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Derelict Vessel Shipped Out on Barge



The derelict vessel in the Patuxent River was removed March 28

By Guy Leonard
Staff Writer

An old U.S. Naval Academy training vessel that was left to float in local waters and came to rest in the West Basin of the Patuxent River late last year has been removed.

The craft sank in shallow water last August and began to leak pollutants such as fuel oil and lubricants; emergency response personnel at Patuxent River Naval Air Station constructed a floating boom around the 108-foot craft to contain the spill.

Petty Officer Seth Johnson, U.S. Coast Guard spokesman, said the final tally of pollutants removed from the ship and the surrounding areas was 2,200 gallons of diesel fuel and 20 gallons of lubricants.

Johnson told The County Times the plan to remove the derelict craft was authorized March 1 and the assets to accomplish the task arrived on scene March 21.

By March 27 a massive crane had hoisted the craft onto a barge and the vessel shipped out the evening of March 28.

The Miller Environmental Group worked to clean up the pollutants, he said, while Domjon Marine Services removed the vessel.

The vessel will be destroyed at a ship breaking facility in Newark, N.J., John-

son said.

The entire effort to clean up after and remove the vessel could cost up to \$1.4 million.

“That’s the estimated cost ceiling,” Johnson said.

The effort comprised multiple government agencies including the Maryland environment and natural resources departments, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, NOAA, FAA, the U.S. Navy and the Coast Guard.

The two owners of the boat have been charged with abandoning it and face their day in court later this spring. Ronald Phillip Ferry, of Virginia and Jared David Kaplan Russell, of Takoma Park could each face up to six months in jail or a \$1,000 fine if convicted of the single charge.

County Commissioner Todd Morgan was pleased to see the vessel removed; it came to rest directly in front of his property on the Patuxent River.

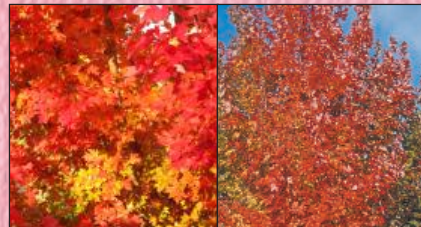
In earlier interviews he said the boat had been floating around local waters since the Spring of last year.

“Well, it only took a year for the Coast Guard and [Maryland] DNR to get it out,” Morgan said. “It’s in time for boating season.”

“Thank goodness.”

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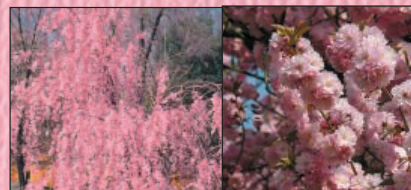
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Commissioners Playing Defense on Tax Increases

By Guy Leonard
Staff Writer

Several county commissioners said this week that they have gotten repeated calls from constituents about their recent decision to raise property and income taxes to come up with nearly \$10 million to fund schools, public safety and employee salary increases.

They were quick to say that they didn't want to raise taxes but they saw little choice.

"There's no easy way out," said Commissioner Mike Hewitt. "We've got the minimum wage hike, the Kirwan Commission and employee salaries that are 10 to 12 percent behind other jurisdictions."

He offered to field any questions on his personal cell phone but would not respond to the mounting comments on-line.

"I will not respond to social media," Hewitt said.

He said there was much uncertainty in Annapolis as to whether the Kirwan Commission legislation, which seeks to increase spending statewide by \$ 4 billion over the next several years would pass this year.

He said he invited Delegates Matt Morgan and Gerald "Jerry" Clark to talk with commissioners about legislation's status "so that we're reacting to reality instead of reacting to rumors."

The proposed tax hikes would take the income tax rate from 3 percent to 3.2 percent and the property tax rate from 85 cents per \$100 of assessed value to 90 cents.

Hewitt said last week the county had to remain "pragmatic" in the face of complaints from residents that

elected leaders should deny requests from county employees and the school system for more funds.

He said this week that there were still two more public budget work sessions, May 7 and May 14, for the Commissioners of St. Mary's County to finalize their \$259 million operating budget.

The public hearing on the budget, proposed tax increases as well as other fee hikes is scheduled for April 23 at Leonardtown High School.

"Things can change," Hewitt said.

Commissioner Eric Colvin said others have questioned the decision to hike taxes.

"Many people have reached out to me also," Colvin said. "This is not an easy decision... but the county requires a certain level of service."

"This has been an interesting budget process; it's not over yet."

Commissioner John O'Connor, who was the lone vote against taking the budget to public hearing last week, disagreed that the commissioners had to constantly react to outside forces.

"I vehemently disagree about being dealt a bad hand," O'Connor said. "We deal the cards."



In a social media post, O'Connor criticized the decision to increase taxes while simultaneously removing some funding for public safety and school security.

"I will not support a budget that does not fully fund school safety and public safety meanwhile substantially increasing taxes on our citizens," O'Connor wrote last week. "There were many other ways to balance this budget without placing such a tremendous financial burden on the citizens of this county."

"The easy road was increasing taxes without looking at the big picture."

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Defendant Indicted in Fatal Police Chase Zimmerman Brings Home the Gold

By Guy Leonard
Staff Writer

A St. Mary's County Grand Jury returned an indictment against Machiavelli Tyzhae Savoy, 20, last month, the result of a police pursuit in which Savoy crashed his vehicle into that owned by Carol Jean Anderson, 87.

Both sustained severe injuries and Anderson died within days of the crash.

The indictment charges Savoy with multiple counts including fleeing and eluding police and illegal possession of a firearm but does not charge him for the fatal crash.

Assistant State's Attorney Daniel White, who is prosecuting the case, said at the time the Grand Jury handed down the indictment, the victim in the crash was still alive.

He said a superseding indictment would be forthcoming; the Grand Jury meets only once a month.

"I intend to file a homicide charge in this case," White said.

On the day of the crash law enforcement officers located Savoy, 20 of Lexington Park, operating a vehicle in the area of Midway Drive in Lexington Park. Savoy was wanted on numerous outstanding warrants, including illegally possessing and transporting a

handgun. Officers attempted to take Savoy into custody, however Savoy refused to stop and a pursuit ensued, police reports stated. During the pursuit, Savoy lost control of the vehicle he was operating while negotiating a curve on Pegg Road. Savoy's vehicle crossed the centerline of the roadway, and was struck by Anderson's vehicle.

Both vehicles caught fire and both drivers had to be extracted; Anderson suffered burns to her left side.

Both Savoy and Anderson sustained serious injuries from the crash; sources close to the investigation said Savoy was not initially expected to live due to the severe injuries he suffered.

Two of Savoy's family members, Carla Yvette Blanton, 48, and Corrina Lyevette Savoy, 24, arrived on the scene of the accident and began to assault and impede law officers and rescue personnel, police reported and both were arrested and charged.



Savoy

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By Guy Leonard
Staff Writer

Local special Olympian Kegan Zimmerman fulfilled his promise when he went to the Special Olympics World Games in Abu Dhabi last month, bringing home not just one gold medal but two with a silver medal, as well.

Zimmerman, 33, won his first gold medal in the 5-kilometer time trials on his bicycle and then again for the 10-kilometer race.

The games began March 14, Zimmerman's birthday and he returned March 23.

"I feel fantastic," Zimmerman said of his victory. "When I won the first gold medal, I called my mom.

"I was crying, and she was crying, too."

Zimmerman became a local celebrity when he campaigned to raise funds to travel to Abu Dhabi; the trip was not just for a competition, but it became an adventure.

"It was a once in a lifetime opportunity," Zimmerman said. "We got time to go sight-seeing, and I got the chance to ride a camel.

"It was a soft ride."

And then there was the heat.

"It was hot, we had to drink water

all the time," Zimmerman said. "It was different, it was like Florida with palm trees growing everywhere you go.

"But it was desolate."

There weren't too many details of his time there left to chance, he said, since his coaches carefully monitored his water intake and his food.

"They told us what we could eat and what we couldn't eat," Zimmerman said. "That meant no sweets.

"Our coaches weren't just our coaches, but our mentors."

When he arrived in a foreign land he wasn't really sure he could make good on his promise to bring home the gold, but he won through.

"I only had one shot," Zimmerman said. "I did not expect to get three medals from the world games."



Kegan Zimmerman after winning his three Special Olympics medal in Abu Dhabi.

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Winegardner Auto Folds Up Shop in St. Mary's



Winegardner automotive has been bought out by a new franchise in Leonardtown

By Guy Leonard
Staff Writer

Winegardner Automotive Group, which has car dealerships all over Southern Maryland, has sold its business in Leonardtown to Kody Holdings, another car sales group, and appears to be leaving St. Mary's County.

Winegardner had purchased the Bell Motor Co. in Leonardtown several years ago and, according to Mayor Dan Burrell they had just signed another five-year lease with a member of the Bell family who still owned the building on Washington Street in the town square.

"They weren't looking to move," Burrell said after gaining knowledge of the buyout. "They were just made an offer they couldn't refuse."

The business has been renamed Leonardtown Chevrolet Buick GMC and joins in the group under Kody Holdings that now owns Leonardtown Ford and

Lexington Park Ford and Waldorf Ford. Kody Holdings, owned by Tom Kody, is also planning to build a dealership on Route 235 in Lexington Park.

Winegardner still has dealerships in Prince Frederick, Fort Washington and Brandywine; an announcement of their intention to sell their St. Mary's business stated they still plan other business expansion projects but did not give details.

"When we acquired Bell Motor Company in 2009 it quickly became one of our best performing dealerships," the statement read. "Many of the employees from Bell Motor continued to work for us and some even became members of the Winegardner Family."

"In fact, many of you feel like part of our family. Leaving this great community is what made this decision so difficult."

The statement intimated that employees at the Leonardtown location would be moved to other Winegardner dealerships.

Winegardner had plans to move its Leonardtown location to one in Hollywood next to a planned commercial center at the intersection of Sotterley Road and Route 235 but the buyout could have effects on those plans.

Calls to both Winegardner and Kody Holdings were not returned as of press time for comment on this story.

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Hospice Run/Walk Goes Into 24th Year

By Guy Leonard
Staff Writer

The annual run/walk for St. Mary's Hospice hopes to raise \$100,000 this year, according to its lead organizer Jim Dicus; hundreds register each year, often in the name of someone they lost but who received hospice care.

"The event is growing every year," Dicus said. "It's a phenomenon."

"They come out each year to support each other through a loss and they'll be there to support hospice."

The five-kilometer race will begin and end at the county governmental center, while the Defender's Cup, what Dicus called "an event in an event," will be a 10-kilometer race open to active and retired military as well as civil servants and defense contractors.

It will be the cup's 20th year.

"We wanted to pay tribute to those who put on the uniform," Dicus said. "We're doing a tribute this year to the Sterling Seven... who fought in World War II."

"They really distinguished themselves and were all from Leonardtown."

St. Mary's Hospice gives comfort and aid to the terminally ill and the annual



The Hospice run walk event

event raises funds to ensure the facility can continue its mission.

"We all have to face death," Dicus said. "It's great to have an organization so people don't have to go through it alone."

The event not only raises funds, but it also elevates the mission of hospice throughout the community, he said.

"We're closing in on the \$1 million mark for fundraising," Dicus said. "Hopefully, we'll bring in \$100,000 this year."

"People come out in rain, sleet and all kinds of weather; because of this event people know about hospice."

To register for the event visit runforhospice.org.

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Legislature Overrides \$15 Minimum Wage Veto Increase to be Phased in Beginning Next Year

By Dick Myers
Editor

In a highly unusual chain of circumstances, a bill creating a phased-in rise in Maryland's minimum wage to \$15 an hour will become effective June 1. What was unusual was that the bill passed the Maryland General Assembly, Governor Larry Hogan vetoed it and then the General Assembly overrode the veto, all well before the end of this year's session. Normally, bills get vetoed after the session is over, forcing a special session for an override or waiting until the early days of the next year's session.

The bill phases in the increase to \$15 an hour by January 1, 2025, with a longer phase-in for employers with 14 or fewer employees. The Board of Public Works (BPW) may temporarily suspend a scheduled increase in the state minimum wage for one-year under specified circumstances.

The phase in is as follows: \$11 per hour as of January 1, 2020; \$11.75 per hour as of January 1, 2021; \$12.50 per hour as of January 1, 2022; \$13.25 per hour as of January 1, 2023; \$14 per hour as of January 1, 2024; and \$15 per hour as of January 1, 2025.

The override of the governor's veto by the Maryland Senate was by a margin of 32-15, strictly along party lines. The original legislation was by Senator Cory McCray (D-Baltimore City).

Ricarra Jones of Maryland's Fight for \$15 Coalition released the following statement on behalf of the Coalition after the Maryland General Assembly voted to override Governor Larry Hogan's veto:

"We are thrilled the Maryland General Assembly did what was needed in Maryland and overrode Governor Hogan's veto today to pass the minimum wage bill. Hogan vetoed the bill based on unfounded claims and big business interests, turning his back on hundreds of thousands of workers who can't survive on \$400 a week. Today, our legislative leaders righted his wrong and raised the wage to lift up so many hard-working people in our state. Today was a victory for working families."

"Maryland Fight for \$15 coalition members include representatives from more than 200 faith, labor and community organizations and small businesses all working to make life better for workers and their families. Participating organizations include 1199SEIU, American Federation of State County and Municipal Employees (AFSCME), Businesses for a Fair Minimum Wage, CASA, Job Opportunities Task Force (JOTF), Jews United for Justice, Maryland State Education Association (MSEA), Maryland Working Families, National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP), Progressive Maryland, Public Justice Center, United Food Commercial Workers (UFCW), Women's Law Center of Maryland, and many others.

Governor Hogan, saying it "could cost us jobs, negatively impact our economic

competitiveness, and devastate our state's economy," issued the following detailed explanation for his action:

This measure would cost Maryland more than 99,000 jobs. "A recent study on the issue of a \$15 minimum wage concluded that Maryland private sector employment would be reduced by over 99,000 jobs and our state's economic output would decline by more than \$61 billion over the next decade. This same report estimates that more than half of the job losses would be in small businesses. I am extremely concerned that a dramatic and geographically disproportionate increase in our minimum wage will negatively impact our competitiveness and harm our state's economy."

Legislators ignored Governor Hogan's reasonable compromise proposal. "In the spirit of compromise, I provided the General Assembly with several reasonable options that would have provided for an increase in the minimum wage but not negatively impact jobs and businesses in Maryland. Unfortunately, those efforts were completely ignored. I proposed a manageable, phased increase of the minimum wage by two dollars to \$12.10 by the year 2022. I also proposed that the legislature attach a trigger that would make any further increases above \$12.10 effective only if our surrounding states reached a combined average of 80% of our wage."

This measure would hurt Maryland's competitiveness and push small businesses out of the state. "Small businesses faced with the choice between a \$7.25 wage in Virginia or \$15 in Maryland will be forced to create jobs in the lower cost location and possibly reduce jobs or eliminate operations in Maryland. Making Maryland's minimum wage more than double that of Virginia could be too much for our economy to bear. How can we place Maryland's workers at risk and Maryland businesses at so much of a disadvantage?"

U.S. House Majority Leader Rep. Steny Hoyer of St. Mary's County expressed pleasure at the veto override. He said, "I commend the Maryland General Assembly for overriding the Governor's veto and raising the minimum wage in our state. For too long, families throughout Maryland have struggled to get ahead. Today, the Assembly took an important step to raise wages and expand opportunity for workers throughout our state. "In Congress, House Democrats are taking action to raise the federal minimum wage. I'm proud that we can look to Maryland as a model for improving the lives of families and ensuring they can make it in America. I will continue to work with my colleagues to ensure more individuals have access to the resources they need to succeed."

Reporter Guy Leonard contributed to this story.

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By Guy Leonard
Staff Writer

A blaze that started as a kitchen fire at a home in Scotland claimed the lives of four cats and four dogs Tuesday night, fire marshal investigators report.

The fire, which was started due to unattended cooking appliances, tripped the home's smoke alarm, allowing the family to escape unharmed.

The family is being assisted by The American Red Cross.

It took 20 firefighters from the Ridge Volunteer Fire Department to extinguish the fire in five minutes.

The fire occurred on Cornfield Road; the estimated loss is \$30,000 in total.

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Wanted: Corey Michael Arias

The St. Mary's County Sheriff's Office is seeking the whereabouts of Corey Michael Arias, 26 of Mechanicsville. Arias is a white male, 5'11" in height and weighs 217 pounds. Arias is wanted for Second-Degree Escape.

Anyone with information on the whereabouts of Arias is asked to contact the St. Mary's County Sheriff's Office at 301-475-8008. Citizens may remain anonymous and contact Crime Solvers at 301-475-3333, or text a tip to "TIP239" plus their message to "CRIMES" (274637). Through the Crime Solvers Program tipsters are eligible for an award of up to \$1,000 for information about a crime in St. Mary's County that leads to an arrest or indictment.

Burglary Arrest

On March 29, 2019, deputies from the St. Mary's County Sheriff's Office responded to the 21200 block of Oakley Road in Avenue for the reported vehicle into a building. Investigation determined Dylan Charles Waugaman, age 23 of Abell, drove his vehicle into a closed store, and proceeded to flee the scene on foot with a firearm in his possession. Waugaman then proceeded to a residence located in the 21500 block of Abell Road, and attempted to gain access to the residence, by breaking several windows. Waugaman was unable to get into the residence, and fled into the woods.

Responding deputies observed Waugaman hiding behind a tree in the woods near the victim's residence. Waugaman was arrested on scene and charged with Burglary First Degree and Malicious Destruction of Property. A firearm was recovered from the victim's front yard by deputies on scene.

Additional charges are pending a review with the Office of the State's Attorney for St. Mary's County.

Armed Robbery Arrest in Lexington Park

On March 30, 2019, deputies from the St. Mary's County Sheriff's Office responded to the 21200 block of Lexwood Court in Lexington Park, for the report of an injured person. Deputies arrived on scene and located blood on the sidewalk leading to the residence. Blood was also observed on the door frame and window of the residence. Deputies attempted to make contact with anyone inside the residence with negative results. Forced entry was made to the residence by deputies on scene to check the welfare of any occupants inside. Once inside the residence, an injured individual was located. The victim was transported to an area hospital for

treatment.

Investigation determined an individual later identified as Jarrett William Romiez Weaver, age 25 of Lexington Park, forced entry to the victim's residence, and attacked the victim with a weapon, and demanded the victim's property. The victim was drug outside the residence, where the assault continued. The victim was ultimately able to make his way back into the residence, following the assault. Deputies located Weaver near the scene and attempted to place him under arrest. Weaver actively resisted deputies, and attempted to assault officers on the scene. Weaver was ultimately placed under arrest and charged with the following:

- Robbery
- Armed Robbery
- Burglary First, Third, and Fourth Degree
- Assault First and Second Degree
- Home Invasion
- Resist/Interfere With Arrest

Weaver was transported to the St. Mary's County Detention and Rehabilitation Center and is currently being held on a no bond status.

LEGALS

Legal Notice

IN THE MATTER OF JAXON TAYLOR ROCKENBACH
FOR CHANGE OF NAME TO JAXON TAYLOR O'MARA

In the Circuit Court for St. Mary's County, Maryland

Case No.: C-18-FM-19-000131
Notice (Adult) (DOM REL 61)

The above Petitioner has filed a Petition for Change of Name in which he/she seeks to change his/her name from Jaxon Taylor Rockenbach to Jaxon Taylor O'Mara. The petitioner is seeking a name change because: I have not had any communication with my birth father in several years and would no longer like to share his last name. My step father has been a large part of my life since I was 8 years old and I would like to share his last name (O'Mara) as he is a father to me.

Any person may file an objection to the Petition on or before the 10th day of May, 2019. The objection must be supported by an affidavit and served upon the Petitioner in accordance with Maryland Rule 1-321. Failure to file an objection or affidavit within the time allowed may result in a judgment by default or the granting of the relief sought.

Debra J. Burch,
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Earth Day on the Town Square

Celebrate Leonardtown's 19th Annual Earth Day on the Square, Sunday, April 14, 2019 from 12:30 PM – 4:30 PM in historic downtown Leonardtown and at the picturesque Leonardtown Wharf Park.

Mr. Michael from Reptile World, Inc. will be back doing two, afternoon live shows with exotic reptiles from all over the world, professional fitness instructors will be leading Tai Chi, Zumba, racquet and paddle sports demos, and Police Officers from the St. Mary's County Sheriff's Office will be providing information on bicycle safety, so feel free to bring your bikes to the event! The room air conditioner and dehumidifier recycling drop off event will be taking place from 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. at the Wharf again this year courtesy of SMECO. Qualifying SMECO Residential customers can receive a \$25 incentive per appliance mailed to them 4-6 weeks after the drop off. Limit of only 2 working Room A/C's or Dehumidifier per SMECO Residential account per year. Please visit SMECO's website at <https://smeco.coop/save-energy-and-money/recycle-refrigerators> for additional program information and eligibility.

New this year, Energy Select, your local solar company, will be at Earth Day with solar systems on view, solar charger raffle giveaways every hour, the company Tesla Model S will be on display and an electric charging station will be available at their Leonardtown office free of charge. There will also be two presentations in their solar showroom on the square at 22815 Washington St., 1:30 p.m. and 3:00 p.m., titled: Solar Systems; How They Work and Is It Right for You.

As you make your way around the Square, check out SMECO's lighting display, and speak with SMECO representatives about available incentives for lighting, appliances, recycling, conservation and more. Get up close and personal with all kinds of animals including greyhounds, wild birds, reptiles, horses and amphibious creatures. Hear about land stewardship and conservation from the Patuxent Tidewater Land Trust, the UMD Extension Groups, St. Mary's County River Watershed Association, the Commission on the Environment, and the St. Mary's County Farm Bureau. Representatives from the American Cancer Society, Relay for Life, and Gentle Green Dental Care will discuss fighting disease and living a healthier lifestyle. Don't leave the event without your kettle corn from St. Mary's Soil Conservation District Envirothon, cotton candy from St. Mary's Animal Welfare League, make-your-own Hawaiian shaved ice at the solar-powered Kona Ice truck, and a special Earth Day Smoothie called Global Warming from the Good Earth Natural Foods Company. This all-natural smoothie features a delicious blend of young coconut, mango, pineapple, greens and coconut water.

The free shuttle provided by The Center for Life Enrichment will take you back up the hill to enjoy the sounds of local favorites Joseph Norris, Bushmill Band, Folk Salad Duo, and Catfish Joe and dance along with the elegant and colorful Daughters of Veda. Stop in St. Mary's County Arts Council to view artist, Candy Cummings, recycled art and pop into North End Gallery to see 3D printing demos provided by artist



Micky Kunkel.

From 10:30 AM – 5:30 PM traffic into the historic downtown area will be detoured to free parking areas around the Town. Earth Day on the Square in Leonardtown is sponsored by the Leonardtown Business Association and the Commissioners of Leonardtown, and is funded in part by a grant from the St. Mary's County Arts Council's Community Arts Development Grant Program and the Maryland State Arts Council. For more information or performance schedule, contact the Commissioners of Leonardtown at 301-475-9791 or visit www.leonardtown.somd.com.

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St. Mary's Gymnastics Academy Scores Big in 2019

Gymnastics is thriving! St. Mary's Academy is proud of the recent achievements of several USAG gymnasts as they wrap up a successful competition season full of highlights and exciting travels.

In February of this year, 26 athletes traveled to Orlando, FL to compete in the Presidential Classic. Over 20 countries participated from around the world which provided a new competition and experience for all the athletes. Several gymnasts from Level 2-9 earned places in vault, beam and floor routines. The team is already looking forward to returning in 2020 which requires significant fundraising and Booster Club support.

Another great achievement was realized on March 24 by Level 8 gymnast, Virginia Krasznay, as she claimed the Maryland State Beam Champion title with a first place win at the Women's Maryland State Meet in Landover, MD. Virginia also earned 2nd place on vault and secured her position as 5th All-Around.

Virginia is a senior at Chopticon High School and hopes to continue gymnastics in college, likely at Towson University, while pursuing a career in physical therapy. Virginia also teaches gymnastics



Virginia Krasznay

classes part-time at St. Mary's Gymnastics Academy and loves interacting with aspiring gymnasts.

Head Coach Diane Picolo is extremely proud of Virginia's accomplishment, telling her prior to the beam routine, "You have to win this for me." Virginia has been a USAG gymnast since 2017 and designated Level 8 placement this competitive season.

St. Mary's County Recreation & Parks congratulates each team gymnast on a successful season and thanks all of the hard working coaches helping them reach their goals.

Produce Stand Vendors Sought for Government Center



St. Mary's County is gauging interest from local produce vendors who may be interested in providing fresh grown produce and locating intermittently during business hours on the St. Mary's Governmental campus in Leonardtown. This also includes offering produce sales and options for Community Supported Agriculture (CSA). Vendors that accept WIC FMNP/SFMNP & FVC are preferred. The center is home to numerous governmental offices and receives many visitors daily.

Interested Farmer's Produce stand operators/farmers, please call the Department of Human Resources at 301-

475-4200, ext. 71100. Only actively licensed vendors who carry sufficient auto liability, product liability, and general liability insurance coverages will be considered.

This notification is only seeking interest and is not a formal solicitation or a promise of business location at the Governmental Center. The address is: St. Mary's County Governmental Center, 23115 Leonard Hall Drive, Leonardtown, Maryland 20650.

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Kids Art Classes This Spring/Summer at St. Clements Island Museum



Join art instructor, Ms. Ellen Duke Wilson, in exploring fine arts at St. Clement's Island Museum Art Kids classes this spring and summer. Young artists will expand their understanding of art and history while learning to sketch, paint and sculpt. Students will also reflect how creating art can make a positive impact on society for future generations.

"We're very grateful to have the very talented Elle Duke Wilson back for a second year to teach these popular classes," says Christina Barbour, Site Manager of St. Clement's Island Museum. "The children have loved coming to each class here at the museum and learning something new in a fun, creative way."

At the end of each session, all participants will create an individualized work of art to share with their family and community. These classes are geared towards children ages 7 to 17. Pre-registration is required and the price is \$3 per child. All materials are provided and participants are asked to bring a light

snack. Parents are encouraged to sign up soon, as slots fill up quickly.

The first class is scheduled for April 17 and will include activities surrounding drawing and weaving. The following classes are scheduled for the summer from 12:00 pm to 3:00 pm: "The Power of the Pencil" on June 18 - 20; "Express Yourself with Painting" on July 9 - 11; "Making a Statement in Sculpture" on July 23 - 25; and "Collage: Putting the Pieces Together" on August 6 - 8.

Special thanks to Huntington Learning Center in California, MD for sponsoring this ongoing event.

For more information regarding St. Clement's Island Museum Art Kids, or to sign up your child, please call Christina Barbour at 301-769-4723. For museum hours of operation, programs, admission prices and more, visit the St. Mary's County Museum Division's Facebook pages at www.facebook.com/SCIMuseum or www.facebook.com/1836Light or on Twitter at @StClemIsMuseum or @PineyPtLHMuseum.

CSM's Annual Job and Career Fair Set

Residents who are looking for a job, or are looking to change jobs, are encouraged to attend the 2019 Tri-County Job and Career Fair at the College of Southern Maryland (CSM). The annual free event will be held April 9 at CSM's La Plata Campus, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

This public service is provided by CSM's Career Services and will bring more than 50 employers from throughout the tri-county region to the college's Center for Business and Industry (BI Building) to give area businesses and organizations a chance to meet prospective workers and to give job seekers the valuable opportunity to learn about current opportunities in the region.

"Meeting in person allows for students, alumni and community members to interview the potential employers and ask those important questions," said CSM Advising, Career and Transfer Services Lead Administrative Assistant Tracy Sewell. "Most seeking employment forget the interview process is a two-way street — employers are interviewing for potential employees, but students, alumni and community members should be interviewing their potential employer too."

Sewell advised visitors to dress professionally, tighten up their résumés and bring multiple copies of it, as interviews for positions could take place at the event.



The job fair are open to anyone of legal working age.

In addition to the opportunity to visit employer tables, job seekers can participate in a free workshop, "The Government Hiring Process," which will cover how to secure a job with the federal government. Lesley Renfro with the Naval Research Laboratory will offer this presentation at noon. In addition, CSM's Career Services professionals will review resumes and offer advice the day of the event from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the BI Atrium. Also, Room 102 will be available for students, alumni and community members to research employers and update their resumes.

To learn more about CSM's Tri-County Job and Career Fair and to see a list of employers already registered to participate, visit www.csmd.edu/JobFair. The list of participating employers is updated daily. For more, call 301-934-7569.

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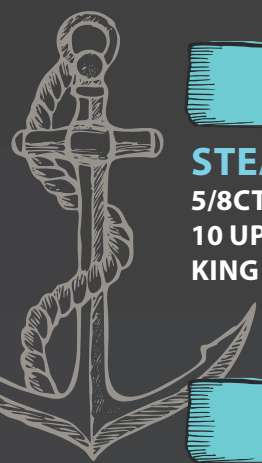


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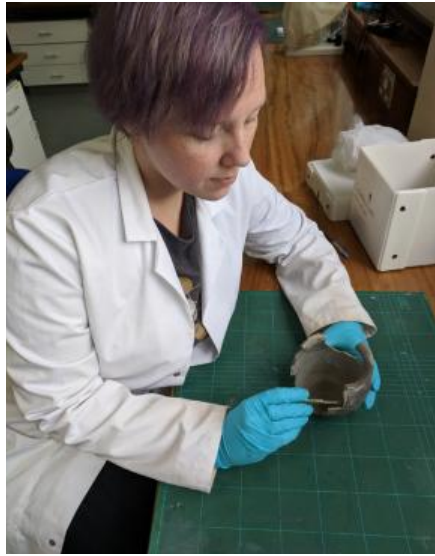


Historic St. Mary's City Welcomes New Conservator

Historic St. Mary's City (HSMC) announces the addition of a new member to the Research and Collections staff, Stephanie Whitehead, who joined the staff on November 1st as Conservator. Prior to coming to HSMC, Ms. Whitehead recently completed her MSc in Conservation Practice from Cardiff University, Wales. During that time, she completed an internship at Bolton Library and Museum in Bolton, England. Her masters dissertation, Comparison of Current Practices in the Storage of Archaeological Metals, has defined the need for standardized guidelines to be used in the fields of archaeology and conservation.

Whitehead says, "I am excited to be able to bring conservation back in house at HSMC. It is a crucial process for ensuring the artifacts and tangible history found here remain in the best condition for future generations to engage with and learn from. Without proper conservation and storage of the artifacts uncovered here, they would be lost within a short time span."

Historic St. Mary's City is a museum of living history and archaeology on



Stephanie-Whitehead working on a Roman pot at Cardiff University

the site of Maryland's first capital in beautiful, tidewater Southern Maryland. For more information about the museum contact the Visitor Center at 240-895-4990, 800-SMC-1634, or info@DigsHistory.org.

Spring Craft Show to be Held in Hollywood

The Sixth Annual Spring Craft Show sponsored by the Ladies Auxiliary of the Hollywood Volunteer Fire Department, will be held at the Hollywood VFD Firehouse on Sunday, April 14th. The Hollywood Firehouse is located at 24801 Three Notch Road in Hollywood, MD. The Craft Show is open to shoppers and browsers from 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM. and there is no admission fee and parking is free. There are many new vendors and several returning vendors who are participating in the Craft Show.

The participating Crafters are from St. Marys' Calvert, Charles, Harford, Montgomery and Prince George's Counties as well as some from Virginia.

The Crafters' merchandise will feature handcrafted items, such as: baked goods, baskets, bath/body items, blankets, quilts and scarves, ceramics, crocheted/knitted/embroidered items, dips and mixes, fused and stained glass/lights, floral arrangements and wreaths, hair bands and bows, jelly, jerky, jewelry, photography and paintings, stationary, wood carvings/signs, doll clothes, accessories for your pets, and so much

more.

The Ladies Auxiliary will have various lunch items for sale throughout the Craft Show that will include, hamburgers, hotdogs, homemade chicken salad sandwiches, and stuffed ham sandwiches. Stuffed ham will be available for purchase by the pound too. A dining area will be available for shoppers and vendors to sit and relax while eating their lunch.

There will be a bake sale with homemade goodies that will be available for purchase from the Ladies Auxiliary. We will be selling chances on a hand-crafted Fire Truck Toy Box.

We will be accepting non-perishable food items for the St. Mary's County Helping Hands Food Pantry.

For further information about the Spring Craft Show, please visit the Hollywood Volunteer Fire Department's website at www.hvfd7.com or contact CraftShow@hvfd7.com or find us on Facebook.

Press Release from Ladies Auxiliary of HVFD



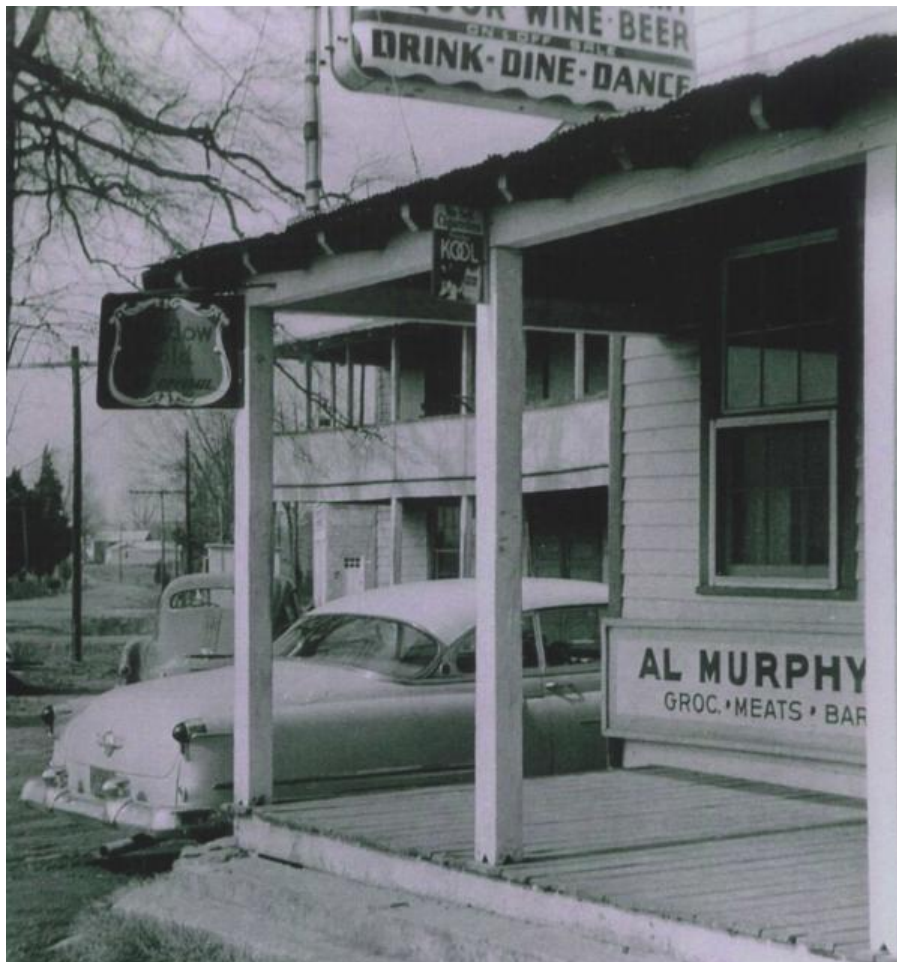
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Murphy's Town and Country Celebrates 70 Years of Success Through Service



By Guy Leonard
Staff Writer

As Gilbert Murphy's family continued to celebrate nearly three-quarters of a century of doing business at their Murphy's Town and Country store in Avenue their operations ran into Murphy's Law.

Or Murphy's Law ran into them.

On the night of March 29, a driver who was later chased by sheriff's deputies swerved his truck off Abell Road and crashed through the wall of the grocery turned convenience store that has served the rural community for decades.

Gilbert said he and his wife had just finished watching a movie and had gone to Leonardtown for dinner when his cell phone erupted with messages about what had happened.

When they arrived they found the truck stopped halfway inside their store and several refrigerator cases smashed and thrown to the other side of the building.

He and his family were angered, disappointed and perhaps a little discouraged but they immediately began to pick up the pieces.

They were open for business again by 9:30 a.m. Saturday; routine didn't stop just because of an inconvenience, Gilbert said.

Moreover, the help they received from the community, a result of accrued good will their business had engendered over the years, was a real help in time of trouble, his wife Cindy said.

"I feel blessed that we were closed when

it happened," Gilbert said. "It probably would have killed four or five people." The truck crashed through the wall immediately next to the cashier area.

The local volunteer fire company stayed on station until 4:30 a.m. helping clear up the scene at Murphy's Town and Country; local construction contractors who are part of the extended family also helped get the building sealed up for the following business day, they said.

"We didn't have to call, they just showed up," said Cindy. "The bad part was that we had just moved everything in the store."

The family had just completed a months long remodeling in the store, only to have a mishap strike; but the Murphy's said all the assistance and good will they received from their neighbors helped them take it in stride.

"I feel very blessed we had that many friends in the community," Gilbert said.

Murphy's Town and Country got its start back in 1949 when Gilbert's parents Albert and Annie Murphy opened up in an older building down the street from the current location at the intersection with Route 242 and Route 470 in Avenue.

Born in 1960, Gilbert started working with his father by the time he was 7 years old in the new store, which opened in 1967.

Gilbert was born to constant, hard work.

He traveled with this father to Washington, D.C. to buy whatever produce and canned goods they could for their



Gilbert with father Albert Murphy

store and even ran a fishing bait route that went all throughout Southern Maryland selling bait to sportsmen for years.

"That was our supplier," Gilbert said of going to another store in the District to stock theirs.

Gilbert eventually bought out his parents' business and took it over for himself and his family; his wife Cindy of 38 years and the three daughters they raised, Kathy, Kimmi and Kristi, would all help out and keep it running.

Aside from filling the community's need for groceries and other sundries, owning his own business allowed Gilbert to take part in other service projects, from serving on the Metropolitan Commission board to sitting on the board for Holy Angels Catholic Church.

He's been in leadership positions at the 7th District Volunteer Rescue Squad and now his family supplies the fried chicken dinners that are a mainstay of community organizations there.

"I feel blessed my family has been part of the business," Gilbert said. "When you have a small business like this you're married to the business."

He often stayed behind while his wife and daughters went away on family outings.

"My mom would take us on family vacations and dad would have to stay home," Kimmie, a hospice nurse who still helps at the store said. "My dad learned his work ethic from his dad."

Kathy, who has two small daughters, left her job with the Metropolitan Commission to work at the family store.

"Office work just wasn't for me," Kathy said. "It allows me to keep my kids with me."

Most of her customers are people she has known throughout her life; they often stop to gaze at her small daughters.

Other employees are like family, Gilbert said, some having worked there for 20 years or more.

"If we need to ask them to jump in, they would," Cindy said.

Though they aren't open all night, they often have people they know who need something, such as medicine for a child's fever, call them in the early morning hours if they can open just for them.

They do it, Cindy said, as well as stay open when major storms hit so residents

can get needed supplies.

"We have people call us at 2a.m. sometimes asking if we can open up," Cindy said. "They need something now and they can't wait to go another store to get it."

Despite the success they've had in running a small business, Gilbert said his mindset on just how important his family and ties to the community were changed sharply just a few years ago.

He was diagnosed with late stage kidney cancer and was fortunate to be able to get the best medical care at Georgetown University shortly after the news befell the family.

The critical surgery removed nearly all the cancer from his body; he credits God with pulling him through the ordeal and it has made him more thankful for his family and friends.

In light of his survival story, a truck crashing into his family business gave him a more forgiving frame of mind and allowed him to keep it in perspective.

"When you're faced with something like that, the material things don't really matter," Gilbert said. "I learned you just have to give it to the Lord."

Now Gilbert tries to help others who are facing cancer get connected to the right treatment they need and provide his experience in dealing with the crisis, he said.

"There's no one who call me up that I won't help somehow," Gilbert told The County Times.

Cindy said the outpouring of support for the family during the cancer battle gave them a sense of just how much they had effected the community.

"We thank God for his cancer," Cindy said. "Because we've seen some beautiful things happen through it."

Gilbert said it's tough to continue to stay in business because larger stores make for stiff competition but he's confident that he and his family will keep serving the 7th District.

"There's always going to be a need for this store because of where we are," Gilbert said.

"You just keep moving forward," said Cindy.

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Schools to Get External Door Monitors

Great Mills High to Pilot the Roll-Out



By Dick Myers
Editor

Great Mills High School is the first public school in St. Mary's County to be getting an extra level of security – external door monitoring systems.

The monitors attached to every external door at a school will show at the station operated by the school safety assistant in the office whether the door is open or closed. That status is indicated by a red or green light.

The new system, which will eventu-

ally be installed at every school and office in the school system, was explained to the Board of Education at their March 27 meeting by Director of Safety and Security F. Michael Wyatt. He said the external door monitors are “the last of the security vestibule contracts.”

The Great Mills project will cost \$50,000. The school board awarded that contract and all future work at the other schools and offices to ARK Systems, Inc, the sole bidder, although 329 vendors received a copy of the solicitation via email, Wyatt said.

The contract runs through March 30 of next year but carries the option of four additional one-year extensions.

Wyatt explained that if the monitoring system shows a door has been breached, the camera at the door will immediately be viewed and security personnel dispatched. He noted that may not necessarily be someone with intent to do harm, but instead could be, for example, a student opening a door to let in a fellow student who is late coming to school.

Another component of the door monitoring system is the numbering of every door to give emergency responders an easier way to know what door has been breached.

Wyatt said the external door monitoring system will be installed at Chopticon High School during spring break and this summer at Leonardtown High School.

Wyatt explained, “Each school and office location is currently in the process of being assessed by Safety and Security personnel to determine the monitoring system configuration required to

optimize school safety. Cost by location may vary significantly.” That assessment is expected to be completed by June, he said.

The approval for the external door monitoring systems was unanimous by the board.

School Calendar Controversy

School systems around the state are cheering the legislature's override of Gov. Larry Hogan's veto of a bill returning authority for their calendars back to them. Hogan two years ago, to help the state's tourism industry, had mandated that schools stay closed until after Labor Day. The override on March 29 was on 93-43 vote in the House of Delegates.

St. Mary's County School Superintendent Dr. J. Scott Smith had earlier told The County Times, “Without surprise, I support any legislation that puts control in the local LEA's hands. We should be able to determine our own calendar.”

Reporter Guy Leonard contributed to this story.

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Public Schools Get a Gold Star



The St. Mary's County Health Department announced the recipients of the Gold Star Achievement Awards given annually to food services facilities that achieve superior food safety standards. All 29 St. Mary's County Public Schools received a Gold Star Award for 2018. An awards ceremony will be held on Thursday, April 4, 2019, at 2:00 p.m. in the Chesapeake Room, located in the Chesapeake Building at 41770 Baldrige Street in Leonardtown, Maryland.

The requirements to earn the Gold Star are:

- No critical violations
- No temperature violations cited during a monitoring inspection
- All violations noted by an inspector must be corrected by a 30-day follow-up inspection
- No confirmed unsafe food handling complaints
- At least one food service worker completed a recognized and approved "Food Service Sanitarian and Safety Class" within the last two years

The following schools are the 2018 Gold Star recipients for St. Mary's County Public Schools:

Banneker Elementary, Banneker Early Childhood Center, Captain Walter Francis Duke Elementary, Chesapeake Public Charter School, Chopticon High, Dynard Elementary, Esperanza Middle, Evergreen Elementary, Fairlead Academy I, Fairlead Academy II, George Washington Carver Elementary, Greenview Knolls Elementary, Great Mills High, Green Holly Elementary, Hollywood Elementary, Leonardtown Elementary, Leonardtown Middle, Leonardtown High, Lettie Marshall Dent Elementary, Lexington Park Elementary, Margaret Brent Middle, Mechanicsville Elementary, Oakville Elementary, Park Hall Elementary, Piney Point Elementary, Ridge Elementary, Spring Ridge Middle, Town Creek Elementary and White Marsh Elementary.

Press Release from SMCPSS

Van Hollen to Speak at St. Mary's College

U.S. Senator Chris Van Hollen of Maryland (D-Md.) will speak at St. Mary's College of Maryland on Monday, April 8 at noon in Auerbach Auditorium of St. Mary's Hall, 47458 Trinity Church Road. The event is free of charge and open to the public. This is a joint presentation by The Patuxent Partnership and the College's Center for the Study of Democracy.

"The Patuxent Partnership is one of the Center's most important and valued partners and we're excited about the programming opportunities made possible through our longstanding relationship," said Todd Eberly, associate professor of political science and public

policy studies and interim director of the Center for the Study of Democracy.

During his visit, Senator Van Hollen will discuss current topics related to U.S. and international politics.

Registration is encouraged but not required at <https://paxpartnership.org/index.cfm?action=CL2&Entry=2102>



U.S. Senator Chris Van Hollen of Maryland (D-Md.)

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TRI-COUNTY ANIMAL SHELTER

A View From The BLEACHERS B-e-a-u-t-i-f-u-l

By Ronald N. Guy Jr.
Contributing Writer

It didn't happen on a field or a court; the location was a retrofitted warehouse overlooking a baseball field. Under the participants' feet wasn't hardwood, grass or synthetic turf; it was ordinary high traffic carpet. No one was wearing cleats, helmets or eye black. There wasn't a scoreboard or clock. No ball was ever in play, no whistle was ever blown. Except for occasional encouraging and tension-cutting applause, the crowd was silent. Nevertheless, the pressure and competition were real. As every contender received their next challenge, a nervous hush fell across the room; as each letter was sheepishly spoken, the anxiety swelled.

That was the scene a couple weeks ago for the Maryland Sports Spelling Bee held at the B&O Warehouse in Baltimore. The competition was for middle school children (mostly...there was one brave and talented third grader). I was fortunate to be in attendance, but it was a humbling experience. As a fledgling writer, I considered myself a decent speller. Full disclosure: I would've struggled to make it past the third round. These kids were impressive. Smart. Poised. Respectful. The story was all about them; this article will be too - eventually.

Maryland has always been my home. I have lived in Leonardtown, Catonsville, Baltimore, Towson, Cockeysville, Severna Park, Chesapeake Beach, Great Mills and, finally and currently, Leonardtown again. My in-state exploration has taken me to Maryland's western panhandle many times - for 'Skins camp at Frostburg and weekends at Deep Creek Lake - and across the Eastern Shore to Ocean City and the sandy beaches of Worcester County.

What I have always cherished about Maryland is that it feels like America in miniature. The Old Line State has mountains, lakes, rivers, beaches and the largest estuary on the continent. Like small towns, mid-sized towns or large cities? Urban living? Rural living? Dig one-bedroom downtown apartments or expansive farms? Maryland has it all - Goldilocks "just right" scenarios for everyone. History? Yeah, it has it that too: Fort McHenry, Francis Scott Key, the Star-Spangled Banner, the birthplace of Frederick Douglass and Harriet Tubman, the United States Naval Academy, Annapolis (the one-time nation's capital), Dr. Samuel Mudd's House, and four signers of the Declaration of Independence. I'll stop there. You get (and feel) the point.

Back to those kids, the master spellers: as their lives unfurl, many will likely grow far more expansive roots than mine, ones that extend to other states, regions and countries. For the moment, though, they are all, like me and many of you, Maryland residents. Beyond that fundamental, shared trait, the diversity within this group of great minds was obvious. As each child introduced themselves and their school, it was clear they had come from all over the state (including several from Southern Maryland) - from those aforementioned Maryland mountains and towns and cities. Various races and, no doubt, religions were represented. There was no discernable gender disparity between the competitors. Some kids were more reserved in nature; others were more gregarious. All were brilliant, all were there, at the B&O Warehouse, to do their best and share this wonderful experience. Much like a basketball that's shot, a football that's thrown or a baseball that's hit, the words didn't care about the speller's background, residence, skin color or gender. Most importantly, the kids didn't seem to care either. They were, above all else, Maryland middle school students trying their best to navigate challenging offerings from the English language. There was ultimately a winner, but there were no losers.

It was Maryland at its best. It was America in miniature, or at least what she should be, if we could only get past the unfounded fears, prejudice and hate of the different. If those afflicted could only overcome the suspicions, reject divisive rhetoric and commit to extinguishing the cancerous "isms" that create various versions of America and inequitable access to her promised liberties and opportunities. If only...

Until then, this example from a flock of Maryland middle schoolers will serve as a picture of what is possible and what the American idea contemplates. The day was simply, and after receiving the word origin and hearing it in a sentence, b-e-a-u-t-i-f-u-l.

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Arthur Scores Career First at Potomac Green to Checker in RUSH Crates



Walker Arthur drove a masterful race to score his first-career Limited Late Model feature win last Friday at Potomac Speedway. The win for Arthur, aboard his Rocket no.87, would be the second of his Potomac career as his first came in a RUSH Crate Late Model tour event back in 2015.

Jonny Oliver shot from the pole to lead the first lap, but it would be short lived, as 4th starting Walker Arthur took control on lap-two and would lead the distance. Oliver kept Arthur in his sights by was no match as the race wore on, however it would be a career best run for Oliver at the finish. «This track was awesome tonight.» Arthur stated in victory lane. «We've raced here a lot over the years but only the second time we've won and it's a great feeling because we sure do like coming here.» Bruce Kane, Billy Tucker and Brandon Long would complete the top-five. Heats went to Arthur and Tyler Emory.

Former track champion Logan Roberson wired the field to score his first win of the season in the companion 20-lap RUSH Crate Late Model feature. Roberson burst from the pole to lead all 20-circuits aboard his Rocket no.17R to score his division leading 17th career win over Ohio invader Eric Wilson. «We've struggled a bit early this season and it's great to get a win close to home.» Said Roberson. «Again, I couldn't do this without all our sponsors and especially my mom and dad, they make all this possible.» Darren Alvey, defending track champion Chuck Bowie and Austin Bussler rounded out the top-five. Heats went to Alvey and Megan Mann, who's win was her first career with the RUSH Crates.

In support class action, defending track champion Ed Pope Jr. recovered from a no-start in the season opener to post his first win of the season and career 15th in the 16-lap Street Stock feature, Billy Crouse came out on top in another wild finish in the 15-lap Hobby Stock main, defending champion John Hardesty rolled to his 19th career win in the season opening 15-lap Strictly

Stock feature and 15 year old Cody Stamp drove the race of his young career to score his first-ever Potomac feature win in the 15-lap U-Car contest.

Limited Late Model feature finish

1. Walker Arthur 2. Jonny Oliver 3. Bruce Kane 4. Billy Tucker 5. Brandon Long 6. Tyler Emory 7. Sam Archer 8. Richard Culver 9. Todd Plummer 10. Matt Tarbox 11. Kerry King 12. Derick Quade

RUSH Crate Late Model feature finish

1. Logan Roberson 2. Eric Wilson 3. Darren Alvey 4. Chuck Bowie 5. Austin Bussler 6. Ben Bowie 7. Megan Mann 8. Mike Raleigh 9. Jonathan Raley 10. Jeremy Pilkerton 11. Tracey Graves 12. Bill Coad 13. Matt Quade 14. Harry Shipe III

Hobby Stock feature finish

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

Street Stock feature finish

1. Ed Pope Jr. 2. Deuce Wright 3. Matt Randall 4. Marty Hanbury 5. John Ballou

Strictly Stock feature finish

1. John Hardesty 2. Johnny Hardesty 3. Greg Mattingly 4. Jeff Bloch 5. Ed Pope Sr. 6. JJ Silvius 7. Jimmy Suite 8. Danny Kitts 9. Daniel Knodle 10. Nabil Guffey 11. Drew Payne

U-Car feature finish

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

By Doug Watson for Potomac Speedway



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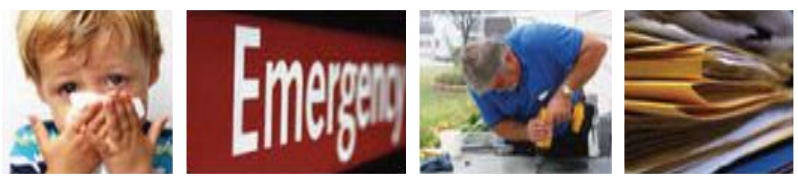
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TRUE OR FALSE - PROBATE

I have often heard from clients that they have a Will so their loved ones will not have to go through probate. True or false? False. When you die, if you are holding property in your sole name, that property must go through the probate process to be distributed to your loved ones. It doesn't matter whether you die intestate (without a Will) or with a Will.

What does holding property in my sole name mean? For real estate like your house or for cars and trucks, for example, the title to the property is in your name alone. If you hold any property this way and you die, then the property has to go through the probate process to be distributed to your loved ones.

If all of your property is held in joint name with your spouse and you die then your spouse will take sole ownership of the property. And, there will be no probate because you have not held any property in sole name when you die. So, with a married couple, it is not unusual for one spouse to die and leave everything to the other spouse and have no probate. However, when the surviving spouse dies holding all the property in their sole name there will be probate.

The probate process in Maryland takes between 8-12 months. Why so long? One reason is that under the process, creditors are allowed 6 months to come in and claim against an estate. Another reason is pure chaos. When a person dies and a probate proceeding is required, the personal representative or executor has to find all of the person's property in order to report on it to the Register of Wills.

Since many people are not at all organized about what they own, the personal representative has to reconstruct the estate before they report on it. Keep in mind that all filings made during the probate process are publicly available.

What does the probate process require? It is a process where filings are made detailing the assets and liabilities of the estate, the expenses of the estate and the monies left over to be distributed to the beneficiaries of the estate.

There is administrative probate, which is where the executor of the estate makes filings with the Register of Wills, or judicial probate, where the filings are made with the Orphan's Court. Without challenges, most probates are administrative. To find out what filings are necessary in a probate proceeding, go to the Register of Wills website.

Some clients say that the personal representative has no liability for making filings in a probate proceeding. False. The personal representative is a fiduciary—that means they are under a duty to settle and distribute the estate in accordance with the terms of the Will and the law. Fiduciaries cannot act in their own self-interest.

Most people faced with the duties of a personal representative consult an attorney and ask them for help to prepare the reports for filing. This costs money in legal fees, but gives the personal representative some comfort that they are correctly performing their duties.

What about "registering" your Will with the Register of Wills. Clients have said that

their Will is not effective because it has not been "registered" with the Register of Wills. False. A Will doesn't have to be filed with the Register of Wills or the Orphan's Court to be effective.

Some clients have said "I don't need a Will because everything will go to my spouse when I die." False. If you die without a Will and you have a spouse and children, then the estate (property held in your sole name) will go 50-50 to the spouse and the children. The only way your estate will go solely to your spouse when you die is if you have said so in your Will.

If your Will says your personal representative doesn't have to file a bond, that means no bond is required. False. Even if the Will says no bond, the Register of Wills requires a nominal bond be filed, usually costing the estate \$100.

The only clear alternative to probate is a Living Trust. True. With a Living Trust, all property of the deceased has been placed into the name of that person's trust so that when they die there is no property held in sole name, so no probate. The person creating and funding the trust is called the Grantor and the Grantor may also be the Trustee. When the Grantor/Trustee dies, a successor trustee is appointed under the trust to take over. Having a Living Trust is the only way to avoid probate. But, the Living Trust provides other benefits. First, it is private, transfers to beneficiaries are immediate (no waiting 8-12 months) and there are no legal fees upon such

transfers. With a Living Trust all property is accounted for when creating the trust so there is no chaos trying to figure out what a person owns when he or she dies—it's all set forth in the trust. The Living Trust also offers protection is a Trustee is incapacitated. In that event, the successor trustee simply uses all the assets in the trust for the benefit of the incapacitated person without having to do more.

The probate process needs to be understood by anyone considering whether or not to create a will or a living trust. The question I am most often asked is whether there is a monetary cutoff used to figure out whether a person should choose a will over a Living Trust. My answer is no. Many of my clients choose to have a Living Trust simply because it makes transition after death easier on family members and loved ones. Clients call the Living Trust the last act of love and affection they can leave for their children because it makes transition so easy after death.

Whether you choose a will or a Living Trust, I hope you will choose something to provide guidance and protection to your family and loved ones.

Join me for a no-charge seminar on this and other matters on Wednesday April 17th at 11am at our office at 8906 Bay Avenue in North Beach. Just call 301-855-2246 to reserve your spot.

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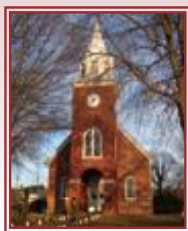
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NAVAIR Zeroes in on Causes, Solutions for Physiological Episodes *With Contamination Ruled Out, Elimination Efforts Advance*



T-45

Utilizing a rigorous Root Cause Corrective Action (RCCA) analysis process to eliminate contaminated breathing gas as a cause of the physiological episodes being experienced by F/A-18 and T-45 pilots, the two teams tasked with investigating the issue continue to narrow down the list of possible factors.

Each RCCA Core team—one for F/A-18 Hornet and Super Hornet and EA-18G Growler jets, another for the T-45 Goshawk training jet—determined last fall that the quality of pilots' onboard oxygen was unaffected by asphyxiates, carbon monoxide and external or internal contaminants, such as fuel vapor or pyrolysis byproducts, respectively.

"We are happy to see that contamination has been ruled out and that all Navy aircraft are delivering clean air to our aviators," said Rear Adm. Fredrick Luchtman, Navy lead for the Physiological Episodes Action Team (PEAT). "We still have work to do, especially with the Hornets and Growlers—we need to ensure oxygen is being delivered at the right concentration and pressure, and that cockpit pressure stability is continually improving. And just as important, we are working on improving the process of treating aviators who have experienced physiological events so we can make sure they are healthy and can get back in the aircraft."

The T-45 team reached its conclusion in September, with the F/A-18 team following in October, after a joint 16-month effort that saw 21,000 samples taken across 11 sites from pilots' breathing gas, ground sampling and blood analysis. In total, roughly 1,800 compounds were evaluated by an independent panel of toxicologists and multi-disciplinary panel of aeromedical professionals, who determined that none of the compounds played a role in physiological episodes, or PEs.

"The Naval Aviation Enterprise took this very seriously and went through a rigorous process featuring an independent review by doctors, physiologists and toxicologists that determined definitively that contamination is not the cause of PE," said Capt. Todd St. Laurent, program manager of the Naval Undergraduate Flight Training Systems Program Office.

The RCCA teams include Naval Air Systems Command (NAVAIR) engineers along with instructor pilots, independent doctors and scientists, along with support from dozens of other subject matter experts.

The F/A-18 team is now focused on two potential factors, one being the maintaining of cabin stability by preventing unexpected pressure fluctuations that have been correlated with PE



FA-18C

events but not yet shown to be a causal factor, said Don Salamon, deputy assistant program manager for system engineering for the F/A-18 and EA-18G Program Office.

The second focus is on breathing dynamics and factors that can impact gas exchange during respiration, such as hyper/hypocapnia, hypoxic hypoxia, work of breathing, and adsorption/acceleration atelectasis.

"There is likely no single 'smoking gun' that will be found as a result of the investigation," Salamon said. "However, we have identified multiple contributors that are being aggressively worked through the [F/A-18 program] with near-term corrective actions."

The T-45 team has closed more than 90 percent of the nearly 350 branches on its RCCA "fault tree," 50 of which were related to contamination, team lead Ann Dickens said. The team is now focusing on optimal breathing pressure and oxygen concentration as potential factors.

The notion that PEs could be caused by contaminants infiltrating the aircraft's Onboard Oxygen Generation System (OBOGS) was an early assumption made in the absence of alternative explanations.

"Contamination was an explanation for people getting sick in the aircraft when we couldn't explain it very well,"

Salamon said. "We had people experiencing hypoxia-like symptoms at altitudes below 10,000 feet, and it's nearly impossible for you to get hypoxic at those altitudes...other than a condition that affects your ability to exchange gases."

But following seven years of data collection where compounds other than oxygen in OBOGS-generated breathing air were consistently measured in the parts per billion—levels so low as to be functionally nonexistent—the RCCA teams determined contamination could safely be ruled out as a root cause of PEs.

"We've done challenge testing in the labs with aircraft equipment that shows it is nearly impossible to force anything other than oxygen through the OBOGS," Salamon said. "Most importantly, the symptomatology of PEs does not match exposure to any type of contaminant."

"We've gotten smarter, and now we understand there are other things that could be happening that manifest as those symptoms, but it's not exposure to contaminants."

Some other potential factors have also been ruled out—such as electromagnetic exposure—while others have been determined to play a role in F/A-18 PEs, including maintenance-related issues and atelectasis, commonly referred to as collapsed lung.

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

Myrtle Amanda Hamby



Myrtle Amanda Hamby, 85, of LaPlata, MD passed away on March 28, 2019 at Hospice House of Charles County. Myrtle was

born on November 13, 1933 in Baltimore, MD to the late John William Strong and the late Marie Ripple.

Myrtle was a homemaker and enjoyed watching Baltimore Orioles baseball. In addition to her parents, Myrtle was preceded in death by her husband, Lewis James Hamby and her brother, John Strong.

She is survived by her children, Lawrence Hamby (Virginia) of Bunker Hill, Indiana and Paul Hamby, Sr. (Janice) of Mechanicsville, MD; her brothers, Aug Strong of Baltimore, MD, William Strong of Charlotte Hall, MD and Oliver Strong (Christa) of Pikesville, MD; her sister, Ann Powell of Baltimore, MD; grandchildren, Paul Hamby, Jr., William Hamby and Kristina Welch and great

grandchildren, Isabelle and Katelyn Welch.

Family will receive friends on Friday, April 12, 2019 at 10:00-11:00am with a Funeral Service at 11:00am at Brinsfield Funeral Home & Crematory, P.A., 30195 Three Notch Road, Charlotte Hall, MD 20622. Interment will follow at 1pm at Maryland Veterans Cemetery, 11301 Crain Highway, Cheltenham, MD 20623.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made in Myrtle's name to the Hospice House of Charles County, 2505 Davis Road, Waldorf, MD 20603.

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

Arrangements by the Brinsfield Funeral Home & Crematory, P.A., Charlotte Hall, MD.

Catherine Russell Ryce

Catherine "Sylvia" Russell Ryce, 84, of Hollywood, MD passed away on March 29, 2019 in Washington, DC. Born on August 1, 1934 in Abell, MD, she was the daughter of the late Annie Rebecca Russell and James Albert Russell.

Sylvia is preceded in death by her 1st. husband Robert Ryce, Sr., who passed away on January 16, 1981 and then 2nd. Husband Daniel Ryce, Sr. who passed



away on February 14, 2004, her son James Anthony "Tony" Ryce. She is also preceded in death by her parents. Sylvia is survived by her children: Ruth Quade (Jimmy) of Mechanicsville, MD, Kenny Ryce (Bernice) of Hollywood, MD, Becky Smith of Hollywood, MD, grandchildren: Michele, Brandy, Jen, Jay, Baylee, Rachel, Brian; great-grandchildren: Lauren, Alyssa, Evan, Mason, Abbi, and siblings: Jim Russell of Hollywood, MD and Lee Russell of Abell, MD.

She was a lifelong St. Mary's County, MD resident, and graduated from Margaret Brent High School in 1952. Sylvia worked at MiniTech, Leonardtown, MD until retirement. She enjoyed gardening, puzzles, and lunch with friends and spending time with her family and grandchildren. Her family was always her top priority and she was proud of all of them and loved them very much.

A Funeral Service will be held on Thursday, April 4, 2019 at 10:00 AM in the Funeral Home Chapel with Father Ray Schmidt officiating. Interment will follow in Charles Memorial Gardens, Leonardtown, MD. Pallbearers will be Elliot Lawrence, Jay Smith, Jr., Chris Jones, Evan Alvey, Tommy Darnall and Keith Hewitt.

Memorial contributions may be made to Leonardtown Vol. Rescue Squad P.O. Box 299 Leonardtown, MD 20650 and St. John's Catholic Church 43927 St. John's Road Hollywood, MD 20636.

Arrangements provided by the Mattingly-Gardiner Funeral Home, P.A. Leonardtown, MD.

George Parron Tennyson



George Parron Tennyson, 83, of Scotland, MD passed away on March 26, 2019 in Leonardtown, MD with his loving family at

his side.

He was born March 5, 1936 in Scotland, MD to the late Benedict Ekas and Ida Marion Tennyson.

George was born and raised on the family farm where he spent his entire life working the farm. He enjoyed getting his hands dirty in the fields but especially loved all aspects of growing tobacco, from the making of the beds in the spring to sitting on the planter, then the spear-

ing in the summer, but most importantly he enjoyed the stripping all winter long while listening to People's Market on the radio. On March 24, 1958, he married his beloved wife, Joan Marie Balta at St. Michael's Catholic Church in Ridge, MD. Together they celebrated over 50 wonderful years of marriage before her passing in July 2008. He worked beside his father-in-law for a time where he learned the carpentry trade. This taught him how to build his own crabbing skiffs, allowing him to enjoy spending time crabbing and oystering. He spent many nights at the card table with a good game of Pitch or Poker. He always planted more than he needed in his garden but always offered the excess to friends and strangers. Georgie's kind heart and giving spirit meant he would do anything for anybody without need for recognition or thanks. His family was always a priority, especially his grandchildren, where he would pick them up from school when needed, or build them a sandbox filled with beach sand, or find them a bicycle at the dump - always the thrifty one! He was the Past President of Ridge Volunteer Fire Department and a life-long member of St. Michael's Catholic Church.

George is survived by his children: Susan Tennyson (Michael) of Lexington Park, MD, James E. Tennyson (Jeanie) of California, MD, Donald P. Tennyson (Betty) of Dameron, MD, Russell D. Tennyson of Scotland, MD; his grandchildren: Jessica Boothe, Patrick Boothe, Melissa Tennyson, Rebecca Tennyson, Christina Tennyson, Brenda Tennyson and Angela Tennyson; his great grandchildren: Trevor, Claire, Eric, Tessa, Layla, and Melanie; his siblings: Wise Tennyson (Ella) of Scotland, MD, Veronica James of Mechanicsville, VA, Clyde Tennyson (Judy) of Scotland, MD, Paul Tennyson (Mary) of Ridge, MD; and many extended family and friends. In addition to his parents, he is also preceded in death by his son, Raymond Tennyson, his brother, Everett Tennyson and his sister Anita Dove.

Serving as pallbearers will be David Norris, Roy Norris, Jeffrey Norris, Stephen Tennyson, Bobby Tennyson and Vince Ridgell.

Memorial contributions may be made to Hospice of St. Mary's, P.O. Box 625, Leonardtown, MD 20650 and Ridge Volunteer Rescue Squad, P.O. Box 456, Ridge, MD 20680.

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

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Teresa Louise Lawrence

Teresa Louise Lawrence, 89, of Abell, MD died peacefully Wednesday morning, March 27, 2019 at the family home. Born December 18, 1929 in Washington, DC, she was the daughter of the late William F. Battenfield and Mable Anita Garner Battenfield. She attended Holy Com-



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former Catholic School and Eastern High School, both in Washington, DC. She was employed at the telephone company until she moved to Saint Mary's County in 1949 when she married the love of her life, Charles David Lawrence of Abell, MD. Together they shared 64 loving years and raised seven children. During her lifetime, Teresa was a devout member of Holy Angels Catholic Parish supporting school activities and fundraisers.

Teresa was a self-taught seamstress creating a variety of fashions from prom dresses to Halloween costumes for family and neighbors. She enjoyed cooking, producing delicious cakes and meals to share. Everyone loved to gather in her home and many called her "mom" or "granny".

For 21 years Teresa was a snowbird, spending the winter in Florida with her husband and friends. She organized many feasts at the campgrounds and shared her St. Mary's County cuisine. Her neighbors and friends looked forward to the Lawrences' arrival, knowing Teresa would bring homemade crab cakes and soft shells. Back in southern Maryland, Teresa truly loved being on the water, content to sit in her rocking chair on her porch watching the ducks, birds, and enjoying scenic views. The porch became a gathering place for family and neighbors often brought together to eat crabs and share stories.

Teresa's greatest love and joy was her husband and family. She continually demonstrated the qualities of hard work, determination, patience, independence and hospitality which she instilled in those around her. Teresa always looked after everyone, putting the needs of others before her own. She was the family matriarch who was often visited for advice, an extra hand, or simply her warm loving smile. Teresa was amazing. She was a beautiful person inside and out. Everyone who met her, loved her.

Teresa is preceded in death by her husband, Charles David Lawrence, Sr., her daughter, Joan Scully, son-in-law, Gary Lockhart, grandson Matthew Hiner, and great grandson Nolan Scully. She is also preceded in death by her parents, her brothers William A. Battenfield, Joseph Battenfield, John R. Battenfield, and her sisters Helen Ball, Frances Beitzell, Mable Higgins, Cecilia Hayden, Charlotte Jackson, and Eileen Moore.

Teresa is survived by her children Sue Lawrence Lockhart of Lexington Park, MD, Charlotte (Teeny) Lawrence Spillman (Bill Groves) of St James City, FL, Carol Louise Johnson (Mike) of Bookelia, FL, Nancy Lawrence Suit (Ed) of

Melbourne, FL, Charles David Lawrence Jr. (Theresa) of Okeechobee, FL, and Arthur William Lawrence (Nancy) of Leonardtown, MD, son-in-law Kenny Scully of Leonardtown, MD, 17 grandchildren, 21 great grandchildren and 2 great great grandchildren.

Pallbearers are her grandsons Ryan Lockhart, Chris Scully, Johnathan Scully, Christopher (CAL) Lawrence, Michael Lawrence and Mark Lawrence. Honorary Pallbearers are Debra Howe, Jenny Edelen, Cara Moulitis, Lisa Beavan, Clint Hiner, Cari Davis, Shannon Lawrence, Nikki Neswick and Casey Lawrence.

Contributions can be sent to the Seventh District Rescue Squad P.O. Box 7 Avenue, MD 20609.

Claire Joanne Sylvain



Claire Joanne "Mimi" Sylvain, 73, of Carvel Beach, MD passed away on March 23, 2019 at Chesapeake Shores Nursing

Center in Lexington Park, MD.

She was born on October 14, 1945 in Rochester, NH to the late William and Jeanette Gilbert Meiklejohn.

In 1964, Mimi married her beloved husband, Ronald Wilfred, at Holy Rosary Church in Gonic, NH; celebrating over 54 wonderful years of marriage. She was employed for many years as an Executive Assistant for Northrup Grumman until her retirement in 2007. She loved traveling, especially to the beaches, with her favorite vacation being to Aruba. She had an affinity for the water; especially time spent on her boat and watching the water from her front porch. As a sports fanatic, she watched many games and always cheered on the Baltimore Ravens, Baltimore Orioles and Washington Capitals. She also enjoyed needlepoint and made many detailed cross stitch pieces. She was famous for her delicious "Mimi" cake. Her greatest love was spending time with her family, especially her grandchildren.

In addition to her beloved husband, she is also survived by her sons, Gregory Michael Sylvain (Vickie) of Leesburg, VA and Mark Alan Sylvain (Kelly) of Lexington Park, MD; her grandchildren: Sarah Snyder (Travis), Jeremy Sylvain, Andrew Sylvain, Mitchell Sylvain, and Matthew Sylvain; her great grandchildren: Hailey Schap, Mark Renaud, and Indiana Snyder; and many extended family and friends. In addition to her parents, she is also preceded in death by her grandson, Nicholas Renaud (Amber).

Memorial contributions may be made

to the Alzheimers Association of Southern Maryland, 3701 Pender Drive, Suite 400, Fairfax, VA 22030.

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Joseph Allen Clements



Joseph Allen Clements, 71, of California, MD passed away March 25, 2019 at MedStar St. Mary's Hospital in Leonardtown, MD surrounded by his loving family.

He was born on February 25, 1948 in Leonardtown, MD to the late Martin Louis Clements and Evelyn Ruth Jones Clements.

Joseph spent his career driving a tractor trailer cross country for many years until his retirement. He loved being on the road and took advantage of touring the United States. On November 26, 1993 he married Paula Elaine Clements in Leonardtown, MD. Together they celebrated over 25 wonderful years of marriage. Together with their family they enjoyed vacationing in various places, but especially loved the Cherokee Indian Reservation in North Carolina. Wherever his travels took him he always found antique shops to explore. He grew beautiful and bountiful gardens which he enjoyed cooking and canning his harvest. He made delicious bread and butter pickles. He was a grill master and liked to serve up a good steak with sweet potatoes. He also enjoyed fishing and crabbing, especially with his nephews. Sitting around the table enjoying a beer with a good game of pitch with his family was always a good time. He also enjoyed collecting guns. His greatest love was spending time with his family, especially his grandchildren.

In addition to his beloved wife, Paula, Joseph is also survived by his daughters: Dawn Clements (Owusu) of Great Mills, MD, Marcia Harris (Sherwood) of Colonial Beach, VA, and Maria Barnes (Crittter) of California, MD; his siblings: Alma Blackwell of California, MD, Louis Clements (Betty) of California, MD, Ruth Johnson of California, MD, Pat Abbott (Lee) of California, MD, Janice Skafidas of California, MD, Bobby Clements of California, MD, and Leroy Jones (Carolyn) of Hollywood, MD; his sister-in-law,

Mary Clements; his grandchildren: Michelle Harrison, Christopher Harrison, Trayvon Kanipe, Maniyah Kanipe, Alyssa Kanipe, Lina Barnes, Greg Barnes, CJ Barnes, Joshua Barnes, Ashley Barnes, Rockesha Harris and Kadyn Harris; 15 great grandchildren; and many extended family and friends. In addition to his parents, he is preceded in death by his brothers, David Clements, Ronnie Clements, and Jerry Clements.

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Harriett Burroughs Trent



Harriett Burroughs Trent, 90 of California, MD, went to be with the Lord on 20 March 2019 in Leonardtown, MD. Born on 10 November

1928 in Chaptico to the late Andrew Alexander Burroughs and Mary Ida (Caywood) Burroughs. She was a graduate of Margaret Brent High School in Helen, MD, Class of 1945.

Harriett was a lifelong resident of St. Mary's County. She had many hobbies, helping on the farm in Oakville, canning fresh vegetables and fruits which she shared with many people. She also took pride in working in her flower garden. She enjoyed cooking for family and friends especially Fried Chicken, Macaroni Salad and Potato Salads.

She was employed at the Patuxent Naval Air Station, Comptroller Department. Upon her retirement from the Federal Government she worked for DynCorp for approximately 10 years before she decided to fully retire.

She was preceded in death by her mother and father, as well as her siblings James A. Burroughs, Andrew A. Burroughs, Mary Helen Dean, Virginia Johnson and Audrey Aud.

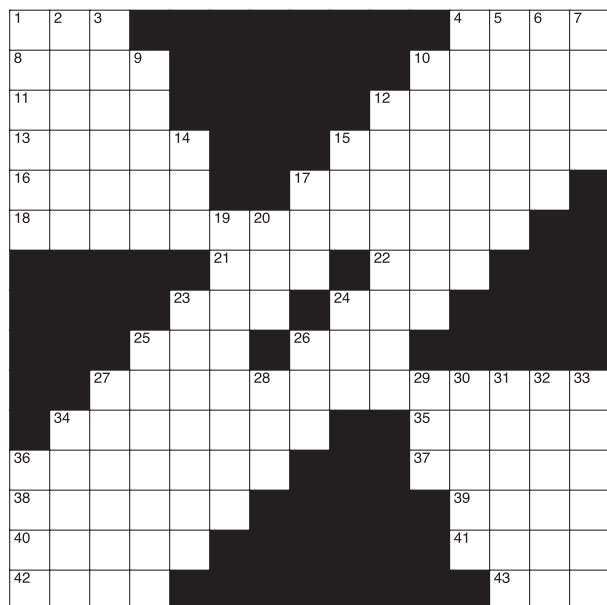
She is survived by her children, David Wayne Trent of California, Md. and Barbara Ellen (Trent) LaBare (Richard) of Hollywood, Md. She was also preceded in death by her son, Coy Allen Trent, JR. She is also survived by her younger brother, Joseph Adrian Burroughs of Avenue.

Harriett has left behind many nieces and nephews along with 6 grandchildren, 17 Great Grandchildren and 13 Great Great Grandchildren.

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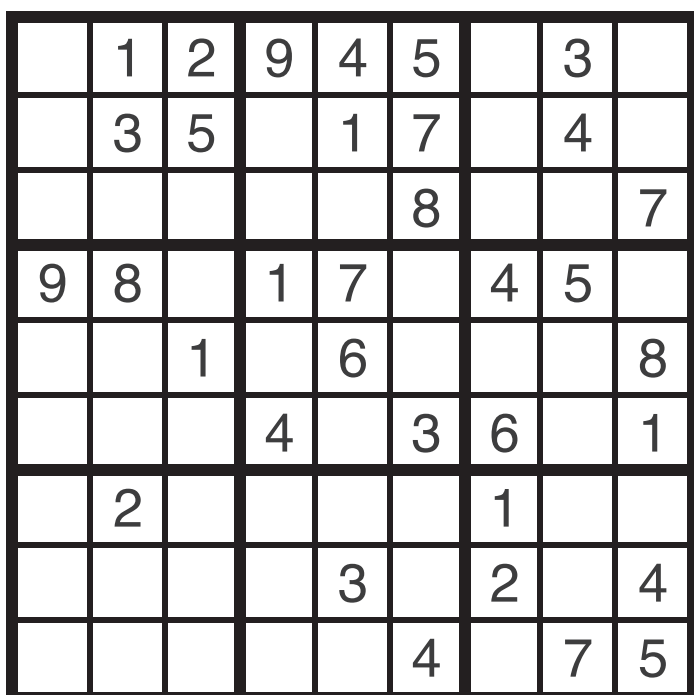


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10. Single-celled animal
12. National capital
14. China's chairman
15. Al Bundy's wife
17. Acid in all living cells
19. Told
20. Displays heartbeat
23. Softly
24. Swiss river
25. Small chapel
26. Electronic countermeasures
27. Asian nation
28. Neither
29. Peacock network
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33. "Coach" actor
34. Puerto Rican dance music La ___
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13. A woman of refinement
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16. Beverage made of oatmeal
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18. UK's largest city
21. Obamacare
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23. Deutschland
24. Consumed
25. Paddle
26. A way to consume
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Museum Announces Summer Concert Season

Summer in Solomons means so many things – strolls on the boardwalk, waterfront dining, and concerts at the Calvert Marine Museum (CMM). CMM is excited to announce its 2019 Summer Concert Series lineup at the PNC Waterside Pavilion.

As was previously announced, country music star Kane Brown will perform live at CMM on Saturday, June 1. The young singer/songwriter has been selling out every venue in his first headlining tour, featuring popular hits such as: Heaven, Lose It, What Ifs, and Good as You. This is no surprise, considering Brown recently became the first artist ever to be #1 on all five of Billboard's major country charts simultaneously. Opening acts include To A T singer Ryan Hurd and Maryland's own hometown sensation Jackson Dean. Tickets are \$35-\$89 (additional fees apply), and are available now for CMM members and on April 2 for the general public at www.calvertmarinemuseum.com.

Enjoy an evening with the legendary music group, Earth, Wind & Fire on Wednesday, July 3 as you kick off your long holiday weekend. Earth, Wind & Fire are a music institution. Over their five-decade history, they've sold out concerts all around the globe, scored eight number one hits, and have sold over 100 million albums worldwide. Celebrating timeless songs and a commitment to spreading positivity, Earth, Wind & Fire has consistently made music that has bridged the gap among all generations and nationalities. Whether it's the funky and infectious Let's Groove to the heartfelt Reasons, Earth, Wind & Fire's unique blend of funk, jazz, pop, soul, and R&B is timeless. Tickets are \$38 - \$86 (additional fees apply) and will go on sale April 9 for CMM members and April 16 for the general public.

Country fans get their second show of the season with Brett Eldredge on Friday, July 26. This singer/songwriter dropped his first two albums into the top two positions of Billboard's country chart with Bring You Back and Illinois, and did the same with an incredible six singles in a row, all hitting #1. More recently, fan-favorite Love Someone gives true meaning to the term "man's best



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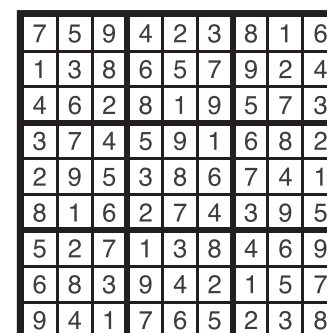
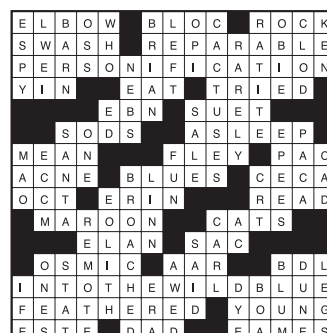
friend". Eldredge's throaty baritone shines with casual confidence, and progressive country mixes freely with classic pop and soul. Tickets are \$36 - \$69 (additional fees apply) and will go on sale May 7 for CMM members and May 10 for the general public.

Proceeds from the Waterside Music Series support the education and preservation efforts of the Calvert Marine Museum. This event would not be possible without the generous support of the community and many local businesses. Sponsors include: Prince Frederick Ford/Jeep/Dodge, PNC Bank, O'Brien Realty, Coors-Bozick Distributors, Inc., Tidewater Dental, Sunshines Catering, Roy Rogers, Equity Resources, Inc., AARP, Directmail.com, Holiday Inn Solomons, City Wide Mechanical, 102.9 WKIK, STAR 98.3, Quick Connections, Bay Weekly, Southern Maryland Newspapers, Isaac's Restaurant, Papa John's Pizza, TitleMax, LLC, Comcast, Atlantic Broadband, Southern Maryland Blue Crabs, Results Health & Fitness Club, and Asbury-Solomons. If you are interested in becoming a sponsor, please contact Vanessa Gill, CMM Director of Promotions, at 410-326-2042, ext. 18. Individualized packages are built, based on your needs.

CMM members receive year-round benefits, including early concert ticket purchasing, museum admission, discounts in the Museum Store, and more! For additional information or to become a member, please visit the website at www.calvertmarinemuseum.com. To reach a staff member, please call 410-326-2042, ext. 16, 17, or 18.

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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 Mondays, April 1-29, 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.

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.

Additional LIFE Tour: Pax River Bird Walk

Join bird photographer Dean Newman for a morning of avian fun on Friday, May 17, as we view the Spring migration of birds passing through the Naval Air Station to breeding territories further north. At this time of the year, birds are at their most colorful stage and are easiest to see. This outing will have very little walking or physical exertion other than getting in and out of the van

multiple times. Bring binoculars as most birds are high in the trees and are difficult to fully appreciate with the naked eye. The tour concludes with lunch at the Rivers Edge restaurant on the base. Tour departs from Loffler Senior Activity Center at 7:30 a.m. and returns about 1 p.m. Advance registration and payment of \$22 is required. Register at any of the senior activity centers in the county. For more information call Alice at 301-475-4200, ext. 71063. Tour leaders are Bettie Broadhurst and Dean Newman.

Health Watch Presentation at Loffler

Addictions- Alcohol and Meds will be the topic of this month's Healthwatch Presentation at the Loffler Senior Activity Center on Thursday, April 11 at 10 a.m. Identifying a substance abuse problem can be a complicated process. While some signs of addictive behaviors are obvious, others are more difficult to recognize. Many people who realize they have a

problem will try to hide it from family and friends, making it harder to tell that someone is struggling. A growing problem is the surge in addiction to prescribed medications. Linda Weintraub will open up this discussion with you during this free presentation! Call 301-475-4200, ext. 71658, or stop by the reception desk to sign up.

Spring Rag Wreath

Design and make a beautiful spring wreath using floral and brightly colored fabric to decorate a 12" wreath. The class is held at the Northern Senior Activity Center on Thursday, April 11, from 9:30-11:30 a.m. Additional embellishments will be provided but you can bring your own. The class will be led by Janet Fisher and includes all materials. Final products may vary by person based on fabric and embellishment choices. Space is limited. Fee: \$12. To sign up with payment in advance, please visit the Center or for more information call 301-475-4200, ext. 73101.

Nutrition Education

What's the deal with all the dairy alternative milks that are in the stores these days? Are there advantages of using plant-based milks? Are they as nutritious? Donna Taggart will answer these questions and more at the Loffler Senior Activity Center on Monday, April 15 at 10 a.m. at this free Nutrition Education Presentation. Sign up by calling 301-475-4200, ext. 71658, or stop by the reception desk.

Reverse Mortgages

Confused by the ads on TV? Not sure if a reverse mortgage is the right move for you? Join Robbie Loker, Reverse Mortgage Consultant, for a free informational session at the Northern Senior Activity Center on Wednesday, April 17, from 10-11 a.m. This presentation will review the basics about this government-insured mortgage program for homeowners age 62+. Space is limited. To sign up for this presentation in advance, please visit or call the Center at 301-475-4200, ext. 73103.

Author Visit: Carol McCabe Booker: Alone Atop the Hill

Carol McCabe Booker, author of Alone Atop the Hill, will be at the Loffler Senior Activity Center on Thursday, April 18 at 10 a.m. to discuss her book which tells the story of Alice Allison Dunnigan, a sharecropper's daughter from Kentucky, who in 1942 made her way to the nation's capital to begin a career in journalism that eventually led her to the White House. With Alone Atop the Hill, Carol McCabe Booker has condensed Dunnigan's 1974 self-published autobiography to appeal to a general audience and has added scholarly annotations that provide historical context. Dunnigan's dynamic story reveals her importance to the fields of journalism, women's history, and the civil rights movement and creates a compelling portrait of a ground-breaking American. Register to attend this talk by calling 301-475-4200, ext. 71658, or stop by the reception desk to sign up. Free.

★ ST. MARY'S COUNTY Library

Groovy Day

Charlotte Hall Library will hold Groovy Day on Monday, April 15 from 2 – 3:30 p.m. Enjoy a program of peace, love, arts, and crafts, as we make far out creations while listening to music of the 1960's. All supplies provided by the library. Free, ages 6-12, registration required. (We will be tie-dyeing Youth Medium and Youth Large t shirts. If you want to tie-dye anything else, please bring it along!) Registration required on www.stmalib.org.

Sweet Structures

Leonardtown Library will hold Sweet Structures on Monday, April 15 from 2 – 3 p.m. Build skyscrapers, bridges, and domes out of sweet treats! With grapes, marshmallows, and rice crispy treats you can build the most amazing feats of engineering you can imagine. Designed with ages 6-12 in mind. Registration required on www.stmalib.org.

Party in the Upside Down

Lexington Park Library will hold a Party in the Upside down on Monday, April 15 from 6 – 7:30 p.m. Something strange is going on at the Lexington Park Library. We're hosting a Stranger Things party and paying homage to all things '80s. Bring back that retro vibe by foraging through your local thrift shop for '80s clothing and memorabilia, and arrive dressed in costume to receive a small prize. And, no Stranger Things party would be complete without waffles, '80s inspired snacks, Dungeons & Dragons, a mystery to solve, a killer photo booth, and trivia. All ages are welcome. But, please remember Stranger Things is full of spooky, creepy fun, and it may be too scary for little ones.

Master Gardeners Series: Veggies, Flowers, and Grass, Oh My!

Leonardtown Library will hold a Master Gardeners class about Veggies, Flowers, and Grass, Oh My! on Tuesday, April 16 from 2 – 3:30 p.m. Bring your gardening notebooks. Master Gardeners will discuss planning and designing your garden, choosing the right plants for sun and shade, deciding on the best grass for your property, and choosing plants native to your region which will

adapt to our climate, soil and native pollinators. Registration required on www.stmalib.org.

Pirates & Princesses Party

Lexington Park Library will hold a Pirates and Princesses Party on Tuesday, April 16 from 2 – 3:30 p.m. Avast me hearties! It's a family program inspired by knights, ladies, and the high seas. There will be a variety of games and activities for fair maidens, brave squires, and fearless sea captains of all ages. Costumes encouraged! No registration.

ESCAPE Junk News

Charlotte Hall Library will hold ESCAPE Junk News on Wednesday, April 17 from 6 – 7:30 p.m. Feeling lost in today's media landscape? Join Newseum Education as they tackle buzzwords, bots, and bad actors on social media. In 90 minutes, you'll get clear definitions of current media terms, practical tools to identify fake and flawed news, and practice with real examples. Registration required on www.stmalib.org.

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.

Docents. Garden Guild Volunteers. To volunteer or make inquiries, call 301-373-2280 or email: office@manager@sotterley.org.

Recreation and Parks

Accepting Applications for Water Safety Instructors at the Great Mills Pool. www.stmarysmd.com

7th Annual Walk, Run & Roll

Register now for this April 27 event at Greenwell State Park! Proceeds from this family event support 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.

Footloose the Musical

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

Presented by Great Mills and Lighthouse Productions. Based on the original screenplay by Dean Pitchford. Visit: www.gmhslp.weebly

Brighton Beach Memoirs

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.ntpsshows.org

Essay Contest

Southern Maryland Sierra Club contest for one high schooler 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.

Friday, April 5

First Friday in Leonardtown

5:00-8:00 PM

Opening Receptions & Workshops, one-night only specials, dining out, and more! Check the Leonardtown First Fridays Facebook page for specific events. www.firstfridaysleonardtown.com

Cutest Dog Contest

Leonardtown Square
6:00 PM

A family and pet-friendly April First Friday event! A highlight of the evening is this contest. (costumes encouraged!)

Lenten Seafood Dinner

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 includes cornbread and two sides. Desserts available for purchase. 301-863-8144

Lenten Fish Dinner

St. George Catholic Church, Valley Lee

4:00 - 6:30 PM

Catfish, pancit, mac&cheese and more. Hosted by the Knights of Columbus.

Lenten Fish Fry

Our Lady of the Wayside, Loretto Hall 37575 Chaptico Rd.

5:00 - 7:00 PM

Buffet style menu. \$14 adults. \$7 ages 6-12. Free ages five and under. Desserts and carry outs available. Brenda Russell, rsbrssl@aol.com or 301-247-1871.

Fried Fish Dinner

28165 Hills Club Road, Mechanicsville

5:30 - 7:00 PM

Dine-in or carry out. Fish Fillets, French Fries, Coleslaw, Applesauce and a roll. \$12/person. Hosted by the Mechanicsville VFD Auxiliary. VISA, MasterCard and Discover accepted. Proceeds benefit Mechanicsville Vol. Fire Department.

Art Share Series - Envision SoMD

St. Mary's County Arts Council, 22660 Washington St.

5:30-6:45 PM

The Pro-Action Cafe enables anyone to share ideas for improving the future of the SoMD community in a series of short, small-group discussions around various themes.

Free. Visit www.envisionsomd.org. Pre-registration appreciated. 240-309-4061 or email: info@smcart.org

Drum Circle

St. Mary's County Arts Council, 22660 Washington St.

7:00 - 8:00 PM

The audience participation Drum Circle will follow Art Share Series. All ages and skill levels are invited, bring your own percussion instruments or use ours. Free event hosted by the SoMar Drummers.

Texas Hold'em Tournament

VFW Post 2632, 23282 Three Notch Rd., California

7:00 PM

\$50 Buyin (\$40 Prize Pool + \$10 Charity) Optional \$10 Add-on. Early Bird Bonus: by 6:45. Must be 18 or older to play. Brian: poker@vfw2632.com or 240-925-4000.

Saturday, April 6

36th Annual Easter Egg Festival

St. Mary's County Fairgrounds

11:30 AM - 4:00 PM

Open to the community. Rain or shine. Features egg hunts for ages up to 12, photos with the Easter Bunny, live entertainment, free arts and crafts, egg decorating contest, face painting. Goods and services for sale by local area vendors. 301-475-4200 x71800.

www.stmarysmd.com/recreate/easter.

Indoor Yard Sale

28165 Hills Club Road, Mechanicsville

7:00 - 11:00 AM

Hosted by the Mechanicsville Vol. Fire Department Auxiliary. \$10.00 per 8ft space or table. Email jmtturner6207@gmail.com or call 301-399-3187.

Yard Sale

Christ Church Chaptico, 37497 Zach Fowler Road

7:00 AM - Noon

Clothes, furniture, toys, home goods and much more! Donations accepted. Table \$15, contact Parish Hall 301-884-3451.

Spring Craft & Vendor Fair

2nd District VFD & RS, 45245 Drayden Rd., Valley Lee

9:00 AM - 2:00 PM

Stuffed ham sandwiches and great food for sale! 50/50 raffle. \$25/space. Darlene at 240-434-1095 after 4:00.

Walk in the Park

Newtowne Neck State Park, St. Francis Xavier Church

9:00 AM

Register 8:00. \$20. Rain or shine. All ages and abilities. Sponsored by the Newtowne Neck Manor House Restoration Committee. 301-247-7416. www.stfrancisxavierchurch.org.

Storytime

Greenwell State Park, 25420 Rosedale Manor Lane, Hollywood

10:00 - 10:30 AM

Stories, rhymes, songs, and activities for children ages 2-5 with their adult caregivers. Friendly horses and goats. Bring a picnic lunch! Siblings welcome; no registration.

Healthy Food Drive

St. Mary's County Fairgrounds

11:30 AM - 4:00 PM

Attend the Easter Egg Festival and drop off healthy food donations. The Healthy Eating & Active Living (HEAL) action team of the Healthy St. Mary's Partnership host this event. www.healthystmarys.com/healthy-food-drive

"Requiem"

Auerbach Auditorium, St. Mary's Hall, 47458 Trinity Church Road

3:00 - 4:30 PM

Performed by the St. Mary's College Chamber Singers, The Choir of St. Francis Episcopal Church, Great Falls, Virginia; and an instrumental ensemble. Free and open to the public.

Free Organ Concert

Patuxent Presbyterian Church, 23421 Kingston Creek, California

4:00 PM

Celebration of its new Rodgers organ. A half hour of classical organ presentation followed by a 25-minute silent movie presentation with live organ accompaniment. Refreshments.

Shrimp & Oyster Feast

Mechanicsville Moose 495, 26636 Mechanicsville Road

4:00 - 8:00 PM

Benefit the St. Mary's Ryken High School Baseball Program. \$40. Ages 7 and under are free. Additional food: chicken, hotdogs, potato salad and beans. Raffles, 50/50, games of chance. email kelly_barnes@comcast.net

Spaghetti Dinner

Trinity Church, St. Mary's City

6:00 - 9:00 PM

Salad, spaghetti, garlic bread and dessert. Proceeds to benefit our Choir's Trip to New York City to sing at Carnegie Hall. Adults—\$15, kids 12 and under—\$5, seniors—\$10. 301-862-4597 or email trinityofficesmc@gmail.com

Dueling Pianos Show

Monsignor Harris Center, St. John's Church/School, Hollywood

6:00 - 10:00 PM

Show and Silent Auction. High-energy, all-request, sing-along.. \$45/person. \$80/couple. Includes dinner. Alcohol available for purchase (must be 21). Purchase tickets online at charityauction.bid/SJSAuction2. Donate skills or items for auction at sjsauction2@gmail.com.

Gospel Extravaganza

Chancellor's Run Senior Center, Great Mills

7:00 PM

Bethesda United Methodist Church presents gospel groups, Briscoe Brothers, Harmonies of Faith and others. \$12. Contacts: Nathaniel 301-481-0992 or Alma 301-994-3567.

Sunday, April 7

Southern Knights Coming Out Car Show

Charlotte Hall Shopping Center

8:00 AM - 8:00 AM

600+ cars. \$4 admission. 12 and under free. Rain date April 14th. www.southernknightsclub.org

Spring Tea with My Doll & Me

Mother Catherine Academy, 38833 Chaptico Road, Mechanicsville

1:00 - 4:00 PM

Tea, Beverages, Sandwiches and Desserts, Hair

Salon for Dolls, Custom Doll Clothing, Photo Booth, Grab Bags, Door Prizes and Bow Shop and more. Questions? email Denise Skotek at dmskotek@live.com

Elks Texas Hold'em Tournament

St Mary's County Elks Lodge, 45779 Fire Department Lane, Lexington Park

3:00 - 9:00 PM

\$80 Buy in. Food and beverage for purchase. James Dean 240-577-0828. Email: jdean junior@yahoo.com

Monday, April 8

Toastmasters Meeting—Talk of the Town

Lexington Park Library, FDR Blvd.

11:30 AM - 12:30 PM

Develop better speaking, listening, and leadership skills. Open to anyone to join. www.club9410.easy-speak.org

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

Elks Hold'em Bounty Tournament

St Mary's County Elks Lodge, 45779 Fire Department Lane, Lexington Park

7:00 - 11:00 PM

\$25 Buy in. \$5 add-on. Food and beverage for purchase. James Dean 240-577-0828. Email: jdean junior@yahoo.com

Tuesday, April 9

Tri-County Job & Career Fair

College of Southern Maryland, Center for Business and Industry, 8730 Mitchell Road, La Plata campus

10:00 AM - 2:00 PM

Contact Career Services at 301-934-7569. www.csmd.edu/JobFair

Science for Citizens

Chesapeake Biological Laboratory, Solomons,

7:00 - 8:00 PM

Public Seminar: Sea Level Rise in Maryland. Dr. Kilbourne discusses sea level rise projections for Maryland and the importance in preparing for environmental changes. Free. Seating first-come, first-served. www.umces.edu/cbl/science-citizens

Wednesday, April 10

St. Mary's County Camera Club

Pax River Naval Air Museum (back building conference room)

7:00 - 9:00 PM

Bring several photos in .jpg format on a memory stick for open, fair discussion, and ideas to improve the shot through cropping and advanced editing methods. www.smccc.org

Thursday, April 11

Crab Pot Pitch Competition

Pax River Naval Air Museum

6:00 PM

Got a startup idea?! PITCH IT! Speed Round. Final Round: Thursday, May 9 at the Calvert Marine Museum. 1st place - \$5,000 and a bushel of crabs. 2nd place - \$1,000

Snow White and the Seven Fairy Godmothers

Father Andrew White School Gym

6:30 - 7:30 PM

A fun twist on an old classic! Doors open at 6:00. \$5. Concessions available.

Where the River Meets the Bay

Calvert Marine Museum, Harms Gallery, Solomons

7:00 PM

Anaconda's Tail: The Civil War in Southern Maryland, presented by Don Shomette. Free. 410-326-2042 www.calvertmarinemuseum.com



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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Invitation to Make a Difference in our Community

We'd like to invite everyone in our community to participate in the annual run & fun walk on Saturday, April 13 in Historic Leonardtown. As the largest run & fun walk in the region, people often ask to what we attribute our success. Well, 24 years ago we started with 2 goals: Raise awareness of the Hospice mission & raise funds to offset the cost of caring for those facing a terminal illness. And though over the years we innovated our event to include a premium event t-shirt, state-of-the-art timing, memorial bibs, and our famous brunch, along the way we discovered an amazing thing: this is NOT a run & fun walk. THIS is a community coming together to support each other and an organization that helped them deal with losing someone they love. There are 2 truths in life: 1) Every human being is unique - from our DNA & beautiful idiosyncrasies to the precious hopes and dreams in our hearts.... 2) We are all bound by the hardest thing we'll ever have to do; face death - ours or someone we love. You don't have to face it alone. Hospice is a team of Drs., nurses, aides, companions, counselors who will meet the patient and family where THEY are in life. With compassion and without judging. We invite you to experience the phenomenon of a community coming together that IS the 24th Run & Fun Walk for Hospice. Saturday April 13, 0830 AM. 100% of net proceeds allow us to provide comfort and care to the terminally ill. Register on-line @ www.runforhospice.org or Saturday starting at 7 AM at the drill hall at the Governmental center.

Thanks,
Jim Dicus

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