

A close shave for a good cause

For Jim Eisenhauer, 59, of Bay Head, it's personal.

A police officer for 38 years and deputy sheriff of Anne Arundel County the past four of those, he's a tough guy. But, he was almost smacked down by a swift-moving throat cancer.

"I've been clean for two years," he said, "but, if it weren't for Sheriff **Ron Bateman** and the other people in the sheriff's office, I wouldn't have made it."



AROUND BROADNECK

By Wendi Winters

"The treatment was so brutal for me, I cannot imagine how bad it's been for 11-year-old **Joey Sudo**, a Windsor Farm Elementary kid who's just battled cancer for the second time," he said.

Joey will be the guest of honor at this year's St. Baldrick's Shave-A-Thon at 2 p.m. March 6 at O'Loughlin's in the Arnold Bay Dale Shopping Center.

An opening ceremony with bagpipers is planned, and Sheriff "Batman" Bateman will return as master of ceremonies. Head shavings are from 2:30 to 5 p.m. All shavees must be registered and pay a minimum fee of \$50. Register online at www.stbaldricks.org.

During the day, for a donation to St. Baldrick's, attendees and participants can enjoy fresh carved corned beef sandwiches. Beer and wine also will be available. The Irish rock band, The Rovers, will perform from 4 to 7 p.m.

Will Eisenhauer shave his head? He's done it before on a dare. Years ago, he took his son's baseball team to Coopersville and promised to



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From left, Anne Arundel County Deputy Sheriff Jim Eisenhauer, O'Loughlin's owner Tim Crawford and organizer Tom Suit are working on this year's St. Baldrick's hair razing fundraiser for childhood cancer research. The event is at 2 p.m. March 6 at O'Loughlin's in Bay Dale Shopping Center in Arnold.

shave his head if they won. The kids got carried away and won — twice.

"I might do it!" he said. "I look ugly when I'm bald."

Since 2005, the St. Baldrick's organization has raised nearly \$57 million nationwide. Last year's event at O'Loughlin's garnered \$42,000. The goal this year is to meet or beat that figure.

On his end, Eisenhauer organized a raffle of items like a baseball bat autographed by longtime Orioles player and Hall of Famer, Brooks Robinson. Plus, he's raffling four Orioles tickets and other items during the event.

O'Loughlin's owner, **Tom Crawford**, got involved as his family has been touched by cancer. His late father overcame melanoma and his father-in-law is battling bone and prostate cancers.

Tom Suit, organizer of the annual event, is absolutely not, under any circumstances, shaving off the lush, bushy forest on his

upper lip — no matter how much he's offered. However, he's working hard to ensure the event is a success.

"My heart goes out to kids fighting this battle," he said. "We're helping to fund research so, hopefully, other kids won't face what Joey Sudo is going through."

It was an exciting day in the second-grade classroom of Arnold Elementary teacher **Michael Kovacs**, 29. He wore a three-button suit for the occasion.

Kovacs' 24 students were about to test new microscopes they and two other second-grade classrooms had received, thanks to a grant from the Toshiba America Foundation. Toshiba provided \$990.45 for the purchase of four large Quantum Big Screen microscopes, three digital microscopes that transmit images to computer screens and 48 student microscopes.

Kovacs researched the grant and worked on the application during the

summer months.

"I had a lot of help from **Lois Lanier**, the grants coordinator at the Board of Education," he said.

The microscopes arrived at Christmastime.

During the Wednesday morning science class, Kovacs, assisted by four parent-volunteers, put the youngsters through the steps in using their new microscopes. Four kids got to utilize two Quantum Big Screen microscopes that resembled small diver's helmets. The children worked through three experiments using slides sprinkled with different types of dry dirt, to which they then added a drop of water. Working in pairs, and wearing goggles when handling samples, the children recorded their observations on specially designed forms.

The Belvedere Elementary School community is hosting a Silent Auction from 7 to 9 p.m. March 5 at the Ulmstead