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Land Use Deputy Director Charged in Gun Assault



Kathleen Easley's Profile Photo

By Guy Leonard
Staff Writer

Kathleen Easley, the county's deputy director of Land Use and Growth Management has been charged with first-degree assault and other counts stemming from an alleged incident last month in Bushwood.

According to an application for a statement of charges filed by a St. Mary's County Sheriff's Office deputy, police were called to an Upland Drive residence May 23 for a suspected burglary.

When they arrived, they found the alleged victim, Keedra Thomas and the complainant George Tucker at Tucker's residence.

Tucker had been awoken by Thomas "frantically banging on his door and requesting to enter."

Thomas said that after she had spoken of drugs and a gun being involved in an incident next door, Tucker allowed her inside.

According to court documents Thomas, who is Easley's neighbor, first met the defendant May 22 and accompanied Easley back to Easley's home where they began to drink to excess.

Charging documents went on to say that Easley made sexual advances towards Thomas, but they were declined; it was then that Easley is alleged to have gone to her bedroom and returned with her right arm behind her back.

The victim told police Easley produced a handgun – a 5-shot Taurus .38 caliber revolver – and pointed it directly at Thomas, court papers read.

"While brandishing the firearm the defendant never made any verbal threats nor advanced towards the victim," court papers read.

Court papers went on to say Thomas was able to disarm Easley and ran out of the house; she was so intoxicated that she dropped her personal cell phone and the revolver in Easley's yard.

The cell phone and gun were later collected by police in Easley's yard, court papers stated.

When questioned by police Easley said

she had a revolver matching the description but that it was contained in her bedroom; when Easley went to look for it, she found that it was "missing" according to court papers.

She told police that she had not registered the weapon with the state since she had moved to Maryland two years ago.

Easley denied there was any altercation or argument with the gun at the time of the incident, court papers read.

Catherine Pratson, head of the county Department of Human Resources, confirmed that Easley was still employed by the county government but was on leave.

Pratson would not say whether Easley was on paid leave.

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Commissioners Warmed of Education Cost Increases

By Guy Leonard
Staff Writer

At a joint meeting between the Commissioners of St. Mary's County and the Board of Education, Superintendent Scott Smith said that for the first time the school system had been able to fully fund a negotiated agreement for employees for a four-year period.

"We have not had a four-year agreement in my memory," Smith said. "It's a historical event in St. Mary's County schools."

The entire payroll for the school system is about \$127 million, which includes not only salaries but benefits and other costs, according to school system documents.

But Smith said negotiations with school employee unions would soon begin again and that costs were likely to rise.

"Our greatest costs, your greatest costs are people," Smith said. "It's almost nine-tenths of our budget."

Smith presented projections of how negotiations might proceed via employ-

ee demands in the next cycle.

A step increase for teachers' union employees – all 2,151 of them – totals \$2.9 million, school projections show.

A step increase for administrators' union employees – 131 of them – costs \$295,718.

A one-percent cost of living increase for all school employees, costs \$1.3 million; a three-percent salary increase, usually a point in a negotiated agreement, costs \$4.1 million.

The total costs come to \$8.7 million. "I don't know what negotiations will look like," Smith said.

Commissioner Todd Morgan said despite calls for increased pay from teachers and sheriff's deputies, mostly because neighboring counties offered higher wages, the county had done well by them.

"For this four-year cycle we've totally outpaced inflation," Morgan said regarding school employees pay increases.

"In Calvert they have an \$84 million check presented to them because of their two power plants," Morgan said. "In Charles County they get a \$51 mil-



County Commissioners and the Board of Education met to discuss budgets and employee union negotiations this week

lion check because of their power plants. "We have less resources to deal with."

The school system also reported its OPEB (Other Post-Employment Benefits) liability was virtually three times the amount of its \$127 million payroll; the liability for employees' retirements stands at \$323 million.

Smith said the county's liability is less

than many other school districts that are much larger with more teachers but there is no practical way to fulfill that liability in the near future with current budgets.

"It's like that all across the state," Smith told The County Times.

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Colvin, Morgan Speak Out Against "Drag Queen" Event

By Guy Leonard
Staff Writer

County Commissioners Eric Colvin and Todd Morgan expressed their opposition to an upcoming "Drag Queen Story Hour" this Sunday at the Lexington Park Library which is aimed at children as young as 3 years old.

Both lamented that there was nothing they could do to forestall the event as it was being held at the behest of two non-profit groups, Southern Maryland Area of Secular Humanists and PFLAG of Leonardtown, which could schedule meetings at the library and hold their own events.

Michael Blackwell, director of the library system, has said the event follows the policy of the library.

"Our phones... have been ringing for weeks over round three with the public library," Morgan said Tuesday. "Round one was the banned books, round two was the pole dancer and now this time it's going to be the drag queens."

Morgan said the programs at the library such as the "Drag Queen Story Hour," a nationwide movement, seem to target younger and younger generations.

"It's the kids we have to start worrying about," Morgan said. "This, to me, is a pattern... of going after and targeting youth."

The event has drawn as many as 100 RSVPs for small children to attend.

The event's own website describes it as: "Drag Queen Story Hour (DQSH) is just what it sounds like—drag queens reading stories to children in libraries, schools, and bookstores," the social media post reads. "DQSH captures the imagination and play of the gender fluidity of childhood and gives kids glamorous, positive, and unabashedly queer role models."

"In spaces like this, kids are able to see people who defy rigid gender restrictions and imagine a world where people can present as they wish, where dress up is real."

Morgan warned there would be a significant police presence at the event June 23 to deal with any disturbances that might occur.

"This isn't about homosexuality, it isn't about heterosexuality..." Morgan said. "Stop targeting kids for sexuality."

"Leave the kids to be kids." Colvin encouraged parents not to take their children to the event, but urged his "Christians brothers and sisters" to use restraint in dealing with those who believed differently from them.

He still decried the event. "It is unfortunate, it's not something I endorse or condone," Colvin said. "It's terrible... it's a shame it's happening in a library setting."

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Cardin Tours UAS Test Site, Business Incubator

By Guy Leonard
Staff Writer

U.S. Sen. Ben Cardin (D-MD) praised the work underway at the county's regional airport last week after a visit to the University System of Maryland's UAS Test Site and the county's Tech Port business incubator.

Matt Scassero, director of the test site, said the work they had done there included the recent transport via a customized drone of a transplant organ across the airspace in Baltimore for a waiting patient.

The work to get that experimental flight done was years in the making and its successful completion showed just how effective drones could be in accomplishing difficult and critical tasks.

That sort of work was being done every day at the test site, Scassero said.

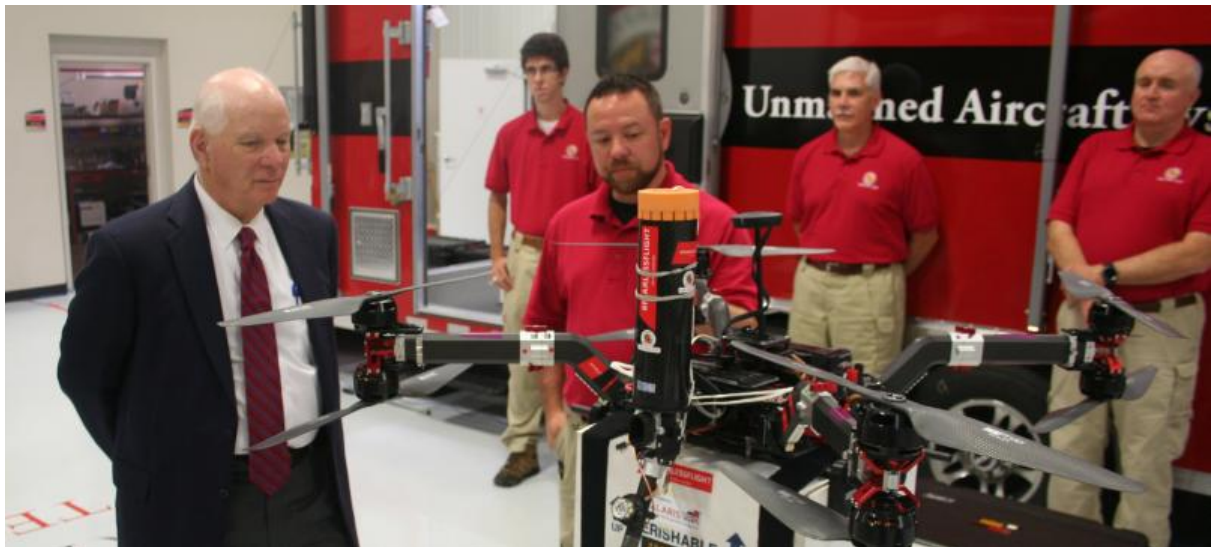
They are currently working with the county school system to inculcate unmanned system instruction in the course work available to the youngest students in the classroom, Scassero said, to ensure the next generation of specialists who can move the industry forward.

"It's a new economy, new skills will be needed," Scassero said, adding that attitudes towards unmanned systems had changed in recent years.

"Five or six years ago the question everyone had was about privacy," Scassero said.

Now the conversation has changed to how drone technology could be shaped to serve various interests, whether its law enforcement, agriculture or other commercial developments.

The mission at the UAS Test Site, Scassero said, was



Sen. Ben Cardin praised the work going on at the University System of Maryland's UAS Test Site in California.

to meet those goals.

"This is why we exist, research," the retired Navy captain said. "We live to get things airborne."

Before the test site was established there was a significant effort to have it designated as an official UAS site by the Federal Aviation Administration, but it did not win in that competition.

Scassero said it turned out to work to the site's advantage.

"Were you more flexible because you weren't accepted," Cardin asked during Scassero's briefing on the site.

"That's the dark secret," Scassero said.

Cardin said the commercial-oriented work the site was doing was impressive and just as much work needed to be done to orient the technology to national security.

"It's the economy of the future," Cardin said. "There's bipartisan support... for border security we need to get more involved with UAVs."

"What you're doing here is incredibly important."

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River Concert Series Kicks-Off 21st Year



By Guy Leonard
Staff Writer

For more than 20 years Jeffrey Silberschlag, director of the River Concert Series at St. Mary's College of Maryland, has sought to share his love of music with the rest of the community.



Maestro Jeffrey Silberschlag

This year's River Concert Series will be no different as it will strive to bring an eclectic mix of orchestral music to the banks of the St. Mary's River including a theme the opening night honoring the late Ed Cole and his Lexington Park travel business with music from capitals across the world.



Southern Indian dance troupe

As part of the opening concert theme a Southern Indian dance troupe will be there to perform and expand on the concert series' implicit promise of always bringing something new for the community to enjoy.

"We balance all the time," Silberschlag, who is also the director and conductor of the Chesapeake Orchestra, under which the River Concert Series now operates, said. "We're always trying to offer the people what they expect, a cultural experience in a beautiful setting."

Bringing in the dance troupe to perform at the series is a tribute to the many Indian-American residents who live and thrive in Southern Maryland, Silberschlag said.

"Who hasn't seen a doctor from India in St. Mary's County?" he said.

The opening concert begins June 21, with the Townhouse Greens opening at 5p.m.; the concert begins at 7p.m.

The June 28 concert will feature dance performers from Ballet Caliente performing Les Sylphides.



Ballet Caliente

The piece is known as a ballet blanc that does not have a plot or story but re-

lies more on mood and dance to express emotion.

The July 5 performance will be more of a blockbuster affair, Silberschlag said, with a rousing rendition of superhero movie themes from Superman to Batman, also included will be Tchaikovsky's 1812 Overture, which celebrates the Russians setting Napoleon to flight after his invasion into Eastern Europe.

Themes from Star Wars and Wonder Woman are also on the play bill.

The July 12 concert will bring in guest conductor Larry Vote, who is the choir director at St. Mary's College of Maryland, to guide the performance of PING, a student vocal group.

The final concert July 19 will be Buenos Aires Night on the St. Mary's River featuring, among other works of music, The Pedro Giraud Quartet, winner of the 2018 Latin Grammy Award.



Pedro Giraud

Violin soloist Jose Cueto will also be performing.

Silberschlag, who is also a tenured professor at St. Mary's College of Maryland with 31 years of teaching experience, said the combination of open space and



Soloist Jose Cueto

orchestral music had been done before but found a unique home in St. Mary's.

"We didn't invent the genre, but we updated it," Silberschlag said. "It's an open experience."

"It's a casual event; people enjoy seeing the orchestra up close."

For the first 90 or so concerts in the series' long life, they only had to stop a scant few performances on account of rain, Silberschlag told The County Times.

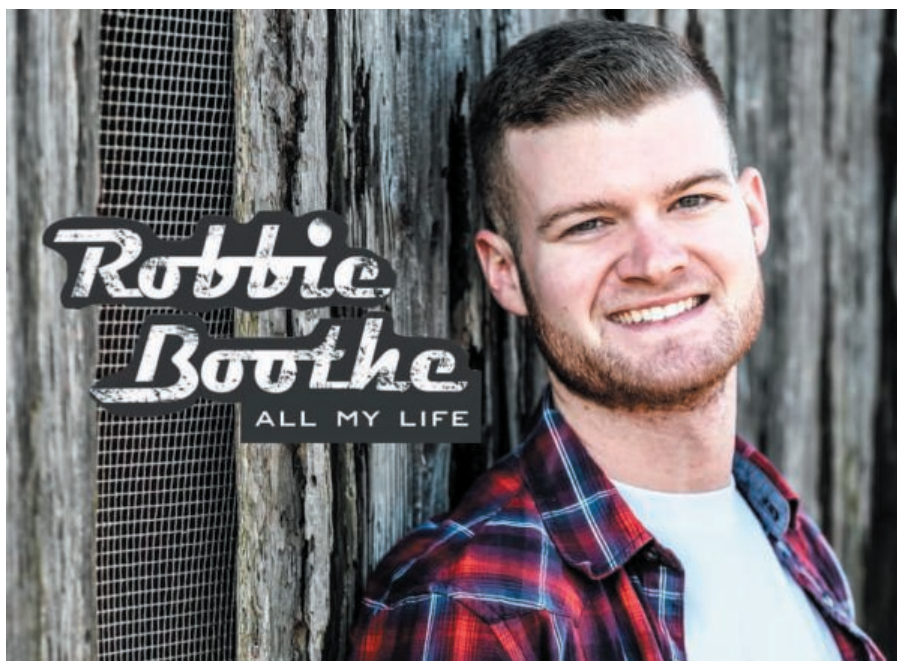
In the past few years he said, increases in rain have cancelled several more but there are plans to possibly move inside to the college's athletic center in that event.

Still the minimum crowd at a concert is between 2,500 to 3,000 spectators with as many as 5,000 to 7,000 at certain past performances.

"St. Mary's County crowds will come out for the rain," said Silberschlag. "They love that."

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Country Music Stars to Headline Blessing of the Fleet



By Guy Leonard
Staff Writer

This year marks the 52nd anniversary of the Blessing of the Fleet held at Coltons Point each October; it also marks the return of a two-day festival format and what one member of the organizing committee called a huge entertainment draw.

Rising country singer Nathan Osmond, related to the famous Osmond musical and performing family, has sung to perform at the Blessing of the Fleet, said Denise Kopel, with the event's organizing committee.

Kopel made the announcement Wednesday.

"We're very excited to have him," Kopel told The County Times.

Local singer and performer Robbie Boothe will open the show on Saturday evening at 5 p.m. and play till 6 p.m., Kopel said, while Osmond will take the stage at 7 p.m. and play until 8:30 p.m. and close before the fireworks show begins.

The Blessing of the Fleet, sponsored by the 7th District Optimist Club, runs between Oct. 5 and Oct. 6 of this year, according to the latest schedule.

According to Osmond's biography: "He was recently nominated as "New Artist of the Year," "Male Vocalist of the Year" and "Country Breakthrough Artist of the Year" by the New Music Awards in Los Angeles" and has scored four No. 1 hits on the charts.

"He's shared the stage with such names as Carrie Underwood, Chris Young, Martina McBride, Trace Adkins, Easton Corbin and more," his biography continued.

Booth is well known locally for his country music performances and his ambitions to go to Nashville, Tenn. to break into the nationwide country music industry.

According to his biography, Boothe has traveled to Nashville this year and cut his first single "All My Life" which was released in April.

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Juneteenth Celebration Honors Local Founder

By Guy Leonard
Staff Writer

Juneteenth began in Texas in 1865 as a way to celebrate the end of slavery following the Civil War but the celebration of the emancipation of African Americans here in St. Mary's County started in 2004 with the Unified Committee for Afro-American Contributions (UCAC) organizing the event.

UCAC's founder was the late Elmer Brown, and he was honored posthumously at this year's Juneteenth celebration in John G. Lancaster Park for all the work he had done to enrich the African American community in St. Mary's.

Brown's accomplishments are memorialized at the Elmer Brown Freedom Monument at Tulagi Place in Lexington Park.

"It was a dream of my dad's to start this organization," said Mike Brown, June 15 at the celebration, son of Elmer Brown.

He noted that his father made it a point to attend each Juneteenth celebration; Elmer Brown was a fixture at the event.

"Normally my dad would be riding around in a cart," Mike Brown said of his well-known father.

Elmer Brown passed away last



Sheriff's Honor Guard

October.

Del. Brian Crosby praised the event for bringing art, food, games and con-



Commissioner Eric Colvin with his son Sidney

nections to critical government and health services to the community in one place.



Mike Brown honors the memory of his father Elmer Brown who founded the local Juneteenth celebration.

"It's about a diverse community coming together," Crosby said.

UCAC member and head of their development committee Nathaniel Scroggins lionized Elmer Brown for the impact he had on the community; particularly his efforts to bring to light the history and contributions of African Americans in St. Mary's County.

"You can always give away at least one thing; love," Scroggins said. "But one thing that you can never get back is time."

"It's the time that Elmer Brown spent working in this community that we will never be able to get back."

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OWNER: SKG Investments LLC
AGENT: Soltesz & Associates
LOCATION: 30500 Potomac Way
TM-001 GRID-16 PAR-0131 ED-05
TAX ID-030307 LAND USE: Mixed-Use Moderate-Intensity

ZONING: TMX ACREAGE: 5.38
ACTION REQUESTED: Review of a 29,485 square foot production industry facility.

2. MINOR SUBDIVISION # 19-11000013, GEORGIA BEVERLY SUBDIVISION (Zoning Ordinance 10-02) (Subdivision Ordinance 10-01)

OWNER: Steven Murray & Lisa Gregory
AGENT: Little Silences Rest, Inc.
LOCATION: 42048 Georgia-Beverly Rd TM-041 GRID-19 PAR-0047 ED-03 TAX ID-009432 LAND USE: Rural Preservation

ZONING: RPD ACREAGE: 31.03
ACTION REQUESTED: Review of a 1-lot minor subdivision.

3. MINOR SUBDIVISION # 19-11000014, FLOWER OF THE FOREST (Zoning Ordinance 10-02) (Subdivision Ordinance 10-01)

OWNER: Willows Run LLP
AGENT: Little Silences Rest, Inc.
LOCATION: 46900 Bradley Blvd
TM-051 GRID-11 PAR-0577 ED-08
TAX ID-097623

LAND USE: Office and Business Park ZONING: OBP / APZ 2 ACREAGE: 4.77

ACTION REQUESTED: Review of a 1-lot minor subdivision.

4. MINOR SUBDIVISION # 19-11000015, SIMMONS MINOR SUBDIVISION (Zoning Ordinance 10-02) (Subdivision Ordinance 10-01) Floodplain

OWNER: Simmons David Arthur &

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AGENT: Robert Trautman
LOCATION: 24900 Colton Point Rd
TM-024 GRID-10 PAR-0093 ED-03
TAX ID-022501

LAND USE: Rural Preservation
ZONING: RPD ACREAGE: 11.984
ACTION REQUESTED: Review of a 1-lot minor subdivision.

5. MINOR SUBDIVISION # 19-11000016 BURDETTS NECK (Zoning Ordinance 10-02) (Subdivision Ordinance 10-01)

OWNER: Gordy & Betty Smith
AGENT: Chesapeake Trails Surveying
LOCATION: 44201 Joy Chapel Rd
TM-027 GRID-14 PAR-0795 ED-06
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Deputies Investigate Dual Shootings



The St. Mary's County Sheriff's Office Criminal Investigations Division is investigating two shooting incidents that occurred this week.

On Tuesday, June 18, 2019, at 12:43 p.m. Sheriff's Deputies and the Criminal Investigations Division investigated the report of shots fired at the 21800 block of Ronald Drive in Lexington Park. While several shots were fired, there were no reported injuries.

On Tuesday, June 18, 2019, at 6:30 pm the Sheriff's Office and CID investigated another report of shots fired at the 22000 block of Mojave Drive in Great Mills. Shell casings were recovered, but there were no reported injuries.

Anyone who has information on these incidents is asked to contact DFC Brian Fennessey at 301-475-4200, ext. *8103 or by email at brian.fennessey@st-marysmd.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.

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

ON-VIEW ARRESTS

Assault: On June 17, 2019, Cpl. Alvin Beishline responded to the 21600 block of Liberty Street in Lexington Park for the report of a disturbance. **Shonita Nicole Somerville, 38** of Lexington Park,



was located in the parking lot of St. Mary's Landing and the victim was located on Pegg Road. Through the course of the investigation, it was determined that

Somerville damaged the victim's vehicle by carving a word on the hood. Somerville then retrieved a tire iron and attempted to assault the victim, but the victim grabbed it and stopped the assault. Somerville then proceeded to strike the victim several times with her vehicle, which was observed by a witness. Somerville was arrested, transported to the St. Mary's County Detention and Rehabilitation Center and charged with three counts of First-Degree Assault, three counts of Second-Degree Assault and Malignant Destruction of Property, less than \$1,000. Case # 35007-19

Assault: On June 14, 2019, Deputy Andrew Burgess responded to the 38000 block of Ted Circle in Avenue for the report of a disturbance. **Joseph Leroy James Perry, 28** of Avenue,



and the victim left the residence by vehicle and were met at the Leonardtown Library. Perry was arrested for an outstanding warrant for Second-Degree Assault and the victim

advised injuries were sustained earlier that day, which were visible. Perry was arrested, transported to the St. Mary's County Detention and Rehabilitation Center and charged with another count of Second-Degree Assault. Case #

34428-19

Failure to Comply with Peace Order: On June 14, 2019, Deputy Robert Chase responded to the 21000 block of Cornwall Drive in California for the report of a violation of a peace order. **Evelyn Silviane Taylor, 68** of California,



told the deputy that her neighbors were filming her and causing her breast cancer. The victims advised that Taylor had been recording them as they walked

toward their house in violation of a peace order. Footage was reviewed and Taylor was arrested and charged with Fail to Comply with a Peace Order. Case # 34368-19

First-Degree Assault: On June 12, 2019, Deputy Andrew Budd responded to the Big Lots store in Lexington Park for the report of threats. The victim advised that he was threatened by **Robert Deandre Conner, 22** of Lexington



Park, with a machete. Deputy Budd and State Trooper Dito responded to River Bay townhomes in Lexington Park and located Conner's vehicle at a vacant

apartment, where a machete was observed in plain view between the driver's seat and center console. Conner admitted to being at the Big Lots store and speaking with the victim, but said he never touched the machete. Conner was placed under arrest and transported to the St. Mary's County Detention and Rehabilitation Center in Leonardtown and charged with First-Degree Assault, Armed Robbery, Second-Degree Assault and Third-Degree Burglary. Case # 33990-19

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Mosquito Control Public Awareness



Here we go again. Rain, rain go away. With rainstorms occurring more than we want, Marylanders can expect to see high levels of mosquitoes in the next few days.

Mosquitoes breed in standing water, of which there has been no shortage this year. However, certain types of mosquitoes are clever enough to lay their eggs—potentially, hundreds at a time, in soil that is prone to flooding. These eggs can sit dormant for years waiting for the right conditions to hatch. Due to the high level amount of rain this year, flooding has occurred, allowing the dormant eggs to hatch, in addition to other mosquitoes breeding in any spot of water they could find. Maryland Department of Agriculture has stated that 2018 was the worst year for mosquitoes in the last 30 years. If the rain continues to fall in Maryland we may see another epidemic level of the mosquito population especially in Maryland counties with lots of waterways. This not only leads to more arm-swatting, it also leads, unfortunately, to more hospital visits.

The Maryland Department of Agriculture has detected West Nile Virus amongst a sample of mosquitoes extracted from the Prince George's county area, and a case of West Nile Virus has been diagnosed in the state.

Zika, as well, continues to be a threat, as there are no vaccines to treat it.

This should serve as a reminder to all to take the necessary precautions for your own protection; whether that is hiring mosquito control specialists like Mosquito Joe, or taking a DIY approach to guard against those pesky insects.

Eileen Weckesser from Mosquito Joe has several tips to help keep Marylanders safe: wearing long, loose fitting, light colored clothing; applying insect repellents according to product labels; avoiding mosquito infested areas during prime periods of activity (between dusk and dawn); installing, inspecting, and repairing window and door screens in homes and stables; regularly cleaning bird baths and bowls for pet food and water; removing or emptying all water-holding containers such as saucers under potted plants, children's toys, wheel barrels etc.

Some counties and towns have begun community spraying, utilizing a fogging truck driven on neighborhood streets. However, this approach to mosquito control may not be enough since it will not reach the back yards where homeowners want to gather with their family. Supplemental treatment like the insect control offered from Mosquito Joe will target each homeowner's entire property, helping to rid the yard of mosquitoes, ticks and several other insects. These treatments will not only make outside fun again but give homeowners peace of mind that they and their pets are protected from disease carrying insects.

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Pictures show work being done on the Smith home by volunteers from Patuxent Habitat for Humanity, Christmas in April, Calvert County, Exelon Militaries Actively Connected (EMAC) and several other organizations.

Friday June 14th, the birthday of the United States Army and Flag Day seemed to be fitting for Patuxent Habitat for Humanity Veteran Critical Repair program in partnership with Christmas in April, Calvert County, Exelon Militaries Actively Connected (EMAC) and several other volunteers to build a ramp for the Army veteran John Smith and his wife in Great Mills.

Mr. & Mrs. Smiths' need was brought to the attention of Patuxent Habitat for Humanity by the local chapter of the Disabled American Veterans Organization (D.A.V.).

The Habitat is always in need of volunteers from professional (plumbers, roofers, carpenters etc.) to those who just want to help someone. Patuxent Habitat for Humanity believes: Everyone especially our veter-

ans deserve a decent place to live, with the dignity they have earned by serving us!

The Patuxent Habitat for Humanity Veteran Critical Repair Program is designed to repair homes for military veterans and their families. The program will assist with repairs identified in Habitat's Critical Home Repair guidelines that may vary from roof repair and structural wall repairs to installing wheel chair ramps and remodeling bathrooms to be easily used by veterans with disabilities. If you would like to donate or volunteer for veteran programs please call Laurie at 301-863-6227x16 or email laurie@patuxenthabitat.org for more information.

Patuxent Habitat for Humanity is an affiliate of Habitat for Humanity International and works to create de-

cent, affordable housing in partnership with those in need in St. Mary's and Calvert counties. We are building strength, stability and independence by building on a foundation that strengthens our community. Patuxent Habitat for Humanity ReStore is located at 21600 Great Mills Road Unit 18A, Lexington Park, MD 20653. For more information about donating money to the affiliate or to donate items to the ReStore please visit our website www.patuxenthabitat.org. If you would like to volunteer contact Laurie at laurie@patuxenthabitat.org or call 301-863-6227x16. Every donation helps a family help themselves.

Press Release from Patuxent Habitat for Humanity

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Former St. Mary's Pastor Retires

By Dave Spigler
Contributing Writer

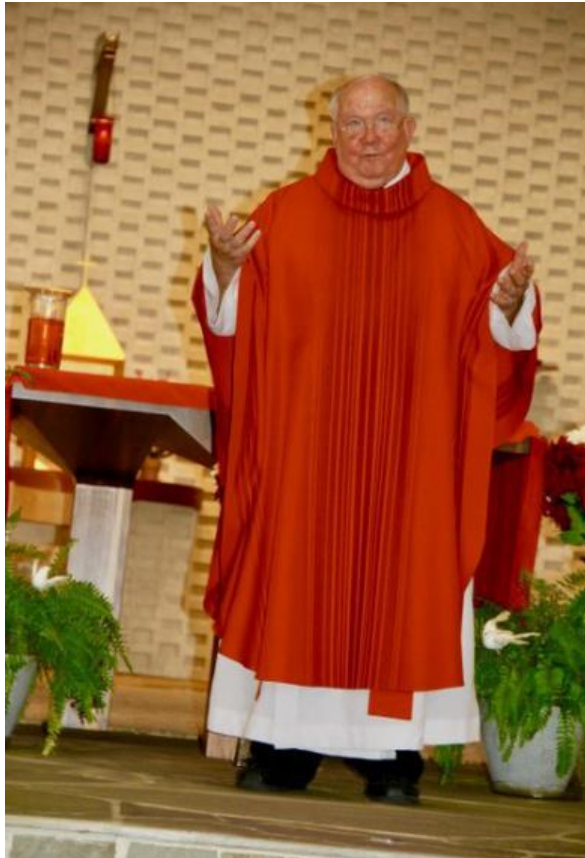
On Sunday, June 9, 2019 the Parish of Our Lady Star of the Sea Catholic Church in Solomons bid farewell to their beloved Pastor and Shepherd, Monsignor Mike Wilson upon his retirement following 44 years as a priest in the Archdiocese of Washington.

Monsignor Wilson also served at Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church in Lexington Park. Known to everyone as "Father Mike," the good padre recently turned 71 and realized he wanted to enjoy some personal pursuits that he had put off for many years! He disclosed one of the main reasons for deciding to make this transition at this time is due to his family history and the fact none of his six older brothers lived beyond the age of 67.



An Army brat whose dad and two brothers were West Point graduates, Father Mike had hoped to retire last year, but was turned down by the Bishop most likely due to the need to identify a replacement as well as the ongoing issues with the great shortage of priests throughout the Catholic Church here in our country and throughout the world.

A very jovial, kind, and friendly individual, Father Mike's cheerful personality and smile has endeared him to parishioners in the several parishes he has served throughout the Diocese including those in DC,



Msgr. Mike Wilson at the mass before his retirement party

Montgomery County, Prince Georges County and here in Southern Maryland. For years he served as the pastor of the Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish in Lexington Park where he established a reputation and rapport with his flock there. He was well liked as a great motivator and leader. His love of the Lord is well known and his parishioners there were saddened when he was forced to leave them to take care of his elderly parents in Laurel.

Father Mike's laughter and humor is infectious! He always enjoys a good laugh and his stories about himself permit folks to recognize his humanity and frailties. He loves to talk about his own "sins" such as getting angry with slow drivers in the left lane. Unlike many in the religious world, this good priest is very "down to earth" and this nature always permits him to be accepted by everyone he meets. His habit of dropping everything he's doing to go comfort a parishioner who has been hospitalized is renown. He cares for everyone and his reputation as a "people's priest" is richly deserved! His love of people was established early in his life by his loving parents who raised their large military family of seven brothers and one sister in many duty assignments throughout the country. It's obvious that Father's great love of others is reflective of the wonderful manner in which he was raised as the youngest member of this fine Catholic family.

Eight years ago, following the death of his dad, Father was named to replace Father Richard Gardiner who was retiring after a 28-year tenure as the Pastor at Our Lady Star of the Sea. He was thrilled at this opportunity to return to Southern Maryland and renew old friendships with friends both Catholic or non-Catholic. He was excited to work with a parish known for their great reputation and generosity in raising funds supporting Archdiocese charities. He was happy to have a new church facility and many well-established Parish programs already in place. He looked forward to the challenge of taking on a parochial school program that needed additional funding to support rising tuition fees caused by a continual increase in overhead costs. He considered himself to be extremely fortunate to be

selected for these pastoral duties in Solomons. And he hit the holy grounds of "Our Lady" running and it's been that way for the full eight years of his tenure.

As a good indicator of Father's popularity with his brethren, nearly 300 parishioners showed up to wish him well and thank him for his spiritual guidance. Fortunately, the rain had stopped as enthusiastic folks arrived at the Parish's Providence Room starting at noon. Soon the capacity for the hall was exceeded and the well-wishers spilled outside on to the large porch and the lawn. It was to become the biggest event ever held at Our Lady.

The festivities began with the Presentation of Colors by the Knights of Columbus Color Guard from the Lord Baltimore Assembly followed by "grace for this meal" led by Father. Each family brought a dish for this huge delicious potluck dinner; there was so much food, the Sisters of Divine Providence took the left overs to Project Echo in Prince Frederick, Calvert County's large homeless shelter. Entertainment during the afternoon was provided by the Parish's own OLSS Folk Group. There were many other groups who were involved in making this a tremendous success as well; the Parish Council headed up by Howard McGrath organized the event with the help of the Parish's Bereavement Committee. The OLSS Knights of Columbus Council 9258 provided support with the setup, serving of the food, and cleanup following the meal.

A series of short remarks and presentations followed. The Knights of Columbus 4th Degree Color Guard presented Father with a "Fraternal Friar" plaque for his 4 years dedication to the Assembly. Father David Brault, a good friend and colleague of Father Mike shared their many years of association and recalled memories of what it was like travelling with this holy man. He stated Father Mike would regularly ask "Are we there yet? Are we there yet?" Other members of the Parish would provide their thanks and good wishes for their departing Pastor. Deacon Andy Geisz pro-



vided his short remarks and Deacon Chad Martin read an inspirational note provided by Father Dan Carson detailing how Father Mike had motivated him to become a priest.

Finally, this happy day came to a sad conclusion with Father taking a few moments to speak with the crowd. His term as Pastor was much too quick and he will be sorely missed by us all. He made an indelible mark on the members of his flock. His great love of the Lord and his fellow man are exceptional. Unique and wonderful, this man is leaving a community of Christians better than he found it. What better legacy can any person provide.

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- St. Mary's County Health Department Clinic, 21580 Peabody Street, Leonardtown, MD (Monday – Friday from 8:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.)
- Harm Reduction Program Office, 46035 Signature Lane, Lexington Park, MD (Monday – Friday from 9:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.)

For more information, please call the health department at 301-475-4330 or visit our Facebook page and click on events at: www.facebook.com/SMCHealthDepartment/

June 27 is National HIV Testing Day. About one in seven people in the United States who have HIV don't know they have it. Knowing your HIV status can give you peace of mind—and testing is the only way you can know for sure. Knowing your status is also important because it helps you make healthy decisions to prevent getting or transmitting HIV.

The CDC recommends that everyone between the ages of 13 and 64 get tested

for HIV at least once as part of routine health care and that people with certain risk factors get tested more often. Testing for HIV can give you important information and help keep you and others safe.

The #DoingItMyWay campaign focuses on the importance of HIV testing, the things that motivate you to get tested and stay healthy, and how to get tested. Share how you're #DoingItMyWay!

Hepatitis C is a liver infection caused by a virus. Most people become infected with the Hepatitis C virus by sharing needles or other equipment to inject drugs. For some people, Hepatitis C is a short-term illness, but for most people who become infected with Hepatitis C, it becomes a long-term, chronic infection. Chronic Hepatitis C is a serious disease that can result in long-term health problems, even death. The majority of infected persons might not be aware of their infection because they do not feel ill. There is no vaccine for Hepatitis C. The best way to prevent Hepatitis C is by avoiding behaviors that can spread the disease, especially injecting drugs.

Press Release from St. Mary's County Health Department

Summer Reading is for All Ages

Complete Library challenge to win prizes

The St. Mary's County Library invites all ages to participate in 'A Universe of Stories' Summer Reading program from June 17 through August 17. Everyone, from zero to 150 years old is welcome to complete challenges to be entered to win Amazon gift cards.

Complete five activities to finish the first challenge and come into any St. Mary's County Library to pick up a free glow-in-the-dark t-shirt (sizes from baby onesies all the way up to adult XXXXL). Complete the second, third and fourth challenges to receive a free book of your choosing for each challenge. Each finished challenge will get you an entry into the Library's end-of-summer Amazon gift card drawings.

Twenty activities give variety and allow you to choose how stimulating to make the summer reading program. Activities can be repeated and are appropriate for all ages from a baby with a parent reader to children, teens and adults. Examples of activities include: read a nonfiction book, listen to an audiobook, attend a Library event, read a book that is part of a series, and read a graphic novel or comic book.

The Library is once again using the Beanstack app to track Summer Reading, available for both Android and Apple devices. If you do not have access to a device, ask for a paper gameboard at the Library.

"Summer reading is great for babies, kids, and teens at every age," said Jill Hutchison, Youth Services Coordinator for St. Mary's County Library. "For babies and young children, reading with family members is a way to bond, build their vocabulary, and start a lifetime love

of books. For older kids and teens on summer break, it's a chance to read for fun, challenge themselves, and choose books they love without worrying about reading levels or homework. When adults join Summer Reading, it shows kids that grown-ups value reading too, and makes it into a family activity. We've designed our Summer Reading challenges to be fit any age and reading skill, and encourage readers to branch out and try new things while still having plenty of choices. There's something for everyone."

"Summer vacations are a great time for reading," said Michael Blackwell, St. Mary's County Library Director. "The library has a wide selection of beach reads, thrillers, and mysteries, perfect for a lazy summer's day. Express best sellers are waiting for you in all our branches. If you need to travel light or have a drive to your destination, check out the library's collection of e-books and digital audiobooks. You can get dozens of titles on a tablet or smart phone for when you get there and even listen in your car on the way. Enter our program and win!"

According to the American Library Association, the benefits to readers in a summer reading programs include: encouragement that reading become a lifelong habit; reluctant readers can be drawn in by the activities; reading over the summer helps children keep their skills up; and the program can generate interest in the library and books. It being summer, the program is also just good fun and provides an opportunity for family time.

Press Release from St. Mary's County Memorial Library

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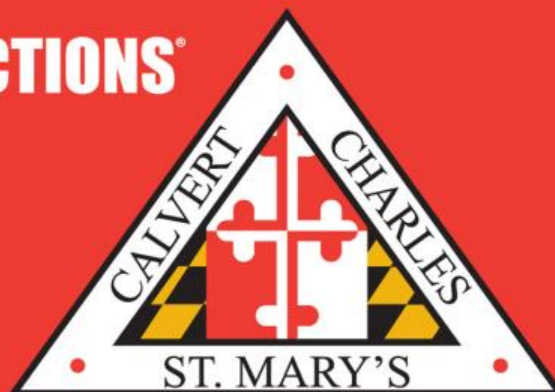
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Hurlburt Is Longest Serving St. Mary's Ryken President

By Guy Leonard
Staff Writer

St. Mary's Ryken High School (SMR) for decades had the reputation of being an elite local college preparatory school known for its focus on academics nestled in a bucolic and isolated Leonardtown campus steeped in Catholic values.

Under the leadership of Mary Joy Hurlburt, who will finish her 14 years as the school's president at the end of the month, the school has maintained its focus on academics but has broken out of its shell as a relatively small school.

Since she took the reins as president and working with a board of directors, teachers and staff and community partners necessary for significant funding support, the school has increased its student population, expanded its athletic and academic programs, undergone a significant technology transformation and undertaken an ambitious capital construction program.

Hurlburt worked through the ranks to rise to president, coming to SMR in 1985 as an art teacher and instructing for 10 years.

Coming to a place like SMR was her dream.

"It was the opportunity to teach art in a high school," Hurlburt told *The County Times*, adding that she had taught before at St. John's School in Hollywood. "That was fun."

She's seen students she taught as small children grow up at SMR.

"When I started here, I saw these kids finish here and then their kids came here," Hurlburt said.

While teaching art she also worked with students in drama productions, musicals and the yearbook.

She has nothing but fond memories of working at SMR.

"I was blessed to be with a great faculty," Hurlburt said. "They supported each other."

"The teachers really, truly care about the students; you can't ask for more than that."

Hurlburt loved teaching and interacting with students; some had serious interest in becoming artists and she tried to help them grow and expand their knowledge and abilities.

The ability to nurture them to the point of their gaining their own insights was most important to her.

"Everyday I saw a student have a breakthrough in an idea or a concept... that's part of the joy of teaching," she said. "It was wonderful helping them put their portfolios together."

After a decade of teaching, she became assistant principal for five years before rising to the principal's position for another five years of service.

It was there she took her experience in the classroom and put it to use as the instructional leader of the school, managing it day to day.

In 2005 she took the president's position, only the third person to hold that seat and the first woman.

Her job was to plan for the school's future and she and a dedicated staff and board of directors plotted their course.

"It's about looking at our vision for the future," Hurlburt said of her daunting task. "We looked at the campus, the possibilities for the campus."

The campus leadership came up with a strategic development plan in 2007 and set about fundraising and carrying out that vision.

But it wasn't on a whim; there was good reason to look to an expansion both physically and academically.

"We had the demand to grow," Hurlburt said. "People wanted to come here."

St. Mary's Ryken's student body now stands at about 700, much smaller than any of the three public high schools in St. Mary's County, but more than two decades ago the student body hovered between 400 to



450 students.

Graduating classes were less than 100 students in those days and ceremonies were held on the lawn in front of Xavier Hall at the lower section of the campus.

Now they have their graduations, with their larger classes often earning millions of dollars- worth in scholarship offers, at St. Mary's College of Maryland as public schools do.

For the past 10 years SMR has developed a football program; something that was not ever seriously considered in decades past.

The main contact sport in those days was lacrosse; a mainstay of many Catholic schools in Maryland.

But SMR finally pursued a football team and won the Capital Athletic Conference (CAC) championship in 2018; softball and ice hockey teams have also won CAC titles.

It is a different school from the quiet enclave of academia from years ago.

"I can remember seeing an article from 1976 [from a school newspaper] asking why we didn't have a football team," Hurlburt said of a trip to the archives. "Football has been ongoing topic here at the school." But academics remain the key focus at SMR, with students encouraged to try as many core subjects as possible to find what it is they desire to pursue in their adult life, with their education acting as their guide.

"We had huge technology upgrades," Hurlburt said, claiming SMR was the first high school in St. Mary's County to have wifi. "We've increased an awful lot of programs."

Instead of carrying a heavy bookbag to class each student has their own i-Pad in which all their texts are contained.

SMR is part of a nationwide science, engineering, technology and mathematics (STEM) program called Project Lead the Way and Hurlburt sings the praises

of the fine arts program the school has grown and groomed.

"It's a program I'm terribly proud of," Hurlburt said, praising advancements in band, drama and dance by students. "They're spectacular programs."

Hurlburt said she wanted students to experience as much as possible in their short time at SMR.

"My vision was to excel in all areas and to help students build their relationship with God," Hurlburt said. "We want these students to find what their specialty is; we have to create places for kids to find out who they are."

She credits the board of directors and faculty and staff with helping increase SMR's reach and potential.

"It's not about me," Hurlburt said, adding nothing gets done without money. "It's about a lot of people."

"Fundraising is tough."

But hard work has brought success, she said, since SMR has been able to raise \$16 to \$18 million for its expansion in the last 14 years.

Construction continues on the Donnie Williams Center at the heart of the campus, which will serve not only as a venue for athletics but as a multipurpose center for the student body to continue their development both academic and spiritual.

"It's a wonderful place where students can gather comfortably," Hurlburt said.

After retirement, Hurlburt plans to spend time with family and friends and return to creating art; she also wants to travel, here and abroad.

But St. Mary's County has made an impression on her, a Montgomery County native, and her family.

"I fell in love with the beauty of the place and the warm-heartedness of the people," Hurlburt said. "It became a place we did not want to leave."

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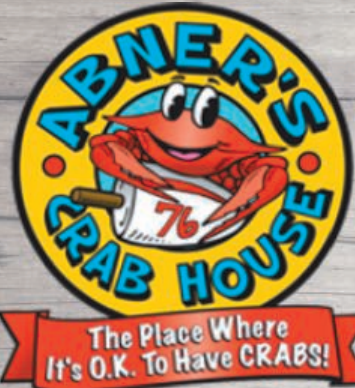
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Come on out to Leonardtown Square on Saturday, June 22, 2019 and enjoy an evening of southern rock from local favorite, Six Gun South. This FREE concert will be held from 6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. in Leonardtown Square.

The band, started from an earlier band known as JOSS, a well-established Classic Rock band that toured the local tri-state area for 17 years playing and recording original music. Today, Six Gun South performs popular music, with a strong emphasis on classic and southern rock.

The performance will start at 6:00 p.m. and take place on the Square in historic downtown Leonardtown: 22735 Washington St. Leonardtown, MD 20650.

Attendees can pre-order picnic bags from local businesses in Town for the concert. Participating local restaurants for the Six Gun South concert include: Social Coffeehouse & Speakeasy, Big Larry's Eatery, Jessie's Kitchen, Smokey Joe's on the Town, Shepherds Old Field Market and Port of Leonardtown Winery. Why not order and pick up a picnic bag, bring a blanket or a chair and take in the concert in the Square. Enjoy a kid-free evening with Drop N' Dine where children will be entertained with kid-friendly activities (by reservation only). The Leonardtown Arts Center will provide a fun and engaging art and music collage project to entertain the kids in the St. Mary's Arts Council located at 22660 Washington St, Leonardtown, MD 20650 while parents enjoy a date night at the concert. Space is limited, please contact the Leonardtown Arts Center to make a reservation. To learn how to order a picnic bag for the concert or to make a reservation for Drop N' Dine, visit: www.LeonardtownMusicFest.com.

The Leonardtown Summer Music Festival is sponsored by the Commissioners of Leonardtown and the Leonardtown Business Association in partnership with the St. Mary's County Arts Council, James LePore Productions and generous sponsors that include Marrick Homes, Quality Built Homes, Leonardtown Chevrolet, Buick and GMC. For more information, visit www.LeonardtownMusicFest.com or call 301-475-9791.

Brandy Blackstone, Leonardtown Public Relations and Event Coordinator

Newtowne Players to Present 'Best Little Whorehouse in Texas'

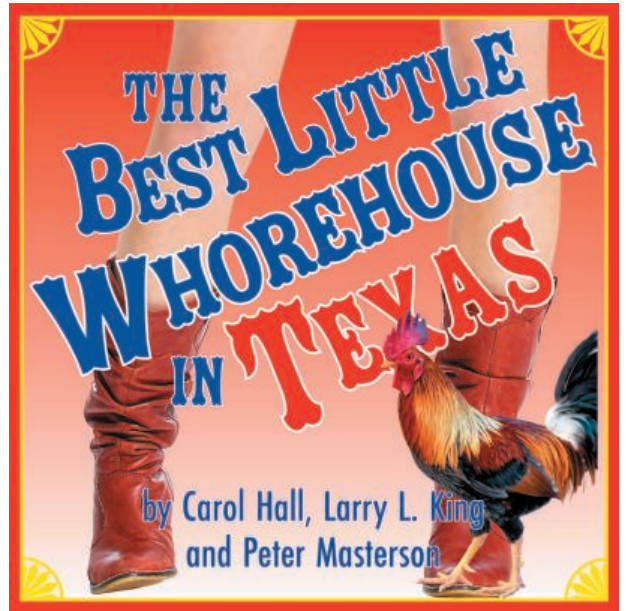
The Newtowne Players will present the musical comedy "The Best Little Whorehouse in Texas," by Carol Hall, Larry L. King and Peter Masterson from June 28 to July 21. Performances will be Thursday-Saturday at 8 p.m., with Sunday matinees at 3:30 p.m.

The play will be presented at the Three Notch Theatre, 21744 South Coral Drive, LexingtonPark, MD 20653. Tickets are \$18 for adults; and \$15 for seniors, students and military. Thursdays only, all seats are \$13. All tickets

may be purchased online at www.newtowneplayers.org, or by calling 301-737-5447.

"The Best Little Whorehouse in Texas," while not intended for children, is a happy-go-lucky view of small-town vice and statewide political side-stepping. It recounts the good times and the demise of the Chicken Ranch, known since the 1850s as one of the better pleasure palaces in all of Texas. Governors, senators, mayors, and even victorious college football teams frequent Miss Mona's cozy bordello, until that Puritan nemesis Watchdog focuses his television cameras and his righteous indignation on the institution.

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CSM Honors Its Student Athletes



During CSM's Athletic Banquet, the honor of Scholar Athlete of the Year was awarded to soccer player Zach McDonough, of Accokeek; Female Athlete of the year to basketball player Amaya Yancey, of Washington, DC.; and Male Athlete of the Year to golfer William Garrett, of Chesapeake Beach.

The College of Southern Maryland (CSM) rounded out the spring semester by celebrating the 2018-2019 accomplishments of its student athletes at the college's annual athletic banquet held at the Waldorf Jaycee Hall.

"What a wonderful night," said CSM Executive Director of Student Life and Athletics Michelle Ruble. "It is always great recognizing the hard work and achievement of our student athletes academically and athletically, as well as our coaching staffs and support personnel."

Zack McDonough, of Accokeek, was named Scholar Athlete of the Year for earning a minimum of 36 credit hours with the college and maintaining the highest cumulative GPA. McDonough, who played defense for the Hawks Men's Soccer Team, earned a 3.93 GPA and is continuing his education at the University of Maryland.

"This student athlete is extremely hardworking and was an outstanding role model for his team and he showed great leadership on the field as a center back for the team this season," said CSM Assistant Director of Athletics Sarah Williams. "Off the field this athlete is just as competitive in the classroom. His academic goal is excellence ... he does not accept anything less."

Amaya Yancey, a freshman point guard, was voted Female Athlete of the Year and was credited with helping lead the Women's Basketball program to its second National Junior College Athletic Associate (NJCAA) Region XX, Division II runner-up award in 18 years. She averaged 16 points per game and shot 42.8 percent from the field, while averaging nine rebounds per game. Yancy, of Washington D.C., recorded a career high seven triple-doubles this season and was named NJCAA Player of the Week. She finished her first season at CSM by leading the nation in assists at eight per game and topped the national leaderboard in 3-point field goal percentage at 50.6 percent. She has been named Second Team All-Maryland Junior College Athletic Conference (MD-JUCO), Second Team All-Region and made the 2018-2019 NJCAA Division II

Third Team All-American team.

She "has been an amazing example of what consistency and dedication mean as a student athlete," said CSM Athletic Coordinator Brooke Bowling. "This young woman is very driven when it comes to accomplishing her goals. She is determined to be a successful student athlete and represent the College of Southern Maryland in a positive way."

William Garrett, of Chesapeake Beach, was voted Male Athlete of the Year for his excellent performance on the golf course, has led the scoring average in for the conference for the last two seasons. He had three tournament victories this season, giving him a career total of eight. He was recently named to First Team All MDJUCO to add to his freshman year accolades of making First Team All MDJUCO and First Team All-Region.

"He has a meticulous work ethic and a special will to succeed," Bowling said. Garrett plans to continue his golf career at Towson next year.

With the help of Garrett's performance, the Hawks Golf Team won its second consecutive NJCAA Region XX Tournament this year, qualifying the team to compete in the NJCAA Division II National Championship in Indiana.

In addition, team awards were announced for each of the college's 11 sports teams, and every athlete was honored for taking on the challenge of intercollegiate sports while also pursuing academic goals at the college.

Team Awards

Men's Baseball

Hawk Award — Seth Morrison, of La Plata

Team Award — Matt Schnoor, of La Plata

Women's Softball

MVP — Haylee McClanahan, of Lusby

Most Improved — Alyssa Case, of La Plata

Men's Basketball

MVP — Jerome Savoy, of Waldorf
Coaches Award — Kyle McAllister, of Mechanicsville

Women's Basketball

Player of the Year — Amaya Yancey,

of Washington, DC

Outstanding Player — Jennifer Nanosi, of Bladensburg

Men's Cross-country

Most Valuable Runner — Jeremy McGraw, of Huntingtown

Women's Cross-country

Most Valuable Runner — Sierra Walker, of White Plains

Golf

Most Outstanding Golfer — Tyler Potts, of Owings

Most Outstanding Golfer — William Garrett, of Chesapeake Beach

Men's Lacrosse (Club team)

MVP Offense — Ryan Purcell, of Owings

MVP Defense — Caleb Schaffer, of Waldorf

Men's Soccer

Leadership Award — Hunter VanZandt, of Brandywine

Ironman Award — Dylan Henderson, of Chesapeake Beach

Women's Soccer

Team MVP — Jordan Griffith, of Swan Point

Team MVP — Camille Cooley, of Mechanicsville

Women's Volleyball

Most Improved — Katelyn Kluch, of La Plata

Coaches Award — Reagan Tuiasosopo, of Waldorf

A photo gallery of the athletic banquet is available online at <https://csmphoto.zenfolio.com/19athbanquet>.

The intercollegiate athletics program at CSM provides an educational and competitive athletic experience for its student athletes, integrating training for the mind as well as for the body. CSM believes that athletics promotes, provides and encourages success in both athletics and academics. For information about the college's athletic programs, visit <http://athletics.csmd.edu>.

Press Release from CSM

The Tackle Box Fishing Report



Erick Packard shows off a rockfish from the power plant outfall.

By Ken and Linda Lamb
Contributing Writers

Mid June finds rockfish and catfish still in good numbers in the bay and rivers. Catfish in the 2 to 7 pound size are eager to take fresh cut bait most everywhere off the shoreline. The bridge at Piney Point to St. George Island is consistent for catfish. There are white perch and strippers there too.

The rockfish are at the power plant outfall above Cove Point for jiggers. About one in ten is up to the 19 inch minimum, and there are some big ones up to 35 inches on occasion. The Patuxent has rockfish in the shallows for trollers and lure casters; the oyster bars and wrecks are holding bigger fish for deep trollers. The mouth of the Patuxent has rockfish on rising tides at Cedar Point and Drum Point. The Potomac has a slug of rockfish below the 301 Bridge where the water clears up. Bottom fishermen are getting rockfish and perch mixed on the Virginia side of the Potomac at Ragged Point. Chummers find eager rockfish at daybreak at St. George Island, Tall Timbers and near the mouth

of Herring Creek.

Cobia are beginning to nibble their way into our area moving in from the south. A 30 pound cobia was taken in a pound net off Cornfield Point this past week, and a handful of spanish mackerel too. The cobia are scattered up and down the ship's channel from Smith Point to the Bay Bridge Tunnel. They are coming fast with big bull Reds right behind them.

Skillfull fishermen have found white perch with some croaker mixed in in the Patuxent. Bloodworms are the key in 25 to 40 feet of water on the edge of the drop offs. There were perch and croaker at Hawks Nest out the mouth of Cuckold Creek last Wednesday. There are plenty of skate (cow nosed rays) in the Patuxent.

Surf casters at Point Lookout Pier have reported some snapper bluefish, rockfish and catfish.

There are catfish, croaker, and perch at Bushwood Wharf.

Crabs are plentiful and big. St. Mary's Lake has eager largemouth bass, pickerel, and bluegill.

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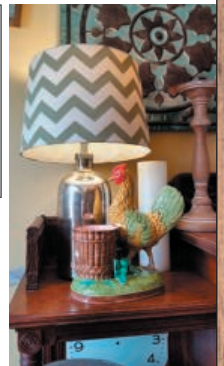
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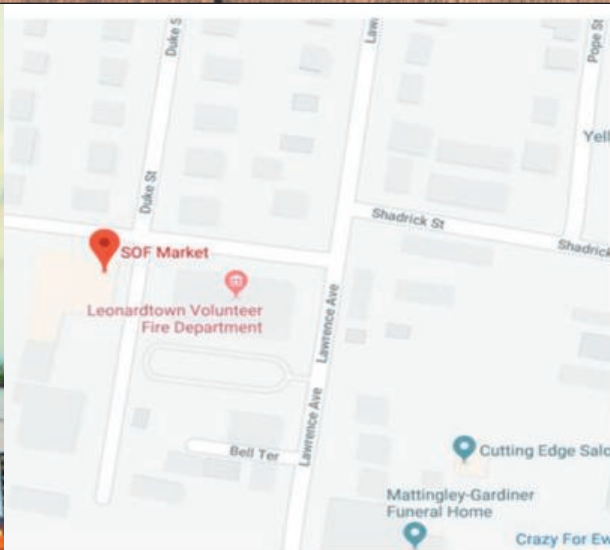


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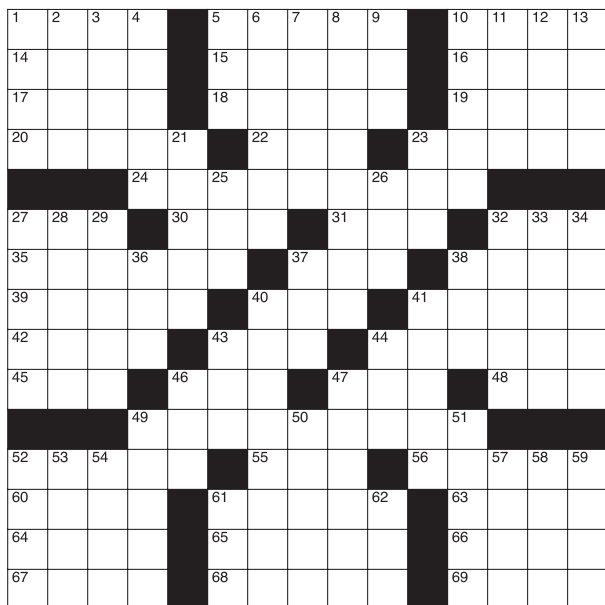
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CLUES DOWN

1. Broken branch
2. A distinctive quality surrounding someone
3. Commoner
4. It can be poisonous
5. Recipe measurement
6. Eager
7. City in Finland
8. Acting appropriately
9. Pitching stat
10. Cops wear one
11. Evergreen genus
12. Lacking hair
13. Witnesses
21. Supplies to excess
23. This street produces nightmares
25. Cool!
26. Basics
27. Type of jazz
28. Remove
29. Seaport in Finland
32. Large formation of aircraft
33. You should eat three every day
34. Dips feet into
36. Patti Hearst's captors
37. Swiss river
38. Talk
40. Humorous conversation
41. Gurus
43. Actress Gretchen
44. Hitters need one
46. Offer
47. Flower cluster
49. The Navy has them
50. Palmlike plant
51. Vaccine developer
52. Guys (slang)
53. Jai __, sport
54. Assert
57. Beloved movie pig
58. __ Clapton, musician
59. Gamble
61. Hit lightly
62. Carpenter's tool

CLUES ACROSS

1. Drains
5. Cleveland baseball team
10. Leans in for apples
14. Language spoken in India
15. Norwegian parish
16. Wings
17. "Family City, USA"
18. Prague
19. Tottenham footballer Alli
20. Cakes
22. A way to save for retirement
23. Good gosh!
24. HBO Dust Bowl series
27. ELO drummer Bevan
30. Kids' game
31. Computer giant
32. Luxury automaker
35. Made disappear
37. Mandela's party
38. Greek personification of Earth
39. Semitic lords
40. Where to put groceries
41. Healthy lunch
42. Greek mountain
43. Disfigure
44. Ramble on
45. Partner to carrot
46. Figure
47. Mock
48. Former CIA
49. Salts
52. Bleated
55. Never sleeps
56. Cavalry sword
60. Scottish island
61. Cyprinid fishes
63. Italian seaport
64. Fruit tree
65. Old World lizard
66. U. of Miami mascot
67. Gentlemen
68. Cover with drops, as with dew
69. Don't stick it out

LAST WEEK'S PUZZLE SOLUTIONS ON PAGE 31

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Wanderings of an Aimless Mind

by Shelby Oppermann
Contributing Writer



"Got WORK to do"

I hate feeling guilty and ashamed, but lately, when I sit in my lawn chair while crazy, hound dog Mindy is outside, that is the way I feel. You would too if all you hear the entire time is, "work it, work it!". It is just too much. The bird needs to leave. Yes, a bird, not a Mockingbird, but a bird that mocks me incessantly... every day. Maybe there are other translations of this bird call, the only one I hear though is "work it, work it". I try to turn it into the old 70s song "Work to do" by the Isley Brothers, so something else will go through my head, but its hard when the bird won't quit. I tried to find out what bird it was online, but there were so many bird calls to listen to that I started getting confused.



Yes, I know that I should use this "work it, work it" mantra and make it "work" for me. My husband got me great new Skechers sneakers in a wide width for these arthur-ritic feet. Wow are they comfortable! I say they were meant for lounge wear, but I am pretty sure my husband was thinking that they would be good for lots of walking and exercise. Well you know I have tried that before with some interesting results. But it is time to get started on something again. Stupid bird!!!!

As if the bird humiliating me isn't enough, I also got all enthusiastic one afternoon and signed up for the AARP walking challenge and APP. This is normal for me. I get a day where I feel relatively normal and that my joints are going to cooperate and sign up for different exercise apps. Then I get really aggravated when they do what they are supposed to do and tell me what I am supposed to do. How obnoxious.

There is also a perfectly good elliptical we got from the couple across the street now sitting in our garage. I have been using it, but only twice a week so far. Most likely, that is something I should increase too. The last few weeks I have had terrible bronchitis, so I think that is as good an excuse as any right now. I can barely breathe. I even put a reminder in my phone calendar which *annoyingly* notifies me every day at 9:15 to USE ELLIPTICAL. Pest – just like the bird. Since smart phones are so smart now, I am waiting to read, USE THE DARN ELLIPTICAL one morning. Scary, I know, but this could be true sooner than you think. These machines might run our lives or the world one day.

I had a mountain bike that I used quite a few years ago but ended up giving it away. Country Lakes has a little hill or two, but no mountains that I know of so all the changing of the gears wore me out. I do have a really cute yellow and pink bicycle – love to look at it, reminds me of my hot pink ten-speed I received on my 11th birthday which was stolen the very next day when I rode it to the Stephen Decatur teen club in Clinton. That was a long, tearful walk back to my house. My mother was so mad, because she was still making payments on it. I suppose it would look even cuter if I actually rode it somewhere, but that would mean moving a table out of the way.

Anyway, I better get Miss Mindy outside before her mid-morning nap, which comes after breakfast and the morning nap, that way she can stay on the schedule that she has created for me. You know what, I wonder if that "mocking" bird and Mindy are in cahoots. I think they are both trying to make me conform to their schedules and wishes, and you know what else? I think they already have.

To each new days adventure, Shelby
Please send your comments and ideas to: shelbys.wanderings@yahoo.com
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In Remembrance

Lairy Junior Carter, Jr.



Lairy Junior Carter, Jr. "Lumpy", Lairy was born on February 21, 1972. He passed away after a long battle with Colon Cancer. He passed away on June 13, 2019 in Ocala, Florida. He is survived by his wife Rachael Carter, son Charles Carter and daughter Cynthia Carter. He is also survived by his father Lairy Junior Carter, Sr. and his mother Deborah Evans Carter. Two siblings Elvis Aaron Carter and Dustin Lee Carter. He is also survived by his nephews Landon, Matthew and Michael Logan Carter. He also has a niece Taylor Garcia and family. He liked hunting, camping and fishing and watching outdoor reality shows. He liked cooking and canning, and stuffing hams. His favorite food was scrapple, Maryland crabs, and lasagna. Indoors he liked to watch forensic file shows and crime dramas. He enjoyed spending time with his daughter for family time. He would laugh when his dad would ask for tongue sugars, when they were babies.

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Margaret Jo Tinsley



Margaret Jo Tinsley, 83, of Mechanicsville, MD passed away on June 13, 2019 at St. Mary's Nursing Center. Margaret was born on September 10, 1935 in Spartanburg, SC, to the late Woodrow Blease Horton and Mahala (Brock) Horton.

Margaret married her loving husband, Ray DeFoix Tinsley on July 24, 1962 in Spartanburg, SC. They spent 28 wonderful years together before his passing on October 9, 1990. She enjoyed good food, shopping, and watching her favorite TV shows- Jeopardy and Wheel of Fortune. Family was most important to her and she made many lasting memories while raising her children and later caring for her beautiful grandchildren.

She is survived by her children, Robert "Bobby" Tinsley (Susan), of Mechanicsville, MD, Donald "Donnie" Tinsley (Barbara), of Mechanicsville, MD, and Regina Gattton Tinsley, of Hollywood, MD; siblings, Emma Jean Kimbrell, of Spartanburg, SC and Wayne Horton (Ellen), of Spartanburg, SC; five grandchildren, and one great grandchild. In addition to her parents and husband, she is preceded in death by two brothers, Billy and James Horton.

Condolences to the family may be

made at www.brinsfieldfuneral.com.

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Christina Anne Kreuzberg



Christina Anne Kreuzberg, 20 years old, passed away on June 10, 2019 in Benedict, MD. Christina was born on August 7, 1998 in Guatemala. She was adopted by her loving parents Elizabeth Ann and Frederick Johnathan Kreuzberg.

Christina was a lifelong resident of St. Mary's County in the Mechanicsville area and she just finished her first year of college at the College of Southern Maryland where she made the Dean's List. Her career goal was to be a zoologist. She is a 2018 graduate from Chopticon High School where she was involved with the track team and participated in other school activities. In her younger years, she was involved in Girls Scouts finishing as a senior scout and also the Boy Scouts in the venture crew 793. Christina was very active at her church where she loved to help in the summertime with the vacation bible school program and enjoyed helping out in the Sunday school rooms teaching with her mom, showing kids how to do projects that pertained to that Sunday school week's lesson. When she was in middle school, she participated in some of the summer mission trips sponsored by church and being a mentor for the younger children. She was very passionate about animals whether they were hers' or someone else's pets, which is why she was studying to become a Veterinarian or Zoologist. She enjoyed swimming and going to the beach, especially Ocean City and just enjoying nature and camping. She cherished her one on one time with her family watching movies and especially enjoying "Survivor" and "Bachelor" with Dad, to doing crafts with her mom or just hanging out with her sister. She made the best of things. She loved school especially CSM and making new friends. Christina was a very loving person to anyone she met, and she had such an infectious smile that would cheer you up in a heartbeat. If you were really having a bad day she would give you a hug and pray with you if needed. She was in love with her fiancée Jordyn and so excited that she was getting ready to be a mom to their little boy Aiden. Once you met Christina, you loved her immediately especially her awesome smile.

Christina is survived by her parents, Frederick and Elizabeth Kreuzberg and her sister, Nancy E. Kreuzberg. She is survived by her fiancée Jordyn Creamer. She is survived by many family and

friends. She was received in the celebration of life with her son Aiden David Kreuzberg-Creamer at her right side.

The family will receive friends for Christina's Life Celebration Visitation on Friday, June 21, 2019 from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at First Saint Community Church Leonardtown Campus at 25550 Point Lookout Road, Leonardtown, MD. Life Celebration Funeral Service will be held on Saturday, June 22, 2019 at 11 a.m. at First Saints Community Church Leonardtown Campus with Pastor Trish Watson officiating. Interment will follow at First Saints Community Church Leonardtown Campus cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to the CareNet Pregnancy Center 25484 Point Lookout Leonardtown, MD 20650 or the ASPCA, P.O. Box 96929, Washington, D.C. 20090-6929.

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

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Anna May Largen



Anna May Largen, 82, of Bryantown, MD departed this life on Friday, June 14, 2019, surrounded by her loving family.

She was born September 11, 1936 in Hughesville, Maryland to the late James Roger Williams, Sr and Ada (Gray) Williams.

Anna married the love of her life, James Frank Largen, Sr. on March 12, 1955. Together they celebrated over 56 years before his passing on March 11, 2011.

Anna was a strong, caring and loving woman who adored her family. She was a wonderful mother and loved her children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren. She was proud of the beautiful family she and James had together. She will be missed by many but none as much as her family.

She could be found playing BINGO with her friends every chance she got.

Anna is survived by her children, Ronnie Lee Largen, Sr. of Waldorf, and Patricia Ann Largen; and three (3) grandchildren, and nine (9) great-grandchildren. She also is survived by several siblings, Gene Williams of Great Mills, MD, James Williams Jr. of Hollywood, MD, Paul Williams of Hollywood, MD, Mary Willett of Daytona, FL, Linda Suit of Mechanicsville, MD, Connie Bridgett of Great Mills, MD, Cynthia Sue Horsman of Brandywine, MD, Bernice Shannon of Florida and Ann Sater of Mechanicsville, MD. Along with her husband and parents, she is preceded in death by her sons, James Frank Largen, Jr and (Tony) Michael Anthony Largen.

The family will receive friends for Anna's Life Celebration on Thursday, June 20, 2019 from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at the Brinsfield Funeral Home & Crematory, P.A., 30195 Three Notch Road, Charlotte Hall, MD 20622. A funeral service by Deacon Bill Kyte will be held on Friday, June 21, 2019 at 11:00 a.m. at Brinsfield Funeral Home & Crematory, P.A., in Charlotte Hall, MD with interment immediately following at Trinity Memorial Gardens, 3221 Mattawoman Beantown Road, Waldorf, MD 20601.

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

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

Barbara Cameron



Barbara Cameron, 75, of Hollywood, MD formerly from Germany passed away on June 10, 2019 in Leonardtown, MD. She was born on March 31, 1944 in Zelow, Poland, and was the loving daughter of the late Annaliese and Karl Mennel of Ochsenfurt, Germany. Barbara was the loving wife of Thomas Cameron, whom she married on April 26, 1963 in Giebelstadt, Germany. She is survived by her children John P. Cameron of Hollywood, MD, Lisa Early (Richard) of Hollywood, MD, 4 grandchildren and 2 great-grandchildren. As well as her siblings Rudiger Mennel, Echarde Mennel, and Karen Mennel. Barbara spent her childhood in Germany and graduated from high school in 1962. She moved to St. Mary's County, MD in 1964 with her husband and children. Barbara worked as a cashier for McKays Foodland, and Safeway stores for a few years. She eventually became a store manager at the R. E. Michael Company in Lexington Park, MD, retiring after 13 years with them.

She became a full time grandmother taking care of her grandchildren, and her pets. As well as taking care of her yard and gardens, she had a love for flowers that she grew at home. Barbara was an excellent cook.

Contributions may be made to St. John's Catholic Church 43927 St. John's Road Hollywood, MD 20636.

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June Marie Martin

June Marie Martin, 53, of Leonardtown, MD formerly from Mechanicsville, MD passed away on June 11, 2019 at her home. She was the loving daughter



of Katie B. Stauffer Zimmerman of Mechanicsville, MD and the late Irvin S. Zimmerman. June is survived by her husband Harlen R. Martin whom she married on July 5,

1986 in the Church of the Nazarene in Hollywood, MD. She is also survived by her children Lucy Zimmerman (Eugene) of Leonardtown, MD, Brandon Martin (Shirley) of Knifley, KY, Sharon Horst (Zachary) of Leonardtown, MD, Kevin Martin (Charity) of Leonardtown, MD, Barbara Zimmerman (Shane) of Elkhorn, KY, Jonathan Martin of Leonardtown, MD, Patricia Martin, Janine Martin all of Leonardtown, MD, and 7 grandchildren. As well as her siblings Ray Zimmerman, James Zimmerman, Francis Zimmerman, Martha Stauffer, Ruth Brubaker, and Edna Wenger. June was a homemaker.

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Jeffrey Scott Ebner



Surrounded by his family Jeff passed peacefully at his home in Hallsville, Texas on November 15, 2018. He was 62 years old.

Jeff was the loving son of Francis and Madge Thomason Ebner of Avenue MD, brother to Mark and Karen, husband to Betty Reynolds, uncle to Gretchen, Katrina and Ellen, great uncle to Connell and Ronin. He was preceded by his dad and wife.

Growing up in Hilton NY, Jeff was especially fond of drums and percussion instruments and began private drumming lessons at age eight. He had the music in him! He joined every school band which was offered but always had a special love for the marching band where he was the utilitarian drummer writing music for and playing snare, tri-drum, bass, timbale. During high school his bands he began playing professionally for weddings and at dinner-dance theatres in the Rochester area. In addition to drums Jeff played piano and keyboards too. Over the course

of thirty years Jeff toured most of the United States and played in many bands with many styles of music. Jeff was a member of the Shreveport, LA Musicians Union. He called Eastern Texas his home.

Jeff loved all sports and cheered for Syracuse Orangemen, Tampa Bay Buccaneers, NY Yankees, Boston Bruins, Oakland Warriors. He was quick to tell you accurate team standings and statistics. Jeff followed politics and was extremely opposed to crooked government and policies and very opinionated about it. Oh, did he like a good debate!

The family will gather on June 22, 2019 at the farm to celebrate Jeff's amazing, will lived life. He will be greatly missed by many.

Erma Elizabeth Joy Thompson



Erma Elizabeth Joy Thompson, 90, of Hollywood, MD passed away on June 13, 2019 at MedStar St. Mary's Hospital, Leonardtown, MD with her family by her side.

Erma Elizabeth Joy Thompson was born on July 11th, 1928 in Baltimore, Maryland to the late Chester Joy and Virginia Denton Joy. She lived on Edmondson Avenue with her parents and her younger brother Marvin.

In 1942, when Erma was 14 years old, her family moved to Hollywood, Maryland.

Her first job was a clerk at Preston Insley's store in Hollywood. Later on she worked on the Naval Base as a payroll clerk. She left the job on the base in 1962 to become a stay at home wife and mother. She babysat in the 1970's.

Erma played the piano beautifully and was self-taught. She had a lovely alto voice.

She took care of her father until the day he died of Parkinson's disease. She also took care of her mother until her father's death at which time her mother went to live with her brother Marvin in North Carolina. She took care of her son David and her husband John B. for long as she was able to.

Erma married John Briscoe Thompson on March 28th, 1948 which happened to be Easter Sunday that year. She had no greater joy than her family and her home. She loved to take care of her home and have a large garden and can food for the winter. She even enjoyed washing dishes at the kitchen sink where she could look out of the window over the beautiful rolling hills. She loved working outside cutting grass, working the garden and assisting John B. with his many projects. Erma had so many friends. To know Erma was to love Erma.

Erma is survived by her daughters Brenda Thompson Bond of Towson, MD and Virginia Lacey of Avenue, MD and her brother Marvin Chester Joy of Raleigh, N.C. She has two grandchildren Brody Bond (Lisa) and Vicki Cantrell (Doug) and six great-grandchildren: Casey and Gillian Bacon, and Beckett, Thatcher, Jane and Francie Joy Bond. She was preceded in death by her parents Chester H. Joy and Virginia D. Joy, her son John David Thompson and her husband John Briscoe Thompson.

Family will receive friends on Thursday, June 20, 2019 from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m., with a Funeral Service presided by Pastor Katie Paul at 11:00 a.m. at Brinsfield Funeral Home, P.A., at 22955 Hollywood Road, Leonardtown, MD 20650. Interment will follow at Joy Chapel Cemetery off of Joy Chapel Road in Hollywood, MD 20636. Pallbearers will be Larry Joy, Donnie Lacey, Brody Bond, Wade Thompson, Jeff Kirby and Tom Wilson. Honorary pallbearers will be Timmy Thompson, Danny Sweeney, Don Ervin, Jerry Thompson and Gary Parsons

Donations can be made to Hollywood United Methodist Church, 24422 Mervell Dean Road, Hollywood, MD 20636 or the Hollywood Rescue Squad, 23469 Rescue Ln., Hollywood, MD 20636

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

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Dr. Richard Martin



Born August 9, 1916 in Lancaster, PA, he was the first born son of Hildegard M. (Freiler) and James F. Martin, Sr. His family moved to Philadelphia when he was in

the 6th grade.

Despite the woes and trials of the Great Depression, he studied hard in school. During the early Golden Age of Aviation (during the time of Lindbergh) he became enamored with aviation – a love which directed his entire future life.

In 1936 he enrolled in Villanova University in a pre-med course. He graduated with a Bachelor of Science degree in Biology in 1940 and was accepted in medical school at Hahnemann Medical College in Philadelphia, PA.

As World War II was in full action at that time, he enlisted as a medical student in the Navy V-12 program. Upon graduation, after receiving a degree of Doctor of Medicine, he served an internship at St. Francis Hospital in Evanston, IL.

He commenced active naval duty in 1944 when he was assigned to the Naval Hospital in San Diego, CA. While there,

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he met a Navy nurse from Rhode Island and married her in late 1944. Shortly thereafter he received orders and was assigned to the South Pacific, serving 1 year as medical officer of a division of 6 rocket gunboats. He participated in the landing invasion of Okinawa which occurred on Sunday, April 1st, 1945 (April Fool's Day, as well as, Easter Sunday). Upon the cessation of hostilities, he received orders to the Naval Hospital at Newport, RI., serving until he was discharged from active duty to the Naval Reserve in 1945.

He opened his medical office at North Scituate, RI., in 1945 – practicing as a rural doctor for 7 successful years. In 1952, during the Korean War, he requested active duty in the Navy and asked for assignment to the School of Aviation Medicine. His request was granted. He completed the academic studies and flight training and was designated a Naval Flight Surgeon.

In 1956 he was assigned to the University of Rochester in Rochester, NY and received a Master's Degree in Radiation Biology as preparation for assignment to nuclear powered vessels.

In subsequent years he served as medical officer of carrier based antisubmarine squadrons, Naval Air Stations and Navy aircraft carriers, including senior medical officer on the USS Independence (CV-62). He advanced to the rank of captain in 1959.

In 1970 he received orders as Commanding Officer of Naval Hospital – Patuxent River, MD, with additional duty on the staff of Admiral, Naval Test Center at Patuxent River. In 1972 he retired from Naval Service after 30 years and accepted a position as Administrator of St. Mary's Hospital in Leonardtown, MD, serving in that position until 1979.

In subsequent years Dr. Martin was an active volunteer in community and church affairs. He has served on county advisory boards – including mental health, alcoholism and mental retardation – and on the St. Mary's Hospital Auxiliary and the St. Mary's Hospital Board of Directors. He was active in Breton Bay community affairs, serving on the corporate Board of Directors of Breton Bay Recreation, as well as, an active member of Breton Bay Civic Association.

He was an active communicant of St. Aloysius Church, serving as lector and CCD instructor. He was the first president of the School Advisory Board at Father Andrew White School.

As an avid supporter of his alma mater, Villanova, he participated in many alumni events. He was an alumnus board member of his graduating class of 1940. In 1990 he was awarded the university's prestigious Alumni Medal.

Dr. Martin was an avid reader who enjoyed swimming, gardening, painting and model making.

He was predeceased by his wife of 62 years, Evelyn, and is survived by two children – Jacquelyn Martin of Collegeville, PA and Robin Riordan of Cayucos, CA – and three grandchildren – Kelly Riordan, Kevin Riordan and Stephanie Olekszak. He was predeceased by a son, Captain Brian Martin, of Fort Lauderdale, FL, a sister, Mary P. Bartley, of King of Prussia, PA, and a brother, James F. Martin, Jr., of Glenolden, PA.

Funeral arrangements are by Brinsfield Funeral Home, Leonardtown. Family will receive friends for Richard's Life Celebration on Sunday, June 23, 2019 from 2:00 to 5:00 p.m., with a Prayer Service at 4:00 p.m., at Brinsfield Funeral Home, 22955 Hollywood Road, Leonardtown, MD 20650. A Mass of Christian Burial will be held on Monday, June 24, 2019 at 11:00 a.m., at St. Aloysius Catholic Church, 22800 Washington Street, Leonardtown. A Graveside Service with Military Honors will follow in the church cemetery.

Memorial donations may be made to St. Aloysius Church – P.O. Box 310, Leonardtown, MD 20650, or St. Mary's Hospital, P.O. Box 527, Leonardtown, MD 20650.

Rosalina Biñas Buencamino



Rosalina Biñas Buencamino, 91, of Lexington Park, MD passed away on June 8, 2019 at Chesapeake Shores Nursing Center in Lexington Park, MD.

Rosalina was born October 20, 1927 in the Philippines, to the late Nicanor Biñas and Fortunata Penuela. She was the wife of the late Perfecto Buencamino whom she married in 1946 while living in the Philippines. She enjoyed being a wife and a homemaker for her family. Some hobbies that she enjoyed were knitting and crocheting beautiful things. While spending time with friends and family she enjoyed cooking, singing and playing solitaire for fun. Rosalina was a very religious lady. Most of all her greatest love was babysitting her countless number of grandchildren and great-grandchildren and just spending time with her family.

She is survived by her ten children Rebecca Ledford, Romulo Buencamino, Roseminda Daguro, Rolinda Mewowski, Rhodora Buencamino, Joselle Buencamino, Josephine Barros, Rudyard Buencamino, Rey Buencamino and Ricky Buencamino, along with five sisters and five brothers. She has a numerous number of grandchildren, great-grandchildren, nieces and nephews who all loved her.

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Arrangements by the Brinsfield Funeral Home, P.A. in Leonardtown, MD.

Stella Pandelis Brong



Stella Pandelis Brong, 89, of Hollywood, MD passed away on June 8, 2019 at St. Mary's Nursing Center.

Stella was born on April 27, 1930 in Cairo, Egypt to the late Pandelis C. Samaras and Helen P. (Theodossiou) Samaras.

Stella married the love of her life, Ervin A. Brong, Jr. on November 4, 1953 in Cairo, Egypt. They spent 53 wonderful years together before his passing on July 7, 2006. In her younger years she enjoyed being a homemaker while raising her two children and was later blessed with eight beautiful grandchildren and seven great grandchildren whom she cherished. Stella was a beautiful dancer as she was known as the Dancing Queen. She loved being outdoors enjoying nature and sunshine whenever possible or indoor playing cards, especially Skip-Bo, with friends and family. Stella was a member of the Hollywood United Methodist Church and a member of Julia Halla Order of the Eastern Star 107, Hollywood, MD.

Stella is survived by her children, Helen Frances Norris (Scott), of Lexington Park, MD and Karl Elwood Brong (Joyce), of Millerstown, PA; siblings, Constantin Samaras (Eva), of Aberdeen, MD; grandchildren, Brandon Lee Norris, Jeffrey Allen Norris, Karla Brong, Melissa Brong Bendorf, Nicole Brong, Ryan Brong, Amanda Brong Ford, and Samantha Brong; great grandchildren, Reid Norris, Bryce Norris, Raziella Norris, Gavin Bendorf, Jackson Bendorf, Reagan Bendorf, and Camden Brong. In addition to her parents and husband, she is preceded in death by her brother, George P. Samaras and sister, Cleanthi Samaras Nicolaidis.

Memorial services will be held at a later date.

Memorial contributions may be made to Hollywood United Methodist Church, 24422 Mervell Dean Road, Hollywood, MD 20636 and St. Mary's Nursing Home, 21585 Peabody Street, Leonardtown, MD 20650.

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David Lee Mitchell Sr.



David Lee Mitchell Sr., 49 years old, passed away unexpectedly on June 10, 2019. David was born on May 30, 1970 in Baltimore MD to Emma Lee and George

Perry Mitchell Jr. David attended Baltimore Polytechnical Institute, Baltimore School of the Arts, and Goucher College. He took great strength in recovering from life's obstacles through the power of God. David's most cherished times were spent with his family. He was a proud father to son David Lee Mitchell Jr., age 27 of Baltimore. In 2016, David met the love of his life, Theresa Lumpkins Mitchell of Drayden, MD. The couple married the following year, and David gained two adoring stepdaughters: Lily and Gracie Cullison. David was a naturally loving and gentle stepfather, writing notes for the girls to find in their lunchboxes and nightstands, and providing plenty of laughs and hugs. David had an adventurous spirit, matched well with that of his wife. Together, they traveled to the Grand Canyon, a concert in New York City, a honeymoon in Charleston, and Las Vegas to visit David's brother Jeffery Keith Mitchell. David enjoyed genealogy, creative writing, sarcastic humor, playing drums, and worshipping God, particularly through music. One of his favorite activities was listening



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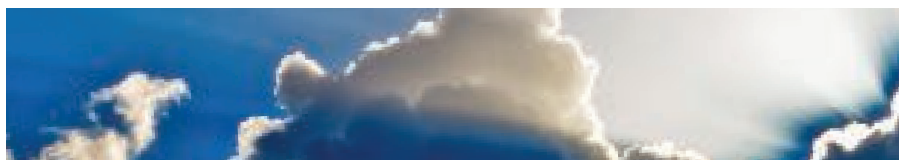
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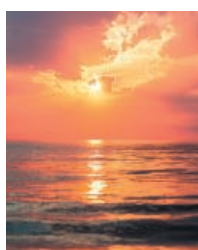
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to his son perform on guitar and vocals at church. In addition to those listed above, David is survived by extended family and loved ones including Homer Madison, Brandy Madison, and Daryl Messer and preceded in death by Donald Messer. Family will receive friends on Monday, June 17, 2019 from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. with a Celebration of Life Service at 1:00 p.m., at Take It Easy Campground, 45285 Take It Easy Ranch Road, Callaway, MD 20620. In lieu of flowers, the family suggests memorial contributions be made in his name to Second District Volunteer Fire Department and Rescue Squad, Inc., P.O. Box 1, Valley Lee, MD 20692.

Francis Joseph Toth, Jr.



Francis Joseph Toth, Jr., "Frankie", 62, of Great Mills, MD formerly from Piney Point, MD passed away at his home on June 10, 2019. He was born on March 27, 1957

in Phoenixville, PA and was the loving son of Jean Toth of Hollywood, MD and the late Francis Joseph Toth, Sr. Frankie is survived by his children Joey Toth of Las Vegas, NV, Shay Toth of Las Vegas, NV, Jaimee Oliver of Las Vegas, NV, Spencer Toth of Ridgewood, NY and 5 grandchildren. Along with his siblings Karen Stanley, Terri Evans, and Ricky Toth. He was preceded in death by his daughter Aimee Toth.

He was a graduate from Great Mills High School Great Mills, MD. Frankie was a chief cook for the Seafarers Union until 2018.

Betty Lee Quade

Betty Lee Quade, 87, of Avenue, MD passed away at her home on June 15, 2019. She was born on October 14, 1931 in Leonardtown, MD and was the daughter of the late Pearl Hayden



Morgan and Henry Morgan. Betty was the loving wife of Lewis Benjamin Quade, Sr., whom she married on December 18, 1949 in Leonardtown, MD. Betty is survived by

her children Pearl King of Owings, MD, Roaslie Demko (Jimmy) of Lexington Park, MD, Lewis Quade (Kim) of Clements, MD, Betty Knott (James) of Leonardtown, MD, Tammy Yates (Timmy) of Clements, MD, 13 grandchildren and 16 great-Grandchildren. As well as her siblings Regina Bursley (Robert), Bernie Morgan (Christine), and James Morgan (Joyce). She was preceded in death by her children John Quade, Tina Munroe and siblings Robert Morgan, Henry Morgan, Jr. Melvin Morgan, Arthur Morgan, Joseph Thomas, and Helen Keenan.

She was a lifelong St. Mary's County, MD resident and was a homemaker. Betty was a member of the American Legion Auxiliary Post 221 in Avenue, MD. She enjoyed American Legion Bingo, and yard sales. Along with playing poker, cooking and being with her family.

In Lieu of flowers contributions may be made to Hospice of St. Mary's P.O. Box 625 Leonardtown, MD 20650 and Seventh Dist. Vol. Rescue Squad P.O. Box 7 Avenue, MD 20609.

To send flowers to the family of Betty Lee Quade, please visit our Heartfelt Sympathies Store.



Equality for LGBTQ Community

To the Editor:

The Equality Act passed the House of Representatives with bipartisan support in May 2019 but is currently stagnating in the Senate waiting to be brought to a vote. Senate leadership, primarily Majority Leader McConnell, seem determined to stave off any attempt at passing legislation, effectively making the Senate a do-nothing body of Congress. At the present time, The Equality Act, Violence Against Women Act, an act to lower medical and prescription drug costs, and the Paycheck Fairness (just to name a few) are wasting away while Senate leadership attempts to focus their efforts anywhere else but helping the American people.

Although LGBTQ Marylanders are fortunate enough to have many protections under state law, not all LGBTQ citizens across the country can say the same. The Equality Act aims to extend these protections across all 50 states. This would eliminate the risk that can come with simply traveling into a neighboring state for LGBT individuals. In the 30 states where these protections do not exist fully, LGBTQ folks or people perceived to be part of this group can be fired from their employment, denied access to mortgages and credit, housing, adoptions, medical care and much more, putting the lives of millions at risk.

Some may seek to minimize the impact LGBTQ individuals have on our country. However, 4% of adults, or roughly 10 million people in the US identify as being LGBTQ. The number is higher when you include those under 18. In 2017 the economic buying power of LGBTQ folks in the US was \$917 billion. These are not small numbers. In fact, these numbers are large enough to affect real change in the country's economy, politics, culture, and much more.

There are those in our community, state, and country who have haphazard views of our world. Some may prefer that change never come, that things never progress towards equality. To wit, some may want people to sit in the back instead of the front, to remain as secretaries instead of CEOs, to ignore perversion and abuse in the church but allege it takes place everywhere else. But this is not an acceptable way of approaching the position in which our country finds itself. We cannot continue to lambast things as "not normal" or "immoral" or "ostentatious" or any other adjective intimating negativity simply because there are those who are ignorant, fearful, or misguided. It is incumbent upon everyone to educate themselves, to ask questions, and to attempt an understanding of those with whom we share the world. Casting out whole portions of society solves nothing.

The Equality Act will provide equal protection under the law across all 50 states for LGBTQ individuals and people perceived to be part of the LGBTQ community. While this is important, there is also a much higher purpose to this legislation. It actually sparks conversations, the exchange of facts and ideas, and the opportunity to bring people together so ignorance can be dulled, and knowledge can take its place. These meetings can occur anywhere: a local town hall, in someone's backyard, at any place of worship and even at a library. Arguing that it's simply too difficult to learn about and understand others is a rationalization used to insulate laziness or an unwillingness to admit the human experience is evolving.

For those who do not want to participate in the ever-changing society we live in, that is certainly their choice. Rather than risk slight discomfort in expanding their thoughts, they would instead certify a strong grip upon a worldview that is steadily slipping away.

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Mamma Mia at Toby's Dinner Theater

The Department of Aging & Human Services will host a trip to Toby's Dinner Theater on Wednesday, Aug. 7, to see Mamma Mia. Fall in love with this feel good story of a mother, a daughter, and three possible dads! This delightful musical features the timeless hits by ABBA and is sure to have you dancing in the aisles. The cost of this trip is \$98 and covers ticket to the show, lunch buffet, transportation on a spacious motor coach, driver gratuity, and snacks for the return trip. The bus will depart from the Garvey Senior Activity Center at 8 a.m. and the Northern Senior Activity Center at 8:45 a.m. and will return at approximately 5:15 p.m. to Northern and 5:45 p.m. to Garvey. Payment is due at sign up to secure your spot for the trip. Please let staff know at sign up if you need any seating or special accommodations. For more information contact Rachel Mowatt by phone at 301-475-4200, ext. 73103, or by email at Rachel.Mowatt@stmarysm.com.

Lunchtime Theater

Join us for lunch and laughter as the Garvey Readers Theatre entertains us at the Garvey Senior Activity Center on Wednesday, June 26, at 12 p.m.! "High School Reunion"—Ever wonder what your high school reunion might be like in another 30, 40 or even 50 years? Watch what happens as cantankerous 101-year-old Patrick celebrates his 83rd reunion.

Even at this age he's in for a surprise! "School for Wives"—Four former wives of the same man get together each year for lunch. The main course is a discussion of their mutual ex-husband. One can only imagine the comments — that is, if they weren't so busy talking about each other! This year, however, the new young fiancé joins them and then the hilarity really begins! The menu will be tossed salad w/dressing, beef-a-roni (8 oz.), collard greens, lima beans, Italian bread and honey dew melon. Cost for the meal is \$6 for those under the age of 60 and a donation for those 60 and above. Make reservations by calling 301-475-4200, ext. 71050.

Summer Bocce Ball Schedule Change

Loffler Senior Activity Center will be hosting a summer season of Bocce Ball on the second and fourth Thursday of each month at 10 a.m., starting June 27. If you would like to be a part of it, call 301-737-5670, ext.71658, to sign up or get more information. There is no cost to participate.

Experience the Magic on Silk

Create not one, but two custom dyed scarves perfect to accessorize your summer wardrobe. Silk Painting Artist Terry Tabor, with Expressions by Terry, will guide you as you dye one square and one long silk scarf using a variety of colors. She will discuss different techniques to achieve varying dip-dye results. This class utilizes a special dye and applica-

tion style that is less messy and more fun; perfect for scarf dying parties. The cost for the class is \$35 and includes all materials and one long and one square silk scarf. Gloves and aprons will be provided; however, please dress in relaxed clothing just in case. To ensure enough supplies for the event, signups will close on June 27 for supply order; no refunds after June 27. The activity will take place Friday, July 12 from 1-2:30 p.m. at the Northern Senior Activity Center. Payment is due at signup. For more information call 301-475-4200, ext. 73103.

Intergenerational Bingo

The Northern Senior Activity Center will have intergenerational bingo on Friday, June 28, from 10-11:30 a.m. This is sure to be a fun bonding time with your school-aged grandchildren. Cost is \$2 for two cards per person and there will be both adult and kid-friendly prizes. Refreshments will be available. Advance signup is required for bingo. To sign up and pay for this event in advance, please visit the front desk. For more information call 301-475-4200, ext. 73103.

Luncheon with Tommy Alvey & Friends

Join us as Tommy Alvey & Friends performs for the Garvey Senior Activity Center on Thursday, July 11. They will be playing a selection of bluegrass and old-time country. Lunch will be served at 12 p.m. and the performance will begin at 12:30 p.m. The lunch menu is apple juice, pulled pork sandwich, deli roll, coleslaw,

corn and cantaloupe. Cost for lunch is a donation for those ages 60 and above and \$6 for those under the age of 60. Call 301-475-4200, ext. 71050, to learn more or to make reservations.

Midsummer Celebration-Bring the Grandkids

The Midsummer Celebration will be held at the Loffler Senior Activity Center on Wednesday, July 17, from 12:30-2 p.m. This party is for you and your grandchildren to celebrate together. It features a sundae bar from Sweet Frog, Karaoke by Scarlet Plus Entertainment, as well as opportunities to be creative. Cost is \$5 for adults and free for children age 12 and under (Maximum 5 free children tickets per paying adult). This party is limited to 100 people and tickets are required for every attendee. Stop by the Loffler Center to get your tickets before they are all gone. For more information call 301-475-4200, ext. 71658.

Luau Tickets Now Available

The Loffler Luau, one of our most memorable summer traditions, is coming up on July 25. Tickets are available now for \$10. Dance to the music of favorite DJ Mean Gene; enjoy a feast fit for a tropical island party and wear your favorite tropical garb (we'll supply the lei). Most important of all- bring your best party mood! A limited number of tickets will be available on a first come, first served basis. Stop by the reception desk during regular hours to get your ticket. Questions? Call 301-475-4200, ext. 71658.



Reptile Wonders Summer Performance

The St. Mary's County Library will host Reptile Wonders for two performances as part of the Summer Professional Performance series. Reptile Wonders will perform Monday, July 1 from 10:30 – 11:30 a.m. at Leonardtown Elementary School, and then at Lexington Park Library from 2 – 3 p.m. Meet real, live reptiles from all around the world, and learn about these unique and amazing animals. All ages; no registration.

Art On Your Own Terms

Lexington Park Library will hold Art On Your Own Terms on Monday, July 1 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.

Library Closed for Independence Day

All three locations of the St. Mary's County Library will be closed on Thursday, July 4 in observance of Independence Day. All locations will be open regular business hours on Friday, July 5.

Storytime at Greenwell State Park

St. Mary's County Library will host a storytime at Greenwell State Park (25420 Rosedale Manor Ln, Hollywood, MD 20636) on Saturday, July 6 from 10 – 10:30 a.m. Stories, rhymes, songs, and activities for children ages 2-5 with their adult caregivers. Since the barn will be open to guests on this day, be sure to check out all the friendly horses and goats after the program. Feel free to bring a picnic lunch in case you get hungry! It's a rain or shine event. Siblings welcome; no registration required.

The Longest Table

Join the St. Mary's County Library on Friday, June 21 at 6 p.m. for a community conversation over a family-style meal from Mission BBQ. Tickets are \$10 and available for sale through the St. Mary's County Library website, www.stmalib.org. The event will be held at the St. Mary's County Government Center, on the front lawn near Miedzinski Park (23145 Leonard Hall Dr, Leonardtown, MD 20650). During the meal, participants will discuss how to Choose Civility in

their everyday interactions. In the event of rain, dinner will be held inside the Leonard Hall Recreation Center. Share a meal and conversation with someone you don't know, exchange stories about life in St. Mary's County, and discover both common ground and new ideas. The conversation starts when you come to the table!

Snack Attack! School Age Explorers

Lexington Park Library will hold Snack Attack! School Age Explorers on Thursday, June 27 from 3 - 4 p.m. Have you ever found your stomach running on empty, so you go searching for something to eat? But then...oh no! On comes, a SNACK ATTACK! Join the University of Maryland Extension as we uncover what is in some of our favorite snacks. Ages 8-12. Registration and Parental/Guardian Waiver Required. Safety note: snacks provided may contain potential allergens.

Paws to Read

Charlotte Hall Library will hold Paws to Read on Thursday, June 27 from 5 – 7 p.m. For beginning readers, or any student who needs a confidence boost. Join "Pets on Wheels" to practice reading out loud to a therapy dog for 15 minute sessions. Registration opens 2 weeks before each program. Readers should bring a book, or arrive at least 20 minutes early for help to choose a book.

Community Calendar

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

ONGOING

CSM Leonardtown Campus Wellness and Aquatic Center Closed June 15-27 for routine maintenance. www.csm.edu/go/fit or call 301-539-4760.

UPCOMING

Local Film Makers

The Southern Maryland Film Festival is seeking films produced in St. Mary's, Calvert, & Charles County for their August event at the R/C Lexington Exchange Movies 12 in California. Visit <http://www.smdff.org/> for info. Deadline to submit is July 1!

Potomac Jazz & Seafood Festival

July 12-14. Tickets and hotel packages are now available! "A Soulful Summer Serenade," jazz, seafood and stunning waterside views for jazz enthusiasts! Special Friday concert and Sunday jazz brunches and activities in downtown Historic Leonardtown in addition to the Saturday festival at St. Clement's Island Museum. <https://potomacjazzandseafoodfestival.com/>

Friday, June 21

Summer Solstice

11:54 AM EDT

The sun reaches its highest point in the sky and provides the year's longest daylight!

Camp Discovery Summer Camp

Historic St. Mary's City, 18751 Hogaboom Lane
9:00 AM - 3:00 PM

A week that combines history, science, and the arts in one exciting adventure. For rising 5th and 6th graders. 240-895-4990 or info@HSMCDigshistory.org

NARFE-St. Mary's County Chapter 969, Luncheon Meeting

Olde Breton Inn, Leonardtown
11:30 AM

Meet Senator Jack Bailey! He will swear in new officers and share, "What's Happening in Annapolis." Reservations required. \$16.50. Joyce Gentillo 301 645-5006. 301-884-5112. www.narfe.org/site/chapter969

Queen of Hearts

Brass Rail Sports Bar, 20331 Point Lookout Rd., Great Mills

4:00 - 7:00 PM

Ticket sales begin at 4:00 and end at 6:50. \$1. Drawing takes place at 7:00. Proceeds go to the Archangel Scholarship Foundation in support of St. Michael's School.

The Longest Table

St. Mary's County Governmental Center near Miedzinski Park, Leonardtown

6:00 - 8:00 PM

Share a meal and conversation with someone you don't know, exchange stories about St. Mary's County, and discover both common ground and new ideas. \$10 to cover expenses. www.stmalib.org

River Concert

The Townhouse Greens, St. Mary's College, 47645 College Drive

7:00 PM

Open at 5:00. The Travel Program. Music from World Capitals with a special musical trip to Deli with Indian Dance! A tribute to Ed Cole. Music of Johann Strauss jr., Offenbach, Brahms, Tchaikovsky, Enescu and others.

Texas Hold'Em Tournament

VFW Post 2632, 23282 Three Notch Rd., California
7:00 PM

\$50 Buyin (\$40 Prize Pool + \$10 Charity). Optional \$10 Add-On (extra \$1000 and 50/50 Entry). Early Bird Bonus. Pre-registration encouraged; not required. Public welcome. Must be 18 or older to play. Brian: Email: vfwpoker@gmail.com. 240-925-4000

Saturday & Sunday, June 22 & 23

Ham Radio Field Day

Naval Air Museum, PAX River Gate 1, Lexington Park

2:00 PM - 2:00 PM (24 hr. event)

Open 24 hours. Demo for kids and adults at the Naval Air Museum "Back Building." Potluck dinner 6:00 Saturday. Welcome anyone interested in electronics, technology, radio. No experience necessary. See how emergency radios talk around the world with no internet, no cell towers. Ham radios and operators are volunteer emergency communicators when nothing else works. FCC License Test Session Saturday. www.k3hki.org

Saturday, June 22

St. Michael's School Annual Auction

St. Michael's School, Ridge

7:00 AM - 5:00 PM

Join us for our Annual Auction and Yard Sale. Yard sale Friday and Saturday. Silent Auction starts at 4:00, Live Auction starts at 5:00 on Saturday. Food for purchase. Big Bucks Raffle \$5000 cash prize!

www.saint-michaels-school.org

BeerFest

Historic St. Mary's City, State House Lawn, 47418 Old State House Road

12:00 - 6:00 PM

Enjoy brew, food, artisans, and music during this family friendly HSMC museum fundraiser. Chairs welcome, no outside food, beverages or personal shade tents. \$25 for Tasters; \$10 for Designated Drivers & Youth 15-20 yrs; Children under 15 free. 240-895-4990. hsmcdigshistory.org/event/beerfest

Dee of St. Mary's Public Sail

Calvert Marine Museum, Solomons

2:30 - 4:30 PM

Leaving from the museum dock. \$25 ages 13 and up, \$15 children 5-12. No children under 5, please. Pre-registration required; visit bit.ly/DeeOfStMarysCruises to register. 410-326-2042. calvertmarinemuseum.com

Dinner Theatre

First Missionary Baptist Church, 46370 Pegg Lane, Lexington Park

3:00 - 8:00 PM

First Missionary Baptist Church Drama Ministry's presentation "The Church Meeting," a hilarious one act stage comedy showing how sometimes the best members become different people. Adult only tickets \$25 person. Seating limited. 301-863-8388.

Six Gun South

Leonardtown Square, 22670 Washington Street

6:00 - 9:00 PM

Presented by the Leonardtown Summer Music Festival.

Order a picnic from participating restaurants, bring a blanket or a chair. Free family-friendly concert. Parents can drop children off to be entertained with kid-friendly art projects. www.leonardtownmusicfest.com

Sunday, June 23

Craft Fair/ Flea Market/ Bazaar

Hobby Lobby Parking Lot, 45315 Alton Ln, California

11:00 AM - 4:00 PM

Hosted by Girl Scout Troop 6058. Several local vendors. A flyer can be seen at www.facebook.com/photo.

June Dinner

Sacred Heart Parish Hall, 23080 Maddox Road, Bushwood

12:00 - 3:00 PM

Crab cakes, country ham, fried chicken, sides and beverage. Adults \$26, Drive-thru carry outs \$26, Children 7-12, \$6. Ages 6 and under Free. Bake Table, Country Store and Raffle. 301-769-3100. www.sacred-heartbushwood.org

Mud Day!

Annamarie Sculpture Garden & Arts Center, Dowell Rd., Solomons

12:00 - 4:00 PM

Family-friendly muddy mayhem. Squishy art projects, mud kitchen, create a terrarium, paint with mud - and cavort in our giant mud pit! Snack vendors. Bring a picnic and lawn chairs. Rinse-off stations available; bring extra clothes and prepare for a muddy car ride home! Rain or shine. No pets. No smoking. 410-326-4640. www.annmariegarden.org

Quarter Auction Benefit

St. Mary's Elks Lodge, 45779 Fire Department Way, California

12:00 - 3:30 PM

The Fun Bunch & Friendz auction team and the St. Mary's Elks Lodge host a quarter frenzy to benefit the charitable work of the St. Mary's Elks. Paddles \$3 each, 2 for \$5 or 3 for \$7. Visit Facebook page at Quarter Auctions in SOMD.

Watercolor Basics Session 3

Space2Cre8, 41660 Park Ave., Leonardtown

12:00 - 3:00 PM

Create two large compositions using all of the techniques learned from Session I & II and new techniques in Session 3. Min. age 16. Space limited, paid reservation required. Nora Eicholtz, 301-751-6916.

Designer Purse Bingo

Mechanicsville Moose Lodge

1:00 - 4:00 PM

An afternoon of bingo with chances to win designer purses, raffles, door prizes and more! Food and beverages available for purchase. Proceeds go to the Walk to End Alzheimer's and the 11U Southern Maryland Senators Baseball Team.

\$25 in advance; \$30 at the door. Leslie, 240-577-2579 or Michelle, 301-643-3087. email www.somd-bootscooters.com

Chesapeake Writers' Conference

St. Mary's College of Maryland

1:00 - 10:00 PM

The Chesapeake Writers' Conference hosts writers at all levels of experience for a rich week of lectures, craft talks, readings, and panel discussions, as well as daily workshops in fiction, poetry, creative nonfiction, translation, and screenwriting.

Monday, June 24

ROAR! Vacation Bible School

Patuxent Presbyterian Church, 23421 Kingston Creek Road, California
8:30 AM - Noon

Elementary school aged children, completing Kindergarten through 5th grade, are welcome to join us for an amazing experience. June 24-28. Register online: vbspro.events/p/paxpresroar2019. Questions? EMail: PaxPresVBS@gmail.com

Summer Camp—Hoot Owl

St. Mary's County Fairgrounds
9:00 AM - 4:00 PM

Introductory program for girls who are not currently Girl Scouts. Activities include arts & crafts, STEM, games, and more. June 24-28. Grades K-5. Camp fee \$45. Financial aid available. Transportation available. www.surveymonkey.com/r/cb-camper

Time Travelers Summer Camp

Historic St. Mary's City, 18751 Hogaboom Lane
9:00 AM - 3:00 PM

Journey back in time and experience life in the 1600s at Historic St. Mary's City! Every day is a new adventure exploring Native American and colonial life. June 24-28. For rising 3rd and 4th graders. \$140 child (\$130 Friends members). 240-895-4990 or info@HSMCdigshistory.org

hsmcdigshistory.org/event/summer-camp1

Toastmasters Meeting—Talk of the Town

Lexington Park Library, 21677 FDR Blvd.
11:30 AM - 12:30 PM

Open to anyone to join. Improve your communica-

tion and leadership skills. Visit and bring a friend! Our club website: club9410.easy-speak.org

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, June 25

Aphasia Awareness Information

MedStar St. Mary's Hospital, Blue Heron Cafe,
25500 Point Lookout Road, Leonardtown
12:00 - 1:00 PM

Free information on aphasia, a communication disorder affecting approximately 2 million Americans. Drop by to speak with a speech-language pathologist, who will share helpful resources on assisting those with aphasia. 301-475-6062

Taco Tuesday

VFW Post 2632, California
5:00 - 7:00 PM

2nd & 4th Tuesday of the month. Beef, Buffalo chicken or Black bean hard or soft. 1 for \$2, 3 for \$5, 5 for \$8. Taco salad \$5. With all the trimmings. Tostado with refried beans \$2. Nachos with cheese \$3 add beef \$1.

Community Meeting

USMSM, Hollywood (previously Southern Maryland Higher Education Center)
6:30 - 8:00 PM

Community input requested for innovation district near St. Mary's County Regional Airport to collect ideas from the community to help create a vision for St. Mary's County's future live-work-play-learn environment. Registration suggested, not required. Chris Kaselemis at Chris.Kaselemis@stmarysmd.com or 301-475-4200 ext. 71405.

Adult Children of Alcoholics (ACA)

Beacon of Hope, 21770 FDR Blvd, Lexington Park-
Date: 5:00 - 6:00 PM

A Twelve Step program of recovery for men and women who grew up in alcoholic or otherwise dysfunctional homes. Share our experience, strength, and hope in an atmosphere of mutual respect. Info: adultchildren.org or call Kathy Nash at 240-298-0306.

Thursday, June 27

Little Minnows

Calvert Marine Museum, Solomons
10:30 - 11:30 AM

This month's theme is What Floats Your Boat? A program for ages 3 to 5 years and their caregivers. \$5, CMM members free. 410-326-2042. calvertmarinemuseum.com

Jammin' with Jessie Dance Fitness

Mechanicsville Vol. Fire Department Social Hall
6:30 - 7:30 PM

\$6 per person. Sponsored by the Mechanicsville Volunteer Fire Department Auxiliary.

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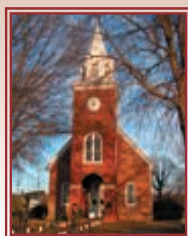
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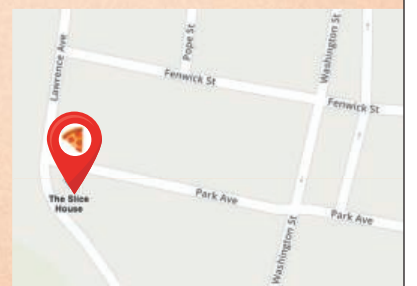
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