporting county agencies and programs left underfunded since the recession of 2008 and 2009. Republicans pegged the “new normal” as an era marked by waves of impending tax increases.

District 5 Councilwoman Amanda Fiedler and the council’s other two Republicans, Nathan Volke of

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Slow Start To Crabbing Season Shouldn’t Last Long

By Zach Sparks
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They’re known as “beautiful swimmers,” but to watermen on the Chesapeake Bay, blue crabs have been elusive swimmers so far this summer.

“The whole west shore has been pretty slow,” said Bill Scerbo, president of the Anne Arundel Watermen’s Association. “I don’t know what to attribute that to: freshwater or catfish. It’s been an anomalous year. I haven’t seen a season this slow in a long time.”

Pasadena waterman C.J. Canby has faced the same dilemma.

“The start has been bad,” Canby said. “The winter was



Pasadena waterman C.J. Canby is part of a four-man crew that fishes 500 traps from the Chesapeake Bay five days a week.

fairly mild, so what saved us was that the crabs lived during the winter.”

The slow start is perplexing.

The Department of Natural Resources released its blue crab winter dredge survey in

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Remember When? Guess This Landmark

Take a look around Pasadena and you might not notice any monumental changes, but longtime residents may remember a different way of life. In the 1940s and 1950s, James Brown sang for families who brought their children to ride the Ferris wheel at Beechwood Park. From 1954 to 1978, Pasadena had a drive-in movie theater, and a cinema occupied Jumpers Hole Road from 1974 to 2005. Over the years, the peninsula grew, reaching a total of 12 public schools, four fire companies, and



Photo courtesy of the Kuethe Library

This wooden structure was in use from 1912 to 1946.

many local businesses and civic groups that are entrenched in the community. Join us in a walk down

memory lane. Even if you weren’t born during the years when some of these photos were snapped,

chances are that you can still spot these local landmarks. Play along by guessing and by spotting the answer in the next month’s print edition, or follow the Pasadena Voice on Facebook to engage in a discussion.

Our first photo was taken in November 1946 and later included in the book “Anne Arundel County: A Pictorial History,” published by Jacques Kelly in 1989. Can you name this structure, which was in use from 1912 to 1946? If not, don’t fret. We’ll consider it water under the bridge.

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Jesse Burroughs Has Been A
Steal For Havenwood Softball



Havenwood Girls Softball vice president Jesse Burroughs (right) received his Volunteer of the Month award from Voice assistant editor Zach Sparks.

have fun and enjoy it, but I want them to get that education.”

Watching the girls improve their batting, pitching, fielding and base-running skills is the most rewarding part of the job. “It’s a great sport,” Burroughs said. “It’s a growing sport.”

With 250 to 300 girls each year at different levels, Havenwood Girls Softball is one of the biggest programs of its kind in the region, Burroughs said.

“We’re not an umbrella organization; we focus on just softball,” he noted. “And we’re doing more stuff than just games and practices. We have a hit-a-thon to raise money for the program and we have a day at Oriole Park.”

None of that would be possible without volunteers. “Jesse does not come to the fields alone,” Farley said. “The support of Jesse and his amazing family is felt throughout Havenwood.”

Although he always dreamed of coaching baseball, Burroughs is right at home with Havenwood Girls Softball, where he continues to make good on a statement he made to Farley 10 years ago.

“If something needs to be done and done right, Jesse is almost always involved,” Farley said.

For more information about the program or to volunteer, visit www.havenwoodgirlssoftball.org.

or with fielding concerns from coaches and parents. This season, he was the head coach for two teams and assistant coach for two teams.

“The girls need to have fun and enjoy it, but I want them to get that education.”

— JESSE BURROUGHS

As a coach, he has a specific philosophy.

“There are two kinds of coaches,” Burroughs said. “One coach focuses on, ‘Let’s have fun and maybe we will learn something along the way.’ Another coach says, ‘Let’s learn these things, and by learning the fundamentals, you will have fun from having success.’ I’m the second coach. The girls need to

By Zach Sparks
Havenwood Girls Softball President David Farley still remembers the first conversation he had with Jesse Burroughs in 2010.

“He asked about the program and said he had three daughters and planned to be around for a long time,” Farley recalled. “I was a little apprehensive since I have heard those types of statements from parents before. Now, close to 10 years later, it is undeniable that Jesse has played a major role in Havenwood’s success.”

Burroughs is currently the vice president of operations for the club. “That just means doing a little bit of everything, from maintaining fields to handling team issues to organizing special events,” Burroughs said.

His work doesn’t stop with maintaining Havenwood Softball’s nine fields

Editor’s Voice

Dylan Roche
Editor



Happy summer-time, Pasadena!

The kids are out of school, the sun is shining and the temperatures are staggering. Even if many of us are slipping into vacation mode for the next couple of months, our team at the Voice knows there’s still plenty that’s happening around town.

If you’re in a summer mood, you’ll want to check out stories on A1 about this year’s crab population or the memories that local residents have of Dobbins Island. You can also check out our School & Youth section

on ## to find out what teachers are up to while kids are on vacation. And, of course, be sure to check out this month’s special edition, On The Water, which has lots of info on how to enjoy Pasadena’s maritime culture to the fullest.

Remember that we have a little bit of extra time until our next regular edition is released on August 22, so if you need to stay current on the latest news around town, be sure to visit us online at www.pasadenavoice.com or follow us on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram.

And if you have a great news tip to share about something happening around town this summer, shoot me an email at dylan@pasadenavoice.com.

Partner With The Police To Celebrate National Night Out

The Eastern District National Night Out returns on Tuesday, August 6, celebrating the community-police partnerships that keep neighborhoods safe. This year’s rain-or-shine event will be held from 5:30pm to 8:00pm at the Earleigh Heights Volunteer Fire Company, located at 161 Ritchie Highway in Severna Park.

The event will include free food, displays from area organizations, demonstrations with K-9 dogs and fire department equipment, kids games

and much more. Stay updated by visiting the “Anne Arundel County Eastern District: National Night Out” Facebook page.



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The Riviera Beach Carnival Was A Wild Ride



Photos by Andrew Candella

For its annual carnival from June 24 to June 29, Riviera Beach Volunteer Fire Company treated guests to carnival rides, raffles, kids games, face painting, spin art and more.



Dobbins Island: A Jewel Of The Magothy

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English professor touches on how Dobbins Island was once used as a hunting camp by Algonquin and Piscataway tribes, and would have been passed by Dutch, Spanish and English trading ships. Its early nickname Dutch Ship Island comes from stories of a shipwreck nearby in the river.

"When an archeologist, Paul Hundley, read my book, he went behind there and did some diving and found some old Dutch planks," Taylor said. "And then some older residents I interviewed said, 'Oh, we have old Dutch coins on our shelves. We found old Dutch coins.' People love going back there and diving and finding old Dutch coins."

The island has been privately owned since 1769, when its first owner was William Gambrel, for whom the town of Gambrells was named. The property later passed to Annapolis attorney John Gibson, who owned Gibson Island, and was bought and sold several more times before George Dobbins bought it in the

late 1800s. The Dobbins name stuck with the island ever since.

For many years during the 19th century, Dobbins Island was the scene of debutante balls and summer parties attended by guests who would ride to the island on horse and buggy across a sandbar at low tide. It was the beginning of many years of socializing centered on the island.

Taylor has memories of her own children taking their sailboat out to the island to explore, as did their friends and neighbors. "People went crabbing and swimming, and the Girl Scouts would come over from Camp Whipoorwill," she detailed.

Memories like Vedrani's and Taylor's are part of the reason the Magothy River Association pushed to keep the island available to boaters and swimmers. "If you're a boater and you have a bunch of young children, you're not going to put them off the back of your boat in 20 feet of water," said Paul Spadaro, the association's president. "Dobbins Island's beach, historically,

for generations, has been that beach."

Because the island is privately owned, modern adventurers on the Magothy should be respectful to not trespass. The current owner, David Clickner, who bought the island in 2002, allows people to go up to the mean high tide line, but he cannot allow them to go any farther onto the island because of the liability. He also requests that anyone using the beach around the island clean up after themselves.

"Our biggest problem is the trash and stuff like that," Clickner said. "It is being used kind of as a public park, and yet we don't have the situation of being public enough that the government takes care of that for us." Otherwise, Clickner said, there have not been any problems.

As it has for generations, Dobbins Island continues to be a summer landmark and a place for making memories. "It was a jewel of the Magothy — and it still is," Taylor said. "It's still a beautiful island that we love."

Visioning Anne Arundel Offers Blueprint

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end of the year, according to a timeline on the county's website. The public forum and online comment period will open in December, and after going through more revisions, the county council will hold public hearings in April and May of 2020.

The public input collected at the Visioning Anne Arundel meetings will serve as one of the many factors when deciding on county-wide priorities.

"There are community in-

terests that can be parochial sometimes, and then there are county-wide interests. That's why these representatives get together," Pittman said. "They have to decide as a group what the county-wide interests are, as well. I hope they buy into smart growth principles, transit-oriented principles, and acknowledge that we have a looming crisis in workforce housing that our chamber of commerce and others have been warning us about for years."

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Mountain Road Library Celebrates 25th Anniversary



The Mountain Road Library is celebrating its 25th anniversary on Tuesday, August 6.

By Maya Pottiger

For the last 25 years, Mountain Road Library has offered the Pasadena community a little bit of everything.

As the times change, so does the community and its needs, and the library follows suit.

"We spend a great deal of time making stronger community connections," said Jennifer Adams, branch manager of the Mountain Road Library. "As times change and certainly diversity changes in this county, then we see there's a need to have [new] types of programs."

Over time, the library has expanded the types of programs it offers, now including STEM activities, sensory social opportunities and LGBT programs.

"We look at trends and changes in our customer base and adjust accordingly,"

Adams said.

Mountain Road is also using community members, Adams said. During an SPCA event, the library asked a local veterinarian to come in and speak on behalf of the animals. Later this year, a local retired military veteran will run a program about the American flag. On a monthly basis, local artists are featured in the library, hanging their work on the walls and hosting gallery receptions.

Over time, Adams has noticed the increasing need for libraries to have technology and collaborative space.

"There's a lot of populations out there that do not have any technology at home, and they come here to use it," Adams said. "We're still going to offer traditional services. There's still many people that walk in the door that want a book they can hold and read. I don't think that's ever

gonna go away."

Christine Feldmann, the marketing and communications manager for Anne Arundel County Public Libraries, said the Mountain Road branch serves "people of all ages and stages of life." Feldmann highlighted the growing children's area, expanded large print collection and fishing rod borrowing program.

"What hasn't changed is the community feel of the branch," Feldmann said. "We know many of our customers by name, as well as their extended families, and many visitors have started friendships here by attending programs and have continued over the years."

The Mountain Road Library will celebrate its 25th anniversary on Tuesday, August 6. There will be light refreshments throughout the day and a guest book for patrons to write their memories of the branch.

Branch Manager Jennifer Adams Retires

Jennifer Adams was there when the Mountain Road Library opened. Twenty five years later, Adams retired at the end of June.

Adams got her start as a children's librarian at the Enoch Pratt Free Library in Baltimore. When she moved to Mountain Road, she started out as a librarian and assistant to the branch manager. She was promoted to branch manager in 1996.

"I probably was influenced most by my father, who was also a public



Jennifer Adams

library librarian. I've been around libraries my whole life," Adams said. "I didn't know that was a

direction I was going to go in, but when I got my job as a children's librarian, I realized this was going to be my career."

Adams said she will miss working with her staff and interacting with children every day.

"Being a small community library like here, you do get to know everyone a little bit more personally," Adams said.

Samantha Zline took over the role of branch manager on July 7. She came to Mountain Road from the Severna Park Library.

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Katherine Mueller Decides To Fight Back Against NET Cancer

In the six months since she was diagnosed with a neuroendocrine tumor, Katherine Mueller has made a resolution to live life more fully and to help others who share her diagnosis. Now the resilient Severna Park native is sharing her story with *Voice* readers while she gears up for Fight NET Cancer With Katherine, a fundraising event set for August 24 at Severna Park Taphouse to benefit the Neuroendocrine Tumor Research Foundation. (See details for the event at the end of the article.)

Here's what Katherine had to share with us.

Pasadena Voice: I understand this is a very rare condition. What have you learned about it throughout your experience?

Katherine: The most interesting thing that I have learned is that while historically considered rare, the incidence of neuroendocrine tumors (NETs) has increased exponentially over the last 20 years or so. I suspect the reasons for this include more awareness, better detection techniques and probably more accurate reporting systems.

The tricky thing about NETs is they can appear in various parts of the body and the symptoms often imitate other conditions. Subse-

quently, 58% of NET patients have metastases (meaning the cancer has spread to other parts of the body) by the time they are properly diagnosed.

The Dana-Farber Cancer Institute estimates that there are more than 200,000 undiagnosed cases in the United States.

PV: What is a neuroendocrine tumor (NET)?

K: A neuroendocrine tumor (NET) is a form of cancer that begins in the specialized cells of the body's neuroendocrine system. These cells release hormones into the blood in response to signals from the nervous system. Neuroendocrine cells are scattered throughout the body, performing different roles based on location. For example, neuroendocrine cells in the digestive system regulate intestinal movements and the release of digestive enzymes.

When NETs develop in these cells, they not only can then spread to other locations but also can secrete excess amounts of hormones and substances that can cause an adverse effect on the body's natural rhythm. Signs and symptoms depend on the tumor's type, size and location; whether it produces hormones; and whether it has spread to other parts of the body (metastasized).

While there currently is no cure, neuroendocrine tumors are typically slow-growing and therefore can be managed for many years with the right treatment and surveillance.

PV: What inspired or motivated you to start raising funds and awareness?

K: Since my diagnosis six months ago, it's really all been about me. Facing an uncertain future with regular scans, tests and treatments has made me the center of attention, whether I like it or not. The way my family, friends and community as a whole have come together to support me is truly amazing. I want to take this momentum and make it about something bigger than *me*. I am doing this for the 200,000-plus people that have yet to be diagnosed. My hope is that greater awareness will lead to earlier diagnosis, better treatments and eventually a cure.

PV: Tell me a little bit about what people can expect from this upcoming fundraiser in August?

K: This fundraiser is going to be a whole lot of fun and I couldn't imagine a better venue to hold it at than the Severna Park Taphouse. It will be a day filled with live music from a variety of talented artists, great food and beer, silent and live auction items, raffles and more. All proceeds from this event will be donated to the Neuroendocrine Tumor Research Foundation (NETRF). NETRF is a 501(c)(3) organization and the leading private funder of research into causes and treatments of NETs. Thanks to the NETRF Spark Hope Campaign, all of the funds that we raise will be matched dollar for dollar and put toward the search for a cure.

PV: Is there anything else you want our readers to know?

K: I want people to know that I don't see myself as a sick person. Yes, the treatments are rough and I have some bad days, but "sick" is only ever a temporary label. When I feel stronger, I work a normal 40-hour week, I go out and do fun things with my family and friends, and I lead a relatively normal life. I think the one thing that has changed is my appreciation for that normal life. I make more time for the people I love, I don't waste my energy worrying about small, petty things, and I try to be a better person every day. My message to everyone out there reading this is you don't know what is going to happen tomorrow. Try not to take the beautiful, simple things in life for granted. Put down your phones and be present. Live.

To support Katherine in her mission, community members can sponsor or buy tickets to Fight NET Cancer With Katherine, happening August 24 from 11:00am to 8:00pm at Severna Park Taphouse. All money raised through the event will be matched dollar for dollar through the NETRF Spark Hope Campaign. Attendees will enjoy live music by Nashville country artist Chad Bearden, as well as the Moondogs, Case & Barley, George Evans and Johnny Wilson. To purchase tickets or for more information, visit <https://fight-cancer-with-katherine.eventbrite.com> or find the event "Fight NET Cancer With Katherine" on Facebook.

Slow Start To Crabbing

» **Continued from A1** May, showing that the blue crab population increased by 223 million for a total of 594 million.

After Maryland received nearly 72 inches of rain in 2018, keeping crabs from migrating to their spawning grounds, watermen were hopeful for a better year in 2019.

Stoney Creek Inn owners Dan and Jenna Van Sasse are turning to other states to stock their supply.

"We are getting Texas and Louisiana crabs because we don't have enough Maryland crabs to sustain the demand," Jenna said. "People love the flavor of a Maryland crab. The meat is going to be more dense and sweet, normally, because of the brackish water."

The Chesapeake Bay is an estuary with a mix of fresh and salt water. Too much fresh water gives rise to invasive species like snakehead fish and also blue catfish, which prey on blue crabs.

Bill Sielig, executive director of the Chesapeake Bay Seafood Industries Association, is not worried about the slow start.

Sielig said, "I don't think it's as dire as many people are saying. There's so much freshwater, I think there's going to be plenty of crabs. Restaurants will always find crabs, if not in Maryland then in Virginia or somewhere else."

Canby expects the crabs to come north eventually, making for a solid season. Until then, he will continue his routine. Five days a week, he wakes at 4:15am to prepare his supplies and grab bait and fuel. He meets three crew members around 6:00am, and it takes them

five and half hours to fish 500 traps.

Because he used to monitor water quality for the Department of Natural Resources, Canby is familiar with the reasons crabs may not be plentiful: cold weather, lack of oxygen, predators.

Restaurant patrons see crab prices rising, he said, but they might not understand all of the costs associated with bringing their crabs to the table.

The price of bait and clams went up, replacement traps are expensive, and flooding in Louisiana has affected the supply, he said. Sielig said it's the nature of an unpredictable business.

"Watermen always have problems because it's hard to predict," Sielig said. "They never know day to day what they're going to get. They're seeing these fluctuations day to day on an acute level."

Even though recreational crabbing season started April 1, Jenna said now is the time when restaurants see plentiful blue crabs.

"The water is still 60 degrees on Memorial Day," she said. "If you're not ready to go swimming, the crabs probably aren't ready to be picked. If people want Maryland crabs, the best time is July through October, sometimes even November."

"Just because a crab is big doesn't mean it is full of meat," she added. "We sort by weight and size. You could pay for big crabs but be wasting your money if it's not full of meat."

There is one truth for which everyone agrees. "They'll find their way north eventually," Scerbo said. "The price has gone up and demand is strong as ever."

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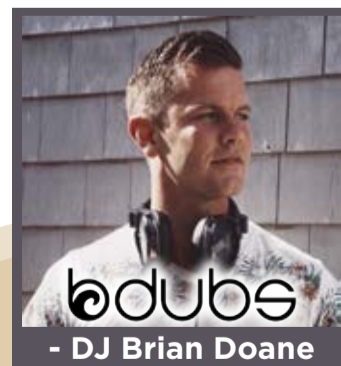


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After Shutdown Threat, Magothy Health Center Continues To Serve



Located on the corner of Mountain Road and Catherine Avenue, the Magothy Health Center operates in the same building as a supporting thrift shop, which will hold a summer sale on August 17.

The Magothy Health Center (MHC) and Thrift Shop, located on the corner of Mountain Road and Catherine Avenue, has been supporting Pasadena residents since before World War II. That almost changed this year.

The Magothy Health Association, a nonprofit that leases the land to the county for \$1 per year, was ready to sell the property after the Department of Health decided to consolidate services and direct people to offices in Annapolis and Glen Burnie. The center's future became a campaign issue and the center remained intact.

"The center and staff there do a number of referrals for screenings," said Elin Jones, public information director for the Anne Arundel County Department of Health. "Although they could get that service at other locations, people seem to enjoy the direct service there. They can talk to a nurse or records technician. You put a face to

your health care and information, and that's comforting to a lot of people."

The MHC started as a clinic for mothers and children on August 17, 1938, and since then has been functioning as a public-private partnership between two entities that provide health services to the community. The public entity is the Department of Health and the private entity is the nonprofit Magothy Health Center Inc., which houses both the thrift shop and the Anne Arundel County Department of Health's cancer screening referral services offices.

Today, the Anne Arundel County Department of Health's Breast and Cervical Cancer Program (BCCP), located at the MHC, strives to help educate and empower women. The program provides referrals for annual well-women screenings such as mammograms, Pap and HPV testing to eligible woman. Women may

be eligible for assistance through BCCP if they are 40 years or older, reside in Anne Arundel County, have low or no income, have no health insurance or have insurance that doesn't cover cervical or breast diagnostic services, or are insured but must meet

roughly 1,700 procedures at private providers.

Program supervisor Amy Kane said that she and her staff educate people about the Department of Health services by sharing placing brochures at grocery stores, pharmacies and libraries.

"Although they could get that service at other locations, people seem to enjoy the direct service there ... You put a face to your health care and information, and that's comforting to a lot of people."

— ELIN JONES, PUBLIC INFORMATION DIRECTOR FOR THE ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

a high deductible. However, referrals for cervical screening and diagnostic services are available now for women ages 21 to 39.

In 2018, more than 600 women living in Anne Arundel County were provided with free health screenings and BCCP paid for

"We target low-income areas of the county," Kane said, "but we don't just serve Pasadena. We serve Arnold, Severna Park, Linthicum and Glen Burnie."

The main source of funds for the MHC building is the thrift shop, which is open on Wednesday from 10:00am to

1:00pm and Saturday from 10:00am to 2:00pm. The thrift shop sells donated new and used clothing, shoes, jewelry, dishes and other household items at prices significantly lower than Goodwill and consignment shops.

"It's not just clothing," said Cathy Kellenbenz, a thrift shop volunteer. "We get a lot of knickknacks, pots and pans."

Magothy Health Association President Julie Lopez estimates that 15 people visit the shop on Saturdays, while Wednesdays are a bit slower.

"We get so many donations that we can be selective," Lopez said, emphasizing the community support for the center. "We have leftover donations that go to local

churches."

The thrift shop will sponsor an end-of-summer sale on August 17 from 10:00am until 2:00pm. Clothing and household items will be available inside the shop and outside in the parking lot if the weather cooperates. Local residents can pay just \$7 to fill a provided bag with anything that is not already priced.

The board of the MHC is sponsoring the sale to increase community awareness of the MHC and its partnership with the Anne Arundel County Department of Health. For more information about volunteering for the thrift shop, call Julie Lopez at 813-486-3127. To learn more about the services BCCP offers, call 410-222-6180.

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Pasadena Resident Competes In National Senior Olympics



Dee Schultz (left) was part of a team that traveled to Albuquerque, New Mexico, to play in the 2019 National Senior Olympic games from June 14-23.

By Dave Topp

It was a dream come true for Dorinda “Dee” Schultz.

In June, Schultz, a former three-sport high school athlete and collegiate volleyball player, traveled to Albuquerque, New Mexico, to play in the 2019 National Senior Olympic games.

The spectacle features more than 90 events in more than 23 different sports.

“It’s been a dream of mine for a long, long time,” said Schultz, whose Catonsville Community College team finished second in the nation in 1978.

Having moved to Lake Shore with her family in 1993, Schultz never lost her love for sports or competition. She can still be spotted today playing volleyball or wallyball at The Y in Pasadena or at Severna Park Racquetball Club.

Her enthusiasm for volleyball and drive for competition is so noticeable that she was invited to try out for a women’s team at Volleyball House in Elkridge.

“I signed up for the team.

I tried out for the team, and with a lot of work and effort, I made the team,” Schultz said.

There, she met a group of women who shared her passion for volleyball, and together they decided to attempt to qualify for the 2019 National Senior Olympics.

“We all had the same goal in mind and that was to go to the Olympics,” she said. “I’ve been wanting to do it since college, but I could never find the team.”

Team KRAY-Z successfully worked through the qualification process and earned a spot among 41 other teams in the women’s 55-plus division. Schultz’s squad was among more than 3,000 athletes who traveled to New Mexico for the National Senior Olympics, which spanned from June 14-23.

This was the first experience at this level for Schultz and her teammates.

“You can tell that all those teams, this was not their first time at the Olympics,” she said. “Very, very competitive. I think

this being our first time made it difficult for us to be successful.”

Despite not earning a medal during the games, Schultz and her teammates left New Mexico buzzing over the experience.

“It was a dream of a lifetime to have had the experience,” she said. “Everybody there is so nice. It’s as if you’ve known them for years, because everyone is there for the same purpose. Albuquerque went out of their way to make us feel welcome.”

When she arrived home, her son, Danny, presented her with a gold medal that read “To our Olympic champion” on the back.

“My family and friends have been incredibly supportive during this experience,” Schultz said.

The next National Senior Olympics is two years away, yet Schultz is already thinking about another shot. She may return to the volleyball court or try an individual sport like running. Whatever she decides, the competitor in her will be ready.

FY2020 Budget Sets “A New Normal”

» **Continued from A1**
District 3 and Jessica Haire of District 7, suggested \$20 million in cuts to the operating budget without removing a single teacher, police or firefighter position. Their amendments failed along party lines.

“This budget is essentially unchanged from what the county executive proposed on May 1 despite my best efforts and the efforts of my colleagues to address those concerns,” Fiedler said. “It is my opinion that this budget is just simply too large.”

Even though the county council didn’t cut much, the budget wasn’t entirely unchanged. The council worked with the county auditor to add eight behavioral health positions to the Board of Education budget, and also added a new planner position in the Office of Planning and Zoning, and a new deputy sheriff for courtroom security. Fifteen firefighter positions were added to Pittman’s recommendation of 35 for a total of 50.

Overall, the budget included funding for 10 new police officers and for 13 detention officers to staff the new central booking facility in Annapolis. Four new environmental inspectors, six new planners and one park ranger will be hired.

Anne Arundel County is earmarking an extra \$46 million for education in 2020, providing raises for educators and adding 140 new classroom teachers, 50 special education positions and 35 mental health positions.

Other investments included a county-stat program to increase efficiency and accountability, support for community development housing programs and rental assistance, \$1 million for maintenance and renovations at county parks, and funds to make the library branch at the Annapolis Mall permanent.

Councilman Nathan Volke, a Republican from District 3 in Pasadena, said he was proud to support more teachers, police officers and firefighters, but that upgrades should be incremental improvements, without all upgrades coming in one budget. The Spending Affordability Committee, he said, unanimously recommended a 3.75% increase in spending.

“There can be no doubt that increasing government spending by 7% in one fiscal year is new territory for Anne Arundel County,” Volke said. “There can be no doubt that increasing taxes for the average family by over \$550 a year in one budget is a turning point for this county. And there can be no doubt that increasing the budget by \$106 million in a single year creates a new normal of government spending for Anne Arundel County.”

In explaining their votes, the council’s Democrats shared stories of failing infrastructure and services.

“Increasing government spending by 7% in one fiscal year is new territory for Anne Arundel County.”

— COUNCILMAN
NATHAN VOLKE

“In 2009, we had a \$158 million backlog of road and infrastructure needs,” Pickard said. “Guess what? Today we still have that backlog.”

Council chairman Andrew Pruski of District 4 relayed tales of fire departments left understaffed.

“That’s embarrassing,” Pruski said. “I mean especially if somebody is having a heart attack and it’s going to take a half an hour to get there.”

The budget also includes

\$250 million for the newly established Reserve Fund for Permanent Public Improvements (PPI), which will finance capital projects in these areas: school construction, public safety facilities, and road capacity and transportation projects.

That PPI was another contentious target of the council, with Volke saying, “It is also not fiscally responsible to take on \$250 million in new bond obligations when we cannot even identify where the money will be spent yet. As the county auditor — who is our nonpartisan fiscal watchdog — has noted, this new debt will quickly become unsustainable in the near future, requiring additional tax increases.”

District 6 Councilwoman Lisa Rodvien doesn’t expect the tax rates to hinder Anne Arundel County, which will have the fourth-lowest income tax rate in Maryland and the fifth-lowest property tax rate out of 24 jurisdictions.

“We are not moving to the tax capital of the state,” Rodvien said. “We are still very modest with respect to our taxes and I think that leaves us in a very good position to be proud of this budget. We’re making very well-needed, very important investments without having to break the bank.”

The county council made history with its divisive 4-3 vote on the budget, but Pittman sees only the positive work its members did. He looks forward to the budget taking effect on July 1.

“This budget is a much needed correction to years of kicking the can down the road,” Pittman said in a statement. “We have done what our county charter directs us to do — determine the needs of our county and set tax rates that balance the budget — and we have done it in a fiscally responsible way.”

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Every Step Counts Fundraiser Made Big Strides



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Bello Machre held its annual fundraiser, Every Step Counts, on June 8 at Anne Arundel Community College. This year, the event honored former Severna Park resident Kenny Elgert, who was part of Bello Machre for a little over a year. To emphasize inclusivity, Every Step Counts allowed participants to run, walk, bike or do whatever means of moving they could.

Pistons & Paws Supports A Good Cause



Photos by Franki Maus

Anne Arundel County Animal Care & Control held its annual Pistons & Paws combined motorcycle show and adoption event in Millersville on Saturday, June 15. In total, there were 11 adoptions, two rescue partners, one animal reclaimed by its owner and one foster pet. As for the pistons portion of the event, 105 cars and 11 motorcycles registered.



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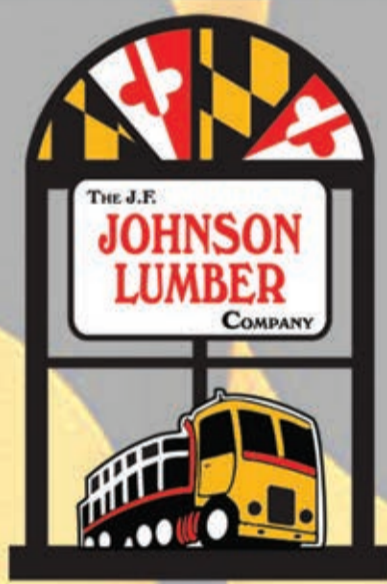


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Neighborhood of the Month takes an in-depth look at the unique communities that make up Pasadena as a whole. Each has its own history, its own special amenities and its own people who are happy to call that place home. Want to share with our readers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



Four Generations Of Gurneys Call Greenland Beach Home

By Judy Tacyn

Cross the Stony Creek drawbridge heading northwest and you cannot miss Stony Creek Bridge Marina and the Stony Creek Inn. The tiny creek-abutting community behind those well-known establishments, Greenland Beach, is not as noticeable. Consisting of just two streets, Greenland Beach Road and Weldon Road, the neighborhood has approximately 100 homes, roughly half of which are on Back Cove, Nabbs Creek or Stony Creek. The neighborhood features just three access points, which are all off Fort Smallwood Road.

Many of the homes were built in the early 1900s, and have since been remodeled. A few of the residences were former summer beach cottages, but most are raised-ranch and split-level homes. The waterfront homes are unique, and most boast private piers. Trees are well established and

showcase the neighborhood's maturity. Children in the public school system attend Solley Elementary, George Fox Middle and Northeast High School.

Along the expansive shoreline of the community are five community beaches, which often serve as gathering places, but oftentimes, such as Halloween, residents will simply congregate in their exclusive street for fun. There is no need for trick-or-treating when neighbors gather to roast hot dogs, share a beverage and combine all the candy on a table for the kids to enjoy.

Greenland Beach can surely be considered close-knit. One family, the Gurneys, has had four generations live in the community.

Susanne Gurney's parents moved to Greenland Beach from Baltimore to get more land and to experience fishing and crabbing. "I remember stories of how my mom and the women of Greenland Beach

would get together during World War II to drink coffee and share stories over laundry," she said, noting that there was only one washing machine in the community at that time.

Susanne and her family had the opportunity to move into the house next door to her parents, so she has lived her entire life not just in Pasadena, or Greenland Beach, or on the same block, but within two houses. She and her husband had five children, and now the family includes 13 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. With the exception of one son, her entire family still lives close by, but none are closer than daughters Amanda and Sarah, who live next door.

Sarah Gurney Petro returned to Greenland Beach last October after living in Ocean City for a few years after high school. **Amanda Gurney** lived briefly in Orchard Beach but was happy to return to Greenland Beach, the community she

loves, after just a few months.

Sarah had the opportunity to purchase the 1913 home that was once owned by her grandparents.

"Nothing really felt like home like Greenland Beach," said Sarah, recalling other places she lived. "When my grandparents' house went up for sale, I was drawn back here and happy to have that home back in the family. I just love it here."

Sarah said that with her parents as neighbors on one side, and her sister — Amanda, her neighbor — on the other side, Greenland Beach feels safe. She said it's also great to get the cousins back together. Amanda's children are between the ages of 5 and 17; Sarah's children are between 13 and 16. The cousins are rarely far apart.

"Holidays are huge family events here," said Amanda, referencing her four siblings and their children. "We will jump on any excuse to get together!"

Amanda also noted that since she grew up on the same street where she now lives, she has known many of her neighbors for decades, so neighbors are often considered family.

"Pasadena is great because it still has that small-town vibe," said Amanda. "I love the mom-and-pop stores like Lauer's. People are familiar, and there is always someone I know no matter where we go."

Susanne and her husband recently celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary. In attendance at the party were adults she grew up with, people her children grew up with, and kids her grandchildren will grow up with. "I cannot imagine living anywhere else," she said.

As for her daughters, the sentiment is mutual.

"It's one of the tiniest neighborhoods in the area, and I just love it," said Amanda. "It's all I know. I feel that I was just lucky enough to get stuck here!"



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Through the program, these dogs are provided free of charge to our vulnerable veterans. This past February, the Hero Dogs organization was awarded the first grant from the Department of Veterans Affairs in Maryland. The department's staff has been supportive and efficient in helping to develop the regulations to implement this program.

EXPANDING THE MARYLAND PROGRAM

This past session, I worked with the department to expand our program to include horse therapy as part of the services provided to veterans through our partnerships.

Several months before the General Assembly session, my staff, my wife and I visited a facility in

Anne Arundel County that provides horse therapy to veterans and other individuals. The amazing staff shared that the main problem with helping veterans is that there is so much more need than resources.

After working with Maryland Therapeutic Riding, the Department of Veterans Affairs and other groups for months, we drafted legislation to expand the partnership program to include horse therapy for veterans. Again, the legislation was well received, it passed unanimously and it was recently signed into law by Governor Larry Hogan.

These programs require funding to be effective; therefore, I have organized fundraisers in Pasadena and sought grant funding to bring in the necessary funds to help our veterans. The response from our local communities has been generous and caring. Our community continues to demonstrate that it has a heart for our veterans, and for this, I am appreciative.

EXPANDING THE PROGRAM NATIONALLY

Since first enacting this program in Maryland in 2017, we are now witnessing numerous other states, such as California

and Illinois, establishing similar partnership programs to provide these dogs to veterans in their states. It is a real encouragement to be part of this and see this spread across our nation.

I am now reaching out to the federal government to expand both the support dog and horse therapy initiatives across our nation. I have requested meetings with key personnel in Washington, D.C., to discuss these initiatives and brainstorm ways to reduce the senseless suicides of veterans.

I am excited about helping our veterans and I will keep you posted on the progress of my initiatives.

A special thank you goes out to the people at the Department of Veterans Affairs, the American Legion, our partnering nonprofit organizations, my staff and all the other supporters who have helped make this possible.

Visit my website at www.simonaire.com to see a newly produced and inspirational three-to four-minute video highlighting how horse therapy is helping veterans in our county.

If I can be of any assistance, contact me at bryan.simonaire@senate.state.md.us or call my office at 410-841-3658.

County Budget Recap

Nathan Volke
Councilman
District 3



From May 1 to June 15, the county council focuses almost entirely on the budget for the upcoming fiscal year. This year, that was more true than usual given the significant turnover in county government, including a new county executive, new budget officer, new county auditor and six new councilmembers (out of seven). With all of these new faces, it made the budget even more of a challenging process than normal. On June 14, we passed the final budget so that the county can operate for another year.

In looking at the finished product, there are definitely some things to like in this year's budget. I will highlight a few things, but I encourage you to review the budget in full on the county website, and watch any of the budget hearing videos on the county website or YouTube. The information, debate and votes are all publicly available. Here are some good things first.

We added nearly 140 new teacher positions to help decrease class sizes and keep up with enrollment growth. Teachers saw pay increases and were paid for makeup step increases not received from recession times (back in 2009 and 2010). We added mental health professionals to make sure our students get the sup-

port they need at school, and accelerated school construction funds for a number of projects around the county.

In public safety, we added 50 new firefighters and 10 police officers while also increasing pay to help with hiring and retention of detention officers. Improvements to Hancock's Resolution, Downs Park and Fort Smallwood Park were approved. A \$75 million placeholder for road improvements was granted for future projects - though specific projects have not yet been identified.

On the flip side of the equation is increased revenue (taxes). The Fiscal Year 2020 budget saw county government increase by \$106 million over last year's budget. As a percentage, that means this year's budget grew by nearly 7% over last year's budget. However, projections from independent analysts say that the average taxpayer will see his or her income grow by about 3.75%. It concerns me that government spending is growing about twice as fast as your paycheck. In simple terms, more of your money will go to taxes each year. Most people I know would call that a pay cut. How much of a pay cut? The average family (household income of \$100,000, house valued

at \$400,000) will be paying almost \$6,000 more in taxes over the next 10 years because of this budget.

Furthermore, this budget added \$250 million in new county bonds (debt), but the county has not yet identified specifically where or how that money will be spent. The county auditor, our nonpartisan fiscal watchdog, informed the council that the interest payments on this new debt will quickly become unsustainable in the near future.

I supported many of the priorities and projects in this budget. But I realize that the taxpayers - you and me - have to pay for them. Due to my concerns regarding this rapid fiscal growth, I worked with my colleagues on the council to propose 60 amendments that would have cut \$20 million from the operating budget without cutting a single teacher, police officer or firefighter. All 60 amendments were defeated on a party-line vote. This budget, while offering many great things for county citizens, has changed the fiscal nature of Anne Arundel County forever. In future budgets, I'm hopeful we can find more of a balance between spending for today and protecting our financial future.

What Is The Role Of The Clerk's Office?

Scott Poyer
Clerk of the
Circuit Court



As the recently elected clerk of the Circuit Court for Anne Arundel County, I am often asked, "What does the clerk's office do?" I am happy to answer this question because the clerk's office does a lot of work that affects people's lives in the county.

The clerk of the circuit court is one of the oldest public offices in Maryland and dates back as far as 1658 to the first Maryland settlement. The office was originally established to be an independent keeper of

the records, and we still perform that function today. The clerk's office has about 125 dedicated, hardworking people performing a variety of recordkeeping functions at our office at the Circuit Courthouse in Annapolis.

Among the functions we perform are recording all the land transactions in the county. Each year, we process about 100,000 real estate transactions. They are the underpinning of the entire real estate market, as well as an important resource for people researching genealogy and local history.

Each year, we also process approximately 75,000 documents related to the legal cases moving through the Circuit Court, includ-

ing pleadings, summonses, subpoenas and warrants. Making a mistake on one of these documents could be detrimental to a person's professional and personal life, so we are careful to process them timely and accurately.

The business licenses in Anne Arundel County are also issued by the clerk's office. Every April when the licenses expire, we process about 8,000 business licenses within the span of a few weeks.

We also issue between 4,000 and 5,000 marriage licenses per year for everyone getting married in the county. And not only do we issue the licenses, we also perform half of all those marriages at our wedding

chapel. It is an honor to host the thousands of people and their guests who come to the courthouse to get married each year, and to be a part of one of the most important days in their lives.

This is just a partial list of everything we do in the clerk's office for the people of Anne Arundel County. I am honored that the voters have given me the opportunity to serve as clerk, and I am excited by the many initiatives we are undertaking to make our office more efficient and effective. I look forward to reporting the results in future articles, but I hope this article has at least answered many people's general questions about the role of the clerk's office.

Brian Chisholm
Delegate
District 31



The days leading up to the Fourth of July seemed to be flooded with newscasts, articles and stories of politicians, athletes, actors and U.S. citizens carrying deep resentment for today's America. Regardless of their story, philosophies, experiences or agenda, I do not wish to take up your valuable time here opining for or against their individual arguments. I would rather share my experience and thoughts of why I still revere the United States of America, its people, the Fourth of July and the uniquely American spirit.

Two days prior to July 4, my wife saw "Hamilton" in Baltimore. Afterward, she was brimming with details of the entire production. She played me the music, and between every song, she hit pause and explained to me what was transpiring during that song in the musical. This exercise was consistently accompanied with a question about the historical significance or facts. Well, she may not have asked a question between every song, but she certainly got some Cliff Clavin-like commentary from yours truly. I cannot ever deny the love that occupies my heart and soul for this country and the historic miracle we are as a people.

In 1776, we were completely outnumbered, dreadfully insufficient in weapons and artillery, and our army was filled with a bunch of ragtag, sometimes shoeless and woefully inexperienced fighters. The only advantage these patriots possessed were hearts filled with a dream and an unquenchable thirst for freedom and individual liberty. For lack of a better analogy, we were the Buster Douglas to their Mike Tyson, and nobody ever expected us to survive. After scores of casualties and bloodshed and withstanding devastating assaults from both land and sea, our young patriots secured a place in history by punching the world's

most powerful military in the mouth and winning the American Revolutionary War.

I thoroughly enjoyed the conversations with my wife and we both found it amusingly fascinating to picture a President Donald Trump and Vice President Hillary Clinton working together in one area. This came to light when we discussed how our earliest winners for president would have the second-place winner as their vice president. President John Adams had Thomas Jefferson serve as his vice president, although the men strongly opposed each other politically.

Fast-forward almost two and a half centuries and I found myself engulfed with this same undeniable American spirit on display. On the morning of this July 4, I gathered with several others fellow Americans in a parking lot, decorating my Jeep in red, white and blue. We were preparing to set forth on a festive parade route lined with positively patriotic Americans beaming with that American pride. I witnessed scores of happy and energetic young children with American flags enveloping their shirts, shorts or cheeks excitedly smiling and waving to the parade participants. I heard patriotic music blasting from backseats, tailgates, truck beds and amplifiers. Ironically, now that I reflect on that day, I do not recall hearing that "Hamilton" fella singing anything, but there's always next year. Furthermore, I saw and shook hands with hundreds of veterans still with us today along the winding parade route that deserve our greatest respect. Words will never do justice for all of those individuals that were willing to sacrifice their time, life, talents, energy and future to preserve that American spirit. Thank God that we still have brave men and women with us today that share the same yearning for freedom and individual liberty that a band of young patriots shared all the way back in 1776.

There is still an immeasurable amount that is right and good with America, its people and our love for freedom, family, friends and our future!

Drug Court Cases And Treatment

Anne Colt Leites
State's Attorney



Since 1997, the Anne Arundel County State's Attorney's Office has remained dedicated to changing the lives of our county's citizens who battle substance abuse by participating in both a District Court and Circuit Court Adult Drug Treatment Court. Both provide a comprehensive and judicially supervised rehabilitation program that emphasizes restorative practices for those who have committed non-violent crimes. My office provides three paralegals and two prosecutors who work almost exclusively in determining which cases and defendants are most appropriate for these treatment courts and then supporting their journey throughout.

Adult Drug Treatment Court isn't a walk in the park. Participants don't get to circumvent the court system - they are made to embrace it and allow a team of counsel-

ors, paralegals, prosecutors and judges to monitor just about every aspect of their lives closely. They must commit to sobriety and treatment to avoid a jail sentence. A missed counseling appointment risks a stay in our local detention center. This is tough love at its finest, and drug court is really the best chance for a person to turn his or her life around before jail becomes their ultimate fate. Our District Court Drug Court has graduated 1,879 clients in the 22 years of the program, and in our Circuit Court, more than 270 citizens have graduated since it began in 2005.

The most important reason my office staffs our drug courts is to help individuals trade the label of "criminal" and "addict" for "parent," "employee" and "neighbor." My goal is to help our citizens work, care for their families, and become productive members of the community rather than addicted to drugs and committing crimes to support their habit.

National statistics show that 75% of drug court graduates remain arrest-free

over a 10-year period compared to the 30% of people who are released from prison but receive no treatment. The recidivism rate for drug court participants is reduced by 45% overall. A more practical benefit is that sending someone to drug court rather than state prison can save states up to \$13,000 per participant.

The success of the drug court is rooted in two essential components: an individualized blueprint and a collaborative approach.

Each participant adheres to a tailored service plan to address his or her specific addiction, mental health, physical health, employment, educational, legal and family needs. The program consists of four phases designed to last 12 to 18 months, and if successful, culminates in graduation.

Phase I - Foundation: The client and case manager create an individualized service plan with clear expectations.

Phase II - Engagement: The client's progress and objectives are assessed and targeted counseling begins.

Phase III - Maintenance: Progress, treatment goals and objectives are fine-tuned. Counseling focuses on coping and relapse prevention. Family involvement is encouraged for the recovery journey.

Phase IV - Aftercare: The main focus is relapse prevention and the client is encouraged to maintain an independent lifestyle during recovery.

The partnership between our office, the county courts, the public defender, the Division of Parole and Probation, the Anne Arundel Department of Health and detention center, and local treatment providers is crucial for our drug courts' success. These dynamic groups of professionals use their expertise to provide each client with the resources they need to reclaim their lives and remain drug free.

Now, do some of the participants face challenges while in the program? Absolutely! But, that's part of the process.

The ability to make a mistake, be held accountable and positively respond is the true measure of success in the program.

BUSINESS SPOTLIGHT

Take Stock: Brian Conrad Of Edward Jones Provides Sound Financial Advice

By Zach Sparks

Before he joined Edward Jones as a financial adviser in 2002, Brian Conrad served as a military policeman for the U.S. Army, as a state trooper for the state of Washington, and as K9 search and rescue handler.

What do all those careers have in common? Each job allowed Conrad to help other people, and that's what he has enjoyed most about being a financial adviser since 1996, with 17 of those years at Edward Jones.

"The most rewarding part of this is seeing the clients reach their goals," Conrad said. "Everybody has something different they are trying to accomplish. Some people want to buy a house in five years. Some people want to take a trip to Alaska that they never took. For some people, it's leaving a legacy for grandkids or great-grandkids or whatever is down the road. And we have the ability to do all that stuff, so it's wonderful."

The process is simple. Conrad meets prospective clients to plan a personal strategy in tune with their goals. He then follows up with each client every four to six weeks — by phone call, newsletter or quarterly review — to ensure the client is still on track to meet those goals.

"When a client comes in for an annual review, we might introduce an annuity, we might introduce insurance, we might introduce



Nicci DeAngelo, Brian Conrad and Jenny Voelker give personalized advice to clients who come to their Edward Jones branch in Severna Park.

a stock or bond or mutual fund — it could be anything — but I really have no dog in the hunt to point me in the direction of which thing I want to sell," Conrad said. "It's whatever solves the client's problem."

Sometimes his job is providing objective advice when clients hear embellished reports of tariffs or trade wars. Edward Jones also has another safeguard to prevent people from making impulsive decisions when they watch the news or hear bad soundbites about the economy: It has no on-line trading.

"Edward Jones has inserted the adviser as a circuit breaker, if you will, in between the client and a decision to maybe sell," Conrad said. "Now, at the end of the conversation, it's always the client's money. We are going to do what the client asks us to do, but they hire us for that impartial advice,

so we are going to give them that information from an unemotional perspective."

Conrad keeps clients calm by reminding them that every downturn is usually followed by a four-year upturn. He also tries to get clients to adopt a long-term vision instead of reacting to ups and downs in the markets.

"You're driving from here to Chicago, you're on the turnpike through Pennsylvania and you see flashing lights," Conrad said, using an analogy. "You see flares and eventually you will come across two or three cars on the side of the road. People are exchanging information, a trooper is there, and these people have just participated, truly, in a crash. But you have a choice: you can either crank your car to the right and drive into their car and also participate in their crash or you can keep driving to your long-term destination of Chicago aka

retirement. The media would like everyone to think, OK, the market went down, that affects absolutely everybody and you're participating in this, and the reality is, this isn't your exit. Your exit is another 5,000 miles down the road."

A ways down the road from his office in Severna Park, Conrad is active in the community as vice president of the Pasadena Business Association, and he volunteered seven times for AngelRide in Connecticut, an event that raised money that brought camps to kids in hospitals.

For more information about investment opportunities, schedule an appointment by calling 410-544-8970 or visit www.edwardjones.com/brianconrad. Located at 479 Jumpers Hole Road, Suite 202, in Severna Park, the branch tends to book appointments two weeks in advance.

"It doesn't take a whole bunch of money to get started," Conrad said. "We can do an IRA (individual retirement account) for as little as \$5,000 to actually open the account and be up and running. We can do individual investments. Most mutual fund companies want either \$1,000 or \$1,500 to get started, but once you put that initial amount in, you can save as little as \$25 a month or not at all and just occasionally drop in birthday and holiday money if that's what you want to do."

PBA Update

Sandi Parrish
Executive Director



Our June general membership meeting is one of my favorite lunches. We award our scholarships to local high school seniors. We have been providing scholarships since 1990 and have awarded more than \$200,000. Thanks to the Maryland Yacht Club for the great venue and food. The view is spectacular and a great backdrop for our scholarship pictures.

The PBA Education Committee is collecting school supplies for the 2019-2020 school year. **We are focusing on grandparents raising grandchildren.**

Many of our members put out a box with a flyer attached and watch the supplies roll in. We are currently looking for a PBA member business that can put out all of the supplies that we collect out on a specific day in August and invite the families to bring their list and get whatever we have to offer.

We have grandparents raising grandchildren, and aunts and uncles raising siblings' children due to circumstances within the family, so we want to help them. We partner with the schools in the Northeast and Chesapeake feeder systems on this project and they will let the grandparents, aunts and uncles know of this school supply distribution. We appreciate any and all help and I know that the grandparents appreciate it too.

We are gearing up for our 16th annual golf tournament on September 11 at Compass Pointe Golf Courses. This tournament is open to the public and event proceeds will benefit the PBA community assistance projects, which provides the fifth-grade straight-A lunch, school supply drive, Educational Excellence Awards, Veterans Day ceremony, tree lighting ceremony, A Child's Christmas, Caring & Sharing parade, Friends of Downs Park donation and support for the Friends of Hancock's Resolution, National Night Out, flag site at Route 100 and Mountain Road, and new flags.

Please bring your family, friends and employees for a fun day on the golf course with the PBA. We will have a light breakfast, hot dogs on the turn, and a picnic lunch of sausage and peppers, pulled pork, coleslaw, baked beans and dessert catered by Cheshire Crab.

Our annual crab feast will be on Wednesday, September 25, at Kurtz's Beach from 6:00pm to 10:00pm, so mark your calendars and spend a relaxing evening with friends and family eating crabs and other great food.

Check our website, www.pasadenabusinessassociation.com, for upcoming events like the trade show (always the second Thursday in October), Caring & Sharing parade, (always the first Sunday in November), Veterans Day ceremony (always on Veterans Day), and the tree lighting ceremony (always the first Tuesday in December).

Will You Need PLAYchecks In Retirement?

Jason LaBarge
Managing Partner
Premier Planning Group



Summer's finally here, and it's beautiful in Maryland. There are so many things you can add to your summer bucket list, such as sailing on the Chesapeake Bay or eating crab cakes at Chick and Ruth's Delly before strolling down to the docks in downtown Annapolis. You've waited through the cold winter months for the nice weather and freedom that summer has to offer, and the possibilities seem limitless!

This is just like when you retire; you've worked hard through the years, diligently saving and investing your money to provide you with the retirement you've always dreamed of.

I like to think of your retirement in three stages. You've already experienced the joys of childhood, the awkwardness of adolescence and the fun of adulthood, with your ability to care for yourself being different in each stage. Your retirement will have similar stages too, where your capabilities and expenses will depend on the stage you're currently in. I like to call them the go-go, slow-go and no-go years.

The go-go years are the years right after retirement. You're healthy, active and ready to do everything you've been putting off while raising a family, accumulating wealth and going to work every day. This is the part of retirement you dream about and are most looking forward to and, much like in the early summer months, the possibilities will seem limitless!

The key is to plan for the go-go years and set assets aside to pay for your vacation, boat or second home. Directly after retirement is the time when you are most likely to be healthy and able to enjoy doing the things you've been dreaming of for years, and we can build these expenses into your portfolio.

Have you always wanted to tour Europe? Let's plan for that!

Have you always wanted to learn how to scuba dive? Let's plan for that!

Have you always wanted to take an RV around the United States, visiting the grandkids along the way? Let's plan for that!

Have you always wanted to buy a boat? We can plan for that too.

Many of the possibilities in retirement can become a reality with the proper planning, but one of the

biggest mistakes I see people make when preparing to retire is not accounting for how they will pay for their dreams.

I tell my clients that we need to plan for them to have retirement income sources to provide for paychecks and "playchecks." The paycheck pays for all of their necessary bills and living expenses. They should be funded with dependable and consistent sources of income, such as your savings account, CDs, fixed annuities and money market accounts. The "playcheck" pays to fund their dreams during their go-go years and carry some risk by being tied to the market, but also have the potential to grow. You could use mutual funds and variable funds for this.

Just as it's inevitable that fall will come and some items on your summer bucket list will be left undone, your slow-go and no-go years will come too. We want you to make the most of your go-go years and building "playchecks" into your retirement portfolio is the way to do it.

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Arundel Federal Savings Bank Raises Funds For Chesapeake Arts Center



(L-R) Tom Herpel, AFSB executive vice president and chief operating officer; Belinda Fraley Huesman, CAC executive director and CEO; Brenda Fraley Garver, CAC board of directors president; and Dave Costello, AFSB president and CEO, all made Chip in for the Arts a success.

Tournament host Arundel Federal Savings Bank (AFSB) recently presented a check for \$21,650 to The Chesapeake Arts Center from proceeds of its seventh annual Chip in for the Arts Golf Tournament held on April 17 at Compass Pointe Golf Courses in Pasadena.

More than 90 players and 50 sponsors from the Anne Arundel County community and beyond participated in a day of fun and sun with old and new

friends to help extend the educational outreach programs the center provides.

"We are so thankful to the sponsors, golfers and employees who helped to make it such a great success," stated Tom Herpel, AFSB executive vice president and chief operating officer. "The center is such a vital part of our community and the proceeds raised will help extend its programs to local school children and families. Arundel Federal is proud to be a part of it."

Calvert Vet Center Welcomes New Doctor

Dr. Monica Capella, a recent Phi Zeta graduate of the Virginia-Maryland College of Veterinary Medicine, joined the Calvert Veterinary team in June. A Maryland native, she started



Dr. Monica Capella

volunteering with animals through Last Chance Animal Rescue, Maryland Therapeutic riding and other organizations at the age of 13. She majored in animal sciences at the University of Maryland

College Park, and during her time as an undergraduate, she spent several weeks studying cheetah, lion and leopard behavior in South Africa, working as a teaching assistant, and serving as a veterinary technician in College Park. She graduated with honors as a Maryland Terp and life sciences scholar, looking forward to continuing her journey as a Virginia Tech Hokie.

During veterinary school, Capella continued her teaching assistant position, held executive positions in Companion Animal Club and her class board, and became a student ambassador serving Blacksburg and the local community. Over four years, she also fostered more than 30 animals, which have all

found happy homes. One of those animals, a blue pitbull named Nova, spends her time snoozing on Capella's couch with her feline sisters, Luna and Estrellita.

Capella has a special interest in small animal internal medicine and is excited to join the Calvert Veterinary team to continue learning and serving as an active member of the veterinary community on local, national and international levels. Although her time in Virginia has been filled with wonderful adventures, she is excited to return home to crab feasts, strolling around downtown Baltimore, joining local soccer teams and spending the occasional lazy day relaxing at the National Arboretum.

Tech Talk With Dr. Cranska

Dr. 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.

NINE SYMPTOMS THAT YOU HAVE XEROSTOMIA

Dry mouth, also known as xerostomia, is not a disease.

This medical condition is simply the decrease in flow or a change in the quality of saliva — a change that occurs when there is a failure to keep your mouth wet.

Causes of xerostomia include radiation during cancer therapy; autoimmune diseases such as Sjogren's syndrome, scleroderma, lupus and diabetes; aging; and the top cause, taking multiple medications.

These are some common symptoms:

- Dry feeling in mouth and throat
- Need to continually sip beverages, with only temporary relief from thirst
- Burning sensation in the mouth
- Tongue is dry and sore
- Lips and corners of the mouth are dry and cracked
- Difficulty swallowing, chewing or talking
- Bad breath
- Problems wearing your dentures
- Getting more cavities

Without saliva to help fight oral bacteria, there can be extensive tooth de-

cay. You need to maximize salivary flow, keep your mouth wet to increase function and comfort, and prevent tooth decay.

Q: How can I prevent dry mouth?

A: Here is a list of ways to prevent and treat the effects of dry mouth:

- Use sugar-free gum and candies to stimulate saliva, but no sugar products, because they lead to tooth decay.
- Lifestyle changes: limit alcohol and caffeine consumption, and eliminate tobacco use. Drink more water.
- Use over-the-counter rinses and saliva substitute products to lubricate and moisturize.
- New prescription-only relief sprays have been introduced to help relieve symptoms and are available from your dentist.

Dry mouth is not completely preventable or treatable. Treatment depends on the cause. Discuss treatment solutions with your dentist and dental hygienist.

The best treatments only address the symptoms. Utilize the new dental products for maximum comfort, maintain good nutrition with proper chewing and swallowing, and limit destruction of your teeth from decay with early treatment.

What Is The Breed Of Your Dog?

Dr. Catherine DeJesus
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Calvert Veterinary
Center



What is a mutt? A mutt is a dog that is a cross between two or more breeds. With the increase in pet adoptions from shelters, more people are obtaining these wonderful dogs. Each breed of dog has its own unique personality traits, skills, health conditions, grooming and training requirements, and more. That's likely why there has been an increase in the amount of canine genetic testing on the market: More and more people are curious about what combined breeds make up their beloved companion.

These genetic tests can also give you a glimpse into any health conditions to which your pet is predisposed. For example, certain breeds are more

prone to developing skin disease, heart disease, dental disease, cancer and other genetic conditions. MD1 (multidrug resistance) genes make certain breeds more susceptible to negative side effects from a variety of medications. Knowing this information can help your veterinarian make the best decisions when prescribing medications for your pet.

Another genetic pattern seen by veterinarians is that anxiety could potentially be linked to certain breeds. Some of the smartest dog breeds are prone to behavioral problems because their level of intelligence requires continued proper training and socialization, or else they are prone to developing inappropriate associations or behavioral patterns.

It is important to identify if these breeds are part of the genetic makeup of your pet to ensure

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they are getting proper exercise and environmental enrichment to prevent frustrating behavioral concerns.

Remember that being predisposed to a disease doesn't mean they will get the disease, only that we need to monitor them with biannual or annual veterinary visits to evaluate if they do develop a disease.

Early detection is the best way to ensure proper management and that any

treatments are started efficiently and effectively. Our goal as veterinarians is to make sure that your pet has a long and happy life with the people they love and that love them!

Here at VCA Calvert Veterinary Center, we offer genetic and health screening, which provides information on your dog's genealogy as well as any potential health concerns that may have a genetic link.

Take advantage of our summer offer with a \$10 discount on DNA tests during the month of August when you mention this article or check in on Facebook. So come on in and let's play the breed guessing game. You can be truly amazed by the results! Calvert Veterinary Center has been serving Pasadena and surrounding communities for 15 years. The office is conveniently located at 4100 Mountain Road in Pasadena.

Call 410-360-7297 or visit www.calvertvet.com to schedule an appointment.

Wine Is Good For Your Health: Corks For A Cause Fundraiser Benefits UM BWMC Foundation



Homestead Gardens and Fishpaws Marketplace teamed up on June 12 to hold Corks For A Cause, a fundraiser to benefit the University of Maryland Baltimore Washington Medical Center Foundation. Attendees were able to sample wine from Fishpaws, as well as food from an array of local caterers and restaurants, all while enjoying the atmosphere of Homestead's outdoor garden center.



Lyme Disease And Ticks: What You Should Know

Submitted by the
Anne Arundel County
Department of Health

Lyme disease is the most common tick-borne disease in Anne Arundel County, as well as in Maryland and the United States. Cases of Lyme disease are found throughout the county and are not concentrated in any particular area. The county had 91 newly reported cases of Lyme disease in 2018, 121 cases in 2017, 174 cases in 2016 and 107 cases in 2015.

HOW IS IT SPREAD?

Lyme disease is spread to people from a tiny tick the size of a pinhead known as a blacklegged or deer tick. The tick is hard to see because it is so small. Only about 65% of people in confirmed cases noticed a tick before they became ill. In most cases, the tick needs to be on a person for at least 24 hours before the person becomes infected.

These ticks are most often found from May through October in tall grass, brush and wooded areas. But they can be present, in smaller numbers, throughout the year. Pets can bring ticks into the house. Mice also carry ticks.

WHAT ARE THE SYMPTOMS?

Symptoms usually start within a month of being infected. About 75% of patients with early Lyme disease will have a skin lesion in the first one to four weeks of infection. Some get a "bull's eye rash" that has a red center. Other early symptoms may

include fever, joint and muscle pains, headache or fatigue. Lyme disease is hard to diagnose because the symptoms often mimic other diseases. Special laboratory tests may be needed to make a diagnosis.

If left untreated, the infection can lead to serious illnesses of the heart, joints and nervous system.

Lyme disease may cause birth defects or miscarriages.

HOW CAN IT BE PREVENTED?

Wear light-colored, long-sleeved shirts and pants that you can tuck into your socks when working or walking in areas likely to have ticks.

Spray arms and legs with an insect repellent containing DEET (up to 30% for adults, 10% for children) or picaridin. For occasional exposure, adults can spray clothing with an insecticide, permethrin, for more protection. Use repellents and insecticides

as directed by the manufacturer. Follow your doctor's advice for extended use or for use on children, during pregnancy or if you have skin problems.

It is important that parents conduct a thorough inspection of children. Look along the hairline, in the hair and ears, and where clothing fits snugly. Because ticks can spread other serious illnesses, a whole body inspection every three to four hours is safest when in grassy or wooded areas.

After coming indoors, wash and dry clothes as soon as possible, preferably at a hot temperature. Wash off insect repellent remaining on the skin.

Remove leaves, brush and tall grass around houses, pathways and gardens.

Treat and discourage infestations of mice in or near houses.

IF YOU FIND A TICK

Remove the tick right away, but do not touch it

with your bare hands. Use tweezers to grip the tick behind its head and as close to the skin as you can. Gently pull it off. If tweezers are not available, use your fingers wearing gloves or a tissue. Do not smash or burn the tick.

TICK REMOVAL

After removing the tick, wash your hands with soap and water or waterless alcohol-based hand rub. Clean the tick bite with an antiseptic such as iodine scrub, rubbing alcohol, or soap and water.

Mark a calendar on the date you found the tick and watch for symptoms for at least a month.

If a rash develops or you experience other symptoms within three to 32 days, call your physician immediately.

For more information on Lyme disease, call the Anne Arundel County Department of Health at 410-222-7256.

How To Remove A Tick The Right Way

If you find a tick attached to your skin, there's no need to panic — the key is to remove the tick as soon as possible. Several tick removal devices are on the market, but a plain set of fine-tipped tweezers work well.

Use fine-tipped tweezers to grasp the tick as close to the skin's surface as possible. Pull upward with steady, even pres-

sure. Don't twist or jerk the tick; this can cause the mouth-parts to break off and remain in the skin. If this happens, remove the mouth-parts with tweezers. If you are unable to remove the mouth easily with clean tweezers, leave it alone and let the skin heal.

After removing the tick, thoroughly clean the bite area and your hands with rubbing alcohol or soap and water. Never crush a tick with your fingers.

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FOLLOW-UP

If you develop a rash or fever within several weeks of removing a tick, see your doctor. Tell the doctor about your recent tick bite, when the bite occurred, and where you most likely acquired the tick.

Cleaning Up The Beach And Other Outdoor Debris After Heavy Rainfall

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When cleaning up debris from the beach and other outdoor locations, here are some safety tips:

Keep small children and pets away from debris-strewn areas. People with immune system problems should not attempt to clear debris.

It is best to avoid cleanup activities if you have open cuts or scrapes on your skin. However, if that is not possible, clean and cover up cuts, scrapes and sores before starting the activity.

Wear long-sleeved shirts, long pants, heavy tear-resistant gloves, sturdy closed-toe waterproof shoes or boots, and insect repellent. Goggles or eye protection may also be necessary.

Do not touch dead or injured marine animals with your bare hands.

Maintain proper hygiene by washing hands frequently with soap and warm, clean water. If soap and clean water are unavailable, use hand sanitizer. Always wash your hands before handling food or eating.

Shower your body immediately after exposure to floodwaters.

Thoroughly wash clothing when coming in from a debris cleanup. Wash the soiled clothes separately from the other laundry.

Tetanus bacteria can infect humans by entering the body through cuts or puncture wounds. If you attempt clearing heavy debris, consider when you were last vaccinated against tetanus. Tetanus vaccination needs to be renewed every 10 years. For wound management, the vaccine is given if more than five years have passed since the last tetanus shot.

If you get a wound, first wash your hands. Next stop the bleeding and thoroughly clean the wound. Then apply an antibiotic ointment or petroleum jelly. Cover the wound.

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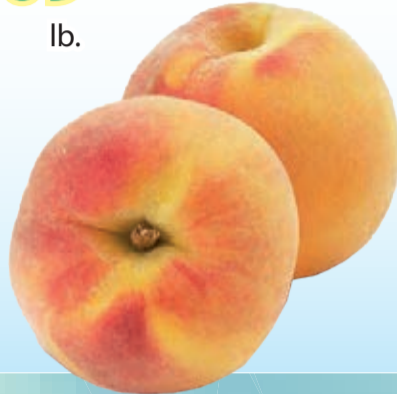
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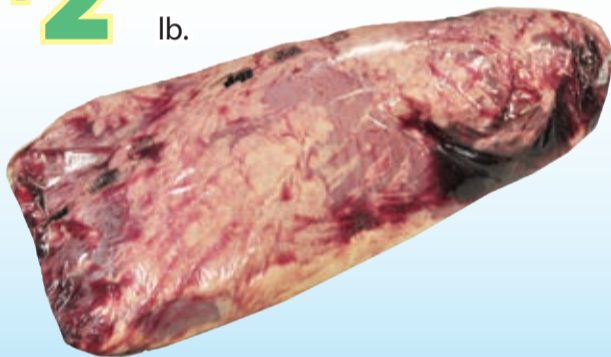
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9U Eagles Win Stars & Strikes, Annapolis Open Crowns

By Colin Murphy

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It's been a fantastic summer season for the 9U Pasadena Eagles baseball team.

The Eagles, who are **Kaleb Gardner, Jameson Preis, CJ Parrott, Brooks Burris, Brandon Bessling, Kolt Kendall, Anthony Badillo, Seth Benhayon, Kaden Whittington, Tyler Smith, Griffin Ochiltree** and **Kingston Lawrence**, started with a bang, going 5-0 and winning the championship at the Stars and Strikes Tournament in Frederick.

The team outscored the opposition 46-14, including

26-1 in the semifinals and finals. Outstanding pitching performances by Gardner, Parrott, Burris, Kendall, Badillo, Smith and Lawrence were anchored by superb defensive play of catchers Preis and Ochiltree. Bessling and Benhayon patrolled the outfield with excellent coverage.

The highlight of the weekend came in the championship against the Maryland Orioles on Memorial Day, when the Eagles tossed a combined no-hitter and won, 11-1, behind an excellent team-wide offensive effort in a mercy-rule 3.5 innings.

Overall, the team has » Continued on B6



The 9U Pasadena Baseball Club Eagles were champions of the Stars & Strikes Tournament in Frederick and have had a string of strong tournament performances throughout the summer.

Lake Shore Tops Havenwood For 14U County Championship



The Lake Shore Thunder got the better of the Havenwood Venom in the second game of the championship round of the North County Community Girls Softball League to win the county championship. Lake Shore and Havenwood traded successes throughout the season and have formed a great rivalry prior to moving up to the high school level at Chesapeake and Northeast.

By Colin Murphy

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Much like it often plays out at the high school level between Chesapeake and Northeast, contention for softball dominion in Anne Arundel County at the junior level hinged on the talent right here in Pasadena.

The best 14U softball teams battling for the county championship in the 15-team North County Community Girls Softball League were both neighborhood squads: the Lake Shore Thunder and the Havenwood Venom.

On June 12 at Lake Shore Athletic Complex, the Thunder held off a valiant surge by the Havenwood Venom to win the final NCCGSL contest of the

season 14-4 and come away with the county championship.

The 14U Lake Shore Thunder, coached by **Mike Jacobs**, finished the league season 15-1, while the Havenwood Venom, coached by **Darren Lease**, finished the season 13-3-2.

"Both teams should be proud to represent the county as the top softball teams," said Lake Shore assistant coach **Glenn Clayville**. "In the future, many of the girls will be playing against each other as representatives of Chesapeake and Northeast."

Lake Shore's team of **Alexis Born, Alyssa Johnson, Brooke Jacobs, Brooke Topper, Colette Kendall, Deja Troxel, Emily Burns, Emily McFarland, Jackie Dietz,**

Jayden Buchanan, Jenna Jankiewicz, Krista Jacobs, Lyla Clayville, Rylee Hyde and **Shayna Jankiewicz** excelled throughout the regular season and entered the playoffs with an undefeated record of 12-0. The Thunder marched to the championship round with playoff wins over Bowie, Severn and Broadneck.

Havenwood, meanwhile, took a difficult path to the championship round and almost pulled off a dramatic run to the title by coming through the loser's bracket. After falling to the Havenwood Hustlers in the opening round of the playoffs, the Venom reeled off consecutive wins over GORC, Severn (twice) and Broadneck to set up a championship showdown

with Lake Shore.

The Venom squad of **Danica Lease, Briana Burroughs, Amaira Dyer, Faith Bullock, Ariana Nichols, Chelsea Kratsas, Samantha Mathias, Janie Rudolf, Erin Rogers, Cynthia Rogers, Jennie Kulig** and **Danielle Rohrbach** pulled out a back-and-forth 18-16 win over Lake Shore in extra innings in the first game, closing the game when Lake Shore had the winning run at the plate.

The win set up a winner-take-all final, which Lake Shore won decisively 14-4 to claim the crown. Havenwood took an early 3-0 lead, but Kendall sparked a five-run Lake Shore rally with a big hit in the fourth inning, and » Continued on B4

Heat Over Power In All-Havenwood 10U Title Game

By Colin Murphy

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The battle for county-wide supremacy in 10U softball came down to an all-Havenwood matchup.

The Havenwood Heat defeated the Havenwood Power twice in the double-elimination championship tournament on June 8 at Havenwood Park to win the North County Community Girls Softball League

10U crown.

The Heat team of **Jaiyla Battle, Kayleigh Crites, Jessalyn Eldrenkamp, Riley Galloway, Karleigh Gibson, Sierra Lawson, Skylar Lytton, Samantha Majka, Sadie Matthews, Jayden Miller, Aubrie Sanchez, Madison Stalnaker** and **Hailey Vankirk** battled the Power throughout the regular season for the top spot in the league.

When the playoffs

started, the Power made their way to the championship round with a 3-0 performance, while the Heat dropped an early-round game to fall into the loser's bracket, necessitating two wins over the Power to claim the NCCGSL title.

The Heat came through, sweeping the doubleheader with wins of 10-8 and 4-2 to come away as league champions.

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12U Eagles Rally For Epic Comeback Win, CBA Title



The 12U Pasadena Eagles Black baseball team staged an impressive comeback to overcome a 17-run deficit and defeat GORC 26-25 in the Chesapeake Baseball Association Silver Bracket postseason tournament championship game.

By Colin Murphy

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The Pasadena Eagles 12U Black baseball team produced one of the most mind-blowing comebacks anyone will ever see in any sport to claim the championship of the Chesapeake Baseball Association Silver Bracket postseason tournament.

The 12U Eagles overcame a 21-4 deficit to defeat Gambrills-Odenton 26-25 in the championship game of the CBA tournament

on Father's Day, June 16, at Old Love Point Park in Stevensville.

The team of **Gavin Wilson, Jordan Palinkas, Landon Brown, Jack Weibe, Peyton Ingle, Aden Summers, Layne Shiflett, Jacob Lauman, James Ferrell** and **Ethan Ackerman**, coached by head coach **Dan Summers** and assistant coaches **Mike Ackerman, Jeff Laumann** and **Chad Weibe**, went 6-7-2 in the CBA regular season before getting hot at the right time when

playoffs begin. The Eagles defeated a strong Upper Queen Anne's team 11-7 in the semifinals to advance to the championship against GORC.

Against the Wildcats, the Eagles quickly found themselves in a 21-4 hole after three innings, but they refused to give in. They surged for 11 runs in the third inning to cut the lead to 21-15, only to see GORC respond with four runs in the fourth to increase their lead back to » Continued on B4



The Heat and Power made it an all-Havenwood championship in the North County Community Girls Softball League 10U playoffs. The Heat defeated the Power twice in the championship doubleheader of the double-elimination tournament to win the 10U county crown.

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Lake Shore 13U's Excel In 14U CBA Play



In their first year playing on a full-sized diamond, the Lake Shore 13U Gray Sox played up in age and still won the Chesapeake Baseball Association 14U championship.

By Colin Murphy
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The players for the Lake Shore 13U Gray Sox are once again producing a stellar summer season.

Kyle Emmons, Austin Sealing, Brayden Marrocco, Noah Bowerman, Cole Parsons, Drew Sabban, Luke Sanborn, Ty Jacoby, Oliver Robinson, Blake Jarmer and Carter Drab are a combined 32-12 through 44 games this summer, including a 12-1-1 record and championship playing against 14-year-olds in the Chesapeake Baseball Association 14U league.

Playing their first season on the full-sized, 90-foot diamond, the Gray Sox coaching staff of head coach **Randy Emmons** and assistant coaches **Jason**

Sealing, Jeff Helsel and Dave Marrocco have overseen Lake Shore as they've excelled in multiple tournaments. The Gray Sox were champions of the Western Howard County Get It Started Tournament and semifinalists of the Perfect Game tournament.

Jacoby engineered a standout moment with a complete-game no-hitter against the Rawlings A's. Most recently, the Gray Sox came away as tournament champions of the HCYP Summer Clash in Ellicott City over the weekend of July 12-14.

Coach Emmons said the boys, many of whom have played together on Lake Shore teams for as many as seven years, embraced the challenge of playing up in age and are fortifying their strengths as they prepare for high

school baseball. "Proud of this team for year after year wanting to challenge themselves," said Emmons. "Mentally being prepared every game and practice. Early in the season, we challenged the boys to play up in 14U, which meant that their bat restrictions would be different than most 13U teams... Our focus for this team has always been to prepare them for high school and give

them all the tools they would need to be successful at the next level. After watching the boys this past season successfully compete against showcase teams and higher age groups, I have no doubt that they are ready for this next chapter of their lives and will be able to carry on the Gray Sox tradition of exemplary student-athletes as they head to high school.

"This is a very special team and the main reason for that is due to the consistency of the players, coaches and parents. I've been very fortunate to have coached the majority of my team since they were 6, 7 years old. It's a good feeling to know as I close this chapter of coaching this team for the last six years, that nine of my 11 players have always played within the Lake Shore organization."

'Dena Soccer Duo Plays At Nationals Following President's Cup Win

By Colin Murphy
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When the high school soccer season starts in late August, two Chesapeake players will bring an abundance of big-game experience to their county pursuits.

Aaron Golden and **Lucas Panzer-Valdivia**, both rising sophomores at Chesapeake, were instrumental in helping their Soccer Association of Columbia club team to the championship of the 15U Maryland President's Cup this summer, and for an encore, they teamed to represent Pasadena on a national stage this summer.

The eight-team President's Cup played this past spring featured a round of pool play prior to a four-team elimination round. The SAC 15U Premier Blue team on which Golden and Panzer-Valdivia both play finished second in its pool group to advance to the knockout stage before defeating Premier Soccer Navy 2004 in the semifinals and SAC Premier White, 3-0, in the championship on April 28 in Aberdeen.

From there, SAC advanced to the Eastern Regionals, where the team advanced all the way to the championship and won, defeating the Gunners of Pennsylvania, 3-1, at Shawnee Sportsplex in West Virginia on June 18.

The Eastern Regional championship victory advanced the team to the U.S. Youth Soccer National Championships in Nashville,



Aaron Golden (left) and Lucas Panzer-Valdivia, rising sophomores at Chesapeake High School, were members of the Soccer Association of Columbia 15U team that won the Maryland President's Cup this spring and played at the National Championships this summer.

Tennessee, from July 10-July 14.

Golden, a winger and striker, and Panzer-Valdivia, a central midfielder and defender, played on the Pasadena Soccer Club Black Lions from 2012-2017. They will move from SAC to the ultra-competitive and renowned Baltimore Celtic club after nationals this summer.

Both are excited to experience success at the state, regional and national level and hope their experiences will pay further dividends once they are back in Cougar uniforms this fall, and as they earn greater exposure in front of college coaches.

"We are excited to represent the eastern region [at nationals]; it's a huge honor," said Golden. "I am hoping to use what I learn

here to help me better myself for the upcoming high school season. This is a great opportunity to get seen on a whole different level. With that said, I'm hoping some scouts for college give us a look."

Panzer-Valdivia believes the experience has strengthened them as players and teammates.

"I'm very proud to have played with my team in the President's Cup, regionals, and now to represent the state of Maryland and the Northeast Region in the nationals in Tennessee," said Panzer-Valdivia.

"Whether we win or lose, the experience playing at this level of competition will make me and my team better players. I am looking forward to these last games with my team before moving on to playing at CHS in the fall."



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Lake Shore 12U Gray Sox Excelling In Tournament Play



The Lake Shore 12U Gray Sox have made the championship round in five of the nine tournaments they've played, including two titles. Lake Shore will travel to Cooperstown for the 12U Dreams Park tournament at the end of the summer.

By Colin Murphy
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The team that will represent Pasadena and Maryland against teams from around the country later this summer has already produced a series of notable results. Lake Shore's 12U Gray Sox, bound for New York in August for the Cooperstown Dreams Park tournament at the site of the Baseball Hall of Fame, has netted championships at two tournaments so far this summer travel season. The Gray Sox went 4-0 at the Frederick Armed Forces Tournament over the weekend of June

8 and 9, then followed with a 4-0 weekend and another tournament title at the Essex Father's Day Tournament over the weekend of June 15 and 16. In the Armed Forces Tournament, the Gray Sox beat tough competition in the Calvert Cutters in the semis, winning 8-7. In the final, Lake Shore put together two unbelievable rallies to defeat the BCC Warriors, 20-19. Lake Shore rallied from six runs down in the fifth inning and seven runs down in the seventh inning before **Jay Moore** hit a walk-off double in the bottom of the seventh. The team hit a total of 12 home

runs in the tournament, including five in one game. In the Father's Day tournament, the Gray Sox steamrolled through the competition in dominant fashion, beating Titans Baseball Club twice, the Hickory Hornets in the semis and the Herndon Hawks in the final by scores of 20-1, 13-4, 14-2 and 21-4, respectively. Through early July, the Gray Sox are 28-13 and have reached the championship in five of the nine tournaments the team has played. At one point, the team carried a 10-game win streak. The team of **Peyton**

Jacobs, Sean Carroll, Carson Phillips, Jay Moore, Kyle Youngblood, Landon Shriver, Connor Wright, Jimmy Dreyer Selig, Jack Fox and Luke Sitorius plays three more tournaments including its season-ending trek to Cooperstown in August. The team is coached by **Winnie Shriver, Sean Fox and Dave Jacobs**. "As the season has gone on, these boys have worked their tails off to get where they are today," said coach Shriver. "There is a family atmosphere in the dugout. Everyone is playing for each other. I could not be any prouder of the boys."

Heat Over Power In All-Havenwood 10 Title Game

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Coached by **Bob Galloway, Joel Williamson, Nikki Elkins** and **Brandon Knott** and assisted by team mom **Jenn Galloway**, the Heat finished the season with a 16-2-1 overall record. "We are so proud of what these girls have learned and accomplished this season, and are always thankful to be playing for such a strong organization, Havenwood Softball," said coach Galloway. The runner-up 10U Power were manned by **Madison Bowen, Sophia Burroughs, Lily Glancy, Destinie Ludwig, Eden Morrison, Maiah Parker, Summer Parsley, Julia Quarles, Desiree Rhodes, Makenzie Shirley, Hailey**

Stitt and **Ahna Watson**, and the team was coached by **Jesse Burroughs**. The Power occupied the top of the county standings all season long, defeating the Heat during the regular season and entering the playoffs with a 12-0 record. The Power finished 15-2 overall. Havenwood fielded four total teams in the 19-team NCCGSL 10U division, and all four made the league's championship postseason tournament comprising the top eight teams in the standings. "To end it with two Havenwood teams battling it out for the championship was the perfect end of a very memorable season," said Power coach Jesse Burroughs.

12U Eagles Rally For Epic CBA Tourney Win

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The double digits at 25-15. In the later innings, the Eagles put together additional rallies. After several walks, consecutive singles by Weibe, Laumann, Summers, a walk by Ingle, and singles by Palinkas, Shiflett, Brown and Wilson closed the gap to 25-23. After a strikeout, Weibe came up again, hitting a double to drive in Brown and Wilson to tie the game at 25-25.

Laumann came to the plate and knocked a line-drive single to center field, scoring Weibe to seal the championship on a walk-off, 26-25. Weibe led the team in batting, going 3-4 with six RBIs. "Craziest game I have ever coached," said coach Summers. "The players learned a valuable life lesson in never giving up and persevering through adversity to come out on top."

Lake Shore Over Havenwood For NCCGSL Championship

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ace pitcher Buchanan held the Venom offense to just three hits over the final four innings. Hyde's RBI hit late in the game capped the scoring, and Lake Shore finished the season as champs. Lake Shore's coaches — **Jacobs, Clayville, Bob Burns and Shawn Jankiewicz** — lauded the efforts of all the players in producing a successful

season. Buchanan's pitching was tops in the league, and the Thunder's explosive offense scored a league-high 282 runs, reaching double-digit runs in every game. Clayville, Jenna Jankiewicz and Jacobs stood out as offensive stars for Lake Shore throughout the season, while Shayna Jankiewicz, Troxel, McFarland and Born were notably strong defensively.

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12U Gold Eagles Playing Well In Summer Slate



The 12U Pasadena Eagles Gold travel baseball team had a strong showing at the Ripken Experience in Myrtle Beach, finishing 10th out of 26 teams.

By Colin Murphy
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The 12U Pasadena Eagles Gold travel baseball team is one of PBC's several travel teams at the forefront of a revamped and re-energized effort within Pasadena Baseball Club to fortify its squads from top to bottom.

The Gold 12U players include **Logan Tewey, Kyle Richards, Greyson Baker, Jack Schreiber, Hayden Johnson, Jaylen Howard, Braiden Bolling, Donovan Jurich, Alex Persons, Danny "Dooper" Herron, Michael Kooser and Evan Geho.** Coached by the staff of **Adam Bolling, Ron Geho, Barry Jurich and Mike Tewey,** the team had a solid showing at the Ripken Experience Tournament in Myrtle

Beach in early July, going 3-3 and falling in the first game of the championship round to finish 10th out of 26 teams.

"They played really well at Ripken," said coach Bolling. "They turned a few double plays, were executing pitches, doing things that kids at the high school level do."

The team had a similarly strong showing at the Sports at the Beach tournament, playing well throughout.

Schreiber has had a monster season for the Eagle with nine home runs.

Coach Bolling, who is also the head baseball coach at Northeast and the director of PBC's travel team programs, said the travel programs have modified their efforts to maximize the experiences

for the kids. With PBC being half the size of Lake Shore, its 350 players and 120 travel players will be encouraged to move up and down in age groups as their skills and availability allow during the summer months. The 14U team will operate as the parent team, the top club that can also roster the best 13U and 12U players for tournaments here and there.

That way, kids will have a familiarity with each other once they reach the varsity program at Northeast.

"They're playing really well," said Bolling of the travel players across all age groups. "All the kids cross paths, play with everyone, and it's a mixture of kids. When they get to high school, they'll know me better and know their future teammates better."

PBC 11U Eagles Cap Strong Year With Trip To Nationals



The 11U Eagles went 19-11-4 on the season, which included strong play in the Chesapeake Baseball Association and in multiple tournaments.

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The Pasadena Baseball Club 11U Eagles Gold travel baseball team produced a strong season in league and tournament play.

The Eagles went 19-11-4 for the year, finishing second overall in the Chesapeake Baseball Association regular season and making it to the semifinals of the CBA postseason tournament.

Pasadena's team of **Robby Hilton, Scott**

Anderson, Aiden Farrelly, Dylan Fish, Michael Stewart, Ryan Bushee, Jackson Palmer, Trent Lehnert, Brady Sears, Austin Jackson, Jordan Dailey and Zack Mack also had several impressive tournament showings. The team went 4-2 at the Fruitland Memorial Day Weekend Tournament, falling in the semifinals to a strong team out of Richmond, Virginia.

Stewart led the team in batting on the season with a .529 average and 13 home runs. Hilton also had a

strong year, batting .507 and leading the team in hits. Anderson connected for three home runs. Palmer was the team's ace pitcher, throwing 59 innings with 79 strikeouts, and he was also the team's number-one shortstop and belted one home run.

In the team's final tournament of the season — the Youth Nationals in Myrtle Beach — Anderson, Palmer, Dailey and Stewart all qualified to play in the Youth Nationals All-Star Game in August in Ocean City.

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PSC U13 Twisters Go Undefeated In League Play



The Pasadena Soccer Club U13 Twisters girls soccer team went undefeated in its Central Maryland Soccer Association league season, winning the division championship with a 4-0-2 record. The PSC Twisters team of

Rori Campbell, Kristen Decarli, Ashlyn Moore, Kayley Paugh, Nora Stankard, Bella Will, Kiara Weaver, Nia Howell, Jessica Julain, Kaylee Hamilton, Veronica Lowry, Julia Young, Julie Moore, Lola Foster,

Alexis Holt, Ella Griffith and **Mariah Danzer** impressed coach **Sam Campbell** with consistent effort and desire to improve. Julain, the team's goalie, anchored an extraordinary defense that allowed only two goals in six games.

9U Eagles Win Stars & Strikes, Annapolis Open Tournaments

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gone 27-19 through 46 games and risen to the No. 6 ranking in the state for 9U teams. In addition to playing in the top division of the Mid-Atlantic Baseball Association, the Eagles won championships

at the Stars and Strikes and Annapolis Open. They came in second place at the Severn Spring Break tournament and third at the Ripken Armed Forces tournament.

Coach Steve Kendall said the team has gelled

and works together as a close-knit unit.

"The thing that makes this team so special is the true bond they have with one another," said Kendall. "Every team says it, but this team is the truly a family on and off the field."

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Jeff Haynie Proudly Recalls Tenure As Principal Of Solley Elementary

By Zach Sparks
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Jeff Haynie was the principal at Solley Elementary for six years, but to the school community, he could not be defined by that one title. "My favorite thing about Mr. Haynie is that he would never ask anyone to do anything that he wouldn't do himself," said Amanda Wahle, president of Solley's PTA. "He leads by example. If cafeteria needs a lunch monitor and no one is free, he is in there. A teacher needs assistance in a classroom, Haynie arrives. Copy paper moved? He is your guy. Rain, sleet or snow, Mr. Haynie is the welcoming face that students see on their way into school, and the 'have a great day' they hear on the way out."

Jeff Haynie

"Mr. Haynie is a person whose love and care for his students, teachers, staff, volunteers and parents overflows from his heart."

— AMANDA WAHLE
SOLLEY ELEMENTARY
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Haynie will now be the welcoming face at Rolling Knolls Elementary School, which sent its principal, Shira Dowling, to Solley.

Asked about his favorite memories as Solley's principal, Haynie said he cherished the relationships he built with students, families and teachers.

"I'm most proud of the strong relationships that were built and the growth I saw in all of our students whether it was the social and emotional aspect or the learning aspect," Haynie said.

During his tenure, the student population grew
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Whether he was running with kids and taking a pie to the face during the Race for Education or he was bonding with teachers, Jeff Haynie was a hands-on principal at Solley Elementary.

Riviera Beach Elementary To Open Early Childhood Education Wing



Riviera Beach Elementary will unveil its new early childhood education wing for the 2019-2020 school year after more than one year of construction.

By Maya Pottiger

For the upcoming 2019-2020 school year, Riviera Beach Elementary is opening its new early childhood education wing.

The wing consists of four classrooms that will house the three kindergarten and one pre-k classes.

"There is more equity among the kindergarten team. When they were previously staggered around the building, each classroom was a different size, some of the fur-
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Laura Walton Takes On New Role At CHS

Special education teacher Laura Walton (left) and Jacobsville Elementary Principal April Umile posed with the "Jaguars Roar" message at the entrance to the school. During her time at Jacobsville, Walton was instrumental in coordinating many activities.



By Maya Pottiger

Jacobsville Elementary is the only school that Laura Walton knows. She has spent the last 16 years being involved at the elementary school in a variety of ways: substitute,

teacher's assistant, parent, PTA person and special education teacher.

For the 2019-2020 school year, Walton will take on a new role at Chesapeake High School as the IEP facilitator. As the IEP facilitator, Walton will

help families, students and teachers through the case work that is involved when a student is in special education.

"The last year or two, I've been getting this nudge to narrow my focus a little bit on a specific

part of the special ed process," Walton said, "just being able to focus and learn even more about that part of it and see where that leads."

The position isn't available at most elementary
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Area Schools Learn Arts Integration From "Lion King" Broadway Group



Arts integration teachers across the county participated in a professional development workshop with Disney teaching artists using puppets from "The Lion King" on Broadway.

By Maya Pottiger

County teachers had the opportunity this summer to do a professional development workshop with a group of Disney teaching artists connected to the Broadway production of "The Lion King."

On June 19, teachers from Lake Shore, Riviera Beach and five other county schools made the trip to New York City for a day of puppetry workshops.

"We like to do something outside of the schoolhouse in the summertime for some of
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Choir Conductor Bids Fond Farewell To Chesapeake High

By Ava Stanski
Student Intern

Every teacher seeks to make a lasting impression on his or her students, and Chesapeake High School music teacher Michael Brisentine has certainly succeeded. The educator and choir conductor has mentored students in the theater program, show choir and the school's a cappella group, Evolve.

"Evolve's really grown in recent years," Brisentine commented. "We've been doing a lot of performances and, just this year, we went to the finals of the International Championship for High School A Cappella Finals and took fourth place!"

While Brisentine has made his mark on Chesapeake High, all good things must come to an end. Brisentine has left the school to pursue his master's degree in choral conducting. "It was a difficult decision, and I'll definitely miss all of my students, but I'm also



Michael Brisentine mentored students in the theater program, show choir, and Chesapeake High School's a cappella group, Evolve.

Evolve released a CD with funding from families and friends of students, and the group even went abroad for a performance. "We went to Canada. It was the first choir trip that wasn't competition-based," Brisentine explained. "We went to experience another country and make music. We also ended up driving out to a small village near Quebec where we performed our entire repertoire, and everyone was incredibly excited. It was a good reminder that music doesn't have to compete or win awards to be valuable to others."

excited to be able to learn more about music and teaching," he said.

During Brisentine's time at Chesapeake High School, he brought the music program to the Anne Arundel community in many ways. "The music groups did a lot of performances and concerts," Brisentine recalled. "We performed for the Board of Education, for fundraisers and even for a local nursing home."

Brisentine hadn't always known that music was his calling. In sophomore year of high school at Chesapeake High, he became inspired by his music teacher and mentor, Karen Simmons. "She's a master educator," he said. "It was such an opportunity to talk to and learn from her. I definitely wouldn't have had the amount of success I have
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Choir Conductor Bids Fond Farewell

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without her.”

Since taking over the music program from Simons in 2015, Brisentine has done everything he could to become a mentor for current students. “All the kids I teach are amazing,” he commented. “They’re really the only reason I had a hard time leaving. I’ve made such special connections to them.”

The feeling is mutual. Jenna Woodward came to Chesapeake High School from Archbishop Spalding as a sophomore. She said “school was never my thing” until coming to Chesapeake, and she previously had “very little school pride” even though she was involved in other clubs and events.

“When I walked into his room, I always felt at home; I knew these were my people,” Woodward said. “We were all so different in our own way, and he accepted each one of us as we were and enforced others learning to accept us too. His morals and values were passed on to the students in his classes, and then at that point, he wasn’t teaching us music, he was teaching us life: how to step out of

your comfort zone and be friends with different people, try new experiences, which last way longer in the real world than the periodic table and quadratic formula ever will. I didn’t know him long, but within his room, I found my best friend, my girlfriend and a family. My biggest regret was not finding it sooner.”

Brisentine’s positive outlook was also passed on to Taylor Saffran, who was a freshman last year.

“He always taught me to keep pushing and retrying until you get it right and to not ever give up,” she said. “He taught me to constantly be nice to others and he made me want to be there for other people when they were down and to help him. I was going through a rough time in my life when I was in his class, and even when I forgot how to smile, he never failed to make me laugh or smile; it was never a bad time with him.”

Recent graduate Dillon Redwine had Brisentine for three semesters and multiple classes ranging from Piano to Evolve. Brisentine taught Redwine to “cherish and celebrate the good” instead of focusing on the bad.

“He made so many people happy and saved so many of my closest friends from the lowest points of their lives and I can’t thank him enough for that,” Redwine said. “Nobody in choir will ever forget him, and we are all so excited and proud that he is moving on up in the world and going back to college.”

In addition to the choir and a cappella groups, Brisentine also made a great impact within the theater department. The school produced “The Adams Family” for its fall musical, with Brisentine in the director’s chair. “It’s a really difficult show, but all of our performers did a spectacular job,” he said. “It’s unique in that a lot of the ensemble and main chorus songs are more difficult than the songs sung by the main characters.”

Upon completion of his master’s, Brisentine plans to return to teaching high school before seeking a doctorate. “They really encourage you to gain as much experience in the field as possible before going any further,” he explained, “so that you can really improve as both a conductor and a teacher.”

Laura Walton Takes On New Role At CHS

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schools, but Walton is happy to be staying in the same cluster. Walton lives her life under the belief that if “you are led or prompted or the spirit moves you to do something, you need to do it or else those promptings are going to stop.” Walton saw the opportunity last-minute and applied.

“I just applied for it and everything fell into place,” Walton said. “[Principal April] Umile was so supportive and helpful. It felt like it was meant to be at the right time.”

When she arrived at Jacobsville, Umile said Walton was “revered” and specifically named by her colleagues as someone to know.

“Every single one of them, without fail, mentioned Laura Walton and her contributions to the school, and that she was a woman I had to know,” Umile said. “She was a legacy to me.”

In her time at Jacobsville, Walton was in a position where she got to get to work with everyone in the building.

“I made some really special and important friendships, and I’ve learned so much from so many people: students, administrators, teachers, other parents,” Walton said. “I feel like every day I’ve learned something from somebody here.”

Through this, she was able to coordinate several special events. Walton

established the grad walk, which encourages members of the graduating class from Chesapeake High School to return to their elementary schools and parade through the hallways in their caps and gowns. She organized assemblies to honor staff members, and even coordinated flash mobs to thank school staff for their work.

“Without fail, she is easily one of the most kind, sweet, thoughtful and caring educators that I’ve ever had the pleasure of working with,” Umile said. “It’s bittersweet to see her leave, but I’m incredibly excited for her special education leadership opportunity as the IEP facilitator at Chesapeake High School.”

Area Schools Learn Arts Integration

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the teachers to further educate them and provide them with further professional development,” said Lake Shore Principal Julie Little-McVeary.

Lacey Sheppard, an arts integration specialist, organized the opportunity. Working outside of the school with professional theater experts allows for a different professional development environment than what is usually offered during the school year, Sheppard said.

“They got to see the real life application of the art form,” Sheppard said. “From there, teachers can draw their conclusions of how they would use this in the classroom. I think it presented a different perspective.”

During the workshops, the teachers learned how puppetry can be used as a communication tool, and more specifically,

how it is used to portray a character’s actions and emotions. Both Sheppard and Little-McVeary immediately started brainstorming ways puppetry could be translated into the classroom across all subjects.

Math teachers can use puppets to talk about proportion, perspective and scale, as well as the physics behind them and the STEM component of engineering the puppets, Sheppard said. When learning how to summarize, students can use the puppets to act out scenes, Little-McVeary said.

“I think it will vary from teacher to teacher, but both in elementary and middle school, I really do see the skills that they learned easily adapted to their content areas,” Sheppard said.

One of Sheppard’s goals is to expose arts integration teachers to different

art forms so they can be both appreciators and consumers of art in their personal and professional lives.

“Part of my goal is to really provide opportunities to teachers that they might not have had otherwise and then tie it in with that educational component,” Sheppard said.

In addition to gaining skills to implement in the upcoming 2019-2020 school year, the day of travel provided a unique opportunity for arts integration teachers to collaborate with one another across schools.

“We were able to be with people that we normally aren’t with, and the sharing of ideas is one of the greatest things that teachers can do to learn from one another,” Little-McVeary said. “I loved having this opportunity to do that.”

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Beautifying Beachwood: Girl Scouts Transform Graffiti Into Historical Mural



By Kerri Dress

A typical day walking the dog led to an artistic rebirth of Beachwood Park for Girl Scout Troop 882 of Riviera Beach.

Debra Munyon describes her granddaughter, Natalie Conklin, as “very passionate about the environment.” The two enjoy walking their dogs through the park, and one day in September, an eyesore jumped out at 13-year-old Natalie. Graffiti was scribbled on the wall along the path that many fishers and dog walkers use.

Natalie has always been enthusiastic about the environment and wildlife. “Since I was little, I’ve been very into animals and even bugs,” Natalie said. Her devotion to respecting the environment sparked her idea to transform the graffiti wall into a historical mural.

Aside from Munyon and Conklin, three Girl Scout Troop 882 members — Billie Free, Natalie Long and Brooke Trumbauer, as well as their troop leader, Lisa Bourne — helped transform the wall into a beautiful display of art.

Two bright blue walls now showcase an outline of the Magothy River, a timeline of Beachwood Park’s history, fishermen and wildlife. The girls

showed off their Maryland pride by including a small crab under the bridge. Conklin said she hopes it will “inspire others.”

The project took a total of 50 hours, enough for each girl to earn the Girl Scout Silver Award. The Silver Award is an achievement sixth-through eighth-grade Girl Scouts aspire to earn by completing a set amount of community service hours.

The spirited group began the project in May and completed it by June 1 with the help of donations from Lowes in Glen Burnie, Seaside Restaurant, Houlihan’s Restaurant and Magothy River Association (MRA).

While Bourne’s creative scouts were fortunate to have gained donations, they spent close to \$200 out of pocket on the project, which totaled over \$500.

Money was not the only hardship. The girls spent many hours doing grunt work: trash pickup, power washing and filling in holes in the walls with the guidance of Billie’s dad.

Bourne said the girls learned collaboration, patience and understanding of different skill levels. She joked that even with two scouts in performing arts programs, “they learned they didn’t like

painting — not *that* much at least!”

“We had to use primer, paint everything twice and then seal it. We were lucky we didn’t have rain,” Bourne explained. “We would draw in chalk first, then go over it with paint so if we made a mistake we could erase it,” she said.

Bourne thinks the mural had a crucial part in the MRA’s decision to rebuild stairs and rehab benches in the park, noting the association was pleased with the completed project. “People want to go down there now,” Bourne said. “This might help them push it along.” Nature and art alike are known for their influence on the human mind; the effects of this artistic enhancement has invited peace and respect back into the park environment. Dog walkers, picnickers and fishers in the community have multiplied since the creation of the mural. Beachwood Park now stands as a hallmark dating back to 1942 when it was an amusement park and sanctuary for African Americans during segregation.

This notable piece of artwork along the Magothy River is a great reminder of the lesson it taught Natalie Conklin, who said, “Not just adults can do things; kids can make a difference also.”

News From Anne Arundel County Public Schools

Mental Health Task Force To Examine Ways To Continue Addressing Social And Emotional Needs Of Children

A task force jointly chaired by school system and county staff members will begin examining ways to continue to address the social and emotional needs of children.

Members of the task force will include students, parents, community groups, mental health experts, and county and school system representatives. The membership list will be finalized in the coming weeks by co-chairs Ryan Voegtlin, AACPS’ director of student services, and Adrienne Mickler, executive director of the Anne Arundel County Mental Health Agency.

The group was established by a vote of the board at its May 15 meeting. It will begin meeting in September and present a report to the Board of Education in May 2020. The task force’s goals are to:

- Identify contributing factors to the increasing mental health needs of our children.
- Better coordinate services and communication between and among

the school system, county government and service providers.

Identify proactive measures and best practices. Make recommendations for improved delivery of services to children and families.

The group’s initial meeting in September will be open to the public, but no public testimony will be taken. Subsequent meetings will be scheduled for November, January and March.

The task force will seek to identify various factors leading to the increase in mental health issues among children, identify services both in and out of school to assist students needing mental health support, determine areas for greater collaboration, and identify changes in areas such as parenting trends, community activities and resources, educational practices, and the environment that could lead to a steady reduction in mental health issues. Its work will include:

- Developing an overview of services provided through AACPS and Anne Arundel County government agencies.
- Conducting a gap analysis.
- Providing recommendations for next steps.
- The task force may form subcommittees to further some of its work.

Board Of Education Approves \$9.7 Million In Construction Contracts For Work At 30 Schools

The Board of Education of Anne Arundel County recently approved more than \$9.7 million in contracts for work at 30 schools across the county.

Among the contracts approved by the board were those to design and construct security vestibules at 24 schools. The vestibules will create double entryways designed to prevent visitors from having a direct path of access to classrooms or hallways. Pasadena schools to receive vestibules include Bodkin Elementary, Jacobsville Elementary and George Fox Middle.

“We are able to tackle these projects at a quicker pace thanks to the funding provided by the county executive and county council in the Fiscal Year 2020 budget,” Superintendent George Arlotto said. “That funding is being put to use right away to create safer and more up-to-date facilities in which our children can learn and our employees can work.”

The board also approved a contract to design and construct a kindergarten addition at Sunset Elementary.

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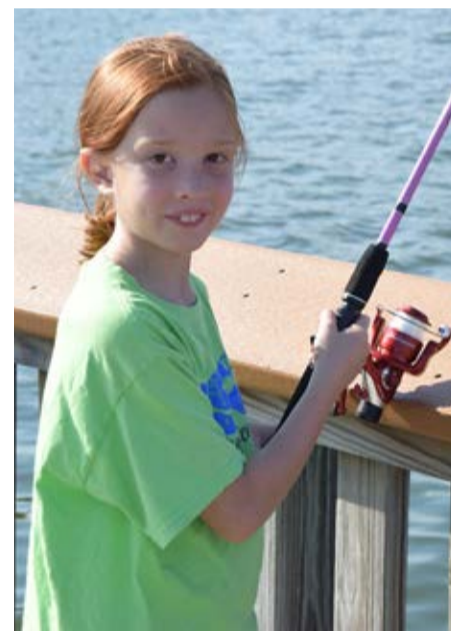
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The area's young anglers took their spots on the pier at Fort Smallwood Park on June 29 during Pasadena Sportfishing Group's kids fishing derby. Prizes were awarded to the kids with the largest fish. View more photos online at www.pasadenavoice.com.

RBES Early Childhood Education Wing

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niture was mismatched," said Riviera Beach Elementary Principal John Wojtila. "Whereas now with the new construction, kindergarten has been the focus to have the new furniture and everything is matching. It's really targeting our earliest learners."

By targeting the earliest learners, Wojtila said students get excited about going to school from a young age.

Each classroom contains a SMART board. New technology increases student engagement, according to Wojtila.

"When you think about kids at home, they have tablets," Wojtila said, "so having Chromebooks within the classroom, those interactive whiteboards or those touchscreen SMART boards, it really will, hopefully, help enhance that student engagement."

The new classrooms are environmentally friendly. The lights are motion-censored, so they turn off after

a classroom has been empty for a designated amount of time.

In addition to having more natural light than before, the windows have filters to keep out ultraviolet rays.

"Having that natural light also helps with student alertness, awareness, even goes back to overall student engagement," Wojtila said. "A brighter learning environment makes a happier learning environment. It's a more welcoming environment and learning space."

As an increased security measure, there will now be a vestibule at the main entrance. Once buzzed into the building, guests will enter a secure vestibule before being buzzed into the main office. This streamlines guests to the main office and adds an extra level of security.

With the new construction, most of the teachers were re-assigned rooms and the layout of the school was flipped. Instead of being in the front of

the building, the first-grade classrooms were moved back next to the new wing to help with the flow. Wojtila said roughly 95% of the teachers were re-assigned classrooms.

In addition, the band and strings groups were moved from the temporary classrooms to a permanent location inside the school.

"With the loss of the outside portables, that does bring band and strings back inside the building, which I'm excited about," Wojtila said. "If they're in the building, I'm excited to be able to hear the progress of our music students."

Though the construction added square footage to the building, no new teaching positions were created. It is not yet clear if the new classrooms will impact the school's capacity.

For those who want to see the new wing, Riviera Beach is hosting its sneak-a-peek on Thursday, August 29, from 2:30pm-3:30pm.

Haynie Proudly Recalls Tenure As Principal

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and Solley was granted six new classrooms by the Board of Education.

"It was just more children, which is wonderful because we had more children whose lives we could make an impact on," Haynie said.

Two of Haynie's children attended prekindergarten at Solley, but he cared for all of the students as if they were his own.

"Mr. Haynie is a person whose love and care for his students, teachers, staff, volunteers and parents overflows from his heart," Wahle said. "Every student in his school he treats as if they were one of his own. He values hard work, kindness and opportunities

that allow for growth. He is a person that believes in his team and their ability to do great work."

Haynie added, "It was really cool that the students just promoted to middle school were my first kindergartners at Solley, so that was very special."

Wahle's son, Hayden, is one of the students who enjoyed seeing Haynie every weekday. "He is nice, helpful, welcomes [me] every morning, and always tells people when they are doing a good job," said Hayden, who will be a third-grader this September.

As a mom, Wahle watched Hayden celebrate his successes with Haynie. "Hayden is a

stronger, more confident student because he has had an amazing example of kindness, strength and compassion in Mr. Haynie," she said.

After starting his new position at Rolling Knolls on July 1, Haynie admitted he was sad to say goodbye to Solley, but he is also excited to start a new chapter.

"Change is hard, but at the same time, it's exciting because it allows you to grow in ways you wouldn't grow if that change hasn't taken place," Haynie said. "I believe we are constantly growing and learning. My hope is to help other people grow and learn as I have."

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By Maya Pottiger

When Chuck Yocum founded Caring Cupboard LLC, he intended it to be a pilot program at one school for one year.

Now, a little more than one year later, the Caring Cupboard has expanded to seven county schools, and it's still growing.

"It's totally exceeded my expectations," Yocum said. "When I walk into our storage facility and I look around at all the food, it's like, 'Oh my gosh. How did we get here? And, more importantly, how are we going to get this out into the community so the community can benefit from this?'"

Since its inception, the Caring Cupboard has served roughly 300 families with more than 400 distributions.

The Caring Cupboard has held a variety of food drives in the last year. After partnering with the Pasadena Business Association in November 2018, Yocum said the donations kept rolling in.

"We've had so much come in, we started looking for other avenues to give back," Yocum said.

Currently, Yocum is working with a local agency to install Little Free Pantries at locations around the county.

"Our volunteers would make sure it stays filled," Yocum said. "Theoretically,

people would leave stuff in there as they had stuff to leave. If it's in a community of high need, people might not have anything to put in, so we're going to monitor them and restock as necessary."

As part of its growth, the Caring Cupboard is no longer limited to supplying food. Inside the storage facility, there are sections of school, pet and baby supplies.

"I want to see us go from just helping schools to helping the larger community, families who may not have a student in

school," Yocum said.

Coming up, Yocum hopes to have a school supplies giveaway in August. Then, On September 16, the Caring Cupboard is having a food drive at Compass Pointe Golf Courses during the Complete Player Charity second annual golf tournament.

"I'm proud of my community," Yocum said. "I'm proud of them for stepping up and helping out. I really am. I knew it was a great community; I didn't know how giving they were."



Chuck Yocum of Caring Cupboard (right) presented former Riviera Beach Elementary principal Jason Anderson a plaque for housing the first pantry at the school. Also participating in the presentation were Lesa Hieatzman (left), treasurer of Caring Cupboard, and Susan Lewis, guidance counselor at Riviera Beach Elementary and board member of Caring Cupboard.

Athlete To Princess: Dulayne Sterling Crowned Queen Of The Chesapeake

By Maya Pottiger

One year ago, the highest heels Dulayne Sterling had ever worn were her soccer cleats. In June, she was crowned the Queen of the Chesapeake after serving as princess for Bodkin Yacht Club.

"I've been playing soccer for 14 years, so getting into dresses was new for me," said Dulayne, a rising senior at Chesapeake High School. "It was new, and it was exciting."

After sustaining a major concussion, Dulayne stopped playing competitive soccer. The first time Dulayne considered becoming Bodkin's princess was when she attended the pageant that included her cousin, Mia Sokol. Sokol also served as princess of Bodkin Yacht Club and Queen of the Chesapeake.

"I think that put the spark in her," said Jackie Sterling, Dulayne's mom. "I watched her transform from not only this academic athlete, but it took [her] from an athlete to a princess."

Dulayne was inspired to get involved with the yacht club by her grandmother, who passed in 2011.

"She had always been such a huge advocate for the boating community," Dulayne said. "I wanted to be part of it more and more, especially because I lost her. In a way, I was trying to be closer to my grandmother and create new relationships."

For the pageant, Dulayne's theme song was "Sailing" by Rod Stewart. This song choice was also inspired by her grandmother. The song lyrics reinforce a lesson Dulayne's grandmother



Dulayne Sterling (left), former princess of Bodkin Yacht Club and a rising senior at Chesapeake High School, was crowned Queen of the Chesapeake in June.

taught her, which was not to wait out the storm, but learn to dance in the rain.

Dulayne learned about friendships and creating bonds with people of all ages during the process.

"It's not just the princesses, it's the children who look up to you and you're a role model for them," Dulayne said. "It's the people who are part of the club. You learn to communicate with all ages."

As part of the pageant, Dulayne had to raise money for a charity. She chose the Best Buddies program at Chesapeake High School, which she is part of. During the course of her fundraising, Dulayne raised more than \$3,000 for the program.

"I love being part of the organization, growing closer to the kids and be-

ing an advocate for them," Dulayne said. "I wanted everybody to know. Going to school, you see these children and they're being treated not really as equals. You want to intertwine them into everyday life and social activities."

Jackie said she is "overwhelmingly proud" of her daughter. "The thought process that comes together and the way in which she presents herself, she always makes me hugely proud," Jackie said. "I'm like, 'Wow, she's mine.'"

Dulayne credits her earning Queen of the Chesapeake to her dedication.

"Everything I've ever touched, I've tried to do my best and excel in it, and princess was one of those chances," Dulayne said.

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Pasadena Author Tells Tales Of International Business In New Book

By Maya Pottiger

One day, Pasadena resident Alan Colegrove found himself in Finland preparing to jump into a frozen lake — naked.

For Colegrove, it was just another day as an international businessman. Colegrove details his many adventures, as well as the realities of international business, in his new book, "Accidental Internationalist."

"This is about the weird stuff you do in international business," Colegrove said.

Colegrove did not initially seek out to be an international businessman. He graduated from the Naval Academy with training to fly an F-4 Phantom. After leaving the Navy, Colegrove sought a job in engineering, the field in which he earned his degree.

He joined a major defense contractor and his job was to look through engineering drawings and plans,

weighing in from a pilot's perspective.

"At one point, they tapped me and said, 'Why don't you go do this international program as an engineer,'" Colegrove said. "That's the first time I went into international business."

Now, Colegrove has traveled to nearly 50 countries. He lived in Japan for three years, Malaysia for almost six

years and Abu Dhabi for almost six years. Being an expatriate is not easy, and Colegrove details the thought process of making that decision.

The book also tells the stories of a lunch in a VIP room in France, going through a wet market in northeast Asia and eating goat on the Arabian Peninsula.

Through these many experiences with other cultures, Colegrove has learned to go with the flow.

"First off, we're not the only people that have the best culture. There's lots of ways to get things done," Colegrove said. "If

"I thought I would write a book more or less based on my experiences from the heart."

— Alan Colegrove

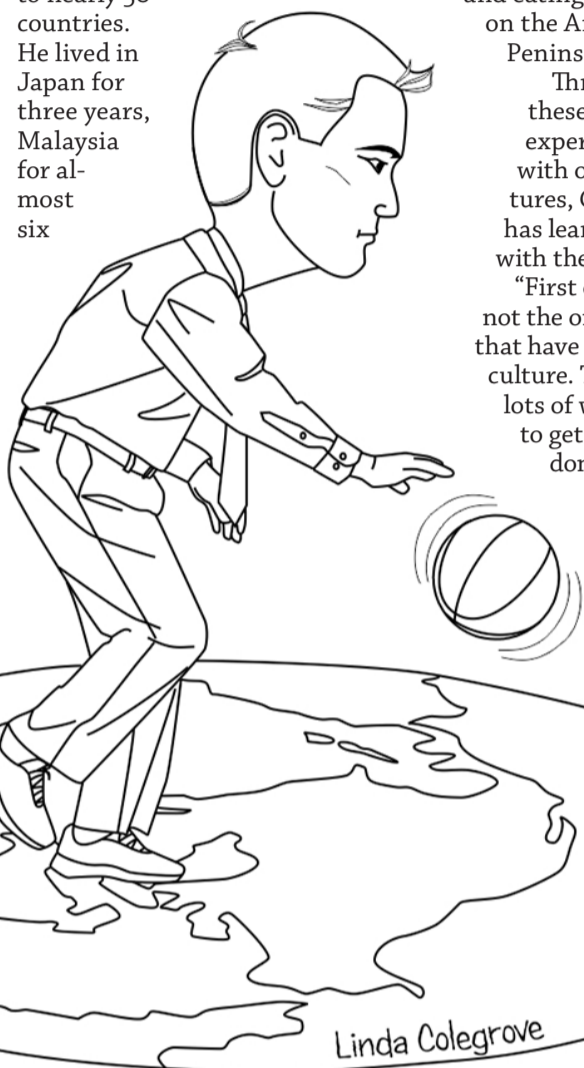
you walk in with a judgmental attitude, you are going to fail. You need to listen. The old adage about 'God gives you two ears and one mouth for a reason' is there."

The book also touches on Colegrove's company, Offset Collaboration, which he operates out of his home in Pasadena. Colegrove initially got the idea to write the book from the many blog posts he published to his website.

"Having delved into a number of topics, I thought I'd like to write a book, but I don't want to footnote it," said Colegrove, who has four degrees, including a doctorate. "I thought I would write a book more or less based on my experiences from the heart."

Originally from Dallas, Texas, Colegrove has since lived in Severna Park from 2002-2007 and has now lived in Pasadena for 11 years.

"Accidental Internationalist" is available on Amazon, at Barnes & Noble and at all major book retailers.



PTC Opens Summer Production Of "Charlie Brown"



Photos courtesy of Kathy Swain

Pasadena Theatre Company's "You're A Good Man, Charlie Brown," which opened July 12 and runs through July 21 at Stage & Screen Studios, brings to life the lovable Peanuts gang through a series of scenes and musical numbers perfect for the whole family.



"Toy Story 4" Offers Something For Everyone



Photo courtesy of Pixar Animation Studios

By following the adventures of Woody and Forkie, "Toy Story 4" explores the theme of what remains after we have served the purpose society set out for us.

By Audrey Ruppert

I walked into the fourth installment of "Toy Story" wondering why the creators couldn't leave well enough alone. The franchise stood so perfectly as it was, and with every sequel, there is a possibility its legacy could be tarnished, but once again, the team at Pixar managed to pull

through and create a delightful, touching, profound and utterly hilarious film for the whole family.

In this installment, we follow up with Woody and the gang, who have left the now adult Andy behind and been given to a new kid, Bonnie. Woody finds himself the favorite toy no longer but tries

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A Look Inside Kemmerer's New Book

By Ava Stanski Student Intern

It takes talent and skill to craft an entire world from words found inside of a half-inch-thick book.

Brigid Kemmerer, a New York Times bestselling author from Pasadena,

has proved to be able to do just that.

In her most recent novel, "Call It What You Want," she explores a modern retelling of the beloved folk tale "Robin Hood." The story revolves around high school student Rob as he attempts to navigate the school year after his world is flipped upside down. "Rob's father is found out to have been

embezzling money," Kemmerer explains, "and a lot of Rob's old friends and classmates believe that he was helping his father, so he kind of goes from being the top of the high school food chain to being a bit of a social outcast."

After finding a \$10 bill on the ground and giving it to a student who had no money for lunch, Rob begins taking money from his wealthy

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Brigid Kemmerer



Fantastic Foods: Unique Menu Items You Can Find Around Pasadena

By Zach Sparks zach@pasadenavoice.com

We scoured the menus of area restaurants and spoke to their owners to find the most unique food around Pasadena, from meat-stuffed pretzels to pizza topped with a sauce made from yogurt and cucumbers. The Voice staff sought unique dishes that can't be found anywhere else nearby — entrees and desserts with a twist.

Know of something we missed? Send a description of your favorite unique menu item to pvnews@pasadenavoice.com to be considered for a future story.

SHRIMP CARGOT TWAIN'S TAVERN

Forget snails. Instead of escargot, Twain's Tavern offers a menu item that is more pleasing to the average palate. These shrimp are sautéed in garlic and butter, and then topped with melted Havarti cheese.

How it started: Twain's owners Tony and Laura Toskov were traveling 10 years ago when they saw a similar item on the menu at Kaluz Restaurant in Fort Lauderdale, Florida. "We did a little twist on what they had and brought it back to the 'Dena,' Tony said.

While the shrimp cargot comes as its own appetizer, it can also be ordered to go

atop steak and other menu items.

SHRIMP AND GRITS TWO RIVERS STEAK & FISH HOUSE

This entrée features five jumbo shrimp sautéed with Andouille sausage, Tasso ham, fresh garlic, white wine and lemon butter sauce, served over smooth cheddar cheese grits.

How it started: The southern recipe was inspired by a dish that executive chef Mark Morgan found while



Breakfast Bavarian Pretzel at The Rumor Meal

traveling in the Carolinas. "When people hear grits, they kind of thumb their noses," Morgan said. "We wanted to tweak it and create something that appealed to the masses. We use more milk cream, more cheese and more seasoning, and it has two great cured meats — the sausage and ham — that took me about a year to find."

TZATZIKI PIZZA LEDO PIZZA

Ledo is already known for its outside-the-box take on pizza with square slices, but this style is extra special. The tzatziki pizza features carved gyro meat, roasted grape tomatoes, banana peppers, smoked provolone and feta cheese. Instead of the traditional red Ledo tomato sauce, this pizza features a Greek tzatziki sauce with yogurt, cucumber and olive oil — a perfect Mediterranean mix.



Tzatziki Pizza at Ledo Pizza

said owner Terri Casalino. "Then we top it with mozzarella cheese. It is served with syrup."

Also try: The funnel cake fries make for a good dessert.

BULGOGI BONCHON

This Korean "fire meat" won't literally set your mouth on fire, but it does pack a flavorful punch. The thinly sliced marinated ribeye steak is sautéed with mushrooms, scallions and onions.

Also try: The japchae (a sweet potato noodle dish stirred with vegetables and marinated ribeye steak) or fried chicken, which are battered, double fried, and hand-brushed with Bonchon's signature soy garlic, spicy or sweet crunch sauces.

BREAKFAST BAVARIAN PRETZEL THE RUMOR MEAL

Soft pretzels are commonly topped with cinnamon, sugar, mustard or peanut butter, but at The Rumor Meal, it's the inside that counts.

"It's pretty unique as in you can get your choice of meat (bacon, sausage, chorizo or Canadian bacon), two scrambled eggs, and home fries — all of which fill the pretzel 'holes' so to speak,"



Shrimp Grits at Two Rivers Steak & Fish House

Dining Out

Dine South Of The Border This Summer At Mi Pueblo II

By Mary Cobbler

It was late on a Tuesday afternoon when I visited Mi Pueblo II at 554 Ritchie Highway in Severna Park. The sister of Mi Pueblo in Glen Burnie, the restaurant is described as “folksy” on its website, and I agree. It has a fun, festive feel, with vibrant, earthy colors throughout and Mexican art on the walls. There are tables, with engravings throughout the restaurant, and high-backed booths lining the walls, giving diners a cozy, private space. Mexican music and the continuous stream of waiters waltzing by with margaritas added to the authentic atmosphere.

My waiter arrived with a bowl of warm tortilla chips and a carafe of fresh salsa. I nearly finished the fresh and lightly spicy salsa before my mango margarita arrived. Perfect for an 85-degree day, the frozen concoction didn't disappoint. It was wonderfully refreshing — with the rim coated in sugar, the sweet

and tangy mango flavor, and mid-level potency.

I chose the botana mixta for an appetizer, to get the chance to sample a lot of different goodies. The large plate of delicacies included a cheese quesadilla, taquitos, chicken fingers and jalapeno poppers served over a bed of lettuce, guacamole and sour cream. The generous servings could have easily satisfied a party of four. The quesadilla was filled with light and mild Mexican cheese, the tachitos were crunchy and flavorful, and the chicken tenders and the poppers crisp and spicy. There were no complaints from anyone at the table (that would be me). I must pay homage to the guacamole. It is the best I've ever tasted. I was never a guacamole lover, but I guess I just hadn't met the right guacamole yet.

For my entree, I asked my



Photo by Mary Cobbler

The botana mixta includes a quesadilla, taquitos, chicken fingers and jalapeno poppers served over a bed of lettuce, guacamole and sour cream.

server for a recommendation, and he suggested the chimichanga or the El Molcajete, which the menu says serves two. I chose the El Molcajete since I planned to take food home to my hubby.

My eyes bulged as I saw the

waiter with my dish. It was huge and sizzling hot, with the meat literally spilling over the sides of a large black stone bowl (called a molcajete). It was filled with grilled rib-eye steak, shrimp, chicken and Mexi-

can sausage, with cactus and jalapeno poppers on top of melted cheese and chipotle sauce, all served with a side of rice, beans, lettuce, that delightful guacamole, and generous portions of sour cream, and tortillas.

Honestly, I was stuffed from the appetizer and chips and salsa, but I forced myself to taste the dish, piling some meat, shrimp, the cactus, and other goodies onto a tortilla. The grilled chicken and steak were tender and perfectly seasoned, as was the shrimp. The cactus was unique. I had to ask my waiter if it was edible, and he assured me it was. It had the texture of zucchini, with a milder taste. Altogether it was a satisfying mix, and my husband was impressed when I brought him the stuffed leftover containers. In fact, his exact words were, “That's the best Mexican food I've ever eaten.”

I topped off my meal with tres leches, beautifully presented with a cherry on top — a sweet ending, though maybe a little too sweet for my taste. The filling was light and airy but lacked a richness I prefer in that particular dessert. Other choices also looked good — cheesecake xango, charros, fried ice cream, and other yummy offerings.

The food was reasonable and the wait staff was pleasant. For the large appetizer, margarita, entree and dessert, the check came to \$44. I had plenty to take home for dinner for one night and lunch for the next day.

There are lots of items to choose from — traditional Mexican fare, meat and seafood entrees, a large selection of vegetarian dishes, children's meals, and lunch specials as well as a full bar.

Make time this summer to dine south of the border, at least in spirit, at Mi Pueblo II. For the full menu, go to www.mipueblo2.com.

A Look Inside Brigid Kemmerer's New Book, “Call It What You Want”

» **Continued from B12** friends and redistributing it to less wealthy students. “He's trying to somehow atone for his father's actions in the only way he feels that he can,” Kemmerer said.

Meanwhile, Meagan is attempting to cope with her own family drama after her sister comes home from college pregnant. When she is paired with Rob for a class project, it only throws additional complications into both of their lives.

Rob's journey, however, is far from the black-and-white version of Robin Hood that many have grown up with. “I tried to examine the moral

dilemma that Rob encounters, since stealing is still illegal, even if it's for a good cause,” Kemmerer said. “Rob really has to grapple with his actions and do some soul-searching to try and answer the question of whether he can make up for his father's wrongs. I really tried to show all sides of the issue.”

While writing the novel, Kemmerer spoke with individuals with different viewpoints. “I spoke with many people that lived in more disenfranchised areas, but I also spoke with an FBI agent that specialized in fraud and embezzlement to learn more about the legal rami-

fications of my character's actions. I also took a few classes researching money laundering and fraud.”

While “Call It What You Want” may seem worlds away, Kemmerer's familiarity with Pasadena and Baltimore helped her write her setting. “While my story is completely fiction,” Kemmerer elaborated, “it actually takes place in Howard County. In fact, a lot of my novels occur in or around Washington and Baltimore.”

Kemmerer also has a new novel on the horizon, “A Heart So Fierce and Broken,” which will be the sequel to her popular young

adult fantasy novel “A Curse So Dark and Lonely.” The original is a fantastical retelling of the classic story of “Beauty and the Beast,” with an abundance of twists and turns throughout. The second book in the series promises to be an equally exciting and compelling read.

The team at Bloomsbury Children's Books is excited for bookworms to pick up copies of each book.

“Brigid is a master storyteller who crafts stories so rich with emotion and page-turning action,” said Mary Kate Castellani, executive editor at Bloomsbury Children's Books. “The

Cursebreaker series, with its foothold in the real world, has inspired fervent love in both fantasy and contemporary readers alike.”

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STUFFED SUB LISA'S DELI

What makes it unique: Lisa's Deli takes a loaf of bread, saws off the top to fill the inside with meat, cheese and veggies before replacing the top and toasting the whole sub.

SIRLOIN K-BOB TEXAS ROADHOUSE

This entrée has 8 ounces of skewered steak marinated for 24 hours in a signature Texas Roadhouse k-bob marinade.

The steak is served over a bed of seasoned rice and a skewer or grilled vegetables: green peppers, red peppers, onions, tomatoes and mushrooms.

HERB-CRUSTED CHICKEN TEXAS ROADHOUSE

A new addition to the Texas Roadhouse menu, this 8-ounce marinated chicken breast is seared with a special seasoning blend, accompanied by a caramelized lemon and served with a choice of two homemade sides.

BONELESS SHORT RIB PASCAL'S CHOPHOUSE

The boneless short rib is cooked all day at low temperature with lemongrass, soy sauce, brown sugar and garlic, making it tender and flavorful. Served on top white rice and Asian stir fried vegetables, the short rib is finished with Korean barbecue au jus. “It's an infusion food of east and west,” said Wesley Elchin, the general manager of Pascal's

Chophouse. “While most of our menu is not of this style, there are not many places that take something their grandparents are familiar with and giving it an Asian twist.”

MOZZARELLA CAPRESE BELLA NAPOLI

It will surprise no one that an Italian restaurant serves mozzarella caprese. So what's different about this caprese? It features homemade mozzarella to go with the other ingredients: tomatoes, basil and olive oil.

HOMEMADE HOT WINGS THE OFFICE BAR & GRILL

When asked about the hot wings at The Office, general manager Sarah Root had to exercise caution; people may have been eavesdropping.

“I get asked 100 times a day what the secret recipe is,” she said. “A lot of salad dressings. It's a mix between tang, with all those salad dressings, and a little bit of hot.”

“Toy Story” Has Something For Everyone

» **Continued from B12** to keep his chin up - until Bonnie “makes” a new friend at school, and by that, I mean literally makes a friend. On her first day of kindergarten, Bonnie makes her own toy, dubbed “Forkie,” out of a spork and some pipe cleaners from the garbage. Forkie, however, has little interest in being a toy and longs to return to the trash from which he came, and Woody finds himself caught up in an adventure. He is on a mission to reunite Forkie with Bonnie after Forkie gets lost. Along the way, he meets up with Bo Peep, an old toy he lost touch with years ago when she was donated.

While it is a family film, I would note that, like its other Pixar predecessors, “Toy Story 4” sometimes feels like a movie designed for adults, hiding under the veneer of a children's film, not because it sneaks in crass “adult” jokes as Dreamworks films often do (“Shrek” comes to mind) but because it teaches life lessons, ones that can be learned only

after we have left childhood behind.

In this case, through Woody's eyes, we are asked to reflect on what there is after a “career,” after we have served the purpose society has set out for us. Are we useless? Is there nothing left to enjoy in life? Or are there other ways we can find meaning and move beyond perhaps painful memories of when we were young and “of use” to those who meant something to us? And do we necessarily have to do what we are “supposed to do” in our lives? For the toys, this means finding a kid and being that kid's toy; for us, it might mean getting a respectable job or a respectable family. But is that the only option out there? Or are there alternative ways to live life? Bo Peep has found her way in the world without a “set” kid, and seems happy to live an independent life as her own toy, but Woody initially struggles to see her as a fulfilled toy and instead labels her as “lost.”

It's not all painful existen-

tial questions, though. This might have been the funniest film of the series, with all new character editions bringing on the laughs. The creators certainly know how to keep up with the now adults who would have watched the original “Toy Story” as children; this is evidenced by Forkie's rather millennial, nihilistic humor (“Why am I even alive? I want the trash” says Forkie, before jumping out of a moving vehicle).

This film is definitely worth a watch for the adults who grew up with the story, as well as their children and younger siblings (although, if creepy Annabelle-style dolls freak your children out, maybe proceed with caution - there are some seriously scary dolls!)

We are finally left with a product that feels like a true ending - though, you never know when Pixar sequels will arise - where Woody has found a purpose and the toys are in their proper places; perhaps now Pixar can leave well enough alone.

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