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Budget With Property and Income Tax Increases Goes to Hearing

By Guy Leonard
Staff Writer

The Commissioners of St. Mary's County voted 4-to-1 Tuesday to take a budget to public hearing that raises an extra \$9.8 million in revenues by increasing income and property taxes.

The proposed income tax increase would take the current rate of 3 percent to 3.2 percent, while the property tax rate would jump from 84 cents per every \$100 of assessed value to 90 cents.

The proposed property tax rate would be 7.7 percent higher than the constant yield rate and would generate an extra \$8.1 million in revenues, according to county budget documents.

The entire proposed county operating budget for fiscal 2020 is \$259.4 million.

All county departments from the county commissioners and the Department of Aging and Human Services to the Department of Public Works and Transportation, account for an overall 10.4 increase in funding or \$52.4 million.

The budget for elected officials, which includes the sheriff's office, state's attorney and county treasurer and the Circuit Court also got an overall increase of 10.8 percent or \$51.5 million in total to be dispersed among those offices.

The Board of Education also received an increase of \$6.7 million to a county appropriation \$108.3 million.

At the April 23 public hearing on the budget, residents will also be able to comment on fee increases for the Department of Land Use and Growth Management, Department of Public Works and the Department



ment of Recreation and Parks; a tax increase for Mechanicsville Volunteer Rescue Squad will also be on the agenda.

Commissioner Mike Hewitt, usually loathe to consider raising taxes, said the need to provide better salaries for county employees drove his decision.

"This goes against the grain for me," Hewitt said. "The key is this, our employees are running 10 to 12 percent below the salaries of neighboring counties.

"We have to be pragmatic [about providing services]; we have to be able to afford it."

Commissioner John O'Connor was the lone vote against taking the budget with tax increases to public hearing.

Commissioner Eric Colvin said the board had "done a really good thing" this year with a difficult budget.

"It's a forecastable budget that takes us into the future where we can see where the pain will be," Colvin said.

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Commissioners Back Great Mills Intersection Over Thomas Johnson Bridge

By Guy Leonard
Staff Writer

For years the Commissioners of St. Mary's County have listed replacing the Thomas Johnson Bridge as the region's top transportation priority but last week that all changed.

Realizing that there would likely never be a replacement for the aging span that connects St. Mary's and Calvert counties in the foreseeable future, the commissioners shifted their focus on transportation priorities to clearing up the intersection at Route 5 and Great Mills Road.

They voted unanimously to send a letter to the State Highway Administration outlining their new priorities at their March 19 business meeting.

"If the Secretary of Transportation [Pete Rahn] says it's not going to happen, it's not going to happen," said Commissioner Todd Morgan.

Commissioner Eric Colvin said: "Everybody realizes the importance of that bridge. But making the Great Mills intersection the No. 1 priority is a big

deal."

Commissioner Mike Hewitt said much would depend on freshman Del. Brian Crosby's ability to ensure funding was included in the state capital improvement budget to work on the beleaguered intersection at the end of the Great Mills Road corridor.

"He's a freshman delegate but let's see if he can pull off a senior thing," Hewitt said.

The commissioners' letter to the state calls local efforts to get a new bridge "futile" and noted that only \$750,000 had been put toward the project for fiscal 2019. "And your budget zeroed the project out for future years funding," the letter stated.

Crosby has said that improving the intersection is one of his top priorities.

The estimated cost of improving the intersection from Route 5 up to Route 249 is \$48 million.

In naming the Great Mills Road/Route 5 intersection, as well as the section that runs to Route 249, their top priority the commissioners noted funding for the design of the project had been



Route 5 and Great Mills Road

provided by the state through fiscal 2020 but two years were added to the design of the project subsequently.

"We are concerned with this two-year delay and request that this project design and right-of-way acquisition be expedited so that construction can begin no later than fiscal 2020," the letter reads.

Though design money is available there is no construction funding budgeted for the next five years, commissioners noted.

The commissioners requested a new bridge culvert over the portion of the St. Mary's River which runs under Route 5 as well as four lanes for traffic.

But it appears the county will have to wait for at least two more years before seeing any real progress on improvements.

"We're more or less starting from scratch," Crosby told The County Times Monday. "I just got the plan finalized."

"Next year will be \$4 to 5 million for the right of way [purchase], the following year \$20 million for construction. You can't get the money in the budget if you don't have a plan."

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FDR Boulevard Connection Delayed Again

By Guy Leonard
Staff Writer



The FDR Boulevard section connecting Old Rolling Road and Chancellors Run road could be completed by late summer.

The county's public works chief John Deatrick said earlier this year that the final connection for the portion of FDR Boulevard between Chancellors Run Road and Rolling Road would be completed sometime close to Easter.

Deatrick told the Commissioners of St. Mary's County at their Tuesday meeting that the connection would be delayed again due to construction difficulties and continued rain.

"Is it going to be closer to Memorial Day," asked Commissioner Mike Hewitt, who has repeatedly pressed for updates on completing FDR Boulevard.

"It's probably going to be closer to late summer," Deatrick, director of the Department of Public Works and Transportation. "They're [construction contractors] laying in concrete now; they're making progress."

Earlier this year the county completed a small section of FDR Boulevard that connected St. Andrews Church Road to Rolling Road behind the First Colony neighborhood; officials celebrated the event but anxiously awaited the connection with Chancellors Road as it would create much more traffic relief.

The installation of box culverts, which would sit under the roadway for

water drainage, was a significant issue.

"It's still a major challenge to get the three box culverts in," Deatrick said.

Hewitt expressed deep disappointment at further delays.

"We've been beating this horse for a long time," Hewitt said.

Another culvert project will begin next month, Deatrick said, when crews replace the culvert running under Airport Road next to the Wildewood Shopping Center; this means that the road will be closed, Deatrick said.

"Our goal is to get done in three days," Deatrick told commissioners. "But more realistically it will be about a week."

If rain delayed the project, which is set for mid-April according to Deatrick, it could take up to two weeks to replace the culvert with the road closed the entire time.

Motorists would not be able to access the county airport, the office buildings or University of Maryland at Southern Maryland except by going through the Wildewood community.

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Tobacco Ban Proposed for County Properties



By Guy Leonard
Staff Writer

A county employee taskforce has promulgated a plan that would prohibit the use of tobacco products on county owned property and the Commissioners of St. Mary's County appear ready to approve of its policy changes.

Currently the use of any tobacco products inside county owned buildings is prohibited, as is its use in county owned vehicles, including the STS bus transit system.

But the new proposed policy would expand the definition of tobacco use to smoking, vaping or use of any tobacco or nicotine products.

The new policy would prohibit the use of any tobacco products at the Spray and Skate Park in Lexington Park, operated by the county's parks and recreation department; currently only smoking is prohibited there under county regulations.

The policy would also prohibit any tobacco use on any county property; the current rules state that tobacco products must be used at least 20 feet away from any county building.

Tobacco products would still be permitted at Wicomico Shores Golf Course, according to the new policy proposal.

If the commissioners elect to approve the plan it would be fully implemented by Jan. 1, 2020, with county parks and museums made tobacco free earlier by this September.

Commissioner President James "Randy" Guy said he sympathized with those who used tobacco products but said when it came to county property, they would have to adjust their behavior.

"You're going to have to either give it up or wait until you get home to smoke," Guy said. "I think this is a fight we're going to have to stop."

"I'm sorry if you're smoking but you're going to have to suck it up."

The impetus to restrict and eventually prohibit the use of tobacco products on county owned property was to promote a healthier environment for not only county employees but anyone who does business or recreation at county facilities, the proposal said.

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Hewitt Treated By Hollywood Volunteers

By Guy Leonard
Staff Writer

Commissioner Mike Hewitt expressed gratitude Tuesday to the Hollywood Volunteer Rescue Squad and the county's Advanced Life Support Unit for coming to his aid for a medical emergency he experienced during Sunday worship services at St. John's Catholic Church in Hollywood.

Hewitt pledged to support the two groups in any way he could as a commissioner, though he did not specify exactly what medical emergency he experienced during church.

"I did have to have some interactions with the Hollywood Volunteer Rescue Squad and ALS," Hewitt said during commissioner time. "Thank you, thank God you were there."

In an immediate interview after the Commissioners of St. Mary's County had adjourned, Hewitt confirmed he had experienced a medical incident while at church.

"I'm fine," Hewitt said. "I've got an appointment with my cardiologist this Thursday about why I'm having these incidents."

Hewitt said the volunteers responded quickly with an excellent level of care.

"The point is, is that the treatment I received was outstanding," Hewitt told The County Times. "I'm fine."



Mike Hewitt

Hewitt said he has been a recipient of open-heart surgery.

Hewitt is the second county commissioner to experience a serious health-related incident since taking office in the last four years.

In 2015 Commissioner President James "Randy" Guy stated publicly he had been diagnosed with cancer, specifically Hodgkin's type lymphoma.

Guy underwent treatment and has since made a full recovery.

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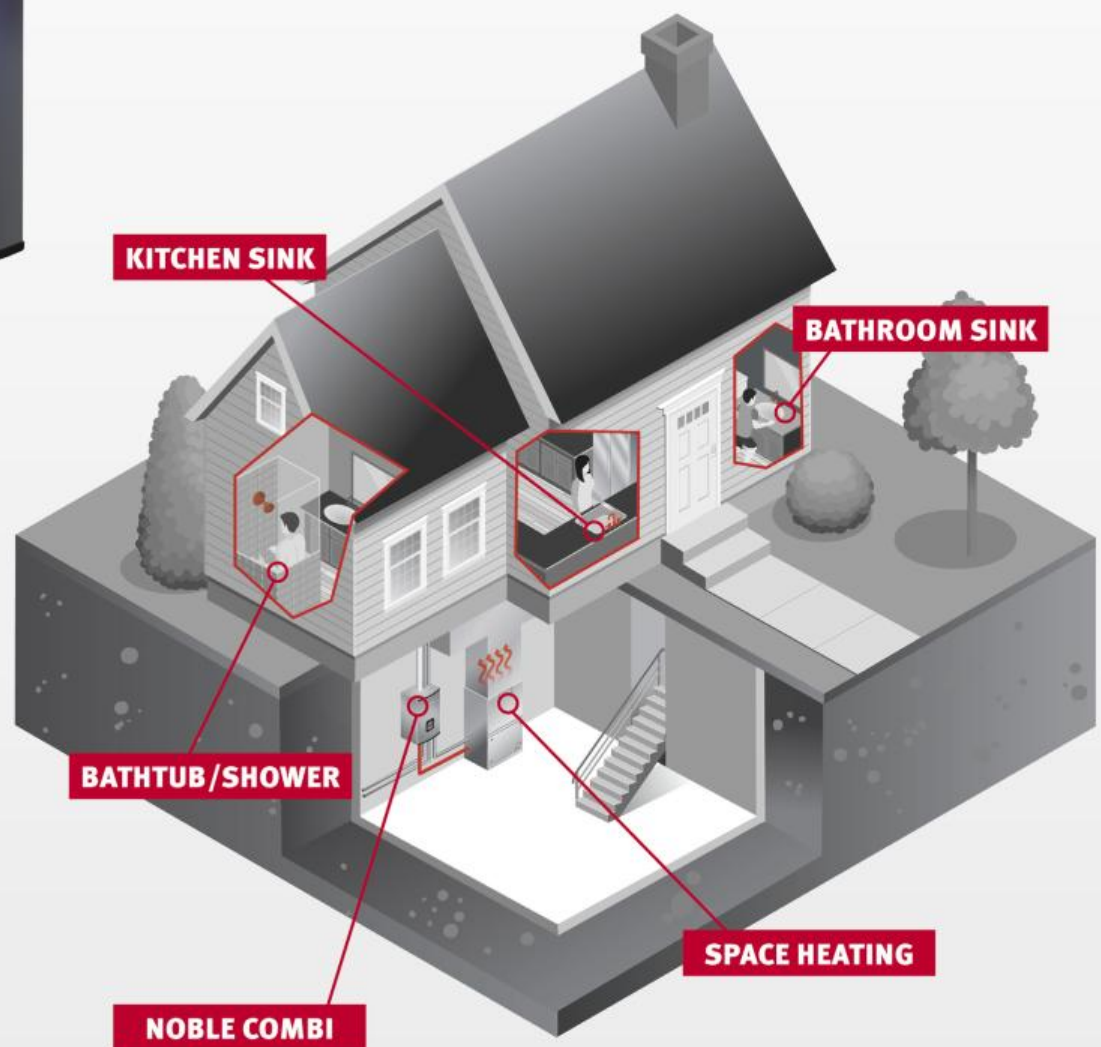
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Maryland Celebrates its 385th Birthday

By Guy Leonard
Staff Writer

Residents of the Mother County of Maryland celebrated the state's 385th birthday Monday with an artifact believed to have been brought by the original English settlers in 1634; an iron cross etched with acid and hammered together on the voyage across the Atlantic Ocean.

The horizontal inscription on the cross reads: "Ad perpetuam rei memoriam, or 'For the eternal memory of this event.'"

In speaking to the several hundred celebrants gathered at the St. Clements Island Museum in Colton's Point, Fr. Ron Murphy of the Society of Jesus told the story of how the cross was found to celebrate Maryland's founding.

Murphy found the cross in a collection vault at Georgetown University back in 1989; when he went looking for it he said the room was filled with antique weaponry from both the Revolutionary and Civil wars.

Combing through all of the artifacts, he tripped and fell and as he began to get up from the floor he saw the cross laying on a wooden pallet.

"I literally stumbled across it," Murphy told the celebrants gathered outside

the museum, just across the water from St. Clement's Island where the English settlers made their first landfall in the new colony. "I fell flat on my face and looked at a wooden pallet and there was the cross."

The cross was erected by Fr. Andrew White on the island almost 400 years ago as he held what is believed to be the first English-speaking Catholic Mass in America.

Like Murphy, White was a member of the Society of Jesus, more commonly known as Jesuits.

Standing about four feet in length and weighting 24 pounds, the cross was used four years ago by Pope Francis during his first Mass in the United States.

Murphy said the iron cross was a symbol of the religious freedom Catholics sought in Maryland.

"Maryland alone has a cross on top of its flag," Murphy said. "It's been that way from the beginning."

Francis Gray, tribal chairman of the Native American Piscataway-Conoy Tribe, told the story of Henry Fleet, an English adventurer and sea captain who wanted to establish trade with local tribes when he was with the Virginia Colony.

He explored the Chesapeake Bay re-



Commissioner President Randy Guy holds up the cross believed to be the one brought by the first English colonists in 1634.



Wes Stone, portraying Fr. Andrew White, kneels in prayer during the invocation at Maryland Day 2019.

gion years before the Maryland Colony was established; he was captured in a raid by a hostile tribe and held hostage for five years.

When he was finally released, he had a greater understanding of the local tribes, their culture and their languages.

He became a guide for the English colonists who settled in Maryland and was able to help negotiate the exchange

of land for the building of St. Mary's City for helping protect the Yaocomaco tribe from their enemies.

"If it weren't for people like this we might not be here now," Gray said. "We're all Marylanders, we're all part of history."

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Maryland Day Celebrated at St. Mary's City



Piscataway Conoy Chairman Francis Gray



St. Mary's County flag bearer was Skylar Gene Moon of Dynard Elementary School.



Sen. Jack Bailey (l) presented a proclamation to Cross Bottony award recipient John McAllister.

By Dick Myers
Editor

Maryland Day, which recognizes Maryland's founding in 1634 in what is now St. Mary's County, was celebrated March 23 at St. Mary's City. Guest speaker for the event was St. Mary's City Director of Research and Collections Dr. Travis Parno, who oversees their collection of more than six million artifacts.

Parno came to St. Mary's City, the fourth permanent English settlement in North America, from Jamestown, the first. In observing that, he said, "It's the tendency to apply labels to historic places."

He noted about those labels, "They offer a sort of shorthand for understanding why you should care about a particular place."

He said historical anniversaries are also like that. The Maryland Day celebration marked the colony's 385th birthday, but this year also observes the 350th anniversary of Garrett Van Swer-

ingen becoming a naturalized citizen of Maryland.

Van Sweringen was Dutch, which is significant because early settlers other than English and Irish were considered aliens, "with limited civil rights," he said.

That all changed in 1645 when Cecil Calvert extended some rights to persons of French, Dutch and Italian descent. They were granted the right to be "denizens," those who could hold property and participate in the legal system.

Van Sweringen took full advantage of that after moving to St. Mary's City after being expelled from the Delaware River colony of New Amstel by the English. He became a successful innkeeper, operator of the first coffeehouse in the new world, and eventually mayor of St. Mary's City.

In 1663 many of that group of denizens were made full citizens, Porto said.

But immigrants from other countries, such as Sweden, Finland and Germany, weren't treated so fairly. Which led Parno to point out, "Maryland offers the

example that like so many aspects of the past, the reality was far more complicated."

He added, "The diversity of Maryland's colonial populace can be misinterpreted to paint a too perfect picture of Marylanders hailing from all the world over living in harmony."

Following the talk, the Cross Bottony Award, named after the Crossland Cross atop the Maryland flag, was awarded to John McAllister for his contributions to St. Mary's City.

In addition to a handcrafted silver pin, McAllister was presented citations from Senator Jack Bailey and Delegate Brian Crosby.

Bailey in his presentation noted: "This is where it all began. We should not forget that. It is a pride to say that we are from St. Mary's and Southern Maryland and we need to make sure that the rest of Maryland understands that."

Also speaking at the ceremony was Francis Gray, chairman of the Piscataway Conoy tribe. He said "I would like to thank the creator and ask the creator

to help guide us down the path we have chosen so that we all do so with honesty, dignity and respect. We ask the creator to help bring us into balance as physical, mental and spiritual beings so that we are able to know our place on earth and we also ask that he help us make wise choices on all things that are placed in front of us. And ultimately we would like you to thank Mother Earth for all that she has given us and for every single one of us to give back more than we take."

The ceremony also featured a parade of the flags of the state's 23 counties and Baltimore city. The St. Mary's County flag bearer was Skylar Gene Moon of Dynard Elementary School.

Rep. Steny Hoyer, Crosby and Gretchen Hardman, representing Gov. Larry Hogan, also spoke at the ceremony MC'd by St. Mary's City Executive Director Regina Faden.

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Bond Bill Approved for Three Notch Theater



Pictured left to right: State Senator Jack Bailey (29); Jeffrey Maher, President, The Newtowne Players; Gary V. Hodge, President, Regional Policy Advisors; and Delegate Brian Crosby (29B), after the legislature's bond initiative hearing in Annapolis on March 9.

The Maryland General Assembly has approved a \$100,000 legislative bond initiative grant for *The Newtowne Players*-Three Notch Theater in Lexington Park. State Senator Jack Bailey and Delegate Brian Crosby sponsored the request and secured its approval in the State budget being finalized by the legislature.

The state money will be used to improve handicapped access, upgrade restroom facilities, install safety lighting and repair the Theater parking lot. For 14 years, the Three Notch Theater (the former Lexington Park Library) has been the performance venue of *The Newtowne Players*, an all-volunteer non-profit organization.

Every year *The Newtowne Players* mobilizes hundreds of volunteers and actors to put on a season of high-quality drama,

comedy and musical shows. *The Newtowne Players* have become an important St. Mary's County cultural arts institution. Last year more than 7,000 theatergoers filled the small 125-seat auditorium to watch live entertainment on-stage. The St. Mary's County Commissioners endorsed the State funding request.

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Correction

In last week's edition of The County Times the cover photograph of Jaelynn Willey's family was taken and provided by the St. Mary's County Sheriff's Office; The County Times was remiss in not crediting the agency for the photograph.

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Assault- On March 19, 2019, Cpl. Pesante responded to the 38000 block of Stockett Run Lane in Mechanicsville for the reported assault. Investigation determined **James Richard Goddard Jr., age 39** with no fixed address, came to the victim's residence uninvited and forced his way into the residence. Once inside Goddard assaulted the victim by placing his hands on the victim's neck, and throwing a can at the victim, striking the victim. Goddard left the residence, only to come back, and once again forced his way into the residence, damaging the door. Goddard fled the residence upon being advised law enforcement was en-route. Goddard was located nearby and placed under arrest and charged with Assault 2nd Degree, Burglary 4th Degree, and Malicious Destruction of Property. CASE# 16566-19



Drug Arrest- On March 19, 2019, deputies responded to the 28000 block of Point Lookout Road, in Mechanicsville, for the reported individuals inside a vehicle using CDS. Upon arrival deputies observed **James Mathew Dotson, age 31** of Mechanicsville, injecting a female in the vehicle with suspected heroin. In Dotson's lap was another syringe containing suspected heroin. A search of the vehicle yielded numerous used and unused syringes, some containing suspected heroin, jewelers bags containing suspected heroin, and a clear capsule containing suspected heroin. Dotson and the female in the vehicle, **Lauren Ashley Ricci, age 28** of Mechanicsville, were both arrested and charged with CDS: Possession-Not Marijuana and CDS: Possession-Paraphernalia by Dep. Payne# 320. CASE# 16610-19



Lexington Park Man Killed in PG

The Homicide Unit is investigating the circumstances that led to a fatal shooting in District Heights on Monday. The decedent is 42-year-old Damon Proctor of Fox Ridge Road in Lexington Park, MD. On March 25th, at approximately 1:40 pm, patrol officers were called to the 5000 block of Daventry Terrace for a double shooting that occurred outside of a townhome. Officers found Proctor and a second person, an adult female, suffering from gunshot wounds. Proctor later died from his injuries. The second victim was shot in her leg and has since been released from the hospital. The preliminary investigation reveals Proctor and three people went to the townhome with the intention of continuing a domestic-related dispute that began earlier in the day at a separate location. Once at the townhome, there was a physical confrontation between Proctor and individuals who were at the townhome. One

of the individuals who was at the townhome fired a weapon during the altercation. Detectives identified the man who shot Proctor and the second victim. He voluntarily responded to our Criminal Investigation Division last night. He was released pending the outcome of the investigation. Detectives are in the early stages of this investigation and are continuing to conduct interviews and examine evidence. If anyone has information relevant to this investigation, they are asked to please call detectives at 301-772-4925. Callers wishing to remain anonymous may call Crime Solvers at 1-866-411-TIPS (8477), or go online at www.pgcrimesolvers.com, or use the "P3 Tips" mobile app (search "P3 Tips" in the Apple Store or Google Play to download the app onto your mobile device.) Prince George's County Police Department Press Release



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AVIAN Gets Pied in Support of Relay for Life

Some celebrate March 14th, often referred to as Pi-Day, by eating delicious, flakey baked pies with airy whipped toppings. At AVIAN, we smash them in each other's faces to raise money for cancer research.

Last week, a total of seven AVIAN teammates, including the founder and president of the company, were pied in the face as part of a St. Mary's County Relay for Life fundraising event.

Every \$314.00 donated to its relay team resulted in another pie to the face.

On one of Southern Maryland's first spring-like days, where temperatures peaked in the low-70's, AVIAN's President, Kevin Switick; its Chief Operating Officer and Founder, Jeff Sherman and its Vice President for Product Acquisition and Support, Bill Schaefer, all lined up for a smashing good time.

"Five, four, three, two, one," the group of excited AVIAN spectators chanted and then burst with excitement as the pies met their target faces.

"I knew provoking the company with some friendly email banter before March 14th would doom me," Switick said.

AVIAN has employees located throughout the United States, and although this was a fundraiser for its Maryland Relay for Life event, the donations poured in from regions near and far.

"So many donations came in from our Panama City Beach, Florida office that three teammates were pied there in solidarity!" Switick said. "We even had a remote employee in Pennsylvania pie himself as part of the challenge. It was so great to see so much participation."

In just under one week, AVIAN's team raised \$1,700 for the American



Three AVIAN teammates at their Lexington Park, Maryland office received a pie in the face on Thursday, March 14 as part of a Pi-Day fundraiser in support of the American Cancer Society St. Mary's County Relay for Life. From left to right, Kristen Turner, Bill Schaefer, Kevin Switick, Tara Strickland, Jeff Sherman and Judy Switick. (photo credit: Laura Bowles)

Cancer Society. The team has a goal of raising at least \$4,000 this year and is well on its way. There are several other fundraising events scheduled leading up to the relay event on June 1, 2019.

"Cancer knows no boundaries. It has affected us deeply here at AVIAN," Switick said. "We've lost two teammates on the past few years and are standing strong with several others as they bravely battle this awful disease. We have to find a cure...so we're doing what we can to help."

AVIAN has supported Relay for Life and the American Cancer Society for nearly eight years. In the past, AVIAN's team has raised upwards of \$40,000.

For information about the St. Mary's County Relay for Life event and/or how to donate to AVIAN's team, please visit: http://main.acevents.org/site/TR?team_id=2432412&fr_id=92299&pg=team

Press Release from AVIAN

Little Explorers Spring into Action at Historic St. Mary's City



Little Explorers with "binoculars." Photo credit to Barbara Brown

Wednesday, April 3 at 10:00 a.m. will see the spring return of Little Explorers to Historic St. Mary's City.

The program will meet at the Visitor Center. Little Explorers discover the world at Historic St. Mary's City through storytelling, crafts, songs, and outdoor exploration. The program runs from 10 a.m. until 11 a.m. Admission is \$4 per child for non-members (\$3 for Friends members) and accompanying adults visit free. The fee includes full-day admission to the museum. Bring a picnic and spend the day! For more information, contact Donna at 240-895-4980 or email Programs@HSMCdigsHistory.org.

Preschoolers, ages 3-5, and an accompanying adult are invited to gather at Historic St. Mary's City for an hour of adventure, fun, and learning twice monthly on Wednesdays in the spring and fall. Each Little Explorers gathering highlights a different site at the museum.

Historic St. Mary's City is a museum of living history and archaeology on the site of Maryland's first capital in beautiful, tidewater Southern Maryland. For more information about this program or the museum, contact the Visitor Center at 240-895-4990, 800-SMC-1634, or info@HSMCdigsHistory.org.

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On Thursday, April 25th at 7:00 p.m., as part of Historic Sotterley's ongoing Building Bridges to Common Ground initiative, all are invited to view the film, *With All Deliberate Speed*, a story told by those students and teachers who experienced the desegregation process of Great Mills High School in St. Mary's County from 1958-1972. Merideth Taylor, the film's writer, director and producer, will lead discussions joined by those who lived this experience.

Merideth Taylor is Professor Emerita of Theater and Dance at St. Mary's College of Maryland, a prizewinning documentary filmmaker, and coeditor of *In Relentless Pursuit of an Education: African American Stories from a Century of Segregation*. She has been honored by the St. Mary's County Branch NAACP

with a Lifetime Achievement Award for her use of the performing arts to produce positive social change.

While on sabbatical between 2003 and 2004, Taylor worked with staff and students at Great Mills High School on a year-long oral history/theatre project which uncovered the story of the desegregation of Great Mills High School. The project culminated in a public performance of original, collaboratively written work in celebration of the 50th anniversary of the *Brown v. Board of Education* decision.

Most recently, Taylor is the author of *Listening In: Echoes and Artifacts from Maryland's Mother County*, published in 2018. The book features her own photographs and is based on oral history she has heard over the years in St. Mary's County to paint a picture of the county's past and a window to its future.

This event is free to the public, but advance registration is requested due to limited seating. Please call 301-373-2280.

Press Release from Historic Sotterley

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Southern Maryland Meats Launches Youth Project

Southern Maryland Meats (SMM), a program of the Southern Maryland Agricultural Development Commission (SMADC), is pleased to announce the launch of a new junior training project. The Reproduction and Marketing Training is a component of the SMM Junior Program, and will focus on beef cattle reproduction and marketing for youth ages 12 through 21 years.



Carrie Jones, Southern Maryland Meats Jr. Program Member

"The goal of the training is to educate a new generation of livestock producers to better understand and improve their herd genetics," said Craig Sewell, SMM Livestock and Marketing Specialist. "Plus, we'll support that knowledge with a solid understanding of the market place and beef marketing trends."

The Southern Maryland Meats Youth Training will be led by Donnie Braun, a St. Mary's county livestock producer with over 46 years experience in raising beef cattle (for meat and breeding), and Racheal Slattery, University of Maryland Department of Animal and Avian Sciences, Beef and Dairy Extension Activities Coordinator, who has conducted numerous beef industry workshops for adults and youth. At the core of training will be teamwork and commitment to a timed/synchronized artificial insemination schedule, as well as training sessions on all aspects of reproduction and breeding, feeding protocols, best management practices, calving and obstetrics.

"As part of this project we will be working as a small Coop or team, with regards to our marketing approach. Our idea is to sell our calves at a graded feeder calf sale, as one lot. This will allow our youth to learn about the advantages of the economy of scale marketing approach," explained Donnie Braun.

"Marketing this way should also yield a nice premium for the calves that our youth sell at the end of this project."

Youth interested in joining the project must first complete a participant 'interest' survey to establish levels of experience and their ability to commit to the training and workshops. The project will commence with a two-hour introductory meeting in early April 2019, followed by 2 to 3 hour classroom style workshop/training sessions that will be held approximately once a month (April – October) at the SMADC offices in Hughesville, MD; meeting dates to be announced. The SMM Jr. Program is underwriting all associated costs including training, workshops, genetics/beef semen, timed AI supplies and veterinarian pregnancy checking.

The SMM Junior Program Training Project is open to youth ages 12 - 21 years, resident in the 5-counties of Southern Maryland (Anne Arundel, Calvert, Charles, Prince Georges, St. Mary's). Space is limited; Interest Surveys must be submitted by Friday, March 29, 2019. Parental permission is required to participate. For questions, call Craig Sewell (301) 274-1922, Ex. 1. Or email, info@smadc.com.

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Cell Phones Equal Part Necessity and Liability

By Guy Leonard
Staff Writer

Whether they are an addiction or dependency or indispensable, everyday tool, cell phones are as common in the hands as are car keys.

They let users keep in touch with work and family at the touch of a button, allow access to virtually all recorded knowledge in world history and provide a way to record moments sweet and sad.

But there is a time and a place for their use and the laws governing their use, especially on the roadways or in classrooms of public schools are often either forgotten or blatantly ignored, local officials say.

Sheriff Timothy K. Cameron said that despite laws prohibiting the use of cell phones manually while driving, his deputies are constantly encountering motorists who have them in their hands and driving distracted, sometimes with terrible consequences.

"Heads up, phones down," Cameron told *The County Times*. "That's what we say."

The St. Mary's County Sheriff's Office is rolling out a new program in conjunction with the Maryland Highway Safety Office to educate the public on the dangers of distracted driving; they also plan to increase enforcement against distracted drivers.

"I pull people over and tell them all the time," Cameron said. "You cannot drive anywhere without seeing someone with a cell phone in their hand.

"We've just gotten used to it; it's a distraction."

Cell phone use, without hands-free capability, contributes to distracted driving and distracted driving kills.

According to information compiled by the sheriff's office Traffic Safety Coordinator Dfc. Jason Smith, there have been an average of four fatalities every year for the past several years due to distracted driving.

In 2016 almost 67 percent of all fatalities and 53 percent of all serious crashes resulted from distracted driving, sheriff's office data shows.

Citations against distracted driving actually decreased from 2014 to 2016 in St. Mary's; there were 727 citations issued in 2014 but that reduced to 595 in 2016.

Smith said illegal cell phone use was so common on the roads he encounters it multiple times on every patrol; motorists don't seem to even look out for police searching for violators.

"Driving from 245 south into [Lexington Park] I make four or five stops for people with cell phones in their hand, and that's in a marked police cruiser," the deputy said. "I've seen blatant disregard with people talking on a cell phone even when passing an accident scene."

In the county's public schools, cell phones can be either an asset for student learning or a major impediment to instruction; moreover they can spread problems between students far beyond the reach of just those with the immediate conflict.

Their use in school is strictly prohibited by the student code of conduct unless students have permission from school officials; the reality is much different.

"It disrupts the classroom," said schools security chief Mike Wyant, adding that their illicit use goes beyond just watching videos in the classroom, texting friends or making calls during instruction.

"There are numerous instances of inappropriate use of social media during the instructional day," Wyant said. "It's at least once or twice a week we're dealing with threat or retweet of a threat or substance abuse."

Wyant said students will message each other about any threats of violence or rumors of the same in the school, from a fight between two students to a threat about a potential school shooting.



Students with substance abuse problems also use their phones to message other students about it during school hours, including videos or images of them taking the narcotics or talking about how much they have in their possession.

"Sexting," or the use of cell phones to transmit sexually explicit messages or images between students, is another serious problem, Wyant said.

Some of the images sent amount to child pornography, which is a federal offense and triggers an immediate investigation by local law enforcement.

School Superintendent Dr. J. Scott Smith said cell phones were often used in the classroom as a daily teaching aid but that positive use did not match the negative effects they had on the instructional day.

"They are more often a detriment, a distraction or anxiety creating device," the public schools chief said. "Education has to have an evolutionary role [involving cell phones].

"Teaching children how to apply it."

Eliminating cell phones in schools was not really possible, Smith said, so teachers and administrators had to find a way to manage students' use of them.

"Technology never gets turned back," said Smith.

He said teachers can have students use their cell phones to go online and participate in a lesson and give their answers there, which are immediately brought back into the classroom via a Smartboard or other educational technology.

"There's no lag time between asking questions and seeing who knows the answer," Smith said. "It compels everyone to be engaged in the classroom."

The school system has its own initiative to get students to avoid using cell phones while driving; if a high school student wants to park at school, they must sign an agreement that they will not engage in distracted driving.

Only then will they receive a parking permit.

Wyant said more than 700 students have made the pledge so far, with many more expected. "It's a very effective enforcement tool," said Wyant.

A study by Nielsen showed that in general cell phone and other Internet connected device usage continues to increase and adults spend an average of 10-and-a-half hours a day, almost half the day, connected to some

kind of media.

The study showed that of those 10-and-a-half hours, about two-and-a-half are on a cell phone.

According to a recent poll conducted by Common Sense Media, a non-profit that helps advise parents about the media content their children have access to, about 50 percent of teenagers who responded say they felt addicted to their cell phones.

About one-third of those who responded to that poll, conducted in 2016, reported that mobile devices caused arguments in families about how much they are used, whether its at the dinner table or while driving.

The Common Sense study also found that the rapid back-and-forth young people engage in on cell phones while studying and socializing at the same time impairs their ability to lay down long term memories and has detrimental effects on their ability to learn.

Laurie Scherer, director of St. Mary's College of Maryland's Wellness Center, said college students in general can find their studies effected negatively by spending too much time on social media or the Internet via their cell phones.

"The students in college now have never not had a cell phone," Scherer said. "They have it with them 24/7.

"Engaging in social media is probably not something they should be engaging in 24/7."

This generation of college students also establishes friendships over the Internet using their cell phones without having met the person in the flesh.

"They have created relationships with others over their phones," Scherer said. "It's simply normal for them.

"But with that there's less of drive to go out and engage in activities."

This new brand of students often have to be warned when their social media time infringes on their studies, where they are solely accountable for their education after high school.

"There are some people who have a tendency to overdo things," said Scherer. "I don't think students easily realize they're having a problem."

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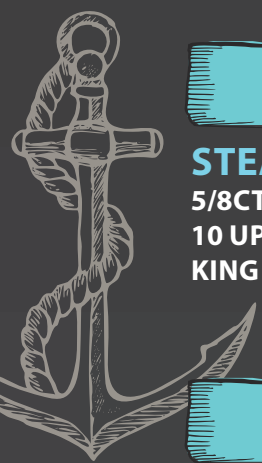


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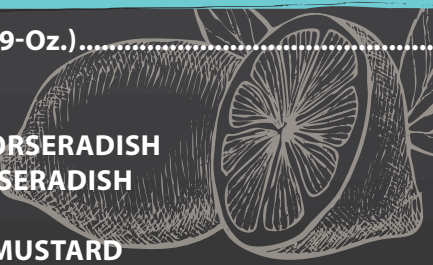


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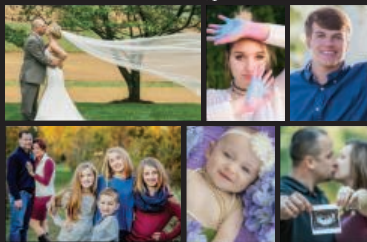




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Registration in advance is free and appreciated, please sign up at: www.eventbrite.com/e/envision-the-future-through-creativity-pro-action-cafe-tickets-58381348184. For additional details visit www.envisionsomd.org or email: create@envisionsomd.org

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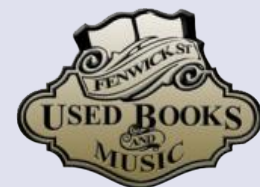
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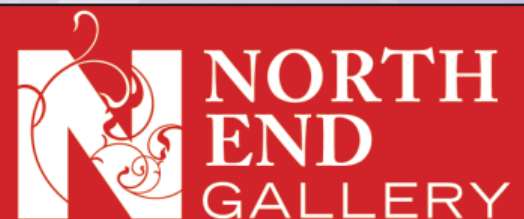
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Writer, Comedian to Deliver Commencement Address

St. Mary's College of Maryland is pleased to announce that Erin Ryan, host of Crooked Media's Hysteria podcast, a writer for "It's Always Sunny in Philadelphia," and a contributor to The Daily Beast will be the College's 2019 Commencement speaker. The Commencement ceremony will be held on the College's Townhouse Green on Saturday, May 11, starting at 10 a.m.

A native of Frederic, Wisconsin, Ryan's written work has appeared in several publications including The New York Times, Playboy, Runner's World, and Jezebel.

In 2018, her work for The Daily Beast won a New York Press Club award for humor writing. Ryan has co-hosted the podcasts "Pod Save America" and "Lovett or Leave It," in addition to appearing on "Keep It!" She's appeared as a guest speaker on HLN, CNN, MS-



NBC, NBC, and the BBC.

Ryan has written for the last two seasons of "It's Always Sunny in Philadelphia," VH1's "Best Week Ever," and a forthcoming comedy project from Apple TV.

Currently residing in Los Angeles with her 14-year-old cat, Ryan enjoys hiking, reading, cooking, yoga, spending time with her boyfriend and step-dog, and writing speaker bios in the third person.

Press Release from SMCM

Textbooks Available for Public Review



St. Mary's County Public Schools is in the process of renewing its textbook materials for World Languages (Chinese and American Sign Language).

The following textbooks will be available for review from March 25 - April 5, 2019, in the Charlotte Hall, Leonardtown, and Lexington Park Libraries:

- *Discovering Chinese Pro* (2017) Better Chinese®
- *Magical Tour of China: Advanced*

Learning through Stories (2011) Better Chinese®

- *Signing Naturally* (2008) Dawn Sign Press

For more information, please contact Ms. Wendy Tarr, Supervisor of World Languages/ESOL at 301-475-5511, ext. 32118.

Press Release from SMCPSS

Who's Your Hero?

St. Mary's County has many "Hometown Heroes"

We all know one, a volunteer, a mentor, a community leader, a first responder, a good neighbor, a big brother or sister, a leader in the classroom or church.

Throughout 2019 the County Times will feature stories of St. Mary's County "Hometown Heroes."

To shine a spotlight on your hero email their name & contact info to aldailey@countytimes.net



The Knowledge from 12,000 Dental Implants Placed Leads Marylanders to Healthier Smiles

BY: JEFF TOMCSIK
Research Reporter

General dentist, Wayne L. O'Roark is one of the leading providers of comprehensive implant dentistry in Maryland. He is a clinical graduate instructor at the dental school at the University of Maryland. He is a Diplomate in both the American Board of Oral Implantology and the International Congress of Oral Implantologists. He has dedicated the past two decades to placing and restoring implants. Dr. O'Roark has successfully placed well over 12,000 implants since focusing his practice on this area of dentistry. Since 2006 he has been practicing out of Tidewater Dental in Lexington Park, Maryland and Tidewater Dental Solomons Island, Maryland.

Tomcsik: How did you get your start in Implant Dentistry?

O'Roark: Early on, when I got out of school I realized that the traditional prosthetics were not very good and I had the opportunity to listen to a lecture by one of the leaders in implant dentistry. From that I did extensive studying and incorporated implants in my general practice. I had experience in removable partial dentures, full dentures, crowns and bridges but I found none of them satisfied the need for replacement of a missing tooth or missing teeth, whether that be one tooth, a section of teeth, or a whole arch of teeth. The point is, it is important for these teeth and roots to be replaced to prevent bone loss. If you take the function away from bone by extracting a tooth, and you do nothing about it, you will lose bone and it will continue for a significant amount of time. If I can put that root back and keep the bone in function we will preserve the bone very nicely.

Tomcsik: What are you replacing the root with?

O'Roark: Most people don't have a good idea about what an implant is. So I like to call them root replacements. When you lose or remove a tooth you remove the crown, which is the part you see and the root which is under the gum and goes into the jawbone. What I do is

replace the root with my root; and my root is made out of titanium. Titanium has the incredible capacity to stimulate the bone to not only grow around it but to bond to it. Once you have integration, and bone biology requires ninety days for that to occur, you have a platform on which to build teeth or a tooth. This keeps the bone in function and helps to prevent loss of bone.

Tomcsik: Why replace a tooth with an implant rather than a bridge?

O'Roark: Conventional dentistry says, when you have a missing tooth, you put a cap on each tooth on either side of the open space and form a bridge over the gap where the missing tooth was. Well, in order to do this you must cut each healthy tooth down so that a prosthetic crown can fit over the existing teeth on each side of the space. You then have a fixed prosthetic bridge attached to each cap, filling the gap. So you've now involved two more teeth in the problem area by cutting them down to support the bridge. So what happens if one of the teeth used in making the bridge fails? Now the bridge fails and you have two missing teeth.

Tomcsik: So what you're saying is you now have two healthy teeth that you are compromising to fill the space of the one missing tooth...

O'Roark: Exactly. Now that's not wrong, but you must keep in mind that those teeth are being compromised and if something should go wrong with either of those teeth supporting the bridge you will lose the bridge too and now your problem is larger.

Tomcsik: So let me understand something. In a single tooth replacement you've given me two options. One is a single root replacement called an implant with a crown that integrates into the system. The other option is a bridge where you've cut two teeth and you've bridged the gap between them with just a crown with no root replacement. Give me, if you will, a ten year prognosis of the patient in both scenarios. What does the patient look like in scenario 1 and scenario 2 in ten years?

O'Roark: The life expectancy of a fixed bridge can be anywhere from ten to fifteen years. On the other hand, since you've not replaced the root the bone underneath will continue to deteriorate. If the bridge is lost or one of the abutments (teeth that hold the bridge) is lost or damaged then your problem gets bigger. In the case of the root replacement, I have implants that have been in function for well over thirty years.

Tomcsik: So those people don't have bone retention problems. The implant is enough support to keep the bone from disappearing?

O'Roark: It's not so much that the implant is a support for the bone. Bone doesn't like to be put out to pasture. It doesn't like to have nothing to do. And when its function has been taken away from it, it will disappear. And it will disappear rather dramatically. With an implant the bone remains in function and has the potential to last indefinitely. The first implant I ever put in place in 1971, remained in function, in the patient's mouth until she passed away in about 2004. I will not put a timeframe on how long they'll last because they literally have the potential to last indefinitely.

Tomcsik: When you talk about putting an implant into the jaw bone that sounds like a pretty elaborate surgery. Can you elaborate on that?

O'Roark: Actually, the surgery to place the implant is very nominal. It's relatively painless. I operate under local anesthesia and oral sedation if you wish. If I put the root replacement in this morning, you can go back to work this afternoon. There will be no stitches. There is virtually no swelling. There's generally no pain. There's no bleeding and the procedure is quite innocuous.

Tomcsik: The other major concern I imagine people having about implant dentistry is the cost. How does that compare to other options?

O'Roark: The simplest thing to do is compare one missing tooth implant to a three unit bridge as discussed earlier. The cost of the implant/crown combi-

nation is very comparable to the price of the three unit bridge. This amplifies the fact that the value of replacing that tooth with a root replacement, not only does not involve adjacent teeth but it is comparable to the cost of a three unit bridge. I consider that as a number one advantage of doing the implant over the bridge.

Tomcsik: I see a lot of ads for periodontists, oral surgeons, general dentist that all claim to place implants. How does one decide who to go to if they need to get an implant?

O'Roark: You can ask for referrals from your friends and family. You can ask your general dentist for a referral or you can go to The American Board of Oral Implantology. They are the premiere source for finding highly experienced doctors doing implants. They will list for you the board certified doctors doing implants today. It's important to know the specialist cannot do the restorative work, whereas the general dentist that restricts their practice to specializing in implants will place the implant and restore the prosthetics for the implants.

Tomcsik: So when a specialist provides a quote, they are just quoting the root replacement or implant and not the tooth replacement or crown?

O'Roark: That is largely true. That's a very good point. If you get a quotation from a specialist you must make sure that he is being clear that the price he is giving you is for the implant and not the prosthetic part. One of the things that I have tried to do is restricting my practice to placing implants and providing the prosthetics for about 15 years now and have incorporated into my general practice for at least 35 years now. The important thing is that the continuity from the implant through the placement of the prosthetic is all done by the same person. There is a lot to be said for that because I can design your implant placement to accept the prosthetic results that we want as an end result, especially in complex cases.

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Wanna' Be Sailors and Boaters Invited to Open House in Solomons



Members and guests mingle during the 2018 Crew Listing Party at SMSA in Solomons. This year's Crew Listing Party is this Saturday from 4 - 6pm. Southern Maryland Sailing Association, SpinSheet Magazine, Bucktributing, and MUSTO Apparel are the sponsors.

By Tim Flaherty
Staff Writer

SpinSheet Magazine, a sailing publication based in Annapolis, started hosting an annual "crew listing" party in an Annapolis boatyard back in 1996, the first full year of SpinSheet's existence. The original idea was to help local boat owners find racing crew for the active sailing scene in that city. The idea grew and grew.

SpinSheet now sponsors four annual Crew Listing Parties, including in Solomons. For the seventh year in a row, Southern Maryland Sailing Association will host and co-sponsor the SpinSheet Solomons Crew Listing Party presented by Miller Lite this Saturday, March 30th, at 4pm at the SMSA Clubhouse on Solomons Island.

"The whole idea is to get people on the water," says SpinSheet Associate Publisher Chris Charbonneau. "There's no experience necessary, just come out and meet boat owners." Charbonneau stressed the event isn't just geared to racing. "We want people to come out and meet cruising skippers, too. If you are really competitive, come on out. If you are looking for a laid-back boat to crew with, we've got people for you to meet as well."

There will be free heavy hors d'oeuvres, and SMSA will have its bar - with reasonably priced beverages - open for what is billed as an "open house" event. Sponsoring and hosting the party is an opportunity to promote the organization and its learn-to-sail opportunities to a wide community. The club hosts a popular summer kids sailing camp, as well as offering adult learn-to-sail weekends to new members, all at an affordable price compared to belonging to a traditional yacht club. Weekly racing is held in both large and small boats, and there is a complete schedule of cruising events offered through SMSA.

"We have something here for just about everybody," SMSA Commodore Jim Whited told The County Times. "Learn-to-sail for all age groups, small



SpinSheet Publisher Mary Ewenson introduces a sailing panel to the audience at last year's Crew Listing Party at Southern Maryland Sailing Association. This year's event is this Saturday from 4 - 6pm

boat racing, big boat racing, cruising just for fun, high school sailing. The Crew Listing Party enables us to have a festive open house where people can come by and ask questions and meet new friends. It give SMSA a chance to recruit new crew for our boats and recruit new members."

At least two boats and their skippers will be stationed at the end of the SMSA dock on Saturday for quick tours and Q&A with experienced sailors to answer questions and make new sailors feel at home.

Saturday's Crew Listing Party will also feature a panel discussion with boat skippers and crew members that will be moderated by Charbonneau.

MUSTO, a sailing apparel company, is a sponsor of the crew listing series. Similar parties are held in Annapolis, Baltimore, and Hampton, VA. Registering in advance for a party is not necessary, but it does automatically enter you in drawings for MUSTO shoes and a pricey MUSTO sailing jacket. Go to <https://www.spinsheet.com/crew-parties> to register for the Southern Maryland Sailing Association event.

The local beverage sponsor of the Solomons Crew Listing Party is Buck Distributing of Upper Marlboro, distributor of Miller Lite Beer.

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Alvey Flawless In Potomac Season Opener Quade Scores in Limited LM Feature



Darren Alvey wired the field to score his first win of the season in last Saturday nights 20-lap RUSH Crate Late Model main at Potomac Speedway. The win for Alvey, came in his trusty Alvey Brothers Farm Rocket no.30, and would be the 8th of his career with the RUSH Crates.

Alvey and class rookie Jeremy Pilkerton brought the field to green with Alvey booming into the race lead as the field scattered off turn two. As Alvey lead, fifth starting Logan Roberson emerged in second and went after Alvey. Two late race cautions bunched the field and gave Roberson an opportunity, however he was no match as Alvey drove to the win by three car lengths at the finish. "After the last practice session we found something on the car we didn't like and the boys worked hard all week to get it fixed." Alvey stated post race. "It's great to get a win on opening day and a big thanks to all our crew and sponsors this win is for them." Roberson held tough for second, defending track champion Chuck Bowie was third, Austin Bussler produced a career-best finish with fourth and Brad Rigdon would complete the top-five. Heats went to Chuck Bowie and Dale Hollidge.

Derick Quade scored a flag to flag win in the companion 20-lap Limited Late Model headliner. Quade shot from the pole and would lead the duration scoring his 14th career division win aboard his Black Diamond no.74. «It always helps to start up front, but we had a great race car tonight.» Quade stated in victory lane. «The new surface will take some getting used to, but it sure is good getting a win early in the season.» Defending track champion Tyler Emory was second with Billy Tucker, Jonny Oliver and Dale Murphy rounding out the top-five. Heats went Brandon Long and Dale Murphy.

In support class action Marty Hanbury, at 73 years young, took the

win in the 16-lap Street Stock feature, Greg Morgan came out on top in a wild finish in the 15-lap Hobby Stock feature with Stephen Suite scoring a convincing win in the nightcap 15-lap U-Car main.

RUSH Crate Late Model feature finish

1. Darren Alvey 2. Logan Roberson 3. Chuck Bowie 4. Austin Bussler 5. Brad Rigdon 6. Ben Bowie 7. Megan Mann 8. Jeremy Pilkerton 9. Jonathan Raley 10. Dale Hollidge 11. Donny Tepper 12. Harry Shipe III 13. Carl Vaughn 14. Ronnie Martin Jr. (DNS)

Limited Late Model feature finish

1. Derick Quade 2. Tyler Emory 3. Billy Tucker 4. Jonny Oliver 5. Dale Murphy 6. Matt Tarbox 7. Todd Plummer 8. Sam Archer 9. Richard Culver 10. Brandon Long

Street Stock feature finish

1. Marty Hanbury 2. Mike Raleigh 3. Paul Jones 4. Matt Randall 5. John Ballou DNS-Deuce Wright, Ed Pope Jr.

Hobby Stock feature finish

1. Greg Morgan 2. Jonathan Knott 3. Hilton Pickeral 4. Mikey Latham 5. Stevie Gingery 6. Dave Adams 7. Chris Cooke 8. Buddy Dunagan 9. Kyle Randall 10. Colin Long 11. Kyle Nelson 12. Robbie Kramer 13. Ray Bucci 14. Billy Crouse

U-Car feature finish

1. Stephen Suite 2. Cody Stamp 3. Billy Smith 4. Ben Pirner 5. Justin Knight 6. Larry Lamb 7. Dominic King 8. Ryan Quade 9. Owen Lacey 10. Tim Steele 11. Logan Aldeman 12. Mackenzie Smith 13. Stephanie Homberg 14. Joey Suite 15. Brad Saylor

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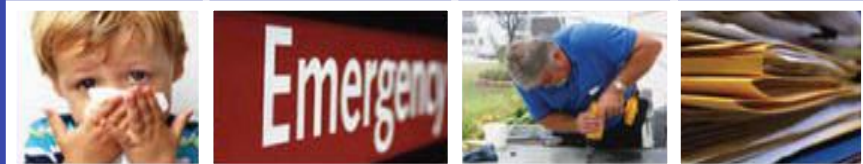
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Southern Maryland Film Festival Coming in August

The Steering Committee for the Southern Maryland Film Festival (SMDF) is excited to announce that they are revising their date and revamping their venue for 2019. This year the Festival will be held the weekend of August 23rd in a single, indoor, air-conditioned location: Lexington Exchange Movies 12 in California.

"It's an incredible opportunity for our filmmakers to see their movies with a live audience on a full size screen," says SMDF Operations Manager Theresa Wood. According to Wood, one of the movie theatre employees approached the Festival Committee with the possibility of showing movies on the big screen. "To our amazement David Campbell, general manager, and RC Theatres graciously offered to be our screening venue sponsor for this year, providing us an exclusive, dedicated screening room for the entire day of the event at Lexington Exchange Movies 12."

In the past the SMDF has been held in various locations throughout Leonardtown, along with two smaller fests in Indian Head and North Beach. Committee Secretary and Sponsorship Coordinator Heather Husk says that the Committee is grateful for the support they received early on from the Commissioners of Leonardtown, St. Mary's County Arts Council, and the local business community of the Tri-County area. "As



the reputation of the Festival has grown, more local businesses are eager to lend their support," she adds.

Former Event Coordinator for the Commissioners of Leonardtown, Maria Fleming, continues to volunteer with the Steering Committee, citing that moving the Film Festival to a single indoor location will simplify logistics for the SMDF team as well as the attendees. Bill Stea and Alex David, the technical masterminds behind the film festival, are pleased that the theater has equipment that can handle multiple formats of digital movies, which may increase the number and quality of submissions.

The SMDF Steering Committee will be accepting movie submissions until July 1st, 2019. Filmmakers interested in submitting their movies to the event should review procedures and guidelines on the website at smdff.org. Questions for the committee can be submitted via email to SMDfilmfest@gmail.com.

"A Taste of Sotterley" Scheduled



Vino, Brews & Food for YOU! On Saturday, April 27th, Sotterley's 1703 Manor House, Historic Barn, and entire breathtaking site will be the backdrop for an afternoon of delectable taste sensations!

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BEER & FOOD PAIRINGS Menu:

1. Stella Artois served with Fresh Cantelope and Pineapple.
2. Blue Point Toasted Lager served with Crusty French Bread with Brie and Raspberry Preserves.
3. Ballast Point Sour Wench served with Crusty French Bread with a Garlic, Herbed Boursin.
4. Elysian Space Dust served with As-

sorted Italian Olives.

5. Troegs Nugget Nectar served with Roasted Red Pepper Hummus Mini Wraps.

6. Rogue Dead Guy served with White Cheddar on Roasted Garlic, Pesto Ciabatta Bread.

7. New Belgium Fat Tire served with Rose and Crown Stilton on Toasted Wheat Bread.

8. Wicked Weed Neapolitan Complex served with Spanish Style Manchego over Whole Wheat Cracker.

9. Victory Storm King Stout served with Chocolate Truffles Victory.

10. Troegs Java Head Stout served with Fresh Strawberries.

Stay tuned for the WINE & FOOD PAIRINGS Menu!

Press Release from Sotterley

Newtowne Players Present Neil Simon's Brighton Beach Memories

The Newtowne Players will present Neil Simon's Broadway hit comedy "Brighton Beach Memoirs" from March 29 to April 14. 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 \$15 for adults; \$12 for seniors, students and military; and \$10 for children age 12 and under. Thursdays only, all seats are \$10. All tickets may be purchased online at www.newtowneplayers.org, or by calling 301-737-5447.

"Brighton Beach Memoirs" is Neil Simon's autobiographical portrait of the writer as a young teen in 1937 living with his family in a crowded, lower

middle-class Brooklyn walk-up. Eugene Jerome, standing in for the author, is the narrator and central character. Dreaming of baseball and girls, Eugene must cope with the mundane existence of his family life: his formidable mother, overworked father, and worldly older brother Stanley. Throw into the mix his widowed Aunt Blanche, her two young (but rapidly aging) daughters and you have a recipe for hilarity, served up Simon-style. This bittersweet memoir evocatively captures the life of a struggling Jewish household where, as his father states, "if you didn't have a problem, you wouldn't be living here."

Press Release from Newtowne Players

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Getting it Right

To the Editor:

As spring approaches our school ball fields will be filled up with girls and boys and women and men, just as gyms, swimming pools, and indoor track ovals have been this winter and many venues have in the fall. Fifty years ago, though, females were mostly watchers and only males the players.

It changed mainly because of the vision and leadership of a man most of us haven't heard of, former Indiana Senator Birch Bayh (rhymes with "eye"), who pushed and pushed to enactment Title IX of an education bill requiring any recipient of federal funds to open the doors and gates to girls to participate in sports.

Simple? Not so much. Notre Dame's great Athletic Director Moose Krause claimed Title IX would mean "the end of college football." Now, Notre Dame is posed to contend for the NCAA Women's Basketball Championship! (Next fall, try scraping up an ND.)

I got to know Birch Bayh when I was a young Teen Dem in Fort Wayne, Indiana. I volunteered for him when he was elected in 1962, '68, and '74. I remember his and Congressman Ed Roush's campaigning with a football in city neighborhoods;

I remember his comforting students all over the state after the murder of President Kennedy; I remember his support for civil rights, the ERA, popular election of the president, and Title IX.

Senator Bayh took on the work of constitutional amendments and wrote two "... more than any man since James Madison," said Congressman Lee Hamilton. He authored and saw to passage the 25th, on presidential disability and vice-presidential vacancies, and the 26th, voting rights for 18-year olds.

This all comes to mind because Senator Birch Bayh, a "promising young senator who kept his promise" during the extraordinary 1960's and '70's, died March 14 at his Maryland home.

I hope every girl who gets to play sports just as the boys do, and their parents, will take note that there was a time when there was very little opportunity to do so. I write this to let them know of Birch Bayh's contribution to their lives.

Sometimes a politician gets it right – and Senator Bayh did, more than most.

*Karl Pence
Hollywood, MD*

Remembering Harry Hughes

To the Editor:

The passing of Governor Harry Hughes and the outpouring of tributes for him in recent days bring back a flood of good memories. I am reflecting on how much the opportunity to work with him meant to me as the newly appointed 31-year-old Executive Director of the Tri-County Council for Southern Maryland, nearly forty years ago.

During my first week on the job I met Governor Hughes at a gathering in Nanjemoy in October of 1980, the last month of that year's Presidential campaign, and attended a breakfast meeting with him and local elected officials in Solomons a few days later.

As a young person still in the early years of my career in public service I thought it was remarkable to find myself having a conversation with the Governor of Maryland—twice in one week. I had spent six years as deputy director of the regional council in Toledo but had never met or even seen the Governor of Ohio. So the first thing that struck me about Harry Hughes was how accessible he was—and willing to engage and listen carefully to ideas on their merits. I never recall a gauntlet of handlers or a façade of self-importance surrounding Governor Hughes.

Hughes paid attention to Southern Maryland and was a frequent visitor. He had forged lasting friendships in the Maryland Senate with two of our most important regional leaders—J. Frank Raley, Jr. of St. Mary's County and John Thomas Parran of Charles County, both mentors of mine. Together, with very different personalities and styles of governing, they changed Southern Maryland history, ending the slot machine era which had retarded the region's economic growth, developing modern institutions of higher education, establishing the Tri-County Council to push for State action on the region's priorities, building infrastructure like the Thomas Johnson Bridge to bind our counties closer together, strengthening the region's naval bases at Patuxent River and Indian Head, and working to restore water quality in our rivers and Bay.

I realize now the unique opportunity I had to work with the Governor on some of our important regional initiatives, early in the steady transformation of Southern Maryland during the 1980s, from one of the least competitive regions in the State to one of the most dynamic and prosperous.

Hughes put me on the newly created Patuxent River Commission, where I served for 14 years with Calvert County Commissioner and State Senator Bernie Fowler, and participated in the historic Patuxent Charette in 1981. The success of the Commis-

sion's advocacy for the River helped inspire Governor Hughes to launch the Chesapeake Bay program. If seven counties could work together with the State to clean up the Patuxent River, he reasoned, why couldn't the six states in the Chesapeake Bay watershed do the same?

In these early years I also worked with Governor Hughes to organize the events celebrating Maryland's 350th Anniversary in 1984—seizing a strategic opportunity to share the heritage of our region of the State and its beauty with all Marylanders, and the residents of nearby metropolitan areas. Hundreds of thousands made their first trip to Southern Maryland during the Anniversary.

Hughes had a big impact in other ways. He was Maryland's first Secretary of Transportation, and in that role pulled together the State's previously independent administrative fiefdoms of highway, transit, aviation, port, toll authority, and MVA into one department under one Secretary—combining previously independent streams of revenue into a Transportation Trust Fund. In a testament to his character and integrity, Hughes resigned in 1977 as Secretary of MDOT after an attempt to force him to award a major contract for subway construction in Baltimore to a politically connected firm, instead of the most qualified firm submitting the low bid on the project. The nearly 50-year tradition of consultation, collaboration, transparency and accountability between MDOT and the State's counties began with Harry Hughes' leadership as Maryland's first Transportation Secretary.

After the disillusionment and pervasive distrust of government in the aftermath of Vietnam and Watergate, and the stain on Maryland's reputation left by Spiro T. Agnew and Marvin Mandel, Governor Harry Hughes was the leader of character and integrity we needed to restore the honor of our State. Money, fame and power held no dominion over him. His leadership style embodied the classic virtues of self-control and steady temperament. It was a privilege to know him and work with him.

No one could have predicted the election of Harry Hughes in 1978. At critical moments throughout American history, when the need has been greatest, the hand of providence has defied the odds and given us such leaders. May fortune smile on us again in the years to come.

*Gary V. Hodge
President
Regional Policy Advisors
White Plains, MD*

Thank you to Commissioner Hewitt

To the Editor:

I would very much like to publicly thank Commissioner Mike Hewitt for his kindnesses and good will, by pulling my old SUV with a defective 4-wheel drive engagement system, out of the mud of Colton Point Museum grassy section of parking area. I was guest of the Port of Leonardtown Winery's Lauren Zimmerman at the Maryland Day Celebration and Mr. Hewitt saved me from a great embarrassment, in the presence of Ms. Zimmerman, by his prompt act of goodness. Upon seeing me unable to drive free from the mud, he, using

his own new 4 wheel drive pick-up allowed me to tie a tow rope to his own to get mine unstuck. Mr. Hewitt simply let me untie and wished me well, and went on his way, knowing I was now alright.

My utmost thanks, for such an immediate act of charity can come only from a true public servant and one of integrity. I am glad St. Mary's County can still breed such persons who live by the State motto: "Manly deeds, Womanly Words".

*John C. Fox
Hollywood*

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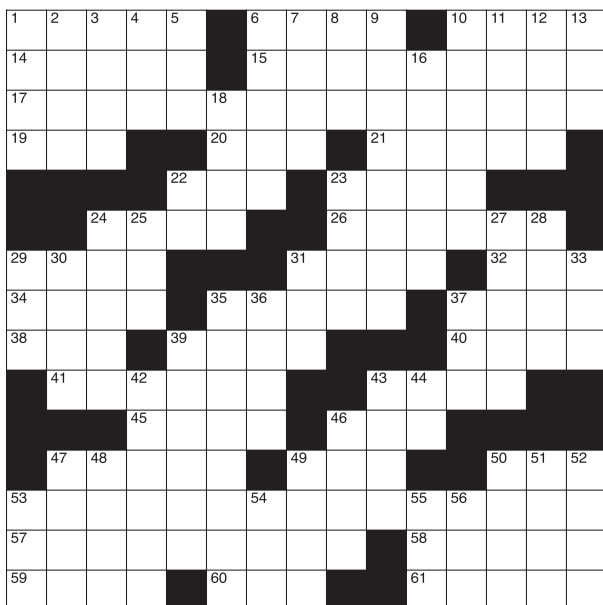
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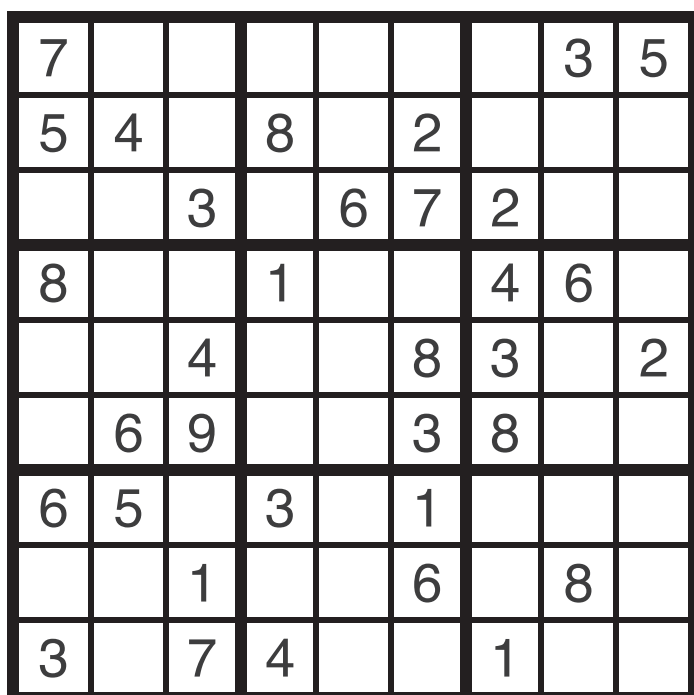
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- 6. A group of countries in special alliance
- 10. Stone
- 14. Move with a splashing sound
- 15. Can be fixed
- 17. Giving human characteristics to the nonhuman
- 19. Other side of yang (Chinese)
- 20. Consume
- 21. Gave it a go
- 22. One point north of due east
- 23. Fat used to make puddings
- 24. Turfs
- 26. Not awake
- 29. Not nice
- 31. Frighten
- 32. Political action committee

- 34. Skin problem
- 35. Type of music
- 37. Intestinal pouches
- 38. Eight
- 39. Emerald Isle
- 40. Interpret characters
- 41. Abandon
- 43. Felines
- 45. Energy and enthusiasm
- 46. Resembles a pouch
- 47. Relating to sense of smell
- 49. Swiss river
- 50. Bradley Int'l Airport
- 53. _____ yonder
- 57. Tarred and _____
- 58. Boyish
- 59. This (Spanish)
- 60. Male parent
- 61. Lounge chair

CLUES DOWN

- 1. Sports award
- 2. Monetary unit of Angola
- 3. Some animals live here



- 4. Former CIA
- 5. Global health group
- 6. Male given name
- 7. Opposite of right
- 8. Open Payment Initiative
- 9. Desert plants
- 10. A bird that cannot fly
- 11. Off-Broadway theater award
- 12. Lump of clay
- 13. Barbie's pal
- 16. Seldom
- 18. Noses
- 22. Denotes past
- 23. Selling at specially reduced prices
- 24. ___ Claus
- 25. Comes before two
- 27. Fencing swords
- 28. Nocturnal rodent
- 29. Chinese revolutionary
- 30. Electronic counter-countermeasures
- 31. Enjoyable
- 33. Villain
- 35. Discussed
- 36. Waterfall (Scottish)
- 37. Old television part (abbr.)
- 39. Roughly chipped flint
- 42. Helps change channels
- 43. ___ Sagan, astronomer
- 44. Cooling unit
- 46. Uttered words
- 47. Small integers
- 48. Type of data
- 49. Inspired
- 50. France's first Jewish PM
- 51. Famed sci-fi novel
- 52. Body parts
- 53. Nigerian City
- 54. Amount of time
- 55. Coloring material
- 56. Type of constrictor snake

Wanderings of an Aimless Mind

by Shelby Oppermann
Contributing Writer



"A bit o' this a bit o' that"

We had a hit and run in our driveway in the past week, I can't exactly pin point when, since no one will admit to it. I have a good idea when, and a really good idea who. It was a scary scene I came upon with victims laying down like scattered bowling pins – their beautiful long ears and puffy tails could have been sheared off, as it was, two ears were damaged. It was very traumatizing and reminiscent of the great burnt squirrel incident I wrote about many years ago (Sept. 2008). I confronted the alleged culprit, but he feigned a look of incredulous shock that I would accuse him of such a heinous crime. I know the truth though. I watch all the CSI shows and Criminal Minds – I was going to find evidence. It wasn't long before I could find tiny scratches on the license plate of the Mustang. When the new garage was put in, we knew it was going to be a bit difficult to back out in that part of the driveway, now we know this for sure.

So, I guess I will be making a trip to one of my most calming and happy places, Ace Hardware, for a tube of outdoor concrete caulking adhesive to lovingly put my concrete bunnies back together. The last remaining squirrel seems fine. I might concrete all of them down to the stump roots where they have their home.

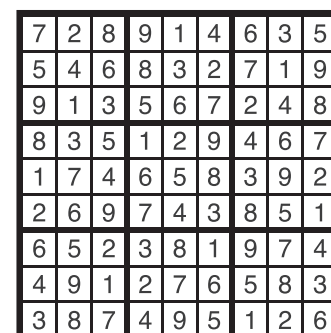
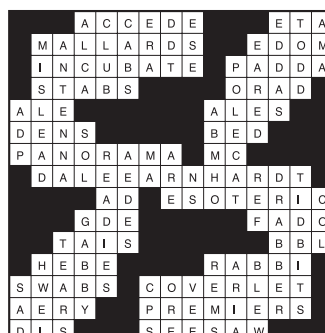
Speaking of Ace Hardware, I've have been picking up items for a project my friend Debs and I are working on the last few days. We have decided to enter a piece in the fairy house competition coming up in April at Annmarie Garden and Art Center. Today we should hopefully finish off the project except for many, many coats of polyurethane, and then carefully take it over the weekend for the curators to place. The opening night reception, which we will attend, is on Friday, April 5th from 5 to 7 pm. The Fairy & Gnome Home Festival Date is Apr 14, 2019, Time: 11am - 4:00pm, Admission: \$7 per person; Members free; kids 2 & under free. Live music, food and craft vendors are also available on festival day. It's a lot of fun – I know I am 57, but it is magical. Many exhibitors leave their fairy and gnome homes set up there permanently, along with others from past years. You can see all of them any day for 8 weeks after the festival.

These fairy and gnome houses have to sit out in all kinds of weather on the winding paths that wander around the large art center. What a beautiful setting, and it is so much fun to walk the paths and discover fairy and gnome houses hidden off the trail or off of tree limbs. Adults and children come up with the most creative ideas. Debs and I have been going to the Fairy Festival for a few years, and kept saying, "we're going to enter next year". Well, of course, each next year came and went. But this year was it. With my husband's help with the chainsaw we have created a pretty neat looking mysterious island which holds our even more mysterious fairy towers. I have included a collage of the fairy project halfway through, and one of the driveway devastation. The alleged offender's help on the fairy castle has gone a long way to make amends.

The only thing left for Debs and I to finish are our fairy headbands. I went a little overboard one evening after she left. A nice glass of wine in my hand and all of a sudden, my fairy headband looked like the European flower version of Carmen Miranda's headpiece. So, yes, I will be trimming it down a bit...without the wine, and...probably not sitting on my head.

To each new day's adventure, Shelby
Please send your comments or ideas to:
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LAST WEEK'S PUZZLE SOLUTIONS



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

Patricia Jean Burch Fisher



Patricia Jean "Patty" Burch Fisher, 70, died Friday, March 22, 2019 in Mechanicsville, MD, surrounded by her children at the home she once shared with the love of her life, Gregory Thomas Fisher who preceded her in death a few short years ago and who she has missed greatly during this time.

Patty was born in La Plata, Maryland on November 17, 1948 to the late James Clement Burch and Ruth Delma Burch (née Davis). She was also preceded in death by her step mother, Mary Elizabeth Burch (née Norris).

Patty was a loving mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother, known to all of her grandchildren as "Mom-"

She took great joy in each opportunity to be surrounded by her loved ones from holidays to impromptu gatherings at her house at the top of the hill. She was beloved by her great grandchildren who ran excitedly to the gumball machine she kept full of jelly beans and played in the village of tiny houses in her front yard. She was beloved by everyone she met and let each and every person know that they mattered to her.

Patty was known for always having a kind word for anyone and a tender heart. She loved and cared for all living creatures, including the many cats she fostered and raised, the birds she fed and watched regularly from her window, and even the deer who frequented her property to receive treats. She had a love of music and a talent for making her children, grandchildren, and great grandchildren many wonderful meals in her home.

She was a unique and irreplaceable soul who leaves behind a void that seems unimaginable, but also leaves a much greater legacy of love and memories to all who knew her.

She is survived by her children, DeDe Pullen (Jeff) of Mechanicsville, MD, Becky Marek (Dave) of Charlotte Hall, MD, Dickie Hammett III of California, MD, Margo Fisher Antonio (Eddie) of Navarre, FL, and Valerie Fisher of El Mirage, AZ. She is also survived by her thirteen grandchildren, Amanda, Megan, Danielle, Raegan, Autumn, Chas, Colton, Brianna, Logan, Alexis, Bailee,

Breanna, Casey, and her seven great grandchildren, Carter, Emma, Amelia, Finnegan, Reese, Simon, and Oliver.

The family will receive friends for Patricia Burch Fisher's Life Celebration/Viewing on Thursday, March 28, 2019 from 4pm-8pm with a short prayer service at 7pm at Brinsfield Funeral Home, 30195 Three Notch Road, Charlotte Hall, MD 20622. Funeral Services will be on Friday, March 29, 2019 at 10am at Brinsfield Funeral Home in Charlotte Hall with interment to follow at St. John Francis Regis Catholic Parish, 43950 St. John's Road, Hollywood, MD 20636

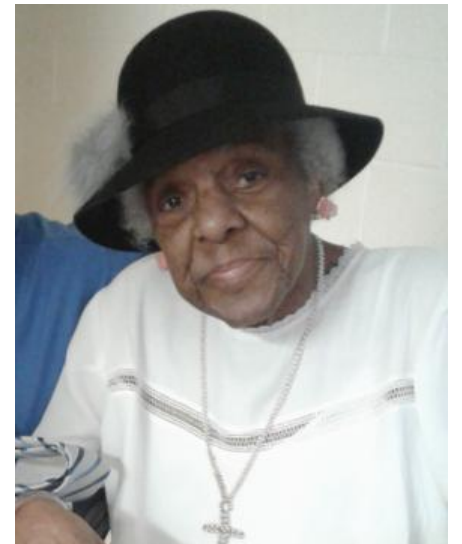
In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Hospice of St Mary's, P.O. Box 625, Leonardtown, Maryland 20650 or Pets in Need in Southern Maryland either online or PIN/Kim Holt 38873 Hidden Pond Ct, Mechanicsville MD 20659.

Nettie Marie Stevens

Nettie Marie Stevens, 97, of Leonardtown, MD (formerly of Hollywood, MD) passed away March 15, 2019 at St. Mary's Nursing Center, Leonardtown, MD.

She was born on April 25, 1921 in Hollywood, MD to the late James Victor Scriber and Nettie Lyles.

Nettie was a lifelong resident of St. Mary's County. On July 2, 1939, she married her beloved husband, Joseph I. Steven. Together they celebrated over 50



wonderful years of marriage before his passing in October 1989.

Nettie had a love for gardening and was known to have beautiful and well-kept gardens. She enjoyed Bingo and had a collection of prizes that she won from playing. Nettie was also known for making her homemade root beer during the holidays for family and friends. She was a devout Catholic and lifelong member of St. John Francis Regis Catholic Church in Hollywood, MD.

Nettie is survived by her siblings, Spencer Scriber, Sr. of Hollywood, MD and Anna Adams of LaPlata, MD; a special nephew: James L. Collins, Jr. (Theresa); and a host of loving family and friends. In addition to her parents

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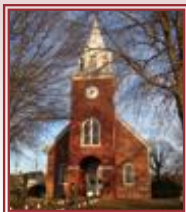
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and husband, she is also preceded in death by her sisters: Civilla Crawford, Venita Kelly, Virginia Chappell and Estelle Collins; and her brothers: Philip, Edward, Victor, Clarence, Stansbury, Saunders, James "Tommy" and Douglas Scriber.

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

Arrangements by the Brinsfield Funeral Home, P.A.

Christine Marie Russell

Christine Marie Russell, 60, of Mechanicsville, MD passed away Monday, March 18, 2019 after a courageous battle with cancer, at her home surrounded by her loving family.

She was born on February 22, 1959 in Leonardtown, MD to Delores Sinkovich of Mechanicsville, MD and the late Joseph Leonard Russell.

Christine is a 1977 graduate of Chop-ticon High School. On November 15, 1980 she married the love of her life, Charles "Charlie" Russell at St. Joseph's Catholic Church. Together they celebrated over 38 wonderful years, which included the birth of her three children and three grandchildren. She was employed over 40 dedicated years for the



Department of Defense on Patuxent River Naval Air Station until her retirement in 2018 as a Business Financial Manager (BFM).

Her family was most important to her and she was proud to be a wife, mother and grandmother. She was organized and detail oriented and always gave 110% in everything she did. As her kids were growing up, she supported them in everything they did including, education, sports and other extracurricular activities. She was outgoing, fun and adventurous, enjoyed dancing, playing

cards, photography, and buying gifts for others. She made many beautiful crocheted hats and blankets for newborns at MedStar St. Mary's Hospital and her family members. She was a delicious cook and excellent baker and enjoyed hosting family and holiday meals. At Christmas time she made elaborate hand painted sugar cookies and a breakfast feast that included her mouth-watering sticky buns. She embraced being a woman, enjoying having her hair done, pedicures and shopping. Time spent on the beach vacationing with family was her favorite summer activity. She enjoyed spending as much time as she could with her family, especially her grandchildren.

In addition to her mother, Dolores and beloved husband, Charlie, Christine is also survived by her children: Crystal Murphy (Mike) of Leonardtown, MD, Patrick Russell (Breanne) of Mechanicsville, MD, and Kara Russell of Mechanicsville, MD; her siblings: Scott A. Russell (Rebecca) of Hollywood, MD, Cheryl L. Chase (Robert) of Richmond, VA, Kent Russell (Kara) of Harrisburg, PA and Cathy Jo Russell of Richmond, VA; her special grandchildren, Noah and Makayla Murphy; and many extended family and friends. In addition to her father, Joseph L. Russell, she is also preceded in death by her precious angel and granddaughter, Lily Murphy and her brother, Dennis Russell.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Footprints for Faith 23503 Lindsay Drive, Leonardtown, MD 20650 or <https://footprints-forfaith.weebly.com/donate.html>, or Hospice of St. Mary's, P.O. Box 625, Leonardtown, MD 20650.

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Mary Rose Trayal Sahut



Mary Rose Trayal Sahut 91, passed away peacefully on 4 March 2019 at

Saint Mary's Nursing Center in Leonardtown, MD.

She was born at home in Meridian, MS on 8 August 1927 to the parents of; Cashous T. Trayal and Willie Mae Smith Trayal. Mary was the oldest sibling to Charles M. Trayal (Sarah), N. "Bryan" Trayal (Billie) and Shirley M. Ross (Leon) all from Meridian, MS.

Married on 22 Dec 1945 in Meridian, MS at Saint Patrick's to Major Raymond Louis Sahut (born in Avignon, France who immigrated in 1922 to Johnstown, NY) who preceded her death on 10 May 1957 at Nouasseur Air Depot, Morocco. Mary is survived by her sons; Raymond A. Sahut (Sherrell) of Brandon, MS and Henri "C.T." Sahut (Jan) of California, MD and two grandchildren; Philip "Brennan" Sahut and Cassi AnneMarie Sahut both from California, MD. She was especially close to her niece Sabrina R. Porter (David) of Waynesboro, MS and will be remembered and missed by her large family in Mississippi and Maryland.

Mary was a devoted Christian who loved researching and discussing various faiths. She was a stout supporter of the military, gifted and known in Meridian, MS and MD for her various artistic hobbies; quilting, painting, ceramics, sewing, etc. At one time she taught art classes at the Meridian Junior College, owned the 400 Beauty School (a Beauty Shop) and was active in her community of Meridian, MS. She so enjoyed family gatherings, traveling and spending time with her beloved grandkids and daily chats with her sister and niece.

Condolences to the family may be made at <http://www.brinsfieldfuneral.com/Obituaries>.

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In lieu of flowers, it was Mary's wish that contributions would be made to the Wounded Warriors Project: <https://support.woundedwarriorproject.org> or call (877-832-6997).

Genevieve Teresa Kennett

Genevieve Teresa "Teeny" Kennett, 85, of Avenue, MD passed away Sunday, March 17, 2019 at Solomons Nursing Center in Solomons, MD.

She was born on March 22, 1933 in Washington, D.C. to the late George W. Delahay and Veva Leach Delahay.

Teeny is a 1951 graduate of St. Mary's Academy. On October 4, 1952, she married her beloved husband, Eddie Kennett, at Saint Dominic's Catholic Church in Washington, D.C. Together they celebrated over 66 wonderful years of marriage. She worked many years managing the family farm and assisting her husband in harvesting tobacco and with the livestock. She also worked

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CPO Timothy Smith



Sandra Yvette Sullivan

as a dedicated substitute teacher for six years on a full-time basis at Chopticon High School. She also tutored many students at her home, and cared for several family members when they became sick and needed long term care. Her family was always her top priority and she was proud of all of them and loved them very much. She took pride in the family farm and keeping her home and flower gardens in meticulous order. She and her husband enjoyed travelling to Myrtle Beach to see shows and visits her husband's aunts, Sr. Thomas De-Sales Bailey (SCN) (Aunt Tea) and Sr. Sara Cecilia Bailey (SCN) (Aunt Celia), in Chattanooga and Roanoke and later in Nazareth, KY. She also enjoyed traveling with her son on work trips to Las Vegas, California and Florida. She was always ready for the next adventure. She was a past member of the Seventh District Fire Department Auxiliary and a long time member of Holy Angels Catholic Church.

In addition to her beloved husband, Eddie, Teeny is also survived by her son, George D. Kennett (Mary) of Avenue, MD; her grandchildren: Kristina Johnson (Benny) of Hollywood, MD, George "Robbie" Kennett of Mechanicsville, MD, Steven Edward Kennett of Avenue, MD, and Hayleigh Kennett of Avenue, MD; her step-granddaughter, Katie Ramos of Leonardtown, MD; her great grandchildren: Evan, Jenna and Bryce Johnson; and many extended family and friends. In addition to her parents she is also preceded in death by her son, Robert "Rooster" Kennett and her siblings: Dorothy Leahy, Lois Marie Russell, Eleanor Delahay, Jimmy Delahay, and George Delahay.

Memorial contributions may be made to Seventh District Volunteer Rescue Squad, P.O. Box 7, Avenue, MD 20609.

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CPO Timothy "Smitty" Smith, USN (Ret.), 68 of Lexington Park, MD passed away on March 4, 2019 at Hospice House in Callaway.

Smitty was born on November 1, 1950 in Columbus, OH to the late James Smith and Helen Fern Polling Smith. Smitty was a graduate of Marysville High School, Marysville, OH

Smitty enlisted in the United States Navy on January 12, 1970 and proudly served his country until his retirement on June 30, 1992. During his enlistment, Smitty received numerous awards and medals for his heroic actions. Smitty married Anne Smith on July 1, 1992. Upon his retirement from the U. S. Navy, Smitty worked for 22 years at NAVAIR supporting the CH-53 and CH-53K programs. The greatest joys in his life were his love of his country and his family. Smitty was a member of the Fleet Reserve Association Branch 93 and played slow pitch softball for the U.S. Navy as a catcher and is now in the softball Hall of Fame for the Navy.

In addition to his wife, Smitty is survived by his children, Mary Beth Miller (Steve), of Middlebury, IN, Amy Lakin, of Lexington Park, MD, Shelley Mascaro (Joe), of Lexington Park, MD, and Chris Myers (Amy), of Pickerington, OH; grandchildren, Matthew White, Kayleigh Miller, Nicholas Miller, Victoria Lakin, Joshua Mascaro, Brianna Myers, and Aiden Myers; great grandchildren, Ellie Mae White and Antonio Ramos; niece, Amy Gehrig (Jim); nephews, Gary Smith (Darla), Kelly Reed (Jody), Benjamin Nash; Brother-in-law Louis Nash; Sister-in-law Barbara Nash and many great nieces and nephews. He is preceded in death by his siblings, Ruth Anne Reed (Merril) and Ronald Smith, and niece, Kendra Vanscoy.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Hospice House of St. Mary's, P.O. Box 625, Leonardtown, MD 20650.

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Sandra Yvette (Armstrong) Sullivan, 46, was born on March 24, 1972 in Leonardtown, Maryland to Rebecca Ann Armstrong and James Stewart. After a lengthy illness, on March 13, 2019, in Prince George's County, Maryland, Sandra transitioned home with our heavenly father.

Sandra was affectionately called Sandra by her mother. Sandra and her two brothers, Marvin Lamont Armstrong and Anthony Jovan Swales were raised by their mother, Rebecca Armstrong and John (Gum) Swales in Leonardtown, Maryland.

Educated in the St. Mary's County School System, Sandra attended Dynard Elementary School, Spring Ridge Middle School and Great Mills High School. After completion of the ninth grade at Great Mills High, Sandra transferred to Leonardtown High School graduating in 1989. Sandra continued her education by attending Strayer University in Suitland, Maryland.

Sandra was a fun and loving spirit, with a heart of gold! She loved spending time with family and friends often

talking "smack" while playing spades or deuces. Sandra enjoyed dancing and was usually the "life of the party." She was fashionable and full of confidence. When she entered a room you knew she was there! Rarely would anything seem to be a challenge to Sandra and if it did the more confident she would become.

She worked as a Personnel Security Specialist, for over 20 years across various agencies of the Federal Government. Sandra was hard worker and took pride in her career.

Anthony Michael (Marcus) Sullivan knew the way to Sandra's heart and on June 5, 2013, they joined as one. Sandra adored Marcus and looked forward to all the delicious Jamaican dishes he lovingly prepared. Sandra and Marcus built a business together and enjoyed taking cruises and vacationing.

Sandra was preceded in death by her maternal grandparents: Agnes and Richard Herbert, Cora Armstrong and Edgar Jones. She leaves to cherish many fond memories: her husband, Anthony Michael (Marcus) Sullivan; her paternal grandmother, Jane Catherine Taylor; a loving mother, Rebecca Armstrong (John); her father James Stewart; two loving brothers, Marvin Armstrong (Krystal) and Anthony Swales; two precious nieces, Jada Aneisha Swales and Jazlynn Nicole Swales; a special friend, Joseph Proctor and close friends, Linda Hinmon and Otis Brown along with many aunts, uncles, cousins and friends.

Memorial contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society, 405 Williams Court, Ste. 120, Baltimore, MD 21220.

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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.

UPCOMING

Volunteer Opportunities

Historic Sotterley Plantation: Museum Store/Visitor Center. Become a Docent. Garden Guild Volunteers. May 1 thru October 31. Tuesdays-Saturdays: 10:00 AM-4:00 PM. Sundays: Noon-4:00 PM. To volunteer or make inquiries, call 301-373-2280 or email: oficemanager@sotterley.org.

Recreation and Parks

Accepting Applications for Water Safety Instructors at the Great Mills Pool. www.st-marysmd.com

7th Annual Walk, Run & Roll

Register now for this April 27 event at Greenwell State Park! Proceeds from this family event supports Bay Community Support Services mission to enrich the lives of individuals with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities. www.baycss.org/walk

ONGOING

Drive Thru Seafood Dinner

Third District Optimist Club is having a drive thru seafood dinner every Friday starting now thru April 19 starting at 4 PM, weather permitting. We will be set up in the St. Mary's County Fairgrounds parking lot in front of the main gate. Dinner is \$10 and will include fish fillet, shrimp, clam strips, fries, hush puppies, and applesauce.

Brighton Beach Memoirs

This bittersweet memoir captures the life of a young teen living in a struggling 1937 Jewish household. Presented by The Newtowne Players at the Three Notch Theatre, 21744 S. Coral Dr., Lexington Park through April 14. 8:00 PM.

Adults \$15. Seniors, students, military \$12. Age 12 and under free. 301-737-5447. Tickets: www.ntpshows.org

Paper Clover Campaign

Through April 7 St. Mary's County Tractor Supply customers can participate in the 2019 Spring Paper Clover campaign. Purchase paper clovers for \$1 or more at checkout to help St. Mary's County 4-H members attend 4-H camps and leadership events. Go.umd.edu/smc4H.

Essay Contest

Southern Maryland Sierra Club contest for one highschooler and one college student to attend Sierra Club's Sprog Summer Program. Visit Southern Maryland Sierra Club Facebook Events or email southernmaryland@mdsierra.org with questions.

Academy Application

St. Mary's County Public Schools is accepting online applications for its four signature Academy Programs at www.smcps.org/academies until Friday, April 19. Late applications will not be accepted. Department of Curriculum and Instruction, 301-475-5511 x32104.

Thursday, March 28

Dinner and Show

Esperanza Middle School
5:00 - 8:00 PM

The Theater/Musical Department presents Elk, Jr. to benefit Christmas in April, St. Mary's County, Inc. Dinner and Show - \$5.00 cash. 301-997-6161 or 301-884-2905.

Where the River Meets the Bay

Calvert Marine Museum, Harms Gallery, Solomons
7:00 PM

The Long Road to Chesapeake Bay Clean Waters: History, Tough Issues and Recent Successes. Presented by Dr. Walt Boynton. The first in a series exploring the history and natural environment of the unique and colorful region in which we reside. Free. 410-326-2042. www.calvertmarinemuseum.com

Fri. - Sun., March 29 - 31

You're A Good Man, Charlie Brown

Leonardtown Middle School
Fri. 7:00 PM. Sat. 1:00 and 7:00 PM. Sun. 3:00 PM

Play production put on by the Leonardtown Middle School. \$5 per person. Come and support LMS.

Friday, March 29

The Big Raffle

Cedar Lane Senior Living Community, 22680 Cedar Lane Court, Leonardtown
12:00 PM

Tickets \$100 each. Only 400 will be sold! Progressive drawing each Friday. \$10,000 Grand Prize drawing May 3. Do not have to be present to win; winners notified. Tickets at the Cedar Lane Main Entrance (Mon.-Fri., 9:00 AM-6:00 PM) or call 301-475-8966. Friends of Cedar Lane.

Smoke Free Holy Grounds

Lexington Park Library, FDR Blvd.
1:00 - 2:00 PM

The Tobacco Free Living (TFL) Action Team of the Healthy St. Mary's Partnership host an open information session for local faith-based organizations. Info: Healthy St. Mary's Partnership 301-475-6777 or stmaryspartnership@gmail.com.

Lenten Seafood Dinners

Immaculate Heart of Mary Church, Lexington Park
4:00 - 7:00 PM

Fried rockfish or baked haddock, \$12. Fried or steamed shrimp, \$14. Fried oysters, \$15. Each meal with cornbread and two sides. Deserts for purchase. 301-863-8144

Lenten Fish Dinner

St. George Catholic Church, Valley Lee
4:00 - 6:30 PM

Knights of Columbus dinners Fridays. Catfish, pancit, mac&cheese and more.

Elks Texas Hold'em Tournament

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

No Limit Texas Holdem Poker Tournament. \$60 Buy in. \$5 add on. Food and beverage for purchase. James Dean 240-577-0828. Email: jdeanjunior@yahoo.com

Jamaica Kincaid

St. Mary's Hall, St. Mary's College of Maryland
7:30 - 9:30 PM

The Office of the President presents writer, novelist, and professor Jamaica Kincaid. Free and open to the public. Reservations required at www.smcm.edu/kincaid.

Saturday, March 30

Looking for Trouble 5K

Three Notch Trail, Northern Senior Center, Charlotte Hall
9:00 AM

Join the Community Mediation Center St. Mary's County and the St. Mary's Sheriff's Dept. Register: Adults \$30. Youth 9-14 \$25. Youth 1-8 \$20.

www.CommunityMediationSMC.org/LFT5k

Spring Paper Clover Campaign

Tractor Supply, Hollywood
The Backyard Critters 4-H Club demonstrate various 4-H project activities. Purchase paper clovers for \$1 or more at checkout to help St. Mary's County 4-H members attend 4-H camps and leadership events. Go.umd.edu/smc4H. 301-475-4478

Come to the Table Conference

Faith Bible Church, 26325 Three Notch Road, Mechanicsville
9:00 AM - 5:00 PM

The silent Epidemic! Dr. Doug Weiss helps people understand sexual addiction and negative addictive process and phases in human relationships. For ages 16+ with parent. Tickets: come-to-the-table-conference-fbc.eventbrite.com. Contact: Tom 443-752-2795 or Michele 717-940-6812

Spring Craft Show

All Saints Parish Hall, 21656 Oakley Rd., Avenue
9:00 AM - 3:00 PM

Featuring crafts by Rita Weaver, Jeanne Raley, Marie Friess, Bailey Bug Creations and many more. Miss Vivian's Barbeque available for purchase. Proceeds benefit All Saints' Episcopal Church Restoration Project.

Community Auction

King's Christian Academy, 20738 Pt. Lookout, Callaway
11:00 AM - 5:00 PM

Live and silent auction. Yard sale. Activities for kids. Something for everyone. www.KCAeagles.org

Insider's Tour at Sotterley

Sotterley Plantation, Hollywood
11:00 AM and 1:00 PM

New specialty tour entitled "Love in the Afternoon!" highlights spaces not normally seen and stories not usually shared. Limit 18 people per tour. Advance reservations required. No walk-ins. Online ticketing: www.sotterley.org. 301-373-2280.

Sunday, March 31

Breakfast with the Easter Bunny

7th District Firehouse, 21660 Colton Point Rd. Avenue
8:00 - 11:00 AM

Menu includes Pancakes, Scrambled Eggs, Bacon, Sausage, Home Fries, Baked Apple Dessert, Coffee, Tea, Milk and Juice. Adults \$11. Senior Citizens \$10. Children 4-12 \$3. Age 3 and under free. Don't forget your camera!

American Legion Turkey Shoot

Big Foot Hunt Club, 24450 Pin Cushion Rd., Loveville
10:00 AM - 3:00 PM

\$80 for 15 rounds. 10 Meat Rounds. 5 Cash rounds. For more info contact the Post 301-274-3522.

Spring Designer Purse Bingo

Hollywood Volunteer Fire Department Social Hall
11:30 AM

Early birds bingo 1:00. Pull tabs, 50/50, food, door prizes & more. \$30 for 20 regular games. Proceeds benefit the 2019 BECA Scholarship Program and local projects. Hosted by the Charlotte Hall & Leonardtown Rotary Club. 240-298-3885

Turkey Shoot

Mechanicsville Moose Lodge
1:00 - 5:30 PM
Sign up at 12 noon. First round goes off at 1:00. Shoot for money and prizes. Jimmy Suite 240-417-5767.

Sacred Music

St. Aloysius Church, 22800 Washington St., Leonardtown
3:00 PM

Pastor, Father David Beaubien will sing many selections arranged by him. The St. Aloysius Handbell Ensemble will perform. Part of the Kalnasy Concert Series. keyofgmh@gmail.com

Monday, April 1

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. \$15/year; no dues first four visits. 240-794-8033.

CABSorg.WixSite.com/CABS

Tuesday, April 2

Tiny Bubbles Mentoring

Chesapeake Biological Laboratory, Solomons,
7:00 - 8:00 PM

For community college STEM students. At this public Science for Citizens seminar, Dr. Lapham will discuss a program to encourage students to get involved in STEM. Free. Seating is first-come, first-served. www.umces.edu/cbl/science-citizens

Wednesday, April 3

Little Explorers: Springtime

Historic St. Mary's City, 18751 Hogaboom Lane
10:00 - 11:00 AM

Meet at the Visitor Center. Designed for pre-school age children 3-5 years old and an accompanying adult. \$4 per child (\$3 Friends members); one accompanying adult free. Full-day admission included. 240-895-4990, info@HSMCdighistory.org, www.HSMCdighistory.org

Thursday, April 4

Footloose the Musical

Great Mills High School Auditorium
6:30 - 8:30 PM

One of the most explosive movie musicals in recent memory. FOOTLOOSE celebrates the wisdom of listening to young people, guiding them with a warm heart and an open mind. Presented by Great Mills and Lighthouse Productions. Based on the original screenplay by Dean Pitchford. Visit: www.gmhslp.weebly

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Pop-up LIFE presentation

Join us on Friday, April 5, from 9:30 – 11 a.m. in Room 14 of the Potomac Building for an informative presentation by Susan Youhn entitled Amazing Grace. Learn about Rear Admiral Grace Hopper, her many achievements including her World War II work on the Mark I computer; her difficult transfer to civilian life, her work on the COBOL programming language, and her many honors. Ms. Youhn is always an interesting, informative speaker presenting wonderfully historical information. This presentation is part of the LIFE (Learning is ForEver) program and is free of charge. Advance registration is required. Please call 301-475-4200, ext. 71063, to preregister or complete the LIFE registration form at any of the senior activity centers in the county.

LIFE Trip to James E. Richmond Science Center

On Wednesday, April 3, enjoy an afternoon trip to the James E. Richmond Science Center, an amazing facility in nearby Charles County. First, an instructor will demonstrate the National Oceanic & Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) Science on a Sphere® (SOS), a room-sized globe that provides visual instruction about science, the Earth, and the environment. Then we enter the Digital Dome classroom. With a diameter of 60 feet and seating for up to 184 people, the Digital Dome classroom is one of the

largest of its kind! Enjoy the 35-minute film "Perfect Little Planet." Following the film, take in a planetarium show of the current seasonal sky. This tour is part of the LIFE (Learning is ForEver) program and is led by Melissa Georgiou. Van departs from the Garvey Senior Activity Center at 12:45 p.m. and returns around 4:30 p.m. Please arrive at the Center by 12:30 p.m. to sign-in. Register at any of the county's senior activity centers. Fee is \$20 and includes transportation, van driver tip and museum admission. Call 301-475-4200, ext. 71063, for more information.

Living Well with Chronic Conditions

Could you benefit from more control and confidence in the management of your chronic health condition? Living Well with Chronic Conditions is an evidence-based program developed by Stanford University to support those dealing with chronic health issues. The small group promotes introspection, sharing and action by addressing topics (pain, frustration, sleeping, talking with practitioners, etc.) and learning and practicing coping techniques (brainstorming, problem solving, action plans and more.) This series is being held at the Northern Senior Activity Center in Charlotte Hall on Mondays, April 1-May 6, from 12:30-3 p.m. It is intergenerational so it is open to adults of all ages. It is also fully-funded making it easy and affordable to participate.

A commitment from participants to attend all six sessions is needed for good results. Call now: 301-475-4200, ext. 73102.

R&B Line Dancing

A new session of R & B Line Dance is starting at the Garvey Senior Activity Center for this fun class on Monday, April 1-April 29, at 1:30 p.m. If you have ever wanted to learn some of the line dances that are all the rage right now come on in and join us! We will be taking it step by step and learning dances like the Cupid Shuffle or The Wobble. The cost per class will be \$2; payable at the time of the class. Call the Garvey Senior Activity Center at 301-475-4200, ext. 71050, for more information.

Intro to Shamanism

The Northern Senior Activity Center will have an Intro to Shamanism workshop on Thursday, April 4 from 1-3 p.m. In this class you will learn the history of shamanism, its view on illness and treatment; you'll meet your power animal and begin, if you like, practicing a tradition that is 40,000-100,000 years old. Most cultures around the world have ancestries that were shamanic in nature. From the British Isles, to China, to Australia, Africa, and North and South America you can find traces of village, or nomadic tribes who practiced Shamanism. This is not a religion; one can be any religion and use this spiritual practice to enhance their own connec-

tions to their higher power. This class is led by Deanna Slate Stennett, Maryland Licensed Acupuncturist and Nationally Certified Diplomat with NCCAOM. She holds a Master's Degree in Transformative Leadership and Social Change. She is a graduate of the three year program in the Foundation for Shamanic Studies, Tom Cowan's two-year program in Celtic Shamanism and Sandra Ingerman's two year Shamanic teachers' training program. The cost of this class is \$25 and is due at sign up. Space is limited. To sign up with payment in advance, please visit the front desk. For availability call 301-475-4200, ext. 73103.

Walk with Ease Is Coming Back to Loffler

The Arthritis Foundation has developed a program that uses walking to relieve the pain and stress of arthritis. This six-week program is part classroom instruction and part walking and has been shown to reduce the pain of arthritis and improve your overall health. This series will be offered at the Loffler Senior Activity Center for free! It is an evidence-based program that is taught by Arthritis Foundation-trained lay leaders. Classes will take place on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays, April 8-May 17, 9-11 a.m. Commitment to regular class attendance and follow up at home is required. Call 301-475-6019 to sign up. Class size is limited. Free.

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Game Night for Teens Living with Autism

Leonardtown Library will hold a Game night for Teens Living with Autism on Tuesday, April 9 from 5:30 – 7:30 p.m. Enjoy games of all sizes, from card games and jigsaw puzzles to a giant version of memory! Designed for teens living on the spectrum. There will be scheduled breaks, an area to chill out, and fidgets readily available. Caregivers welcome, but not required to stay. Registration required. Contact Elizabeth Davis at edavis@stmalib.org for questions.

What is a Financial Advisor and How to Choose One

Lexington Park Library will hold a class about 'What is a Financial Advisor and How to Choose One' on Tuesday, April 9 from 6 – 7:45 p.m. A basic overview on financial advisors answering questions about how to find and work with an investment

professional, what are the various types of advisors, interviewing and working with a financial advisor. Also learn about BrokerCheck by FINRA. BrokerCheck is a free tool that shows you employment history, certifications, licenses, and any violations for brokers and investment advisors. FINRA (Financial Industry Regulatory Authority, Inc.) is dedicated to investor protection and market integrity. It regulates brokerage firms doing business with the public. Please register on www.stmalib.org.

Virtual Reality Roadshow

The three locations of the St. Mary's County Library will each hold a Virtual Reality Roadshow. Charlotte Hall Library will hold the roadshow on Wednesday, April 10 from 2 – 4 p.m., Leonardtown Library will hold the roadshow on Friday, April 12 from 2- 4 p.m., and Lexington Park will hold two roadshows on Thursday, April 11 from 2 – 3:30 p.m. and from 5:30 – 7:30 p.m. Drop in and explore virtual reality in seated and standing experiences with Oculus Rift and Google Expeditions! All ages are welcome. We encourage everyone in the family to join us for this awesome event!

Paws to Read

Charlotte Hall Library will hold a Paws to Read

on Thursday, April 11 from 5 – 6:45 p.m. For beginning readers, or any student who needs a confidence boost. Join "Pets on Wheels" to practice reading out loud to a therapy dog for 15 minute sessions. Register for a time slot on www.stmalib.org. Readers should bring a book, or arrive at least 20 minutes early for help to choose a book.

Capture the Flag: Ethical Hacking Cybersecurity Competition

Lexington Park Library will host MAGIC's Capture the Flag Ethical Hacking Competition on Saturday, April 13 from 11 a.m. - 4 p.m. MAGIC's Capture the Flag is an ethical hacking cybersecurity competition for entry-level participants at the high school and college level. No prior experience is required and the event is free for participants. MAGIC's CTF will feature teams of 2-4 students working their way through a series of cybersecurity puzzles set up in a "jeopardy" style format to find hidden flags to earn points. Coaches will be on site to help students if needed. Bring your laptop if you have one! We will have some extras if needed. Check-in begins at 11 a.m. and the event begins at 12 noon. Arrive before noon to try out the Oculus Rift VR system! Registration is required on www.stmalib.org.



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