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Breaking Down The 2020 Legislative Session

Education, Vaping, And Sports Betting Are Among Agenda Items

By Zach Sparks
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For the Maryland General Assembly, it's a new dawn. It's a new day. Maryland's longest-serving House of Delegates speaker, Mike Busch, died last April. Mike Miller spent more than three decades as Senate president before stepping down before this session.

When the 441st session got underway on January 7, the House had new leadership with Baltimore County Democrat Adrienne Jones, and the Senate welcomed Baltimore City Democrat Bill Ferguson as its new president.

Delegate Brian Chisholm — a Republican who represents Pasadena in District 31B — said it's early, but he is pleased by Jones' leadership so far. "She seems to want to work in a bipartisan manner, but I think she is going to get a lot of pressure from her party," Chisholm said. "How she handles it, I don't know. The delegation for Prince George's and Montgomery and some of those counties aren't always in sync and sometimes want different things, so she'll have to balance that. I think she's been outstanding so far."

While the impact of Jones and Ferguson remains to be seen, one thing is certain: Maryland is set to debate important issues with longstanding implications. Education reform, sports betting, e-cigarettes and Baltimore City crime are some of the thousands of issues that will be addressed during the 90-day session.

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 Maryland is long
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What Will Happen To The Brumwell Property?



Established in 1986, Brumwell's Flea Market operates on property that the Brumwell family has owned for roughly 100 years.

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Since family patriarch Royal Brumwell Sr. died in 2008, his children have been telling Pasadena residents that the time would eventually come for them to sell their 22 acres of land that holds Brumwell's Flea Market at the intersection of Mountain and Magothy Beach roads.

"It gets harder and harder to maintain with four

owners, and the next generation would be nine or 10 owners, so it just keeps splitting like a molecule," said Bonnie Brumwell Hoyas, who owns the land along with three siblings.

More than 200 people flocked to Kurtz's Beach for a town hall meeting in September 2011 to share their concerns about the traffic a new development would bring with it, but the voices of angst grew silent in recent years with



the flea market remaining untouched.

Now, people are listening again.

Curwood Pasadena LLC — a joint venture between Baltimore-based companies Birchwood Capital Partners and Curated Development Group — wants to buy the property and have it subdivided into a series of lots. Their current plan calls for 7.6 acres dedicated to

168 units of age-restricted townhomes and condos for ages 55 and up, 5.24 acres for a 158-bed assisted living facility, 3 acres for a 28,500-square-foot grocery store, less than 1 acre for a 2,600-square-foot coffee shop or other retail store, 1.2 acres for a fast food restaurant, and 1.6 acres for an access road, stormwater management and a forest conservation easement.

No leases have been signed, so the tenants could change, said David Strouse of Birchwood Capital Partners.

Brumwell Hoyas said her family has rejected many offers over the years, and accepted a few that never came to fruition, hoping to find the best fit for the town they call home.

"We see a need: there's no
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Maryland Could Soon Make Radical Changes To Education



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The funding formula for Maryland public schools hasn't been changed since the Bridge to Excellence in Public Schools Act was passed in 2002, but the Kirwan Commission is poised to change that fact. Now that lawmakers have convened for the 2020 session of the General Assembly, they must decide how much of the commission's findings they will fund.

Learn how the changes might affect your kids and your wallet.

WHY WAS THE COMMISSION FORMED?

The Maryland General Assembly passed legislation in 2016 to establish the Commission on Innovation and Excellence in Education. Chaired by a former president of the University of Maryland, William "Brit" Kirwan, the 25-member commission was tasked with reviewing the current funding formula and with making recommendations that would help students meet the challenges of a changing global economy and fulfill the state's work-

force needs.

From September 2016 to 2019, the members studied school systems across the world to come up with the best practices for improving education in Maryland.

"The Kirwan Commission not only looked at funding," said Cheryl Bost, president of Maryland State Education Association, "they looked at the whole programmatic parts of education: adding more career technology education opportunities for all students, increasing pre-k opportunities, creating community schools to address students and families that are maybe living in concentrated poverty. So it really takes a holistic look at our education."

THE RECOMMENDATIONS AND THE COST

For all the Kirwan initiatives, the total cost is a projected \$3.8 billion annually in addition to current spending. That cost would be phased in over 10 years. Maryland got a head start in 2019 when the General Assembly passed the Blueprint for Maryland's Future, which was a down payment on the initiatives.

The Kirwan Commission has recommended the expansion of full-day preschool, to be free for all 3- and 4-year-olds from low-income families.

Under the proposals, teacher preparation would be more rigorous, and teacher pay would be equitable to other professionals with the same amount of education. Using

Singapore and Shanghai as models, career ladders for teachers and school leaders would be developed, creating new standards for advancement and compensation.

"When we compare teachers to other professions that require the same amount of education, we make 85 cents on the dollar," Bost said. "We are definitely underpaid, and we are experiencing teacher shortages even today, and so the need to raise salaries across the board will help us attract the best and

brightest."

A fully aligned instructional system would be developed, including curriculum frameworks, course syllabi and assessments.

Career and technical education would be celebrated. Every middle and high school would be staffed with mentors to counsel and advise students on career and technical options.

Schools serving high populations of students living in poverty would get a boost with before- and after-school

and summer academic programs and student access to needed health and social services.

An accountability oversight board would ensure the recommendations are successfully implemented.

WHAT ARE THE PROS AND CONS?

The commission's findings and next steps have largely been a partisan debate. Democrats want to fund most of the findings while Repub-
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Two Community Icons Pass Away

Otts Fratt



Arthur Fratantuono, most widely known as "Otts Fratt," the 83-year-old longtime resident of Northern Anne Arundel County and dedicated owner of Sunset Restaurant, passed away on January 8.

Fratantuono was born in Baltimore, to the late Joseph and Lucille Fratantuono. He attended Southern High School, and then Glen Burnie High School, where he graduated in 1956.

Fratantuono was the proud owner and operator of the well-known Sunset Restaurant in Glen Burnie since 1960. He served in the U.S. Marine Corps, and later in the reserves, and was proud of his service.

Fratantuono was a member of
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Nancy Brown



A swim teacher who devoted nearly 70 years of her life to the sport, Nancy Brown passed away on January 1 after an eight-year battle with cancer. She was 83.

Brown was a Pasadena resident, but she had a profound impact on swimmers from Severna Park and statewide. She taught the sport to children on Baltimore area summer swim teams, as well as adults from 18 to over 90 when she founded the Maryland Masters program in 1974.

"I just love seeing them get excited about swimming and teaching them how to swim correctly," Brown said in a 2015 interview with the Severna Park Voice. "It's thrilling, really, to see someone change
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Volunteer Of The Month

Volunteer Shawn Ashworth Wears Many Hats

By Haley Weisgerber

Pasadena resident Shawn Ashworth has always been dedicated to helping others.

For years she has juggled being a mother, grandmother and a full-time employee while holding leadership roles in multiple organizations, running a nonprofit and volunteering. She uses her background in counseling to understand and advocate for minorities, the homeless and low-income families.

"I'm an advocate for those who can't advocate for themselves," said Ashworth. "That is what I have been called to do. I can retire in five years and my goal is that I'll have enough money to retire and do this advocacy work full-time."

Ashworth has worked for Anne Arundel County Public Schools (AACPS) since the early 1990s. She has been a counselor, a special educator, an assistant principal, a principal and more. She currently works out of the Office of Safe and Orderly Schools to handle code of conduct and professional development centered around teachers, school culture and classroom management.

She has a bachelor's degree in rehabilitation counseling, a master's in school counseling and her doctorate in educational leadership.

During her undergraduate experience at the University of Maryland Eastern Shore, Ashworth was involved with Delta Sigma Theta, a sorority that is part of the "Divine Nine," a collective name for the nine historically black Greek-letter organizations. She is now the president of the North Arundel Alumnae chapter of Delta Sigma Theta. "Our organization is based



Shawn Ashworth (left) received the Volunteer of the Month award from Voice sales account executive Stacy McDonough.

on service and that is the foundation," said Ashworth. "We do a lot of service projects in the Brooklyn Park, Meade and Glen Burnie areas."

Within the sorority, Ashworth works with MBODI Boys Leadership and Mentoring Academy at the Boys and Girls Club of Free-town. The MBODI program recently won Delta Sigma Theta a regional award for excellence.

She sits on the board of directors as the secretary at the Chesapeake Arts Center in Brooklyn Park, where she focuses on outreach and getting families involved in the arts. She is also the AACPS representative on the board for the Community Action Agency of Anne Arundel County, which exists to reduce poverty within the community, and serves on the advisory board for Art Empowered Minds Initiative as a representative of Delta Sigma Theta.

"I help whoever needs it," said Ashworth. "That is my ministry."

She began working with the Asbury Church Assistance Network (ACAN) two years ago when she learned about the homeless community that stays at Baltimore/Washington International Thurgood Marshall Airport (BWI) from fellow ACAN volunteer Rhonda Jackson.

"Ms. Rhonda, who works at the airport, had talked about how she feeds the homeless when she gets off at 1:00am," said Ashworth. "She said, 'I'm going on a cruise, and I need you to visit my people at the airport. Take care of them.' So, one night I went just to kind of see."

From that day on, Ashworth consistently visited the airport on Thursday nights at 11:00pm and was inspired to create a nonprofit organization, Food 4 Thought Community Outreach Services.

"The 4 stands for food and nutrition, housing, counseling and job skill development," explained Ashworth. "I'm still working, so currently I am only operating the food piece."

Ashworth said all she needs is two vans and a building near a bus line to complete her vision.

Food 4 Thought has fed 80 to 95 homeless men and women at BWI on a weekly basis, and a partnership with the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs allows her to provide one hot meal a month. She has also provided meals, snack bags, toiletries, clothing and whatever else the men and women need.

"I also try to connect them with our homeless office in Anne Arundel County and other agencies," said Ashworth. "Really, the goal is not for them to live permanently in the airport. I try to supply the outreach and support services that I can. Any opportunity I have to help people, to provide for those who can't help themselves, I am there."

Food 4 Thought celebrated a huge success with its pre-Thanksgiving dinner on November 24, when Ashworth and her team of 52 volunteers fed 91 homeless families.

"It was just absolutely wonderful," said Ashworth. "This one lady that came couldn't stop crying. She was so grateful. I just love those moments when I have provided some peace, or some love or comfort for someone who is having trouble finding joy in their life."

When her son went away to college, Ashworth began writing him special messages, which she calls "spiritual nuggets." What began as a simple gesture to encourage her son became more than she ever imagined.

"Before I knew it, I was sending it to hundreds

of people, including my 'peeps' at the airports," said Ashworth. "Every Sunday, I write a spiritual nugget, and I write a life message mixed into the word of God. In 2014, I took many of those and wrote a book."

"Spiritual Nuggets: Prayers for Your Daily Walk with God" is an extension of Ashworth's mission to encourage and help anyone she can.

"I feel like I probably do a lot, and I don't know that I'll slow down," said Ashworth. "I have been placed on this earth to help, and I pray to continue to have the energy to do that."

Green Haven Monthly Meeting Set For Jan. 28

The Green Haven Improvement Association invites the community to its monthly meeting on January 28 from 7:00pm to 8:00pm in the George Fox Middle School cafeteria. The guest speaker is Reece Peak, community engagement and constituent services officer from the county executive's office. Corporal Scott McAdoo will be on hand to discuss the neighborhood watch program. These items are also on the agenda: land development, community projects, community safety, and upcoming events.

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Pasadena Says Goodbye To Swimmer And Coach Nancy Brown

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their strokes to something beautiful, because swimming is beautiful when it's done right."

Her love of swimming began as a child when she spent every summer at her grandmother's house on the Magothy River, where she would swim all day, earning her the nickname "water rat." Her strong competitive spirit emerged as a member of the Friends School Swim Team in Baltimore, which she captained in 1953 and 1954. Her math teacher and coach, Larry Peacock, encouraged her to pursue a life of fitness through swimming.

Brown did not compete again until forming Maryland Masters, which she led at the Catonsville YMCA with a group of six people. The program has since grown to over 800 members with 20 teams throughout the state.

In 1986, Brown moved to Anne Arundel County and formed a masters group at the YMCA of Severna Park, which became the Severna Park Community Center (SPCC) in 1995. She led the team to 10 YMCA Masters Nationals championships and numerous top three finishes in the

women's, men's and combined team divisions.

Shelly Beigel, the SPCC's director of programs and partnerships, remembers walking into the building with Brown in 1995.

"She had an unending passion for teaching, swimming and helping people better their lives," Beigel said. "She worked for the center, but a lot of her time was volunteered. She helped us as we expanded throughout the years, and she made swimming fun. For example, at Thanksgiving, she would come on deck dressed like a turkey."

Brown held many individual accolades in swimming, including setting a masters world record in the short-course 100-meter backstroke in 1991. That same year, she was featured in *Sports Illustrated's* Faces in the Crowd section. Brown was a persistent goal-setter and had motivational statements taped to bathroom mirrors throughout her home to keep her focused.

In 2006, she moved into the 70-74 age group and was determined to reach USMS All-Star status, requiring her to capture the most first-place finishes in the age group.

Brown ended the year with 44 No. 1 rankings while also setting six USMS national records and nine YMCA national records along the way.

That same year, she also competed in the FINA world championships at Stanford, winning the 200-meter backstroke and bringing home second- and third-place awards as well. She had an impressive 23 FINA World top 10 rankings in 2006. She also set a long-distance national record in the Two Mile Cable National Championship that year.

Brown had another All-Star year in 2011 with 30 USMS first-place rankings despite receiving a rare cancer diagnosis in July. She completed events in all three pool courses while setting four national records before having an extensive 10-hour surgery in September. By April of 2012, she was back in the pool competing at the YMCA Nationals in Fort Lauderdale.

Brown credited her fitness from swimming for saving her life after being diagnosed with an aggressive primary peritoneal cancer in 2011.

"Swimming was a lifesaver for me," she told the *Voice* in 2015. "It's incredible what

exercise can do to get you through something like that. Physically and emotionally, I can't say enough for it."

Continuing to compete throughout years of chemotherapy and a clinical trial, Brown accumulated many more individual USMS national top 10 rankings, finishing with 833. She also holds 32 USMS All American honors for posting the fastest time in the country in at least one event during a given year.

As much as she loved competing, Brown loved teaching even more. Her students adored her, too.

"I swam with her 30 years ago and remember her setting records in just about every event she swam at nationals, not to mention what a wonderful person she was!" Laura Edwards said.

"Nancy Brown was so helpful to me when I started out as a swim coach," said Melissa Albers. "Very helpful and patient with any questions I had."

In recognition of her 40-plus years of commitment to U.S. Masters Swimming, the organization honored her with the Dorothy Donnelly Service Award in 2015. This award recognizes outstand-

ing USMS volunteers whose contributions stand out in service to local, regional and national programs.

"Nancy is a constant cheerleader, encouraging, supporting, coaxing and, in all ways possible, promoting Masters swimming and instilling enthusiasm for the sport," said fellow USMS swimmer Kristina Henry, who nominated Brown for the award.

She was also instrumental in running the swimming portion of the Maryland Senior Olympics from the mid-'90s to 2005. She was elected into the organization's Hall of Fame in 2005.

In addition to the USMS Service Award, the organization presented Brown with its Fitness Award in 2010 for her outstanding contributions to fitness activities within USMS. She was also inducted into the Friends School Athletic Hall of Fame in 2009 and the Anne Arundel County Sports Hall of Fame in 2012.

Above all else, Brown adored her family, which included longtime companion Geoffrey Revett, three children, four stepchildren, a sister, three nephews, two nieces, 16 grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

Otts Fratt Passes Away

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the Anne Arundel County Beverage Association and Restaurant Association, and was also a past member of the Glen Burnie Elks. He enjoyed spending time with his family, especially his grandchildren. Fratantuono was a good artist and also enjoyed playing piano, dancing, watching the Baltimore Ravens and former Baltimore Colts, and was a big Johnny Unitas fan. He enjoyed golfing and hosted the Sunset Invitational, which he started in 1983. It is still being held every fall and benefits Bello Machre. Most of all, Fratantuono enjoyed being social and talking with his customers at the restaurant.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his brothers, Joseph and Dennis "Bud" Fratantuono.

Fratantuono is survived by his wife, Colleen; devoted sons, Michael (Christi), Gary (Kelly) and Jeff (Suzie); loving grandchildren, Dominic, Justin (Emily), Angela (Branden), Ryan, Abigail and Sara; and his cherished great-granddaughter, Quinn.



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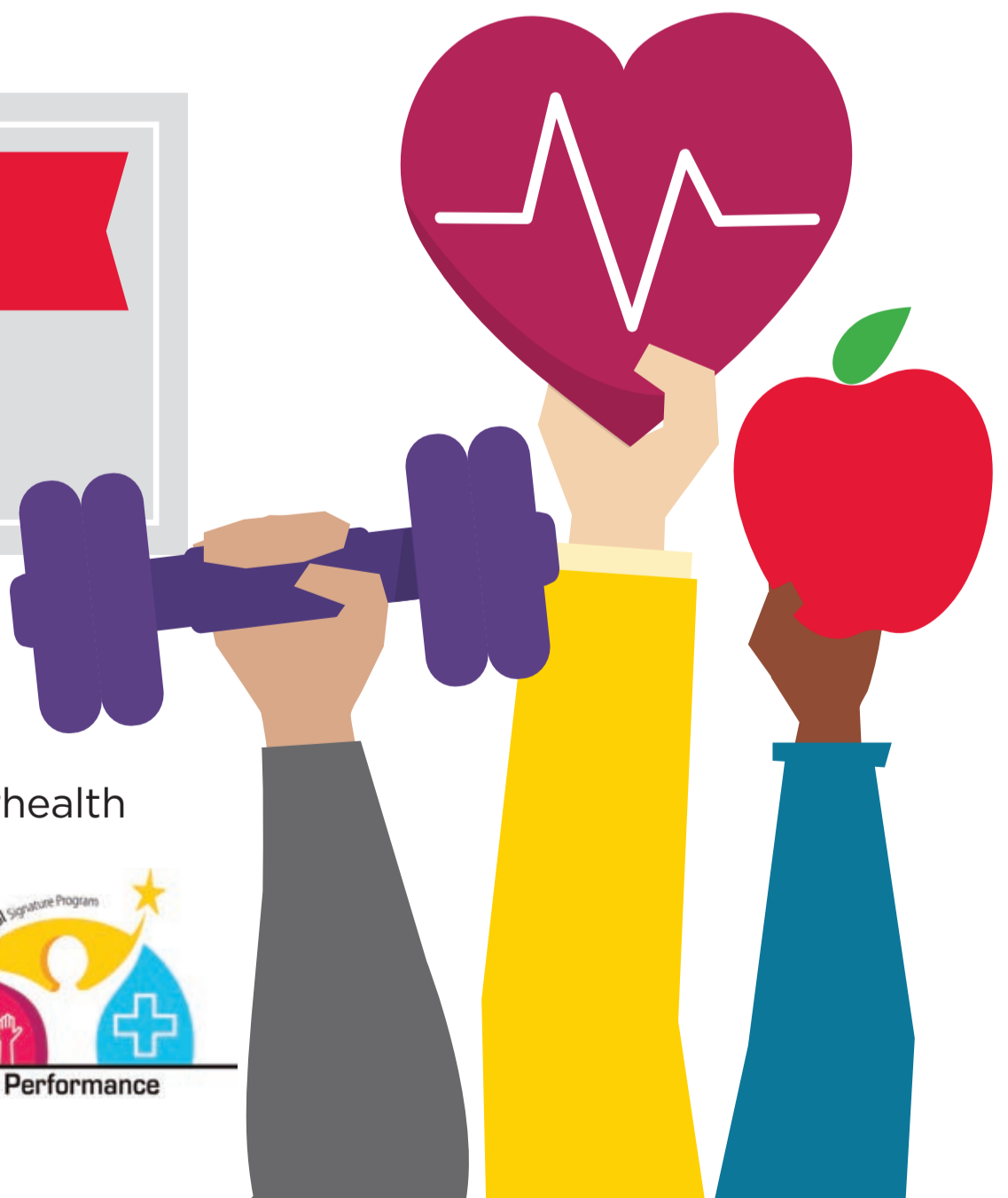
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exercise demonstrations performed by local organizations. Other activities and educational displays will be available to individuals of all ages. Refreshments and promotional items will also be available. For more information, visit www.umbwmc.org/heartbeatforhealth.

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The official Best of Pasadena ballot will be printed in our February edition, and we will begin accepting votes immediately. Voting will continue through March, with the

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Submitted by
The Anne Arundel Home Services Company

The holidays have come and gone, along with our second annual Christmas party, and we are truly appreciative for all the support you have all given our local small businesses.

Now we are all eager for spring and Orioles Opening Day! While we are waiting, most people are spending more time in the house, so why not make some improvements while you are there? The Anne Arundel Home Services Company has come up with a few things that you can do this winter to improve the aesthetic and value of your home.

Insulate the attic, ducts and foundation. This will save on heating costs and ensure your home is warm and cozy.

Give rooms a fresh coat of paint. There tends to be less moisture in the air during winter months,

which will ensure the paint bonds to surfaces faster and dries quicker.

Install new flooring. Have new carpet, laminate or tile installed. Makes rooms look fresh and new.

House cleaning. Kids being home for holiday breaks, along with family gatherings and more traffic in your home, can create a mess. Get a professional cleaning team to come in and get in all the nooks and crannies while you curl up on the couch with a good movie and hot cocoa.

Update bathrooms and kitchens. New fixtures and hardware can make a world of difference.

Outdoor projects including decks, patios, retaining walls, fire pits and more. Most don't realize you can save up to 20% in the "offseason."

The Anne Arundel Home Services Company would be happy to help with any of these projects and more. Call 410-589-2819 to learn more.

UM BWMC To Implement Visitor Restrictions

Due to an increase in the numbers of influenza cases throughout Maryland and Anne Arundel County, the University of Maryland Baltimore Washington Medical Center is implementing a hospital-wide visitor restriction policy for the safety of patients, visitors and staff.

The policy went into effect January 8 and will continue until further notice. The guidelines are as follows:

No one under age 18 (ex-

cept if parent of a patient) is permitted to visit inpatient units.

Children under 18 are not to be brought to outpatient or doctor visits, unless the appointment is for the child.

Only **two** adult visitors are allowed per patient at a time.

Visitors exhibiting flu symptoms — runny nose, fever, cough — are not permitted to visit hospital patients.

MILITARY SPOTLIGHT

Annapolis Native Serves With Versatile U.S. Navy Helicopter Squadron In Guam

By Mass Communication Specialist 1st Class (SW) David Wycaver

A 2009 Broadneck High School graduate is serving in the U.S. Navy with Helicopter Sea Combat Squadron (HSC) 25 on the island of Guam.

Petty Officer 2nd Class Stephen Robichaud is a naval air crewman (helicopter) serving with HSC-25, known as the "Island Knights," a versatile squadron that's capable of completing a number of important missions for the Navy with the MH-60S "Seahawk" helicopter.

Along with being a naval air crewman, Robichaud is a naval rescue swimmer. He is responsible for conducting search-and-rescue missions and medical evacuations.

Robichaud credits success in the Navy to many of the lessons learned in Annapolis.

"I swam competitively growing up and learned I liked being a part of a team," said Robichaud. "I always thought aircraft and flying were really cool, and now I get paid to swim and fly."

HSC-25 is the first and only forward-deployed vertical replenishment (VERTREP) squadron in the Navy and is tasked with supporting Seventh Fleet units in the Western Pacific, Indian Ocean, North Arabian Sea, and Persian Gulf. To provide this support, HSC-25 embarks two-aircraft detachments aboard Military Sealift Command vessels, which provide transportation of equipment, fuel, supplies and ammunition to sustain U.S. forces worldwide.

They are the only Navy squadron based at Andersen Air Force Base, Guam.

In addition to VERTREP, HSC-25 provides 24-hour search-and-rescue and medical evacuation (medevac) services for Guam and the Northern Mariana Islands. Averaging more than 30 rescues and 70 medevacs per year, HSC-25 also conducts airborne firefighting using externally-carried



Photo courtesy of Mass Communication Specialist 1st Class Heidi Cheek

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buckets, Vertical Onboard Delivery (VOD), drone and torpedo recovery, special operations airborne support, and fleet logistics support for all military activities in the Guam area, including the Maritime Prepositioned Ships operating in the local area.

"We have a great command here, great leadership and a great aircrew shop. I'm proud to have done my first tour here," Robichaud said.

According to officials at the U.S. Navy's Pacific Fleet headquarters in Pearl Harbor, Hawaii, the ships, submarines, aircraft and Navy personnel forward-deployed to Guam are part of the world's largest fleet command and serve in a region critical to U.S. national security. The U.S. Pacific Fleet encompasses 100 million square miles, nearly half the Earth's surface, from Antarctica to the Arctic Circle and from the West Coast of the United States into the Indian Ocean. All told, there are more than 200 ships and submarines, nearly 1,200 aircraft, and more than 130,000 uniformed and civilian

personnel serving in the Pacific.

Serving in the Navy means Robichaud is part of a world that is taking on new importance in America's focus on rebuilding military readiness, strengthening alliances and reforming business practices in support of the National Defense Strategy.

A key element of the Navy the nation needs is tied to the fact that America is a maritime nation, and that the nation's prosperity is tied to the ability to operate freely on the world's oceans. More than 70% of the Earth's surface is covered by water; 80% of the world's population lives close to a coast; and 90% of all global trade by volume travels by sea.

"Our priorities center on people, capabilities and processes, and will be achieved by our focus on speed, value, results and partnerships," said Secretary of the Navy Richard V. Spencer. "Readiness, lethality and modernization are the requirements driving these priorities."

Though there are many ways for sailors to earn distinction in their command, community and career, Robichaud is most proud of his medical evacuation missions where he helped to save the lives of two people.

"I'm proud to know that the missions I conduct help save lives," said Robichaud.

As a member of one of the U.S. Navy's most relied upon assets, Robichaud knows he is part of a legacy that will last beyond his lifetime, one that will provide a critical component of the Navy.

"Serving, to me, provides a sense of patriotic duty and service, being a part of something greater than myself," added Robichaud. "I'm proud to be a rescue swimmer in the U.S. Navy."

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Pittman On The State Of Anne Arundel County

When County Executive Stuart Pittman held his State of the County address in December, he outlined several key initiatives. Here are some takeaways paired with comments from Pittman.

TAXES

Last year's budget raised income and property taxes to fund education, public safety, and transportation infrastructure — and that might not be the last tax hike.



BODY CAMERAS

When he announces his Fiscal Year 2021 budget recommendation this May, Pittman will include funding for body-worn cameras for police officers. Much thought went into the decision.

“Had we been allowed to tax progressively like the state and the feds do, that figure would have been higher. Stay tuned on that front, as we work to shift the burden away from our lowest-paid residents.”

What's Happening To Brumwell Property?

» Continued from A1 assisted living in the area,” she said. “My brother and I are both in our 60s, one is mid-50s and the other will turn 50 this year. I have a lot of friends in this area who will want a place to go when they retire. And Pasadena could use another nice restaurant.”

Developers are required to notify residents within 300 feet of the property when a site development plan is submitted to the county, so a community meeting was held in December. Realizing that the outcome will affect all of Pasadena, Councilman Nathan Volke invited representatives from county and state agencies to Jacobsville Elementary School on January 14 to address constituent concerns.

As Planning and Zoning Officer Steve Kaii-Ziegler explained, the property is currently zoned C2, which allows the mixed-use proposal put forth by Curwood Pasadena LLC. Beyond that, the Office of Planning and Zoning still has much to determine before the project can proceed.

“The nuts and bolts have not been reviewed,” Kaii-Ziegler said, “... but it appears that the applicant will need a series of modifications.”

Now that the initial sketch plan has been submitted, the developer must ask for any modifications necessary to complete

the project. Once those are approved or denied by the county, the developer will submit a final plan, and then the developer will need a grading plan and permits.

Ziegler called it a “relatively simple step-by-step process, however, the give and take, and ebb and flow of submittal and review, comments and resubmittal often takes many, many months to a year or two for a project of this nature.”

At the meeting, senior engineer Sarah Fowler said a traffic study would be conducted to determine the likely impact on Mountain Road and surrounding roads.

One Pasadena resident questioned why the land can't be bought and turned into a county park.

“If we as community said we want to raise the money to buy this at fair market value and make this a county park, well, that's something that's been done before,” Volke said. “I think Quiet Waters was done that way. Downs Park I believe was done that way.”

Another attendee asked if Anne Arundel County can forbid the construction of a grocery store if there are several grocery stores nearby.

“The county can't step in and say we have enough grocery stores and you two can come and you one can't come,” Kaii-Ziegler said. “I understand the issue, but it is a part of the way

our country was built, on competition, and it's been around for as long as any of us have been alive.

“We don't approve or deny projects on a popularity contest or whether people like them or don't,” he added. “And I know that's not probably an answer that many people want to hear. We approve and deny projects based on the laws, the codes, the regulations that the county council adopts for Anne Arundel County.”

The development is far from a done deal. Brumwell Hoyas said this is probably the seventh contract the family has agreed to in the last 15 years.

“Traffic has never been the reason they didn't go through,” she said. “The economy turned, or the developer walked away and found a better site in real estate, and a couple developers couldn't get the zoning changed.”

In response to the people who said the family is “selling out,” Brumwell Hoyas said she thinks the builders are going to do something great that will benefit Pasadena.

“A lot gets said about Section 8. We had an offer for that a few years ago and turned it down,” she said. “We want something nice for Pasadena. I've lived here my whole life, and my siblings and I know that property like the back of our hands. This is pretty personal for us.”

“I have thought long and hard about the stress these officers are under and also about how to build the community trust that is so essential to effective policing. My conclusion is that transparency is the answer.”



AFFORDABLE HOUSING

Pittman also wants to introduce legislation requiring developers to build a percentage of new construction as affordable units. The legislation will be based on a bill introduced in 2004 by Senator Pam Beidle, who was then a county councilmember.

STAFFING FOR TEACHERS AND PUBLIC SAFETY

Pittman touted the addition of 140 teachers, 35 counselors and 50 special education instructors this school year. But it's not enough, he said.

The county went from 693 to 791 sworn police officers in one year. Fire and police departments still need support.

“Investing in public education, both K-12 and Anne Arundel Community College, is the only way we will reduce the intergenerational poverty that faces too many children in our least affluent neighborhoods.”

ACCOUNTABILITY

Pittman cited the upcoming launch of an open data portal as one example of his administration's commitment to hold county government accountable.

“That's why we're starting Arundel Stat, a new open data portal that will be launched in 2020, allowing the public to see how we measure not only the successes of our programs, but also the shortcomings.”

“At our fire department, the call volume for each one of the last five years rose by an average of 7%. Staffing was stagnant, and our trucks were going out short-staffed too often.”

He also shared plans to limit the current modification process, which allows the county's Planning and Zoning officer to unilaterally facilitate development projects that do not conform to county code.



Anne Arundel County Executive Stuart Pittman



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Hampton Chase

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!



Eric and Rose Hughes



John and Brianne Miller



Breathtaking Landscape Puts Hampton Chase in Full Bloom

By Judy Tacyn

Just off Fort Smallwood Road, Hampton Chase is a tucked-away community of just 36 homes not far from Hines Pond and Patapsco River.

Homes in this sought-after neighborhood don't stay on the market long. The houses are large, mostly colonial and traditional-style homes built in the early 1990s, which sit on expansive 1- to 2-acre properties. Homeowners take great pride in landscaping and hardscaping their yards. The entire neighborhood is lit up in pink and white in the spring azalea season. Two common areas serve as great locations to gather for community events.

Children are just a short walk away from Fort Smallwood Elementary School, with Chesapeake Bay Middle and Chesapeake High School just two miles away.

JOHN AND BRIANNE MILLER RESIDENTS FOR LESS THAN ONE YEAR

John and Brianne Miller both grew up in Pasadena, so when they started their own family, they knew exactly where they wanted to be.

"We both grew up in Pasadena and have stayed because of the creeks, rivers and the bay, and

to stay close to family. We love going boating and, of course, eating crabs," said Brianne, who moved into Hampton Chase last summer. "We loved the huge properties and the wide streets. We wanted to have neighbors, but not feel like we were stacked on top of each other."

As Pasadena natives, the Millers said they have always loved Pasadena, but Hampton Chase is special.

"The properties are huge, and it's just a stone's throw away from the Chesapeake Bay," she added. "It's also nice to be nestled back in the woods away from the busier areas of Pasadena."

The Millers are also looking forward to community events with the family — and rabbit — once the weather is warm again.

"I have heard about the Easter egg hunt at one of the community properties, and we are looking forward to it," said Brianne. "We even plan on bringing our 20-pound Continental Giant rabbit! He's pedigreed and probably the largest rabbit in Maryland, weighing in at more than 22 pounds."

As for her human neighbors, Brianne couldn't be happier.

"All of our neighbors are very friendly. Several of them have been here since the beginning, and are sadly starting to slowly move away and retire," she

added. "It appears that younger families are taking over."

The Millers purchased an elaborately landscaped property in the neighborhood, which has more than 400 azaleas.

"We had many tutorials from the previous owner on the upkeep; however, our neighbor has helped give us many more tips," she said, anxiously awaiting peak bloom in April.

ERIC AND ROSE HUGHES RESIDENTS FOR 15 YEARS

Eric and Rose Hughes arrived in Maryland in 1999 via southern New Jersey with new career opportunities. At that time they settled in Severn, but it wasn't long before the couple got into boating and wanted to find a neighborhood that offered convenience to the water. In 2005, they moved to Hampton Chase.

The husband and wife love that Hampton Chase is a small community with spacious, park-like lots, close to Fort Smallwood Park, water access and great local restaurants.

"Hampton Chase provided close access to White Rocks Marina where we kept our boat at the time, and it also provided a beautiful park-like setting for every home," said Eric. "We now keep our boat at the Bodkin Yacht Club, which is even closer and proves to be more sheltered from the elements."

"We feel at home in Pasadena. The people and communities are similar than the ones we grew up in, and they have a relaxed feel," added Eric. "Pasadena is just far enough away from Baltimore and Annapolis to have a sense of rural tranquility. We rarely leave Pasadena during the week for dinner because we have so many great places to get a great meal and a drink."

The couple naturally recommends Hampton Chase to anyone looking for a new home, but with the slow turnover of homes in this sought-after community, buyers have to move quickly.

"Typical to snow storms, most neighbors in most communities join to help each other and check on their welfare, Hampton Chase is no different," said Eric of his friendly and helpful neighbors. "It's the only reason I look forward to a snow storm."

DON TREESE RESIDENT FOR 28 YEARS

Don Treese's family's claim to Hampton Chase fame is that they were the last "original" family to move into the community, almost 28 years ago. "We chose the property first and then the house," said Don. "We wanted some woods around us and also to be away from the mainstream. It's pretty quiet here."

As an original homeowner,

Don has made lifelong friends and met a lot of people.

"I think what makes this community so unique is its families. We have always been close neighbors who watch out for each other. We are as involved in the community as we want to be," he added. "All of us work hard to maintain the attractiveness of the community that was here when we arrived. You don't see properties being neglected even after over 25 years."

Don added that the community events were very entertaining and allowed neighbors to get to know each other and appreciate each other.

"Today, I shop here first. If I can get it locally, I do. I like the food at nearby restaurants, especially Old Bay-type wings and crab anything. The friends I have made in Pasadena are the best," he said.

When Don's wife passed away in 2017, he learned just how strong his Hampton Chase friendship had become.

"I was very surprised at the immediate outpouring from neighbors. Some of them I had not talked to recently. Yet, they reached out to tell me their story about my wife," recalled Don. "I was even more surprised when flowers arrived. I know who did that and told him that I appreciated the gestures very much."



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POLITICS & OPINION

We're Not Giving Up On The Bay

Steuart Pittman
County Executive



When it comes to the Chesapeake Bay cleanup effort, in Anne Arundel County, we are still in. No local official should have to make such a declaration. It should be understood that every local and state government must do their part to meet the EPA's pollution reduction targets established for the Chesapeake Bay in 2010. There should be leadership from Washington D.C. demanding that governments across the watershed do their part or face consequences.

Unfortunately, it appears that after turning its back on emission standards, clean air rules, clean water rules, climate change and so many other environmental initiatives, this EPA may be abdicating its responsibilities to protect the Chesapeake Bay.

In early January, I spoke to legislators from Maryland, Virginia and Pennsylvania at the Chesapeake Bay Commission's meeting about Anne Arundel

County's efforts to help achieve clean water. I told legislators that our county council unanimously approved our legislation to protect forests from development. I talked about investing in our award-winning wastewater treatment plants, and how we hope to connect more septic systems to those plants to make our investments really pay off for clean water. I talked about the nearly \$270 million in stormwater infrastructure investments Anne Arundel County will make by 2023 to control flooding and reduce pollution. I finished with a collaborative message, saying it will require all of us working together as a partnership to make similar strides and achieve a clean Chesapeake Bay.

Later in the day, the director of the EPA's Chesapeake Bay Program told the same group of legislators that the Chesapeake Bay cleanup plan is an "aspirational document" that is not enforceable. I am told by others who were in the room that jaws collectively dropped. It was left to representatives from the Chesapeake Bay Foundation and Maryland Department of the En-

vironment to clarify for legislators that failure to reduce pollution should not be an option. Upon hearing this, I released a statement condemning the comment and calling upon local and state governments to declare "we are still in." Over the next few days, many environmental organizations and local elected officials also condemned the statement and demanded leadership from the EPA.

Last year, I directed staff to research how we could better protect the environment. Almost immediately, they reported back to me that we could significantly improve environmental protections simply by enforcing our current laws. I was told that the first step to reform was sending a message to the development community and county agencies that from here on out in Anne Arundel County, the law is the law. We released guidance to the development community and the Office of Planning and Zoning that no waivers, also known as modifications, to environmental laws would be approved without a guarantee that the environment would be improved

on development sites. Our Department of Inspections and Permits has announced stricter enforcement of sediment control laws on construction sites, and our Office of Planning and Zoning is releasing guidelines describing the requirements of the new forest conservation ordinance. We won't stop enforcing the laws, and we don't expect the EPA to stop either.

Anne Arundel County is not alone in its efforts to clean up the Chesapeake Bay. Local and state governments around the watershed have poured billions of dollars into this project. Yet, when some states and counties fall behind, we need strong federal leadership to bring them back in line. If the federal government won't lead this effort, then state and local governments must.

In Anne Arundel County, we are still in. And I invite the Chesapeake Bay governors and other local leaders to join us. Together, we will send a message back to the EPA that we will not sacrifice our bay-dependent local economies or our children's environment, when we have already come this far.

Suicide Is A County Public Health Crisis

Nathan Volke
Councilman
District 3



Over the last few months, I have been a member of the county's Gun Violence Prevention Task Force (GVPTF). My perspective on the task force is that of a legal gun owner and supporter of the Second Amendment. But it is also that of a person who has been impacted by gun violence, having lost a family member to death through suicide committed with a firearm.

With that in mind, I have listened with great interest to all of the information and data that was collected, and then presented, as part of the report released by the GVPTF in December. One of the key findings of that report was this: from 2013-2017 in Anne Arundel County, 67% of all deaths with a firearm were the result of suicide.

Beyond gun violence, suicide has been one of the top 10 causes of death in Anne Arundel County for the last seven years. And the number of suicides has been increasing, both in the county and nationally. In 2017, the last year for which we have data, we lost 95 Anne Arundel residents to death through suicide. That does not include all the unsuccessful attempts. Many deaths by suicide are committed with guns, but many are not. Over the last year, we have lost children in our schools who have felt they have no other option than to end their life by suicide.

Add to these numbers the following fact: suicide has been marginalized and stigmatized for decades. For too long, we have been ashamed to talk with our family members, friends, coworkers, and neighbors about mental health and illness.

Our county has made strides in the last few years to provide resources to residents at risk of suicide. In 2014, the county launched the Crisis Intervention

Team. These teams operate jointly with the county's Mental Health Agency and the police department to provide people who would be hospitalized or incarcerated with stable, more long-term treatment.

But the 2019 Community Health Needs Assessment published by the county indicates the need to expand resources to address this growing issue. The report notes that since 2013, the number of crisis interventions in public schools doubled from 2013 to 2018. Furthermore, there has been a 70% increase (from 2012 to 2018) in the number of county residents seeking mental health services.

The only way to successfully confront this issue is to bring the conversation directly into the public sphere. In my capacity on the Anne Arundel County Council, that starts by declaring that suicide is a public health crisis. The emphasis on the GVPTF was on identifying how the public health system can be used to help individuals who are at risk of committing gun violence. Nearly 70% of those individuals need mental health resources dedicated to suicide prevention.

Given the significant impact of suicide in our county, I felt moved to take action. That is why, at the January 6 county council meeting, I introduced Resolution 2-20, which declares suicide a public health crisis in Anne Arundel County and requests that the Department of Health take immediate steps to offer adequate treatment and services to county residents in need.

As we approach the next budget cycle for the fiscal year 2021 budget in May, I am hoping to see the county executive provide more resources for mental health in our schools and our community. Please share your perspective on this issue at the next county council meeting on Tuesday, January 21, when this resolution will be heard.

Reservations About Kirwan Commission's \$31.9 Billion Price Tag

Brian Chisholm
Delegate District 31



Let me start by emphatically stating a few facts before we begin our dive into this proposed legislation.

1. We all want a world-class education system here in Maryland.
2. We all want our kids to receive an exceptional education in a safe and productive learning environment.
3. We all want our teachers, administrators, staff and schools to be properly compensated and funded.

How do we design a system that meets these expectations?

The Thornton Commission was tasked with meeting these expectations in 2002. I will leave the analysis of that commission's successes or failures up to you, but it is worth noting that we are now back to the drawing board.

The Kirwan Commission is presently entrusted with providing a blueprint to deliver on these promises of a world-class public school system. The Kirwan Commission has rolled out its initial plan, and it is now titled "The Maryland Commission on Innovation and Excellence in Education." I concede to the architects of this plan that the positive and shiny new title seems much more engaging to the mind and avoids the inevitable pronunciation debate.

Regardless of the name, we all need a basic understanding of what changes should be expected and what results are anticipated from this extensive overhaul. How much will it cost, and who will pay for it? Does it address the other serious challenges many teachers face, such as disruptive and unruly students?

Without getting too deep into the weeds, I would like to cast light on two glaring elements of this proposal that give me serious concern. These two factors often get brushed over, but I feel they should be kept in mind when considering the possible unintended consequences and motives of this plan. If I were to look at this strictly through a business lens, it would scream to me, "If it results in a larger stream of revenue for us than we need more of it." I am just the son of a bricklayer, so forgive me if my assessment is off base, but please hear me out.

To fully digest my hesitation with these two elements, let me give you my basic understanding of our current system.

Every student in Maryland has a root mathematical formulaic figure assigned to them. As an example, in 2019, every Maryland student had an average mathematical formula sum of \$7,543 applied to them in state funding for education, an additional \$7,507 in county or local government funding, \$73.1 in federal funding and \$85 in miscellaneous funding. This produced

a \$15,848 average-per-Maryland-student figure for funding in our school system. Here is where it gets tricky; the formulas call for additional funds to be applied when certain parameters are met by different student populations. The two formula categories that continue to immerge in my mind as conceivable catalyst to nefarious practices are the following:

1. English as a second language students (ESOL)
2. Students eligible for free and reduced meals

I am not denying that some students desperately need these services, and we should be doing everything in our power to meet these needs. These legitimate issues need to be addressed properly, but the large sums of money at stake could produce overt waste, fraud and abuse.

Looking at this strictly from a dollars and cents context makes me consider the following scenario.

Let's pretend I own a business that makes widgets for the federal government. They have agreed to pay my business an additional 25% per widget for every left-handed, 6-foot-tall woman we hire and employ. It would stand basic reason that I would do everything possible to find, hire and encourage these individuals into my business. Sure, there is a cost to find and employ these individuals, but I am assured of the funds with very little accountability when it comes to a large government bureaucracy overseeing this incentive. Keep that in mind as we explore the funding formulas at play for this policy.

The current educational formulas used to allocate funds for students reward a larger dollar figure for students needing "free or reduced meals" and/or an additional amount of funds for ESOL students. As a whole, it makes perfectly good sense that these students carry a heavier cost to a school system. However, who is verifying that we are not experiencing major abuses in the calculations, data or formulas? I am all for ensuring that the hungry students are fed, and we are preparing young minds for the future, but is this ripe for waste?

Understanding these factors, does this provide counties and local governments a strong incentive to actively recruit more students lacking English speaking skills? Does the allure of financial gains add additional pressure to increase student enrollment in the free-and-reduced-meal-plan database? Is it possible that some of our decision makers are making policy that expands the number of students added to categories guaranteeing more revenue from Maryland? Could it be a factor in the efforts of some to have all-day pre k for 3- and 4-year-olds?

I will let others far more intelligent than me debate the historical research on the benefits and pitfalls of all-day pre-K for 3- and 4-year-olds. I will, however, certainly guarantee more teachers, administrators and employees added to the pension system, school funds liabilities and union.

The last estimate I recall reading showed \$5 billion in unfunded liabilities in the current teacher's union pension system. Adding greater stress to this already vulnerable pension system could be tragic and endanger the future payments to our current teachers and employees. Furthermore, we

presently have serious challenges with school construction and classroom sizes, so adding more students to our currently stressed system could have many negative consequences.

What will these educational reforms cost us as Maryland taxpayers over the next 10 years?

The best estimate, which can be found on page 137 of the Kirwan Report, shows increased funding of \$4 billion per year, so if you add up years one through nine, the true cost is \$31.9 billion. Our entire Maryland state budget for 2020 is \$46 billion. It is 100% indisputable and undeniable that this will apply enormous pressure on the state and local budgets to increase taxes.

When we are talking about the mandatory spending of \$31.9 billion, that has the potential to cut other vital services or even bankrupt our state, every question needs to be considered and answered with confidence. We as legislators owe this to all Marylanders but especially the future generations that will certainly have to pay for it.

I saw one estimate that projected a \$28,000 total allocation in year 2030 for each Baltimore City student. This again makes me ponder the following questions:

What if certain schools have only a 50% attendance rate? Do we then assign a \$56,000 value to the students who are showing up?

What about students who are bullied or threatened with violence on the way to school and discouraged from going?

We are in danger of losing some of these students forever due to the perils of certain schools and communities now. Would we not be better served to allocate those funds directly to each student so that they can be rewarded for achievement? I believe a system that had these funds follow the student and allowed them greater access to quality educational sources would be far more efficient, effective and just.

Might other resources, such as online learning tools or vouchers for school choice and charter schools, be far more

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Courthouse Dogs Going Statewide

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Senator
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Helping those in need has been one of my core objectives in the Senate. Whether it is vulnerable veterans, seniors or children, I have championed legislation to help them.

This year, I am working to make the Anne Arundel County Circuit Court Dog Program for children a statewide program. Several years ago, I passed legislation to pilot such a program in Anne Arundel and Harford counties.

The pilot program has been very successful and well received by all involved.

The Circuit Court Dog Program was created after many hours of researching what could be done to help

children in court settings. Many children are required to testify in court, and it can be an intimidating and terrifying experience.

As I talked with many associated with our courts and others in different states about including trained dogs in our court system, I was encouraged to proceed to create the program in Maryland.

Children may be required to testify in a case involving sexual assaults, domestic violence or some other horrific crime, or even in a nasty divorce case.

In any event, having a highly trained and comforting dog next to them creates a calming environment, and the truth is easier to extract from the child.

The program I created is voluntary for the court system, but if they agree

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Reservations About Kirwan Commission

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beneficial to the students?

Are we robbing these young minds with unlimited potential of a brighter future by forcing them into failing schools or risking their own lives in route to school? Should we not be offering greater school choice through vouchers and charter schools for the children with the true eagerness to learn? These new policy proposals fail to mention vouchers, school choice or charter schools at all.

Mark my words, taxes will need to be increased everywhere to pick up this hefty tab!

What other additional revenue sources are proposed to be tapped in order to produce this unprecedented amount of money.

1. Sales tax revenue from online purchases beginning in Fiscal Year 2020. This would be a tax on things such as Netflix, Amazon and retailers doing a minimum of 200 online transactions annually in Maryland. It is safe to say that 6%

increase will be passed on to you.

2. Mandated general fund expenditures redirected to education. Who do we take it from and who decides?

What happens if these revenue streams do not meet expectations and we face the real insecurities of cutting more vital services for our most vulnerable?

What do we expect to receive for this massive outlay of cash?

- All-day pre-K
- Teachers pay with no improvement or accountability measures tied to salary increases
- Pension increases
- New curriculums, tests and tutoring

I remain skeptical that this will really improve the educational value to our students and even more skeptical of whose hands end up grabbing the money.

I would feel better if I knew for sure the kids were the true driving force behind this massive price-tag and overhaul.

Governor Larry Hogan recently released his Fiscal Year 2021 (FY21) budget, which funds Marylanders' top priorities, including crime, education, transportation and the environment.

"We are very proud of this FY 2021 budget, which funds all the state's top priorities while maintaining \$1.3 billion in reserves and limiting budget growth to 1% without raising taxes, without cutting services, and without raiding dedicated special funds, which had become a common practice in years past," Hogan said. "I look forward to working together with the House and the Senate in a bipartisan and collaborative fashion, and I'm eager for them to begin their role in the budget process."

The full budget is available online.

ADDRESSING VIOLENT CRIME

• In FY21, police aid to local governments is funded at \$74.5 million and local law enforcement grants are funded at \$38.7 million. Another \$1.9 million is provided for the Violence Intervention and Prevention Program.

• In the second year of the governor's Baltimore City Crime Prevention Initiative, the FY21 budget includes \$6.9 million for grants that support crime prevention, prosecution, and witness protection and \$2.7 million for the Baltimore Regional Intelligence Center.

• The FY21 budget includes nearly \$2.6 million for 25 new prosecutors and support staff for the attorney general to prosecute violent crime.

• The budget maintains \$3 million to fund initiatives to recruit and retain police officers at the local level.

• The FY21 budget includes nearly \$272 million for community and residential

operations to provide direct care services to youth under the Department of Juvenile Services' supervision.

• In FY21, \$9.1 million is included for the replacement of new police vehicles and equipment.

EDUCATION FUNDING

• The FY21 budget includes \$250 million in funding to support the second year of the "Hogan Lockbox" to ensure that Video Lottery Terminal revenue supplements education funding.

• Since FY 2015, per pupil funding for K-12 education has grown from \$7,273 to \$8,157 (an increase of 12%).

• Nearly \$94 million to support the expansion of pre-kindergarten.

• The governor has also committed more than \$30 million above current law over two years to fund Concentration of Poverty Grants to provide full-time coverage of health care practitioners and community school coordinators.

• The FY21 budget again caps in-state resident tuition growth at 2% at the University System of Maryland, Morgan State University, and St. Mary's College.

ASSISTING VULNERABLE MARYLANDERS

• The State Reinsurance Program has helped lower premiums in the individual market by 23.5% over the last two years.

• More than \$29 million is provided to expand treatment access for all individuals with the Hepatitis C virus.

• Recipients of temporary cash and disability assistance programs will see monthly benefit increases of 2.5% and 17%, respectively.

• \$4.6 million goes toward food supplement benefits for more than 28,000 senior

households.

MENTAL HEALTH AND SUBSTANCE USE DISORDER PROGRAMS

• Funding for Medicaid mental health treatment services has increased by \$283 million (or 35%) under the Hogan administration.

• Residential treatment services for substance abuse has increased \$57.5 million (or 500%) since FY 2016.

• Fourth installment of \$10 million for the Opioid Operational Command Center.

NATURAL RESOURCES AND ENVIRONMENT

• The FY21 budget fully funds all transfer tax programs, including Program Open Space, and it also includes \$43.9 million to continue the repayments of past transfers.

• Programs supported by the Chesapeake and Atlantic Coastal Bays 2010 Trust Fund are fully funded — increasing nearly 7% over FY 2020 funding.

• Additional funding and positions are provided to support agricultural conservation practices to help Maryland farmers implement the Phosphorous Management Tool and meet Phase III Watershed Implementation Plan goals.

• Funding is included to extend and expand the state's tax credit for zero-emissions vehicles.

• Funding for the Comprehensive Flood Management Program is reestablished at \$6 million in FY21.

TRANSPORTATION INFRASTRUCTURE

• In FY21, the State Highway Administration budget includes more than \$340 million in key safety and traffic congestion relief projects.

• The governor's transit

budget includes almost \$1.4 billion in operating funding and more than \$941 million in capital funding.

• Transit operating funds have increased by more than 32% since FY 2015, while capital transit funds have increased by almost 60%.

• Funded capital improvements to Howard Street Tunnel to increase business at the Port of Baltimore and create thousands of jobs.

• Funded construction of the Purple Line, which has spurred development and jobs in the region.

• Committed \$167 million in additional funding to WMATA's capital program for the second consecutive year.

• Restored funding for local jurisdiction transportation needs.

STRONG FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP

• The FY21 general fund budget grows by only 1%, while total fund budget growth amounts to only 1.5%.

• The governor's budget exceeds the legislature's guidelines by leaving a Rainy Day Fund balance of 6.25% of revenues and a cash surplus greater than \$100 million.

• For the fifth year in a row, the budget proposal includes a pension payment that is \$75 million more than is actuarially required.

PROTECTING TAXPAYERS

• The FY21 budget does not include any tax or fee increases.

• Governor Hogan, as part of the FY21 budget, will introduce legislation to reduce the tax burden on Marylanders by expanding the Hometown Heroes tax credit, increasing the military retirement income exemption, and creating a new income exclusion for all retirees.

Courthouse Dog Program

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to participate, it sets up the protocols and rules that must be adhered to by the court.

Additionally, the training requirements for the dog and the dog handler are defined to ensure a proper setting.

This program would not have been possible without all the amazing personnel at our courts, States Attorney's Office, dog training facilities, dog handlers, my staff, and all the behind-the-scenes personnel and advocates.

Great programs take great people, and this pro-

gram has been blessed to have so many great people.

Therefore, this year I submitted Senate Bill 101 to take the Circuit Court Dog Program statewide.

It is my hope that this expansion will help so many more children throughout the state.

The first hearing will start in January and continue through April, if we are to pass this legislation.

To follow the progress of this bill or to provide a letter of support for it, please contact my office at bryan.simonaire@senate.state.md.us or call my office at 410-841-3658.

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Building Your Financial Aptitude To Actively Manage Your Money

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Do you know where to put your next dollar? Edward Jones financial advisor Dan Higgins is here to help.

With eight years at his Edward Jones office in Pasadena, Higgins aims to educate and strives to offer personalized solutions to help meet clients' long-term goals.

"My number one thing is, when you walk in the door, I tell people that I am a financial educator. My goal is to educate you," explained Higgins, who is also working on a book about financial literacy. "We believe in wealth management and we want to make sure that we have the tools available to have an organized, systematic process that we individualize to people. For some of them, that's using the fiduciary standards.



Dan Higgins encourages everyone to take an active role in understanding their financial picture.

For others, the brokerage style is most appropriate, so we tailor to whatever it is that individual needs."

Growing up on the shores of Lake Superior in northern Michigan, he attended the U.S. Naval Academy and served in the Marines for five and a half years as an aviation supply officer. After earn-

ing his doctorate in physical therapy at Baylor University, he continued his service in the Navy as a physical therapist. Working with special operations service members and on an aircraft carrier, he returned to Annapolis to work with midshipmen at the end of his military career. He started working in Severna

Park after retiring from the Navy, and relocated his office to Pasadena in late 2012.

"From day one it's just been phenomenal," Higgins said. "Pasadena people, it's been a mostly blue-collar neighborhood. People are friendly and open. It's a wonderful opportunity, because that's the community I grew up with in northern Michigan, so it feels like I'm in my hometown."

He says that while most people who come in are looking for information about investing for retirement, every client is unique and every plan at Edward Jones is designed specifically for each client.

"We're individualizing to everyone's needs and partner with them throughout their life," he explained. "We ask questions to find out where each client is today; where do they want to go; and how can they get there."

Higgins encourages every-

one to take an active role in understanding their financial picture – knowing what you make, having an idea of your expenses, knowing what you have for investments – to ensure that you're in charge of your money, instead of someone else.

"I think action is better than inaction," he said. "I'm trying to get people to be proactive. Once you start taking a few steps, it's amazing how far you can get down the road."

It's never too late to take the first step, and a visit to his office is actually risk – and cost – free as well.

"When you walk in here, it doesn't cost you a dime," Higgins said. "You can sit down and we can have a conversation and use our tools to come up with a financial plan for you, and you're not going to write a check for that."

If you chose to become a client, he looks at it as a part-

nership focused on reaching your financial objectives.

"What are your objectives? What are your needs? We'll find a process, we'll review it regularly, and we'll make adjustments," he added.

While he doesn't have a crystal ball, he's confident that the tools and resources at Edward Jones can help people gain a better understanding of wealth management and make positive strides toward establishing or maintaining a sturdy financial foundation.

"I can't promise a certain return or make predictions – and past performance is not an indicator of future performance. But, systematically is the best way to do it. Keep taking steps forward, and then adjusting things."

Edward Jones is located at 4100 Mountain Road. For more information, call 410-360-4230 or visit www.edwardjones.com.

HeartLands Is Committed To Personalized Experiences

Story and Photo
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The decision to move into an assisted living community is not an easy one for many families.

The staff at HeartLands Assisted Living, a medium-sized facility with 82 residents, is committed to providing each resident with a personalized experience – making that decision a little easier.

"This team has longevity in health care," explained Anne Stewart, director of sales at HeartLands. "Typically, a team member might stay two or three years on average. Of the eight department heads here, most of us have been here 15 to 17 years. In fact, the newest person has been here 12 years. That's the new guy on the block. Things are very consistent here. It's not

a constant changing of faces that you have to learn."

With 13 different room layouts, HeartLands is designed to accommodate married couples, veterans, various levels of dependency, and short- and long-term care. HeartLands is owned by Five Star Senior Living, an organization dedicated to maximizing and enhancing lifestyle. All Five Star sites are held to high standards in terms of resident care and experience.

Of the 281 sites all over the country, HeartLands Severna Park was named number two in the nation for customer and family satisfaction.

"We are very customer-service oriented," said Stewart. "The promise is if anything isn't to your liking, we have an open-door policy."

Much of Stewart's job is reassuring families. She gives



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her personal cellphone number to families and encourages them to reach out to her at any time with questions or concerns.

"I'm a problem solver. Families that come to me have had something occur in their lives. Their parent has had a hospitalization or realization that they can't

stay home anymore," said Stewart. "They are terrified, nervous and they have a big step ahead of them. I help navigate that."

When it comes to assisted living communities, the residents and families have to make the decision themselves. After a tour of the facility and a private lunch

in the dining room, families are encouraged by Stewart to go home and think about the decision before they commit to anything.

"This is not high-pressure sales," said Stewart. "This is too important a decision for high-pressure sales."

In Maryland, assisted living communities are required to have nurses available for only eight hours a day. At HeartLands, nurses are available around the clock.

"The average age in this building is 87, and I assure you illness and falls do not happen between 9:00am and 5:00pm," said Stewart. "They happen at night, they happen in the middle of the night. We've always had 24-hour nursing here, and for a long time we were the only ones that had 24-hour nursing."

Physical, speech, and occupational therapy is offered in-house and memory care is available for residents with Alzheimer's disease or dementia. Also, an activity program, directed by Linda Seegmuller, allows residents to pursue hobbies, join clubs and more.

Stewart refers to HeartLands as a "boutique-style" assisted living experience. Everyone is a priority and every experience is unique.

"The population we serve remembers boutique shopping. Little stores, little shops, little bistros where there is special attention to you," said Stewart. "That is what we do here."

HeartLands is hosting an open house on January 25 from 10:00am to 2:00pm. To learn more call 410-729-1600 or visit www.heartlandsassistedliving.com.

How The SECURE Act Is Changing Retirement Planning

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We all have one of those people in our family or at the office; a person who, no matter the people around them or where they are, they make you cringe as much as they might make you smile. They don't care who they disagree with. They don't care if they are politically correct. I'm talking about the people who talk politics all the time. Well, Congress just gave these types of people a lot to talk about. In fact, Congress gave all of us a lot to talk about, particularly those approaching retirement.

On Friday, December 20, 2019, the SECURE Act was passed. SECURE stands for "Setting Every Community Up for Retirement Enhancement" and is intended to strengthen retirement security for people across the country. The bill has put into place several changes, and I'd say that for the most part, the changes are positives.

As with anything, there are some tradeoffs. These law changes will impact those approaching retirement, those already in retirement, and those who inherit an IRA from a loved one.

CHANGES TO REQUIRED MINIMUM DISTRIBUTIONS (RMDs)

Previously, you were required to start taking a required minimum distribution, or RMD, the year you turned

70.5 years old. Anyone with an IRA or 401(k) was required to withdraw a certain percentage (based on age) of their account each year. Essentially, this was the government saying you have deferred paying taxes on these funds long enough, and they want the tax revenue. This was not always an ideal situation, as many people I work with did not need the money at that age. The SECURE Act has pushed the age when you start taking your RMD to 72 years old. According to a MarketWatch article, the 70.5 age was based on life expectancies in the early 1960s and had not been updated since.

It's important to note that account owners who turned 70.5 before December 31, 2019, should ensure that they have taken their RMD or have plans to do so prior to the deadline of April 1, 2020. Anyone who has an IRA and who turned 70.5 on or after January 1, 2020 will not need to begin taking required minimum distributions until 2022.

CHANGES TO TRADITIONAL IRA CONTRIBUTIONS

Previously, there was a maximum age of 70.5 that you could contribute to your traditional IRA. The SECURE Act eliminates the maximum age completely for those with an earned income. In 2020, the maximum contributions to all of your IRA accounts (traditional and Roth) is \$7,000 for those aged 50 years and older (\$6,000 for those under 50 years old).

CHANGES TO INHERITED IRAS OR STRETCH IRAS

Previously, anyone who inherited an IRA could stretch the IRA required minimum distributions out over their expected lifetime. This helped to potentially expand the tax liability out over several years or decades. With the exception of beneficiaries who inherit an IRA from a husband or wife, this benefit has been revised from lifetime to 10 years. This is one of the tradeoffs for all the positives in the law.

Beneficiaries of an inherited IRA will be required to withdraw all assets of that IRA within 10 years. Since regular required minimum distributions will no longer be required, but all assets must be out in 10 years, it will be important to talk to a tax professional when making the decision of when to withdraw the funds. If you have inherited an IRA from someone other than a spouse and you are still working, particularly if you are in your prime earning years, withdrawing this money will have tax implications that you want to be prepared for.

Again, note that spouses who inherit an IRA from a husband or wife will still be able to stretch the distributions out over their lifetime. The law also provides exceptions for minor children, disabled individuals, and people less than 10 years younger than the decedent. I'd recommend that if you have an estate plan in place, your estate planner to see if the SECURE Act necessitates

any changes.

It's important to note that these changes do not affect existing inherited IRA accounts. This only applies to accounts inherited in 2020 or later.

YOUR NEXT STEPS

I see this law impacting two areas significantly, estate planning and retirement planning. Those of you who thought you had an estate plan in place need to meet with a professional to see how this law has impacted it. If you don't have an estate plan in place, you should meet with a professional to put one in place.

The SECURE Act will affect how you plan for retirement, and a visit to your trusted financial professional to review your plan and how these changes affect it is highly recommended. Many parts of the SECURE Act go into effect this year, so you'll want to prioritize visiting your estate and retirement planning professionals right away.

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Compliance Notes: The 70.5 age was based on life expectancies in the early 1960s, the House said, and had not been updated since.

PBA Update

Sandi Parrish
 Executive
 Director



The Pasadena Business Association hopes everyone had a wonderful holiday.

PBA's A Child's Christmas program, with the help of our wonderful members and the community, was able to sponsor 63 children from 27 families this year. We were concentrating on grandparents raising grandchildren, aunts and uncles raising nieces and nephews, and siblings raising younger siblings. Thank you to everyone who donated, sponsored a family, and helped with delivering items.

Join us for dinner, drinks, dancing, great silent auction items and more at PBA's annual scholarship fundraiser dinner. This fun, themed event is always a good time. We have given out over \$215,000 in scholarships to students in Pasadena and we'd like to give out more this year. We hope to see you there!

We are having a good old-fashioned country hoedown on March 7 at Kurtz's Beach from 7:00pm to 11:00pm. DJ Marcus will spin the records for dancing. We will have a country buffet and oyster bar with draft beer, wine and soda included. There will be a

silent auction for some great deals.

All of the proceeds go toward scholarships for local high school seniors. Visit the scholarship fundraiser page for more info.

Tickets are \$40 each if purchased by February 28 and \$50 each if purchased after February 28. For tickets, to donate a silent auction item or to volunteer, contact event co-chairs Jerry Nicklow from Huff Insurance at jerry@huffinsurance.com and Heather Fees from Keller Williams Realty at hffreesrealtor@gmail.com.

Tickets are on sale online at www.pbafund-raisers.com. BB&T* at 3030 Mountain Road, Huff Insurance* at 8349 Ritchie Highway, and Arundel Federal Savings Bank at 4179 Mountain Road (* Must be paid by check or cash at these locations).

You can buy and pay by credit card on the website, www.pbafund-raisers.com, or mail a check to the PBA office, PO Box 861, Pasadena, MD 21123-0861.

Remember to shop local whenever possible and support your local businesses that support our community.

PBA will host its Shop Local Festival on June 13 from 10:00am to 2:00pm, so mark your calendars. We will have games and activities, vendor demos, special offers, music and more.

Author Writes Book On The History Of The Rock Band The Eagles



With the first iconic strum of the guitar on their first hit "Take It Easy," the Eagles set a new direction for the country-rock-infused California sound.

Rik Forgo, an author based in Pasadena, spent the last two years compiling information, interviewing and building a micro-history of the group's origin story.

The Eagles drew their inspirations from the Beatles, Elvis Presley, the Byrds, Buffalo Springfield, the Flying Burrito Brothers and other country-rock artists who set the tone for music in the late 1960s and early 1970s, including Rock and Roll Hall of Famers Linda Ronstadt and Jackson Browne.

In the band members' first nine years together, they scored gold records for every album they released and delivered songs that changed the musical



landscape. Their thought-provoking, intimate lyrics were matched by precision instrumentation that sounded as good live as in the studio. Legions of fans built around them.

But where did they come from? With the new book release, "Eagles: Before The Band," Forgo and publisher Time Passages tell the band's story and map band members' individual histories before they became one of the bestselling rock bands in history.

"Eagles: Before The

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Mother And Daughter Rediscover Connection To Art

By Brenda Wintrobe

Pasadena painter Celia Poteet remembers her mother, commercial artist Elsie Cullins, creating works of art at the family's kitchen table as she and her siblings watched.

"Mom would sit down with just a page out of a coloring book, and we would watch as she would turn that black and white drawing into something with depth," Poteet said. Cullins' love of art was something she shared with her children as often as she could. Over 50 years later, the mother and her middle daughter, Poteet, are sharing their artwork with the community as featured artists through the end of February at Mountain Road Library.

The Pasadena residents are exhibiting more than 30 acrylic and watercolor paintings of still life and naturescapes. Works of bright gerbera daisies, docile sheep eating grass in a green field, rowboats on the beach, village scenes and wild white lilies are free for public viewing in the library's meeting room.

"I think sitting around that table together drawing, it was a teaching moment without being intentional at all," said Poteet, 62, who was surprised to discover after taking an art class that she had a talent for watercolor painting.

"She has not been studying with me for that long, but her work is at a superior level," said senior center art instructor David Lawton of Poteet's work.

Lawton received the 2019 Annie Award for Visual Arts,



The work of Celia Poteet and Elsie Cullins is on exhibit at Mountain Road Library. "Hydrangeas" is an acrylic piece and "Two Boats" is a watercolor — both were painted by Cullins.



an annual award given by the Arts Council of Anne Arundel County, and teaches at the Pasadena Senior Center through an Anne Arundel Community College adjunct program.

Cullins, 87, had been taking classes for years from Lawton before Poteet joined the class. Lawton noticed Cullins' sound drawing skills, gained from her professional training as a commercial artist at the Abbott School of Fine and Commercial Art, and her brief career as a commercial illustrator.

"Her strength is in her drawing from her early days at Hecht Company," Lawton said. "That was back in the day when you actually had to draw the logos that would go in the paper."

Cullins' art training started well before college. She recalls sketching Clark Gable's face on the back of a discarded envelope after one of her sisters took her to see "Gone With the Wind" in the movie theater.

"That was when I was a kid," said Cullins. "I was so impressed ... being a farm kid."

Paper for drawing was scarce on her parents' tobacco, grain and cattle farm. Envelopes the family received from the Department of Agriculture, once emptied of instructions on growing and canning, became her first sketch pad.

"Once my mother realized that my drawings were something, she found me some crayons and eventually some

watercolors," Cullins said.

After graduating high school in 1950, Cullins told her father she wanted to be a commercial artist. He was confused by her announcement.

"He said, 'It seems awfully silly to go to school to learn how to draw,'" Cullins said.

She held up his daily newspaper to show him the type of advertising illustrations she would produce. Convincing her father of her decision "took some talking," she said, but eventually, he came around.

She paid her full tuition with the \$1,000 he gave each one of his five daughters before they moved out. Cullins worked as an ad illustrator after she finished school and heard from neighbors that once her work was printed in the Times-Herald, a long-ago disbanded D.C. newspaper, her father would share her illustrations with them.

During the many decades between then and now, time for art in her life was as scarce as the paper supply on her parents' farm. Cullins married Millersville farmer James Wood and stopped making art to make a life with him. They had three children, and when James died at 40, she ran the farm with the help of the children and her mother-in-law.

She didn't rejuvenate her connection to art until after her second husband, Billy Joe Cullins, died in 2012, but she said she always knew she would.

"In the back of my mind, as soon as I had some time, I didn't care how old I was, I was going to start learning what I wanted to in my own time," Cullins said.

The Mountain Road Library will have Poteet's and Cullins' paintings on display through the end of February.

Digital Photography Club Displays Work At Gallery 90

The work of members of the Digital Photography Club of Annapolis is being featured in an exhibit in Hospice of the Chesapeake's Gallery 90 through February 28.

The art gallery is located throughout the nonprofit's administrative building on the John & Cathy Belcher Campus at 90 Ritchie Highway in Pasadena.

The exhibit is comprised of 31 photos by 11 members: Michael Clemens, Don Dement, Wayne



The exhibit includes "Bluebird Fledgling Pair" by Carla Mason.

tails, visit dpca.photoclub-services.com.

Gallery 90 was established to realize the vision of creating a harmonious work environment for Hospice of the Chesapeake administrative staff and visiting nurses, caregivers and volunteers who work directly with patients and their families.

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"Portland" by James Finnerty is part of the exhibit.

Dernoncourt, James Finnerty, Howard Friedman, Carla Mason, Penny Mohr, Don Patterson, Bill Reichardt, Valerie Rocco and Anne Weathersby.

The club is comprised of a diverse group of photographers, including beginners, hobbyists, serious amateurs and professionals, who love to take and share their photographs. It meets at Maryland Hall in Annapolis twice a month from September to June so digital camera enthusiasts can share their work, hear from well-known local speakers, plan field trips and take part in photo exhibits at venues throughout the community. For de-



Art enthusiasts can view Michael Clemens' piece "Puddin' and Eunice in Annapolis."

New Slate Of TV Shows Delivers Drama And Fun

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With the ever-expanding network of shows available through cable and streaming services, how can you decide what shows are worth your time? Check out this handy guide of newly released and upcoming programs to find a few that fit your preferences.

DRAMA

"Truth Be Told"

Premiered December 6
Fridays on Apple TV+

Guilty or not guilty? A teenage boy was convicted of murdering his neighbor, and nearly 20 years later, podcaster Poppy Parnell (Octavia Spencer) is delving back into the case to prove his innocence.

Based on Kathleen Barber's book, formerly titled "Are You Sleeping," the Apple TV+ program attempts to distinguish itself from similar shows by weaving in a web of secrets that connects both major and minor characters. The star-studded cast includes Lizzy Caplan ("Cloverfield") and "Mean Girls") as Josie and Lanie Buhrman, Aaron Paul ("Breaking Bad") as inmate Warren Cave, and Ron Cephas Jones ("This Is Us") as Parnell's father.

"Truth Be Told" is a notch above the run-of-the-mill crime drama. Viewers longing for their short-term whodunit fix will likely enjoy the show, whereas others might find it lacking in originality.

"Reprisal"

Premiered December 6
All episodes streaming on Hulu



"Truth Be Told" — Photo courtesy of Apple TV+

Hulu's noir thriller "Reprisal" doesn't waste any time, starting with an ominous scene that leaves a woman (played by Abigail Spencer) chained to a truck and left for dead. Years later, using the alias Doris Quinn, she's out to get revenge against the Banned Brawlers gang that wronged her, but she also faces a new challenge in the form of a Detroit mobster (played by Ron Perlman of "Sons of Anarchy"), who wants to take over the restaurant she's inheriting from her dying husband.

Created by Josh Corbin, "Reprisal" features solid acting and plenty of intrigue. It also transports the audience to a vibrant world with hot rods and the retro music of the Bang-A-Rang club. It's a pulpy, fun-filled ride that leaves several characters covered in blood.

"Soundtrack"

Premiered December 18
All episodes streaming on Netflix

Joshua Safran's new series is partially told through story and partially

conveyed by the main characters' spontaneous attempts to lip-sync songs. The show emphasizes a song's ability to make us feel human and enhance our emotions. While the show may become a new favorite for fans of musicals, it often falls flat because for every song that propels the story forward and elicits genuine sympathy or concern for a character, there is another song that feels out of place, wasted for the sake of meeting an arbitrary quota. Enjoy the show for its choreography and flair. Just don't expect to yell "encore!" after the final song.

"Dare Me"

Premiered December 29
Sundays at 10:00pm on USA Network

Based on the novel by Megan Abbott, "Dare Me" dives into the cutthroat world of competitive high school cheerleading. However, the show is about much more than that. As the teenagers vie for top placement in their sport, they simultaneously become entangled in conflicts

that arise from jealousy and small-town secrets.

The tension starts brewing in the first episode as two friends, played by Herizen Guardiola and Marlo Kelly, see their relationship fractured after the arrival of their new coach, Colette French (Willa Fitzgerald from MTV's "Scream").

"Dare Me" is an authentic look at the challenges and peer pressure associated with high school. Note that the show includes adult themes and situations.

"Deputy"

Premiered January 2
Thursdays at 9:00pm on FOX

Bill Hollister (Stephen Dorff of "True Detective") is an old-school lawman who makes decisions based on his own moral code. That sometimes means breaking the law in order to catch criminals. His methods are scrutinized by some of his colleagues, but that fact becomes moot when the elected Los Angeles sheriff dies and Hollister takes his place since he is the longest-serving officer in the sheriff's mounted posse.

Hollister detests press conferences and the limelight, yet he has a flair for playing the outlaw, finding himself in shootouts and car chases. Expect to find action-packed sequences and procedural narratives. Don't turn to this program if you're looking for fresh dialogue or a show that's reinventing the wheel.

"The New Pope"

Premiered January 13
HBO

A spinoff of "The Young Pope," this show explores

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» **Continued from A13** the hidden world of the Vatican City. Jude Law and John Malkovich star in the drama.



"The Outsider" — Photo courtesy of Bob Mahoney/HBO

"The Outsider"
Premiered January 12
HBO

Based on Stephen King's bestselling novel of the same name, "The Outsider" begins by following a seemingly straightforward investigation into the gruesome murder of a young boy. But when an insidious supernatural force edges its way into the case, it leads a seasoned cop and an unorthodox investigator to question everything they believe in.

CRIME

"FBI: Most Wanted"

Premiered January 7
Tuesdays at 9:00pm on CBS

Dick Wolf, the producer behind "Law & Order" and "Chicago Fire," is the brainchild behind this high-stakes drama focusing on the Fugitive Task Force, which relentlessly tracks and captures the notorious criminals on the FBI's Most Wanted list.

"Lincoln Rhyme: Hunt for the Bone Collector"

Premiered January 10
Fridays at 8:00pm on NBC

NBC has had its hits and misses with police procedural shows. The network's latest attempt is based on Jeffery Deaver novel about a criminolo-

gist who suffered a terrible accident. Now he's coming out of retirement to solve a murder that seemingly points back to the "bone collector," the killer who left him paralyzed. With the help of young officer Amelia Sachs, he seeks to catch the psychopath, but both Rhyme and Sachs get caught up in a deadly game of cat and mouse.

SCIENCE FICTION & FANTASY



"The Witcher" — Photo courtesy of Katalin Vermes/Netflix

"The Witcher"

Premiered December 20
All episodes streaming on Netflix

"The Witcher" has polarized critics and regular viewers alike because of its approach to storytelling and plainspoken main character, Geralt of Rivia, a burly, white-haired monster hunter portrayed by Henry Cavill ("Man of Steel").

Before its release, "The Witcher" was heralded as the next "Game of Thrones," a sprawling fantasy epic comprised of plot twists and action. While both shows are fantastical, the similarities end there. In its disjointed pilot, "The Witcher" lays the groundwork for multiple storylines but moves too quickly through one storyline in particular, causing the "tragic" events to be inconsequential.

Inspired by the stories of Polish writer Andrzej Sapkowski and ensuing video game adaptations, "The Witcher" improves over the

course of several episodes, though, and is worth watching if you can exert some patience and enjoy the action without getting too caught up in the show's shortcomings.

COMEDY



"AJ and the Queen" — Photo courtesy of Saeed Adyani/Netflix

"AJ and the Queen"

Premiered January 10
All episodes streaming on Netflix

While traveling across the country in a run-down RV, drag queen Ruby Red discovers an unlikely sidekick in AJ: a tough-talking 10-year-old stowaway.

ANIMATED/KIDS SERIES



"Fast & Furious: Spy Racers" — Photo courtesy of Netflix

"Fast & Furious: Spy Racers"

Premiered December 26
All episodes streaming on Netflix

"Fast & Furious: Spy Racers" follows a group of teenagers who are recruited by a government agency to infiltrate an elite racing league controlled by a nefarious organization bent on world domination. No problem, right? Leading the crew is Tony Toretto, the cousin of Dominic Toretto, who is again portrayed – at least in voice – by Vin Diesel. With kid-friendly jokes and exciting stunts, the show is sure to charm younger viewers.

REALITY TV & INVESTIGATIVE SERIES



"Expedition Bigfoot" — Photo courtesy of Travel Channel

"Expedition Bigfoot"

Premiered December 8
Sundays on Travel Channel

A team of Sasquatch specialists go on a three-week expedition into the unforgiving Oregon wilderness to find Bigfoot with the help of new technology. Depending on your belief in Bigfoot lore, the show will either come off as hokey or revelatory.



"Lost in the Wild" — Photo courtesy of Travel Channel

"Lost in the Wild"

Premiered December 29
Sundays on Travel Channel

In this eight-episode series, veteran explorers Kinga Philipps and J.J. Kelley investigate the most-fascinating missing person cases on the planet. From Panama to the fabled lost city of Akakor, various parts of the globe are traversed as Philipps and Kelley look into cases new and old, speaking to witnesses, experts and locals in their quest to find the truth.

"Flirty Dancing"

Premiered December 29
Wednesdays at 8:00pm on FOX



"Flirty Dancing" — Photo courtesy of Greg Gayne/FOX

Hosted by Jenna Dewan, "Flirty Dancing" offers a new take on blind dating. In each episode, a single man or woman must learn two dances and perform each one with two potential matches. But here's the catch: there's no small talk. The bachelor or bachelorette must pick a match solely on the chemistry felt during the dance routines.

"Flirty Dancing" is heartfelt and genuine, even if the formula gets a bit repetitive.

Several other shows are also debuting in late January and February. From "9-1-1" co-creators Ryan Murphy, Brad Falchuk and Tim Minear, "9-1-1: Lone Star" follows a sophisticated New York cop who, along with his son, relocates to Austin and must try to balance the duties of saving those who are at their most vulnerable and solving the problems in his own life. Starting January 19 on FOX, that series stars Rob Lowe and Liv Tyler. The Paramount Network program "68 Whiskey" will chronicle the lives of a diverse group of Army medics stationed in Afghanistan. Created by executive producers Ron Howard and Brian Grazer, the comedy-drama airs January 15.

These shows came out at the end of fall but are worth your time if you haven't seen them yet.



"The Mandalorian" — Photo courtesy of Disney+

"The Mandalorian" on Disney+

Baby Yoda has become a phenomenon and the subject of numerous memes. The "Star Wars" live-action show has much more to offer, though, introducing a new, captivating storyline created by Jon Favreau.

Set 30 years after the events depicted in Alan Moore's graphic novel, "Watchmen" is an ambitious turn for the series about masked vigilantes. Shrouded in mystery, the series can be perplexing at times, but showrunner Damon Lindelof ("Lost," "The Leftovers") rewards viewers with a satisfying conclusion.



"Watchmen" — Photo courtesy of HBO

"Watchmen" on HBO

"Living With Yourself" on Netflix
Actor Paul Rudd was nominated for a Golden Globe Award following his performance in this new comedy about a man who is burned out on life and love, and who undergoes a mysterious treatment, only to discover that he has been replaced by a better version of himself.

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Dining Out

The Bangkok Oriental Offers Fabulous Food In A Friendly Environment

By Mary Cobbler

I visited The Bangkok Oriental restaurant on New Year's Eve and appropriately ate drunken noodles. The thought made me smile. Actually, the whole restaurant did. Tired after a long day of work, I found the restaurant to be a welcome respite — calm and serene; beautifully decorated with photos of Thailand, religious statues, Thai artifacts, and even musical instruments.

My waiter, "Mo," was professional and kind. He served me jasmine tea in a classic china teapot with an elegant matching cup engraved with a drawing of a tiny bird. I always find it interesting that I can drink tea at an Asian restaurant, but it never tastes the same at home.

Mo was knowledgeable about all of the food and readily shared his customers' favorites along with his own.

I perused the menu and chose the Bangkok Oriental sampler appetizer. Within minutes, Mo delivered the large plate of mixed goodies — spring rolls, dumplings, "shrimp in the blanket," coconut shrimp, chicken satay, fried green beans, and fried candies, accompanied by several dipping sauces.



The pad kee mao (drunken noodles) blended thick noodles with broccoli, tomatoes, baby corn, Napa cabbage, carrots, red bell peppers and snow peas, all in a chili garlic sauce with fresh Thai basil.

For \$14.95, this is an excellent appetizer for a small group. The chicken was tender and flavorful, and all of the other items were crisp, not at all greasy, and infused with just the right amount of wonderful Thai seasonings. The spring rolls were especially tasty, with thin ribbons of carrots, bean thread noodles, and cabbage with homemade sweet-and-sour sauce. The fried beans were crispy on the outside and tender on the inside, and the coconut shrimp had a sweet aftertaste. The fried

"candies" were crispy meat-filled wontons. All of it was scrumptious.

Other tempting appetizers include onion petal and Thai fish cakes. The soups also looked inviting, especially the tom yum (lemon-grass soup) or the tom kha (coconut milk soup).

One of Mo's suggested favorite entrees, the pad kee mao (drunken noodles), outshined most if not all of the food I've tasted in the last year. Served hot, this dish was a blend of thick, flat noodles stir-fried with bro-

coli, tomatoes, baby corn, Napa cabbage, carrots, red bell peppers and snow peas, all in a chili garlic sauce with fresh Thai basil. Not only was it a fabulous blend of texture and tastes, but it was also colorful. Offered additions included beef, chicken, pork, tofu, shrimp or a seafood combination. I chose shrimp, and it was perfectly steamed.

There are three levels of heat you can choose, and even the lower level had a kick. But the heat was wonderful with the savory,

garlicky sauce with just a touch of sweetness. The flavors literally burst in my mouth — the fresh, soft tomatoes; crunchy snow peas; crisp peppers — all of those textures made this a genuinely pleasurable meal.

Following the advice of the online reviews about

spice, the Thai coffee was a perfect accompaniment to the dessert.

Originally from Thailand, members of the kitchen staff pride themselves on serving authentic Thai food, choosing fresh ingredients, and preparing all of the sauces in-house.

The menu selection is large with many tempting curries, unique salads (papaya salad, bean thread salad), stir-fried rice dishes, and an assortment of other entrees such as crispy duck pad ped, crisp whole fish, eggplant, and many types of meat and seafood dishes. Prices are reasonable, with most entrees running about \$14 or less.

Carryout or eat-in options are available. This restaurant is a delight; perfect for a date night or time with family and friends.



Spring rolls, dumplings, "shrimp in the blanket," coconut shrimp, chicken satay, fried green beans, and fried candies were all included in the Bangkok Oriental sampler appetizer.

sticky rice with mango, I placed my dessert order, along with an order of Thai iced coffee. The sticky rice was an experience. The plump pillow of soft, warm, sweet rice, combined with the refreshing tang of the fresh mango, was magnificent. Strong, with heavy cream and a touch of

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Author Writes Book On The History Of The Eagles

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Band" walks Eagles fans through the often hard-scrabble lives of each band member as they searched for musical success in the mid-to-late 1960s. Glenn Frey started in teen clubs around Detroit. Don Henley worked the dive-bar circuit in East Texas. Bernie Leadon and Don Felder played frat parties in Gainesville, Florida. Randy Meisner took his crystal-high vocals to out-of-the-way clubs in the far reaches of Nebraska and Colorado. Timothy B. Schmit worked his way up from local parties to playing in front of huge California crowds. And Joe Walsh dropped the oboe in New Jersey and became a guitar legend in bars across Ohio.

The four founding members were suddenly backing up Linda Ronstadt in a Disneyland concert in 1971. Rock-and-roll history ensued. "Eagles: Before The Band" follows each band member's inspirations and paths, including groups they started with and albums and singles they released along the way. Fan-friendly details like early

reviews, who each member collaborated with, television and movies appearances, and what bands they toured with are chronicled meticulously.

Forgo compiled the band's story from more than 1,400 cited references and organized them season-by-season so fans could keep pace with each band member in the pilgrimage that led them to the Eagles. Helpful biographies of band members, contributing artists, producers and managers are coupled with insightful analyses of their early works. Together they paint a picture of their evolution as artists and musicians, and how rock music was changed by their journey.

"Eagles: Before The Band" is a unique book in the rock music publishing industry, and it presents the band's story in a way that fans will love. It is currently available on Amazon and will be in local book stores soon.

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Cougar Wrestlers Dominant In Win Over Glen Burnie

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Glen Burnie's wrestling team was always going to have a tough time coming out with a dual win at Chesapeake on January 15, as the Gophers entered the match looking at forfeits in four weight classes.

Once on the mat, the going got even tougher.

The Cougars delivered a near-complete performance, outwrestling the Gophers for a 61-12 win and showing the prowess that has carried them to strong results throughout the season.

Chesapeake head coach **Randy Curtin**, whose Cougars have stacked up wins individually and as a team this season, saw another quality outing against Glen Burnie. The Cougars previously posted team wins at the Hammond and Frederick tournaments

and a big win over previously undefeated Annapolis, and they're looking to qualify for the regional duals for the second straight season.

Chesapeake is 22-4 overall including tournaments and 6-3 in duals, including 5-3 in county, with close losses to perennial county contenders South River and Old Mill.

"We are pushing to qualify for the regional duals and hopefully compete and do well in that," said Curtin.

"Then when the county tournament comes around, we're hoping to be right there in the mix at the top of the county tournament. I think we will have multiple guys going to county finals."

Against Glen Burnie, Chesapeake took a 12-0 lead right off the bat by accepting forfeits in the 132-lbs and 138-lbs weight classes.

Aiden Yost moved to 28-6 on the season at 132, and **Owen Schmidt** improved to » Continued on B4



Photo by Colin Murphy

Chesapeake's Victor Listorti used a leg sweep to throw Glen Anderson to the mat on January 15. Listorti defeated Anderson by pin to improve to 32-2 on the season.

Northeast Boys Beat Chesapeake To Keep Pace In County, Region



Photos by Colin Murphy

Northeast's (l-r) Jordan Williams, Trent McNeill and Jaylin Albury all came up with key baskets throughout the Eagles' win over Chesapeake on January 17. Northeast has swept its two regular-season meetings with the Cougars.

By Colin Murphy
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Even though they had already beaten Chesapeake by the lopsided score of 72-27 earlier this season, the Northeast boys basketball team had every reason to expect the rivalry rematch on January 17 to be a much closer affair.

The host Cougars did everything they could to pull the game in their direction, but Northeast's poise in front of a Friday night crowd and big-moment playmaking was enough for the Eagles to prevail with a 46-36 win.

Jaylin Albury led the Eagles with 14 points and 6

assists, **Trent McNeill** added 10 points and 5 assists, and **Darrell Sheppard** added 9 points and 8 rebounds for Northeast, which improved to 10-3 overall and kept pace in its quest for top region seeding and a possible berth in the county championship.

Northeast coach **Roger O'Dea** said he worried his Eagles would be too comfortable against an opponent they had hammered on December 6, but his players kept their edge to win a contest in which neither side played its best game.

"Chesapeake had nothing to lose. They were coming out for pride, and this is a rivalry

game," said O'Dea. "We knew we were in for a dog fight and needed to bring the intensity, and we did."

The Cougars' packed gym full of spirited students was given plenty of reason to cheer early, as Chesapeake senior **Alonzo Wilkes** threw down a pair of thunderous one-handed dunks to open the game. He drove baseline on the game's opening play and leaped for a jam, then benefitted from Chesapeake's trap to make a steal and soar for an open-court dunk.

The Cougars led 4-0 and the roof was practically coming off the gym with Chesapeake students going crazy in the stands.

Northeast's players were unfazed. Albury snaked through Chesapeake's defense with a Eurostep in traffic for a crafty layup, then threw a behind-the-back pass to McNeill for another score. The Eagles seized back the lead at 8-4.

In the second quarter, Wilkes, who finished with a game-high 20 points and added 13 rebounds and 5 blocks, made an elbow jumper to help Chesapeake regain the lead at 12-10, but that was the last time the Cougars would be in front. After a layup by Northeast's **Travis Smoot**,

Jordan Williams came off the bench ready to let it fly. » Continued on B7

CHS Girls Avenge Season Opener, Defeat NHS 60-45



Photos by Colin Murphy

Chesapeake's Ashley Chew (14) led all scorers with 24 points in the Cougars' win over the Eagles on January 17. Sophomore Michaela Dennis (23, right) had a double-double with 10 points and 12 rebounds, and sophomore Kylie Capes (24, center) pulled down 9 rebounds to help the Cougars deter a Northeast comeback.

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The first five baskets made by Chesapeake's girls basketball team against Northeast on Janu-

ary 17 were each scored by a different starter.

It set the tone: Chesapeake needed contributions from everyone in order to dispatch their

visiting rivals.

The eight-girl roster was up to the task, as Chesapeake's distributed scoring and shared playmaking allowed the shorthanded Cougars

to recover from a blown double-digit lead and rebound to defeat Northeast 60-45.

Cougar senior **Ashley Chew** led all scorers with 24 points — including 12

in Chesapeake's breakaway third quarter — and added 7 rebounds and 3 assists in the victory. Sophomore forward **Michaela Dennis** notched her first varsity double-double by scoring

10 points and pulling down 12 rebounds.

Senior **Morgan Gray** scored 8 points to go with 8 rebounds and 3 blocks, and sophomore center » Continued on B6

CHS JV Girls Beat NHS, Eye County Final Berth

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Chesapeake's JV girls basketball team improved to 7-3 overall with a 35-30 win over Northeast at Chesapeake High School on January 17.

Sam Larkin led the Cougars with 10 points, **Sydney Reeves** had 8, **AJ Duprey** had 6 and **Kaitlyn Young** scored 5.

Natalie Forman, Maeya Devin-Tremble and Emma Habercorn contributed baskets for the Cougars, who were able to stave off a Northeast rally in the second half to close the victory.

Alyssa Krueger, Reggan Shoemaker, Taylor Bartz, Luray Ciril and Emilee Leonee contributed to Chesapeake's winning effort.

The Cougars built a double-digit lead in the first half. In one sequence, Duprey used a behind-the-back crossover at the top of the key to lose her defender. She passed to Krueger on the left wing, and Krueger made a dribble-attack move on the catch. With two defenders rotating to stop her, Krueger threaded a perfect sidearm bounce pass through the defense to Young, cutting backdoor, for an easy layup.

Dee Colbert led Northeast with 10 points, while **Kenzie Daniels** and **Megan Meek** scored 6 apiece for the Eagles. **Caitlyn Cornwell, Megan Heptner** and **Tremain Green** added points for the Eagles. Northeast took advantage of turnovers and missed free throws to make a run in the second half before ultimately coming up short.



Photo by Colin Murphy
Chesapeake's Alyssa Krueger attacked the basket against the defense of Northeast's Megan Heptner during the JV Lady Cougars' win over the Eagles.

Young said the Cougars encouraged each other to maintain intensity when Northeast made its comeback attempt.

"We all know that our entire team is going to pick it up and play their hardest with the effort level," Young said. "Especially when it comes to Northeast, we're not losing. So we're going to pick it up and do everything we can to bring the lead back."

Reeves scored 6 of her 8 points in the first quarter when Chesapeake's offense was flowing smoothly.

"It's all about my teammates," said Reeves. "For me to score, I have to be open, and that means somebody else did something for me. So as

"We have a great group of girls. As long as we execute, we can run with anybody."
— Coach Shane Smythe

long as I can lean on them, I can do what I need to do and they can do what they need to do. We all work together to score."

The stakes were high for the Cougars. The victory moved Chesapeake (7-3) up to third place in the county standings at 5-2 in county play, behind Glen Burnie (7-0) and Broadneck (6-1). If Chesapeake can beat Broadneck on January 22, the Cougars will leapfrog the Bruins to get into position for a berth in the county championship game.

Head coach **Shane Smythe** and assistant coach **Tracy Yeager** said the Cougars didn't play their best game against Northeast, but they've got a strong squad that can confidently compete, whoever the opponent.

"We've been in every single game this year. We've had a tough run our last three, but then tonight it wasn't the way we envisioned it. We'll regroup and pick each other up. We're a little family down here. We'll march forward," said Smythe. "We've been saying all season, we have a great group of girls. As long as we execute, we can run with anybody."

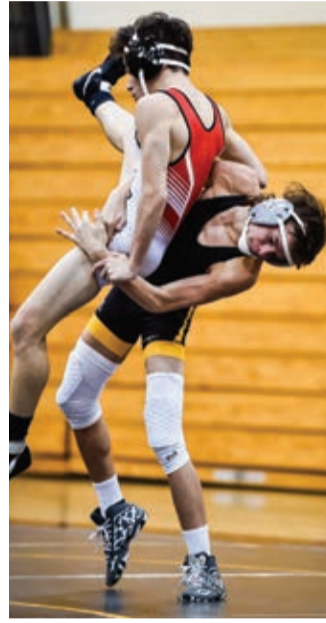
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Eagle Wrestlers Excelling In Tournaments, County Duals

By Colin Murphy
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The Northeast wrestling team has fared well throughout the winter season with county dual wins over North County, Severna Park, Southern, Glen Burnie and Meade.

In the Eagles' win over Meade on January 8, Northeast recorded seven pins. **Victor Umali** (106), **Colin Cook** (113), **Michael Carnes** (120), **David Sweeney** (132), **Billy Katzenberger** (138), **Jayden Mason** (145) and



Photos courtesy of Northeast Athletics

Northeast's wrestling program has the county's largest roster of girls wrestlers this winter.

Caleb Zaruba (152) all won by fall.

Damian DeVoter went 2-2 as a heavyweight at the Mount Mat Madness at Mount Saint Joseph's over the holiday break and was one of only two Northeast wrestlers to qualify for the second day of the tournament. Carnes, Mason and Zaruba all went 3-2 at the tournament.

In a 43-31 loss to perennial county contender Old Mill on January 8, **Myles Macon** won by fall at 182 over his Patriot opponent, as did Cook, Mason and Umali. Katzenberger won a 15-4 decision, and **Jason Arnold** won a 5-0 decision at 195.

For the varsity boys, Katzenberger has the team's top individual record at 18-2. He has 10 pins, two tech falls and three major decisions, mostly wrestling in the 138-lbs weight class. Currently ranked No. 24 in the state, his two losses have come against the state's No. 1 wrestler, Spalding's **Joe Fisk** (a 6-3 decision) and the state's No. 9 wrestler, **Caleb Everheart** of South Hagerstown, who Katzenberger wrestled in a

145-lbs bout.

Cook is 18-5 with 13 pins, Mason is 18-7 with 16 pins, Umali is 17-6 with seven pins, and Arnold is 17-7 with 12 pins.

The team went 6-4 at the South Hagerstown tournament to place fifth overall. Katzenberger and Arnold both went 9-1 at the tournament; Cook, Zaruba and **Brayden Young** all went 8-2, and **Timar Hatcher** posted three wins.

Northeast is also fielding the county's largest roster of girl wrestlers. **Marissa Ambrose, Alena Pangalis, Bailey Makarovich, Lillie Jewell, Sarah Underwood, Gianna Ambrose, Jenna McCloskey** and **Lacey Schmidt** are all competing on the mat for Northeast this season.

The Lady Eagles placed first in the Lansdowne Tournament in a field of 15 teams. Pangalis (6-1), Jewell (6-3), Schmidt (5-2), Ambrose (4-3) and Underwood (3-4) have the top individual records for the Northeast girls, who will wrestle at the War on the Shore tournament in Ocean City in January and will host Reservoir for their senior night on February 6.

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Northeast, Chesapeake Athletes Excel At Penultimate County Meet



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January 13 was the last chance for area track-and-field athletes to tune up before the Anne Arundel County championships on January 21, and Pasadena's competitors had a strong showing at the county's North vs. South meet at Prince George's Sports and Learning Complex in Landover.

Both Chesapeake and Northeast were led by a handful of first-place finishers who appear to be front-runners for county crowns in their events in late January. For Chesapeake, **Nia Quinn** (girls 3200-meter run), **Hayden Healy** (boys 3200-meter run) and **Sammy Leo** (girls high jump and triple jump) all claimed first-place finishes. For Northeast, **Christal Pommells** (girls 55-meter dash) and **Kamryn Johnson** (girls 300-meter run) took first-place finishes.

The Chesapeake girls were led by Leo, who was first in high jump, clearing 5 feet, and won triple jump with a mark of 33 feet, 5 inches. Quinn won the 3200 in 12:18.37. **Jazney**

Grady was third in the 300. **Bailey Healy** was seventh in the 1600. **Alexis Myers** was fifth in pole vault, and **Rebecca Parker** was sixth; both athletes cleared 8 feet. **Norah Hart** was fourth in shot put, **Sydney Franz** was seventh, and **Sarah Cuttler** was eighth. **Mariya Hrytsyshyna** was sixth in high jump.

Chesapeake's boys were led by Hayden Healy, who won the 3200-meter run in 10:16.18. **Garrett Bivens** was third in the 1600. **Sam Adams** was sixth in the 800. **Raphael Smith** was seventh in long jump.

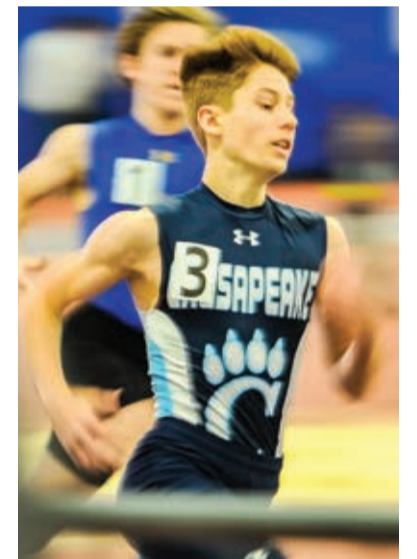
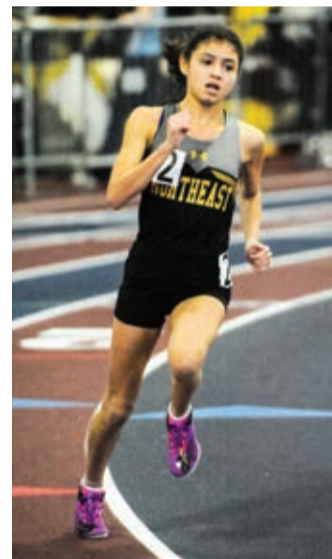
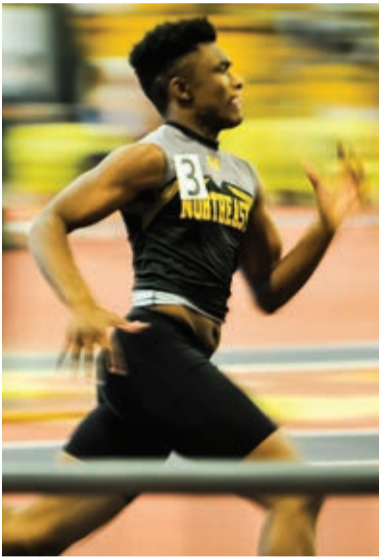
Dalton Nicklow was seventh in 55-meter dash and eighth in high jump. Northeast's girls sprinters dominated their events. Pommells won the 55-meter dash, an event in which the Eagles swept the podium, with **Somorha Smith** taking second and Johnson taking third. Johnson claimed an individual win in the 300, taking first by two-tenths of a second in front of Smith. **Jazmene Cantagallo** took fifth in the 300. Johnson was fifth in long jump.

For the Northeast boys, **Carlton McClain** was third in the 300.



Photos by Colin Murphy

Chesapeake's Sammy Leo (above) cleared 5 feet in high jump to win the event at the county's North vs. South meet on January 13. Leo also won triple jump and was one of many Chesapeake and Northeast athletes who competed in the final tune-up before the county championships.



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Chesapeake Wrestlers Dominant In 61-12 Win Over Glen Burnie



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(L-R) Chesapeake's DJ Hoover (30-4 at 170), Chase Listorti (29-5 at 126) and Dylan Ritter (29-5 at 106) all won their bouts vs. Glen Burnie and have outstanding season records for the Cougars.

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29-5 at 138 for the Cougars.

At 145, **Bryce Carleton** took a 2-0 lead on a first-round takedown of Glen Burnie's **Caleb Williamson**, and Carleton showed stamina by methodically winning time away for a 2-1 decision.

Jacob Rosenbloom was next on the mat for Chesapeake at 152, and he scored a pair of first-round takedowns for an early 4-0 lead on Glen Burnie's **Brennen Schultz**. Rosenbloom led 7-2 in the second round when he left himself vulnerable and Schultz nearly turned him over for a pin, but Rosenbloom wriggled free and got back to his feet. A sweeping leg takedown by Rosenbloom in the third round secured an 11-5 decision over Schultz.

In the 160 bout between Chesapeake's **Victor Listorti** and Glen Burnie's **Glen Anderson**, the sound of the referee's starting whistle hadn't finished echoing through the gym when Listorti was already

shooting at Anderson for a takedown and a 2-0 lead.

"Basically, I just go after them early and try to put them out early," said Listorti of his aggressive plan of attack.

Anderson defended admirably, but Listorti led 8-2 late in the second round when he managed to put Anderson on his back for a pin.

Listorti, a county champion at 160 last season, improved to 32-2 this season and won his 98th career match. A junior, Listorti was a 1,000-yard rusher and top tackler as a safety on the Chesapeake football team this fall, and he's also a key member of the lacrosse team. He's hoping his teammates can continue to prop him up as he prepares for counties and a possible showdown with Arundel's **Trevor Gagnon**, who has dealt Listorti both his losses this season.

"Everyone pushes each other in practice to get ready for the matches and get our endurance up," said Listorti. "My goal personally

is to come back and beat Trevor Gagnon from Arundel and win the county championship. For the team, we want to go to regional duals, hopefully win that, and then go to states."

With Chesapeake leading 24-0, **DJ Hoover** kept the Cougars' momentum going at 170. He led Glen Burnie's **Mateo Savoy** 2-0 after one round and got an escape and a takedown to go up 5-0 in the second round. Hoover added a late takedown to claim a 9-3 decision and improve to 30-4 on the season.

Just a third-year wrestler, Hoover went from 9-14 as a 152-lbs freshman to 39-9 at 160 last season to now 30-4 at 170 this year. He said his discipline and training have been keys to success.

"Definitely staying in shape, making sure you're eating right and all-around being healthy, and just working hard," said Hoover, who said he took to wrestling as a freshman for the camaraderie and to challenge himself. "I think it's just everyone being

together, pushing each other to get better. I like to work hard and see what I can do," Hoover said.

Chesapeake's **Dion Ambrose** accepted a forfeit at 182. The Cougars' **Chandler Booker** wrestled **Greg Chaves** at 195 and secured a second-round pin for a 39-0 Chesapeake lead.

Gabe Debow got Glen Burnie on the board with a pin of **Jimmy Hedges** at 220. **Anthony Bonilla** gave the Gophers their remaining points at 285 in a competitive match with Chesapeake's **Ron McDuffie**. Bonilla led 2-1 in the third round when he was able to take advantage of up starting position to pin McDuffie and get Glen Burnie six points. Chesapeake led 39-12.

From there it was all Cougars. Freshman **Dylan Ritter** executed an array of takedowns to score an 11-2 major decision over **Charles Easton** at 106. Ritter improved to 29-5 on the season.

"I want to get the first takedown, shoot quick

and get him down quick, and after that I control the match," said Ritter. "I definitely want to place very well in counties, hopefully a finalist, and I want to do really well at regions and hopefully make states."

Dawson Hoover accepted a forfeit at 113. At 120, Chesapeake's **Aaron Golden** was aggressive in building a lead over **Ethan Bergman** through three minutes, and after a pair of reversals, Goldman led 8-4 midway through the second round when he pinned Bergman.

The Cougars' **Chase Listorti** wasted no time in his 126 bout with **Kevin Blair**. Listorti immediately shot, hoisted Blair fully off the mat and slammed him down. Listorti had Blair pinned by the 1-minute mark.

"I haven't taken a lot of shots recently, so coach said to take a shot," said the younger Listorti, a sophomore. "I took a shot and picked him up and tried to get a half or some kind of pinning combination. I guess I've got to start doing

that more."

In closing out the dual for a 61-12 Chesapeake win, Listorti improved to 29-5 overall. He is one of several Cougars who figure to contend for the county and be competitive for the region and state qualification. He said the Cougars' dedicated practice and commitment to sound technique will separate them from the competition as the season moves to its final stages.

"With a lot of wrestlers, it's easy to gauge them on the first few seconds, just with how they tie up with you, or if they run at you and try to hurt you. But mostly it's just trying to keep a clear head, work moves you know and work moves we've drilled in the room nonstop for hours, and really it's just not giving up and having heart to finish your moves," Listorti said.

"It doesn't matter how strong they are — if you're technical and keep a clear head, you'll win that match."



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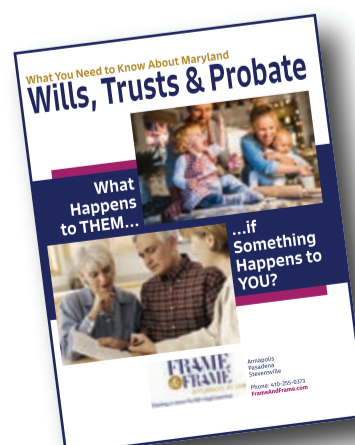
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In Championship Rematch, And Possible Preview, Spalding Ice Hockey Ties Mount Saint Joseph, 1-1

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The January 6 matchup between the Archbishop Spalding and Mount St. Joseph ice hockey teams made it clear that the battle for the Maryland Interscholastic Athletic Association A Conference championship will be as closely contested this year as it has been in recent seasons.

Having already tied 0-0 in one prior meeting this season, the Cavs and Gaels played to a 1-1 stalemate at The Gardens Ice House in Laurel.

Ryan Trott's first-period score gave Mount St. Joe a lead it protected for nearly the entire game before Archbishop Spalding rallied for a 1-1 tie on **Riley Caldarella's** last-minute goal.

Spalding goalie **Collin Berke** and MSJ goalie **Jake Williams** dazzled in front of the net with 28 and 19 saves, respectively.

The programs have combined for the last three MIAA A Conference championships, with Spalding winning each of the last two over Mount St. Joe, and the Gaels winning in 2017 over Calvert Hall.

With two ties this season and rich championship traditions, both sides foresee a late-season battle for conference supremacy.

"This rivalry started a long time ago," said Berke. "With each generation it heats up. The boys all know each other. Last year, we were the underdogs and we went all the way to the championship, so we know anything can happen. We're working hard as a team, bonding, and our confidence will boost up with every win. We'll be a good contender for it this year."

The Gaels put pressure on the Cavaliers and held the better of play throughout much of the game even in spite of earning a larger share of the game's penalties.

Trott gave his side a 1-0 advantage late in the first period, sending a shot off Berke's shoulder and into the goal from a nearly flat angle deep in the corner.

"I just got down to the goal line and didn't really have any options, so I just threw it onto the net and it went in; squeaked through between him and the post," said Trott.

The Gaels intensified pressure throughout the second period, backing the Cavs up and peppering Berke with shots, which was a welcome sight for MSJ coach **Mike Marley**.

"I thought we were able to forecheck really effectively and put pressure on them, especially on their defensemen down low in their zone, especially towards the end of the second period. That was kind of our best stretch when we had them pinned in deep a lot," said Marley.

Berke came up with an array of saves, using his stick, glove, leg paddings and even taking one off the facemask. Caldarella later called Berke "the best goalie in the league," and Spalding's coaching staff noted that Berke had a three-game stretch over the winter break in which he recorded an eye-popping 150 total saves.

Spalding was able build offensive pressure with better consistency in the third period, getting strong attacking play from leading scorer **JB Vance** as well as **Dominic DeCesaris** and **Michael Urgo**.

Like Berke, Williams shined in net for St. Joe. He made a pair of point-blank saves on one possession and stopped play with a glove save. A penalty that gave Spalding a power play led to an intense stretch of Cavs pressure with under five minutes to play, but Williams continued to deflect shot after shot, and the Gaels killed the penalty.

"Honestly, it's the team," said Williams. "Without them, I wouldn't be able to do that. They help me and keep me in control whenever I get angry. Without them I would have let in more goals. They keep me calm inside."

He added that the rivalry has grown in intensity, as demonstrated by the group of classmates from both schools who trekked down to Laurel to watch the game and support their teams.



Photos by Colin Murphy

The Archbishop Spalding and Mount Saint Joseph ice hockey teams have met in each of the last two Maryland Interscholastic Athletic Association A Conference championships. They have tied both meetings this season, including a 1-1 draw on January 6 in Laurel.

"It's everything," said Williams. "Our school gets behind us. That helps us with our morale."

The Gaels did almost everything needed to put away a victory, but the Cavs pulled Berke to get another man on offense with 54 seconds left. Urgo made a sweeping move on the left side and dropped a nifty pass behind him to Vance, who sent a pass through traffic over to the right.

Fresh out of the penalty box, Caldarella was waiting, and he wristed a shot past

Williams and into the top shelf to tie the game at 1-1 with 32 seconds left. He dropped down to one knee for a sliding fist-pump in celebration before getting embraced by teammates. He was keen to fuel the rivalry's fire after the game, saying he was doing a little chirping on the ice.

"I called it," said Caldarella. "I was talking to the goalie before I got my stupid penalty, and I told him, I said, 'I'm going to nip it above your glove.' I just turned to their bench, give a

nice little celly, go down on one knee. Bring it straight to the boys, ya know?"

Salvaging the tie was a decent result given the Cavs' substandard play throughout much of the first and second periods, said head coach **Rob Trantin**.

"I think we just have to get better with poise of controlling the puck," said Trantin, whose Cavs are 5-6-7 overall and still winless in MIAA play at 0-1-3. "Early on, the first part of the game, we did a very poor

job of that. The second half, we did a much better job. [Mount St. Joe] are fast, very aggressive, and they were on us early. We were just throwing pucks around with no poise. In the second half we did a much better job, poise and control, and they were chasing us."

Both teams also compete in the Mid-Atlantic Prep Hockey League along with several of the DC-area prep schools. The Gaels are 6-4-3 overall and undefeated in the MIAA at 2-0-2, having received consistent scoring and playmaking from **Nolan Westlake** and **Chris Robinson**. Notable wins over DeMatha Catholic and Gonzaga give the Gaels confidence they can compete for both the MIAA and MAPHL crowns.

"It's been a lot of fun. I think we've got a really good team. We've got a team that likes to work hard," said Marley. "Any of the teams that are going to make the playoffs can make a legitimate run to winning the title. If we get in the playoffs and we get hot, get some goal scoring and some goal-tending, we'll be alright."

With Calvert Hall also contenders for the MIAA, a rematch between Spalding and St. Joe is no certainty, but could nonetheless come in the MIAA playoffs with the potential for a finals trilogy if the programs meet for the title. The spirited rivalry and strength of both programs yields confidence on both sides, including for Trantin and the Cavaliers.

"They know that if they bring their best they can be on the ice, and they can compete with anybody," Trantin said. "At the end of the day, it's up to them and how we play together as a team. If they play their best, they can beat anybody in the league."

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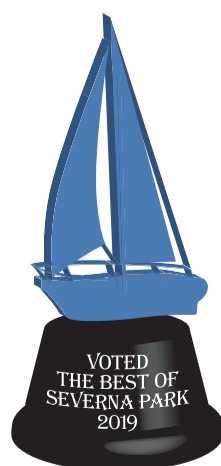
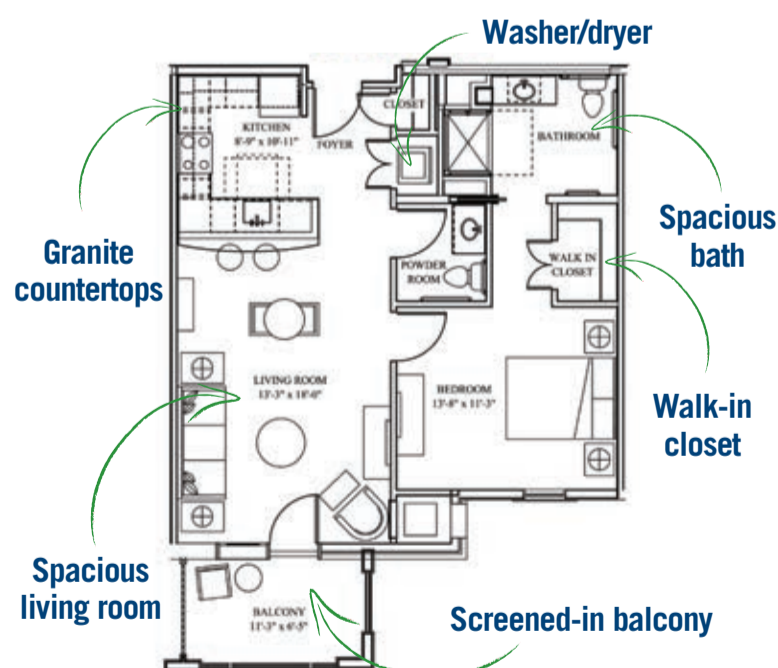
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Chesapeake Girls Avenge Season Opener, Defeat Northeast 46-36

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Kylie Capes pulled down 9 rebounds. Freshmen **Ella Shannon** (2 points, 4 assists) and **Madison Kelly** (5 points, 3 rebounds, 3 assists, 3 steals) and juniors **Juliana Brady** (8 points, 5 rebounds, 2 assists, 2 steals) and **Mya Hamstra** (one 3-pointer) fortified a balanced all-around effort for the Cougars.

"We need everyone, and everyone did contribute," said head coach **Maria Gray**. "We talked about that after the game. Everyone had a key moment."

Chesapeake lost its county opener to Northeast on December 6, 46-42, when the Cougars rostered only seven players. Without injured player **Georgia Spangler**, Chesapeake nonetheless looked to write a different story in the rematch, and they made immediate strides toward their goal by jumping out to a 15-3 lead as the starters took turns making shots, Gray hit a baby hook in the lane, and Kelly made a steal and a breakaway layup.

Northeast switched to a 2-3 zone in the second quarter and added a three-quarter-court trap, disrupting Chesapeake's flow. The Eagles' **Allyson Wills** helped fuel a comeback with repeated steals and drives to the basket; she finished the game with a team-high 19 points. When Northeast's **Mackenzie Coburn** hit a 3-pointer to open the second half, Northeast had put together a 15-3 run to tie the game at 18-18.

"We just can't give up. It's all hustle," said Wills. "That's what's brought us back."

With the game tied, Chew took over. She made a nice drive from the right wing into a nifty left-handed layup, then made a



Photos by Colin Murphy
 Northeast's **Allyson Wills** (11) and **Mackenzie Coburn** (12) scored 19 and 15 points, respectively, but Chesapeake was lifted by the varied contributions of **Ella Shannon** (1), **Madison Kelly** (22), **Morgan Gray** (34), **Juliana Brady** (2) and **Mya Hamstra** (10).



steal and went all the way in for another score. Capes pulled down an offensive rebound and passed it out to Brady, who swung it to Chew for a top-of-the-key 3-pointer: swish. Chesapeake was back up by double-digits, 33-22.

"The third quarter, I was determined for the rest of the game," said Chew, who is accustomed to scoring in general, as she was the county's leading goal-scorer during the fall soccer season with 23 goals. "The third quarter is where

they could win or we could win. I knew right then and there we had to beat them mentally and get our offense better than we were in the first half."

Coach Gray said when Chew gets the fire in her eyes, she's hard to stop.

"She was in attack mode, locked in and focused," said Gray. "This is her senior year, the rivalry game that she's been playing in for four years now, so they know each other through basketball and soccer, and she just found her groove. And, she's really falling into that leadership role, so to see her having that kind of poise and leadership is great."

Northeast would not quit, and they hung around within striking distance of Chesapeake throughout the game. Coburn hit a pair of fourth-quarter 3's and finished with 15 points, and point guard **Jaida Savoy** showed burst with several steals and drives to the

hoop — she finished with 6 points. **Alyssa Borgert** and **Caroline Makarovich** added baskets, and **Camryn Nalley** and **Kiersten Tomshack** contributed with minutes, but Northeast couldn't mount another comeback to sweep the Cougars on the season.

"They just wanted it more tonight," said Northeast coach **Ed Nalley**. "We got outplayed, out rebounded and outcoached. We just need to come together better as a team, get more people involved. It's a tough one."

Wills' eyes widened when asked about the possibility of a playoff rubber match with the Cougars.

"We've just got to keep playing, we can't stop," said Wills. "We've got to play defense, can't let them shoot early. We have to get in their head and get them in foul trouble."

Now 6-6, Chesapeake is finding its form with the playoffs approaching. Gray praised the team's younger players, like Dennis, who are skilled and blossoming as the season goes on.

"Our young players really have a lot of potential," said Gray. "We have Michaela, who's just been kind of finding her way, and she had a double-double tonight, a real breakout for her. So you need that. I think we just showed growth all around, and everyone contributed and played an important role tonight."

Chew said that even with a small roster, the team has gotten much better since the season began.

"Our first game of the season was against [Northeast], but now, we all click," said Chew. "A lot of our talents have improved. We all work well together. None of us are selfish. We worked on a lot of our fundamentals. Our defense — we like to help each other there. So I think overall, everything is better from the first game this year."

Naturally, a win over rivals on a Friday night is also memory to savor.

"It feels really good," said Chew. "This is a team that, we're running with a lot of positive energy right now. It's a great team to be on my senior year. It's a lot of fun."

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Northeast Boys Beat Chesapeake To Keep Pace In County, Region

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Williams caught a pass on the left wing and stroked a 3-pointer, then received a swing pass deep in the left corner and drained another 3 to give the Eagles a 22-15 lead.

Both shots came directly in front of the Chesapeake students, who were letting Williams hear it — and Williams gladly gave it right back to them with a little look after each make.

“I like shooting in front of the crowd, because when I make it, it gives me that feeling,” said Williams, who also hit a pair of big 3-pointers in Northeast’s win over Old Mill on January 10. “When they start talking more, it means I’m doing something and impacting the game, so I like shooting over there.”

Baskets by **Olamide Ajayi** and Sheppard and a nifty scoop layup by Albury kept Northeast’s momentum going in the third quarter, but Chesapeake responded with a 3-pointer by **Reed Rebstock** to keep the game close.

A layup by Wilkes capped Chesapeake’s best fourth-quarter effort to claw back into the game, as the Cougars pulled to within four points at 37-33. But Smoot came right back and finished a layup plus the foul after a nice pass from Sheppard. Albury made a strong driving layup and a nice assist to McNeill, and Northeast stretched out play enough to close the game.

Chesapeake’s 3-2 zone gave Northeast some problems throughout the night, but once the Cougars went back to a man defense to throw desperation traps at Northeast in the fourth quarter, O’Dea knew his team’s strengths would carry them to the win.

“We had to fight through adversity and keep it up,” O’Dea said. “We wanted to get some steals and get out in transition, which we did in that fourth quarter to go on that nice little 6-0 run and spread that lead. Once we did that, we kind of took it over, and once they went to the man defense in the final minutes, we knew the

game was over. You can’t stop our backcourt with Jaylin and Trent.”

In addition to Wilkes’s big night, the Cougars got contributions from **Kareem Francis** (6 points, 7 rebounds), Rebstock (3 points, 5 rebounds, 5 assists), **Shane Johnson** (5 points), **Nate Rosado** and freshman **Darius Gray** (2 points and some solid play at the point guard position).

Chesapeake has had notable successes this season — the Cougars beat Meade 66-59, their first win over the Mustangs in over 20 years — but their shots weren’t falling against Northeast, and they were plagued by missed free throws.

“You’ve got to put the ball in the basket,” said Chesapeake coach **Shawn Rebstock**. “We shoot plenty in practice, we run offense, we had two great days of practice, and the defense isn’t an issue, we’re only giving up 42, 44 points the last two games. We’ve just got to put the ball in the basket, especially down the stretch. It was a good game, but missed shots and missed free throws hurt you.”

For Northeast, Sheppard and Smoot gave up size to Chesapeake’s Wilkes and **Zayvin Salmond**, but they were still able to rebound and defend effectively.

“Just having confidence and showing our strength down low, battling and being physical,” said Smoot. “That’s what we have to do down there, just fight.”

Now 10-3 overall with county losses to Annapolis and Southern, Northeast is tied for second place in the county with a 7-2 record, with Annapolis holding down the top spot at 8-1. The Eagles could get into the county championship game with continued victories, and they are also tied with Kent Island for the top spot in the 3A South Region II, a region that includes Chesapeake, Easton, Stephen Decatur and J.M. Bennett.

They want to make it back to the state’s final eight, where they fell to Reservoir



Chesapeake’s Alonzo Wilkes (2) soared to the hoop for a pair of dunks on the the Cougars’ first two possessions, but Northeast’s playmaking prevailed in the Eagles’ win.

Photos by Colin Murphy

last season — or further.

“It means a lot because last year we lost in a big game, so now we want to go even farther, but we’ve still got to stay humble,” said Sheppard.

Humility is key, said Smoot. “We’ve got to stay humble,” Smoot said. “If we get too confident, we lose, and it’s happened before. So we’ve just got to stay humble and keep winning.”

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Jaclyn Cockcroft

Art | Bodkin Elementary School

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Bodkin Elementary art teacher Jaclyn Cockcroft was recently recognized for her outstanding work inside the classroom.

The Arnold native was one of the 14 teachers from across the county who were named semifinalists for the 2020 Anne Arundel County Public Schools Teacher of the Year in December.

A 2001 graduate of Broadneck High School, Cockcroft returned to teach in Anne Arundel County after earning her degree in art education at the University of Maryland in 2006. She knew early on that she wanted to teach.

"I love kids and I thought it would

"*It's awesome. You develop a great relationship with the kids; I think that's very important even though I see them for only one hour per week.*

— JACLYN COCKCROFT

be a perfect mom job," Cockcroft said. "Summers off, and snow days!" The challenge at college was deciding what she wanted to teach.

"I think the first six months it was architecture," Cockcroft said. "But, I didn't want to be stuck behind a desk all the time doing architecture. Then I wanted to teach math, but then art is very imaginative and freeing, and I thought it would be a lot more fun."

An artist at heart, she grew up watching and creating alongside her grandmother.

"My grandmother is really good at art. She did lots of paintings, and she used to babysit us every Thursday. She'd bring over her easel and her paints, and we would always paint."

Nowadays she fulfills her inner artist through teaching and through projects on the weekends and summers.

"I do a lot of woodworking," said Cockcroft, who says it's easy to go on Etsy and get inspired. "My kids room is kind of actually where it started — I create a lot of artwork for my house and my kids rooms — so that's fun, and that's sort of how I fulfil my inner artist."

In the classroom, she focuses on teaching her young artists the fundamentals by experimenting with a variety of mediums including oil pastels, paint, chalk, clay, paper mache — things they wouldn't normally get to use in other settings.

"Crayons, markers, colored pencils — those are things that almost every kid has, but it's the other materials that

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A Day In The Life Of A CAT North Student

By Haley Weisgerber

Anne Arundel County Public Schools offers a unique opportunity for students to receive a technical education.

With 22 programs to choose from, the Center of Applied Technology North (CAT North) in Severn offers students a hands-on and specialized education in a trade.

Chesapeake and Northeast high school students who enroll in the programs take their basic English, math, science and social studies classes at their "home school," and are transported to the CAT North campus to learn their trade.

"It does allow them to obtain employment right away with the opportunity for apprenticeships," said CAT North internship facilitator Thomas Dickinson. "College is still there for later, maybe in project management, but it does give them the chance to work right away without student debt."

CAREER EXPLORATION

Career Exploration allows ninth-grade students to rotate between four CAT North programs a semester. When it comes time to apply

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Top: Mason Dickey of Northeast High School said he chose printing because he enjoyed seeing the project the whole way through. **Middle:** Adam Rudolf said his favorite project was building the small house. **Bottom Left:** Allison Campbell said the Environmental Resource Management program has inspired her to work in marine biology. **Bottom Right:** Antony Barnes demonstrated how to properly prepare a car to be refinished.

CHS Adds Two Alumni To Wall Of Honor

By Zach Sparks

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Chesapeake High School's newest Wall of Honor members work in much different sectors — security and law enforcement for Fred Bealefeld, and the sign industry for Paul Gable — but both embarked on their successful careers after starting from similar backgrounds.

While neither Bealefeld nor Gable has a college degree, both come from Chesapeake's 1980 graduating class.

"A lot of my friends, when I joined the police department, either went operationally and dove into police work or pursued an academic track, which got them promoted and moved through, and I just worked hard," Bealefeld said. "And I think that came from [Chesapeake]. I think that came from the people I grew up with, the people I came through ninth grade and rode the bus with every day.



Paul Gable (left) and Fred Bealefeld (right) were congratulated by Chesapeake High School Principal John Yore during a Wall of Honor ceremony held on January 3.

We were blue-collar kids and all we knew was hard work."

Gable echoed that sentiment.

"I think hard work matters almost more than anything else," Gable said. "You can scratch, kick and claw your way from the bottom, no matter where you are in

life. I think Fred and myself are good examples of what you can do when you're willing to work hard."

The Chesapeake High School Wall of Honor was formed in 2017 to memorialize outstanding alumni not only for their accomplishments at Chesapeake but

also for their success after high school. Bealefeld and Gable were enshrined during a ceremony on January 3.

PAUL GABLE

"*I think hard work matters almost more than anything else. You can scratch, kick and claw your way from the bottom, no matter where you are in life.*

— PAUL GABLE

The year 2020 marks 40 years since Paul Gable started his company — known today as Gable — and graduated from high school.

"The company started out in 1980 in my parents' backyard," Gable recalled. "It was a simple, small company making handcrafted signs for

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Paying It Forward At St. Jane Frances Daycare Center



Elizabeth Calvert was diagnosed with common variable immunodeficiency (CVID) in 2018. She is unable to create antibodies, thus weakening her ability to stave off bacteria. The immunodeficiency requires her to wear a mask, but she does not feel excluded, thanks to one family's generous donation.



By Diane Lewis

challenge for Elizabeth. Despite all of the precautions, she was hospitalized four times during the first four months of the 2019 school year for the "common cold."

It was this struggle to attend school regularly that spurred a tremendous amount of generosity and compassion from all of Elizabeth's classmates and one family in particular.

To get back into class with her friends, Elizabeth started wearing a lightweight linen mask that has a special filter and is designed to fit a child's face comfortably. The mask is also easy to wash and wear, and Elizabeth said it is "like wearing a sock."

Before Elizabeth's return to St. Jane Frances, Bridget Calvert posted on the school's Facebook page explaining Elizabeth's precarious health

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Elizabeth Calvert is a special and inspirational 5-year-old girl with life-threatening health issues.

She was born without a spleen and doesn't have any immunity against everyday germs, which creates a big challenge to remain healthy, let alone being able to play with other children.

To combat this, she receives penicillin on a daily basis to protect her from infection. On top of that, her mother, Bridget, also has provided her with weekly infusions since Elizabeth was diagnosed with common variable immunodeficiency (CVID) in 2018. CVID renders her unable to create antibodies, thus weakening her ability to stave off bacteria.

Just attending school, something so many take for granted, can be a

A Farewell From David Sembly

David Sembly served as Fort Smallwood Elementary School's principal for the last three and a half years before being transferred to Walter S. Mills-Parole Elementary School in Annapolis this January. A former Board of Education member and principal at Davidsonville Elementary, Patricia Nalley is the acting principal at Fort Smallwood.

After leaving, Sembly shared this message with the community:



David Sembly

"*As I reflect on my time at Fort Smallwood Elementary School, one thing stands out the most: the people. I met and worked with so many wonderful people (community partners, family members, volunteers, faculty and staff) who all sincerely wanted the best for the children of Fort Smallwood Elementary. There were innumerable people who were willing to lend a helping hand and offer support through their time, energy and resources.*

It was great to see our staff come together for so many student initiatives. We built great relationships that allowed us to have honest, and sometimes difficult, conversations with one another. But we always fell back to our constant commonality: let's do what's best for children. I was blessed to establish relationships both personal and professional that will last a lifetime.

We were able to create specific spaces and resources within the building to meet the needs of all students; we were able to raise money for student reading materials, audio/visual equipment, and additional student computers; and we were even able to erect a new playground for our youngest students, which is being finalized as I type this reflection. But most of all, we were able to foster and nurture a love for learning in our building that I believe children will carry with them for the rest of their lives.

The good days far outweighed the bad, and I am grateful for the lessons my time there bestowed upon me. I know that if I've had half the positive impact on the people of the Fort Smallwood community that the students, staff and community have left upon me, my efforts there were not in vain. Thank you, Fort Smallwood. Together, we made a difference!"

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Question of the month

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

What do you think your life will be like in the future?

In the future, I see myself being in the NBA.
Adam S.

I think in the future I will be a firefighter and live in Annapolis and have a really nice house and two kids!
Alex T.

I think I will be a fashion designer. I will live in Hollywood. I will have a mini mansion near the Hollywood sign. I will also start charities to raise money for the homeless. Last but not least, I will try out to be an actor.
Aubrey C.

I think in the future I will be in a good college and then I will become a basketball player. I will have a happy family.
Brody C.

When I grow up, I will try to be an animator for a movie.
Colton M.

I think in the future I will start at college, then I will get a job as a teacher.
Delana B.

Fort Smallwood Elementary School



For the month of January, we asked Mrs. Ellis' fifth-grade class, "What do you think your life will be like in the future?"

I think in the future I will be in the WWE RAW and the Army/military.
Dominic P.

I think I will go to Towson University and be a football player. I will live in Outer Banks when I am older and have two kids.
Dylan P.

I think in the future I will be either an NFL player or maybe superstar. If that doesn't work out, I will probably be a zookeeper because I love animals. I will live on a big farm and have two kids with a pug.
Dylin J.

In my future, I will go to either Clemson or Iowa State University. I will play for the Cowboys or Ravens in the NFL. Then, after I retire from the NFL, I will invest my father's company.
Garrett M.

I think in the future I will be a teacher, and I will

have a lot of dogs. I will also live with my sister Israel.
Geray C.

When I grow up, I want to be a famous singer-songwriter. I also want to help out with animals and take care of them. I love to sing, and I really want to show others that I can sing. I want to be a vet/helper with animals at the zoo or anything with animals. I will raise money so animals can have more of a habitat. I want them to have better beds in the shelter and better food and water. I also want to be a softball player.
Grace M.

I think in the future I will be a teacher, and I will get a degree.
Hannah R.

I think in the future I will be a lawyer, and I think I want to live in Florida, and I want two

kids and a bulldog and to get married.
Izzy K.

I think in the future I will go to Towson University and have my own car-and-truck custom business.
Joshua S.

I think in the future I will be a MLB Hall of Fame baseball player, and when I retire, I will own a company.
Lance B.

I think I will be an author and I will probably live in Georgia.
Natalie W.

I think in the future I will live in Maryland, I will babysit for a short-term job, and for my full-time job I would be a dentist. I would also like

to have a chocolate lab and two kids.
Paige S.

I think in the future I think I will be in the Coast Guard or a football/baseball player. I will have three kids, a girl and two boys. I will live in a nice and big house.
Parker H.

I think in the future I'll graduate college with a degree in art, and I'll be an artist. I'll have two kids, a husband with my interests, and a nice large house with my own studio. I will also live in Georgia near my family.
Riley E.

I think in the future I want to be a dad and live in a cozy home with a

daughter and a son.
Roman F.

I think that when I grow up I will be a forensic scientist and have a family with two kids.
Seth P.

I think in the future I will graduate college and get a degree for being some sort of doctor. I will have a family and live in California with a large, beautiful house.
Soha C.

When I grow up, I think I will be an interior designer. I also think it would be fun to have my own interior design business. If I can't do that, I will be an actor.
Sophia W.

I think in the future I will be a professional break-dancer and a successful YouTuber with a wife and one kid, and my house will be a mansion.
Spencer M.

I think in the future I will go to college, and then I will get a job.
Summer P.

I think in the future I will be a videogame designer and the game will be somewhat popular. I want to have a wife with one or two kids in a nice house.
Tyler K.

When I grow up, I think I will be a professional soccer player. I'm very good at soccer and I'm committed to do soccer my whole life. Also, if I can't do that, I want to be a vet helping animals that need some help, and when they're sick.
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Class Of 2020 To Be First To Graduate From Event Center At Live! Casino & Hotel



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Members of the Class of 2020 at 11 county high schools will break new ground this spring when they become the first to receive their diplomas at the new Live! Event Center at Arundel Mills.

The ceremonies are part of a partnership between Anne Arundel County Schools and Live! Casino & Hotel, which provides the 4,000-seat venue free of charge. Ceremonies will be held from June 1 through 4 at the Event Center.

"This is just an outstanding arrangement for us to be able to bring such a milestone moment in the lives of our graduates home to our county," Superintendent George Arlotto said. "Live! has been a phenomenal partner as we have worked through the many logistics involved with this transition, and I think our graduates and our parents are going to be absolutely thrilled."

Meade High School will be the first class to walk across the Live! stage, with that school's ceremony beginning at 9:00am on Monday, June 1. Annapolis High School will cap things off with a 5:00pm ceremony on Thursday, June 4.

"We are pleased to provide the Live! Event Center as a home for Anne Arundel County graduates and their families, who for so long had to travel far outside the county to hold their ceremonies," said Anthony Faranca, general manager of Live!

Casino & Hotel. "Community and family are at the core of our corporate culture, and I can't think of a better way to showcase our commitment than through sharing these special moments with our neighbors."

The schedule of graduations at the Live! Event Center is as follows:

Monday, June 1: Meade High School, 9:00am; Severna Park High School, 1:00pm; and South River High School, 5:00pm

Tuesday, June 2: Arundel High School, 9:00am; Chesapeake High School, 1:00pm; and Broadneck High School, 5:00pm

Wednesday, June 3: North County High School, 9:00am; and Southern High School, 1:00pm

Thursday, June 4: Old Mill High School, 9:00am; Glen Burnie High School, 1:00pm; and Annapolis High School, 5:00pm

Other graduation dates are:

Northeast High School, 9:00am on Friday, May 29, in the school stadium.

Phoenix Academy, 10:00am on Friday, May 29, at the school.

Chesapeake Science Point, 5:00pm on Friday, May 29, in the auditorium at Severna Park High School.

Evening High School, 7:00pm on Thursday, June 4, in the auditorium at Severna Park High School.

Central Special School, 1:30pm on Tuesday, June 9, at the school.

Ruth Parker Eason School, 6:30pm on Tuesday, June 9, at the school.

CHS Adds Two Alumni To Wall Of Honor

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local businesses — truck-lettering, magnetic signs, banners, posters, small-store front signs — all made by hand."

Gable, the company, grew over the years and Gable's younger brother, Matt, joined the team. As the company's geographical service area expanded, so did its product mix.

"We added electric and architectural signs, commercial signs on a larger scale; we started hiring people, buying equipment, expanding our plant, and before you knew it, we had a multimillion-dollar-a-year business with quite a number of employees."

Gable said he took a friend's advice and surrounded himself with good people and learned from them. He credited much of his success to those people, to his hardworking father, to his supportive family and to his former teachers at Chesapeake.

"Chesapeake High School will always, always be important to me," he said. "I spent absolutely the most important foundational years that I ever could spend anywhere right here in this building. And it wasn't the building that made this place special; it was the other things that happened here. For example, the classes I was able to take ... Electronics, Woodworking, Sheet Metal, Drafting — these were the classes I took that give me a technical foundation and the confidence to go out and start a business one day."

Gable grew his business in Anne Arundel County, but he also served his hometown county in other ways. He serves on the board of directors for the Anne Arundel Economic Development Corporation, Baltimore Washington Medical Center Foundation, and the Baltimore Museum of Industry. He previously served on the boards of the Society of Environmental Graphic Design, the Maryland Sign Association, and the Baltimore Washington Medical Center.

The Wall of Honor recognition was humbling for Gable, who said he did not accept it for himself.

"I am accepting this recognition on behalf of everyone I work with at the company," Gable said. "It's an opportunity to highlight all of our company's accomplishments along with my connection to this school, to the town of Pasadena and to the business world."

FRED BEALEFELD

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— FRED BEALEFELD

After graduating from Chesapeake, Fred Bealefeld joined the Baltimore City Police Department. During his 22 years of service, he ascended from police command staff to deputy police commissioner. In July 2007, he was appointed to Baltimore City police commissioner and he served the citizens of Baltimore for over five years.

"I was successful and got promoted and went from the very lowest rank you can be, police cadet, and wound up 31 years later running the entire place — the eighth-largest police department in the country, with a \$400 million budget," Bealefeld said. "Not bad for a high school graduate."

Following his career in the police department, he took a teaching position at Stevenson University before earning his current position as vice president and chief global security officer at Under Armour.

"I'm very blessed," Bealefeld said. "I got a solid foundation here. I was surrounded by peers and students who helped form me. I'm blessed with a beautiful wife, my son and daughter-in-law, my granddaughter ... so I'm just very blessed and lucky, and I think this is an awesome accomplishment for my family."

Previous Years Wall Of Honor Inductees

2017

MARTIN BENTZ
Owner of ClearShark

CHRISTINE CALVERT
Medical director at VCA Calvert Veterinary Center

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Manager of the Maryland Zoo's traveling collection

JEFF FRALEY
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KENNETH THOMPSON
Trombonist with the Detroit Symphony Orchestra

DANA PIRONE WARD
Scientist and biology professor

Paying It Forward At St. Jane Frances

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and the need for her to wear a mask to stave off any potential germs. Bridget asked the parents to explain to their kids why Elizabeth has to wear a mask.

Bridget was nervous about making her plea to other parents, because she didn't want to offend or inconvenience them or their kids.

A school administrator called and asked Bridget about the custom-made mask. A classmate's family — Maestro O'Harding and his husband, Michael — wanted to donate enough of these masks for all of Elizabeth's classmates and teacher.

"I didn't think a sweet little girl should be made to feel different because she wears a mask," Maestro said. "It isn't fair."

The O'Hardings do not want any recognition for their generosity toward Elizabeth. They love the inclusiveness and support of the diverse school community and simply wanted to support a little girl who they say is "lovely and innocent" and shouldn't be left out because of her immunodeficiency.

As for the other children, they are not only excited and happy to help their friend, but they also ask to wear the masks and feel like they are superheroes when they do.

Area Teacher Recognized For Excellence

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they don't have," she said. "I like to give that opportunity for kids."

Then there's the vocabulary and the elements of art that she enjoys building projects around, which help students learn about everything from shapes and patterns, to unity and opposites.

"It's awesome," she said. "You develop a great relationship with the kids; I think that's very important even though I see them for only one hour per week."

Getting the chance to work with kids and art is a perfect fit for Cockcroft, and she can't imagine doing anything else.

"I love being able to shape them and mold them when they're at 5 and 6 years old, and then, being in elementary, you get to see them grow through the years," Cockcroft said. "They're still super creative. You give them open-ended projects, and I can still see the amazing things that they can do."

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A Day In The Life Of A CAT North Student

» **Continued from B8** in the 10th grade, these students will already have an idea of what the programs are like.

"You pick the ones you are most interested in. I got put into welding and I really liked it," said Makahla Ignley of Chesapeake High School. "I didn't know I wanted to do welding. I thought I wanted to do nursing until I came here."

PRINTING TECHNOLOGIES

When junior Mason Dickey of Northeast High School took the printing class in Career Exploration, he was set on a different program.

"I had originally said I was going to come here and do drafting for architecture," said Dickey, who is already working in the printing field. "But I really liked being able to design things and then finish them. So, actually doing things and not just designing it."

The Printing Technologies program teaches students all aspects of the printing process. They learn how to operate everything from Adobe Creative Suite to gluers and binders.

"It's run like a little job," said Dickey. "It really gets me ready for the future and pursuing a career in printing."

Dickey is interested in a printing internship with the federal government during his senior year.

IT NETWORKING (CISCO)

Andrew Tolbert of Northeast was inspired to take classes at CAT North after his brother took the class. In fact, computer science is in his blood.



Left: Andrew Tolbert was inspired to take IT Networking after seeing his older brother complete the program. **Right:** Makahla Ignley was originally set on the nursing program when she took the career exploration classes at CAT North.



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brother work for the [federal government] in the computer science field," explained Tolbert, who aspires to follow in their footsteps.

The IT Networking (CISCO) program teaches students cyber security and internet technology skills.

"Almost every day, we work in labs, so we actually work with everything we learn about. We actually plug in and configure wires and everything is hands on," said Tolbert.

Students will also be automatically enrolled in Anne Arundel Community College (AACC) and receive eight credits before they graduate high school.

Tolbert credits instructor Robin Mearman with the program's success.

"My instructor is, not to brag, but I think she is one of the best here," said Tolbert. "She knows what she is doing, and she's even in school now to learn more about this stuff. I think that helps her teach."

AUTO COLLISION REFINISHING

The Auto Collision course at CAT North is a two-level program. In the first level, students learn

the basics in auto repair and refinishing. Level-two students choose between frame and body repair and painting and refinishing. The program prepares students for careers in garages, dealerships, body shops, or their own businesses.

For Antony Barnes of Northeast, refinishing and the prospect of painting cars, yachts and rockets was the obvious choice.

"I decided to pursue a technical education because it gives me a chance to further my career options," said Barnes. "If I want, I can put this on a resume and go to college with it."

This nontraditional classroom is the perfect environment for Barnes, who loves hands-on work.

"I picked this field because I like working with cars," said Barnes. "I like this whole entire environment. Everyone is so friendly and accepting. If you mess up they'll tell you what to fix and help you."

After graduation, Barnes is considering going to college for two years, but he is sure that he will work in auto refinishing for the rest of his life.

ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCE MANAGEMENT

The Environmental Resource Management program, which works closely with Arlington Echo, offers students the unique opportunity to work hands-on with soil, wildlife, green technology and watershed restoration.

The greenhouse building allows the students to garden year-round, work on labs, and even houses two terrapins.

Allison Campbell of Northeast was originally enrolled in Carpentry when she learned about the program.

"I wanted to do something new, and I fell in love with this class and the people," said Campbell. "It really is like a family."

Students are taught to maintain and work with hydroponic systems, which are water-based systems that allow plants to be grown without soil.

"What we do in the greenhouse with the hydroponic systems and maintain everything ourselves is amazing," said Campbell. "We do a lot of trials and errors, but to see something grow

because of us is truly something special."

When Campbell finishes high school she is looking forward to a career in the environmental resource field. She is planning to move to Florida and become a marine biologist.

"You just gain so many skills," said Campbell of her time at CAT North. "Even if you aren't going to pursue it in the future, you learn a new skill. It's amazing. You meet new people; you get to learn new things."

CARPENTRY

Northeast junior Adam Rudolf grew up around carpentry. His grandfather was a contractor, his uncle owned a company, and his other grandfather was handy. Following in his family's footsteps was an easy decision when he found out about CAT North.

"I found out I could learn more here and further my understanding about it," said Rudolf.

The carpentry program at CAT North teaches students the skills necessary to construct, remodel, maintain and repair woodworking projects.

As part of the construction programs, students are tasked with building a small-scale house each year. For Rudolf, this project is the best part of the program.

"It gives us a perspective on what we will be working on," said Rudolf. "It's a small house so the stuff we will be doing will be bigger than that, but its good practice."

Although this is Rudolf's last year in the program, he wants to earn one of instructor John Penny's coveted apprenticeships in his senior year.

"Next year, all of the students that Mr. Penny thinks did a great job in the class, he finds them apprenticeships," said Rudolf. "That way, they can just go right into the workforce."

As for his time at CAT North, Rudolf believes everyone should take advantage of this opportunity.

"Even if you don't want to pursue the career, you still have some knowledge," said Rudolf. "If you are taking the automotive class and your car breaks down, you don't have to pay someone to fix it. If you have a hole in the wall, you can patch it."

WELDING

After deciding the nursing program wasn't for her, Ignley dove into the welding program. The program at CAT North teaches welding operations and techniques for a variety of materials. Students do everything from practical projects to creative projects.

"The work is really fun to do and it keeps me interested," said Ignley. "I like hands-on stuff."

Students are prepared for careers in construction, machinery, underwater welding, creative designing, pipeline welding, or even to own their own shop.

Ignley has completed the second and final level of the welding program and is looking forward to continuing her welding career.

"I'm planning on going into the field and working in welding," said Ignley. "I'm trying to go to a trade school to get more certifications."

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