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WALK A MILE IN HER SHOES!!!

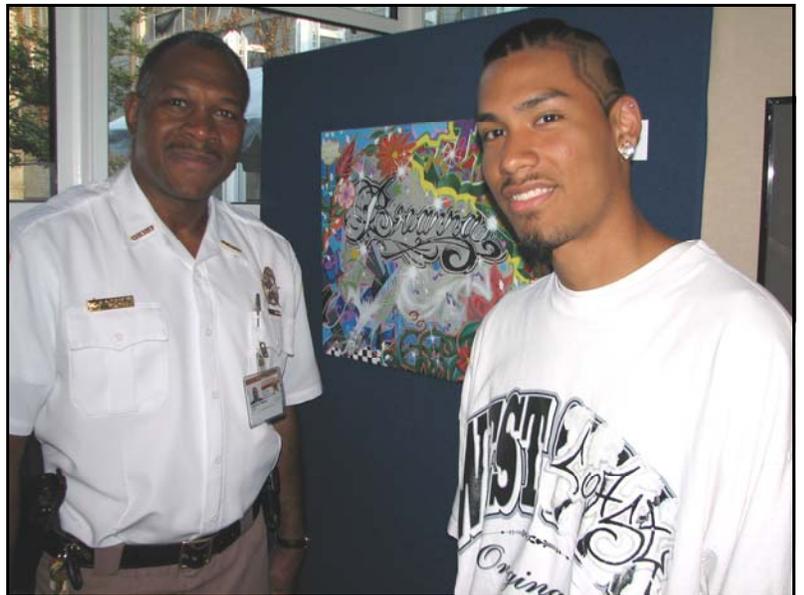


Dep. W. Churchill selected his footwear on "style" not on "comfort." He dared to wear stilettos for his first time in high heels. What were you thinking, man!!! All the fun benefited The Center For Sexual Assault Survivors. (Read more about the benefit walk on page 6.)

A LINK TO ARTISTS ON THE EDGE

The Peninsula Fine Arts Center, or Pfac, opened its doors May 29th to an interesting exhibit called "Artists on the Edge." The artists are homeless. Like with any artist, their work is inspired by life's experiences.

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Sheriff Gabe Morgan poses with artist Ishmael Flores in front of one of Flores' pieces.

BIRTHDAYS

JULY

Dep. D. Swinney
 Dep. K. Lampkins
 Dep. R. Bullock
 Dep. R. Garrison
 Corp. J. Cason
 Sgt. C. Zanders
 Dep. S. Woodruff
 MDep. J. Robbins
 Corp. W. Hill
 Deborah Mizelle
 MDep. S. Sheridan

SHERIFF Gabe Morgan
 Lt. G. Grogan
 Lt. K. Patrick
 Dep. D. Blanch
 Dep. S. Marler
 Dep. T. Gordon
 Lt. Col. Eileen Sprinkle
 Dep. P. Handwerk
 Sgt. W. Walters



AUGUST

Dep. A. Alexander
 MDep. C. Toliver
 Sgt. F. Broadwater
 Dep. T. Dubois
 Dep. R. Miller
 Sgt. C. Wilberg
 Dep. L. Bethea

Dep. P. Chapman
 Dep. V. Woodson
 Dep. R. Johnson
 Sgt. B. Murray
 Dep. N. Jones
 Dep. F. Garland

SEPTEMBER

Dep. M. Hamlin
 Dep. F. Carter
 Lt. K. Carey
 Dep. L. Walker
 Wanda Sigler
 Sharon Logan
 Vickie Gaffney
 Dep. C. Vincent
 Brian Dodge

Corp. C. Hoggard
 MDep. C. Chapman
 Dep. F. Walton
 Rasheed Wyatt
 Dep. S. Boothe-Brooks
 Dep. K. Penn
 Dep. R. McMurtrie
 Dep. M. Trimiar



GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Birth:**
- ★ Dep. S. Wall welcomed his baby daughter on May 26 at 0936 hours. She weighed 9 lbs 10 oz and measured 22 inches.
 - ★ Dep. M. Kingsley welcomed his baby daughter on June 15 at 0656 hours. She weighed 6 lbs 3 oz.
- Married:**
- Dep. L. Brown wed his lovely bride Lisa on May 23rd
- Retirement:**
- Corporal Willard Robinson retired effective April 30, 2009. He began his career with the Newport News Sheriff's Office in 1996.
- Anniversary:**
- 5 year:** MDep. J. Brenzel 3/06
 - 10 year:** MDep. C. Bannon 3/99

SPECIAL RECOGNITIONS

- Employee of the Quarter, 1st Quarter 2009, Corporal Willard Robinson, Court Security
- Employee of the Quarter, 2nd Quarter 2009, Sheila Whitson, NN City Jail Receptionist
- Deputy L. Walker, **D-Rotation**, Monthly Recognition, February
- Deputy T. Washington, **D-Rotation**, Monthly Recognition, April
- MDeputy S. Chapman, **D-Rotation**, Monthly Recognition, May
- Deputy A. Baxter, **D-Rotation**, Monthly Recognition, May
- Sergeant Brian Murray was presented an award for his hard work by **D-Rotation**
- Deputy J. Smith, **C-Rotation**, Hard Charger Award, January
- Deputy I. Rowland, **C-Rotation**, Hard Charger Award, February

ARTISTS

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Paul Warrick served time in prison and learned how to make pocket books and change purses out of paper. You would swear they are constructed of leather. Other artists interpreted the turmoil of the streets through bright colors and modern cubism.

Pfac hosted the evening, but it was sponsored by LINK of Hampton Roads, Inc. This organization is non-profit and works to reduce the causes of poverty and homelessness.

Sheriff Gabe Morgan gave opening remarks at the art show. Morgan is an advocate for services provided to

the homeless population. His deputies provide security at the winter PORT shelters.

It was at one of those shelters that artist Paul Warrick met Newport News Sheriff's Office Corporal Daniel Clinard. Warrick carries a well worn business card in his wallet that reminds him of the kindness of others.

On the backside of the business card is a handwritten note with a smiley face. Corporal Clinard wrote "Buy your son and your dog a little something." He handed that note and a \$20 bill to Warrick one night while working the homeless

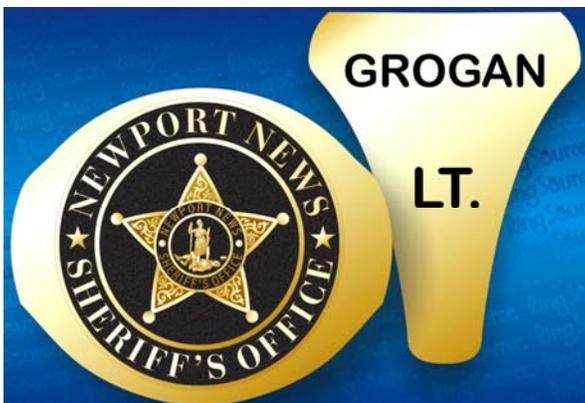
shelter. Obviously Clinard was moved by the man's plight. And Warrick himself was so moved by the corporal's generosity that he cherishes the business card and its message. The night of the art exhibit, Warrick met Sheriff Morgan. He shared his story and the power of an act of kindness.

Homeless men, women and

their children painted wine glasses that were offered for a donation during the evening of "Artists on the Edge." The money benefits CANLINK, one of many programs offered by LINK of Hampton Roads. LINK also has a new division helping terminally ill homeless veterans find hospice care.



Artist Paul Warrick tells Sheriff Gabe Morgan how he learned his craft in prison.



GET YOURS NOW!!!

The official Newport News Sheriff's Office ring can be ordered in gold or a gold toned stainless steel. The price for the stainless steel version is \$140 for men and \$125 for women. The 10k gold rings are approximately \$800.

Orders are being accepted by Lt. G. Grogan. Please contact him directly.



VSI Scholarship Goes to.....

Jennifer L. Smith was awarded a scholarship from the Virginia Sheriffs' Institute for the second year in a row. Smith is a junior at Old Dominion University. She is majoring in criminal justice and will minor in sociology. Newport News Sheriff Gabe Morgan personally congratulated Jennifer at a brief check presentation ceremony.

NN SHERIFF GABE MORGAN RECEIVES "HERO" AWARD

People to People, the Newport News race relations and quality of life organization, presented their highest honor, the HERO Award, to Sheriff Gabe Morgan on April 27th.

The presentation was made in front of a packed concert hall at the Ferguson Center for the Arts prior to the performance of the off-Broadway play "Our Young Black Men are Dying and Nobody Seems to Care."

Morgan received the HERO Award for his continuous devotion to the strengthening race relations in Newport News, for championing the needs of young people, and for his leadership in community awareness of quality of life issues in the City. *People to People* recognized Morgan for being front and center in discussions about

gangs, drugs and guns on the streets of Newport News and how to find solutions in restoring citizen safety.

People to People Co-Chairmen Bud Ramey and Dr. McKinley Price said, "Sheriff Morgan voices a higher vision for the City. He sees a future where young people are not left



out because they are poor or because of where they live. He sees a future where neighborhoods are re-claimed from gangs."

People to People is a private, nonprofit organization with more than 1,500 members from all

walks of life in the City of Newport News. It is focused on building bridges between races, nurturing a sense of value in the community for diversity and inclusion and championing quality of life issues. It is funded by the leadership of the business community. There are no dues or charges for attending meetings.



CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

Congratulations to the Sheriff 's Office on the recent victory. This is only the beginning, for there is more to come. Sheriff Morgan, together with all of you great people, has taken this office a long way. But there is more to accomplish, and due to the unity shown by all, we will not only stand, but will triumphantly stand!

The Bible says in Matthew 12:25 (Amplified Bible Version) "Any kingdom that is divided against itself is being brought to desolation and laid waste, and no city or house divided against itself will last or continue to stand."

Since the verse has proved itself true to the NNSO family during the recent elections, let's continue applying it not only here, but also in our households.

May the Lord continue blessing each of you, with His divine protection. Enjoy the summer to the fullest!

Your chaplain,

Omayra Pinos

Newport News Sheriff's Office Says Thank You to 911 Dispatchers



The week of April 12 was National Telecommunicators Week. It provided a chance to offer appreciation to emergency dispatchers, who, in Newport News, dispatch for the Sheriff's Office, Police Department, Fire and EMS. The line of communication is imperative in the safety of civil and transportation deputies who are on the road daily. Sheriff Morgan provided lunch one day during the weeklong recognition. He and his staff visited the 9-1-1 call center to extend a personal thank you to dispatchers.

WALK A MILE IN HER SHOES!!!

It was an interesting sight April 4th at City Center Oyster Point. Several dozen men wore women's shoes and marched laps around the fountain. They did it in support of the Center for Sexual Assault Survivors 3rd Annual Walk a Mile in Her Shoes event.

Among the walkers were Sheriff Gabe Morgan and more than thirty male deputies. The deputies were in full uniform with the exception of their footwear.

The Center is the only rape crisis center serving the Peninsula. More than \$3,000 was raised at this year's event, \$2,000 of which came directly from pledges raised by deputies. Dean Barker with CSB also walked with the deputies.

Shawna Gray, the Executive Director for The Center, raved about the participation from the Newport News Sheriff's Office. This year's event was the largest so far, and she wants it to grow in size. "What we'd like to see is teams from area community organizations, you know the Boy Scouts, the YMCA, even retailers like Home Depot and Lowe's. We'd like to see teams come out and participate."

Sheriff Morgan made his own challenge, "We (the NNSO) put the challenge out there to the fire department, police department, EMS, all the public safety personnel to join us next year and walk a mile in her shoes."



FLASH BACK



To EVENTS

Play Ball !!

ANNUAL DENBIGH YOUTH BASEBALL LEAGUE PARADE AND OPENING DAY CEREMONY UNOFFICIAL KICK OFF TO SUMMER

The annual parade of little leaguers through Denbigh is a sign that summer is just around the corner. The Newport News Sheriff's Office historically provides traffic control along the parade route ensuring the safety of the participants. In addition, the Sheriff's Office Honor Guard march in the parade and open the ceremony with the presentation of colors.



SUMMER FESTIVALS

The NN Children's Festival was held May 2nd. It is a popular annual event. Deputy C. Johnson, left, and Vickie Gaffney fingerprinted over 300 children.

The NNSO Kids' Handy Prints program was also popular at the Nelson Elementary School Family Picnic April 25th. Pictured left to right: MDep. C. Toliver; Red Robin Restaurant mascot, CRO Vickie Gaffney and 6-year old Makenna McGee.



SHERIFF'S Last Word

It is my pleasure to highlight some of the work going on at the Newport News Sheriff's Office. Without a doubt a lot has happened in the last three months.

On April 20th, Deputy City Manager Neil Morgan and I addressed citizens of Newport News at a Town Hall Meeting about future jail needs. Open and transparent communication is essential in gaining public trust. The City paid for a



study and results were revealed to members of City Council on April 14th. Neil and I agreed those results should also be made public.

A comprehensive study was conducted by MGT of America, Inc., a Texas-based consultant firm that studies correctional systems across the country. Findings from that study, titled "Study of Long-Term Corrections Organizational; Facility Needs," were used to project needs.

The study was undertaken to provide a fresh look at the incarceration system in the City of Newport News and determine ways

to save money. Because of the duplication of services provided by the Sheriff's Office and City Farm, a consolidation of the agencies would result in a significant amount of money being conserved.

MGT of America, Inc. estimated an annual cost savings of \$1.9 Million under a consolidation.

The main role of the City Farm would remain in effect. Under the proposal, we would continue using inmate labor for city maintenance for an estimated savings of \$2 Million annually. In essence, savings to taxpayers under the consolidation plan would amount to a sum total of nearly \$4 Million each year.

The findings of the study also revealed that if the City continues with the status quo, there will be a bed shortage by the year 2012.

City Council will discuss the matter further sometime in August.

On another matter, collaboration is key in curbing youth violence. May 7, 2009 was "Youth Advocacy Day." The *Campaign for Youth Justice* invited me to join their panel discussion in the nation's capitol.



Also on the panel were U.S. Congressman Bobby Scott and Los Angeles Councilman Tony Cardenas.

Youth gang crime has taken a toll on Newport News. Gang-related violence has had profound human costs, as well as economic social costs.

Congressman Scott provided details about the "Youth PROMISE Act." The acronym stands for **P**rison **R**eduction through **O**pportunities, **M**entoring, **I**ntervention, **S**upport, and **E**ducation. The legislation supports evidence-based intervention and treatment options that have been shown to reduce youth crime and delinquency. Congressman Scott and I are committed to working together to remedy violent crime, especially as it concerns young people. Other law enforcement agencies like the Newport News Police Department and the Federal Bureau of Investigation are part of the team solution.

With Sincere Gratitude,

Your Sheriff
Gabriel A. Morgan