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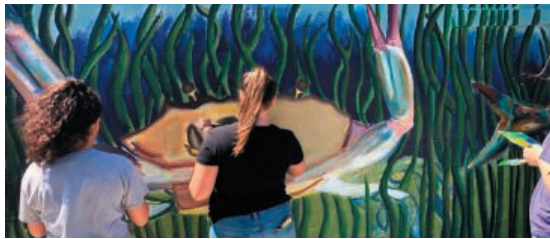
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Police Investigating Possible Assault on Route 5

By Guy Leonard
Staff Writer

St. Mary's sheriff's deputies have a suspect detained in an assault investigation that lead law officers to the Motor Vehicle Administration (MVA) building in Loveville, The County Times has learned.

The calls for a possible assault suspect at the MVA brought at least a dozen law enforcement vehicles streaming through Leonardtown, according to one witness, while other witnesses at the facility said there was no disturbance there but law officers came into the building to search for the suspect with patrol rifles at the ready.

Cpl. Julie Yingling, sheriff's office spokesperson, said both the possible victim and suspect had been found at the facility.

"The incident happened on Route 5 near Route 247," Yingling said. "The victim followed the suspect to the MVA and asked the staff to call 911."

Though the callers who contacted 911 said the victim had been shot at, Yingling said, detectives are still trying to determine whether a shooting or even an assault took place.

Sheriff's officials later said no firearms were involved but airsoft toys that looked like firearms; one person would be charged with second-degree assault in the matter.

One witness said the deputies who entered were able to pick the suspect out and apprehend him after entering the facility.



Sheriff's deputies detained an assault suspect who had entered the MVA in Loveville on Wednesday.

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Bailey Speaks to Commissioners on Sports Complex Option



Sen. Jack Bailey and Jodi Stanalonis, Maryland Stadium Authority Board member, talk about the possibilities for a facility in St. Mary's.

By Guy Leonard
Staff Writer

At a presentation before the Commissioners of St. Mary's County Tuesday, Sen. Jack Bailey said he wanted them to consider paying for a portion of a study to be undertaken by the Maryland Stadium Authority to see if the county would be an appropriate venue for a major sports facility.

Bailey, who finished his first General Assembly earlier this year after his

2018 election, said he does a great deal of traveling with his children in youth sports leagues and was impressed at how stadiums in places like Salisbury on the Eastern Shore had bolstered that area's economy.

"We see how it impacts their economy locally," Bailey said. "For the next four weeks there is not a single hotel room free because of travel ball."

Bailey said he worked with Jodi Stanalonis, who sits on the board for the Maryland Stadium Authority,

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to facilitate a meeting with them regarding a sports complex possible future in the region.

"They definitely see the need in Southern Maryland," Bailey said, adding that authority officials had yet to indicate where in the tri-county area such a facility would go.

Stanalonis said the condition of local fields made it difficult for the Wolfpack soccer team, which is nationally ranked, to host any major tournaments; a local sports complex could solve that problem and boost the local economy.

The county would have to spend about \$30,000, with the rest to be remitted by the stadium authority, for the study of St. Mary's County.

"They're going to look at all the pieces of the puzzle and see if St. Mary's County is the right fit for a facility," Stanalonis said.

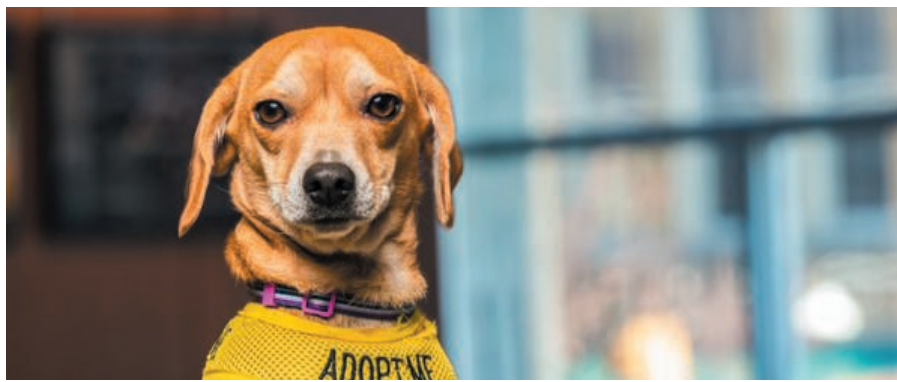
Commissioner Todd Morgan said he was in support of working to bring a sports complex here.

"I've been a long-time supporter of a regional sports complex," Morgan said.

The Maryland Stadium Authority was formed in 1986 as a means to build sports venues to keep Major League Baseball here and bring the National Football League back to Maryland; it also helps establish conference centers, museums, theaters and parks as well as campus centers.

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Officials: No "Volatiles" Found On Animal Shelter Site



By Guy Leonard
Staff Writer

The county-owned plot of land where a new 14,000 square-foot animal shelter and adoption center has been proposed is also close to a landfill that was finally capped in 2003; volatile gases, a byproduct of deteriorating solid waste, have been detected seeping from that landfill in over the years.

But, according to the county's public works chief, no such seepage has been detected in the soils where the new facility is to be.

John Deatrick, head of the Department of Public Works and Transportation, said: "The monitoring of the wells where we want to build the animal shelter detects nothing."

Deatrick made his report last week to the county's Animal Control Advisory Board.

Deatrick explained that the monitoring activities seeking out methane or other volatile gases seeping from the landfill had been performed "semi-annually" over "20 testing periods." During that time no volatiles were found to have seeped to the proposed animal shelter site, he said.

"That's over the last 10 years," Deatrick said. "[Volatiles] have not migrated to this area."

Still, the public works department, which will oversee the building of the structure, wants to have a ventilation system installed under the concrete slab of the building to ensure any gases that did come to the site could be safely si-

phoned off from the shelter.

Both Deatrick and Department of Emergency Services director Steve Walker said the site would still be subject to monitoring for gases by the Maryland Department of the Environment for as long as the shelter sits on the land behind the First Colony Shopping Center, along FDR Boulevard.

"The state says the land is acceptable for an animal shelter," Walker said. "We certainly would never put anybody or any animals at risk, ever."

Board member Rita Weaver, who also sits on the county Board of Education, asked if the county could reconsider and put the shelter on the land where the Flat Tops once stood, in Lexington Park.

She said having the sheriff's office K-9 unit stationed at the shelter, which in the current plan would serve well in Lexington Park since residents have called for more police presence there.

"What better way than to have the K-9 unit in and out of that area," Weaver said. "And we wouldn't have to worry about monitoring for the methane."

Weaver argued that an eventual discovery of methane seeping into the shelter site after it was built would likely cost the county more construction money to mitigate it.

Walker said the control board could recommend the new site to the Commissioners of St. Mary's County but they would have to restart the selection process.

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Attorney General's Office Looking into Library Situation

By Guy Leonard
Staff Writer

County Attorney David Weiskopf confirmed Tuesday that he would be speaking with officials from the Maryland Attorney General's Office this week about the county's dealing with the library system.

"I don't have any details," Weiskopf told The County Times.

During the commissioner comment period of the regular business meeting, Commissioner Mike Hewitt said he was told that the board's actions the week prior, moving nearly \$2,500 from the library budget to the sheriff's office as compensation for increased law enforcement at the Drag Queen Story Hour in Lexington Park last month, might have run afoul of free speech rights.

"It's come to my attention that the Attorney General's office has reached out to our county attorney... to see if we have violated someone's First Amendment rights."

The Drag Queen Story Hour was held at the library but hosted by two local non-profit groups which had rented out a meeting room to hold the event.

Protestors and supporters of the event both demonstrated outside the library peacefully, though there was one Leonardtown man who allegedly barged into the event just before the story time, yelling at parents and children alike to not listen to the stories being read.

Hewitt said he did not approve of the event, as it targeted very young children, but he did not vote to transfer the money.



Attorney General Brian Frosh

"We all believe in the First Amendment..." Hewitt said. "I don't believe what we did was right."

Hewitt explained that the cost presented last week had an unknown foundation and that "there was no recourse" for the library system to appeal the commissioners' decision.

"A warning would have been more appropriate," Hewitt said.

Raquel Coombs, communications director for the Maryland Attorney General's Office, confirmed the conversation would take place this week.

"Our office will be having a conversation this week... to get the details of the event and the transfer of funds," Coombs said. "We are just having a conversation at this point."

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Base Cop To Be Sentenced in Assault Case

By Guy Leonard
Staff Writer

A Department of Defense police officer who had been assigned to Patuxent River Naval Air Station faces up to five years in prison after taking an Alford plea last month to a single charge of reckless endangerment related to a springtime road rage incident.

David Lee Stewart, of Lexington Park, was originally charged with second-degree assault for getting into a fight with another motorist, Edward Umberto Fontana, after the victim cut in front of Stewart's vehicle and others on Three Notch Road on April 1, police reports stated.

An Alford plea is not an admission of guilt but an acknowledgement that if the case went to trial the prosecution had enough evidence to obtain a conviction.

According to an application for a statement of charges against Stewart filed by a St. Mary's sheriff's deputy who responded that day, witnesses to the melee stated they saw Stewart get out of his vehicle after being cut off by Fontana in the area of 22500 block of Three

Notch Road and got into an altercation with Fontana when Stewart approached the victim's car.

Witnesses, including a friend of Stewart's who happened to be in the area at the time, saw Stewart pull Fontana from the victim's vehicle and begin striking him.

Both Stewart and Fontana showed signs of having been in a physical altercation, court papers read.

Stewart's friend was eventually able to get him to stop the fight and leave the area; police found Fontana still in his car after the fight, court papers stated, visibly confused.

Patrick Gordon, base spokesperson said an internal investigation began at the base police department shortly after they learned of the charges against Stewart, but Stewart resigned his post with the base security department July 5 before the investigation concluded.

"Patuxent River Naval Air Station holds all personnel to a high standard and does not tolerate misconduct, if found," Gordon said.

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Local Cheerleaders Take Top Honors



Cougars Elite cheerleaders receiving an honor from County Commissioners

By Guy Leonard
Staff Writer

The local Cougars Elite Cheerleading team, ages just eight to 12 years old, recently won the top national title in their division, the National Grand Champions for Youth Level 2, their head coach Tami Trent told The County Times.

They started competing in December of last year, going to one competition a month until, she said.

“We had to place to get a bid to go to the U.S. finals,” Trent said.

The competition in Virginia Beach, Va. saw them win first place; and then their performance was put up against eight other top performing teams, Trent said.

They faced squads from Dallas, Texas, Las Vegas, Nevada and Rhode Island, she said, but they came out victorious after the judges watched all the performances.

“It was definitely a nail biter,” Trent said.

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St. Mary's Transit System Offers Additional Services

St. Mary's Transit System (STS) will begin offering a new express bus service in the Great Mills/California area and will also launch a Sunday service to Leonardtown.

St. Mary's Transit System (STS) will begin providing services for an express Great Mills Route Service beginning Monday, July 29, 2019. The Great Mills Route will operate Monday through Friday and originate at Tulagi Place beginning at 6:30 a.m. and will run until 6:23 p.m. This route will service housing areas from Lexwood to First Colony shopping center. There will be stops at the major shopping centers along with flag stops in the Great Mills and California area including Victory Woods every hour.

Beginning July 28, 2019, the St. Mary's Transit System (STS) Leonardtown Route will offer Sunday service from 6 a.m. to 8:53 p.m. Originating at the First Colony Shopping Center,

this route will link to the St. Mary's Marketplace, then Route 235/Three Notch Road north to Route 245/ Leonardtown Hollywood Road, and then to downtown Leonardtown, the Historic Leonardtown Wharf, and back to First Colony Shopping Center. The service's first day, Sunday, July 28, will be free for passengers to try out the new STS Leonardtown Sunday Route.

Persons needing ADA paratransit service transportation can contact the STS dispatcher for application information at 301-475-4200 ext. 71120 or 71121.

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Seafood Retailer to Celebrate 83rd Birthday



Paul Thompson Sr. pictured with family (Left to right) Paul Jr., Kevin, Paul Thompson Sr., Dorothy Marie, Bonnie, Denise. Peggy is not pictured.

By Guy Leonard
Staff Writer

For more than a century the Thompson family has been a major retailer of seafood in St. Mary's County and Paul Thompson, Sr., the son of its founder, has been at the helm.

Thompson is set to celebrate his 83rd birthday Aug. 1, according to his daughter Denise Ching, who has worked along side her father in the family business since she was young.

“It came from down off of St. Patrick's Creek in Avenue back in 1916,” Ching said of the business's fledgling years. “Mr. Paul Thompson, Sr. moved up here in 1976.”

Thompson's Seafood Market has done business in Mechanicsville for more than 40 years.

Thompson's father, Golden Thompson, was the founder of the business, Ching, 56, said and used to sell seafood in markets such as Baltimore.

Far from distancing himself from the rigors of the family business, Thompson continues to work each day carefully sorting seafood brought in to the shop to ensure its readiness for sale.

“He's still working,” Ching said of the octogenarian. “He's here from 7 in the morning 'till 7 at night.”

“He knows which crabbers caught which crabs; he works every day.”

Ching began helping her father in the



Paul Thompson, Sr.

business when she turned 15 years old, she said.

“He has no health problems at all,” she said of her hard-working father. “But he takes a lot of Tylenol, I'm sure.”

Despite his age, Thompson shows no interest in stepping back from the business, she said.

“He's a good, hard worker,” Ching said. “He won't take a day off.”

Thompson's immediate family is large, including 15 grandchildren, nine great grandchildren and now one great, great grandchild, Ching said.

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Is Your Dental Office Safe?

Untreated waterlines in the dental office can affect your health.

The next time you go to your dentist's office, before you let them spray water in your mouth, ask them how, and where their water lines are treated.

The Problem: The flexible lines that go from the water pipes in your dental office to the delivery system at the chair-side are made of materials that are the perfect environment for the growth of biofilm. Biofilm is made up of bacteria colonies that adhere to the inner walls of the dental hosing. When not properly treated, these water lines and valves become coated with bacteria that grows exponentially at room temperature and contaminates the water that is used to irrigate and rinse your mouth. This water can be unsafe!

City water, often considered to be safe for consumption, reaches the dental office in potable form. Dental offices, aware of the need for added water quality and safety may even have a water treatment system at the source where

the water enters the building. While this proactive measure helps reduce risk, what most dentists don't realize is that the water that sits in the lines for long periods of time, such as over a weekend, will still grow this dangerous bacterium.

The Risk: Microbacterium Abscessus, a bacterium with a distant relation to the ones that cause tuberculosis and leprosy, can cause infections in patients when contaminated water supplies are used to irrigate the mouth. A simple google search of "dental practice, water, illness" will result in many articles about lawsuits and unfortunate outcomes to patients including children in Georgia, New Jersey, Virginia, and California.

The Solution: It is not enough to treat the water lines in a dental office as the bacterium can still grow after the fact. Each dental operator must be treated at the instrumentation that is used on the patients to ensure safety. One such

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Proof: It is your dental office's obligation to ensure all measures are being taken to assure your safety while in the care of your dental provider. Dentists are to follow guidelines on safety, sanitation,

standard of care and product quality. It is your right to know what your dentist is doing to assure your safety. Don't be afraid to ask your dentist how they treat the water in the office. Ask them where it is treated (at the chair and/or at the utility hook-up). Ask them if they test their water for consumable quality and how often. They should be able to supply test results.

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Pax River Sets Noise Advisory for July 22 – August 9, 2019



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Fatal Collision Under Investigation



On July 20, 2019, at 11:14 p.m. deputies from the St. Mary's County Sheriff's Office responded to the reported motor vehicle collision in the 27400 block of Three Notch Road, in the area of Harpers Corner Road in Mechanicsville. Deputies arrived on scene and were advised by Marvin Leander Jones Jr., age 49 of Waldorf, that he was driving on Three Notch Road when another vehicle collided with his vehicle, however he was unable to locate the other vehicle. Deputies began checking the area and observed motorcycle debris. Deputies quickly located an injured subject who was lying in bushes, off the roadway. The individual was later identified as Steven Marcus Gilmore, age 22 of Mechanicsville. Lifesaving measures were attempted on scene however Gilmore ultimately succumbed to his injuries. The St. Mary's County Sheriff's Office Accident Reconstruction Unit responded to the scene and continued the investigation.

Preliminary investigation determined Jones was traveling southbound on Three Notch Road operating a 2013 Dodge Durango. Gilmore was also traveling southbound on Three Notch Road operating a 2018 Suzuki GSX motorcycle. For unknown reasons Gilmore ran into the back of the Durango, causing Gilmore's motorcycle to leave the roadway, strike a curb, and Gilmore being ejected from the motorcycle.

At this time speed and alcohol appear to be contributing factors in the collision. Anyone with information on the collision is asked to contact Corporal Christopher Beyer at (301) 475-4200 extension *8004 or by email at Christopher.Beyer@stmmarysmd.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.

Sheriff's Office Crime Report

Violate Protective Order- On July 11, 2019, Cpl. Tirpak made contact with the victim who advised **Brian Christopher Landry Sr., age 53** of Mechanics-



ville, had contacted the victim numerous times by phone, in violation of a current protective order. Landry was located and arrested; he was charged with four counts of Violate Protective Order. CASE# 39739-19

Assault- On July 12, 2019, DFC. Roszell responded to the 26100 block of Yowaiski Mill Road in Mechanicsville, for the reported assault. Investigation determined **Rauphael Denziel Holland, age 24** of Mechanicsville, assaulted the



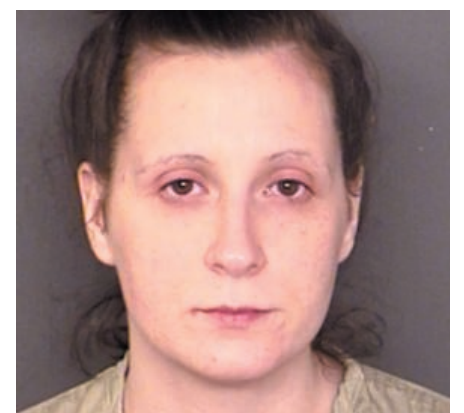
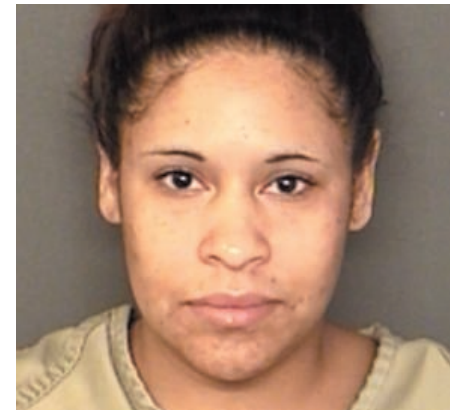
victim during an argument by grabbing the victim around the neck, pinning the victim against a refrigerator and attempting to take the victim's phone. Holland was arrested and charged with Assault 2nd Degree. CASE# 39928-19

Assault- On July 12, 2019, Dep. Graves responded to the 22000 block of Oxford Court in Lexington Park, for the reported assault. Investigation determined **Christopher John Tyler, age 29** of Lexington



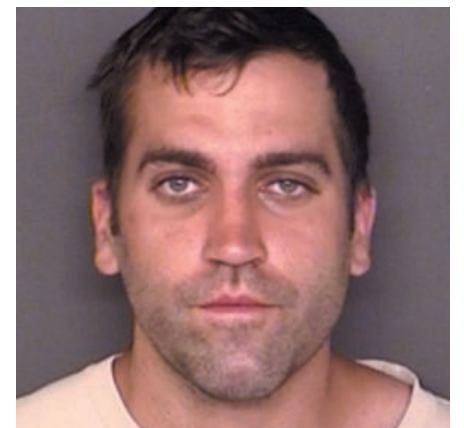
Park, knocked the victim to ground, and utilized pressure on the victim's neck to hold the victim on the ground. Tyler was arrested and charged with Assault 2nd Degree. CASE# 40065-19

Assault- On July 12, 2019, DFC. Moli-tor responded to the the St. Mary's County Detention and Rehabilitation Center in Leonardtown, for the reported assault. Investigation determined **Serenity Faith Byrd, age 27** of Great Mills, and **Desirae Belle Sullivan, age 28** of Chesapeake



Beach, were involved in a mutual altercation in the facility. Byrd and Sullivan were both charged with Assault 2nd Degree. CASE# 40056-19

Theft- On July 14, 2019, Dep. Graves located **Jonathan Christian Steinbach, age 29** with no fixed address. Steinbach



was being sought, after he was identified in two previous thefts which occurred on July 8th and 9th at a business located on Great Mills Road. Steinbach previously left the establishment with alcohol and cigarettes which were not purchased. Steinbach was arrested and charged with two counts of Theft. CASE# 40277-19

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Local Students Create Colorful Mural in Leonardtown



Photos by Lindsay Robertson

Given Southern Maryland's love of "all things crab," there are now a couple of colorful crustaceans highlighting the Duke St. side of Shepherd's Old Field Market (SOFM). Funded by a Creativity Grant through the Maryland State Arts Council in coordination with the St. Mary's County Arts Council (SMCAC), an otherwise nondescript wall has been vividly brought to ("sea") life through much creativity, hard work and artistic talents of twenty high school students, and the leadership skills of local painters Angela M. Wathen and Lindsay Robertson.

Students from the Academy of Visual and Performing Arts (AVPA) program at Chopticon High School, arrived for a day of off-campus and on-site skills training. This opportunity provided the talented teens the chance to participate in a public art project, meet residents of the local community, and experience working as a team in a hand-on environment.

Nell Elder, executive director of the SMCAC, stated that she is very appreciative of the grant funding and opportunity to bring a concept to St. Mary's County that has been extremely popular in surrounding areas and beyond. Artist Angela Wathen commented that

highlights of the day included people walking by and stopping to express gratitude that their neighborhood would be refreshed with "something new and colorful". These same admirers were also most appreciative of the hard work demonstrated by the team of young artists who worked diligently throughout the day to make sure that the end project would be just as appealing as it was in concept form.

This perfect "Selfie Spot" portrays in a most visual way part of the heritage and richness of our surrounding area. A pair of crabs adrift in the Chesapeake Bay waterways are forever captured at SOFM. The Market itself is home to over 40 shops and services in a mini-mall setting, many of the spaces rented by some of the area's finest artists of many types of media. Located at 22725 Duke Street this is a must-stop spot on your next trip to Downtown Leonardtown! Post your future photos and tag #smcartsCouncil on social media, we would love to see photos of people enjoying their day out and about in St. Mary's County! We thank Ace Hardware in Leonardtown for donating paint for this project.

Press Release from St. Mary's County n Arts Council

Veterans Honored for their Service



Veterans Paul Clark, David Bush, Gary Stillwell and Max Martin recieved Quilts of Valor for their service July 20 from Sylvia and Gerry Lague of the Quilts of Valor Foundation.

Awarded Scholarships



LOTT Scholarship recipients for the Class of 2019 are Monye Morgan, Teia Harrington, Ayesha Rennie and Tayla Mann. All received \$1,000 in scholarship money. LOTT Enterprises Scholarship Foundation started in 2007 to assist minority student high school graduates in furthering their education. Pictured above are scholarship committee members Nichelle Brown, Sylvia Brown, Imelda Hardy, Alma Jordon and Dorothy Waters.

Pet OF THE WEEK

MEET HARLEY

*My sunshine doesn't come from skies,
It comes from the love in my dog's eyes.*

- Unknown Poet

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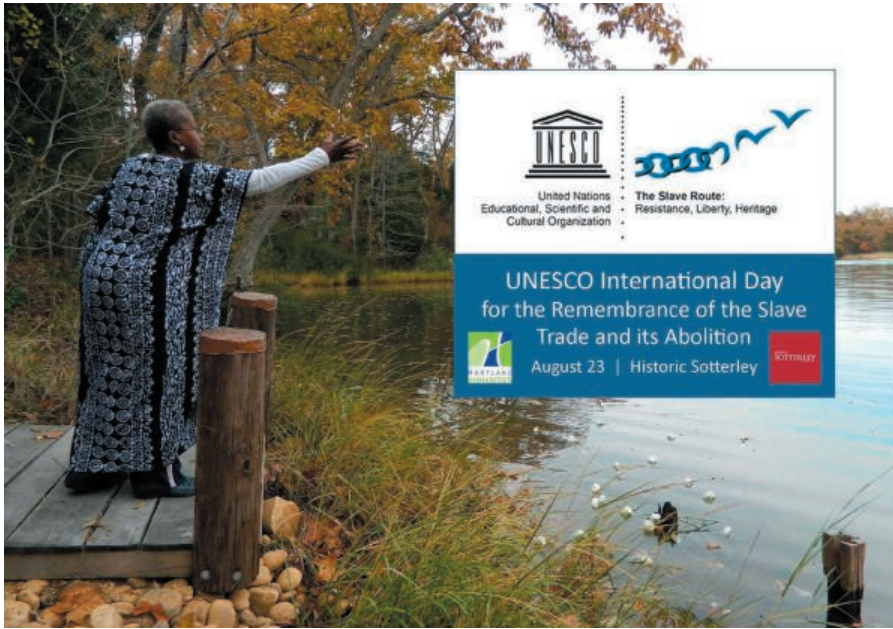


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Sotterley Hosts Day to Remember the Slave Trade



As a UNESCO Slave Route Site of Remembrance, Historic Sotterley invites the public to International Day for the Remembrance of the "Slave Trade and its Abolition" on August 23rd, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Honor the memories of those that perished and survived the trans-Atlantic slave trade. We remember the abolition of the trade and celebrate the contributions of survivors whose strength built nations. 2019 also commemorates 400 years since the arrival of captured Africans to Jamestown, VA. This program is made possible in part by a generous grant from Maryland Humanities.

11:00 a.m. - Join community members and leaders in a ceremony which will include a reading of the names of known enslaved at Historic Sotterley,

and to pour libations and/or honor the ancestors in your own way at Historic Sotterley's original slave cabin.

1:00 p.m. - Hear and discuss how the slave trade and its abolition has affected and continues to affect us all.

2:30 p.m. - Historic Sotterley's bell will ring commemorating the 29 persons known to have perished on the Middle Passage to this site.

Check in at Visitor's Center. There is free site admission. Guided Tours will be limited (please check www.sotterley.org for availability). Twenty people per tour.

Press Release from Historic Sotterley

Leonardtwn Presents Beach Party on the Square



Splash into fun at the 17th Annual Leonardtown Beach Party on the Square - Saturday, August 3rd from 4:00 - 9:00 p.m.! No need for tickets; all event-sponsored activities are FREE - Visit with real-life super heroes - Transformers Optimus Prime and Bumblebee! Be amazed by strolling performer Rose Heller, learn to juggle in a juggling clinic and see the amazing creations of balloon twister Alaina Kissinger of Kreative Kharacters. Rock out with the Funkzilla Band, get your Zumba on with Lisa Martoni and test your hula hooping hips! Skip through the giant fire truck waterfall, tackle The Wrecking Ball and play in the sand and enjoy the beach volleyball and tug-of-war! Adopt a golf ball and then join the local Rotary Clubs at 7:00 p.m. sharp for the now-famous Running of the Balls to see if your ball is a winner!

A 16' waterslide, kayak and stand up

paddleboard rentals will be available at the Leonardtown Wharf Park; and food, drinks and other goodies are available for purchase from local businesses and vendors around the Square.

So, if you're looking for a great way to round out your summer, join us for Beach Party on the Square Saturday, August 3rd from 4:00 - 9:00 p.m. for great fun, great food, and great memories.

The Annual Beach Party on the Square is hosted by the Commissioners of Leonardtown and the Leonardtown Business Association and sponsored by Quality Built Homes, Marrick Homes, Leonardtown Chevrolet, Buick and GMC, Cedar Pointe Federal Credit Union, County Times, College of Southern Maryland, and Bay Community Support Services.

For more information, contact: Brandy Blackstone at brandy.blackstone@leonardtwnmd.gov

Cedar Point Named to Forbes Best Credit Unions List



Forbes announced on June 25 their 2019 list of Best-in-State Credit Unions across all fifty states. For the second year in a row, Cedar Point Federal Credit Union is ranked among the top three credit unions in the state of Maryland.

In total, 182 credit unions across the United States received awards, which accounts for 3.3% of all the credit unions headquartered in the U.S. Out of 84 credit unions headquartered in Maryland along with a number of other credit unions which also have branches in the state, Cedar Point snagged a top spot in 2018 and again in 2019. "Our credit union has been around for almost 75 years and we've learned a lot in that time," says President & CEO Charles Roach. "We attribute this success to the hard work of our employees, whether that time is spent helping our members in the branch or volunteering in the community. They've really made a

commitment to each other and to our members."

As a core tenet of the credit union movement, the commitment to member satisfaction is top priority. But when Cedar Point sent a blind survey to its members in 2017, the credit union discovered areas which had room for improvement. "So we spent 2018 and beyond making improvement initiatives," Marketing Manager Kristin Kauffman stated. She explained that the credit union began by connecting over 50,000 surcharge-free ATMs to their network in March of 2018, implemented a website overhaul in the summer and installed a new mobile app in November. In December, Cedar Point was proud to be able to give back over \$223,000 in extraordinary dividends to its members.

Cedar Point has seen an increase in membership and community awareness since beginning these initiatives

and hopes to see those numbers grow as a result of the Forbes Best-in-State ranking. "Our credit union is open to the community," Charles Roach stated. "So when our members take the time to score us highly on a survey like this two years in a row, we know we're doing something right for Southern Maryland."

"It is a great honor for Cedar Point FCU to be recognized by Forbes as one of the top five Maryland credit unions," says Chairman of the Board Gene Townsend. "This is a testament to our employees, management and our board for ensuring our members have a satisfying experience."

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Artist Leila Floyd, Esperanza Middle School poses in front of award winning artwork.

Habitat Repairs Leonardtown Navy Veteran's Home



(left to right) Before and after pictures of work done on Navy veterans home in Leonardtown.

The Knokey family has lived in their 1930's (former Army barracks) home in Leonardtown for over 25 years. Mr. Knokey a Navy veteran and his wife, a former Merchant Marine have recently had some health issues that have made it hard for them to keep up the repairs on their home. Patuxent Habitat for Humanity Veterans Critical Repair Program was able to address the roofing issues which were repaired by JERRY LEWIS ROOFING. With help from our valuable and talented volunteers, we were able to repair one bathroom with little effort, however the second one had been leaking for some time which caused the floor beneath it to start to give way. We had to remove/replace toilet, replace the subflooring and install vinyl plank flooring and redo the connections to the toilet. This critical repair was possible through The Harry and Jeannette Weinberg Foundation Grant. We are al-

ways in need of volunteers from professional (plumbers, roofers, carpenters etc.) to those who just want to help give back to this deserving group. Patuxent Habitat for Humanity believes: Everyone especially our veterans 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.

About Patuxent Habitat for Humanity

Patuxent Habitat for Humanity is an affiliate of Habitat for Humanity International and works to create decent, 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

Vintage Boats, Vintage Drivers



By Guy Leonard
Staff Writer

At 81 years old Bill Edwards still loves to take his vintage power boat out on the water and get as much speed as he can out of it.

He will be one of about 24 power boat drivers putting their boats and their skills to the test this weekend on Breton Bay at the annual Southern Maryland Boat Club's Summer Regatta.

The regatta is not a race but rather an exhibition of a local sport that used to bring thousands out to watch the spectacle decades ago in place like Abell's Wharf, Breton Bay and countless other venues around Southern Maryland.

"It's a cheap thrill; we're a bunch of showoffs," Edwards told *The County Times*. "The thrill ride is substantial."

Though none of the participants will be competing, they'll be taking power boats, some of which are approaching 50 years old, up to speeds of 90 miles per hour.

When such fast-moving craft get up to full speed the very aft portion of the boat - where the engine is located - is the only part in the water.

The rest of the boat is riding on a plane of air stacked up under the boat; it makes for a very fast and sometimes unstable platform.

Even experienced drivers such as Edwards can be thrown out of their boat; he was ejected last year while driving at a regatta in Wheeling, West Virginia, he said.

"You're right on the edge of turning upside down and getting beat to a pulp," Edwards said of driving such small and fast boats. "I've never had a broken bone in my life.

"I hadn't been pitched out of a boat in 40 years."

His brush with danger hasn't dulled his desire for speed.

"I do enjoy it," Edwards said. "I've got to admit it.

"It's fun, if it ain't fun why do it?"

Rayner Blair, the president of the Southern Maryland Boat Club, said the power boat sport, when races were high-speed and high stakes, got their start locally back in the early 1950s.

Thousands would come out on the weekends to view

the races and root for their favorite drivers through the 1970s.

The sport's popularity dropped off for many years but, Blair said, some dedicated drivers who remembered the glory days tried to rekindle the sport about eight years ago.

The regattas they sponsor now attract between 150 to 400 spectators, not nearly as many as they used to, but enough to get some interest back in the sport, Blair said.

"It was unbelievable in the old days," Blair said of the interest the sport attracted. "It's a demonstration of what we used to do." There are about 40 drivers in the club, Blair said, and all love the sport and the fun it generates.

But they all know that there is inherent danger in what they do.

They lost one of their own in a fatal boat crash during last year's summer regatta, 58-year-old Charles David Downs.

In the immediate aftermath of the tragedy, club members were not sure they would continue with the power boat regatta initially.

"We had a meeting with all the club members and decided to proceed," Blair said. "It's unfortunate what happened but we needed to move on." Blair added that Downs, a long-time friend of his, would "absolutely" have wanted the club members to carry on with the regatta.

All the helmets worn by drivers now have communications gear so they can hear referees during the regatta if they are going to fast; a blue and white flag thrown means they must throttle back by 25 percent.

A thrown black flag means they must stop racing for a time because they have continued to violate the maximum speed limit of 90 miles per hour.

A second black flag means a driver is banned from the regatta for a year.

The new communications gear isn't mandated, but all have agreed to it, Blair said.

A radar gun ensures referees can accurately gauge speed.

"We just want a safe and fun event and that's what we'll have," Blair said. "Safety, safety, safety... we're not playing."

Ray Long, another veteran driver, said keeping the

boats in working order took constant effort and they went through several inspections before the two-day regatta began.

"We have to take the boats stem to stern... and make sure they're solid," Long said. "If the boats aren't up to date they are up to par.

"The engines are vintage, too. They're from 1979 or before."

There are 24 drivers signed up for the regatta and by Friday, there are usually a few other drivers who sign on, Long said.

"It's all about bringing back the history of the old races," Long said. "We have a good time and a lot of us just like to stand around the boats and look at each other's stuff."

The boats are perhaps the biggest draw at the regatta aside from the paths they cut through local waters.

"All the people in our club, they've been around," Long said. "And they do a good job of fixing up these boats."

The boats, though old, are fully capable and their drivers are courageous, so why not race them as in decades past?

"These boats are too dangerous to race," Blair said. "They were too dangerous to race then, but we did it anyway.

"It's amazing we didn't have the fatalities."

When the drivers are in their boats, they wear helmets and life jackets but are not strapped into their seats.

Blair, decades ago, was in a power boat accident in which he nearly lost his foot but for a quick acting surgeon.

Blair has no intentions of stopping either.

"I've been doing this since I was 13 years old," Blair said. "I'll bet I've been blown out over 20 times.

"I have a lot more smarts today."

At the regatta, age is not an obstacle to excitement.

"We've got guys who are 80 years old out there," Blair said. "They're just out there having fun."

The regatta begins 8 a.m. July 27 through July 28 at the Leonardtown Wharf.

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At Piney Point, visitors can enjoy tours of the museum, Potomac River Maritime Exhibit, the Piney Point lighthouse tower, Keeper's Quarters and grounds. The National Capital Radio and Television Museum from Bowie, MD will also be on-site with a special exhibit. While admission and tours are offered free of charge this weekend only, donations are greatly appreciated,

which will go toward bringing back a 5th order Fresnel lens back to Piney Point.

Special activities and tours will be available at both locations during the entire weekend. In Colton's Point, check out the St. Clement's Island Museum before taking a boat ride out to St. Clement's Island, where visitors can experience a free tour of Blackistone Lighthouse (the replica of the original lighthouse that stood near the same location on the island) from the St. Clement's Hundred Blackistone Lighthouse volunteers. Regular museum admission and water taxi fees apply.

The official day (National Lighthouse Day), as des-

ignated by Congress August 7, 1989, is the anniversary of the signing of the August 7, 1789 Congressional Act "for the establishment and support of lighthouses, beacons, buoys and public piers" and the date of the first commissioned Federal lighthouse.

For more information about these events, please call 301-769-2222 for St. Clement's Island Museum (or visit Facebook.com/SCIMuseum) or call 301-994-1471 for Piney Point Lighthouse Museum (or visit Facebook.com/1836Light).

Press Release from St. Mary's County Government

Look Out – The Dragons are Coming Again



Southern Maryland Community Resources (SMCR) announces the 4th Annual Solomons Island Dragon Boat Festival, presented by Cedar Point Federal Credit Union on Saturday, August 17, 2019 on the Patuxent River along the Solomons Island Riverwalk.

The Solomons Dragon Boat Festival is a fun filled event of friendly competition and team building while raising funds for much needed programs for SMCR, Inc. Race day will be filled with intense, heart-pounding action and the sounds of Chinese drums will fill the air.

A variety of entertainment, food, crafts and kid-friendly activities will round out the event. This free day of fun begins with the Dragon Boat Races on the Patuxent River and includes a parade of teams, live entertainment, a vendor village, and a free parking shuttle. For more information, visit www.SolomonsDragonBoatFestival.com.

Dragon Boat Racing has become one of the fastest growing team water sports events! Dragon Boat teams

consist of 16 paddlers, a drummer and a trained steer person. Our dragon boat provider is 22Dragons, visiting all the way from Montreal. Teams can be local businesses or local groups looking for some fun and to help raise funds for an excellent cause. This year, we are excited to announce our ala carte team option in which each team member raises a certain dollar amount to pay for the cost of a team.

When you can see us: Race Day is 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. Saturday, August 17. Practice sessions occur from 4-7 p.m. throughout the week leading up to the races and are open to the public to view from the Solomons Riverwalk. We also host a Dotting of the Eye Ceremony on Friday, August 16 at 7 p.m. outside Our Lady Star of the Sea on Solomons Island, during which the public can help paint the dragons' eyes to awake the sleeping beasts!

Our Cause: SMCR Inc. creates opportunities for people with differing abilities, providing social, recreational, and educational programs for the entire

community, with an emphasis on accessibility for those with developmental differences. For more about SMCR Inc and the work we do, check our website at www.somdcr.org.

For more details on becoming a sponsor or floating a team for the Solomons Island Dragon Boat Festival, visit our website at SolomonsDragonBoatFestival.com or contact Bonnie Elward at BonnieElward@gmail.com for a Sponsorship Prospectus.

Join the cause. Live the adventure. Float your boat. Become part of the most exciting event coming to Solomons in 2019. As they say in the Dragon Boating community, "Paddles Up!"

All proceeds from this event will support SMCR, Inc. a nonprofit 501(c) (3) organization, with the mission of "Creating opportunities for people with differing abilities in Southern Maryland."

Press Release from SMCR



PATUXENT RIVER NAVAL AIR STATION

News

Credit Scoring Approach Leads to NAVAIR DoN Data Challenge Win

When Kierra Shay, a readiness analyst for the Sustainment Group's Advanced Analytics and Innovation Branch, first heard about the Department of the Navy's (DoN) Sustainment Data Challenge in December 2018, she immediately wanted to participate.

"They were looking for a predictive modeling system capable of forecasting or identifying future sustainment and resource requirements. I felt the criteria were in line with my branch's day-to-day work," she explained. "It was an opportunity for me and my coworkers to be innovative, creative and to provide naval aviation with a viable solution for the sustainment of its weapons systems."

With Shay as its lead, she and her five coworkers, each with less than a year of experience with NAVAIR when the challenge began, formed the Hawkeye Analysis Working Cohort (HAWC) and went on to win the DoN's inaugural competition in June. Working evenings and weekends, HAWC developed the Sustainment Score, a visualization tool that aggregates data and provides metrics on the health of three high-level areas: Bureau Number (aircraft), squadron, supply chain and infrastructure. HAWC was one of 17 teams from across the Navy to compete.

Sustainment outcomes

DoN leadership held the challenge as a way to tap into the expertise of its workforce to help achieve readiness goals, according to Susan Marcellino, the Sustainment Data Challenge coordinator and program analyst with Naval Air Warfare Center Weapons Division.

"The Navy produces a great deal of data on its weapons systems," she said. "For this challenge, the teams were asked to analyze 3.65 GB of usage data compiled over five years from multiple sources and formats for a single platform. They had less than four months to finalize their analysis and deliver a working prototype model. The amount of work and the products they delivered on such a compressed time line is impressive."

HAWC first asked themselves if mission capability influences sustainment. "We concluded that it does not—mission capability is an outcome of a well-sustained platform," Shay said. "It was a big turning point for the team because once we understood that concept, we asked what structure and processes are needed to successfully sustain an aircraft. The next step was to define the

mission capabilities and resources needed for each."

Each of those resources, such as support equipment availability and maintenance man-hours, were assigned a value—like a credit score—then aggregated under one of the three high-level metrics. Next, HAWC determined if the required information was available through other means and used their data to populate the Sustainment Score.

"We didn't want to duplicate effort," she explained. "The tools were already in place but they did not always inform each other. The Sustainment Score leverages these products and brings them together to provide a comprehensive view of the resources needed to sustain aircraft." One product, Supply End-to-End Analysis for instance, is comprised of 27 different data sources.

An unexpected bonus

The Sustainment Score has an added feature. "Although the challenge originally called for developing a predictive modeling system for just a single platform, HAWC knew the Sustainment Score could be a powerhouse across [naval aviation]," said Shay. "We used our access to the enterprise data analytic environment to pull information from other [type/model/series] into the Sustainment Score, demonstrating its utility."

"Users can now perform 'apples to apples' comparisons among data. The Sustainment Score can also serve as foundation for predictive modeling directed by [Chief of Naval Operations Adm. John Richardson]," Shay added.

HAWC team member and Advanced Analytics and Innovation Branch Operations Research Analyst Sidi Chleuh credits his team's success to communication and a shared focus. "When presented with disparate data, the solution lies within the collaboration of experts who work in seemingly 'disparate' areas of responsibility," he said. "When innovative thinking is paired with domain knowledge and subject matter expertise toward a common goal, any challenge can be successfully tackled."

Future plans

The Sustainment Data Challenge second runner up is a team from Space and Naval Warfare Systems Center Pacific/Atlantic (SSC PAC/LANT) that developed a tool to manage manpower at the squadron level to increase mission capable rates.

Two other NAVAIR teams were

among the top four winners: Team SPARTA from Fleet Readiness Center Southeast (whose project focused on developing a predictive Bill of Material to reduce unplanned delays in depot-level turnaround times); and Team Datana-tors from Naval Air Warfare Center Aircraft Division Lakehurst (who proposed aircraft readiness could be modeled and predicted using aircraft age, flight hours, custodian and preventative maintenance).

The next steps for the Sustainment Score call for incorporating "what-if" scenario-based modeling, health scores for mission sets and depot capacity, and incorporating the Support Equipment Resources Management Information System database which is currently being upgraded. The Navy also plans to mature the SSC PAC/LANT and Team

SPARTA models and integrated them with the Sustainment Score, creating a comprehensive sustainment modeling tool to support the Sustainment Program Baselines for the E-2D Advanced Hawkeye and H-1 in fiscal years 2020 and 2021.

Chleuh said the data challenge provided HAWC with the opportunity to form valuable relationships with other seasoned employees. "Experts from across NAVAIR shared their knowledge, experiences and perspectives with HAWC about what it takes to support the fleet," he said. "We are part of a larger team with one focus—support to the fleet. Connecting and collaborating with each other is what gets the job done."

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WHO'S YOUR Hero?

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

We all know one, a volunteer, a mentor,
a community leader, a first responder,
a good neighbor, a big brother
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SMALL BUSINESS TIPS

Small businesses are the backbone of our economy. They provide jobs, pay taxes and contribute to our society. For any of you contemplating setting up your own small business, I applaud your courage and offer some basic tips for you:

Start with the professionals. When you set up a business or enter into a lease or create a contract or agreement between your business and landlords, vendors, suppliers, bankers, etc. you need to obtain professional advice from attorneys and accountants. Yes, this will cost your business money up front, but it will be worth it to avoid mistakes.

Structure. Incorporating your business is important to avoid personal liability. If you incorporate, either as an LLC (limited liability company) or a corporation, and you are sued, the corporation is liable, not you personally. The contrary is also true—without incorporating, any business you run can be sued and you can be held personally liable. Exposing your personal assets, or your family's assets, to liability for a business you run is simply taking too much risk.

Documentation is Critical. Before you run to Legal Zoom or some similar forms service to create your articles of organization or incorporation, think about your business structure. This is not the time to choose a "one size fits all" form. If you have partners or shareholders, you cannot use the types of basic documents provided by a forms service. You need professional guidance.

Small Business Pitfalls. There are three areas of potential difficulty every small business person must figure out: employees, leases and other agreements and ownership.

Employees. Be very careful about classifying your employees ei-



ther as employees or independent contractors. The Internal Revenue Service now uses an 11 factor test to determine whether an independent contractor is truly independent. As a business owner, you are responsible for withholding taxes on employee salaries. Independent contractors pay their own taxes. Don't get into difficulty by misclassifying. If the IRS determines you should have classified someone as an employee rather than an independent contractor, your business could be liable for paying back all the withholding taxes you should have taken out since the employee was first hired. Multiply that by several misclassified employees and you see the problem. Understand the rules.

Leases and Other Agreements. The type of lease you sign for commercial space can be very confusing, especially when it is 30 pages long and full of legalisms. There are gross leases, net leases and percentage leases. You may receive a low rent in a triple net lease but you will be responsible for paying taxes, insurance and repairs on the space. If the space needs a new roof, that could be a major expense. Every business has different needs and will use different types of contracts and agreements.

Ownership. One important tip—never enter into a 50-50 partnership. This simply doesn't work in the event of a dispute. Make your structure 51-49 or something else, but put one person in charge. Don't make your spouses or children the owners of the business if they are not involved in the business. Divorce can wreak havoc on a business with married

couple owners.

Free Advice. One of the best tips I have for small business is to structure an Advisory Board. Unlike Boards of Directors, members of an Advisory Board have no liability for the advice they give your business. There is no need to pay Advisory Board members if you cannot afford it. Call on friends and advisors who understand your type of business and can give you practical advice. Those Advisory Board members may very well become your future investors.

Buying a Business. One word—investigate. You must have as complete an understanding of what you are buying as possible.

Selling a Business. Sellers of a business want to sell stock. That allows them to charge the buyer for goodwill that has been built-up in a business. Buyers of a business want to buy assets—they want to stay away from the liabilities that come with stock ownership.

Running a small business is not for the faint of heart. But, there are resources to help you. Take advantage of them—attorneys, accountants, cyber security specialists, financial advisors, the internet, business books, classes at the College of Southern Maryland, the Calvert County Dept. of Economic Development and many other resources. And, best of luck to you!

Join me for a free seminar on this and other matters every third Wednesday of the month at 11am at our office at 8906 Bay Avenue, North Beach. Call 301-855-2246 to reserve a spot.

Lyn Striegel

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Destructive Cultural Appropriation

To the Editor:

These days I am sporting a "Betsy Ross" flag on my car window.

For over 200 years this flag has been a symbol of the founding of our nation.

Recently, a former NFL football player announced to the world that this symbol should be regarded as racist.

I'm not abiding by this "new rule." This is the latest attempt to erase selected history from our national cultural consciousness.

For all I've heard in the media about "cultural appropriation," I've not heard a cogent explanation of the difference between appreciative and destructive cultural appropriation.

By wearing a sarong or enjoying a burrito I am doing nothing to destroy the cultures from which those things come. In fact, I am showing my appreciation for them.

Claiming the Betsy Ross flag is racist is a cultural appropriation which reveals a lack of respect and appreciation for American culture. Rather, it serves to denigrate and destroy it.

How long will the Betsy Ross flag remain on my car window?

Until the next destructive cultural appropriation is foisted upon us by someone from the hate America fringe. It then will be replaced on my car window by the latest recently declared "racist symbol."

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Heavy Rain, Extra Groundwater Highlights Need for Flood Insurance

It's another rainy day in Southern Maryland, and a perfect time to talk about Flood Insurance.

Did you know that 2018 was the wettest year on record for many areas in Maryland and Virginia?

Average rainfall in the state of Maryland is typically around 42", but some areas finished out they year with over 66". That's nearly 60% more water flooding our roads, collecting in our rivers and streams, puddling and eventually pooling in our neighborhoods and yards, leaking into our basements, and even opening sinkholes from PAX River to Laurel. News stories on flooding seemed to pop up with every rain-storm last year, from Mechanicsville to Annapolis, through Ellicott City and Baltimore.

When you first bought your home, your lender may have talked to you about flood zones, and if your home falls into a certain zone you may have been required to obtain flood insurance. But what many homeowners fail to realize is that flood insurance should be a consideration even when you fall into a low risk flood zone.

It is important to note that home insurance policies do not cover flood damages under any circumstance. Flood insurance coverage is defined and regulated by the Federal Government through a program called FEMA. A flood can be defined as:

"A general and temporary condition of partial or complete inundation of normally dry land areas from: (1) The overflow of inland or tidal waters; (2) The unusual and rapid accumulation or runoff of surface waters from any source; (3) Mudslides (i.e., mudflows) which are proximately caused by flooding and are akin to a river of liquid and flowing mud on the surfaces of normally dry land areas, as when earth is carried by a

current of water and deposited along the path of the current."

And with all this extra water on the ground, you can be sure that this was happening all over the state even in areas nowhere near the coast or a body of water.

Let's look at Ellicott City for example (pictured here). Flash floods in May of 2018 devastated historic Main Street. Some of the area is in Flood Zone AE, a required coverage area for most lenders, but some of the area effected by the flood was defined as Flood Zone X, an area that often requires no coverage at all when working with lenders. Its safe to say that some people from that area, people we know and work with, were without coverage for flooding and are now paying out of pocket to cover the costs of rebuilding and replacing, after a flooding event that they never could have predicted.

The critical takeaway from this is that Flood Zones do not guarantee the potential impact for floods or flood damage. As a home or business owner it is your responsibility to carefully evaluate the risks and take the steps necessary to at least minimize the impact a flood event could have on you, your family, and your financial health.

Take a moment to discover your flood zone here [mfc.fema.gov/portal/search#searchresultsanchor](https://www.fema.gov/portal/search#searchresultsanchor) or give us a call at 301-842-7587 and our expert team will be happy to assist!

Stay dry out there everyone!

Alyssa Schmidt can be reached at Riverside Farmers Insurance at 301-842-7587, as can owner Kevin Bobkoskie and the rest of his insurance team. You may also email them at kbobkoskie@farmersagent.com and alyssa.kbobkoskie@farmersagency.com

Wanderings of an Aimless Mind

by Shelby Oppermann
Contributing Writer



"Need a little lift?"

Lord, someone please come and take these thinning scissors away from me. I am a danger to myself and society. We won't even go into the event when my oldest son was 4 years old – I just remember that it took awhile for people at his daycare to quit calling me "Hatchet Mommie." Jeez, it was only the very tip of his ear. He said he didn't even feel it! Anyway, I looked at my hair in the mirror, and saw that I was looking like Cousin It again. My hair had no lift, no body. I started singing "My hair ain't got nobody" like David Lee Roth from Van Halen. Okay, it was time to operate.



Does it really matter that it was 3 in the morning or that I am now on Albuterol steroid inhalant plus oral steroids (Prednisone). Nope, things go fast on steroids... maybe too fast, it actually didn't matter at all, and without a lot of careful thought I started snipping. Or it could have been because I hadn't slept all night due to a sore throat, which was from us heading outside to our chairs out front at dusk, and me inhaling the night air deeply as soon as I stepped out the front door, and then SWOOSH a gnat or something flying up my nose and hitting the back of my throat somehow, and I swear biting me. Could be. Such is my life.

My hair needed a lift and I was going to give it some. It's a good thing I wasn't humming any songs from Edward Scissorhands or working with two sets of scissors. A fleeting thought ran through my brain that things could get ugly, quickly. I worked quickly pulling up chunks of hair and thinning from 1/2" up towards the top of each. Somewhere a voice was telling me that you were not supposed to go lower than an inch. The voice was most likely from my hairstylist who would be horrified to fix this mess when I next saw her.

I just wanted it to look like my signature hair style, the one that I have worn from around 1976 – you know, the one with "feathering and wings" – might as well look at the book Birds of North America to show hairstylists what I would like. But, it is my signature hairstyle, only because I have no clue what to do with my hair or how to style it. It does what it wants to do, no matter what look that I might like. Lately I am liking big hairclips to keep the hair off the back of my neck. Yes, I know that there are quite a few of us women out there who understand all about that. I don't care anymore that the underneath part is all gray. I wouldn't have even known if I hadn't seen the back with the two mirror thing you do in the salon. I remember gasping when I saw that.

And now that I was finished chopping and thinning in my occasional middle of the night cutting and plucking frenzies, another gasp escaped me when I looked in the mirror and saw that I now had a perma-gap in my bangs. Oops. No matter how much I tried to blow dry my bangs the way I like them that gap was not closing up. What was worse was seeing that there were all sorts of 1/2" hairs sticking out all over the top of my head. Hmm, the round brush and lots of hair spray should fix that. At least I didn't cut back as far as my cowlick like I did when I was little and thought that would help it to look flatter – or did I? No, the cowlick was a little poufy, but it looked good compared to the rest.

So, an hour later my hair was blow-dried – maybe a little more lift than I was used to – I think they call the look bouffant or pompadour. Yes, the blow-drying took longer than usual, though my hair still never completely dries. So, let me know what you think of the look, though it already looks a little flat and heavy again. I think tonight I'll try the two scissor treatment – yeah, that should do it.

To each new day's adventure, Shelby
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The Tackle Box Fishing Report



Ken Lamb with a string of perch and a 3 pound catfish that took his Beetle Spin lure in a creek off the Patuxent.

Ken & Linda Lamb
Contributing Writers

We have fabulous fishing.

The spot fishing in the Patuxent has been praised by one charter captain as "the best he has seen in 52 years of fishing"

The spot have moved from the mouth of the Patuxent to locations Green Holly, Sandy Point, Point Patience, Kingston Hollow and Hawk's Nest.

They have grown in size to where many are 10 inch-

es in length, broad and fat.

The spot have even moved into the creeks and are taking Beetle Spin type lure intended to tempt perch.

Spot are in the Potomac as well with good catches available most everywhere. Find an edge in the Rivers and drift with bloodworm bait on the bottom. When several rods go down at the same time drop anchor and pull them in two at the time.

The spot can vary the depth that suits them on any given day. If the deeper areas are not working try them in depths of twenty feet or less.



Brian Versetti caught this 24 inch spanish mackerel at Plney Point in the Potomac jigging a bucktail.

The X factor is porpoise that moved into the Patuxent last Sunday. The porpoise eat the spot like candy and scatter the schools of fish. If porpoise are around the spot are elsewhere if they can escape.

Perch fishing is excellent. Either bottom fishing in the rivers or lure casting in the creeks they are plentiful. One has to be mindful of tide and sun angle. The bite during the day is driven by these factors.

They bite at dawn and dusk no matter.

There are plenty of rockfish for lure casters in the shallows in the Patuxent. Early and late are best. Live spot will produce rockfish at the Solomons Bridge pilings. The live spot should be eaten by rockfish at the steep drop off at Point Patience. The tide can not be running too fast to make this work. Check your tide charts to find when the tide is slack or just beginning to run.

Spanish mackerel are now active all along the ship's channel. The mackerel were breaking and leaping out of the water on the bay side of Point Lookout light this week. There were a ton caught at Point No Point Light-house. Trollers are using trolling planers and small spoons. Last wee the hot color was pink.

Cobia are closer, at Smith Point. Some have advanced to this Target ship. You can catch the cobia trolling surgical eels, chumming using live eels in the ground alewife chumline, or sight casting to them.

Red drum are now at the Target ship too. There have been some breaks of redfish chasing mackerel.

Spanish mackerel and spot are the lure for the big predators to come to southern Maryland waters. We have both here in mass now.

Catfish, perch and spot are in the Potoamc in Breton Bay, St. Clements Bay, and at Ragged Point. Bush Wood pier has plenty of fish when the sun is low on the horizon,

Crabbing is spectacular.

There are few to no sea nettles this year so far, so you can swim in the bay like it was a big fresh water lake.

The heat wave will be over by the time you read this. The fish and weather will be excellent for this weekend.

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Local Boat Wins Five Straight Races in Screwpile Regatta



The Crew of Rakali accepts the award for winning their class at the 2019 Screwpile awards ceremony on Monday evening. Owners Mark and Robbin Witte of Leonardtown are fourth and fifth from left. SMSA Commodore Jim Whited is third from right.

By Tim Flaherty
Staff Writer

The Solomons-based J-105 sailboat Rakali, owned and campaigned by Mark and Robin Witte of Leonardtown, scored five first-place finishes in the 27th annual Screwpile Lighthouse Challenge Regatta sailed July 20th through 22nd in Chesapeake Bay off Solomons. Rakali won the PHRF A(3) Class, beating four other boats, and was the only locally based yacht to win one of the five classes in this year's event.

Only 35 boats made it to the starting line for this year's Screwpile, making this the smallest fleet since the first Screwpile in 1993 attracted a similar number of participants. This year's fleet included a Cruising Class that raced only Saturday and Sunday, while PHRF handicap fleets raced Saturday and Monday. Sunday racing for the PHRF boats was cancelled for lack of wind.

Racers had expected to start out of Solomons Harbor last Saturday with a 9 a.m. harbor gun, but the Race Committee decided to hold the fleet in the harbor for three-hours to allow an expected sea breeze to fill in the afternoon. The gambit paid off, as the PHRF course got in two races in a southeasterly breeze of eight to 10 knots just southeast of Cedar Point. The Cruising Class completed one race on a course several miles to the north of the other racers. Excessive heat and humidity made conditions uncomfortable, although the sea breeze made it bearable.

On Sunday morning, a light northwesterly was reported in the bay but was expected to die-out by late morning. The Race Committee elected to hold out for another afternoon sea breeze and sent the boats out at noon. The Cruising Class managed to get in a shortened race on their course, while the PHRF boats bobbed in the bay for more than two hours before finally giving up and returning to the harbor.

Monday turned out to be the charmed day for wind, as an eight-knot southwesterly greeted the racers in the morning and built to 16 knots by the end of the day's third PHRF race in the afternoon. The fleet missed a thunderstorm that swept across St. Mary's County and

out into the bay later in the day.

Although Rakali was the only local boat to win a class, several others had a top-three finish. Bella, a Tartan 4300 owned and captained by Peter D'arista of California, placed third overall in the Cruising Class. One Trick Pony, a Melges 32 campaigned by Dave and Jackie Meiser of Solomons, placed third in PHRF A(1). In PHRF A(2), Marc Briere of Port Republic sailed his Farr 36 Cheetah to a second-place finish, while Norm Dawley of Lusby sailed his custom designed 48 foot sloop Pursuit to a third-place overall finish. St. Leonard's Mark Gyorgy sailed his Tartan P270 Wicked Good to second place honors in PHRF B.

The Calvert County Trophy, awarded to the winner of the most competitive class, went to Mummies, a Farr 32 captained by Brad Kauffman of Annapolis.

For the 14th year in a row, The Solomons Holiday Inn Conference Center and Marina served as Race Headquarters and hosted post-race parties and awards ceremonies. Saturday evening, Screwpile participants were entertained by the Two Extra Band, while the Billy Yeager Trio provided music under the tent on Sunday.

This year's Screwpile was the swansong for longtime event chairman L.G. Raley of California, who took over running the regatta in 1995 and is credited with turning it into one of the most popular major regattas on the Chesapeake. Raley was given a rousing standing ovation in the awards tent Monday night, as the crowd showed its appreciation for his contribution to the sport of sailing. It is unclear at this time who, if anyone, will take over for Raley. The event was founded by Southern Maryland Sailing Association and has been owned by SMSA for 27 years, although it has operated under its own management and organizational structure for about 20 years. Monday night, Principle Race Officer Don Behrens told the tent crowd to "expect an email from SMSA for news about the next Screwpile."

Complete results for the 2019 Screwpile Lighthouse Regatta can be found at www.screwpile.net.

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A View From The BLEACHERS

Grip

By Ronald N. Guy Jr.
Contributing Writer

He had likely pondered this moment since his earliest flirtations with golf. War, politics and tradition being what they are, or were, it was extremely unlikely to happen – ever. The now decades-long absence had no room for fairytales, despite the young dreamer growing into one of the game's very best.

But it did happen – the tournament of all tournaments returned to his country and to a course that built his legend. Now this improbable circumstance just needed a storybook ending – the national hero hoisting the iconic trophy in victory for man and country.

With that intense backdrop, he strode to the first tee with an unimaginable cocktail of emotions boiling within. The dream quickly became a nightmare. His tee shot hooked left and out of bounds. One in, two out, back to the tee hitting three. His third shot was left again but stayed in play. His fourth remained left and mired in deep, classic Open Championship foliage. He took an unplayable lie for his fifth shot. His sixth hack finally landed on the green. A manageable putt went begging and he tapped in for a quadruple bogey eight.

That was how Rory McIlroy's Open Championship, which was back in his native Northern Ireland for the first time in 60 years, began. Simply brutal. Painful. Unfair. McIlroy went on to card a 7-over 78 in the first round. To his credit he scrambled back with a 65 on Saturday but it wasn't enough. He didn't make the cut. A golfing dream was over after just two rounds. For all intents and purposes, it ended on the first hole.

In the movie "The Legend of Bagger Vance", the legendary and mythical caddie said, "I always felt like a man's grip on his clubs just like a man's grip on his world." When The Open Championship returned to McIlroy's homeland, he was understandably gripping everything – his club, his mind, the faith of a nation – too tight.

But as hideous as McIlroy's start

was and how unsatisfying his finish was for Northern Ireland, it offered important commentary on sports and basic human struggles. The allure of sports is complex and comprised of both obvious and discreet elements. The opportunity to observe real-time, organic excellence, to share special moments with special people with similar allegiances or even to appreciate the inspirational powers of athletic competition – comeback stories, exhilarating finishes or - with sports fans of any persuasion are among the more overt qualities that put butts in stadium seats or plant them firmly in recliners in front of televisions.

McIlroy's abysmal Open Championship performance speaks to another, more subtle attraction sports fans don't always talk about - failure. I know where you're going. It isn't like that. Well, not always. Does a Washington sports fan enjoy meltdowns by the Dallas Cowboys and Pittsburgh Penguins? Indeed they do. No argument. But this fascination with failure isn't completely diabolical.

Failure by elite athletes and uber-talented teams is a window into our own human experience. When the best crash and burn, especially in the biggest moments, we see a reflection of our own considerable imperfections. Inevitably and in some role, our lives have resembled McIlroy's shot chart on that doomed first hole. We've duck hooked a relationship out of bounds, hit a big presentation into an unplayable lie, botched a parental moment like a makeable putt, humbly tapped in and, with dented pride, a broken heart or considerable shame, moved on determined to do better.

As McIlroy scrambled to that quadruple bogey in the biggest moment of his career, we walked by his side. We searched for answers with him and felt his embarrassment, his confusion and his anger. We found solace in his failure and, in his aguish, a kinship. The best – whatever the sport - have ugly moments where there's nothing to do but move on. McIlroy did – first to the next hole, then to the next round and, sometime soon, to the next tournament where better moments await and future failures are all but assured.

"Golf. Life. Effort. Failure. Perseverance. Grip gently."

Print the bumper stickers. Distribute widely. Sorry and thanks, Rory.

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National Demand for CDL Drivers Continues

Employers Offer Jobs Before Course Completed



From left, Andrew Sexton, Dave Proctor, Michael Richards, Justin McGowan and Tim Jameson recently completed CSM's Center for Transportation CDL course. The need for truck drivers with Commercial Driver's Licenses (CDL) in Southern Maryland and beyond is loud and clear at CSM. Enrollment is steady, but more than that, employers are knocking.

The need for truck drivers with Commercial Driver's Licenses (CDL) in Southern Maryland and beyond is loud and clear at the College of Southern Maryland (CSM), said Mary Beth McCollum, senior director at CSM's Center for Transportation Training. Enrollment is steady, but more than that, employers are knocking.

"We have at least 10 companies waiting on the sidelines of our classes looking for drivers and those companies are offering our students employment before they even complete the program,"

One such company is Green Bay, Wisconsin-based Schneider National Trucking. With 15,000 trucks on

the road hauling everything from food, to freight, to hazardous material, Schneider is always looking for qualified drivers.

"CSM runs a great program," offered John Cavy, Schneider regional operation's manager. "The program is very structured and they turn out good students. I don't think Eric [CSM CDL Program Manager and Master Trainer Eric McCollum] would ever let a student leave the program until they are ready and meet his high standards."

"It's never been harder to hire long-haul truck drivers, even though companies are making the job more

lucrative, less aggravating and more inclusive," NPR's Frank Morris recently reported. "The driver shortage stretches back a quarter century, and lately a run-up in freight demand, staggeringly high turnover rates and waves of baby boomer retirements are compounding the problem."

The NPR report echoes what Cavy has said for some time.

"We don't have a CDL driver crisis today," he offered. "It's the way of life. There has been a CDL shortage since the turn of the 20th Century. It's always been this way."

Cavy is a former instructor of a CDL program similar to CSM when he taught at Hagerstown Community College. He went to work with Schneider after selling his own trucking company, and explained that tractor trailer driving is a demanding way of life, turnover is high, and regulations keep getting tougher.

"Tractor trailer drivers aren't home every night," he explained of the trade. "The drivers are out on the open road making decisions on their own day and night. They decide which route to take when there is an accident, or inclement weather. They have to negotiate with customers on their own. They are always on a deadline and while alone in the seat, they have to think about everything and everyone around them on the road, all the time. That's why there is a lot of turnover."

New Federal Standards Are Coming in 2020

Whether a shortage or a way of life, Mary Beth McCollum, CSM Senior Director, Transportation Programs, who also serves on the board for the National Association of Publicly Funded Truck Driving Schools (NAPFTDS), said new national standards that take effect in less than one year could make finding and retaining qualified CDL drivers even harder.

Starting in February 2020, every person who wants a CDL has to be formally trained by an institution credited by the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA). Currently, anyone can walk into the Motor Vehicle Administration and take CDL driving and written test with, or without, taking a class or finishing a CDL certified program, Mary Beth McCollum explained.

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Job placement won't be an issue, confirms Dave Proctor, of Mechanicsville, Maryland. "I put in my application for this [CDL] class, and was immediately offered a job."

"The new 2020 national standard is not widely known yet," she said. "The industry changes are unfolding and the news is just starting to hit the street."

As an instructor, Eric McCollum works with students during CSM's seven-week program to provide 280 hours of training that begins in the classroom to prepare students for CDL learner's permit. After class time, students move to the driving range where they begin to learn how to put the truck in motion. Students learn hand position, driving, backing, parking as well as how to perform under-the-hood vehicle inspections. Students must also master road rules, regulations and numerous safety issues of the road state-by-state, including human trafficking.

"I welcome the new standards," Eric McCollum said. "Anything that makes the industry better and safer is OK with me. This is not a case of creating 'extra red tape.' This is a case of making our truck drivers and our interstates safer."

"The College of Southern Maryland is ready and prepared to offer the new required training," Mary Beth McCollum added. "And we are starting to hear from private and public sectors about setting our memorandums of understanding in order to keep a steady flow of certified drivers trained."

Today's CDL Students

Having trouble finding a steady flow of certified drivers is why the owner of Hughesville-based Innovative Pyrotechnic Concepts, Tim Jameson, and his employee Michael Richards, recently completed CSM's seven-week CDL course. Jameson started his fireworks company, which has capabilities that range from small, intimate, private shows to large-scale pyromusical productions of any size including cities, municipalities, festivals and sporting events, in 2013.

"We have always had a hard time getting trucking companies to pick up our containers from the ports," Jameson explained, adding that some of his company's hazardous loads contain 40,000 pounds of explosives. "It has been getting more and more difficult to find drivers and their costs just keep rising."

Both Jameson and Richards had no prior truck driving experience when they started CSM's class, but said they found the class to be fun, and exciting.

"I am nervous, but I respect the truck and our load," said Jameson. "This job is a big responsibility and safety is imperative. This is really a case of we couldn't find any drivers so we decided to do it ourselves. I am very glad that we are taking this course and will handle all aspects of the safety of our products."

Jameson's classmate Justin McGowan, 21, of Huntingtown, Maryland, said the course is changing his life.

"I had never touched a clutch in my life before I got to class," McGowan laughed. He shared that he has lived in different locations up and down the east coast as his family moved with each military assignment.

"One day my mom and I were discussing a story about the need for truck drivers and I thought it would be a great way for me to travel and see all of the friends I've made along the way – and make a great living." McGowan waited until now to enroll, he said, because CDL drivers have to be 21 years old to cross state lines.

Job placement won't be an issue, confirmed another CSM classmate Dave Proctor, of Mechanicsville, Maryland. "I put in my application for this class, and was immediately offered a job," Proctor piped in. "Almost immediately I got the call and was asked, 'when can you start?'"

'Truck drivers are the backbone of moving this country's commerce'

In October 2018, CSM hosted a two-day NAPFTDS Conference to bring trucking industry advocates, regulators, trainers and companies together to further shed light on the new regulations, review trends and share best practices.

Maryland Motor Truck Association (MMTA) President Louis Champion told conference attendees that 71 percent of all freight tonnage is done by tractor trailer drivers. In Maryland alone, 112,900 truck drivers moved 88 percent of the manufactured freight to help pay more than \$6 billion in wages.

"Truck drivers are the backbone of moving this country's commerce," said Eric McCollum. "And it's not a bad living. Drivers who stay local can earn \$42,000 a year; and those who drive across county – or 'open road' – can earn up to \$60,000 a year. Walmart just upped the bar by offering new drivers nearly \$90,000 a year."

According to a Walmart press release, the company raised driver pay back in February. "A 1 cent per mile increase and additional pay for every arrival means that Walmart drivers will now earn on average \$87,500 a year and with an all-in rate close to 89 cents per mile," the release stated.

In fact, driver wages have grown for the fourth consecutive year. Champion shared that the industry will need to require 90,000 drivers over the next decade, less the 174,000 driver seats need to be filled by 2026.

Champion said that MMTA is tackling the economic

demand signal by supporting Employer Advancement Right Now (EARN) grants and has raised \$86,000 for the MMTA Scholarship Fund to help students pay for the new training. The organization is also looking into starting up a new program "Troops to Trucks," modeled after a California Department of Motor Vehicles program that makes it easier for personnel trained by the military in the operation of heavy vehicles to obtain a civilian commercial driver license.

CSM is Here to Help

CSM offers Commercial Trucker Driver Class-A (CDL-A) and Commercial Driver's License Class-B (CDL-B) training. The CDL-A course trains students to operate combination trucks: tractor trailer, straight trucks, dump trucks and other commercial delivery trucks. The CDL-B course trains students to operate passenger transport vehicles such as motor coaches and school buses as well as straight trucks, dump trucks and other commercial delivery trucks.

CSM is among the few schools in the country that have earned certification by the Professional Truck Driver Institute (PTDI) for its Class A program. A certification through a PTDI accredited program is recognized in the industry and enhances a student's resume.

The Class A CDL program also provides college credit for students with the opportunity to earn a scholarship. Students in CSM's non-credit CDL courses can seek funding through grants awarded by agencies such as Southern Maryland Works or Maryland Division of Rehabilitative Services as well as the College of Southern Maryland Foundation.

CSM also offers school bus driver training and former graduates of class A or B can upgrade to a bus driver license.

Students must be at least 21 years of age, pass a Department of Transportation (DOT) physical exam and drug screening, possess a valid Maryland or Virginia driver's license, have no more than three points on your driving record, and maintain zero points for drug or alcohol violations to participate in this training. Students must also be willing to participate in random drug and/or alcohol testing.

CSM also offers classes for driver education and motorcycle safety. For more information, visit the CSM Center for Transportation online at <https://www.csmd.edu/programs-courses/non-credit/career-development/transportation/>.

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In Remembrance

Curtis Fletcher Campaigne



Curtis ("Curt") Fletcher Campaigne, a resident of Asbury Solomons Retirement Community in Solomons, MD since 2014 and a resident of Calvert County since 1988, passed away

on Saturday, July 20, 2019 at the age of 77 at Calvert Memorial Hospital in Prince Frederick, MD, with his son (David Campaigne) and daughter (Christina Campaigne Watson) by his side.

Born in Goshen, NY on June 2, 1942 to Laura E. and William M. Campaigne, Curt attended the University of Vermont in Burlington and graduated with a BA in Psychology & Philosophy in 1964. He continued his education at Wesley Theological Seminary in Washington, DC and graduated with a Master of Divinity in 1968. Curt was then ordained as a Pastor in the United Methodist Church (UMC) in the Baltimore-Washington Conference. He went on to serve as a Pastor in the United Methodist Church for 23 years, serving As-

bury UMC in Washington, DC; St. Paul's UMC in Chevy Chase, MD; and Hollywood UMC in Hollywood, MD.

Curt married Elizabeth "Betsey" Bennett Campaigne on July 18, 1970. Curt and Betsey were blessed to have a wonderful 40th wedding anniversary celebration at the Solomons Island Yacht Club on July 18, 2010 with family and friends from different "seasons" of their lives.

Curt loved being on the water and had a passion for sailing. For several years in the 1980's, he led the Sailing Camps at the West River UMC Camp in Severn, MD. Curt also had a love for classical & organ music, a beautiful voice, and enjoyed playing the organ and piano.

Preceded in death by his wife (Elizabeth "Betsey" Bennett Campaigne), Curt is survived by his brother, Gordon Campaigne, and Gordon's wife (Connie) and their daughters (Carol and Heather) & their families; his son, David, and David's wife (Kristin) and their two children (Jonathan and Maya); and his daughter, Christina Watson, and Christina's husband (Dale) and their three children (Claire, Nate, and Corban).

A graveside service will be held on Saturday, Aug. 3 at 11:00 AM at Joy Chapel Cemetery in Hollywood, MD.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Museum of the Bible, P.O. Box 15479, Washington, DC 20003.

Condolences to the family may be made

at www.brinsfieldfuneral.com.

Anthony Maurice Thomas, Sr.



Anthony Maurice Thomas, Sr. "Moe", 59 of Waldorf, MD formerly of Chaptico, MD passed away on July 14, 2019 in Arlington, VA. He was born on April 25, 1960 in Chaptico, MD

and was the loving son of Joseph Hampton Somerville, Jr. of Waldorf, MD and the late Dorothy Ann Somerville and step-mother Agnes Augusta Somerville of Waldorf, MD

Moe is survived by the his children Anthony Thomas, Jr. of Prince George's, MD, Tamprisa Thomas of Waldorf, MD, Shanae Wyatt of Waldorf, MD, Darrius Thomas of Waldorf, MD Andre Curtis of St. Mary's County, MD, Antonio Clark of Newport News, VA and 5 grandchildren. Siblings Mary Thomas, Wayne Thomas, Christine Mills, Cecil Somerville, Iris Carr-Somerville, Bernadette Somerville, Jeffrey Somerville, Michael Somerville and Kevin Dyson and a host of Aunts and Uncles. He was preceded in death by his brother Joseph V. Somerville and grandparents Mr. & Mrs. Joseph H. Somerville, Sr. and Mary Magdalene Thomas.

He graduated from Chopticon High School in 1979. Moe was the owner and operator of Anthony M. Thomas "Demo" for 30 years.

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

Charles Albert Wible



Charles "Charlie" Albert Wible, 95, of Hollywood, MD passed away at his home on July 17, 2019. He was born on December 5, 1923 in Hollywood, MD and was the loving son of Ella Nora

Woodley Wible and John Martin Wible. Charlie was the loving husband of the late Pearl Hall Wible whom he married on April 17, 1948 in St. John's Catholic Church Hollywood, MD and who preceded him in death on June 10, 2001. Charlie is survived by his children Steve Wible (Kay) of Hollywood, MD, Paul Wible (Cleone) of Hollywood, MD, Michael Wible (Kathy) of Port Republic, MD, 7 grandchildren, 18 great grandchildren, and 2 great great grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his siblings Ronald M., Joseph C., Ruth Mae, John M., Jr, Bertha V., Raymond S., George T., Dorothy V., James F., Mary Agnes, Frances Cecilia, and Mary Catherine.

Charlie enlisted in the United States Navy in January 1943 and was deployed on the USS Reynolds, a Destroyer Escort that earned eight Battle Stars in support of Aircraft Carrier screening and anti-submarine operations in the Pacific Theatre. Fireman First Class Charlie Wible earned the Combat Action Ribbon, Asiatic/Pacific Theatre Ribbon (Eight Stars), American Campaign Medal, and World War II Victory Medal. He was Honorably discharged in December 1946.

He was a lifelong St. Mary's County, MD resident. Charlie was a life member of the Hollywood Vol. Fire Department. He was employed with SMECO for 42 years retiring as a District Manager on December 2, 1988.

Contributions may be made to Hospice of St. Mary's P.O. Box 625 Leonardtown, MD 20650 and St. John's Catholic School 43950 St. John's Road Hollywood, MD 20636.

Philip Roger Bailey



Philip Roger Bailey, 85 of Bushwood, MD passed away on July 17, 2019 in Leonardtown, MD. Born July 8, 1934 in Frederick, MD, he was the son of the late Pearl L. and Robert P. Bailey

Philip was the loving husband of Dorothy (Duff) Bailey whom he married on August 2, 1958 in Frederick, MD.

He is survived by his children: Lester (Kaye) Bailey of Chaptico, MD and Mike (Jan) Bailey of Fulton, MO, also survived by 3 grandchildren Jacqueline Bailey, Jonathan (Brittany) Bailey, and Chrissy (Kevin) Jones and 8 great-grandchildren, siblings: Theodore (Ted) Bailey of Hollywood, MD, Lulu Sween of Fredericksburg, VA, Alice (Paul) Donberger of Oxon Hill, MD, Janice (Jim) McCleaf of Leonardtown, MD Bob (Jackie) Bailey of Abell, MD, Andy (Joan) Bailey of Mechanicsville, MD, he was preceded in death by a sister Susie Bailey.

Philip graduated from St. John's school in 1952, he moved to St. Mary's County in 1973 from Hagerstown, MD. Phil drove a truck for Capt. Sam Bailey and later started his own business, Hagerstown Motor Express Trucking Company in Hagerstown, MD, he retired in 1980. He helped start DJ's One Stop Shop in Mechanicsville, MD with his cousin Bo and wife Joan Bailey. Phil worked there selling lottery tickets until the business was sold. He joined the Seventh District Optimist Club and was in charge of the Project Graduation for 30 years. Phil worked for the Oyster Festival, Children's Day, Flag Day, and other events. He was a past President of the 7th District Optimist. Philip was honored as one of Maryland's most beautiful people in 1998.

In lieu of flowers contributions may be made to the Seventh Dist. Optimist Club P.O. Box 53 Bushwood, MD 20608, Seventh Dist. Vol. Rescue Squad P.O. Box 7 Avenue, MD 20609, and Holy Angels Catholic Church 21335 Colton's Point Road



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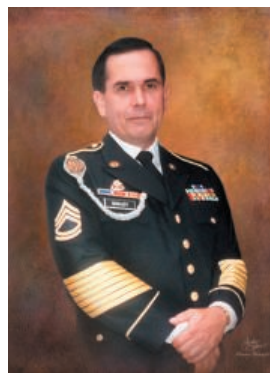


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Samuel A. Bakley



Samuel A. Bakley (Sam), 72, of Leonardtown, MD entered into eternal life on 10 July 2019 at his home with his loving and devoted wife and son beside him. He was born on 14 May 1947 in North Wilde-

wood, NJ to the late Samuel H. and Catherine M. Bakley.

Sam enlisted in the United States Army in 1966 and served for 24 years active duty, retiring on 1 Nov. 1990. He served 18 months in Vietnam and was the recipient of the Silver Star, 2 Bronze Stars and 3 Purple Hearts, Combat Infantry Badge, Army Commendation Medal, Good Conduct Medal as well as other Campaign and Service Medals. His unit awards were the Presidential Unit Citation and the Vietnamese Cross of Galantry with Palm. His other assignments included Ethiopia, Ft. Eustis, VA Germany, Ft. Lee, VA Italy, Ft. Benning, GA and Ft. Meade, MD. He retired at the rank of Sergeant First Class (SFC). He began work for the federal government at NAS Patuxent River, MD as a police officer. Sam retired on disability in 2003 with a total of 35 years combined service.

Sam married Debbie Aud on September 22nd, 1990 at St. Nicholas Church NAS, Patuxent River, MD. They were happily married for nearly 29 years.

Sam is survived by his wife Deborah (Debbie) Aud-Bakley, son Sean Patrick Bakley, of Orlando, FL, brothers John Edward Moore (Barbara) of Murfreesboro, TN, Randy Scott Bakley (Paula) of Cape May, NJ and sister Sherry Thorn of Plaistow, NH. His brothers-in-arms: Dr. Michael Travis, USA Ret., Hans Boecher, Harry Metzler, Ray Nahrgang and his DAV Chapter 26 family members.

Sam was preceded in death by his parents and his first wife Eugenia M. Bakley.

The family would like to express our thanks for the help and care given by Hospice of St. Mary's.

Memorial contributions may be made to Hospice of St. Mary's P.O. Box 625, Leonardtown, MD 20650, Second District Volunteer Fire and Rescue Squad P.O. Box 1, Valley Lee, MD 20692 or the Charity of your choice.

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

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Mary Juanita Bell

Mary Juanita Bell, 91, of Mechanicsville, MD passed away peacefully at her home on July 15, 2019.

Juanita was born on October 4, 1927 in Washington, D.C. to the late William Edward Caton and Mary Edna Carroll Caton. She was one of nine children.



Juanita met her best friend and life partner, Lemuel Duey Bell over seventy-three years ago. They celebrated their anniversary on December 21st each year. Juanita lost her husband on May 17,

2015 and continued to celebrate their anniversary as if he still stood beside her. She may have only had sixty-eight (68) years with her forever love physically, but if you asked her she'd been married for over seventy-two (72) years. He was her rock, her heart and her love.

She was adored and loved by her family and community. Juanita spent her younger years taking care of her family. She was a wonderful cook who was always available to through together a family dinner. If you sat at her table you knew you would be loved, fed and blessed if you got to eat her famous "potato dish". Mee-Maw made her grandchildren and her "bonus grandchildren" feel special when she watched them during the summer. She felt pride in the fact that she was always more than a daycare she was a safe place where kids loved to go. She was a dutiful wife, mother, sister, grandmother and great-grandmother.

Juanita found joy in crocheting and gifted all the new babies with their own heirloom afghan's for them to pass down for generations to come. As her eyesight failed Juanita enjoyed listening to audio books and her favorite author was Karen Kingsbury. As her senses heightened she favored the smell of fresh flowers and good food.

To know Juanita was to know a kind, loving soul. She will be missed and memories of her inherent joy will last a lifetime for her family. Her passing is hard, but her family is taking solace in knowing she is with her beloved husband, parents, brothers, sisters, brothers-in-law and sister's-in-law in her golden palace in the glorious heavens.

Juanita is survived by her children, Mary Frances Payne (Ronald) of Mechanicsville MD, Lemuel Moran Bell (Colleen) of Waldorf, MD, Douglas Edward Bell of Midland, NC, Lillian Olivia Jamison (Archie) of Charlotte Hall, MD, David Allen Bell (Barbara) of Mechanicsville, MD, and eleven (11) grandchildren; twenty-three (23) great-grandchildren and numerous nieces, nephews and extended family. She was preceded in death by her parents, husband, and all of her siblings and siblings-in-law.

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

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Anna Beatrice Copsey

Anna Beatrice "Anna Bea" Copsey, 75 of Mechanicsville, MD passed away on July 20, 2019 in Leonardtown, MD. Anna Bea was born to Everard and Virginia Farrell Ryce.

Anna Bea is survived by Crystal (Joey) Gant and Lawrence (Sissy) Copsey, a



brother David "Sonny" (Evelyn) Ryce, a sister, Agnes Jameson, five grandchildren: Desirae, Willie, Erin, Phyllis, Amy and 3 great-grandchildren: Jayden, Cassie and Destiny,

She was preceded in death by her parents, daughters: Brenda and Phyllis and many brothers and sisters.

Anna Bea was a homemaker who enjoyed the hard work of working in the tobacco field. She loved bird watching, fishing, crabbing, puzzles, playing cards, and hanging out with family. There was an unforgettable impression made with every human being she came in contact with. Anna Bea was a friend to everyone and would never get caught up in the "gossip".

The family will receive friends on Thursday, July 25, 2019 from 8:30AM to 9:00AM in the Mattingley-Gardiner Funeral Home, P.A., Leonardtown, MD where a Funeral Service will be held at 9:00AM in the Funeral Home Chapel with Deacon Ammon Ripple officiating.

Interment will follow in Trinity Memorial Gardens, Waldorf, MD.

Pallbearers will be: Joe Gant, Ronnie Wines, Mark Stone, Dennis Johnson, Timmy Ryce and Joey Porter.

Ronnie David Tippett



Ronnie David Tippett, 29, of Hughesville, passed away on Wednesday, July 10, 2019.

Ronnie was born on August 16, 1989 to Ronald David Tippett, Jr., of Waldorf, MD and Candice Ann

Richards, of Hughesville, MD.

Ronnie loved his family and friends. He always said Kristen Beall was his best friend and the love of his life. Ronnie's son, Ronnie Brandon Tippett, was the light in his eyes, the beat in his heart.

He was always known for his smile and laughter. His quick wit in any situation made others around him laugh and have fun. Ronnie adored children, his son, little sisters, nephew, Jase, cousins and friends' children. Ronnie could be found playing with the kids he was around, swimming, teaching them life lessons, pushing them on tricycles, passing out freezer pops to all the neighborhood kids, painting their bikes or taking them to the pool just so they could have fun. Ronnie's youthful joy made his spirit soar.

Ronnie was kind, with a heart of gold. He was a light in his family and they will make sure his light continues to shine through their memories and words. They have found peace in knowing he is with our Lord and Savior and comfort in knowing he is reunited with his brother Brandon in Heaven.

Along with his parents, his fiancé, Kristin Beall; son, Ronnie Brandon Tippett; Ronnie is survived by his step-father, Henry Faunce, III; brothers, Brett Steven Lagana, Chaz David Towers; sisters, Hailley Grace Faunce and Hope Susan Faunce and nephew, Jase Colandrea; many aunts, uncles, cousins and extended family. He was preceded in death by his brother, Brandon Scott Tippett, and sister, Casey Renee Towers.

The family will receive friends for Ronnie's Life Celebration on Thursday, July 25, 2019 from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at Brinsfield Funeral Home & Crematory, 30195 Three Notch Road, Charlotte Hall, MD 20622. A funeral service will be held on Friday, July 26, 2019 at 9:00 a.m. and officiated by Pastor Aaron Rummage and held at Brinsfield Funeral Home, Charlotte Hall. Inurnment will follow immediately at Trinity Memorial Gardens, 3221 Mattawoman Beantown Road, Waldorf, MD 20601.

Donations may be made to a Trust Fund set up for his son at the Memorial Service.

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UPCOMING

Yoga on the State House Lawn

Due to the forecast of extreme heat, Historic St. Mary's city and Evolve Yoga and Wellness have postponed Sunset Yoga. The class will now take place on September 6, 6:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. Any participant who registered for the July class will automatically be registered for the September class.

O. James Lighthizer at Sotterley

44300 Sotterley Lane, Hollywood, MD
7:00 p.m.

For our third Speaker Series event, O. James Lighthizer will share about his commitment to historic preservation and his experiences as the President of the American Battlefield Trust. This is a free to the public event, though reservations are required due to limited seating! The Boeing Company has generously sponsored the Speaker Series at Sotterley for the past 12 years. This event will take place on August 28th.

Vacation Bible School

9463 HG Trueman Rd, Lusby

This year's Vacation Bible School at Shepherd of the Bay Lutheran Church is Monday-Thursday, August 5-8, 9-11:30 a.m. for ages four to entering 6th grade. The theme is Miraculous Mission—God's Awesome World! To register for this free event, visit www.shepherdofthebay.com. 410-231-2075

ONGOING

Summer Circus School (Kid's Camp)

20865 Callaway Village Way #2, Callaway, MD 20620

9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Our Summer Circus School is for kids' ages 6-14, held every Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday from July 1st to August 1st. Attendees will receive quality training on apparatuses (fabrics and lyra), along with dance. This will be a full body workout so please pack a refillable water bottle and a good healthy snack! 1,5, and 15-day passes are available so there is something for every schedule! Go to www.verticaldancemd.com/classes/ to select dates and packages. For more information, visit our facebook page at www.facebook.com/events/2198477700463894.

Bethesda Anniversary Celebration

Bethesda United Methodist Church in Valley lee, Maryland has been serving the community for 190 years. The church will be celebrating this anniversary by having a four-day program of worship and festivities. On Thursday and Friday, July 25th and 26th, beginning at 7:00 p.m., guest ministers will provide worship services and present a 190-year overview of the church' history. Starting at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday July 27th, there will be a fun filled day of many family activities. Pork and chicken Barbecue dinners will be available for sale throughout the day. Worship services with gospel singings will follow in the evening. The four days of celebration will end Sunday, July 28th at 3:00 p.m. with worship services. For more information and a timeline roster for all of the various events, you can contact Michele Brown at 240-925-6673 or by email at bms994@aol.com. Also, Eilene Beverly at 410-610-4179 or by email at eilenebev@comcast.net.

Friday, July 26

Callaway Baptist VBS

Callaway Baptist Church 20960 Point Lookout Road
Callaway MD 20620

6:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

Friday will be a Family Fun Day! There will be the closing ceremony, games, family picnic, etc. For more information, call 301-994-0655.

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

12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Come visit us to find out how we can help you develop your speaking, listening, and leadership skills in a non-threatening environment!

Rib Dinner American Legion Post 238

6265 Brandywine Rd Hughesville, MD 20637

5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

Half a rack of ribs with sides and deserts! Cost is \$12. For more information, call 301-274-3522.

Saturday, July 27

Pirates on the Potomac

Piney Point Lighthouse Museum, 44720 Lighthouse
Road, Piney Point, MD 20674

9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m., 1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Geared for children ages 4 to 9 years old. Pre-registration is required! The cost is \$10 per child. Come with your mates to have buccaneering fun and learn more about the Chesapeake Bay. For more information and to register, call 301-944-1471.

Live Auction

27108 Mt. Zion Church Rd Mechanicsville by Apple
Basket

1:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

Free admission! The doors open at noon to view items with the auction starting at 1:00 p.m. Plan to have lunch with us and the Rada Cutlery Sale and Bake Sale. Meet the Blue Crabs mascot Pinch! For donations to the auction, call Tom Keller at 301-481-6388. Donations are tax deductible. www.mtzionmech.org

Paying it Forward with Growing for Good!

44300 Sotterley Lane, Hollywood, MD

8:00 a.m. – 12:30 a.m.

Call for Volunteers: Harvesters and Sorters Needed! On March 30th our generous community stepped forward, got dirty, and planted acres of different varieties of potatoes. Historic Sotterley has earmarked this crop for donation to our local food pantries. After testing our fields (in between rain storms!) the time has come to harvest and sort! With our volunteers, together we will "Pay it Forward", directly supporting families in need in our community. For more information, contact Kim Husick at 301-373-2280 or by email at officemanager@sotterly.org.

Sunday, July 28

Junior Legion/Sandlot Baseball All-Star Games

Baysox Stadium 4101 Crain Hwy, Bowie, MD 20716

11:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

This is the American Legion Department of Maryland State All-Star Baseball Games for the Junior Legion Baseball Program. There are two games scheduled, the first is the Sandlot Division 15 years and under followed by the Junior Legion Division 19 years and under. The entry fee is \$5 and kids 12 and under is free! All proceeds support the Junior Legion All-Star Program.

Tuesday, July 30

Ashtanga Influenced Yoga Series

root SUP & Fitness California

6:30 a.m. – 8:00 a.m.

Learn a sequence of movement and practice over the course of the 6 weeks! Commit to the entire 6 weeks for a 10% discount off regular Drop In rate of \$25. This session will meet every Tuesday morning for 6 weeks. Drop In any Tuesday throughout the session. For more info and to register please visit rootsupfitness.com.

Hip Hop Cardio Fitness

root SUP & Fitness California

6:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

Hip Hop Cardio dance fitness is a fun way to get your cardio on! Ages 18 years and up. rootsupfitness.com

Aviation Day

23115 Leonard Hall Drive, Leonardtown, MD

11:15 a.m.

The Commissioners of St. Mary's County invites the public to a special event recognizing National Aviation Day on the lawn of the governmental center. The event will feature multiple static aircraft displays including the Maryland State Police Trooper 7 helicopter. For more information, call 301-475-4200, extension 71342.

Wednesday, July 31

Mass at St. Ignatius Church

St. Ignatius Church, St. Inigoes, Maryland, MD

11:00 a.m.

Rev Bill George, S.J. will be honoring the feast day of St. Ignatius Loyola, founder of the Jesuit Society, will celebrate a Catholic Mass. The help of The Society has preserved this beautiful shrine for the Preservation of St. Ignatius Church having been built in 1785; it requires many repairs and upkeep. Please join us for a memorable occasion.

Thursday, August 1

American Legion Post 221 Meeting

21690 Colton Point Rd; Avenue, MD

8:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

American Legion Post 221 invites all active duty personnel and veterans to join us for our monthly meeting on the first Thursday of each month. For more information, call 301-884-4071 or email alpost221@aol.com. www.alpost221.webs.com/

St. Mary's Department of Aging & Human Services Programs and Activities

Loffler Senior Activity Center 301-475-4200, ext. 71658
Garvey Senior Activity Center, 301-475-4200, ext. 71050
Northern Senior Activity Center, 301-475-4002, ext. 73101

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Walk Maryland

Wednesday, Oct. 2, has been declared by Governor Larry Hogan as Walk Maryland Day! In preparation for the 5K Walk that the Department of Aging & Human Services has planned that day, start tracking your time spent walking. You'll have an opportunity to win a great prize, raffled off monthly. Pick up a log sheet at any of the County's senior activity centers, keep track of your time walking, and turn in your log by the 5th of the following month to be entered into the monthly drawing. Raffle prizes will be drawn for those who participate in July, Aug., & Sept. Then, join us on the Three Notch Trail starting at Baggett Park in Laurel Grove for the finale, the 5K Walk, on Oct. 2. For more information, contact Alice at 301-475-4200, ext. 71063. Log sheets are also available on the Department of Aging & Human Services website – www.stmarysmd.com/aging.

AARP Smart Driving Course

The Northern Senior Activity Center will host an AARP Smart Driving Course on Tuesday, July 30, from 9 a.m.-2 p.m. This course includes proven safety strategies that older drivers can use to compensate for changes as they age and allow them to drive more safely and confidently for as long as possible. The fee is \$15 for AARP members and \$20 for non-members with cash or check made payable to AARP. Payment is required to sign up for the class. Class is 4 hours with a break for lunch at 11:30 a.m. Lunch is a donation from seniors

60 and older; \$6 for others made the day of the class. To sign up and pay for this class in advance and to sign up for lunch, please visit the front desk. For more information call 301-475-4200, ext. 73101.

Garden Stepping Stones

Back by popular demand, join Deb as she shows you how to create beautiful stepping stones for your summer garden at the Garvey Senior Activity Center on Wednesday, July 31, at 10 a.m. Bring special memories items such as broken china, shells, pieces of sea glass or tiles. These stepping stones make wonderful additions to memorial gardens. Cost: \$5 per stepping stone. Call 301-475-4200, ext. 71050 to register.

Intergenerational Bingo and Pizza: Coloring Edition

To celebrate National Coloring Book Day, the Northern Senior Activity Center will have an intergenerational bingo on Friday, Aug. 2, from 10-11:30 a.m. This is sure to be a fun bonding time with your school-aged grandchildren with both adult and kid-friendly prizes. There will also be coloring themed prizes to celebrate the day. Cost is \$2 for two cards per person. A kid-friendly pizza lunch will be available for purchase at signup. Pizza will be \$2 for 2 slices and must be purchased in advance by activity participants only. Topping options are pepperoni or cheese. Advance signup is required for both bingo and pizza lunch. To sign up and pay for this event in advance, please visit the front desk.

Ceramics with Marti

The Garvey Senior Activity Center is offering a ceramics class on Wednesday, Aug. 7, at 10 a.m. If you enjoy painting and creating personalized gifts or decorations for the home this is the class for you! Marti Cotterell will be teaching the class and offering instruction on painting techniques. In the August she will be doing a leaf bowl. The cost of the class is \$10 for each item painted and includes the firing of the item. Payment is due at the time of sign up. Checks may be made payable to Marti Cotterell. For more information please call, 301-475-4200, ext.71050.

Educational Video Series: Ocean Odyssey

Join us at the Loffler Senior Activity Center on Aug. 14 at 10 a.m. for a 60-minute educational video featuring an exploration of marine ecosystems. This video is a Smithsonian National Museum of Natural History presentation. Seats are limited, so stop by the reception desk during regular hours to sign up or call 301-475-4200, ext. 71658.

Luncheon with Suzette Pritchett

Come join us to hear special guest vocalist Suzette Pritchett perform at the Garvey Senior Activity Center on Wednesday, Aug. 14, at 12 p.m. Suzette has been singing professionally for 30 years and has a beautiful sultry voice. We are excited to have her back at the Garvey Senior Activity Center as requested! Space is limited and this per-

formance will fill up fast! The menu for lunch is seafood salad on lettuce, pickled beets, corn, dinner roll, apple crisp with ice cream, orange juice/milk/coffee/tea. Cost for lunch is by donation for those ages 60 and above and \$6 for those under the age of 60. To make reservations, call 301-475-4200, ext. 71050.

Healthwatch: Resources for Older Adults

Join our volunteer Healthwatch Instructor at the Loffler Senior Activity Center on Aug. 15 at 10 a.m. as she discusses how to access local resources that will help in many different aspects of your life. Call 301-475-4200, ext. 71658, or stop by the reception desk to sign up.

Ice Cream Social with Special Guest Performance

Need to cool off this summer? Come join us on Friday, Aug. 16, from 2:30 p.m.-4 p.m. The Garvey Senior Activity Center will serve vanilla ice cream in a cup with a toppings bar provided by the Garvey Senior Activity Center Council, Inc. Musical entertainment will feature Paul Barber. Mr. Barber will sing and play keyboard to your favorite oldie but goodie summer favorites. Purchase your tickets in advance by close of business on August 14 and get a special discounted rate of \$3 per ticket! Same-day tickets are available for \$5 per ticket. Tickets will be available starting Thursday, Aug. 1. For more information, call 301-475-4200, ext. 71050.

★ ST. MARY'S COUNTY Library

Milkshake Duo Summer Performance

The St. Mary's County Library will host Milkshake Duo on Saturday, August 10 for two performances as part of the Summer Professional Performance series. Milkshake Duo will perform first from 10:30 – 11:30 a.m. at Lexington Park Library. Milkshake is a band on a mission to create great rock music for kids and adults! Everyone is invited to join in the music-making and sing and dance along. All ages; no registration for the Lexington Park show.

The second show will be held at Charlotte Hall Library as a special sensory-friendly performance from 2 – 3 p.m. A special sensory-friendly concert just for rock-and-roll fans who need a smaller crowd and a quieter experience. We'll keep the lights and volume lower, and it's a no-judgement zone where everyone can sing, dance, or just enjoy the music in their own way. For kids of all ages with sensory needs, their caregivers, and siblings. Please register

all members of your party (adults and children), so we can keep the crowd size small.

Art On Your Own Terms

Lexington Park Library will hold Art On Your Own Terms on Monday, August 5 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.

Paying for College and Reducing Student Loan Debt

Lexington Park Library will hold Paying for College and Reducing Student Loan Debt on Tuesday, August 6 from 6 – 7:30 p.m. If you want to get a college education in the U.S. these days, getting a student loan seems to be part of the deal. This class will teach both how to graduate college with less debt and different ways to repay the student loans you already have. Registration required on www.stmalib.org.

Kindergarten Here We Come

St. Mary's County Library will hold three sessions of 'Kindergarten Here We Come!'. The first will be held at Charlotte Hall Library on Wednesday, Au-

gust 7 from 10 – 11 a.m. The second will be held at Lexington Park Library on Friday, August 9 from 10 – 11 a.m., and the third will be held on Saturday, August 17 at Leonardtown Library from 10 – 11 a.m. Let's get ready to start Kindergarten (or PreKindergarten)! We'll read stories about school, make crafts, learn how to stay healthy and safe at school, and take a practice ride on a real school bus! Registration opens 2 weeks before program on www.stmalib.org.

Space Fest!

Lexington Park Library will hold Space Fest on Thursday, August 8 from 5 – 7 p.m. Have passport, will travel... Join us for a night amongst the stars! Local NASA Solar System Ambassador, Chuck Quintero, will take us on a virtual sky tour, lead a meteor talk, & answer questions. Pick up a planetary passport and visit each station to learn about a different planet or object in our solar system. Fun for the whole community, all ages are welcome!

Pizza & Picasso

Charlotte Hall Library will hold Pizza and Picasso on Thursday, August 8 from 5:30 – 7:30 p.m. Enjoy some pizza while making a magic photo cube. All materials are supplied by the library. Come join in the craftiness! Ages 13-18. Register on www.stmalib.org starting on July 25.

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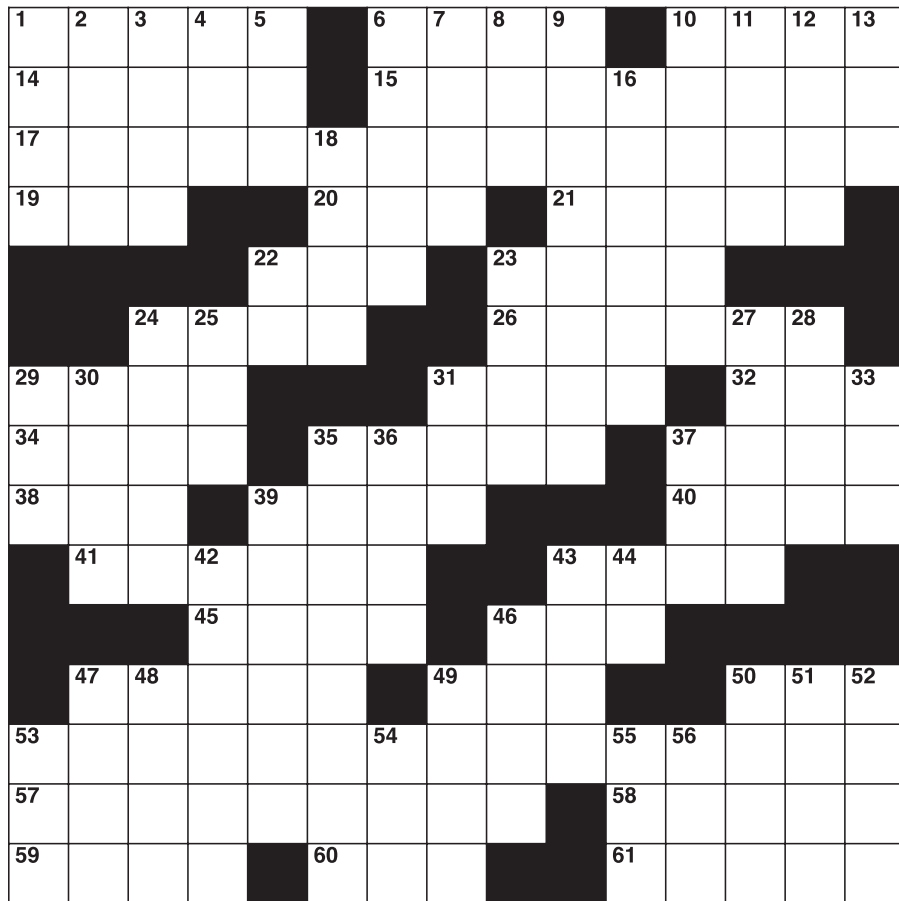
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- 1. Partner to "oohed"
- 6. Frying dishes
- 10. Turncoats
- 14. Tropical fruit
- 15. Combinations of ideas
- 17. Sick
- 19. Consumed
- 20. Is in possession of
- 21. Zodiac sign
- 22. Hem and ___
- 23. Small country along the Arabian Peninsula
- 24. Petty quarrel
- 26. Scold
- 29. Volcanic crater
- 31. Present
- 32. TV network
- 34. "Rule Britannia" composer
- 35. Some hold lunches
- 37. Spring harvest in South Asia
- 38. Feline

- 39. Precipitation
- 40. In addition
- 41. Using as a foundation
- 43. Without
- 45. Ancient Roman garment
- 46. Political action committee
- 47. A way to excite
- 49. Swiss river
- 50. A place to relax
- 53. NE Ohio ballplayer
- 57. Rocky bodies orbiting the sun
- 58. Horse-drawn vehicle
- 59. Soaks
- 60. Cunning
- 61. The underworld

CLUES DOWN

- 1. Water (Spanish)
- 2. Your parent's sister
- 3. Incline from vertical
- 4. The night before
- 5. Female descendants from
- 6. Exclamation of disgust
- 7. Affirmative votes
- 8. Midway between north and northwest
- 9. Soft-shell clams
- 10. Layer at the back of the eyeball
- 11. Tennis great Arthur
- 12. Where golf games begin
- 13. Soviet Socialist Republic
- 16. Capital of Zimbabwe
- 18. This and ___
- 22. Laugh
- 23. Adhere to the rules
- 24. He comes each December
- 25. Before
- 27. Hindu cymbals
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- 35. Hybrid fruits

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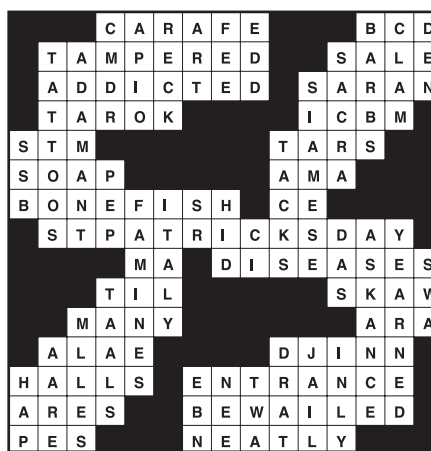
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- 37. Moved swiftly
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- 42. Averts
- 43. Garment worn by S. Asian women
- 44. It cools your house
- 46. Homes to bachelors
- 47. Besides
- 48. Cowboys great Leon
- 49. Griffith or Rooney
- 50. Province of Pakistan
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