Longtime Maryland State Police Trooper plans to publish book

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Roused in an area of Baltimore City considered among the most dangerous in the country, longtime homicide investigator Ted Jones, a retired Maryland State Police trooper often tasked with covertly gathering intelligence, has a remarkable story to tell. In fact, he wrote a book — “Protect and Serve: Reflections of a Maryland State Trooper.” Jones, now chief investigator for the Charles County State’s Attorney Office, plans to publish the tale in the spring.

Undercover police

If you come from a police background, stepping into the world of open-air drug markets, to posing as a car salesman, Jones’ work required him to wear a number of different hats. Sometimes he wore his fat backwards and dressed down, discreetly documenting as narcotic’s changed hands, his gun concealed in a folded newspaper, while an FBI surveillance team watched his back from an inconspicuous van parked across the street.

“You have no clue that I’m the police, and I don’t want you to know I’m the police, how about that?” Jones said. “Because when I really get into what I’m doing, working undercover, you can’t go into the hood doing what I’m doing, advertising that you’re the police.”

“Don’t you want to know who I am,” he added. “Because lives depend on it, make especially.”

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School board votes to name new school Billingsley Elementary

Major Mudd renovations coming soon

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In one of his last acts in office, Charles County Board of Education Chairman Michael Lukas announced that the county is no more: The Charles County Board of Education voted 4:3 Tuesday night to name its newest school, currently under construction, Billingsley Elementary, after the road where it will be located in White Plains.

The school board formed a committee last fall to recommend three names for the new school. From a series of three nominations, the committee selected these names: Billingsley School, McCready School and White Plains School. Charles County residents who had made an impact in education.

Last month, board Chair-

man Michael Lukas re-
quested the committee provide three additional recommendations based on place names.

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Library hosts job fair geared to young adults

Area employers look to attract fresh talent

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On Wednesday, more than 250 young adults from Charles County had their resumes in hand, business attire on and smiles on their faces as they prepared to meet various Maryland employers at the Charles County Public Library’s Young Adult Job Fair.

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County looks at capital improvement plans

Commissioners discuss unfunded projects

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Charles County has many capital improvement projects slated to begin over the next five years, but the key for the Charles County Board of Commission- ers is choosing which projects they initiate first and what has to be put on hold.

The county’s capital improvement project request for this fiscal year is $493.5 million with $283.1 million of that being approved projects. However, $210.4 million of those projects are unfunded.

“Thats a lot,” David Eicholtz, the county’s director of Fiscal and Administrative Services, said. “These costs sport over a five year period, Eicholtz said, so it is not funded in one single year.

And the good news, he said, is that most of the approved projects are projects the county can continue to fund.

However he said, the other 47 percent of the total project are those that the county does not have funding availability for at this time. The reason the county cannot afford to complete all of the projects at this point, he

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School audit finds 15 areas of concern

Includes contractor overpayments, data access

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The audit was performed beginning Octo-

ber 2015 and took approxi-

mately 15 months.

Maryland requires a legislative audit to be per-

formed every six years, unless an exception is granted.

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Thomas Swanson, reporter from Goodwill Greater Washington, met Waldorf residents Will Dyne, 16, and Quinyi Cui, 17, at the CCPL Young Adult Job Fair on March 22.

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Jobs

Waldorf resident Katrice Warren, 22, discussed the application process with Danielle Mothershead, a manager at Fashion To Figure in St. Charles Towne Center, during the Young Adult Job Fair on March 22.

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There were many employers at the fair who were looking to fill new positions. Among them was Jordan Mitchell, 17, a Waldorf resident who said she "loved the idea of working retail and I was surprised they were willing to hire me."

Many employers were looking for employees with little to no experience, which is beneficial for young adults who may be entering the workforce for the first time.

"I just graduated college with a degree in business management, but at this job fair I'm here exploring different opportunities," said Corey Hewitt, a Waldorf resident. "I'm looking to get experience because I want to go to graduate school."
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