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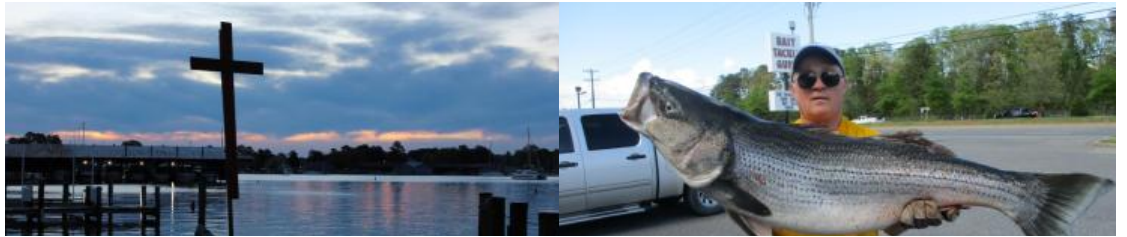
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Thu 4/25	Fri 4/26	Sat 4/27	Sun 4/28
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Commissioners Hear Calls To Hold The Line on Taxes, Spending

By Guy Leonard
Staff Writer

Residents called for the Commissioners of St. Mary's County to bring to a halt their plans to increase both property and income taxes in the fiscal 2020 \$259 million operating budget at Tuesday night's public hearing at Leonardtown High School.

Still others praised the commissioners for being willing to spend money on a planned community center in Lexington Park as well as synthetic turf fields for sports practice around the county.

Deb Rey, head of the St. Mary's County Republican Club, spoke multiple times against raising both taxes and against the budget as well overall.

"The citizens in St. Mary's County clearly do not want either of these tax increases," Rey, a former state delegate said. "This goes against the Republican principles you were elected on."

The entire commissioner board in St. Mary's is Republican.

She also criticized elected leaders for using the Kirwan commission legislation, which seeks drastic increases in education funding, and hikes in the minimum wage as "an excuse to raise taxes."

"Money is freedom," Rey said. "You're taking our freedoms when you're taking our money."

It was an oft repeated mantra that night.

In planning to increase property taxes, said Joseph Gardner of Piney Point, it put some of the most vulnerable in the community at risk.

"You just keep whittling away on people on a fixed income," he said.

Judith Mattingly, of Hollywood, said any claims by commissioners that they run the county government like a business were false.

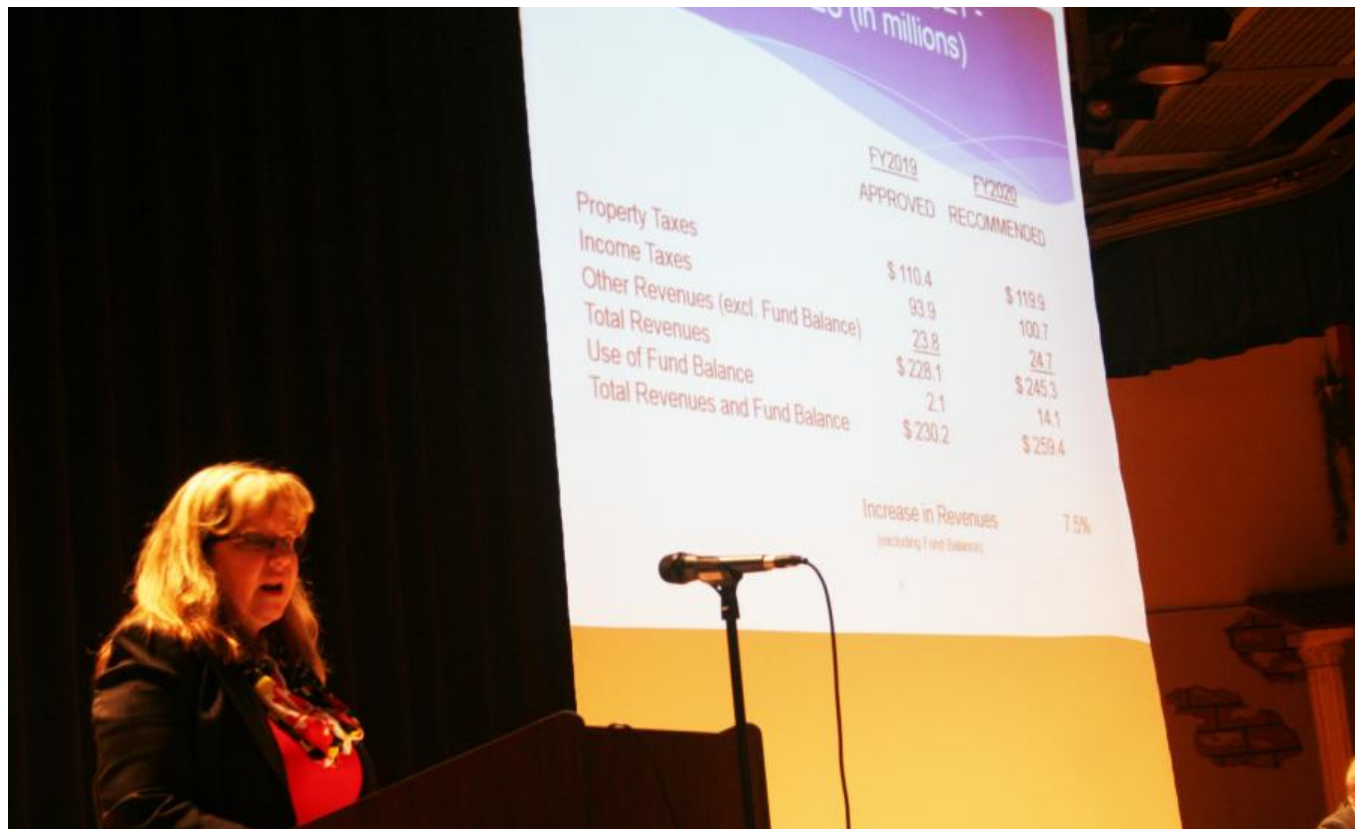
"You need to sharpen your pencils and really run it like a business," Mattingly said.

The proposed budget represents a 7.5 percent increase over last year's budget; the commissioners are proposing increasing the property tax rate to .9078 per every \$100 of assessed value, generating an additional \$7.9 million.

The proposed income tax increase would raise the rate to 3.2 percent, generating an additional \$3.2 million in fiscal 2020 and rising to \$6.4 million in fiscal 2021.

Commissioners have said the need to fund public services such as public safety, education and county government salaries, require tax increases.

Matt Bergen, a local realtor, said increased taxes and fees would drive residents away.



Chief Financial Officer Jeanett Cudmore goes over plans to increase taxes for the upcoming county budget.

"I'd correct your opening statement that you get your main source of revenue from income and property taxes," he said. "I'd argue your main source of revenue is people."

The rising costs of living mean the county could "lose coaches, we lose mentors... we lose friends," Bergen said.

Several residents called plans to spend money on turf fields a luxury, but others said it was a positive investment in the county's youth.

"I voted for all of them [the county commissioners] and I appreciate that they are willing to develop things for our children," said Mike Pinkel, specially on turf fields. "I'm tired of hearing it's not a good thing."

William Hall, president of the local chapter of the NAACP, pressed commissioners to move up the construction date for the community center in Lexington Park by years from its current 2025 date in the construction schedule.

"We can do better," Hall said.

Melissa Willey, mother of Jaelynn Willey who was killed by a classmate at Great Mills High School last year, pleaded with the commissioners to add more money to the budget for school security.

"Our children need school security," she said. "The school system needs the funding."

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Senator Details Legislative Successes

By Guy Leonard
Staff Writer

Sen. Jack Bailey, R-Dist. 29, said St. Mary's and Calvert counties fared well in this year's legislative session, his first, though some bills which passed could cost Southern Marylanders in the long run.

"I felt like we did extremely well when you look at the resources we brought back to Southern Maryland," Bailey told The County Times Wednesday.

He pointed out getting the funding secured to begin construction of the unmanned systems and autonomous research center at the University System of Maryland at Southern Maryland, also known as the third building, as a major victory.

"We're going to start the building this year," Bailey said. "It's an \$86 million project."

Bailey said \$11.9 million is currently available to begin construction.

The Kirwan Commission legislation, which seeks to increase statewide funding for education by \$4.4 billion over the next decade passed the legislature this year, Bailey said, but for at least the first year, counties do not have to worry about paying for the funding increases.

The Commissioners of St. Mary's County have said they will have to raise taxes for the coming fiscal year in part because of the Kirwan legislation.

"There is no trickle-down mandate this year," Bailey said. "The Kirwan legislation was funded through the [state's] surplus this year."

A bill that also established more resources to help prevent veteran suicides "who are in a desperate time" was also a significant achievement for Southern Maryland given the large veteran community here.

Still there were failures. A bill that would have extended the probation time for sexual predators, allowing them to be under greater scrutiny and providing penalties if they violated their probation, failed in the legislature he said, as did a bill that would have made opioid dealers open to charges of second-degree murder if buyers died from an overdose of narcotics they sold.

"I'm going to work to bring that bill back," Bailey said of the so-called fentanyl bill as well as the sexual predator bill.

A major defeat, Bailey said, was the passage of legislation that increased the minimum wage to \$15 by 2025, also known as the Fight for \$15.

"I've had business owners say they're going to close up here and move to other states," Bailey said. "Or they've said they won't be able to hire as many employees as they had planned."



Sen. Jack Bailey



Del. Brian Crobsy

Del. Brian Crobsy, speaking last week at the full meeting of the Tri-County Council in Great Mills, said he had heard fears of coming energy cost spikes due to the Clean Energy Jobs Act which requires 50 percent of the state's energy come from renewable resources.

"Rate increases may happen in other parts of the state but SMECO's requirement was 2.5 percent" for solar power, Crosby said, adding that the legislation would create more than 70,000 new jobs across the state.

He hailed the passage of a bill that would allow utilities such as SMECO to lease out their right-of-ways to broadband companies.

This would allow broadband to spread to residents, "the last mile," he said, who traditionally had no access to it.

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Few Bus Drivers Ditch Routes in Protest

By Guy Leonard
Staff Writer

Only a small number of contract school bus drivers made good on their threat of not making their routes to pick up students Tuesday to protest what they claim is a need for higher wages for their work.

Weeks prior to the planned protest at Benjamin Banneker Elementary School April 23, contract drivers had been pushing a petition to get their compatriots to also take part in the walkout unless the county government acceded to their demands for more pay and better benefits.

Drivers speaking to The County Times said there could be as many as 25 drivers who would not drive April 23; the total number of protestors at the protest along Route 5 in Leonardtown was just five as of 9a.m.

Some said more drivers would join the protest once they had finished their routes for the morning.

They held up handmade signs proclaiming : “Higher Pay for Bus Driver” and “Retirement Plan Needed.”

Dawn Murphy, the key driver who organized the protest, looked at a county-

owned bus as it drove out of the Banneker complex parking lot.

“They get holiday pay... we don’t get any of that,” Murphy said.

Karen Grumbine, another contract driver, said their wages were poor and they often didn’t get in a full work day to earn a full pay check.

“No drivers get eight hours a day,” Grumbine said. “If they do they’re lucky.

“And we have to pay for benefits.”

She said the average salary of a contract school bus driver is about \$25,000 a year.

“But take-home pay is more like \$18,000 a year,” Grumbine said.

Ben McKay, another driver, said he is able to continue driving during the summer months to take students to and from special activities but that offers much less in the way of pay.

“That pays only about half of a regular pay check,” McKay said.

The school system is heavily dependent on contract drivers to run student pick up routes; there are 190 routes for contract drivers and only about 12 that are owned and operated by the school system.

School transportation officials have said contract bus drivers received a 3



Contract school bus drivers protested Tuesday at Benjamin Banneker Elementary School for higher pay and better benefits

percent increase in funding in the latest school system budget but those monies are first paid to the contractor and disbursed to drivers by the company owner.

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Regions' Sheriffs Announce Crackdown on Distracted Driving

By Guy Leonard
Staff Writer

Calvert Sheriff Mike Evans, along with St. Mary’s Sheriff Timothy K. Cameron and Charles Sheriff Troy Berry announced Monday that deputies in the three Southern Maryland counties would refocus their efforts on curbing distracted driving and motorists who do not use their seatbelts.

Part of the effort, of which the Maryland Department of Transportation calls Buckle Up. Phone Down., seeks to educate drivers on the dangers of distracted driving and the risks of not wearing a safety belt.

The other pieces of the program are consistent monetary fines and points on licenses if motorists continue to disregard traffic laws, the region’s sheriffs said.

Berry said between the years of 2013 and 2017 there were a total of 814 vehicle crashes on Southern Maryland roads that involved unrestrained occupants; those drivers could have been better protected if they had only taken a moment to use their safety belts.

“Buckling a seat belt takes just three seconds,” Berry said, adding that motorists could expect to see greater levels of police presence on Southern Maryland roads.

Fines and points, he said, would be used to change behavior.

“In Maryland driving is a privilege, it’s not a right,” said Berry.



Sheriff Timothy K. Cameron, along with Calvert and Charles sheriffs Mike Evans and Troy Berry announce increased traffic enforcement this summer.

Evans said the increased enforcement period would last from April through August; fines for simply not wearing a safety belt while driving would be an \$83 citation.

“These laws save lives,” Evans said.

Cameron said distracted driving, particularly the kind due to use of smart phones and other hand-held devices, was one of the greatest threats on the region’s roads.

Between the years of 2013 and 2017, Cameron said, there were some 15,000 distracted driving crashes throughout Southern Maryland.

“The average time it takes to look at a text is five seconds,” Cameron said. “That is the equivalent of driving the length of a football field blindfolded for the same length of time.

“People continue to use these devices at an alarming rate.”

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Commissioners Approve School Security Grant

By Guy Leonard
Staff Writer

The final piece of a \$2.5 million grant from the state to improve school security will now go toward the purchase of special electronic mapping equipment to be used to provide law officers with up-to-the-minute views of a school's hallways and interior.

The remaining money, about \$49,000, would also be used to purchase emerging technology that turns an iPhone 8 into a scanner that can detect concealed weapons.

"It's a really interesting piece of technology," said Mike Wyant, schools security chief, to the Commissioners of St. Mary's County Tuesday regarding the imaging technology.

The commissioners approved the grant request unanimously.

The equipment would be used to take a two-dimensional image of a school's interior and those images could be uploaded to a smart phone used by law officers or school security who might have to enter during a high threat situation.

"What does this do to improve school security?" asked Commissioner President Randy Guy.

While it does not place more security personnel in a school it does offer up to date tactical data.

"It improves emergency response planning and preparedness," Wyant said. "The dynamics inside a school change every year."

The imaging models would be updated on a yearly basis, Wyant said, and would supplement the static floor plans of a building.

The new imaging technology would show if furniture such as cabinets or desks had been moved or if there were objects in hallways not shown on basic floor plans.

The weapon scanning kits, which also claims to have the ability to use facial recognition technology, are essentially a smart phone casing that uses radio waves to detect concealed weapons.

"We've seen a couple demonstrations of this technology," Wyant said. "It's different from a metal detector... it's something much more proactive."

Both pieces of technology would be used in the schools upcoming safety and security evaluation process required by the state.

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Governor Hogan Calls Special Session House of Delegates to Elect New Speaker

Governor Larry Hogan on April 18 signed an executive order calling for the Maryland General Assembly to convene a special session on Wednesday, May 1.

This special session, which comes at the request of the presiding officers, will allow the House of Delegates to elect a successor to the late Speaker Michael E. Busch.

There are reportedly three candidates for the position: Del. Adrienne A. Jones, 64, of Baltimore County; Del. Maggie McIntosh, 71, of Baltimore; and Del. Dereck Davis, 51, of Prince George's County.

"It is my solemn duty to call a special session of the General Assembly in order to elect a successor to Speaker Busch," said Governor Larry Hogan. "As we close a significant chapter in our state's history, we will continue the critical work that Mike Busch dedicated so much of his life to doing."

Whereas, the Honorable Mi-

chael E. Busch, Speaker of the Maryland House of Delegates, passed away on April 7, 2019, causing an outpouring of grief from the citizens of the State;

Whereas, Speaker Busch was the longest-serving speaker in the State's history, and was widely respected and admired for his lifelong dedication to service to the State and its citizens; and

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Now, therefore, I, Lawrence J. Hogan Jr., Governor of the State of Maryland, by virtue of the authority vested in me by Article II, Section 16, of the Maryland Constitution and the Laws of Maryland, hereby proclaim and convene a special and extraordinary session of the General Assembly of Maryland to commence on Wednesday, May 1, 2019, in the City of Annapolis to enable the House of Delegates to elect a new Speaker.



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USDA Report Shows St. Mary's Agriculture Strong

By Guy Leonard
Staff Writer

Officials with the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) presented data to the Tri-County Council of Southern Maryland last week showing St. Mary's County is among the leaders in agriculture in Maryland.

According to statistics from the 2017 Census of Agriculture St. Mary's County ranks No. 7 in the state for the number of operating farms.

Comparatively, Charles County ranked No. 14 for the number of farms with Calvert ranking near the bottom at No. 22, according to USDA statistics.

There are 24 jurisdictions in Maryland.

St. Mary's also made an impressive showing in specific categories of agricultural endeavors; the report showed that compared to the other Southern Maryland counties, which also includes Prince George's and Anne Arundel, St. Mary's has the most cattle on farms in the entire region.

For 2017 there were 3,600 head of cattle in St. Mary's with the next highest number being in Charles County with 1,900 head of cattle.

St. Mary's also had amongst the high-



est production levels for corn in Southern Maryland, the report showed, with almost 1.3 million bushels in 2017.

St. Mary's also proved to be among the highest producers of soybeans in the region with a production total of 670,000 bushels; Prince George's produced just 143,000 bushels of soybeans in 2017.

Still the report shows that farming in general in Maryland has declined in the last nine years.

In 2008 there were about 12,800 farms operating in the state with 2.05 million acres engaged in agriculture.

That number has dropped to 12,200 farms for 2017 with 2.03 million acres involved in farming.

The USDA estimates the total agricultural production for Maryland is about \$2.5 billion in Maryland.

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County Appoints Communications Director

The Commissioners of St. Mary's County have appointed Alisa Casas as Communications Director.

Casas comes to St. Mary's County Government from MAG Aerospace, formerly Ausley Associates Inc., where she was employed as an Export Compliance Analyst and Associate Director of Communications for the F/A-18 program at NAVAIR.

"We are pleased to appoint Ms. Casas as our next Communications Director," said Commissioner President Randy Guy. "Ms. Casas comes to the County with tremendous experience in commu-

nications and on behalf of all the Commissioners, we are looking forward to working together."

"I am grateful and excited to be offered the position of Communications Director for St. Mary's County Government", said Casas. "It is an honor to serve the commissioners and the residents of St. Mary's County and I look forward, with great anticipation, to getting to work."

Casas' appointment is effective May 6, 2019.

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The St. Mary's County Technical Evaluation Committee Agenda for April



1. CONCEPT SITE PLAN # 19-13200007, O'BRIEN WINERY (Zoning Ordinance 10-02) (Use # 12b and 12c) Critical Area

OWNER: Harold Grube- O'Brien

AGENT: Harold Grube-O'brien

LOCATION: 19860 Pear Hill Rd TM-057 GRID-07 PAR-0037 ED-02 TAX ID-010585

LAND USE: Rural Preservation

ZONING: RPD/ RCA ACREAGE: 132.5

ACTION REQUESTED: Review of a 3,993 square foot winery and farm brewery.

2. MINOR SITE PLAN #19-13100007, Zimmerman Gravel Mine (Zoning Ordinance 10-02) (Use # 82)

OWNER: Harlan Zimmerman

AGENT: Chesapeake Trails Surveying, LLC.

LOCATION: 25283 Friendship School Road TM-019 GRID-22 PAR-150 ED-06 TAX ID-071376

LAND USE: Rural Preservation

ZONING: RPD ACREAGE: 12.42

ACTION REQUESTED: Review of a Minor Site plan for a 226,512 square foot gravel mine.

3. MINOR SITE PLAN #19-13100008 Fisher Processing Plant (Zoning Ordinance 10-02) (Use # 1)

OWNER: Noah Fisher

AGENT: Chesapeake Trails Surveying, LLC.

LOCATION: 36723 Dixie Lyon TM-008 GRID-07 PAR-318 ED-05 TAX ID-055938

LAND USE: Rural Preservation

ZONING: RPD ACREAGE: 60.73

ACTION REQUESTED: Review of a Minor Site plan for a 2,400 square foot processing plant.

4. MINOR SUBDIVISION # 19-11000008, DISCLAFANI MINOR SUB (Zoning Ordinance 10-02) (Subdivision Ordinance 10-01)

OWNER: Rose Disclafani

AGENT: Robert E. Trautman LOCATION: 38819 Doctor Johnson Road TM-018 GRID-014 PAR-070 ED-04 TAX ID-032519 LAND USE: Rural Preservation

ZONING: RPD ACREAGE: 18.648 ACTION

REQUESTED: Review of a 2 lot minor subdivision.

5. MINOR SUBDIVISION # 19-11000009, ROBRECHT MANOR MINOR SUB (Zoning Ordinance 10-02) (Subdivision Ordinance 10-01) Critical Area

OWNER: JoAnne Roberts

LOCATION: 17827 Clarke Rd TM-065 GRID-11 PAR-0191 ED-02 TAX ID-017946

LAND USE: Residential Medium Density

ZONING: RL/ IDA ACREAGE: 1.046

ACTION REQUESTED: Review of a 2 lot minor subdivision



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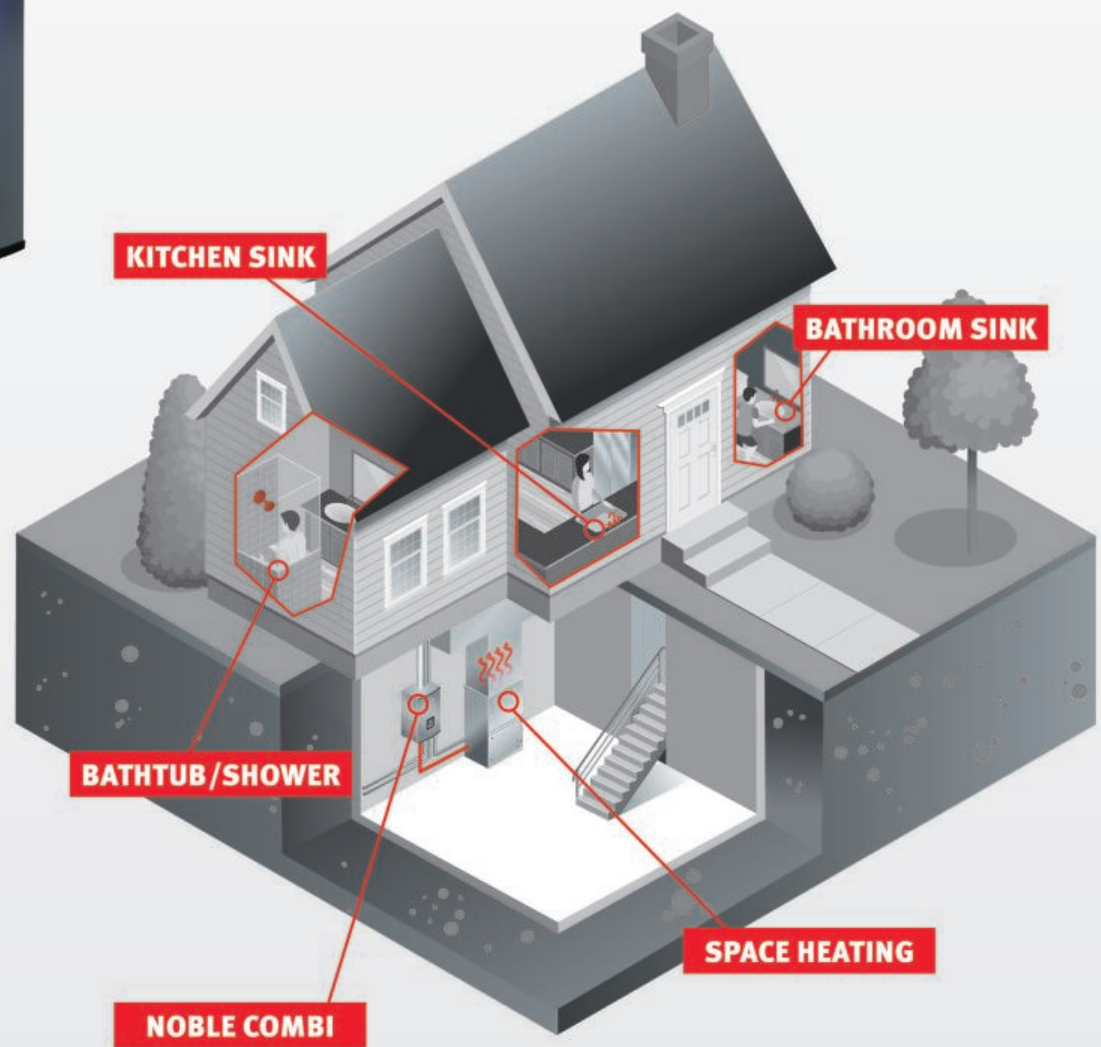
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St. Mary's County Sheriff's Office Crime Report

Wanted for Escape- The St. Mary's County Sheriff's Office is seeking the whereabouts of **Brandon Lee Bates, age 26** of Charlotte Hall. Bates has an active



warrant for the charge of escape second degree for violating the conditions of his pretrial release. Bates was previously arrested on theft charges. Bates is 5'10" in height, weighs 175 pounds, and has brown hair and brown eyes.

Anyone with information on the whereabouts of Brandon Lee Bates is asked to contact Detective Austin Schultz at (301) 475-4200 extension *1953 or by email at Austin.Schultz@stmarysmd.com. 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.

For official news and information, follow the St. Mary's County Sheriff's Office on Twitter @firstsheriff.

Burglary/Theft- On April 11, 2019, Det. Schultz made contact with **James Michael Russell, age 34** with no fixed address, and charged him with Burglary and Theft. In February deputies responded to the 30400 block of Potomac Way in Charlotte Hall, for the reported burglary to some mini storage units. Numerous items were taken from the storage units, and



through the course of the investigation, Russell was developed as a suspect. After Russell's arrest, numerous items that had been reported stolen were recovered. CASE# 9149-19

Violation of Protective Order- On April 11, 2019, Dep. Edelen responded to the 21800 block of Tulagi Place in Lexington Park, for the reported violation of protective order. Investigation determined **Cornelius NMN Fenwick, age 41** with



no fixed address, contacted the victim in violation of an active court order prohibiting him from doing so. Fenwick was arrested and charged with Violate Protective Order. CASE# 21293-19

Stalking- On April 12, 2019, Dep. Edelen, responded to the 21500 block of Great Mills Road in Lexington Park, for

the reported disturbance. Investigation revealed **Jamar Marcus Young, age 32**



of Lexington Park, came to the victim's place of employment and began causing a disturbance and threatening the victim. The victim was escorted home from work, and Young was discovered hiding outside the victim's residence by deputies. Young continued to cause a disturbance outside the victim's residence and yelled and harassed the victim in the presence of deputies on scene. Young was placed under arrest and charged with Harass: Course of Conduct, Stalking, Disorderly Conduct, and Disturbing the Peace: Hindering Passage. CASE# 21323-19

Theft/Drug Arrest- On April 12, 2019, **Joseph Dale Thomas, age 60** of



Lusby, was observed in the area of 44900 Worth Avenue in California. Thomas had an active warrant for the charge of Escape. Thomas was then observed entering a store, and removing an item from its packaging in an attempt to steal the item. When confronted, Thomas attempted to flee. Thomas was apprehended and when placed under arrest, two metal suspected CDS smoking devices were located on Thomas, as well as a baggie containing suspected cocaine. Thomas was arrested and charged with the outstanding warrant for Escape, Possession of CDS: Not Marijuana, and Theft by Cpl. Worrey# 152. CASE# 21501-19

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COMMISSIONERS OF LEONARDTOWN NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Commissioners of Leonardtown will hold a public hearing on May 13, 2019 at 4:30 p.m. in the Town Office, located at 22670 Washington Street, Leonardtown, MD. The purpose of the hearing is to present for public review and comment, a request for Final Site Plan Approval for a self-storage facility at 25850 Point Lookout Road, Leonardtown, MD also known as the Clark's Rest Subdivision Commercial Lot on MD Route 5. All interested parties are encouraged to attend or to submit written comments by 4:00 p.m. on May 13, 2019 to the Commissioners of Leonardtown, P.O. Box 1, Leonardtown, MD 20650. Special accommodations will be made for persons with disabilities upon request.

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SMECO Nominating Committee to Meet

Southern Maryland Electric Cooperative's (SMECO) Board of Directors has appointed 10 members to the 2019 Nominating Committee scheduled to meet on Wednesday, May 15, 2019, at SMECO's headquarters at 15035 Burnt Store Road in Hughesville. This committee will select a slate of candidates for the five Board positions to be elected this year. Elections will be held to fill one position in Calvert County, two positions in Charles County, one position in Prince George's County, and one in St. Mary's County.

The 2019 Nominating Committee members follow:

- Calvert County: Kimberly Freeland, Prince Frederick; and Terence N. Gibson, Prince Frederick.
- Charles County: Joseph L. Gardiner Jr., La Plata; Edward Holland III, Waldorf; and William B. Young Jr., Waldorf.
- Prince George's County: Charles E. Clagett, Accokeek; and Ernest H. Riess, Brandywine.
- St. Mary's County: Edith M. Bell, Chaptico; George A. Brown, Loveville; and Catherine Brenda Coates, Lexington Park.

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SMECO members interested in being nominated should complete a Board of Directors Candidate Application. To obtain a candidate application, contact Terrie Barringer at 240-528-9747 or Terrie.Barringer@smeco.coop. Completed candidate applications should be submitted to SMECO, Attention: Joseph Densford, Board Attorney, by Friday, May 10, 2019. Applications may be mailed to P.O. Box 1937, Hughesville, Maryland 20637, or delivered to Terrie Barringer at 15035 Burnt Store Road in Hughesville.

In addition to nominations made by the committee, any 15 or more SMECO

members acting together may make other nominations by petition by Friday, May 31, 2019. Members running by petition should also complete and submit a Board of Directors Candidate Application.

SMECO's Annual Meeting will be held Thursday, August 29, 2019; however, the election will be conducted by mail and online. Co-op members will receive ballots in the mail. Members may vote online or return their completed ballots by mail prior to the Annual Meeting. The meeting, which will be strictly a business meeting, will be held at Middleton Hall in Waldorf.

Election results will be announced at the meeting, but no voting will occur on-site.

Selection of the Nominating Committee members is in compliance with SMECO's bylaws. For more information regarding the committee, nominations, and qualifications of directors, refer to Article IV, Sections 4.02 and 4.03, of SMECO's bylaws. Bylaws may be obtained from a SMECO office or online at www.smeco.coop.

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Museum Receives Humanities Mini-Grant



Friends of St. Clements Island and Piney Point Museum has received a mini grant from Maryland Humanities. A total of \$5,200 in mini grant funding has been awarded to organizations in Maryland's Capital Region, Southern Maryland, and Maryland's Eastern Shore.

In addition to the St. Mary's County museums, awards were handed out to Friends of Cunningham Falls State Park, Heart of Chesapeake Country Heritage Area, Maryland Ensemble Theatre, and The Writer's Center. The other recipients are located in Frederick, Dorchester, and Montgomery counties.

Friends of the St. Clements Island and Piney Point Museums received a Heritage Day grant award of \$1,200. On June 1, 2019, St. Clement's Island Museum's Heritage Day will provide the opportunity for the public to visit the island—the site of the first landing of English settlers in Maryland in 1634—and learn about its history, culture, heritage, and

ecology.

Other projects funded in this round of awards include discussions about gender to complement a stage production of *Pride and Prejudice*, audio guides to enhance a history tour on the Lower Eastern Shore, and a conference about writers and fictional characters with autism.

Maryland Humanities provides mini grants (up to \$1,200) and major grants (up to \$10,000). Funding goes to non-profit organizations that use the humanities (literature, philosophy, history, etc.) to inspire Marylanders to embrace lifelong learning, exchange ideas openly, and enrich their communities. Grant criteria encourage free public programming in many forms.

Maryland Humanities' Grants Program is funded by the National Endowment for the Humanities, the Maryland Historical Trust in the Maryland Department of Planning, and the Maryland Department of Labor, Licensing, and Regulation.

To learn more about Maryland Humanities Grants Program, eligibility, and deadlines, visit www.mdhumanities.org/grants.

Easter Sunrise



Shepherd of the Bay Lutheran Church, with members from St. Mary's and Calvert counties, held its annual Easter Sunrise Service at Calvert Marine Museum. Photo by Joan Hoerning for Shepherd of the Bay Lutheran Church.

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TRI-COUNTY ANIMAL SHELTER

Teacher of the Year Strikes a Cord With Her Students



Teacher of the Year Jennifer Cord with her 5th grade class and superintendent Scott Smith

By Guy Leonard
Staff Writer

For more than two decades Jennifer Cord has made her career teaching some of the youngest and most energetic members of the St. Mary's County public school system; 4th and 5th graders.

Far from draining her, she loves her work and has made such an impact in her students' lives that her peers at White Marsh Elementary School in Mechanicsville nominated her to be the St. Mary's County Teacher of the Year.

She won that honor and is now in the running to be the Maryland Teacher of the Year.

Born in Riverdale in Prince George's County, she has lived here since she was about two years old and calls St. Mary's County her home.

She went to what is now known as Mother Catherine Academy and graduated from Chopticon High School before moving on to earn her degree in elementary and middle education from Frostburg University.

She has known employment only in the county school system as an adult and only at White Marsh Elementary School; she couldn't be happier.

"I've lived here all my life," Cord said of St. Mary's County. "I've put a lot of time into this county; it's really rewarding."

Cord said her experience in learning in parochial and public schools alike in St. Mary's led to her wanting to pursue a career as a teacher.

One teacher she had at Mary Catherine was her instructor year after year and even attended her wedding; she taught Cord how to teach, Cord said.

She and her husband lived briefly in Charles County but Cord was so adamant about having her own children enrolled in county public schools here that they moved.

"I wanted my kids to go to these schools," Cord told The County Times. "I wouldn't want them to go here if I didn't believe in them."

"I think they're amazing."

To have received the award from the county and to be in the running for the statewide award is a bit daunting, she said.

"It's very exciting, it's overwhelming," Cord said.

Her job has never changed much at White Marsh Elementary School and she likes it that way, she said.

"That job, that classroom that's the way it's been for 19 years," Cord said, adding that the first few years of teaching she had 4th graders as her charges. "I got hired there [at White Marsh] and I've never left."

She said her school is the perfect place to teach and train young children to achieve their full potential.

"There are less than 300 students there, about 270 total," Cord said. "Everybody knows everybody."

The teachers are ones who have chosen to stay lengthy amounts of time at the school and parents with larger families continue to send their children there to receive their formative education.

"I've taught kids from whole families," Cord said.

At this age, she said, they are both independent and yet still needy, energetic but desirous of guidance and encouragement.

"They are fun, very fun to be around," Cord said. "They're independent but they still need help."

"They feel like they are ready to go on to middle school, to be big shots."

"I spend a lot of time getting them ready for that transition," Cord continued. "They are still totally engaged in learning, they love school."

Cord said she makes sure to develop close relationships with the children she



Deborah Urich has spent 28 years at Greeview Knolls Elementary School, first as a volunteer and now a staff member and paraeducator. She is Educational Support Professional of the Year.

teaches so she can maximize their learning potential and also keep their parents informed.

She often takes pictures of her students when they successfully complete a project or do well in a lesson and send them to their parents; it keeps them abreast of their child's performance and helps them stay engaged in their own child's education.

"We have supportive parents," Cord, 42, said. "They've put their faith in us."

She also credits her fellow teachers and administrators with making White Marsh Elementary a good place to work.

The teachers, though they may teach different grades, all work together to support each other and their students, Cord said.

"The teachers are high energy," Cord said. "We are one giant team; we lean on each other, we support each other."

As an elementary teacher, Cord instructs students in virtually all foundational subject matter from mathematics and science to social studies and language arts; this week she took her students through Earth Day themed projects.

Her experience and her training has given her insight into what works for students at such a young level and it has everything to do with connecting to students to ensure the best instruction.

"I show them that I care," Cord said of her teaching strategy and tactics. "I believe in them and give them goals."

"I help them achieve those goals or at least get close to them."

At Greeview Knolls Elementary School in Great Mills, Deborah Urich, who has won the award for Educational Support Professional of the Year, has worked there first as a volunteer and then as a paid employee for 28 years.

She, too, has worked at only one school in St. Mary's and loves it.

She is the ISIC (In School Intervention Center) coordinator and often finds

herself either helping a student through a behavioral issue or teachers with any number of tasks.

"I never know what I'm going to be doing when I first come in," Urich said. "I'll help in classrooms if teachers need help or I'll sometimes substitute teach."

"Sometimes I'll take over reading or math groups."

Whether it's reading aloud to a group of 3rd graders in the morning or walking a student through the halls to work off some energy, she's always on call.

"I love what I do and it makes coming to work every day very easy," said Urich.

Cord said that helping to instill confidence in students makes them able to learn any subject, no matter how they felt about it before. "You have to know your students so well that you know what makes them tick," she said.

Cord is one of two 5th grade teachers at White Marsh and she and her classroom partner divide the 48 5th graders there in half.

A 24 to 1 class ratio may seem like a lot but Cord has come to manage it.

Cord said she has seen different jobs become available over the years and some of them have even been tempting but she has always chosen to stay with the children she is dedicated to teaching.

To her, teaching children in school is about more than just skills and knowledge.

"It's about how to be productive and to go out there in the world and live and be good people," Cord said. "If you don't teach that everything else is pointless."

She has no plans now to leave White Marsh Elementary.

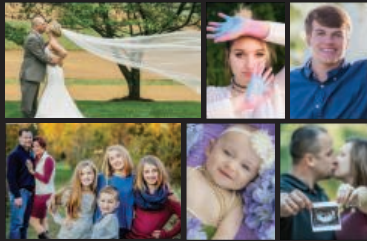
"I don't know why I would leave what I love," Cord said. "I like being here; I love my job."



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The First Friday Reception is May 3 from 5PM - 8PM. North End Gallery is also pleased to host a "Meet and Greet" for the German performance artist, Henry Thedens, who will give a gallery talk at 7PM about his new show, An Evening with Marlene Dietrich.

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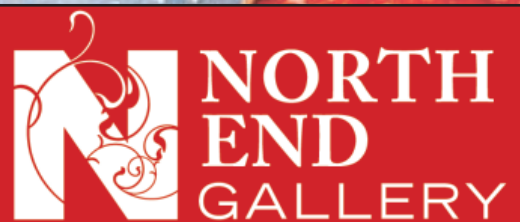
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Rescue Squad Hosts Annual Bluegrass Festival

The Hollywood Volunteer Rescue Squad will present its annual Bluegrass Festival on Saturday May 11, 2019 at the St. Mary's County Fairgrounds. Gates open at 11 a.m. and the show starts at noon. The event will be held inside, rain or shine. All proceeds from the day's event will go toward the Hollywood Volunteer Rescue Squad Building Fund.

At a time when most people feel constantly distracted by technology and barraged by the news, authenticity and straightforward honesty are paramount. There's something about the music of The Po' Ramblin' Boys that cuts right through the noise of the world and speaks plainly to the soul. Formed in the Smoky Mountains, The Po' Ramblin' Boys are at once exactly what you would expect and not at all what you would expect from a tattooed East Tennessee Bluegrass outfit.

No strangers to hard work, the boys are as much at home riding in their 1965 GM Tour bus as they are crawling underneath to fix it when it needs maintenance. But they take pride in being ambassadors of their genre, and the group has brought their music from rural bluegrass festival stages to the rock clubs of Europe, with stunning results. In today's modern world of "Candy Grass" and "Bubble Gum Bluegrass", as promoter Jay Armsworthy puts it, everyone is just craving music that they can feel. The Po' Ramblin' Boys are putting Bluegrass right where it's least expected. Every once in a while, a band comes along that gets everyone's attention because they are doing things right, have the perfect chemistry, and are creating a sound that resonates. The Po' Ramblin' Boys could very well be the salvation of the struggling traditional festivals while being the 'ambassadors of real' to the fringe events.

C.J. Lewandowski was working at Ole Smoky Moonshine Distillery in Sevierville, TN when the band first formed. The distillery employed musicians to play for visitors seven days a week, and Lewandowski, who primarily plays Mandolin and sings, was occasionally hired to fill in when the entertainment didn't show. Eventually, the distillery approached him about forming a band for a full time slot, so he reached out to long time music friends Jereme Brown, who plays banjo for the group, and Josh Rinkel, who plays guitar. Jereme was doing welding work at that time, and Josh was running a sign company. They were all ready to do something new that included their music but didn't know when or how. Bassist Jasper Lorentzen happened to be working in the tasting room at the distillery, and turned out to be the perfect final addition to the band. The four friends played multiple times a week for a year and half, honing their band sound, meanwhile word was spreading about their music. Their first gig they played out of town was a festi-



val in Alberta, Canada, and a week later they went on a two week tour of Europe. And it's been all uphill from there for the Po' Ramblin' Boys.

Their debut album, "Back to the Mountains", was a combination of original songs and old numbers that honor the group's mentors and bluegrass heroes. They love to dig up old songs that haven't been heard in years and bring them back into the spotlight. It's no surprise, then, that their latest single "Next Train South", is a song cut by one of Lewandowski's teachers from his native Missouri, Dub Crouch, along with Norman Ford and the Bluegrass Rounder's back in 1974. It's old and rare songs like this that they love to sing because when they bring them to a larger audience, their heroes and their music will not be forgotten.

The Po' Ramblin' Boys passion for bluegrass is as clear as it is contagious. With a heavy touring schedule across the United States and Europe and recently signed record deal with the esteemed Rounder Records, the Boys are well on their way to becoming the quintessential bluegrass band of their generation. Despite all of their recent success, they maintain a humble perspective.

Bluegrass music has left such a mark on them that they feel they owe something back to the music.

As Lewandowski puts it, "There's no telling what could have happened to us, what we would have become if we hadn't found this music. It's gotten us through a lot, the good and the bad. When I think about all of the damn medications that I didn't have to take because I had music to turn to; We didn't have to go to the doctor and pay for something to make us feel better, because we had this music, so we really want to honor it by bringing it out of the shadows and onto new stages and wider audiences. Because we know that if we can bring Bluegrass to new folks, those folks will come with us and support the bluegrass community."

Also keeping the traditional sound will be the Virginia Ramblers from Charlottesville, VA. The band is back by demand from their performance at the 2017 Bluegrass for Hospice.

Each year the Hollywood Bluegrass Festival also has many local Bluegrass groups who perform throughout the day. This year enjoy the likes of Recycled Bluegrass, 15 Strings, the Wednesday, Anderson's Bar, Hump Day Band, and The Dixie Ramblers. Troy Jones will be

doing the sound for the festival.

The event will be held inside. Chairs will be provided, but feel free to bring your own lawn chairs if you'd like. There will be food & non-alcohol beverages available for purchase and feel free to BYOB. There will be 50/50 raffles and a raffle for a full scale John Deere Green Wagon at \$5.00 each or 3 for \$10.00. Tickets are available in advance for \$20.00 per person by mail or online.

To purchase using a credit card, go to: <https://www.brownpapertickets.com/event/4043274>. By mail, send a check or money order made payable to: Hollywood Volunteer Rescue Squad along with a self-addressed stamped envelope to: P.O. Box 741, California, MD. Tickets can also be purchased at the gate for \$25.00 per person and under 12 are free with a paying adult. The festival gates will open at 11:00 am and the event runs from 12:00 pm to 6:00 pm. The St. Mary's County Fairgrounds is located at 42455 Fairgrounds Road in Leonardtown, MD. For more information, go to <http://www.hvrs.org/content/bluegrass/> or call 301-737-3004.

Press Release from HVRS



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News



U.S. Navy Air Boss, Vice Adm. DeWolfe Miller, III, commander, Naval Air Forces, left, discusses the fleet's first Compact Swaging Machine aboard USS Nimitz (CVN 68)

New carrier-based system benefits sailors, improves aviation readiness

Commander, Naval Air Forces earlier this year had a chance to view the opera-

tion of the first Compact Swaging Machine (CSM) to reach the fleet, during a visit aboard the aircraft carrier, USS Nimitz (CVN 68) earlier this year.

Nimitz is the first aircraft carrier to have the CSM installed. The ship's crew will soon be the first to use the technology to swage a terminal onto a purchase cable, which is used to arrest aircraft on the ship's flight deck. Purchase cables connect the arresting wire to the arresting gear engines and "pay out" as the arresting wire is grabbed by the landing aircraft's tailhook to allow for a smooth, controlled arrestment.

"I am elated to see the CSM's integration into the fleet getting underway," said Paula Parsons, Mk-7 and CSM Team Lead. "The benefit it brings to both Sailors' quality of life and operational readiness is significant."

The CSM replaces a decades-old socket-pouring process that requires three to five Sailors to work with molten zinc on a moving ship, and takes up to 12 hours per swage. A ship's crew will pour 16 to 25 terminals during a typical six-month deployment. With the new

process, a single Sailor can create a new terminal on the end of a purchase cable in no more than one hour.

The CSM system, designed by engineers at NAVAIR and New Hampshire-based contractor Create LLC, is an advanced hydraulic system that employs an 800-ton press and an automated process to swage the terminal onto the cable, eliminating the hazards of molten metal socket pouring and significantly reduces the number of man-hours required to create new cables.

Each carrier in the U.S. fleet is slated to receive two CSMs, as ship availabilities permit.

The CSM is one of 48 systems managed by the Aircraft Launch and Recovery Equipment Program Office (PMA-251).

From Aircraft Launch and Recovery Equipment Program Office PMA-251 Public Affairs

Education

Anthropology Professor Earns Trailblazer Award

St. Mary's College of Maryland President Tuajuanda C. Jordan presented the 2019 President's Trailblazer Award on Thursday, April 18, to Julia A. King, professor of anthropology at St. Mary's College of Maryland.

"When I created the Trailblazer Award in 2015, it was inevitable that Julie King would receive this award that recognizes notable "firsts" in the history of the College," said President Jordan. "When I began my tenure as president in summer 2014, many members of the campus community personally welcomed me in a myriad of ways. But Julie welcomed me by inviting me to my first archaeological dig site, the Zekiah Fort! Julie is truly inspirational, as an explorer, as an investigator, and as a mentor and professor."

After more than 30 years in the profession, King shows no sign of slowing down. "I wake up every day excited about archaeology and discovering new things with my students," she said. King has been successful in the pursuit of more than \$1 million in grant funding, several from the National Endowment for the Humanities and the National Park Service. She has held fellowships with Harvard University's Dumbarton Oaks, the Virginia Historical Society, and Winterthur Museum in Delaware.

She is currently a member of the Maryland Advisory Council on Historic Preservation and from 2003-2011

served as an appointee to the U.S. President's Advisory Council on Historic Preservation.

A prolific writer, King's major publications include "Archaeology, Narrative, and the Politics of the Past: The View from Southern Maryland" (University of Tennessee Press, 2012), which received a book award from the American Association of State and Local History in 2013. She co-wrote "Indian and European Contact in Context: The Mid-Atlantic Region" (University Press of Florida, 2004) as well as "Pathways to History: Charles County, 1658-1958" (Smallwood Foundation Inc., 2008), the latter winning the Maryland Historical Trust's Preservation Heritage Book Award in 2009.

Her major accomplishments include being named founding director of the Maryland Archaeological Conservation Laboratory, a state-of-the-art archaeological curation and conservation facility for Maryland archaeological collections, in 1998.

In 2003, King was the first archaeologist appointed by Pres. George W. Bush to the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation, a body that advises the president and Congress on matters of national historic preservation policy. King served under both Presidents Bush and Obama until 2011.

She received an Award of Merit from the American Association of State and

Local History for the book, "Archaeology, Narrative, and the Politics of the Past: The View from Southern Maryland," in 2014.

In 2018, King received the J.C. Harrington Award from the Society for Historical Archaeology to recognize a lifetime of scholarly achievement. King received the award – the society's most prestigious – at its annual conference in New Orleans, Louisiana.

According to King, "My most important achievements I think are the archaeological discoveries I have made with St. Mary's College students since 2008. Archaeological sites that many people had been searching for decades, my students and I approached as 'problems to be solved' and we found a number of very important sites. However, we could not have found these sites without the funding support of a number of private parties, especially Michael and Laura Sullivan, and state agencies. With these discoveries, we could only do our work because of external support."

King teaches courses in archaeology, Native American history and culture, and historic preservation.

The President's Trailblazer Award was created by President Jordan in 2015 to honor those individuals or enterprises whose actions are notable "firsts" in the history of the College. Previous Trailblazer Award-winners include Trustee Donald "Donny" Bryan '73, the first



(L-R) St. Mary's College of Maryland President Tuajuanda C. Jordan, Professor of Anthropology Julia A. King, Charles County Board of Commissioners President Rueben B. Collins II, and Michael Sullivan, local developer and entrepreneur.

African American student to graduate from St. Mary's College's four-year program, followed by President Emeritus Edward T. "Ted" Lewis, who shepherded the "public honors college" moniker and the unique funding mechanism through the state legislature. In 2017, Julie Croteau '93 received the Trailblazer Award for being the first female to make the St. Mary's College's Division III team as a freshman and the first female to play NCAA baseball in the men's league. Last year, The Patuxent Partnership (TPP), whose support has enabled St. Mary's College's physics department to become a national model and enhanced the reach of the Center for the Study of Democracy, received the award. The College and TPP have enjoyed several long-term partnerships furthering the advancement of education and programming.

Press Release from SMCM

Local Boxers Win Golden Gloves Honors



Hinmon, Almaraz, Richardson

On March 25 at Rosecroft Racetrack in Ft. Washington, Knowledge Boxing Center's own Phyllis "North Phyllis" Almaraz won her second Golden Gloves Championship.

Almaraz won three, hotly contested two-minute rounds against Katrina Simmons of Baltimore in the 106lb weight class. She earned a unanimous decision to secure her second consecutive Washington D.C./Maryland/Delaware Golden Glove title.

The Leonardtown resident trains at the Knowledge Boxing Center in Lexington Park under the tutelage of Head Coach Daryl Hinmon and Assistant Coach John Richardson. Hinmon says "Phyllis is one of our hardest and most consistent workers in the gym. Her dedication, mental strength and steadfast training is really what allows her to be so successful."

Almaraz stated "I felt very prepared for this fight. Anytime I was not at work, sleeping or eating, I was working on becoming a better boxer whether it was training at our gym, sparring at other gyms, running, swimming or watching boxing videos."

She says, "My opponent was very tough, but I just kept thinking about how hard I worked to prepare for this fight. My coaches put me through some very vigorous training and I always pushed through. I made my mind up that I was not going to let anyone deny me of victory. This was for the Golden Glove Championship, so I knew it was going to be war in the ring and I had to

give it my all."

On Saturday April 6th, Great Mills resident Devante "Quiet Storm" Alexander won the 2019 Golden Glove Championship in the 141 pound weight class at Rosecroft Racetrack in Ft. Washington. Alexander, who trains at the Knowledge Boxing Center in Lexington Park won his very competitive bout via third round stoppage against Tre'Von Wells of Prince George's County.

Before the bout Alexander thought "This is where I am supposed to be. This is my destiny. I am here for a reason. God put me in this situation at this time and place because it was predestined. It is my time to show the world who I am." He said "I trained for multiple hours each day at Knowledge Boxing, along with a steady running schedule. I fed off the energy of my teammate who already won the Golden Gloves (Phyllis Almaraz) to push through. This was the hardest we've trained for a fight. It was worth it."

Hinmon said "Devante is a silent warrior. He never complains and puts in that good, old fashioned, hard work. He had a goal, he put that work in at the gym, he achieved his goal. He executed our game plan to a tee and we couldn't be more proud of the young man. Coach John and myself love him like a son."

Alexander said "My opponent was very tough. During the fight, I stayed focused, executed my skills and stuck to the plan my coaches made. We came out victorious."



Richardson, Alexander, Hinmon

The Tackle Box Fishing Report



Craig Melvin landed this 37 pound, 42 inch rockfish in the Potomac off Stewart's Pier using a trolled tandem rig.

By Ken & Linda Lamb
Contributing Writers

Opening day of the trophy rockfish season started with rain and wind, but conditions steadily improved until the afternoon was bearable for bigger boats. The fish were not cooperative as a rule, but there were some trophies taken, some at the 50 inch mark weighing 50 pounds. The Tackle Box had two fish brought in by late Sunday, one from the Potomac and one from the bay. Charter captains were catching a hand full on their trips trolling for the big ones. Umbrella and tandem rigs with huge lures were successful. There were better stories from the Potomac than the bay proper. The next few days promise good conditions and results will improve.

The white perch are now active in the rivers and on the bay shore. Several good catches were photographed this week at The Tackle Box including a 12

inch white perch which leads the newly instituted monthly big perch contest for April. Micheal Proctor caught the big perch fishing from the bay shore on bloodworms in Spring Ridge.

Catfish continue to be caught from most every body of water in southern Maryland. Catfish were caught off the public fishing pier in Solomons at the boat ramp on Saturday morning. I observed a cooler full of blue catfish that were caught on the rising tide there before 10am. The afternoon crowd was not catching, and were waiting for the tide change to trigger the bite.

There are rumors of croaker being caught in the Potomac near Bushwood, but we have not confirmed them yet. There was a croaker bite reported in the Rappahanock last week. They are heading our way.

Fresh water fishing for crappie, bass, bluegill, and pickerel is excellent at St. Mary's Lake and in local ponds.

Fun & GAMES

Wanderings of an Aimless Mind

by Shelby Oppermann
Contributing Writer



Somebunny enjoyed Easter



Good morning! Or evening, depending on when you get to read the column. I hop, oops I mean hope (too much Easter bunny happiness I guess) everyone had a lovely Easter. I know our family did. Wasn't it the most beautiful weather for Easter in many years? All those memories of sunlight flooding through the Easter baskets like a prism came true again. We had lots of family with us at church and lots at home for the Easter buffet. So perfect. We spent the whole day outside with the egg hunt for all the grand kids and eating all the great food. I love having lots of family and friends over, nothing makes me happier. We have a wash and wear house and lifestyle. Have fun and enjoy.

Is everyone still thinking of ways to eat ham and all the other leftovers? We are trying hard to get rid of all the dessert leftovers, especially my step-daughter Michelle's delicious Easter lamb-shaped cake – a tasty tradition. She sets the lamb in a bed of edible Easter grass, so it is quite an amazing creation. My husband and I have just left a fork sitting on the cake plate under the plastic wrap. Every time I lift the wrap, I notice more of the lamb is gone. I bet my husband thinks the same thing every time he lifts the plastic wrap. Well, Really, how often do you get lamb cake with homemade icing? It's a sacrilege to not eat a family tradition. And the same goes for my sister-in-law Sherry's potato salad and her pineapple upside down cake (wow, the piece I heated in the microwave this morning was Heaven), the barbecued chicken, green beans, my ambrosia, macaroni salad, mac and cheese, and the few leftover rolls.

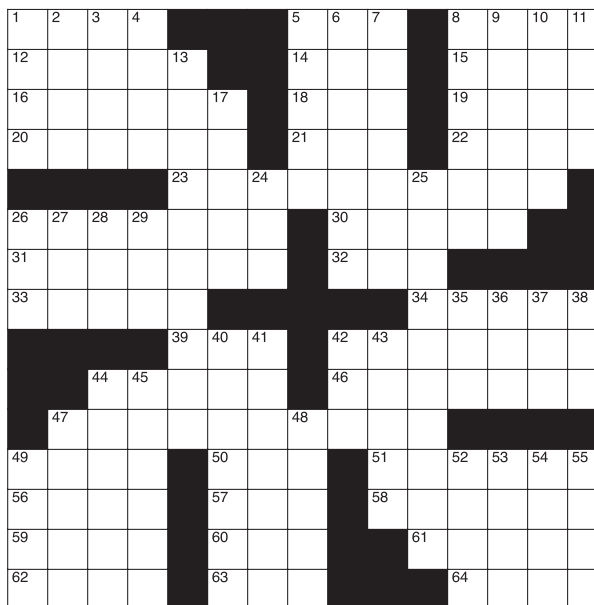
Waste not, want not, right? Now, the reason for eating up all the leftover jelly beans, Reece's peanut butter eggs™, etc. is not so easy to justify.

One grandchild, the youngest, little Alan, did get wiped out by Mindy. It was an unfortunate case of him running while holding her favorite ball over his head. I saw it in time to yell, MINDY, NO! just as she leapt with both paws heading towards his little back. Muddy face plant for little Alan, but all was well. Did you have any Easter "incidents"? We had a few minor things, but it all goes down in the memory book of life. The house got as clean as our house is ever going to get, and anyway, I have become attached to the little spiders in their webs. Dust bunnies are first cousins of the Easter bunny, aren't they?

It's funny how Christmas decorations you leave up for twelve days, and know that you have to, but Easter decorations are usually gone by Easter Monday. When it is over, it's over, except for the good thoughts left from our priest's sermons and thoughts of hope and peace. At home, I do keep all my bunny figurines out through spring. I love bunnies. They are everywhere. Even our guest room is called the bunny room. Does this sound normal, or on the scale of one to creepy. Hmm...that's okay, I still love bunnies. I hope your Easter was wonderful and that lots of new memories were made in your family as well.

*To each new day's adventure,
Shelby*

Please send your comments or ideas to: shelbys.wanderings@yahoo.com or find me on Facebook.



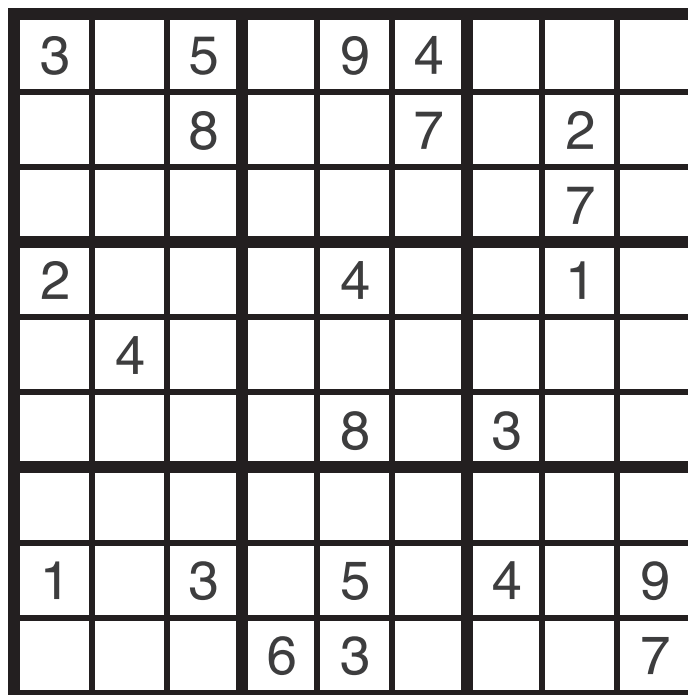
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- 36. Winter activity
- 37. Snakelike fish
- 38. Not wet
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- 41. In league
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- 43. Monetary unit
- 44. Marked
- 45. Emerges
- 47. Shape by heating
- 48. Early Slavic society
- 49. Italian automaker
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In Remembrance

Steven Lyle "Steve" Bayles



Steven Lyle "Steve" Bayles, 70, of Hollywood, MD passed away April 13, 2019 at his home with his loving family at his side.

He was born on March 30, 1949 in Maryland to the late Hubert Bayles and Pearl Zygarr Bayles of California, MD.

Steve was a 1967 graduate of Ryken High School in Leonardtown, MD. He was employed for over 35 years as an insurance auditor, working as an independent contractor, before his retirement in 2016. On July 5, 1997 he married his beloved wife, Julia French Bayles in California, MD. Together they celebrated over 19 wonderful years of marriage before her passing in March 2017. He was an avid reader, loved hot sauces, and was a "Dead Head." He had a love for theater and was a member of The Newtowne Players. He also enjoyed riding his Gold Wing. His family was always a priority and he loved spending time with them.

In addition to his mother, Pearl, Steve is also survived by his siblings: David Bayles (Cheryl) of Mechanicsville, MD, Linda Guy of California, MD, and Lori Spier (Edward) of Hyattsville, MD; his nieces/nephew: Jessica Guy, Kaarin Spier; his great nieces/nephew, Charlie Sue Kerril and Michael Kerril; and many extended family and friends. In addition to his father, he is also preceded in death by his beloved wife, Julie.

A Memorial Remembrance will be held at The Three Notch Theater 21744 South Coral Dr. Lexington Park, Md. on May 25, 2019 2:00pm - 4:00pm

Memorial contributions may be made to Hospice of St. Mary's, P.O. Box 625, Leonardtown, MD.

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

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Corrine Elizabeth Peeling



Corrine Elizabeth (Haugh) Peeling, 77, of the Mulberries on Breton Bay, Leonardtown, MD donned her angel wings and left this life for her journey to Heaven on Saturday, April

20, 2019. Corrine died peacefully at home with her daughters and husband

by her side after a 10-year battle with Stage 4 Metastatic Breast Cancer. Affectionately known as "Peanut", she spent her first 55 years in Hagerstown, MD where she graduated from North Hagerstown High School in the Class of 1960. She was a beautiful and vivacious teenager who excelled in sports on the school's Varsity Softball and Basketball teams. After graduation she went to work at Martins Food near the Valley Mall where she retired in 1998. She was blessed with two daughters, Pamela Myers and Michele Brock, who she loved with all her heart. Over the years she became Memaw/Mammaw to 2 granddaughters (Lindsey Rambo and Stephanie Brock) and 2 grandsons (Josh Keyton and Ryan Miller) who gave her 6 great grandchildren and 1 step grandson that brought her countless special moments.

In 1998, she met the love of her life and "Sugar Daddy", Don Peeling. Despite being torn over leaving her loved ones and friends, she moved to Southern Maryland where she was further blessed with 3 stepchildren (Lynda, Barbie, and Gary), 8 step grandchildren, and 6 great grandchildren; and was welcomed into the Eagle Systems family. Her engaging smile, comical sense of humor, and energetic persona quickly endeared her to everyone she met. Corrine was a member of the St. Mary's Quilters and Quilters by the Bay where she was known to spend hours-on-end making beautiful quilts and afghans for her family, friends, and wounded service men. She was a long-time member of the Hollywood United Methodist Church where she was loved by the congregation and enjoyed a deep and personal relationship with God. Corrine was well known as a courageous "Super Hero" by those undergoing cancer treatments and could often be found bringing encouragement to those having little hope. Her infectious laughter and hilarious kick-butt humor will forever be remembered by her friends at the Drayden Campgrounds and at Friday night dinners with her special self-proclaimed "A __" family.

Corrine's heart was bigger than life itself. She is now free of pain and resting in peace for eternity in the arms of the Lord. We are forever grateful and blessed that we were able to share in the life of this special woman whose memory will never be forgotten.

Corrine was preceded in death by her parents Pearl and Marshall (Butch) Haugh and Sister Donna Jackson. In addition to her daughters, grandchildren, great grandchildren, step grandchildren, and step great grandchildren, she is survived by her siblings Robert and Terry Haugh of Hagerstown, MD, Gary Haugh of Boonsboro, MD, and her younger sister Linda Blubaugh of Ocala, FL, as well as many nieces and nephews.

Flowers can be sent to the Brinsfield Funeral Home, 22955 Hollywood Road, Leonardtown, MD 20650. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to Hospice of St. Mary's, P.O. Box 625, Leonardtown, MD 20650.

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Celestina Reyna Macaboy



Celestina Reyna Macaboy, "CC", of Leonardtown, MD passed away on April 18, 2019 in Washington, DC. She was the daughter of the late Maria Reyna Baliballita and Fermin Baliballita. CC was the loving wife of the late Francis Bakwell Macaboy whom preceded her in death on February 25, 2006.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated on Wednesday, April 24, 2019 at 11:00 AM in St. George Catho-

lic Church Valley Lee, MD with Father John Nguyen officiating. Interment will follow in the church cemetery.

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William "Bill" Brady Hidey



William "Bill" Brady Hidey, 73 of Mechanicsville, MD, formerly of Hyattsville, MD passed away on April 18, 2019 in Washington, DC. Born on December 19,

1945 he was the son of the late Zonabell Hacker Hidey and Miller Hidey. Bill was the loving husband of Renee Sharon Hidey whom he married on July 31, 1964 in Montgomery County, MD. She is survived by his children; Elisa Bowles and William Hidey both of Mechanicsville, MD. 3 grandchildren, 1 great-grandchild and 1 great-grandchild on the way. Bill is preceded in death by his daughters, Theresa

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Hidey and Heather Groht as well as his sisters, Nancy Blankenship and Debra Edmonds.

Bill moved to St. Mary's County MD in 1985. He was an Operator/Foreman for City Contractors, Inc. for 35 years, retiring in 2015. Bill enjoyed old cars/motorcycles, camping, playing cards with family and especially spending time with his grandchildren.

The family will receive friends on Friday, April 26, 2019 from 10:00 AM – 11:00 AM in the Mattingley-Gardiner Leonardtown, MD where a Funeral Service will be held at 11:00 AM in the Funeral Home Chapel with Joe DeHuarde officiating. Interment will follow in Sacred Heart Catholic Cemetery Bushwood, MD. Pallbearers will be: William Hidey, Robert Hidey, Daniel Bowles, Joseph DeHuarde, Thomas Groht and Pete Richards. Honorary Pallbearers will be: Danielle Bowles, Alexis Groht, Terry Wathen, Ginny Bagley, Shelly Fuller, JP Weber, William Chenault, Beau Hall, Oscar Perea and Israel Saabedra.

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James Aubrey Owens



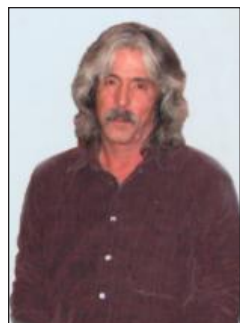
James Aubrey Owens, "Duffy", 76 of Leonardtown, MD formerly from Hughesville, MD, passed away on April 17, 2019. He was born on April 19, 1942 in Leonardtown, MD, he was the loving son of the late Mabel Estel Dean Owens and William James Owens. Duffy was the loving husband of the late Jean Nelson Owens whom he married on July 22, 1961 in Holy Angels Catholic Church Avenue, MD and who preceded him in

death on April 4, 2004. Duffy is survived by his children Karen Jean Smith (Timothy) of Waldorf, MD, James "Jay" William Owens of Waldorf, MD, Malcolm David Owens (Tina Louise Owens Deceased) of Mt. Jackson, VA, and 3 grandchildren. Along with his brother William L. Owens. He was preceded in death by his sister Marjorie Owens. He was a lifelong St. Mary's County, MD resident. He attended Margaret Brent High School. Duffy served in the Army National Guard and was an Operating Engineer with International Union of Local Engineers 77 for 40 years, retiring in 2008.

Contributions may be made to the Seventh District Optimist Club P.O. Box 53 Bushwood, MD 20608.

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Mark Alan Kiger



Mark Alan Kiger, 57, of Lexington Park, MD passed away on April 5th, 2019 at his residence surrounded by his loving family.

Mark was born on July 27th, 1961 in Washington, PA to the late Jerry Marlin Kiger, Sr and Nancy Jane (Harris) Kiger. Mark was the second of five children.

Mark attended Great Mills High School. He married Vicki Marie Severns on 24 Dec 1983 in Lexington Park. They were married 21 years before her passing in October of 2004. Mark spent his career working as a sheet metal mechanic for both S&N Heating and Air Conditioning and Champion Heating & Air for over 25 years.

The Kiger family moved to Lexington Park in 1967. Mark loved living in

St. Mary's County and was happiest when he was spending time on the water fishing and crabbing. He also enjoyed walking the local farmer's fields when they were plowed to hunt for arrow heads. Over the years he has amassed quite a large collection of Indian Arrow heads and other artifacts. He was soft spoken with a great sense of humor. He enjoyed spending time with his friends and family.

He is survived by his mother, Nancy Jane (Harris) Kiger, of Lexington Park, MD; his son, Zachary Alan Kiger, of Lexington Park, MD; and his siblings, Sharon Dement (David), of Summerville, SC, Jerry Marlin Kiger Jr. (Jan) of Hollywood, MD and J. Scott Kiger, of Denver, CO. In addition to his wife and father, he was preceded in death by his brother, Brad Lee Kiger. He is also survived by his nephews, Brandon Dement of SC, Ryan Dement of AR, Taylor Dement of NC and Dustin Reid of OR.

Memorial contributions may be made to Hospice of St. Mary's, P.O. Box 625, Leonardtown, MD 20650.

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

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John Walter Ambrose



John Walter Ambrose, 53, formerly of Columbia, MD passed away on April 11, 2019 at the Charlotte Hall Veterans Home in Charlotte Hall, MD.

John was born on July 20, 1965 in Washington, D.C. to the late Robert Lee Ambrose and Carolyn (Wynne) Ambrose.

John served in the United States Army from July 06, 1990 – October 23, 1992 before being honorably discharged. He enjoyed spending time with his niece and nephew and his extended family. John was a wonderful uncle and brother. He was a gamer and loved playing around on the computer. John took great pride in his sobriety and had been sober for over 30 years.

He is survived by his brother, Gregory Ambrose (Autumn) of Hanover, Maryland, nephew, Joshua Ambrose and niece, Jessica Ambrose both of Hanover, Maryland. He was preceded by his parents.

John will have funeral service on Wednesday, May 1, 2019 at 10:15 at the Maryland Veterans Cemetery, 11301 Crain Highway, Cheltenham, Maryland 20623.

In lieu of flowers memorial contributions can be made to the American Cancer Society, 211 E Lombard St,

#290, Baltimore, MD 21202.

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Kenneth Emil Sola



Kenneth Emil Sola, 79, of Abell, MD passed away on April 15, 2019 at his residence surrounded by his loving family.

Kenneth was born on July 19, 1939 in Jersey

City, NJ to the late Emil Bernard Sola and Margaret (Riley) Sola.

Kenneth married the love of his life, Jacquelyn Louise (Wilson) Sola in 1967 in Manhattan, NY. They spent 52 wonderful years together. In 1969, Kenneth earned his Bachelor's Degree from Columbia University; he went on to earn his Master's Degree from the University of Pittsburgh in 1972. He was employed as a Human-Factors Engineer for the Federal Government. Kenneth was a member of the 7th District Optimist Club. He enjoyed fishing, hunting and spending time with his family, friends and his dogs, Nina, Moppet, and Bo.

Kenneth is survived by his wife, Jacquelyn; children, Kenneth Emil Sola, Jr., of Abell, MD and Jonathan David Sola (Roberta), of St. Mary's City, MD; grandchildren, Carolyn, Lilly, Bella, and Evan Sola. He was preceded in death by his siblings, Robert and Arthur Sola.

The family will receive friends on Saturday, April 27, 2019 from 3:00 to 5:00 p.m. with a Prayer Service at 4:00 p.m., at Brinsfield Funeral Home, 22955 Hollywood Road, Leonardtown, MD 20650. Interment is private.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the 7th District Volunteer Rescue Squad, P.O. Box 7, Avenue, MD 20609 or Hospice of St. Mary's, P.O. Box 625, Leonardtown, MD 20650.

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Herschel Vincent McLeod Jr.



Herschel Vincent McLeod Jr. "Junior" 75 of California, Maryland passed away on April 6th in Washington D.C. He was born on April 20, 1943. He was



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the son of Herschel Vincent McLeod, Sr. and Nell Elizabeth McLeod. Junior graduated from Charlotte Hall Military Academy where he played Baseball, Basketball and Football. He held Maryland High State record of 80 career touchdowns until 1994. Junior married Nancy Ervin and had 5 children together.

Junior went on to play for the Atlantic Coast Football League (ACFL). 1966 to 1968 Virginia Sailors. 1969 to 1971 Roanoke Buckskins. He was the winner of the 1969 All ACFL Award. Sports was a very important part of his life. You couldn't pick up a copy the Enterprise newspaper without seeing his picture or his name in the sports section.

Junior played for St. Mary's County Baseball League and The Slow Pitch League. Junior remarried on December 30, 1988 to Rose "Rosie" Connelly. Rosie passed away on April 6, 2008. Junior is survived by his siblings: Robin Marie Clarke (Claude), Mark Wayne McLeod, Joanne Disbrow. Junior is survived by his children: Mark Steven McLeod (Rhonda), Deborah Lynn Bigsby (Stan), John Wayne McLeod, Michael Anthony McLeod, Katherine Ann Crouell, Michael Keith Bromwell. Junior is survived by his grandchildren, Samantha McLeod, Derek McLeod, Erik Bigsby (Katelynn), Kirk Bigsby, Kassandra Bigsby, Michael McLeod, Jr, Kayla Crouell, Connor Crouell. Junior is survived by his great grandchildren: Dalton McLeod, Alyssa McLeod, Alexandra McLeod, Evan McLeod, Emma McLeod, Brennan Bigsby, and Emmerie Bigsby.

Junior was preceded in death by his parents Herschel Vincent McLeod, Sr. and Nell Elizabeth McLeod. spouse Rosie Connelly, his sisters Brenda Christgau, Barbara Lawrence, his nephew Terry Clarke.

A Funeral Service will be held at a later date.

Arthur C. Allard, Jr.



Arthur C. "Archie" Allard, Jr., 74, of Mechanicsville, MD departed this life on Sunday, April 21, 2019, surrounded by his loving family.

He was born June 22, 1944 in Washington, D.C. He was the son of the late Arthur C. Allard, Sr., and Elizabeth M. (Davis) Allard.

Archie met the love of his life when he was only 13 years old and she a sweet 12 year old. He married his forever love, Anita L. (Fox) Allard on January 8, 1965. Together they celebrated over 54

years of marriage and shared two beautiful daughters.

He worked for Corman Construction Company for 35 years. Archie was a dedicated worker and made life-long friends.

Archie lived a wonderful life with his family and friends. He and Anita enjoyed being "snowbirds" and headed to Florida every January after the holidays to enjoy the sunshine. Archie considered Florida a second home. He would visit Disney every chance he got and shared this love with his family. Archie loved the beauty of an old car especially his Corvettes. He enjoyed time spent on his Harley and was a member of the DC Ramblers and NRA. Archie's greatest love came from his family and his precious five grandchildren where his story telling shined through. Archie much like his mother had a strong love for pets; including his grand dogs and bird. There was never a dull moment with Pops stories he certainly loved to stay connected with old friends through Facebook. He will be missed by many, but by none as much as his family. A husband, father, Pop, son, and friend may have been lost, but heaven gained a kind soul.

Along with his wife, Archie was survived by their children, Kimberly Ann Branan, Kelly Marie Gray, son-in-laws Tim Branan and Tony Gray of Mechanicsville, and five grandchildren, Matthew Smith, Lindsay Smith, Matalin Smith, Jacob Gray and Joshua Gray.

Family will receive friends on Sunday, April 28, 2019 from 2:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. at Brinsfield Funeral Home & Crematory, P.A., 30195 Three Notch Road, Charlotte Hall, MD 20622. A Prayer Service officiated by Pastor Gary Pomrenke will be held on Sunday, April 28, 2019 at 5:00 p.m. also at Brinsfield Funeral Home & Crematory, P.A. 30195 Three Notch Road, Charlotte Hall, MD. Interment will be private.

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Peggy Jean Crawford Lambert



Peggy Jean Crawford Lambert, 82, of Mechanicsville, MD passed away peacefully at home on April 8, 2019 surrounded by her loving family. Peggy was born on November 2, 1936 in Martinsburg, WV to the late George Robert Crawford and the late Elizabeth Virginia "Sis" Bardino

Crawford.

Peggy was a dedicated homemaker who loved babies and enjoyed spoiling all the children in her life, as well as watching NASCAR, the Redskins and old westerns. For years she could often be found under a pop-up tent grilling hamburgers, hot dogs and Italian sausages in the parking lot of the Harley dealership in Hughesville, at many motor cycle races, or at her children's high school sporting events.

In addition to her parents, Peggy was preceded in death by her son, Robert Scott Lambert and daughter-in-love Cheryl Lynne Hillard Lambert. She is survived by her devoted husband of 63 years, Thomas Wade Lambert, Jr.; her children, Thomas Wade Lambert III (Nina) of Waldorf, MD and Susan Diane Lambert Cable of Hughesville, MD; eight grandchildren: Thom (Melissa), Travis (Lauren), Tyler (Amy), CatieBeth (Richard), Emily (Harrison), Ryan (Allison), Anthony and Justin; and nine great grandchildren: Felix, Pepper, Amelia, Carl, Oscar, Corbin, Sawyer, Francis and Olive; a brother, Robert Wayne Crawford (Carolyn); her sisters: Janet Crawford Owens (Dick), Kaye "Suzie" Crawford Bartley (Jimmy) and Betty Crawford Creek (Paul); and many nieces and nephews. Every member of her family was each secretly her favorite and will miss her unconditional love and support dearly.

Interment will be private.

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Louis Franklin "Flea" Copey



Louis Franklin "Flea" Copey, 67, of Mechanicsville, MD passed away on April 14, 2019 after a courageous battle surrounded by his family.

Flea was born on January 4, 1952 to the late Webster Leroy Copey and Mary K. (King) Copey of Prince Frederick, MD.

Flea retired from NASA after twenty-five (25) as a Quality Control Manager. He lived in Southern Maryland his entire life, but moved to St. Mary's County 28 years ago. Flea was an adventurous free-spirit who found happiness riding his motorcycle. He loved his family and spending quality time with his grandchildren.

Flea was preceded in death by his loving wife, Margaret (Burch) Copey. His children find closure knowing he

is at peace, happily wrapped in her embrace. Flea is survived by his children, Stephanie Copey (Ryan) of Upper Marlboro, MD, Jason Copey (Aggie) of Chaptico, MD, Tanya Copey (Jason) of Mechanicsville, MD and five (5) grandchildren, Paige, Gavin, Morgan, Laci and Emma. He also is survived by siblings, Roy Copey of Surprise, AZ, Lavonne Chase of St. Leonard, MD, and Jeffrey Copey of Prince Frederick, MD. He was also preceded in death by his father.

All arrangements will remain private.

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George Milton (Mickey) Langley, Jr.



George Milton (Mickey) Langley, Jr. 95, of Mechanicsville, MD passed away on April 19, 2019 surrounded by his loving family. George was born on December 31, 1923, in

Washington, DC to the late George Milton Langley Sr. and the late Elizabeth Denison Langley.

George served in the United States Navy during World War II. George loved to travel (camping), especially to attend spring training in Florida for baseball season. He had a love for golf and trains and loved going fishing. But his most memorable past time is spending time with family and friends.

In addition to his parents, George was preceded in death by his wife, Mae Magdalen Langley, his daughters, Lola Mae Hunter and Daisy Lucille Hills and his sisters Mary Anne Bott and Eleanor Delinski. He is survived by his daughter, Nancy Anne Cochrane; five grandchildren, six great grandchildren, and five great great grandchildren; his sister Bernice Langley, and longtime girlfriend Rose Marie Elliott of LaPlata, MD.

A Funeral Service will be held in the Funeral Home Chapel on April 25, 2019 at 11:00 AM. Interment will be private.

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Linda Susan Shaffer

Linda Susan (Richards) Shaffer, 62, of Mechanicsville, MD died on April 5, 2019. Linda was raised in Prince George's County by the late Charles and Dorothy Richards. This is where she met her husband, John L Shaffer Jr



and many life long friends. After starting her own family, she moved to St. Mary's County where many may remember her from working at the Hallmark stores through-

out Southern Maryland. Linda enjoyed her annual trips to the beach, lighthouses and collecting destination pennies from her trips. She will be remembered for her quick wit and sense of humor.

Linda is survived by her husband; daughters (Jessica and Sara); grandchildren; and many close relatives.

A Celebration of Life will be held at the American Legion Post #238 in Hughesville, MD on May 5, 2019 from 1-4 pm.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to your local animal shelter, the American Humane Society or the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society, organizations that were near and dear to Linda's heart.

Claudia Ann Nelson



Claudia Ann Nelson, 70, of Charlotte Hall, MD, passed away on April 13, 2019 in Charlotte Hall. Born on June 4, 1948, she was the daughter of late William Page Whitcomb

and the late Ann Sheetz Whitcomb.

Claudia held many jobs in her lifetime but none she loved more or was better at than crafts. She enjoyed dancing, shooting pool, and spending time with her children and grandchildren.

Claudia is survived by her husband, Francis (Rod) Nelson, her son, William DiGregorio, her daughter, Shannon Brunelle, two grandchildren Jessica Vallandingham and Deanna Vallandingham and one great grandchild, Gage Michael.

Claudia was preceded in death by her parents, her brothers, James Hamby Lewis, John Francis Brunson and her sister, Darlene Annette Whitcomb.

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Jean Osmond DeNeale

Jean (Jeanie) Osmond DeNeale, 91, of Leonardtown, Maryland, went home



to be with the Lord on Friday, April 5, 2019. She was born to the late Daniel Taylor and Jean Taylor, on May 8, 1927 in Bradley Beach, New Jersey. Even though she shared a

loving relationship with her parents, she was raised by her adoring grandparents Osmond and Myrtle Taylor whom also resided in Bradley Beach, New Jersey.

Jean was a homemaker, daycare provider, wonderful mother and grandmother. She was a friendly neighbor and friend that always greeted you with a warm loving smile. Jean spent her best years with her Husband Earl. They enjoyed designing and building homes together, she had a true gift of making a house a home. In their younger days you could find them boating and fishing together on the Chesapeake Bay. She was a talented seamstress and enjoyed making clothing for her family and home décor items. She cherished her families' antiques and her porcelain doll collection. Spending time outside in her yard was her happy place; she took much pride in having the prettiest yard in the neighborhood. When she wasn't outside tending to her flowers she could be found in her kitchen baking for her "Hunny" and grandchildren, "No one can bake a pie like Grandma." She was a passionate caretaker; she cared for her grandmother and mother in law in their later years.

Jean met her loving husband, Earl at Anacostia High School in Washington, DC in 1942. It was love at first sight for Earl. He knew Jeanie was "the one." While serving in the Navy, Earl and Jean would write love letters and talk to each other on the phone. Earl would even show up for surprise visits, driving from his home in Washington, DC to her grandparents' home in New Jersey. Jean and Earl were married August 5, 1944 and would be celebrating their 75th wedding anniversary this year! After getting married while he was serving in the military they lived in Washington, DC and later moved to Prince George's County to raise their children. Every weekend they would make a trip to the "country" to visit Earl's parents at their family home on the water in Hollywood, Maryland. In 1972 they moved into their dream home on Nat's Creek in Hollywood that they built together. After raising their children they moved to Punta Gorda, Florida and then later to Little River, South Carolina to enjoy the warm weather year round. After they were done "playing," as their granddaughter would say, they moved back to California, Maryland in 2000 to be closer to their beloved grandchildren.

Almost five years ago they moved to Cedar Lane Senior Living Community in Leonardtown, Maryland where they have made many new friends and cherished their time together.

Jean was preceded in death by her father; Daniel Taylor, mother; Jean Taylor Lappin, stepmother; Vivian Ray, stepfather; Merrill Lappin, paternal grandfather; Osmond Taylor and grandmother; Myrtle Taylor. In addition to her husband Earl DeNeale, she is survived by her sisters; Susan Petz and Nancy Carter, daughters; Donna DeNeale-Norris (Mike) of Sunset Beach, North Carolina, and Betty Ratliff (Glenn) of Park Hall, Maryland, son; Bill DeNeale of Charlotte Hall, Maryland, grandchildren; Blake Reeder (Rachel), Natalie Reeder, Evan Reeder, Karen Reynolds, David DeNeale, William DeNeale and Hollie Ratliff, 4 great grandchildren and 4 great great grandchildren.

The family will welcome friends for Jean's private Celebration of Life at a later date. Jean's internment will be at Arlington National Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made in Jean's name to Hospice House of St. Mary's County, P.O. Box 625, Leonardtown, MD 20650.

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James Michael O'Bleness



James Michael O'Bleness, fondly known as "OB" 61, of Park Hall, MD passed away on April 1, 2019 at MedStar St. Mary's Hospital in Leonardtown, MD with

his loving family at his side.

He was born on June 3, 1957 in Oak Ridge, TN to the late Gene O'Bleness and Martha Lynch Tucker.

Mike attended Oak Ridge and Hampton High Schools. He married his beloved wife, Tammy Jaye O'Bleness in Alcoa, TN on November 26th, 1989. Together they celebrated over 29 wonderful years of marriage. He was employed since 1991 by Exelon at Calvert Cliffs Nuclear Power Plant, for many dedicated years of service as a Receiving Inspector. He enjoyed golfing with "The Wormburners" Sharing his love of music through playing guitar, singing and memorizing lyrics to his favorite songs. Mike was an avid college football fan especially the University of Tennessee Volunteers. He also loved motorcycles from an early age and enjoyed many road trips on his Harley Davidson. He was a people person and

never met a stranger. His greatest love was for his family, whom he enjoyed spending as much time as possible with, especially his daughter, Lexie, who was his pride and joy.

In addition to his beloved wife, Mike is also survived by his daughter, Alexis Nichole "Lexie" O'Bleness; his stepmother Marilyn O'Bleness of Wartburg, TN, his siblings: Nancy Bradley (Greg) of Maryville, TN, Charlotte Tucker of Charlotte, NC, Christina Redden (Rob) of Charlotte, NC, Robert Tucker (Bobbie) of Phoenix, AZ, Edie Parsons (Daniel) of Kill Devil Hills, NC, and Michael Tucker of Anchorage, AK; his nieces/nephews: Allison Bradley, Rebecca Bradley, Brandon Redden, Austin Tucker, Anthony Tucker, Sean Tucker, Devin Parsons, Noah Parsons, Timothy Parsons, Sara Parsons; Taylor Fuller; his great niece, Audrey Joy Bradley; and many extended family and friends. In addition to his parents, he is also preceded in death by his brother, Patrick O'Bleness and stepfather Russell Tucker.

In lieu of flowers a donation may be made to The Center for Life Enrichment 25089 Three Notch Road, Hollywood MD, 20636

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Catherine Theresa Dean



Catherine Theresa Dean, 45 of Holly, MD passed away on April 16, 2019 at Johns Hopkins Hospital. She was born on April 12, 1974 in Leonardtown, MD. She was the

daughter of Francis L. Tippet and the late Theresa A. Tippet.

Catherine was married on October 3, 1998 to William A. Dean. She had three children, Christopher Tippet, Shannon Dean, and Amy Dean. Catherine is preceded in death by her sisters Vickie Tippet, Karen Laymen, and Melissa Tippet.

Cathy had been employed at Food Lion as office manager, she also worked at Cato's clothing store. Her greatest joy was her family.

Contributions may be made to The Living Legacy Foundation, 1730 Twin Springs Rd. Suite 200, Baltimore, MD 21227.

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Do you know someone living in St. Mary's County who will be 100 years of age or older this year? We want to honor them!

The St. Mary's County Department of Aging & Human Services is proud to host the first annual Centenarian Luncheon in St. Mary's County at the James A. Forrest Career and Technology Center, located at 24005 Point Lookout Road in Leonardtown, Md., on Wednesday, May 22, at 11 a.m.

Friends, family, and caregivers are welcome to accompany our honorees to the first annual Centenarian Luncheon. Due to space constraints, each honoree is limited to a maximum of three guests. Indicate the number of participants when registering. Honorees must be 100 years of age or older as of December 31, 2019.

Space is limited and registration is required. Please contact Sarah Miller, Community Programs & Outreach Manager, at 301-475-4200, ext. 71073, or Sarah.Miller@stmarysmd.com to RSVP.

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.

Wild Men! The Dawn of Rock'n'Roll: Performance Art with Story, Art and Song by Phil McKenney

Come join us for a new performer at the Garvey Senior Activity Center on Wednesday, May 1, at 12:30 p.m. Lunch that day will be served at 12:30 p.m. and the performance will start at 1:30 p.m. During this 1 hour show, Mr. McKenney will present his pen and ink portraits of the 20 or so performers who created a musical shockwave in the mid 50's. The pictures are brought to life as he tells the story of the rapid rise and fall of these fascinating musicians and sings many of their well-known hits in this unique and entertaining show. Prior to the show, a meal of Apple Juice, Pork Roast, Gravy, Mashed Sweet Potatoes, Broccoli, WW

Dinner Roll, Pineapple and Ice Cream. Advance reservations are required; space is limited. To make reservations, call 301-475-4200, ext. 71050.

Contribute Your Life Experiences LifeBio 101: An 8-week Life Story Writing Group

This class will be offered at the Garvey Senior Activity Center on Mondays & Fridays, May 3-May 31 (no class May 27), 1:30-2:30 p.m. This interactive class is designed to provide a structure to introduce the power of life stories and to kick start participants' efforts to capture memories, experiences, and values. Interesting exercises prime the pump of memories and lead to opportunities to listen and learn from each other's life journey. No prior writing experience is necessary. This program has been used across the county in various settings including libraries, senior centers, hospitals, cancer centers, senior living communities, and churches. Participants will need to bring a spiral bound notebook to class. There is no cost to attend; attendance for all class sessions is highly encouraged. Space is limited to 12 people. To register, call 301-475-4200, ext. 71050.

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Mother's Day Comedy Fun

Celebrate Mother's Day at the Northern Senior Activity Center on Wednesday, May 8, from 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. with live entertainment and a luncheon. Entertainment will be provided by the Charles County Show Troupe in their performance of "Comedy Central." This variety show features singing, dancing, comedy, and more. After the show, enjoy a refreshing lunch of chicken salad platter with hard-boiled egg, croissant, lettuce, tomato, three-bean salad, watermelon, and vanilla coconut cake for dessert. This event will also feature door prizes and a money raffle. Suggested ticket donation is \$5. Performance starts at 10:30 a.m., the room will open for seating at 10 a.m. To sign up and pay in advance for your ticket, please visit the front desk. For more information regarding this event, please call 301-475-4200, ext. 73103.

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Author Fair

Lexington Park Library will host the Author Fair on Saturday, April 27. From 10 a.m. – 12:30 p.m., come together and learn with local and aspiring authors. Spend the day discovering new authors and learning how to get started in the writing industry. Authors include: Simons Acquah, Theresa Ford, Jennifer Foxworthy, Angela Harris, Nilma Jayaraman, Judy Kelly, Gary Knight, Yvonne Medley, JR Rhine, and Leonard Wathen. No registration required.

From 2 – 4 p.m., register for Dare to Dream! Write a Book! workshop. Have you ever wanted to write a book but thought it might be too hard or too expensive to publish? Now there is an easy way to self-publish using a FREE website. Explore easy steps to upload your book

file, design a colorful book cover, get an ISBN, revise, order books, upload to Amazon, select sales channels, and upload for Kindle. Presented by Cindy Freland. Registration required.

Chillax at the Lex: Mother's Day Gift Making

Lexington Park Library will hold Chillax at the Lex: Mother's Day Gift Making on Thursday, May 2 from 4 – 5 p.m. Chillax at the Lex is a time set aside for kids ages 8 – 13 on the 1st and 2nd Thursday of each month. We switch it up with Games, crafts, and activities. Walk ins welcome, we'd love to have you drop in! Try out a new craft project by creating a washer necklace to keep or to give as a gift. (Mother's Day is coming up!) No prior craft skills are needed and all materials are provided.

Art on Your Own Terms

Lexington Park Library will hold Art on Your Own Terms on Monday, May 6

from 6 – 7:30 p.m. Come brighten your day with a little "art therapy," and use creativity as your outlet for stress! Experiment with a variety of art supplies, and make a project to take home. Materials provided. Ages 18 and up. No registration required.

Storytime at Historic St. Mary's City

The St. Mary's County Library will hold a special storytime at Historic St. Mary's City on Saturday, May 11 from 10 – 11 a.m. There will be stories, activities, songs, and more intended for children 1-5 with their adult caregivers. Storytime will be at the State House Bluff, feel free to bring a blanket to sit on. Siblings welcome; no registration required.

Yoga at the Library

Lexington Park Library will host Yoga at the Library on Saturday, May 11 from 9:30 – 10:30 a.m. A yoga basics class that is appropriate for all levels of experience. Participants connect with the inner-self and the power of the body's self-healing

mechanism. Come and learn how to align the mind, body, and breath as you move your joints through the appropriate range of motion. A yoga practice develops the ability to stay calm during stressful situations as well as repatterning the body's programmed responses. This yoga basics class is offered in a relaxed learning environment. Open to all levels of interest and ability. Taught by evolve Yoga + Wellness. Please bring a yoga mat or a towel. Registration required.

Protect Yourself: Online Security and Privacy

Lexington Park Library will hold Protect Yourself: Online Security and Privacy on Monday, May 6 from 11 a.m. – 1 p.m. Learn how to protect your data with strong passwords and two-factor authentication, avoid internet scams, and use freely available tools to limit what personal information is collected and shared while you browse the web. Registration recommended; walk-ins welcome as space allows.

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

Chopticon High School class of 1970

Attention graduates of the Chopticon High School class of 1970, planning is underway for the fifty (50) year class reunion to be held 06 June 2020 at the Old Breton Inn, Leonardtown, MD. Request you provide your email and home address information to the Communication Committee at princesshouse4u@bellsouth.net, jacobmikel@verizon.net, and roychesley@aol.com. View the Chopticon High School Class of 1970 Facebook Page for further details.

Audition Musical

Middle School students from Chesapeake Public Charter School will present the musical, "Audition" for the public during the first weekend of May. Under the direction of Ms. Dawn Weber and Ms. Diane Trautman, the students will share an entertaining story about the range of events and emotions that can occur when students audition for a school play. The show includes singing, dancing, and reasons to smile! The show will be held at Three Notch Theatre (21744 South Coral Drive, Lexington Park). Show dates and times are: May 3rd at 7:00 pm and May 4th at 3:00 pm Tickets: \$5.00

Thursday, April 25

CSM Open House

College of Southern Maryland, Leonardtown Campus, Building A, Hollywood Road

5:00 - 7:00 PM

Learn how to get started at CSM. Meet faculty, learn about financial aid and scholarships, transfer information, talk to students and find out about athletics, clubs and organizations. Free. www.csmd.edu

Maryland Archeology Month Lectures

Visitor Center Auditorium, 18751 Hogaboom Lane

Historic St. Mary's City host an evening of presentations from members of Historic St. Mary's City Research and Collections Department. Free and open to the public.

240-895-4990. Visit HSMCDigsHistory.org.

SKYWARN—Basics Training Session

Chesapeake Building, 41770 Baldrige St., Leonardtown

6:00 - 8:00 PM

Citizens interested in weather and would like to help the local National Weather Service provide ground truth on atmospheric conditions are encouraged to attend. Free. Registration required: www.weather.gov/lwx/skywarn. Info: 301-475-4200 x2124 or email: ema@stmarysmd.com

Fri. - Sun., April 26-28

The Hunchback of Notre Dame

Chopticon High School, 25390 Colton Point Rd., Morganza

Fri. & Sat., 1:00 & 6:00 PM. Sun. 1:00 PM

Presented by Chopticon Theatre/Bravehouse Productions. See a Broadway show, locally! Tickets: chopticontheatre.org

Friday, April 26

NARFE-St. Mary's Chapter 969 Luncheon/Meeting

Olde Breton Inn, Leonardtown

11:30 AM

Guest speaker, County Rescue Chief, Shawn Davidson will discuss how to recognize stroke, heart attack, and overall health. Reservations required. \$16.50. 301-884-5112. www.narfe.org/site/chapter969

Park Place Toastmasters Club

Church of the Ascension, 21641 Great Mills Road, Lexington Park

12:00 - 1:00 PM

Develop your speaking, listening, and leadership skills in a non-threatening environment!

Concert—Aaron Jonah Lewis

Christ Church Parish Hall, 37497 Zach Fowler Road, Chopticon

7:00 - 10:00 PM

Southern MD Traditional Music and Dance presents acclaimed multi-instrumentalist performer and educator Aaron Jonah Lewis in concert. He plays and teaches banjo, mandolin and guitar. \$15. www.smtmd.org

Sat. & Sun., April 27 & 28

Plant Sale

Historic Sotterley Plantation, Hollywood

Saturday 9:00 AM - 2:00 PM. Sunday Noon - 3:00 PM

Purchase annuals, perennials, shrubs, herbs and more from the Sotterley Garden Guild. 301-373-2280 or 800-681-0850. www.sotterley.org

Black Diamond Disaster

St. Clement's Island Museum, Colton's Point

10:00 AM - 5:00 PM

Free activities throughout each day commemorating a forgotten tragedy of the American Civil War which occurred during the hunt for John Wilkes Booth. 301-769-2222. Info: www.facebook.com/events/615540748906513/

Saturday, April 27

7th Annual Walk, Run & Roll

Greenwell State Park, Rosedale Manor Lane, Hollywood

8:00 AM - Noon

Run4acause: Non-Profit Running Series. Event designed for people of all ages and abilities. Family event for all fitness levels. Proceeds support Bay Community Support Services' mission. www.baycss.org/walk

STEM-ing

St. Mary's College of Maryland

9:00 AM - 3:00 PM

A one-day event designed for middle school girls to gain exposure to STEM fields and associated careers. www.stem-ing.org

Kids Birdhouse Paint Event

Dean Lumber and Valspar Paint, 24425 Three Notch Rd., Hollywood

10:00 AM - Noon

A family-friendly event! Children paint and decorate their own birdhouse. Free, space limited. www.eventbrite.com/e/dean-lumber-valspar-paint-kids-birdhouse-event-tickets-56348347424

Fossil Club Meeting

Calvert Marine Museum, Solomons

1:00 PM

Meeting followed by a public lecture at 2:30 p.m. in the Harms Gallery. Dr. Ralph Eshelman will present "Terrestrial Mammal Fossils from the Miocene Chesapeake Group." 410-326-2042. www.calvertmarinemuseum.com

Toy Boat Building

Calvert Marine Museum, Solomons

2:00 - 4:00 PM

Ages 5 and up. \$2 donation per boat requested. Museum admission required. 410-326-2042. www.calvertmarinemuseum.com

Fossils

Calvert Marine Museum, Solomons

2:30 - 3:30 PM

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Spaghetti Dinner

2nd District Firehouse & Rescue Squad

5:00 - 7:00 PM

All-You-Can-Eat: Spaghetti w/sauce or spaghetti w/meat sauce, green beans, garden salad, bread and butter. Homemade dessert table for a donation. Adults \$10. Children 6-12, \$5. Children 5 & under are free. 301-994-9999

Dinner and Silent Auction

Cobb Island VFD, 17069 Cobb Island Road

6:00 - 9:30 PM

Doors open at 5:30. All you can eat dinner. Silent auction offers winery tours, park tickets, furniture, etc. \$20/adult, children 6-12 \$12; under 6 free. 301-259-4375

Elks Hold'em Tournament

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

6:00 - 11:00 PM

No Limit Texas Hold'em Poker Tournament. \$80 Buy in = 12,000 chips. Food and beverage for purchase. James Dean, 240-577-0828. Email: jdeanjunior@yahoo.com

Bingo

KofC Hall, Ridge

6:30 PM

Doors open at 5:30. Concessions available. Food pantry in great need of food items; bring a canned good. 301-872-4641

Free Choir Concert

Trinity Episcopal Church, 47444 Trinity Church Road, St. Mary's City

7:00 PM

Selections by Haydn, Joseph Martin, Paul Simon and more. Free will donations, proceeds to benefit the Choir's trip to New York City to sing at Carnegie Hall.

Sunday, April 28

Drive-thru Fried Chicken Dinner

47477 Trinity Church Road, St. Mary's City

11:00 AM - 3:00 PM

One-half fried chicken, baked beans, coleslaw, potato salad, roll, pickle and dessert. \$12 each. 5 or more \$10 each. For 301-862-4597 or email trinityofficesmc@gmail.com.

Designer Bag Bingo

St. Mary's County Fairgrounds Tolerance Hall

12:00 - 5:00 PM

Over \$7000 in prizes featuring brand new authentic bags and accessories from designers. \$35 at the door (Includes one regular game book) Bingo starts at 1:00. Must be 18. www.smcil.org/events or call 301-884-4498 ext 1

K of C Polish Dinner

St. Francis Xavier Parish Hall, Leonardtown

4:00 - 7:30 PM

John Polko Memorial Polish Dinner. Kielbasa, Pierogi, Golabki, Kapusta z Kluski, Beverages.

Monday, April 29

CABS

Garvey Senior Center, Leonardtown

6:00 PM

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

Tuesday, April 30

Military Service Academy Forum

FOP 89 - The Lodge at Marlboro, 2905 Old Largo Road, Upper Marlboro

5:30 - 7:30 PM

Students interested in attending the United States Military Service Academies are encouraged to attend. Personnel will be in attendance to answer questions. Info: hoyer.house.gov/help/students#nominations

Keys to Independence

College of Southern Maryland, Leonardtown Campus, Building C

6:00 - 8:00 PM

Community members learn about scams directed toward the aging population and how to detect, avoid, and report them. Free community workshop. Space limited. Register. 301-475-4200, ext. 71073, or Sarah.Miller@stmarysmd.com.

Saint Mary's County Camera Club Meeting

University System of Maryland at Southern Maryland
7:00 PM

Featuring a presentation by Bill Cassidy of the Smallwood Camera Club on creating interesting bokeh with your camera. This should be an interesting and fun evening and Bill suggests that those interested in trying the techniques bring their camera with them. Bill also noted that the technique works better with some lenses than others so if you have multiple lenses you might want to bring a couple to see how the effects vary. Visitors are welcome. Look for a posted notice of the assigned room number for "smccc" on the outside door. If you have questions, please contact the club via email at smccc1998@gmail.com. For more, see our Web site at www.smccc.org.

Leonardtown VRSA Fundraiser

Dine-in or carry-out. Tell your server/cashier you are there for the LVRSA Fundraiser so we can get credit for your purchase.

An Evening with Marlene Dietrich

Olde Breton Inn, Leonardtown, MD
7:00 PM

Entertainer and musical actor GINGER (aka Henry Thedens) performs in his American debut as the DIVA for this one-night-only Dinner Show. Fundraiser for Lions Camp Merrick. \$75. Tickets, info: Ellyne Davis, Lynniedavis@gmail.com

American Legion Post 221 Meeting

21690 Colton Point Road, Avenue
8:00 PM

All active duty personnel and veterans join for the monthly meeting. www.alpost221.webs.com or e-mail: alpost221@aol.com. 301-884-4071

Wednesday, May 1

Little Explorers: Growing a Garden

Historic St. Mary's City, Godiah Spray Tobacco Plantation, 47621 Old Cove Road
10:00 - 11:00 AM

Meet at the Godiah Spray Tobacco Plantation. For pre-school 3-5 years old and an accompanying adult. \$4 per child (\$3 Friends members); one accompanying adult free. Full-day admission included. 240-895-4990, info@HSMCdighistory.org, www.HSMCdighistory.org

Thursday, May 2

National Day of Prayer

Leonardtown Wharf
6:30 - 7:00 AM

The Interfaith Council of St. Mary's County is conducting a brief prayer service for worshippers of all faiths in St. Mary's County.

Southern MD Spring Festival

42455 Fairgrounds Road, Leonardtown
5:00 - 10:00 PM

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