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Opioid Fatalities Down, Health Officials Cautious

By Guy Leonard Staff Writer

The number of fatal opioid overdoses in St. Mary's and across the state for the first half of the year are down compared to the same time in 2018, the latest figures show, but the county's top physician says users continue to die, usually from using fentanyl alone or in combination with other narcotics.

For the first six months of 2019 the state reports that 11 county residents died from opioid use, but the latest figures gathered by local law enforcement and shown publicly on a sign at the Leonardtown Maryland State Police barracks, show at least 15 have died as of Aug. 31

Dr. Meena Brewster, the county's chief health officer, said those figures are probably accurate.

"We're trying to put out the best information we can," Brewster told The County Times. "But it can take time for the Medical Examiner to make a ruling as to cause of death.

"Those numbers [just released by the state] could increase; we're probably closer to 20 [overdose fatalities] at this point."

There were 31 total deaths from opiods in 2018.

Brewster said several factors have contributed to the modest decline in deadly overdoses, including increased access to treatment, increased law enforcement interdiction and the liberal use of Narcan in reversing overdoses.

"Narcan is huge," Brewster said. "The role it's played has been tremendous."



According to local figures from the state police there have been 84 overdoses so far this year.

Another trend health officials have seen is the combination of fentanyl with cocaine.

Some users may be combining the two, Brewster said, thinking that cocaine might counteract the effects of the synthetic opiate.

But the slowing effects the opioid has on the body's respiratory system is only exacerbated by the inclusion of cocaine, which increases the need for oxygen by the body, explained Brewster.

"It might make the problem worse," she said.

Clinically tested fentanyl is extremely potent, she said, illicitly produced fentanyl, with impurities can be even more dangerous.

"Even a minute amount of fentanyl can kill, it depends on the user," Brewster said. "It's highly toxic, highly fatal."

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Questions Remain Over Furniture Store's Future

By Guy Leonard Staff Writer

At the annual State of the County luncheon in Lexington Park Tuesday commissioners were asked what could be done about the skeleton of the building on Great Mills Road that once housed the Raley's Home Furnishings business.

For months the building has stood vacant and gutted with several of its outer walls torn down.

Commissioner Todd Morgan said the county has attempted to contact regional furniture retailer Regency Furniture about what they plan to do with the building – the company bought out Raley's Home Furnishings several years ago to build a new store there – but to no avail.

"Regency Furniture hasn't called back," Morgan told the attendees at the St. Mary's County Chamber of Commerce-sponsored event. "We've given them all the permits they need."

Morgan said he has grown concerned about the building in its present condition as it has attracted drug users, prostitutes and homeless squatters.

Calls to Regency Furniture were not returned as of press time.

Sheriff Timothy K. Cameron confirmed Morgan's concerns mentioned at the State of the County event.

"We've heard a lot of concerns expressed about the people who are frequenting and loitering on that property," Cameron said. "They're trespassing as I'm sure they don't have permission from the owners to be there."

Cameron said the building, though missing some walls providing some measure of protection from the elements and as such became attractive to homeless people seeking shelter there.

Cameron said the property as it now stands brings more blight and decay to the area, which has struggled with revitalization efforts.

He said deputies assigned to the community continued to patrol and watch the property to forestall against the situation growing worse.

"We're trying to do what we can d o before it can become an absolute nuisance," Cameron told The County Times.

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Concerns about blight are growing over the vacant building on Great Mills Road now owned by Regency Furniture





St. Mary's Indoor Shooting Range First of Its Kind

By Guy Leonard Staff Writer

After nearly four years of planning, financing, permitting and building, Flat Broke Shooters indoor shooting range in Lexington Park is now fully operational; it's the only indoor shooting range open to the public in St. Mary's.

Cindi and Steve Thomas, shooting instructors who have competed in numerous courses of fire internationally and at home, have built the new facility on their own property on St. James Church Road at a cost of more than \$2.5 million.

The new building, opened Aug. 10, resembles a large red barn but inside encompasses a state-of- the-art indoor shooting range with lighted firing lanes and a ventilation system that is computer controlled and keeps the interior at a comfortable 70 degrees year-round.

The Thomas' two dogs, cattle dog Bandit and Rottweiler Bailey, come up to each customer as they enter to greet them and accompany their owners while they staff the range.

The showroom is spacious and well-lighted with shooting accessories for sale; though the facility is not a gun shop, the Thomas' can conduct firearms sales as they are a federal firearms licensed (FFL) dealer.

"It's exciting, no doubt," Steve said

of their finally being open for business. "All the reviews on- line...everything's been five stars.

"Everybody's been blown away."

Steve said the new range has yearly memberships available but is open to anyone who comes in and wants to shoot – a brief video safety course is mandatory for all visitors their first time at the range, after which a safety card is issued that is good for one year.

Customers can rent time on the range as well as several firearms the Thomas's make available for visitors to try; volunteer range officers watch over shooters and offer advice on how to safely improve their shooting skills.

One of the firearms available for rent is an F4 Defense "Recce" AR-15 rifle locally manufactured in Lexington Park.

"We're not a private club," Steve said. "When we get them on the range, that's when they're [customers] really impressed."

Training classes available at Flat Broke Shooters include instruction for the Maryland state handgun qualification license (HQL), a "Ladies and Lead" class geared towards female shooters, training to qualify for a state-approved concealed carry license and home defense.

Having competed in such organizations as the International Practical



Amy Cunning of Hollywood loads up at Flat Broke Shooters new indoor range

Shooting Confederation (IPSC), United States Practical Shooting Association (USPSA) and the International Defensive Pistol Association (IDPA) they've learned from some of the top shooters around the world such as Rob Leatham, Todd Jarrett and Robert "Bob" Vogel.

"We've learned so much from shooting with some of the greatest shooters," Cindi said. "We really have a passion for teaching these principles.

"It's easy to teach them [customers and new shooters] these principals from day No. 1."

Those principles include proper stance, grip, trigger control and sight picture, Steve said.

"We operate on the K.I.S.S. principle," Steve said.

The atmosphere the Thomas' are working towards at Flat Broke Shooters is one of safety, relaxation and fun, Cindi said.

"We wanted it to be a comfortable place for everyone to hang out," Cindi said.

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Library/Senior Center Reaches Milestone

By Guy Leonard Staff Writer

After breaking ground in May of last year, and months of delays due to rainy weather, the combined, new Leonardtown Library and Garvey Senior Center facility's exterior is officially closed in.

There is still a significant amount of work to be done on the structure's interior and county officials say it should be open for operations by March of next year.

"This has been a long time coming," said County Commissioner President James "Randy" Guy, who said state planning projections showed that in St. Mary's County the senior population is expected to increase drastically by 245 percent.

"We have to get ready for things like that," Guy told the crowd assembled on the construction site.

Mary Lee Russell, the branch manager at the current Leonardtown Library said she and her staff were waiting anxiously to move into their new home.

"I feel like doing a dance," Russell said. "This building is more than we could hope for.

"I tell my staff we only have a few more months to go."

The full-service commercial kitchen has been installed at the new senior center portion of the facility as well as four new pickleball courts.

The relatively new sport has become very popular with senior citizens, public works officials have said.

The new senior center will offer a vast increase in program space over the current Garvey Senior Center at the county's governmental center, with exercise rooms and an art studio among the new amenities



Gail Murdock, chair of the Commission on Aging speaks at the closing in ceremony for the new Leonartown Library and Garvey Senior Center.

planned there.

The entire project has a budget of about \$17 million and is just under 16,000 square-feet in size.

Gail Murdock, chairman of the county's Commission on Aging, called for a quick completion to the

project to provide more resources for seniors.

"Let's get 'er done," Murdock said. "Let's get this thing built."

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Commissioners Support Most New Law Proposals



The Commissioners of St. Mary's County

By Guy Leonard Staff Writer

The Commissioners of St. Mary's County voted to support nearly all of 20 legislative proposals that will ultimately be decided in the Maryland General Assembly in January.

Key among them were three measures that would change the St. Mary's County Open Meetings Act; the first bill would allow commissioners to discuss in closed session investment of public funds, seeking legal advice from counsel and cyber

County Attorney David Weiskopf said this would align the county with the state open meetings law, by which all other counties abide.

"I've heard people say to leave this alone, so I'll be voting against it," said Commissioner Mike Hewitt.

"This does not weaken our open meetings act," Commissioner President James 'Randy" Guy said.

Commissioner John O'Connor said the updating of the open meetings act was needful, since discussions on cybersecurity and how to defeat or deter computer hackers was not something that should be discussed openly for the sake of security.

"We're no longer operating in an analog world; we live in a digital world," O'Connor said. "It only makes sense to update it."

Two other bills pertaining to the open meetings act would add the Metropolitan Commission (MetCom), Housing Authority and county library board under open meeting rules and remove subcommittees of advisory boards from the requirements, respectively.

The commissioners decided to table a bond bill that sought bonding authority from the state to borrow \$37.2 million for capital construction projects but put their support behind three smaller bills to seek funds for the renovation and expansion of the county health department at \$812,000, the renovation of the St. Clements Island Museum at \$350,000 and a study on jetties at St. Jerome's Creek in Ridge at

Commissioners also supported a law that decoupled MetCom's debt from the county's as well as a tax reduction for commercial property owners in the development districts who have renovated or redeveloped their properties.

A legislative proposal that would allow commissioners to increase the county's accommodation tax from 5 percent to 7 percent also received majority support, as did a measure that would allow animal control officers to wear body cameras much

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Hoyer, Van Hollen and Cardin Support Trump Impeachment Inquiry

Both U.S. Rep Steny Hoyer and U.S. Senator Chris Van Hollen threw their support behind the House of Representatives push to proceed with impeachment inquiries against President Donald Trump.

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'I fully support Congress moving forward with an official impeachment inquiry. I have grave concerns about the President's troubling admission that he sought Ukrainian interference in the 2020 election, undermining America's national security," said Hoyer in a prepared statement. "As the relevant committees continue their investigations under the umbrella of the impeachment inquiry, we will continue to pursue the facts and follow them wherever they lead - including to articles of impeachment.

The House will carry out its responsibilities on behalf of the American people with integrity and with care, ensuring that no individual ever stands above the

Hoyer, who represents the 5th Congressional District lives in St. Mary's County, which voted heavily in favor of Trump in the 2016 Presidential Election.

"President Trump's actions are a threat to our democracy," Van Hollen's statement reads.

His continued disregard for our Constitution and the democratic norms that guide our nation have caused irreparable harm to our country, our standing in the world, and to the Office of the Presidency.

"These issues must be fully investigated to the ut-

most of our abilities. As the White House continues to prevent the House of Representatives from exercising their Constitutionally-mandated oversight role, it has become clear that the tools provided by an impeachment inquiry must be employed. I have not come to this decision lightly — and I regret that the President's actions require these measures. But the American people deserve the truth and confidence in their government, and I support an impeachment inquiry in order to expose the facts and protect our democracy.'

Sen. Ben Cardin said: "In the last few days, President Trump has admitted to urging the leader of Ukraine to investigate a political rival. Our country is still reeling from foreign interference in our 2016 national elections and yet the President of the United States sought the direct assistance of a foreign government that would benefit his own political campaign. President Trump has shown disdain for the rule of law in so many instances, including attempting to obstruct justice, refusing to abide by the Constitutional anticorruption clauses, and flouting the most basic ethics and conflict-of-interest laws and regulations.

"Every lawmaker must set politics aside and understand that the integrity of our nation and the rule of law is at stake. No one, not even the President of the United States, is above the law. For the sake of our country, the House of Representatives followed the only Constitutional course available by formalizing an impeachment



U.S. Rep. Steny Hoyer

inquiry. Without prejudging the outcome, I agree that the American people need a full and complete understanding of whether President Trump has violated his responsibilities under the Constitution.'



St. Mary's Residents Indicted in VA Theft Scheme

A federal grand jury returned an indictment charging Angela Marie Farr, a/k/a Angela Pace, Angela Mullins, and Angela Biggs, age 33, of Leonardtown, Maryland; Michael Vincent Pace, age 39, of Leonardtown, Maryland, and Mary Francis Biggs, age 62, of Lexington Park, Maryland with conspiracy and theft of government property. Farr was also charged with aggravated identity theft and social security fraud.

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The indictment was announced by United States Attorney for the District of Maryland Robert K. Hur; Special Agent in Charge of the Mid-Atlantic Field Office Kim R. Lampkins for the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs Office of Inspector General; and Special Agent in Charge Michael McGill of the Social Security Administration - Office of Inspector General.

The five-count indictment alleges that Farr served as the organizer of a conspiracy in which she submitted false and fraudulent documents to the Department of Veterans Affairs ("VA") claiming that Farr, her thenhusband, Michael Pace, and her father, Individual 1, were homebound and required full-time assistance and disability compensation. Farr's mother, Mary Biggs, conspired with Farr to file fraudulent documents on behalf of Individual 1, and, when Farr so exaggerated Individual 1's disabilities that the VA determined that Individual 1 could not handle his own finances, appointed Biggs as Individual 1's fiduciary.

Angela Marie Farr was a member of the United States Navy from August 2, 2005 to April 19, 2007. On October 6, 2009, Farr received a service-connected disability rating of 70% based on fraudulent documentation she submitted, which purported that she suffered from post-traumatic stress disorder from an in-

cident in which she was raped by another serviceman. Farr admitted to local law enforcement to fabricating the incident. Farr also claimed to the VA that she suffered a traumatic brain injury from an on-duty car accident, which was also determined to be a fabrication. Ultimately, the VA increased Farr's service-connected disability rating to 100% based on additional fraudulent documentation she submitted. As a result, Farr received approximately \$390,000 from the VA to which she was not entitled.

Farr is also charged with stealing the identity of a physician identified in the indictment as "Doctor 1" when she submitted forged documents to the VA purportedly authored by that physician. Farr is also charged with social security fraud for fraudulently receiving \$35,000 in Social Security Disability Insurance benefits for her claimed disabilities.

Michael Vincent Pace was a member of the United States Army from August 30, 2001, to February 2, 2002, and from January 4, 2005, to June 2, 2006, as well as the United States Army National Guard from May 22, 2007, to October 28, 2007. Pace and Farr were married from 2008 until they divorced on December 5, 2017. Pace was deemed to be 100% disabled by the VA, based on fraudulent medical documentation submitted to the VA. Despite claiming to be profoundly disabled, Pace also received a Caregiver Assistance stipend from the VA exceeding \$2,500 per month for purportedly caring for Farr. As a result, Pace received approximately \$274,000 from the VA to which he was not entitled.

Mary Francis Biggs was Farr's mother, and the wife of Individual 1. Individual 1 was a member of the

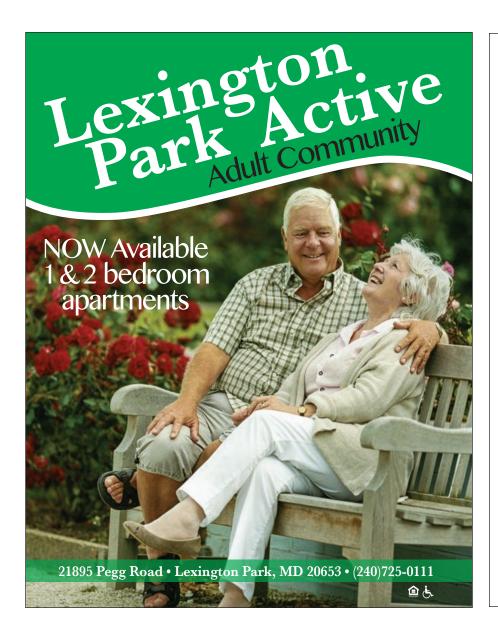
United States Navy from January 29, 1974, to January 31, 1997, and is Farr's father. Individual 1 received a 100% service-connected disability rating by the VA based on fraudulent documentation Farr and Biggs submitted on his behalf.

On July 5, 2017, the VA determined, based on fraudulent documentation, that Individual 1 was not capable of managing his finances because of his purported disabilities, and appointed Biggs as Individual 1's fiduciary. As such, Biggs was responsible for the receipt and expenditure of Individual 1's fraudulently obtained VA benefits funds. As a result, Biggs and Individual 1 received approximately \$156,000 in disability compensation and SMC to which they were not entitled. Biggs conspired with Farr to hide from the VA the fact that Individual 1 was capable of working, and was in fact actively employed.

Farr, Pace, and Individual 1 purported to be wheel-chair-bound and to require in-home nursing to accomplish everyday tasks due to their claimed service-connected injures. However, during the period they were purportedly disabled, Farr operated a social media marketing company based in Leonardtown, Maryland, Pace raised his three children and regularly exercised at a local CrossFit gym, and Individual 1 was employed as a division head at the Naval Air Warfare Center Aircraft Division in Patuxent River, Maryland.

If convicted, Farr faces a mandatory minimum of 2 years in federal prison and a maximum sentence of 10 years in prison; Biggs and Pace face a maximum sentence of 10 years in prison.

U.S. Attorney's Office Press Release

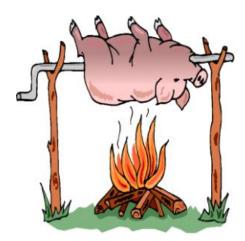


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Straight Talk on Straight Teeth

BY: JEFF TOMCSIK

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To help illustrate the point, think of a well working pair of scissors. When in good alignment the two blades come together and meet at a very precise point that makes them excellent at cutting paper. On the other hand, imagine one of the scissor blades had a slight bend or a ding in the metal. This imperfection would surely affect the scissor's ability to cut as well as when it was in perfect alignment. If the one blade is bent away from the other, there will be a gap between the points of contact that cause the cutting action. The result would likely be a failure

to cut effectively or efficiently. If the bend in the one blade is toward the other, it would cause the blades to scrape each other, making cutting difficult. More importantly to note, the blades scraping each other slowly destroy the cutting surface of both

These same principles can be applied to your teeth. In any area of the mouth where your opposing teeth do not meet when you perform a chewing motion (meaning there is a space between the top and opposing-bottom tooth in any area of your mouth when your jaw is closed), like the scissor in the first scenario, it is rendered ineffective in the chewing process. On the other hand, if there are any teeth that are colliding with their opposing teeth, they are likely causing trauma to each other and slowly wearing down the enamel surface and eventually the tooth structure. This will likely lead to greater risk of decay and eventually risk the tooth's overall vi-

Many people who have ongoing problems with decay or pain despite their efforts to keep their teeth clean, might be suffering from malocclusion issues that are causing the ongoing dental problems. The good news is that orthodontics may be a solution to these problems, and a straighter, more beautiful smile is a bonus to the treatment, not the reason for the treatment.

If you're like most adults, the thought of braces is unnerving. Years in metal brackets and sharp wires is no-one's idea of a good time. If these thoughts are keeping you away from approaching your dentist about a straighter, more beautiful, better functioning, healthier smile, consider a clear aligner option such as Invisalign®. Invisalign® is a clear, removeable retainer that may achieve the same results as traditional braces in less time.

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The next time you go to your dentist, ask them if they are Invisalign® certified. Ask them if they can provide a virtual, digital smile makeover with the use of an iTero® scanner so that you can see your likely outcome. Also ask them if you have any occlusion issues during chewing and if orthodontics is right for you.

One of the biggest barriers to getting orthodontic treatment dentists hear the most is that it costs too much. Before you allow money to get between you and a healthy, beautiful smile, think about the amount of money you spent on your last car. That car will likely not be in your life ten years from now. The cost of braces or Invisalign® is a fraction of the cost of that car, and the results will last you a lifetime!



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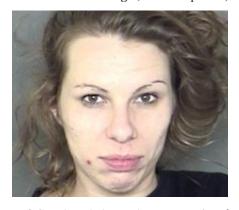
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St. Mary's County Sheriff's **Office Crime Report**

Three Arrested in Narcotics Raid In September of 2019, the St. Mary's County Sheriff's Office Vice Narcotics Division began an investigation into the distribution of controlled dangerous substances by **Dedron Manuel Neal**, 27



of Lexington Park. On September 21, 2019, with the assistance of the Sheriff's Office Emergency Services Team and Sheriff's Office K-9, members of the Vice Narcotics Division executed a search and seizure warrant at Neal's residence in Lexington Park. Neal was located in the apartment and found to be in possession of suspected cocaine. Also located in the residence was Heather Nicole Hugel, 29 of Aquasco,



and Curtis William Richardson, 25 of



Neal, Hugel, and Richardson were arrested and charged with CDS: Possession- Not Marijuana and CDS: Possession Paraphernalia, and incarcerated at the St. Mary's County Detention and Rehabilitation Center in Leonardtown, Maryland.

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

Resisting Arrest/Hindering-September 1, Dep. Graves attempted to conduct a vehicle stop in the 25500 block of Point Lookout Road in Leonardtown, for the reported assault that had just occurred. Steven Dean Sloan Jr., 47 of Leonardtown, refused to stop, and

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fused to obey verbal commands. Sloan was ultimately taken into custody and charged with Obstructing and Hindering, Resist/Interfere with Arrest, and Fail to Stop-Fleeing and

Trespassing- On September 17 Dep. Bowling responded to the 37700 block of Mt. Wolf Road in Charlotte Hall for the reported trespassing. George Wheeler Jacks, 51 of no fixed address, was lo-



the property after previously being served a notice not to trespass. Jacks was arrested n

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charged with Trespass: Private Property.

Reckless **Endangerment/Assault-**On September 21 Dep. Burgess responded to the 21600 block of Great Mills Road in Lexington Park for the reported disturbance. Investigation determined John Sherman Greenwell Jr., 40 of



address, was told to leave the business by an employee. Greenwell bec a m e agitated

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no fixed

threw a large rock through the glass door of the business, nearly striking the employee. Greenwell was arrested and charged with Reckless Endangerment, Assault 2nd Degree, and Malicious Destruction of Property.

LEGALS

Legal Notice

INVITATION TO BID REPLACEMENT OF HVAC SYSTEM

Sealed bids for the removal and replacement of the existing HVAC System at the Hollywood Volunteer Fire Department to be completed by April 1, 2020 must be mailed or hand delivered to the address listed below by 6 p.m. on October 30, 2019. Bids will be opened and read aloud at a Hollywood Volunteer Fire Department Board meeting after the October 30, 2019 deadline but before November 15, 2019. Any bid not physically received by the Hollywood Volunteer Fire Department by 6 p.m. October 30, 2019 will be returned, unopened to the firm. All proposals should be addressed to:

> **Hollywood Volunteer Fire Department** Re: (Vendor Name) Proposal for the Hollywood VFD "HVAC Replacement" **Attention: Steve Facini** Hollywood VFD PO Box 7 Hollywood, MD 20636

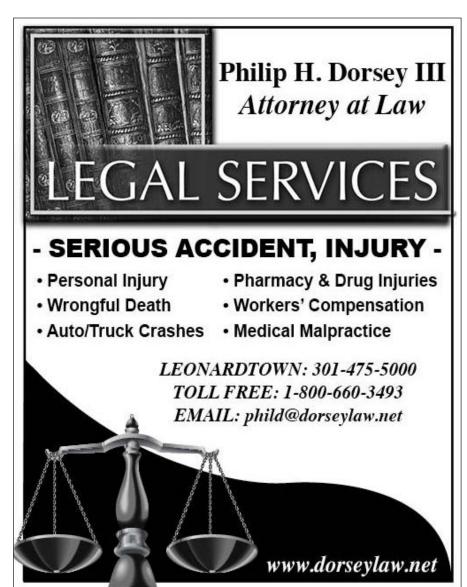
Proposal packets are available online at http://www.hvfd7.com or contacting Steve Facini, Treasurer, Hollywood Volunteer Fire Department at sfacini@hvfd7.com .

A pre-bid conference will be held on September 30, 2019 at 6PM with pre-site visits scheduled on September 17, 2019 and/or September 25, 2019 at 6 p.m. at the Hollywood Volunteer Fire Department 24801 Three Notch Road Hollywood, MD 20636. All bidders must attend one pre-bid conference and one site visit.

The Hollywood Volunteer Fire Department reserves the right to reject any and all bids and proposals, and to accept any proposal deemed to be in the best interest of the depart-

By Authority:

William Mattingly, Jr. President Hollywood Volunteer Fire Department



Militia Muster



The St. Mary's City Militia drives rebel forces off the field with pikes at Militia Muster Sept. 21.



Militia Muster at St. Mary's City had the loyalist militia open fire on a band of rebels.

Riding Club Makes Library Donation



It's all about the horses. Several St. Mary's Riding Club members participate in the annual library donation. Pictured from left to right: Betsy Fritz riding Tempest, Lois Coryell from the Leonardtown Library, Donna DeFrancis on her horse Scout, club president Diane Danaher, and Kathy Glockner on Mr. Fitz.

The St. Mary's Riding Club recently made its annual donation to the library system, adding new books and DVD's on horsemanship to the collection.

This year, the club donated the following books: Nature and Nurture Horses, The Rider's Pain-Free Back Book, Core Conditioning for Horses, The Rider's Balance, The US Pony Club Manuals, Dressage Training in Hand, Know Better to Do Better, and Physical Therapy for Horses.

The club donated the following DVD's: Form Follows Function with Cynthia Hankins, 2019 Dressage Test USDF, Horse Speak, Centered Riding with Sally Swift, and Horse Massage Light to the Core – The Masterson Method.

The entire St. Mary's Riding Club donation is housed in the Leonardtown branch, but may be checked out through other locations using the library loan program on the library's website. Titles covering horse care, equitation, jumping, dressage, western riding and more are included in the collection.

The St. Mary's Riding Club was established in 1968 and is the county's oldest continually operating equestrian club. The club manages the St. Mary's County Fair horse show, and the proceeds from the show are used for the annual library donation program. Follow the club on their Facebook page regarding upcoming events.

Press Release from St. Mary's Riding Club





Southern Maryland: The Fall Place to Be

BY DICK MYERS EDITOR

Many people believe that Southern Maryland is at its best in the fall. Evidence can be found in the milder weather, often with a little nip in the air, and the abundance of activities, including fairs and festival, to interest just about everybody.

Fall is a particularly nice time to get out and enjoy the beautiful surroundings that are ours for the picking all year but are especially special in the fall. A hike around a park is all the more enjoyable without the fear of dehydration, although everyone should be aware that in spells it can get hot in the fall. That's what Indian Summer is all about.

Calvert County parks just begging for a hike are: Kings Landing Park, Calvert Cliffs Stare Park, American Chestnut Land Trust, Battle Creek Cyprus Swamp Sanctuary, Biscoe Gray Heritage Farm and Chesapeake Beach Railway Trail. Or a stroll around North Beach including along the boardwalk is a likewise pleasant diversion.

Parks in St. Mary's County include Point

Lookout State Park, Elms Beach Park, Greenwell State Park, Leonardtown Wharf Park, Myrtle Point Park, Newtowne Neck State Park, Port of Leonardtown Park, Historic St. Mary's City, St. Clements Island State Park, and St. Mary's River State Park.

If history is your thing, some of the aforementioned parks also come with a twist of history, such as St. Mary's City for colonial history and Point Lookout State Park for Civil War history. Of course, history is on display inside Calvert Marine museum, Bayside History Museum in North Beach and Chesapeake Beach Railway Museum in Calvert and Patuxent River Naval Air Museum and the Old Jail Museum in St. Mary's County.

A day trying to find your way out of a corn maze is a perfect way to commune with autumn (see a complete listing if local corn mazes elsewhere in this special section).

Local farmer's markets have the requisite pumpkins and mums, in addition to a surprising variety of fall fruits and vegetables. And of course, crabs and oysters are at their peak, available directly from the watermen or at your favorite local restaurant. And speaking of food, don't forget the Harvest Taste of Solomons on Oct. 12.

The many fairs and festivals in the fall can leave residents with the need for a Daytimer or phone calendar in front of them for scheduling. The first full weekend in October (5&6) is really full, with Blessing of the Fleet and Sotterley's Riverside Winefest.

Southern Maryland is looking outward towards the Bay and the rivers, and its maritime history and watermen's culture are both treasured. That heritage is on display at Patuxent River Appreciation Day (Oct. 12), the Blessing of the Fleet (Oct 5-6) and the U.S. Oyster Festival (Oct. 19-20) at the St. Mary's County Fairgrounds.

In the past Patuxent River Appreciation Days has been held in a full weekend. This year the schedule has been compressed into one day, Saturday, Oct. 12 at Calvert Marine Museum (please see a full schedule elsewhere in this special section).





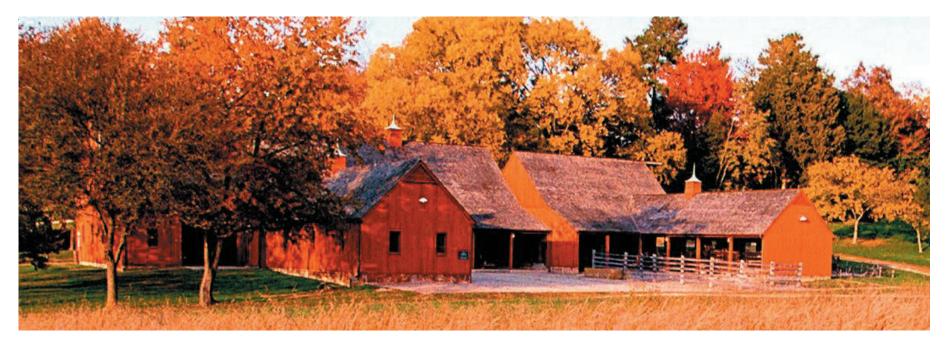
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Halloween looms as October winds down. The three towns in Calvert and St. Mary's are an exciting and safe place for kids of all ages to celebrate Halloween. Here are their events:

- North Beach Boo Bash on October 26, 2019, 3-5 p.m. The North Beach Business Loop and the Town of North Beach present the 9th Annual Halloween Boo Bash! Register for the children's costume contest from 2:15 to 3 p.m. on the pavilion. The parade and judging will follow. After the costume parade and judging, feel free to trickor-treat at local business.
- Trick or Treat on the Square in Leonardtown, on Saturday, Oct. 26, 3-5 p.m. Trick-or-Treating at local

- businesses, pet costume contest, and face painting. 301-475-9791
- Town of Chesapeake Beach and Calvert County Parks and Recreation Northern District are sponsoring the Halloween Family Fun Night on Sunday, Oct 20, 4-7 p.m. at the Northeast Community Center. They'll have popcorn, face painting, balloon animals, a DJ, inflatables and will finish the event with a trick or treat sponsored by local businesses.

Also, Jefferson Patterson Park and Museum in St. Leonard is having a Halloween Festival on Fri, Oct. 25, 6-9 p.m. in the pavilion. The festival includes Face painting, arts and crafts, free candy, games and activities, haunted wagon ride, costume contest, haunted barn and more! It's free, but donations are welcome For a scarier way to spend Halloween, attend the: Ghosts of Sotterley, October 18- 19 and 24-26. The Curse of Greenbeard & the Pirates of the Patuxent It won't be long before ghosts descend on Sotterley! Advance tickets required. For more information go to https://www.sotterley.org/

For more ideas of what to do this fall go to the Visit St. Mary's website at https://www.visitstmarysmd.com/ or the Visit Calvert website at http://www.choosecalvert.com/

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53rd Annual U.S. Oyster Festival Coming Third Week in October

The annual U.S. National Oyster Festival in St. Mary's County celebrates the rich heritage of the oyster through the U.S. National Oyster Shucking Contest and the U.S. National Oyster Cook-Off. Both signature events produce national champions that go on to world-wide competition. The Festival also features a wide variety of music, seafood and menus featuring items other than seafood, entertainment for the kids, big screen TV football and liquid refreshment.

The lowly oyster is a delicacy the world over. In Maryland though, home of the Chesapeake Bay -- the Oyster is King! Whether it's slurped raw on the half shell, or fried, baked, braised or roasted, it's a favorite. The gourmet Oyster Tasting Tent highlights the variety of oysters found in the Bay, which can be paired with craft beers and wine.

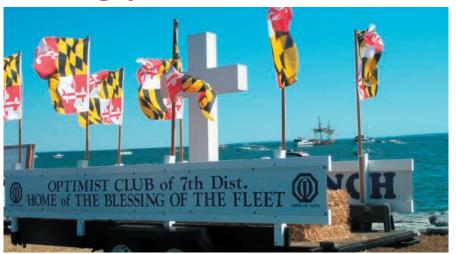
The U.S. National The Oyster Festival celebrates the region's



Top shuckers compete at the annual Oyster Festival for a chance to compete in the world championships in Ireland

rich oyster heritage, but offers so much more to its guests. Visit us at our U.S. National Oyster Festival in St. Mary's County website to learn more.

Blessing of the Fleet Starts Oct. 5



The Blessing of the Fleet commemorates the time-honored tradition of blessing the Southern Maryland watermen's fleet of boats We celebrate these watermen and the heritage of St. Mary's County.

This celebratory family event, occurring for over 50 years, includes tours of St. Clements Island, Blackistone Lighthouse & St. Clement's Island Museum, live entertainment, free boat excursions, local Southern Maryland food, art and craft vendors, blessing ceremony, Sunday parade, evening concert, activities on the island (including lighthouse tours), children's activities, fireworks and more.

PRICE - \$10 per adult • Children 12 & under are FREE

SATURDAY, OCT. 5, 2019

- Gates open at 12PM
- Family activities, exhibits and boat rides all day
- Food and local craft vendors
- Robbie Boothe performs at 5PM
- Nathan Osmond at 7PM
- Fireworks at 9PM

SUNDAY, OCT. 6, 2019:

- Gates open at 12PM
- Family activities, exhibits and boat rides all day
- Food and local craft vendors
- Blessing of the Fleet and parade at 12PM
- Main Attraction at 4PM
- Gates close at 5PM

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Fall Calendar of Events in St. Mary's

SEPTEMBER 28

CIVIL WAR ARTILLERY

POINT LOOKOUT STATE PARK 11175 POINT LOOKOUT ROAD SCOTLAND

The Friends of Point Lookout are hosting a U.S. Civil War weekend Sept. 29-30 at Point Lookout State Park in St. Mary's County. Programs run from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday and 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sunday.

The program features artillery demonstrations and other programming. Tours of Fort #3 and the prison pen site will also be offered along with living history programs involving the military garrison of the fort along with civilian exhibits and impressions.

Point Lookout is a peninsula where the Potomac River meets Chesapeake Bay, and the viewpoint from this strategic location made it a pivotal place during the Civil War. In the early 1860s, the site housed a military fort, Hammond General Hospital and Camp Hoffman where prisoners of war were held.

More information is available by calling 301-872-5688, or emailing Bob Crickenberger with the Friends of Point Lookout.

COASTAL ARTS MARKET

LEONARDTOWN WHARF 22550 WASHINGTON STREET LEONARDTOWN

Presented by the Coastal Arts Partnership, the Arts Market is an out door monthly market held on Saturday every month 9:00 to 3:00. Located at Washington St., State Hwy 326, Leonardtown, Maryland 20650

We know Southern Maryland is full of creative, artistic people and we have the perfect venue at the Leonardtown Wharf Park for local artists and craftsmen to sell their handcrafted products at our open air Arts Market. Our market is for handcrafted products only, NO manufactured products allowed.

The park is a beautiful location to visit, you can shop from a wide variety of locally made and home grown products.

Our goal is to have a good variety of products to keep our market fresh and interesting, a place that people will want to come back to each month to find something different.

RETROFEST ON THE POTOMAC

PINEY POINT LIGHTHOUSE MUSEUM & HISTORIC PARK 44720 LIGHTHOUSE ROAD PINEY POINT

Get groovy at a fun new event sure to bring back memories of "the good old days:" RetroFest on the Potomac! RetroFest on the Potomac represents all things vintage. Admire classic cars, browse for vintage treasures and step back in time to the nostalgic tunes of yesteryear. From the 40's to the 70's, whatever your, decade the public is invited to get their "Rockabilly" on and support the mission of Piney Point Lighthouse and Historic Park. 301-994-1471.

2019 HARVEST FESTIVAL & GRAPE STOMP

PORT OF LEONARDTOWN WINERY 23190 NEWTOWNE NECK ROAD LEONARDTOWN

The Port of Leonardtown Winery is hosting their

2nd Annual Harvest Festival & Grape Stomp. There will be live music, vendors, a pumpkin patch, McIntosh Run Harvest Slushy, and of course a grape stomp! Wine, beer, cider, and spirits will all be available for purchase at the event. 301-690-2192.

OCTOBER 4

LEONARDTOWN FIRST FRIDAY

LEONARDTOWN SQUARE LEONARDTOWN

On the first Friday of every month, historic Leonardtown's art galleries, restaurants, cafes, gift shops, antique shops, bookstores, etc. open their doors to showcase local artists and/or serve specials at their establishments. You are invited to a fun evening of live entertainment, demos, receptions, hands-on activities, and seasonal promotions. 301-475-9791.

OCTOBER 5 - 6

BLESSING OF THE FLEET

ST. CLEMENT'S ISLAND MUSEUM 38370 POINT BREEZE ROAD COLTONS POINT

Blessing of the Fleet commemorates the time-honored tradition of blessing the Southern Maryland watermen's fleet of boats. This celebratory family event, occurring for over 50 years, includes tours of St. Clements Island, Blackistone Lighthouse & St. Clement's Island Museum, live entertainment, free boat excursions, Southern Maryland food, local wine tastings, children's activities, fireworks and more much. Admission. 301-481-2801.



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OCTOBER 5

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The schoolhouse was closed for several years, but with the completion of the renovations of the building in the spring of 2018, the public is now able to access this significant historic site on the 1st Saturday of each month and during periodic special event weekends. The Museum Division

also offers special programs for school, bus and other tour groups who would like to visit the site. Visitors who would like to see the schoolhouse times outside open house hours can contact Piney Point to arrange a visit.

Co-hosted by Unified Committee for Afro-American Contributions and the St. Mary's County Museum Division. 301-994-1471.

OCTOBER 5 - 6

LOST CITY

ST. MARY'S CITY

On one dark and stormy evening in October, as sailors were readying their berths for the night, the Haunted Ship was severed from its mooring. Lurching out into the rain-soaked darkness, the massive merchant ship was quickly lost to view, never to be seen or heard from again. Since that time, one night every October, the lost sailors stumble through the mist, trying to finally make their way back home — cursed to wander, never to find what has now become the Lost City.

Meet some lost sailors, go trick-or-treating, play games, and enjoy a story. This Halloween event will delight you! 5:00 pm - 8:00 pm.

Monetary donations are appreciated. Park in the State House parking lot.

OCTOBER 19 - 20

53RD ANNUAL U.S. OYSTER FESTIVAL

42455 FAIRGROUNDS ROAD LEONARDTOWN

10 a.m. - 6 p.m. on Saturday. 11 a.m. -6 p.m. on Sunday. Celebrate the opening of oyster season on the Chesapeake Bay and take part in one of the oldest and most popular oyster festivals in the United States, the annual U.S. Oyster Festival featuring the U.S. National Oyster Shucking Championships and National Oyster Cook-Off.

Known for its exquisite range of seafood and exhibition of cultural activities surrounding oysters & the waterman's way of life in St. Mary's County, this annual festival also includes live music, local foods, arts, crafts, craft beer tasting, and general family fun.

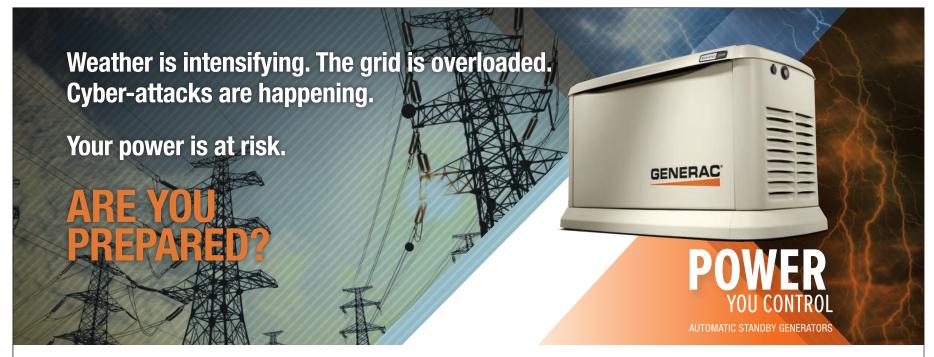
The National Shucking Championship includes competitors from all over the United States competing for the title of U.S. Oyster Shucking Champion. The U.S. winner then goes on to compete in Galway, Ireland for the World Shucking Championship. Admission at the door.

NOVEMBER 11

VETERANS DAY PARADE

LEONARDTOWN SQUARE 22735 WASHINGTON STREET LEONARDTOWN

The 44th Annual Veterans Day Parade and Memorial Ceremony will take place on Monday, November 11th from 10:00 AM – 1:00 PM. The parade will step off at 10:00 AM from St. Mary's Ryken High School. The line of march with proceed along Fenwick Street to the Leonardtown Town Square. The event provides a great opportunity to honor our Veterans and participate in a proud tradition. Immediately following the parade, a Memorial Wreath Laying Ceremony will be held in Historic Leonardtown Square. For more information, please contact Brandy Blackstone at brandy.blackstone@leonardtownmd.gov or 301-475-9791.



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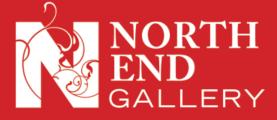
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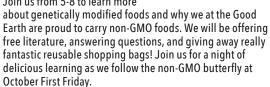
and "zines", sculptures, woodwork, greeting cards, framed photography and prints, and much more. Come vote for our scarecrow as part of the Scarecrow Stroll contest!

Our audience participation Drum Circle featuring the SoMar Drummers will be from 8-9 PM, bring your own percussion instruments or use ours. All skill levels and ages are welcome to attend, this is a free event open to all. The Drum Circle will meet outside at Leonardtown Square on the paved area, back up location in the case of inclement weather will be at the Town Hall.

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October at North End Gallery will showcase the work of our Plein Air artists who work outside "capturing the light" of their chosen location - a boatyard, a harbor, a street scene, a lonely country road, a vibrant farm



field. En Plein Air refers usually to painters who paint daily in the fresh air throughout the year. This exhibit which opens October 1-27 will also feature works inspired by the outdoors and will include photography, pottery, glass, clay and word works.

The First Friday Reception is Oct 4 from 5-8pm. The public is invited to meet the artists. Refreshments are provided.

North End Gallery is open every day except Monday from 10am - 5pm and on Sunday from 12-4 pm. It is a cooperative membership limited to 35 juried artists in the tri-county region who staff the gallery and run the operation. Meet the artists at the Gallery or on line at www. northendgallery.com.

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RiverFest Celebrates St. Mary's River



By Guy Leonard Staff Writer

The St. Mary's River is smaller than either the Patuxent River to the east or the Potomac River to the west but, for the Mother County of Maryland, it's perhaps the most important of the three, according to the chief advocacy group for the county's eponymous body of water.

"I think they should care about all rivers," said Bob Lewis, executive director of the St. Mary's River Watershed Association (SMRWA) of county residents. "But the St. Mary's River is our home, it's our river."

Aside from bearing the county's name, given to it back in the 17th century as the fourth oldest English colony to be established in America, the river is entirely contained within the county and is one of its key economic and recreational assets.

Ever since SMRWA was founded in 2005 it has held a RiverFest in Historic St. Mary's City to celebrate and bring attention to the county's own waterway; this weekend the city will host the 14th RiverFest, rain or shine.

The event has gone largely unchanged since its inception with tables and displays offering activities from petting tanks for children to learn about the animal life that the river supports to workshops about how residents can help maintain the health of the river by conserving water, reducing waste flowing into the watershed and even how to tong for oysters.

They even offer advice on how to wash boats.

The entire historic city will be open for free to all visitors Sept. 28 for RiverFest, said SMRWA President Joe Anderson.

Restoring the native oyster population in the St. Mary's River, and thus improving its health, is one of the key missions SMRWA has undertaken for the past several years as a non-profit organization.

Perhaps their most successful project has been the installation of an artificial stone reef just off the shore in the river at St. Mary's College or Maryland that seeks to replicate in similar form the old natural oyster reefs that once pervaded the entire Chesapeake Bay.

The oyster reefs were so large that they often broke the surface of the water and were deemed navigational hazards; they were picked clean for their oyster meat to help feed soldiers and civilians alike during the Civil War and fuel the expansion into the West.

The oyster reefs were also dynamited and their shells used for building roads to facilitate the expansion into the country's interior in the mid-19th century.

The deconstruction of the reefs helped contribute to the decrease in oyster populations until present day when scientists estimate that harvests are less than one-tenth of one percent of historic hauls.

But the man-made reef, set on just five acres of river bottom, has helped to rapidly restore that small portion of the river's health, Lewis said.

The work began in 2013 with the support of groups like the Leonardtown Rotary Club joining in to help raise funding.

"It's an extremely rewarding project," Lewis said. "With our reef project, just in four to five years we've seen significant change.

"Before the project there was rarely a crab or a fish there."

By reintroducing the oysters into the small portion of riverbed, Lewis said aquatic life has returned, even surpassing the millions of oyster spat SMRWA has placed there.

"The natural [oyster] recruitment is outpacing us," Lewis said. "In some places were seeing 400 oysters per square meter.

"The average is 100 to 150 oysters per square meter." Lewis said since the inception of the project the watershed association has engaged at least 1,000 volunteers to help.

"This year we've engaged at least 500 people," Lewis said.

Costs for restoring oyster habitat are high, Lewis said, since prices for oyster shell have sky-rocketed in recent years.

"We used to be able to by a bushel of oyster shell for about \$1.50 cents delivered," Lewis said. "Now its \$8 to \$9 a bushel."

The oyster harvesting status of the St. Mary's River is controversial as it is host to an oyster sanctuary, which restricts it from any harvesting by either recreational or commercial fishers.

SMRWA has been a strong advocate for closing off

a portion of the river to oyster harvesting, while watermen have opposed such actions, claiming some of the best natural production takes place at the site of the sanctuary.

Anderson said 15 percent of the St. Mary's River is held in sanctuary, with the rest being opening to public oyster harvesting.

The overall health of the Chesapeake Bay watershed has improved over the last several years but remains far from good; by comparison Lewis described the condition of the St. Mary's River as fair.

The St. Mary's River is one of five throughout Maryland the state government as committed to restoring, Lewis said, and the county's river is one of the more resilient ones when it comes to providing a strong oyster harvest.

Also, the heavy rains which contributed to a large dead zone in the bay of little to no oxygen for wildlife, did not seem to affect the St. Mary's River, Lewis said.

"There's clear water and SAV [submerged aquatic vegetation] everywhere," Lewis said. "But it could be so much better."

RiverFest's mission is to encourage residents to do what they can to make the St. Mary's River a better place.

"It's a big quality of life issue," Anderson said. "It all ends up in the bay sooner or later.

"The [St. Mary's River] watershed is a big place; it takes up 20 percent of the county."

The local watershed also runs through the middle of the county's Lexington Park Development District, which has the greatest concentration of residents and commercial activity.

This also makes the watershed more vulnerable to pollution, Anderson said.

"It's to get people involved," said Lewis of the RiverFest 2019's mission. "We wanted to do something to help make the river their responsibility, so that likeminded people can come together... and learn new things

"The more we can personalize the river, the more engaged they become."

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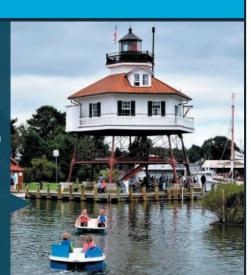
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Patuxent Appreciation Day Returns to Solomons Free Family Fun for All Ages



Patuxent River Appreciation Day (PRAD), one of Southern Maryland's longest running festivals, celebrates its 42nd year on Saturday, October 12 at the Calvert Marine Museum. All members of the family can enjoy the fun from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Museum admission is FREE all day.

This year's event will feature a weekend's-worth of fun all in one day, with extended hours and a River Party from 5-7 p.m., featuring local favorite Robbie Boothe performing live at the PNC Waterside Pavilion at 6 p.m.

Festivities begin at 10 a.m., with food vendors, live music, boat rides, children's activities, and an arts and crafts show. For the first time, a limited number of resale and flea market vendors will also be included. Last year's arts and crafts show winner, Anja Zander, will be returning with her unique handcrafted items made from driftwood, domestic wood, and selected exotic wood.

Guests are invited to sample local beer and wine, while grabbing a bite to eat from a variety of food vendors, and enjoy live music throughout the day. The complete lineup of performers at the museum's PNC Waterside Pavilion is as follows:

- 10-10:45 a.m. Bob Pfeiffer and Eric Skow
- 11-11:45 a.m. Patuxent Voices
- 12-12:45 p.m. Jay Armsworthy and the Eastern

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- 1-1:45 p.m. Tom and Elisabeth
- 2-2:45 p.m. Pond Scum
- 3-3:45 p.m. Folk Salad
- 4:30-5:30 p.m. Calvert Dance Band
- 6-7 p.m. Robbie Boothe

New this year, PRAD will also feature a Kids Zone in and around the Corbin Nature Pavilion. Guests of all ages can enjoy games, Maryland Department of Natural Resources Scales and Tails presentation, Mary's Go Round petting zoo, and much more. Explore the museum grounds to visit dozens of nonprofit and community groups that celebrate the Patuxent River in a variety of ways. There will be exhibits, demonstrations, and displays about recycling, oyster farming, native plants, local wildlife, and more that help keep our area a wonderful place to live and play.

Head over to the Drum Point Lighthouse and surrounding boat basin for even more fun! Children can build their own toy boats, and the whole family is encouraged to enjoy free cruises aboard the Wm. B. Tennison and Dee of St. Mary's. Take a ride in a rowboat or pedal boat, or even try your hand at navigating a remote control sailboat.

There's more to discover inside the museum, with many exhibits offering additional interactive experiences for the day. Don't forget to stop at the Museum Store to get a head

start on holiday shopping with new and unique items that celebrate the paleontology, estuarine biology, and maritime heritage of the Chesapeake Bay and its surrounding waterways.

PRAD brings together and reflects the continuing commitment of the community, Calvert County Board of County Commissioners, Calvert Marine Museum, and other organizations that share a desire to preserve the Patuxent River and to celebrate its positive influence on the area's quality of life in the past, present, and future. By bringing these people together in a public forum, PRAD organizers hope to grow local support of the environmental programs and tourism activities surrounding the Patuxent River and its tributaries. This longtime event would not be possible without the support of its sponsors: The Calvert County Board of County Commissioners, Calvert Marine Museum, Arick L Lore Post American Legion, and Calvert County Waterman's Association.

> PRESS RELEASE FROM CALVERT MARINE MUSEUM



Local Farms Provide Fun Times This Fall

BOWLES FARMS



Bowles Farms' annual corn maze will be open September 28 and remain open each weekend until October 27.

Activities at the Bowles Farm maze include:

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- Kids Barrel Ride
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- Visit The Farmer's Daughter Cupcake Shop

ADMISSION RATES

Farm Admission: \$10 per person

Children 3 & Under: Free

Groups of 15 or more can get a discount rate of \$8.00 per person. One member of the group must collect money in advance and present it to the cashier.

Please note pumpkins are not provided with admission.

ATM On-Site, Cash or Checks Only.

OPERATING SCHEDULE

Tuesday-Friday: Schools/Daycare's Groups ONLY. By Appointment Only (9:30AM to 1:30PM). To book your group call 301-475-2139 or email: bowlesfarms@rcn.com. Please allow 24 hours for us to

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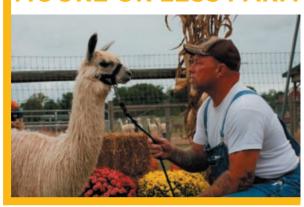
Saturday: 10:00AM to 6:00PM. The last ticket is sold at 5:00PM.

Sunday: 10:00AM to 5:00PM. The last ticket is sold at 4:00PM.

The farm's address is 22880 Budd's Creek Road (Route 234), Clements.

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OPERATING SCHEDULE

Open Saturday and Sunday 10:00AM - 5:00PM.

The farm is located on 22467 Colton Point Road, Bushwood. For more information call 301-769-2210, email info@mooreorlessfarm.com, or visit www.mooreorlessfarm.com

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Spider Hall Farm is a 362-acre working tobacco, corn, and grain farm located in Prince Frederick,. Spider Hall Farm Stand is open April through October selling local meats, organic milk, cheese, ice cream,



eggs, gifts and many more seasonal foods. Spider Farm offer agritourism every Fall with a memorable and educational corn maze, hayrides and pumpkin patch.

OPERATING SCHEDULE

Fall attractions are open Saturdays and Sundays through Saturday, November 2nd. 10:00AM - 6:00PM (last ticket sold at 5:00PM).

ADMISSION RATES

Ages 4-13: \$10

Ages 14+: \$8

Children under 3: Free

General Admission Includes: corn maze, hayride, petting zoo, educational exhibits, giant farm slide, jump pad, giant straw bale maze and more!

Pumpkins sold separately by the pound in the pumpkin patch or at the Farm Stand. Must take hayride to the patch.

Spider Hall Farm is located at 3915 Hallowing Point Road, Prince Frederick. For more information call 410-610-0094 or visit www.spiderhallfarm.com

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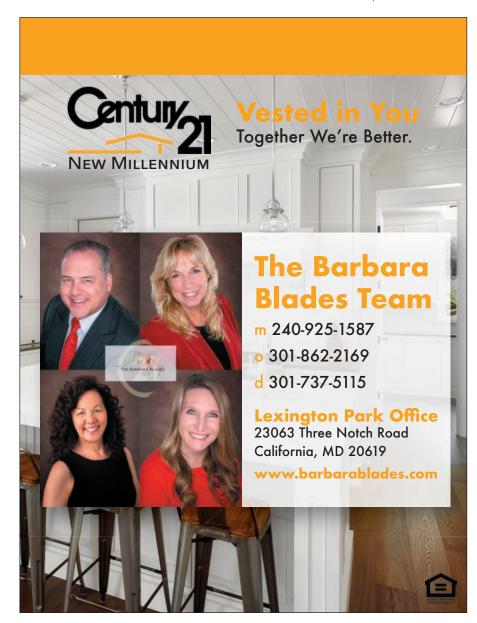
ADMISSION RATES

Tickets: \$8 per person Group rate: \$7 per person Children under 3: Free All sales done in the shop.

OPERATING SCHEDULE

The maze is open 7 days a week 9:00AM to 5:00PM until November 3.

Forrest Hall Farm is located at 39136 Avie Lane, Mechanicsville. For more information call 301-884-3086 or visit www. forresthall-farm.com





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The County Times

Defense Firm Experiments with Oyster Reef Sensors

Partners with Chesapeake Bay Foundation



As the Chesapeake Bay Foundation (CBF) works with its Chesapeake Oyster Alliance partners toward its 2025 goal to plant 10 billion oysters in the Chesapeake Bay, the organization has run into a frequent problem. It's difficult to determine the best places to plant oysters, how they're faring on existing reefs, and to what extent they're supporting other species such as crabs and fish.

Today, the methods most often used to estimate oyster populations beneath the often-murky waters of the Bay are dredge surveys—a 19th Century technology—as well as oyster sales data and divers using underwater cameras.

Enter Northrop Grumman. This year the Virginia-based aerospace company is working with CBF to develop a new tool to monitor oyster reef habitat in the Bay.

The company is supporting about 30 engineers who are working on six different teams that will be looking at different technologies to develop a solution. The teams are experimenting with biochemical, acoustic, laser, and photographic sensors to determine which could work best to determine the volume, density, and health of oyster reefs. Northrop Grumman plans to choose one team's sensors and then develop an above-water or underwater vehicle to use in the field by the end of the year.

"We chose to partner with the Chesapeake Bay Foundation on this project because it's important to us to help protect one of our region's most critical natural resources," said R. Eric Reinke, Northrop Grumman's vice president and chief science officer of emerging capabilities development. "This is also an opportunity for us to help inspire future scientists and engineers by showing the positive impact their work can have on protecting the environment. Some may eventually work for the Chesapeake Bay Foundation and we hope some may work for Northrop Grumman. But, frankly, we have a responsibility to develop the science, engineering, and technology talent across this country. This is a way to do that.'

"CBF has been working to restore oysters for the past three decades," said CBF President William Baker. "Oysters are the coral reefs of the Chesapeake. They support crabs, fish, and other Bay life. And they filter 50 gallons of water per adult oyster, every day! This innovative partnership brings Northrop Grumman's technological expertise to a complex Bay issue—restoring the native oyster. We know oyster populations in the Bay are at historically low levels. But we don't always know how well restoration projects are doing beneath the water. This important work will bring new information to



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light from the depths of the Bay."

In June, Northrop Grumman executives and the engineering teams visited CBF headquarters and the Maryland Oyster Restoration Center to learn more about the bivalves and CBF's monitoring efforts. At the restoration center, they had the opportunity to view the clear water box, an innovative camera system developed by an underwater photographer to take photos of oyster reefs. The camera system is currently one of the most advanced tools used by CBF to photograph and document reef conditions. It can take detailed pictures and video enabling scientists to examine the reef's health and create a baseline of images to compare future surveys

However, it has its limitations. The current system requires good weather conditions, an experienced diver to operate, and is not capable of capturing large areas or multiple oyster reefs in a short period of time.

CBF's partnership with Northrop Grumman will support the foundation's work to reverse the long-term decline of oysters in the Bay. Ongoing efforts include restoring oyster sanctuaries, advocating for sound fisheries policy, and supporting the growth of sustainable oyster farming businesses.

Current oyster populations in the Bay are estimated to be at 1 to 2 percent of historic levels due to centuries of over-harvesting, pollution, and disease. In Maryland, oyster populations over the last 20 years have fallen from about 600 million adult oysters in 1999 to around 300 million in 2018, according to the state's oyster stock assessment.

Oysters are a keystone species in the Bay. In addition to providing habitat to marine life and naturally filtering water, the bivalves sequester nitrogen and phosphorous in their shells and tissue.

Press Release from CBF

Health Department Cautions Against Vaping

Investigation of Severe Lung Illness Outbreak



A multistate outbreak of severe lung illness and death associated with use of e-cigarette/vaping products (devices, liquids, refill pods, and/or cartridges) is currently under investigation by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA), state and local health departments, and other clinical and public health partners. This investigation is ongoing and has not identified a single cause, but all reported cases have a history of using e-cigarette/vaping products. People who have become ill have reported using a range of products, including those with cannabis-derived components (THC or CBD), and nicotine. While this investigation is ongoing, the St. Mary's County Health Department (SMCHD) strongly advises against the use of these products. If you do use e-cigarette/vaping products and you experience symptoms like those reported in this outbreak, seek medical care promptly. Patients in this investigation have reported respiratory symptoms such as:

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- · shortness of breath
- chest pain
- · pain when breathing
- wheezing
- coughing up blood

Other symptoms reported by many patients include: fever, chills, nausea, weight loss, vomiting, diarrhea, or abdominal pain.

"Because the cause of this outbreak is unknown, the best way to keep yourself safe is to not use e-cigarettes or vapes," said Angela Cochran, Director of Chronic Disease Prevention & Control at SMCHD. "We offer free help for anyone who wants to quit vaping or using other tobacco products." For more information on resources to help you quit, visit http://www.smchd.org/tobacco/ or call 1-800-QUIT-NOW.

Regardless of the ongoing investigation, the CDC has made the following recommendations regarding e-cigarettes:

- Youth and young adults should not use e-cigarette products.
- Women who are pregnant should not use e-cigarette products.
- Adults who do not currently use tobacco products should not start using e-cigarette products.
- If you do use e-cigarette products, you should not buy these products off the street (for example, e-cigarette products with THC or other cannabinoids).
- You should not modify e-cigarette products or add any substances to these products that are not intended by the manufacturer.
- Adult smokers who are attempting to quit should use evidence-based treatments, including counseling and FDA-approved medications. If you need help quitting tobacco products, including e-cigarettes, contact your medical provider or local health department.

The CDC and FDA encourage the public to submit detailed reports of any unexpected health or product issues related to tobacco or e-cigarette products to the FDA via the online Safety Reporting Portal.

Press Release from St. Mary's County Health Department

CSM Secures 46 Transfer Agreements



CSM has signed 12 new articulation agreements with four-year institutions and renewed agreements with another seven bringing the total number of transfer agreements to 46 colleges and universities offering 83 different programs.

The College of Southern Maryland (CSM) continues to make it easier, and more affordable, for CSM graduates to continue their academic journey to a four-year institution. CSM graduates who meet certain criteria are now given priority enrollment or guaranteed admission into 46 colleges and universities for 83 different degree programs nationwide – and internationally.

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Since the first of the year, CSM Coordinator of Transfer and Articulation Jacqui Rogers has signed 12 new articulation agreements with four-year institutions and renewed agreements with another seven. An articulation agreement is a formal document outlining a commitment between two or more academic institutions that guarantees a student transfer.

"It has been gratifying to work with all of the fouryear colleges and universities who are eager to welcome CSM students to their campuses," said Rogers. "But I have to admit, I was pretty excited that we are able to formalize an articulation agreement with the American Business School of Paris. It is the first time we have secured an international agreement."

CSM students with an associate of science degree in Business Administration who maintained a 2.75 grade point average (GPA), and who took one semester of French are guaranteed admission with all application fees waived to the American Business School in Paris. CSM is one of only seven colleges in the United States to join into an articulation agreement with the French business school.

Rogers said she is also excited about the two new articulation agreements attached to scholarship opportunities. For instance, St. Mary's College of Maryland offers a \$500 scholarship to CSM transfer students who graduate with an associate degree and a 3.0 GPA.

George Mason University is offering CSM graduates automatic consideration for their institution's non-resident Patriot Transfer Scholarship, according to Rogers. The Patriot Transfer Scholarship requires students have a cumulative GPA of 2.85-3.49 to be considered for a

\$10,000 annual award. Students with a cumulative GPA of 3.5-4.00 are considered for the university's \$12,000 annual award. For both of George Mason University scholarships, CSM graduates must be classified as non-residents of Virginia and maintain full-time enrollment each fall and spring semester. The scholarships are offered for two academic years. Students are required to maintain a minimum 2.75 Mason GPA.

"Our programs have a great reputation," Rogers shared. "And we work very closely with our faculty and with faculty at the transfer institution to make sure that our paths map out the transfer credits, classes and electives very clearly. If our students' credits won't transfer, we don't pursue the agreement."

It was also clear to Rogers that once approached, fouryear institutions were eager to work out an agreement. "Universities want our students," she shared.

The Community College Review just reported that with the dramatically rising costs of tuition, many families are turning toward the financially-savvy decision of starting on the higher education path first at a two-year community college – because of articulation agreements – like the 83 found at CSM.

"The financial savings of these transfer programs are significant," wrote Dustin Siggins in a recent op-ed published in the Baltimore Sun. Siggins, the founder of Virginia-based communications firm Proven Media Solutions, wrote that Maryland's average annual in-state four-year tuition was \$20,405 in 2017. "This means the average student will save nearly \$16,000 per year by going to a community college for two years prior to attending a four-year university," he asserted.

Rogers said also worked with CSM's web services team to make the online search for transfer agreement easier for all users. Now students can search by institution or by area of study.

CSM's 12 new articulation agreements are with the following institutions:

· American Business School in Paris Guaranteed

- Admission (AS in Business Administration and 2.75 GPA)
- Frostburg State University, Materials Engineering
- Frostburg State University, Electrical Engineering
- Goucher College, Bachelor of Professional Studies in Business Management, Health Services, and Early Childhood Education (designed for A.A.S. degrees)
- Goucher College, Bachelor of Professional Studies in Criminal Justice and Human Services (designed for A.A.S. degrees)
- Notre Dame of Maryland University, Early Childhood Education and Early Childhood Development
- St. Mary's College of Maryland, English
- St. Mary's College of Maryland, Theater, Film, and Media Studies (articulated with our Digital Media Production program)
- Stevenson University, Business Administration
- Stevenson University, Criminal Justice
- Stevenson University, Cybersecurity
- · Stevenson University, English

The seven institutions with whom Rogers secured renewed transfer agreements include:

- Bowie State University, Criminal Justice
- American Public University System, General Admission with technology fee waiver
- George Mason University, Guaranteed Admission
- George Washington University, Health Sciences
- Notre Dame of Maryland University, Elementary Education
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Journalist Detained in Iran to Deliver Bradlee Lecture Jason Rezaian to Speak at St. Mary's College

In July of 2014, Jason Rezaian and his wife were detained in their Iranian home and he went on to spend 544 days in Tehran's Evin prison, released on the same day that the historic nuclear deal between Iran and world powers was implemented. On Thursday, October 17 at 7:30 p.m., former U.S. correspondent Rezaian will deliver the Benjamin C. Bradlee Distinguished Lecture in Journalism on the topic of his book, "Prisoner" (Anthony Bourdain Books, 2019).

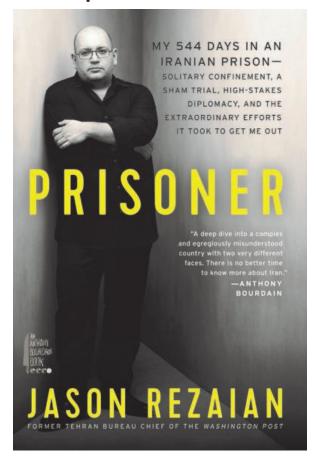
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The lecture will be held in Auerbach Auditorium of St. Mary's Hall on the St. Mary's College of Maryland campus. Presented by the Center for the Study of Democracy, a joint project of St. Mary's College of Maryland and Historic St. Mary's City, this event is free of charge and open to the public but registration is recommended. An audience question and answer, and book sale and signing, will follow the lecture.

Rezaian is one of the few Western journalists to have been based in Tehran in recent years. From 2009 until his arrest in 2014, he covered stories that tried to explain Iran to a general American audience, first as a freelancer for a variety of outlets and later as The Washington Post's Tehran bureau chief.

He reported on two presidential elections, Iran's nuclear negotiations with global powers, the effects of one of the most punitive regimes in modern times, and environmental issues. In between those momentous topics, he told the stories of everyday Iranians which sought to make them more accessible to readers, reporting on Iran's small community of baseball players, the quest for the best high-end hamburger in Tehran, and a clinic for female drug addicts.

"Prisoner" is the dramatic memoir of Rezaian's ordeal of being held hostage in the high-security prison in Teh-



ran for eighteen months. The New York Times Review of Books called it "more than just a memoir that reads like a thriller. It's also an intimate family history, an an-

guished love letter to an ancient and broken homeland, and a spirited defense of journalism and truth at a time when both are under attack almost everywhere."

Since his release, Rezaian has been a vocal advocate for press freedom around the world, as well as for Americans falsely imprisoned abroad.

He is the winner of numerous awards including the Ellis Island Medal of Honor, the National Press Club's John Aubuchon Press Freedom Award, James W. Foley Legacy Foundation's Press Freedom Award, Arthur Ross Media Award for Reporting from the American Academy of Diplomacy, and The Radio Television Digital News Foundations First Amendment Award.

Established by former Washington Post executive editor and College trustee Benjamin Bradlee, this lecture series has brought many notable journalists to St. Mary's, including Bob Woodward, David Broder, Tom Brokaw, Robin Wright, Richard Cohen, Tony Kornheiser, David Ignatius, Gwen Ifill, Neil Irwin, Cokie Roberts, and Carl Bernstein.

The Center for the Study of Democracy, directed by Dr. Antonio Ugues Jr. associate professor of political science at St. Mary's College, explores contemporary and historical issues associated with the ideas of democracy, liberty and justice in national and international contexts. It supports research that enhances our understanding of liberal democracy and its critics. The Center facilitates activities that strengthen democracy and the rule of law; enhance security and individual freedoms; invigorate the civil society; encourage free enterprise; and increase economic, environmental, educational and cultural equity.

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Navy, Boeing Complete First MQ-25 Test Flight



The MQ-25 comes in for landing after its first flight Sept. 19 at MidAmerica Airport in Mascoutah, III. The test asset, known as T1, flew two hours to validate the aircraft's basic flight functions

The Navy and Boeing successfully completed the first test flight of the MQ-25TM, the first operational carrier-based unmanned refueling aircraft Sept. 19 from MidAmerica Airport in Mascoutah, Illinois.

The Boeing-owned MQ-25 test asset, known as T1, completed an FAA-certified autonomous taxi, take-off and flew a pre-determined flight route for a two hour flight to validate the aircraft's basic flight functions and operations.

'Today's flight is an exciting and sig-

nificant milestone for our program and the Navy," said the Navy's Unmanned Carrier Aviation (PMA-268) Program Manager Capt. Chad Reed. "The flight of this test asset two years before our first MQ-25 arrives represents the first big step in a series of early learning opportunities that are helping us progress toward delivery of a game-changing capability for the carrier air wing and strike group commanders."

Testing will continue with T1 over the next several years to further early learn-

ing and discovery that advances major systems and software development in support of the program's 2024 initial operational capability (IOC) target. The company will deliver the Engineering Development Model (EDM) aircraft beginning in fiscal year 2021.

The MQ-25A Stingray will be the world's first operational carrier-based unmanned aircraft, designed to provide an aerial refueling capability. Integration of the Stingray into the Carrier Air Wing (CVW) will increase the number

of F/A-18E/Fs available for strike fighter missions and extend the range of the CVW, improving its performance, efficiency and safety.

MQ-25 is a Navy Maritime Accelerated Acquisition (MAA) program, aiming to deliver mission-critical capabilities to the fleet as rapidly as possible to meet warfighter needs. The Navy awarded Boeing an \$805.3 million Engineering, Manufacturing and Development (EMD) contract for the MQ-25 on August 30, 2018.



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Men's Soccer Cruises to Another Victory



Khalid Balogun '20 | Photo Credit: Bill Wood

The St. Mary's College of Maryland men's soccer team (6-0-1) cruised to a dominant 6-0 victory over the DeSales University Bulldogs (3-5) Saturday (Sept. 21) afternoon in non-conference action.

St. Mary's College - 6, DeSales - 0 How It Happened

- · The Seahawks scored early and often in a contest that was dominated by St. Mary's College. Josh McRobie tallied the first Seahawk goal in the 14th minute off a well-placed through ball from Khalid Balogun. Just under a minute later, Balogun created his own scoring opportunity and buried a goal into the back of the net for 2-0 Seahawk lead.
- The Seahawks continued to tack onto their lead in the first half with two more scores. Roshawn Panton and Isaac Ekobo netted goal goals for the four goal Seahawk advantage.

• St. Mary's College continued to roll in the second half, recording two more goals to seal the 6-0 victory. Balogun and Panton netted their second goals of the contest in the second half of action.

Inside the Box Score

- · Balogun led the Seahawks with a total of five points off of two goals and one assist. Panton followed with four points off of two goals and McRobie accumulated three points, thanks to one goal and one assist. In goal, Patrick Paolini collected three saves and Cristian Reyes gathered two.
- · As a team, the Seahawks held the advantage on the stat sheet with 17 shots compared to the Bulldogs 11 and earned five corners compared to

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The Tackle Box Fishing Report

By Ken and Linda Lamb Contributing Writers

fishing Summertime continues with spanish mackerel in the bay and up the Potomac at Ragged Point where limits of ten fish per person are common for trollers chasing breaking fish in all directions. The lures used are Clarke, Drone, and Hard Head Custom Bait spoons in bright colors with pink being the favorite this week. Number one planers are the device that gets the spoon in the right water level, and brings the fish to the surface once it takes the lure. The mackerel are up the bay all the way to Baltimore Harbor. It appears the migration to the ocean of this species may not begin until well into October.

Rockfish and bluefish are in the mix of breaking fish everywhere. Most of the stripers are undersized, but there are plenty of hefty rock in the shallows and around structure for lure casters.

Spot and perch are most everywhere for bottom fishermen.

The perch fishing in the creeks is excellent for casters of tiny spinner baits. Tipping these lures with bits of bloodworm



Dallas Croce shows off rockfish from the mouth of the Patuxent

or squid will bring eager strikes. The perch are still in summertime mode where they want to bite in the early morning and at sunset. As water cools in a few weeks the fish will bite mid-day on moving

Cobia are available for trollers and sight casters.

Big red drum (redfish, bull reds, channel bass) are still crashing around tearing up tackle of the those fishing for smaller game. A charter captain actually told me that he was done with them for this year, and heads in a different direction when they show up. That is a luxury seldom experienced in the Chesapeake.

Bass fishermen are telling me that they are catching 30, 40, or even 50 largemouth a day in ponds and at St. Mary's Lake. There are crappie, pickerel and bluegill eager to take lures, live minnows or night crawlers in those same venues.



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Thompson's Strikeouts Second Most in League History

It has been a story book season for the La Plata native, Daryl Thompson. Thompson's seven strikeouts on Sept. 20 gave him 162 on the season, the second most in a season in Atlantic League history.

This season he picked up his 100th professional win, tossed his 2,000th career inning, and struck out his 1,500th batter. Earlier this year, Thompson picked up eleven straight wins in eleven starts, a feat that has only been bested a dozen times since 1908 in the MLB, and iust three times since 1968. The MLB veteran has done all of this in his first season as a player/pitching coach. In his eighth season in the Atlantic League and his 17th professional season, he set new personal bests in season wins, complete games, shutouts, strikeouts, innings pitched, game started, strikeouts to walks ratio, and a career low in walks per nine innings pitched.

In terms of career Atlantic League records he has moved up nine times different times in Atlantic League history this season, including sliding up two times this evening. On Friday night, he moved up to second in league history in strikeouts (744) and third in innings pitched (985.1). He currently holds two thirds of a triple crown with 15 wins and 162 strikeouts and is all but a lock for Atlantic League Pitcher of the Year honors.

This evening the Blue Crabs were propelled to a 4-2 lead heading into the bottom of the ninth thanks to Jon Griffin's monster day, but the Sugar Land Skeeters plated three ninth inning runs to walk-off the Blue Crabs with a 5-4 final score.

Catch all Blue Crabs home games on the Blue Crabs Broadcast Network, live streamed on YouTube (@SOM-(@SOMD-DBlueCrabs) Facebook BlueCrabs) and Twitter (@BlueCrabs).

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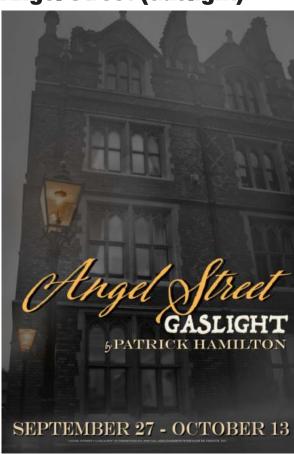
American Legion Bluegrass Announces Concert Season



This fall kicks off the 15th year of Bluegrass concerts at the American Legion Post 238. Host and promoter, Jay Armsworthy has put together a series of some of the top names in Bluegrass music. Partnering with the Sons of the American Legion, the shows will be held on select Sunday afternoons at the Legion Post 238 on the corner of MD Rt. 381 & 231 in Hughesville, MD. Doors open at Noon and all shows start at 2:00 pm. All show tickets are \$20.00 per person and children under 12 are admitted free with a paying adult.

October 13, 2019 ~ Nashville based, Williamson Branch, is a high energy, high steppin' show that features a fine-tuned variety of bluegrass, gospel and country music, accentuated by world class Appalachian clog dancing. As Pinecastle recording artists,

The Newtowne Players present: Patrick Hamilton's Angel Street (Gaslight)



Playing September 27-October 13, 2019. Directed by P. Wade Thompson.

A Broadway hit first produced on the West End under the title Gaslight and filmed twice, Angel Street tells the story of the Manninghams, who live on Angel Street in 19th century London. All appears to be the essence of Victorian tranquility;

however, Mr. Manningham is slowly driving his devoted wife, Bella, to the brink of insanity with an insinuating kindness that masks more sinister motives. As the action unfolds, the author builds and sustains some of the most brilliant, suspenseful sequences in modern theatre. this family fills every performance with memorable moments of love and laughter. In recent years audiences from Canada to the Cayman Islands, Maine to the Mexican border have thrilled to the soaring vocal harmonies and sparkling personalities of Williamson Branch! They were part of last year's 30th anniversary of the local Lil Margaret's Bluegrass Festival.



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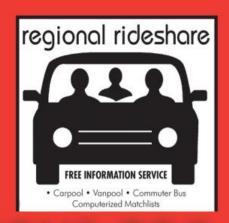
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In Remembrance

Zora Mae White



Zora Mae White, 89, of Mechanicsville, MD passed away on September 19, 2019 in Leonardtown, MD. She was born on January 4, 1930 in Kemble, IN and was the loving

daughter of the late Zella V. Hallard and Ronald C. Weller. Zora was the loving wife of the late Paul Wayne White who preceded her in death on December 8, 1978. Zora is survived by her children Karen L. Kennedy of California, MD, Debbie Thompson of Mechanicsville, MD, 5 grandchildren and 12 great grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her children Linda Lee Harbeson, Paul C. White, siblings William Weller, Fred Weller, and Margaret Weller.

Zora moved from Prince Georges County, MD to St. Mary's County, MD in 1964. She was a hairdresser and salon owner of Zora's Beauty Lounge in Esperanza Shopping Center.

The family will receive friends on Thursday, September 26, 2019 from 2:30 Pm to 3:30 Pm in the Mattingley-Gardiner Funeral Home Leonardtown,

MD where a Funeral Service will be held in the Funeral Home Chapel at 3:30 PM with Kelly Alderson Raley officiating. Interment will be private. Serving as Honorary pallbearers will be Donnie Thompson, Matthew Thompson, and Troy Ferguson.

Mary Frances Peacock



Mary Frances Peacock, 93, form Dameron, MD passed away on September 18, 2019 in Leonardtown, MD. She was born on February 13, 1926 and was the loving daughter

of the late Mary Andrews Trossbach, and Leon Francis Trossbach. Mary was the loving wife of the late Thomas Benedict Peacock, who preceded her in death on January 6, 1999. Mary is survived by her son Thomas Leo Peacock (Angela) of Dameron, MD, 3 grand-children and 5 great grandchildren and sister Margaret Alberta Stone (Charles). Mary was preceded in death by her brother; John L. Trossbach (Jean). She was a lifelong St. Mary's County, MD resident. Mary graduated from St. Mi-

chael's School, and was a homemaker. She was a member of the American Red Cross, and Ladies of Charity, she also enjoyed bingo and crabbing. Contributions may be made to St. Michael's Catholic Church 16556 Three Notch Road Ridge, MD 20680 and the Ridge Vol. Rescue Squad P.O. Box 456 Ridge, MD 20680.

William "Bill" Paul Goddard



William "Bill" Paul Goddard, 53, of Valley Lee, MD passed away on September 20, 2019 at his home.

2019 at his home. He was born on May 18, 1966 in Leonardtown, MD to Benjamin George Goddard

and Mary Lynn (Byrum) Goddard.

Bill grew up in Piney Point, MD with his brothers and sister. He had many priceless memories of his childhood on St. George's Island. He spent many hours on the water crabbing and oystering with his father and brothers and would always smile as he shared those stories. The small close knit community of the island fostered Bill's love of family. He graduated from Leonardtown

High School in 1984 where he won the oyster shucking contest twice. He worked for the federal government most of his adult life and greatly enjoyed his latest position with the Public Works Department, NAVFAC.

At 22, he welcomed his first son, Mitch and his heart was full of love. This love only grew 11 years later when Mason was born. His sons were the light of his life. Throughout all stages of his life, family meant everything to Bill, but if you knew Bill, you knew that his family extended to his friends. Bill enjoyed many hobbies including hunting, fishing, boating, playing cards and traveling. Fortunately, he was able to share his love of these things with his boys.

Bill was most fortunate to have and give love throughout his entire life, but he found love like no other when he met his wife, Bobbie Jo Knott. They were married on May 26, 2012 and from that day forward, Bill had unconditional love and understanding. He had found his home here on earth. They built the home of their dreams on their farm in 2017. It had lots of room for hunting and was only a short gator ride away to his latest pride and joy, his grandson, Gauge. He spent the last six months dreaming of all the memories he would create with him. While he won't be here on earth; we have no doubt that he will be watching,

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A life taken too soon, he will be missed by many, family and friends alike. He touched more souls than he will ever know.

In addition to his parents and wife, he is survived by his children, Mitchell Goddard "Mitch" (Morgan) and Mason Goddard of Valley Lee, MD; siblings, Mark Goddard (Jen) of Piney Point, MD, Marsha Wilcox (Chris) of Valley Lee, MD and Christopher "Punkin" Goddard (Jenn) of Piney Point, MD and a grandson, Gauge Goddard of Valley Lee, MD.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Thursday, September 26, 2019 at St. George's Catholic Church 19199 St. George's Church Rd. Valley Lee, MD 20692. Interment will follow at St. George's Catholic Cemetery on St. George's Island.

Serving as pallbearers will be Mitch Goddard, Mason Goddard, Chris Goddard, Mark Goddard, Chris Wilcox, Martin Siebert, Eddie Bowles, and Billy Goddard. Honorary pallbearers will be George "Marty" Martin and Jack Tippett.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Second District Fire Department and Rescue Squad, P.O. Box 1, Valley Lee, MD 20692.

James Harold "Jay" Hills



James Harold "Jay" Hills, 53, of Great Mills, MD passed away Tuesday, September 17, 2019 at University of Maryland Shore Regional Health in Easton, MD with his wife at

his side.

He was born May 19, 1966 in Leonardtown, MD to Mary Carol Mattingly Russell of Leonardtown, MD and the late James Laurence Hills. He was known by many names, James, Jay, "God Damnit Jay", Stem, Jay-bird and MY LOVE.

While still in high school, Jay worked at the Exxon gas station in Leonardtown. Jay began racing (#54) in 1982, at Potomac Speedway. He graduated from Leonardtown High School in 1984 and went on to Diesel Mechanic School at the Diesel Institute of America. He soon discovered that being a mechanic was not his passion. He wanted to follow in his father's footsteps and began working

at Larry Hills and Sons where he took over the business with his brother when his father passed away in 2017. Jay also volunteered for the Second District Volunteer fire department serving as CAPT, Board of Directors and an Engineer.

He married the love of his life, Annie, on August 8, 2008 and enjoyed their time at the "pit". Annie and Jay's relationship has been envied by others since the day they met. He adored her the same way she adored him and it was evident to everyone around them. They built their life on the family land and he was proud of that fact. He smiled wide every time someone spoke about his wife and of the business that he, his father and brother built together. Jay was a wizard at running any of the business' equipment. If you witnessed him operating a backhoe, bobcat or excavator, you stood there with your mouth wide open as he moved that large piece of equipment like it was an extension of his own body. We believe he was the real life transformer, a man one with a machine. He did everything with precision. Sometime the perfectionist in him drove others crazy even though they knew they had to be patient since he was doing the right thing.

Those who knew Jay, knew that he enjoyed buying scratch-offs, camping with family and friends, swimming, watching NASCAR, playing Pitch and corn hole (which he hated to lose), drinking 16oz Bud Light out of aluminum bottles and he collected everything (coins, plastic cups from everywhere he ate, hats, coke bottles with names, bud light collector bottles, race cars, capitals gear, etc.).

We cannot think of anyone who knew Jay that wasn't a friend of Jay. Jay Hills will be remembered as the most kind, most generous, most sincere, most respected, and most honest person on the face of this earth. He would give anyone the shirt off his back and the last dime in his pocket. He was loved by all and those are not just words used lightly in this situation.

In addition to his mother, he is also survived by his wife, Ann Margaret "Annie" Hills; his step mother Debbie Hills, his step father Johnny Russell; his four sons, Daniel Alioto, Nicholas Alioto, Kevin Hills and Adam Hills of Valley Lee, MD; his two sisters, Diana Oh (Tom) of Hollywood, MD, Tracy L. French (Scot) of King George, VA and his brother, Darryl B. Hills (Jennifer) of Great Mills, MD; and many extended family and friends. He is preceded in death by his father, James Laurence "Larry" Hills.

Jay would say when it's your time it is your time. Unfortunately, none of us were ready for his time.

Memorial contributions may be made to Second District Fire Department and Rescue Squad, P.O. Box 1, Valley Lee, MD 20692.

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Allen Lee "Al" Huey



Allen Lee "Al" Huey, 64, of Lexington Park, MD passed away on Wednesday, September 18, 2019 at MedStar St. Mary's Hospital in Leonardtown, MD.

He was born

on October 28, 1954 to the late Charles Huey and Evelyn Manges Huey.

Al is a 1972 graduate of Homer Center High School and 1976 graduate of Penn State University earning a Bachelor of Science degree in Electrical Engineering. He was employed for many years as a software engineer at SAIC until his retirement in 2004. After retiring he continued to act as a consultant for the company. On February 20, 1982, he married his beloved wife, Jean Bozelli Huey in New Derry, PA. Together they celebrated over 37 wonderful years of marriage.

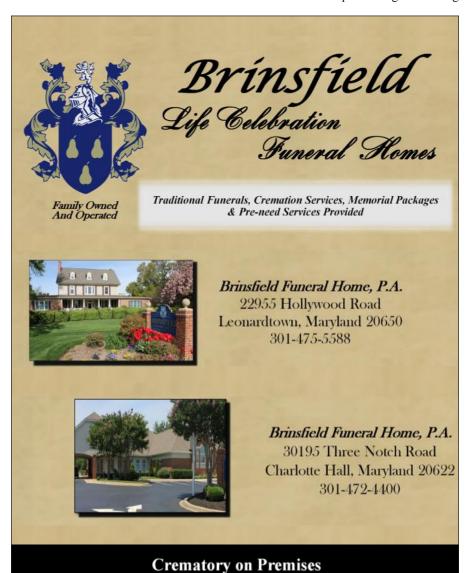
His love and passion for dogs led him to rescuing and fostering Golden Retrievers for nearly 30 years. He was an active member of the Golden Retriever Rescue of Southern Maryland and could often be seen at obedience classes and golden retriever rescue get-togethers. He and Jeannie have personally loved and fostered over 25 dogs. His love of the outdoors led him to the Southern Marvland river ways and the Chesapeake Bay on his boat, trolling for rockfish and blues. The simplicity of gardening also beckoned him outside, he built his own garden beds and grew vegetables. He could often be found in his workshop, having built furniture for his home and items to raise funds to re-home rescued Golden Retrievers. His family, friends and Golden Retrievers meant everything to him.

In addition to his beloved wife, Al is also survived by his siblings: Charles "Ed" Huey (and his wife Marjorie) of Indiana, PA, Ronald Huey (and his wife Dawn) of Niagara Falls, NY, Mary Bushman (and her husband Jim) of Dover, PA and Kathryn Huey of Aultman, PA; and many nieces, nephews, cousins and extended family. In addition to his parents, he was also preceded in death by his sisters, Bertha Huey and Mildred "Iris" Pearce (and her husband Dave Pearce Sr).

Memorial contributions may be made to Golden Retriever Rescue of Southern Maryland, P.O. Box 6, Great Mills, MD 20634. (https://grrsm.org/)

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

Arrangements made by the Brinsfield Funeral Home, P.A.



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The County Times

Nell Charlton Brown Hampton



Nell Charlton Brown Hampton, 76, of Scotland, MD passed away September 12, 2019 at Hospice House of St. Mary's with her loving family at her side.

She was born November 5, 1942 in Birmingham, AL to the late Ervin Adams Brown, Jr. and Annilee Thornhill Brown and moved to Alexandria, VA in 1967 and worked for several U.S. Congressmen on Capitol Hill for five years. On November 29, 1969, Nell married her beloved husband, Mervyn Hampton in Bethesda, MD. Together they celebrated over 49 wonderful years of marriage.

As a stay-at-home mom, she served as president of the Wood Hill Co-Op Nursery School for two years and was active in PTA work at Westbrook Elementary School. Nell and Merv were active in breeding and showing dogs (Doberman Pinchers and Miniature Schnauzers) during the 1970s and 80s, and were loyal Redskin fans during that time, having attended many games at RFK Stadium and two Super Bowls. She was employed at Holton-Arms School in Bethesda for 6 years as Events Coordinator.

Nell and Merv moved to Scotland, MD permanently in 1992 after being a weekend resident since 1987. She continued an events career at St. Mary's College of Maryland in 1994, first as Events Coordinator, then as Director of Events, and finally as Director of Community Relations. She organized and created a myriad of event templates at the College such as Governor's Cup Yacht Race, madrigal dinners, annual Awards Convocation, Family Weekend, and commencement. Nell also proudly served as College liaison to the Arts Alliance for several years and was granted emeritus status when she retired in 2003.

Among Nell's greatest professional achievements were assisting in the cre-

ation of the River Concert Series, serving as the inaugural Managing Editor of the River Gazette and, overall, improving community relations. She received two student awards in 1996, one for Outstanding Staff Member and the other for her contributions to the Class of 1996. Nell was presented the St. Mary's College President's Medal from her dear friend and mentor, President Maggie O'Brien, in 2005 "in appreciation for all you have done to raise community awareness for St. Mary's College of Marvland."

Nell and Merv were totally devoted to the Democratic Party and were active in all things Democrat in St. Mary's County. Most recently, Nell worked with pride as District Representative for former Maryland Delegate John L. Bohanan. She was a former member of the Board of Directors of Big Brothers/ Big Sisters, Health Share, an emeritus member of the St. Mary's College of Maryland Arts Alliance. Additionally. Nell was a member of the Advisory Board of the St. Mary's County Nursing Center Advisory Board and Foundation, president of the St. Mary's County Nursing Center Governing Board of Directors, and Vice President of the Board of Directors of the Chesapeake Bay Field Lab and most recently served on the board of Patuxent Habitat for Humanity.

Her interests included Democratic politics, the Redskins, the Red Hat Society (Tall Timbers Tootsies), the Julie Randall Book and Wine Club, the Kay, Beth, Anne, & Jane Game Group, crossword puzzles, playing Upwords, and occasionally, needlepoint. But among Nell's many passions, family

Never forgetting her roots in Alabama, Nell maintained close ties with her loving relatives in the south and her adopted sister, Jane Richard. Nell's devotion to her family was steadfast.

In addition to her beloved husband, Nell is also survived by her sons, Charlton Lee "Chad" Hampton (Mike) of Arlington, VA and Stanford Paul Hampton (Michele) of California, MD; her granddaughter, Annilee Jane Hampton of California, MD; and many extended family and friends. In addition to her

parents, she is also preceded in death by her brother, Ervin Adams Brown, III.

Interment will be held on October 18, 2019 at 11:00 a.m. at Elmwood Cemetery in Birmingham, AL.

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

Condolences may be made at www. brinsfieldfuneral.com

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

Leonard Ambrose Knott



Leonard Ambrose Knott, 74, Mechanicsville, MD passed away on September 15, 2019 Mechanicsin ville. Born on March 30, 1945, he was the son of the late Jo-

seph Ambrose Knott and Ada Catherine (Goldsboro) Knott.

Leonard worked as a diesel auto mechanic most of his adult life. He considered coming home with grease on his hands a sign of an honest days work. Leonard enjoyed being around the water, particularly the Bushwood Wharf area, throwing in a line to do a little fishing, tinkering around with old cars (Ford Galaxy 500) and spending time with his family

Leonard is survived by his ex-wife, Dorothy Knott, children, James Boswell (Darlene), Bonnie Witlow (Trent), Clarence "Skip" Wilkinson (Holly) and Richard Wilkinson (Debbie); his siblings, Catherine Brown, Agnes McRay, Margaret "Sissy" Bridgett and Barbara Hickey; 15 grandchildren, 20 great grandchildren and 3 great-great grandchildren. In addition to his parents, Leonard is preceded in death by his siblings, Joseph and James Knott and Jenny Strand.

Memorial contributions may be made

to the American Kidney Fund, Inc. 11921 Rockville Pike #300, Rockville, MD 20852

Condolences may be made to the familv at www brinsfieldfuneral com

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

Kathy Ann Cropps Parker



Kathy Ann Parker, Cropps 70, of Marbury, MD passed away on September 18, 2019 in Clinton, MD. She was born on May 5, 1949 in Mt. Airy, NC. She was the loving daughter

of the late Annette Rawley Cropps and Clarence Douglas Cropps. Kathy was the loving wife of Robert Lee Parker whom she married on August 9, 1980 in Salisbury, MD. She is survived by her son Dustin Donovan Parker of Marbury, MD, siblings Janette Roberts, James Douglas Cropps, Clarence J. Cropps, Lorraine Taylor, Willie Lee Cropps, Mary Alston, and Jerry M. Cropps.

She graduated from Mount Airey H.S. in 1967. Kathy worked for the Library of Congress in Washington, DC for 33 years, retiring on June 2, 2012.

The family will receive friends on Friday, September 27, 2019 from 10:00 AM to 11:00 AM in St. Mark United Methodist Church Valley Lee, MD where a Funeral Service will held at 11:00 AM with Rev. Pete House, Jr officiating. Interment will follow in Bethesda United Methodist Cemetery Valley Lee, MD. Serving as pallbearers will be Grover Cropps, Jr, Alex Hendricks, Lamont Saxon, Brett Smith, Alfred Jordan, and Willis Brooks

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





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Upcoming

Drive Thru Chicken BBQ and Fall

Mt. Zion United Methodist Church 27108 Mt. Zion Church Road, Mechanicsville (By Apple Basket)

Saturday, October 5. Menu: 1/2 BBQ Chicken, Baked Potato, Applesauce, Green Beans, Pickled Beets, Roll and Snake Cake. \$15 per dinner. Dinners are packaged to go, but you are invited to dine in the Fellowship Hall or at the picnic tables. The dinner will be from noon to 5 pm. Fall Festival is noon to 3 pm with FREE face painting, games, and hav ride. Ice Cream available for purchase. Bake sale sponsored by the Girl Scouts. Come spend the afternoon with the family. www.mtzionmech.org. 301-884-4132

Thursday, Sept. 26, 2019

Tobacco 21

St. Mary's County Fairgrounds Leonardtown

5p.m. to 7p.m.

A new state law goes into effect on October 1 which raises the minimum age to purchase and use tobacco and electronic vapor products from 18 to 21 years of age. The Tobacco Free Living (TFL) Action Team of the Healthy St. Mary's Partnership will host a town hall on the new Tobacco 21 law on Thursday, September 26, 2019 from 5:00 p.m.—7:00 p.m. at the St. Mary's County Fairgrounds.

Mobile JobSource Career Center

Calvert Library Southern Branch 13920 H G Trueman Rd, Solomons 1:00 PM to 3:00 PM

Stop by to visit the JobSource Mobile Career Center for your job search needs! Get job counseling and résumé help, search for jobs and connect with Southern Maryland JobSource. No registration. Calvert Library Southern Branch, 13920 H. G. Trueman Road, Solomons, 410-326-5289. CalvertLibrarv.info.

Friday, Sept. 27, 2019

SMTMD Open Mic

Christ Church Parish Hall 37497 Zach Fowler Rd Chaptico

Acoustic musicians of all skill levels are warmly welcomed to the SMTMD open mic at Christ Church Parish Hall, 37497 Zach

Fowler Rd in Chaptico. Come out for some great music and friendship, to hone your performance skills, to meet new friends and possibly learn a few new licks. The doors open at 7:00 PM, and the music starts at 7:30. The admission is \$7, and performers are admitted free. To sign up to perform, please contact Mike Smith at smtmdmike@ gmail.com. Visit www.smtmd.org for more information. Refreshments will be available.

Harvest Festival

Northern Senior Activity Center 29655 Charlotte Hall Road Charlotte Hall, MD 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Fall is in the air and what better way to celebrate the season than with a harvest festival. Dance to live music provided by P.M. Barber and enjoy lunch of Salisbury Steak with gravy, mashed potatoes, carrots, tossed salad with chick peas, whole wheat dinner roll, and a special dessert. Not much of a dancer? No problem! We have several crafting stations where you can make adorable fall crafts while supplies last. We will also have a money raffle and door prizes. The suggested donation for a ticket is \$7 and is due at sign up. Space is limited. To sign up with payment for the festival in advance, please visit the front desk. For availability call 301-475-4200, ext. 73101.

St. John's School Designer Bag Bingo

St. John's School Monsignor Harris Center

43950 St Johns Rd, Hollywood 5:30 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.

Southern Maryland's premier designer bag bingo is back! Come join us in support of St. John's School for a fantastic night of designer bags, amazing food, fun and of course, bingo! Tickets are available at the door for \$30. Doors open at 5:30 and bingo starts promptly at 7:00.

Saturday, Sept. 28, 2019

Ham and Cabbage Dinner

Hollywood Volunteer Rescue Squad Rescue Lane, Hollywood 4p.m. to 7p.m.

All u can eat for \$14.00, children under 5

Bldg Fundraiser

45245 Drayden Rd. Valley Lee

8:00 PM to Midnight

Music by DJ Rich Wilson; Cash Bar / Refreshments; 50 / 50 Raffle; Basket of Cheer; Advanced Tickets: \$20 pp or At the Door \$25 pp. POCs Dee Dee Johnson 240-561-2750 & Georgia Wheeler 301-994-1960

Sunday, Sept. 29, 2019

Designer Purse Bingo

Mechanicsville Volunteer Fire Department

28165 Hills Club Road Mechanicsville

1:00 p.m. to 4:30p.m.

The Southern Maryland Boot Scooters and the 12U Southern Maryland Baseball Team (Senators) will be hosting a Designer Purse Bingo to benefit the Alzheimer's Association and the Baseball Team.nCome join us for an afternoon of bingo fun filled with chances to win designer purses, raffles, door prizes and more! Food and beverages will be available for purchase.

Monday, Sept. 30, 2019

Elks Hold 'em Bounty Tournament

St. Marys County Elks Lodge 45779 Fire Dept. Lane, California 7:00 p.m. to 11p.m.

No Limit Holdem Poker Tournament \$25 Buy in = 6,000 chips

\$5 add-on = 1,500 chips and raffle drawing Earn a BOUNTY chip worth \$5 dollars for every person that you bust out of the tournament. This tournament is part of our leaderboard challenge. Earn 1 point for every person knocked out before you. Food and Beverage are available for purchase. Cash games will start as soon as there are enough players that are interested. Omaha Hi/Lo: \$.50—\$1 no limit (starts at 4pm) Please enter through the side of the building.

Tuesday, Oct. 1, 2019

Rosh Hashanah Second Day Services

Beth Israel Synagogue 21780 Bunker Hill Drive Lexington Park

9:00 a.m. to 1p.m.

Services for the second day of Rosh Hashanah with Rabbi Kenneth Cohen at Beth Israel Synagogue. We are an egalitarian synagogue serving the needs of the Southern

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Wednesday, Oct. 2, 2019

Little Explorers: On the Farm

Historic St. Mary's City 47621 Old Cove Road St. Mary's City

10:00 a.m. to 11a.m.

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

Thursday, Oct. 3, 2019

St. Mary's County Camera Club

Old Patuxent River Naval Air Museum 22156 Three Notch Road, Lexington Park 7p.m. to 9p.m.

Bring three digital images on an SD card or USB flash drive that you would like to have reviewed for suggestions to improve, or just sit back and listen. Visitors welcome to participate for free. For more information, email at smccc1998@gmail.com or see the October calendar at www.smccc.org.

American Legion Post 221 Meeting

21690 Colton Point Rd

Avenue

8:00 p.m. to 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 at 8:00pm. Visit our website at www.alpost221.webs.com/ or e-mail us at alpost221@aol.com. Call (301) 884-4071 for more information. Tell them you saw the announcement on the SoMD Internet Calendar.

Queen of Hearts Leonardtown Volunteer Rescue Squad Auxiliary Fundraiser

Fitzie's Marina Restaurant and Pub 21540 Joe Hazel Road

Leonardtown MD

4:00 p.m. to 7p.m.

Queen of Hearts LVRSA Fundraiser. Please join us to take a chance to pick a card and find the Queen of Hearts to win. Each Thursday there will be a chance to win until she's found. Thank you for your support to the LVRSA.

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St. Mary's Department of Aging & Human Services

Programs and Activities

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Free Enhance Fitness classes during the month of September

September is National Senior Center month, and to celebrate, the Department of Aging & Human Services is offering Enhance Fitness for free at the county's three senior activity centers. Come join us for an invigorating workout that gives you the three components of a well-balanced exercise program all in a one-hour class. You'll work on balance, strengthening and aerobics with a trained instructor. Normally on the Fitness Card at \$35 for 10 classes, take part during the month of September at no charge. For more information or for class locations and times, call Alice at 301-475-4200, ext. 71063 or look for the schedule on the Department's webpage.

Identity Protection Day

The Department of Aging & Human Services, in conjunction with the Department of Public Works & Transportation and the St. Mary's County Sheriff's Office, will host an Identity Protection Day on Saturday, Sept. 28, from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. at the Garvey Senior Activity Center, located at 41780 Baldridge Street in Leonardtown, MD.

Learn about scams, frauds, and how to protect yourself against them! Informational workshops will be held with Jeannine Robinson-Hurley from the Office of the Attorney General at 9:30 a.m. and Cpl. Kristi Nelson with the St. Mary's County Sheriff's Office at 11:30 a.m.

Two shred trucks will be available to safely dispose of confidential documents. Please refrain from bringing materials that are not confidential in nature, such as newspapers and magazines (acceptable at the six Convenience Centers in St. Mary's County) as they will cause the truck to fill up more quickly. The shredder can handle simple staples, paper clips, spiral note books, and thin metal prongs. Three ring binders will not be accepted.

The St. Mary's County Sheriff's Office and the St. Mary's County Health Department will be on-site to collect unwanted and outdated medications. The Health Department WILL be able to collect sharps, such as diabetic needle supplies and lancets.

This event is free and open to the community. For more information, contact Sarah Miller, Department of Aging & Human Services Community Programs & Outreach Manager, at 301-475-4200, ext. 71073, or Sarah.Miller@stmarysmd.com.

Diabetes Self-Management Program

Living with diabetes is a full-time job. The Diabetes Self-Management classes gives attendees tools need to take control of their disease. Topics covered include nutrition, stress management, medication management and many more! This class will be offered at the Garvey Senior Activity Center on Tuesdays from 1:30-4 p.m., Oct. 1-Nov. 5. Space in the

class is limited. Register by calling 301-475-4200, ext. 71050. There is no fee to attend; however, attendance at all six sessions is highly recommended.

Mah Jong Coming Back to Loffler

If you enjoy Western Mah Jong, whether you have just learned or have been playing for a long time, beginning Oct. 3 you can play at the Loffler Senior Activity Center on Thursdays at 1 p.m. Call 391-475-4200, ext. 71658 to let us know if you would like to participate or for more information.

Day of Pink Bingo

October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month. In honor of our loved ones that have battled this disease, the Northern Senior Activity Center will have a Day of Pink bingo with prizes celebrating women and the color pink on Friday, Oct. 4, from 10-11:30 a.m. Participants are encouraged to wear pink in honor of the event. The cost is \$3 for two bingo cards and is due at sign up. We will also pull the winning ticket for the Day of Pink Crochet Blanket. To sign up and pay for this program in advance, please visit the front desk. For more information call 301-475-4200, ext. 73103.

Nutrition Education: Eat to Trim Belly Fat

Each month, Dietitian Donna Taggert offers a presentation on a nutrition

topic that is interesting and meaningful. This month she will discuss Eat to Trim Belly Fat at the Loffler Senior Activity Center on Monday, Oct. 7, at 10 a.m. If you would like to attend this free session, call 301-475-4200, ext. 71658. Additionally, Donna offers free, personalized nutrition counseling before and after the presentation. If you would like to take advantage of the opportunity for counseling, make an appointment by text message or calling 240-538-6539 Monday-Friday 10 a.m.-3 p.m.

9th Annual Barn Party at the St. Mary's County Fairgrounds

Kick off the autumn season with a good old fashion barn party planned by the Garvey Senior Activity Center! The 9th Annual Barn Party will be held at the St. Mary's County Fairgrounds on Thursday, Oct. 10, from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Enjoy country music and food in a country setting. Tap your feet while listening to live country music by True Blue Country, twirl your partner around the dance floor, and enjoy a catered pulled pork meal. There will be a 50/50 raffle and door prizes! Tickets are \$10 and will be available for purchase at all senior activity center locations beginning Sept. 3, while supplies last. Tickets must be purchased in advance; there will be no ticket sales at the door. This will be the last barn party, so don't miss out! For more information, call 301-475-4200, ext. 71050.

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Healthy Cooking with Chef Gayle

Leonardtown Library will hold a Healthy Cooking with Chef Gayle on Tuesday, October 1 from 12 - 1 p.m. If you are looking for some easy cooking ideas that are healthy and inexpensive, join us for another cooking demonstration by Chef Gayle Owens. Cooking samples will be enjoyed by all. Registration required.

Expungement Day with Williams, McClernan, & Stack LLC

Lexington Park Library will hold Expungement Day with Williams, McClernan, & Stack LLC on Friday, October 4 from 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. Williams, McClernan, & Stack LLC will be offering free legal help to those seeking expungement of criminal records. Call the Lexington Park Library (301-863-8188) to register for a time slot. Registration opens September 20th. Walk-ins are welcome. This is part of the Dismantling Racism series, and is a Choose Civility Southern Maryland event.

First Time Home Buyers Seminar

Leonardtown Library will hold a First Time Home Buyers Seminar from 10 a.m. – 12 noon on Saturday, October 5. Are you tired of renting? Come join Samara Dinnius, with The Benya Group at Keller Williams, and Trey Reed, with MVB Mortgage, as they discuss everything you need to ask yourself before looking for your dream home. They will be explaining the multiple programs and grants available for first time Maryland home buyers and the steps necessary to get your credit ready for the process.

Piney Point Lighthouse Museum & Historic Park Storytime

St. Mary's County Library will hold a special storytime at Piney Point Lighthouse Museum & Historic Park (44720 Lighthouse Rd, Piney Point) on Saturday, October 5 from 10 – 10:30 a.m. Stories, rhymes, songs, and activities for children ages 2-5 with their adult caregivers. After storytime, enjoy free admission to the museum and explore the lighthouse and the Potomac Maritime Exhibit. Picnic lunches welcome. It's a rain or shine event. Siblings welcome; no registration required.

R.A.D Women's Self Defense Class

Lexington Park Library will hold a two-day class for R.A.D Women's Self Defense on Saturday, October 5 and Sunday, October 6. Free R.A.D. Self

Defense Program for Women & Girls (ages 13-80 yrs. old) Co-sponsored by Lexington Park Baptist Church. Taught by Darlene Gentry, a R.A.D. and Martial Art Certified Female Instructor with over 25 years experience. Class Includes: 9 hours of instruction and practice, training manual, and snacks. Parental consent required for participants ages 13-17. Registration is required due to very limited class size on www.stmalib.org and closes on October 1. Registrants e-mail addresses will be shared with the course instructor who will provide participants with the registration forms and details about the class.

Art on Your Own Terms

Lexington Park Library will hold Art on Your Own Terms on Monday, October 7 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.

Extreme Game Night

Leonardtown Library will hold a Extreme Game Night on Tuesday, October 8 from 5 -7 p.m. Take a break from those boring tests and use your brain for something fun! Compete for prizes by conquering trivia designed by other teens. Program designed by members of the Teen Advisory and Planning Society. Designed for ages 12-18

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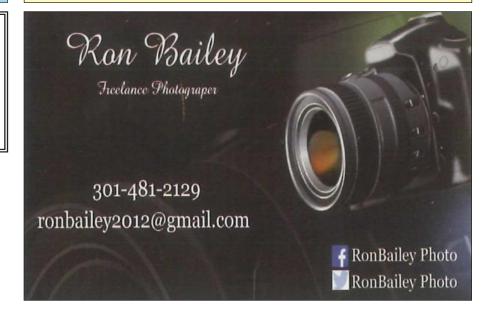
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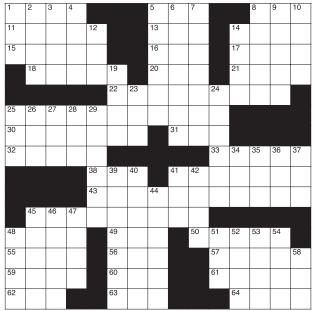
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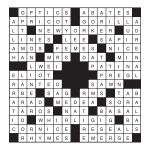
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