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Guilty plea entered for illegal guns, child porn

Waldorf man charged by feds after ‘bunker’ was raided

By **ANDREW RICHARDSON**
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A man found with a vast arsenal of illegal machine guns, rifles, destructive devices and an archive of child pornography, after federal agents raided an underground bunker hidden inside his Waldorf home last May, pleaded guilty in U.S. District Court of Greenbelt on Monday.

Caleb Andrew Bailey, 31, who had been elected in the 2016 primary as a delegate to attend the Republican National Convention in support of Donald Trump, was

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Commissioners schedule public hearing for WCD

Ready to hear citizens’ feedback on May 24

By **MICHAEL SYKES II**
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The Watershed Conservation District has been a hot button issue in Charles County over the last year, but now the process is finally coming to a head.

After being approved by the Charles County Planning Commission and forwarded back to the Charles County Board of Commissioners, the plan will go through both work sessions and public hearings with the county commissioners.

During last Tuesday’s

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STAFF PHOTO BY JAMIE ANFENSON-COMEAU

In front from left, Jermy Forris, Caryn Fossile and Jordon Gandee, second place winners for Southern Maryland Community Resources, and Jordan Johnson and Kaelyn Ching, first place winners for Farming 4 Hunger, along with, in back from left, College of Southern Maryland President Bradley Gottfried, Dylan Hazelwood, assistant director of the Center for Engineering Concepts Development at the University of Maryland College Park, Davindeer Anand, CECD director and founder of the Neilom Foundation, and CSM professor Thomas Luginbill, at the second annual Social Entrepreneurship Challenge Thursday.

CSM students win \$1,500 grant for Farming 4 Hunger

Second Social Entrepreneurship Challenge pairs class with organizations

By **JAMIE ANFENSON-COMEAU**
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The Benedict-based nonprofit Farming 4 Hunger has received a \$1,500 award, thanks to the hard work and entrepreneurial spirit of two College of Southern Maryland students.

Kaelyn Ching of Mechanicsville and Jordan Johnson of Waldorf were the first-place winners of CSM’s Second Annual Social Entrepreneurship Challenge, held Thursday, for the development of a youth outreach program, beating out proposals by five other teams.

“They really took on the role of working with Farming 4 Hunger and started

going to the farm,” said Thomas Luginbill, director of CSM’s Entrepreneur and Innovation Institute.

Coming in second place were Jermy Forris, Caryn Fossile and Jordon Gandee, for their proposal for Southern Maryland Community Resources, a Solomons-based nonprofit organization that works to provide inclusive opportunities for individuals with developmental disabilities in St. Mary’s County. For second place, the team won a \$500 grant for SMCR.

The prize grants were paid for by the Neilom Foundation, which sponsored the event, along with the Center for Engineering Concepts Development at the University of Maryland College Park. The Neilom Foundation was founded by Professor Davinder Anand.

“They actually sponsored this entire

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FILE PHOTO BY TIFFANY WATSON

Corae Young, assistant director of LifeStyles Inc. and Sandy Washington, executive director of LifeStyles, prepare for the Point In Time Survey on Jan. 25.

Homeless invited to take part in ‘My Fresh Start’

Showers available to the homeless at Waldorf West Library

By **TIFFANY WATSON**
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Homeless individuals are now being offered a way to start their day with the “My Fresh Start” free shower program in Charles County. LifeStyles Inc. has partnered with the Charles County Public Library to provide shower facilities once a month at the Waldorf West location for persons who are certified homeless beginning Friday, May 19.

“I am extremely excited about

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Officials: ALICE study ‘contradicts’ census information

Economic development says report overstates issues in county

By **MICHAEL SYKES II**
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Earlier this spring, Charles County United Way Director Mike Bellis met with the Charles County Board of Commissioners to discuss the ALICE report, which captured data on citizens and families living on the edge of the poverty line throughout Maryland.

The commissioners had concerns about the report’s findings when Bellis introduced it to them because of the focus on the “negative” aspects included in the report, also stating it had

little discussion of the county’s economic growth.

ALICE is an acronym for Asset Limited Income Constrained Employed, used to describe those who are working, but are close to being at the poverty threshold.

Darrell Brown, director of Charles County’s economic development department, said he and the department harbored some of those same concerns about the ALICE findings.

“The report does, in my view, require a state response, if not a national response,” Brown said. “The ALICE report has a misapplied and convoluted methodology which makes some assumptions concerning Charles

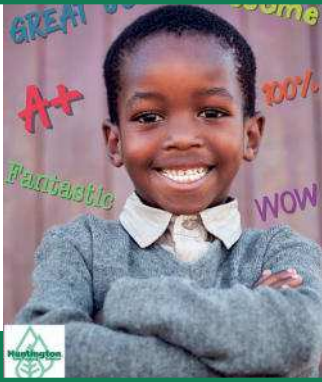
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the need.”

Young said many of their homeless clients consistently use the library as a place to stay cool and warm, plus use the computer. Waldorf also has many tent encampments.

“It makes sense for our clients to not have to use VanGo to get to our office at LifeStyles Inc. to take a shower,” Young said.

Upon arrival at the library, individuals will be checked in, given a towel, washcloth and soap and anything they need to take a shower.

Washington and Young said if they see the program is being well utilized, there will be an opportunity to expand.

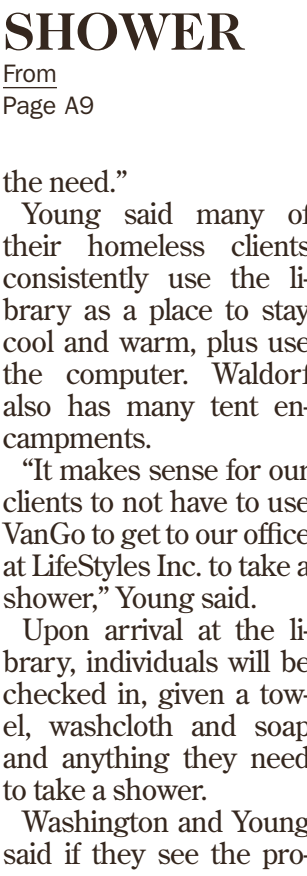
“This program will help remind people of the need that’s in our community. What seems like something that’s so basic, to other people it’s a necessity. It gives them a fresh start. If people can’t even take a shower somewhere, how do we expect them to go seek employment if they don’t feel comfortable enough to step out of their comfort zone?” Young said.

Community agencies has differing strengths, Young noted — and this just shows the value of collaboration to assist those in need. She said as LifeStyles works to build trust in the tent communities and deal with the initial crisis of homelessness, their outreach staff will continue to pursue every way possible to provide them with resources, including housing.

“LifeStyles is also trying to encourage our homeless (by HUD standards) to become housed,” Young said. “We have funding to help them transition into permanent housing, so this this just another mechanism or tool to encourage people to get housing. We will help them find the housing, secure it, move in and provide follow-up case management to support them.”

For more information, contact LifeStyles at 301-609-9900.

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