

## BOYS BASKETBALL

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Delwin Fiddler of East Stroudsburg, Pa., a Lakota Indian, dances during the grand entry of the Morning Star Celebration at John Carroll School on Saturday. The pow wow is a celebration of American Indian culture and a fundraiser for a school in Ashland, Montana. **PHOTOS BY BRIAN KRISTA/THE AEGIS**

# Pow wow at John Carroll celebrates Native Americans

Event draws big crowd, helps educate public and benefits Montana school

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Devin KILLSBACK is a student at The Catholic University of America in Washington, D.C., more than 1,800 miles from where she grew up in Montana.

But on Saturday, KILLSBACK experienced what she called “a little pow wow away from home” at the 19th annual Morning Star Pow Wow at The John Carroll School in Bel Air.

KILLSBACK, a senior psychology major at Catholic University, graduated from the St. Labre Indian School in Ashland, Montana, in 2015. The annual pow wow at John Carroll, a day of celebrating Native American dancing, music, foods, arts and crafts, is a fundraiser for St. Labre.

“Thank you, everyone, for coming out and enjoying yourselves,” KILLSBACK said as she addressed the Native American dancers and the many spectators gathered in the John Carroll gymnasium. “Good luck to all the singers and dancers today, hope



Dave White Buffalo of York, Pa., a Lakota Indian representing the Rosebud Sioux Tribe, participates in the grand entry.

you all have a good time.”

Her alma mater is one of three schools under the Roman Catholic St. Labre Indian School Educational Association, which serves Native American children in the Crow and Northern Cheyenne nations in southeastern Montana, according to the school’s website.

About 750 children attend all three

schools, including St. Labre, which serves students in preschool through 12th grade, St. Charles Mission School in Pryor, Mont. — preschool through eighth grade — and Pretty Eagle Catholic Academy in Xavier, Mont., which serves kindergarten through eighth grade.

“It really felt like a family at Labre,” said KILLSBACK, who also praised the school for its “phenomenal” support of students after they graduate.

St. Labre was founded in 1884 by a group from the Catholic Ursuline Sisters in Toledo, Ohio, and named for Saint Benedict Joseph Labre. St. Labre and its sister schools are funded “almost exclusively” by private donations, according to the website.

The pow wow fundraiser, which started in 2001, is coordinated by veteran John Carroll teacher Gary Scholl and the students in his senior anthropology class.

Scholl estimated about \$75,000 has been raised through direct contributions during the pow wow over the past 18 years, plus another \$10,000 to \$20,000 from people inspired by the event to support the schools. School administrators “do such tremendous work in providing a quality education” for Native American

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# Death of 2-year-old is ruled homicide

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Harve de Grace police said this week that detectives are investigating the death of a 2-year-old girl who died Friday, four days after being taken to the hospital in cardiac arrest with signs of injuries.

“It’s a tragic event and we’re working hard to get justice for this child,” said Cpl. Dan Petz, spokesman for Harve de Grace Police Department. “We’re doing everything we can.”

Detectives were notified Friday that Aubrey, who lived with her mother and multiple others in an apartment on Green Street, had died at the hospital. Her body was taken to the Chief Medical Examiner’s Office for an autopsy, and her death was ruled a homicide.

City police responded to the 600 block of Green St. on Jan. 7 for a 2-year-old girl — later identified as Aubrey Hickman — who was in cardiac arrest, according to a news release from the Harve de Grace Police Department.

Harve de Grace police, the Susquehanna Hose Company, the Harve de Grace Ambulance Corps and the Aberdeen Fire Department responded and began providing medical support, according to the release.

Aubrey was flown to Johns Hopkins Children’s Center emergency department because of the seriousness of her condition, police said.

Harve de Grace officers, who noticed signs of injury on the child while rendering aid, contacted Harve de Grace criminal investigators. Officers began an investigation into possible child abuse, according to the release.

“Overall, her injuries were severe enough they needed to be criminally investigated,” Pelz said.

According to an obituary from Zellman Funeral Home in Harve de Grace, Aubrey was the daughter of Hailie Beer and Dennis F. Hickman III and brother of Leonardo D. Hubbard.

Aubrey, whose middle name was Olivia, loved baby dolls, playing dress-up and putting on makeup. She liked watching Bubble Guppies, Paw Patrol, singing and dancing to “Baby Shark.”

“Her infectious smile and laughter touched everyone she met and loved,” according to the obituary.

Police believe this is an isolated incident and there is no threat to the public. Anyone with information pertaining to this investigation is asked to contact the Harve de Grace Police Criminal Investigations Unit at 410-939-2121.



Hickman

# ‘Light of our life,’ dies in Whiteford house fire

26-year-old Kyle Jones remembered by his mother as a ‘sweet, sweet child’

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Kyle Jones may have looked intimidating at 6-foot-3 and 280 pounds, but really, he was a big teddy bear, according to his mother.

“He was just a very sweet, sweet child,” Mary Jones said of her 26-year-old son who died when their Whiteford house burned to the ground last week. The Jones family — Mary and her husband, Scott, and their children, Kyle and Rita Ann — lived on the family farm in the 4400 block of Prospect Road in Whiteford. Their home was destroyed Jan. 10 during an early morning fire, the cause of which has not been determined, according to the Office of the State Fire Marshal.

The fire also destroyed the home of another family of four, whose camper was

connected to the Jones mobile home. While the Office of the State Medical Examiner could not confirm it was Kyle Jones who died in the fire, the family is planning a private memorial service for their son and brother.

Kyle Jones, who had high-functioning autism, was very intelligent but didn’t have any social skills whatsoever, his mother said.

“He didn’t understand people. He tried. He was very loving, but strangers he just didn’t get,” Mary Jones said. “That’s why we’re having him cremated and a private family gathering to spread his ashes on the farm so he’ll always be there, where he was the happiest.”

For now, the Jones family is staying in See **FIRE**, page A5



Kyle Jones died Jan. 10 in a house fire in Whiteford. His mother says the 26-year-old was a teddy bear who loved his family and was happiest on their farm. **COURTESY MARY JONES**

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# County sells \$40 million in bonds

Interest rate below 3 percent for the fifth straight year

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Harford County raised \$40 million to fund multiple capital improvement projects in its annual bond sale Tuesday, selling the bonds to Citigroup Global Markets Inc. at 2.79 percent interest.

This is the fifth straight year the county government has sold bonds below 3 percent interest, which County Executive Barry Glassman said is an indicator of the local government’s strong fiscal management policies.

Harford earned a top AAA bond rating from the nation’s three major ratings agencies earlier this month.

“These low [interest] rates are indicative that the financial markets consider Harford County and its AAA-rated debt to be a safe and strong investment and are a reflection of our proactive and strong fiscal policies,” Glassman told members of the County Council Tuesday afternoon. See **BONDS**, page A4

# POW WOW

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youths, he said.  
In his 45th year at John Carroll, a private Catholic high school in Bel Air, where he has been a coach, teacher and academic assistant principal, Scholl is currently teaching part-time.

The students in his anthropology class, a social studies elective for seniors, learn about Cheyenne Indian history and culture. Many students have visited the St. Labre school, as well as the Northern Cheyenne reservation in Montana and the Southern Cheyenne reservation in Oklahoma. Scholl, who grew up in Bel Air, was introduced to the Southern Cheyenne community when he moved to Hammon, Oklahoma, after college when he was working with the Mennonite Voluntary Service.

He said "we did whatever we could to serve the Cheyenne community," including summer school and recreation programs, even establishing a federal Head Start early childhood education program that remains in operation today.

Scholl spent two years working in Oklahoma, but he has remained close with the Northern and Southern Cheyenne people, making regular visits with his family and students to the reservations in Oklahoma and Montana.

"I've been with them [the Cheyenne] ever since," he said.

Scholl said he does not have any Native American heritage — "only in my heart" — but he wore traditional native regalia as he took part in the dances in the gym and interacted with the many visitors. He said about 100 dancers participated Saturday and about 2,000 people attended, circulating throughout the day.

His wife, Kathy, attended, as well as two of his three daughters, Anna and Sarah — Sarah Scholl teaches at Havre de Grace Middle School — plus his grandchildren. "That's what pow wow-ing is about," he said. "It's about family and friends."

## A taste of life back home

Longtime friend David White Buffalo has been part of the pow wow since the beginning. The York, Pennsylvania, resident is a member of the Lakota Sioux nation and grew up on the Rosebud Sioux tribe reservation in South Dakota.

He drummed and danced Saturday. White Buffalo, who used to live in Maryland, said he met Scholl through other pow wow events.

"We are here to help educate the [John Carroll] school and the public in our cultures — basically, we're sharing," he said.

Men, women and children, many of whom wore elaborate headdresses and garments, danced in a circle around the



Drummers form a circle in the center of the gymnasium, preforming during the Morning Star Celebration at John Carroll School on Saturday. The pow wow is a celebration of American Indian culture and a fundraiser for St. Labre Indian School in Ashland, Montana. PHOTOS BY BRIAN KRISTA/THE AEGIS



Tarwyn Tietz, 7, of Pennsylvania, representing Mohawk, Cherokee and Nanticoke tribes, dances with other American Indians during the Morning Star Celebration at John Carroll School on Saturday. The pow wow is a celebration of American Indian culture and a fundraiser for St. Labre Indian School in Ashland, Montana.

gym flood while others beat a large drum and sang. Wilbur Bull Coming, a chief with the Southern Cheyenne in Hammon, was the master of ceremonies.

"We all come here in a good way, to take care of our people," Bull Coming said.

Killsback, the St. Labre graduate, made her third visit to the pow wow Saturday. She said she comes "to support my school

and my tribe." She also noted it is helpful for people like her, members of the Cheyenne nation who are far from home.

"It's a good sense of reconnecting with your culture," she said.

Killsback attended with her aunt and uncle and cousins.

"I think it gives them an idea of what life is like back home," she said when asked her

thoughts on children being able to participate in the dances. "I think the children and the youth in general are out there, so we really have to pay attention to them and help them grow into good human beings."

## Audience participation

Non-native spectators were welcome to participate during select dances, called "inter-tribal" dances.

Dana Bradburn, of Dundalk, watched as her daughter, Brooke McMillan, and 2-year-old granddaughter, Malaysia Jamero, danced around the gym.

Saturday was their first time at the Morning Star Pow Wow, but the family visited a prior pow wow in Timonium in November.


"I love it, it's something interesting to learn about," Bradburn said of the Native American cultural displays.

She said "it warms my heart" to see her granddaughter enjoying the dances.

"She kind of watches and then imitates what they do," McMillan said of her daughter. "She's always taken a liking to music, from an infant age."

Malaysia can also be exposed to various types of tribal cultures at the pow wows, she said.

"It's not just one indigenous culture," McMillan said. "It's different tribes coming together, so she gets to see a little bit of everything."



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