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Employees of Educational Systems Federal Credit Union "Stuff-A-Bus" With Over 2,000 Backpacks for Students

By PRESS OFFICER
ESFCU

GREENBELT, MD—Employees of Educational Systems Federal Credit Union brought the Credit Union's core purpose of serving the education community to life by proudly loading a school bus with over 2,000 donated backpacks to support Prince George's County Public School's Stuff-A-Bus event. The backpacks were filled with school supplies and will be distributed to middle school students at the county's Back-to-School Fair on Saturday, August 26.

Officer for Prince George's County Public Schools. "We are so excited and grateful. Educational Systems FCU is one of our top sponsors. Their donation of over 2,000 backpacks stuffed with supplies for our middle school students was incredible."

The Credit Union's donation was made possible thanks to its employees who contributed a portion of their paychecks to the Credit Union's "Backpacks for Students" program. In total, the Credit Union will provide over 7,500 backpacks to benefit middle school students across the seven school systems it serves.



PHOTO COURTESY EDUCATIONAL SYSTEMS FEDERAL CREDIT UNION

Employees of Educational Systems FCU and Prince George's County Public Schools stuffed 140 boxes filled with over 2,000 backpacks into a school bus in the Credit Union's Bowie Branch parking lot.

"The continued successful partnership with Educational Systems FCU will allow thousands of students to get off to a great start in the fall," said Barbara Holt Streeter, Partnership

Each backpack contains a 100-sheet pack of college ruled paper, a pack of six ballpoint pens,

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Maryland Cyclist Bikes Cross-Country to Raise Money for Pediatric Heart Disease

By CARA NEWCOMER
Capital News Service

BEL AIR, MD—A 24-year-old from Bel Air, Maryland, made it his goal to spend the summer of 2017 traveling over 4,000 miles across the United States to help raise money for pediatric heart disease. And while he may have finished the ride of a lifetime at the end of July, he continues to make efforts to reach his fundraising goal.

Spencer Buchness, an amateur long-distance cyclist, quit his job as a graphic designer to begin his nearly three-month journey by bike on April 22 in Ocean City, Maryland, with the goal of reaching San Francisco. He traveled through 14 states, raising \$15,000 along the way for the Save a Child's Heart foundation, an organization he volunteered with in Israel.

Buchness said that although he didn't train for the trip, it was one he had always wanted to partake in. "I was staring at a map of the world one day and I realized I could go anywhere and I think a lot of people forget that," he said. "This ride is something I've always wanted to do for the last three years, so I risked it."

He pedaled through Maryland, Virginia, West Virginia, Kentucky, Indiana, Illinois, Missouri, Kansas, Colorado, Utah, Idaho, Washington, Oregon and California. On average, he said he spent about six to seven hours per day on his bike,



PHOTO COURTESY SPENCER BUCHNESS

The road is clear as 24-year-old Spencer Buchness bikes through Utah on June 29 on his way to San Francisco. At one point during his trip, his bike weighed about 117 pounds.

riding through the various weather conditions like hail, thunderstorms and tornado warnings, experiencing extreme highs and lows in temperatures.

"I don't stop unless I physically can't keep going," Buchness

said. "I'll be riding up a hill, yelling at myself to keep pedaling, with sweat in my eyes... but right when you want to walk, you think about those children affected by heart disease, thinking okay, alright, we're doing this."

Buchness said he chose to raise money for the Save a Child's Heart foundation after spending the summer of 2016

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11th Annual KEYS Graduation Celebrates PG County Youth Kicking Off Their Careers

"The KEYS Program Gave My Family a Brand New Start!," Says Recent Program Graduate.

By R. JOSHUA REYNOLDS
PGCEDC

GREENBELT, MD—For eleven consecutive years, the Workforce Services Division of the Prince George's County Economic Development Corporation (EDC) has held its annual KEYS (Knowledge Equals Youth Success) Graduation and Employment Awards Ceremony to acknowledge the achievements of County youth enrolled in the program. Yesterday, over two-hundred guests descended upon Martin's Crosswinds in Greenbelt, Maryland to celebrate graduates of the program, and to recognize the employers who have positively impacted the lives and careers of County youth. Carnival-style entertainment was also provided to give a unique experience to yesterday's celebrants. EDC



PHOTO COURTESY R. JOSHUA REYNOLDS

KEYS Graduates with Workforce Services Division Staff pose for the camera.

President and CEO, Jim Coleman, expressed his pride in seeing the growth of KEYS program participants.

"I stand before you in awe of your accomplishments," said Coleman. "Your very participation in the KEYS program is evidence of your desire to grow personally and professionally. As I look into your beautiful faces, I see future business lead-

ers, teachers, doctors, lawyers and anything that you want to be. You now have the tools to unlock the doors to success and I'm honored to be a part of the village that is able to nurture your gifts and talents."

Funded by the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act

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Hoyer Delivers Remarks at 15th Annual Women's Equality Day Luncheon

By PRESS OFFICER
Office of Steny Hoyer

CLINTON, MD—On August 15, 2017, Congressman Steny H. Hoyer (MD-05) hosted his 15th annual Women's Equality Day Luncheon, with keynote speaker Baltimore Mayor Catherine Pugh. Below are his opening remarks as prepared for delivery.

"Good morning, and thank you for being here for the annual Fifth District Women's Equality Luncheon. This year, we gather to mark not only the ninety-seventh anniversary of the Nine-

teenth Amendment, enshrining women's suffrage into our Constitution, but also the forty-fifth anniversary of Title Nine.

"While the Nineteenth Amendment was instrumental in enabling women's voices to be heard equally in our democratic institutions through their votes, Title Nine was a milestone in advancing women's equality in education and society. From equal access to the classrooms of our schools and universities to equality in access to athletics, Title Nine makes it clear that women will never again be shut out and

denied the opportunities everyone deserves.

"It is a testament to the power of Title Nine, in many ways, that today's color guard from Thomas Stone High School is made up entirely of female students. These young women are pursuing their education as well as their involvement in the marching band and other extracurricular activities thanks to the doors opened for them and their predecessors by Title Nine.

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Annual Golf Tournament Raises Funds to Support Community Health And Wellness Programs

By PRESS OFFICER
Doctor's Community Hospital

LANHAM, MD—The Doctors Community Hospital Foundation raised more than \$215,000 at its 22nd annual golf invitational held in Queenstown, Maryland on May 22,

the most successful fundraising event to date. These funds will support community health and wellness programs for residents of Prince George's County and surrounding areas.

Donations will support the hospital's community, clinical, and health education programs

including its new Wellness on Wheels mobile health clinic. This healthcare resource travels throughout the area with medical professionals who provide free blood pressure, cholesterol and

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Secretary Perdue Announces \$16.8 Million to Encourage SNAP Participants to Purchase Healthy Foods

The awards under FINI represent a variety of projects, including relatively small pilot projects, multi-year community-based projects, and larger-scale multi-year projects.

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Please Take Sides: This Is No Time for Silence or Inaction!

We must teach our children the truth about our history and the importance of speaking and standing up nonviolently. We must exemplify the actions we want our children to follow. We must refuse to raise a historical and amoral children who ignore or support evil.

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Four Marylanders Discover More Than \$564,000 in Unclaimed Property

Any of the goods not claimed by their owners eventually go to the state. Visit the Comptroller's YouTube channel to watch the newest video available at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=C5LayKI2wzE>.

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Movie Review: Maudie

Based on a true story, *Maudie* is an unlikely romance in which the reclusive Everett Lewis hires a fragile yet determined woman named Maudie to be his housekeeper. Maudie, bright-eyed but hunched with crippled hands, yearns to be independent, to live away from her protective family and she also yearns, passionately, to create art.

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Earth Talk

Dear EarthTalk:

Since when did Michael Bloomberg become a great environmentalist?

Jackie Miller,
New York, NY

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Towns and NEIGHBORS

In and Around Morningside-Skyline

by Mary McHale 301 735 3451

Morningside Sportsmen's Santa Claus dies at 86

Ernest Eugene "Ernie" Bayne, President of the Morningside Sportsmen's Club in the early '90s and my favorite Santa Claus, died July 15 at his home in Lothian. He was 86.

He was born in Chester County, PA, and was the adopted son of Roy and Gladys Bayne. During the Korean War, he served with the Army Infantry and was awarded the Purple Heart and the Bronze Star for bravery.

He owned St. Leonard Sunoco and, later, managed Hertz Service Center until he retired.

Back in the days when he lived on Wilder Street in Clinton, he was an active member of the Morningside Sportsmen, holding several offices including President, 1990-92. Every Christmas for about 19 years, he cruised Morningside and Skyline as Santa Claus—along with Mrs. Santa (Caroline Williams)—collecting donations of canned goods. The float was always followed by elves (Sportsmen's kids and friends) who did the running. With the Sportsmen, Ernie delivered food baskets to needy families at Christmas.

He was President of the Twin Harbor Board of Directors.

Ernie's wife Dorothy, brother Paul Bayne and sister Shirley Flaherty predeceased him. Survivors include daughters Terri Richardson, Tracy Bayne and Linda Gale; sons Dan and Steve Bayne; eight grandchildren and 15 great-grandchildren. He is buried at the Maryland Veterans Cemetery in Cheltenham.

Flag and Tackle Football registration

Camp Springs Boys & Girls Club is taking registrations for Flag and Tackle Football, open to ages 3 to 14. It will be held at Auth Village Park next to Princeton Elementary, 6211

Baxter Dr. in Camp Springs. For information: Coach Tony Thompson (301-502-1888) or Coach Fred (301-741-8010). Register online at CSBG.org.

People

George Hunt, of District Heights, a beloved art teacher at St. Philip's School, died Aug. 22 when his motorcycle collided with a work truck on Marlboro Pike at Boones Lane about 5:40 p.m. Investigation into the accident continues. I'll pay tribute to George in an upcoming column.

Chief Emeritus Les Hedrick was honored recently for his service to Morningside and surrounding areas for more than 50 years. Volunteer firefighters came from across the County to celebrate him.

Virginia Stine, my good neighbor years ago and a well-remembered kindergarten teacher, called last week, just to chat. She is now in assisted living in Salisbury and turned 96 last May 11.

Carolyn Hayes is the new prefect of the Sodality at St. Philip the Apostle Parish. Other officers are: Chris Webb, vice-prefect; Lorraine Wright, secretary; and Karin Yeatman, treasurer. The first meeting of the new season will be on Sunday, Sept. 10, following the 9 a.m. Mass.

Therese Gallegos, my daughter, drove by herself from Brownsville, Texas, to Geneva, Nebraska, "the perfect place for the eclipse," she emailed. "No huge crowd, but enough people to create a mood. Everyone was so friendly ... We had the drama created by the clouds, but ultimately a clear view of the totality. Perfect place. Amazing experience."

Then she had to hurry back to Brownsville, which was being threatened by Hurricane Harvey.

Morningside seeks new employee

The Town of Morningside is accepting resumes for a part-time/full-time Maintenance Worker. Duties include but are not limited to: general outdoor maintenance (street cleaning, litter pickup, grass cutting, etc.) and some interior building maintenance. This position is considered essential and may require employee to work occasional overtime during inclement weather, emergencies and Town closures. Must have a valid driver's license and be subject to a background check. Persons interested must submit a resume to the Town of Morningside, 6901 Ames Street, Morningside, Maryland 20746, no later than September 5, 2017. Phone (301) 736-2300 for additional details. EOE. Thank you! Karen D Rooker, Clerk-Treasurer.

May they rest in peace

Charles Bryant Stymiest, 58, of Upper Marlboro and an Oxon Hill High graduate, died July 29. He worked for Metro for 27 years and WSSC for ten years. Survivors include his wife Jennifer, father Steve Medvan, brother Glenn Stymiest, two stepchildren and four grandchildren. He'll be remembered for his love of the outdoors—fishing, hunting, crabbing, gardening and riding his tractor.

Albert John "Al" Fenstomocher, 78, of Temple Hills, retired Washington-Metropolitan Police Officer who served with the Marines 1957-1965, and a golfer named to PGA's prestigious President's Society in 1991, died Aug. 10. Survivors include his wife Barbara; children, Ricky, Kristin, Erin and Todd; sister Nancy Barnhart; grandchildren and great-grands. In May 2008, Al was honored with the Chairman's Award from the Paul Berry Neediest Kids

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Neighborhoods

BGE's Inaugural Scholars Program Awards \$45,000 In Scholarships to Nine Students in Maryland

BALTIMORE, MD—Baltimore Gas and Electric Company (BGE) initiated its BGE Scholars program on August 15, 2017 by awarding scholarships totaling \$45,000 to nine undergraduate students from across the BGE service area. One scholarship each was awarded to students in Baltimore City, Anne Arundel, Baltimore, Calvert, Frederick, Harford, Howard, Montgomery and Prince George's Counties. BGE Scholars and their parents were recognized during a luncheon today at BGE's headquarters in downtown Baltimore.

BGE Scholars are students who have been accepted into an accredited undergraduate program or are currently enrolled full-time in an undergraduate program at an accredited institution of higher learning who have demonstrated academic achievement and active membership and involvement in community service and extracurricular activities. The BGE Scholars Award is one of three legacy gifts to the community to commemorate the company's 200th anniversary, which was celebrated throughout 2016.

"BGE is pleased to recognize these outstanding students for their academic excellence and commitment to community service," said Valencia McClure, vice president, governmental and external affairs and corporate relations for BGE. "These students are our future leaders and it is incumbent upon us to nurture their growth and development by providing opportunities for them to reach their fullest potential. The BGE Scholars program is one of many ways BGE demonstrates its investment in the people and the communities we serve."

BGE partnered with Central Scholarship, a Baltimore-area non-profit, to promote the BGE Scholars program and evaluate hundreds of students who applied for the merit-based award. Among the eligibility requirements, applicants must satisfy the following:

- Must be a BGE customer or dependent of a BGE customer who resides within the BGE service area
- Must have at least a 3.0 cumulative grade point average
- Must be a graduating high school senior accepted by an accredited institution of higher education or a full-time undergraduate student enrolled in at least 12 credit hours at an accredited institution of higher education including technical or vocational training institutions
- Must complete an essay and interview

BGE employees and affiliates of Exelon, relatives of BGE employees or affiliates of Exelon, applicants enrolled in or applying for admission to graduate or professional schools or programs and anyone not determined to be a BGE customer or meeting qualifications for this award are not eligible. The BGE Scholars application period will re-open in January 2018 for the 2018-2019 academic school year.

When is the School Bus Coming? PGCPSS Has an App for That!

Download the New Mobile App Today and Be Ready for The First Day of School

UPPER MARLBORO, MD—Prince George's County Public Schools (PGCPS) is encouraging parents to try out the new *Bb District by Blackboard* mobile app prior to the first day of school (Sept. 6) for bus stop locations and transportation updates.

"In today's technology-driven and increasingly mobile world, we want to provide parents more information at their fingertips. This school year if you're wondering when the bus will arrive, there's an app for that," said Dr. Kevin M. Maxwell, Chief Executive Officer.

In addition to transportation updates, the app provides convenient access to school lunch balances, homework assignments, grades and more.

Download the new mobile application in the Apple App Store or Google Play Store using your Family Portal account information, then select your school and choose a preferred notification method.

Parents who do not have a Family Portal account can register at tinyurl.com/familyportalregistration. If you need assistance, please contact your child's school.

BBB Warning: Phishing Scam Mimics BBB Complaint Procedures

WASHINGTON, D.C.—The Better Business Bureau is warning business owners and consumers that the BBB name and logo are being fraudulently used by criminals in an on-going phishing scam. The emails look very much like notice of a complaint from BBB, but contain links to malware that can infect the recipient's computer or steal passwords.

If you get an email that looks like it is a BBB complaint:

1. Do NOT click on any links or attachments.
2. Read the email carefully for signs that it may be fake (for example, misspellings, grammatical errors, generic greetings such as "Dear member" instead of a name, etc.).
3. Be wary of urgent instructions to take specified action such as "Click on the link or your account will be closed."
4. Hover your mouse over links without clicking to see if the address is truly from bbb.org. The URL in the text should match the URL that your mouse detects. If the two do not match, it is most likely a scam.
5. Send a copy of the email to phishing@council.bbb.org (Note: This address is only for scams that use the BBB name or logo)
6. Delete the email from your computer completely (be sure to empty your "trash can" or "recycling bin," as well).
7. Run anti-virus software updates frequently and do a full system scan.
8. Keep a close eye on your bank statements for any unexpected or unexplained transactions.

9. If you have clicked on any of the links within the email, **immediately** change your email and network passwords AND notify your local IT provider for next steps and actions.

If you have a business and are not certain whether the complaint is legitimate, contact your local BBB: bbb.org/bbb-locator

BBB is working with law enforcement as well as a private deactivation firm to shut down as many criminal websites as possible. To date, we have shut down well over 100 sites.

WSSC Replaces Aging Water Mains Along US 29

LAUREL, MD (August 15, 2017)—Calvin Coolidge was president when WSSC first installed some of the 91-year-old water mains underneath US 29 (Colesville Road) in downtown Silver Spring. Starting next week, weather permitting, WSSC will begin replacing nearly two miles of the old 16-inch cast iron pipes with brand new zinc-coated ductile iron pipes, which are expected to last approximately 100 years. The \$3.4 million project extends from MD 97 (Georgia Avenue) north to I-495 (Capital Beltway).

Water main replacement projects involve heavy equipment, digging, noise, lane closures and parking restrictions. If necessary, temporary lines will be installed and connected to homes and businesses to provide water during the project. If temporary lines are used, customers will experience a brief interruption in service when the new main is activated. WSSC will notify customers prior to this brief interruption.

Work will impact traffic along north and southbound Colesville Road during off-peak hours. Motorists are encouraged to plan ahead as single and double-lane closures will cause delays. Flagpersons, cones and signs will alert and guide motorists through this section of Colesville Road. WSSC urges motorists to drive safely when traveling through work zones. Parking along Colesville Road will not be permitted in areas where crews are working.

Working closely with the Maryland State Highway Administration, work will take place weekdays between 9:30 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. Weekend work may occur between 9:00 a.m. and 9:00 p.m., and occasional evening work also may take place between 9:00 p.m. and 5:00 a.m. WSSC will notify residents and businesses prior to any evening or weekend work.

Water main replacement work should be complete in spring 2019, weather permitting. Final restoration of sidewalks, roadways and landscaping is weather dependent and takes place within 90 days following completion of the pipe work.

WSSC has engaged in extensive public outreach to inform customers and business owners about this project. More information can be found at the website: www.wsscwater.com/Colesville.

Brandywine-Aquasco

by Audrey Johnson 301 888 2153

ANNUAL FAMILY AND FRIENDS HOMECOMING

Christ United Methodist Church (New Hope Fellowship Parish) Rev. Constance Smith, Pastor will celebrate their Annual Family and Friends Homecoming Sunday, September 24, 2017 at 11:00 AM. The guest speaker will be Tyrone Johnson, Pastor.

September revival dates will be held at Adams Farm House, 20609 Aquasco Road, Aquasco, Maryland. Friday, September 8, 2017 at 7:00 PM the guest speaker will be Minister Pearl Chase from Asbury United Methodist Church, Brandywine, Maryland. Friday, September 15, 2017 at 7:00 PM the guest speaker will be Rev. Sandra Smith, Pastor from Cooper's United Methodist Church, Dunkirk, Maryland. Friday, September 22, 2017 at 7:00 PM the guest speaker will be Minister Patricia Queen from Shiloh United Methodist Church, Newburg, Maryland. For more details, contact Tracy Pinkney at (240) 882-7703 or Phyllis Slater (301) 653-7345.

SEAFOOD DINNER

St. Michael's Catholic Church at 17510 Horsehead Road, Brandywine (Baden) MD will host a seafood dinner prepared by Thompson's Seafood on Saturday, September 16, 2017 from 1:00 PM to

4:00 PM. Buffet: fried oysters, spiced shrimp, crab balls and fried chicken, parsley potatoes, coleslaw, vegetable medley, rolls, hush puppies, tea and water. Cake and dessert table too! For cake table information please call Belinda Windsor at 301-579-6722.

Cost of tickets are \$25 advance, ticket-carry out available, \$30 at the door, \$12 for children ages 10-16. Free for children age 9 and under. For additional information and tickets, please call John "Gene" Richards at 301-643-1840 or St. Michael's Church Office at 301-888-1498.

PETER A. GROSS SR. SCHOLARSHIP FUND, INC.

The Peter A. Gross Sr. Scholarship Memorial Fund, Inc. awarded 8 scholarships for the 2017-18 year. The scholarship recipients were Kyla Cheeves (University of Maryland); Adjoa Ewool (Duke University); Paapa Ewool (Howard University); Jasmine Greene (Howard University); Zylah Harper (Pennsylvania State); Kathryn Harris (Bowie State University); Michaela Thomas (University of Tampa); and Laron Wheeler (Morgan State University). Congratulations students for your high achievements and thanks to all who supported the Scholarship Fund. Peter A.

Gross Scholarship/Memorial Fund Inc., Post Office Box 751, Brandywine, Maryland 20613 (301) 888-1475.

BIRTHDAY GREETINGS

Happy Birthday to Robert F. Adams, Rickey Hawkins, Gerald Pinkney, Lillie Skinner, Alice Brooks, Catherine Brown, Tyrone Campbell, Alexis Champion, Jeremy Chew, Robert Contee, Todd Johnson, Melody Makle, Matthew Montgomery, Jasmine Pinkney, Corbin Toombs, Pamela Toombs, Catherine Watkins, James Wilkerson who are celebrating birthdays in the month of September.

UNITED METHODIST MEN

Contact Cary Montgomery Washington East District President at 301-627-0028 or Cman77all@gmail.com if you are interested in attending our WES Annual Prayer Breakfast September 16, 2017 at 8:30 AM in Prince Frederick, Maryland. Please RSVP donation is \$15.00.

PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY STUDENTS

I hope that all the students in the county will have a safe and prosperous school year.

LABOR DAY WEEK-END

Hope that everyone will have a safe and enjoyable Labor Day weekend.

COMMUNITY

The American Counseling Association's Counseling Corner

Some Tips for Surviving Your Child's Teenage Years

The teenage years are never easy—for either the teen or the parents. It's a time of little communication beyond eye rolls, sullen silence and that infamous "whatever." It's a time when you wonder if either of you will survive this period.

It's often very frustrating, but can be easier if you recognize what jobs each of you now have and how best to approach them.

Your job is to raise a compassionate and competent adult who can handle the challenges of life and who has a sense of what it's like from the other guy's perspective. Your job is not to be a genie who makes all your child's dreams come true, or to be a servant doing things your teen is perfectly capable of doing on his or her own. You can't always rescue your child from failure or life's inevitable pains.

Your teen's job, on the other hand, is to separate from you and test the waters of life. When your child drives you up the wall by pushing limits, that's what's supposed to happen. It's all part of the developmental process, of becoming an adult. You have an absolutely normal child.

But that doesn't mean you should just smile and accept it all. You are expected to show the appropriate feelings, set limits and impose reasonable consequences for unacceptable behavior.

How do you do this when you're so angry you could explode? Start by calming down. Don't confront your child when all you can think about is how angry you are. Take a walk, a hot bath or whatever it takes to relax.

Tell your child that you plan to discuss the situation later. That gives you enough time to prepare your response thoughtfully, not emotionally.

Sit down with your child at the appointed time. Don't yell, scream or engage in any physical acting out. You have to be a model of responsible behavior if you expect the same from your teen.

Share your feelings using "I statements," like "I was very scared about what you did without my permission." Discuss appropriate consequences. Don't threaten things that you won't or can't carry out.

And when handing out punishments, it's also important to affirm that you love the child but dislike the behavior. Make it clear that what happened disappointed you.

With patience, love and a sense of humor, you will survive the teenage years.

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a highlighter and a 12-inch ruler.

"For us, it's an honor to be serving the education community," stated Chris Conway, President/CEO of Educational Systems FCU. "Our employees' generous donations have helped us make a difference for even more middle school students this year."

Educational Systems FCU (esfcu.org) has proudly served the education community for over 60 years. With over \$900 million in assets and 12 branches, the Credit Union serves 87,000 members in seven school systems and three community colleges throughout Anne Arundel, Calvert, Charles, Montgomery, Prince George's, St. Mary's and Talbot counties.

Morningside from A2

Foundation for more than 21 years of helping young golfers.

Milestones

Happy birthday to Christine Hoehl, Judy Busky, Earl Simms, Rebecca Capps and my great-granddaughter Mary Adela McHale, Sept. 1; Suzanne Kenney, Sept. 2; Andrelic Howard and Fr. Arnold DePorter, Sept. 3; Loretta

Carter, Sept. 4; Frank Howard, Justine Poe, Paul M. Locke, Harietta Boo Henson, my granddaughter-in-law Nina McHale and Dan Needham, Sept. 6; and Melissa Howell, Sept. 7.

I recently wished Barbara and Percy Crawford a Happy Anniversary. But Karen Rooker emailed that Barbara died a couple of years ago, and "she will be smiling down on Percy for their anniversary."

Secretary Perdue Announces \$16.8 Million To Encourage SNAP Participants to Purchase Healthy Foods

By PRESS OFFICER
USDA

WASHINGTON, D.C.—U.S. Secretary of Agriculture Sonny Perdue announced 32 grants totaling \$16.8 million to help Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) participants increase their purchases of fruits and vegetables. The program is operated by the U.S. Department of Agriculture's (USDA) National Institute of Food and Agriculture (NIFA). The funding comes from the Food Insecurity Nutrition Incentive (FINI) program, authorized by the 2014 Farm Bill.

"These grants help provide low income families with the resources they need to consume more nutritious food. Last year, SNAP helped put healthy food on the tables of at least 44 million Americans, including 19 million children," Perdue said. "This builds on the successes of health-related incentives, with many of the projects being conducted at farmers markets. At the same time, we're also helping to strengthen local and regional food systems."

FINI is a joint program between NIFA and USDA's Food and Nutrition Service, which oversees SNAP and is responsible for evaluating the impact of the variety of types of incentive programs that are deployed by FINI grantees. The program brings together stakeholders from different parts of the national food system to improve the nutrition and health status of SNAP households. The awards under FINI represent a variety of projects, including relatively small pilot projects, multi-year community-based projects, and larger-scale multi-year projects.

Grants being announced, by state, include:

FINI Pilot Projects (up to \$100,000, not to exceed 1 year):

- East Bay Asian Local Development Corporation, Oakland, California, \$76,697
- Sacramento Food Bank & Family Services, Sacramento, California, \$63,494
- The Kenny Family Foundation, Wilmington, Delaware, \$45,000
- Presence Health, Chicago, Illinois, \$100,000
- Iowa Healthiest State Initiative, Des Moines, Iowa, \$99,587
- Red Lake Band of Chippewa Indians, Red Lake Nation, Minnesota, \$78,188
- Capacity Builders, Inc., Farmington, New Mexico, \$26,478
- Rochester Institute of Technology, Rochester, New York, \$99,997
- Janus Youth Programs, Inc., Portland, Oregon, \$94,566
- Appalachian Resource Conservation & Development Council, Johnson City, Tennessee, \$94,211
- Richmond City Health District, Richmond, Virginia, \$98,108

Multi-year community-based projects (up to \$500,000, not to exceed 4 years):

- Community Services Unlimited Inc., Los Angeles, California, \$500,000
- Yolo County Health and Human Services Agency, Woodland, California, \$500,000
- FRESHFARM Markets, Inc., Washington, District of Columbia, \$250,000
- Atlanta Community Food Bank, Atlanta, Georgia, \$250,000
- The Food Basket, Inc., Kailua-Kona, Hawaii, \$500,000
- Heritage Ranch Inc., Honaunau, Hawaii, \$500,000

- VNA Health Care, Aurora, Illinois, \$488,090
- The Experimental Station: 6100 Blackstone, Chicago, Illinois, \$487,197
- Mountain Comprehensive Health Corporation, Whitesburg, Kentucky, \$307,916
- Crossroads Community Food Network, Inc., Takoma Park, Maryland, \$112,403
- Together We Can, North Las Vegas, Nevada, \$500,000
- The Fortune Society, Inc., New York City, New York, \$498,000
- Reinvestment Partners, Durham, North Carolina, \$398,960
- Youngstown Neighborhood Development Corporation, Youngstown, Ohio, \$498,880
- Nurture Nature Center, Easton, Pennsylvania, \$267,394
- Rhode Island Public Health Institute, Providence, Rhode Island, \$299,844
- Grow Food d/b/a Viva Farms, Mount Vernon, Washington, \$488,758

Multi-year large-scale projects (\$500,000 or greater, not to exceed 4 years):

- California Department of Food and Agriculture, Sacramento, California, \$3,944,573
- Community Farm Alliance, Inc., Berea, Kentucky, \$602,159
- Fair Food Network, Ann Arbor, Michigan, \$3,500,000
- The Food Trust, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, \$987,500

Among the grant recipients this year, The Experimental Station 61 St Street, located in an underserved neighborhood on Chicago's South Side, will increase the affordability of fruits and vegetables sold in Illinois Farmers Markets for Illinois

SNAP clients. The project aims to expand the SNAP Double Coupon Program incentive to an additional 80 Illinois Farmers Markets and direct-to-consumer venues. Currently, the project has funded almost 90 farmers markets and direct-to-consumer venues statewide and facilitated thousands of SNAP shoppers to purchase almost \$500,000 of additional fresh and healthy foods with the Double Value Coupon incentives. More than 22,000 low-income Illinois residents will benefit from affordable access to the region's freshest fruits, vegetables and other healthy goods.

Since 2014, NIFA, has awarded more than \$65 million through the FINI program. Previously funded projects include the Farmacy Health Improvement Program project that is researching the problem of low-income people with specific medical conditions (pregnancy, type 1 or type 2 diabetes, and hypertension and/or obesity) not having access to healthy foods, such as fruits and vegetables. As a result of this project, pregnant women and people diagnosed with type 1 or type 2 diabetes qualify for vouchers redeemable for \$2 per day for the patient and \$1 per day for each additional household member to purchase locally grown fresh fruits and vegetables. The Fair Food Network (Ann Arbor, Michigan) project developed solutions that work across the food system to support farmers, strengthen local economies, and increase access to healthy food—especially in low-income communities. As a result of this project, the "Double Up Food Bucks" program became a national model for other healthy food incentives that are now active in nearly 20

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in Israel volunteering for a non-profit organization and seeing that they were a life-changing organization. "When I went there, I was just going there to learn about the organization," he said. "I didn't realize my life would be changed that day."

Save a Child's Heart foundation is a non-profit organization created 20 years ago by an American surgeon who was working overseas in Korea with the military, Rabbi David Litwack, the executive director of the U.S. office for the Save a Child's Heart foundation, told the University of Maryland's Capital News Service. "He realized that what's easily treatable in Western countries is a death sentence in others," Litwack said about the founder.

The organization's headquarters in Israel is run by volunteers, according to Litwack. There they can house up to 25 children and their mothers at a time, and provide treatment for congenital heart disease. The organization has expanded to train other pediatric cardiac surgeons and medical teams, so they can perform surgeries in their own countries. Buchness said when he met the children and their families he realized how real their situations and hardships were and how the organization is working to help relieve them. "They're lucky and they've struggled and this bike ride is my struggle," Buchness said. "So, this is for them and for me."

Litwack said Buchness's journey is unique compared to other campaigns he has seen.



PHOTO COURTESY SPENCER BUCHNESS
Spencer Buchness takes a selfie, all smiles, on May 31 after he rode 50 miles on the Katy Trail in Missouri. He called this one of his genuine smiles, naming this one of the top 10 moments of his trip.

"Frequently we will have students raise money for Save a Child's heart, but they're usually projects that are short term ...," Litwack said. "It's unusual to have something so challenging and developing over a long period of time." Litwack mentioned sports tournaments and marathons as common fundraisers he has seen from supporters.

While it is an unusual way to raise money, Litwack said, Buchness's campaign is very multidimensional.

"For us it's great that he's raising money to save a child, but it's equally important to make

aware the fact that congenital heart disease is such a serious problem and there's a very strong educational component (to his campaign)," he said.

Buchness kept in contact with his supporters on his Facebook page, Pedal to the Heartbeat, which had over 700 followers as of Aug. 10. He uploaded posts, photos, and videos and used Facebook live to update those following along on his journey. In these updates, followers saw Buchness in all stages of raw emotion—optimism, defeat, excitement, exhaustion, terror and gratitude.

His posts showed his amazement when he came into contact with different animals, like cows, turtles, sheep, a bear and even whales, sometimes stopping to "moo" or "baa" at them. They also showed his appreciation for simple things in life, like cereal and a warm shower, frequently giving two thumbs up to the camera and getting many in return from those he met at various stops along his route.

Stephen Fosdick, a resident of Idaho who housed Buchness

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COMMENTARY

Rushern L. Baker, III Executive of Prince George's County



Governor Hogan's Proposal for New State Development Plan and the Reduction of Regulations That will Increase Chesapeake Bay and Watershed Pollution Levels

UPPER MARLBORO, MD (August 22, 2017)—Prince George's County Executive Rushern L. Baker, III released this statement following last week's announcement by Governor Hogan to reduce regulations that protect the Chesapeake Bay and Watershed and encouraging more development and sprawl of the state's rural tier.

"Since taking office three years ago, Governor Hogan has slowly and quietly been backsliding the State of Maryland's planning goals and environmental regulations that were created to protect the long term stability and sustainability of the environment and to protect our State's greatest asset and resource—the Chesapeake Bay.

Since campaigning for Maryland Governor, Larry Hogan has been unwavering in his support of developers in rural tier communities who want to continue urban sprawl and maintain growth practices that are known to be detrimental to our environment. Our state has been a national leader in promoting smart growth, holistic planning goals and storm water infrastructure improvements in order to improve the condition of the Chesapeake Bay and amongst its tributary rivers and streams. Governor Hogan, similar to President Trump's Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) roll back of critical federal environmental regulations, is following the conservative playbook that ignores science and consequently creates a more polluted environment in Maryland for our children and grandchildren in order to receive po-

litical support from those polluters who profit by reduced regulations on our environment.

After Governor Hogan won election in 2014, Prince George's County could have stepped back from our EPA mandate like other jurisdictions around the state. Instead, I chose to continue Prince George's County's efforts to modernize our storm water infrastructure. I am proud of the work we have achieved which has created a green economy and jobs for our local and minority business communities while improving our state's environment and ecosystem. I am also proud of the planning and economic development accomplishments that we have achieved over the last six years to promote more transit oriented development around our existing Metro stations and incoming Purple Line, creating smarter and more sustainable growth of Prince George's County. Our forward-thinking decisions have resulted in job creation at the highest rate in the State of Maryland by focusing on development in areas that have created billions in economic investments.

Our efforts in these areas have made Prince George's County a national leader and garnered a "best practice" designation among smart growth, good governance and environmental advocates. More importantly, we have improved the environment for the next generation of Prince Georgians and Marylanders. I wish Governor Hogan would have followed our lead rather than regressing state policies back to a bygone era where environmental stewardship took a backseat to political expediency."

Marc Morial, President and CEO National Urban League



The Right Side of Charlottesville

"We must take sides. Neutrality helps the oppressor, never the victim. Silence encourages the tormentor, never the tormented. Sometimes we must interfere. When human lives are endangered, when human dignity is in jeopardy, national borders and sensitivities become irrelevant. Wherever men and women are persecuted because of their race, religion, or political views, that place must—at that moment—become the center of the universe."

—Elie Wiesel, Nobel Prize Acceptance Speech, December 10, 1986

President Donald Trump usually is quick to share his immediate response to any event—usually on his preferred platform, Twitter. And he usually is reluctant to back down, once he's made a statement. So it was significant from the start not only that his initial response to the racially motivated violence that took place at a white supremacist rally in Charlottesville was slow to come but also that it was revised several times. And none of the versions have been satisfactory.

In his eagerness to remain neutral and build a bridge of equivalence between hate spewing white nationalists and counter-protestors united against the cancer of racism metastasizing in our country, President Trump—whether through callousness or political calculus—has emboldened white supremacists and signaled tacit, if not clear support, to hate mongers.

Let's be clear. There were not "many sides" in Charlottesville.

There were alt-right adherents, nationalists, neo-Nazis, and whatever new-school euphemisms are out there to describe devotees of old-school racist ideology. And you can put them all on one side—or if you prefer—a basket of deplorables. There were also people there who put their lives on the line, including 32-year-old Heather Heyer, who lost her life while fighting for civil rights, human dignity and the promise of a better America for all its citizens.

Trump's refusal to denounce the side that advocates terror and violence and came to Charlottesville armed to the teeth to provoke hostilities is a colossal failure of leadership. It is a dangerous, precedent setting green light to hate groups and an open door to the return and re-legitimization of white supremacy.

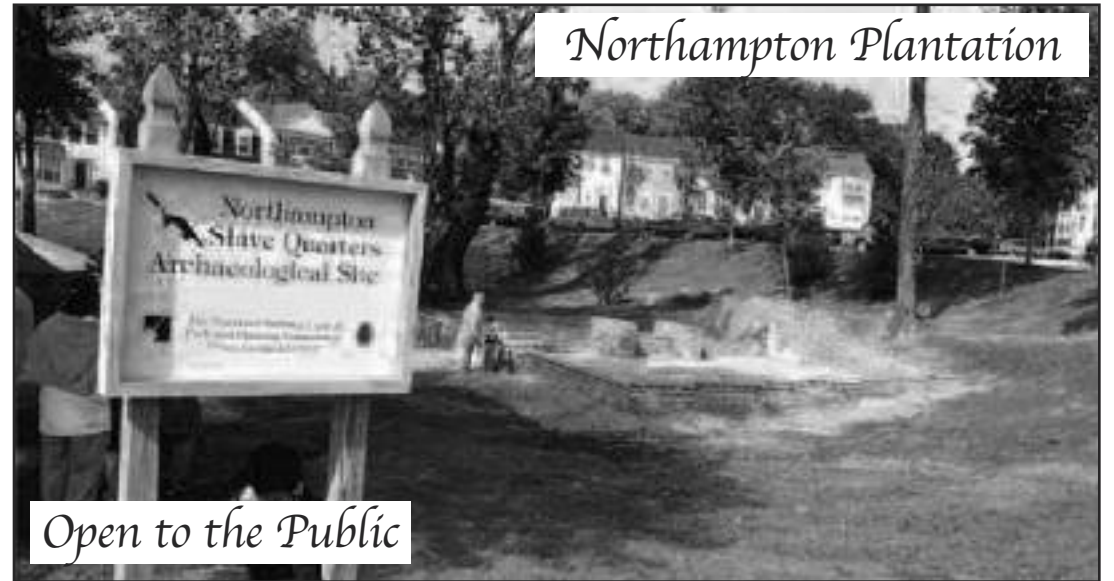
Though the rising tide of disappointment over Trump's muted response rightfully continues to swell, there are those encouraged his words. And as you might have guessed, they are white supremacists. The Daily Stormer, a neo-Nazi website, released a statement praising Trump's response as "good," adding, "He didn't attack us. When asked to condemn, he just walked out of the room. Really, really good. God bless him."

Former Ku Klux Klan Grand Wizard David Duke made an appearance at the rally before the violence erupted and explained the event's significance by saying it "represents a turning point for the people of this country. We are determined to take our country back. We're gonna fulfill the promises of Donald Trump. That's what we believed in. That's why we voted for Donald Trump, because he said he's gonna take our country back, and that's what we gotta do."

Rule of thumb: when hate groups, and KKK grand wizards, former or otherwise, support your words and actions, recognize that you are doing something entirely wrong. And you must know now, if you didn't know then, that you are absolutely not on the side of right and need to make your way there sooner rather than later.

Horrifying expressions of white supremacy and Nazi sympathies are not novel to our nation or the 21st century. What is shocking, however, is that these kinds of demonstrations and displays of naked hatred can happen on American soil without clear condemnation from the highest levels of government. Trump has not lost his power to communicate clearly and quickly. When Merck CEO Ken Frazier

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NORTHAMPTON PLANTATION AND ARCHAEOLOGICAL PARK
From the 1600's to the mid-1800's, large tobacco plantations dominated the economic and social life of Prince George's County. One of the most prominent plantations in the county was Northampton. Today, all that remains of Northampton are the ruins of the main plantation house, outbuildings, and two slave quarters. Recovered artifacts from pieces of pottery, animal bones, buttons, glass bottles, tobacco pipes, religious medals, and toys have provided archaeologists valuable information about the social and religious life of African Americans who lived and worked at Northampton as slaves and tenant farmers. Four interpretive signs describe the history and archaeology of the slave quarters. The grounds at the Park are open daily from sunrise until sunset. School and group programs are arranged by appointment at 301-627-1286 or TTY 301-699-2544. Admission is free.

Child Watch by Marion Wright Edelman



Please Take Sides: This Is No Time for Silence or Inaction!

"I remember: it happened yesterday, or eternities ago. A young Jewish boy discovered the Kingdom of Night. I remember his bewilderment, I remember his anguish. It all happened so fast. The ghetto. The deportation. The sealed cattle car. The fiery altar upon which the history of our people and the future of mankind were meant to be sacrificed."

"I remember he asked his father: 'Can this be true? This is the twentieth century, not the Middle Ages. Who would allow such crimes to be committed? How could the world remain silent?'"

"And now the boy is turning to me. 'Tell me,' he asks, 'what have you done with my future, what have you done with your life?' And I tell him that I have tried. That I have tried to keep memory alive, that I have tried to fight those who would forget. Because if we forget, we are guilty, we are accomplices."

"And then I explain to him how naïve we were, that the world did know and remained silent. And that is why I swore never to be silent whenever and wherever human beings endure suffering and humiliation. **We must always take sides. Neutrality helps the oppressor, never the victim. Silence encourages the tormentor, never the tormented.** Sometimes we must interfere. When human lives are endangered, when human dignity is in jeopardy, national borders and sensitivities become irrelevant. Wherever men and women are persecuted because of their race, religion, or political views, that place must—at that moment—become the center of the universe."

This passage [emphasis mine] is from Holocaust survivor and human rights champion Elie Wiesel's 1986 Nobel Peace Prize acceptance speech. Elie Wiesel spoke with a moral authority and clarity that is as obvious to even the smallest child watching a playground bully as it is to a witness of an unbearable genocide. Yet this plain moral truth has now been shamefully denied and trampled upon by the holder of our nation's loudest bully pulpit—the Presidency.

There are not two sides to Nazism. There are not two sides to White supremacy, bigotry, and racial and religious hatred

and intolerance. Heather Heyer—a nonviolent protester against racial intolerance—is not as much at fault as the man who violently and deliberately hit and killed her with his car on a Charlottesville street. What must our children be thinking and learning from this? How can we equate an evil and violent act that took a life to a nonviolent protest? How do we encourage our children to stand up and fight back nonviolently in the face of evil when morally blind leaders can't tell the difference?

The Southern Poverty Law Center (SPLC) is currently tracking 917 hate groups across our nation. Lecia Brooks, SPLC's director of outreach, said, "The ugly bigotry and hate on display in Charlottesville underscores a growing sickness in our country—one that's become all too commonplace and increasingly lethal." They are among many groups and leaders and individuals calling on President Donald Trump to take responsibility for his role. SPLC says in a new petition: "President Trump's campaign and presidency have energized the white supremacist movement in unprecedented ways. We saw it in the support he received from the likes of David Duke during

his campaign. We saw it in the surge in hate crimes committed in his name after his election. And we saw it in the deadly gathering of white supremacists in Charlottesville ... At this point, it's not enough for Trump simply to condemn bigotry. He must take responsibility for the surge in white supremacy and hate that he has unleashed."

While Americans wait to see whether that happens, it is up to parents and grandparents and faith leaders and educators and all those committed to building a more just nation to step into the void. We must teach our children the truth about our history and the importance of speaking and standing up nonviolently. We must exemplify the actions we want our children to follow. We must refuse to raise a historical and amoral children who ignore or support evil. We must not raise another generation who choose violence as a way of life and cannot respectfully disagree without it. Remaining silent is not an option. Our children must know right from wrong and be willing to stand up and take sides thoughtfully and nonviolently.

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BUSINESS

Social Security Matters

Ask Rusty: Disability After Starting Social Security Benefits

by Russell Gloor,
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Dear Rusty: I am now 64 years old and started taking my Social Security at 62. I continued to work part time since I applied, until December of last year when I was disabled from a bad car accident. I haven't been able to work since the accident, and I'm wondering if I can switch from my regular benefit to disability benefits, because I think that will be higher. Can you tell me - is it possible for me to switch to disability benefits and get a higher payment than I'm now getting because I took Social Security at 62? **Signed: Worker now Disabled**

Dear Worker: Social Security disability insurance, or SSDI, is intended to sustain you financially if you become disabled while still working. Included in the FICA tax you contributed each payday was your insurance premium for disability coverage. If you were still working, became totally disabled and unable to continue working, and the total disability is expected to last a year or more, you can apply for disability benefits even though you are already collecting Social Security early retirement benefits. There are, however, some things you should be aware of.

If you qualify, your SSDI benefit would be higher than your reduced early retirement benefit, as you believe. You would still need to meet the fairly stringent requirements to qualify for SSDI benefits (which you can find at www.ssa.gov/disability) and among those requirements is that you must have worked and paid FICA taxes for at least 5 of the last 10 years. You can apply online at the website referenced above, by telephone at 1-800-772-1213, or by visiting your local Social Security office which you can find at www.ssa.gov/locator. Be aware that it could take 3 to 6 months for a decision on your case but, if approved, benefits will be paid retroactively. If your case is not approved, you have the right to appeal, but the appeal process is significantly backlogged and could take a year or more to adjudicate. Statistically, only about 1/3rd of applications are initially approved but the success rate for appeals is considerably better.

Disability benefits are based upon the benefit you're entitled to at your full retirement age. If you are approved for and start collecting SSDI disability benefits, the amount of that benefit will be reduced corresponding to the number of months you received retirement benefits prior to being awarded SSDI. From what you've told me, that reduction will be about 13.3% because you've collected retirement benefits for about 2 years. When you reach your full retirement age of 66, your SSDI benefit will automatically convert to retirement benefits, but the benefit amount will stay the same as your reduced SSDI amount. That will, however, be more than your current early retirement benefit which was reduced by about 25% because you applied at age 62. The switch is mostly an accounting transaction because retirement benefits are paid from a different Social Security trust fund than disability benefits.

Finally, you may want to consult with a law firm that specializes in SSDI disability claims. An SSDI attorney should not charge a retainer or upfront fees, and Federal law limits the amount they can charge in contingency fees to 25% of any past due benefits they get for you to a maximum of \$6,000. You should not have to pay anything unless you win, though some attorneys will charge a small fee for out-of-pocket expenses. As with anything you sign, be sure to review the legal agreement carefully.

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resigned from Trump's business council after the president failed to unequivocally denounce white supremacists, it took Trump less than an hour to hop on Twitter and clearly denounce the pharmaceutical company's African-American CEO. Compare that to the near 48 hours it took for Trump to release any statement that condemned white supremacy after Charlottesville.

During Trump's inauguration speech, he promised to be a president for all Americans, yet almost six months into his presidency, that promise has not been realized for vast swaths of people. The presi-

dency is not a parochial endeavor. True leadership cannot be realized when the next election and pleasing your slice of American supporters animate your decisions and policies. True leadership would not demonize Americans who put their lives on the line for equal rights and racial justice for all, and it would not cast these people as the equivalents of white supremacists and neo-Nazis. There should be no room for this brand of vicious hate in our society. This requires a leader who unequivocally stands against the surging tide of hate, not one who steps aside and allows the detritus to wash ashore.

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Four Marylanders Discover More Than \$564,000 in Unclaimed Property

Nearly 34,000 Claimants Have Received \$51.7 Million So Far This Year

By PRESS OFFICER
Office of the Comptroller

ANNAPOLIS, MD—Four Maryland residents—two from Baltimore and one each from Hyattsville and La Plata—have joined the list of this year's Unclaimed Property recipients who have been identified with accounts as part of Comptroller Peter Franchot's annual publication. The four separate claims total more than \$564,000 from a list published this spring and distributed in newspapers statewide. The publication included more than 80,000 new unclaimed property accounts worth more than \$61 million.

The latest recipients include a Baltimore woman with an insurance account of more than \$241,000, a Baltimore man with an \$80,000 account and a La Plata man with a \$157,200 account. Those cases involved estates of family members. The three recipients asked not to be identified.

The fourth recipient, Harry Yeide III of Hyattsville, was notified of more than \$85,000 that had been passed from his late father to his mother, who passed away earlier this year. The Unclaimed Property unit sent a letter to Mr. Yeide informing him of the account's existence. He said his father had had several accounts and this one had been unknown. The discovered Unclaimed Property funds will be dispersed to his mother's beneficiaries.

"I was super impressed by the proactive outreach by the Unclaimed Property unit," Mr. Yeide said. "It made me feel good as a Maryland taxpayer."

Earlier this summer, a Bethesda woman claimed more than \$100,000 in a listed bank account. Since January, 33,695 claimants have received funds worth nearly \$51.7 million.

KEYS from A1

(WIOA), the KEYS program offers year-round services geared towards keeping youth on track and attaining their career goals. Occupational skills training, interview preparation, job search assistance and career readiness seminars were among the many benefits afforded to participants. Many go on to complete their high school and college degrees and launch careers that make a profound impact on their lives.

"When I started the program, I was five months pregnant and living in a motel with my husband and two sons," said Ariana Burnette, a former KEYS participant

Luncheon from A1

"Last year, when we gathered for our annual luncheon, we had little foresight that we would be here in 2017 lamenting a deeply painful roadblock on the march of equality. We had just seen a woman nominated for the Presidency for the first time by one of the major parties. No matter who you supported last year, that fact was a major milestone for which all Americans should be proud.

"And after Donald Trump was inaugurated, we saw millions of Americans—led by women from across the country—stand up and march to demand that the work of equality not be hindered. We marched to demand that the promise of America not be de-



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Screenshot from the Comptroller's YouTube channel.

"This is welcome news for these Unclaimed Property recipients and I'm glad my Unclaimed Property staff were able to make the connection to pass along this good news to the rightful owners," Comptroller Peter Franchot said. "I encourage everyone to check the unclaimed property insert or to visit marylandtaxes.com to look for your name."

This year, Comptroller Franchot appears on the cover of the insert in The Franchot Zone (or Unclaimed Property cache) full of possessions and financial payoffs that banks, insurance companies and financial institutions were unable to return to the rightful owners. Any of the goods not claimed by their owners eventually go to the state. Visit the Comptroller's YouTube channel to watch the newest video available at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=C5LayKl2wzE>.

Along with the unclaimed property list, which is published

annually as required by law, the Comptroller's Office also searches tax records to try and locate property owners. In addition, the agency has a booth at the Maryland State Fair, and other events throughout the year, to allow people to check the unclaimed property database.

Marylanders also can check to see if their name is on the unclaimed property list through the Comptroller's website. Here's how:

- Go to marylandtaxes.com
- Enter your name in the agency's database
- Claim your property

Financial institutions, insurance companies and corporations are required to notify the Comptroller's Office of any property that has gone unclaimed, or without activity, for more than three years. This is usually wages, bank accounts, stocks or dividends, life insurance policies or from safe deposit boxes. When the Comptroller's Office receives property that isn't monetary, as required by

state law, the items are appraised and then auctioned off on eBay (www.ebay.com/usr/md-compfranchot). The proceeds are held for the owner in perpetuity. Funds are available to be claimed at any time, with no statute of limitations and are not subject to taxes.

Franchot urges anyone who finds his or her name on the list to contact his office at 410-767-1700 (Central Maryland), or toll-free at 1-800-782-7383, to find out how to reclaim their lost property.

The Comptroller's Office honored nearly 43,225 claims totaling more than \$62 million in Fiscal Year 2016. Since 2007, the Comptroller's Office has returned more than \$585 million in unclaimed property. In total, the agency has more than 1.2 million accounts worth more than \$1.5 billion in its Unclaimed Property accounts.

To search the Unclaimed Property database online, visit www.marylandtaxes.com.

during her welcome address. "We had just been evicted from our apartment and were blessed to receive stipends from the State and KEYS which stabilized us as I completed my six-week training. I was placed in an internship as a front desk manager which turned into a full-time job. I now have a salary and my husband and I are now house hunting. Because of KEYS, my family got a new start."

The training that KEYS participants receive transcends industry sectors and many of its employer partners are taking notice. Tim Delehanty, Facilities Supervisor at the Maryland Fire and Rescue Institute in College Park, was so impressed with his KEYS

intern that he offered the young man a permanent position.

"We are ecstatic about the young man who came to work with us this summer," said Delehanty. "When he walked in the door, I could tell he was going to work out. He has a wonderful work ethic and we all enjoyed having him around. We were so impressed with him that we got special permission to keep him on beyond the life of the original internship."

In addition to employers, parents were also very happy with the resources that their children were afforded through the KEYS program. April Walton, mother of 2017 KEYS graduate Ashley,

expressed her gratitude for the special training that her daughter received as a participant.

"Ashley got a lot of experience that will give her options in her career," said Ms. Walton. "She has acquired retail, communication, office and life skills, among many others that make her very strong. I'm grateful that she was able to participate in this program and has a future to look forward to."

To learn more about the KEYS program and other youth programs offered by the Workforce Services Division, please contact Marcita Bentley-Pinkston, Assistant Director for Youth Services at mbentley@co.pg.md.us or (301) 618-8401.

nied to tens of millions of women, especially women of color and lesbian and trans-women. So as we gather here today, let us not focus on loss or a dream denied. It is not denied, only deferred.

"Let us see the greater strength that has been awakened in women and men across this country to defend the hard-won victories of equality and to march on. And as we march, whether in the streets, through our votes, or through our acts of civic participation here in our own communities, let us not forget what we are marching for. We march for equal pay for equal work. We march for quality, affordable health care for all, including contraceptive coverage. We march for women's choices

when it comes to their own bodies. We march for jobs and opportunities that do not discriminate. We march for immigrant women not to be split from their families or be too afraid of deportation to seek help from law enforcement when they need it most. We march for the women in our armed forces to have a fair chance to risk their lives in defense of our country. And we march for trans-women to serve openly and to live free from fear in our society.

"Yet, ninety-seven years after the ratification of the Nineteenth Amendment and more than fifty years after Selma, we also march once more for every American's equal right to vote. President Trump and his allies in Congress have accelerated

an all-out assault on voting rights in this country. We must not allow eligible voters to be turned away at the polls simply because they are women or people of color or can't afford a certain form of identification. The right to vote, as the women of Seneca Falls understood well, is the foundation of our citizenship. It is what gives every American his or her public voice.

"So as we join today in celebration of the past, let us not forget that we are here just as much for the present and the future. That's why I'm going to continue to work hard to recruit and elect talented women to Congress and make sure women have opportunities to lead at every level in our state and our country."

OUT ON THE TOWN

ERIC D. SNIDER'S
IN THE DARK

Movie Review

Maudie

Maudie
Grade: B

Rated PG-13, a little profanity,
some mild sexuality
1 hr., 55 min

Folk-art buffs and extremely patriotic Canadians may already know the story of Maud Lewis, an arthritic Nova Scotian who sold her simple but charming paintings out of the tiny house she shared with her fishmonger husband in the middle decades of the 20th century. For the rest of us, there's *Maudie*, a gentle biopic directed by Aisling Walsh (*Song for a Raggy Boy*) and written by Canadian TV producer Sherry White, with the great Sally Hawkins as Maud. It's not exactly a *Pollock*-level dissection of a tortured artist—but, hey, Maud Lewis wasn't exactly Jackson Pollock.

When we begin, in approximately the late 1930s, Maud Dowley is a thirtysomething woman living with her Aunt Ida (Gabrielle Rose) because she cannot take care of herself. Or so everyone assumes; we don't hear any doctors' opinions. Maud is stiff, walks with a limp, and one of her arms is a bit twisted; our first impression is maybe cerebral palsy. (It's only in passing much later that the real culprit—arthritis—is mentioned.) Additionally, her wide, innocent grin and halting speech suggest a mental slowness, though this turns out not to be the case. She's guileless and naive, but she isn't dumb.

She meets Everett Lewis (Ethan Hawke), a gruff, unlettered bachelor, when he posts an ad for a housemaid. Why he needs a live-in maid to keep things tidy in a 200-square-foot house is not addressed, but I suppose that's how it was in those days. Even for a rural Canadian fishing village, Everett is old-fashioned. The car he drives has a hand crank, and his little house has no electricity.



ROTTENTOMATOES

Maudie, based on a true story, is an unlikely romance in which the reclusive Everett Lewis (Ethan Hawke) hires a fragile yet determined woman named Maudie (Sally Hawkins) to be his housekeeper. Maudie, bright-eyed but hunched with crippled hands, yearns to be independent, to live away from her protective family and she also yearns, passionately, to create art. Unexpectedly, Everett finds himself falling in love. Maudie charts Everett's efforts to protect himself from being hurt, Maudie's deep and abiding love for this difficult man and her surprising rise to fame as a folk painter.

He doesn't even have a second bed for his live-in maid—Maud has to share his.

In between her household chores (which she isn't very good at), Maud passes the time by painting lovely, unsophisticated pictures of birds and flowers and other basic subjects, first on the walls of the house, then on postcards and other scraps. One of Everett's fishmonger customers (Kari Matchett) with an eye for art and sympathy for a working woman offers to buy a few of them, and next thing you know, Maud and Everett have a modest side business.

Walsh and White present Maud Lewis' life as a love story of sorts, Everett's initial indifference and occasional disdain toward Maud growing into affection as he's won over by her goodness. The film shows no in-

terest in the details of Maud's health (which were evidently much worse than the film lets on), only using her increasingly stooped posture and withered hands to indicate the passage of time. This isn't about her art, either, or the fame it brings her; there are no onscreen titles at the end describing her legacy as one of Canada's most enduring folk artists, or telling us where her work is now.

No, it's the unorthodox, unromantic love story between two misfits ("a pair of odd socks," Maud says) who find compatibility. Ethan Hawke, in a role you can picture Clint Eastwood taking 40 years ago, plays Everett's subtle tenderness effectively. Maud is just a mediocre housekeeper at first, less important to him than his dogs and his chickens (he says so explicitly). But no matter how

grumpy Everett gets, Maud remains cheerful and optimistic, seemingly unfazed by him. He warns her on their wedding day that he's "still gonna be contrary tomorrow," but Maud knows he's softening. There is sublime pleasure in watching his evolution.

Of course, that only works because of Hawkins' portrayal of Maud as a pure, resilient woman who has never harmed anyone and has a smile for everyone. The narrative choice to mostly avoid talking about her physical afflictions and not to dwell on her life's other setbacks has the added effect of making Maud seem stoic and uncomplicated, earning our esteem rather than our pity. It's a nice, unassuming movie, such as one might take one's aged mother to, with a warmth that compensates for its lack of insight.

Cyclist from A3

during his trip, said that he and his roommate have followed Buchness's journey via Facebook and text messaging. "We are impressed with the (charity) he is riding for and hope he is successful in raising funds for them," Fosdick said.

Fosdick explained that Buchness contacted them after seeing their listing on warmshowers.org, a website used for cyclists to find a place to stay at night. They treated Buchness to dinner, breakfast and drove him to the highway. While Fosdick and his roommate were on an outing in Oregon, they met up with Buchness again.

Melanie Kramer, a resident of Fort Collins, Colorado, met Buchness in Israel the summer he volunteered with Save a Child's Heart Foundation and said when she found out he was biking through her town, she offered him a place to stay.

"He stayed for a few days to rest and fix his bike, so I took him around to all the local stops and breweries," Kramer said. "What he is doing is absolutely amazing and I am so excited to see him cross the finish line."

Buchness's ride was far from easy as he hit various roadblocks, like run-ins with dogs, close calls with cars and tractor-trailers, a flooded basement, unkempt roads, construction and a mixed-up route. He even lost

Miles, a teddy bear his mom gave him early on in his journey as a travel companion, hesitating a few moments before jumping into what he called freezing water to save the stuffed animal.

Buchness admitted to having negative and discouraging thoughts throughout the duration of his trip, but wasn't afraid to ask for words of reassurance and prayers from the followers on his page. "This might've been an easy ride for someone you know, or for a friend or for you, but for me it's the single hardest thing I've ever had to do in my own personal accomplishments," Buchness said.

Throughout his passage, Buchness emphasized faith, referring to God as the "big guy" and frequently thanking God. In his videos, viewers also saw glimpses of the people Buchness encountered along the way, some of which he deemed "road angels," people who stopped to give him water, buy him food, offer a ride, provide him shelter or say a prayer and wish him well.

Karen Ader Berry, a truck driver who, traveling through Kansas with her husband on a job, met Buchness in Ellis, Kansas, at a restaurant late at night in early June. Ader Berry said they overheard Buchness on a phone call to his dad. "We heard him say something about getting a ride because the roads he had been on were dirt and he

couldn't pedal very well on them," she said.

Ader Berry said after he hung up, they struck up a conversation with them and he ended up eating dinner with them. "I felt an instant connection with him," she said. "He is warm, open, passionate, caring and very funny," she said. Ader Berry said that while they do have financial constraints, they were so touched by Buchness, they paid for his dinner and continued to follow his journey on Facebook.

While his dad biked with him the first two days of his trip, he spent most of the journey riding solo. He celebrated Mother's Day, Father's Day and his sister's 21st birthday away from home. He sought shelter from family, friends, and strangers, in churches, motels, hotels, his tent, a fire station and a police station.

Buchness decorated his bike, which weighed around 117 pounds at one point in the beginning of his ride, with a Maryland flag, an American flag, a flag representing a company he founded that sells bike-themed accessories, called Married to My Bike, and a flag representing the Save a Child's Heart foundation.

"I'm hoping that what Spencer is doing is going to in-



PHOTO COURTESY SPENCER BUCHNESS

Miles, a teddy bear the cyclist's mom gave him, holds \$100 on April 28, donated by what the 24-year-old calls a "road angel."

spire other people to follow his lead and find ways to help us save the lives of more children and educate more people about the scope of the problem," Litwack said.

Buchness reached San Francisco on July 22. As of Aug. 10, Buchness's gofundme page had raised \$7,150 and now that he is back in Maryland he hopes to partner with local organizations to continue to bring awareness to the organization and raise money.

He believes he will reach his goal of \$19,000, with \$4,000 of it dedicated to funding his travels. "I can foresee us raising \$15,000 to save one child's heart and the impact we will have and it just makes me really, really happy," he said.

Get Ready for School

Back-to-College: Design Tips for Small Living Spaces

(StatePoint)—Moving on to college is an exhilarating first taste of true independence. It's a time for self-directed growth, transformative lessons and the beginning of lifelong friendships. For many students, moving into a dorm or off-campus housing is the beginning of another quest: achieving a Pinterest-perfect setting in not-so-spacious quarters.

Decorating a small space doesn't have to mean limiting your style or personality. Here are a few solutions for creating a setting peaceful enough for dedicated study, yet vibrant enough for entertaining.

Collaboration is Key

College living often means shared spaces. When it comes to décor for common areas, it's important for roommates to agree on themes and tone. Color selection can have a dramatic effect on a room's energy. Make it a group decision when choosing between bold colors for a lively setting, or lighter tones for a calm sanctuary that promotes fine-tuned focus.

Prioritize functionality and easy maintenance in the kitchen, where personalities come out in full force and things will have a tendency to get messy. Even though food delivery is available with just a tap of your phone, eventually someone will see a "super easy" YouTube recipe and end up turning the kitchen into a disaster area. Build storage into cabinets with tools like the Under Cabinet Pull Out Drawer Organizer from Improvements, for easier clean-up.

Functional Furniture

When furnishing a dorm or small apartment, the more purposes a single piece of furniture can serve, the better. A small entryway table adds a nice aesthetic touch while serving as a home for keys, phones, wallets and other everyday items that tend to wander. To save space, select a narrow piece, such as the Brooke Console Table from Improvements. Their 5-in-1 Ottoman, which transforms from a generous ottoman into a bed, chair, chaise or recliner just by unfolding and rearranging, is a clever way to add functionality to a room without taking up extra space.

When it's time to get down to work, a dedicated space is essential. However, a separate office is rare luxury. Transform any room into a study sanctuary with something mobile and versatile, like the Wellesley Mobile Office Desk, which includes multiple shelves and drawers for easy organization and a working surface big enough to fit any laptop with space to spare.

Step Up Storage

Organized storage solutions are the secret weapons of any small space decorator. To avoid clutter claustrophobia, start with the closet. Invest in a modular organizer that enables you to customize your storage, helping to increase floor space and keep clothes, shoes and accessories in better shape longer.

For non-everyday essentials, a rolling storage bag is a convenient way to keep items out of sight but accessible. You can find a variety of sizes and patterns at such retailers as Improvements.

A limited space can hold unlimited possibilities with some creativity, a careful eye toward multifunctional pieces, and the right approach to balance and scale.



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states. This project helps low-income Americans bring home healthier food while supporting family farmers and growing local economies.

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tists and extension personnel has resulted in user-inspired, groundbreaking discoveries that combat childhood obesity, improve and sustain rural economic growth, address water availability issues, increase food production, find new sources of energy, mitigate climate variability and ensure food safety. To learn more about NIFA's impact on agricultural science, visit www.nifa.usda.gov/impacts.

Calendar of Events

August 31 — September 6, 2017

Potties, Privies and Practical Matters:

18th Century Hygiene Exhibit

Date and time: Friday September 1, 2017, 12:00 pm–4:00 pm
Description: Did you ever wonder how people bathed 250 years ago? Learn the ways 18th Century Americans practiced personal grooming and hygiene.

Cost: FREE

Ages: All ages are welcome

Location: Darnall's Chance House Museum
14800 Governor Oden Bowie Drive
Upper Marlboro, MD

Contact: 301-952-8010

Pre-Labor Day Cookout

Date and time: Friday, September 1, 2017, 4:00 pm–7:00 pm
Description: An afternoon of food, games, and music is calling your name! We will play your favorite sports and games outside—don't forget the tasty cookout food fresh off the grill!

DJ Ike will be in full effect spinning your favorite tunes, so don't forget your dancing shoes!

Cost: FREE

Ages: All ages are welcome

Location: North Brentwood Community Center
4012 Webster Street, North Brentwood, MD

Contact: 301-864-0756

Games People Played at Belair Mansion

Date and time: Saturday, September 2, 2017, 12:00 pm–4:00 pm
Description: Need a break from holiday weekend fun ... in a cool, historic place? Or maybe you'd like to enjoy some historic fun? Drop by the Mansion sunroom and enjoy games from the past ... draughts (checkers), nine men's morris, shut the box, pickup sticks, Parcheesi and more! Enjoy the pastimes of the past!

Cost: FREE

Ages: All ages are welcome

Location: Belair Mansion
12207 Tulip Grove Drive, Bowie, MD

Contact: 301-809-3089

John Wilkes Booth Escape Route Tours

Date and time: Saturday, September 2, 2017, 7:00 am–7:00 pm
Description: Follow the trail of President Lincoln's assassin from Ford's Theatre in Washington, D.C. to his death near Port Royal, Virginia. Relax and enjoy the history and scenery on this 12-hour, fully narrated bus tour.

Reservation and payment required in advance.

Cost: \$85 per person

Ages: 10 & older

Location: Surratt House Museum
9118 Brandywine Road, Clinton, MD

Contact: 301-868-1121; TTY: 301-699-2544

Hidden Spaces Tour

Date and time: Sunday, September 3, 2017, 4:00 pm
Description: Ever wonder what's behind the doors that say "Staff Only" and "Do Not Enter"? Montpelier staff will give you a behind-the-scenes tour! These areas include cellars, the attic, the walk-in vault, the Summer House and the Carriage House.

You'll learn about the construction of the house and the changes over its 230-year history, including 20th-century modernizations such as electricity and HVAC.

Older clothes and comfortable shoes recommended.

You must arrive by 4 pm to go on the tour. Reservations are required, space is limited.

Cost: Friends of Montpelier & Active duty military \$10, Non-members \$15

Ages: 18 & up

Location: Montpelier Mansion/Historic Site
9650 Muirkirk Road, Laurel, MD

Contact: 301-377-7817; TTY: 301-699-2544

EARTH TALK ... Michael Bloomberg to the Rescue On Environment

Dear EarthTalk:

Since when did Michael Bloomberg become a great environmentalist?

Jackie Miller,
New York, NY

Michael Bloomberg was primarily known as a financier and media tycoon long before he became one of the most beloved mayors in New York City history. But what most people still don't know about Bloomberg is that he is fast becoming one of the world's great environmentalists through his work to hasten the transition to renewable energy and mitigate the effects of climate change.

Indeed, working to stave off cataclysmic global warming is nothing new to Michael Bloomberg. In 2005, he represented New York City as a founding member of the C20 Cities Climate Leadership Group (later expanded and renamed "C40") where the world's largest cities forged a working agreement to reduce greenhouse gas emissions. In 2010, still-Mayor Bloomberg took over as chair of C40 and is credited with spearheading the establishment of measurable benchmarks for success and expanding knowledge-sharing between cities and partner organizations while staging two landmark mayoral climate summits in Brazil and South Africa. During his three-year stint as chair, C40 grew to include 63 major cities.

Meanwhile, Bloomberg has been quietly directing hundreds of millions of dollars toward climate-related environmental causes through his Bloomberg Philanthropies. In 2011, he made waves with the fossil fuel industry by donating \$50 million (and later another \$30 million) to help the Sierra Club's "Beyond Coal" campaign close half of all U.S. coal power plants (and replace them with clean energy) within six years.

In late 2013 Bloomberg teamed up with former U.S. Treasury Secretary Hank Paulson and another billionaire environmentalist, Tom Steyer, on Risky Business, an initiative to assess and publicize the economic risks to the U.S. associated with climate change. Their inaugural report identified the "large and unacceptable" economic risks from unmitigated climate change to American businesses and long-term investors, while a follow-up analysis two years later details how cities and states can respond.

In January 2014, UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon appointed Bloomberg as Special Envoy for Cities and Climate Change. That same month, the Bloomberg Philanthropies went big on oceans, committing \$50 million over five years to the Vibrant Oceans Initiative to help reform fisheries and increase marine wildlife populations.

Most recently, Bloomberg led the charge to align voluntary emissions reductions ef-



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Thanks to charitable giving and leadership of cities on climate change, Michael Bloomberg may go down in history as one of the great environmentalists.

orts by U.S. cities, states and businesses to meet Paris climate accord goals even without buy-in from the Trump White House. He points out that the closing of dozens of coal plants across the country is already helping to get the U.S. within two-thirds of its Paris targets, and that the last third is within reach if the private sector and cities and states resolve to do it.

Bloomberg then pledged \$15 million to help the UN's Frame-

work Convention on Climate Change make up for climate mitigation funding it would be losing with the U.S. pulling out of the climate deal. And a good chunk of his subsequent \$200 million commitment to back inventive municipal policies to give mayors a stronger hand in national politics is slated to fund climate solutions.

It's no wonder that environmentalists are among those calling for a Bloomberg presidential bid in 2020.

CONTACTS: Mike Bloomberg, www.mikebloomberg.com; Bloomberg Philanthropies, www.bloomberg.org; Risky Business, www.riskybusiness.org; Vibrant Oceans Initiative, www.investin-vibrantocceans.org.

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Sprinkler Systems Continue to Save Lives and Limit Damage in Prince George's County

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PGC Fire/EMS

UPPER MARLBORO, MD—Sprinkler systems continue to save lives and limit the amount of damage to buildings in Prince George's County, Maryland. Two incidents occurred August 1st and another on August 3rd that exemplify the importance of sprinklers in business and homes.

At around 1:30 am, Tuesday, August 1, firefighters from the Beltsville area were alerted to a fire inside of a large 2-story federal office building on Sunnyside Road. Firefighters arrived to find a fire that had been mostly extinguished by the sprinkler system. Firefighters completed the extinguishment and overhaul. The exact cause of the fire re-

mains unknown with fire loss estimated at \$5,000.

Later in the morning, around 9:30 am, firefighters were alerted to a possible house fire in the 7200 block of Greenspring Lane in Lanham. Fire/EMS units arrived to find a 2-story single family home with a fire in one of the bedrooms. Prior to the fire department arrival the residential sprinkler system activated and doused the flames allowing occupants a safe egress. Upon arrival firefighters ensured the fire was out and completed overhaul. The fire appears accidental in nature and possibly caused by a candle. Fire loss is estimated at \$1,000.

Just after 11:30 am on Thursday, August 3rd, a fire was reported in a single family home

in the 1000 block of Danbury Drive in Bowie. It appears a clothes dryer ignited a blaze and the residential sprinkler system held the fire in check until firefighters arrived and completed extinguishing the fire.

The sprinklers doused the flames in all three cases and prevented the fire growing larger and causing additional damage. No injuries were reported and firefighters remained on the scene for a matter of about 30 minutes compared to a multi-hour incident.

The Prince George's County Fire/EMS Department had legislation passed in the early 1990's mandating sprinkler installation in all new construction, including one and two family homes. The success of the first 15-years of our residen-

tial sprinkler success can be viewed by visiting <https://homefiresprinkler.org/prince-george-county-report/>.

An updated report covering the most recent 15-years is currently being compiled and will be released upon its completion. The new report will reflect there has been 1 fatality in a single-family home with a functioning sprinkler system in Prince George's County. The fatality occurred, however, in a portion of the home not normally afforded the protection of a residential sprinkler system; the garage. In this incident the residential sprinklers did activate and protect a portion of the house, however, a heavy fire load prevented the sprinklers from completely extinguishing the blaze.

Hometown Heros Oxon Hill Native Serves in Japan Aboard Forward-Deployed Ship



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Petty Officer 2nd class Collin Harris is an information systems technician aboard the USS Germantown, operating out of Sasebo, Japan.

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diabetes screenings, and other primary care services. This year, retired Prince George's County Fire EMS Chief Marc Bashoor served as the honorary chair and the foundation partnered with the Southern Maryland Junior Golf Association to host five young golfers from Prince George's County high schools. Tournament proceeds also supported this organization, which provides leadership development, important life skills, competitive sports opportunities and scholarships for young people in the county.

Robyn Webb-Williams, vice president of Doctors Community Hospital Foundation, shared her gratefulness for the many hospital employees, business leaders and community members who supported this fundraiser. "A deep spirit of service and giving guides the hospital. During these and other philanthropic initiatives,

it is always wonderful to see so many people come together to achieve a shared goal of helping people receive quality health care regardless of their financial constraints."

The premier sponsor of the tournament was Carrollton Enterprises. Major sponsors included Doctors Regional Cancer Center, Doctors Community Hospital Medical Staff, the Nolan-Russell Investment Group/RBC Wealth Management, Old Line Bank, Comport Healthcare, Genesis Healthcare, Medline and The Meltzer Group. Other businesses supporting the tournament were Accounts Receivable Clearinghouse, AAA Ambulance, Armstrong, Donahue, Ceppos & Vaughn, BB&T, CB Flooring, Contract Carpet Systems, CR Goodman Associates, LLC, DeCosta Engineering, Diagnostic Imaging, Emergency Medicine Associates, Ironmark, Kelly HVAC, Kezlo, KPMG, Leach

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For more information about upcoming fundraising events or to make a donation, please contact Doctors Community Hospital Foundation at 301-552-8670 or foundation@DCHweb.org.

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