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Thu 1/24	Fri 1/25	Sat 1/26	Sun 1/27
56° 29° F	39° 24° F	39° 30° F	45° 32° F
AM Rain	Partly Cloudy	Partly Cloudy	Partly Cloudy
Mon 1/28	Tue 1/29	Wed 1/30	Thu 1/31
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O'Connor on Administrative Leave After Police Shooting



Commissioner John O'Connor

By Guy Leonard
Staff Writer

Commissioner John O'Connor, who is also a police officer with the City of Seat Pleasant in Prince George's County, has been placed on administrative leave after he discharged his weapon last week following a traffic stop.

The shooting occurred at about 3:45 p.m. Jan. 17 when O'Connor was on patrol in the area of Central Avenue and East Capital Street when he pulled over a suspect vehicle, whose driver fled when he approached the vehicle, according to a statement from Seat Pleasant Police Chief Devan Martin.

"We're dealing with a very intense situation," Matthews said of the post

shooting investigation.

O'Connor pursued the suspect vehicle initially but relinquished the chase, only to find the suspect vehicle shortly thereafter at a dead-end street.

O'Connor then discharged his weapon at the vehicle, which either fled or was in the process of fleeing the scene.

O'Connor's weapon was a department-issued Smith and Wesson M&P 9mm 2.0 semiautomatic pistol.

Police recovered a gun from the scene, not O'Connor's, and are investigating whether it was connected to the incident; Lt. Robert Ploof of the Seat Pleasant Police Department said that later the suspect vehicle had been recovered but police are still searching for the driver.

The Prince George's County Police Department's Special Investigative Response Team is taking the lead on the shooting investigation and are determining why O'Connor fired his weapon.

O'Connor was admitted briefly to a local hospital though he was not injured in the incident, said Martin.

"He may have been overworked or had some internal issues," Martin said of the toll the shooting took on O'Connor.

Part of the investigation into the shooting will be body camera footage of the incident, Seat Pleasant police officials said.

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Leonardtwn Gym Teacher Faces Drug, Gun Charges

By Guy Leonard
Staff Writer

A physical education teacher employed at Leonardtown High School has been placed on administrative leave after being charged with gun and drug crimes associated with a traffic stop in Waldorf.

School Superintendent Scott Smith confirmed that Dwayne Ronald Dyke, 58, of Issue in Charles County, is cur-

rently not teaching any classes at the school.

The traffic stop occurred Jan. 16 just after midnight when a state trooper patrolling near Smallwood Drive spotted a pickup truck in the right turn lane on Route 301.

While the trooper was speaking with Dyke, he noticed a strong odor of alcohol on Dyke's breath and noticed he had bloodshot eyes.

Dyke failed a field sobriety test and was placed under arrest; when troopers searched his vehicle they found a plastic bag containing suspected cocaine and an empty handgun holster in Dyke's waistband.

Another search of Dyke's vehicle produced a Glock 22 .40 caliber handgun in the rear pocket of the passenger side

seat.

A breathalyzer test recorded Dyke's blood alcohol content at .12, over the legal limit of .08.

Dyke was released on \$5,000 bail and has a district court date scheduled for March.

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Bridge Jumper Dies



By Guy Leonard
Staff Writer

A 19-year-old Calvert County woman who jumped off the Thomas Johnson Bridge Jan. 20 on the St. Mary's County side has died according to Maryland State Police.

Troopers from the Leonardtown barack responded to the call and emergency responders pulled her out of the water, where she had been for a significant amount of time, said Det. Sgt. Jeffrey Linger.

"She died as a result of the incident," Linger said, noting that the exact cause

of death had yet to be determined.

Emergency responders reported that the female had been in the water for as much as an hour before she was found and taken to a local trauma center.

Just the day before, a male subject jumped from the bridge and landed in the parking lot under the bridge on the Calvert County side with serious traumatic injuries.

Sheriff Mike Evans said the subject was still alive as of Jan. 22. after being taken to Prince George's Shock Trauma.

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Donations Sought For Coast Guard Families

By Guy Leonard
Staff Writer

U.S. Coast Guard personnel are going without paychecks due to the partial government shutdown and that includes the more than 40 personnel stationed at the outpost in St. Inigoes.

Local parents who have their sons and daughters serving in the Coast Guard are already gathering donations of food and other items to support the families of those serving through the shutdown.

Kathy and John Brigham have two

sons in the Coast Guard and though they are not stationed in St. Inigoes they are helping to organize donation drives already.

"We're going down there to see what's going on," Kathy Brigham told The County Times. "Most of them live pay check to pay check."

"They're all enlisted and they don't make a lot of money."

She said members of the Southern Maryland Coast Guard Moms, a group organized through social media, have already started to drop off food dona-

tions at the St. Inigoes station.

"The main thing I'm concerned about now is morale," John Brigham said. "These families are stressing."

Kathy Brigham said concerned families were already putting together a larger drive to aid the St. Inigoes station families; she also said senior enlisted personnel on Patuxent River Naval Air Station, which has not been affected by the shutdown, are putting together donations to support the St. Inigoes personnel and their families.

"We will to put together a food drive

next week if need be," she said.

The partial government shutdown is now the longest in the country's history, with about 800,000 federal employees now going without pay.

The shutdown started more than 30 days ago, over conflicts between the Trump Administration and the Democrat majority in the House of Representatives over funding for a wall on the southern border with Mexico.

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Appraiser Fair Comes to St. Clements Museum This Weekend

By Guy Leonard
Staff Writer

The annual appraiser fair this Saturday at St. Clements Island Museum in Colton Point will bring in specialists from around the region who can determine whether items residents have been wondering about could be hidden treasures.

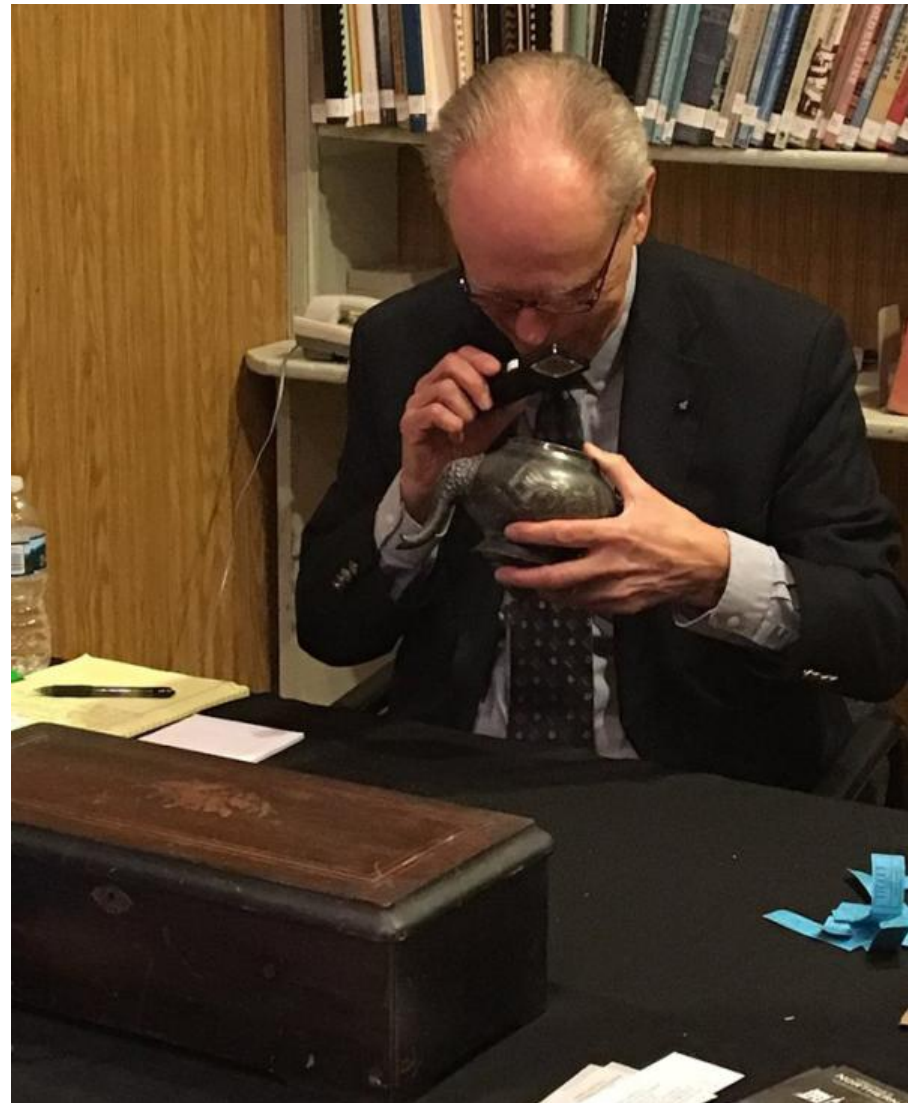
The appraisers include William Parran of the Parran Coin Company and Linda Nealy, a doll appraiser and member of the Black Eyed Susan Doll Club

of Southern Maryland.

For pieces that fall under the fine arts category, Dorie Lear, of Lusby, will be on hand and is a certified auction house appraiser, said Christina Barbour, site supervisor at the museum.

Coming from Commonwealth Antiques in the Northern Neck of Virginia will be Henry Hull, another certified appraiser in venerable valuables.

Barbour said the event has been active since 2004, with county residents and others coming in to find out once and for all whether their treasures were real.



"This way people get cost effective advice," Barbour told The County Times. "We get a lot of people from around Southern Maryland and even the Northern Neck of Virginia."

"There have been some people who are pleasantly surprised and others who hoped [their item] would be worth a little more."

The fair will take place from 10a.m. to 3p.m., Jan. 26; the fine arts category includes ceramics, pottery, glassware, artwork/paintings, music boxes and small furniture pieces. Items in this category are limited to two items per person for a fee of \$5 per item. Other category fees are \$5 each for the first two items and

\$10 per item thereafter. Only cash and checks will be accepted for payment, according to county information.

The public is encouraged to only bring items that can be hand-carried. Items that do not fit this category will not be accepted for appraisal. Space is limited and items will be viewed on a first come, first served basis. Appraisals are not certified, however, one can make arrangements for a certified appraisal at a later date and time.

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Bailey Statement on Funding for the University System of Maryland Academic and Research Center



Sen. Jack Bailey

"I'm pleased that Governor Hogan has included funding for the University System of Maryland Academic and Research Center, known as the 'third building,' in the Fiscal Year 2020 budget unveiled today. The third building funding represents a significant step forward in our partnership with the U.S. Navy at Patuxent River. This funding allows the project construction to begin. A third building at the Southern Maryland Higher Education Center is important to economic growth in our State and in particular, in Charles, Calvert & St. Mary's Counties. This project is crucial to growing our local economy, both within the Navy Base and out in the local community, as the requirement to produce and attract highly skilled in-

dividuals continues to grow. This important partnership with the University System of Maryland establish a highly skilled workforce to meet the needs of the Patuxent River Naval Air Station; the Naval Service Warfare Center, Indian Head; and the University of Maryland Unmanned Aircraft Systems Test Site. I look forward to working with the Governor and our legislative leaders to ensure this project is on track to be completed.

In my many meetings with Navy and community leaders, this project continues to be a top priority. I have conveyed the importance of it to the Governor and Legislative leaders in my meetings with them. I plan to work tirelessly to protect this funding as the budget is approved

by the Legislature.

Today is a happy day that moves us one step closer to breaking ground on this 84k square foot project. When completed, this \$86 mil. (\$85,995 mil.) facility represents a critical investment in bringing expanded higher education research opportunities to Southern Maryland. The University System of Maryland's presence here brings world class capabilities are now available to our important regional military installations to make them even better protected and stronger. I thank Governor Hogan for his steadfast commitment to funding this critically needed research facility. This is one of the most significant State investments to our region since the BRAC of the 1990s."

Governor Hogan Announces Fiscal Year 2020 Budget Provides Record Investment in K-12 Education



Hogan at inaugural

Governor Larry Hogan announced major items in the administration's fiscal year 2020 budget, which will be officially submitted on Friday, January 18. The governor's budget fully funds not only the administration's priorities, but also all legislative mandated spending programs without raising taxes, cutting services, or raiding dedicated special funds. The budget leaves \$1.3 billion in reserves and continues – for the fifth straight year – to fund K-12 public education at an all-time record level.

"Once again, we will provide historically high, record funding for K-12 education - our fifth consecutive budget to do so," said Governor Hogan. "Not only will every single penny that every single jurisdiction anticipates from the state for education be fully funded at 100 percent, but every single school system in Maryland will again see increased investment by the state."

The FY 2020 budget continues the Hogan administration's legacy of fiscal

responsibility, adhering to recommendations from the Spending Affordability Committee and maintaining structural balance while making vital investments in education, healthcare, and job creation. This budget also makes prudent use of what is likely a one-time surplus to both save for the future and make critical infrastructure investments. More than \$1.3 billion has been set aside to guard against any potential downturn in the economy while still investing \$3.3 billion in Maryland's transportation network and nearly \$250 million for a wide range of improvements to facilities or projects that provide services to Maryland citizens, including \$63 million in critical maintenance funding to Maryland higher education institutions.

"As a direct result of our fiscal discipline, belt-tightening, and business-friendly policies over the past four years, our state has had one of the best economic turnarounds in the nation," said Governor Hogan. "We must remain

vigilant about maintaining savings in order to be better prepared for those times when more flexibility is needed, while also making necessary, targeted one-time investments. That is what our budget has once again accomplished."

The FY 2020 general fund operating budget totals \$19.5 billion, continuing to provide record investment in the administration's top priority – education. This budget provides \$6.9 billion toward our public schools, going above and beyond the levels required by state aid programs. Aid to local schools grows by \$347 million, which is the administration's largest increase to date. The budget also reserves \$200 million in state funding to implement the recommendations of the Kirwan Commission.

The governor's proposed budget also includes the initial investment in the "Building Opportunity Fund," a transformative and historic five-year, \$3.5 billion school construction program. Reflecting that, this year's school construction budget totals more than \$438 million, the most ever in one year.

This budget continues our commitment to our world-class higher education system, providing a record \$1.45 billion in state funds for the University System of Maryland, a 4.2 percent increase over last year. This includes \$20 million, twice the level of last year, to develop academic programs in science, engineering, cybersecurity, and other critical areas. For the fourth year in a row, undergraduate tuition growth at Maryland's public four-year institutions will be limited to 2 percent. In addition, this budget includes record funding for the 15 local community colleges funded through the Cade formula and provides funding for the Community College

Promise Scholarship and the Governor's Promise Plus Scholarship. Further, the capital budget includes \$325 million for higher education projects.

Since taking office, the Hogan administration has delivered on the promise to grow the private sector, be more friendly to both businesses and families, create jobs, and turn Maryland's economy around, going from losing 100,000 jobs to gaining more than 120,000 jobs, while delivering \$1.2 billion in tax, toll, and fee relief. New this year, in order to encourage investments in Opportunity Zones all over the state, the budget dedicates \$56.5 million toward attracting new or expanding businesses and developing our workforce.

The FY 2020 budget reaffirms Governor Hogan's commitment to environmental stewardship, once again fully funding important environmental programs including Program Open Space, the Chesapeake and Atlantic Coastal Bays 2010 Trust Fund, and the Maryland Park Service, along with increasing incentives for zero-emission vehicles.

The budget also continues to ensure that Maryland's most vulnerable citizens have access to critical healthcare services and other important programs by containing nearly \$11.5 billion for Maryland's Medicaid program, which provides health coverage to nearly 1.4 million Marylanders, including more than 153,000 children through the Maryland Children's Health Program. The budget also includes nearly a quarter billion dollars for substance use disorder services, an increase of 20 percent over FY 2019.

This budget invests in Maryland's dedicated state employees, providing at least a 3 percent raise to every state

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worker. Further, in order to improve the recruitment and retention of vital correctional officers at state facilities, the governor has allocated \$13.1 million toward an additional 4 percent increase for these officers, along with \$7.6 million to extend a bonus program through the rest of the current year.

The FY 2020 budget also accounts for the governor's proposals for targeted tax relief, including expanding the More Jobs for Marylanders tax credit to include all 149 Opportunity Zones across the state, expanding the Hometown Heroes program, expanding the types of retirement income that are excluded from taxation, and to help all Marylanders make college more affordable, increasing the deduction for contributions to a 529 investment plan from \$2,500 to \$5,000 and increasing the permitted tax deduction on student loan interest to 100 percent.

Below are highlights of the FY 2020 Budget:

Investing in Education:

- For the fifth consecutive year, the Hogan administration is providing record funding for K-12 education. The FY 2020 budget includes a \$6.9 billion state investment in Maryland's public schools, fully funding state aid programs. Aid to local schools grows by \$347 million, the largest increase to date under Gov-

ernor Hogan.

- The governor's education budget goes above and beyond required statutory funding formulas to ensure that every Maryland jurisdiction receives more direct education aid than in FY 2019. Baltimore City will receive an additional \$11.1 million and Cecil County nearly \$800,000.
- This year's school construction budget totals more than \$438 million, the most ever in one year.
- Consistent with passage of the constitutional amendment establishing the education "lockbox," \$125 million in gaming revenues are dedicated to the following educational enhancements: \$65 million for school construction (including \$20 million to start a revolving loan fund to assist local jurisdictions), \$15 million for prekindergarten expansion, \$4.5 million for Learning in Extended Academic Programs (LEAP) to provide extended academic programming for at-risk students at schools, \$2.5 million for the Maryland Early Literacy Initiative, \$2 million for innovative Career Technology Education programs, \$250,000 to expand teacher recruitment and outreach, and \$35.8 million for future initiatives as determined by the Kirwan Commission on Innovation and Excellence in Education.

- In addition, \$200 million in state funding remains reserved to implement recommendations of the Kirwan Commission.
- The budget includes \$300,000 to establish three new P-TECH schools in Maryland, bringing total funding for P-TECH schools to \$1.2 million.
- \$20 million in state funding is included to expand access to prekindergarten throughout the state, bringing total state enhancement funding to \$43.5 million. Under the Hogan administration, state funding to expand access to prekindergarten education has grown by 1,011 percent.
- The Hogan administration has taken great strides this past year to enhance the Child Care Subsidy program, raising subsidy rates by 8 percent, eliminating the waitlist, and doubling income eligibility requirements. The FY 2020 budget includes an additional \$34 million for the program to implement these policy changes and further increase subsidy rates.
- State aid for local Head Start programs grows to \$3 million in FY 2020, an increase of \$1.2 million compared to FY 2019.
- The Broadening Options and Opportunities for Students Today (BOOST) Program grows by \$3 million to \$10 million, fulfilling the gov-

ernor's commitment to double funding for the program over three years. BOOST provides scholarships for low-income students from areas with underperforming schools to attend non-public schools, giving them the opportunity for a better education.

- The governor's budget includes a record \$1.45 billion in state funds for the University System of Maryland (USM), a \$58.5 million or 4.2 percent increase over FY 2019.
- Morgan State University receives \$100.9 million in state funds, a \$4.1 million increase from the current year. Nearly half of this increase will support deferred maintenance efforts to improve campus facilities and the remainder will be used for accreditation efforts, laboratory facility enhancements, and conversion of contractual employees to regular employees.
- Statutory funding for St. Mary's College of Maryland grows by 3.5 percent to \$25.9 million.
- The governor's budget includes record funding for the 15 local community colleges funded through the Cade formula. The governor's FY 2020 budget includes \$268 million, a \$7 million or 2.7 percent increase over FY 2019, in formula and non-formula grant funding.
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- (BCCC) receives \$40.2 million in state support in FY 2020.
 - The Sellinger program for Maryland's independent colleges and universities is funded at a record \$59.4 million, or \$3.2 million over FY 2019.
 - For the fourth year in a row, growth in resident undergraduate tuition at Maryland's public four-year institutions is held to 2 percent.
- School Safety and Accountability:
- The FY 2020 budget continues Governor Hogan's commitment to supporting school safety with \$10 million in capital grants to local school systems to make safety-related improvements to school facilities; an additional \$3.5 million is included for safety improvements at non-public schools.
 - \$10.6 million is provided for local school systems to hire school resource officers and to implement other best practices; approximately \$400,000 is provided to support new school resource officers at the Maryland School for the Deaf.
 - The governor's budget doubles to \$2 million the amount available for upgrades and security personnel for schools and child care centers in Maryland deemed at-risk for hate crimes.
 - An additional \$1.4 million and 11 positions are included to support the

newly created Education Monitoring Unit and Office of Compliance and Oversight, enabling the Maryland State Department of Education and the State Board of Education to evaluate and investigate allegations of misconduct and corruption in local school systems.

Creating Jobs and Expanding Opportunities for Businesses:

- As part of a series of initiatives proposed by Governor Hogan to further expand Maryland's Opportunity Zone program, the FY 2020 operating budget includes \$56.5 million in new funding to attract businesses and development and to continue to invest in Maryland's workforce.
- \$16 million is provided to create the Maryland Technology Infrastructure Fund under TEDCO, as part of a long-term plan to leverage more than \$500 million in planned investment over the next decade.
- An additional \$6 million in tax credits will be made available for companies that locate or expand in a Maryland Opportunity Zone - an amount increasing to \$24 million over time.
- \$3 million is being invested to establish "Opportunity Works," a job training program for businesses located in Opportunity Zones as part of the state's nationally recognized Employment Advancement Right Now (EARN) program.

- In addition to the \$3 million for Opportunity Works, the FY 2020 budget includes \$8 million for the EARN program, which continues as a leader of innovative and industry-led workforce development initiatives for the state.
- Governor Hogan's FY 2020 budget also includes \$8 million for tax credits for manufacturing employers that create jobs in qualifying high-unemployment zones, established under the More Jobs for Marylanders Act of 2017.
- The new public school construction initiative announced by Governor Hogan is estimated to create more than 27,000 new jobs during the five-year construction period.
- Governor Hogan's budget provides first-time funding of \$1 million toward TEDCO's Minority Pre-Seed Investment Fund, which provides financial and operational support for entrepreneurs from socially or economically disadvantaged backgrounds.
- Governor Hogan's budget maintains \$12 million for the Biotechnology Investment Incentive Tax Credit and \$2 million for the Cybersecurity Investment Incentive Tax Credit. In addition, businesses purchasing cybersecurity technology or services from Maryland companies will be eligible for up to \$4 million in tax credits in

2019.

- The governor's budget provides \$28 million in FY 2020 for the Maryland Economic Development Assistance Authority and Fund, the state's most powerful economic development tool, a \$3 million increase over the current year.

Tourism and the Arts:

- The Maryland State Arts Council grows by \$1.7 million, to \$24.4 million in total funds - an all-time high.
- In addition, Governor Hogan's budget provides an additional \$610,000 for the Tourism Development Board, bringing total funding to \$10.2 million.

Building for the Future – Transportation & Infrastructure:

- Investments in Maryland's Transportation network totaling \$3.3 billion include almost \$1.7 billion for state highways, \$221 million for the Purple Line Transitway, and \$167 million in capital improvements for the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority (WMATA).
- The FY 2020 budget includes \$255.9 million in Highway User Revenue funds to local jurisdictions, this is a \$24 million increase from last year.

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Pets Perish, Families Displaced in House Fires



Sandy Bottom Road



Olympia Court



Olympia Court

By Guy Leonard
Staff Writer

A dog and four cats died in a house fire on Sandy Bottom Road in Hollywood that destroyed a single-family home Jan. 18.

According to State Fire Marshal investigators the accidental fire, which was discovered by a neighbor, was the result of an overloaded power strip in the basement of the residence. There were no human injuries as a result of the fire.

The family is now being assisted by

the American Red Cross.

It took 50 firefighters from the Hollywood Volunteer Fire Department 20 minutes to extinguish the blaze; the total losses came to \$275,000.

On Tuesday another house was completely destroyed by fire on Olympia Court in Lexington Park, fire marshal investigators said, and displaced the family who is also being assisted by the American Red Cross.

It took 26 volunteers from the Bay District Fire Company one hour to control the blaze; the fire was found on the rear deck of the single-family home by

the owner.

Fire marshal's investigators determined that combustible materials placed too close to a kerosene heater were the

cause of the fire.

Both fires have been ruled accidental.

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Sheriff's Office Crime Report

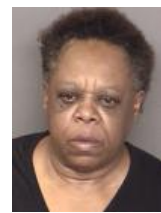
Assault- On January 17, 2019, Cpl. Foor responded to the 16700 block of Three Notch Road in Ridge, for the reported assault. Investigation determined



Kevin Anthony Murphy Jr., age 30 of Ridge, assaulted the victim. Murphy and the victim were arguing when Murphy grabbed the victim and threw the victim onto the floor. Visible injury was observed to the victim and Murphy was arrested and charged with Assault 2nd Degree. CASE# 3439-19

Counterfeit Currency- On January 17, 2019, Cpl. Pesante responded to the St. Mary's County Detention and Rehabilitation Center located in Leonardtown, for the report of found counterfeit currency. Investigation determined

Osie Mae Shade, age 59 of Ridge, was arrested on an outstanding warrant. Once at the detention center her belongings were inventoried and it was discovered Shade had a counterfeit \$100 bill in her property. Shade was charged with Possession of Forged Currency. CASE# 3433-19



Violation of Protective Order- On January 18, 2019, Cpl. Ruest served a protective order in the 22500 block of Wainwright Court in California. The respondent of the order was

Phillip Edward Meagher III, age 47 of California. After being read the order and the stipulations, such as no contact of any kind, Meagher began yelling at the victim. Meagher was arrested and



charged with Violate Protective Order. CASE# 3633-19

Assault- On January 19, 2019, Cpl. Stone responded to the 21300 block of South Essex Drive in Lexington Park, for the reported disturbance. Upon arrival **Tyrell Marquice Birdine**, age 18,



was on top of the victim, actively assaulting the victim. Deputies removed Birdine from the victim, at which time Birdine attempted to flee. Birdine was advised he was under arrest; he continued to resist and try to run. Once Birdine was placed into handcuffs, he attempted to once again flee from deputies. Birdine began causing a further disturbance by yelling, and causing a crowd to gather. Birdine was arrested and charged with Assault 2nd Degree, Resist/Interfere with Arrest, and Disorderly Conduct. CASE# 3658-19

Assault- On January 19, 2019, Cpl. Kerby made contact with the victim in the 23900 block of Old Chaptico Wharf Lane in Chaptico, reference an assault. Investigation determined **David Grant Jones**, age 40 of Chaptico, assaulted the victim during an argument by pushing the victim into a wall, causing injury to the victim's head. Jones continued the argument, and continued to grab the victim and the victim's clothes. A witness intervened and attempted to get Jones off the victim. During the struggle Jones ultimately went through a glass door. Jones was arrested and charged with Assault 2nd Degree. CASE# 3739-19



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A unique approach in service dog training for veterans is being implemented by Avenue resident Marbeth Raley's sister, Michele Khol, founder of MK9 ServiceDogs in Vienna, Virginia. Typically, fully trained service dogs are paired with veterans with physical and/or mental health disabilities. Instead of training puppies for a multitude of conditions, MK9 Service Dogs targets the veteran's needs first and then identifies and trains the service dog, starting as a puppy, to meet those individualized needs. Currently, there are more veterans who could benefit from having a trained service dog than there are available. As a result, there is usually a waiting list for a qualified, fully trained service dog.

Other service dog organizations may select a veteran that is compatible with an already trained service dog, then begin a relationship building phase, ensuring that the service dog's needs and the veteran's needs are met. A unique approach in service dog training for veterans is being implemented by Michele Khol, founder of MK9 Service Dogs in Vienna, Virginia. Typically, fully trained service dogs are paired with veterans with physical and/or mental health disabilities. Instead of training puppies for a multitude of conditions, MK9 Service Dogs targets the veteran's needs first and then identifies and trains the service dog, starting as a puppy, to meet those individualized needs. Currently, there are more veterans who could benefit from having a trained service dog than there are available. As a result, there is usually a waiting list for a qualified, fully trained service dog.

MK9 Service Dogs' model is to first assess the veteran's needs, such as Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD), Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI), depression, anxiety, or some physical disability and then train the dog to meet those specific needs.

According to the Veteran's Administration National Suicide Data report, an estimated 20 veterans commit suicide per day. The empirical evidence of the efficacy of service dogs mitigating the symptoms of conditions such as PTSD is clear and overwhelming. Dogs can reach and connect with veterans in ways humans cannot. Sometimes, just having a service dog trained to perform nightmare interruptions for a veteran allows them to sleep through the night for the first time in years. Unfortunately, there is a limited number of trained service dogs for veterans because of the cost of raising, training, and placing qualified service dogs, which can exceed \$28,000 per dog.

MK9 Service Dogs' solution to this dilemma is to offer qualified and highly trained service dogs to eligible veterans at no cost to the veteran. Working with a network of Labrador Retriever and German Shepherd breeders, MK9 Service Dogs procures puppies with the proper temperament and aptitude to be a service dog. Having a team of highly trained, skilled and dedicated volunteers, MK9 Service Dogs is able to fulfill their mission to provide highly trained service dogs to maximize the independence and quality of life of veterans with physical and/or mental disabilities at no cost to the veteran.

MK9 Service Dogs is seeking financial contributions from the community to make their mission a reality. There are several levels of sponsorship available for those who wish to help pair a service dog in training with a qualified veteran with physical and/or mental health disabilities. In addition to financial support, MK9 Service Dogs is looking for veteran applicants. If you or someone you know is a veteran that would benefit from a fully trained service dog, please contact the organization.

Your support is greatly needed and appreciated. For more information, please visit their website at: <https://www.mk9servicedogs.org/> or follow them on Facebook MK9s service dogs.

Submitted article

Animal Control Officer Rescues Injured Owl



ACO Christy Hoover

The St. Mary's County Animal Control Division has many faces. One area they work on which traditionally goes unnoticed is animal rescue.

On January 18, 2019, Animal Control Officer Christy Hoover rescued an injured owl after responding to a location in Wildewood. Upon arrival she found a Barred Owl which appeared to be unable to fly.

ACO Hoover was able to wrap the owl in a towel and place it in a carrier for transport. A person specializing in wildlife re-habitation met with ACO Hoover and took the owl to a veterinarian for treatment.

The Animal Control Division congratulates ACO Christy Hoover on a successful rescue and job well done.

Women's History Month Banquet Speaker Named



United States Navy Rear Adm. C. J. Jaynes

The St. Mary's County Commission for Women is honored to name retired United States Navy Rear Adm. C. J. Jaynes as the keynote speaker for the annual St. Mary's County National Women's History Month Banquet. The event, scheduled for Thursday, March 14, at the Southern Maryland Higher Education Center, features presentations of the 2019 Lifetime Achievement, Woman of the Year and Tomorrow's Woman Awards.

Jaynes graduated from Indiana University of Pennsylvania in 1979 with a Bachelor of Science in Mathematics Education, followed by a Master's Degree

in Mathematics in 1982. Shortly thereafter, she began her US Navy career at the Officer Candidate School (OCS) in Newport, Rhode Island. At the time she entered OCS, women represented only 9 percent of the ranking officers in the U.S. Navy. She describes feeling lonely and being "over-scrutinized" because of her gender. Despite the obstacles she faced, Jaynes achieved the ultimate honor – being commissioned as the first female flag officer in the U.S. Navy.

Her distinguished 33-year career culminated in her retirement as Rear Admiral. Following her retirement, Jaynes continued to support the aerospace industry in various management roles. She currently provides consulting services to industry and government entities, specializing in acquisition, program management, logistics, industrial operations, strategy and leadership.

A symbol of the 2019 Commission for Women Theme "Visionary Women: Champions of Peace & Non-Violence," Jaynes is a champion of peace and non-violence. Her dedication to her career and continuing support of the aerospace industry in peace-keeping efforts throughout the world exemplify these qualities. She is an advocate and mentor for young women offering solutions and guidance for achieving success.

*Press Release from
St. Mary's County Government*

Cedar Point FCU Makes Community Donation



Clients of Center for Life Enrichment and employees of Cedar Point Federal Credit Union pose at Esperanza Bowling Lanes with a check for \$10,000 to Southern Maryland Community Resources.

By Dick Myers
Editor

Twenty employees of Cedar Point Federal Credit Union (FCU) branches in Calvert and St. Mary's counties went bowling last Friday (Jan. 18). Although they had fun, that wasn't their sole mission.

The credit union was one of the sponsors this year of the Solomons Dragon Boat Festival, which is put on by Southern Maryland Community Resources

(SMCR). Cedar Point donated \$10,000 last year to SMCR and \$8,000 the year before as part of their ongoing support of community organizations, supplemented by employee giving as well. They have stepped up to the plate this year as well.

Southern Maryland Community Resources, Inc. (SMCR) is a 501 (c) 3 non-profit organization that helps to bridge the gap for individuals with developmental differences in our community.

According to their website, their mis-

sion is to "promote the inclusion of persons with developmental differences into the life of our community. We advocate for individuals with special needs, to recognize the inherent dignity that is theirs because they are members of our one human family. We promote social recreational and educational opportunities where individuals with developmental differences can contribute their unique gifts and develop their potential.

"We provide monthly programs to provide our members with social and recreational opportunities in order to enrich their lives. Members enjoy our programs at no-to-little cost through our partnerships with businesses and organizations throughout the community."

The financial support by Cedar Point FCU was one very big thing (\$10,000 again this year), but in keeping with

SMCR's mission, they also wanted their employees to be engaged with the people with developmental differences who SMCR serves. That's where the bowling comes in.

The credit union Marketing Director Kristen Kauffman-Beaver said the bowling was a way for the employees to interact with those who SMCR helps. So, on Jan. 18 they gathered at Esperanza Bowling Lanes in California to buddy up with clients of the Center for Life Enrichment to have fun together.

The credit union employees intend to make the bowling a regular outing every first Friday of the month.

And, everyone posed for a picture with a huge, blown-up copy of that \$10,000 check for SMCR.

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Correction

The story in our Jan. 10 issue about two dogs from the Sugar Faces Senior Dogs Rescue group appearing in the Animal Planet Dog Bowl misidentified one of their volunteers. Her name should have been Dawn Shonkwiler. The County Times apologizes for the error.

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The 2015 Barbera Reserve can be found in our tasting room. We highly recommend you stop in to give it a try! Our next vintages are in barrel, and we cannot wait to release our new and exciting wines.

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Press Release from The Port of Leonardtown Winery Team and the Southern Maryland Grape Growers Association

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The presentation time will be from 5:30-6:30 PM, we will be open from 5 PM on. This event is free with seating available on a first-come basis. For more info visit www.stmarysartscouncil.com or call (240) 309-4061. The audience participation Drum Circle featuring the SoMar Drummers will follow from 7-8 PM.

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This show runs from January 29 through February 24, and opening reception is "First Friday" February 1 from 5 PM to 8 PM. Refreshments will be served and all are welcome. Members and guests artists will be available to talk about their work. This annual show also includes the work of gallery members.

The North End Gallery is open Tuesdays through Saturdays from 10 AM to 5 PM and Sundays from noon to 4 PM and is located at 41652 Fenwick Street, Leonardtown, Maryland. For more information, call the gallery at 301-475-3130 or visit the website at www.northendgallery.org and on Facebook @ North.End.Gallery.Leonardtown.

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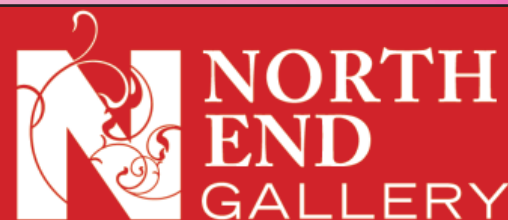
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Bunyan Charges St. Mary's Students To Seek Out Justice

By Guy Leonard
Staff Writer

Maureen Bunyan, a Washington, D.C.-based broadcast journalist who for more than 40 years visited county and state residents in their homes during her nightly newscast, remembers her first foray into the Civil Rights Movement.

"I came of age in the 1960's," Bunyan told The County Times, the day after she spoke at St. Mary's College of Maryland on Martin Luther King Day. "The Civil Rights Movement was beginning; I had to get involved."

She traveled with others down to Alabama to take part in the historic effort to register black citizens to vote – it was a time of constant violence and terror against those who tried to change the old order that excluded African Americans from the ballot box,

"It was a mind opening experience for me," Bunyan said. "I'd never been to the south."

Born in Aruba and moving to Milwaukee, Wisconsin to pursue her education and eventual career in journalism, she began to see inequality when it came to educational, career and even housing opportunities for those she called "people of color." She saw much more in her trip to Alabama.

"When we drove around we had to lie down on the floor of the car so that only one black person was visible," Bunyan said. "That's because the Ku Klux Klan would shoot at cars with more than one black person in it.

"They would assume they were black people from up north who had come to register other black people to vote. It was dangerous and frightening."

Even in Milwaukee she pursued inequity in an effort to expose it; she remembered one story she worked on where she exposed discrimination in the local housing market where white reporters would easily find an apartment, but reporters of color would suddenly find there were none for rent.

"I saw the inequity and prejudice," Bunyan said.

Before King was assassinated in Memphis on April 4, 1968 a federally mandated commission examined civil disorders and riots and determined minority communities had been historically oppressed and the news media was largely absent in covering their plight, Bunyan said.

"It took the news media to task, especially because they didn't hire people of color," said Bunyan. "Many of us... we were the first journalists of color in the news room.

"And we pushed them to pay attention to African American communities."

In her speech to students, faculty and friends of St. Mary's College of Maryland, Bunyan said the search for a new kind of justice to repair the damage done by colonialism, racism and slavery continues in the Caribbean, where students are pushing for both restorative and reparative justice.

Both are small-scale and large-scale images of each other, she said.

Restorative justice deals with the impacts of crime on both victim, perpetrator and community and the search for justice that serves the whole; it is a departure from purely putative justice.

Reparative justice seeks the same between nations; Bunyan said students and other leaders in Caribbean nations are seeking compensation for generations of colonialism, which could include monetary reparations paid to the ancestors of slaves brought there to work but also assistance with aide for health care, education and even repatriation to African nations if so desired.

She wanted students at St. Mary's to do the same

in the name of justice.

"This is a charge to students here," Bunyan said Jan. 21 at the school's annual prayer breakfast. "This is why all schools are so important."

Educational institutions such as St. Mary's College had the knowledge of history to piece together the impacts on oppressed people, she said, and had a major part to play in achieving real, intellectually based justice.

"We all have good intentions, but if we don't know what's laid out on the field we don't know what game is being played," Bunyan said.

Bunyan encouraged those in attendance to read a slew of books such as Bury My Heart at Wounded Knee, The Crusades of Cesar Chavez, The Fortunes of Africa, The Half Has Never Been Told, and The Long Emancipation to better understand the nature of inequality amongst and inside nations

"Communities and countries fail when they don't have a just society," Bunyan said. "If in an open society... these societies will fail if the people become alienated from the system."

Referencing current events, she relayed what she believed King would think and do now.

"What would Dr. King think of all this?" Bunyan asked. "Dr. King worked for justice.

"If he were here now, he'd still be working for justice; justice is not an event it is a process."

Bunyan made such an impression that Dr. Tjuana Jordan, president of the college, openly stated she would try to bring Bunyan on as an adjunct

professor.

Bunyan was flattered but noncommittal; she said she would wait for Jordan to make the offer.

"That was very nice of her; it was a great compliment," said Bunyan. "I'd love to make a contribution to St. Mary's."

During the festivities at the college, Jordan recounted parts of King's letter written from a prison cell in Alabama that whatever effects one of us, affects all of us.

"All life is connected," Jordan said. "Today there is still turmoil; we cannot continue along these paths.

"We live in America. It's the best country in the world and there's a solution for everything."

House Majority Leader Steny Hoyer called for partisanship on King's day of remembrance, but not in the sense to which many had become accustomed.

"This is not a day for partisanship in the political sense," Hoyer said. "But it is a day for partisanship in the pursuit of justice."

Hoyer said King's legacy was the pursuit of the unalienable rights guaranteed to all people under the U.S. Constitution; to make America live up to its claims of liberty and justice for all.

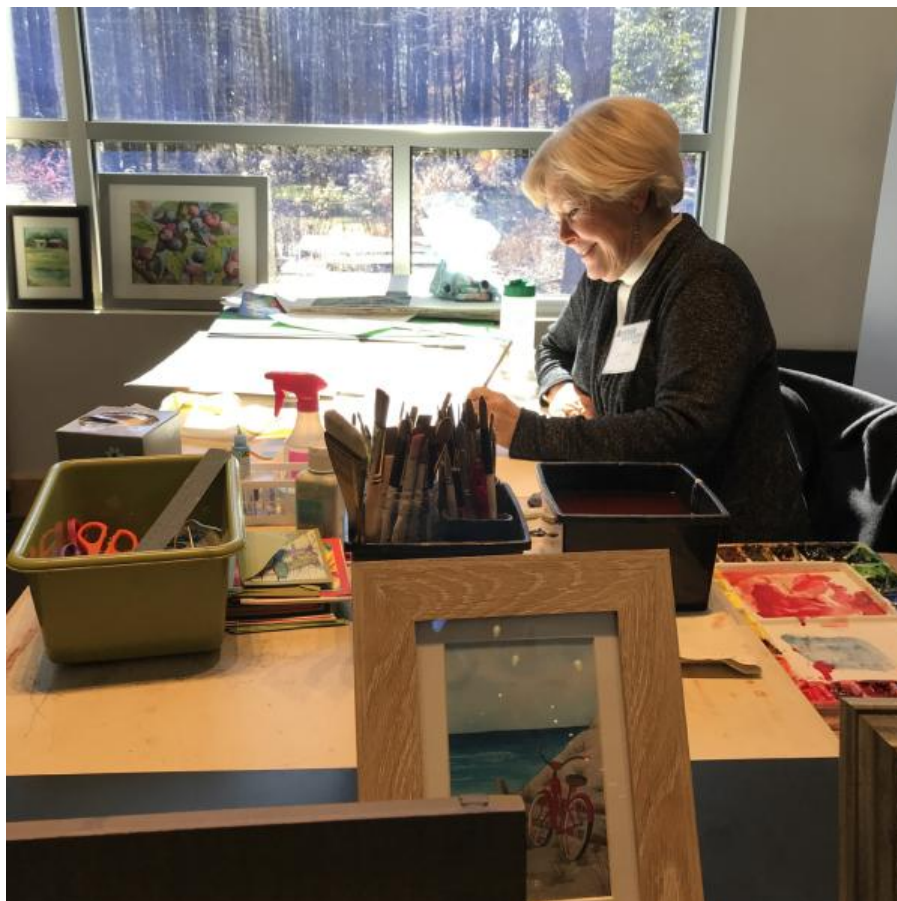
"We know these rights are self-evident but we all know that these rights are not self-executing," Hoyer said. "Some died, others bled... to say 'America, be what you say you are'."

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Bunyan talks with a Spring Ridge Middle School student

Observe 'Artists in Action' at Annmarie Sculpture Garden & Arts Center



Ann Preston

Annmarie Sculpture Garden & Arts Center in Solomons, presents Artists in Action: Temporary Studio Experience, now through Feb. 26, 10a.m.-5p.m. daily. Annmarie Sculpture Garden & Arts Center will serve as a creative retreat for over 20 artists for a few special weeks this winter, providing Annmarie guests

the opportunity to get a glimpse into the creative process of artists as they work.

Fiber, painting, mixed media and ceramic artists will be participating in Artists in Action. Each week, up to four artists will be set up and working in temporary studio spaces in the main gallery at Annmarie Garden.

Visitors are encouraged to observe, ask questions and interact with the artists; and may have the opportunity to try their hand at a particular technique or contribute to a project. All ages are invited to visit during this program.

"This is a wonderful opportunity for guests to learn about the methods and materials that artists employ. In the past, artists have used this opportunity to experiment with new approaches or have found creative ways to collaborate with other artists in the program. Artists in Action can be full of surprises; we love it!" says Stacey Hann-Ruff, Director

For additional information call 410-326-4640 or visit www.annmariegarden.org. The details of each participating artist, where they are from, and the medium they work in, follows.

Artist in Action Schedule:

- Joan Wiberg, Warrenton, VA, Painting, through Jan. 25
- Diana Manchak, Ft. Washington, Ceramic. Through Jan. 26
- Jackie Clark, New York, NY, Painting, Through Feb. 3
- Julie Allinson, Solomons, Mixed media, Jan. 24 – 31
- Ann Preston, Hollywood, Painting, Jan. 24 – Feb. 2
- Linda Craven, Port Republic, Paint-

ing, Jan. 26 – Jan. 30

- Carrie Lee, Lusby, Mixed media, Jan. 28 – Feb. 7
- Wendy Schneider, Lusby, Mixed media, Jan. 31 – Feb. 4
- Felicia Reed, Upper Marlboro, Fiber, Feb. 1 – 8
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- Elizabeth Eby, Washington, DC, Mixed media, Feb. 22 – 26

Press Release from Annmarie Sculpture Garden & Arts Center

Newtowne Players to Present 'She Loves Me'

The Newtowne Players will present the romantic musical "She Loves Me," by Joe Masteroff, Sheldon Harnick and Jerry Bock from February 1-17. Performances will be Thursday-Saturday at 8 p.m., with Sunday matinees at 3:30 p.m.

The play will be presented at the Three Notch Theatre, 21744 South Coral Drive, LexingtonPark, MD 20653. Tickets are \$18 for adults; \$15 for seniors, students and military; and \$13 for children age 12 and under. Thursdays only, all seats are \$13. All tickets may be purchased online at www.newtowneplayers.org, or by calling 301-737-5447.

"She Loves Me" is considered by many to be the most charming musical ever written, a warm romantic comedy with an endear-

ing innocence and a touch of old-world elegance. Georg works at a modest Hungarian parfumerie and spends his free time pouring out his heart in anonymous letters to "Dear Friend," the love of his life. Amalia gets a job at the shop and its immediately clear how much they hate each other. It's also immediately clear — to the audience — that Amalia is Georg's "Dear Friend." What will it take for Georg to realize that she loves him and for Amalia to realize that there's something about a man who won't help her find her "Other Shoe" when he brings her "Vanilla Ice Cream"!

Press Release from Newtowne Players

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PATUXENT RIVER NAVAL AIR STATION

News

Parachute Rigger Nominated as Sailor of the Year

Parachute Rigger First Class (PR1) Brandon Hitz never imagined he'd be a Commander, Naval Air Force Atlantic (CNAL) Sailor of the Year (SOY) nominee when he enlisted in the Navy in September 2005, as his plan was to serve only four years.

Encouraged by enlisted leaders and pushed to do things out of his comfort zone, he was motivated to re-enlist. Almost 14 years later, his performance earned him this tremendous nomination.

"My first chief, Aviation Support Equipment Technician Senior Chief Petty Officer (ASCS) Hope Kulaszewski was always on my back, but looking back, I realize she saw potential in me that I didn't see myself," Hitz said.

"She made me speak at a Women's History Month event and read a proclamation to an audience made up of all women of all military ranks. It was intimidating and something I never would have signed up for on my own," he laughs. "Talk about being out of your comfort zone!"

And since then, Hitz has looked for opportunities to go above and beyond, a quality that was recognized by Aviation Machinist's Mate Chief Petty Officer (ADC) Will Childree when Hitz reported to Helicopter Sea Combat Squadron (HSC) 7.

"Chief Childree encouraged me to sign up for collateral duties whenever they were presented and taught me to lead by example, as he does. As a result of having great mentors, I look for ways to help my leadership, and at the same time, I try to lead the younger Sailors in much the same way. I don't

ask of them what I'm not willing to do myself."

His service extends beyond the Navy, as Hitz earned the Military Outstanding Volunteer Service Medal in his last command and set a goal to earn another while at Commander, Fleet Readiness Center (COMFRC).

Hitz reported to COMFRC late last year after his tour with HSC-7 and currently serves as the quality assurance lead petty officer in the safety and regulatory compliance directorate (N45).

While attached to HSC-7, he deployed onboard USS Dwight D. Eisenhower (CVN 69) in June 2016. Not long after returning from deployment, he was sent to Texas, where his squadron conducted Defense Support of Civil Authorities (DSCA) operations in support of Hurricane Harvey. As DSCA detachment flight line coordinator, Hitz assisted the command in the safe and effective search and rescue of 211 personnel and movement of 5,000 pounds of humanitarian supplies during hurricane relief efforts.

"The hurricane relief effort was one of the highlights of my career. The teamwork and the community support was outstanding," Hitz said. "I was called off leave in order to detach with my

squadron and wasn't too happy about that. But it was so gratifying to know how much we were helping those affected by Harvey."

HSC-7 nominated Hitz for the CNAL SOY after he received the squadron's Senior Sailor of the Quarter for

fourth quarter, 2018, and Senior Sailor of the Year, fiscal 2018. He was also Helicopter Sea Combat Wing Atlantic (HSCWLANT) Sea Sailor of the Year fiscal 2018.

"I am honored to be a nominee for this award. My advice to younger sailors is to take initiative; be positive; and look at the big picture. What we do every day contributes to the defense of our nation and its citizens."

The CNAL SOY will be announced Jan. 31.



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St. Mary's Swim Team Falls to Mary Washington



Photo Credit: Bill Wood

The St. Mary's College of Maryland Men's Swimming team had an in conference meet against the University of Mary Washington Saturday (Jan. 19) afternoon. The Seahawks fell to the Eagles 234-25.

St. Mary's – 25,

Mary Washington – 234

How it Happened

- Ryan Akhavan (Annapolis, Md. / Broadneck) took third in the 200-yard butterfly by swimming a 2:09.66.
- Colin Cassady (Phoenix, Md. / Calvert Hall College) claimed second

place in the 50-yard freestyle by swimming a 22.56. Cassady also took third in the 100-yard freestyle with a time of 49.01. The senior would once again claim some points by taking third in the 500-yard freestyle with a time of 5:14.80.

Up Next for the Seahawks

- 1/26 – The Seahawks are away as they travel to Capital Athletic Conference foe Salisbury University for a 1:00 P.M. start.

Press Release from SMCM

Seifert Records Double-Double in Defeat



Photo Credit: Bill Wood

Gina Seifert recorded her third double-double of the season for the St. Mary's College of Maryland women's basketball team (4-13, 0-6 CAC) with 14 points and 12 rebounds in a 79-65 defeat to Southern Virginia (15-1, 6-0 CAC) Saturday (Jan. 19) afternoon.

St. Mary's - 65,

Southern Virginia - 79

How It Happened

- The Seahawks started strong, stringing together five consecutive points to begin the opening quarter. Hallie Persell drained a three-ball and jump shot for the early advantage. Southern Virginia captured a 12-10 lead at the three minute mark of the quarter, but the Seahawks played well the rest of the stanza, outscoring the Knights 9-3.
- Trailing 24-21, the Knights scored an impressive 17 unanswered points to pull ahead of the Seahawks 38-24 with 4:01 remaining in the third quarter. Similar to the first quarter, St. Mary's closed out the second stanza on a high note by besting the Knights 6-2.
- In the third quarter of play, the Seahawks started to inch themselves

back into the contest. Down 53-44, St. Mary's knocked down six unanswered points to cut the Knights' lead to 53-50. Katie Robey started the run with a layup and Kelli Jenkins followed with a three-pointer. The Seahawks headed into the final quarter of action trailing 57-53.

- Kobe Chaney began the fourth quarter with a made layup and jumper to knot the score up at 57-57. However, St. Mary's comeback bid would fall short as the Knights pulled away for the 79-65 victory.

Inside the Box Score

- Seifert led the Seahawks with her third double-double of the season. Seifert recorded 14 points and 12 rebounds.
- Persell knocked down 11 points and collected four rebounds.
- Chaney came off the bench and tallied ten points, and added two rebounds.
- Alexis Barnes led all scorers with 26 points. Katie Garrish recorded a double-double with 14 points and 14 rebounds.

Press Release from SMCM

A View From The BLEACHERS

A Washington Institution Crumbles

By Ronald N. Guy Jr.
Contributing Writer

I have watched football with my dad for as long as I can remember. My earliest memories of Sundays include scanning the T.V. Guide to see what games would be covered and hoping the D.C. and Baltimore stations fed a strong signal into the funky, arrow-ish looking antenna on our roof.

Time has certainly improved the viewing experience. Cable television replaced the rusty antenna and birthed the ESPN era. High definition television followed. Now it's the RedZone channel, a spectacular guided tour of live NFL games. Ben Franklin once said, "Beer is proof God loves us and wants us to be happy." The RedZone channel is too.

Despite the changes, my dad and I have remained steady football consumers. Our viewing location is different, the television is bigger and the picture is sharper, but it's still father and son, barking at referees, cussing the Dallas Cowboys and rooting for our home team.

About that home team: Love of football aside, our deep affection for the 'Skins of Washington is what has brought my dad and me together on Sundays through all those years. Our relationship with the burgundy and gold is understandable. When George Allen took over as head coach in 1971, my dad was just 23-years-old. I was eight when Joe Gibbs took the reins and 20 when he retired from coaching (the first time) in early 1993. During this 22-season run, Washington enjoyed 18 winning seasons, 13 playoff appearances, five trips to the Super Bowl, three championships and universal respect throughout the NFL. Those teams ended up sending 11 people to the Pro Football Hall of Fame – eight players, two coaches and one executive.

It was the best of times. The 25 plus years since, a period with just eight winning seasons and two measly playoff wins, haven't been. The losing is, in a strange way, tolerable. It's the football incompetence, dismissiveness of the fan base and embarrassing social missteps – all hallmarks of owner Dan Snyder's "leadership" - that have scarred the team's faithful. And the world is watching – according to a recent Wall Street Journal poll, the Washington football team is the fifth most hated American company. Not just football team...company.

My dad and I often fill the losing vacuum by discussing the best organizations in the NFL; that's what you do when yours is mostly inconsequential by Thanksgiving. We talk about the Steelers, the Seahawks, the Packers and, of course, the Patriots. But the team we might discuss the most is the New Orleans Saints.

The Saints signed QB Drew Brees before the 2006 season, an acquisition that altered the course of perennial loser and created a unique love affair between city, team and player. When you think of New Orleans, the Saints are very much in the discussion with jazz, the cuisine, voodoo and the French Quarter. And if you've ever had the pleasure of being in a jubilant and united Big Easy after a Saints victory, count yourself fortunate.

That how it used to be in D.C. The 'Skins were once a binding force, one that dissolved the often stark differences in a diverse fan base. They were something to feel good about, something to take pride in. No more. Once the most elusive ticket in town, the team now struggles to sell out home games and FedEx Field is routinely overrun with fans from opposing teams. The team's name, for anyone with an inkling toward American history, is at least awkward, if not completely unusable. The Washington pro football team, a former bedrock franchise of the NFL, is now arguably the league's worst. The disintegration of a D.C. institution is complete.

It's hard to type those words. At this point, with no indication better times are ahead, I feel fortunate to have experienced that incredible run under Coach Gibbs. And I suppose, in football and in life, the suggestion of this story is to enjoy the best of times and use the memories to sustain you when life deals a losing hand, even if that just means a father and son maintain their relationship by steadfastly watching a gloomy football team.

Send comments to RonaldGuyJr@gmail.com

SELECTING THE BEST INVESTMENT VEHICLES FOR YOUR RETIREMENT

We've discussed the importance of asset allocation to your success as an investor. Harry Markowitz won a Nobel prize for inventing modern portfolio theory in 1954 based on the concept that if you allocate your assets across a broad enough spectrum of equity, fixed-income and other types of investments, and one of your investments declines in value, the others are likely to take up the slack and keep your investment returns on an even keel.

Pundits refer to asset allocation as the "Rule of 92" meaning 92% of your success as an investor is directly attributable to whether you allocate your assets or not.

Ok, now we know that allocation is the way to go. But, one big problem with asset allocation is, how does an ordinary investor select the proper allocation of stocks versus bonds? The big mutual fund companies like T. Rowe Price, Vanguard, BlackRock and others think they have it all figured out. They do the allocation for you.

TARGET DATE FUNDS

Target date funds contain a mixture of stocks, bonds and cash. They have a future date in the title you can select to correspond to your retirement date. As you get older, the asset allocation within the fund changes and gets more conservative over time. The fund manager will put fewer assets into stocks which are inherently risky as you get closer to retirement. You do not have to take any action. The fund manager does that for you. You simply pick the date when you think you will retire. For example, suppose you will turn sixty-five in 2020. You pick the 2020 Retirement Fund. You can buy the fund at any age and with a minimum investment, but the target date is what matters.

The big boost for target date funds came in 2006 when pension laws changed so that employers could choose investments for employees who had not designated investments for their 401(k) plans. Target date mutual funds became the most popular investments for employers to offer and to use as a default if employees failed to designate anything else. Fidelity launched its target date funds in 1996; Vanguard in 2003 and T. Rowe Price in 2002—together, those three fund companies control about 75% of the market. Fees for the allocation are included the cost of the funds themselves.

LIFECYCLE MUTUAL FUNDS

Lifecycle funds include cash, stock and bonds and may include both U.S. and foreign securities. The percentage of funds in each asset class is determined by the fund manager who attempts to earn the highest return possible by switching portfolio weightings in each type of asset class by market conditions. Lifecycle funds generally include three or four "portfolios" with varying percentages of funds in each asset class. The portfolios are designed by fit investors of various ages or risk tolerance levels. For example, Vanguard has a LifeStrategy fund with four asset choices: income (lowest percentage of stock in the portfolio), conservative growth, moderate growth and growth (highest percent of stock in the portfolio). As with target date funds, fees for allocation are included in the cost of the funds.

ACTIVE MANAGEMENT

Active management involves the use of a portfolio manager who works directly with you on your investments. This clearly is the most custom tailored to your wishes. Your portfolio may include everything from securities to real estate. The manager in this case reviews all of your assets and your personal goals with you and selects those types of investments that will give you the most return for a risk that meets your expectations. The upside of professional management is that your strategy is tailored for you. No one except the portfolio manager is going to ask about the strategy you have to exit your small business, for example. That question, along with many others, should be asked by the portfolio manager in order to provide the best retirement approach for you. The fees involved will be a percentage of the assets and, as your assets grow, the fees will grow. This means at the very least that the portfolio manager has a vested interest in seeing your portfolios grow.

Whether you choose target date, lifecycle or active management, the principal is the same. Your success as an investor and an investor preparing for retirement will be directly attributable to whether you allocate your assets or not. As usual, I advise you to investigate before you invest. Take a look at all of the options available to you first, then decide. No one will protect you like yourself.

You are invited to attend a free seminar on estate planning—January 21st at 11am at 8906 Bay Avenue, North Beach, MD 20714. Call 301-855-2246 to reserve your spot. See you there.

Wanderings of an Aimless Mind

by Shelby Oppermann
Contributing Writer



"TV Ears"



I think that pretty soon either my husband or I are going to have hearing damage. Oh wait, I already do from when I used to lay on my bedroom floor with my head between two huge speakers listening to 70s rock and roll. I even named the dogs I had as teenagers Woofers, Tweeters, and...nope, not mid-range, but Spunky.

Sometimes the loss of hearing in my left ear works to my advantage like when we are watching the 11 p.m. news in the bedroom. If there is a segment that I don't want to hear, I just lay the left side of my head down. Sometimes that even works if my husband happens to be snoring that night. I don't know if he has the same ability to do that if I am snoring. I think he just packs up his pillow and heads out to the couch. One of my sons and I have to make sure we are on the proper side of each other since he has hearing loss in one ear as well.

The reason I think our hearing is going to get worse is because there are many times, we do not like watching the same TV shows together, so he is stretched out in the bedroom and I am on the living room couch. Gradually, I start to hear more of his show than mine, especially when he puts on the music channels. I will all of a sudden be humming Motown tunes while trying to figure out whodunnit on a mystery or crime show. Naturally, because we are a normal,

perfect, happily wedded couple, I start to turn up the volume on my show. Then he does, and I do, and so on Yes, it starts to get married people passive-aggressive ugly about then.

The next thing I know my husband is in the kitchen making his nightly snacking scavenger rounds, and he always seems to find a snack that is in one of those really loud, crinkly, new-age, untearable plastic bags. Instead of pouring the snack in a quiet little bowl he does what my father used to do and loudly crinkles the bag while in the kitchen. I know it is on purpose. I also believe it is timed perfectly during crucial exchanges of dialogue or for revealing who the murderer is and why.

Poor Mindy knows something is going on and looks back and forth between us with nervous furrows forming on her hound dog forehead as if she is thinking, "Mommy, Daddy, stop! I know no one is yelling but something is wrong!" Passive-aggressive fighting is a true art form.

I believe my husband must have a huge hearing loss problem too and not realize it. He has one of those sub-atomic bass woofers hooked up to the TV/stereo system in the living room that you turn on with a switch on the wall. During football games or when listening to music it is on, and along with him turning the volume up, it feels like a monster truck is idling in the living room. Last year, he bought an even more powerful bass system, which, Thank God, is still in it's oddly shaped box, that I have quietly hid in the closet under the steps. I am hoping that it's an "out of sight out of mind" thing. It really doesn't matter, because neither one of us know how to hook it up and have to wait until either his son or one of my sons come over to do it. It HAS been a year, so I think the system has been forgotten.

In any event, I am going to find Pat Boone's ad in the AARP magazine for those TV ears that he wears that saved he and his wife's marriage and order a pair for my husband... and soon. Uh oh, he's yelling for me from the other room, can't hear him, glad I ordered my pair first.

*To each new day's adventure, Shelby
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The County Times runs complimentary obituaries as submitted by funeral homes and readers. We run them in the order we receive them. Any submissions that come to guyleonard@countytimes.net after noon on Mondays may run in the following week's edition.

In Remembrance

John Preston Keaton



John Preston Keaton, 52 of Leonardtown, MD passed away at St. Mary's Nursing Center on January 19, 2019. He was born in Georgetown on July 16, 1966. In 1970 he became the son of James Rudolph (Rudy) Pilkerton and Linda Mae Adams Pilkerton. John is survived by his brothers; Thomas (Tommy) James Pilkerton, Kimberly Allen Phillips (wife Patty), and Mark Schoenwetter. He is also survived by 2 nieces; Ashley and Cari, nephew, Jimmy. As well as many aunts, uncles, cousins and friends, especially is friend Mike Lacey. John graduated from Leonardtown High School in 1985. He worked at St. Mary's Nursing Center for 31 years, where he was

a valued employee and loved by everyone. John was very true to his faith and has been a member of the Knights of Columbus since he was old enough to join them. John always enjoyed his yearly trips to Nashville, TN to meet and greet all the country music stars. John was outstanding in taking care of his mother and father in their last few years so that they could live at home. The family will receive friends on Thursday, January 24, 2019 from 5:00 PM – 8:00 PM with prayers recited at 7:00 PM followed by Knights of Columbus prayers at 7:15 PM in the Mattingley-Gardiner Funeral Home Leonardtown, MD. A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated on Friday, January 25, 2019 at 11:00 AM in Our Lady's at Medley's Neck Leonardtown, MD with Father John Nguyen officiating. Interment will follow in the church cemetery. To send flowers to the family of John Preston Keaton, please visit our Heartfelt Sympathies Store.

Steven Edward Crouse

Steven Edward Crouse, age 57, of Herndon, Virginia, passed away suddenly on Tuesday, January 15, 2019. Steve was born June 12th 1961 to Harold and Bev-



erly Crouse. Steve graduated from Ryken High School in 1979, where he ran track and played soccer. Steve went on to proudly serve in the United States Air Force for 20 years. While Steve was enlisted, he attained a Bachelor's Degree in Accounting from Rollins College and received many awards, including the Air Force Achievement Medal, the Joint Service Commendation Medal, the Meritorious Service Medal and the Humanitarian Service Medal. After retiring from the Air Force, he spent his career dedicated to ensuring our coun-

try's safety and security through employment as a defense contractor. Along the way, Steve met the love of his life, Robyn, who he then married and started a family with. Steve will be remembered for his infectious personality, incredible laugh, bright smile, dedication to service, love of the Indianapolis Colts and the Washington Capitals, and ultimately, his kindness and compassion for others. He is survived by his wife, Robyn; daughter, Brittany; mother, Beverly; brother, David; sister, Susan; four nieces, Kim, Trina, Madison, and Riley; four nephews, Tony, Sam, Jake, and Trevor; in-laws, John, Deanna, Karri, Brian, and Paula; as well as countless amounts of friends. Family, friends, and others whose lives Steve touched are invited to the Adams-Green Funeral Home, 721 Elden Street, Herndon, Virginia, Saturday, February 2, 2019, to reminisce, grieve, and support each other. The viewing will be from 1 to 2 p.m. and the memorial service from 2 to 3 p.m.

In lieu of flowers, the family kindly requests that donations be made in Steve's name to any of the following charities: The American Heart Association, The Gary Sinise Foundation, or the Homeless Animals Rescue Team (HART), all of which are charities that were important to Steve.

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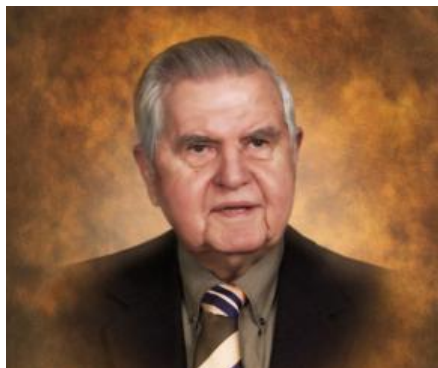
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Joseph Leonard Thompson, Sr.



Joseph Leonard Thompson, Sr., 97 of Loveville, MD, passed away on January 17, 2019 with his loving family at his side. He was born on June 7, 1921 in Loveville, MD and married the love of his life, Mary Theresa (Mamie) Guy, on September 7, 1946. He was the loving son of Joseph Gervase and Mary Agnes Thompson. He is survived by his sister, Elizabeth Ann Latham (James) of Chaptico. He is also survived by his five children, Linda T. Long (J.F.), Denise A. Guy (Ronald), J. Leonard Thompson, Jr. (Angelica), David W. Thompson (Terry) and Bonnie S. Oliver (Randy), and 11 grandchildren and 25 great-grandchildren. He is predeceased by brothers, James Albert Thompson (Genevieve) and Joseph Gervase Thompson, Jr.,

and sisters, Mary Alice Thompson, Agnes Lucille Wood (Spencer), Alice Marie Thompson, Mary Rose Thompson, and Catherine June Thompson.

Leonard was a life-long resident of St. Mary's County. He graduated from St. Joseph's School, Morganza, MD and Margaret Brent High School, Class of 1939. After graduation, he worked on the family farm, and was employed by Parlett Gas Company in Leonardtown. He spent most of his career as the General Manager of Raley's Sales Center, retiring in 1985.

In his early years, Leonard wrote for a local newspaper under the pen name of 'Boogy Woogy' reporting on the shenanigans of the county residents. Local folks were in wonder of just who this author might be. Reading was a favorite pastime as evidenced by the volumes of books maintained in his home library - fiction/non-fiction/etc. - no real preference; he enjoyed them all.

His love of gardening was appreciated by many. Leonard and Mamie shared the crops with family and friends and could be found canning vegetables on their back porch throughout the harvest months. Fishing, a good card game of pitch, and watching his New York Yankees always brought a smile, especially with a Yankee victory. If offered a dessert, be assured, he would never turn down chocolate cake. Aside from his many interests, Leonard's

family and Catholic faith were the mainstays of his life.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to: Alzheimer's Foundation at <https://alzfdn.org/>

Leukemia and Lymphoma Society at LLS.org, Hospice of St. Mary's at www.HospiceofStMarys.org, and Pulmonary Fibrosis at www.pulmonaryfibrosis.org

Kelly Jo Buckler



Kelly Jo Buckler, 73, of Lexington Park, MD passed away on January 17, 2019 at Suburban Hospital surrounded by her loving family.

She was born on April 19, 1945 in Radford, Virginia to the late Eugene Wood and Jerusha (Huff) Wood.

Kelly attended LaPlata High School. She married her husband, Kenneth Buckler in 1963 and celebrated over 20 great years of marriage before his passing. She was the owner of Kelly's Place for eight years and then sold it to "Linda's Café," where she continued to cook for over 20 more years. She loved cooking and made many delicious dishes, especially her potato salad. She was an avid reader and enjoyed taking trips with her friend in his jeep to the South. Other hobbies included tending to her flower gardens, dancing, putting puzzles together, playing Yahtzee, and watching old Western movies and soap operas. Her greatest love was for her family, especially her grandchildren and great grandchildren.

She is survived by her children, Eugenia G. Heubel (Mike) of Lexington Park, MD and Kenneth Buckler (Tina); brothers, Michael Wood (Patricia) of Waldorf, MD and Jimmy Wood (Libby) of Lexington Park, MD; seven grandchildren: Michael Heubel (Rebecca), Kayla Mankowski (Vincent), Jennifer Tharpe, Audrey Tharpe, Steven Tharpe, Camille Buckler, and Mallory Buckler; 12 great grandchildren; and many extended family and friends. In addition to her parents and husband, she is also preceded in death by her daughter, Roxanne Tharpe and her brother, Warren Wood.

Condolences to the family may be made at www.brinsfieldfuneral.com.

Arrangements by the Brinsfield Funeral Home, P.A.

James "Alan" Burch

James "Alan" Burch, 46, of Mechanicsville, MD passed away Tuesday, January



15, 2019 at his home surrounded by his loving family.

He was born May 4, 1972 in Leonardtown, MD to Elizabeth "Betty" Lacey of Hollywood, MD.

Alan was a life-long resident of St. Mary's County and a 1991 graduate of Leonardtown High School. He married his beloved wife, Susan Marie Burch on May 16, 1998 at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church. Together they celebrated over 20 wonderful years of marriage. He was affectionately known by many as the "Ice Cream Man". The sound of the ice cream truck brought smiles to children throughout the county and Alan endeared himself to everyone young and old. He never met a stranger and loved meeting people.

He enjoyed spending quality family time and taking family vacations to Kure Beach, NC, and his favorite Gatlinburg, TN. He also enjoyed taking cruises with his family to Bermuda, Honduras, Canada, New England and St. Thomas. He enjoyed swimming and was in the process of watching an in-ground pool being built at his home. He was very happy to know that his daughters would have a pool that they could spend time at making wonderful memories. When he wasn't running the ice cream truck, he enjoyed cheering for the Dallas Cowboys. He was a fan of Barrett Jackson and Meccum Auto Auctions. He enjoyed restoring old cars and his pride and joy was his 1970 Buick GS. Alan enjoyed the Southern Maryland staples; stuffed ham, crabs and oysters. His greatest love was spending time with his family.

In addition to his mother and wife, he is also survived by his daughters, Madison "Maddie" Marie Burch and Mackenzie "Kenzie" Lynne Burch; his siblings: Laura Lacey (the late Leroy) of Avenue, MD, Robert Burch (Cindy) of Leonardtown, MD, and Mark Burch (Denise) of Hollywood, MD; and many extended family and friends. He was preceded in death by his brother, Glenn "Big Bubba G" Burch.

Memorial contribution may be made to Hospice of St. Mary's: <https://www.hospiceofstmarys.org> or P.O. Box 625, Leonardtown, MD 20650.

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Susan Furlong Dumler



Susan Furlong Dumler, 63 of Mechanicsville, MD passed away on January 2, 2019 in LaPlata, MD. Susan was born January 10, 1955 to the late Harold Clifton Furlong, Jr. and the late Ellen May Wallace Furlong in Portland, ME. Sue was born and raised in Portland, Maine, and graduated from Deering High School. She moved to Southern Maryland in 1985 due to her husband's Navy assignment. She has been a St. Mary's County resident since moving there in early 1986.

Susan was a homemaker and is best known for spreading joy and encouragement to others, brightening people's day by her kind words and deeds. Family was Sue's top priority, and she spent most of her time planning and participating in enjoyable family activities with her husband, children and grandchildren. She always unselfishly placed the interests of others before herself.

In addition to family activities, Sue enjoyed traveling, and particularly liked to visit lighthouses, of which she visited many up and down the East coast. She was an expert in crafting; if it took a needle and thread or yarn, Sue could make it. Sue was an expert cook and baker, and was well known for her stuffed ham, crab quiche, and Christmas cookies. She also enjoyed genealogy and researching her family tree, making several research visits to the National Archives and various historical sites in Maine. She was a member of the St. Mary's County Genealogical Society, the Maryland Historical Society and the Maine Genealogical Society. She also enjoyed spending time with her family at the beach in Ocean City, MD, and kayaking in the local Southern Maryland waters.

Susan is survived by her loving husband, John G. Dumler of Mechanicsville, MD, whom she married on January 27, 1979; her daughter, Emily Marie Dumler Gelzinis and son-in-law Jeffrey John Gelzinis of Fredericksburg, VA; her son, John Joseph Dumler and daughter-in-law Amber Young Dumler of King George, VA; brother, William Furlong of Raymond, ME and seven grandchildren; Ethan John, Ryan Langley and Kaylee Madison Dumler, and Jackson John, Elliot Grace, Quinn

Marie and Piper Amelia Gelzinis.

Family will receive friends for Susan's Memorial Service on Saturday, February 2, 2019 from 10:00 to 11:00 am at Brinsfield Funeral Home, 30195 Three Notch Road, Charlotte Hall, MD 20622. Interment will be private.

Memorial donations may be made to the American Thoracic Society, www.thoracic.org.

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Michele Marie Wilkerson



Michele Marie Wilkerson, 56 of Mechanicsville, MD passed away in Fairfax, VA on January 12, 2019. Michele was born on May 16, 1962 to the late Benjamin Franklin Wilkerson and Nina Jacqueline Williams Wilkerson in Washington, D.C. Michele worked for the University of Maryland Charles Regional Medical Center as a Pre-Authorization Specialist. Michele was exceptional at her job and often extended her hours to help patients. She was a doting grandmother, a lover of all animals, rescuing too many to count. She was loving, strong willed to say the least, and selfless when it came to caring for her parents. Her quick wit and straightforward personality never left you wondering where you stood with her. She was loved dearly by her family and will be profoundly missed by all that were blessed enough to truly know her.

Michele is survived by her mother Nina Wilkerson of Mechanicsville, MD; her son, Benjamin R. Wilkerson (Ryanne) of Jacksonville, FL; her sister, Mary Agnes Wilkerson of Douglasville, GA; brother, John S. Wilkerson (Kelly) of LaPlata, MD; and grandsons, Nathan B. Wilkerson and Brayden C. Wilkerson.

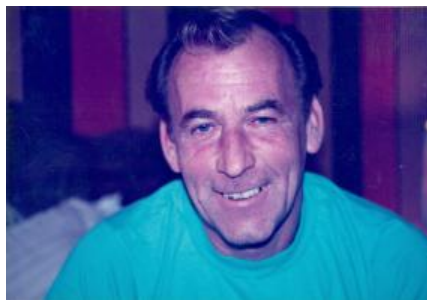
In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to Trinity Episcopal Church.

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Arrangements made by the Brinsfield Funeral Home, Charlotte Hall, MD.

Robert Andrew "Bob" Chappellear

Robert Andrew "Bob" Chappellear, 78, of Hughesville, MD passed away peacefully at his home on January 8, 2019. He was born on August 9, 1940 in Washington, D.C. After graduating from high



school, Robert completed an Apprenticeship with The Carpenters' Union and remained with the union until the mid 80's. After 25 years in the Carpenter's Union, Robert worked for the Federal Government performing various building maintenance duties until his retirement in 2002. In his early 30's, he bought a farm and became very active in agricultural production, incorporating his two sons in the operations.

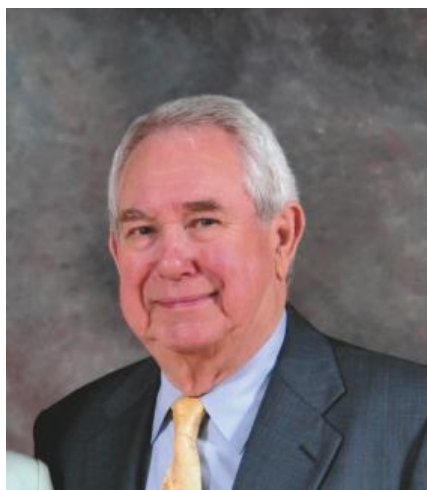
Robert was predeceased by his parents, Adrian and Catherine Sanders Chappellear, sister, Patricia Ager, brother Michael Chappellear. Robert is survived by his two sons, Roger and Richard Chappellear, his granddaughter, Linde Chappellear Hill (William) and two great grand-children, Josie and Wyatt Hill.

Memorial donations may be made to: Hospice of Charles County, 2505 Davis Road, Waldorf, MD 20603.

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Donald Wilson Dean



Donald W. Dean "Don", 84, of Fairfax Station VA and formerly of Hollywood MD died peacefully on Wednesday, January 2, 2019. He was born on April 29, 1934 to the late Sterling Wilson Dean and Grace Taylor Dean.

Donald is survived by his loving wife of 62 years, Barbara "Babs" Duckworth Dean whom he married on August 19, 1956. He is survived by his siblings: James (Patty Ann) Dean of California, MD, Alan (Louise) Dean of California, MD, Rodney (Laura) Dean of Southport, NC, and Barbara (Robert) Tribble of Hollywood, MD. Donald is also survived by several nephews and nieces.

After graduating from Great Mills High School in 1952, Don went to work for the FBI in Washington, DC. While with the FBI, he obtained a Bachelors degree in Accounting and Business Administration from Southeastern University, Washington, DC. Also, while at the FBI, he met and married the love of his life, Babs. Later in his career, Don held a prominent position as editor and publisher for the aerospace and aviation industry. Publications included World Aviation Directory, World Space Directory, and Aviation Daily Facts and Figures.

Donald enjoyed membership in the Aero Club of Washington, Aviation Space Writers Association, National Aeronautics Association, and the National Aviation Club.

Memorial contributions may be made to Fairfax Baptist Temple, 6401 Missionary Ln, Fairfax Station, VA 22039.

Services were private.

Arrangements were provided by De-maine Funeral Home, Fairfax, VA.

Beverly (Joseph) Lewis



Beverly (Joseph) Lewis, 92, formerly of Wilkes Barre PA, passed away Thursday, Dec. 27, 2018, at Tiffany Court in Kingston. Her husband of 58 years, William Lewis, died January 2, 2019.

Beverly was a daughter of the late Anthony and Mary (Hassey) Joseph. She graduated from GAR High School, class of 1944. During the 1950's she worked with her family at the Leonardtown Supermarket. She returned to Pennsylvania and married Bill Lewis in 1960. Until her retirement, she worked for many years for the U.S. Postal Service, Pocono Pines.

She was preceded in death by her sisters: Elizabeth Decker, Margaret George, Cecilia Curry, Freda Assaf, and Leona Dombroski; and brothers: Joseph, George and John Joseph. In addition to her husband, she is survived by brother-in-law, Norman Lewis and his wife, Rosemary; sisters-in-law, Marge Lewis and Phyllis Joseph; and many nieces and nephews.

There will be a viewing from 3 to 6 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 2, 2019, at St. Maximilian Kolbe Parish, 5112 Pocono Crest Road, Pocono Pines, and from 10:30 to 11 a.m., time of the Mass, Thursday, Jan. 3, 2019, at the parish.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to: Hospice of the Sacred Heart, 600 Baltimore Drive, Wilkes-Barre, PA 18702 or St. Maximilian Kolbe Parish, P.O. Box O, Pocono Pines, PA 18350.

Community Calendar

To submit your event listing to go in our Community Calendar, please email timescalendar@countytimes.net with the listing details by 12 p.m. on the Monday prior to our Thursday publication.

ONGOING

Calvert Marine Museum Closed

The Calvert Marine Museum and Museum Store, 14200 Solomons Island Rd., Solomons, is closed January and February for renovations. We look forward to opening our doors again in March!

UPCOMING

“Dark Ages” Dinner

The Greater Southern Maryland Chapter (GSMC) of the Naval Academy Alumni Association invites all Naval Academy Alumni and their guests to its Annual “Dark Ages” Dinner on Friday, 1 February at the Paul Hall Center for Maritime Training and Education, Piney Point. Make reservations and pay for dinner online at the GSMC website, www.navyalumni.org. RSVP to Rick Snyder e-mail, Richard.L.Snyder@saic.com; or phone, 301-475-0124 or 240-298-2279. RSVP by COB on Wednesday, 30 January.

Thursday, January 24

Racial Equity Institute Workshop

Southern Maryland Higher Education Center, 44219 Airport Road, California
2:00 - 8:00 PM

Lively participatory presentation. By examining characteristics of modern-day racial inequity, the presentation introduces participants to an analysis that most find helpful and relevant.

Friday, January 25

Queen of Hearts Drawing

Brass Rail Sports Bar, Great Mills
7:00 PM

Ticket sales, \$1 each, begin at 4:00 PM. Drawing at 7:00 PM. 50/50 raffle each week. Jackpot begins at \$2,000+ and continues to grow each week until the Queen of Hearts is found.

Benefit the Archangel Scholarship Foundation Corporation in support of St. Michael's School, Ridge. Info/updates: Facebook page or: archangelfoundation.wordpress.com

Homespun Coffee House Open Mic

Christ Church Parish Hall, 37497 Zach Fowler Road, Chaptico
7:30 PM

Acoustic musicians of all skill levels are welcome to the SMTMD open mic. Great music and friendship. Hone your performance skills, meet new friends, learn a few new licks. \$7. Performers free. Refreshments available. Sign up to perform: John Garner at

garner@wildblue.net or 301-904-4987. Visit www.smtmd.org

Pitch Tournament

Leonardtown VFD, 22733 Lawrence Avenue
7:30 PM - 6:00 AM

Doors open 6:15, Early Birds start 6:45 and tournament start 7:30 PM. All tables start at once! Early Birds \$10 and \$20 for Registration Fee. Cash bar and food available. Info: e-mail jrussell@lvfd1.org. Sponsored by Auxiliary of the Leonardtown Volunteer Fire Department

Saturday, January 26

Appraiser Fair

St. Clement's Island Museum, 38370 Point Breeze Road, Colton's Point
10:00 AM - 3:00 PM

Appraisers for furniture, glassware, pottery, artwork, dolls, music boxes and coins will be available. Hand-carried items only. Space is limited. Items viewed on a first come, first serve basis. Free admission, various costs for item appraisals. 301-769-2222. www.facebook.com/events/171808350367397/

Youth Baseball Spring Registration

Chancellor's Run Park, Mechanicsville VFD, Leonardtown VFD
10:00 AM - Noon

Register to play in St. Mary's County Youth Baseball or T-Ball this Spring. Online registration available. T-Ball: tshq.bluesombrero.com/Default.aspx?tabid=2372510. Baseball: smbml.siplay.com

Elks Texas Hold'em Tournament

St Mary's County Elks Lodge, Fire Department Lane, Lexington Park
6:00 PM

\$80 Buy in = 12,000 chips. Food and drink for purchase. Cash games start when there are enough interested players. Questions: James Dean 240-577-0828. Email: jdeanjunior@yahoo.com

Sunday, January 27

Winter Breakfast & Quilt Raffle

St. Francis Xavier Church Hall, 21370 Newtowne Neck Road, Leonardtown
8:00 AM - 12:30 PM

Raffle drawing: 1st Place Quilt and 2nd Place Afghan. Menu: Plain and Blue Berry Pancakes, Scrambled Eggs, Bacon, Sausage, and Sausage Gravy w/ Biscuit, Coffee, & Juice. Free will donation. Benefit Saint Francis Xavier Parish. Dale Rearchick, 240-538-3562.

Turkey Shoot

Moose Lodge, Mechanicsville
1:00 - 4:30 PM

Sign up at noon; first round goes off at 1:00. Shoot for money and prizes. Jimmy Suite, 240-417-5767.

Monday, January 28

Toastmasters Club Open House

Lexington Park Library, 21677 FDR Blvd.
11:30 AM - 1:00 PM

Develop better speaking, listening, and leadership skills. Enjoy a special presentation on the benefits of Toastmasters plus experience a full Talk of the Town Toastmasters meeting. Light refreshments. Free. Limited seating. RSVP: bit.ly/TOTTopenhouse

Book Bites

Taphouse 1637, 23418 Three Notch Road, California
6:00 - 7:30 PM

Conversation about what you've been reading. Share what you loved (or loathed) about the last book you read, gather recommendations, and enjoy the company of fellow bibliophiles.

Adults only. No registration.

CABS

Garvey Senior Center, Leonardtown
6:00 PM

Companions and Buddies for Singles is an adult social group of friends. Meets every Monday except Holidays. Dues \$15/year; no dues first four visits. 240-794-8033. CABSorg.WixSite.com/CABS

Elks Hold'em Bounty Tournament

St Mary's County Elks Lodge, 45779 Fire Department Lane, Lexington Park
7:00 - 11:00 PM

\$25 Buy-in = 4,000 chips. \$5 add-on = 1,000 chips and raffle drawing. Food and drink for purchase. James Dean 240-577-0828. Email: jdeanjunior@yahoo.com

Thursday, January 31

Widow/Widower Group

Lexington Park United Methodist Church, 21760 Great Mills Road
10:00 AM - Noon

No matter the length of time since your loss, you are welcome to gain support and practical information or offer support and practical advice to those who just beginning their grief journey.

St. Mary's Department of Aging

Programs and Activities

Loffler Senior Activity Center 301-475-4200, ext. 1658
 Garvey Senior Activity Center, 301-475-4200, ext. 1050
 Northern Senior Activity Center, 301-475-4002, ext. 3101

Visit www.stmarysmd.com/aging for the most up-to date information

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Diabetes Self-Management

Living with diabetes is a full time job. The Garvey Senior Activity Center will be offering a Diabetes Self-Management class on Tuesdays from Jan. 22-Feb. 26 from 1:30-4 p.m. The Diabetes Self-Management classes gives attendees tools needed to take control of their disease. Topics covered include nutrition, stress management, medication management and many more! Space in the class is limited. Register by calling 301-475-4200, ext. 71050. There is no fee to attend; however, attendance at all six sessions is highly recommended.

Living Well with Diabetes

Health Connections with MedStar St. Mary's Hospital will lead Living Well with Diabetes at the Northern Senior Activity Center on Mondays, Jan. 28-March 18, from 1-3:30 p.m. This 7-week evidence-based program was developed by Stanford University to teach self-management tools for managing your diabetes. Take charge of your health and carry out an action plan that fits your life. This series is free, but does require your committed attendance. Please note that not all classes are consecutive due to holiday closings. To sign up for this series, please register with Health Connections by calling 301-475-6019.

Clear Captions Presentation

What is Clear Captions and how can I get it for free? Find out at this free and informative presentation at the Garvey Senior Activity Center on Tuesday, Jan. 29, at 10 a.m. And while you're at it, enjoy a free continental breakfast! Clear Captions is a free phone captioning service that provides near real-time call captions of phone conversations for anyone hard-of-hearing or with any form of hearing loss. This free captioning service is provided by ClearCaptions and paid through a fund administered by the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) for anyone hard-of-hearing or with any form of hearing loss. There is no cost to qualified individuals whose hearing loss inhibits their phone use. For more information or to sign up, call 301-475-4200, ext. 71050.

Valentine's Day Luncheon with Bruce Thomas

On Tuesday, Feb. 5, at 12 p.m. guest vocalist Bruce Thomas will be here at the Garvey Senior Activity Center. Bruce is a diverse performer who can effortlessly move through the musical categories of inspirational, swing, jazz, pop, and R&B. Please join us for his energetic and interactive performance while dining. Make sure to put on your best red outfit for the event! The special meal for the day will be orange juice, 5-spice chicken, parsnip potatoes,

zucchini & tomatoes, WW dinner roll, peaches and a special Valentine's Day dessert. A donation toward the cost of your meal is appreciated if you are 60 years of age or older. For those under 60 the cost of your meal is \$6. To make reservations call 301-475-4200, ext. 71050.

Amazing Cane Classes

Ready to try something new and different at the Loffler Senior Activity Center? Then meet Bonnie Hollyer, lover of dance, creative arts and people. She has a plan for combining all these to show you a good time! First, bring in a plain old cane to transform into your own unique creation. Then learn some dance moves using your newly styled stick. This fun-filled, unique class combines creativity and fitness. Set to upbeat music that will make your toes tap, it is suitable for any age or ability and can be done seated or standing. Cost- bring in a plain old cane-that's IT! Three sessions: Tuesdays Feb. 5, 19 and 26 at 11 a.m. Sign up by calling 301-475-4200, ext. 71658, or stop by the reception desk by Feb. 1.

Lunch Bunch to Meet at Cracker Barrel

Would you like to have lunch with a group of (age 50+) friends? On the last Tuesday of each month, Lunch Bunch meets at a different restaurant where individual checks are requested. January Lunch Bunch will be meeting at Cracker Barrel on Tuesday, Jan. 29, at 11:15 a.m.

Call your BFF, then call Shellie at 301-475-4200, ext. 71655, to reserve your seats.

Senior Tech: Understanding the Keyboard

Do you want to do more with computers but can't seem to navigate the keyboard? Don't let QWERTY intimidate you! Come to this free class at the Northern Senior Activity Center on Wednesday, Jan. 30, from 10-11:30 a.m. and learn the function and location of all of the buttons and practice some basic typing. There will be a period at the end where the instructor can work with participants individually to address specific questions. Space is limited. Personal laptops welcome! To sign up for this free class in advance, please visit the signup table or call 301-475-4200, ext. 73103.

Canvas Art: Valentine's Day Theme

Looking for a personalized gift or a unique decoration for Valentine's Day? Come join us at the Garvey Senior Activity Center on Wednesday, Feb. 6, at 10 a.m. as we create a simple, but unique piece of canvas art. We will supply all the materials and the instruction. No experience needed! Cost for the class is \$5 for each piece and payment is due at the time of sign up. Space is limited and fills quickly. To learn more, call 301-475-4200, ext. 71050.

ST. MARY'S COUNTY Library

Book Bites

St. Mary's County Library will host Book Bites on Monday, January 28 from 6 – 7:30 p.m. Grab a bite and gab about books! Join us at our new winter location, Taphouse 1637 in California, for a relaxed conversation about what you've been reading. Share what you loved (or loathed) about the last book you read, gather new recommendations from the rest of the group, and enjoy the company of fellow bibliophiles. Visit taphouse1637.com for directions and to see menu options available for purchase. Adults only. No registration.

Teen Advisory and Planning Society (TAPS)

Leonardtown Library will hold Teen Advisory and Planning Society (TAPS) on Tuesday, January 29 from 5 – 6:30 p.m. Have a say in what happens at your library. Meet with other teens, and take a leadership

role in planning exciting library programs. Snacks and service hours provided. Walk-ins welcome. Ages 12-18

Mindful Storytime

Leonardtown Library will hold Mindful Storytime on Friday, February 1 from 10 – 10:30 a.m. Did you know that studies have shown that children practicing mindfulness may increase their ability to focus, pay attention, self-regulate, and achieve greater happiness at an early age? Join us for a storytime that incorporates yoga and mindfulness practices in fun ways. Designed for ages 2-5 with their caregivers. Registration required. This is a Choose Civility: Southern Maryland event.

Yoga at the Library

Lexington Park Library will hold Yoga at the Library on Saturday, February 2 from 9:30 – 10:30 a.m. A Yoga Basics class that is appropriate for all levels of experience. Participants connect with the inner-self and the power of the body's self-healing mechanism. Come and learn how to align the mind, body, and breath as you move your joints through the appropriate range of motion. A yoga practice develops the ability to stay calm during stressful situations as well as repatterning the body's programmed responses.

This Yoga Basics class is offered in a relaxed learning environment. Open to all levels of interest and ability. Please bring a yoga mat or a towel. Registration required.

Friends of the St. Mary's County Library Annual Brunch

The Friends of the St. Mary's County Library will hold their annual brunch at Olde Breton Inn (21890 Society Hill Rd., Leonardtown, MD 20650) on Saturday, February 2 at 11 a.m. A breakfast buffet will be served and a talk from guest speaker, Rear Admiral Steve Eastburg: "The Mission of NAS Patuxent River: Reflections on the Past...and a Look to the Future." Tickets are \$25 per person for Friends members and \$30 per person for non-members. Purchase tickets online <http://bit.ly/FOLBrunch> or by check.

Art on Your Own Terms

Lexington Park Library will hold Art on Your Own Terms on Monday, February 4 from 6 – 7:30 p.m. Dark, winter months got you feeling down? Come brighten your day with a little "art therapy," and use creativity as your outlet for stress! Experiment with a variety of art supplies, and make a project to take home. Materials provided. Ages 18 and up. No registration required.

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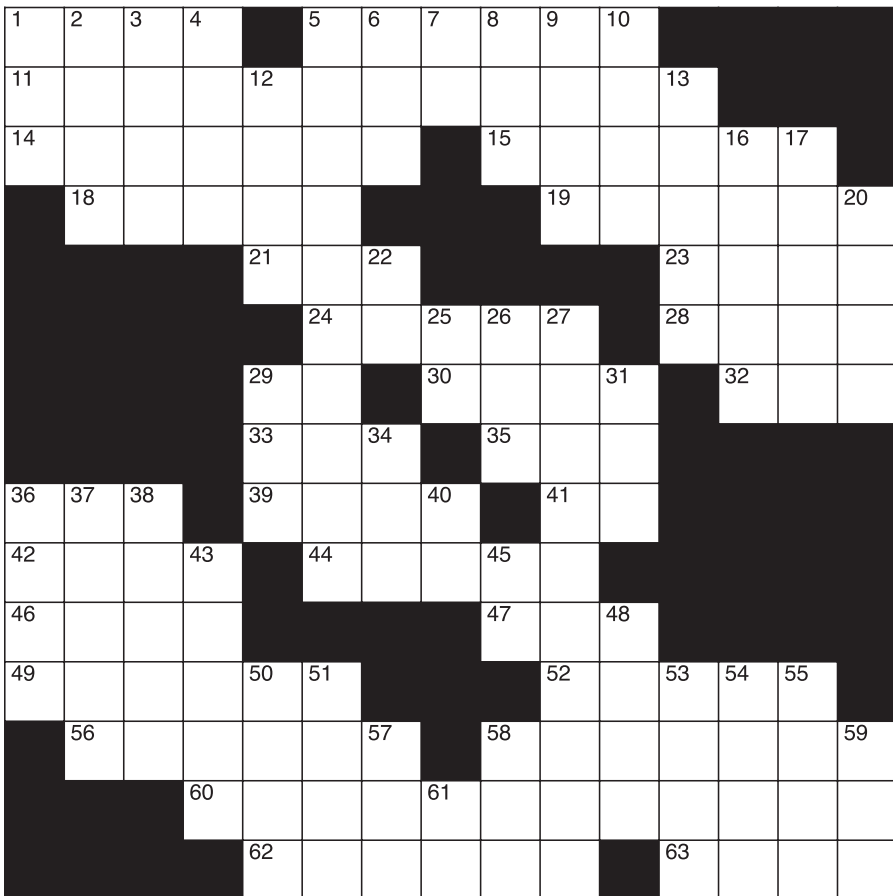
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- 19. Activities
- 21. WWII-era US President
- 23. Soft, flexible leather
- 24. Proverb
- 28. Wish (Hindu)
- 29. Injury treatment
- 30. Red Sox ace
- 32. "Deadliest Catch" captain
- 33. Baseball stat
- 35. Where marine life lives
- 36. Heartbeat test
- 39. Signs on the dotted line
- 41. Atomic #24
- 42. Bind securely
- 44. Swiss Nobel Peace Prize winner
- 46. Fragrant brown balsam
- 47. Where you were born
- 49. Sells a ticket for more than its price
- 52. Where goods are presented

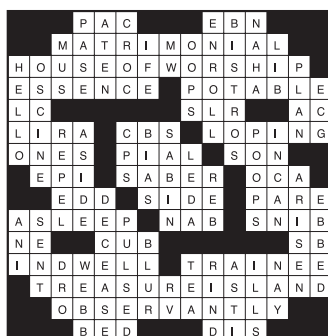
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- 58. Fruits
- 60. Poorly educated
- 62. Microorganism
- 63. Depicted

CLUES DOWN

- 1. Ballplayer's tool
- 2. Hairdo
- 3. From a distance
- 4. Belt one out
- 5. Revising a text
- 6. More (Spanish)
- 7. Beloved Spielberg alien
- 8. BBQ dish
- 9. Provoke
- 10. Within
- 12. Canadian flyers
- 13. Smugly smile
- 16. Buffalo
- 17. Lake in the Kalahari Desert
- 20. Grab
- 22. Rural delivery
- 25. Equally
- 26. It's sometimes passed
- 27. Citizens who are qualified to vote
- 29. Greek letter
- 31. Body part
- 34. Boxing result
- 36. Newts

- 37. Predatory semiaquatic reptiles
- 38. Cockatoo
- 40. The NFL's big game (abbr.)
- 43. Leguminous east Indian tree
- 45. News reporting organization
- 48. A nemesis of Batman
- 50. Legal term
- 51. Not all
- 53. A way to greet
- 54. Knot in a tree
- 55. Satisfy
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- 59. Stitch together
- 61. ___ and behold

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